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COLAC COLLECTABLE CAR CLUB INC. 'NEWSLETTER'

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Folks,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and everybody had a great Christmas and are ready to take on a new year. I can't believe that the school holidays are over and we are into February already! Sally, the kids and I managed to get away for a few weeks and relax, and I hope, some other Club members were able to do this too.

Being the car buffs that we are, we put our trip off until after the Camperdown Car and Bike Show in mid-January. I must admit we had no regrets on doing so. The weather was perfect and what an array of magnificent motor vehicles and bikes on display. It was also pleasing to see a large number of our members attending and displaying their cars. I'm hoping we get at least the same commitment from our members for the upcoming Colac Car Show and Shine which is taking place on Saturday, 2nd March at the Colac Memorial Square. Last year's Colac show was a great event and I'm sure it will be bigger and better this year.

I am aware that the Port Fairy Rod Run was held on the same day as the Camperdown Car and Bike Show and the All Holden Day in Geelong is taking place at the same time as the Colac Show and Shine. It's unfortunate, but it is the time of year when we have the good weather and event calendars are pretty full. Both the Camperdown and Colac shows support our local businesses and all profits made by both are donated to local charities. I'm hoping that everyone is like me and wants to support our local events and communities.

I was asked a question the other day whether I thought purchasing a classic car was a good investment. Now, I'm no investment guru, but when you hear the unbelievable prices some of our older Australian made muscle cars are getting these days, you would have to say 'yes'. Unfortunately, not all of us are lucky enough to own one of these. So what about other types of vehicles? I did hear Kochie say on the television program "Sunrise" a while ago that collectable cars had been a great investment over the last few years, so I'll run with that!

I did a little research today and came up with some pointers if you have an investment in mind.

Before buying, consider these points:- scarcity, popularity, desirability and age. Put all these factors together and your investment is sure to increase in value. Some of the most valuable cars in existence were produced in limited numbers. However, there is no point in buying a car for an investment that no one wants. If it wasn't popular when it was new, it is unlikely to be popular now. If no-one wants to buy a particular car then the re-sale value just isn't there.

Anyway, food for thought. Me, I just like admiring and driving them.

Stay safe, Ken, President.



COLAC COLLECTABLE CAR CLUB INC : CLUB CONTACTS

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- President – Ken Slingsby
- Vice President – Vince Thorne
- Secretary, Newsletter Editor & Public Officer – Heather Petrie (0408 401 562)
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- Federation of Veteran, Vintage & Classic Car Clubs Inc Representatives – Shane Perrott and Vince Thorne

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Ted Price (0417 165 271)

Glenn Shepherd (0499 095 878)

Annette Thorne (0407 052 231) Contact Annette at Cobden Tools & Trailers, Curdie Street, Cobden between 9am & 5pm

Heather Petrie (0408 401 562)

Ken Slingsby (President) and David Stephens (Treasurer) are also authorised to sign renewed permits.

- Newsletter items and articles please forward to Heather (colaccollectable@gmail.com)

Ps: Free Entry to the **Terang Music Festival** on Saturday, 16th March if driving a Vintage, Veteran or Classic Car/Bike

ALL BRITISH VEHICLE FESTIVAL

Geelong, Sunday 10th March 2019

As mentioned in our last newsletter, the Colac Collectable Car Club, has been invited to take part in an **“All British Vehicle Festival”** on Sunday, 10th March, from 10am until 4pm. Members of the Club who have a British vehicle or motorcycle have been contacted via email or phone.

If you would like further details, please contact Geoff O’Neill on ☎ 52 313318 – just leave a message for Geoff and he will get back to you.

The Display will be held on the Geelong Waterfront and members are invited to display their British car or motorcycle on Transvaal Square which is located between Brougham Street and Eastern Beach Road.

This site will allow approximately 20 cars and motor cycles from our club. This will be a great opportunity to mix with like-minded British Vehicle enthusiasts and the event is for British Vehicles only.



Cheers Geoff O'Neill



GEELONG ALL BRITISH VEHICLE FESTIVAL
Incorporating the Annual MG Car Club of Geelong Car Display
Geelong Waterfront, Sunday 10th March, 2019
10am till 3.00pm

The MG Car Club Geelong Western District Historical Vehicle Club Jaguar Car Club Geelong Colac Collectable Car Club Geelong Morris Minor Car Club

Entries opening soon, so keep this date free and come along to show-off your classic/s. The 2019 Event will be incorporating British Vehicles from 4 other clubs in the Region and these will be displayed on adjoining areas around the waterfront. It is expected that a total of over 250 cars will be displayed on the day. So tell your friends and get ready for a great day.

For further information contact Lance Yenik 04900 62376 or editor@mgcgeelong.com.au

DO YOU REMEMBER ?

The 1992 Geelong Speed Trials

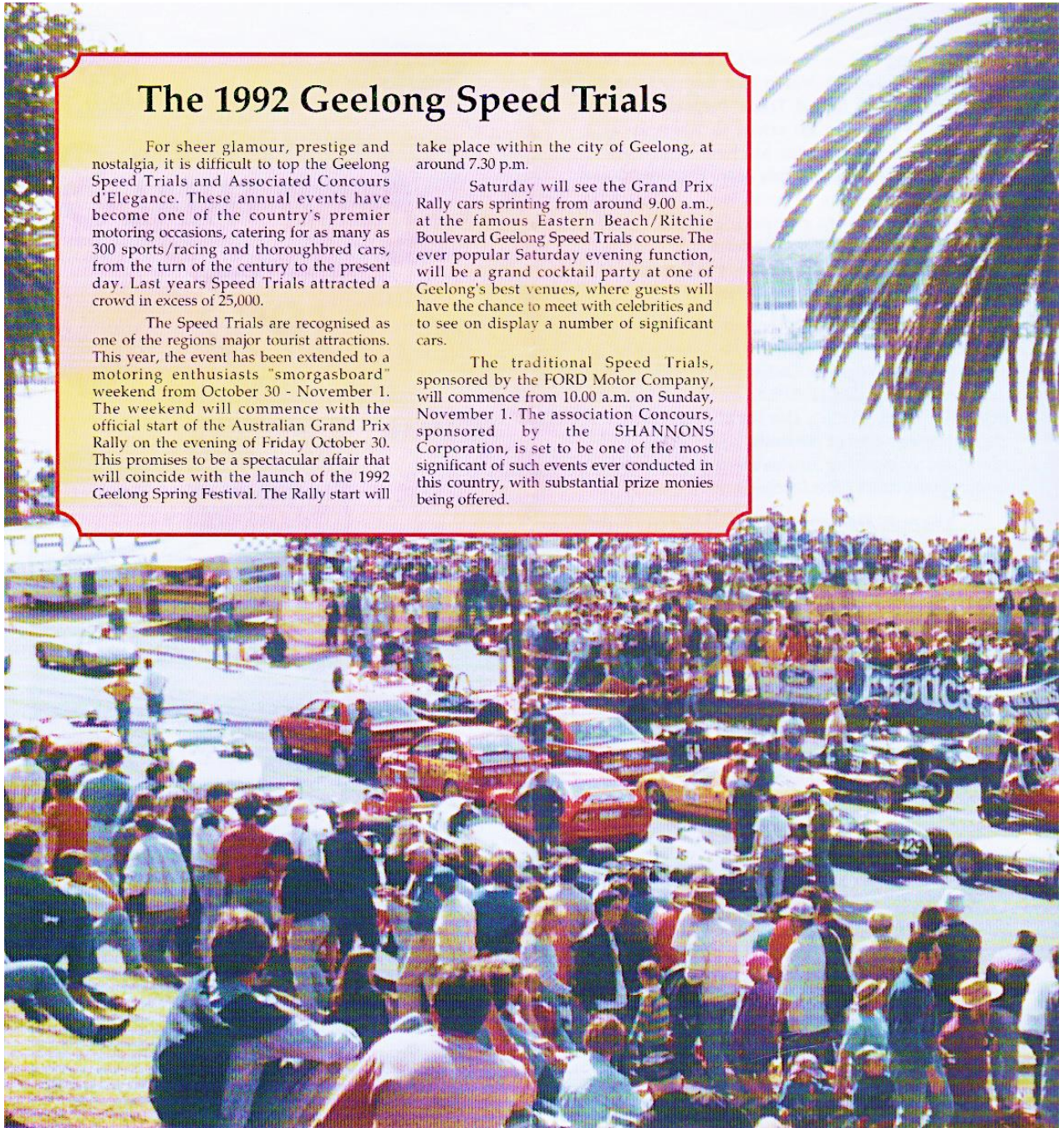
For sheer glamour, prestige and nostalgia, it is difficult to top the Geelong Speed Trials and Associated Concours d'Elegance. These annual events have become one of the country's premier motoring occasions, catering for as many as 300 sports/racing and thoroughbred cars, from the turn of the century to the present day. Last years Speed Trials attracted a crowd in excess of 25,000.

The Speed Trials are recognised as one of the regions major tourist attractions. This year, the event has been extended to a motoring enthusiasts "smorgasboard" weekend from October 30 - November 1. The weekend will commence with the official start of the Australian Grand Prix Rally on the evening of Friday October 30. This promises to be a spectacular affair that will coincide with the launch of the 1992 Geelong Spring Festival. The Rally start will

take place within the city of Geelong, at around 7.30 p.m.

Saturday will see the Grand Prix Rally cars sprinting from around 9.00 a.m., at the famous Eastern Beach/Ritchie Boulevard Geelong Speed Trials course. The ever popular Saturday evening function, will be a grand cocktail party at one of Geelong's best venues, where guests will have the chance to meet with celebrities and to see on display a number of significant cars.

The traditional Speed Trials, sponsored by the FORD Motor Company, will commence from 10.00 a.m. on Sunday, November 1. The association Concours, sponsored by the SHANNONS Corporation, is set to be one of the most significant of such events ever conducted in this country, with substantial prize monies being offered.



CLUB MERCHANDISE AND GIFT IDEAS



Are you looking for Colac Collectable Club merchandise?

Polo shirts (with Club logo) \$25, T-shirts (with your choice of print) \$20, Caps \$15, Bumper stickers \$3, Mugs \$10, Name Badge \$8, Club metal grill badge \$25, plus more.

Contact CCCC member Craig on 0400 103 108 or email Craig: toby62c@hotmail.com

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Mainly Mk1 Ford Escort parts including new and used headlamps. S/h sedan and panel van tail lamps plus much more.

Contact Matt Tippins – 0418303578.

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE MILDURA 23rd BIENNIAL VINELAND RALLY?

As a member of the Colac Collectable Car Club Inc you are invited to attend the Mildura Vintage Vehicles Club "23rd Biennial Vineland Rally" to be held on the 19th to 22nd April, 2019.

The run will leave Colac on Friday, 19th April, 2019 and travel via Avoca, St Arnaud, Ouyen to Mildura (a 6-hour trip). After spending three pleasant days at the Vineland Rally, the group would then head for home doing a "Silo Art Tour" via Brim, Sheep Hills and Rupanyup – with stops along the way to view other interesting collections and museums. The group will then arrive back home on Anzac Day, Thursday, 25th April, after a very interesting 6-day trip. The cost of the Rally is \$80.00; there will be an accommodation cost as well as some food costs.

For members who have been on these runs before, you will be aware that fun times are had whilst on the trip.

Highlights of the Rally include:-

- Vehicles less than 25 years old may enter, but are not eligible for judging;
- Meet and greet at the Mildura Vehicle club rooms at 7pm where a light meal will be served;
- Car display and lunch at the Buronga Wetlands on Saturday;
- Visits to a Men in a Shed at Dareton and view the Dick Collins Carriages at Merbein;
- Saturday night at the Midway Centre, Buronga;
- Sunday run to Lamattina, Red Cliffs and a drive to view a private collection;
- Presentation dinner on Sunday night at the Mildura R.S.L. with a breakfast to conclude the weekend on Monday morning at the Mildura Vehicle club rooms.

If interested, and you would like to put your name down as 'an expression of interest', please contact Annette on 5595 2040.

A light-hearted look on the HISTORY OF THE CAR RADIO

Seems like cars have always had radios, but they didn't. Here is the story:

One evening, in 1929, two young men named William Lear and Elmer Wavering drove their girlfriends to a lookout point high above the Mississippi River town of Quincy, Illinois, to watch the sunset. It was a romantic night to be sure, but one of the women observed that it would be nicer if they could listen to music in the car.

Lear and Wavering liked the idea. Both men had tinkered with radios (Lear served as a radio operator in the U.S. Navy during World War I) and it wasn't long before they were taking apart a home radio and trying to get it to work in a car. But it wasn't easy: automobiles have ignition switches, generators, spark plugs, and other electrical equipment that generates noisy static interference, making it nearly impossible to listen to the radio when the engine was running.

One by one, Lear and Wavering identified and eliminated each source of electrical interference. When they finally got their radio to work, they took it to a radio convention in Chicago. At the convention, they met Paul Galvin, owner of Galvin Manufacturing Corporation. He made a product called a "battery eliminator", a device that allowed battery-powered radios to run on household AC current. But as more homes were wired for electricity, more radio manufacturers made AC-powered radios. Galvin needed a new product to manufacture. When he met Lear and Wavering at the radio convention he found it. He believed that mass-produced, affordable car radios had the potential to become a huge business.

Lear and Wavering set up shop in Galvin's factory, and when they perfected their first radio, they installed it in his Studebaker. Then Galvin went to a local banker to apply for a loan. Thinking it might sweeten the deal, he had his men install a radio in the banker's Packard. Good idea, but it didn't work. Half an hour after the installation, the banker's Packard caught on fire. (They didn't get the loan.) Galvin didn't give up. He drove his Studebaker nearly 800 miles to Atlantic City to show off the radio at the 1930 Radio Manufacturers Association convention.

Too broke to afford a booth, he parked the car outside the convention hall and cranked up the radio so that passing conventioners could hear it. That idea worked. He got enough orders to put the radio into production. That first production model was called the 5T71.

Galvin decided he needed to come up with something a little catchier. In those days, many companies in the phonograph and radio businesses used the suffix "ola" for their names - Radiola, Columbiola, and Victrola were three of the biggest. Galvin decided to do the same thing, and since his radio was intended for use in a motor vehicle, he decided to call it the Motorola. But even with the name change, the radio still had problems. When Motorola went on sale in 1930, it cost about \$110 uninstalled, at a time when you could buy a brand-new car for \$650, and the country was sliding into the Great Depression. (By that measure, a radio for a new car would cost about \$3,000 today.)

In 1930, it took two men several days to put in a car radio; the dashboard had to be taken apart so that the receiver and a single speaker could be installed, and the ceiling had to be cut open to install the antenna. These early radios ran on their own batteries, not on the car battery, so holes had to be cut into the floorboard to accommodate them. The installation manual had eight complete diagrams and 28 pages of instructions. Selling complicated car radios that cost 20 per cent of the price of a brand-new car wouldn't have been easy in the best of times, let alone during the Great Depression.

Galvin lost money in 1930 and struggled for a couple of years after that. But things picked up in 1933 when Ford began offering Motorola's pre-installed at the factory. In 1934 they got another boost when Galvin struck a deal with B.F. Goodrich tyre company to sell and install them in its chain of tyre stores. By then, the price of the radio, with installation included, had dropped to \$55. The Motorola car radio was off and running. (The name of the company would be officially changed from Galvin Manufacturing to "Motorola" in 1947.) In the meantime, Galvin continued to develop new uses for car radios. In 1936, the same year that it introduced push-button tuning, it also introduced the Motorola Police Cruiser, a standard car radio that was factory pre-set to a single frequency to pick up police broadcasts. In 1940 he developed the first hand-held two-way radio - the Handy-Talkie for the U.S. Army.

A lot of the communications technologies that we take for granted today were born in Motorola labs in the years that followed World War II. In 1947 they came out with the first television for under \$200; in 1956 the company introduced the world's first pager; in 1969 came radio and television equipment that was used to televise Neil Armstrong's first steps on the Moon; in 1973 it invented the world's first handheld cellular phone. And it all started with the car radio.

And, what happened to the two men who installed the first radio in Paul Galvin's car? Elmer Wavering and William Lear, ended up taking very different paths in life. Wavering stayed with Motorola. In the 1950's he helped change the automobile experience again when he developed the first automotive alternator, replacing inefficient and unreliable generators. This invention led to such luxuries as power windows, power seats, and eventually, air-conditioning. Lear also continued inventing. He holds more than 150 patents. Remember eight track tape players? Lear invented that. But what he's really famous for are his contributions to the field of aviation. He invented radio direction finders for planes, aided in the invention of the autopilot, designed the first fully automatic aircraft landing system and in 1963 introduced his most famous invention of all, the Lear Jet, the world's first mass-produced, affordable business jet. (Not bad for a guy who dropped out of school after the eighth grade.) Sometimes it is fun to find out how some of the many things that we take for granted actually came into being!

And.....it all started with a woman's suggestion!!





IM240 Test requirements for ICV's

Specialty Vehicles Australia (SVA), is a special interest group within the General Division of the Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce (VACC). Essentially, SVA represents vehicle builders, suppliers, enthusiast groups and engineering support businesses in Victoria. The focus of the group is to advance, promote, protect and support this niche industry in Australia and to preserve the interests of members. SVA has long argued and lobbied for the removal of the IM240 Test requirement for club and full registration on individually constructed vehicles (ICV's) due to the financial and compliance challenges on both consumers and small businesses.

Individually constructed vehicles are typically vehicles that are not a production vehicle or a modified production vehicle. They are usually a one-off type vehicle built to an individual plan or design and includes a vehicle constructed to the builders own unique design, certain kit cars and certain replicas of production vehicles.

The closure of Vipac, the only IM240 testing facility in Victoria on 3 December 2018, has caused many businesses including ICV builders and modified production vehicle enthusiast's severe financial hardship. Current projects have been placed on hold or have been towed to other states e.g. NSW for testing which has significant added costs for vehicle certification. In a niche industry, the current situation has the capacity to send small businesses to cease operating.

SVA are seeking your feedback via a survey to fully understand the economic impact on industry. Your feedback is critical and will be used in a submission to VicRoads with the view of replacing the IM240 Test with an alternative method.

You can access the survey [here](#) (available only through internet access). Feel free to contact me to discuss.

John Khoury, Industry Policy Advisor

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – FEBRUARY to MAY, 2019

Sunday, 17 th February	Ballarat Wildlife Park , 250 Russell Street, Ballarat East – lunch. Meet at Colac Information Centre 9am. Contact Ben 0449 290 865.
Friday, 22 nd February	Farmers Arms Hotel , Beeac, 87 Main Street, Beeac. Meet at the Hotel at 6pm. Please book before Wednesday, 20 th February. Contact Ben 0449 290 865.
Friday, 22 nd February – Saturday, 23 rd February	Ballarat Swap Meet – 7am to 6pm – further details:- www.ballaratswapmeet.com.au
Saturday, 2 nd March (Option 1)	Colac Show “n” Shine , Colac Memorial Square. Gates open 8.30am with presentations at 2.30pm. There will be vendor stalls and demonstrations; come and enjoy a family day out. Entry for vehicles \$10, gate entry \$2 with all proceeds to the Colac RSL Welfare Fund. See advert in Newsletter for further details.
Saturday, 2 nd March (Option 2)	A fun-filled family day out at the Heytesbury Agricultural Show , Simpson. Club Members are invited to display their cars in the very popular “Show ‘n Shine”. Leave Colac Visitor Information Centre at 9.00am or straight to the Show.
Sunday, 3 rd March	Beeac Cars 'n' Coffee . Enjoy a pleasant Sunday morning coffee with other motoring enthusiasts. Contact Ean McDowell on 0437988866 for further details.
Friday 8 th March	Birregurra picnic ground – 6pm. BYO dinner and drinks. Meet at Colac Information Centre 6pm and drive out together. Contact Ben 0449290865
Saturday, 9 th March	43rd Annual Cobden Vintage Rally and Tractor Pull – 9 th & 10 th March. Racecourse Park Rally Ground Grayland Street, Cobden. Auction 11:00 am Saturday.
Sunday, 10 th March	“ All British Vehicle Festival ” on Sunday 10 th March, 2019. Contact Geoff O’Neill ☎ 52 313318 for further details or see advertisement in this Newsletter.
Friday, 15 th March	Colac Collectable Car Club General Meeting – to be held at the Colac Scout Hall, commencing at 7.30pm. This will be a supper meeting. If you cannot attend, please place an apology with Heather 0408 401 562 or email: petrie351@gmail.com
Saturday, 16 th March	61st Colac KANA Festival, 2019 “Around the World” – members are invited to participate in the 2019 KANA Parade. Please assemble in Skene Street at 12noon with the parade commencing at 1pm. This festival is always a very popular event for our club to participate in.
Sunday, 24 th March	Run to the annual " Federation of Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Clubs of Victoria " Mortlake Picnic . This event is always a great day out, with many vehicles on display. BYO lunch or buy food there. Leave Colac Visitor Information Centre at 8.30am. Contact Heather on 0408401562 for further details. Please wear your club badge or take your club newsletter/membership card for free entry.
Friday 29 th March	Picnic at pirate park, Elliminyt Recreation Reserve – 6pm. BYO dinner and drinks. Contact Ben 0449 290 865.

Sunday, 7 th April	Beeac Cars 'n' Coffee. Enjoy a pleasant Sunday morning coffee with other motoring enthusiasts. Contact Ean McDowell on 0437988866 for further details.
Friday, 12 th April	Gellibrand Caravan Park – Meet at Colac Information Centre at 6pm to drive out together. Contact Ben 0449290865
Sunday 21 st April	Timboon Ice Creamery. Meet at Colac Information Centre, Colac at 10am for a run to the Ice Creamery. Contact Ben 0449 290 865.
Thursday, 25 th April	The Austral, Murray Street, Colac . Meet at the hotel at 6.30pm. Contact Ben 0449290865 for bookings by Tuesday, 23 rd April.
Sunday, 5 th May	Beeac Cars 'n' Coffee. Enjoy a pleasant Sunday morning coffee with other motoring enthusiasts. Contact Ean McDowell on 0437988866 for further details.

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