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CLUB ROOMS:- Rear of "ALVISTA", 21 Edgar Street. GLEN IRIS. [MELWAY p59 F 8]
MEETINGS:- THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH [EXCEPT DEC/JAN] AT 8.00 pm

EVENT CALENDAR 2003

FEB 21	GENERAL MEETING
MAR 21	GENERAL MEETING
MAR 23	LUNCH AT WATSONS CREEK
	(SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS)
	NOTE: There is no Kalorama this year due to Insurance/ Incorporation problems
APR 6-12	NATIONAL RALLY
APR 24 (THU)	GENERAL MEETING
MAY 16	GENERAL MEETING
MAY 17	HEIDELBERG RUN
JUN 6-8	WEEKEND AWAY
JUN 20	GENERAL MEETING
JUL 18	GENERAL MEETING 'ROUGH RED & PIE'
JUL 20	RIVER RUN
AUG 10	LUNCH WITH THE BRISTOLIANS
AUG 15	GENERAL MEETING
AUG 17	ANNUAL LUNCHEON
SEP 19	GENERAL MEETING
OCT 4-5	WEEKEND AWAY
OCT 17	AGM & GENERAL MEETING
OCT 19	WESTERN WANDERS
NOV 16	GEELONG SPEED TRIALS
NOV 21	GENERAL MEETING
NOV 23	MYSTERY EVENT
DEC 7	XMAS PARTY

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ALVELOCITY

A New Year is upon us and already a twelfth of it has passed. It is said that as you age time passes more quickly. This is probably due to the fact that a month when you are sixty years old represents a smaller proportion of your life span than a month when you are five years old. Anyway, Happy New Year to all Alviators, young and old; be your year short or long may you enjoy your Alvis motoring. We all need something to cheer us up. The bush fires in Victoria, NSW and ACT have provided a horrible start to the year for many and the international situation brings no joy to any. Yesterday we learned of the fatal train crash in Sydney and today "Columbia" crashed. And there is the drought which just goes on and on. Against all this woe I reckon it should be compulsory for TV news bulletins to carry a story about the latest restored Alvis to come back on the road! In "ALVIC" in December there was an outline of the Club Calendar for the year. Being an "odd" year it is of course a "National Rally Year." We are please to hear that plans are well advanced for what sounds like a well planned and interesting gathering. Entry numbers are good and there is an extension available for those able to and/or wishing to spend more time in the mountains before returning home. Many Victorians are planning to go and the only question to arise so far is "what will the scenery be like as we wend our way to Bateman's Bay, through fire ravaged mountain country?" Even though there is the National Rally this year we have decided to put on two country weekends away because such events have been very popular in recent years. On the weekend of October 4 - 5th we intend to stay at Yarrowonga because a) the weather should be superb in early spring and b) it should be a reasonably accessible destination for interstate Alviators, especially NSW members and guests. So, wherever you live mark that weekend in your diary. There is about to be an invasion of New Zealand by English Alvises and their owners. The grand tour of both islands is about to begin. As far as I know only one Oz car is going across the Tasman and two families are going. Unfortunately there was no opportunity to tempt the northern hemisphere visitors to bring their cars here, from NZ. Costs are kept down for them because they have a block booking, UK - NZ return. And there is so little cross Tasman visiting because it costs nearly as much to send a car 1,200 miles from Australia as it does to send one 12,000 miles from UK! A tour of Australia by UK Alviators is something to aim for in the future! In the last few months we have seen good attendances at club monthly General Meetings. I hope that this will continue. If you have not been for a while please consider coming again - and soon, before the evenings turn cold and dark. You are assured of some entertainment and some information as well as a chance to talk "Alvis" with like minded fellow members, be the talk true or false! See you on the 21st.

JOHN HETHERINGTON

MACEDON RANGES GRAND TOUR (8 February 2003)

We had entered early on for the 1st annual 'Macedon Ranges Grand Tour' (www.macedonranges.org.au/grandtour/), and had been looking forward to it. It promised to cover some of our favourite parts of nearby Victoria, and was to comprise a full day commencing with breakfast at New Gisborne, and ending with dinner at the Hanging Rock Winery. We departed home in time to get to New Gisborne before 8am for a splendid breakfast in front of an extraordinarily diverse range of individuals' prides and joys totalling about 85 vehicles. The Alvis representation present comprised our ducksback and the Langs' recent marvellous acquisition (1939 Speed 25) which we'd not seen before and was looking suitably grand. Being involved in the organisation (John was the event Safety Officer) the Speed 25 was unable to partake in the event.

After a brief cruise down into Gisborne with threatening skies overhead that resulted in an hour or so of what the Irish call 'a soft day', we were flagged off by the Patron, Peter Brock to complete one of two routes. Our route took kept us out of the clouds as we motored north over the divide through Kerrie and into fine weather that lasted the remainder of the day. Other than a quick blast up the Calder from Woodend to Kyneton with a strong tail wind we were on minor but sealed roads for about 250km all up. Food stops at Kyneton, Woodend (lunch), and Lancefield kept us fully fueled and watered and punctuated a day of high spirits and motoring camaraderie. Apart from the significant climb up Mt Macedon from the Macedon township side after lunch the route was rolling and largely traffic free.

We had arranged to stay the night with friends at Woodend, so we only had a small drive back after the evening dinner and hilarity there. The Tour was planned to be the day before the annual Picnic at Hanging Rock event of the Macedon Ranges & District Motor Club (www.mradmc.com.au/HR.html), which is a huge event these days. We attended and had a certain novelty value (the only Alvis out of a couple of thousand 'classic' vehicles) and enjoyed ourselves mostly chatting to people in the sunshine and making excursions to look around. I'd never seen a Chev V8 powered road-registered motorcycle before, or any number of other strange and interesting vehicles that were there in amongst quite a few garden-variety cars.

The Grand Tour is intended to be an annual event, and boasted an impressive range of sponsorship and good attendance for an inaugural event. The organisation on the day was faultless from our viewpoint as was the route choice, and we would commend this to club members for 2004.

All up our speedo showed 330 miles for the two days, with no problems other than the known deficiencies that are about to be worked on - more of that later!

Bob Northey

NOTICE:

IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE FEBRUARY 2003 GENERAL MEETING

For some years the HISTORIC Basil Bowes Trophy has been a problem for this club. The trophy was originally awarded for competition at a designated number of competitive events carried out by the Alvis Car Club.

With the demise of competition within the club, for a number of reasons, the trophy had languished until the committee made a decision to award it to Mark Burns for his competitive efforts outside the club.

The time has come when some decisions must be made concerning this trophy. We appear to have two options.

- 1) Alter the rules under which the trophy is awarded to encompass events outside the Alvis Car Club, as the committee did when Mark's exceptional efforts made it a very easy decision.

or

- 1) Retire the trophy to gather dust and institute a new trophy to be awarded for competitive efforts in an Alvis outside the club by a member.
- 2) This issue was discussed at the last committee meeting, in December. It was decided that the issue is too important for the committee to "colour" the discussion with a proposal on the trophy's future.

Therefore, in addition to the discussing the future of the Basil Bowes Trophy the following items will be also be considered at the February General meeting:

- 1 If we are to continue to have a competitive trophy, be it called Basil Bowes or anything else, a subcommittee will be set up to formulate the rules/ guidelines for the award.
- 2 The Club Committee proposes to consider the whole question of Trophies, not just the BB and/or its replacement at its next meeting..
- 3 None of the clubs trophies have to be awarded every year.

Please make your opinions known to the committee or come to the General Meeting in February to discuss this exceedingly important turning point in the Clubs history.

Dale Parsell
Secretary

Heritage Hill Museum & Historic Gardens in Dandenong is holding a gathering on Saturday 22 March, 2003 as part of the official program of the Victorian Seniors Festival. 'A Fine Time' -an event for senior citizens and their families - will be held from 11am -3pm in the century-old grounds of Heritage Hill and will feature traditional jazz, historic costumes, Devonshire Teas, exhibitions and much more.

To really make the day one of tradition and history, we would like to invite your vintage car club to participate in a classic and veteran car exhibition throughout the 2 acre grounds of our historic precinct. We hope to provide seniors from across Victoria with the chance to see your club's rare collection of cars and help them enjoy this 'fine time' in their lives.

We are now seeking expressions of interest from clubs and collectors. Please call me on 9793 4511 or heritagehill@cgd.vic.gov.au discuss. Cars may arrive on the day between 9am and 10am. A running sheet and program will be supplied should you wish to participate. We certainly hope you do

NATIONAL RALLY UPDATE

The final payment is now due. Please send your cheque to our treasurer, Scott Cunningham. Your prompt attention would be very much appreciated.

Mail to :- PO Box 17N,
Campbelltown North
NSW 2560

RADIATOR REPAIRS

Best place to go for a leak!

WATSONS CREEK ANTIQUE CENTRE & CAFE RUN SUNDAY, 23rd MARCH

Locals Pauline and Richard Tonkin have arranged a lunch at the Watsons Creek Antique Centre and Cafe on Sunday, 23rd March. The Centre is run by John and Jo Van Eeden, who live on the premises and have developed the Centre in a delightful valley which is on the way to the Rob Roy Hillclimb.

The Centre has a wide range of furniture, clocks and other antiques for browsing, together with a sumptuous menu of light lunches. The Cafe is licensed, not BYO, with a good range of wines and beers.

The Centre is on the Eltham - Yarra Glen Road, at Melway Map 272, Ref. C 5, marked "Antiques & Cafe" on the map. To get there, drive through Eltham or, the other way, Lilydale and Yarra Glen

Aim to arrive about 12 noon. An area for proper cars will be roped off for us. After lunch, there is a touring event planned, but you will have to await the March Newsletter for details.

SWAP, BEG, BORROW or STEAL

WANTED: 12/50 parts

Please has anyone got an early (1921-23) offside steering arm. This is for an early Elliott pattern axle in which the end of the axle is forked and the king pin is located top and bottom, with the stub axle moving on the middle of the pin (or perhaps it's easier to say "like a Model T"). The thing is located by taper into the stub axle in the normal way, but the outer end of the arm divides into two; one end locating to the track rod, and the other to the drag link. Desperately seeking one any condition, even borrow one for pattern to fabricate?

Also, scuttle mounted fuel tank, any condition, or has anyone experience of making one. Any info gratefully received.

Steve Denner, Ph 9230 2236, or 0418 510 235, or steve.denner@aspect.com.au

WANTED

Dashboard mounted Coil/Magneto changeover switch from Speed 20/ Crested Eagle etc.

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12/50 - new clutch Springs, sets of 12, NZ\$50.00 Patricia Bren, 29 Poraiti Rd, R.D.2, Napier, Hawkes Bay 4021, New Zealand, or phone 0064 6 8442971 (evenings) or fax 0064 6 8444265

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