

The Newsletter of the Alvis Car Club of Victoria (Inc)

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# MACEDON RANGES WEEKEND AWAY

We are pretty much aware of the many merits of Alvis motor cars.

They can be an excellent excuse for getting out of those tiresome household chores like cutting grass, doing the washing up, fixing the leaking washer on the garden tap and so on, because their keepers can always successfully plead the case for maintaining such a beautiful thing and justify it if need be, by resorting to the fact that such a valuable asset should not be neglected.

I even know of one chap who used to use his Alvis to go to the barbers - - the late lamented Bill would not hesitate to use his 1932 Silver Eagle to visit the children, with Marcia providing encouragement all the way.

A typical occasion on which the merits of the car really shine is on Club weekend tours, when secluded roads meandering through lovely countryside can be heaven-on-earth for those who put up their hand to participate.

One such event has just been held by the club, and the twenty or so odd members who undertook the ramble through the by ways of the Macedon Ranges and surrounding countryside considered themselves anything but odd as they basked in spring sunshine and thrilled to the exhausts of a symphony orchestra of real motor cars out on a frolic.

The Langs who organised the event must be

congratulated for providing as near perfect a weekend of pleasure as is possible, and the only downside to the whole thing was a petulant "Big Red" who shimmied and shook so much after his joints had been refurbished that he had to be left out of things for the duration. Such a pity because his participation would have lent some colour to the cavalcade as it found its way to such delightful places as Woodend, Kyneton, Hepburn Springs, Daylesford, Trentham and hamlets along the way of the delightful two days of bliss.

For those fortunates who do not have to attend a place of employment during the week and were thus able to delay the return of their treasures" to their motor rooms until Monday, a journey was begun under solemn skies with a strong hint that rain could be encountered along the way, but for this participant and his lady such did not eventuate and their trip was completed under dry and sunny skies, much to the relief of "Bertie" who reckons that hoods up are for sissies. Oh well - you can't please everyone. Well done Langs and thanks for a great weekend.

By OWWT



The Bratt TB14, Northey 12/50, McDougall SP20 Spc, Remfrey 12/70, McKaige SP25, Horton TA21 DHC, Higgins 12/50, Hetherington SP20 & Lang SP25



Arrival at "Lavendula" for lunch

*Postscript: the Speed 25 (Big Red) had just returned from gearbox out and the replacement of the rear universal joints. The exercise certainly fixed the gearbox oil leaks, but had introduced a sharp vibration that was not present before. Its return to the mechanic achieved nothing.*

*Having driven the car, Chester's comment was that if it was his, he would not drive it. It confirmed my thoughts.*

*The jack shaft (between engine & gearbox) had previously been modified to replace the fabric joints with standard universal joints & the sliding joint had been reassembled about 20° out. Friend & member, Peter Miller spotted the problem several days later and problem fixed!*

*John Lang*



*Morning tea stops at Baynton (above) and at the Coliban Reservoir (below)*



*Allan & Colleen Bratt's TB14*



*Richard Tonkin using copious quantities of Teflon tape in an attempt to get Mrs Simpson's Eagle to face the front!*



*Darrell Horton & Jocelyn Coates about to go swimming in the res*



*Francis McDougall wondering whether she made the right choice for lunch*



*Open a bonnet and immediately segregate the party!  
Marg Lang (in the distance), Allan Bratt, Thorpe Remfrey, Chester  
McKaige, Andrew McDougall and John Hetherington*



*Thorpe Remfrey with the 12/70 special, back on song*



*John & Marg Hetherington*



Darrell Horton & Jocelyn Coates  
24 Johnson St, Balnarring  
Melways 193 B3 (24 is marked)  
Sunday 6th December  
from 11.00am

Bring picnic lunch if Total Fire Ban  
2 webbers lit if not TFB  
Bring a beach umbrella & chairs  
Tea Coffee, milk supplied  
BYO everything else

