



# The Bendigo Distributor March 2018

VVCC Bendigo the club for veteran, vintage and classic vehicle enthusiasts and that caters for all vehicles older than 25 years

## Midweek run to Farmers Arms Hotel and B&B Basil herb garden

A large number of members gathered at the Club Rooms for an 11:30am departure time. The route eventually took us along Sutton Grange and Axe Creek Roads, with a few members joining the group along the way. Eventually we arrived to the Farmers Arms Hotel in Junortoun, where the group numbers swelled to around 50.

Lunch was terrific with most members opting for the 2 course lunch special, chased down with either a brown ale or soft drink. The meal was piping hot and extremely tasty. Members commented on how good the staff attended to our main meals and deserts. Tea and coffee were provided as a complimentary service.

On arrival at B&B Basil herb growers in Rowena Street, our group numbers had dropped to around 45 in total. Once ready to go we were ushered into the facility by Clive where we were greeted by George the proprietor who explained in great detail how the business originally begun from humble beginnings and grew to its present state.

B&B Basil grow micro greens and with an ever expanding business, now

selling to 4 states or Australia and other countries in addition to local Bendigo customers.

Our group toured the state of the art facility with George explaining the inner workings of each hot house. All members sampled a great variety of fresh tasty micro herbs and edible flowers, all digested with a thumbs up for presentation quality and flavour. What a great business to originate in Bendigo!

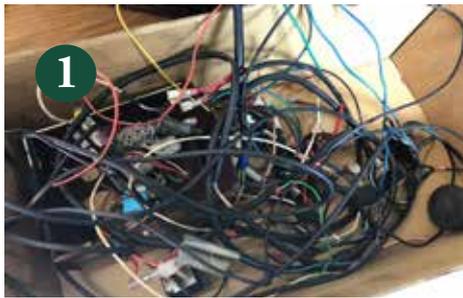
Finally the group thanked George for an excellent tour, with a round of applause well received. The afternoon concluded at around 4:45pm. Thanks to Clive and Peggy Bennett for organizing such a great mid week adventure.

*Article by Colin Butler*



# What happens if you leave your ignition switched on?

When I bought the second Daimler I said to myself, "I'll just drive it and not restore it in any way while I am working on the Special Sports". Then a week ago I left the ignition switched on overnight. That wasn't a worry, I just needed to charge the battery and at worst, I would have to



change the coil and condenser. Having done that, I noticed that the ignition would no longer switch off. I said, "I had better check to see if there is a short in the wiring". That was easier said than

done. The previous owners had created a veritable rat's nest under the dash, so I decided to bite the bullet and clear it all out (photo #1). That left me with the original wiring and still the ignition stayed on when I turned the key off (photo #2). I thought, "This is getting beyond me, I'd better call Richard Paynting for advice". Richard did better than



simply advise me, he drove over to check things out with me. We systematically checked continuity and voltages for a whole afternoon. Disconnecting and reconnecting wires and running separate circuits, all to no avail (photo #3). Then finally Richard said, "Let's check out the alternator". The previous owner had replaced the generator with an alternator and switched from positive to negative earth. As we traced where each wire went to from each terminal, it occurred

to Richard that the battery voltage sense wire was connected to the wrong side of the starter solenoid. After removal, lo and behold the ignition switched off with the key. Why the problem occurred after accidentally leaving the ignition on overnight, and not before, is still a mystery.



Now the dashboard is out, I can't bear to put it back without new veneer and polishing. And I decided I can't bear to go that far without redoing all the wood trim (photo #4) So on we go!...maybe the vinyl door panels next? Stay tuned.

*David Thorne - Communications Editor*



# Hi Ho, Hi Ho, it's off to Mount Gambier we go!

The Annual Rally this year will commence on the 26th of August taking us all the way to South Australia. A seven day expedition to Mount Gambier and surrounds to be precise.

The never a dull moment trip will take in a number of venues and allow time to admire the gorgeous scenery that Mount Gambier has on offer.

The Rally is being organized this year by Colin and Nicole Butler. A short description of events will be announced at the March General Meeting. An expression of interest sheet will be on the side table.

Please come along to the Meeting and support fellow Club Members who wish

to participate in this rally. If you cannot attend the March meeting give Colin a call M: 0414 664 261 for a heads up regarding this event.

Nicole and I hope to see a large number of members in Mount Gambier. We guarantee you will have fantastic time on this trip.

*Cheers Nicole and Colin*



# Garage visit

To say the great turn up of members were gobsmacked by both the variety and presentation would be an understatement. The range of rare Mercedes could only be purchased by a person with a knowledge and passion for the brand.

Wayne stated that many of the cars were purchased unsighted over the phone and so far there has been no bad stories to tell. The earliest car was from the 1950s with the majority being in the 60s and 70s.

Wayne's interest in motor cars is lifelong and seriously started with running the Holden museum in Bendigo at the Pottery many years ago.

The tour is a perfect example of Bendigo people doing great things and as a club we need to stay informed on local attractions. Thanks to all the members who supported the event .

And thanks to Wayne and Judy Baker for making us so welcome.

*Article by Ron Poyser  
Photos by Colin Butler*



# President's report

Hello Members,

The Australia Day gathering went off very well. Our grateful thanks to the organisers for the delicious breakfast which was enjoyed by many members.

Also thanks to members who participated in the celebrations at the Lake.

The midweek run was very successful with a great number attending. We had a good run through Sedgwick, Sutton Grange and Axe Creek to the Farmers Arms Hotel for lunch. After lunch we visited B&B Basil herb farm. What a great family success story. Many thanks to the organizers for a great day.

Thanks to Club Captain Ron Poyser for putting together a full program for the month of March.

The formalisation of the SWAP committee was held at the February SWAP meeting with all positions being filled. We are looking forward to another successful year.

We are sending our thoughts and good wishes to Doug and Pat Clarkson and Bill Diss who are experiencing health issues at the moment.

Finally, thanks to Brian Hutson for a very informative address at our last general meeting.

*Lloyd Cameron - President.*



# A slight makeover

We hope you find the change in the newsletter headings and body text pleasing and that it makes it a little easier to locate and read the articles. If you didn't notice, that's even better!

# Club Captain's report

Well the year is off to a good start with the Australia Day day breakfast and the display at the Lake.

This was followed by a midweek tour of the B&B herb farm which was ably organized by Peggy and Clive. The club turnout was big and the facts of the business very surprising with the company employing 40 staff and exporting to 5 countries. Another great Bendigo success story.

The next outing was to Freedom Aged Care on the February 17 for a relaunch of the business. A big thanks to Ted Rahill, Colin Butler and Terry Morley for joining me with their cars. We enjoyed a tour of the facility and refreshments as well as our time together.

The tour of Wayne Baxter's garage on 23 February had a good attendance and was a great night.

Brian Hutson presented our first club member talk at the February meeting and gave a very informative session on the motor spare parts industry. Well done Brian!

Terry Morley is next in line for the March meeting. With his long history in business and the old vehicle world we are assured of an interesting presentation on the area he chooses to speak on

Don't forget the garage run to Frank Allen's garage on Friday March 9 to see the Paige which was purchased new by his grandfather. Frank is looking for restoration tips, so please come along for an enjoyable couple of hours.

We have a great day run to Inglewood booked for Tuesday March 13. The main attraction will be a special court re-enactment which will supply lots of laughs. It is presented in the old courtroom with a judge presiding. We have other points of interest in the town to inspect and enjoy as well.

The Eaglehawk Dahlia Arts Festival is on Saturday March 17. It would be nice if we can support this event, so if you are able to attend put your name on the list at our March meeting. This is a non official club event.

Don't forget to sign for the Maryborough museum run on Sunday 8 April which is a must for all to attend. This vehicle museum will surprise you with its variety of vehicles and equipment.

On Thursday April 26 the Macedon Ranges club are coming to Bendigo for the day and would like 4 or 5 of our members to join them for morning tea. If you are available please let me know. Ted and I are organizing 2 garage tours for the group which will also require some help.

Finally in March, we have Easter buns at the Clubrooms. Please bring your vehicles along for display and enjoy some fellowship. Next day we have the Easter vehicle display in Hargreaves Mall. Let's make the numbers greater than other years. Don't leave it to the same dedicated members each year. Come along and enjoy the time with others.

Regards to all

*Ron Poyser - Club Captain*



## Supper Roster

### March meeting

- Ray Burke
- Rob Burns
- Robert Campagnaro
- Paul Capel
- Peter Church
- Peter Churchill

### April meeting

- Jim Clark
- Desmond Claxton
- Trevor Cole
- Graham Colliccoat
- Lyle Collins
- David Cordy

## Cleaning Roster

### Before March meeting

- Peter Moverley

### Before April meeting

- Douglas Mummery

# Clockwork car

Recently on a trip to Mount Gambier with my wife Nicole, I found an article in the local paper about the existence of a clockwork vehicle on display at Millicent in South Australia.

Now that is just something that any red blooded petrol-head has to see for themselves. So into the Fairlane and Nicole and I were off to inspect the inner workings of this wind up metal monster.

On arrival perched in the foyer there it was. Close inspection revealed that it was a petrol driven replica of Henry Hoke's original mechanical vehicle and not the original restored vehicle.

The story of Henry and his exploits proved to be quite entertaining with a number of Henry's other humorous inventions on display.

The original wind up vehicle was designed and driven by Henry who was a keen amateur inventor. Henry's mum a self-proclaimed blacksmith with help from the Ladies Blacksmithing League perfected the issue of manufacturing a very powerful mainspring.

The wind-up vehicle was challenged to a race, with Henry over winding the main spring, but anyway the car won and passed the finish line. Then with a catastrophic bang the mechanism exploded, totally destroying the car.

Apparently the patents were sold on to a Detroit base company where they remain shelved.

*Photos and article by Nicole and Colin Butler*



# Easter activities

Our main focus this year is Easter Good Friday at the clubrooms where we will enjoy some tasty Easter buns as well

giving our cars an Easter outing. Next day, Easter Saturday will be our vehicle display in Hargreaves Mall. Full details are in the events calendar.

In addition we have received an invitation from the City of Bendigo for individuals to enter their vehicles in the 2018 Easter Parade. Applications for

entry are now open and can be found here at [bendigoeasterfestival.org.au/enter-our-parades](http://bendigoeasterfestival.org.au/enter-our-parades). Parade entry closes on Friday the 9th of March.

This is not a club event, but if you choose to join in, let Lloyd Cameron know and he'll find ways for the club to support you.



# Freedom Aged Care Open Day

At 9:30am on February 17, four club members arrived at the Freedom Aged Care Open Day at the Condon Street Strathdale facility.

Ron Poyser, Terry Morley, Ted Rahill and Colin Butler all brought along their collector vehicles to be displayed.

Our good friends at Freedom have been renovating and modernizing their facilities. A very extensive tour showcased the state of the art building renovations, including a newly built penthouse. Respite short term care is also available for residents..

The morning swung into action with a traditional welcome followed by a number of informative speeches. Our members consumed a delightful lunch plus drinks of all variations. Entertainment continued on throughout the day, with a band, and a gentleman on guitar and vocals.

Our members in attendance thanked Freedom Aged Care for allowing the VVCC Bendigo to participate in such a well organized event.

*Article and photos by Colin Butler*



## Life is great!

- I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People get out of the way much faster now.
- Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers.
- You know that tingly little feeling you get when you really like someone? That's common sense leaving your body.
- I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.
- I decided to stop calling the bathroom the "John" and renamed it the "Jim". I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.

- Old age is coming at a really bad time. When I was a child I thought "Nap Time" was a punishment. Now, as a grown-up, it feels like a small vacation.
- The biggest lie I tell myself is...."I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
- I don't have grey hair; I have "wisdom highlights"! I'm just very wise.
- If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.
- Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet...
- Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?
- Of course I talk to myself; sometimes

I need expert advice.

- At my age "getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.
- Actually I'm not complaining because I am a SENAGER (Senior teenager not senile). I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and my own car. The people I hang around with are not scared of getting anyone pregnant. And I don't have acne...

Life is great!

*Submitted by a club member*

# Events for March 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
26	27	28	1 General Meeting	2	3	4
5 Swap Committee Meeting	6 Men's Shed and Ladies Craft Night	7	8	9 Garage Visit	10	11
12	13 Midweek run to Inglewood	14 Club Committee Meeting	15	16	17 Eaglehawk Dahlia Arts Festival	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Easter Good Friday at the clubrooms	31 Easter Saturday display in Hargreaves Mall	1

## Thursday 1 March - General Meeting

7:30pm at the Clubrooms

## Monday 5 March - Swap Committee Meeting

7:30pm at the Clubrooms

## Tuesday 6 March - Men's Shed and Ladies Craft night

7:30pm at the Clubrooms

## Friday 9 March - Garage visit

Visit to Frank Allen's garage to see Frank's 1927 Paige which was purchased new by his grandparents. Frank would appreciate any advice on the restoration.

Arrive at 6.30 pm.

Frank's address is 7 Evermore Drive Marong.

Turn right off the Calder Alternate Highway into Evermore Drive which

is opposite the Marong swimming pool. The house is on the right at T intersection.

## Tuesday 13 March - Midweek run to Inglewood

Leaving the clubrooms at 9am sharp

The main attraction will be a special court re-enactment which will supply lots of laughs. It is presented in the old courtroom with a judge presiding. There are other points of interest in the town to inspect and enjoy as well.

Sign up at the March General Meeting

## Wednesday 14 March - Club Committee Meeting

7:30pm at the Clubrooms

## Saturday 17 March - Eaglehawk Dahlia Arts Festival

We need 3 cars for this event. Contact Ron Poyser if you can help out.

It would be nice if we can support this event, so if you are able to attend put your name on the list at our March General Meeting.

## Friday 30 March - Easter Good Friday at the clubrooms

Display at the clubrooms from 8:30am.

Come along and enjoy great company and enjoy some tasty Easter buns as well giving your car an Easter outing.

The Club provides hot cross buns. BYO lunch if you want to stay longer.

## Saturday 31 March - Easter Saturday display in Hargreaves Mall

The Easter Saturday display Mall is always an enjoyable event and is a great way to relax with fellow members while creating a positive statement that we have a strong club, so join our regular participants and make this year the best turn up ever. Have vehicles parked by 9.30am.

# Events for April 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
26	27	28	29	30 Easter Good Friday at the clubrooms	31 Easter Saturday display in Hargreaves Mall	1
2	3	4	5 General Meeting	6	7	8 Maryborough Museum Run
9 Swap Committee Meeting	10 Men's Shed and Ladies Craft Night	11	12	13	14	15 Visit to the Up the Creek workshop
16	17	18 Club Committee Meeting	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Macedon Ranges Car Club visit	27	28 Pizza Movie Night	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

## Thursday 5 April - General Meeting

7:30pm at the Clubrooms

## Sunday 8 April Maryborough Museum Run

This run will be in conjunction with the Vintage Motor Cycle Club and Maryborough and maybe Castlemaine Clubs.

Leaving our clubrooms at 9am sharp. Meet at the Llanelly Clubrooms then leave for Maryborough at 9.30. Cost \$5 entry. The tour will take about 2 hours and will return to Llanelly for lunch at a cost of \$5.

This run is one you should not miss. The vehicle display will be unique. Sign up at the March General Meeting.

## Monday 9 April - Swap Committee Meeting

7:30pm at the Clubrooms

## Tuesday 10 April - Men's Shed and Ladies craft night

7:30pm at the Clubrooms

## Saturday 15 April - Visit to the Up the Creek Workshop

Leave the Clubrooms at 9:30am

10:30am - Visit Up the Creek workshop visit

12:30pm - Lunch at the Railway Hotel in Castlemaine

## Wednesday 18 April - Club Committee Meeting

7:30pm at the Clubrooms

## Thursday 26 April - Macedon Ranges Car Club visit

The Macedon Ranges Car Club are coming to Bendigo for the day and would like 4 or 5 of our members to join them for morning tea. If you are available please let Ron Poyser know M: 0 419 346 511.

Ted Rahill and Ron Poyser are organizing 2 garage tours for the group which will also require some help.

## Saturday 28 April - Pizza and Movie Night

At the clubrooms. Details to be announced at the March General Meeting.

# WVCC General Meeting Minutes 1 February 2018

Lloyd Cameron opened the meeting at 7:30pm

## Visitors

Brenda Murley

## Minutes

Moved that the Minutes of the January 2018 General Meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record by Neil Athorn seconded by Frank Robbins. Carried.

## Business Arising

Murray Trimble pointed out that the visit to the herb garden and lunch is on the 7th of February.

Neil Athorn asked what we are doing to attract younger members to the club. President Lloyd Cameron shared several ideas the committee had discussed.

- To hold an open day at the clubrooms inviting the public to come along to see what we offer.
- Lloyd has also contacted several schools in the Bendigo area and they are keen to have contact with our club and host interactive events.
- Jonathan Ridnell from the Discovery Science and Technology Centre has been in contact and has suggested that the club develop a joint program.

Lloyd added that we simply need to get ourselves and our vehicles out there for the public to see, this in turn will generate new membership. Lloyd invited members to share their ideas as well

## Finance Report

Ted Rahill presented the income and expenditure for January (Flowers, Boltons Office Supplies, website fees, LED tube installation, air conditioner alterations, postage and club investments).

Moved by Ted Rahill, seconded by Don Roberts. Carried.

## Program Report

Ron Poyser reported that 10 of our Club vehicles were at at Lake Weeroona on Australia Day and that it was a great day with excellent weather with a large number of the public attending. All members had a good time displaying their vehicles.

On the 14th of February a run is organized and will include lunch at the Farmers Arms Hotel at 12noon followed by a visit to a herb farm in Epsom. This will be a great day out. Please use the sign-up sheet to record your intention to attend.

Freedom Aged Care have requested that we provide vehicles for the relaunch of its Strathdale facility. A show of hands was requested and four people offered to bring their cars.

The visit to Wayne Baxter's garage is set for the 23rd of February. Please arrive at 6:30. Rini Zysvelt said that Wayne has several Mercedes Benz vehicles and the night will be very informative. Frank Robbins added that we should be aware that the Bendigo Council has blocked off a number of roads in Wayne's area.

On the 9th of March we will be visiting the garage of Frank Allen, who owns a 1930 Paige that is under restoration. Frank will be happy to receive any restoration advice from members.

The visit to Up the Creek Engineering now has a tentative booking date in April. More details will be given at the March meeting.

On Easter Good Friday, the Club will have Easter buns at the clubrooms, and everyone is welcome. It will be a good opportunity to get to know other club members.

On Easter Saturday a vehicle display will be held in the Hargreaves Mall. Arrive with your vehicle by at 9:30am and depart at 2:30pm.

Another visit to Keech Castings is being planned.

A run to the camel farm in Rochester is being planned with Bill Watters offering to demonstrate the art of how to milk a camel.

In March there will be a tour of the Inglewood courthouse and other features

of the town.

Terry Morley will be our guest speaker at the March General Meeting.

Tonight's guest speaker is Brian Hutson.

## Communications Report

David Thorne encouraged members who have not yet installed the club app on their smartphone or tablet to do so.

David also urged members to continue to submit articles for publication in the Distributor.

The club website has been refreshed and the content is now more targeted more for our external audience to inform them of who we are as a club and what we offer members.

Two extra members have volunteered to receive instruction in using the LCD screen.

Peter Tangey asked if the membership contact list could be added to the smartphone app to be used in the same way as on the club website. David will explore the possibility.

## Swap Update

Ashley Gray announced that the new Swap Committee would be nominated on Monday night and invited club members to participate.

Steve Lottkowitz said that a new position was being added to place signs on the outside the Showgrounds to better direct vendors and public.

## Club Correspondence

Colin Butler reported that his role as Secretary is running smoothly.

An email was received from Pam Armezdroz of the Macedon Ranges and District Motor Club. They are planning a rally to Bendigo and would like to meet some of our members at morning tea on the 26th of April.

An email was received from Rex Wallis from the Oakland Car Club and is requesting use of the clubrooms for a rally in September.

Ron Poyser will deal with both requests.

Some members are requesting a replacement of their proximity card for the clubroom door. Our previous supplier can no longer provide them and

David Thorne is now trying to obtain them from a different source.

There are a few name badges still to be collected.

Notices from the Horsham Swap and the Melbourne Steam Traction Engine Club are pinned on the notice board.

## Affiliations Reports

### AOMC

No report.

### Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicles

Neil Athorn reported that the next meeting would be on the 10th of February.

## General Business

Colin Butler presented the two quotations for air conditioning the clubrooms

Following questions members were asked for a show of hands for those in favour and those against the installation of air conditioning. The result was even for those for and those against. The matter will go back to the Management Committee for further consideration.

Neil Athorn added that he would procure a quotation through Sandhurst Air Conditioning where he has a contact.

Colin and Nicole Butler have been asked by the President to organize this year's Annual Rally. The destination will be Mount Gambier in South Australia, commencing toward the end of August.

An expression of interest for the event was requested. A show of hands indicated that at least 20 members were interested. Colin and Nicole were asked to research and to make firm plans.

The Club Management Committee is looking at the pros and cons of installing a dishwasher in the clubrooms. The committee will consult with the catering members at the next committee meeting.

Stewart Ridley asked why the idea of the restoration of a club vehicle in the club workshop had been rejected. Lloyd Cameron offered to speak again with Stewart and explain further.

Steve Lottkowitz, asked for advice on the repair of a gas diaphragm for his Ford Falcon.

Peter Tangey announced that the Vintage Motorcycle Club will be holding a run on the 8th of April.

Glenys Moors, thanked some of the members for all the help they gave assisting with repairs and necessary documents for getting her Humber back on the road. She has an Austin 1800 that she wishes to donate to a fellow club member.

## Brian Hutson's presentation

Brian had been employed in the automotive spare parts industry since 1967. Brian spoke of his younger days dealing with Repco, Lapco, Starting Lighting Ignition etc. and spoke of their eventual demise and metamorphosis into such companies as Burson's Supercheap and Autobarn. He suggested that he and Maurie Stone should write a book titled "40 years of Innes Motors".

Ron Poyser thanked Brian for a comprehensive and well researched talk. All members applauded.

*The meeting closed at 9:10pm*

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