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## COMING EVENTS

JULY	Friday	16th	Club General Meeting. (At Link Pumps 9 Techno Park Drive WILLIAMSTOWN)
AUGUST	Friday	20th	Club General Meeting.
		21st & 22nd	VSCC Two Day Rally
		28th	Winter Film Night
SEPT.	Friday	17th	Club General Meeting.
	Sunday	19th	Garage Crawl.

## REMINDER

Don't forget the Country weekend away October 9th and 10th.  
This is to fit in with the Mt. Tarrengower Hill Climb and to encourage  
and cheer on Alvis members who are competing.

SEE INSIDE FOR MORE DETAILS

# ATTENTION!

The JULY Meeting is NOT at the CLUBROOMS. Meet at  
LINK PUMPS  
9 TECHNO PARK DRIVE  
WILLIAMSTOWN SEE MAP INSIDE  
MELWAYS REF. Map 55 D 7  
(Only shown on late Melways)

Nibbles from 7.00pm. Meeting at 7.30pm

## MORE ON CLARE

Being a few unrelated titbits from the National Rally.

It has been said already and elsewhere (in fact, I have not stopped saying it), that the Clare National Rally was quite superb, a real credit to the South Australian organisers and just plain good, Alvis fun. It provided an opportunity for Alvisists to show off their prides and joys and, for some to unveil restoration projects on which they had lavished years of tender loving care, blood, sweat and the odd dollar. Murray and Claire Fitch's magnificent Silver Eagle made her debut - a joy to behold after literally decades of hard work. We hope to see her (and the Fitches) on many future outings.

Graeme and Lynette Lipsham brought their 4.3 Litre, perhaps the pinnacle of development of the pre-war Alvis and, as they say, a real head turner. John and Annie Link's TA 21 Special attracted a lot of attention, as did Kendall and Joyce McSkimming's TA 14 Drophead. It was unfortunate that David and Carol Head's Silver Eagle was not quite ready, but she assured us that it was only weeks away, and we look forward to its debut. David and Margaret Caldwell had hoped to have the 3 1/2 Litre there, but that's another one we can look forward to seeing in the future. Brian and Joan Hemmings brought the ex-John Twomey Speed 25 down from Sydney, looking very smart in its new livery.

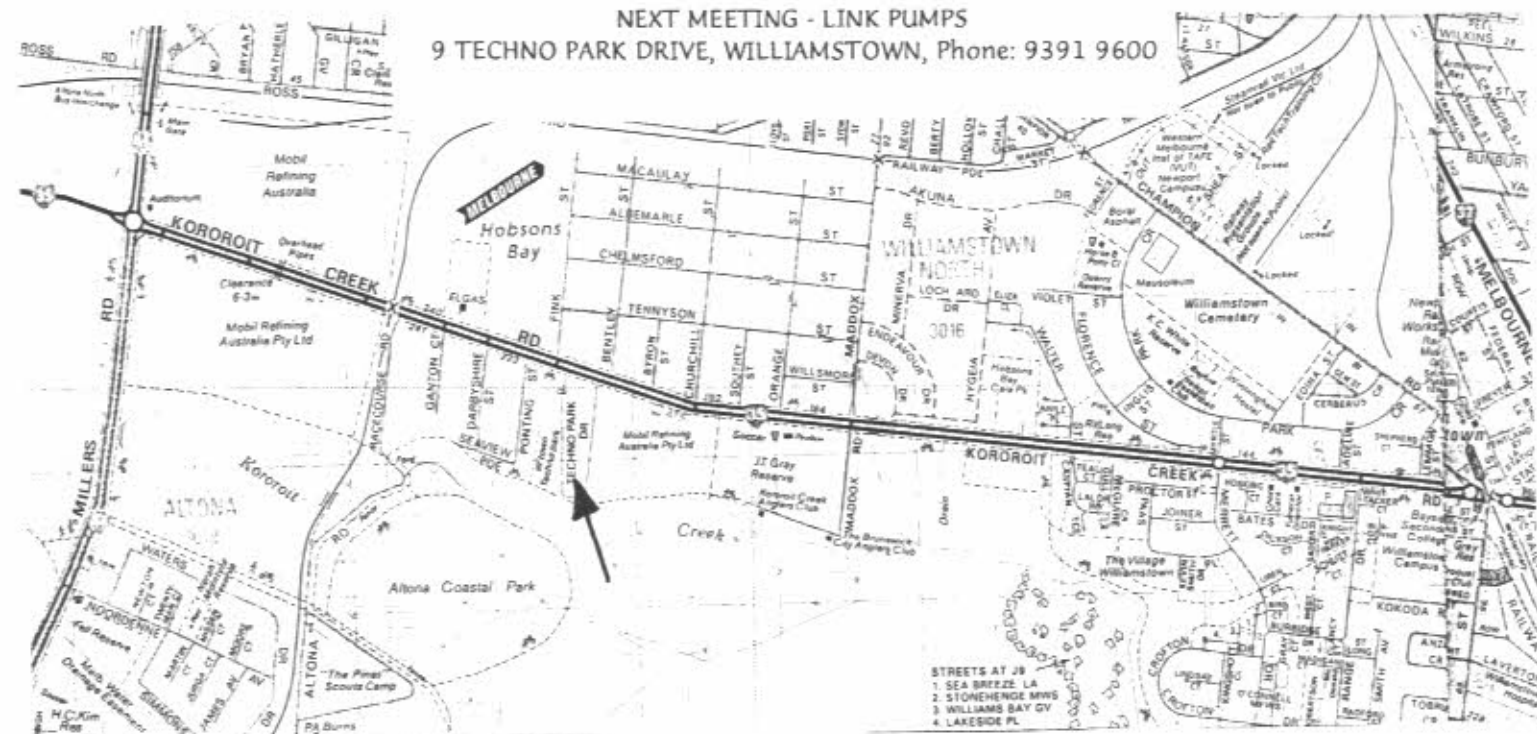
Speaking of which, it was great to have Andrew Twomey and his friend Maree there in the 3 Litre. John Murray, from Adelaide, was only able to attend for one day in his razor-edged TA 14, but it was nice to catch up with him. Ian Sholl, also from Adelaide, was there but unfortunately his newly-refurbished TA 21 saloon was not quite properly fettled in time. Ian and I discovered that we had been to the same boarding school in Melbourne - he left a few months before I arrived, which was probably just as well for the school - yet we both turned out to be quite normal - didn't we?

One little anecdote I must share with you. The Hetheringtons were having trouble starting the Speed 20 on the cold Clare mornings. They were staying in the lower part of the motel and John thought being in the upper area would promote easier morning starts (you see, the sun rises earlier where your rooms are"). As none of us "Uppers" would move rooms, John parked the car in the upper area one night, but nose towards the swimming pool, with only a mesh fence and a 1930's handbrake separating Britain's Finest from a freezing dip. John and Kay Ball wandered over to where JFH had parked the Speed 20 and jokingly offered to tow the Pride of the Hetheringtons out of the pool if the worst happened. "You could the say" some wit offered, "that they were pulled out by the (nice couple from Murchison)."

We saw some wonderful countryside on the Rally, together with delightful villages, charming pubs, delicious wineries, interesting farms and historic houses. The making of new friendships, and the renewal of old ones, was an important part of the Rally and it was very difficult to come back to earth (and to work) the next week.

**RICHARD TONKIN.**

NEXT MEETING - LINK PUMPS  
9 TECHNO PARK DRIVE, WILLIAMSTOWN, Phone: 9391 9600



## BALL'S BALLYHOO

Our Fearless Leader has asked me to write a few lines this month, so that he can take a well earned break, a task I am most happy to perform!!!

I would like to take the opportunity to express, on behalf of all the members, a word of thanks to Richard and Pauline for the great amount of time and effort that they put into the running our Club.

Their efforts are reflected in many ways. Membership numbers are increasing, interest in the Club is at a high level, and at our last monthly meeting, held on a dreary winters night, we had over 20 members present. And the meetings - well you have to be present to appreciate the humour and the banter. Richard's running of the meetings is legendary! They really are worth coming to! Well done Richard and Pauline.

Some items for your attention this month:

Many thanks to John and Margaret Lang for putting this newsletter together while the Editor is away, a great contribution to our club.

Next meeting, Friday 16th July, is to be held at the factory of John and Anne Link in Williamstown. Please note that there will be no meeting in the club rooms on this evening.

## COUNTRY MEETING WEEKEND

### OCTOBER 9TH & 10TH

This year the Country Meeting will be held to coincide with the Mt. Tarrengower Hill Climb on Sunday 10th October.

On Saturday morning, the program includes a very pleasant drive North from Melbourne, through Epping, Wollart, Woodstock, Wallan and Wandong. From Wandong we travel across to the Lancefield Antique Centre for Lunch.

After lunch we head for Ravenswood Homestead, a Georgian mansion on 35 acres at Ravenswood, south of Bendigo. The accommodation is self contained in the old style and surrounded by period gardens and huge trees. A three course dinner will be served in the formal dining room, within the homestead and is appropriately furnished providing elegant dining.

We stay overnight and will be treated to a full cooked breakfast.

We are limited to 17 couples.

Sunday 10th is an easy drive to Mt. Tarrengower for the Hill Climb. Suitable parking is being arranged so that our cars will be together.

### Camira Oil Pump

It is always nice to see one's name in print, but I would like to clarify my involvement with the Camira Oil Pump, subsequent to the reference in the previous issue of Alvic.

This oil pump was designed by German Opel engineers. I was responsible for the design, manufacture, installation and performance of a 50 station transfer line (defined as a special purpose machine tool) to produce the oil pump body from a raw casting to the completely machined article, cleaned, gauged and measured, ready for assembly at the rate of 1 part every 30 seconds.

Rob Graham

*A club members daughter was heard to ask the question.  
"Mummy, what happens to cars when they get old and rusty?"  
"Dear, Your Daddy buys them."*

## 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.*

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WEDNESDAY

28th July 1999

TO THE EDITOR - AS  
USUAL, PLEASE

### CLUB

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**PRIVATEERS** (Ads. for cars For Sale must include the price and Reg. or Engine No.)

FOR SALE Alvis Speed 20 1935 SC 19.82. Ex Bill Armistead. Vehicle is in need of restoration but is complete. Car No 17079 Eng 12465. \$30,000-OO ono. Contact David Palstra 03 9890 2655 AH or 0419 530619 who is acting on behalf of Bill's wife Margaret.

FOR SALE TA 14: Tie Rod Ends 2 LH & 2 RH (These suit 3 Litre also), Distributor Cap - Brand New, Shock Absorber Links 1 Front, 1 Rear, Speedometers 1 with Clock, 1 without Clock, Instrument Cluster 1 only, (ammeter, temp. gauge, oil pressure & petrol).  
3 Litre: Pedal Rubbers 2 brake (Glue on type). 1 Clutch, Number Plate Light 1 only (Genuine Lucas), Tail Light Lens metal surround, Qty 2 (Including 1 clear tail light glass - cracked under the surround). No reasonable offer refused.

Bob Graham. Tel 03 9571 3886.

FOR SALE TA 21 Gear Box. John Link Tel. 03 9391 2015

WORKSHOP FACILITIES AVAILABLE. John Link says that he has available to Club Members workshop facilities at Williamstown including turning, milling etc. There is also space to park the car while work is in progress.

## **SUBS ARE OVERDUE PLEASE PAY PARKY PRONTO**

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