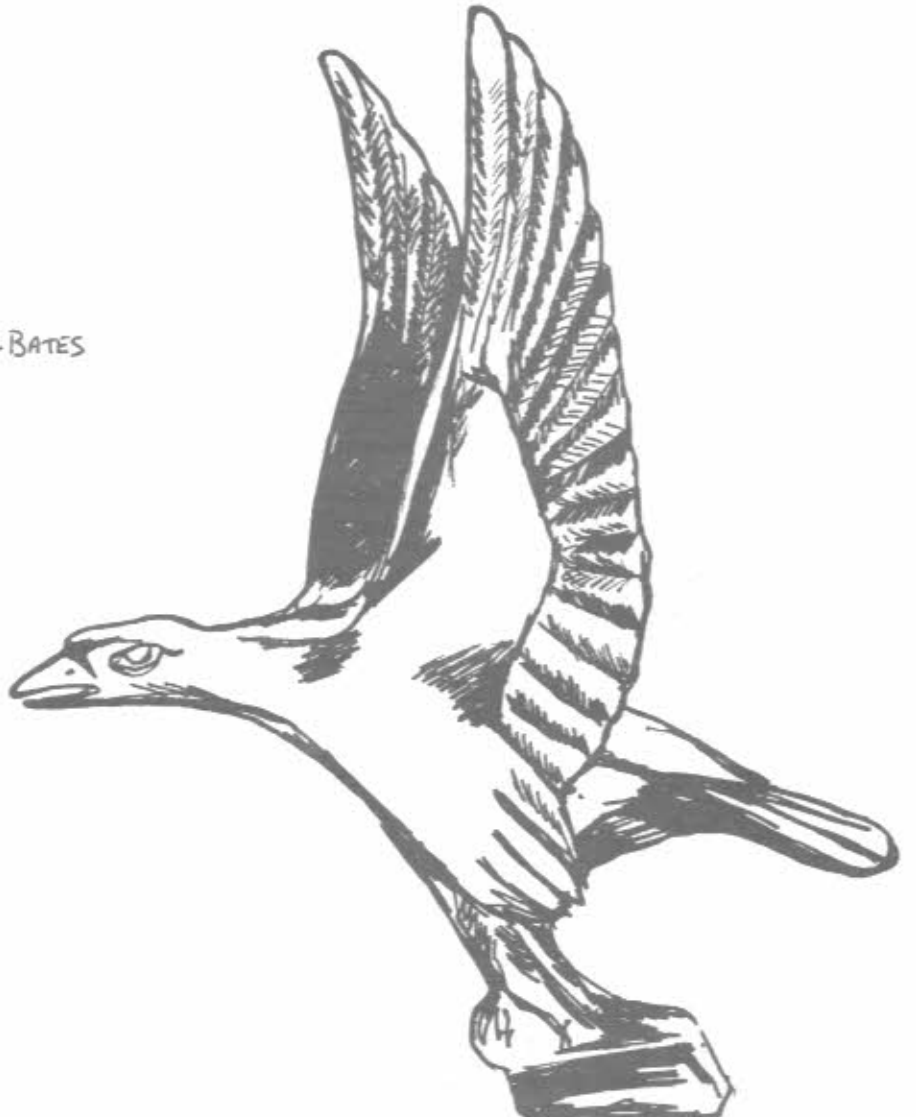




# NEWSLETTER



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1987 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY	16	Informal Meeting
	25	<u>Rally to Campbelltown Steam Railway</u>
FEBRUARY	2	Cavalcade of Transport Rally
	20	Annual General Meeting
MARCH	15	Kalorama
	20	General Meeting
	28	<u>Interstate Rally</u> B/B
APRIL	24	General Meeting (GNO)
MAY	15	General Meeting
	17	<u>Day Rally</u> A. Cannon - Organiser B/B
JUNE	19	General Meeting
JULY	17	General Meeting
	24	Film Night (Fletcher)
AUGUST	21	General Meeting and Auction
SEPTEMBER	18	General Meeting
	18/19/20	<u>Weekend Away - Warburton Waters</u> B/B
OCTOBER	4	Economy Run - R. Creed - Bas. Bowes
	16	General Meeting and Election of Office Bearers
NOVEMBER	20	General Meeting
	29	Christmas Party at D. Wischer's, Merricks North

NOTE 1 : Two or three events to come ex A/S Car Club.

NOTE 2 : Committee meetings at 8.00 pm on first Monday of month.

SUPPER ROSTER FOR 1987

January : John Twomey	February : Horrie Morgan	March : Richard Creed
April : David Caldwell	May : John Stewart	June : Ron Wilson
July : Austin Tope	August : David Wischer	September : Bob Graham
October : Roy Henderson	November : Geoff Hood	

PLEASE NOTE : Should you not be able to arrange supper on your rostered night  
 contact Club Captain, Ron Wilson on 874 2450

EDITORIAL

This month we have the usual 4th Friday film night with "Fletch" and with winter we still would like a good attendance at this night.

This issue will have an extra section which I am sure you will appreciate. The results of the Bas. Bowes Day Run are included in this newsletter. We must thank Alister and Bill for an interesting and mind-teasing rally.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Dr. John,

I was most alarmed after reading in your column your article about Haring Aids. I have a 12/50 Alvis which is in a healthy condition and shows no signs of having this debilitating affliction, yet. Although, once I did find a lot of white-metal in the blood stream. However this was caused by rotating centre bearingitis - I believe that Haring Aids is a lack of white things in the blood stream.

Unfortunately I only have one garage, and my 12/50 shares its garage with an FWD Alvis which is in a completely and utterly dilapidated condition. Alas my FWD spent a lot of its years in the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney so I fear that many of its mates might have been a bit ... hum ... er ... you know what I mean. Whether its state of dilapidation has anything to do with Haring Aids I do not know, as when I got the car all its oil had been drained from the sump, but judging by what was left of no. 3 big-end bearing I think there must have been lots of white bits in its blood. Does this mean that the FWD does not have Haring Aids? And is it a safe stablemate for my 12/50?

After a recent 2,500 mile trip to South Australia and back I drained the 12/50's oil and it was pure black with no white flakes and I was quite pleased, but after reading your article I am most anxious and confused. Can Doctor John please advise me how I can tell if either of my Alvises have vintage Haring Aids?

Signed : Worried Owner, Cronulla, NSW.

Dear Richard,

I thought that this might do as a reply to John Hetherington's article. I read John's article in Eric Cunningham's newsletter. If you think that anything is too stupid and don't want to print the above I will not be offended.

BRUCE JORS

EDITOR'S NOTE : Great stuff! The tone just fits perfectly with the sense of humour that can be found around here.

Dear Richard,

Eric Cunningham's diligent efforts in tracing survivors of the Marque has at last promoted my twopence worth on the TA and TB 14.75 models.

Perusal of Hull and Johnson shows that 11 of the TA and 1 only TB were exported by the factory to Australia. However, in its listing of the survivors known in the later 50's when the book was compiled, only 2 are mentioned here, both as TB's, which implies at least one private importation. If Ken Day's original book "The Alvis Car" is correct in believing that about 50 were made (ref. p66) then it seems unlikely that there was any strong influx of private imports from such a small production. So it seems likely that the number that arrived here was from 12 to 14 cars.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (continued)

This leads us to Eric's favourite topic of survivors. We believe that there are six left, plus a few odd scraps of other cars, but nothing near enough to build up another car. Could this be a vintage Alvis survival record, possibly being as high as 50%!

The attempts to trace vehicles has turned up a variety of odd information. I believe that the car that Alastair Wilkie had around 1960 is the one that Laurie Buckland has almost completed restoring. Admittedly this is not based on component numbers but that both owners obtained a car that had a central gear change butchered into it. A fairly rare conversion I should think.

In the case of my own car, it is well known as the car that Nat Italiano worked on for ten years prior to his untimely death. A more recently discovered fact is that it is the same car that John Needham used to burn off the FJ's in 1963; this being prior to it breaking down, being vandalized (including baptism in the Elwood Canal) and subsequent theft a week later. I should mention that Nat purchased the car without knowledge of its theft in 1966, but we don't know who from. Any suggestions?

The early history has been discovered up until 1940 when it was sold out of the family that purchased it new. In fact the first owner fell out of the passenger's seat and was killed in 1929. Oddly enough he was coming home from his father's funeral.

I wonder if any early members of the Club remember the car in the period from 1940 to 1959. During this time, its colour was changed to blue and then green from the original burgundy, and a form of hardtop fitted, presumably when the hood fell apart. It was quite possibly living in the Essendon area for all or part of this period. The registration number was always 151 634. Naturally, I would be very grateful for any information.

At last the restoration seems to be making headway again, with the aim of competing in the International Rally to Canberra next year. There are seven Alvis entered amongst the 900 odd vehicles, so hopefully we will stand out amongst the 47 Dodges, and countless Fords.

RICHARD UNKLES

PRESIDENTIAL CAR FOR SALE

Mike Creagh and I have decided to sell the 12/70 Special. Mike will be in the West for some years yet and I (and Moira) don't really need two open cars.

Details are : ex Syd Ward 12/70 chassis, bought in bits and rebuilt from chassis up. Engine mountings had been moved back in the chassis when we bought the car, so we had the engine totally rebuilt and located in the new position. Gearbox was in bits and thus rebuilt. All bushes, shackles and so on renewed. New wiring, of course. Everything is Alvis 12/70 except for the carburettor and inlet manifold, they are TA 14. The body is a steel frame covered by marine ply and red vinyl. It is a sparse body, no doors and a small box behind the seats for overnight gear.

The car is fully registered. We built as an Alvis hillclimb special, and as my last hillclimb was at Rob Roy many years ago, it is perhaps a good thing that we sell the car! The price : \$6,750.

DAVID WISCHER

RESULTS OF "CEREBRAL" RALLY

	<u>ENTRANT/NAVIGATOR</u>	<u>ALVIS</u>	<u>NON ALVIS</u>	<u>TIME OUT</u>	<u>TIME IN</u>
1st	Geoff Hood/C. Wilson	S. Eagle		9.30	12.38
2nd	Bob Graham/Bev G.	TB 14		9.32	1.01
1st Non A.	David Caldwell/Fraser		SAAB	9.35	1.01
4th	Austin Tope/Margaret	Sp 20		9.47	1.39
2nd Non A.	Stephen Hans/Gina		Wolsley	9.50	12.25
3rd	David Wischer/Moira	Sp 20		9.42	1.05

Start control closed at 10.10 am.

CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE/WANTED

- WANTED 1 pair of headlamps to suit 1924 12/50. Complete, or parts for same.  
VIC ELLIOT, 25 Stirling St, Tusmore, 5065 S.A. (08) 310 833
- WANTED To suit Alvis 12/50 front wheel brake axle, drums, cables, cross shaft, etc. to allow conversion from 2 to 4 wheel brakes.  
ALLAN AYLWARD, P.O. Box 410, Wyong, NSW 2259 (043) 531588 or after hours (043) 325705.
- FOR SALE 12/50 gears : full set - used but in good condition - no box or bearings. \$75.00  
RON WILSON, 22 Park Close, Vermont, 3133 (03) 874 2450.
- FOR SALE Differential complete 5.2 - 1 crown wheel and pinion. Part no. 10851 and N 6221 - only 300 miles from brand new. This is a Firefly or Speed 20 CW & P with all new bearings fitted into 12/50 housing to suit 12/50 half shafts. Turns a 12/50 into a traffic lights winner - or alter the diff gears to suit a Speed 20. Realistic offers wanted.  
RON WILSON (03) 874 2450.
- FOR SALE Silver Eagle spare parts catalogue - TB, SD and SE, 16.95 cars. Factory publication - does not contain illustrations \$45.00  
BILL BROOKS, 34 Almeida Street, Indooroopilly, Queensland 4068  
Phone : (07) 378 2097.
- FOR SALE Does anyone else require the cast iron caps used to manufacture original mufflers for 14.75 hp cars, or the engine undertray? Possibly the same as for 16.95 cars. I intend making some soon, so contact ASAP.  
RICHARD UNKLES, 6 Nevada Street, North Balwyn, Vic. 3104
- WANTED 1 pair Hartford shock absorbers 2x 3 arm 9" between centres. Any parts at all for Hobson Tele-Gauge.  
RICHARD UNKLES
- WANTED For 12/40 - 12/50 : horn button, 80 mph Smiths speedo, one pair of CAV side lights (tear drop type)  
FRANK CORBETT, PO Box 218, Kenmore Qld. 4069 (07) 378 7280
- FOR SALE The Club now has in stock the last four available brand new Speedo Cables (inner and outer) to suit 3 litre (TA 21 to TC 21 series) and TA 14. \$25 each.

CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE/WANTED (continued)

FOR SALE THE STORY OF THE RED TRIANGLE by Ken Day. This book is the definitive history of Alvis Ltd. \$35 each.

WANTED Any member requiring cables for 3 litre drophead window mechanism contact Spares Registrar with your requirements and provide sample if possible so that manufacture can be arranged.

This advertisement has been in the newsletter for several months without any response. If no information is forthcoming within the next month, this service will be discontinued.

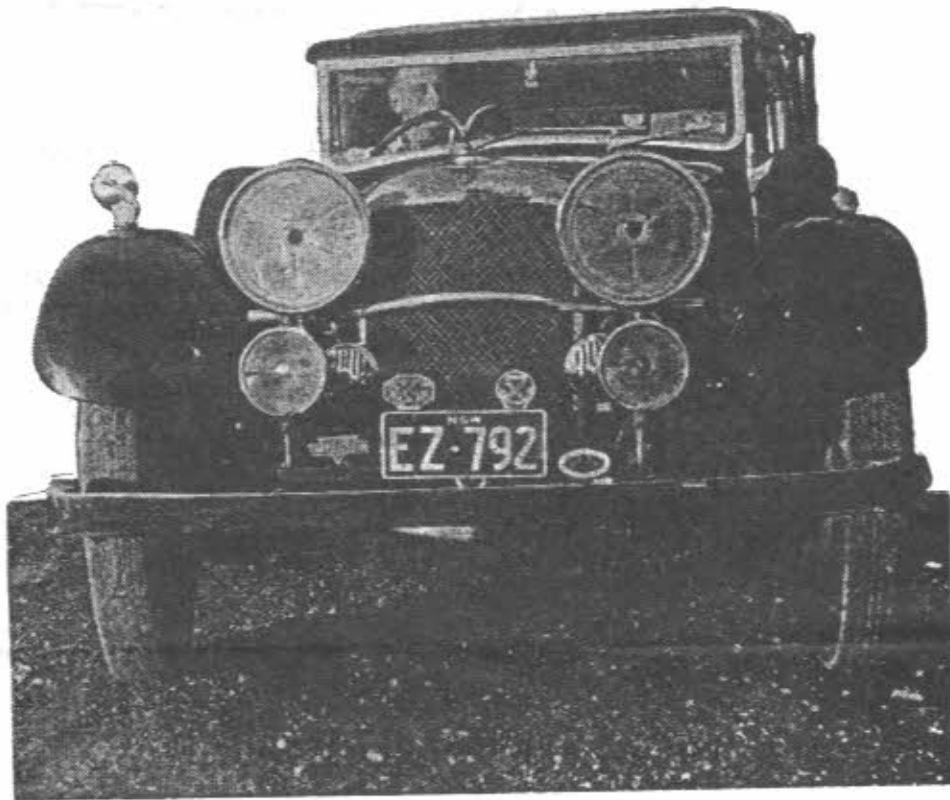
SPECIAL OFFER !!!!

For prints of your car or Alvis Badge on windcheaters, etc. contact :

Wendy Franzke,  
13 Rothan Avenue, Boronia  
Phone (03) 729 3267

You could have your car, etc. on your shirt !!!

Ring Wendy for details, and mention Maureen Adnam's name.



Frontal treatment of ALVIS cars has always been impressive, but this one, with its big headlamps and mesh protection for the radiator, looks particularly bold.

