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 \*\* THE PRESIDENT AND COMMITTEE OF THE \*\*  
 \*\* ALVIS CAR CLUB OF VICTORIA WISH ALL \*\*  
 \*\* MEMBERS A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND \*\*  
 \*\* A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR \*\*  
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DON'T FORGET BARBECUE  
 FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER AT

1679 MALVERN ROAD, GLEN IRIS  
 THE HOME OF DAVID & MOIRA WISCHER.

THIS REPLACES THE MONTHLY MEETING  
 FOR DECEMBER

LANGWARRIN GYMKHANA - NOV. 28TH.

This event seems to get bigger and brighter each time! Entrants totalled 19, 9 of which were Alvises, (8 Vintage & P.V.T. and 1 3 litre).

The full list of events entries is:-

ALVIS

D. Wischer 12/50, B. Gough 12/50 "ZZ", D. Muirden 12/50,  
 H. Morgan F.W.D., D. Bamford Sp/20, P. Bamford Sp/20,  
 A. Hannam Firebird, J. Cole 3 Litre.

Others

J. Cole Mini Minor, Margaret Jarvis Prefect, R. Chivers Prefect,  
 D. Caldwell Austin A50 (withdrew), J. Welsh Jaguar Mk.5, K. Welsh  
 Jaguar Mk.5, S. Ramsay "Jeep" & Fiat 1500, R. Henderson Holden FX.  
 Joan Fowler Oldsmobile -

The original points sheet will be posted on the Club Notice Board; however, the final results are as follows:-

RESULTS - LANGWARRIN GYMKHANA - NOV. 28, 1965.

<u>Blindfold Event</u>	<u>Garaging Event</u>	<u>Lancing Event</u>	<u>Bending Race</u>	<u>Place</u>
<u>ALVIS</u>				
H. Morgan 45.5	P. Bamford 30.7	D. Wischer 54.9	J. Cole 24.4	1
D. Bamford 47.2	D. Bamford) -	P. Bamford) -	B. Gough 24.6	2
A. Hannam 53.3	J. Cole )31.0	H. Morgan )55.1	D. Wischer 24.9	3
<u>NON ALVIS</u>				
J. Welsh )52.8	J. Cole 28.3	W. Morris 51.9	W. Morris 23.3	1
R. Henderson) -	W. Morris 30.0	J. Welsh 53.3	K. Welsh 24.1	2
K. Welsh 53.6	K. Welsh 31.6	R. Henderson 53.5	J. Cole 24.4	3

POINTS SCORED: Basis - 1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 1 point

ALVIS: D. Wischer, P. Bamford, H. Morgan, J. Cole 4 points each  
 D. Bamford 3 points  
 B. Gough 2 points  
 A. Hannam 1 point

NON ALVIS: W. Morris 8 Points  
 J. Welsh 5 points  
 K. Welsh, R. Henderson, J. Cole 4 points

As will be seen, 4 Alvis drivers tied for 1st place with 4 points each - thus nonplussing the poor hard worked organizer. So in an attempt to offset this remarkable state of affairs, he set-to to break the deadlock, and after discarding several highly complicated formulas, such as ringing the offenders for suitable bribes, which resulted in another tie (each one told him to go to the same place!), he hit on the incredibly ingenious method, an average of the times for all events entered. This method was also used for 3rd place in the Non-Alvis section, thus:

<u>ALVIS</u>				<u>NON ALVIS</u>			
1st	D. Wischer	Average	41.6 seconds	1st	W. Morris	8	points
2nd	H. Morgan	"	42.7 "	2nd	J. Welsh	5	points
3rd	D. Bamford	"	44.2 "	3rd	J. Cole	Average	3 events 37.9
4th	J. Cole	"	49.1 "	4th	K. Welsh	"	4 " 39.9
				5th	R. Henderson	"	4 " 40.9

#### LANGWARRIN DISJOINTED JOTTINGS

Good to see Barry Gough and Brian Donellan and families again at events, especially with old Zed Zed belting around the flags after a long retirement. Typical of these characters too! What better place than a gymkhana to start adjusting tailshafts and universals?

John Fowler's - David Wischer's (??) TC.19/82 is really starting to take shape. Did you spot that weird tow bar?

I think prize of the day goes to Dave Bamford's Speed 20. The green panelling really sets it off. This is a car that would hold its place anywhere, anytime!

Something will have to be done about navigators at future blindfold events. Perhaps a non-competitor will volunteer to be navigator for all drivers next time? This would give all competitors a more equal chance.

Heartfelt thanks to Keith Welsh and son Jeff, who spent all their leisure time taking an enormous load off my back. At times they were almost buried in the dust clouds created by reckless drivers.

Thanks also to my son John and his mate John Newman for their assistance in preparing and maintaining the barbeque fire, and for taking over in the arena when required.

In fact, thanks to each and every one of you, just for being there and making the day such a beaut!

Incidentally, Did you see Sy Ramsay's first chariot? A "Jeep" no less!

(R) R.H.

SUMMARY OF MONTHLY MEETING 19.11.65 and  
COMMITTEE MEETING 24.11.65

MONTHLY MEETING 19.11.65

Welcome to 2 new members.

- (1) John Stewart, 3 Fern Hill Road, Sandringham, with a 12/70 Saloon previously owned by a close relative, and passed on to him. Perhaps he could be persuaded to write a brief history of the car for the newsletter?
- (2) Ross Shepherd, 6 Seaview St., Mt. Waverley, sponsored by Westy Morris. Ross has enrolled as a junior member, but will soon be joining senior ranks. He has no Alvis as yet.

VISITORS

Les Watson of Kaikoura Ave., Hawthorn turned up, supported by a friend, Bob Pilkington. Les is doing his best to prise a Grey Lady loose from its owner - any owner it seems, and as Les is in the sales business, he is probably a pretty persuasive talker.

EVENTS

A brief discussion was held on the forthcoming Langwarrin Gymkhana. This event is to be a family day and not part of the Basil Bowes Memorial Trophy events. A prize will be awarded to the Alvis and non-Alvis sections. Possibly a blank cheque (unsigned!).

FINANCIAL REPORT = General account £119.5.1 credit, Spares £41.12.11 debit.

Treasurer Andy Hannam reports that outstanding debts to Alvis Ltd. have been paid and enough has been sent to provide a small credit balance at the works.

Cash in hand £77.12.2.

Those who read between the lines will note that we, while not being bankrupt, are not rolling in gold, so don't forget that Annual Subs. are due in January.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Ken Bapty has kindly offered the use of his stopwatch at any time.  
Thanks Ken!

COMMITTEE MEETING - 24.11.65

SPARES REPORT:-

- (1) Spares Registrar David Muirden reported that he is preparing a list of all spares held by the Club for publication in the next "Alvic" technical bulletin.
- (2) New spares (other than Devon spares) total £68.3.6.
- (3) Devon spares cataloguing is well under way and should be completed in time for the "Alvic" issue.
- (4) David is desperately in need of a suitable cupboard with shelves to store spares at the clubrooms. Any member having a suitably sturdy unit, approximate dimensions - height 6 ft., width 3 ft., lying idle will be eternally revered if he donates it to the Club. Pick up can be arranged within a reasonable distance from the Club. Contact the Hon. Sec.

GENERAL JOTTINGS

Best wishes to Sy. Ramsay and Lindsay Cobb, both of whom have been mightily off colour recently. Speedy recovery, chaps.

Keith Welsh says thanks to all those delightful young ladies who have willingly assisted in preparing suppers, and washing up afterwards. We hereby appoint you all members of the old and honourable order of the dirty dish, and reckon there should be more of 'em - Ladies, not dishes!

Hear that Dave Muirden and Derek Holyoake have completed their exams. Hear also that there are several dozen sets of distorted dentures going cheap out Sth. Yarra way, and that a certain canny electrical character has managed to con the powers into appointing him to Frankston Tech. 6 miles from home, while others are currently en route for the far corners of Victoria.

Lurksmanship - No.3 Lurksman of the month is Barry Gough; his triple S.U. carbs fell apart recently, actually a spindle collapsed, and after several calls and as many knock backs, he ended up at BROWNRIGG Carburettor Service, 64 Dorrit St., Carlton - 34-3870. This firm made 3 new spindles and butterflies, hand fitted each butterfly to its tube, gave a same day service, and only charged £7. Barry says that he can now idle the speed 20 slow enough to count tappet movement. Says this is one of the most obliging firms he has ever dealt with.

Letter from Graham Martin

"I attended a meeting of the Nth. Eastern Car Club last evening to talk about a combined activity. It was resolved that on the 5th of Feb. 1965, Saturday night, their ladies committee put on a barn dance supper and grog, more grog, then dancing, in their Tarrawingee Club rooms to which the Alvis Car Club are invited; it was also suggested that a Motokhana be held on Saturday afternoon on the track as a combined effort with a lot of fun. (The Tarrawingee pub is across the road). I believe their social nights are magnificent - they have a very active ladies committee. Their club rooms are apparently very well set up and as you are no doubt aware, Tarrawingee is in the bush some 6 miles from town, so the venue is really ideal. These arrangements all of course, subject to our committee's wish to be in it. However, this social/grog oh is their usual periodical do which will go on regardless - but they are very anxious for us to be there.

A thought of my own - dinner Saturday evening. There is a hotel in Wangaratta which will put on a buffet dinner for a pound a head plus grog - these dinners are magnificent - and I mean it, and seeing the members will have to buy their dinners, I thought perhaps we could have a Club dinner. This I'd be happy to arrange together with any hotel or motel accommodation which may be required. I'm sure if the Club goes on with this activity, it will be recorded as one of the best weekends in the history of same.

Kind Regards and best wishes

Graham Martin. "

We hear also from Graham Martin that the Alvis Car Club has been invited to be the guests of the North-Eastern Car Club at Wangaratta on February 5th. Barbecue, barn dance, beers. - which is very gracious of them. It is up to us to respond suitably. More details in the January issue.

We had a letter from Marc Pain just before going to press. It seems that Marc had a closer look at the 4.3 litre as it lay prostrate down at Werribee, took the head off and found the con. rod was not so bad, obtained a pinch bolt from somewhere in Sydney. This replaced and the tram-lines in the bores appearing to be not too bad, Marc blithely (?) drove back to Sydney. Glad to hear the noise seems to