

COLAC COLLECTABLE CAR CLUB Inc.



“Wind in the Hair”

NEWSLETTER

February - June, 2024



A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello everyone:

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2024. As always, Heather has done an exceptional job writing, sourcing articles, editing, producing and circulating our newsletter! Thank you, Heather. Your efforts are always greatly appreciated by us all.

I hope that everyone had a fantastic Christmas and the New Year so far has been kind to you and continues to do so.

Now all the Christmas and New Year festivities are over, it gives us all the chance to set some new goals. The arrival of 2024 has been a big change for me personally, having retired on the 31st December. My new goals are to spend more time with family and friends and getting out and about enjoying more of our Club activities. Of course, it will also give me time to do those seemingly never-ending list of jobs to do around the house....

If you are like me and look forward to attending car shows and checking out the huge variety of magnificent vehicles on display, this is the best time of the year for you. Unfortunately, I was away in January and missed out on getting to the Port Fairy Hot Rod Show and Colac Motofest. From what I have heard they were both well worth the visit and well attended.

Coming up locally we have the inaugural Birregurra Motor Group “Motor Show and Shine” this Saturday, 17th February and then the Colac Show 'n Shine in Memorial Square, Colac on Saturday, 2nd March. I'm hoping that we are able to get a good representation from our Club at both these local events. Quite a number of our members have proudly won trophies for their vehicles at the Colac Show 'n Shine in the past. There are so many wonderful vehicles in our Club so it would be great to be able to show case them and bring home some more of those trophies. If you are interested, we are meeting up before both these shows beforehand so we are able to enter as a group. Details of times and locations are on our Runs Calendar.

On the 16th March, there is the annual Colac KANA Parade. This is always a bit of fun driving down Murray Street in the Parade. We have won "Best Club Representation" at the Parade on at least two occasions that I am aware of but unfortunately our attending numbers were considerably down last year so it would be nice to get a good representation from our Club this year.

Another must go to event for me is the Annual Federation Picnic Day at Mortlake. It's on Sunday, 24th March. Pack your picnic chair and come along if you can. It is certainly worth the drive. Sally and I have both thoroughly enjoyed this day in the past years.

If you have an interest in trucks and utilities the Colac Truck and Ute Show is being held at the Colac Showgrounds on Saturday, 6th April. They had their first event last year which was a great success. The art work on some of the trucks is unbelievable. Even if trucks aren't your 'thing' this show is definitely worth of visit. Enough from me for now. Hope you enjoy the Newsletter as I'm sure you will. See you at one of one of the many local events or Club Run.

Stay safe, take care and stay safe. **Ken** (President)

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2024

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COLAC SHOW 'N SHINE

Memorial Square, Colac. Saturday, 2nd March

If you would like to park at the show 'n shine as a Colac Collectable Car Club group, please meet in Hesse Street between Hesse Street and Dennis Street (under the trees) between 8am and 8.15am and club members will enter as a group.

REGISTER OF CLUB PERMIT CARS WITH COLAC COLLECTABLE CAR CLUB INC.

Colac Collectable Car Club regularly compares our Club Vehicle Register with that of VicRoads.

We would like to remind all Members that it is important that you let us know if a Club Permit car, registered with our Club is sold or any changes have been made with the permit. If sold, then we need to remove it from the Register. It is our members responsibility to attend VicRoads to advise of the disposal so they also remove the vehicle or motorcycle etc. from their records.

Any new vehicles or motorcycles purchased by our members, that are to be put on Club Permit via Colac Collectable Car Club Inc. must be entered onto our Vehicle Register. We suggest you do not to get the Roadworthy until you are about to place the vehicle or motorcycle onto the VicRoads Club Permit Scheme. A reminder also that Permit Scheme Officers are not authorized to sign paperwork for new vehicles, they can only sign annual Club Permit renewals. See the Club Contact list in this newsletter for details of our Club Safety Officers and Scrutineers and Permit Scheme Officers.

The Club is also required to ...*“Maintain a register of dated photographs for all vehicles for which a new Club Permit is sought. Photographs must include images of the front, driver’s side, rear, driving position (side on with the driver’s door open) and, where possible, any identifiers such as chassis, VIN and engine number. Where a Club Permit application for a motor cycle is made, the club must take photographs of both sides of the motorcycle, and of the rear, and where possible, of identifiers such as chassis, VIN and engine numbers. Clubs are required to provide photographs to VicRoads within seven days of receipt of a written request from VicRoads.”*

CLUB MERCHANDISE AND GIFT IDEAS

Colac Collectable Car Club merchandise is available by contacting member
Craig on **0400 103 108** or email: **toby62c@hotmail.com**

Craig can supply Polo shirts \$40, T-shirts (with your choice of print) \$30, Caps \$15, Bumper stickers \$3, Mugs \$10, Membership Name Badges \$8.

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CLUB COMMITTEE & CONTACTS

If you need a permit renewal signed, please forward your permit to the club's
Post Office Box 346, Colac. 3250
 with a stamped self-addressed envelope enclosed.
 Our permit officer will sign the permit and return it to you.

President	Ken Slingsby
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Club members are reminded that when you need a permit renewed, if you cannot post it to the club's post office box, you will need to phone the club Permit Scheme Officer to make a time to drop off the permit renewal. You will then be able to pick up the signed permit renewal the next day; or when it has been signed.



CLUB RUNS

If you have a suggestion, comment or idea that may help our members to get out and about on club runs, please let one of the Committee members know.

We need your thoughts please.



Club member Graeme Splatt enjoying a ride in an AC – thanks Graeme for suggesting the club do an article on the AC.



This is the 2022 Logo from AC Cars however, the company dates back many years.

AC Cars, originally incorporated as **Auto Carriers Ltd.**, is a British specialist automobile manufacturer and one of the oldest independent car makers founded in Britain. As a result of bad financial conditions over the years, the company was renamed or liquidated many times until its present form.

In 2022, the new corporate structure began the production of new AC Cobra models, with a slightly modified structure to adapt it to modern safety and technology requirements and obtain the European road homologation certificate

The first car from the company that eventually became AC was presented at the Crystal Palace motor show in 1903; it was a 20 HP touring car and was displayed under the Weller name.

The Weller brothers of West Norwood, London, planned to produce an advanced 20 hp (15 kW) car.

However, their financial backer and business manager John Portwine, a butcher, thought the car would be too expensive to produce and encouraged Weller to design and produce a little delivery three-wheeler.

In 1904, a new company was founded and named Autocars and Accessories; production started with the Auto-Carrier. The vehicle caught on quickly and was a financial success. Three years later, a passenger version appeared, called the A.C. Sociable. It had a seat in place of the cargo box.

The A.C. Sociable was described in a review of the 1912 Motor Cycle and Cycle Car Show as "one of the most popular cycle cars on the road, both for pleasure and business", and A.C. displayed eight vehicles on their stand, six for pleasure and two for business.^[3] The single rear wheel contained a two-speed hub, and the single-cylinder engine was mounted just in front of it, with rear chain drive

The company became Auto Carriers Ltd. in 1911 and moved to Ferry Works, Thames Ditton, Surrey — at this time, they also began using the famed "AC" roundel logo. They continued to produce the commercial 3-wheeler tricars and the A.C. Sociable now frequently referred to in their adverts as the Mighty Atom. Their first four-wheeled car was produced in 1913; it was a sporty two-seater with a gearbox on the rear axle. Only a few were built before production was interrupted by the First World War. During the First World War, the Ferry Works factory produced shells and fuses for the war effort, although at least one vehicle was designed and built for the War Office.

At the end of the war, Auto Carriers started making motor vehicles again, designing and building many successful cars at Ferry Works, as well as expanding into an old balloon factory on Thames Ditton High Street. Shortly thereafter, John Weller started on the design of a new overhead-cam six-cylinder engine. The first versions of this design were running by 1919. The Weller engine would be produced until 1963.

Source:- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AC_Cars

SHED TOUR – DECEMBER 2023

Special thanks to Club member Brett for hosting the club and taking members on a tour of his sheds.

What a great range of vehicles Brett has! Lots of cars and each has a story to tell.

After the tour, members enjoyed a social afternoon with a BBQ and chatting about everything and anything.

Thanks again to Brett and his family for having the club visit and taking members on a shed tour.



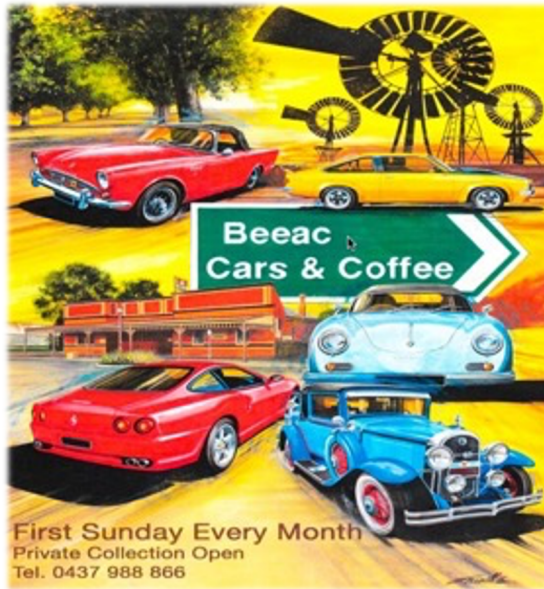
EN ROUTE TO BASKERVILLE – TASMANIA

Towards the end of November, 2023, a friend of mine and I went to the Australian Historic Motorcycle Road Racing Championships at Baskerville Tasmania. The weather was magnificent on Friday for practice but unfortunately it rained all weekend. Racing continued and the riders all put on a great display with only a couple of minor spills over the weekend. Our hosts for the weekend were Paul and Kerry Dickson, ex-Colac who are prolific motorcycle collectors and well worth a visit if any members are touring down that way. They always make enthusiasts welcome. I have enclosed a couple of pictures of our group at the Longley Hotel, a beautiful old hotel and they put on a great meal. I have also enclosed a picture of a Speedway Vincent sidecar, which was on display in the Shannons Insurance tent. This outfit was given one run and the sound and smell were fantastic. I have also included a picture of a couple of Paul and Kerry's bikes.

Cheers: CCCC member **Gordon Wilson**

Thank you, Gordon for your contribution to the Colac Collectable Care Club Newsletter.





Our Club's regular coffee and cars get-together on the first Sunday of the month is one of the most popular days on our calendar of events.

If you have some free time each first Sunday of the month (around 10am) call out to the Farmers Arms Hotel, Beac and catch up with other Colac Collectable Car Club members.



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The Furphy Museum is a dedicated area at the Museum of Vehicle Evolution (MOVE) showcasing the history of the iconic family businesses Furphy & Sons and Furphy Foundry and their evolution through to the modern era. From famous water carts and camp ovens, through two world wars, to the modern engineering and manufacturing businesses that still operate in Shepparton and beyond today. It's a story full of characters, hard work, ingenuity and maybe even a tall tale or two.

Thank you to club member **Shane Perrott** for this contribution to our Club Newsletter :-

I attended the 150 years of J Furphy & Sons celebration at the MOVE Museum Shepparton on Saturday, 25th November with my family.

During the day there was an exhibition of Furphy Water Carts. As this was an invitation only event, (I work at Geelong Galvanizing which is owned by J Furphy & sons) we enjoyed a dinner on the Saturday night.

To commemorate 150 years, J Furphy cast 15 tank ends with 1 going to the Shepparton council, others to winners of a display, and one was auctioned on the night. The auction raised \$50,000 with monies going towards the local Lift Off Scholarship program. This program is to assist young people from the community to make that next step to post-secondary education. Furphy Water Carts are well known in history with the term a Furphy coming from soldiers during World War 1. This was a great event to celebrate an Australian icon.



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HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED.....

1.. WHY? Do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left?

When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! And that's where women's buttons have remained since.

2 .. WHY? Why do ships and aircraft use 'mayday' as their call for help?

This comes from the French word m'aidez - meaning 'help me' - and is pronounced, approximately, 'mayday.'

3 .. WHY? Why are zero scores in tennis called 'love'?

In France, where tennis first became popular, the round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf,' which is French for 'the egg.' When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans, mispronounced it 'love.'

4 .. WHY? Why do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses?

In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfill obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.

5 .. WHY? Why is shifting responsibility to someone else called 'passing the buck'?

In card games, it was once customary to pass an item, called a buck, from player to player to indicate whose turn it was to deal. If a player did not wish to assume the responsibility of dealing, he would 'pass the buck' to the next player.

6 .. WHY? Why do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast?

In earlier times it used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would only touch or clink the host's glass with his own.

7.. WHY? Why are people in the public eye said to be 'in the limelight'?

Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and theatres by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, a performer 'in the limelight' was the Centre of attention.

8 .. WHY? Why is someone who is feeling great 'on cloud nine'?

Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

9 .. WHY? In golf, where did the term 'Caddie' come from?

When Mary Queen of Scots went to France as a young girl, Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scots game 'golf.' He had the first course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her.

Mary liked this a lot and when she returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'ca-day' and the Scots changed it into caddie.

10 ... WHY? Why are many coin collection jar banks shaped like pigs?

Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of dense orange clay called 'pygg'.

When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as 'pygg banks.' When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a container that resembled a pig. And it caught on.



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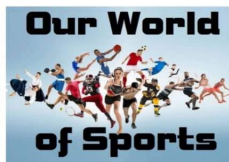
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vehicle; you may need a mechanic, spray painter
or wiring done.

Why not use the Colac Collectable Car Club as a
useful resource to find out how your repairs or
restoration could be carried out.

Recently I needed a minor damage repaired to a
vehicle. I asked a member of the club who
suggested another member of our club. In no
time the problem was solved and I am truly
thankful for the information I was given.

Thanks for the advice **Editor.**

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COLAC COLLECTABLE CAR CLUB INC. RUNS CALENDAR (MARCH - JUNE, 2024)

The club may cover the cost of coffee/tea or another sort of 'treat' for those attending. Please consider that most venues still require a booking or numbers attending, so please contact the organiser of the run. If you need information about any of the runs, please contact the Secretary: 0408 401 562. The listed events on the Runs Calendar are suggestions only and it would be great to see as many Colac Collectable Car Club members as possible, join in the activities as listed.

Please note: Our mid-week runs will cease due to lack of attendance. If members have a suggestion or location that they would like our club to visit, please contact the club and we will reinstate the mid-week runs accordingly.

Saturday, 2nd March	Colac Show 'n Shine, Memorial Square, Colac. Come and enjoy a family day out. Gates open 8.30am. Entry \$15.00 per car and Bikes \$10.00. Gold coin entry donation. Heaps of fantastic trophies to be won. Supporting Veterans and their families. Enquiries: colacshowandshine@colacrsl.com.au or phone 0427 821 435. <i>If you would like to park at the show 'n shine as a Colac Collectable Car Club group, please meet in Hesse Street between Hesse Street and Dennis Street (under the trees) between 8am and 8.15am and we will enter as a group. See advert on Page 2.</i>
Sunday, 3rd March	Beeac Coffee and Cars Farmers Arms Hotel, Main Street, Beeac. Meet up with our members for coffee and check out the garage nearby. No need to book, just arrive around 10am. See details on Page 7.
Friday, 8th March	The first meeting for 2024 of the Colac Collectable Car Club will be held at the Colac Scout Hall on Friday, 8th March. If you are unable to attend, please email or message your apology to the Secretary. Supper will be provided – 7.30am start. Email: colaccollectable@gmail.com or text 0408 401 562 if you are not able to attend. RSVP by Monday, 4 th March, 2024.
Saturday, 9th March & Sunday, 10th March	48th Annual Cobden Vintage Rally. Car show hosted by South Western District Restoration Group Inc. Displays of vintage motors, machinery, tractors, cars, trucks, model boats and more. 10am. Camping available. Vehicle entry (driver & passenger free) Additional adult \$15 – children under 16 free. Vehicles must remain until 3pm. Contact Brian: 0448 711 476. See advert on Page 7.
Saturday, 16th March	Colac KANA Parade. The Kana Festival theme for 2024 is 'Our World of Sports'. Colac Collectable Car Club members are welcome to enter the street parade for the festival. Assemble around 12.30am for 1pm start from Skene Street and take a drive down Murray Street as part of the 2024 parade. Parking after the parade will be in Hesse Street or where directed by the Kana Committee. See advert on Page 11.
Sunday, 17th March	Red Robin Café, Manifold Street, Camperdown 2.00 pm. Phone Claudia 0428 962 854 by the Friday before if you are coming.
Sunday, 24th March	Annual Federation Picnic Day at Tea Tree Gardens, Mortlake. Refreshments available. Arrive prior to 10am and join other car club enthusiasts for this great day out. Beautiful gardens, plenty of shade to park and there will be lots of prizes for car entries to be won. This is a Federation of Veteran Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club Inc event. Be sure not to miss this event. BYO your own food or you can buy from caterers.
Saturday, 6th April	The Colac Truck & Ute Show includes a Show & Shine, live entertainment, merchandise and industry stalls and food vans. A collaboration of the Colac Fire Brigade and Colac SES Unit to raise funds for equipment and facility upgrades into the future. See advert in this newsletter on Page 11.
Sunday, 7th April	Beeac Coffee and Cars Farmers Arms Hotel, Main Street, Beeac. Meet up with our members for coffee and check out the garage nearby. No need to book, just arrive around 10am. See details on Page 7.

Sunday, 21st April	“Round the Garages” with the Warrnambool Car Club. Further information will be circulated when received from the Warrnambool Club.
Sunday, 21st April	Red Robin Café, Manifold Street, Camperdown 2.00 pm. Phone Claudia 0428 962 854 by the Friday before if you are coming.
May	All members will receive their Annual Membership Renewal forms via the post during May. Club ‘early bird’ payments can now be paid. Fees for memberships paid between 1st May and 31st May, 2024 for the 2024 - 2025 year are \$40 per annum members who receive their Newsletter via <u>email</u> and \$45 per year for members who receive their Newsletter via <u>mail</u> .
Sunday, 5th May	Beeac Coffee and Cars Farmers Arms Hotel, Main Street, Beeac. Meet up with our members for coffee and check out the garage nearby. No need to book, just arrive around 10am. See details on Page 7.
Sunday, 19th May	Red Robin Café, Manifold Street, Camperdown 2.00 pm. Phone Claudia 0428 962 854 by the Friday before if you are coming.
June	Annual Membership Renewal – for members who have not already paid their annual membership, all memberships paid between 31st May, 2024 and 30th June, 2024 members will pay \$60 per annum if you receive your Newsletter via <u>email</u> or \$65 per year if you receive your Newsletter via <u>mail</u> .
Sunday, 2nd June	Beeac Coffee and Cars Farmers Arms Hotel, Main Street, Beeac. Meet up with our members for coffee and check out the garage nearby. See details on Page 7.
Sunday, 16th June	Red Robin Café, Manifold Street, Camperdown 2.00 pm. Phone Claudia 0428 962 854 by the Friday before if you are coming.
Friday, 21st June	The club’s second meeting for 2024 will be held at the Colac Scout Hall. If you are unable to attend, please email or message your apology to the Secretary. Supper will be provided – 7.30am start. Email: colaccollectable@gmail.com or text 0408 401 562 if you are not able to attend. RSVP by Monday, 17 th June, 2024.
30th June	All membership fees for 2024 - 2025 Financial year should now be paid. If membership fees are not paid by 30 th June, 2024, then your Club membership will be deemed to have lapsed. No further Club newsletters or correspondence will be sent if your membership is not renewed. Please notify the Club in writing if you do not wish to renew your membership. <i>To use Club Permit Scheme plates issued by VicRoads, vehicle owners must be current financial members of a car club authorised by VicRoads. If your club membership has lapsed, and not renewed within 30 days from 30th June, 2024 you are in breach of the requirements of the Club Permit and you are not legally entitled to use your vehicle on the road. VicRoads will be notified on 31st July, 2024 if your membership has not been cancelled.</i>

If you have been somewhere or visited an interesting location, this could be shared with other members. Please email your story to colaccollectable@gmail.com and it will be published in the next newsletter. It doesn’t matter how big or small – we are all interested to read ‘snippets from our members’.

And, if you are seeking further information regarding the Colac Collectable Car Club go to:-

<https://colacccc.com.au>

