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## COMING EVENTS

- NOVEMBER FRIDAY 20th Club General Meeting.  
OK, you can come out of hiding now. The AGM has been & gone.
- SAT/SUN 14th-15th Bendigo Swap Meet.
- SAT/SUN 21st-22nd Geelong Sprints.  
The Club intends to visit en-masse. On the Sunday. Details inside. Several members will be competing.
- SAT/SUN 28th-29th Rob Roy Historic Hill Climb.
- DECEMBER SUNDAY 6th Annual Summer Barbeque.  
This year at the home of John & Margaret Lang at Gisborne Full details inside.
- JANUARY 1999 FRIDAY 15th *Likely* date of Informal Club Meeting/SnagSizzle/Whatever.

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

was held on Friday 16th October.

A copy of the Financial Statements appear elsewhere in this issue.

A new committee was chosen; the names of all those members are on this page.

Welcome to Andrew McDougall and Colin White who join the committee. Congratulations to Ian Parkinson who moves from the back bench to become Treasurer. And congratulations, too, to Alister Cannon who has taken on the job of Librarian.

## SPARES

### REGISTRAR PLUS

### THREE LITRE

### SPARES

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### TA 14 SPARES

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15 Clarke Avenue  
Caulfield  
Vic 3162  
Tel 03 9571 3886

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**TORQUE OF TONKIN**

Greetings. Another year has come and almost gone and we look forward to the New Year. I believe that 1998 was a good year for the Club, with a number of events in the Clubrooms and some interesting outings. The Newsletter was revamped and divided into the quarterly "Alvic" and a newsletter for the other seven months. My thanks to Editor **John Hetherington** for his excellent work in bringing in these changes.

This year also saw the introduction of the Calendar, created by **John and Margaret Lang**. We received photos from NSW, Queensland, Victoria and New Zealand and thank you to all those who submitted pictures of their cars. There are still a few Calendars left, but you will have to be quick. Contact John Lang at P.O. Box 129, Gisborne, Victoria, 3437, telephone (03) 5426 2256.

We had a good turn-up at the Annual Luncheon at **Ian and Pat Parkinson's** "Camelot Castle" at Yellingbo. Thank you both for the excellent fare. We welcomed new members **Mark and Barbara Burns** who recently purchased **Des Donnan's** lovely 12/50. Mark and Barbara rather scooped the pool at the lunch, taking off the prizes for the Observation Test, as well as the Limerick Competition.

The Luncheon was the occasion for the 1999 trophy presentations. **Bob Graham** won the **Andy Hannam Trophy** for the best Alvis attendance at events during the year. The **David Muirden Clubman of the Year** was awarded to **John Hetherington** for his excellent work revamping the Newsletter. **John Ball** won the **Bob Morrow Trophy** for the restoration of "Edwina", **Kay Ball's** magnificent 12/50. **Awards of Merit** were made to **David Caldwell** for his work on the TA 14 and to **John Lang** for bringing the Calendar to fruition. The **Simon Ramsay Trophy** for the fastest Alvis at the Mt. Tarrangower Hillclimb went to **Dale Parsell** in the Firefly.

We are planning an exciting 1999. **Mrs. Bowes**, the owner of "Alvista", the site of our Clubrooms, has kindly agreed to let us refurbish the rooms and that will commence shortly. The result will be a more comfortable and convivial atmosphere for our monthly meetings. Of course, the National Rally is on in May and we will have an interesting program of events during the year.

I take this opportunity to wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

RICHARD TONKIN.

*(The Editor was much pleased to receive the David Muirden Trophy. It is usual for the winners of Car Club Trophies to have driven or fettled their way to success, so does this prove that the pen is mightier than the spanner?)*

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WORD FROM ACROSS THE TASMAN.

Dear John,

Just a line to let you know that my valve cap and cotters are now in place, thanks to Dale Parsell and I am in the process of fitting a Whippet crown wheel and pinion to the Firefly. The pinion needed machining to adapt it but this has now been done, so we are getting closer to trying the car. The body has been skinned. Chrome work is underway and I am awaiting a price for painting. Fitting door locks is the next job. Hopefully, when I come over in May the car will be at the upholsterers. Here's hoping!

Anyway, I digress. This note is to ask you to let me, through your Newsletter, thank Dale Parsell and Dean Prangley for their help and interest including ringing me to offer help. I am always glad that I have had the opportunity of associating with Australian Alvis owners. The comradeship is most impressive.

I look forward to seeing you in Adelaide in May '99. Till then - Happy Alvis-ing!

Yours,

DEREK DIXON. AUCKLAND.

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**THE ANDY HANNAM TROPHY**

Yes, it's on again! The trophy for the Member who brings their Alvis to the most Club Events during the year. The competition for the next 12 months began at the Annual Luncheon on 1st November and the following earned 1 point each :- **John Ball, Mark Burns, David Caldwell, Bob Graham, Andrew McDougall, Eric Nichol, Dale Parsell, Rex Roberts, Rob Sands, Richard Tonkin and John White.**

The next eligible event is the Annual Barbeque at **John and Margaret Lang's** home at New Gisborne on 6th December. So, Bring Out Your Alvises!  
PREZ.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE "LANGS"  
SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER 1998  
FROM 12.00 NOON.

LOCATION: 64 KIRRIBILLI ROAD  
NEW GISBORNE 3438

PHONE: 54262256

BRING: EVERYTHING THAT YOU WILL NEED EXCEPT THE  
FIRE UPON WHICH TO BURN YOUR CHOPS.

FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO TRAVEL TOGETHER, CONVOY DEPARTS ELLIOTT AVE. LAY BY JUST OVER THE TRAM LINE (MELWAYS MAP 2A REFERENCE J2) AT 11.00AM. VIA TULLAMARINE FREEWAY TO SUNBURY, THEN ON TO RIDDELLS CREEK. TURN LEFT AFTER PASSING UNDER RAILWAY BRIDGE (GO TOWARDS GISBORNE.)

\*TURN RIGHT AT HAMILTON ROAD JUST PAST WEBERS PLANT NURSERY) CONTINUE UNTIL YOU PASS "FLEX DRIVE" FACTORY THEN TURN RIGHT INTO BARRINGO ROAD. CONTINUE TO THE T- INTERSECTION.

\*\* TURN RIGHT INTO WOOLING ROAD, TURN LEFT INTO MT. ROBERTSON ROAD, TURN RIGHT INTO KIRRIBILLI ROAD, TURN RIGHT INTO COORAMINTA CRES. THE LANGS LIVE ON THE CORNER OF KIRRIBILLI ROAD & COORAMINTA CRES.

DIRECT ROUTE FROM MELBOURNE VIA CALDER HIGHWAY

DO NOT TURN OFF AT GISBORNE EXIT. CONTINUE 2 KMS TO THE NEW GISBORNE EXIT. TAKE THE OFF RAMP & TURN RIGHT AND GO UNDER THE HIGHWAY. PROCEED THROUGH NEW GISBORNE, OVER THE RAILWAY LINE, APPROX 4 KMS TO T-INTERSECTION. THEN FROM \*\* ON ABOVE INFORMATION

FOR THOSE COMING FROM THE NORTH ON THE CALDER HIGHWAY, TAKE THE GISBORNE TURN OFF, TURN LEFT, THROUGH NEW GISBORNE AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS LISTED JUST ABOVE.

FOR OTHERS: GO TO LANCEFIELD THEN ON TO RIDDELLS CREEK, THROUGH RIDDELLS CREEK AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS FROM\* ON ABOVE DIRECTION



TREASURERS REPORT 1997/98GENERAL ACCOUNT  
INCOME

SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$3400	
BANK INTEREST	\$ 93	
SHANNONS REFUND	\$ 146	\$3639

EXPENDITURE

NEWSLETTER	\$1380	
POSTAGE	\$ 597	
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 482	
RENT	\$ 500	
SHANNONS INSURANCE	\$ 225	
AOMC SUBS	\$ 60	
AOMC INSURANCE	\$ 275	
TROPHIES	\$ 155	
PETTY CASH	\$ 100	
INV. AUST/UNITY	\$ 50	
BANK CHARGES	\$ 22	\$3846
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		\$ 207

SPARES ACCOUNT

INCOME	\$1452	
EXPENDITURE	\$1245	
SURPLUS		\$207

CASH BALANCES

	GENERAL	SPARES	TOTAL
B/FWD FROM 96/97	\$1655	\$2039	\$3692
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(\$207)	\$207	\$00.00
BALANCE B/FWD	\$1548	\$2246	\$3694

**VOTE OF THANKS**

At the AGM of the Club held on 16th October a Vote of Thanks was accorded **JOHN TWOMEY** who has retired as Treasurer. When he took over the accounts many years ago the books were in less than good order but John soon had that fixed up and has maintained an exemplary record ever since. He has placed the Club on a sound financial footing.

**RALLY SUCCESS**

**BOB GRAHAM** driving his Speed 20, with **GEOFF HOOD** navigating, came second in the VSCC Two Day Rally held in September. Congratulations.

**COST OF SPARES**

Recently many members have had need to import Alvis spares from U.K. and have been horrified at the landed price in Australia. The major factor is the exchange rate which has been running at about \$A3 : £1 for quite a while now. There have also been some funny goings on regarding import taxes and excises. And then of course there is the major and increasing costs of the remanufacture of small batches of the parts themselves. All of this tells us that we must try, whenever possible, to manufacture in Australia. The higher the number of copies, the lower the unit cost (usually) so please sing out if you are contemplating having any bits.

The finished "Australasian **Alvis Calendar**" was seen by Club Members at the beginning of November. Well done, John & Margaret Lang who produced it. It is worth every cent of the \$20.00 asking price. Order quickly if you haven't already done so.

**THE VERY MODEL OF ELEGANCE**

**Dean Prangley** entered the Speed 20 into the Jaguar Concours d'Elegance held at Jupiter's Casino recently. He was up against some high powered competition. Some of the models were fantastic, but most of the other cars were pretty ordinary. I know what the whole thing looked like because Dean has sent a copy of a professionally produced (Channel 7 TV) video of the event. Thanks, Dean it will go into the Club library and will be viewed soon on the new VCR which the President has promised

**SPARES CATALOGUE**

**John Ball and Alister Cannon** have put in many hours of work to catalogue the Club's Three Litre spares. The job is now nearly done and it is hoped that the other categories are not far behind.

**CLUB AWARDS 1998**

The Annual Trophy Presentation took place at the lunch held at "Camelot", Yellingbo on Sunday 1st November. The President, Izonner, was eloquent as usual and Mrs. Onner did a splendid job of organizing much of the event, running the quiz and limerick competitions, prompting Izonner and even serenading us on her fiddle whilst accompanied by mine host Ian Parkinson on electronic organ. Our thanks to **Ian & Pat Parkinson** and to **Richard & Pauline Tonkin** for a very enjoyable afternoon.

THE WINNERS:

- The Andy Hannam Trophy **Bob Graham**
- The Bob Morrow Trophy **John Ball**
- The David Muirden Trophy **John Hetherington**
- The Simon Ramsay Trophy **Dale Parsell**
- Awards of Merit **David Caldwell**  
**John Lang**

**LIMERICKS:**

Members who met in Lilydale on their way to the Annual Lunch were asked to compose a limerick whilst en route. The winners were **Mark and Barbara Burns**. Before leaving Lilydale Barbara said that the cold in the open 12/50 was making life very difficult for her. God help us when she warms up!

There was a young maiden from Camelot who fancied an Alvis man a lot. So pretending she knew about cars through and through, asked "does it come with an overhead cam or not"?

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Second; from **David & Margaret Caldwell:**

There was a young maiden from Camelot who, at breakfast, liked to eat ham a lot. It affected her girth. Now a subject of mirth, the portly young lady of Camelot.

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Third; from **John & Margaret Lang:**

There was a young maiden from Camelot who stood around and drank a lot. She said "where's the rum?" as she fell on her bum. So much for the maiden from Camelot.

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Pat Parkinson did the judging and found it difficult to separate these from many other good ones.



1999 **ALVIS** RALLY  
2nd May 1999 to 8th May 1999  
In the Clare Valley  
South Australia

**VOTE OF THANKS**

At the AGM a vote of thanks was accorded **ROY HENDERSON** upon his retirement as Librarian and from the Committee. Roy took the job on soon after Moses found the word "Alvis" inscribed on one of his famous tablets and has overseen the progress of the small but high quality collection from stone, through papyrus, parchment, paper and now to video tape.

DON'T FORGET THAT YOUR FINAL PAYMENT FOR THE RALLY WAS DUE ON 31/10/98.

**HARVEY'S GRAVE.** The London "Times" reported on 15/10/98 that 60 members of the AOC and their cars were to converge upon the cemetery at St. Keverne in Cornwall where Harvey is buried. There is a brief history of Harvey, the late Peter Black who encouraged Doug Pound to find the lost grave and some info. on Brooklands racing and Alvis at the track. (copy of article provided by John Mitchell; thanks, John.) A copy is available on <http://www.times.co.uk> then click "back issues". (Ed)



## 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. Stocktaking of Three Litre Spares is complete.

TA 14 STEERING BOX. The bearings for this box consist of a CUP (race) and a CAGE with ball bearings at each end of the steering worm. These bearings are no longer available from bearing suppliers in Australia. Fortunately the Club has managed to obtain four sets - enough for two steering boxes and these are now in stock

1 Cup (race)	C 2576	Must be sold as a set
1 Cage with balls	C 2575	@ \$90.00 each

TD 21 Radiator Grille and surround. Pristine.

DECEMBER "ALVIC"

COPY DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY

25th NOVEMBER 1998

NOTE: There is an issue in December, this year. There will be none in January.

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.)

### PRIVATEERS

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

FOR SALE                      Front bumper bar from circa 1949 Humber Hawk. Suit early Alvis 3 litre. \$100. Frank Smith  
Tel (Adelaide) 08 8264 3488



You do realize, don't you, that your club now has a committee that is whiter than white?

Shannons are major sponsors of the AHMF "2001" tour, to be held April 20<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> 2001. Entry forms are available from PO Box 50, Forest Hills, Vic. 3131 - or from the Editor.

### DEMENTED.

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed and dry cleaners depressed? Laundry workers could decrease, eventually becoming depressed and depleted. Bedmakers will be debunked, baseball players will be debased, landscapers will be deflowered, bulldozer operators will be degraded, organ donors will be delivered, software engineers will be detested, the Hestia company will be debriefed, and musical composers will eventually decompose. Perhaps politicians will be devoted?

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