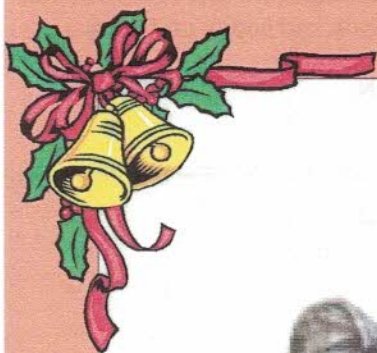


December 2003

# ALVIC Merry Christmas

*From the Alvis Car Club of Victoria*



*A copy of a period Christmas card from the Directors and Staff of the Alvis company*

*inside:*

*Kalorama Rides Again!*

*Sports Roundup—a new feature*

*Reports on the “Total Anakie Run”*

*and*

*“Christmas with the masses!”*

# **ALVELOCITY**

For years there have been few "good" books written about Alvis. By "good" I mean well written by an informed author able to tell a tale while presenting facts. Suddenly we have two new ones. "Alvis Speed Models in Detail" by Nick Walker was published earlier in the year and has now been followed by "Alvis Three Litre in Detail" by Dave Culshaw. Both of these are indeed "good" - according to the above definition. Richard Tonkin has kindly donated a copy of the Three Litre book to the Club Library. Chris Thevathasan donated a copy of Nick Walker's book and I doubt that either will spend much time on the shelf for a while. On the subject of generous donations, Dale Parsell has given us a copy of Hazelden's "The Chamberlain Story". It and several more arcane volumes which he gave us were "left over" when the museum in which Dale had an interest, closed. The museum housed the Chamberlain Special and the book is a detailed account of that complex but potentially very fast motor car. Chester McKaige donated a copy of "Racers and Rascals" last year and more recently a copy of "The Vintage Motor Car" by Cecil Clutton and John Standford. This book is probably the bible of the Vintage Car movement and now that we have a copy on the shelf we can truly claim to have "a library". Our thanks to all our kind donors. It is great to be a member of a club where there is so much expertise, time and materiel freely given.

As reported previously two members of ACCV (Richard Tonkin and yours truly) plus two members of ACC (Mike Menzies and Geoffrey Farrance) are to meet to work out whether to recommend or not that there should be but one National Alvis Club. Recently the pages of "Alvibatics" have contained many contributions on the subject but not much has appeared in "Alvic" or our N/L. The four of us are due to "meet" soon by means of a conference telephone call so I would be interested to hear the views of members. Use quill and parchment or SMS or anything in between, but opinions would be welcome.

By the time you read this the last event for the year will have passed - the Christmas barbeque. So there remains only for me to wish you "Merry Christmas, a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy 2004". Good luck and happy motoring.

JOHN HETHERINGTON.

## **VALE BARBARA DOROTHY JOAN NICHOLL 30.7.1923 - 10.10.2003**

Barbara was born to Harry and Bunty Stevens on 30 July 1923.

When she was about 15 years old, a young man by the name of Eric Nicholl met her in a Feltham dance hall and asked if he could take her home. She replied that she was very particular about who took her home. She played cat and mouse with Eric for the next ten years and then said she would marry him.

In the meantime Barbara had started training as a nursing sister at Poplar Hospital in London and attained a triple accreditation and gold medal for top marks in her group.

Barbara and Eric married on 23 August 1947 and subsequently had three children.

In August 1949 they immigrated to Australia and lived in rugged conditions on the land at Wallbundrie, near Albury. Eric was working as a panel beater and painter and in 1953 they moved to Culcairn for seven years.

In 1960 Barbara, Eric and family moved to Melbourne and after much striving built their home at Upwey in 1968. Barbara was doing her share by nursing at the William Angliss Hospital in Ferntree Gully while raising a family. What the family attained would not have been possible without her efforts. During this time Barbara and Eric were proud to become Australian citizens.

In recent years, Barbara suffered from a failing heart and fought valiantly to stay with us, but a short time ago it was time for her to leave us.

Today Barbara leaves a grand family of 28 of whom she and Eric can be justly proud.

May God bless her and keep her until we meet again.

In love, Eric.

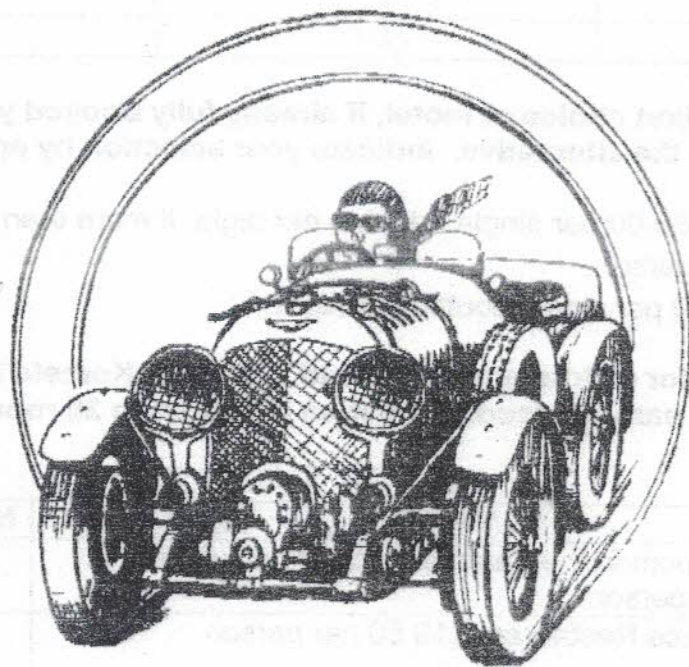
# 48th Kalorama Rally

Hosted by the VDC

Sunday 28th March 2004

Assemble at the Manhattan Hotel, corner of Canterbury Road and Heatherdale Road Ringwood, at 9.30am for a 10.00am **"Mystery Scenic"** route to Kalorama with picnic prizes at our mystery checkpoint.

*Competition events at the KALORAMA RECREATION RESERVE will commence after lunch at 12.00pm sharp.*



- ◆ Enjoy some new and old untimed motorkhana events.
- ◆ All cars over 50 years old can now compete.
- ◆ Non competitors can win Popular choice Awards and Prizes.
- ◆ All kids love the children's handicap because they all win a prize.
- ◆ KALORAMA is a great spot for a picnic, the events are fun and entertaining, the Kiosk can provide lunch, ice creams and drinks etc.
- ◆ There's always a fantastic collection of exotic and interesting cars on display.
- ◆ Spectator admission is still only \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 for any number in a car, and includes a souvenir Events Program.
- ◆ Entry fee for entrants is \$10.00, also includes Events Program.
- ◆ Kalorama Polo Shirts and Caps will again be available this year.
- ◆ Proceeds in aid of the Kalorama Fire Brigade.

Enquires: Bill Eldridge. (03) 9798 8636 bh (03) 9798 1995 ah

## ENTRY FORM

### **THE GREAT ALVIS FLYING FUN AND HISTORICAL WEEKEND TEMORA NSW Saturday 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY and Sunday 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2004**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make bookings for me as detailed hereunder:

ACCOMMODATION	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> May
Single				
Twin / Double (circle preference)				
3 persons room				
Other options				

Below Indicate your first choice of motel, if already fully booked your reservation will be transferred to the alternative. Indicate your selection by entering a  in

**Koreela Park:** Tariff \$80.00 per single / double per night. If more than two people, plus \$10.00 per additional person.

**Goldtera:** Tariff \$85.00 per single/double per night.

Note 1: Cut off date for Goldtera is 1/3/04 and 1/4/04 the Koreela Park.

2: Please book early as accommodation is limited to 20 rooms in total

#### MEALS

Day	Venue	Number of persons
Sat lunch	Function Room at the Temora Recreational Centre at \$13.50 per person	
Sat Dinner	Diners Choice Restaurant \$19.50 per person	
Sunday Lunch	Temora Aero Club at the airport. Smorgasboard @\$8.50 per person	

Please mail your entry form to Scott Cunningham, ClubTreasurer. POBox 17N, Campbelltown North, NSW 2560. **Please enclose cheque to the value of \$80.00 as a securing deposit (single or double).**

It would be appreciated if you would also ring Penn Bradly, the organiser of this event on 02 6386 4348 and let him know your booking details. Alternatively you can fax him a copy of your completed form to 02 6386 4349.

If you have any questions relating to the weekend please do not hesitate to contact Penn on the above phone number.

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**16 Jan**

#### Yarra Banks Barbie

From 6.30pm

Melways map ref: 59 A12 or 45 A12

F.R Smith Drive, Burnley, which is off the Yarra Boulevard

This is the same place where the VSCC

have had their first event for the year prior to last year.

Good parking available for your Alvis. Also bring cats & drinks Electric barbies available.

Any queries,

*Contact : Chester McKaige on 0407113516.*



**7 Feb**

Macedon Ranges Grand Tour  
(contact John Lang)

**20 Feb**

General Meeting

**28 Feb**

Phillip Island Historics

**13-14 Mar**

VSCC Alpine

**19 Mar**

General Meeting

**21 Mar**

Eddington Sprints

**28 Mar**

Kalorama

**15-25 Apr**

Tasmanian Rally

**30 Apr**

General Meeting

**16 May**

VSCC Day Trial

**21 May**

General Meeting

**22-23 May**

Temora Weekend  
(see inside for info)

**29-30 May**

Winton

**11-14 Jun**

Queens Birthday Weekend  
(Linga-Longa at Yarrowonga)

**13 Jun**

Vintage Rob Roy

**18 Jun**

General Meeting

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# 2005 ALVIS National Rally

Rally Date: Sunday, 13 March – Saturday, 19 March 2005.

This is to update you on what is happening in 2005. We are extremely pleased to reveal that we currently have 48 confirmed entries for this exciting event. All systems are go and we are furiously organising the arrangements for 7 days and 6 nights of touring, tasting and "toe tapping" good fun. The event will start in Beechworth, finish in Lakes Entrance and stop occasionally in between.

The organiser's have a few surprises up their collective sleeves ..... so consider yourselves *warned!!* ... it is a requirement for this rally that you come prepared to have a good time.

## The full cost for the rally is:

	per double	per single
Deluxe	\$2000	\$1600
Standard	\$1600	\$1250
Budget	\$1500	\$1200

Please note: The only difference in the levels listed above is for accommodation, all other activities are the same for everyone.

Due to demand, there are limits on the number of "deluxe" accommodation spaces available in some venues and as with all arrangements for the rally "first come, first served". If you have requested a particular standard we will endeavor to meet your requirements however if this is not possible you will be contacted.

Please note: Deluxe is now "sold out" at Beechworth but is still available at the other venues.

<u>Payment Plan:</u>	1 <sup>st</sup> installment due:	1 March 2004
	2 <sup>nd</sup> installment due:	1 October 2004
	3 <sup>rd</sup> installment due:	1 February 2005

When sending your entry form could you also let the organisers know of any special dietary requirements.

If you have any queries or would like further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## SPARES PERSONNEL.

At the AGM in October John Ball did not nominate for the Committee position of Spares Registrar but indicated his readiness to carry on as Three Litre Sparesperson. Bob Northey accepted the position of Spares Registrar. Due to gremlin attack these changes were erroneously reported in the November Newsletter which stated that Bob had become both Spares Registrar and Three Litre Sparesperson. However, at the November General Meeting it was reported that John no longer wishes to be Three Litre Sparesperson. Ian Parkinson was subsequently elected to that position.

John Ball has looked after Three Litre Spares for several years and has been most successful in co-ordinating patterns, castings and machining of several bits vital to Noddy cars. Thank-you, John for all your efforts in that department as well as for your contributions and wise counsel to the Committee.

CAVEAT EMPTOR!! Or "Buyer Beware"! If you order a part for your Noddy car from Parky, do check the part number and the fit when it arrives for it is quite likely to be a Toyota part. We love Parky dearly and admire his custody of our finances but we all have our weaknesses and Parky's is that he cannot distinguish Alvis bits from Toyota bits. Just look under the bonnet of his 3 litre if you don't believe me. Seriously, Parky, thanks for taking on the job in addition to all you already do for the Club.

JOHN HETHERINGTON

# Sports Roundup!

.....with Dale Parsell



With the reinstatement of the Bas Bowes Competition Trophy within the club I thought an informal report on competitive events would be a good idea. Any results reported are an indication of what is happening but may not show the complete picture. I will update the situation from time to time.

Although the trophy year will be slightly shortened, a number of cars and their owners appear to be in the running for this prestigious award and it is most likely that more than one member will actually qualify.

The 24 hour Team Trial, whilst not formally included in the trophy rules, appears to have motivated a number of members to bring their cars out.

Whilst most of the touring/ road events will occur early in the new year quite a few speed events have taken place in the last couple of months.

Mark Burns is currently leading the hunt. Having just got his 12/50 back on the road after 18 months he has wasted no time getting back into the fray. Mt Tarrengower Hillclimb was his first effort, and at this event he was joined by Geoff Hood (12/50 Supercharged) and myself (Silver Eagle). Maritta was involved as well but in an organizational role, managing to keep pitlane flowing smoothly (except when she stopped for lunch and it fell over slightly).

The next event was Vintage Motorsport Weekend at Camperdown. Mark competed once again and was joined by Geoff Hood (12/50 supercharged), Steve Denner (12/50) and Rob Sands (12/50). This event is quite spectacular as it comprises 4 separate competitions, Hillclimb, Sprint, Motorkhana and "Round the Houses".

Just to top all this Mark then went to Adelaide to compete in the Classic Adelaide competition. If he keeps up this pace the rest of us are going to have some trouble catching him.

There are still plenty of events left though before the year closes in June 2004 so get your Alvis out there and show the other marques how good Alvis really are.

(I apologise if I have missed anyone but no doubt I will miss someone else next time)

Results to hand so far.

## Mt Tarrengower.

Geoff Hood, 12/50 Supercharged, fastest time 54.53 sec  
Dale Parsell, Silver Eagle, Fastest Time, 87.06 sec  
Mark Burns, 12/50, Fastest Time, 105.71 sec

## Geelong Speed Trials,

David Breise, Speed 20, Fastest Time, 17.97  
Paul Chelayer, Speed 20, Fastest Time, 16.44

## Camperdown.

Overall placings:  
Geoff Hood 2nd  
Steve Denner 16th  
Mark Burns 21st

## Classic Adelaide.

Out of 100 entries, 85 cars finished. All 5 vintage cars finished with Mark coming a close 4<sup>th</sup> in class. I have included the results for all pre-war cars for comparison.

	Position	Overall Lost Time (Min), 4 days
Lawson 6C 2300 Alfa Romeo	70	0.47.28
Hippkins 30/98 Vauxhall	72	1.02.53
Utber/Felder V8 Oakland	75	1.14.32
Wilkinson Chev Special	84	4.23.20

It is interesting to note the places between the Alfa and the Chev consist of everything from a 1968 Beetle to a 1981 Audi Quattro indicating just how well the old cars went..

# Camperdown Weekend

The Camperdown Motoring weekend was held over the Melbourne Cup weekend and attracted over forty pre-war cars including three competing Alvises and one spectating.

Having decided to enter two cars one of which I would give to my brother in law to drive I was looking forward to campaigning the Alvis in all four events; gymkhana, ¼ mile sprint, hillclimb up Mt.Leura and the "Round the Houses".

The plans of mice and men came to play with the Alvis sitting in the garage sans cylinder head and the Bentley in the panel shop after an altercation with a 30/98 Vauxhall on the VSCC NSW Orange Rally last September.

Plan "B" was put into action whereby "Old Reliable" was put into duty, my 1948 T.C. M.G. and we would attend the event as spectators.

We set sail literally in pouring rain to Camperdown on the Friday, stopping once to put the windscreen up and another time to put the hood up arriving in Colac with minutes to spare before the pie shop closed for the night. After a beef and mushroom pie and a cup of coffee we completed the last forty odd km's in good time before seeking our accommodation and heading for the pub for a nice eye fillet steak washed down with a Guinness or two.

Saturday dawned overcast and bleak and after a walk down the main street to collect the "Age" we wandered down to the oval where the Gymkhana was taking place. Because of the weather this was moved to the cattle sale yards. The Gymkhana consisted of what can be done with hoops, what can be done with witch's hats and a quick means of wearing out tyres, brakes and other commodities.



*Mark Burns exercising the new crankshaft*

The three Alvis competing consisted of Mark Burns in newly re-cranked 12/50, Stephen Denner in his 12/50 and Geoff Hood in the 12/50 racing car. Tender vehicle for all three was Rob Sands complete with his 12/50.

The rain came down, went away, came back and continued like that for the rest of the day making it rather miserable for the spectator. It was remarked by one person who shall remain nameless that it was quite comical to study two somewhat "robust gentleman" trying to both get into a T.C. M.G. at the same time with the hood up; not a pretty sight!

After the Gymkhana, the next event was the hill climb at Mt.Leura but as it was lunchtime we went to the Leura Hotel for a quick whiting with chips and nice drop of wine before setting out to witness the hillclimb.

The Hood machine was in good voice and produced the goods with Geoff sawing away at the wheel. Also producing good times compared to the other competitors were Mark and Stephen which made me think that maybe I should up the compression ratio of my engine to at least be a wee bit competitive.

Another meal at the pub that night saw another bit of beef demolished along with a couple of bottles of red and after watching a video of "The Plank", we went to bed fulfilled and ready for the next day.

Day two consisted of a ¼ mile sprint down a side road adjacent to the main street of Camperdown followed after lunch by a "Round the Houses" or a dash around the streets.

Once more the three Alvises put on a good show and once more I thought maybe its time to plane the head as well as they all once more produced good results.



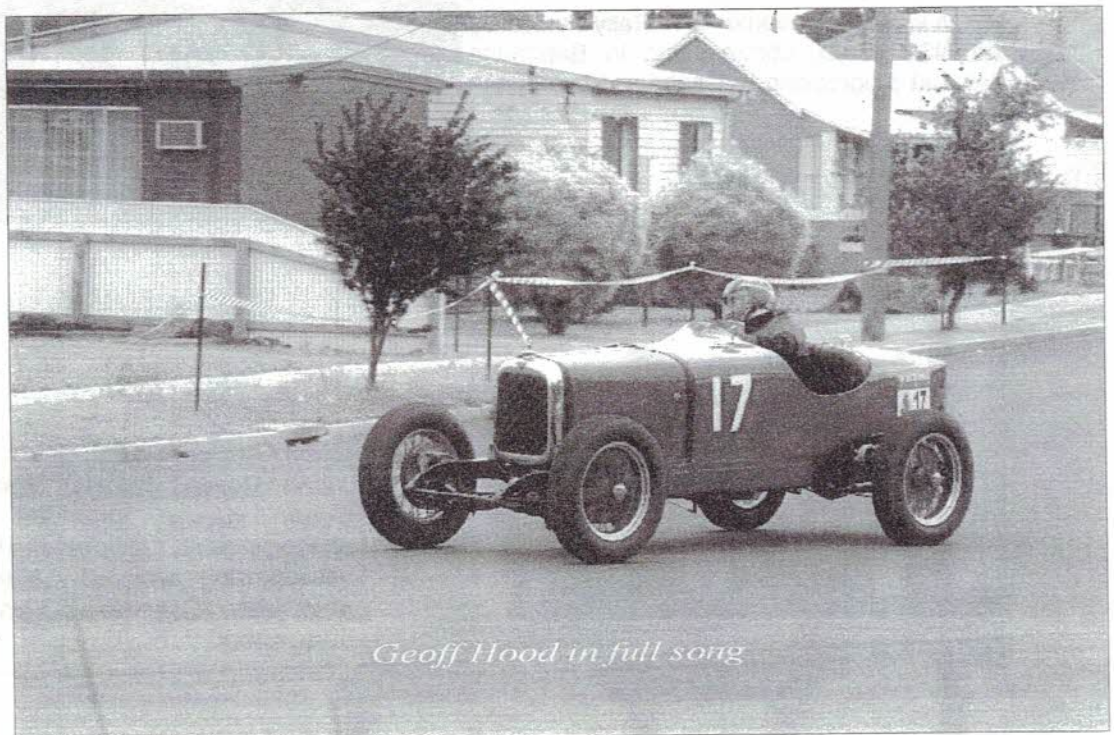
I don't have a list of times nor do I know who won the events as the formal dinner on the Sunday I didn't attend (as we were merely spectators). This was just as well as after the dinner, the diners were subjected to a Karioke machine whether they liked it or not and the final results were still to be worked out.

Both brother in law and I had a meal at the Commercial Hotel, both opting for scotch fillet steaks served with chips and vegetables accompanied by a Wynns Coonawarra Cabernet Merlot. I think it was us who had the better meal!

Monday morning and it was time to head for home, the hood folded away and the windscreen folded flat. A T.C.M.G can have a great effect on one's bladder so three stops were made on the way home, the second one at Winchelsea, which also included a pie and coffee stop.

All in all it was a good event to attend, would have been much better to have had a car there, but there is always next year.

Chester McKaige





# THE YEAR 20

The **January** BBQ held at Alan & Noeline McKinnon's was the best opening BBQ I have ever been involved in. The setting was great, the food & Alvis fellowship, just as good!



**February** saw the Northeys being flagged off by Peter Brock on the inaugural Macedon Ranges Grand Tour

**March** was the National Alvis Rally hosted by the NSW Club, commencing in Batemans Bay and progressing to Canberra to complete the week.



**June's** Queens Birthday Weekend Away at Ocean Grove provided some good photographic opportunities for the unsuspecting particularly after food and red wine. Also found 12/50s wanting in 60 knots of crosswind.

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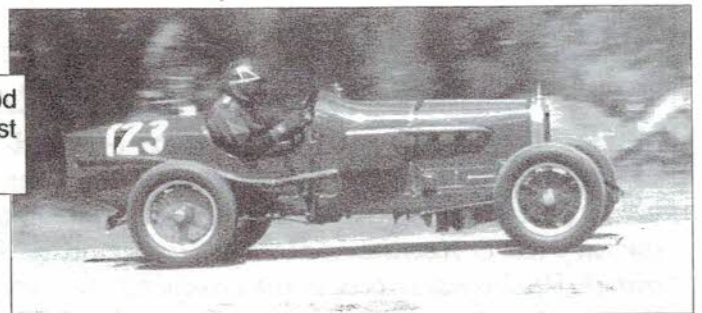


The **August** Annual Luncheon at Healesville was a fitting celebration of 80 years of the 12/50



**September's** Kyneton run was a visit to Ivan Smith's collection of interesting cars and was one of the few runs this year that brought out the wet weather gear.

Mt Tarrengower in **October** saw Geoff Hood not wanting to break with tradition, again post the fastest time for an Alvis



Our Christmas Party was the best ever attended. While several Melburnians stayed at home the other 2.1 million went to Brimbank Park to help celebrate the Alvis Club Christmas Party

# Up Hill and Down Dale!



In an attempt to keep newsletter costs under control, I intend to start sending monthly newsletters electronically to those of you for whom I have email addresses. For the time being you will also receive it by snail mail. I know there are some of you who prefer to get yours in the mail box and provided you let me know that service will continue. The newsletter will be sent in a PDF file and can be opened using Adobe Acrobat and various other programs. The bonus is—all the photos will be in colour!

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You are reminded that the Alvis 2004 Calendar is available at \$22 per copy including postage. If you are really quick, they can be mailed to you in time for a Christmas present for your maiden Aunt.

Also many thanks to those who submitted photographs for the calendar, I believe you are or will be happy with the results.

.....ed

Richard Tonkin, not being happy with one 3 litre has bought the ex Forbes-Proctor TF21. About to receive an extensive overhaul should I say expensive restoration, it should be a lovely car on return.



I would like to thank the committee and members for the provision of a digital camera for use by the newsletter editor and members. The difficulties and cost of providing topical photographs to meet newsletter deadlines has been removed and we can all benefit from it's use.

.....Ed

Alvisti Calendar. Some of you will have seen the only copy of the "alternative" calendar I produced for 2004. It was originally produced by a bored person with a couple of hours to fill in and features candid photographs of various members of the ACCV saying things that they never thought of at the time or for that matter any other time! I have been asked to take orders for some more copies and provided I can get at least 10 will do so for the club at \$20 each. The calendar carries the following rider:

*"This calendar has been produced exclusively for the use of members of the ACCV. It is produced without committee approval or the authority of the individuals depicted within, breaches all elements of the Privacy Act, flouts Copyright provisions and crosses the boundaries of normally accepted Alvisti mateship and behaviour. Enjoy!"*

Let me know if you want a copy

.....John Lang

## KALORAMA 2004

The 48th Kalorama Rally is to be held on Sunday 28th March 2004. There will be a longer and more interesting run up to Kalorama, than has been the case in previous years (an event within an event). Entrants to meet at the Manhattan Hotel, corner of Canterbury Rd & Heatherdale Rd Ringwood at 9.30am for a 10.00am departure. Non speeding but skillful and interesting competition events will commence at midday, at the Kalorama Recreation Reserve.



## Literary Award

You are reminded of the new annual award to be made to the writer of the best newsletter article. At this stage, Chester's article "Petrol on no Particular Day" must be a real contender and Rob Graham and Ron Wilson's forays into the colourful past of the club must rate very well to.

## Grateful Thanks

Marg & I would like to thank all contributors to the newsletter in both written form and for the supply of interesting photographs. Your efforts have made our job all the more rewarding and enjoyable. May Santa renew your index fingers or bring you a touch typing kit in your stockings. Merry Christmas to you all.

John Lang

# ALVISTORY

In his article about our exploits, Ron Wilson said some very kind things about me. Thank you Ron.

In return I have said many times to Ron and I say it again "I have every confidence in your driving."

## Queensland TB14's

Over the past few years I have received an occasional letter from Robert Ward of Queensland. He is one of the lucky ones as he owns a TB14 Alvis. I have compiled the following information from his letters.

It appears that Markwell Bros (the Brisbane Alvis agents), imported three TB14's. One red, one white and one green. The green car which is said to have had a serious accident early in its life, was sent south in its damaged condition and its current whereabouts is unknown.

The red TB14 (engine No 23505) was purchased new by people named Reif who lived at Moorooka, a Brisbane suburb. In the early sixties they moved to Scarness at Hervey Bay where they ran a snack bar. The Reifs were an aunt and uncle of a friend of Robert. He visited their home at Moorooka and later on holiday at Hervey Bay. Robert really liked that car and considered it to be most glamorous and was very disappointed when he heard it had been sold. The buyer was Chester Henchen who owns it to this day.

There was a bit of a mystery about the white TB14 (engine No 23507). It was thought that there was a white car in Brisbane and another white car in Townsville. Did Markwell Bros import another TB14 or was it a privately imported car? In the end Robert has concluded that the Brisbane car and the Townsville car are one and the same.

Chester Henchen recalls a white TB14 doing the rounds of Brisbane as a fishmongers vehicle. The boot lid had been removed and a fish box installed in the boot. Robert has examined the boot of his car and can find no evidence of the fitting of a fish box.

Robert has his car located on the mezzanine floor at work where it was spotted by a client. This client recollected that when in his teens, a white TB14 was bought new by the local fish shop owner located in Boundary Rd, West End, Brisbane. The man's name was Ward (no relation) and both Chester Henchen and the client mentioned that Mr. Ward had a diamond set in his front tooth.

Another visitor to Robert's workplace spotted the TB14 and instantly recognised it. He told of a white TB14 in Townsville owned by a family called Ward. This family used to run The Australian Fish Bar near the causeway in Townsville and he thinks they still run fish shops in Townsville. Pity he didn't spot Mr. Ward with a diamond in his front tooth, that would have clinched it.

So there is a bit of history of two TB14's in Australia.

Robert Graham

## Macedon Ranges Grand Tour

SATURDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2004

*A day of touring the Macedon Ranges and sampling good old country hospitality!*

*Sponsored by the RACV, Tourism Victoria, Hanging Rock Winery & Macedon Ranges Shire  
Alvis is the featured Marque and a trophy will be awarded for the most desirable Alvis car  
at the event.*

*"everyone loves a drive in the country"*

Contact John Lang (03) 5426 2256 or 0419 552 892



## CALENDAR 2004

There are still a few copies of the 2004 Alvis Calendar

\$22 including postage

Send your cheque or money order payable to the ACCV to:

P.O.Box 129, Gisborne, Vic 3437

## ANARCHY AND AGONY.

After a wet, wet Melbourne Saturday we met for the "Total Anakie Run" at Melton reservoir on Sunday morning 23rd November. John & Margaret Lang Speed 25, Noeline and Alan McKinnon 12/50, Dale and Maritta Parsell Silver Eagle, David and Carol Head Silver Eagle, John White & David Caldwell TA 14 DHC, Bob and Lesley Northey 12/50 DB, Ian Parkinson and Mrs P accompanied by intrepid friends Rhys and Lyn in Noddy car, Prez and Mrs Prez Speed 20, Chester McKaige Bentley 3 litre, Chris Higgins with Darrell Horton snoozing quietly in Rolls Royce Silver Shadow and Ian and Kay, friends of Bob and Lesley in their 1928 Nash accompanied by their friends Adrian and Heather.

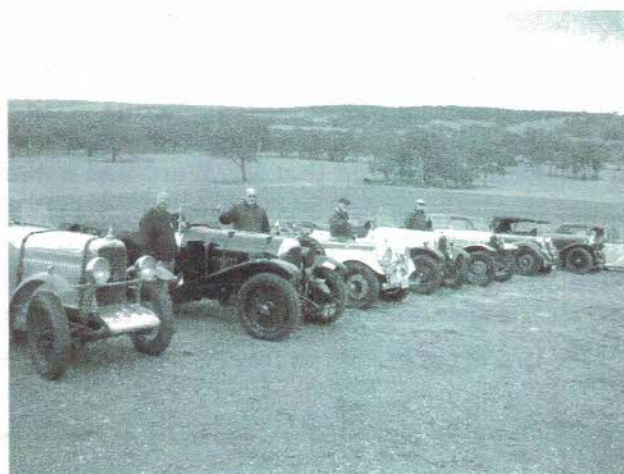
The weather was threatening rain but it didn't. Really the weather was what the Irish would call "soft". It was a good spot to meet and Lesley's morning tea was superb, especially the Hare Biscuits. The route was simple to navigate but some of the observation tests were well contrived and indeed, a bit tricky as told by the result, where no-one scored 100%. The prize was won by our guests, Ian and Kay. One anxiety provoker was a long gap between clues after a spell with rapidly appearing ones. Just to provoke argument amongst the crew! "Have we missed something? No! Should we turn back? No!"

The route was great. Lots of steep hills with rolling country in between. There were some interesting things to see in the way of water supply structures, including a lighthouse and ghost towns hardly deserving of the title "town", like Anakie. The "agony" in the title refers to the only bit of the trip outside the organisers' control - the lunch. Or rather, the lack of it. No point in going into detail; suffice to say that an amateur restaurateur let down further by a cook without a clue meant that there was a near three hour wait for lunch - for those who stayed. A pity about the dining for the driving had been excellent and we would like a return to that terrain in the future.

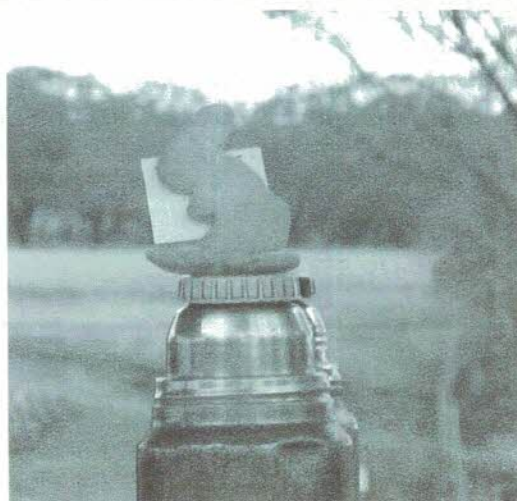
PREZ



The first meeting at the Melton Res



What a cosmopolitan line up!



Wabbit biscuits from the hostess with the mostest



The wait for lunch!



Also seen at Anakie!

## AN INVITATION...

The Vintage Car Club of Queensland celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2005. To make the year truly memorable we have developed the VCCQ Golden Jubilee Program – a series of events and functions that will allow our members and guests to participate to the extent that suits best.

The program is focused on a two-week period from about May 29 to the Queen's Birthday holiday (June 13<sup>th</sup> 2005). It includes a 3-day touring event into northern NSW, several mid-week "go somewhere interesting for lunch" runs, a shed crawl, port bottling, sausage sizzles, the Concours de Jubilé d'Or, the major 8-day Jubilee Rally into the depths of sub-tropical Queensland (Maryborough and beyond) and of course a Jubilee Dinner.

For the most part the program will provide for vintage touring, as our May-June weather is usually just about as good as it gets for enjoying the open road in Queensland: brisk mornings and glorious days! Veteran cars are most welcome but they may find the distances call for rather long days on the road.

Visitors to VCCQ meetings and rallies are always welcome. We're now pleased to invite your members to join us in 2005 for as much or as little as you can handle!

To attend the Jubilee Dinner and participate in the 8-day Jubilee Rally you'll pay in advance, but all other events and functions will operate on a pay-as-you-go basis. Remember, you can pick and choose the parts of the Program to suit yourself – everything's optional.

Since its inception the VCCQ has had a deliberate bias toward certain types of cars – that is simply the nature of the club. We have a great deal in common with clubs such as the VSCC (NSW, Victoria, etc.) and to some extent with the historic racing clubs. Many of our members also belong to the Veteran Car Club and to various one-make organisations. The overriding theme of our Jubilee will be vintage-style motoring, so entrants will feel most at home in cars of the pre-war era.

It will be some time before full details are worked out, but we would like to stay in touch with everyone who is interested in a concentrated burst of Queensland hospitality and driving about in proper cars.

Our Program Director is Peter Ransom. He would be delighted to receive expressions of interest from folk who would like to be kept up to date as the Program is fleshed out. You can reach him in a variety of ways:

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# THE GREAT ALVIS FLYING, FUN AND HISTORICAL WEEKEND TEMORA, NSW - 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2004

Following instructions from the Sydney AGM I was delegated, coerced, asked and otherwise encouraged to organize a weekend outing featured around the Temora Aviation Museum on one of their monthly flying weekends where the exhibits such as the Spitfire, Sabre jets, Meteor jets, DC3's, Wirraways and Canberra jets, etc. show us how it is done in the sky, together with aerobatics. The Temora Aviation Museum and regular air show of historic war birds is now said to be about the best in the world (so I am told).

Temora is an attractive south western NSW town of 4,500 people, located 4¼ hours drive from Sydney, a 6 hour drive from Melbourne and 2½ hours from Canberra and is a manageable long day's 11 hour drive from Adelaide.

The flying weekends are very heavily booked and the weekend we have selected in May was the only one available for the next 11 months, as these events are extraordinarily popular.

In order to make the weekend a success for all we have incorporated a town and environs tour, a visit to a very surprising rural museum which even has Sir Donald Bradman's first residence on display plus a huge variety of specialist displays.

The program is as follows:

## SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY:

**10 a.m.** - Leave the Koreela Park Motor Inn (a brand new motel) for a 2 hour town and environ drive organized with a Council tour guide.

**12-12:30 p.m.** - Lunch at the Temora Recreation Centre will be catered for by a service club.

**2 p.m.** - Drive to the Rural Museum, inspect the museum and also inspect the operation of the grain handling facility known as "the bulkhead".

**4:20 p.m.** - Return to motel for R&R.

**6:45 p.m.** - Dinner at the licensed restaurant known as Diners Choice where an international chef (who ran restaurants in Switzerland and Austria) will provide us with a very unusual high quality smorgasbord meal.

## SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY:

**9:30 a.m.** - Depart for Temora Airport (adjacent to the town) for an unbelievable day's spectacle of flight, where you can inspect the planes and talk to their pilots after their flights. There are excellent facilities, a wonderful airforce museum and they even have airconditioned hangars.

**12:30 p.m.** - Lunch at the adjacent Aero Club ( a catered smorgasbord).

**Afternoon** - More flying until about 4:15 p.m. - inspect the planes, etc.

**7 p.m.** - We have arranged a dinner at a nearby hotel which as an excellent a-la-carte menu. The room is a little dreary but the food is outstanding and very modestly priced.

**ACCOMMODATION** has been arranged at 2 motels in walking distance from each other. Both are at the 3-4 star level and are excellent. Even booking 7 months ahead has meant that we couldn't get surplus rooms held against unexpected demand.

I have booked the entire Koreela Park Motor Inn (they have 10 standard rooms with a QS double and single bed combination, 1 family room which accommodated 6 people, and another family room with a separate bedroom which accommodates 6 people) Price is \$80 per night for a couple (2 people) and \$10 extra per additional person per room - a special price for the Club.

I have also booked the last 8 available rooms at the Goldterra Motel, each room having a QS double bed and a single bed. These rooms are \$85 per double per night.

### Other Costs:

Saturday Lunch - likely to be \$11 per person

Saturday Dinner - Fixed price of \$19.50 per person

Sunday Lunch - Likely to cost around \$9 per person for BBQ and cold food including hot drinks.

Sunday Dinner - Please budget for main courses in the range of \$10-\$13 for top quality food.

Owing to the demand on flying weekends at Temora, the cut off dates for accommodation are:

Goldterra Motel - 1<sup>st</sup> March 2004

Koreela Park Motor Inn - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004.

Temora is experiencing a building boom of unprecedented proportions and another new motel (yet to be built) is unlikely to be available until later in 2004. By the way, real estate house and land prices are "sky high" to go with the aviation theme. Interestingly, Temora Council have a special subdivision where people can build their house fronting a normal road and have a private aircraft hangar in the backyard - opening on to a special aircraft only road leading directly onto the airport. Shortly the runway is to be extended by 2½ kilometers to allow the Boeings in.

In spite of large crowds on flying days there is plenty of safe car parking space, tiered seating, etc. Entry for the air show and its museum is \$10 per person (\$7.50 seniors) and the Rural Museum charge \$5 per person.

This will be a weekend to remember and we encourage all Alvis members from all over Australia to attend. You can be assured of a great welcome and a wonderful, very different weekend.

Booking forms and extra data will be included in the next edition of Alvisvatics. **Please book early** - we are only assured of 20 rooms in total.

This event is being organized by semi local Alvis Club member, **Robert Penn Bradly** on behalf of the Alvis Club NSW Inc. He can be contacted by phone on (02) 6386 4348 or fax on (02) 6386 4349.



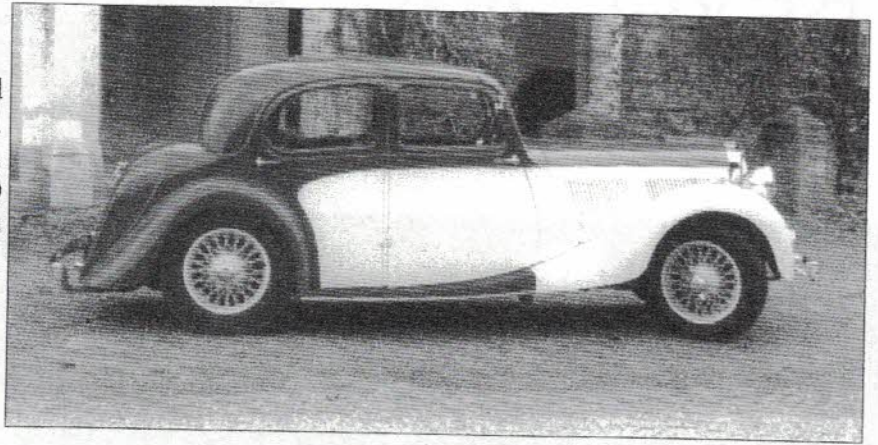
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## FOR SALE:

1937 12/70 Alvis Sedan.

Grey and white. Mechanically checked over & in good order. New rings fitted. Fully registered, completely re-trimmed, re-painted and rechromed. Under 1000 miles since work carried out. 12 months full Victorian registration  
\$38,000 ONO

Contact Eric Nicholl (03) 9754 5412  
also



## FOR SALE:

Good petrol tank for a 12/50

## FOR FREE:

TA14 back axle complete with differential, half shafts & brake backing plates. Wrapped in plastic & stored outside. If no takers, it will end up at the tip. R.Graham (03) 9571 3886 (after 10.00am)

## FOR SALE:

1934 Derby Bentley, 3.5 litre, B91 BL. A rare & stylish 2 door fixed head sports 4 seater. One of 2 coupes by coach builder Arthur Mulliner. All alloy body finished in 2 tone navy blue with Connolly interior. Recently fully restored. A very pretty car, a delight to drive. Two owners in 42 years. Sale due to eye problem. \$95,000 or sensible offer.  
Norman Webster phone (02) 9418 4280

## WANTED:

Differential centre/ carrier or any parts for a mid 30's six cylinder car. Crown wheel and pinion condition not important.

Dale Parsell Tel (03) 5968 5170  
or [dparsell@ozemail.com.au](mailto:dparsell@ozemail.com.au)

## FOR SALE:

1951 TA21 Saloon. Black with tan sunroof, period radio. Excellent interior. Previously owned by Richard Tonkin for 20 years. \$19,000. Phone John Willey (07) 5543 3929

## FOR SALE:

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Price \$55,000

Contact Des Donnan (07) 5445 9981, fax (07) 5478 8375  
See web site [www.alvis1250.com](http://www.alvis1250.com)

## WANTED:

AIR CLEANER to suit 1936 Crested Eagle. Mounts on top of tappet cover as shown on page 92 of the Brooklands Gold Portfolio Book.

Tel Richard Tonkin (03) 9710 1465

## FOR SALE:

1951 ALVIS TA21 Saloon. Complete and quite original. Ex Harry Wardlaw. Requires full restoration. Also TA21 rolling chassis with engine, gearbox & steering box.  
Kevin Bruce, PO Box 187, Maffra, Victoria, 3860 or tel 5147 1896 or 0409 859 260

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*John Lang .....*

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# REVERSING



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# TREND



In this day and age of a considerable number of old and important cars disappearing out of Australia, it is good to report another car has reversed the flow and is soon to grace our roads.

Ken Cuming has sourced a TJ 12/50, car number 13324 wearing a black fabric Offord type Beetle Back body.

The TE engine has HC pistons, Reece cam, full flow oil filter, twin SUs and SD radiator. Formerly owned by R.H. Gross, J.L.Wey and M.D.Brydson.

Apologies for the photographs as they were taken in less than desirable conditions.

Congratulations Ken, we look forward to seeing the car in the flesh.