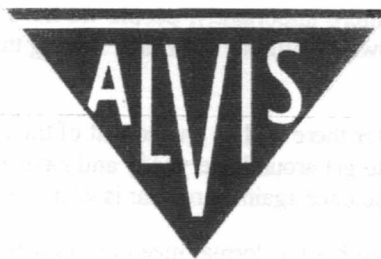


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MEETINGS:- THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH [EXCEPT DEC/JAN] AT 8.00 pm  
Newsletter Deadline—the first Friday of the month

### MAY SUPPER—THE CALDWELLS

#### HEIDELBERG RUN

Meet Dallas Brooks Drive opposite Latrobe Cottage at  
9.00am. Run will finish with a BBQ at about 1.00pm in a  
Melbourne Park. BYO Food & Drink  
If requiring more info—Alan McKinnon 9497 3414

MAY 16	GENERAL MEETING
MAY 18	HEIDELBERG RUN
JUN 6-8	WEEKEND AWAY - <u>CANCELLED</u> see inside for more information
JUN 20	GENERAL MEETING
JUL 18	GENERAL MEETING 'ROUGH RED & PIE'
JUL 20	RIVER RUN
AUG 10	AVIATION OUTING WITH OTHER CLUBS
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

*Next month's ALVIC will feature reports on the National Rally  
and the New Zealand Rally FPWA.*

**PLEASE NOTE  
MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE & PAYABLE  
PLEASE PAY PARKY PRONTO**

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# ALVELOCITY

Since the last issue of this august journal the National Rally has been and gone. Great fun and very enjoyable. There were some "new" cars - that we have not seen before and more importantly, people we have not met before. We all met on the Sunday afternoon and the rally proper ended on the following Saturday morning. During that time there were a few departures from the group and some new arrivals.

Hopefully, elsewhere in this or the next Newsletter there will be an account of the rally itself but a point I would like to make at this stage is that it took all of the available time to get around everybody and have a chat. So I think that the need for a National Rally to last a whole notional week has been made once again. And that is what is planned for 2005 in Victoria.

At National Rallies Past it has been the custom to hold a formal meeting towards the end, to decide which State was going to hold the following Rally. We have been able to escape the tyranny of A MEETING and agree amongst ourselves that we continue to hold National Rallies in odd years and that hosting them goes in the sequence: NSW - VIC - SA - QLD. Another meeting saved - and time freed up to drive someone else's Alvis! I am grateful for Stuart MacDonald's assertion that the 2007 event will be in SA.

As you wandered around the motel car park looking at the cars you could not but admire the extremely high standard of restoration to be seen these days. You often see, in "For Sale" ads for proper cars the phrase "older restoration". This tends to imply "wings flapping in the breeze" and "blowing only a bit of blue smoke" and is so far removed from "recent full restoration" that you wonder why the word "restoration" is common to both concepts. Perhaps we need a series of descriptors between "recent full" and "older"? Like "much older", "slightly", "imaginatively", "period" or "workmanlike" restoration. I won't ask for votes as to where the Presidential cars lie within such a spectrum. Many of the old coach building crafts which "should" have gone out of existence are in fact flourishing. And modern engineering, modern metallurgy and modern oils are permitting mechanical standards only dreamed of in years gone by.

We certainly do need those standards for we drive our cars very hard compared to the way they were driven in their youth. Forty five mph was a high average speed and a day's run of 45 miles there and 45 back again would have been above average - unless you were chasing the Blue Train!

So I raise my glass to all that old machinery and all the oil that goes into it - and drips out of it!

JOHN HETHERINGTON

## A MENZIES GHOST STORY.



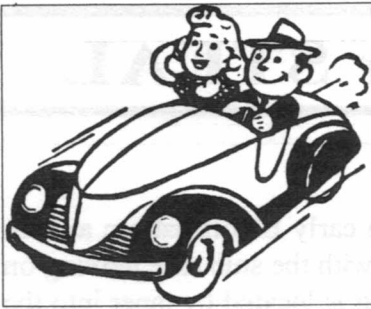
*Mike told me a lovely tale from days gone by. Long gone, it seems. Somewhere in south eastern Australia, probably during the 1950s - and that makes it 50 years ago - the Princes Highway from Melbourne to Sydney was unsealed or at least, unsealed in the remote part of the country of which Mike was speaking. One very dark night his 12/50 suddenly failed to proceed because of carburettor problems. No moon. No torch. Loosen the side light and rotate the lamp so as to illuminate the engine bay and proceed to fix the problem. But there was the sensation of being watched by an unseen presence and that sensation got stronger the longer the stay. Soon the sensation was reinforced by the sounds of heavy breathing..... Mike, all alone in the pitch dark on a lonely road with a car that would not go and heavy breathing close by that would not go away..... He tinkered on, rather quickly, till the problem was fixed and then stepped back to reach into the cockpit to press the starter. Not only heavy breathing but a sort of masticulatory sound as well..... The engine fired and ran smoothly. More illumination from the headlights revealed a Billy goat with his head in the passenger's side of the cockpit enjoying a nice feed of horsehair stuffing protruding from the split leather of the front passenger seat. Moral of the story: don't break down beside a hungry Billy goat on a dark night.*

*John Hetherington.*

## MAY BE OF INTEREST!

*On the way to Batemans Bay, Bev & I stopped at a servo in Eden, and right next door there was a little shop where the store owner says he has rubber bits for 50's model cars. I can't remember the name of the shop, it was "?????? Auto Parts, 29 Mitchell St, Eden, NSW 2115. Phone 02 6496 1569, Fax 02 6496 1140 or mob 0415 958 456*

*Bob Graham*



# JUNE WEEKEND AWAY

Some regular Weekend Away attendees thought that a Weekend Away was not warranted so close after the National Rally and the event has been cancelled.

However some members have expressed an interest in going away for that weekend and the Ocean Grove Gardens Motel on 5256 1199 is providing a special price of \$98 per couple per night (including continental breakfast). If you would like to participate in a long weekend of touring the sights of the Bellarine Peninsula, please contact the motel direct to reserve a room. If the motel is booked out, other accommodation may be available at the

Boat Ramp Motel 52552018 or the Ocean Grove Motor Inn on 5256 2555. I have not negotiated a deal with either of them.

If you decide to come, please let me know. The weekend will be relaxed and informal with decisions on the day's outing to be made after breakfast.

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**T**he many cards and words of encouragement received from my Alvis family were very much appreciated, especially the rally entrants signed card. I am getting closer to feeling Tip Top—so look out!

Sincerely Pat Parkinson

**NOW AVAILABLE**

**ACCV GRILL BADGES**



**\$25**  
(contact Ian Parkinson)

**WRONG! WRONG! WRONG!**

Every now and again I get it wrong! Bob Hudson our new member welcomed in the April newsletter owns a TA14 not a 3 litre car as reported.

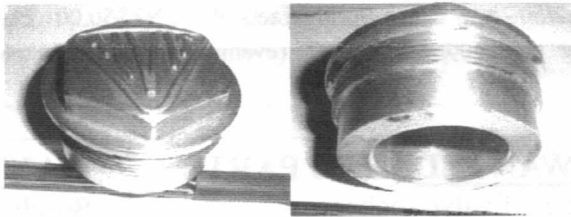
**".....FROM SUMMIT TO SEA....."**

**NATIONAL RALLY**  
**2005**  
See enclosed brochure

**BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW! DEPOSIT \$30**

**SPEED 20 GREASE CAPS.**

Historic and Vintage Restoration are planning the manufacture of Grease Caps for a car we are restoring. If you need these, please ring to discuss your requirements as there appears to be a number of different designs. Contact Dale (03) 9877 0666



*An elderly lady on a cruise ship wanders into the bar and asks for a scotch with two drops of water. As the bartender gives her the drink she says, "I'm on the cruise to celebrate my 80th birthday, and it's today."*

*The bartender says "Well, since it's your birthday, this one is on me."*

*As the woman finishes her drink, the lady to her right says, "I would like to buy you a drink too." The elderly matron says, "Why, thank you! -- Bartender, I would like a scotch with two drops of water."*

*"Coming up," says the bartender.*

*As she finishes her drink, the man to her left says, "I would like to buy you one as well." The lady says, "Thank you!! -- Bartender, I would like another scotch with two drops of water."*

*"Comin' right up." As he puts the drink down in front of her, he says, "Ma'am, I'm dying of curiosity. Why the Scotch with only two drops of water?"*

*The 80 year-old replies, "Sonny, when you're my age, you learn how to hold your liquor. Water, however, is another issue."*

# 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

Cylinder Head

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

## WANTED

3 x Rear Hub attaching plates, as fitted to 12/50 or Silver Eagle not sure about later cars (fits behind the bearing and bolts to the hub to hold it in place)

Also "Jelly Moulds"

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

## 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

## WANTED

Bosch 2A4 Magneto

## FOR SALE or SWAP

BTH Magneto QA4 with impulse start

LUCAS Magneto for 12/50. Both in excellent condition.

Brian Hemmings (02) 9484 7491

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*John Lang.....ed*

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