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COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER	Friday 16 th	CLUB GENERAL MEETING ANNUAL GGENERAL MEETING
	Sat/Sun 10 th -11 th	Mt. Tarrengower Hill Climb*
	Sunday 18 th	Club Run to SIMON & AILEEN RAMSAY'S For a BBQ Lunch. Directions for getting there and what to take (everything) were in Sept. "ALVIC"
NOVEMBER	Sunday 1 st	ANNUAL LUNCH & TROPHY PRESENTATION "Camelot Castle" Yellingbo. Full details were in Sept. "ALVIC"
	Friday 20 th	Club General Meeting
	Sat/Sun 21 st -22 nd	Geelong Speed Trials* The Club intends to put in a strong appearance this Year. Details in November N/L
	Sat/Sun 28 th -29 th	Historic Rob Roy Hill Climb*
DECEMBER	Sunday 6 th	Annual Barbeque at the home of John & Margaret Lang. Gisborne. Full details will appear in November Newsletter.

* Denotes a non- ACCV event. But definitely worth attending!

TORQUE OF TONKIN

Greetings. The big news this month is that the 1999 Calendar is ready and will be available at the October Meeting. The Calendar features an excellent variety of Victorian, New South Wales, Queensland and New Zealand cars, it is a handsome product and is a credit to it's producers, John and Margaret Lang. Our thanks to them for the thought and effort which they put into making it happen. The price is \$20, which includes postage so, if you can't get to the meetings or events, send your order to John at P.O. Box 129, Gisborne, Victoria, 3437. We have sent a box of calendars to the NSW Club and to New Zealand. Support this project by buying a calendar or two (they make an ideal Christmas gift), so that it can become an annual event.

Don't forget the Annual General Meeting at the Clubrooms, 8pm on Friday, 18th October. Nominations for office bearers and the committee should be lodged with the Secretary, Dale Parsell, no later than 7 days beforehand. The rumour that people stay away from the AGM in droves because they don't want to get dobbed onto the committee (or made President) are grossly exaggerated. It's actually a fun night, so come along, buy a Calendar (will your car be in it? If not, there's always next time), and help to make it a good night.

Also don't forget the run to Simon and Aileen Ramsay's on Sunday, 18th October, and the Annual Luncheon and Trophy Presentations on Sunday, 1st November, at "Camelot Castle". Details of both events are on page 4 of the Spring Alvic. I need numbers for the lunch a week before, please.

The hotly contested Andy Hannam Trophy for the member who brings his Alvis to the most events will be awarded at the Annual Luncheon. The latest scores are Bob Graham 13 points, Richard Tonkin and John White 10 points each. The remaining events are the October Meeting and the Ramsay Run. Odds on Bob? The competition resumes for 1999 with the November Club Meeting.

Happy Motoring and may your electrics glow in the dark.

RICHARD TONKIN

"ALMA DOEPEL" AND ALL THAT!

Those present and accounted for----

Alister and Phillipa, Peter and Bronwyn Watt, Marcia And Bill Barber, Stuart And Buffy Barber, John White and family, Richard Kellock, (apologies from Maureen), Alf and Maija Wilson, and Royboy and entourage Joan, Meryl and Valda. ('Entourage':- "People attending A Very Important Person". (Oxford)).

Great to see the Wilsons, even if Alf's whiskers are white, possibly caused by Maija doing a 'Hyacinth Bucket' and singing at him between drinks!

Sunday dawned cold, wet, and horrid, as only a Melbourne Spring Sunday can, so with much trepidation and heaps of warm clothing, off we set for the wilds of "Willie" and our date with destiny.

A little on the Alma Doepel:- Built at Bellingen, N.S.W. , in 1905, and named after the builder's daughter. A timber-hulled three masted top-sail schooner of 250 tonnes, currently carrying three main sails, one square-rigged top-sail and two-jibs, giving her an operating speed of 4-6 knots, and a top of around 12 knots depending on conditions.

Sneakily secreted down south are two 8Cyl. Gardener Diesels turning twin props when no-one's looking and as an added refinement, port and starboard side-thrust jets for ease in docking. (not original?)

When working her old cargo runs- Hobart to Aussie east coast, she carried a crew of five to eight. She did her last run in 1976 and is now confined to Port Phillip Bay as a cruise and training ship.

Our trip was two hours zigzagging around Hobson's Bay under full sail with much yelling, hauling on and tripping over miles of rope by a mostly teenage crew, ineptly assisted by 50-odd passengers. These actions were accompanied by such nautical orders as "Belay the main brace", "Man the Heads", "Stop the boat! me bloody parrot's fell off again!" Wonderful stuff! with the weather, so rotten on shore, by now clean, sharp, and bracing! Runny noses, here I come! ...

At lunch afterwards, after some very rough red, Richard entertained us by swimming several laps in an enormous bowl of soup, while singing bawdy sea-shanties! Wonderful stuff! ...

Thanks Alister and John for one out of the blue, Great Day! but don't think you're going to get me up in a balloon, this lad doesn't believe in "Who dares, wins".....

ROYBOY.

NOTICE BOARD

WE'RE BACK IN THE RED AGAIN!

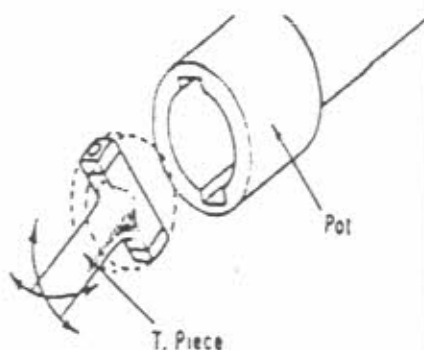
Several members bemoaned the loss of our
RED MASTHEAD

when the format of our Newsletter changed recently. The loss resulted from cost cutting and not any desire on the part of your Ed. to be rid of the red. The editorial veins remain full of red stuff, other red stuff finds its way down his throat, occasionally; there are red things on the front of his Alvises and red things keep coming from the bank - so there is no escaping it. You just have to love it if you own an Alvis. Thanks to Bob Graham - chief Restorer of the Red.

TROPHIES

It's that time of year again. Nearly time for the Award Ceremony. (Annual lunch etc. on Sunday 1st November.) So will all current holders of pots, plaques, platters, plates or any other paraphernalia belonging to the Club, but over which they have had custody for the last year, please return it at the October General Meeting. If you can't get to the meeting please ensure that the gold gets into the Secretary's hands ASAP. But you ought to attend the October Meeting - the AGM is on and if you are not there, you might get voted into Office without the opportunity of offering a lame excuse.

POT JOINT - ALVIS FWD



GREMLINS.

Students of the genus "gremlin" would have had a field day with last month's "ALVIC". I don't think that anyone was (unintentionally) insulted so I won't draw attention to the individual errors - just apologise for the lot of them. However, Ian Northey who does our printing for us, does apologise for the quality of the colour, which was due to a technical breakdown and the "floating" captions. Instead of wearing a hair shirt for a week he gave us colour on the front and back pages, last month instead of b & w and he is standing us our red Masthead this month. Thanks, Ian

POET'S CORNER O.P.

Oil pressure at two thousand, hot,
is forty pounds or so.
And if it is not forty pounds,
your motor will not go.
Thus spake the learned makers
in their clever little book.
And so at that small instrument,
I seldom dare to look.

Sometimes on biting winter morn,
when bitter frost abides,
the needle crawls to shaky ten,
then sleepily subsides.
Oh clueless clot though I may be,
is not this car a hero?
Have we not gone ten thousand miles,
oil pressure, hot, at zero?

(From "Down in the Sumps" by W.H. Charnock
via VSCC - SA "Vintage Bulletin", July 1998
Contributed by Alister Cannon.)

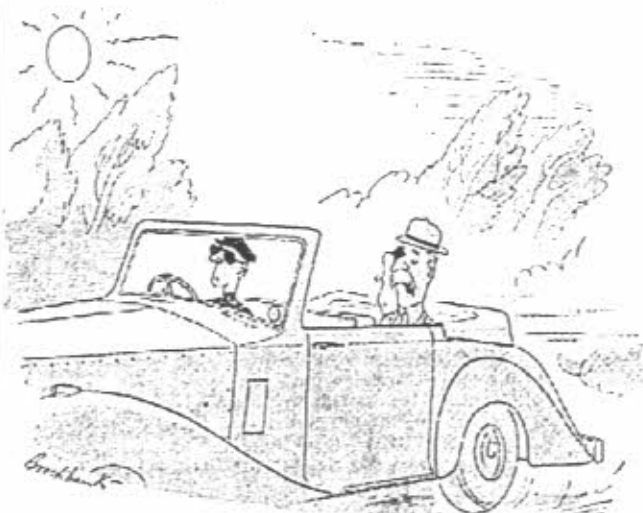
FAVOURITE HEADLINES No 3

**HOTEL BURNS
DOWN: TWO
HUNDRED
GUESTS ESCAPE
HALF GLAD.**

From AOMC Newsletter. Sept '98

Group Public Liability Insurance Scheme.

Heather Greaves reported the Group Public Liability Insurance Policy has attracted 57 of our affiliates clubs. We are close to the end of negotiations with Shannons & Royal and Sun Alliance for a Group Voluntary Works Insurance Policy. We are attempting to include people up to 80 years of age. Most of this type of policy excludes people over 70 - check your present policy for this clause. Details of this new Policy will be mailed to all clubs ASAP



A DATE?

How can you tell the date without a calendar? It's difficult, so save yourself strife by buying a calendar as new year approaches. What better to illustrate your 1999 calendar than a photo collection of fine ALVIS MOTOR CARS which presently reside in Australasia? Come to the next general meeting prepared to be astounded and to BUY!!

CARS & PARTS FOR SALE AND WANTED

THE CLUB CARRIES A 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.

CLUB

Handbooks, technical data etc. See full listing published in September "ALVIC". Details from ROYBOY Tel. 03 9704 7549

Spares Catalogue. Work has commenced.

PRIVATEERS

WANTED URGENTLY. Valve spring top (the cap that retains the spring) for Firefly Probably a Speed 20 one is the same. Also, information concerning differentials, 12/50 (non sub-frame) crank-case and gear box top. Derek Dixon. New Zealand. 0011 64 631 5957

FOR SALE Pistons for PVT Alvis. Set of six "Polson" pistons. Tel. Hilton Pollard 02 4565 0212

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

COPY DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY

28th OCTOBERER 1998

Please remember that the Office of Fair Trading requires that advertisements for cars for sale must include the cash price of the car and its Registration number (or Engine Number if unregistered.)

HAVE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE ROGUES' GALLERY (ALVIC Spring Edn.)

Were they saying.....?

Alister	"I hope that's the postman and not a big-end knockin' "
Marcia	"I never know what Bill's coming up with next."
Bill	"Have you heard the one about.....?"
Frances	"Rippa Norm, now I'll tell you one!"
Dale	"Not now Maritta, there are people watching!"
John W.	"Lois, stop whacking me on the head!"
Richard	"I told you to lay off the port Pauline, now look what you've done!"
Austin	"Not my fault the Sound Tunnel blew down!"
John B.	"Ah come on Kay, you'll have to do better than that!"
John L.	"By Jingo, Ian I've got an itchy arm".
Ian	"Lend me a quid and I'll scratch you anywhere !"

ROYBOY

GIVE YOURSELF A PAT ON THE BACK

Your response to my request to let ALAN McKINNON and ANTIQUUE TYRES know your tyre requirements has been outstanding and is very much appreciated.

Added to your many good wishes, this support has encouraged Alan to get ANTIQUUE TYRES going again - albeit with a small amount of stock and in temporary premises but now available on the original phone number of (03)9458 4433.

Thanks again.

RON WILSON

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