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

Lewis Carol's Alice said that "a word means what I want it to mean". The Ed thinks likewise and in this issue has inextricably confused "Jubilee", "Jamboree" and "Jambaroo". Please feel free to use another of the three if the one printed does not fit.

THE CALENDAR FOR 2000

JANUARY	Sunday 30th	Picnic Breakfast on the Yarra
FEBRUARY	Sunday 13th Friday 18th	La Boule/ Bocce at Merricks N. Monthly general meeting.
MARCH	Friday 31st - Monday 2nd April	ALVIS CAR CLUB of NSW Jubilee at Jamboree.
	Friday 17th	Monthly General Meeting.
	Saturday 25th	Edington Sprints.
	Sunday 26th	KALORAMA.
APRIL	Friday 21st	IS GOOD FRIDAY. Date of Monthly General Meeting TBA
MAY	Sunday 7th Friday 19th	Day Trip. River Cruise & Wineries. Monthly General Meeting.
JUNE	Friday 16th	Rough Red & Pie Night. Monthly General Meeting.
JULY	Friday 21st	Monthly General Meeting.
AUGUST	Sunday TBA Friday 18th	Lunch at Marylands with BOCA and Daimler/Lanchester Owners. Monthly General Meeting.
SEPTEMBER	Friday 15th Saturday 16th	Monthly General Meeting. Garage Crawl.
OCTOBER	Fri/Sat/Sun 13-15th Friday 20th	Weekend Away Around The Bay. General Meeting on the way General Meeting and AGM.
NOVEMBER	Sunday 19th	ANNUAL LUNCH & TROPHY PRESENTATION at Camelot Castle. GENERAL MEETING at the same event.
DECEMBER	Sunday 3rd	ANNUAL BBQ. Venue TBA.

SPARES REGISTRAR & 3 LITRE SPARES

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As above

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THE BASIL BOWES MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY 1964.

This prestigious Club trophy was first awarded after the Phillip Island driving tests including the Melbourne to Cowes observation road trial. Following a dinner and overnight stay centred on the Bowes holiday house a series of driving tests were performed at the Phillip Island racing circuit. To win the trophy a driver of an Alvis car had to score the highest number of points in a contest of three different related events. The minimum number of entrants deemed by the committee was three. For this inaugural event there was in excess of 11 entrants all exhibiting a strong spirit of competition, combined with a strong family backup of adults and children.

As Club members, of both recent and long term standing we should look back with gratitude to the enthusiastic contribution of Bas. Bowes backed by the committees of earlier times who formed guidelines appropriate to their time. This guidance, recorded in the Club Minutes, has until now stood us in good stead. Let's not suddenly re-invent the wheel. Leave the Basil Bowes Challenge Trophy on display in the Clubroom and don't dream up schemes that degrade the status of a trophy that embodies the spirit of competition and clubmanship.

ALISTER CANNON.



Dear John

I would like to express my disappointment in the lack of response to the Year 2000 Alvis calendar.

One hundred and twenty copies were produced to satisfy a perceived market within the Victorian, N.S.W and New Zealand clubs. Fifty were sent to N.S.W and New Zealand resulting in seventy for the Victorian club.

As of this date, there have been fifty sales to Victorian club members.

With a membership of around 105, several of whom purchased multiple copies, the participation rate is poor. There is still an opportunity for members, who for various reasons are unable to participate in other ways, to make a small contribution to the running costs of the club.

In any exercise of this nature the profit results from the sale of the last twenty or thirty calendars. I still have twenty copies, and the sale of these would make the effort of producing the calendar worthwhile.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN LANG



Dear John,

A sequel to the Clare Rally:

On 3rd May 1999 I left home at 0725 in my TA 14 car no 21542 and arrived at the Mintaro Oval at 1010. I left home with four hubcaps and arrived at Mintaro with only three!

On Friday 21st January 2000 I had a telephone call from the foreman of a road gang putting down new bitumen at Verdun, by the Onkaparinka road bridge about 4½ miles from my house. One of his men had found the missing hubcap! It was upside down, inside a low bush by the side of the road, near some houses -- and virtually undamaged. All it needed was good wash for the paint and some silver polish for the chromium. There a small scrape on the side of the rim, but that is not at all obvious.

I collected it later that morning and handed over a small donation to the finder to buy himself a drink. It pays to have the registration and one's telephone number inside one's hubcaps.

Yours ever,

JOHN MURRAY.



Dear John,

VSCC Run to George & Pat Hetrel's Garden.

Sorry you were both working on a Sunday, that is bad, for you missed a great day with a huge turnout of cars at the VSCC Opening Run. The gardens and motorhouse were not bad either! There is a small train to tour some of the gardens in (soon to be steam, I am told.).

Alvii present where us, Andrew Green, Rex & Sue Roberts. David and Lyn Vaughan had the 12/50 out on its first big run, so I am sure they will be active. *(That is the ex-Ball 12/50. Ed.)*

DALE PARSELL



The Kalorama Rally Committee
Presents
THE 45th KALORAMA VINTAGE CAR RALLY
Sunday 26 March 2000

Entry No:



ENTRANT	ALTERNATIVE DRIVER
Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
..... P/Code: P/code:
Telephone:	Telephone:
Signature:	Signature:
Entrant's Club: CAMS License No: (Optional)	
Do you wish to participate in mildly competitive events ? Yes/No (Optional)	
Number of years entrant has been competing at Kalorama	
VEHICLE	
Make, Type / Model:	Rated horse power:
Year of manufacture:	Cruising speed:
Coachbuilder:	Maximum speed (MPH):
Type of body:	Valve actuation ohv: ohc
Registered number of car:	sv: other
Developed HP:	Number of forward gears:
Cubic capacity (Cubic inches or CC):	Petrol consumption: (MPG):
Number of cylinders:	Engine Number:
	Chassis Number:

Please note the following:

You must complete the entry form in its entirety in block letters for the commentators' information. An "eligible vehicle" for this event was manufactured prior to 30 December 1950. Entries may only be accepted from organising or invited clubs. The Kalorama Rally Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry. The fee is \$15.00 and must accompany each entry form. This fee covers the vehicle, driver, and passengers. A further \$15.00 must be enclosed for each additional driver. Cheques payable to Kalorama Rally Committee.

Closing Date:

The closing date is Friday 25 February 2000. Late entries will not appear in the programme and may not be accepted. Entries will be closed for safety reasons, at the committees discretion.

Cars will be numbered with washable and non-staining poster paint and will not be permitted to take part in events without the number being displayed. The public risk insurance taken out by the organisers does not insure competitor against injury or damage. Unregistered vehicles may only run if covered by Third Party Insurance. Proof of cover must be produced before car can compete in any event. NB Cars must be complete - chassis are welcome for display only, but will not be permitted to run in any event. Cars with unroadworthy tyres will not be permitted to compete.

Interesting features of Cars:

It will greatly assist the announcers if you provide some information about your car, sporting history of the vehicle, previous owners of note, local history or some restoration details of interest. Remember the commentator cannot be familiar with every make of car. Use back of form for details.

Damage disclaimer:

The organising committee and club officials/agents shall not be liable for any damage or injury to any vehicle or person before, during or after this event.

Signature of entrant: 	Entry fee: \$15.00 Extra driver(s) @ \$15.00 \$ _____ TOTAL _____
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Office Use Only:

Cheque

Receipt

SSAE

Sticker

Letter

Return form, fee and a stamped self-address envelope to:
John Reis, 27 Blanche Street Elsternwick, 3185. Tel 9528-6480
Make cheque payable to Kalorama Rally Committee

IMPORTANT - PLEASE TURN OVER THE PAGE ➔

Interesting features of your Car:



It will greatly assist the announcers if you provide some information about your car, sporting history of the vehicle, previous owners of note, local history or some restoration details of interest. Please use this space for details.

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Please Note
Participation in driving events is optional. However, each Entrant/Alternative Driver must only drive the (one and the same) vehicle for which they are entered when competing in all or any events.

DISCLAIMER STATEMENT: ENTRANTS & DRIVERS

ENTRANT'S STATEMENT
I/We being the entrant/s of the vehicle described on this Entry Form wish to enter that vehicle for the mentioned meeting. I/We certify that the particulars on this form are true and correct in every particular, to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.

Signature of Entrant
Date

ENTRANT & DRIVER'S STATEMENT
I/We declare that I/We agree to be bound by the supplementary regulations issued for the meeting and the provisions of the National Competition Rules of CAMS Limited.
I/We also acknowledge and agree as a condition of entry that neither CAMS Limited nor the Promoters, nor the sponsor organisations, nor the land owners or Lesees, nor Organisers of the meeting/event nor their respective servants, officials, representatives, or agents (all of who shall collectively be called 'the organisers') shall be under any liability whatsoever for my/our death or bodily injury, loss or damage which may be sustained or incurred by me/us as a result of participation in or being present at the event, except in regards to any right I/We may have arising under the Trade Practices Act 1974. I/We acknowledge that motor sport is dangerous and accidents causing death, bodily injury, disability and property damage can and do happen.

Signature of Driver
Date

Signature of Co-Driver
Date

Passenger Consent (for persons under 18 years)

I Being the Parent/Guardian of (insert name of child), have read the whole of this document and consent for him/her participating. In doing so, I acknowledge that Motor Sport is dangerous and agree that neither CAMS Limited nor 'the organisers' shall be under any liability whatsoever for any death or bodily injury, loss or damage which may be sustained or incurred by (insert name of child) or by me, howsoever such death or bodily injury, loss or damage is caused by negligence or otherwise.

Signature of Parent/Guardian
Witness
Date

THIS SECTION MUST BE COUNTER-SIGNED BY THE APPROPRIATE PARENT OR GUARDIAN

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2000

are due as of 1/1/00. In this issue you will find a yellow form. It contains the information which you provided last year (+ a bit of "common knowledge"!) Please bring the data up to date and hopefully the yellow form you receive in 2001 will contain info which is nearer the truth! It would be especially nice if some of the blanks are filled in. Last year's request for info was in one case answered with "the Club knows". OK, let's ask it.....!

Club Members wishing to peruse the data we have can find them in hard copy form at the Club Rooms – in the library. Or the Ed can supply them by email – either as a MS Works file or (thanks to help from Dale Parsell) as a MS Excel file.

And you thought the Y2K problem had passed you by?

Please help by providing as much information as you are able. Then send the completed form along with your cheque to Parky. It is only the portcullis at Camelot Castle which is keeping the bailiffs out. HE NEEDS YOUR MONEY NOW

MISSING UMBRELLAS

It was reported in the last issue of ALVIC that TWELVE UMBRELLAS have gone missing from the Spares Room. No sign of them yet. Someone must know something.....

ALVIS AGNITIONS

OT, NOT ATE.

In December ALVIC Julian Collins was described as being an "ex patriot". He has informed the Ed of his continued unfailing fealty and devotion to his Sovereign and to his country of birth. The Ed accepts unreservedly such assertions of patriotism and is prepared to grovel at the feet of such fiercely held ideals. It is joyous to behold such patriotism in an expatriate. An expatriate from the land that gave the world ALVIS!

LAZY DAYS

Mark Sunday May 7th in your diary. There will be a Club outing organized by John & Kay Ball. It involves a couple of wineries and a lunch cruise UP A LAZY RIVER. Rumour has it that John is negotiating with Nat King Cole to sing the theme song, but if Nat is not available John will sing himself. Watch this space!

BY THE FIRESIDE

MY THIRTY FAVOURITE CARS by Rivers Fletcher. The publisher is Gulliver Publishing Co., England. Priced at \$9.95, this copy is from The Technical Book Shop, Melbourne.

Rivers Fletcher had a lifelong association with speed, great sports cars and indeed famous racing cars, mainly of the pre W.W.2 era. Mentioned in this slim book are:

Alvis Super Sports, 1923,(10/30)

Alvis Speed 20 T.T.Model, 1932

Alvis Speed 25 Sports/Racing Car, 1938

This little book will provide enough photos and text to while away a pleasant evening. A copy will be found in the Library soon.

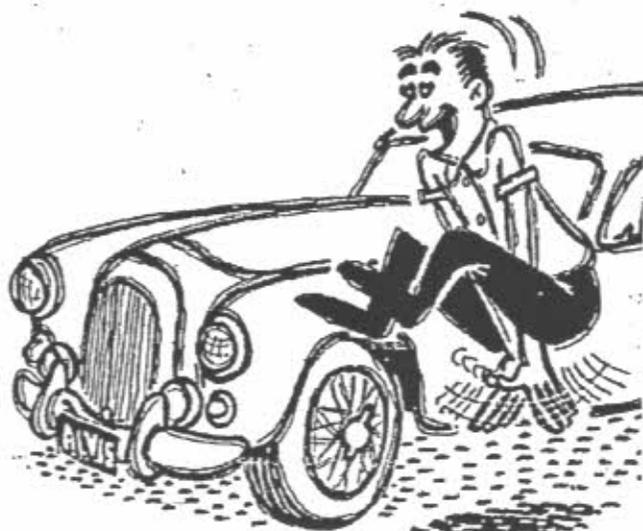
MOSTLY MOTOR RACING An account of the life, work and motoring reminiscences of an English gentleman. Author is A.F.Rivers Fletcher and the publisher Haynes Publishing Group, England.

Priced at \$56.95, this copy was bought from Tony Johns Motor Books, Melbourne

The reader of this brief review may well wonder about the apparent obsession with Rivers Fletcher in this issue. Well, in spite of his early apprenticeship with W.O.Bentley, he was recorded saying in the thirties, Alvis were all too heavy and substantial. Handling was always positive and firm. Driving the cars on the road and at Brooklands always gave a strong impression of solidity and engineering excellence.

Rivers Fletcher died in 1999, just months before the turn of the century. His account of motoring in the Vintage years makes good, light reading with an occasional touch of 'gilding of the lily', I suspect! The photographic record and drawings are excellent. If not in the Club library it would be a worthwhile addition.

ALISTER CANNON.



It's love, it's an Alvis....here we go again!

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.

MARCH ALVIC

COPY DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY

23rd FEBRUARY 2000

PRIVATEERS

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

FOR SALE

Alvis TA21. Engine No. 24588. Grey and Silver. Twin SU carburetors. Approx. 70,000 miles. Upholstered in biscuit vinyl. Good condition. Runs very well. Delivered by Harden & Johnston, 117-131 Flinders St. Sydney. \$18,000. John Manley. Albany WA 08 9841 3035 (Peter Scotney has sent in this advert.)

FOR SALE

19 inch bolt-on wire wheels. 5 off. From a Riley but modified to suit 12/50 Alvis hubs. Some with tyres. Some without. \$300.00 the lot.

WANTED

Pair of Alvis CAV Headlights (slant mounted). Have various 12/50 bits. Happy to trade. Des Donnan 07-5445 9981 or email donnan@m140.aone.net.au

GIVE AWAY

Three litre body panels. Bonnet, boot lid and front mudguard. May be useful as patterns or possibly for repair.

Ross Aitken 03 9578 5449

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

WANTED

For Alvis Firebird: One 20" x 500 Jelly mould wheel & one 20" x 500 Dunlop "Super 90" tyre. Peter Fleming 03 9729 3440

WANTED

TA 14. Various bits to complete a rolling chassis. Brake pedal, levers & linkages. Clutch pedal, levers and linkages. Petrol tank & supporting straps. Propellor shaft tunnel & its associated sheet metal cover for the gearbox. Throttle pedal & its cross shaft etc. Air silencer (early type). Rear dampers. Dynamo - Lucas special - nickel plated. Does anyone have a scuttle or a whole body being scrapped? Buyer will collect in Vic or SA.

John Murray, 2 Twin St., Stirling. SA 5152. Tel 08 8339 4746

ANSWERS TO THE DECEMBER ALVIC QUIZ: [Don't look until you have had a go at the quiz yourself!]

#1 Letters of the Alphabet #2 Wonders of the Ancient World #3 Arabian Nights #4 Signs of the Zodiac #5 Cards in a Deck [with the joker] #6 Planets in the Solar System #7 Piano Keys #8 Stripes on the American Flag #9 Holes on a Golf Course #10 Degrees Fahrenheit at which Water Freezes #11 Sides on a Stop Sign #12 Dollars for Passing Go in Monopoly #13 Blind Mice [See How They Run] #14 Degrees in a Right Angle #15 Quarters in a Game or Quarts in A Gallon #16 Hours in a Day #17 Wheel on a Unicycle #18 Days on a Zodiac calendar #19 Heinz Varieties #20 Players on a Soccer Team #21 Words That A Picture is Worth #22 Days in February in a Leap Year #23 Squares on a Chessboard #24 Days and Nights of the Great Flood #25 Days To Go Around The World #26 Number It Takes To Tango.
Hope You Did Well!

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