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## Club Calendar

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### FROM THE FRONT SEAT

*Merv Rushton*

Firstly I would like to thank the organisers of the 40th anniversary rally, it was without doubt a great success and if you couldn't go this year please try to be on the next one. To Clive and Peg, Geoff and Gay, from all of us that were on the rally congratulations and thanks for a great time. Talking of the next rally we need to come up with a destination and a rally director for next year’s one week rally so if any one has any ideas please come forward.

Don't forget your deposits for the annual Dinner is due and payable by the May meeting.

### “Distributor” Contributions

Our time table for the production of the "Distributor" is governed by the cut off time for printing. Please have your contributions to the Editor no later than the Committee of Management Meeting of the previous month. E-mail spurls52@hotmail.com or post 160 Crusoe Road Kangaroo Flat 3555. As I will be on leave for the July and October publication of the “Distributor”, we need a stand in Editor for these two months. Please give me a call if you would like to give it a go. Ph 54478403
Club Captain’s Report

Bill Diss

I was a great sight to see so many Classic cars and caravans lined up for the journey to the Queenscliff 40th Anniversary Rally. A stop at Daylesford for morning tea and a chance to stretch the legs. Over the Rally, those attending have put together daily articles and these will be published over the coming months. A big “thank you” to Clive, Peggy, Geoff and Gay for two great weeks of friendship, touring and driving. It was very well organized.

VIEW STREET OPEN DAY

Neil Athorn

Eight Club Vehicles attended the View Street open day held on Saturday the 28th February. The day was excellent and the trees in front of Sandhurst Trustees provided a really good spot for members to sit and have a good chat. The crowd was excellent and there was continual interest in the vehicles on display. The music started at 3:00 and the band opposite us was really good and the volume about right for a change.

Members attending were:

Max Hallett Simca
Alan Stevens Austin Princess
Andrew Moon Chrysler
Bill Watters Morris
Ken Stringer MG
Pat & Doug Morris
Colin & Annette Ford Fire Truck
Neil Athorn Essex

Thank you to those who came along. If you missed out there will be another one next year.

EASTER 2009

Neil Athorn

GOOD FRIDAY AT THE LAKE:

A huge thank you to the members who came along and placed their vehicles on display. Another excellent turn out from our Club with all eras of motoring on display. Max and Murray did an excellent job with the Hot Cross buns and I sure did enjoy them Hot and with butter. Thank you both and any helpers you had. I will take
up the matter of the Health Officers concerns with the Council. Certainly the crowd was larger than we have experienced before and their interest continued past our usual pack up time. Shows that good free family days are still very popular. And they came from all over the country as well.

HARGREAVES MALL SATURDAY:

Terry Morley, Bill Watters, Andrew Moon, Dempseys x 2, Mark Godwill and myself all had vehicles in the Mall on display. Certainly a large amount of interest from the shoppers and an excellent day just sitting around. Need to look at doing this again or not soon so as we can make arrangements for 2010. It would be an ideal event for a display of all sorts of things if members want it to be. Terrific car park for free and right in the middle of the shops. Who could ask for more. The Chinese Dragon and Lion dancers and then the Rap dancers kept us entertained. Thank you to everyone who came along.

Queenscliff 40th Anniversary Rally. Day 2 to Geelong.

*Murray and Kaye Trimble.*

Early (8.15 am) saw a convoy of vehicles leave Beacon Resort Caravan Park to display our cars at Eastern Beach on The Waterfront near The Carousel in Geelong. Around eighty cars from Western District Historical Vehicle Club, Ballarat Classic Car Club and VVCC Bendigo were on show for the day to the interested public.

Our first tour was of The Ford Discovery Centre, preceded by a cuppa. A feature of the display was the first 1934 Ford Coupe Utility owned by Lewis (Lou) Bandt – UT 001. Lou had been killed in a car accident in this vehicle and it has been restored to the original condition. We were told that the early Fords could be any colour, as long as it was black – a quick drying paint.

Carmel Watters sister lived next door to Lou, enabling Bill to chat frequently to him, no doubt about cars. True to form Bill D entertained keen listeners to a few “stories” in the foyer waiting for the slow lookers, he was also heard, on returning the camera to Kaye that “I didn’t take any photos”. Is that because they were not Dodges?

Lunch was at various locations followed by an informative visit to The Wool Museum in a former Wool Store.
The Federal Government established the Commonwealth Woollen Mills in Geelong for the production of military cloth. Woollen fabrics are heavy and bulky with a dull fuzzy surface, whereas worsted is light, easy to drape and has a smooth, shiny surface. Geelong is the only mill that weaves worsted fabric and uses yarn from China. The 100 year old loom uses punched card programmed weaving (similar to pianola rolls), introduced by Joseph Jacquard, a silk weaver from Lyon in France, in 1804. The top gallery featured modern tapestry designs.

The final bollard was on display here – that of Jan Mitchell who created them and died recently after a four month battle with cancer. In respect for all she has done, this bollard has Jan with the trademark rabbit, as well as her dog. It will be relocated to the waterfront.

Jan as part of Geelong’s history included a rabbit on each one. They were brought into Geelong for shooting, and escaped. It is believed that one pair of rabbits, in three seasons, can produce sixty-two thousand offspring.

The WDHVC entertained us to afternoon tea in their comfortable clubrooms at the showgrounds, where several members purchased “treasures” from the mini-swap in the back room, before returning to Queenscliff, tea and one of many enjoyable evenings in The Club Tent.

Congratulations to Clive, Peggy, Geoff and Gay on the excellent preparation and planning, and the presentation of the detailed rally book, which ensured a smooth running fortnight.

**PHOTOS:** 1. Peter Kemp WDHVC Club Captain welcomes Murray Trimble and Keith Oldham to The Waterfront. The bollards “Volunteer Rifle Band” on the right are a feature of the Geelong landscape, with each being a part of the history of the area. Others, by Jan, are at Geelong Botanic Gardens, Tullamarine and Avalon Airports.


3. Club members stroll along the beach front to The Ford Discovery Centre.

For Sale

2002 16ft Jayco pop top Freedom caravan a/con, 3way fridg, elect/ gas stove, m/wave, d/b island bed w/in. spring mat. roll out awning w/sides & floor, heavy duty towing kit, many other extras. All had little use $21500 ono

4x4 steel trailer with canopy new lights & wiring. Ideal for towing behind vin. or classic cars or gen use good tyres $300.00 ono

Contact Keith Oldham 54395144 or 0428 507505
April Craft and Activities Night

Clive Bennett

The craft and Activities night was a bit different, with a guest speaker. Gary gave a good talk and slide presentation about the start and development of “Magic Lantern”. The one used dated about the late 1800’s. Very simple but very effective. Thanks to Gary. Because of the guest speaker, it was decided to combine both groups.

Bus Trip to Mansfield

Clive Bennett

The bus trip to Mansfield is to be held on the 24th May. It will leave the Club Rooms at 8:30am. The bus will not wait. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are either bring your own or buy at the stops. A list of names already received:

Geoff Windridge X 2  Tony Spurling X 2
Rebecca Dempsey X 2  Richard Mills X 2
John Hollis X 1       Bill Watters X 2
Clive Bennett X 2     Ian Bacon X 1
Bruce Cutting X 2     Bill Diss X 2
John Robbins X 1      Rob Moors X 1
Graham Vickers X 2    Roy Shelton X 2
Max Hallett X 2

A clip-board will be available at the May meeting for those who now wish to attend. Cost is $12 per head. The purpose of the trip is to view 3 big shed of interesting material.
9th Highwheeler Rally  30th March - 3rd April 2009

Entrants
From VIC: 10
NSW: 6
SA: 5
WA: 2
ACT: 1
NZ: 1
QLD: 2
Swaggies = 4 from USA

Vehicles
IHC = 18 (2 on trailers)
Schacht = 3
McIntyre = 5
Break-down crew = 1
Modern = 1

Sat 28 March 2009
Left Queenscliff in the Morris and had an uneventful trip back to Bendigo. We stopped at the Chocolate Mill as I have been promising myself that we would do this “one day”. After buying something special we continued to home, arriving just as the phone was ringing. By the time the door was opened the phone had stopped! It was meant to be a quick change over of cases from the Morris to the modern but visitors and chatting took precedence, however we did manage to get some lunch and a ‘cuppa’ and continue our travels. We arrived in Holbrook around 6pm and settled in there for the night.

Sunday 29 March.
After a good night’s sleep we set off to meet friends at Culcairn and so it was a small convoy of 3 high wheelers on trailers and ourselves who arrived in Cowra just after lunch. As many other participants had already arrived it was a meet & greet and then unload the high wheelers. A BBQ meal had been organised that night so it was good to catch up with old friends and meet some new ones.

Monday 30 March.
It was a local run arranged for today, first a visit to the Visitor Information Centre where there was an excellent hologram display to watch. On then, to the memorial of the Japanese break-out from the POW camp. This was followed by a visit to the Japanese Garden, which only whetted our appetite to come back for a more in depth visit (one day). A short run to a local park where a picnic lunch was provided and the rest of the day was free to fix any vehicle problems, shop or do your own thing.
An evening meal was part of the program at the local bowling club and this was followed by “A Colonial Show”. This proved to be a very humorous look at Australia’s early history combined with explanations of many colloquial expressions, ending with an insight into the government’s method of recruiting tradesmen to
Australia in those early days. This sounds very dry & boring but became a night of side splitting laughter & repartee.

Tuesday 31 March
An early start, this was to be the longest day with 100 kms to cover. After a buggy rest after a long steep climb we made our way to the Greenthorpe Public School. The 17 pupils (2 were absent) made us very welcome and enjoyed looking and learning about the high wheelers. Some parents and grandparents were also there, so a good crowd gathered around. Starting up again we continued on to Iandra Castle, an unusual building with a most interesting history. The claim is made, that this was where share farming began in NSW and probably Australia. Well worth a visit if you are there on their open days, or can make a group booking. A picnic lunch had been organised for us here and the mammoth task of positioning the vehicles for a group photograph was underway. The wind became very strong through the day making the ride back, hard for the buggies and their drivers and passengers.

Wednesday 1 April
No April Fool jokes, thank goodness. The run was out to Cowra beach & Gooloogong Log Cabin Hall. This was a day to drive the vehicles and eat. Morning tea was at Fairleigh Reserve (Cowra Beach), a sandy area on the side of the river. On to the lunch stop at the Gooloogong Log Cabin Hall, the ladies here put on a great spread which was too tempting to pass on. A very tasty open hamburger, with chips and coleslaw followed by a choice of cakes, scones and slices means we will be going home heavier than when we came. After lunch, all mobile vehicles went round to the local school. (A few of the vehicles were having some problems and were being trailered back for repair.) As there was a clear play area next to the school, the pupils were given short rides in the vehicles, they all had some questions which had to be
answered, so it was a great way to learn a bit of motoring history. The run back to Cowra was marred by the head wind again, but the overcast sky produced only one or two drops of rain.

**Thursday 2 April.**
A visit to Canowindra, for some fish, food & fun. Morning tea was available at the Age of Fishes museum which was a fascinating place, the fossils were found by a sharp eyed road worker when his machine uncovered an unusual marked rock in 1955. We spent the morning here before lunch at a local restaurant. There was also a rural museum and a private collection of Holdens to look at, if the fossils weren’t to your interest.

**Friday 3 April**
This was our last day of ‘buggying’, the weather was threatening but we ventured out to Woodstock, a run out on the main highway which can be daunting in these vehicles. The turnoff to Woodstock was reached with much relief by a lot of rallyists and become more enjoyable without the heavy traffic. The Primary School was on the agenda and all children and a lot of parents enjoyed a ride around the oval. Lunch at the Bowling Club was another chance to socialise. Following this a possible photo shoot of the buggies going through a ford was on the agenda but alas, like Bendigo the fords have all dried up and it was just another dry bit on the road. The sky began to darken as we made our way back to our accommodation. We were lucky and had just loaded the IHC into the trailer ready for an early start on Saturday when the rain started. The Farewell dinner at the Function Centre that evening, was accompanied by thunder and lightning and RAIN, which was wonderful to see. This was a great rally and in nine events the vehicles have increased from 8 to 28, how many will be at the 10th rally in 2011? Let us hope that we are able to make this next one to find out.

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**Paddy**
Paddy was working at the fish plant in Cork when he accidentally cut off all 10 of his fingers. He went to the emergency room in Cork’s hospital. The doctor looked at Paddy and said, 'Let's be avin' da fingers and I'll see what oi can do'.
Paddy: 'Oi haven't got da fingers.'
Doctor: 'Whadda ya mean you haven't got da fingers? Lord Tunderin' Jesus, it's 2008! We's got microsurgery and all kinds of incredible techniques. I could have put dem back on and made you like new! Why didn't ya bring da fingers?!?'
Paddy: 'And how was I 'spose to pick dem up?'
MINUTES General Meeting 2nd April
Meeting starts at ---7.40 PM
AT—8.40 pm Richard Mills chairs the meeting and welcomes 25 members and guests.

VISITORS- Peter Christie and George Ball.
NEW MEMBER APPLICATION David Pickles subject to payment of fees.
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING As printed, moved by----Neil Athorn second by John Hollis. CD
BUSINESS ARISING Nil
COMMITTEE NOTES As printed, moved by----Neil Athorn, second by John Hollis. CD
BUSINESS ARISING Tony Spurling indicated that the printer he is to purchase shall be second hand, this is to help with the address on the envelopes.
TREASURER’S REPORT No report was given. Due to Treasurer on car rally.
SWAP REPORT Neil Athorn gave the swap report, We are looking into getting a verandah on the secretaries office at the showground’s, Swap on line site is being updated for the next swap, the display in the BEC will be tractors this year, Show and Shine area to be used for cars for sale on the Sunday of the swap, proposal to meet with the Federation on May 15 at the clubrooms to discuss the swap.
FEDERATION REPORT No Meeting this month.
AOMC REPORT No meeting this month.
40TH ANNIVERSARY REPORT The committee has counted the votes and the most was for the Anniversary dinner to be held at the clubrooms, however if numbers are more than the club can seat 150 then the second option is for Fortunes.
We will have a 3 course meal fully catered for and paid for by the club. There is an insert in the Distributor asking for a $10 deposit per person this will be refunded on the night. We need this back by the May Meeting so we start the planning. If you don’t pay this fully refunded deposit their will not be meal and spot at the event for you.
Graeme Baker asked why there is band on the night.

GENERAL BUSSINES
Richard Mills passed on a badge that was presented to our club from the Dandenong Valley Car Club in appreciation in our club putting on a meal while they were in Bendigo.
Ken Stringer and Terry Morley to put plaques and photos on club walls.
A Motion was moved by Graeme Baker- That the Club pay for the pie night and the money that is raised by selling the pies and pasties at $1.00 each be donated to the Bush Fire Appeal this Motion was second by Graydon Gray. This was voted on and the Motion Carried.
A Motion was moved by Tony Spurling- That all club members be given a copy of the Statement of Purpose this was seconded by John Broadbent. This was discussed and it was voted on and the Motion was Carried. Tony Spurling to arrange the printing of these.

GENERAL MEMBER ACTIVITIES
Ron Allen and Ken Stringer went to the Eddington Sprints, Ron reported on the event. Graeme Baker ventured to Melbourne where he saw the Ducatti exhibition at the National Gallery, by all accounts this is a great display. Ken Greenhalgh reported on his trip to Nepal where he and his wife toured around on a motorbike This sounded like a great holiday. Ian Kimpton reported on a cruise he took on the Sun Princess, a great time was had.

SUPPER ROSTER MAY—Len Read, Llyoyd Reynolds, Dianne Richards, Allan Riley, Peter Richens, John Robbins.

CLEANING ROSTER MAY--- JUNE---

MEETING CLOSED 8:40


COMMITTEE NOTES APRIL 2009

PRESENT
Merv Rushton, Richard Mills, John Haigh, Glenise Moors, Ashley Gray, Peter Hartland, Bill Diss, Clive Bennett, Rob Moors, 

APPOLOGIES
Alan Stevens.
The Committee discussed the pie night that will be held at the next general meeting, and with the one dollar per pie that is paid by members the committee recommends that the money raised is given to a local fire brigade.
We discussed the 40th anniversary dinner, this will be discussed at the next General Meeting. Merv Rushton thanked those who organized the Queenscliff Rally all those who attended had a great time. Peter Hartland reported on the poor participation of club members in presenting their club room keys to him so he can bring the Key Register up to date. Bill Diss reported on up coming events see club calender.Ashley Gray
Secretary

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A Piper

As a young piper, I was asked by a funeral director to play at a grave-side service for a homeless man, with no family or friends. The funeral was to be held at a cemetery way back in the country, and this man would be the first to be laid to rest there.

As I was not familiar with the backwoods area, I became lost; and being a typical man did not stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late. I saw the backhoe and the crew, who were eating lunch, but the hearse was nowhere in sight. I apologized to the workers for my tardiness, and stepped to the side of the open grave, where I saw the vault lid already in place. I assured the workers I would not hold them up for long, but this was the proper thing to do. The workers gathered around, still eating their lunch.

I played out my heart and soul. As I played the workers began to weep. I played, and I played, like I'd never played before: From My Home & The Lord is my Shepherd to Flowers of the Forest. I closed the lengthy session with amazing Grace and walked to my car.

As I was opening the door and taking off my coat, I overheard one of the workers saying to another, 'I never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years.'

Heart Attack

Heart attacks, or acute myocardial infarctions, are the leading cause of death for people over the age of 40 [source: GAA]. In the United States alone, there are 1.1 million heart attacks per year, and about 550,000 of those are fatal [source: NHLBI].

A heart attack happens when arteries get completely blocked and the heart is deprived of oxygen because blood can't get through the blockage. When the heart is deprived of oxygen, its cells start to die. The chest pain that most people associate with heart attacks is the heart's way of calling out for help when it starts dying.
Many people think heart attacks are more of a problem for men than for women, but in fact the opposite is true -- 53 percent of those who died from heart attacks in the United States in 1998 were women, and women may even have slightly different symptoms from men [source: GAA].

Most heart attacks aren't as dramatically painful as the movies suggest. The symptoms of a heart attack are varied and may be mild. Chest pain is the most common sign, but some people don't experience that at all. There are a bunch of warning signs, and they're different from person to person. It's not easy to know whether a symptom like nausea or a racing heart is signaling a heart attack. In most cases, though, and especially if you have several risk factors for heart attack, it's better to call for professional help as soon as possible. The sooner you get treatment, the better the chance of survival. You should never wait more than five minutes if you think you might be having a heart attack.

But how do you know? There are five most common symptoms of a heart attack. Not everyone has all symptoms, and because each of them can signify an array of conditions, it may be difficult to clearly attribute any one of them to a heart attack. But some signs are surer than others and should have you dialing 000 as quickly as possible.

The most definite sign is the first symptom on the list Where there is chest pain, medical care should follow without delay.

Top 5 Heart Attack Symptoms that Should Have You Calling 000

- Heart Attack Symptom 5: Chest Pain and/or Pressure
- Heart Attack Symptom 4: Upper Body Discomfort
- Heart Attack Symptom 3: Shortness of Breath
- Heart Attack Symptom 2: Racing Heart
- Heart Attack Symptom 1: Intense Anxiety and/or Cold Sweat
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Veteran, Vintage & Classic Club
Bendigo

Is celebrating our 40th Anniversary.
To be held on Saturday 8th August. All Members and Associate Members Are invited to attend.

The club will pay for the Dinner, which
Will be fully catered for.
The event shall be a BYO Drinks
A $10 deposit per person is required to be Paid at the May Gen Meeting. This shall be Refunded on the night.
If you cannot make the May meeting please post the deposit.

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