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MEETINGS:- THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH [EXCEPT DEC/JAN] AT 8.00pm

## COMING EVENTS

November Friday	19th	<b>AGM</b> 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	<b>ESPECIALLY SUNDAY 21st MAJOR ALVIS DISPLAY AT GEELONG SPRINTS MEETING.</b>
December Sunday	5th	Annual Christmas Barbeque at John & Margaret Lang's Home. 64 Kirribilli Road, New Gisborne. 3438 Tel 5426 2256. <b>FROM NOON ONWARDS. BRING WITH YOU EVERYTHING YOU NEED EXCEPT THE FIRE.</b>

VIC ROADS DIR.

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NB: If you are the President, avoid Mildura.

### HOW TO GET LOST ON THE WAY TO THE LANG'S:

From Melbourne take the Calder Freeway to the New Gisborne exit. Turn R. Go through New Gisborne, over Railway line and approx 4km to T junction. Turn R into Wooling Rd. Turn L into Mt. Robertson Rd. Turn R into Kirribilli Rd. The Langs are on cnr. Kirribilli Rd & Cooraminta Cres.

From the east: go to Lancefield then to Riddell's Creek. Turn R at Hamilton Rd. (just past Weber's Plant Nursery). Go past the "FlexDrive" factory and turn R. into Barringo Rd. Go to T junct. & turn R into Wooling Rd. Then as above.



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

## RING A RING A.....?

In the latest edition of "Alvibatics" Eric Cunningham is advertising for a 6" piston ring for "non mechanical purposes". God only knows what such purposes may be but rather than hear Eric's explanation it just might be less messy if some kind member would supply his needs.....

## SPARES

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John Ball

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The weekend run got off to a delightful start with participants meeting at the Lancefield Hotel to partake of an enjoyable meal whilst being told where to go! Although I believe the President and his navigator had already done a mini rally through several small townships, none of which I could locate on any map. It was noted after this that no one chose to follow Richard and Pauline, preferring to rely upon their own navigational skills!

Noeline and I, along with Bev and Russell Miller on their MGB arrived slightly after everyone else and after enjoying lunch we caught up at Knight's Winery, where sampling their wines led to purchasing same. There followed a scenic run through the lush countryside around this area.

We stopped at the Junction Hotel just short of our destination "Ravenswood" to obtain necessities for the overnight stay and it appeared that others were after the same supplies. John and Marg Lang were just leaving in the FWD. Rex and Sue Roberts along with John and Margaret Hetherington, Russell and Bev and Noeline and I were obliged to take shelter from the weather and to boost the local economy.

Ravenswood Homestead provided a perfect setting for a very pleasant dinner followed by the Club Meeting held in the Garden Room. This was presided over by President Richard from his mobile pulpit which at times looked very precarious. The official part of the meeting was over in no time and we were then treated to some wonderful entertainment from Pauline Tonkin and Ian Parkinson. Pat Parkinson soon had everyone up dancing and a great evening of fellowship and fun.

The rain which started on Saturday evening had really set in by morning and resulted in most of us having a leisurely breakfast whilst contemplating the day's activities. The general opinion was that the intended run to Mt. Tarrengower and the display of our cars was not worthwhile due to the wet conditions.

On hearing everyone was having starting troubles due to the damp conditions I returned from breakfast to see if the 12/50 would start. It did, straight away. By this time most had left Ravenswood, heading for home. We loaded our gear into the car and locked the door to the chapel, our overnight abode, leaving the keys inside as instructed. Then we found that moisture had evaporated from beneath the car, only to condense upon the bits that matter. So it would not start and we did not have the advantage of the hair drier which everyone else had used. But we did manage to dry out enough water for it to start on two cylinders and we took off for home, drying out as we went.

Our thanks to the organisers, the Balls and the Langs for what was, all in all a great weekend.

ALAN MCKINNON.



Dear John,

Just a short note on Tarrengower.

In spite of the somewhat inclement weather (41mm of rain fell in Maldon between Saturday morning and Monday morning) the afternoon of the Hillclimb was quite sunny. The event was stopped at midday due to fog but started again at around 1pm.

Rob Sands came along (in 12/50) to spectate and marshal whilst Steve Denner, Mark Burns, Geoff Hood and Maritta competed.

Geoff did a best time of 54.8, Mark did 103.83, Maritta did 104.92 and Steve did 105.97.

Unfortunately Maritta's times were a bit wild, it being the first time she had driven at Tarrengower, so she dropped from 1st in the three hills competition to 5<sup>th</sup> whilst Mark went from 6<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>. Pat Ryan now leads this competition having come from 10<sup>th</sup> position with a magnificent 0.94 seconds between his 3 runs at Tarrengower.

Overall everyone had a great time.

DALE PARSELL.



LIFE IS UNFAIR.

During the Clare Rally the editorial Speed 20 occasionally showed some slight reluctance to commence forward motion. This evoked much cruel comment both at the time and subsequently in these pages. On that electrically horrible wet morning at Ravenswood when batteries, starter motors, magnetos and tempers were all failing, the Speed 20 started on the first touch of the button – but nobody was present to witness the event.

## CALENDAR ONE

The Committee is well advanced with the planned calendar for 2000. The emphasis will again be upon the social and touring activities that members enjoy. Not many members want to compete and those that do find that their interests are catered for by other clubs, most noticeably the VSCC. Also, the high cost of insurance would make it difficult for our club to mount a worthwhile competitive event. Hopefully a fairly well defined calendar of events will be published in "ALVIC", December.

## RON WILSON

Many members will be aware that Ron has recently had a spell in hospital. He is now home and recuperating well. We wish him a speedy recovery – and Gwen much patience while he does so!

## ALVIS AGNITIONS

## CALENDAR TWO

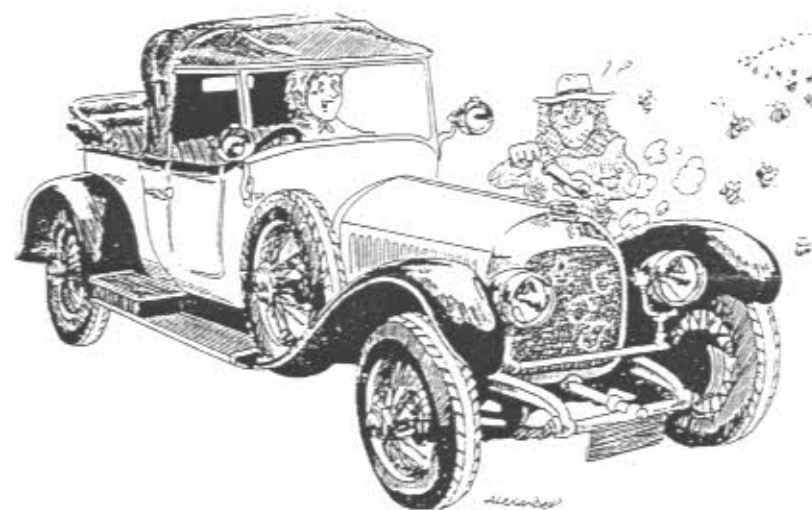
John Lang tells me that the 2000 pictorial Club Calendar will be available "on the day" to those members attending the forthcoming Annual Lunch. By the time you read this they will be available in person or by mail order from John. See p1 for address etc.

## AGM FRIDAY 19/11/99

Do come along and vote for the committee which will do what you want done in the Club. It won't all be serious and there are bound to be some laughs. The general meeting will be held on the same night – the last for the year

## "RESTORED CARS AUSTRALIA"

contains in its Nov – Dec '99 edition the conclusion of Robert Penn Bradley's article on Alvis and also an account of the Alvis National Rally at Clare. It is on the bookstands now and worth adding to your collection of things Alvis.



*Now you know why they don't make honeycomb radiators any more!*

## BY THE FIRESIDE

"THE LEA – FRANCIS STORY" by Barrie Price. Published by Veloce Publishing plc. Dorchester, UK. \$75.00. Tony Johns Motor Books.

From humble beginnings manufacturing bicycles, then light cars, Richard Henry Lea and Graham Inglesby formed a partnership to produce cars in the city of Coventry. Also manufacturing in this city was Alvis Car and Engineering.

The 12.40 Lea \_ Francis of 1925 with the 4ED Meadows engine of 11.9 hp was a contemporary rival of the Alvis 12/50. However, the Hyper Sports model of 1927 was fitted with a Cozette supercharger and was capable of speeds of up to 90 mph.

Tourist Trophy races at Ulster in 1928 saw Kaye Don's Lea – Francis win at 64.06 mph with Cushman's Alvis FWD coming second at 64.02 mph. Lea – Francis showed reliability and speed at LeMans in 1928 and 1930.

Finally, post WW II production saw 326 cars produced in 1946 with exports made to 11 countries including Australia. The 2½ litre engine (85 x 110 mm.) with high camshaft and one SU carburettor was fitted to saloon cars and twin carburettors were fitted to the sports cars, which attracted eager buyers.

This book is a good read accompanied by excellent photographic coverage that shows Lea – Francis to be a worthy contemporary of the Alvis cars that we know most about.

A fine book. It is in our Club library.

ALISTER CANNON

## CARS ON STAMPS

In "ALVIC", September '99 there appeared a photo of a UK stamp displaying a hare. This has prompted Ron Wilson to send in a small collection of NZ stamps featuring cars. Thanks, Ron. I will publish them along with the Australia Post sports car series – of 1997 when a spot occurs in a colour edition of "ALVIC".

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# 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.

DECEMBER "ALVIC"

COPY DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY

24th NOVEMBER 1999

## CLUB

FOR THREE LITRE CARS. E39 C6129 Water outlet pipe ( to radiator) & C94 C5934 Water inlet pipe (from radiator)  
Full details on request to :- John Ball. 03 5826 2518

## PRIVATEERS

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

## FOR SALE

BUMPER BAR BOLTS. Chrome plated. 7/16 Whit. X 1" qty 8. 7/16 Fine Thread x 1 & 1/4" incl nut. qty 1. 5/16 Whit. X 1" qty 2. 5/16 Whit x 1 & 1/2" qty 2.  
TA 14 SHOCK ABSORBERS. Long Arm to left. qty 3. Short Arm to left. qty 1. Short Arm to Right qty. 1. 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

## WANTED

One only open hub wheel centre or complete 21" wheel (detachable split rim type) in good Condition or any size open hub wheel with good centre and u/s rim. Frank Corbett, PO Box 218, Kenmore. Qld. 4069. Tel. 07 3221 6249 (Bus) 07 3378 7280 (A/H) E mail f.corbett@peddlethorp.com.au

## FOR SALE

SILVER CREST Model T.H.19/82 Chassis # 14279 car #19873 Eng # 147401939 model Four Light Sedan Exported to Australia 31 August1938. Restored. Good general condition. The upholstery is original. Rego is Q historic HS3718 Price for quick sale is \$35,000 firm. Peter Rau. Tel 07 5531 4185. E mail [peterrau@ozemail.com.au](mailto:peterrau@ozemail.com.au)

## INFORMATION WANTED. Dear Dale (Parsell)

I would be interested in any pictures you may have of a 1936 (approx) Alvis Silver Crest, I have just taken part in the restoration of one and would be interested in any information you may have.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Moore. Email [amoore@stretch71.freemove.co.uk](mailto:amoore@stretch71.freemove.co.uk)

## FOR SALE

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