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### COMING EVENTS

July	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club General Meeting</b> Expect a huge array of Videos's and Alvis souvenirs from the senior executive.
August	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Run to Marysville with Bristol Car club and Daimler Car Club. Contact Richard for details
	OR	VSCC Frost byte run, invitation by VSCC and Antique Aircraft Association, contact Peter Fleming for details, 9729 3440.
	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Club General meeting where we will be entertained by Richard once again. Come along and enjoy his wondrous words of wisdom

### CALENDAR PHOTO'S

Photo's for the up and coming Alvis Calendar are needed urgently.  
Send your Photo to John Lang P.O. Box 129 Gisborne Victoria 3437  
Contact John on 03 5426 2256 for more details

# TORQUE OF TONKIN

I know how all of the members wait with baited breath for the monthly epistle from our leader, Richard Tonkin, however this month he is off in the wilds of UK and Europe, last I heard he was off to Italy whilst sending John Ball (and Kay) to conquer Scotland. I'm sure he will be able to give you a double dose for next month, especially as he will be filling in for John.

Last I heard he was enjoying the somewhat less than perfect weather of England. He had been visiting a few Museums and had to endure the hardship of the Alvis Day at Brooklands (a tough life at the top). Approximately 230 Alvii were in attendance. They were hoping for 300 but a number of other things happened on the day such as Goodwood to keep a few cars away.

One piece of sad news we have had is that Peter Black, famed editor of World Alvis News, has been murdered. Details are sketchy (we will bring any more details to you as they arrive) however it appears he disturbed a burglar and was murdered. We don't know much but an Email from Charles Machonikie, Alvis Owners Club is reproduced below.

*From: ALVISAOC@aol.com, Date: Wed, 24 Jun 1998 19:07:16EDT  
To: dparsell@ozemail.com.au Subject: Re: Peter BlackX-*

*Dale*

*Yes I had a very enjoyable dinner in the company of the Tonkins and the Balls. I think and hope they enjoyed the weekend.*

*The details about Peter are sketchy - the French don't like to release too much. I understand that Peter was found dead at home, having been missed at his local restaurant/watering hole. It seems that he put up quite a fight and may well have been alive when the intruder? left. Someone has been picked up by the Police driving the wrong way down a one-way street. He was driving Peter's Peugeot and the Police found blood in it and was arrested. It was only later that Peter was found. I believe that the person is Polish.*

*If/when I get more information, I will let you know..*

It appears that there are "hero's" all over the world. Our condolences go to all of Peter's family, he was definitely a character in the Alvis world and will be sadly missed.

As Charles said, we will keep members informed of developments as they happen.

Dale

## MOTORING WEEK THE GRAND TOUR OF VICTORIA

October 4-9 inclusive  
Contact Nick Langford 9877 0666 (bh) for details

*As a number of our members are interested in the Geelong Speed trials although not directly involved or members of the VSCC I thought this may be of interest Dale.*

## **Status Report on the 1998 Geelong Speed Trials:**

Our traditional Speed Trial venue at Eastern Beach has, since the last event, experienced an impressive facelift, as a consequence of a recently completed stage of the development of Geelong's waterfront.

While the facelift has certainly been a positive influence on the attractiveness of the venue and the general appeal of the area, the negatives for us are that we now require a significant amount of extra infrastructure which has added a substantial increase to the traditional organisational effort and an additional operational cost of \$30,000.

However, the additional infrastructure and the consequential improved safety of the track will enable a number of new and exciting classes.

In an attempt to amortise some of the "new" costs the event will be staged over two days, **Saturday November 21 and Sunday November 22.**

It is proposed that Saturday will feature historic touring cars and Clubs including MG and Jaguar; and the re-introduction of historic motorcycles. Sunday will include the traditional historic sports, touring and racing car classifications.

Given a history that dates back to 1956, it is important that one of Australia's oldest, unique and most popular events is maintained.

At this point in time, we have completed a series of negotiations with CAMS and Steampacket that have enabled us to determine the best options and a strategy for implementing the additional infrastructure.

Our only outstanding issue is a budget shortfall in the order of \$25,000 that has evolved through the loss of some of last years sponsors and the cost of the additional infrastructure.

If any of our VSCC members or their acquaintances see value in being a Speed Trials sponsor then we would be beyond grateful for any contributions that could be made. Sponsorship proposals can be acquired via The Speed Trials Fax on (03) 5222 6157.

It should go without saying that national and international enthusiasts also consider the Geelong Speed Trials to be a motor sporting heritage event, that attracts the participation of the world's most significant motor racing identities.

We have established a relationship with the Brighton Speed Trials that we hope will help in recognising any future issues that may effect those events that take place on public roads and high profile areas; as well as exchanging trophies and perhaps options that would enable us to have enthusiasts from either part of the world competing at both events.

The VSCC has traditionally done well from the Speed Trials as both an annual high profile event and the level of success that we have enjoyed. The media following typically has become the envy of events elsewhere.

The community has benefited substantially by not only having a source of entertainment, but perhaps more so an activity that generates significant amounts of funding for community welfare projects, achieved through associated APEX fund raising ventures (generating in the order of \$20,000 at last years event).

We are extremely grateful to the FORD Motor Company of Australia Limited as the Principal sponsor for the Speed Trials; the SHANNONS Corporation as the Principal Concours sponsor and to SCALLYWAGS for the re-introduction of historic motor cycles.

The theme for this years *Speed Trials* will be FORD powered sports and racing cars. We are attempting to attract some of the most interesting and significant examples that have not been seen in the same place at the same time before.

As a major VSCC event, it is always important that we fly the flag as best we can by attracting the best range of pre 1940 cars from our own membership. Entry Forms will be available in September.

Gary Grant, June 1998.

## CARS & PARTS FOR SALE AND WANTED

THE CLUB CARRIES A LARGE SELECTION OF SPARE PARTS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE TO FINANCIAL MEMBERS OF THE CLUB AND TO MEMBERS OF THE ALVIS CAR CLUB OF NEW SOUTH WALES. ONLY REPRODUCTION PARTS CAN BE SUPPLIED TO NON MEMBERS AND A SURCHARGE WILL BE APPLIED. MEMBERS CONTEMPLATING THE MANUFACTURE OF SPARES ARE ASKED TO CONTACT THE CLUB TO SEE IF OTHERS NEED SUCH A PART OR IF IT IS FEASIBLE TO ORDER SOME FOR CLUB SPARES.

*Enquire about spares to the appropriate SPAREPERSON listed on p. 3.*

**AUGUST NEWSLETTER**

**COPY DEADLINE**

**WEDNESDAY  
29th JULY 1998**

**COPY TO RICHARD TONKIN  
PLEASE**

### **CLUB.**

Handbooks, technical data etc. TA 21 Specification sheets. \$5.00 each plus p&p.  
"Motor Trader" technical data sheets. Speed 25, 3½ Litre, 12/70 and TD 21. \$5.00 each plus p&p.  
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**WANTED** CAV Bell-shaped headlights "e" pattern. Geoff Hood. Tel 03 9842 2181.

**WANTED** Vintage Instruments: Jaeger Oil Pressure Guage to 60 psi. White on black face. 2 3/8"  
English Clock. White on black face. 2 3/8".  
John Lang. Tel/Fax 03 5426 2256. Email: jdmelang@netcon.net.au

## **STOP PRESS**

Puffing Billy returns to Gembrook on October 4 1998.

In the week prior to this momentous event a week of motoring will be happening. This will include a motoring tour, on the weekend prior, starting at the Polly Woodside and finishing at Gembrook, October 24-25 1998 Contact Autopromos, Box 1270 Moorabbin for Details or Event Infoline 1900 931 578

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Dear Members,

Tragically the business of Antique Tyres, owned by well known members Allan and Noeline McKinnon was destroyed on Saturday 4/7/98.

If any members anticipating the purchase of tyres in the next 12 months could contact Ron Wilson 22 Park Close Vermont, it would be most appreciated. It is anticipated this show of support will go a long way in raising the spirits of Allan and Noeline.

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