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

### **APRIL SUPPER—JOHN WHITE**

Welcome to Bob Hudson a new member,  
resident of Rockhampton Queensland. Owner of  
a 3 litre.

### **APRIL 24TH GENERAL MEETING**

#### **PLEASE NOTE THIS MEETING IS ON THURSDAY**

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
AUG10	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

**PLEASE NOTE  
MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE & PAYABLE**

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# **ALVELOCITY**

At the last General Meeting, when the agenda got around to "past events" there did not seem to be very much activity to report, but then we began to tease out of members details of the events in which they had competed with other clubs. Particularly the VSCC. And in some cases they had done well, or very well. Part of the function of this Newsletter is to record the successes or otherwise of its members - so that in future years there will be a record - a diary, if you like - of the activities of members. We enjoy reading Newsletters from years gone by so it is not presumptuous of us to think that future Alviators may want to read about our activities. Alas, because there are no competitive sporting events within our Club anymore, there are no reports! And as the present editor is not a member of the VSCC (and there is no reason why he should be), he has no access to any information which may be in the VSCC Newsletter. Such information may in any case, be available only after his deadline. So we lose a valuable record. Please, would members let our editor know of their exploits - win or lose - so that the activity can be recorded where it ought to be.

The National Alvis Rally is about to start and we are looking forward to motoring, to renewing old friendships and to making new ones and to obtaining helpful hints as we wend our ways to Batemans Bay. As is common these days in our "Global Village", things get bigger. Some of our members were able to join in the recent tour by British Alviators, in their proper cars, of New Zealand. They return with reports that such an international rally was a success and that some interest is being shown by the Poms in touring Australia. That has set some Aussie minds working as to when and how such an event could be arranged. There is definitely some interest among some of our members. So WATCH THIS SPACE!

By the time you read this our rally will be over and planning will be already well advanced for the next National Rally due in 2005. But as soon as we are back it will be Easter and then the following Friday is Anzac Day. So we "lose" two Fridays in a row. That is why this month's General Meeting is on a Thursday. Thursday 24th. Are leaves green in the dark? Do our Clubrooms exist between third Fridays? Come along and find out!

JOHN HETHERINGTON

## **HOT GOSSIP**

**R**ichard Tonkin has located and is negotiating the purchase of a TD21. Presently in the UK and being given the once over by Nick Simpson, it is in fine condition and equipped with a five speed ZF gearbox and all the goodies. Stepping up from the Noddy cars!

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**H**ead a very funny story about Parky the other day that apparently happened some months ago. In the A model Ford, Parky was delivering some friends down to Puffing Billy and saw fit to park in the rail siding area reserved for PB staff. Having bade farewell, he talked to whoever was around, BUT, on arriving back at the car was amused to find the gate locked and no way out. In true Henry Ford style, our treasurer mounted the railway line with one set of wheels between the tracks and the other in the ballast. All went fine until he reached a rail crossing where there was some confusion as to who should give way to whom!

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**G**reat to see Rex Bennett in the 12/40 recently on the Calder Highway. Saw the car ahead without identifying it as an Alvis and thought it would be easy to catch. Not so! Rex was doing 99kph! He was busy and all the waving in the world could not attract his attention, and, one does not blow ones horn at an Alvis!

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**D**rivers, in the recent New Zealand Rally, were given a lot of free time to do their own thing and were provided with a green card and a red card. If you displayed the green card when stopped at other than a check point, you did not need assistance. If you displayed the red card in similar circumstances you were asking for help from other participants. What a great idea!

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**A**t a recent Veteran Car Rally that passed through Murchison, three Alvisi were seen enjoying the delights of the McDougall's Brush.

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**G**ood to see Alvis represented at the Australia Grand Prix again. Chester & Sally McKaige's ducksback was sighted in the Shannon's paddock. It looked rather lonely, it was one of about only 3 cars I would like to have taken home. Who ever chose the other 60 must have been having a bad hair day!

## UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

I have recently had a couple of good experiences with firms dealing with different aspects of Alvis repairs and restorations, as follows :-

Nunawading Specialised Electroplaters, 328 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading (near Springvale Road), phone 9878 9047 or 9894 1741. I took them the radiator cap of my 3 Litre DHC, which was in a pretty tatty condition, with some pitting to the top surface. They quoted \$38 to strip and rechrome it, and it would be ready a week later. When I called the next week, it had been stripped and primed, but they misunderstood that I also wanted it replated. They apologised profusely, and said it would be ready that afternoon, which it was. When I arrived to pick it up, they said sorry again, and that \$20 would do. It's a beautiful job, except that the radiator cap is now laughing at the radiator shell, and I may have to get that done, as well. Ever tried getting the radiator shell out of a 3 Litre ? Where's the nearest Alvis Main Agent ?

Jacob Springs Footscray, corner Sunshine Road and Sara Grove, Tottenham, phone 9325 1111. They successfully lifted the skirts of Mrs. Simpson, our Crested Eagle, and fixed the 3 litre's habit of dragging its bum on the ground. The service was quick, cheerful, and very reasonably priced, and the proprietor, Warren, has an Austin Healey, so he is moving in the right direction.

Richard Tonkin.

## CORRECTION

I may have made an error in my article about the history of the motor car in the March newsletter.

T.C.Rolt in his book "Horseless Carriage" states, that in 1833, a steam carriage constructed by Mr Roberts of the firm Sharp, Roberts & Co of Manchester made it's first trial trip. It's performance was not very remarkable but this carriage represented another very important milestone in the technical evolution of the motor car, for Roberts has solved the final drive problem by evolving what was then called a compensating gear. This was no less than a differential, a device of great ingenuity and was destined to supercede the ratchets and clutches which hitherto prevailed and to become universally applied to all road vehicles from traction engines to light cars.

Rob Graham

## SOME OF THE ALVIS CLUB CONTINGENT AT THE RECENT BOCCE CHALLENGE



above:  
*John White Eric Nicholl, John Hetherington & Andrew McDougall*



above:  
*The Hetheringtons & the Wischers*



left:  
*Rex Roberts shows his style*

# 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](mailto:steve.denner@aspect.com.au)

## **WANTED: for 12/50**

Flood Carburettor, starter switch, dynamo switch, on/off switch & throttle switch.

Chris Higgins 41 Cootamundra Ave, West Rosebud, Vic 3940 or phone 5986 1510

## **FOR SALE**

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## **FOR SALE:**

1951 ALVIS TA 21 Saloon. Complete & quite original. Ex Harry Wardlaw. Requires full restoration. Also TA21 rolling chassis with engine, gearbox & steering box.

Kevin Bruce, P.O.Box 187, Maffra, Victoria 3860 or phone 5147 1896 or 0409 859 260

## **WANTED:**

For Alvis 12/50. Engine block, Camshaft and Rocker Cover.

## **FOR SALE:**

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 or [easports@actrix.co.nz](mailto:easports@actrix.co.nz)

## **WANTED 12/50 PARTS**

Set of valve rockers

2 Push Rods

2 Push Rod Springs

Pair of Oil Pump Gears

Bob Anderson (08) 9275 3494

## **FOR SALE**

DO YOU WISH TO OWN ONE OF THE LAST ALVIS MADE? Reluctant sale of "Rowena" my 1967 TF21 saloon. Mechanically perfect including total engine rebuild 9,000 miles ago. Asking \$45,000 ono.

John Forbes-Proctor 0417 738119

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*John Lang.....ed*

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