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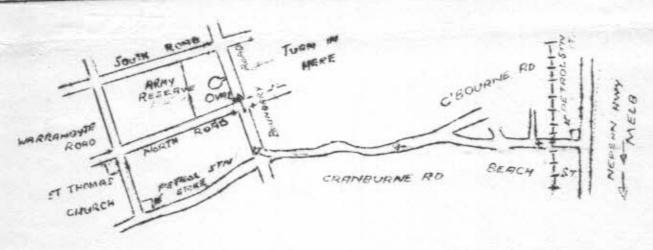
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LANGWARRIN GYMKHANA, SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20th - A LOAD OF FUN.



TO GET TO LANGWARRIN GYMKANA

Langwarrin needs no describing for most of you by now. To those of you who have not as yet had the good fortune to take part in a Langwarrin Gymkhana we say "come along and join in the fun". Derek Holyoake has again volunteered to arrange the events and conduct the meeting with the aid of the various committee members.

These have not yet been announced, but we venture to say that these will be 4 in number and cunningly contrived. They will start at ll a.m. with a break for lunch after the first event. For a description of the route see the sketch map on this page.

A Safety Officer will be appointed at this month's Committee meeting. All members taking part are asked to abide by his requests. Parents will oblige by ensuring their children are kept away from the finishing line and cautioned against popping out from behind stationary cars.

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REMINDERS IN BRIEF

- * Entry fee \$1.00 Payable at General Meeting, Friday 18th November, or on the day at the Oval.
- * No water at the site don't forget to bring a supply.
- This event carries no points toward the Basil Bowes
 Memorial Trophy but is intended as a day's light-hearted
 competition and good practice to boot.
- * Enjoy yourself!

GENERAL MEETING, FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER - FILM NIGHT.

Alister Cannon has arranged with friends Bob Baillie and Alan Campbell to bring along their projector and a selection of motoring and motor-racing films for a showing at this meeting. A short business meeting will be followed by an evening of films which these kind gentlemen have agreed to bring along and show to us. If you like to miss them that is your misfortune, but we certainly intend to be there. Don't say we didn't warn you!

MEETING NOTES - FRIDAY 21st OCTOBER.

Members were saddened on learning at the meeting that Simon Ramsay's father had died that morning. As friends and fellow-members we extend our sympathy to Simon in his bereavement.

IMPORTANT - ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE - BARBECUE FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER.

There will be no formal meeting in December. Instead a barbecue to celebrate our Christmas "break-up" will be held at the home of Margaret and David Caldwell, 6 The Outlook, Heathmont (off Dickason Road, off Canterbury Road, Heathmont). Members are asked to bring their own supplies of alcohol and meat. Salads will be provided. A diagram, showing how to get there will appear in next issue. Please feel free to join us there on the 16th.

This will mark the conclusion of the year's activities. A very eventful year. There will be much to discuss with friends over a cool glass or two.

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We have an enthusiastic new member, John Thompson, 62 Alexandra Avenue, Rose Park, South Australia, who first acquired a 12/50, followed by a 12/40 which had the original motor replaced with a 12/50 motor. Subsequently, from another source, John obtained a spare 12/40 motor! How it was done we don't quite know; but it smacks of wizardry to us.

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John and Geraldine Murray have auctioned their house "Kuminda" near Crafers, South Australia, and have bought a 30-acre property adjoining the racecourse at Oakbank, South Australia. Enough for storing away an Alvis or two.

Welcome to new members Brian Beeston, 503 Armstrong Street North, Ballarat (16.95), Gary Rigg, 29 High Street, Glen Iris (16.95) and John Thompson, 62 Alexandra Avenue, Rose Park, South Australia. Brian and Gary joined us at the October General Meeting. We wish them all much happy motoring and nattering in our company.

Simon Ramsay and Alister Cannon very ably represented the A.C.C.V. when they gave a talk on the Alvis car recently to a meeting of the Riley Car Club in response to that Club's invitation. We received a letter of thanks from the Riley Club which also contained an invitation to the members of A.C.C.V. to join the Riley Club in a social run to Hepburn Springs on Sunday November 27th. Start is at 1 pm, from opposite the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Visitors at the October meeting were Ted Beeston (Vintage Drivers' Club), Matt. Italiano (14.75 owner), Professor Wardlaw (new owner of the T.C.21 which turned up at Ararat recently), and John O'Dell.

We told you that at \$4.20 per head the tickets for this year's Annual Presentation Dinner were cheap at the price. We were dead right as the figures show:-

Drinks \$ 33.94

Dinner \$161.38 Money received for

Total Cost \$195.32

\$164.00.

Obviously the tickets for the 1967 Dinner will have to be increased to \$5.00 per head if we are to break even.

Incidentally, Simon and Alister turned up at the wrong address on the night of the Riley Car Club meeting and found no meeting.

They had to ring Roy Henderson at a late night hour to be given the correct address. Now, one cannot expect to succeed in day or night trials if one has not learnt to find one's way round the suburbs!

Syd Lehner is home from hospital and recovering well. He wishes to thank the members for the card he received and for the good wishes.

The M.G. Car Club <u>Invitation Club Concourse and Motor Show</u> is to be held at Lilydale Show Ground, December 4th 1966. Any A.C.C.V members who wish to take part are invited to do so. The Club as a whole is not officially taking part.

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"Grand Gatehouse Gala Gaeities Giggle & Grog-on" read the card we received recently. The date was 10th December, the venue Tim Hewison's property "Newlands", Romsey. Ticket Secretary Mrs. Graeme Quinn 43.4849. Donation \$2 (Single), reservations before 3rd December. Organised by the Vintage Sports Car Club.

Food for thought. The following article entitled "The Great Inquisition" was taken from the V.S.C.C. Newsletter for October 1966:-

The Committee wishes to thank those members who went to the trouble of completing and returning the questionnaire sent to all members earlier this year. The replies have been duly analysed collated and generally argued over and will provide valuable information on which to base future policy.

Seventy two forms were returned (about 2/3 of our full membership) and of these all but four definitely wanted to compete in club events.

43 replies favoured hill climbs, 39 sprints, 35 day trials, 31 racing, 26 social events, 23 night trials, 21 gymkhanas and 8 concours. Yes this does total more than 72 but the results have been adjusted on a preferential voting system.

In our events since January 1965, 37 members have competed and 21 officiated in some way in at least one event. Since a number of people have done both it means that about half of those who replied have done neither.

38 people want handicap events and 11 say make them outright. 13 want both. The rest have no opinion. Handicapping is therefore inescapable.

15 people are completely satisfied with the status quo.

22 want changes as follows: 2 ask for gymkhanas. 5 ask for races. 1 wants to let non-vintage cars in. 3 want a new hill climb (Don't we all!) 1 wants the night trial earlier in the evening. 2 ask for concours and 4 want picnics. The rest have no opinion.

This implied that the present programme is not too bad but we could add a racing event of our own and two worthwhile suggestions were a team relay race with teams of vintage, PVT and HRC cars, and/or a high speed trial with set target speeds for each class of car.

27 members have cars running, there are 43 being rebuilt and 5 owners are honest enough to declare their cars to be derelict.

People gave their reasons for non-activity as follows: 16 had pressure of business etc., 4 were involved with other car clubs and 4 were too busy rebuilding their cars.

Suggestions for improvements were: more stress on Vintage SPORTS cars, better location of venue, short road events, earlier notice of events, personal contact, let more chassis in (they already can run in sprints), bring your vintage car to club nights, push the library, firmer control of business part of meetings, have speakers, combined events with allied clubs, some want entry of cars into the club made harder and some easier.

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