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Did you know?

The **Chapman** strut, a fixed suspension unit that incorporates both the spring and the shock absorber in one unit, and is seen on most cars today, was actually invented by William Stout in 1932. It became widely used by Colin Chapman of Lotus fame, and it is from his use it gets its name.

But more interesting is that the **MacPherson** strut, which is of similar design but allows for steering movements and steering angle variations was designed by Australian engineer Earle S. MacPherson in 1946. He originally designed it for Chevrolet for one of their small car programs but when it was 'canned' he was not impressed and went to work for Ford. The first vehicle to use this new system was the 1950 Ford Consul. There were similar systems both prior to and after the MacPherson strut was invented, however none had the simplicity and lightness of his design. The MacPherson strut is used extensively buy manufacturers the world over.





LONG DISTANCE RALLY Meeting to be held in the club rooms at 7pm on May 10th (meeting night). Could we please have at least one rep from each car to attend this will be to let you know what is happening concerning payments and itinerary. If you can't make it, please phone. Thanks Sharyn 0417546089

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEEETING No 610 OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC. HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 12th April 2022

PRESIDING

As President David Mitchell is away, John Bailey opened the meeting and welcomed 70 members attending. Several visitors and new members attended the meeting including Greg Boyle, Dylan Lamont and Geoff Lenton.

APOLOGIES

Fred Dosser, Barry Johanson, Alan Tipper, Graeme Anderson, Rod & Lorraine Roach, Joan Stott, Darryn Tucker, Alex Mclaws, Tiny Stonehouse, Lindsay Rogers, Len Miller, Paul Strickland, Eva Barwise, Max Richards, Graeme Peacock, Nic Neeson, David Mitchell.

Moved: Ken Batson Seconded: Libby Booley Carried

SICK LIST

None this month

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous general meeting as published in the Backfire confirmed as a correct record.

Moved: Jon Breedveld Seconded: Ray Matthews Carried

CORRESPONDENCE (Fred) LETTERS IN

Kevin & Trish Smith letter of resignation. Thank you card from Lindsay Rogers and Eva Barwise for the Club's thoughts on Lindsay's operation and the passing of his brother Neville.

LETTERS OUT

New member welcome letters sent to:

- Wayne and Trish Moodie
- · Greg and Dianne Boyle
- Dylan Lamont
- · Geoff and Janice Lenton

EMAILS IN.

Federation advice on changes to the Red Plate Scheme.

Consumer Affairs Victoria Annual Statement notification.

EMAILS OUT

None

Moved: Libby Booley Seconded: John Hickford Carried

TREASURER REPORT (Maurice)

The Treasurer reported on receipts and payments since the previous meeting and submitted accounts to be passed for payment.

Moved: Maurice Healy Seconded: Peter Telfer Carried

PROGRAM DIRECTOR (John)

Presentation next month on John's latest outback adventure.

LIBRARY (Gary)
Several recently donated books h

Several recently donated books highly recommended by Gary.

DINE OUT (Sharyn) Norlane Hotel this month.

EDITOR (Jon)

No report but note that Dallas has volunteered to edit next month's Backfire.

WEB SITE (Damien)

No report.

FEDERATION REPORT (David P)

Last backfire has the most recent update. Next meeting in May.

COMMITTEE REPORT (Dallas for

David M)

Last meeting summarised in the last Backfire.

MERCHANDISE (David M)

No update.

TINKER DAY (Ray)

To be held at the Club rooms this month.

MARS BAR AWARD (Ray)

Not this month.

VEHICLE PERMITS (Gus)

Gus reported that there were 3 members' cars added to the permit system this year. Nineteen members currently have expired permits.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES cont'd

RALLY REPORTS/EVENTS (Rod)

Vice President John formally thanked Rod for his many years of enthusiastic service as the Rally Co-ordinator. Thanks Rod.

See the Backfire for details on events when scheduled including:

- ANZAC Day breakfast at Barwon Heads;
- Ladies Day; and
- Coffee Run (Sandstone cafe in Grovedale this month).

Events attended by members include:

- Ray reported on the recent run to Maude and the Trenton Tractor pull. Karl also enjoyed the Tractor pull.
- Harold took the Crossley on the Smell the Roses run and went to the Maldon Swap.
- Merv had a great time on the Coffee run to the Angelsea.

LONG DISTANCE RALLY (Sharyn)

Numbers finalised for the Tasmania run this year.

TECH / CRAFT NIGHT (Peter)

Back on this month!

SWAP MEET (Fred)

Cancelled for 2022.

KITCHEN (Pam)

No report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Greg Boyle is looking for shed storage for his 1923 Ford.

Murray Turner asked if anyone had picked up his chair and umbrella left at the renewal day.

FOR SALES, WANTED & CONFESSION

London Taxi for sale in Meredith. Wicker basket for sale (Simon Anderson was looking for one!).

Meeting closed at 8:20.

Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 10thMay 2022 in the clubrooms.

Leigh Dwyer

2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF 53rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEEETING OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB INC. HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY 12TH APRIL 2022.

PRESIDING: Vice President John Bailey welcomed 70 members to the AGM.

APOLOGIES

Fred Dosser, Barry Johanson, Alan Tipper, Graeme Anderson, Rod & Lorraine Roach, Joan Stott, Darryn Tucker, Alex Mclaws, Tiny Stonehouse, Lindsay Rogers, Len Miller, Paul Strickland, Eva Barwise, Max Richards, Graeme Peacock, Nic Neeson, David Mitchell.

Moved: Dallas Jones Seconded: Barb van

Galen Carried

SICK LIST

None

MINUTES

Minutes of the 54th Annual General Meeting held on April 13th 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

Moved: Libby Booley Seconded: Brian Edwards Carried

REPORTS

The President and Secretary presented their Annual Reports, to be published in the *Backfire*.

TREASURER REPORT Maurice

The Treasurer read the statement of incoming and outgoing expenses as compiled by our auditor, Gary Harbert, which is available for members to review.

Moved: Maurice Healy Seconded: Libby

Booley Carried

Maurice moved that the auditor be reappointed.

Moved: Maurice Healy Seconded: Max

McKenzie Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARER

Vice President John vacated the Chair and introduced life member Trevor Schneider who took the Chair and thanked all the office bearers for their work over a challenging year.

AGM MINUTES cont'd

Trevor noted that James Park, Rod Booley and Dallas Jones had chosen not to re-nominate for a Committee position. He thanked them for their support and contribution to the club.

All executive positions were declared vacant. Committee nominations did not exceed the positions available and so no vote was necessary.

The successful nominations were: President: David Mitchell

Vice President: John Bailey

Secretary / Public Officer, Consumer Affairs Notification for Incorporated Association:

Fred Harris

Treasurer: Maurice Healy

General Committee:

David Perkins, Barb Van Galen, Gus Shea, Tony Brincat, Col Jordan, Jon Breedveld, Graeme Anderson.

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

John resumed the Chair and thanked Trevor for his assistance.

Jon Breedveld was named as the Club Member of the year for his Editor role over the last COVID year. Jon thanked the Club for the award and took the opportunity to thank Gus Shea for his continuing service to the Club.

25 year membership badge presentations were held over until a future meeting. Meeting closed at 8:45.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2022

What a strange year we had in 2021. Everything was meant to be getting back to normal after a very difficult shutdown during 2020. It ended up being open for activities and closed again, on and off. In the end it was probably just as difficult as 2020.

We did however manage a few events through the year. There was another very successful ladies day in June. 22 ladies attended and enjoyed food and socialising followed by a movie at the Pivotonian cinema which was highly rated. The gents managed to enjoy themselves at the BBQ at the clubrooms. We even managed a June Tech night and July Clubnight before things went pearshaped and we were shutdown again. Back to zoom committee meetings.

We mentioned it through the year but with the cancellation of a lot of events, the Backfire became even more important than normal to keep everyone informed and entertained. Our editor Jon did a great job during this period with plenty of content in the Magazine.

Gus had another challenging year managing permit renewals during lockdowns and did it with his usual smile as if it was no effort. Well done to both these gentleman during these challenging times.

As we started to come out of lockdown we were able to start with a few outdoor events such as coffee runs and picnic outings. This was also aligned with vaccination requirements from the

end of November.

Unfortunately the early planning requirements and the uncertainty with Covid meant the committee had to make a tough call and cancel the 2022 swap meet. I know there were a lot of members disappointed about that, myself included, but we will make sure is it back better than ever in 2023.

Another very successful membership renewal event was held in February and it definitely is now part of our annual calendar.

Many thanks to our members on the Committee for their work and effort in running the club. Special mention to retiring member Rod Booley for all his work over the past several years organising our rally events. Also a big thanks to those club members that run things from outside the Committee. Tinker days, tech nights, Library and others. You don't have to be on the Committee to get involved.

As we head into the new Club year, don't forget that getting involved with the club is a great way of meeting other members as well as being a very rewarding experience. Hopefully we will have a full year of events for our upcoming year and I hope to see you joining in and hopefully getting involved in the Club activities.

David Mitchell

President

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2022

We held our Annual meeting 13th April 2021 and 25 year badges were presented to Craig Abbey, Merv Baum, Betty Jenkins. Eric Lewis and Kevin Race.

In June the club held an outing for our ladies in appreciation of their contributions to the club with a high tea and a movie.

We still had the occasional coffee mornings in a restricted manner.

Most of September , October and November activities were suspended due to Covid. December got back into some normality with a well attended Christmas BBQ breakup at St Leonards.

We held our registration renewal day in February again very well attended.

The committee decided to cancel our Bay City Swap for this year due to time constraints and still ongoing Covid restrictions.

I would like to thank those members who are volunteering to be on the Committee also thanks to those who have given their time over the past 12 months.

With a bit of luck we will see a great many more club activities this year. So get those old wheels out and get them turning.

Fred Harris

Secretary

COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Membership

3 New members approved.

- David Upfill
- Ray Colenso
- Richard Safstrom

33 members now unfinancial Currently 5 membership vacancies

Rallys

New Rally Director required. Speak to committee if interested.

- Maurice H is planning a Poker Run type of event to be held in July. Bate etc to be determined.
- David P will organise a run to a local maze and winery for later in the year.
- Sunday casserole and soup day at the clubrooms. Details to be determined.
- As this is the club's 55th anniversary year, the committee has decided to put on a BBQ to celebrate. This will coincide with the National Day of Motoring on May 15th. Details in Backfire.

General Business

- Tony Brincat was welcomed to the committee.
- A discussion took place on who will take on the Rally Director role. It was agreed to put this to the general meeting and seek a volunteer.
- In the meantime, it was suggested to split the roles between regular events.
- Committee members to organise at least one event each per year.
- David M to speak to Rod about whether he would like to continue to organise his regular coffee mornings.
- Details of the Ladies Day event in April were discussed.
- The 33 unfinancial members. They have been notified and given a final date for payment of membership, after which time be removed from the club register.

Backfire Deadline June 23rd

Events Calendar

All attendees at Club events must be able to show evidence of their being fully vaccinated, and scan their QR code with the Club Covid Marshall upon arrival, or sign the Covid register. Masks are recommended when in close proximity to others. Updates will be sent by email. (Please pass on to those without email addresses.)

Thursday 5 May	Coffee run Thursday 5th May. Meet at clubrooms at 9.45 sharp, travel to Sandstone Cafe, Torquay Rd Grovedale.
Sunday 11 May	Dine Out at Peckish 6pm start: Sharyn 0417546089
Sunday 15 May	To celebrate 55 years of our club, we are going to have a BBQ at the clubrooms and car display which is also the National Motoring Day. As many as possible old car on the day will be appreciated. We will start the clubrooms at 11am with Morning Tea and car display, and then followed by a BBQ lunch supplied by the club at about 1pm. Could members please bring a plate of something for a shared morning tea. Sausages, bread and salads will be supplied by our club along with tea and coffee. Names will be taken at May club meeting night. Barb van Galen. 0408 664 537.
Thursday 19 May	Starting from our clubrooms at 10.00am, we will be visiting a HUGE factory that works with steel products. Open toed shoes may not be allowed inside the factory for safety reasons, so please wear closed toe shoes on the day, and at the club we will provide High Visibility vests for us all to wear. We will be there for about an hour and then off site to have our BYO everything lunch in a nice spot that will be worked out on the day, most likely the North Shore park area. Ray van Galen 0411 954 865
Sunday 5 June	Run to Barrabool Maze. More details and numbers required at May meeting. David Perkins 0409432128

Other Events Source: swap-meets (ozwrenches.com)

	Gippsland Vehicle Coll'n Swap Meet	Gippsland Vehicle Collection Swap Meet, 1a Sale Rd Maffra
- / -	National 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally,	Narrandera NSW
	45th Historic Winton Races.	https://www.historicwinton.org
IMAV 14 ZUZZ	Wedderburn Swap & Market	Saturday Engine Park, Wedderburn Vic
May 14 2022	Lockington Swap Meet	Sunday Lockington Park, Pannoo Road, Lockington, Victoria, 3563
May 22 2022	Colac Swap Meet	Colac Showgrounds, Graham Rose event
IIIIn x=1 <	Wagga Wagga Veteran & Vintage Motor Club com	June Rally Open to Veteran, Vintage, Post Vintage, and Classic Cars, Commercials and Motorcycles manufactured prior to 31 Dec 1992. https://wwvvmcinc.wordpress
Jun 12 2022	Maldon Swap Meet	Maldon Racecourse Reserve (Vic)
Oct 7-9 2022	Motorclassica	Motorclassica is a 3-day festival of motoring, with a range of events and attractions. Save the dates and look out for when tickets go on sale.



Gary's Giggles Tall Tales from our Legendary Librarian

It's a long flight from Sydney to Perth, so the blonde settles down in her window seat with a cushion. She doesn't like the look of the bloke sitting beside her and is determined to go to sleep. But he wants to play games. "Look, it's a really good game. We ask each other questions and if we're wrong it costs five dollars." (As she is a blonde he is convinced he will be able to win every time.)

"Sorry, but I really want to go to sleep."

So the ups of the ante. "I'll tell you what, every time you're wrong you give me five dollars. And if I'm wrong, I'll give you \$50." She is still not interested.

"Okay, okay. If I'm wrong I'll give you \$500!"

Now she's interested. The game begins. He asks her to name all the planets in our solar system. She hands in five dollars. Then she asks him to enter a riddle.

"What goes upstairs with three legs, and comes down with four?"

He is puzzled. He can't think of an answer. He takes out his laptop and using his high-tech modem searches the entire Internet for a possible answer. He connects with the National library, with the Smithsonian in Washington. And he can't find the answer. With the plane halfway across the Nullarbor he wakes the blonde and hands are the \$500. She takes the money and turns back to sleep.

"Hang on! Hang on! What is the answer? What goes upstairs with three legs and comes down with four?"

Without a word, she hands him a five dollar note".

The gene pool could use a little chlorine.

Two hippos are sitting in some, deep, malodorous mud. One says to the other: "You know the trouble with you? You're lazy. You're fat. You're small. And all you do all day is sit in a swamp."

And the other one says: "Don't be so bloody hippo-critical."

RALLIES & RUNS

Last Smell The Roses Run, 26/03/2022.

The weather was with us today, just right for a slow run around the country side. 5 motorbikes and 3 cars turned up for the run and we had 10 members in all. We meandered on the less used roads that lead to Maude in a indirect way. Several very steep and long hills saw Graham Baldock take the optional flatter road to the Maude Recreational Park. Once there, we put the nose bags on, chinwagged a fair bit and commenced to view the beauty of that area. From there, we headed to a member nearby farm to talk about the old residents of that era and the things that they lived with, including the dreaded Polio and Measles, for which there were no combating medicines in those early days. In all we had a great day and some of our members remarked that they had not been on those roads before; one lived not for away too. Apart from my left rear indicator breaking off, we had a good time.







Tinker Day 21/4/22

What a fabulous day we had on Tinkerday at the club rooms. Those of us that could swing our legs over a motor bike had a great ride around the Showgrounds on a Matchless, followed by luxurious rides in a Cadillac, Dodge, Crosley, Model T, Model A, Chev truck, Austin 7 and a Nash just to name a few. It's really good having a ride in some of these golden oldies and the modern Cadillac. We all had fun then had our lunch in the club rooms with a great chat with our club members.

Luckily Graeme Tomkins was busy at work on his museum at the Showgrounds and allowed us a preview before it's opening at the Geelong Show this year. What an amazing collection of his family's dairy and local Geelong dairies and many other wonderful objects, signs and photos. Most of us agreed that the City of Greater Geelong is missing out on a great opportunity for a Museum of many local factories and industry in and around the Geelong area.

Once again Ray and Barb van Galen organised a great day for us all to enjoy, thank you.

Libby Booley

ANZAC Day Breakfast Run 25/4/22





A chilly and foggy start welcomed the 40 plus members as we made our way to the BBQ point at Barwon Heads. A huge thanks to Murray Foran and Peter Boast who organised the event and had the BBQ up and running and plenty of hot water on tap for the members. As the day progressed, the weather became sunny and pleasant. Many stayed on way longer than intended (including me) such was the quality of the company and conversation. It was a great morning and Lest We Forget why we are gathering on this day.

Dallas Jones

SOME AUTOMOTIVE FIRSTS

From "I Love Old Cars and Transport Stories" - by Frank Rodwell OBE*

(*over bloody eighty)

Charles Goodyear, an American inventor, was granted a patent in 1844 for vulcanising rubber suitable for wheel tyres.

The first pneumatic tyres were invented by a Belfast Veterinary Surgeon, John Dunlop, in 1888.

The Austin 7 was built under licence in Germany by B.M.W. as the Dixie, in France as the Rosengart and in the U.S.A. as the American Bantam. The Japanese Datsun of the early 1930s was copied from the Austin 7. Peter Brock's first home made car was based on an Austin 7. The first Lotus and Bruce McLaren's first race car were worked-over Austin 7s. L

When America entered WW2 they needed a light weight, go anywhere, general purpose (GP) vehicle in large numbers. American Bantam produced a suitable prototype but could not meet the quantities required, so the Willys and Ford companies were each given contracts. One of the production lines was turning out a vehicle every 80 seconds. These vehicles were commonly known as Jeeps.

Willys should be pronounced 'Willis' and Billy Durant's middle name Crapo is pronounced 'Craypo'.

The Japanese Dat of 1914 was named with the initials of the three makers, Messrs Den, Aotama and Takeuchi. Later, it became Datson the son of Dat, then in the 1930s, to incorporate the Japanese rising sun emblem, Datsun.

DELCO stands for the Dayton Engineering Laboratories Company. Charles Franklin Kettering formed Delco in 1911 when Henry Leland (head of Cadillac) asked him to manufacture an electric starter motor for the next year's car production. Leland gave Delco an order for 12,000 units. Soon all makes of cars were fitted with self-starters. Delco was taken over by General Motors and, later, Kettering became Vice President of G.M. Research Cooperation. (See article on Charles F Kettering in this issue - Ed)

- contributed by Fred Harris



Stories from the Shed

Charles Franklin Kettering



Some people change the world. In this case, Charles F Kettering changed the future of motor vehicles in a number of ways. He was a native of Ohio USA and is probably best known in the motoring industry as the inventor of the Kettering ignition system. That is the basic system that we would find on all of our 'old' cars. Points & condenser. Typical of inventors, they most often don't stop at one great idea but have many attributed to their name, even if lesser known.

After graduating from Ohio State University, he went to work at National Cash Register where it wasn't long before his inventive skills came to the fore. Kettering invented an easy credit approval system, a precursor to today's credit cards, and the electric cash register in 1906, which made ringing up sales physically much easier for sales clerks. Kettering distinguished himself as a practical inventor. As he said, "I didn't hang around much with other inventors and the executive fellows.

In 1907 he began tinkering with automobiles and trying to work out how to improve things. He and two fellow engineers spent nights in a barn working on how to improve on the dynamo. In 1909, the three of them formed their own company, Dayton Engineering Laboratories Company, or as we know it, Delco.

Those among us that own a car that requires the use of a crank handle to start it, can well be thankful to Charles Kettering. The hand crank used to start early automobiles could kick back under some circumstances. Henry M. Leland, the head of Cadillac became determined to develop an electric self-starting device. When Leland's engineers failed to develop a self-starter small enough to be practical he consulted Kettering, and Delco developed a practical model by February 1911. So on February 17th 1911, the first electric start was unveiled on a 1912 Cadillac, Henry Leland who, so delighted, immediately ordered 12,000 units. He also requested that the battery would provide power for the ignition system and lighting system, effectively replacing the acetylene light previously used.

It is interesting to note that in late 1912, while Kettering was dining in Detroit, he was approached by a tall thin man.

On shaking his hand the man said. I'm Henry Ford. Young man, I'm not going to put your starter on my automobiles." To which Kettering replied, "I'm sure the future will take care of that,

Mr Ford." And we all know how that turned out.

Delco was sold to United Motors for \$9M USD in 1916 and in 1918 United Motors was



sold to GM for \$45M USD. Delco remains a part of the GM family to this day.

Kettering held 186 U.S. patents. As well as the previously mentioned inventions, his other patents included a portable lighting system and an incubator for premature infants. His enginedriven generator was combined with storage batteries to form a "Delco Plant", providing an electrical power for farms and other locations far from the electrical power grid.

In 1918 Kettering designed the "aerial torpedo", nicknamed the Kettering Bug. The 300lb (136kg) papier-mache missile had 12 foot (3.6 m) cardboard wings, and a 40hp (30kW) engine. It could carry 300lbs (136kg) of high explosives at 50mph (80km/h), and cost \$400USD. The "Bug" is considered the first aerial missile, and lessons learned from the "Bug" led to development of the first guided missiles, as well as radio-controlled drones.

Kettering and colleagues' development of leaded petrol ultimately caused the release of large quantities of lead into the atmosphere as a result of the combustion of leaded gasoline all over the world.

He developed the idea of Duco paint and helped develop diesel engines and ways to harness solar energy. He was a pioneer in the application of magnetism to medical diagnostic techniques. Sources: Automotive News 100 Events. Wikipedia

"And when they give those things the gun they really move!"

Melbourne will see the fastest things on wheels in Australia, driven by devotees of Australia's most expensive sport, when the Argus presents a two-day car racing meeting at Albert Park on March 26 and 27.

Nerves of steel and far above average driving skill are not all that is required to begin.

For this game, cold hard cash – and plenty of it – are needed. Without it you are not in business.

For a start, there is your car, and £5000 is not going to buy anything very much out of the ordinary.

From there, running costs take over.

A set of racing tyres costs £50 – and most drivers need about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ sets per meeting.

Special cars need special fuel. The variety used at race meetings costs between eight shillings and 10 shillings a gallon, and the average will get 2 to 5 miles to the gallon from their fuel.

Now to the total bill, add the cost of providing precision-built parts. And there is precious little similarity in the price paid for the same part by Mr Average Motorist and Mr Racing Driver.

Pistons, which cost about £1 each for the household car, can cost £10 for its 100 miles plus counterpart. Connecting rods may set you back £25.

The reason is simple. Where human life and three figure speeds are at stake, only the very best will do. Each of the parts has to receive careful attention and must be expertly machined and balanced from special materials. Often the parts are imported from overseas.

Finally, there is the extra cost of finding a semitrailer to transport your car from home to wherever the meeting is being held. Most drivers have their own trailers.

Viewed from any angle, it's an expensive sport. Especially when owners have about 10 starts a year. Unlike as in Europe, Australian drivers receive very little financial assistance from the motor trade firms. The majority find their own pounds shillings and pence.

The Argus Car Racing Meeting at Albert Park – motoring's contribution to Moomba – is being organised by the Light Car Club, and will be Hunt, and Lex Davison. For Jones, this will be his first appearance in the slick and sleek Maybach since it was left shattered wreck at Southport, Queensland, last year. While thundering down the track at a scorching 110 mph in the Australian



Grand Prix the car went into a skid which left it a total wreck. When he hit a tree, Jones was catapulted out of his driving seat to be hurled down an embankment on one side of the road. The front wheels of the Maybach ended on the opposite side. Parts of the car were left along the track for yards. Eyewitnesses described it as the worst wreck in the history of Australian motor racing. A feature of the completely rebuilt £15,000 Maybach is the engine tilted on one side to reduce the frontal area and lower resistance. It is a German idea. officially opened by Mister Cain, Premier.

Saturday's events will be the Albert Park Trophy, 50 miles, for racing and stripped sports cars under 1500 c.c: the Moomba TT, 100 miles, for open and closed sports cars: and the Argus Cup, 50 miles, for open and racing and stripped sports cars over 1500 c.c.

Sunday's racing will be the two 50 mile heats and the 100 mile final of the Argus Trophy for racing and stripped sports cars.

Admission will be 4/-, half price for children under 16 or in school uniform, and 2/- for parking. Enough space is available for 10,000 parked cars. The circuit will being closed for the meeting, and a bridge erected over the track to allow the public to cross while the race is in progress.

Proceeds from the Sunday meeting will be for charity.

Given fine weather on March 27, officials of the Light Car Club are confident that attendance figures for any sports meeting in Australia could be smashed.

The entries are already a record. More than 90 drivers will contest the £2000 prize money, half as many again as at a normal meeting. All the big names will be there, including Stan Jones, Reg

Fastest car, theoretically, to appear will be Reg Hunt's is 2 ½ litre Maserati. It is said to be capable of 175 mph. Lex Davison will be driving his HWM Jaguar, the car with which he won the 1954 Grand Prix.

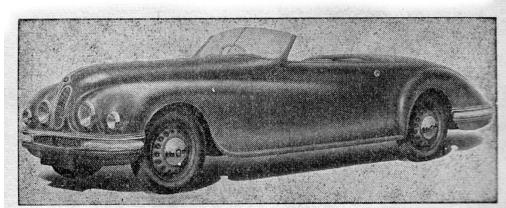
Oldest car taking part will be J Leech's French Lombard, which he bought in 1929. It has only done about 15,000 miles, but most of them have been at a speed the average motorist only dreams about. It is capable of speeds up to 110 mph. In all, six cars should be capable of speeds above 140 miles an hour.

Among racing men, the Albert Park circuit is rated the finest in Australia

Thursday, March 10, 1955 - Moomba: an Argus souvenir

-The Cars of 1950-





BRISTOL 402 CONVERTIBLE.

£3106

The beautiful lines of the Bristol 402 Sports Convertible make it an outstanding exhibit in any company. Magnificent engineering coupled with an Italian influence in its body design give the car an appearance second to none. Its performance is in keeping with its appearance and the 402 is quite capable of 100 m.p.h. It is being exhibited by Commonwealth Motors Pty. Ltd and is priced at £3106.



The **GREAT MARS BAR COMPETITION** is back!

Here we go folks, once again we will be able to enter the guessing contest for the GREAT MARS BAR COMPETITION.

Who is this lovely girl and what was she going to do, perhaps pull the "T" model out of the creek and save the day?

Guess it right and go home with a delightful Mars bar.

Good luck.

FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

For Sale

1947 Morris 8 E series 2 door sedan. VIN 119722 asking \$18,000.ono. Call Ron 0425 890 346. 3/22

Wanted

Early brass Zenith carb, up draft or side draft for current project. Contact Paul 0417 390 027

Vintage car rag top rear window, can be oval or rectangle any condition for current project .(See pics for guide) Call Paul if you can help. 0417 390 027 or email thetrady@outlook.com
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Morris Minor front park lights. Call Dallas 0432 172 171 5/22

BENDIGO SWAP UPDATE

Clive Bennett from the Bendigo Swap committee notified me that since the Fed report in the March Backfire things have changed on the COVID front. The Fed report stated: "Bendigo Swap Meet to go ahead this year but will mean triple vaccination and pre-registration for those wishing to attend." Clive has informed me that neither triple vax nor pre-registration is needed at this point in time. However, in this ever changing world of COVID, patrons are advised to stay up to date on any changes that may occur between now and the swap in November.

MEMBERSHIP IS NOW OVERDUE

Membership renewal fees were due by 31 March. If you have cars carrying Red Plates that are registered through our club and we did not receive your completed membership renewal form and money by 31 March, VicRoads considers those cars to be unregistered and you cannot legally drive them on public roads.

If you no longer wish to be a club member, please email or post your resignation to the Secretary,

CLUB MERCHANDISE

Show You Belong

The WDHVC has items on display in the cabinet at the rear of the Clubrooms for

members to purchase.

Those wishing to proudly show their membership of our club can select items including:

Coffee Mugs	\$15
Lapel Badges	\$10
Metal Car Badges	\$25
Black Geelong Plates	\$33

If undeliverable return to:

WDHVC PO Box 200 Newcomb VIC 3219

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
EXTREME WEATHER (including Total Fire Bans) A club event may be cancelled on extreme weather days. If an extreme weather day is predicted members should either: check the club website; check their emails; or contact the event organiser.			5 Morning Coffee Run 9.45am from clubrooms	6	7	
8	9	10 March Meeting	11 Dine Out Peckish 6pm	12	13	14
15 National Motoring Day & WDHVC 55 th Anniversary year BBQ.	16	17 Committee Meeting	18	19 Tinker Day Clubrooms 11.00am	20	21
22	23 June Backfire Deadline	24	25	26	27 Backfire folding morning 9am Ciubrooms	28
29 HTPAA Antique Tool Market	30	31	1 June	2 Morning Coffee Run 10am	3	4
5 Run to Barrabool Maze	6	7	8	9	10	11

COVID All events are subject to Covid 19 rules current at the time. Updates by will be sent by email.