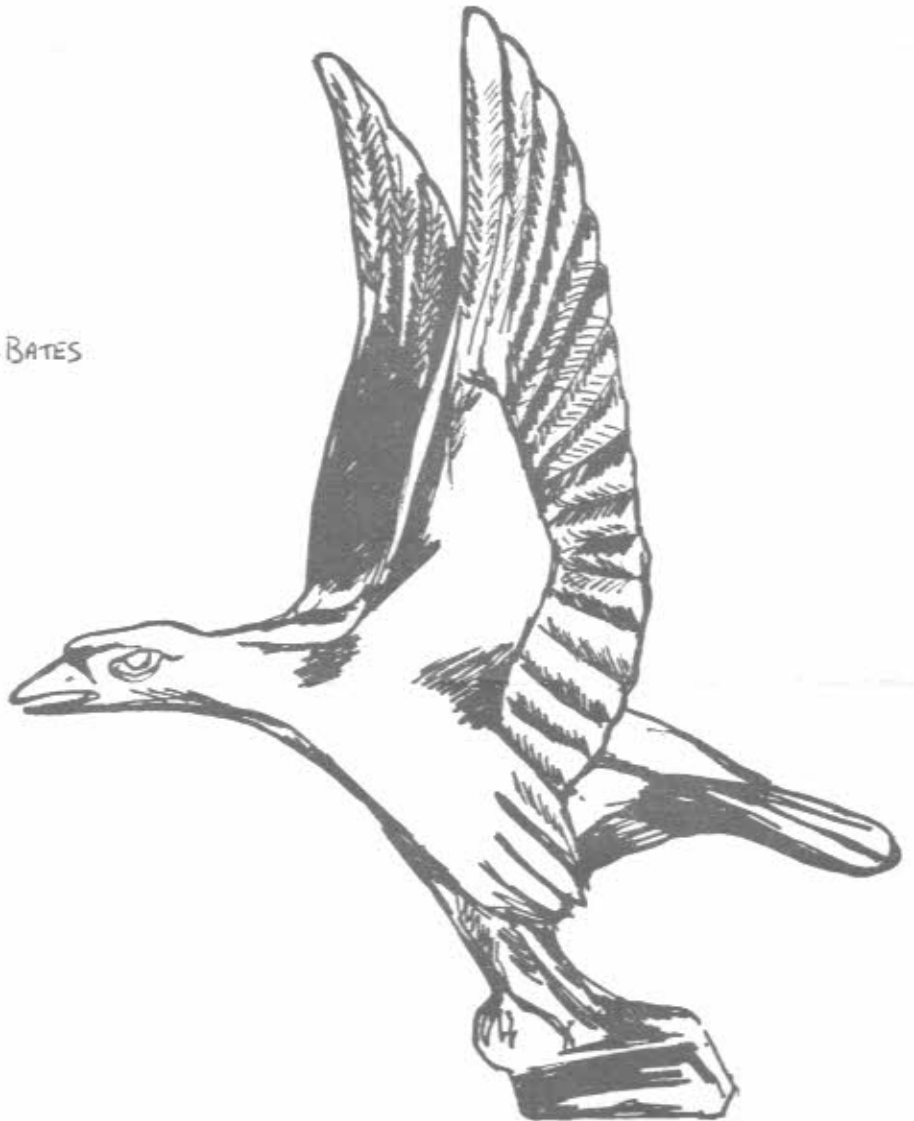




# NEWSLETTER



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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 would you please contact the Club Captain, Ron Wilson on 874 2450.

EDITORIAL

Now we approach another election night - big deal - for the last umpteen years these have come and gone without much hurrah !!! Will we have an old style election? Not unless you all get off your ar...s, er, bottoms.

For far too long the work has been done by far too few - many of us have just about had it. Time for new blood.

I have one good news item, that I have had an offer to assist in the publication of the newsletter. John Hetherington of Shepparton has offered to assist me for 1988.

More details on the arrangements for publications.

REMEMBER THE ELECTION NIGHT : FRIDAY, 16th OCTOBER.

REGARDS,

RICHARD

COMING EVENTS

ELECTION NIGHT

Friday, 16th October, 1987  
at the Clubrooms  
8.15 pm SHARP

ANNUAL DINNER AND PRESENTATION NIGHT

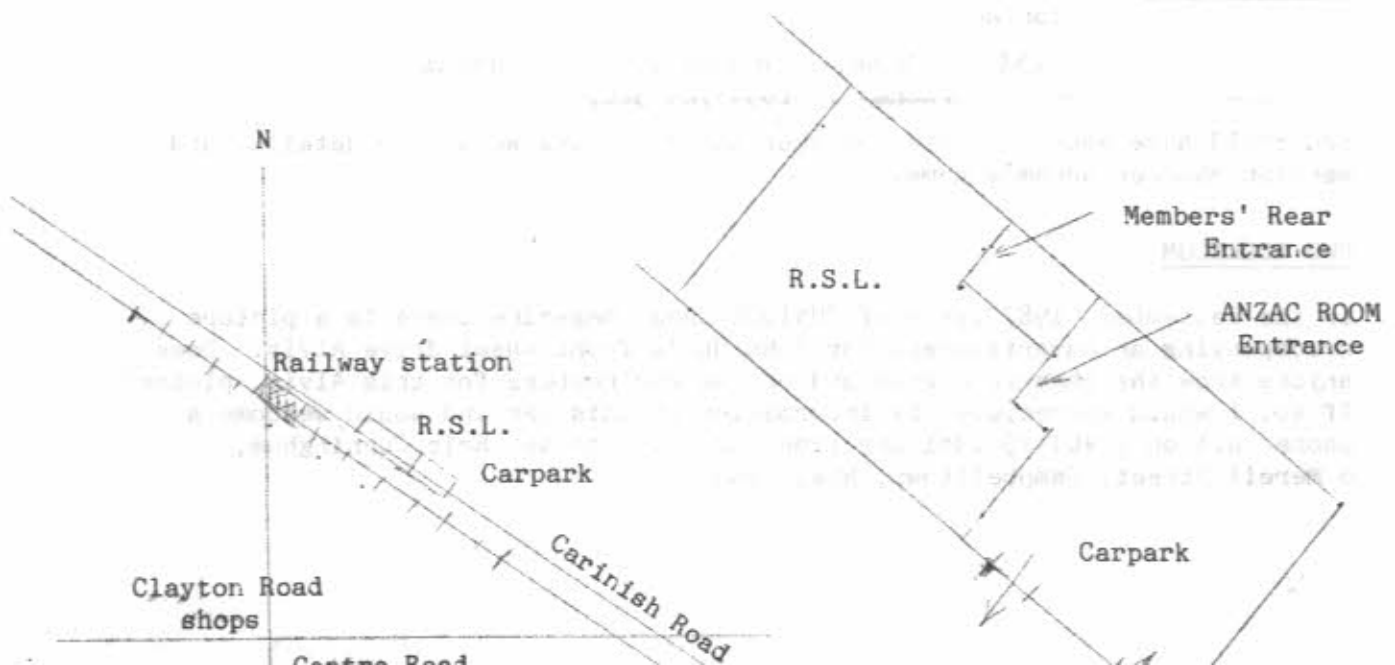
DATE : Saturday, 17th October  
VENUE : Clayton RSL Anzac Room, Carinish Road, Clayton (Melways map 79 D3)  
Room entrance off the carpark  
TIME : 6.30 pm for 7.30 pm dinner  
COST : \$24.50 per head (cost includes 4-course meal, dinner rolls,  
after dinner mints, coffee) Barman till 11.00 pm

A good attendance will ensure the room to ourselves.

RSVP : John Stewart, 17 Fromer Street, Moorabbin by 10th October  
Phone : 63 1663/63 3645 (work); 557 3936 (home)

NOTE : I would like to thank Roy Henderson for his assistance in organising the venue. All confirmations of attendances by telephone must be paid for by the Club, so if you cannot make it, make sure you cancel by the RSVP date.

JOHN STEWART



CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE/WANTED

- 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 2 x 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, Brisbane, Qld. 4069  
Phone : (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.
- FOR SALE THE STORY OF THE RED TRIANGLE by Ken Day. This book is the definitive history of Alvis Ltd. \$35 each.  
Contact any Committee member - available through Club. Limited numbers are left.
- WANTED 1 pair of headlamps to suit 1924 12/50. Complete, or parts for same. VIC ELLIOT, 25 Stirling Street, Tusmore SA 5065 (08)310833.
- 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, PO Box 410, Wyong, NSW 2259 (043) 53 1588 or after hours (043) 32 5705.
- WANTED For 12/50 flange frame chassis : rocker assembly complete with shaft, rockers, pedestals, etc.; rocker cover; oil level indicator. This is the casting which goes behind the float rod.  
ALAN GRIFFIN, 7 Marinerim Place, Castle Cove NSW 2069  
Phone (02) 407 2134.

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SPECIAL OFFER : for prints of your car or Alvis Badge on windcheaters, etc. contact :

WENDY FRANZKE, 13 Rothar 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.

FWD ADDENDUM

In the September, 1987 issue of "UNIQUE CARS" magazine there is a picture accompanying an advertisement for John Ham's front wheel drive Alvis. Does anyone know the chassis engine and/or the car numbers for this Alvis, please? If so, I would appreciate any information on this car and would welcome a phone call on (046) 25 1381 any time, or write to me, Eric Cunningham, 8 Mereil Street, Campbelltown, NSW, 2560.

BIRDS AND FLIES !!FIREBIRDS by Eric Cunningham

The recent appearance at Sydney's Seymour Centre of the Queensland Ballet's performance of "Firebird" serves as a timely reminder to review the samples of Alvis models bearing this name here. How the dour hierarchy of the Alvis company came to be influenced by Igor Stravinsky's music is not known. Perhaps Alvis thought they could cash in on the sort of publicity accruing (wrongly, as it happened) to Bugatti upon the tragic death of that tempestuous dancer, Isadora Duncan. Legend has it that Duncan died when her flowing scarf became wrapped around the rear wheel of a Bugatti, in which she was a passenger, and was strangled. (In fact, historians now seem to agree that she was being driven in an Amilcar.)

Putting aside references to Fokeine, Diaghilev, Njinsky, and all that lot, and looking at cars, Australasia seems to have precious few Firebirds here than seem to be around still in the UK. I can only account for the following cars :

<u>Chassis</u>	<u>Last Known Owner</u>	<u>Comments</u>
12837	Geoff Winter (NSW)	Car no. 18179 and fitted with a saloon body (possibly C&E)
12884	D. Davis (NZ)	Car no. 166941
13630	Andey Hannam (Vic)	Car no. 18367 and fitted with a C&E body
?	Unknown (Q'land)	Saloon, possibly owned by a lighthouse keeper at Pt. Danger.

NETTING THE FIREFLIES

A recent import from America of a Firefly tourer which was purchased a few weeks ago by Barry Turner of North Richmond, NSW, suggests it may be timely to do a quick count of this model Alvis in Australasia.

<u>Chassis</u>	<u>Last Known Owner</u>	<u>Comments</u>
9999	Barry Turner (NSW)	Has an ENV-Wilson gearbox; this C&E tourer recently imported from Arizona USA was previously registered in UK as APA 275. Early history is sought.
10330	M. J. Denby (SA)	1933 tourer - was registered as (SA) 7767 and completely dismantled by previous owners. Now restored to a running chassis.
10456	Ray McKenzie (Qld)	Believed to have ENV gearbox; this saloon is thought to be off the road and may be dismantled.
10812	Adrian Palmer (NSW)	This C&E tourer originally had an ENV gearbox but now fitted with a crash box ex Speed 20.
10839	Ron Wilson (Vic)	This tourer had a crash box but is currently fitted with a modern gearbox and is in fine condition.
11531	R.W. Tringham (NSW)	Was registered in NSW ca. 1960 but is otherwise a mystery.
11239	Ian Hay (New Zealand)	Ex-Keith Thompson tourer - was undergoing extensive restoration in 1984. Believed to have left the works as a saloon in 1933, now has new tourer body.
?	K.G. Rusden (NZ)	1932 SA series.
?	Pat Gaitley (NZ)	No details.

NETTING THE FIREFLIES (continued)

<u>Chassis</u>	<u>Last Known Owner</u>	<u>Comments</u>
?	Derek Holyoake (Vic)	No details.
?	Allen Douglas (NZ)	Chassis no. given as 15663 (could be the car no.) and engine no. 11239 indicates this is chassis no. 11239 owned by Ian Hay.
?	? (NZ)	Said to be car no. 14899 - no other details known.
?	Dr. A. Pearson (SA)	No other details.
?	John Mark (SA)	No other details.
?	Peter Holland (SA)	No other details.
?	Nigel Ross-Kelly (SA)	No other details.
?	Andy Hannam (Victoria)	No other details.

Eric Cunningham of 8 Mereil Street, Campbelltown, NSW 2560 (phone : (046) 25 1381) would like some enlightenment on any of the above cars and their early histories.

FROM OUR LAKE BOGA CORRESPONDENT

Dear Richard,

Received my August newsletter and have written this contribution to you sitting up in bed. Trusting it is acceptable. I can now get up for a few hours each day and trust that I will be able to carry out the modifications to my car that I have outlined in the articles for the newsletter.

Regards,

COL WINSLADE

FOR RELUCTANT SALE : 1 only late 1934 Austin 10 sedan, 4 door Lietchfield model, 16" wire wheels, original tools, handbook, green duco. Car is about complete, drives firmly but motor smokey. Garaged past 25 years. Needs some new timbers, trimming and paint. Totally original and has not been worked on. Ring 11 am to 3 pm ONLY.

WANTED : for 3 litre TA 21, DHC or sedan, distributor, all valve rockers, push rods and valves (which incidentally are the same as used in another car), valve springs, front bumpers and 1 rear axle nut 1" dia and 20 tpi.

WANTED KNOWN : Original colours of the TA 21 1951 DHC. Somebody must know. I have written to the librarian and sent s.a.e., advertised and no response, save a suggestion from Eric Cunningham. God bless him. Yes - I need help.

EXPORT OR PERISH : Trouble WIV your 3 litre exhaust ?? Making space for your tail pipe - loosen clamps on your petrol tank and move it to the right side by the chassis rail. No smoking while WORK is in progress.

This will provide space for the exhaust to be taken over the differential via that awkward shocker on single exhaust systems.

Re-tighten clamps on tank and perhaps replace the packing between the straps and tank if required.

Further space can be obtained by work to the spare wheel carrier.

N.B. It's only one of those 10 minute jobs.

COL WINSLADE

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