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COMING EVENTS

October	Sat/Sun	9/10th	Country Weekend Away The Monthly General Meeting will be held during the weekend.
	Sunday	10th	Mt. Tarrengower Hill Climb.
	Friday	15th	NO GENERAL MEETING
November	Sunday	7th	Annual Lunch & Trophy Presentation at CAMELOT CASTLE See p 3 for details.
	Friday	19th	AGM and General Meeting. Nominate for the Committee and ensure that <u>your</u> Club does what <u>you</u> want it to do.
	Sat/Sun	20/21st	ESPECIALLY SUNDAY 21st MAJOR ALVIS DISPLAY AT GEELONG SPRINTS MEETING. Mark the day in your diary now.



Alvis cars will be featured in and around a marquee behind the starting line. A great opportunity for publicity for Alvis and for our Club. Details from the Prez

December Sunday 5th Christmas Barbeque at John & Margaret Lang's.

TROPHY HOLDERS

Would Club Members holding trophies please return them so that they are available for presentation to the new winners at the lunch?
Bring it with you to the country weekend or give it to a committee member whom you meet in the pub or drop it into Andrew and Frances McDougall's home at Clifton Hill (please ring first.)

TORQUE OF TONKIN

Good Evening (assuming you are working - some of us still have to), if you have just got home from a hard day's and are opening the mail (I know you go to this column first), or Good Morning, if you have just done the breakfast dishes, read The Age and are now wondering whether to rebuild the Alvis (again), or do the right thing and get on with the Spring gardening. This month's Torque is a bit of a calendar, an aide memoir to remind you of what we are doing for the rest of the year.

Friday, 15th October - THERE IS NO CLUB MEETING ! Remember, we had (by the time you read this) our Country Meeting at Ravenswood Homestead on the evening of Saturday, 9th October. Normal service resumes on Friday, 19th November at the Clubrooms.

Sunday, 7th November - The Annual Luncheon. Again, by popular demand, at Ian and Pat Parkinson's Camelot Castle at Yellingbo. Details elsewhere in this N/L. This is also the annual Trophy Presentation Day, so bring along your Alvis, sharpen your pencils for the quiz and your minds for the limericks. Bookings to Ian or Pat, on (03) 5964 8307.

Friday, 19th November - Annual General Meeting at the Clubrooms. **DO NOT BE AFRAID**, you will not get shanghaied, dobbed in or bored to death. It will be the usual hilarious, good-natured meeting, and I promise the AGM will only take 7 ½ minutes ! We hope to have the **AOC Bulletin Editor, Julian Collins**, who will be visiting from Singapore, as Guest Speaker, so please come along and help make it a memorable night.

Sunday, 21st November - GEELONG SPEED TRIALS. This year, we are making a feature of Alvis. Club Member **David Head** is very kindly arranging a marquee for us on the lawn behind the start and we will have 8 to 10 invited Alvises parked around the marquee, with appropriate signage and some promotional material to tell people about Alvis and our Club. Please come along and enjoy the day. If you haven't been before, ring me for details.

Sunday, 5th December - Christmas (well, nearly) BBQ at John and Margaret Lang's at New Gisborne. Those that went last year will remember that the Langs put on a most enjoyable day for us. Put it in your diary. Details in the November N/L.

The Ed. said less than half a page, so I'm out of here.

Cheers, Prez.



GARAGE CRAWL.

It was a great day out on Sunday, 19th September for Alvis folk who met at Lindsay Fox's Motor Shed. The Balls, true to form, welcomed us at the entrance while a howling wind whipped up scarves and berets.

Alvisites, amongst other car enthusiasts inspected the workshops and then we were treated to a mind boggling collection of cars in the showrooms. Nothing appeared to be out of place; it was all as clean and organised as a hospital operating theatre (apologies to all medical gentlemen).

All the cars had been restored, resurrected and brought back to life. There was an XK 120 which caught my eye. It reminded me of a time, long ago, when I was 18 years old and was taken to a Hunt Ball - evening dress, the lot - by some guy who had been given one for his 21st birthday! I always thought that the 50s were the best years in which to grow up and have fun.

Fox appears to have bought from the rich and famous, as the cars' histories were displayed on boards for all to see, read and inwardly digest. To own just one of these beauties would satisfy the average person, let alone whole floors of Mercedes, VWs, Bentleys, Jaguars and Sports Cars. A great collection for a one man show. After a couple of hours of drooling we drove to John and Annie Link's "shed".

This was an interesting design with acres of buildings and space to stack and store pumps of every size and description. Originally the site was chosen for a Migrant Hostel but it was never occupied for reasons best known to the Council. The Links have turned it into a car restorer's paradise with space and a place for everything.

Annie gave us a tour of the precinct, showing us how they have utilised the buildings for offices. Her husband, John, was away overseas, at a pump conference and playing Royal Tennis. Annie is a keen gardener who has planted trees and shrubs around the courtyard but she has a battle with the rabbits and their bottomless stomachs.

We met an enthusiast who spends twelve hours a day restoring and renovating cars. He was once a shearer who enjoyed spending his lunch hour under the bonnet of a machine, so he was in his element in the Links' shed. The "Yellow Peril" (American La France) was started up for us and the noise was enough to bust the toughest ear drum. It moved slowly and heavily and reminded me of a Centurion Tank.

We heard many stories about each car and owner. Truly, it was a paradise for those who love to tinker away the hours of the day with the added luxury of no thought of time.

MAUREEN ADNAM.

ALVIS AGNITIONS

BY THE FIRESIDE

ALVIS PICTORIAL
CALENDAR 2000.

John Lang says that the calendar will be published in time for the Club's Annual Lunch (on the 7th November). This will allow members to stock up with prezzies for Christmas. Imagine not being able to actually own an Alvis but receiving twelve glorious pictures of Alvises in your Christmas stocking! It would take your breath away.... And if you do own an Alvis, yours might be illustrated.

THE ANDY HANNAM
TROPHY

This trophy is awarded to the member who attends the greatest number of Club events in his proper car, during the year. One point per attendance is awarded. It is proposed that a change be made to the rules so that a member driving his proper car more than 25 miles to a Club event will accrue 2 points – for up to 50 miles and a further point for every 25 miles travelled. The "new motoring year" starts after the Annual Lunch, so comments should be made soon, so that the new rules can be applied.

BAS BOWES TROPHY

is awarded for competition among Alvis owners. The attempt to run the competition under the umbrella of the VSCC does not seem to have produced sufficient competitiveness. Should we say that our attempt to re-invent the competition and trophy winning has failed? Should we wrap up the trophy and hide it away until another time, another motoring climate, another era?

AGM FRIDAY 19th NOV.

Committee nomination forms available from Hon Sec or Hon Ed.

WELCOME GUEST

Chris Higgins from NSW attended the last Club Meeting. He told us that moves may be afoot to make the laws and rules relating to the use of "funny old cars" universal throughout Australia. Nobody has heard, as yet, of such moves from within Victoria.

VSCC 24 HOUR TRIAL

Last month it was reported that Alvis came fourth. Dale Parsell tells it that Alvis came third. Well done, anyway.

VSCC TWO DAY RALLY

Various reports have been heard informally. Words like "difficult", "disaster", "got lost", "used panic envelope" have been common. Great scenery and a lot of fun seems to have been the ever-riding impression, though. More details when they are to hand.

CALENDAR for 2000

The Committee has started to plan the events for next year. Once again, the emphasis will be on social events rather than competitive ones. This is in keeping with what seem to be the aspirations of the majority and the realities of insurance cover for competition. Details will be published as soon as possible. Watch this Space!

"MORGAN... First & Last of the Real Sports Cars." By Gregory Houston Bowden. Foulis New Edition. \$A 65.00.

This is a one volume history of the Morgan marque which includes chapters covering;
The Early History. (1881-1914)
The 3 Wheelers. (1914-35)
The 4 Wheel Morgans. 1935-50)
The 50s & 60s and the Plus 8.
The 70s & 80s and racing cars.
How Morgans are made.
Morgan Clubs World-wide.
.....all good reading.

The three wheelers proved to be the best cyclecars on the market. Glenda Stewart, with the assistance of Douglas Hawkes during 1929, drove a Super Sports chassis with differing JAP engines whose capacity was varied to suit different classes. Dozens of class records were broken at Monthlery, near Paris. In 1930 she broke 44 records between January and June and later that year she became the fastest Morgan driver, either male or female, with a mean speed of 115.66 kph. All this helped Morgans to compete with the Austin 7 and the Morris Minor in the market place. Three wheelers ceased production in 1935, to be superseded by the 4/4, now four-wheeled.

To this day Morgans are aesthetically vintage in form, hand built using wooden body frames and only available to special order. They are anachronistic when compared to the general run of mass produced cars today, but there is a waiting list for their supply. The modern Morgan possesses many detail changes and exhibits a "good and rare quality" which makes it appear "vintage" in the true sense of the word. Reading the book you appreciate the contrast with some sporting Alvis cars. It is in your Club Library and well worth reading.

ALISTER CANNON.

ANNUAL LUNCH at Camelot Castle, 2605 Healsville / Koo Wee Rup Rd., Yellingbo. Tel 5964 8307. Melway p 410 R3. 12.30 pm Sunday 7th Nov. \$25.00 per head plus drinks. **Pat and Ian** need to know numbers a week beforehand. **PLEASE RING THEM.** Members wishing to travel en convoy please meet at Lilydale [service road on Healsville side of railway line, Melway p 38 D4] at 11.30 am. There will some competition between 11.30 and 12.30, including a limerick [again].

DON'T FORGET

- 1 Alvis Car Club NSW Golden Jubilee. 31/3 – 3/4/2000
- 2 NATIONAL RALLY Queensland. August 2001 Bruce Jorss has started to make the arrangements.

CARS & PARTS FOR SALE AND WANTED

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

COPY DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY

27th OCTOBER 1999

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

As a service to members the club is having 2 important castings made for 3 Litre cars, and they should be available in the next 2 or 3 months. They are:

E39 C6129 Water outlet pipe (to radiator)

C94 C5934 Water inlet pipe (from radiator)

These castings are of excellent quality, and prices are very reasonable, around \$50 for C6129 machined and ready for use, and \$80 for C5934 - machining will be extra for this one. The exact prices for both will be determined nearer the delivery date. They are items which every 3 Litre owner should have as a spare. Please let me have your order for one, or both, as soon as possible as it will give us some idea of the number to produce. Do not sent money yet; we will send an account with the order.

John Ball. 03 5826 2518

PRIVATEERS

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

FOR SALE:

TA 14. Two rubber buffers – middle of bonnet side. Four Corner Rubbers, branded "RM 658", small – rivet on. Four Bonnet Corner Rubbers, branded "Holdtite", large – glue on. These small corner rubbers are for the front of the bonnet sides while the large ones are for the rear. Five Brake Rod Fork Ends complete with clevis pins. All the above are brand new. One SU Petrol Pump, fully reconditioned. Valves faced, new points and new diaphragm. No reasonable offer refused.

Bob Graham. Tel 03 9571 3886.

FOR SALE:

For 12/50. 7 x 19" open hub wheels with triple spokes.
 3 x 20" closed hub wheels.
 2 x 20" rims.
 1 x 12/50 closed hub

All in good condition.

WANTED:

For 12/50 Small port head :- Exhaust/inlet manifold with outside exhaust.
One 12/50 "Harepiece".

Brian Hemmings 17 Iron Bark Close, Westleigh, NSW 2120. *Tel 02 9484 7491*

FOR SALE

Alvis 12/50 parts not longer needed. 4 hubs (front and back) engine block, narrow brake shoes (many), cast iron exhaust manifold (not ducksback type)- all for early 12/50s. Also late 12/50 generator, flange mounted. Offers requested on all of the above. Also 5 19 inch bolt-on wire wheels which had been modified to fit a 12/50 by drilling extra holes. The original hole arrangement is 6 holes at 150 mm dia between crs. Wheels in good condition. Maybe Riley.

2 with excellent tyres \$200 each
2 with fair tyres \$150 each
1 with no tyre \$100.

WANTED

Pair of 8 inch CAV Headlights to suit early/mid 20s Alvis 12/50. Happy to trade.

Des Donnan 07-5445 9981 or email donnan@m140.aone.net.au

FOR SALE

Alvis TA 14. Three position hood. Leather Trim. Good order. \$24,000
Dale Hanley 3219 1141 (Qld.) A/H.

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