

# Colac Collectable Car Club Inc.

*“Wind in the Hair”*

## NEWSLETTER

March - June, 2021



### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hi everyone:

I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying life to the fullest. It's hard to believe that we are well and truly into the third month for 2021. They say time goes faster as you get older. The way this year is flying by I must be well passed the 100-year-old mark!

Some of my colleagues from Melbourne dropped into work the other day and over the lunch room table, one of them mentioned a classic car they owned. Naturally my ears pricked up and we started talking about what he had; mentioning the work he had done to it and problems he was having restoring and obtaining certain parts. During our conversation, I commented that maybe someone from his car club, which happened to be a model specific one, might be able to help with advice and sourcing parts. I was really surprised with his answer of, "Nah, doubt it, I'm only in the club for the cheap rego anyway." I must admit I thought "Ah, you one of those type of members" and started to lose interest in our conversation.

I then started feeling sorry for this guy thinking about what he was missing out on. He had sounded quite hands on with his restoration work, but obviously could benefit with some guidance. I started talking about our club and the Triumph TR club that I am also a member of. I told him about the wealth of knowledge that I had been able to glean and the help that had been given to me by these two organisations. I spoke about friendships I had made with so many interesting people, who I shared a common interest - cars and motor bikes. The great times you have getting out in your car and going on club runs. Once I stepped down from my soap box he agreed with me that he should get to some of his club meets. Maybe he said that just to shut me up, but I do hope he was serious and starts to get out there and enjoy his club.

Having said that, hopefully, fingers crossed, we have at least a couple of months left of good weather for us to get out. The team has got together and planned some great runs and I look forward to catching up with you on one soon!

On Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> March the Colac Show 'n' Shine was held on the Memorial Square in Colac. We had perfect weather the week before and the week after, but you guessed it, it bucketed down rain from just before lunch on the day of the show. Even with the rain it was a fantastic turn out with heaps of magnificent vehicles on display. It was nice to see a number of our club members there with their cars too. On that note a big congratulations must go out to Ted Price. Ted won first prize in the vintage section with his 1930 Singer Roadster. Well done and well-deserved Ted!

Take care everyone and hope to catch up soon.

President - Ken



## FEATURING MEMBERS CARS & BIKES .....

- **David's 1921 Oldsmobile 43A Tourer:-**

The Oldsmobile Touring 43-A is a rear wheel drive vehicle, with the powerplant placed in the front, and a 4-door tourer bodyshell. Its engine is a naturally aspirated petrol, 3.7 litre, overhead valve 4 cylinder with 2 valves per cylinder. It has an output of 44 bhp (44.6 PS/32.8 kW) of power at 2000 rpm. Power is transferred to the wheels by means of a 3-speed manual transmission. Its stated weight at the kerb is 1284 kg.



- **Arthur's 1922 Studebaker Light 6 Roadster:-**

The Studebaker Light Six was a car built by the Studebaker Corporation of South Bend, Indiana from 1918 to 1927. It shared its wheelbase and standard equipment items with the Studebaker Light Four and was upgraded to the Studebaker Dictator in 1928. The car was available in a full array of body styles throughout its production.



- **John's 1928 Indian Scout 101:-**

The Indian Scout is a motorcycle built by the Indian Motorcycle Company from 1920 to 1949. It rivalled the Chief as Indian's most important model. The 101 Scout, made from 1928 to 1931, has been called the best motorcycle Indian ever made.[1][2]A second line of Scouts, with heavier frames, was introduced in 1932 alongside the Standard Scout, which replaced the 101 Scout and shared its frame with the Chief and the Four. The small-displacement Scout and the Sport Scout, introduced in 1934, were continued until the end of civilian production in 1942. Military versions of both models were used by US and other Allied forces during World War II.



- **Graeme's 1949 Francis Barnett Merlin:-**

Francis & Barnett Limited was an English motorcycle manufacturer founded in 1919 by Gordon Inglesby Francis and Arthur Barnett and based in Lower Ford Street, Coventry, England. Early motor cycles were affectionately known as 'Franny B'. Motorcycles were produced for enthusiasts and was reasonably affordable for citizens for use as general transport. The majority of the lighter motorcycles used Villiers and later two-stroke engine and later Associated Motor Cycles (AMC) engines. During the 1930s the 250cc Cruiser model 250 cc (15 cu in) was developed with a faired engine that protected those riding from any oil or dirt – one of the first of its kind to do so. AMC took over Francis & Barnett Limited in 1947 combining this with the James motorcycle models in 1957. The combined company remained in business until 1966.



- **Peter's 1948 Chevrolet Fleetline:-**

The Fleetline was introduced late in the 1941 model year as a four-door sedan. In 1942, a fastback two-door "Aerosedan" was also offered. In 1947, the Fleetline made up 71.26% of Chevrolet's sales. For the years' 1949 through 1952 models, the fastback was the only one offered, and Chevrolet dropped the Fleetline for 1953. Production was indefinitely delayed in 1942 due to World War II, after 110,000 had been made, though several thousand Chevrolet coupes and sedans were produced during the war years for military staff use. In 1945, production for civilians resumed. The original series was produced through 1948.



- **Kevin's 1966 Ford Falcon XP:**

The Ford Falcon (XP) is a mid-sized car produced by Ford Australia from 1965 to 1966. It was the fourth and last iteration of the first generation of this Australian-made model, and also included the Ford Fairmont (XP), the luxury-oriented version of the Falcon. The XP Falcon was introduced in March 1965, replacing the XM Falcon which had been in production since 1964. It was the final series of the first-generation Falcon which had been introduced as the XK Falcon in 1960. The main change from the XM was the 'torque box' steel subframe which added structural rigidity to the car.



*Vehicles and motorcycles are taken from the internet and not specifically the same as our members vehicles. ⬆*

# 2021 CLUB COMMITTEE & CONTACTS

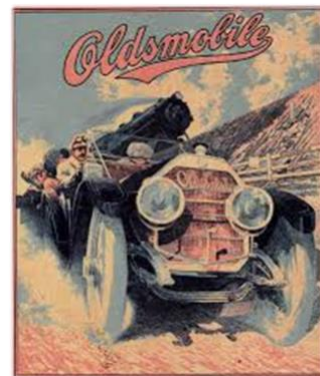
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## Committee Members:

- 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:-

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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  
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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)

# 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.

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

# 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.



# SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICT RESTORATION GROUP

On the weekend 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March, the South Western District Restoration Group held its annual Vintage Rally at their Cobden site. From huge tractors, traction engines and any piece of equipment which could be restored was on display. Thanks to our Colac Collectable Car Club members for taking their vehicles and putting them on display.



# SELICK'S BEACH (SOUTH AUSTRALIA) 2021

When the chance to see motorcycles racing on sand came up, we thought this would be such a different event and it was. The 2021 Sellick's Beach Historic Motorcycle race was held on the weekend 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March and Dallas and I headed to South Australia to the event which is held every two years. In October, 2020 the local shire council granted a licence for the Levis Motorcycle Club to hold the event (with Covid restrictions) and tickets for the event were sold out for both Saturday and Sunday. The event was held on the Silver Sands Beach – an 800-metre barrel track with more than 140 solo and sidecars competing. Regulations require motorcycles to be built before 1963 and the action was fast and furious, featuring a cavalcade of some of the most iconic, desirable and historic motorcycles ever built:- Vincent (including a Vincent Rapide which has not been seen on a racetrack in decades), OEC, Adler, AJS, Ariel, BSA, Bultaco, DKW, Douglas, Dyson VAG, ESO, Excelsior, Greeves, Harley Davidson, Honda, Indian, JAP, Jawa, Matchless, New Imperial, Norton, Rickman, Triumph, Tribsa, Velocette and Yamaha. The 1950 Series C Vincent Rapide are still highly sought after but today's purchase price is a little different than the original \$256 purchase price.

Competitors included David Whitehead from Queensland on his Vincent Rapide in Group J (501cc-1300cc) with other notable bikes a 1938 DKW and 1930 OEC which was one of the fastest bikes of its' time; in fact the marque held the Land Speed Record several times through the 1920s-30s and a supercharged OEC was the first to pass 150 mph. Isle of Man speedster, David Johnson, raced his Triumph to defend his title of Fastest Man on the beach, Bianca Bonner was one of a handful of female competitors on a Harley. Speedway legend, Ronny Parker competed and Jarrad Smiley from Victoria competed on his 1962 Rickman. Hien Otten competed on his 1924 AJS alongside Dylan Marley on his 1924 Douglas and Veronica Otten on her 1948 BSA who was a past champion.

The sidecars were very exciting with father/daughter combination of Mark and Kelly Shuppan on their trusty ESO defending their title from the past two meetings. After being forced out with mechanical problems in 2019, Max Hooper and Mike Enberg raced their 1959 Harley Davidson 1000 outfit and the octogenarian team of Trevor Attwell (aged 85) and Bill Angwin (aged 83) competed in their third Sellicks Beach meeting on a 1959 Ariel outfit.

The two days of racing was certainly different and I can see why the event is only held every two years. It would take two years to strip the bikes down and rebuild them after racing in sand and salt water!



*Submitted by Heather Petrie (Editor)*

# 2021 GENERAL MEETING DATES

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General Meeting, Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2021  
(7.30pm)

General Meeting, Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2021  
(7.30pm)

and

Annual General Meeting (AGM) Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2021  
(7.30pm)

Colac Scout Hall, Dennis Street, Colac.



Apologies prior to all meetings – 0408 401 562 or email: [petrie351@gmail.com](mailto:petrie351@gmail.com)

## IF MY BODY WAS A CAR!

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Scary but is it true? If my body was a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull...

But that's not the worst of it:-

- my headlights are out of focus, and it's especially hard to see things up close;
- my traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather;
- my whitewalls are stained with varicose veins;
- it takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

But here's the worst of it.



*Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter,  
either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires !*

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - APRIL - JUNE, 2021

Day	Date	Time	Activity - Location	Contact 📞
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30pm	It's shed time. If you would like to visit a shed collection in the district, please contact Annette for further details.	Annette 0407 052 231
Easter Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00 am	Memorial Service for the late Michael Connor. Michael was a past member of the club. Memorial Service will take place on Sunday, 4th April, 2021 at 11am, St Mary's Catholic Church, Colac and afterwards at the Colac Botanical Gardens Cafe.	Heather 0408 401 562
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Colac Collectable Car Club General Meeting</b> – to be held at the Scout Hall, Queen Street, Colac 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: <a href="mailto:colaccollectable@gmail.com">colaccollectable@gmail.com</a>	
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup> April	1.00 pm	Take a drive to the Rokewood Hotel for lunch. The Club will have to let the Hotel know numbers by Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> April so please RSVP by the 16 <sup>th</sup> April. The Hotel will open especially for club.	Claudia 0428 962 854
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> April	3.00 pm	Inspect a vehicle collection at Vince and Annette's – please bring you own barbeque meat and salad for yourself. Covid restrictions prevent sharing of salads. Ring for directions.	Annette 0407 052 231
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	11.00 am	A mystery "Shed run". Please meet at Windmill Park, Main Street Beeac.	Annette 0407 052 231
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> May	2.00 pm	Pombo Mart, Princes Highway – let's take a look around the mart. There will be afternoon tea available.	Annette 0407 052 231
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup> May	1.00 pm	BYO lunch (or buy your own) to the town park in Birregurra. The park is located on the right-hand side of Main Street, Birregurra.	Claudia 0428 962 854
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00 am	Enjoy Coffee 'n Cars at the Farmer Arms Hotel, Main Street, Beeac. A great way to meet up with like-minded car enthusiasts.	Annette 0407 052 231
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup> June	1.00 pm	Afternoon drive to Port Campbell – meet at 1pm for lunch on the town foreshore. Alternatively meet at Cobden Golf Club at 12.30pm if you would like to 'cruise' to Port Campbell.	Claudia 0428 962 854
<b>Friday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Colac Collectable Car Club General Meeting</b> – to be held at the Scout Hall, Queen Street, Colac 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: <a href="mailto:colaccollectable@gmail.com">colaccollectable@gmail.com</a>	
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup> June	2.00 pm	Take a drive to the Gellibrand Store for afternoon tea. This run will be confirmed closer to the Please ring for further details.	Annette 0407 052 231

*If you have any suggestions for the next Newsletter "Runs Calendar" please let the Club know. Or, if you have an interesting 'shed' that you would like to show to members, please contact the Club.*

Your **Annual Membership Renewal** is enclosed with this Newsletter. Membership is required to be paid by 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021. If you no longer wish to be a member, please let a Committee member know asap.

Date	Upcoming meetings for 2021	Contact Person ☎
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> July	CCCC – Annual General Meeting	0408 401 562
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> September	CCCC – General Meeting	0408 401 562
Sunday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December	CCCC – End of Year Break-up	0408 401 562



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