

CENTENARY RUN 12/50

100 YEARS OF THE 12/50 LUNCHEON

Attached are a few photos of the ACCV luncheon to celebrate 100 years of the 12/50, held at the Greendale pub on Sunday, 15th October. There were about a dozen 12/50s there. Good to catch up with people we hadn't seen for a while, and particularly with some we hadn't seen for a long time.

The whole run was organized by Peter Miller, and included a very pleasant drive to the pub beginning at New Gisborne and travelling the back roads via Woodend and Trentham. Due to the "tyranny of distance" (apologies to G.Blainey) coming from various parts of Victoria, some went straight to the pub and met everyone there. A pleasant lunch and much enthusiastic conversation ensued. Most had drifted off homewards by 3pm.

It gave me great pleasure to see new members Dan and Rachel Jones (see photo below) arrive in the 12/50, looking very happy and clearly enjoying themselves.

Our thanks to Peter Miller for organizing a most pleasant event.

Warrick Hansted.



12/50 CENTENARY PUB RUN—SUNDAY 15

For those who came to it late, it is one hundred years since the introduction of the iconic Alvis 12/50, the model that secured the Alvis car company for the next ten years.

I had decided to take our 1923 12/50 SA Super Sport (ducksback). The S A had run faultlessly three weeks earlier to and back, a round trip of over two thousand kilometres. I was meeting Robert Sands and his 12/50 at our house at 8 am, so I pushed the starter button at 7:50. It didn't want to start . With no time to explore matters the dust cover was thrown off our TG 12/50 wide bodied deluxe 2/3 seater; an instant start resulted in me being at our house twenty seconds before Robert.

Off we set for New Gisborne railway station car park, where we were to meet the other club members to start our run to Greendale. At Batesford we picked up Peter and Chris Fox with Leigh Dwyer, all traveling in the Fox's blue 1928 14.75 (Alvis' first six cylinder model). The three cars had a very enjoyable drive through Bacchus Marsh to New Gisborne where we met up with six other 12/50s, driven by Andrew Green (polished aluminium beetleback), Bob and Leslie Northey (very polished aluminium ducksback), Peter Miller's superbly finished cream ducksback, Mark Weller in the McKinnon's cream tourer, Allan Willingham (polished aluminium ducksback) and Andrew and Francis McDougall's green narrow bodied sports tourer.

We left the car park for a tour to the Greendale pub for a 12:30 pm lunch . The weather was overcast with a fresh westerly and rain forecast for late afternoon.

The drive took us through Riddells Creek, Romsey, Woodend, Newbury and Blackwood, before ending up in Greendale.

The tour that Peter Miller had organised was everything a 12/50 driver could want, there were fast straight sections, some good hill work up and down with plenty of corners thrown in. All up about 83.7 Km. I would like to say the TG performed faultlessly - it did if you don't count the magneto change I had to perform in Woodend . However, with lots of onlookers and Andrew McDougall we were soon back on the road and only about twenty minutes late for lunch.

What a lunch the Greendale pub laid on. The food was top notch as was the beer . It was great to see about 28 ACCV members eating, drinking, laughing and generally enjoying themselves . We were joined at Trentham by new members Dan and Rachael Jones, the new owners of Warrick Hansted's 12/50 (Warrick was also at lunch).

After lunch there was a good time spent looking at each others cars and generally agreeing what a wonderful time we were all having . With clouds building in the west it was time to head for home. A number of us took the Pentland Hills road to Bacchus Marsh where the west (Geelong) bound cars branched off. As we turned into Barrabool Road the rains came down, luckily only five minutes from home (if you can do forty miles per hour you don't get wet).

By 4:45 pm the TG was tucked away in the shed, the SA was still in disgrace and Judy was in front of the fire .

It had been a very good day .

Attendees – all in 12/50s except the Fox's 14.75.

Dale Anderson, Peter and Chris Fox with Leigh Dwyer, Andrew Green, Dan and Rachael Jones, Andrew and Frances McDougall, Alan and Noeline McKinnon with Mark Weller, Peter Miller, Bob and Lesley Northey, Robert Sands, Alan Willingham.`

Dale Anderson



Alvis car club members having performed a spirited drive, now enjoying the rewards-country hospitality.



A lovely line-up of ALVISES.