



# NEWSLETTER

**No. 12**

**December 2012**

**The December Meeting will be held at the Victorian Historic Racing Register's Clubrooms which are situated at 30 -32 Lexton Road, Box Hill. This venue is available at Patrick Ryan's instigation , as our Parkville Clubrooms are still in an unfinished state.**

# TRADITIONAL MOTORISTS COUNTRY NEW YEARS DAY LUNCH

*Return to the delightfully treed setting of the  
Muckleford South Cricket Oval to celebrate New Year's Day 2013  
With access to a restored 1862 School which has kitchen  
facilities & toilets.*



*There are some tables and forms for sitting inside  
If picnicing outside byo, chairs & additional shade  
Please bring a Salad OR Cake/Slice/Fruit platter to share  
Ham will be provided  
Tea, coffee will be available  
No gas BBQ  
Otherwise it's BYO everything  
No RSVP required  
Enquiries: Max Foster  
Tel:03 5470 6077 or Mob:0407 706 077  
Vicroads Map 59D3. Go thru Castlemaine towards  
Maryborough/Newstead on the B180 Pyrenees Hwy.  
Left 3 kms past Castlemaine Golf Club/Steiner School.  
Intersection on Pyrenees Hwy will be well marked*

# VINTAGE SPORTS CAR CLUB of VICTORIA

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**Clubrooms** *Rear 110A Gatehouse street, Parkville*

*Meetings are generally held on the 2nd Friday of each month (Committee the following Thursday)*  
*It is appreciated that members only park their "historic cars" adjacent to the clubrooms on meeting night*  
*Please respect the neighbours and do not park on the nature reserve*

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## VSCC CALENDAR 2012 -

<b>DEC</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>MMM Christmas Party</b>	<b>S. Claus</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>2013 (Still subject to addition and change)</b>				
<b>JAN</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Country New Years Day Lunch Muckleford South</b>	<b>Cricket Oval</b>	
<b>JAN</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Informal MMM &amp; BBQ at Lac de Parc Albert</b>	<b>Club Captain</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>FEB</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Opening Rally Beat-the Heat Breakfast Run</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>A</b>
	<b>8</b>	<b>MMM</b>	<b>N</b>	
	<b>23-24</b>	<b>Night Trial</b>	<b>(Full Moon)</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>MAR</b>	<b>7-10</b>	<b>Phillip Island Historic Races</b>	<b>VHRR</b>	<b>A</b>
	<b>12</b>	<b>MMM (this is a Tuesday)</b>	<b>(This is a Tuesday)</b>	<b>N</b>
	<b>17</b>	<b>Australian Grand Prix</b>		
	<b>23</b>	<b>Eddington Sprints 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary so be there</b>	<b>Roger Boehme</b>	<b>T</b>
	<b>24</b>	<b>Kalorama</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>A</b>
	<b>29-31</b>	<b>Easter</b>		
<b>APR</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Easter Monday</b>		
	<b>7</b>	<b>Myrniong Sprints</b>	<b>A7 Club</b>	<b>A</b>
	<b>12</b>	<b>MMM</b>		<b>N</b>
	<b>14</b>	<b>Presentation Lunch &amp; Pre-Lunch Run</b>	<b>Club Captain</b>	<b>A</b>
	<b>27-28</b>	<b>Autumn Leaves Run</b>	<b>B. Jacobson</b>	<b>A</b>
	<b>28</b>	<b>Alvis Car Club National Rally begins</b>		
<b>MAY</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>Alvis Car Club National Rally continues</b>		
	<b>10</b>	<b>MMM</b>		<b>N</b>
	<b>11</b>	<b>Newstead Gymkhana</b>	<b>Rob Sales</b>	<b>A</b>
	<b>12</b>	<b>Muvvers Day</b>		
	<b>19</b>	<b>Day Trial</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>T</b>
	<b>24-26</b>	<b>Winton Historic Races</b>	<b>A7 Club</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>JUN</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>MMM</b>		<b>N</b>
	<b>22-23</b>	<b>24 Hour Team Trial</b>	<b>Unruly Hares</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>MMM</b>		<b>N</b>
	<b>14</b>	<b>Frostbite Run</b>	<b>Jill Blain</b>	<b>A</b>
	<b>14</b>	<b>Delage Club Bastille Day Run</b>		
<b>AUG</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>MMM</b>	<b>N</b>	
	<b>18</b>	<b>Rob Roy Hillclimb</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>T</b>
<b>SEP</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>MMM</b>		<b>N</b>
	<b>20</b>	<b>Closing Date for Nominations for VSCC Committee</b>		
	<b>21-22</b>	<b>Alex Bryce Two Day Rally</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>T</b>
<b>OCT</b>	<b>5-6</b>	<b>Collingrove Hillclimb S.A.</b>	<b>Sporting Car Club of S.Aust</b>	
	<b>11</b>	<b>MMM &amp; AGM</b>		<b>N</b>
	<b>19</b>	<b>Edwardian Vehicles Event</b>	<b>Ed. Ward</b>	<b>A</b>
	<b>19-20</b>	<b>Mt Tarrengower Hillclimb</b>	<b>Committee &amp; Bendigo CC</b>	<b>T</b>
	<b>19-20</b>	<b>Australian Lancia Register Castlemaine Rally</b>		
<b>NOV</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Delage Club Gregor Rusden Rally</b>		
	<b>8</b>	<b>MMM</b>		<b>N</b>
	<b>8-10</b>	<b>Sandown Historic Races (TBC)</b>	<b>VHRR</b>	<b>A</b>
	<b>10</b>	<b>Vauxhall Internat'l Rally 30/98 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commences</b>		
	<b>15-17</b>	<b>Bendigo Swap Meet</b>		
	<b>24</b>	<b>MG Car Club Historic Rob Roy Hillclimb</b>		
	<b>30</b>	<b>Geelong Sprints</b>	<b>Geelong For Sure Committee</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>DEC</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Geelong Sprints</b>	<b>Geelong For Sure Committee</b>	<b>A</b>
	<b>8</b>	<b>Two Wheel Brake Rally</b>	<b>Winners of 2012 2WB</b>	<b>A</b>
	<b>10</b>	<b>Vauxhall Internat'l Rally 30/98 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concludes</b>		
	<b>13</b>	<b>MMM Christmas Party</b>	<b>E.L.Ves</b>	<b>N</b>

**ORPHAN (Currently looking for a date if enough people are interested?)**

**Track Day, Haunted Hills** **Mark Burns/Pat Ryan** **A**

## PREZ SEZ

A great deal has been happening in the last month. As you will see elsewhere in this newsletter, the December MMM will not be held at our Gatehouse clubrooms, but rather at the Victorian Historic Racing Register's clubrooms in Lexton Rd, Box Hill. Fear not! This is **NOT** some underhand scheme by the Committee to merge with another club, sell our clubrooms, or in some other way dilute the "purity" of our club. The simple reason is that the renovations to Gatehouse have left us without a functioning toilet. Rather than risk the ire of our neighbours by re-enacting the lavatory arrangements of our first meeting and using the fences in the laneway, the Committee in its wisdom decided to accept Pat Ryan's suggestion that we visit the VHRR's clubrooms. The only condition imposed is that we tidy up after the meeting and leave their clubrooms as we found them and to this end, I would ask all members attending to do their bit and help clean up after supper.

Our renovated library and new toilets should be ready for the February MMM.

The Great Ocean Road rally started at the Shrine of Remembrance following a small service to commemorate the ex-Diggers who, by their physical labour and little else, constructed the Great Ocean Road in the years between 1919 and 1932. The proceeds of the various fundraising exhibitions of the competing cars will go to Legacy to help support the families of Diggers killed, or permanently injured in action. A worthy cause, both historically and charitably.

You will notice some changes to the newsletter in the new year. These changes are not set in stone and the Committee would appreciate your feedback. However, I would ask you to give the new style three or four months before judging its worth.

On behalf of the Committee, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you at Albert Park in January.

**Stephen Hands**

## S.U.S.P.E.C.T.S. Lunch. 21st November

This month, members of the group were guests of Anne & Ed Nantes at their Kew home.

After inspecting Ed's "toys" - his Jaguars and his O gauge train set that runs around his garage, we were treated to a BBQ lunch. Graham Fossey arrived in his Triumph Gloria, David Smallacombe & Malcolm Kirkpatrick in David's 1925 Morris. Ken Catlow in the delightful MG PA while Max Bacon, John Lakeland, Paul Velacott, Allen Tyrrell and Ed's brother Doug were in moderns.

Thanks to Anne & Ed for their hospitality.

## THE CALENDAR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The tentative Competition Calendar has been published in the November and in this Newsletter. I suggest that you should 'highlight' the Club events amongst the many others listed. As the late **Will Kerr** always commented, there are 'Too many events'. We are offered a great variety of entertainment and being the only 'vintage minded' sporting car Club we should not forget our heritage. There was nearly a cancellation of the Day Trial due to a lack of entries. The Organisers went to a lot of trouble to set out a route to enjoy, and it would have been a waste of their efforts.

**GES**

## COMMITTEE CHATTER

In November, apart from reports on past and coming events, there was a long discussion with the Graeme Steinfort and Mike Bellair concerning the future of the newsletter plus consideration of a proposed garage sale at Ted Hider-Smith's garage, rescheduling of the de-fribrator training, proposed guidelines for the Interstate Challenge Cup competition, noted that Roger Dupont had obviously commenced the renovations, that he was taking Louie to New York as a reward for his effort in his HSC with the hope that he will return soon, discussed a guest speaker for the MMM and agreed on the RACV Healesville as the location for the Presentation lunch.

**Russell Meehan**

**Photographs this month from: Russell and Stephen.**



**Stephen delivering the ode at the Shrine of Remembrance at the start of the GOR.**

## RACV GREAT OCEAN ROAD 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TOUR

The Tour got off to a sun drenched start at the Shrine on Saturday 24 November with a forecast of 34 C. After a moving ceremony at the Shrine featuring the dulcet tones of Don Kinsey, our Pres. Stephen Hands and the Tour Director Charles Rogers, the cars were lead to the start line by the Old Scotch College Pipe Band which then formed a guard of honour for the departing cars, the first of which was George Cox with David Gunning in his 23-60 Vauxhall.

Among those participating were Neil Grierson in the ex Jim Brebner single sleeve valve Arrol Aster 17/50TT having its first big run in about 40 years, John Lawson in his DR 70 Delage, conspicuous in its new Flame Orange duco, Alistair MacArthur in the beautifully original Ballot 2LS and a 1908 Isotta Fraschini 10 HP entered by Peter LaTrelle and Warwick Anderson. John and Sharon Balthazar looked good in period attire and the Wolseley Hornet looked OK too, David Couper was also dressed for the occasion in his 6<sup>th</sup> series Lancia Lambda and Roger and Sue Rayson also entered the 1920's fashion stakes in the Australia's only Invicta. Graeme Bennett had on his best leather coat and gloves to chaperone a French gap year student in the AC and Andrew Cannon was alone in the Presentation Vauxhall.

Everyone appeared to be in good spirits, looking forward to five days of enjoyable motoring mixed with public events, dinners and socializing, a pretty good combination. There will certainly be a longer report after the event.

### **Russell Meehan**



*Alistair McArthur Ballot 2LS.*



*Andrew Cannon in the Presentation 30-98.*



*David Couper Lancia 6th series Lambda.*



*Roger & Sue Rayson Invicta 4.5 L.*



*Graeme Bennett & French companion AC.*



*Peter Latreille 1908 Isotta Fraschini 10 HP.*



*George Cox & David Gunning Vauxhall 23-60.*

**Dear Sir**

We loved seeing the cars come down the Great Ocean Road and being on Sunrise 7 in the morning. I have posted videos here on our site <http://www.greatoceanroad.com/events/566-80th-anniversary> And on our facebook site <http://facebook.com/greatoceanroad> Thanks for coming and making it such a great day.

Regards

**Martin**



*Ric Begg Stutz BB.*

## **GREAT OCEAN ROAD RALLY – DAY ONE 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2012**

Your Reporter attended at the commencement of this Event at the Shrine, where he found **Charles Rogers** heading up a big team of helpers, all clad in white coats. **Stewart Perry** was acting as a 'bagman' driving the luggage truck as his De Soto was not operative. Club President **Stephan Hands** was in demand reading the Ode of "Lest we forget" and laying a wreath with the Legacy representative, in addition to being suitably attired for the occasion. Better equipped was **David Smallacombe**, who with Rosemary were in their Bull Nosed Morris out on a maiden appearance on behalf of the VSCC.

I appeared in the TA with **Graeme Jackson**, J2 mounted, to be greeted by **Graeme Burnham** in his 14/40 Vauxhall special, ably navigated by **Ian Waller**. They were in such good humour, it was obvious that they were in for a great time, as was **Graeme Bennett**, with Anne in the AC – no tea cosy hat this time, although there were lots of others in period attire, **George Cox** was attired as usual, but sporting white 'zinc'd' lips, with **David Gunning** all hale and hearty with a highly polished 23/60. **Allan McKinnon**, with Noeline had their higher, polished, ALVIS 12/50, and the **Burns** were there with their 12/50 with new teeth on the flywheel! The all polished and with a new radiator stone guard. The **Rushs** were along with their Model A Ford also sparkling and with a chrome radiator grill.

Rushing round was one **Pete Latreille** with both a 30/98 and the Isotta entered for the event. Peter has done a tremendous amount of research about his Isotta, producing photos as it was along with photos taken by **Chester McKaige's** father **George** of the 'other car' – how did two such significant cars end up in Victoria? No doubt there is a book in this for Peter to write and we await it with interest. **George Forbes** was also there with two entries – his Silver Ghost and his 20hp. The 20hp was apparently the works demonstrator, and first with the right hand gear stick and 4 speed gear box. It had a lovely barrel sided original body, and apparently came from the USA. There were others present but I did not take notes. The Event started with a march off by the Old Scotch College Bagpipe Marching band which was appropriate, and we all followed down to St Kilda Road with the Police stopping Traffic for us. Look for the full report in the February Newsletter.

**GES**



## DAY TRIAL 25 NOVEMBER

The trial started from Lara for the convenience of participants in the Great Ocean Road 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour. Roger and Sue Rayson, Invicta, plus Mark and Sue Burns, Alvis 12/50, came up from Torquay, while Ric Begg in his Stutz BB had entered but found himself at Wye River which was a bit too far away. John Brenan had also entered his recently acquired Lancia Lambda but the dreaded head gasket problem caused him to withdraw. Neil Grierson had entered the single sleeve valve Arrol Aster 17/50 TT that has not seen the road for about 40 years, but was prevailed upon to limit himself to the GOR event after his recent hospital stay. Consequently his friend Tony Healy, who was to drive Neil's Morris Cowley, also did not start.

Graeme Steinfort found himself double booked with the MG Rob Roy while Brendan Dillon could not attend for health reasons that were not his own. Ron House with Graeme Berry, Vauxhall 30-98 and Ted Geermans and Fran Young, Lagonda Rapier, made long trips from the Mornington Peninsula to the start and home again, while Bernie Jacobson complained about the long drive down the Geelong Freeway in his Lagonda Rapier, but Helen was cheerful as ever. Neil Cooke trailered his MG PB to the start to join navigator Trevor Nuttall but we did not penalize him for that, nor we did not penalize those who entered the start from the wrong direction.

The first section traversed some inevitable flat terrain before reaching more interesting roads at Anakie which took entrants up to Durdidwarrah then across to Meredith where we all enjoyed a coffee break in the sun. The next section went up the east side of the Moorabool River, West Branch, via a gorge of the Moorabool River, then across another wide gorge formed by the Moorabool River, East Branch to Mt Egerton where some local lads had helpfully turned the road sign around, a local custom we didn't interfere with on our survey trip. Those who were not fooled by the signage continued on to Mount Buninyong where the one way road to the summit curiously loops around the mount twice during the ascent and descent, affording great views over the countryside. From there it was a short run to lunch at the hotel in Buninyong which was raffled a few years ago, a slab of beer got you a free ticket. No doubt sales boomed. Noel Cunningham and Ian Morrison, Sunbeam 24/60, had missed the Meredith control but managed to find us for lunch and joined in the rest of the event.

After a relaxed lunch the journey continued heading south from Buninyong to approach Meredith from the west through another gorge formed by the Leigh River with a stunning rock pool. From Meredith it was intended that the entrants should go to the Batesford Hotel via Steiglitz, but most read the instructions in a manner that took them through another broad scenic gorge across the Moorabool River, so the results had to be adjusted to allow for the ambiguous interpretation of the instructions. Everyone was happy having a drink at the finish and had enjoyed the event, which was the main aim of the organizers.

### **Russell Meehan and Stephen Hands**



*"The Winner" Peter Holbeach's 30-98 Vauxhall at the Buninyong Pub*



**Lunch at Last.**



**Gordon Lindsay and Gerald Swinnerton, Lagonda Rapide.**



**Neil Cooke and Trevor Nuttall MG PB.**

**RESULTS**

Peter Holbeach/Mike Hipkins	Vauxhall 30-98 1925	310	1 <sup>st</sup> outright
Trevor Leech	Singer Le Mans 1935	450	2 <sup>nd</sup> /1 <sup>st</sup> PVT
Roger Rayson & Mike Southgate	Invicta 1928	500	3 <sup>rd</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Vint
Mark & Sue Burns	Alvis 12/50 1924	550	4 <sup>th</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Vint
Ted Geermans & Fran Young	Lagonda Rapier, 1934	640	5 <sup>th</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> PVT
Bernard & Helen Jacobson	Lagonda Rapier 1934	760	6 <sup>th</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> PVT
Neil Cooke & Trevor Nuttall	MG PB 1935	780	7 <sup>th</sup> /
Gordon Lindsay & Gerald Swinnerton	Lagonda Rapide 1935	830	8 <sup>th</sup>
Ken & Judy Catlow	SS Jaguar Mk IV 1939	990	9 <sup>th</sup>
Geoff Hewitt & Liz Fitzpatrick	Alvis 12/50 1926	1180	10 <sup>th</sup>
Jim & Louise Thompson	Talbot Lago 1950	1200	11 <sup>th</sup>
Noel Cunningham & Ian Morrison	Sunbeam 24/60 1923	1340	12 <sup>th</sup>
Ron House & Graeme Barry	Vauxhall 30-98	DNF	
Graeme Steinfort	MG TA	DNS-	
Brendan Dillon & Graham White	Minerva AC 1926	DNS	
Ric Begg	Stutz BB 1928	DNS	
Neil Grierson	Arrol Aster 17/50TT	DNS	
Tony Healy	Morris Cowley	DNS	
John Brenan	Lancia Lambda	DNS	



*Roger Rayson Invicta, Ron House Vauxhall 30-98, Jim Thompspn Talbot and Ken Catlow SS Jaguar.*



*Roger Rayson and Mike Southgate Invicta.*



*Noel Cunningham and Ian Morrison, Sunbeam*



*Trevor Leech Singer Le Mans.*

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**Historic Sandown 10/11<sup>th</sup> November 2012** – The writer, with Peters Holbeach and Fleming attended this event on the Saturday to man the Lions Club Ticket Selling point, stragecally situated the Toilet block (where every one passed by) and sell Car Raffle Tickets – which we did. In the course of all this acting as a ‘bagman’ Peter won the prize for the best presented car on display. The Display was to promote the Great Ocean Road 80<sup>th</sup> and **Charles Rogers** was in attendance to show the flag. **Ronnie and John Heagney** called in for a chat.

In passing we observed **Bob King** and **George Hetrel** in their Grand Prix Bugatti, **Ian Mawson** was running his TC MG (and complaining that it was not up to it usual speed – early days and this was just after practice!) **George Cox** attended in his 23/60 Vauxhall and was seen associating with some odd characters like Malcolm Preston and Tony Osborne. **Glen Bishop** was exhibiting the Singer (with his beautiful J2 MG at home!). **John Blanchard**, along with Garnet Luckins made up the trio of Salmson owners in attendance, with **Peter Holbeach**. Past President **Noel Robson**, was organiser of the event on behalf of the VHRR. The weather was fine and the noise from the V8s hard to believe. **John O’Neill** was supporting his son who was driving a V8 MGB in open and MG races. **Patrick Ryan** had been allowed out by **Conor** to run the MG TA s/c and at the end of the day was still circulating.

**GES**



*Graeme's Brooklands at Myrinong.*

## LEGEND OF THE LAKES HILLCLIMB

Recently Liam and I ventured west of the border to the "Legend of the Lakes" hill climb in Mt. Gambier.

This hillclimb is principally an open hillclimb on Saturday and Sunday but Friday has been put aside for historic classes. Sixty six cars were entered for Friday, though some were stretching the historic definition. There were classes for Clubman, Sedan and Sports cars with only four of us in the pre-war class. The organisers are trying to build up the Friday event and there is talk of possibly creating a three hills competition in conjunction with a couple of other venues.

The event is run by the South Eastern Automobile Club and the event organisation can only be described as fantastic. They start setting up two weeks ahead and have the full support of the local council and many businesses. There are cameras along the track and flat screen televisions in all the spectator areas so that the spectators don't miss any of the action.

The track is one of the most challenging and fun tracks that I have come across with a very sharp chicane near the top to slow you and stop you ending up in the caravan park that is adjacent to the track. We had five runs on Friday and there were five runs on Saturday, they don't seem to have a time limit and virtually keep running till the sun goes down.

The open section, with around one hundred and forty entries, was well worth staying for. With obscenely quick Datsun 1600s and VW Beetles mixing it with late model Subarus, Hondas, a VW van complete with ladder on top (very quick) and a lone Lamborghini amongst the Fords, Holdens and Jaguars.

Whilst the track, with its sharp chicane, suits smaller cars, everyone would have a most enjoyable week-end and with the caravan park adjacent to the track there is no driving around to do other than on the track.

The best fun you can have with your helmet on.

**Robert Sales**

## Rob Roy 'aftermath'

I have still got quite a lot of Class trophies to distribute after this event. The Prize Giving was delayed, whilst we cleaned up and awaited for results, and as a result most competitors had left. If you are a class winner and have not received your Trophy, please telephone me, and I will dispatch it immediately.

**Anthony Molina** is currently in Las Vegas, in hospital, as he had an accident whilst on holidays. He reports the European aspect of his trip was all good, but not so in the States. He was due to be released from Hospital on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2012 and will return to Australia after terrorizing the Las Vegas Casinos!

**Noeline McKinnon** has been honoured by the Alvis Car Club of Victoria with the David Muirden Club Person of the year for her skills in organising their recent tour of Tasmania. Our **Mark A Burns** received the Basil Bowes Trophy of Competition and **Dale Parsell**, the McDougall Trophy for the best presented car at a nominated event. Dale is really getting into it, having competed at Rob Roy in the Silver Eagle, and then driven it round Tassie and finishing with a 'Polishers' Trophy!

**The VSCC and the Avis Car Club** lost a staunch member from the 60's onward with the death at the age of 92 of **Ron Wilson on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012**. Ron was a keen competitor on road rallies firstly in his 12/50 and later on in his Firefly, ably navigated by the late Bob Graham. He was an able organiser taking a group of us to New Zealand for an International Rally in the 1970s and was a Rally Treasurer on a number of our 24 Hour Team Trials and Two Day Rallies. Ron had obviously travelled all over Victoria and knew where all the great and tricky roads for trials were situated. Ron was a President of the Alvis Car Club and was always great company. I believe that he was initially a Butcher, and later became a Shopfitter specialising in Butcher's Shops. He gifted me a 'proper' Butcher's Steel to sharpen my knives after witnessing my blunt knives! Ron will be missed but his input to our activities will be fondly remembered.

**GES**

**Jack Mayes** likewise passed away recently on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012. Jack was resident at an Aged Care Facility in Lancefield and had recently suffered declining health. As we should all recall, Jack was Lou Molina's mechanic and appeared as a 'grumpy' and bad tempered old man in the Channel Two report of Lou efforts at Winton. He acted out the part really well especially as he could be curt if you interfered with his race preparation, and along with the late Mike Dodds looked after Louie Molina at the race circuits.

Jack's funeral was low key with the congregation being invited to share their memories of Jack and the hilarious incidents that they witnessed his legendary bad temper and his skills.

Jack was by profession a plumber and had raced cars in his youth. He discovered a real skill as a welder and as a fabricator of exhaust systems. He was in great demand in this activity which he carried out in such a casual way – arriving to construct an exhaust system equipped only with his Oxy Bottles and a bag of sand!

Celia and Bill O'Reilly housed Jackie on their farm just outside of Castlemaine, for a number of years in his retirement, which was quite generous as Jackie had no next of kin, and nominated the O'Reillys as such when entering the nursing home. Whilst with Bill, Jackie restored many of Bill's military vehicles, welding up gun breeches, for example. The Report in "The Age" described him as the World's Greatest Welder.

**GES**

**Wanted pre or WW2** German vehicle/motorcycle with military provenance/history desirable. Condition must be original.

**Nigel Willey**

**collector1947@hotmail.com**

**"Historic & Vintage Restorations** are looking to employ an Apprentice Motor Mechanic.

Due to business expansion HVR is looking for an apprentice who wants to be involved with Historic Sports and Racing Cars - multi-skilled and challenging work guaranteed.

**Contact Dominique Chaleyser - [info@historicvintagerestorations.com](mailto:info@historicvintagerestorations.com) & visit [www.historicvintagerestorations.com](http://www.historicvintagerestorations.com)"**



## **MINUTES OF VSCC VIC. MEMBERS MEETING HELD ON 9 NOVEMBER 2012**

Welcome: In the absence of the President: Mark Burns welcomed the members to the meeting.

Apologies: Stephen Hands, Russell Meehan, John Lakeland, Peter Fleming, Peter Davey, Bernie Jacobson, Ian Ruffley.

Sick List: Robert Sands.

Recently deceased: Ron Wilson: John Needham spoke about Ron's involvement in the Club. John Balthazar's mother passed away.

Guests: None – the defibrillator instructor was unable to attend because of a death in the family.

New Members: Graeme Jarrett: Bugatti Brescia owner.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the October 2012 meeting were confirmed on a motion moved by: Peter Holbeach, seconded by: Dom Dimattina.

Correspondence:

Various Club Newsletters

Entry forms for RACV Fly the Flag Tour 2013

Entry forms for Myrning Sprints 2013

PAST EVENTS

S.U.S.P.E.C.T.S. Lunch 24<sup>th</sup> October.

Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb 13-14 October: Mt Tarrengower Committee

Patrick Ryan: Good event, need more vintage entrants.

George Green Memorial Rally 20-21 October: VSCC of A

John Lawson entered in his 1750 Alfa and Russell Meehan went in his Lancia Fulvia and enjoyed two days of excellent motoring in Max Stephenson's 23/60 Vauxhall and Bill Hall's 1912 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost.

Petrol Sniffers

Roger Rayson spoke of 12 members in attendance at Big Hill Winery.

COMING EVENTS:

Suspects Lunch: Wednesday 21 November.

To be held at the Club Rooms as usual, not as listed in the Newsletter.

Sandown Historic Races: 10-11 November

Day Trial: 25 November: Organizers - Russell Meehan & Stephen Hands

Start will be at Lara at 10.00 am for the convenience of those on the Great Ocean Road Rally . Very scenic and not too difficult route planned.

Great Ocean Road Rally: 24-28 November: Organizer - Sub-Committee

Over 50 entries have been received. Many activities arranged during the Tour.

MG Car Club Rob Roy: 25<sup>th</sup> November:

Geelong Sprints: 1 & 2 December:

Entries have closed.

Two Wheel Brake Rally: 9 December: Organizer – Patrick Ryan and Mark Burns.

Financial Report:

Phillip Burns reported.

CARS AND PARTS:

FOR SALE

Talbot of Phillip Burns is still for sale.

Kurt Schults having just bought a Riley from NZ is wanting to sell his Renault 750.

Club has Rob Roy polo shirts for sale at \$30.

John Needham has a Minerva rolling chassis and a Minerva sedan for sale.

WANTED

Mark Burns is wanting a ring gear for his Alvis 12/50.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Raffle Tickets: Dom Dimattina requested the return of butts of the raffle tickets sold for the FIAT 500.

Shannons will be organising apparell with car club logos – Roger Rayson.

Graeme Steinfort spoke about Newsletter, asking members if they wanted newsletters each month as usual or every second month with an information sheet in between. A vote suggested each month as usual.

Patrick Ryan spoke on organising a Races and Rascals meeting at the Clubrooms.

Paul Vellacott spoke of his recent visit to Hershey.

Mark Burns thanked Sharon & John Balthazar for arranging the supper.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

**Minutes by David Smallcombe in lieu of Russell Meehan.**



