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COMING EVENTS

APRIL	Friday 16th	Club General Meeting.
	Sunday 18th	Invitation to Daimler/ Lanchester Club Concours. See p5.3/99
MAY	Sun-Sat 2nd-8th	ALVIS NATIONAL RALLY
	Sunday 16th	VSCC Day Navigation Trial. (Bas Bowes event.)
	Friday 21st	Club General Meeting.
	Sat/Sun 29/30th	Historic Winton.

EDINGTON SPRINTS - REPORT

A short report from your roving reporter. (Photos. will be available for next month).

Although Melbourne's weather was not conducive to a sprint meeting, the Goldfields area around Castlemaine has a history of being dry at this time of year. This year did not disappoint, the weather being mild (perfect for sprinting your Vintage car).

A large number of cars appeared to take part in the competition ranging from Vintage touring cars, Lancia Lambda, Delage etc, and of course Alvis. There were PVT cars in the form of Alta, MG, Morris and others, right up to more modern MGB's, Alfa's etc. The historic Racing Register also made a day of it and added some colour in the shape of 3 historic Ford racing cars, T, A & B models I think but I'm no expert, along with other Vintage race cars.

3 Alvis competed in earnest for honours in the Vintage class, all 12/50s (The Firefly stayed home preparing for the trip to Adelaide). They were Andrew Green, Mark Burns and Rob Sands.

I can't give you any results as Maritta and I left before the end of competition but I can report that both competitors and spectators had an excellent day, which is fairly normal at this laid back event.

DALE PARSELL.

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ONE WAY STREET



TURQUE OF TONKIN

THE OLD GUARD AND THE YOUNG TURKS

Greetings. Last month in Torque, I mentioned the Old Guard, in a light-hearted way. Some people took my remarks as intended criticism of the Old Guard and were upset by them. Nothing could be further from the truth.

A couple of definitions are in order. By the Old Guard I mean those Members who have been involved in the Club for a considerable period of time. They have served the Club long and honourably in a variety of roles, whether on the executive, the committee, or just standing in the rain for hours at Kalorama, collecting money for the local fire brigade.

Then there are the Young Turks - those Members who have not been around as long as the Old Guard, who may have not contributed to the rich tapestry that is the earlier history of the Club, but who are enthusiastic owners or admirers of the marque and staunch supporters of the Club. They are now on the committee and the running of the Club is in their hands.

So, can the Old Guard and the Young Turks co-exist? Can we all work together for the advancement of the Club? The answer is, of course we can and, usually, we do. The Old Guard have a magnificent storehouse of knowledge and experience, of the Club, it's history, it's cars, it's Members, which is vital to the continuity and development of the Club. Equally, the Young Turks who, for the most part, are now on the committee and are charged with the responsibility of running the Club today, must be allowed to bring their ideas and their plans into the Club. Otherwise, we will lose them. And the Old Guard should recognise and accept this, just as the Young Turks should draw on the wisdom of those who have managed the Club so well in the past.

As President Kennedy said in his inaugural speech, way back in 1961,

"The torch has been passed to a new generation."

The outgoing President Eisenhower, in his 70's, was sitting directly behind Kennedy, who was in his early 40's. The grainy, black and white newsreels of the time show a smile crossing Ike's face. He understood. Do we understand?

Richard Tonkin (aged 56, who has been a Member for 16 years, who is still considered a Young Turk and whose great ambition is to become a member of the Old Guard).



The Alvis Newsletter Format.

I would like to open by commenting that the March edition of Alvic was superb with the colour reproduction outstanding.

Having to cope with the whims of newsletter contributions (being editor for the VSCC for those that are not aware) I sympathize with you in your endeavours to produce the monthly report for this club.

I am of the opinion that a club's newsletter should be large enough to provide the news for the club in question, and I believe that the present format serves this club very well. The occasional issue of Alvic containing high quality photos from the preceding months' events coupled with the smaller issue providing the vital information that the members need to enjoy what the club has to offer, appears to be a perfect solution for this club.

At the end of the day, the editor is in the best position to judge how large or small each edition of the publication should be from the amount of relevant material he has on hand at the time. I see no point in printing a large publication every month when it has to be filled up with reprinted adverts etc. I have no problem with the occasional fill of this type and am well aware that at times it is necessary to have a page of fill so that you can include a page of important info., but if you need 4 pages of fill, the newsletter (or sheet) might as well be 4 pages shorter.

DALE (A Fellow Editor)



TB 14 IDENTIFIED

If the reader cares to glance into his back copies of the Newsletter, ie Oct. '95, Jan '96 and March '96 articles regarding the TB 14 Alvis will be revealed.

I have just received a letter from Robert Ward which almost certainly verifies that his TB 14, Engine no. 23507, was originally purchased new from Maxwell Bros. in Brisbane by a family called Ward. (no relation.) They were a family of fishmongers in Brisbane and Townsville. The fishmonger Mr. Ward was certainly distinctive in that he had a diamond mounted on a front tooth.

BOB GRAHAM.

CLUB MEETING.

The March Club Meeting did not attract as many members as we have become used to seeing. Several "regulars" were away. Ian Parkinson reported 55 paid up members. If you have not paid, please do so soon. There was a flyer offering discounts on Penrite oils if they are bought in bulk by the Club. However there was not much interest in the scheme at the prices offered, because of the logistical difficulties.

KALORAMA.

Unfortunately it was wet but this did not stop there being a good roll-up of cars on the oval. There were a couple of new cars, one of them being a Delage Tourer, model GS, most resplendent in yellow livery. There was a good turn-out of Alvis cars, nine in fact. I hope I haven't missed anybody.

NOT ON THE OVAL:

David Caldwell	TA 14
Peter Fleming	Firebird

ON THE OVAL:

Bill Barber	S. Eagle
Alister Cannon	12/50
Bob Graham	Speed 20
Andrew Green	12/50
Peter McAuley	Cr Eagle
Dale Parsell	Firefly
Ray Newell	12/60

This last was a very well turned out car, being boat-tailed, but under the bonnet was the big surprise. A supercharger was mounted on the rocker cover and belt driven from the crankshaft.

Richard Tonkin sent his apologies. Seen in the crowd were Eric Nichol and Ian Blackwell.

BOB GRAHAM

(Ron Wilson drove Bob's Speed 20 to Kalorama and has written of his impressions of the drive and the day. The article will appear in the next ALVIC. Ed)

ALVIS AGNITIONS

UMBRELLAS

The Committee has decided to produce Alvis umbrellas similar to those available in the U.K. with alternating red and white panels with Alvis logos on the white.

It is expected that they will be available at the next meeting and those unsold will be taken to the National Rally for other interested Alvistas.

The expected cost will be \$30, and will provide a modest income to Club funds.

JOHN LANG

IT'S AWESOME

- the power of gremlins, that is. One got on to p 6 of last month's ALVIC and renamed our secretary "Dale Oarsell". My apologies - have you sold any paddles lately?

WATCH OUT!!

Ron Wilson is helping to organize the VSCC Day/Night/Scatter Rally to be held on August 21st & 22nd. No doubt the clues will be fairly obtuse and you will be wise to take your wits with you.

FOR YOUR DIARY 11 & 12 OCTOBER 1999.

The Balls and The Langs are organising an event on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday 11 & 12 October 1999. The intention is to have a presence at the Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb on the Sunday in support of competing Alvis Club members. The event will commence on Saturday morning and be focussed to the north west of Melbourne with a leisurely sightseeing drive through the countryside, lunch at a well known geographical feature, to arrive mid afternoon at an historic mansion for dinner and overnight. An hour's drive on Sunday morning will take us through historic Maldon to Mt Tarrengower. **JOHN LANG**

MORE DISSENT.

Just as the first event was to be run for which points could be won for the "new" Bas Bowes Trophy there has been correspondence and comment suggesting that the new rules should not be allowed to apply. Several month's notice has been given of the impending changes so it is regrettable that problems arise only at the last minute. Perhaps the committee will consider the matter (again) at its next meeting.

PUB LUNCH RUN.

Alister Cannon organized a very enjoyable lunch at the Pine Grove Hotel in the Dandenongs. The weather was good. Four Alvises were present: the Presidential Crested Eagle with **Richard, Pauline** and guests. **Rex and Sue Roberts** in 12/40. **Maureen Adnam and Richard Kellock** in TA 14. **ED and Mrs ED** in Speed 20. **Alister and Phillipa** were present, of course, though in tin as were **John and Margaret Lang, Margaret and David Caldwell and David's sister**. Guests and friends made the number up to about 25. Thanks for the arrangements, Alister. It was a good day out.

BY THE FIRESIDE.

Some members will remember the famous Al Bowly when they see the above title, but it is to literature that I turn. Our Club library has been blessed with the efforts of Roy Henderson in providing a complete selection of Instruction Books & Manuals. There is also present a small number of Video Cassettes which form the nucleus of our Video library. Now would be an appropriate time to extend the range and content of this section of our library. I have a selection of over 30 tapes to hand. All that is needed is some positive input from you, the Members. Meanwhile, Happy Reading.

ALISTER CANNON.

GO WEST, YOUNG MAN.

This old and good advice also applies to older gents and their wives. ED and Mrs ED spent a week in WA recently and were well entertained by **Bob & June Anderson and Peter & Margaret Scotney**. Nine Alvises were seen on one afternoon! An account and photos. of this remarkable afternoon will appear in a future ALVIC. Meanwhile, thank-you very much. 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.1.

CLUB

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CLASSIC CAR FINDER. Here's the latest news on our Internet Classic and Prestige Car web site - "The Finder". The site can be found at: <http://www.finder.com.au> The response from the Internet community has been very pleasing so far, with a total of 40,000 hits on our cars reached during March - so hopefully, we are doing something right! This month, we have a SPECIAL OFFER for your members Our car adverts have always been free of charge and can be easily entered via the Internet. As a special offer to your club members, we will provide an upgrade of the standard text-only advert to a full-colour photo advert for 3 months for only A\$25 instead of the usual A\$45. This offer expires on May 31st 1999 - your members simply need to add their club name when submitting the advert in order to qualify. This can be done at: <http://www.finder.com.au/Cars/submit.html> All they would need to do is to send a photo of the car for sale with a cheque for A\$25 to: (. Include SAE for photo return.)

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FOR SALE

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