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## COMING EVENTS

MAY	Friday	21st	Club General Meeting.
	Sat/Sun	29/30th	Historic Winton.
JUNE	Sunday	13th	<b>Vintage Rob Roy Hill Climb.</b> (Bas Bowes Event.) Richard & Pauline Tonkins are providing arvo tea at their home.
	Friday	18th	Club General Meeting.
JULY	Friday	16th	Club General Meeting.

## REMINDER

Country weekend away October 9th and 10th.  
The event is being planned to fit in with the Mt. Tarrengower Hill Climb. Those who watch will be able to see in action those who compete.

**SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS**

## NATIONAL RALLY, CLARE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

This was a great week. The weather was magnificent.  
The daily activities were well chosen and well organised.  
I think that there were 46 Alvises present. This may represent the greatest number of Alvises gathered together outside the U.K. - ever.  
The June issue of "ALVIC" will contain full reports as well as four pages of photographs - that is if people contribute those reports and photos. As yet the ED has had only one firm offer of photos and NO offers of reports. Remember, there is no show without Punch, so punch 'em in!! ED

**ONE WAY STREET**



## TORQUE OF TONKIN

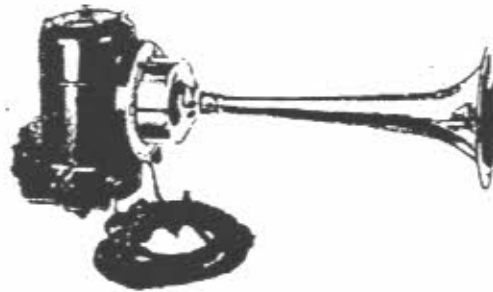
Pauline and I have just returned home from the 1999 National Rally at Clare, in South Australia. And what a rally it was! According to the organisers, there were 121 people and 60 Alvises. That would make it the biggest National Rally ever.

There will be lots about the Rally elsewhere in this Newsletter and in Alvic next month - I want to say a few words here about a couple of aspects that particularly impressed me. Our two day trip between Melbourne and Clare in Mrs. Simpson (the 1936 Crested Eagle, which somebody kindly dubbed "the stately home on wheels"), pales into insignificance when compared with The Epic Voyage of the Queenslanders. **Warwich and Jan Barnett, Frank Corbett and Harry Anderson, Bruce Jorss and Greg Berkman, Graham and Dorothy Singer and Doug and Nancy Soden** all traversed half the continent in their 12/50s (Frank and Henry in a 12/40). **Dale Hanley and June Paties** made the journey in their TA 14 drophead, towing a period caravan. Boys and girls, I dips me lid ! Other epic journeys included **Bob and June Anderson** trailering their 3 litre from Western Australia and **Barry Turner and Carl Whittaker** pressing on from Sydney to Clare in 27 hours in Carl's TB 21 - and not forgetting **Derek and Gaye Dixon** who came from New Zealand to join the Rally.

So, the Rally truly was national, and made international by the delightful company of the Dixons. What I particularly noticed was the camaraderie. People who had not seen, nor spoken to, each other since the last Rally in 1997 were greeted as old mates, new friendships were quickly made, Alvises admired, scrutinised and tinkered with - the whole atmosphere was one of goodwill and comradeship. I believe that, when people and cars can get together in such a spirit of goodwill, the Alvis movement in Australia is in good shape.

Mr. Ed has clipped my wings this month, so I must restrain myself. Not, however, without congratulating and thanking the South Australian organisers of the Rally and their partners, who did a quite magnificent job, and even arranged for Her to turn on superb weather. **Peter and Anna Godfrey, Fred and Shirley Jones, Stuart and Claire Macdonald, John and Roma Mitchell and Duncan and Clova Scott**, thank you so much - your years of hard work and planning resulted in a superb Rally.

There will be lots more about the Rally, including pages of colour photos, in the bumper June issue of Alvic, on which Mr. Ed is already hard at work. Until then.....



RICHARD TONKIN.

### MT TARRENGOWER WEEK END 9th & 10th OCTOBER 1999

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>:** Morning departure from Melbourne heading north for some interesting driving. Morning tea at the Lancefield Antique Centre. Lunch at the **Hanging Rock Cafe**.

Good driving to **Ravenswood Homestead**, a georgian mansion on 35 acres at Ravenswood, south of Bendigo. Once part of the 118,000 acres Mount Alexander run no 2, taken up in 1839. When gold was discovered in 1851, the owner made his fortune supplying meat to the prospectors. He spent the profits building the impressive two story mansion in 1857. Ravenswood went through a period of neglect in the 1950s, but was sold in 1962 and renovations began.

**Dinner, bed & breakfast at Ravenswood**, which can accommodate 17 couples.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>** easy driving to **Mt Tarrengower for the Hill Climb**. It is hoped to arrange a suitable parking area so that the cars can be displayed together. Depart Mt Tarrengower as individually required.

**Cost: Approx \$210 per couple** (includes - morning tea, lunch, 3 course dinner, accommodation at Ravenswood on Saturday. Breakfast Sunday morning.

**Please advise your intention to participate**, by ringing either Kay or John Ball (03)58262518 or Marg or John Lang (03)54262256 by 30 May 1999.

## ALVIS AGNITIONS

## HEARD ON THE RALLY:

"I really think that if I really tried, I could walk on water"

*Claire Fitch.*

Later, after several of us enjoyed a picnic by the river at Morgan, the Murray remained remarkably untrodden.

"I can't use the spa in our room – Pauline didn't pack my bathers."

*Richard Tonkin.*

"A dear old beastie." The description of a certain Crested Eagle after a ride in it.

*Richard Williams*

(Alternative descriptions were heard and will be published from time to time.....ED.)

Keith Stammers has sold his blue Speed 25 DHC to Peter and Prue Docker. The car was seen at the Edington Sprints Meeting. It was probably part of the VSCC Central Victorian Tour.

## TO BE OR NOT TB.

The "Little White Car", the TB 14 which **Bob Graham** loved, and which the rest of the club loved to hate, has been sold.. It remains in Victoria, so the word is – and we hope that it will remain in the Club. Bob, meanwhile, has extra cash with which to buy petrol for the Speed 20. Another sequel to this turn of events will be the need for Club members to find a replacement car/owner icon. Perhaps one of the many limos in the Club will attract a bit more attention in future?



## SEEN ON THE RALLY

**Brian Hemming's** newly refurbished Speed 25, looking stunning.

**Murray Fitch's** Silver Eagle. On the road for its first major trip after a 20 year restoration. It went well and looked great. Also: photos of **David Head's** Silver eagle which is nearly ready for the road after a total rebuild. It looks very pretty. Fancy that – two "new" Silver Eagles in one year!

A remarkably wide collection of 12/50s. Including **Geoff Hood's** S/E, I think I was told that there were 18 Vintage cars present.

A car from West Australia. **Bob and June Anderson** brought the Grey Lady over. As far as is known there are no Alvises in N.T. and no A.C.T. car was present. All other States were represented. (**Ian Parkinson's** TA21 is a Tasmanian car).

The innards of a 12/50 gear box were immodestly displayed for mere mortals to inspect when **Alan McKinnon**, assisted by **Geoff Hood**, performed a "Rally Restoration" in the sunlight outside "Smelly Villas" one afternoon.

MEA CULPA, MEA CULPA !!!

I write this covered in sackcloth and ashes. My sincerest apologies. The meeting where I was rostered to provide the supper something else turned up and so it was felt that it was more important to attend to that than to come to the meeting and the supper duty was forgotten until we received a phone call from el Ppresiente checking if the supper would be under control. Black Box flight deck voice recorders always finish up with the same phrase: "Oh shit". This was my reaction.

Seriously though I do make the most humble apologies for my clotulence. I would like to thank **Bob Graham** for his promptitude in springing into action. One can but hope that the Club did not suffer severe malnutrition. Assuring you that this will NOT happen again. With best regards and sincere apologies.

**BILL BARBER**

## AMAROO REMEMBERED.

At the April general meeting **Ron Wilson** gave a very entertaining talk about a weekend he in "Albert" and six other Victorians in Alvises spent travelling to and from Amaroo Park for Historic Racing in 1977. Vintage **Ron Wilson!** Well done.

## CLUB FINANCES

At the last general meeting it was decided that our accounts will be re-organized and simplified. Our accumulated funds will become a Reserve Fund accessible only for major items and only by consent of the membership. Our General Account will remain just that and its funds will be spent at the discretion of the Committee. Several separate accounts exist at the moment. These will be tidied up and merged where appropriate.



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## ALVIS CAR CLUB-NSW-GOLDEN JUBILEE RALLY 2000.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2000. Jamberoo Valley Lodge. (Inland from Kiama.) \$460.00 per couple, twin share.

Including Friday/Saturday DBB, Friday cocktail party, Saturday Lunch and Anniversary Dinner. Additional Sunday night \$155.00 DBB.

Details from and deposit (\$40.00) to Mike Menzies, "Toad Hall", 94 Patrick Street, Careel Bay, NSW 2107. Tel 02 9918 6046

## OLD PHOTOS

Before the Club Rooms were refurbished recently, there were old photos pinned haphazardly around the walls. Many were unlabelled and old memories become rheumy so we risked losing valuable material. The photos are safe and some have been identified by **David Caldwell**. If you can help with information, please ask **Alister Cannon** who, as well as being librarian, has the collection in album form, now.

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