



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FROM THE HISTORIC MOTOR VEHICLES CLUB INC.

Corner Jolly and Warne Streets, Victor Harbor

Website: www.hmvc.org.au

JUNE 2026

COMING EVENTS 2026

Please note that, **unless otherwise stated**, all bookings when required for catering purposes are to be made through **Jan Dunk** phone/message **0408 897 237** or email treasurer@hmv.org.au

JUNE

THURSDAY 25th - Motorcycle Run, meet at the Goolwa information Bay, 9:30 for a 10.00am start Strathalbyn for morning tea, then to Milang Hotel for lunch, book with Doug by June 22 Ph: 8555 5841

TUESDAY 30th CARS 'n COFFEE - The Vault, Commercial Rd, Strathalbyn. From 9:30am Bookings essential, cut off date Sunday June 28th

JULY

SATURDAY 11th Combined Run with the Morris Car club, whale watch run, meet and greet at the Urrimbirra coffee van car park 10:00 to 10:30am, 3 stop local coast run, then lunch at the Middleton Tavern. For bookings call Events co-ordinator Michael Ph: 0448 827 798

TUESDAY 14th CARS 'n COFFEE - The Tin Shed 168 Main Rd, McLaren Vale, from 9:30am Bookings essential, cut off date Sunday July 12th

TUESDAY 21st 10.00am Coffee and chat clubroom Library

THURSDAY 23rd - Motorcycle Run, details TBA

AUGUST

TUESDAY 11th CARS 'n COFFEE - Yankalilla Bakery, Main S Road, Yankalilla

TUESDAY 18th 10.00am Coffee and chat clubroom Library

THURSDAY 27th - Motorcycle Run, details TBA

SUNDAY 30th Fathers Day Run to Langhorne Creek

SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY 8th CARS 'n COFFEE - TBA

FRIDAY/SATURDAY/SUNDAY 18-20th Rock n Roll Festival

OCTOBER

SUNDAY 11th SPRING RUN The spring surprise, Aldinga meet then lunch at Mt Compass

TUESDAY 13th CARS n COFFEE- TBA

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY 1st MEMORIAL PICNIC ASHBOURNE a shared lunch with picnic Entertainment

TUESDAY 10th CARS n COFFEE—TBA

DECEMBER

FRIDAY 11th CHRISTMAS DINNER, Crown Hotel Function Room \$45 pp

Running Board News



Welcome to winter as we embrace this wild and wet time of the year, a time to keep those car batteries on the charger, so the cold weather doesn't end their life prematurely.

With the AGM on the 6th August a reminder to all with aspirations to become an active person on the management committee, to step forward and join the team. New ideas and personalities with unknown and untapped knowledge will help us all in the challenges encountered as we plan, organize and shape the clubs future.

Thanks in advance to those who feel the need to be part of our clubs history.

Once again a great night out was had by all at our June general meeting, hopefully you have all managed to get the St John Portable Defribulator online training completed, followed by a night of banter, friendship, information seeking, whilst enjoying a cuppa and excellent supper prepared by Jenny, Pat and Malcolm.

Please check out the Club Events Program as you have plenty to pick and choose from as you travel to many of our much loved destinations.

You will all be able to view the amended club Procedures and Strategic plan shortly with enough time to read and digest these documents for discussion and adoption by all at a future meeting.

Yours in Happy and Safe motoring...Steve Hall ..President.

Application for Membership has been received from:

David and Heather Ayres from Victor Harbor. They bring a 1980 XS1100 Yamaha motorcycle.

BACK WORDS

By Paul Murrell



Marques you've probably never heard of

In 2006, Peugeot decided to close the old Rootes Group factory at Ryton, just outside Coventry (UK). It was the continuation of a long-standing trend in Coventry, once one of the most prolific car-producing sites in the world.

Difficult though it is to credit, more than 100 car marques existed there during more than a century. Many of them disappeared in the 20s. Britain's first car, a Daimler, was built in Coventry in 1906 (*left*).

Failing in the 20s were such brands as Crouch, Iden, Lotis (no, not Colin Chapman's similarly-named "Lotus") and Viking. Other marques that called Coventry home include Alvis, Lea-Francis, Standard-Triumph, Riley, Singer, Hillman, Humber, Allard, Armstrong Siddeley, Lanchester, Coventry-Climax (Grand Prix racing engines) and, of course, Jaguar.

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ONE FOR THE MUMS Sunday May 24



A WEE SUNDAY afternoon's drive which became a real treat!

The Club's slightly belated 'Mother's Day run'....

With obvious loads of aforethought and devious planning, our 'Events Committee', headed up by renown Elvis Pressley impersonator, Michael Smitham, despatched a large, excited and motley troupe of Members, just two-by-two, from our Clubrooms, to discover a venue which provided magnificent views of the V.H coastline, from the Bluff (...which, upon arrival, were somewhat glimpsable between the brief, but repeated, showers of heavy rain...)



Most folk quickly recognised the route instructions to be heading towards Whaler's Restaurant, at the Bluff, and were delighted to discover that our group was to be located 'upstairs' in the Reception and events area. Our slightly dampened spirits were quickly revived by a wide choice of liquid refreshments, the partaking of fattening delicacies, accompanied by members' banter.



We had been invited to bring family snaps of their off-spring, as babies, for a competition as to find the cutest, healthiest, most obviously intelligent, etc, etc, child.

The competition would be judged by a panel of learned and experienced personnel from Whalers, itself. The 'field' was wide and numerous, but the decision went to the owner/holder of a lovely photograph of a dear little chappie, taken some 80 + years ago... you guessed it! Me!

The 'Runner-up' went to a snap taken of another Club Member, Andrew Nicholls. Naturally, at the presentation of prizes there were heard expected cries of possible 'financial inducement's being offered', 'beauty being in the eye of the beholder', and other similar slurs... Of course, Prize-winners reminded the gathering that the photos were taken, a long, long, time ago... to which a cry of "...and it's obviously been all downhill from there!!" was the answering call.

Probably right, too!! But that's life... continued next page (4)

ONE FOR THE MUMS Sunday May 24 Continued

It was a lovely, happy, memorable, Mother's Day outing, and to a venue which the Club should consider revisiting in the warmer months ahead. Congratulations to our hard-working Events Committee, and especially, to 'Elvis Pressley,' who always seems happy to attend, our gatherings, and unlike our old cars (*about his 'age', and older*), our Elvis never seems to age at all!!

Leigh Blacket



BACK WORDS By Paul Murrell Continued....



The background to car badges

Since I'm driving one next week, I thought I'd delve into the meaning of the Zeekr badge. The stylised "Z" symbol represents a gate, or entrance into a new era of intelligent electric mobility, with the central zig-zag line symbolising the first rays of sunlight through a city skyline.

But you knew that, didn't you? The name itself breaks down as "ZE" representing "Zero" signifying the starting point of infinite possibilities, "E" for "Evolving" the electric era and "Kr" represents Krypton, a rare gas that emits a light when electrified, emphasising the brand's electric, high-tech nature.

Seriously, you couldn't make this stuff up. But somebody did!



Rapid response

Maserati probably isn't the first name that springs to mind when you think of fire trucks, but this fabulous machine was a race meeting fire tender ("*autopompa anticendio*") in Italy in the 1960s, based on the Frua-designed 1967 Quattroporte.

It was equipped with four fire extinguishers and a water cannon and did duty at the Monza and Imola race tracks. If you get things very wrong on a race track, it's reassuring to know there's a rapid response vehicle with a 260hp (194kW), 4.2-litre quad cam engine coming to your rescue (even if Maserati's reputation for reliability wasn't the best).

Apparently, five were built and some reports suggest all five were sold to an Austrian collector. Where they are now, and whether they still exist, isn't known.

And that's how the fight started...

My wife sent me a text saying "Your great". Naturally, I texted back, "No, *you're* great." All day, she's been happy and smiling. I've decided not to tell her I was just correcting her grammar.

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BUY and SELL Page

FOR SALE

1975 Jaguar XJ4.2 LWB Sedan, excellent original condition. Exceptional motor and running gear, good tyres, second owner for 35 years, serviced by Geoff Mockford, SA Jag specialist. Comes with spares, inc engine, gearbox, original books and history, a joy to drive, available for inspection \$8,500

Geoff Penhall Ph: 0428 652 221

2002 Mercedes Benz C240 Elegance, silver, 2.6L V6 5 speed auto, soon to qualify for Historic rego. Have no room for the car in our retirement village. \$4,200, but \$3,400 for any HMVC member for a quick sale.

Rob Wood Ph: 0418 418 363

1999 Suzuki Intruder 1500cc Cruiser Motor Bike, 51k, good tyres, currently on Club Rego. \$4,600 ono.

Ray Neal Ph: 0412 148 012

1948 Austin Sheerline, call for details. **Roly Bartlett Ph: 0408 159 998**

WANTED

Interested in buying a Ford Capri. **Ph: 0466 892 433**

1923-26 Reo T6 distributor, any condition. **Kip Newbold Ph: 0407 728 099**

Vehicle Handbook (Not a workshop Manual) for a 1975 VW Superbug

John Taylor Ph: 0408 835 082

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