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LANGWARRIN GYMKHANA SUNDAY MAY 19th ARMY RESERVE OVAL, LANGWARRIN.

This event forms the first "leg" of the Basil Bowes Trophy competition for this year.

It is time again for this most enjoyable family outing. For those who have not attended or who cannot remember the way to get to the Oval a map is included here to add to their confusion.

Starting time is 11 am. The first event will be a bending race, or slalom as some prefer to call it. Following this exercise lunch will be taken. Members are reminded that there is no water supply available at the Oval. You will therefore need to bring your own water, food and other varieties of liquid as preferred. Barbecue fire will be provided.

The events after lunch are listed below in sequence: Garaging Event; Lancing Event; Flag & Barrel Race. We invite all wives to sneak in some practice in the family Alvis in order to give the old fellow some stiff competition on the day.

Entry fee is \$1.00 per driver. There has been some criticism recently of the cost of events. We remind you that the greater the number of entrants, the less the cost of the event.

One cautionary note for parents: please keep the children well clear of the arena and the finishing line. Parking arrangements will be laid down by the organisers, segregating competing cars from others. Come along and take part in the fun. Your Club Captain, Derek Holyoake, will be delighted to be deluged with entries.

ROB ROY HILL CLIMB ON (BY INVITATION) SUNDAY MAY 26th!

Final arrangements were made the other night at a meeting held at George Cox's home, 26 Mason Street, Blackburn, attended by John Parberry, Keith Jenkinson (V.D.C.), Roy Henderson and David Bamford (A.C.C.V.).

This is an invitation hill climb conducted by the Vintage Drivers' Club, to which the Alvis Car Club of Victoria has been invited as a body. Alvis cars only will be allowed to compete to keep the numbers down to manageable proportions. All members are welcome to come along as spectators. This event forms the "second leg" of the Basil Bowes Trophy competition for this year.

A competitor's fee of \$1.50 per driver is payable at the site on the day and an entry form which will be available at the same time must be completed. All entrants must comply with the Vintage Drivers' Club Competition Regulations (copies of which will be available at our May General Meeting on the 17th), and the Scrutineers' Rulings.

An open car must have fixed seats and some sort of permanent bodywork. Crash helmet must be worn during each run. A quantity of 6 crash helmets will be available on site, but if you have your own, bring it by all means.

Vintage Alvises are eligible for the V.D.C. Class trophies. Classes which embrace our vintage Alvises are:

- Over 1100 c.c. up to and including 1500 c.c.
- Over 1500 c.c. up to and including 2500 c.c.

Unregistered cars will be covered by a blanket third party obtained by the V.D.C. This is compulsory for all unregistered cars competing. Cost to the individual will depend on the number of unregistered cars competing, but should be approximately \$3.50.

The owners of any unregistered cars wishing to compete must contact Roy Henderson no later than Tuesday 21st May 1968. As the policy will cover nominated unregistered cars only, applications received after that date will not be accepted.

Scrutineering is timed to start at 9 am. on the day. First practice runs will begin at 9.30 to 9.45. One or two practice runs each are anticipated. If you are late you can expect only one practice run.

Competitive runs will start at 1 pm. Each competitor will have 3 competitive runs. For Alvis cars, the second practice run will be taken as the nominated time (which may be fast or slow according to choice). The competitor must then attempt to better his qualifying time (but by not more than 3 seconds for the Handicap) in the 3 competitive runs. Should he exceed his qualifying time by more than 3 seconds this will not be counted for the Handicap, but will count for fastest time, as will times in the practice runs.

This is a most exciting occasion! Don't miss it!

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Result of Extraordinary General Meeting held April 19th, 1968.

At this meeting (which was crowded) the three motions, notice of which was given in the April issue, were considered. The first was passed unanimously without amendment. Motion 2, concerning subscription rates increase, was passed after prolonged discussion after amendment increasing the rate for country and interstate members from the recommended \$4.00 per annum to \$5.00 per annum.

Subscription rates as from 1st January 1969 will therefore now be:

<u>Ordinary Members</u>	\$8.00 per annum
<u>Country, Interstate &amp; Overseas Members</u>	\$5.00 " "
<u>Junior Members</u>	
Children of financial members	\$1.00 " "
Others	\$2.00 " "
<u>National Service Trainees</u>	
shall pay half the normal rate applicable to their particular classification during their term of service with the Armed Forces.	
<u>Entry Fee</u> - \$2.00.	To include the free issue of an Alvis lapel badge. Junior members' subscription on joining will not entitle them to a lapel badge.

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By "Scribe"

We welcome as new members, John Whiting of 41 Thanet Street, Malvern, now the proud owner of "Mr. Smith" the 12/50 formerly owned by Andre Chaley; Mike Hill, still the proud owner of his Speed 25 drophead coupe (Mike's address is 71 Barrington Street, East Bentleigh); Peter Wilson, of Addiscombe Place, Unley Park 5061, S.A., now the possessor of the T.C.21 3-litre formerly owned by Tony Lucas. Many miles of happy motoring to you, gentlemen!

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Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Cole were married on Tuesday, 7th May at Toorak Presbyterian Church. They have departed on a short honeymoon in the Cole 3-Litre and will be moving into their new home on their return. Our best wishes for a happy marriage go with you, John and Judith.

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David and Moira Wischers' 12/50 ("Albert") has been bought by Mr. Ron Wilson of 22 Park Close, Vermont. Rod Warriner tells us it has fallen into very good hands and after a little more restoration work should be back with us later in the year. Ron will be joining the Club, so we understand.

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T.A.14 owners may wish to note that the chromed gauze in the flares of the twin horns for that car is Lucas part No. 690791. We suggest that you try S.L.1. or Lucas to ascertain whether the part is still available.

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Where have all the Alvises Gone ??? .....

Having obtained one or two leads on the location of recumbent Alvises recently, Alister Cannon feels obliged to ask Club members to pass on any information, be it fact or rumour . . . . .

"Perhaps the time has come for members of the A.C.C.V. to assist in following the aim of the Club in preserving vehicles and components of Alvis cars from falling into oblivion.

Constantly one hears "rumours" of Alvis cars that are supposedly lying in some remote area, country town or suburban back yard. Often these "rumours" turn out to be ill-founded when followed up, but, on the other hand one never knows when a "real find" will be the result of a little patient, detective work.

Recently, I had the good fortune of obtaining the speedometer of the ex-Phil Garlick Alvis. It had lain in a workshop behind a suburban residence for about 9 years, and it was only due to a chance remark to a Club member that this instrument was obtained for use in another racing 12/50. Incidentally, the ex-owner was pleased to know that this instrument was to be used on an Alvis again, and also volunteered much interesting information on some of the Garlick 12/50's later owners.

I make this plea that if you possess information, verified or only "rumoured", about some Alvis or Alvis components, and you are unable or not inclined to follow this lead up, what about telling the Committee at the next Club meeting, so that some members could check the story out?

Three recent rumours to be investigated are the presence of a Lt. 8 F.W.D. Alvis and a 12/50 Beetleback in southern N.S.W. and a reputed 12/50 Duck's Back in northern Victoria. These are being checked on at present.

What's that? A Speed 25 tourer under your grandfather's ski lodge, and you don't know how to dispose of it! Your Club is waiting .....

Alister Cannon."

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MARKET-PLACE, MARKT PLATZ or WHAT YOU WILL.

CARS FOR SALE

Alvis T.A.21. Body very good. Front bumper poor, 2 good tyres, 2 fair tyres. Upholstery good. Motor not mobile - noise in cylinder.  
\$100. Contact Ken Bapty, 6 Kelso Street, Mentone.

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Alvis T.A.21. ex Athol Ham. Condition excellent. Haggling starts at about \$500.  
See also Ken Bapty.

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MARKET-PLACE (Continued)

BITS FOR SALE

12/50 engine, flange frame type, reconditioned but not assembled. Crankshaft remetalled and balanced. New big ends and little end. Rods balanced. New pistons and rings. Valve grind and decoke. Optional lightweight flywheel and clutch. Complete with B.T.H. magneto, generator, starter. Rocker box, side plate, timing chain cover all polished. Will be glad to accept reconditioner's price to me of \$200.00. I pay the freight charges. Many 12/50 bits included.

Alan Fidler's Music Centre, cnr. Spofforth Street  
and Military Road, Cremorne, N.S.W. Phone 90.7672.

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BITS WANTED

12/70 Luvax shock absorber, front. Desperate. John Stewart.  
Phone 98.7553.

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1929 Silver Eagle tourer. A suitable carburettor (updraught type) for this car or a three-carburettor type manifold to suit same.  
Alan Fidler. Address above.

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1927/ 12/50. 1 only 21" open-hub wire wheel to suit.  
For South Australian member.

12/50. Sub-frame model. 1 only 'Rotax' starter motor to suit.  
For South Australian member. Replies to the above two queries to Simon Ramsay, Flat 2, 13 Lascelles Avenue, Toorak, or at meetings.

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1928 Silver Eagle. 1 only set of triple carburettors.  
Harold Bradford, Lot 184 Ferntree Gully Road,  
Knoxfield. Phone Scoresby 97489.

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