

# Colac Collectable Car Club Inc.

*"Wind in the Hair"*

## NEWSLETTER

January – March, 2021



### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:



Hi Everyone:

We have nearly made it; the end of 2020! A year to remember for all the wrong reasons. Let's hope with 2020 behind us, we have the end of the Corona Virus Pandemic and life will start getting back to some form of normality.

Fortunately for us all, Victoria moved to what the Government has called COVIDSafe Summer restrictions as of Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> December. A number of the restrictions that have been placed upon us have been eased. These major changes are:-

- Fitted face masks are now only required in a limited number of places:- on public transport, in rideshare vehicles and taxis, in some retail settings including indoor shopping centres, supermarkets, department stores and indoor markets, unless an exemption applies;
- Masks are still recommended to be worn though, indoors or outdoors, when distancing can't be maintained and must be carried with you at all times.

#### **Further easing of restrictions include:**

- Private indoor gatherings: households can host up to 30 guests each day.
- Public outdoor gatherings: up to 100 people can gather outdoors from any number of households.
- Hospitality venues: The number of patrons has increased. The numbers allowed vary on the size of the venue. Standing service will resume.
- Gyms: (This will definitely affect us all...) Classes limited to 50 indoors and 100 outdoors.
- Indoor religious gatherings and ceremonies, including weddings and funerals:- no limits on the number of guests or attendees. Must be able to ensure people can keep 1.5 metres distance and a new density limit of 1 person per 2sq metres applies. Dancefloors at weddings will be able to host up to 50 people, with a density limit of 1 person per 4sqm.
- Retail and beauty services: businesses will be able to move to 1 person per 2sq metres if they introduce electronic record keeping. For businesses where that's not possible, the existing density limits will continue to apply.

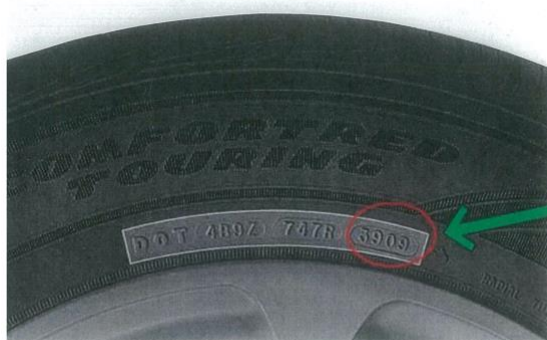
This is all good news and a number of our members have already taken advantage of the easing of the restrictions and joining our club runs.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Continued)

What I am asking everyone to do is to please give your club permit vehicle a thorough safety check before you venture out. If you are like me, my car has been safely tucked away for an extended period of time through the pandemic. Besides oil, brakes and lights tyres also need to be checked. Unfortunately, we cannot rely on tread depth to determine when to replace a tyre or not. Old tyres can be dangerous, regardless of whether they have a good tread depth. While there's no federally sanctioned safety guidance on when a tyre is too old to be safe, many experts recommend replacement at six years from the date of manufacture. Even though a tyre still may have plenty of tread, rubber deteriorates and cracks with age and therefore it becomes dangerous to drive on them.

To determine the age of a tyre you need to check the tyre sidewall. Tyres made after the year 2000 have a four-digit "DOT" code. The first two numbers represent the week in which the tyre was made. The second two represent the year. A tyre with a "DOT" code of 1619 was made in the 16th week of 2019.

Tyres made before 2000 have a three-digit code. The first two digits still indicate the week, but the third digit tells you the year in the decade that the tyre was created. It gets a bit tricky to decode though. Some tyres made in the 1990s (but not all) have a triangle after the "DOT" code, denoting that decade. But for tyres without that, a code of "259" could be from the 25<sup>th</sup> week of 1989 - or 1979. To be honest, this doesn't really matter. If you see a "DOT" number ending in three digits, the tyre was made in the last century and needs to be replaced as soon as possible.



*This tyre has a date code of 3909.  
This means it was manufactured on the 39th week of 2009.*

Everyone has probably noticed that our annual Christmas function was missing from our runs calendar. It was not something that was decided lightly by the committee and was the topic of lengthy discussions. With the ever-changing restrictions that we have been experiencing, and businesses not prepared to take bookings, a decision was made at our last committee meeting to postpone our festivities and come together as a club and celebrate on Australia Day in January when we hopefully will be back to some sort of normality. So pencil the day in your diary and hope to see you there.

All that being said, I look forward to and hope to be able to catch up with as many of you as I can on an up and coming run.

Also a big thank you to the committee for keeping things ticking over so well through the strange times 2020 presented to us and finally on behalf of the committee I would like to wish everyone a Safe, Happy, Healthy and Prosperous Christmas and New Year.

All the best, Ken (President)



# 2021 CLUB COMMITTEE & CONTACTS

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## Committee Members:

- President - Ken Slingsby
- Vice President - Vince Thorne
- Secretary, Newsletter Editor & Public Officer - Heather Petrie (0408 401 562)
- Treasurer - David Stephens
- Runs Organisers - Vince Thorne, Annette Thorne (assisted by John & Claudia)
- Club Vehicle Registrar - Shirley Haslem
- General Committee Members - Chris Minster, Ted Price, Dallas Petrie, Glenn Shepherd
- Association of Motoring Clubs Inc Representative - Geoff O'Neill
- Federation of Veteran, Vintage & Classic Car Clubs Inc:- Shane Perrott & Vince Thorne  
Ken Slingsby (President), Heather Petrie (Secretary) and David Stephens (Treasurer)  
are automatically authorised to sign renewal permits.

## Club Safety Officers and Scrutineers for all new Permits:-

Bernard Callahan; Colac 0419 871 591  
Geoff O'Neill; Colac 52 31 3318  
Glenn Shepherd; Colac 0499 095 878



## Permit Scheme Officers if you are renewing your Permit:-

Bernard Callahan, Colac - 0419 871591  
Les Claridge, Colac - 0437 752 839  
Geoff O'Neill, Colac - 52 31 3318  
Heather Petrie, Cobden - 0408 401 562  
Ted Price, Colac - 0417 165 271  
Glenn Shepherd, Colac - 0499 095 878  
Annette Thorne, Cobden - 0407 052 231 - Contact Annette at Cobden Tools & Trailers,  
Curdie Street, Cobden (Mon – Friday)

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## CLUB MERCHANDISE AND GIFT IDEAS

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Are you looking for gifts or merchandise with the Club logo displayed?  
Polo shirts \$30, T-shirts (with your choice of print) \$20, Caps \$15, Bumper stickers \$3, Mugs \$10, Name Membership Badge \$8, Club metal grill badge \$25, plus more. Also available you can design your own vintage Clock with old oil company logo's, beer brands, soft drink logo etc.

And, if you are looking for a mask, now available 3 ply, with an adjustable nose piece sewn in and any design on the front. Clocks are \$25 each plus postage or collect from Elliminyt free and Mask's are \$10 each plus postage or collect from Elliminyt free.

Contact Colac Collectable Car Club member Craig on 0400 103 108 or email  
Craig: toby62c@hotmail.com

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## COLAC COLLECTABLE CAR CLUB WEBSITE

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All information regarding with the Colac Collectable Car Club is available on the Club's website:-  
[www.colacccc.com.au](http://www.colacccc.com.au) Club Minutes of Meetings, Events, Newsletters and websites.



# ASSOCIATION OF MOTORING CLUBS (A.O.M.C.)

## ISSUES AND ACTIONS

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The Association are currently addressing issues on our behalf.....

- Support the Development and Retention of the permit scheme for historic vehicles;
- Lobby against the introduction of annual roadworthy inspections;
- Lobby against any legislation that introduces compulsory removal of older vehicles from the road;
- Support Retention of the left-hand drive registration scheme for classic, historic vehicles;
- Lobby for the introduction of Australian standards for fuels suitable for the historic fleet;
- Carry out a watching brief for any State or Federal legislation that may affect the ability of the historic vehicle movement to continue to use their vehicles on the roads and highways;
- Continue to monitor the historic vehicle movement to ensure that it operates in a manner that is not considered anti-social by the wider community and that attention is paid to changing community environmental standards;
- Provide relevant advice to clubs on matters that have state wide ramifications;
- Provide forums for discussions and training for club officials on matters of common interest;
- Assist with the recording of information relating to the part played in the history of the State by the historical vehicle fleet;
- Assist clubs with promotion of the member clubs and of the historic vehicle movement;
- Provide assistance or support with the establishment and promotion of events of state-wide significance that showcase the historic vehicle movement;
- Liaise with other state-wide organisations that service the historic vehicle movement;
- Alert state clubs of prospective Victorian local Government rules impacting on local clubs relating to the storage of vehicles on private property.

If you wish to contact the Association of Motoring Clubs, the AOMC office and phone is attended 2 days per week. All other times there is an answering machine operating which is accessed remotely, so your call will be attended to within 24 hours.

AOMC OFFICE & Postal Address: 21 Rosalie Street, Springvale, Victoria 3171

Tel.: (03) 9558 4829 Website: [www.aomc.asn.au](http://www.aomc.asn.au)

Email: [secretary@aomc.asn.au](mailto:secretary@aomc.asn.au)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/infoAOMC](https://www.facebook.com/infoAOMC)

The Colac Collectable Car Club A.O.M.C. representative is Geoff O'Neill.

Thank you Geoff for your work with the A.O.M.C. throughout 2020 and keeping our members up-to-date with all A.O.M.C. information.



**Colac Collectable Car Club** will be holding an “Australia Day” BBQ and get-together at the Colac Scout Hall on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 commencing at 12noon. This activity will be fully catered for by Colac Scout Group. Please BYO drinks - \$10 per adult and \$5.00 per child. Payments and numbers to be finalised on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January; Members are encouraged to bring their collectable vehicle with a raffle ticket for each collectable car entered. Veteran vehicles to receive 3 tickets; Vintage vehicles to receive 2 tickets and Classic vehicles to receive 1 ticket. Please contact Heather 0408 401 562 if you require further details. Remember we need numbers prior to the 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

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# A.O.M.C. - KEEPING OUR CLUB INFORMED

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Colac Collectable Car Club is a member of the Association of Motoring Clubs Inc. (A.O.M.C.). The Minutes of the 2020 Association Annual General meeting, held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020, are published for your information. The Association works tirelessly for the old vehicle movement.

**Presidents Report:** Iain Ross noted that this has been a very different and difficult year for all. AOMC and club activities have been severely curtailed. We were lucky to be able to run the British and European Show in February before restrictions came into force, and the only face to face delegates meeting able to be held was way back in February. The AOMC have been unable to hold the usual seminars, National Motoring Heritage Day event or face to face delegates or committee meetings since. The Engine Number Records service has been curtailed and Howard Billing (AOMC Office Administrator) is currently working from home.

We are looking forward to being able to hold meetings and run our shows and seminars again when the situation allows. Covid has bought some interesting things to the movement, and clubs have responded well, holding virtual meetings and garage sessions.

The worldwide environmental movement, which is seeing countries introduce bans on the sale of new fossil fuelled vehicles from as early as 2030, may mean our vehicles and our use of them may be in danger.

Five of our current committee members are retiring from their roles tonight, Martyn Bishop, Colin Jenkins, Bryan Langton, David Andreassen and Steve Young. Iain thanked them for the work they have put into the Association over the years they have been involved.

**Treasurers Report:** Angelo D'Ambrosio also noted that this has been a challenging year for the AOMC and clubs. AOMC has returned a small surplus of \$20,000 for the financial year ending June 30, 2020. The AOMC cash balance as at 30.6.2020 was \$190,000. The balance sheet has looked okay due to cost cutting measures. The accounts have been fully audited and a copy of the full final accounts are available for viewing if requested. **The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion moved by Angelo D'Ambrosio (Torana CC), seconded Colin Jenkins (Triumph CC) and carried.**

**Subscription Fees for 2021/22.** Angelo reported that invoices for the 2020/21 year were held back and have only recently been sent out with a discount. He proposed that the fees for 2021/22 remain the same as the pre-discounted 2020/21 fees.

**It was moved Iain Ross (VDC), seconded Andrew McDougall (Alvis CC) that the membership subscription fees be maintained at the pre-discount amounts for 2020/21. Motion was carried.**

**Auditor:** It was moved Angelo D'Ambrosio (Torana CC), seconded David Smallcombe (Morris Register) that the current auditor, Stephen Barker be reappointed for 2020/21. Motion was carried.

## **Election of Office Bearers for 2020/21.**

Daryl Meek (Veteran CC) took the chair to conduct the elections. On behalf of the clubs and the movement in general, Daryl thanked Iain and his team for all of their work during the difficult Covid times. Also great thanks to Howard Billing for his work in the AOMC office. Daryl also noted that he has been surprised to have seen some of the more traditional, older clubs taking to zoom and other electronic formats during the Covid lockdown. Daryl referred to the recent FBHVC survey of the historic movement in the UK. In 2015 the results were an estimated worth to the UK economy of £5.5 billion. Daryl used this data at the time to compare to the Victorian movement and estimated a net worth in Victoria of approximately \$860million. The 2020 FBHVC survey showed an increased value of £7.2 billion to the UK economy, and using the same comparison as 2015, Daryl surmised that the value of the movement to the Victorian economy to be approximately \$1.2 billion. This highlights the need for effective peak body representation to reflect the importance of the movement to Victoria.

As per the rules of the Association, all committee positions are declared vacant and nominations were called from the floor. Members can nominate themselves or be nominated by another delegate. The rules allow for 4 executive positions, President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. They also allow for a range of 7 to 9 general committee members in addition to these executive positions to be determined at the Annual General Meeting.

**It was moved Keith Mortimer (Jaguar CC) seconded Andrew McDougal (Alvis CC) that the general committee consist of up to 9 members for 2020/21.**



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Nominations have already been received for the following positions:

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| <b>President</b>          | Iain Ross         | (Vintage Drivers Club)        |
| <b>Vice President:</b>    | Keith Mortimer    | (Jaguar CC)                   |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>         | Angelo D'Ambrosio | (Torana CC)                   |
| <b>Secretary:</b>         | Robbie Mihelcic   | (Torana CC)                   |
| <b>General Committee:</b> | Philip Johnstone  | (Triumph Sports Owners)       |
|                           | Peter Welten      | (Triumph CC)                  |
|                           | Geoff Meehan      | (Morris CC)                   |
|                           | John Ferguson     | (Motto Guzzi Motorcycle Club) |
|                           | Andrew McDougal   | (Alvis CC & Veteran CC)       |
|                           | Allan Fabry       | (MG CC)                       |
|                           | Lawrence Glynn    | (BMW CC)                      |

As well as these 7 nominations for committee, there is another delegate who has agreed to be co-opted for committee roles when required:- Daryl Meek (Veteran CC)

As there were no further nominations, Daryl announced that the above be duly elected for the year 2020/21.

Iain Ross resumed the chair and then produced a presentation plaque from the AOMC and Clubs to be presented to Daryl Meek in recognition of his untiring work for the movement when with the RACV as Motoring Interests manager. Daryl responded that it is a shame that a program that has been 20 years in the making has suddenly come to a halt. RACV have indicated that they will still provide support to the movement.

Iain reported that he has had discussions with the RACV and pointed out to them that the new system of grants will disadvantage clubs. Iain also noted that AOMC is still looking for representation from the American Vehicle field on the committee. Iain also reported that he has been approached by the Dept of Transport regarding starting discussions on a revision of the CPS. Conferencing to begin later this week. He also noted that the U.K. government have announced that they are barring the sales of new internal combustion engine vehicles from 2030.

**Events:** Clubs are looking patiently to organising events and meetings in the near future. All reliant on levels of restrictions, but we seem to be heading in the right direction. The AOMC has at present cancelled the British and European Show scheduled for February 2021, but will look at the situation after Christmas and maybe run it late in February.

**Chairman Iain Ross announced that the Annual General Meeting for 2020 closed, and that the next Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2021.** Iain then asked for Delegates to give any reports or updates.

### DELEGATES REPORTS.

**Len Kerwood (Austin 7):** Len announced a change of date for next year's Winton event. The V8 supercars have again taken the traditional date that Historic Winton is held, so it has been changed to the weekend of 22 and 23 May 2021. Len also asked if we had any links with heritage groups or the National Trust so that our vehicles can be properly recognised as historic. Daryl Meek responded that there are currently some semi-formal links.

**Andrew McDougal (Alvis CC & Veteran CC):** FIVA have recently circulated 2 surveys. One is based around individual members and this survey has closed. The second one is based on clubs and is open for responses until December 15<sup>th</sup>. Andrew stressed that it is extremely important that clubs respond to the survey. All information gathered in Australia will be available for use in Australia, which would be very useful when lobbying government bodies. There will also be a third survey which will be based on money spent on service / parts / rallies / accommodation / etc.

The Alvis National rally has been planned to take place in Victoria in April 2021 and to be based in Hamilton. They are still hoping to be able to run it in April.

**Keith Taylor (Chev CC):** If the Department of Transport change the Club Plate Scheme eligibility from 25 years to 30 years, can we push them for a rolling change.

**Rick Cove (EGHVC):** announced that the Maffra Shed is open again.

**Harry Duynhoven (NZ Federation of Motoring Clubs):** In New Zealand, all clubs were asked to put on spontaneous events in the weekend after lockdown finished and raised money for charities.

**John Johnson (Volvo CC):** asked if there is any news on the Berwick Swap, is it going ahead? There were several conflicting responses, with some delegates having heard it was cancelled and some that it was going ahead. Howard Billing checked the website which states it is still taking place.

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**Philip Johnstone (Triumph Sports Owners):** The Engine Number Records service is almost back to full service. Philip has been busy clearing the backlog of requests received during Covid lockdown, which could not be processed as he could not attend the storage facility as it meant travelling more than the 5km allowed. There have been plenty of searches for Monaro's, Torana's, GT Falcons, Honda motorbikes and Land Rovers. The AOMC has the Springs Specification records now stored with the Engine Number Records. Philip has been sorting through them, and they are now ordered and he is starting to list them. The records run from 1923 to the 1970s and cover all imaginable vehicles. Iain Ross thanked Philip for all his work on this service.

**Tony Hall (Nissan Datsun Sports Owners):** Club events did not decrease this year, as they held virtual cars and coffee events with up to 40 attendees. They have been so successful that the club plans to continue with these virtual events post Covid.

**Wendy McIntyre-Leak (Sun Country Historical Vehicle and Machinery Club):** Club has been holding small events since October based on the numbers allowed. Being regional they had less restrictions than Melbourne based clubs. At present, hospitality venues can host more people than an outdoor event. Need to record attendee's for any contact tracing that may be required.

**Keith Mortimer (Jaguar CC):** All clubs should have a Covid safe plan, including recording names for contact tracing.

**John Johnson (Volvo CC):** No more news on an American car Show? Iain Ross responded that AOMC are still searching for an appropriate venue that Shannon's the major sponsor are happy with.

**Len Kerwood (Austin 7):** noted that his club is classed as a sporting club so they need to draft their Covid plan differently.

**Iain Ross thanked all for taking the effort of attending this evening and declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm.**

## FOR SALE – 1928 14/28 STANDARD TOURER

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1928 14/28 Standard Tourer which has been owned by Shane since 1987. The Tourer has always been stored in a shed. Needs full restoration, all complete but no upholstery or wiring. Some wood work is required. Body Number 65111.

Asking \$5000 or near offer.

Contact Shane ☎ 0429 350 625



## STAR AND CAR: ATHOL GUY

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Bass guitarist of the Seekers dreams of his old GTHO.

Born in Colac, Victoria, Athol Guy is best known as the bespectacled double-bass player for '60s folk-influenced group the Seekers – the first Australian group to achieve major chart and sales success in Britain and the United States.

**Athol's Career highlights:** Along with the rest of the Seekers, Top 10 hits including “I'll Never Find Another You”, “A World of our Own” and “Georgy Girl”; being named as joint Australians of the Year in 1968; being inducted into the ARIA Hall of Fame in 1995.

**Other memorable moments:** hosting his own variety series, A Guy Called Athol, on the Seven Network; being elected as Liberal member for Gisborne in the Victorian Legislative Assembly in 1971.

### **Tell us about your first car:**

It was a little Morris 840 when I was 18. A little soft-top tourer. It was a great little buzz-around, when I got my licence and was able to buy a car. I did have a bit of a calamity with it after I'd been off singing at a function one night. Coming down a hill on Punt Road in Melbourne it suddenly started to slow down quite dramatically and ground to a halt. I'd simply forgotten to put oil in the engine.

### **How did your car situation evolve when you first went to England with the group?**

I'll never forget we were playing in Bournemouth in the very, very early days. I looked into one of the big car display places. I couldn't afford it and I didn't end up getting it, but there was this beautiful red Austin Healey. However, the moment we started getting work and things improved, the boys and I were able to buy a car each. Independently without knowing it, we all ended up with a beautiful XK150 Jaguar.

### **Tell us about finding the best car you ever owned:**

Not long after I was walking past a showroom in South Kensington and there was the best-looking deep purple-blue Aston Martin DB5 that you had ever seen. I bought it – love at first sight. It had done 5000 miles and a mate of mine ran the showroom and he cut me an incredible deal. I bought it for 2500 quid. Absolutely magnificent. Everywhere I parked the car in London, people would stop and look at it.

### **Didn't you also have a classic muscle car in the stable at one point?**

When I came back to Australia I ended up with a new GTHO Falcon, an unbelievable black beast. I had it when I went into Parliament in 1971 - 1972. A few of my more conservative constituents thought it was a bit hoonish! I ended up selling it to a friend. Two-weeks later he wrapped it around a lamp-post – end of story, end of car. Absolutely pulverised it. That made me sadder than having sold it.

### **Cars owned: 21**

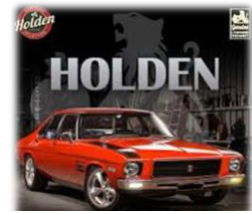
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# WHAT'S IN A LOGO!



1903



1907



1909



1911



1912



1920



1927



1957



1976



2003



2017 -

Ford logo is a flattened oval figure designed in several shades of blue and white colours. The famous stylish Henry Ford signature is embedded into the oval. The use of blue colour in the Ford logo symbolizes strength, excellence and grace of the company, whereas the white colour depicts nobility, elegance and purity.



1928 – 1969



1969 – 1994



1994 – 2014



2014 – 2016



Holden

2016 -

The logo, or "Holden lion and stone" as it is known, has played a vital role in establishing Holden's identity. In 1928, Holden's Motor Body Builders appointed Rayner Hoff to design the emblem. The logo refers to a prehistoric fable, in which observations of lions rolling stones led to the invention of the wheel.

# WEIRD AND WONDERFUL CAR FACTS

In tribute to everyone's favourite form of transportation, here are 17 weird and wonderful car facts you (probably) don't know about. Source:- [www.holtsauto.com](http://www.holtsauto.com) - 2020

## 1. The world's first speeding ticket was issued in 1902...

How fast was the offending motorist travelling? A scandalous 45mph.

## 2. 1 in 4 cars on the UK's road were made in China...

Which is a lot, given that there are around 35 million cars in the UK.

## 3. A modern Formula 1 car can drive upside down in a tunnel at 120mph...

F1 cars produce around 3.5G while cornering, meaning they've enough aerodynamic downforce to drive upside down in a tunnel.

## 4. 60 million cars are produced every year...

That's 165,000 a day, 6,875 an hour and 115 a minute — crazy right?

## 5. 1 billion cars are currently in use around the world...

Compared to the world's population, that's around one car for every seven people on Earth. Amazing.

## 6. The average British driver will spend around 99 days of their life stuck in traffic...

Sorry to be depressing, but it's true. Our advice is to try not to think about it.

## 7. It would take less than a month to get to the moon by car...

That's right — drive straight up at an average of 60mph, and you could get to the moon in under a month.

## 8. The average car contains over 30,000 unique parts...

When you think about it, it's a miracle they don't break down more often.

## 9. 75% of all cars produced by Rolls Royce are still on the road...

It seems Rolls Royce owners really love their cars.

## 10. Volkswagen owns twelve well-known car brands from 7 European countries...

Including Volkswagen Passenger Cars, Audi, Seat, Skoda, Bentley, Bugatti, Lamborghini, Porsche, Ducati, Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles, Scania and MAN.I

## 11. The first ever car accident occurred in 1891...

This prompted the introduction of better safety equipment for drivers. "In 1891, engineer James Lambert was driving one of his inventions, an early gasoline-powered buggy, when he ran into a little trouble. The buggy, also carrying passenger James Swoveland, hit a tree root sticking out of the ground. Lambert lost control and the **vehicle** swerved and crashed into a hitching post."

## 12. The largest speeding fine ever produced was €1,000,000.... (1 Euro equals 1.66 Australian Dollar)

This was levelled at a man in Sweden, who was clocked doing 180mph. In Sweden, speeding fines are proportionate to the amount someone earns.

## 13. The world record for removing and replacing a car engine is 42 seconds...

This record was set by mechanics working on a Ford Escort on 21 November, 1985.

## 14. The odds of dying in a car accident are around 1 in 5,000...

Compare that to the odds of dying in a plane crash (1 in 11 million), and driving sounds pretty dangerous!

## 15. The man who invented cruise control was blind...

His name was Ralph Teetor, and he was inspired to invent cruise control by his lawyer, who was apparently a very poor driver.

## 16. The highest total mileage clocked by a single car is 2,850,000 million miles...

That's equivalent to driving around the Earth 100 times.

## 17. The Hennessey Venom GT is the world's fastest production car...

Its top speed is 270.49mph, making it faster than the Bugatti Veyron by around 0.8 of a second. The Hennessey Venom GT is a high-performance sports car manufactured by Texas-based Hennessey Performance Engineering. The Venom GT is based on the Lotus Elise/Exige.



## **SOME INTERESTING CARS WORLD LEADERS RIDE IN...**

### **Mercedes-Benz M-Class: Pope**

Mercedes has a rich history of being chosen as the designated vehicle used by the Pope, from the 1930s to this day. The 'Pope-mobile' is based on the highly appreciated Mercedes SUV, the M-Class. On the back of the car, there's a dome with a throne used by the Pope.

### **Toyota Century Royal: Emperor of Japan**

The Century Royal is considered the flagship model and one of the rarest Toyota cars ever and it is very rare that you will ever see one outside of Japan. The car which has been in production from 1967 has seen only 3 generations. The car is powered by a V8 engine that produces 375 horsepower and an electric engine that brings the total output to 425 horsepower. This car is only used by the family royals or Japanese diplomats abroad.

### **Ford Thunderbird Convertible: John F. Kennedy**

JFK owned a 1961 Ford Thunderbird convertible third generation. This car is known as the 'bullet bird' as the new design of the front of the vehicle had been completely reshaped and made pointier. It was a quite powerful model as it was powered by a 6.4-litre V8 that produced over 300 horsepower. The same model was also used in 1961 as the Pace Car for the Indy 500. President Kennedy loved this car so much that for his inauguration parade he used 50 identical Thunderbirds made specifically for that day.

### **Jeep CJ-8 Scrambler: Ronald Reagan**

An absolutely iconic car that was a present from his wife, Nancy, and it was used as a shuttle around the president's ranch. It has also been used to carry visiting dignitaries such as Mikhail Gorbachev. The car which was painted in a rather unique blue was a true off-road beast and it was powered by a four-cylinder engine that produced just 82 horsepower.

### **Cadillac One: US President Donald Trump**

As the name suggests this is the one, the ultimate Cadillac. It is basically a tank in disguise and as a matter of fact it is referred to as 'the beast.' The windows of the car are made of 5 layers of glass and polycarbonate, making them bullet-proof and virtually indestructible. The tyres are shred and puncture-resistant and the doors are reinforced with steel plates that can easily sustain an explosion blast. Also, in order to prevent any fire, the gas tank is filled with a special foam that prevents it from catching fire even when directly hit. According to an NBC report, the Cadillac weighs an incredible 20,000 pounds.

### **Corvette Stingray C2: Joe Biden**

The beautiful 1967 C2 is just one of the many examples that shows how much Joe Biden loves Corvettes. The Stingray is one of the most beautiful cars ever produced and it was a wedding present from his father. The C2 was and still is a beautiful beast as it is powered by an L79 V8 engine that generates a fantastic 350 horsepower and can push the car from 0 to 60 mph in just 5.8 seconds. This model is one of the most iconic cars ever built by Chevrolet thanks to its unique design.

### **Citroen DS19: Charles De Gaulle**

This car was known as 'La Deesse', the goddess, as it is credited to have saved the life of De Gaulle during an assassination attempt in 1962. The car was first presented in 1955 and it had a 1.9-litre engine and was equipped with a rather unique hydro-pneumatic suspension. The system was equipped with shock absorbers that allowed the car suspensions to adjust its height and firmness depending on the load weight and the road type. Thanks to this advanced system, when all four tyres were punctured by the bullets during the assassination attempt, the car was still drivable as the suspension kept it stable, allowing the driver to maintain control of the vehicle and speed up away.

Source:- [www.hotcars.com](http://www.hotcars.com)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY – MARCH, 2021

Now Covid restrictions have eased, the Club is able to list where the runs are going and what we are doing. Coffee 'n Cars at The Farmer's Arms Hotel, Beeac, held on the first Sunday of each month, is listed as a regular event. The third Wednesday of the month will be a midweek run and the third Sunday of the month will usually be a PSA (Pleasant Sunday Afternoon) starting at 2.30pm. If you know of any events happening, but not on the calendar, please let us know, as others may be interested to know.

As some events for 2021 are uncertain at this stage, details have been left out until we get clarification.

| Date  | Activity  | Contact Person  |
|---|---|--|
| Sunday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> January                               | <b>Beeac Coffee 'n Cars</b> at the Farmer's Arms Hotel: 10am  |  |
| Sunday, 10 <sup>th</sup> January                              | Warrnambool <b>Lake Pertobe Car Show</b> (to be confirmed)  | Annette 0407 052 231   |
| Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> January                              | <b>Timboon Cheesery</b> , 23 Ford's & Fells Road: 2pm for afternoon tea   | Annette 0407 052 231   |
| Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> January                           | <b>Camperdown Botanical Gardens</b> for a picnic lunch: 12noon  | Claudia 0428 962 854   |
| Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> January                             | <b>Club Get-together</b> at the Colac Scout Hall for <b>Australia Day</b> : 12noon. \$10.00 per adult & \$5.00 per child (see Newsletter Page 4 for details)  | Heather 0408 401 562   |
| Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> February                              | <b>Beeac Coffee 'n Cars</b> at the Farmer's Arms Hotel: 10am  |  |
| Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> February                          | <b>Rokewood Hotel</b> . Subject to confirmation with the hotel and closer to the date, the Hotel will be opening for the Club therefore numbers are required for lunch. Please let Claudia know by Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February if you intend to go. | Claudia 0428 962 854   |
| Saturday/Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> February | <b>Daylesford Motor Fest</b> . Meet at the Colac Visitor Information Centre at 8am on Sunday. Due to Covid this is to be confirmed. More details closer to the date.<br>**See note below.<br>Other run arrangements if this event does not go ahead.      | Annette 0407 052 231   |
| Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> February                             | Run to <b>Barwon West Dam</b> for a picnic tea. Meet at the Colac Visitor Information Centre at 6pm. Please call if the weather is unsuitable and an alternative venue will be nominated.   | Annette 0407 052 231   |
| Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March                                 | <b>Beeac Coffee 'n Cars</b> at the Farmer's Arms Hotel: 10am  |  |
| Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup> March                              | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Annual Colac Car Show</b> . Colac Memorial Square. Show 'n Shine – further details in local Newspaper.  | Heather 0408 401 562   |
| Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> March                             | <b>Timboon Provodore</b> , 37 Main Street, Timboon for lunch and maybe an ice-cream. RSVP by Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March so a booking can be made with Timboon Provodore.   | Claudia 0428 962 854   |
| Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> March                                | <b>Fairway Coffee &amp; Eatery</b> (Lismore Golf Club) – 2pm meet at the Café and see what Lismore has to offer.  | Annette 0407 052 231   |
| Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> March                                | Vehicle collection to be confirmed.<br>More details closer to the date.   |  |

\*\* If the Daylesford Motor Fest eventuates (the Daylesford Festival committee is meeting this week to discuss if it is going ahead) would anyone be interested in making this a Colac Collectable Car Club weekend? Travel to Ballarat on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> February, visit a variety of car collections and or places of interest, stay in Ballarat and make an early start on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> February to the Daylesford Motor Fest. From past Festivals, there are lots of vehicles and people there, so an early start would be good. If anyone is interested please contact Annette ASAP. Ideally, we would need to have at least 10 couples to make planning worthwhile. Thank you - Annette 0407 052 231

Please note:- the Annual "All British Vehicle Festival" 2021 will not be held due to COVID limiting restrictions and the MG Car Club of Geelong also will not be holding their "Annual MG Car Club display" – both usually held the long weekend in March on the Geelong Foreshore.

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**2021 Federation  
Golden Oldies Tour - 1919 – 1930 Vehicles only**

**29<sup>th</sup> August – 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2021**

The *Federation Golden Oldies Tour* is only open to Vintage vehicles (1919-1930). This Tour will travel through North-Central Victoria and will cover 1100km/680mile taking in Echuca/Moama, Deniliquin, Rushworth, Avenel, Seymour, Mitchelstown, Nagambie, Heathcote, Kyneton, Castlemaine, Maldon, Dunolly, Wedderburn and Bendigo.

At this time, we are seeking an **Expression of Interest** for people who would like to attend the Tour – please only complete the below if you are genuinely planning to attend the Tour. The decision to go ahead with the Tour will be subject to obtaining a sponsor and COVID-19 restrictions, and if there is a risk to congregate 120 people, offer accommodation or travel into NSW we reserve the right to alter, amend or cancel the Tour. **We will confirm on 2 April 2021** or advise everyone of a new date.

ENTRY FEE is planned as \$240per vehicle (depending on sponsorship) and **will be payable with the Entry Form (when the tour is confirmed)** Entry will include 2 adults for lunch at Marong, the final dinner and breakfast in Bendigo, some entertainment, tour numberplate and assorted memorabilia. For only 1 adult a discount of \$75 will apply. **Key dates – Confirm event 2/4/2021**, Entry opens 2/4/2021, Entry closes 30/6/2021. Meal Orders close 18/7/2021 (meal costs will not be refunded once meals are confirmed). Entry fee is payable when entry is confirmed. Cancellation fee after 1 July 2021 will be \$50.

Once we are able to confirm the Tour, we will recommend accommodation so anticipate this will be booked between April and June 2021 (discounts will be arranged and the motels will hold rooms for this period). Booking accommodation ahead is not recommended as some venues are not refunding deposits.

**Golden Oldies Tour: 29 August – 5 September 2021 Expression of Interest (EOI)**

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Email Expression of Interest to:- GoldenOldies-Tour@outlook.com.au or mail to: Golden Oldies Tour, 41 Faradale Drive, Faraday, 3451 Questions? Call/text Anne on 0412848797 or Glenda on 0418345499

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**I/We wish to take part in the 2021 Federation Vintage *Golden Oldies* Tour**

Information collected for the EOI will only be used for the purposes for which it is being collected: (i) planning the Golden Oldies Tour 2021; (ii) processing and managing your registration and associated administration (such as hospitality, events and accommodation) including correspondence with you; and (iii) analysis of attendance statistics for Golden Oldies Tour evaluation purposes.

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