



## Draft Minutes of the February Club Delegates Meeting

Held on Monday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7.30pm

Venue – Chevrolet Car Club rooms Moorabbin.

**Chair:** Iain Ross, President AOMC

Iain Ross welcomed the delegates to the February meeting of the AOMC Delegates, and thanked Deb and her helpers for tonight's catering. He also welcomed our guest speakers for tonight, Senator Ricky Muir and Frank Burke, and Senator Muir's wife Kerrie-Anne and his advisor Shaun Lennod.

**There were 96 delegates in attendance representing 71 clubs.**

- 1 **Apologies:** Larry Kogge, Pakenham Auto Club; Graeme Huggins, Escape Motoring; Tim Christie, Morris Car Club Vic.; Ken Marriot, Renault Club; Gordon Hellsten, Vic. Historic Racing Register; Graeme Folwell, Mustang Cc; Craig McKenzie, Mustang CC; Andrew Gottschalk, Moke Owners Club.
- 2 **New delegates:** Martin Ball, Ballan Vintage Machinery and Vehicle Club.
- 3 **New member clubs.** None present. Iain Ross reported that the Southern Early FJ Holden Club have become members of the AOMC.
- 4 **Visitors:** Senator Ricky Muir, Kerrie-Anne Muir, Shaun Lennod (Motoring Enthusiasts Party & Maffra and District car Club), Frank Burke (Old Hume Hwy 31), Mark Bondini (Aust. Lancia Register), David McKendry (Land Rover Owners Club), Jeff Brumhead (Morris Minor CC of Vic.)
- 5 **The Minutes of previous Delegates meeting held on Monday November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 were accepted on a motion moved by Rick Cove (GHAC), seconded by Tim Fegan (Volvo CC) and carried.**
- 6 **Business arising from November Meeting.**
  - 6.1 - AOMC Secretary position. As there was no nomination for this position at the November 2015 AGM, the committee are still investigating filling this position and will report back later.
- 7 **Correspondence.** Iain Ross reported that there has been mainly procedural correspondence received, club updates, bills, etc. Nothing of relevance to this meeting.
- 8 **Guest Speakers: Senator Ricky Muir (Motoring Enthusiasts Party)**

Senator Muir gave a brief account of his journey in arriving on the scene as a Senator in the Australian parliament. He is from a working class background in Gippsland, working at Howe Leather and as a timber worker.

Why stand as a candidate? Because of his passion for 4WD, motorcycles and off road recreation. He had made some educational videos about these to encourage young people to act responsibly in their recreation. Was contacted by the Motoring Enthusiasts Party after they saw one of his videos, and shortly before the election asked him to be the number 1 on their ticket for Victoria.

After the election, the media circus took over. Media crews arrived at his farm and emails, phone calls and social media attacks began. He decided to learn how to speak to and handle the media before fronting them with the messages that he wanted to push. He also had to learn how the Senate operates, with all its nuances.

Often gets emails about pursuing some matters. Unfortunately he doesn't have direct influence on State matters, although he does have some contacts in State Parliaments to lobby.

There is plenty in the Federal sphere for him to concentrate on. One thing he wants to promote is motor sport at proper tracks, to encourage young people away from street racing and drags. The Federal Motor Vehicle Standards Act is concerned with the private importation of vehicles, and has the dealership industry worried. Another matter is consumer protection over vehicle recalls and fixing of problems with vehicles by the manufacturer.

Several people approached him over issues with the CPS when log book scheme first introduced, these matters were attended to by contacting the Shooters and Fishers Party member in state parliament.

Questions from the floor:

**Q – Rick Cove (GHAC)** A media statement on February 10<sup>th</sup> refers to the introduction of new vehicles being imported. It also mentions a rolling 25 years for imported classics. Why was 25 years used when Victoria is the only state that has a rolling 25 year for CPS (all other states are 30 years)?

**A:** The Federal Government took into account the Victorian system and used it as a benchmark, in fact Victoria is often referred to as the leader in this field.

**Q: Chris Henry, (48-84 Holden CC Gippsland):** It is always a worry listening to radio, where all car enthusiasts related to restored cars, hotrods, motorsport are labelled as hooners over minor issues. Any opinion on this?

**A:** The reason the Motoring Enthusiasts party formed was because of anti hoon legislation in Queensland. Environmental activist groups are very good at getting media attention through newspapers and social media. The motoring movement needs to take note and to stand up as a collective. Has been promoting local track at Boisdale to local media to show what is being done responsibly. The government does not recognise motorsport as a sport, and it gets very little funding as opposed to Olympic sports that get enormous funding. Yet motorsport employs 16,000 people full time and puts \$2.6 billion into the economy (as per CAMS report which only covers CAMS events).

**Q: Alan Fairweather (Western Vehicle Restorers)** With the import of vehicles how to ensure they meet ADR requirements.

**A:** Moving towards European standards, but problem with that is that European standards do not like front end protection (bull bars), which 4WD drivers here have for very good reasons.

**Q: Graeme Moody (Wangaratta VVC)** In UK there is a system of educating apprentices in the restoration field. That would be a good thing to push for here as it is very hard to find specialists and they are all older men.

**A:** Do not know of this program, would like to have some information sent to me.

**Q: Matthew Lambert (Rootes Group)** The future of Australian manufacturing, is there any hope?

**A:** Unfortunately, no major plans to revamp the Australian Vehicle industry, and that is why I am passionate about the after market area.

**Q: Gerry Howell (Rolls Royce)** At present you cannot import a vehicle unless it is older than 25 years. Any movement in this area?

**A:** Motor vehicle Standards Act is looking at this.

**Q: John King (Packard)** Speed cameras are slated as a State issue. It is also seen as blatant revenue raising and is always being questioned, whereas Breath testing is not questioned

**A:** I believe in visible policing rather than hidden enforcement. A police car on the highway automatically makes people change their behaviour.

**Q: Denis Brooks (HCVC)** How often are you asked about fuel prices?

**A:** Often get messages about price fluctuations, and how price per barrel changes do not equate to price at the bowser changes. Has had an enquiry into price gouging, but this is a very complex area with all the taxes added onto the price.

## 9 Break for supper

### Frank Burke (Old Hume Highway 31)

A lot has happened since I last spoke to you. One thing that has been mentioned is that we need a song, like Route 66 that is always played when that famous road is mentioned. Have had an old song rewritten to promote the old Hume Highway. Frank then played the new song, which is "I've Been Everywhere Man" rewritten with the towns along the Hume Highway replacing the original towns.

In conjunction with the National Trust, a "Discover the Hume Highway" run is being held. Beginning at the Ford factory on the 28<sup>th</sup> may 2016. 9 hours is allowed for the trip to Albury. First stop is at Seymour, second stop is at Euroa, third stop is at Chiltern, then on to Albury for the finish. Quest apartments in Albury have been booked for the event, and they have security parking. The dinner that night is walking distance from the accommodation, so the vehicles can remain secure at the Quest.

Sunday morning all vehicles are to assemble at 8am to display the cars until 10.30.

The all up cost for the run is \$385 per couple, all up. There is a limit of 200 entries, and vehicles must have been manufactured during or before 1986 (30 years old).

Historic Winton are offering discount tickets for entrants on the Sunday so you can call in there on the way home.

**Q:** When is a proper map going to be published tracking the old highway route?

**A:** The road has gone through change after change over the years, so it is difficult to draft. The road was named the Hume Highway in 1928, but did not have much use until the 1950s. Note that the starting point is actually the roundabout on Royal parade/Elizabeth Street and Flemington Road.

**10 Presidents report.** Iain Ross noted the recent passing of Peter Gabe, delegate for Vintage Drivers Club and Dandenong Valley Car Club. Peter also stood in at the last minute to give a presentation at our most recent restoration seminar. Iain called for a minutes silence for Peter.

Iain then referred to his report in the February newsletter on page 5. He noted that this was the Associations 40<sup>th</sup> year of operation, and we are trying to write a history of the association to mark this.

**11 Treasurer's Report.** Rhys Timms reported on the financial position up to the end of December 2015 (half year). Current cash holdings are \$235,000 (\$217,000 in Dec 2014). Income has jumped enormously due to several factors: - the delayed American Car Show that was held in September,  
- the increase in membership fees,  
- sales of the new Club Permit Scheme handbook,  
- an increase in the Engine Number Records searches.

Debtors situation is a lot better this year, due to the upgraded book keeping system and the timing of the invoices has changed to earlier in the year.

Follow up from the AGM, a question was asked how to define club membership size (for invoicing purposes). AOMC system is based on honesty, it is up to clubs to report what their membership size is.

Changes to book keeping. Kevin and Carol Churchill have been administering all book keeping duties. Thanks to both of them for their work.

**12 VicRoads/Club Permit Scheme Report.** Matthew Lambert reported on the recent meeting of AOMC subcommittee with VicRoads. These meetings will be held on a regular basis. The following are the issues that were covered:

- The Police having "real time" access to CPS vehicle information is 'imminent',
- Club Eligibility for CPS: VicRoads are looking at the submission put to them by Rod Amos,
- H to M Plates: VicRoads are still looking at procedures, at present it is still up to the individual to do the upgrade to M Plate.
- Replica's: VicRoads see a replica (for CPS purposes) as a toolshop replica. Anything beyond that means the vehicle will have to have a special vehicle assessment.
- VicRoads have been receiving many notifications of CPS abuses. AOMC has agreed to be a funnel for putting issues through to VicRoads, to ensure that all correct details are submitted.
- Motor homes on CPS. VicRoads asked AOMC to poll member clubs on this issue. They mooted that a 25 year old motor home would be OK, but a 25 year old vehicle that is converted to a motorhome at a later stage would not be acceptable.
- 100 clubs have been removed from the list of clubs eligible to operate under the Club Permit Scheme. Most of these are due to non submission of required paperwork, rather than any major indiscretion.

**Questions from the floor:**

Q: The Rover Club wrote to VicRoads asking for the list of CPS vehicles registered under the club. Have not received it as yet.

A: VicRoads intimated to AOMC that there should not be any problem with this and lists should be duly sent out. Several other delegates reported that they received their lists after several weeks. AOMC to take up with VicRoads again.

Q: Could VicRoads just send the lists out automatically to all clubs every 6 months?

A: AOMC have asked that, but VicRoads have said that they prefer clubs to ask for the list, as it shows that they are actively maintaining their register and looking after the scheme.

Q: Compliance/Build date. One member had car knocked back as compliance date and build date was different.

A: VicRoads admit there is a gap/disparity. They actually use the compliance date.

Q: Have VicRoads resolved the issue of a person dying and the CPS vehicle passing to another person, such as their spouse?

A: Traralgon Truck club reported that this has already been done, and is now being treated the same as a full registration.

Q: Will the same funnelling of issues from AOMC to VicRoads be offered to VicFed?

A: This was something the AOMC offered to do, are happy for VicFed to also be able to be a funnel as well.

**13 AOMC Events**  
**Car Shows 2016, both at Flemington racecourse**

- **Classic Showcase Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>**
- **American Motoring Show Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Flyers for both events have been produced and are being distributed. Doug Morrisey (MG Car Club) has agreed to be the on day organiser at both shows, greatly relieving the work load on Iain Ross and the committee. Site plans for both shows are now available on the website.

**NMHD Sunday May 15, 2016 at Mornington racecourse.** Flyer for this event is nearly ready. Entry to the event is by gold coin donation, all funds going to local SES.

**Restoration Seminar 2016.** Will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Presenters are still being sourced. Last year 150 attended. Same venue and same food provided as last year.

**14 Engine number records report.** Philip Johnstone reported that just over 900 searches have been conducted since the service began. Most searches are for Holden's and Fords. Iain Ross noted that Philip and his wife have been doing all the searches for a long time now, providing a great service. The AOMC committee are looking at the future of the service and how it can be maintained.

**15 Delegates reports:**

**Daryl Meek (RACV):** RACV has changed their chief executive, new CEO is Neil Taylor, who is the ex general manager of Greyhound buses.

Question from the floor about supposed changes to Total Care Scheme. Daryl responded that this was news to him, but he recommended everyone keep their terms and conditions booklet in the glovebox of their car so you have proof of what you are covered for. Total Care doesn't stop until the moment your car gets home, it is insurance for your car, not for your holiday.

**Dennis Brooks (HCVCA):** HCVCA is one of a number of historic truck clubs and we are aware that some historic car clubs have trucks on their CPS list. Our concern is the use of the CPS to obtain cheap registration for a vehicle which is principally used as holiday transport. We do not believe this is in the spirit of the CPS and can lead to accusations of rorting a system designed for hobby motoring.

This club has 8 vehicles listed as motor homes, 12 listed as buses of which a proportion are, in fact, motor homes and 3 vans of a size which may be motor homes. In addition, 3 operating bus companies have a total of 18 buses and coaches listed with us but they are not part of this discussion.

Motor Homes already have an anomaly in that a motor home with a rating in excess of 12 tonne is not required to fill in a drivers Work Diary if travelling more than 100km from base, but trucks over 12 tonne rating are required to do so.

At present when checking for entry into the scheme a club cab really only ask are you financial? Is the vehicle over 25 years old? Is it Roadworthy? Does it look like a bus?

We do not wish to create a problem but seek input from other clubs and VicRoads on whether it is correct use (of the intent) of the CPS and if the matter should be pursued.

Iain Ross noted that Victoria is the only state that allows motor homes onto the CPS.

**Bob Lomas (Austin Healy Sprite):** This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club, and they are having a series of events to celebrate. They will carry the Formula 1 drivers on their parade lap around Albert park, and 24 other Sprites will be on display at the trackside display area.

**Robert Humphries (Austin 7):** Historic Winton will take place on the last weekend in May for the 40<sup>th</sup> time this year. 2 days of competition with cars and bikes and last year there were nearly 1000 vehicles on display.

**Len Kerwood (Austin 7):** The Kyneton Lost Trades exhibition will take place over the March long weekend.

**Mike Alfrey (JCCA):** Asked how many present have been involved with the AOMC for 40 years. Quite a few hands were raised.

**Martin Ball (Ballan Vintage Machinery and Vehicle Club):** The clubs major rally for the year is on next weekend (Sunday Feb 21<sup>st</sup>). It involves tractors, cars and motorcycles and is being held at the Ballan racecourse.

**16 General Business.**

**Bob Clarke (CHACA):** Regarding his comment about the American Motoring Show not catering for post war American vehicles in the trophy grades, the answer he was given at the time was that there was a "Fins"

trophy awarded. After checking the register of CHACA vehicles for that era, there are only 3 fins cars that they have. There needs to be another category.

Iain Ross responded that AOMC could add another trophy and will discuss this with Bob later.

Iain also added that several clubs have taken a big interest in the Classic Showcase and assist with the organising and running of the day. AOMC is looking for similar input from the American clubs for the American Show.

**Bill Ballard (F.O.R.D.):** Regarding AOMC publicity, his club received a letter with 8 flyers for upcoming events. These could be sent out by jpeg via email to reduce the cost of postage, which is increasing. AOMC should also look at sending out the newsletter by email.

Iain Ross responded that with the flyers the AOMC usually sends out some hard copies and also emails a copy for use in newsletters. The newsletter issue is often discussed, but many people still prefer the hard copy, and a pdf version is available on the AOMC website.

Dennis Brooks (HCVCA) added that recently they did a survey of their members and found that 38% do not have email.

**Daryl Meek (RACV/Veteran Car Club):** If a club or Association has a policy, publish it and stick to it. (In reference to the recent calling off of the VicFed delegates' meeting due to a total fire ban called for that day).

Daryl also added that budget time is coming up for the RACV, so clubs need to contact Daryl regarding major sponsorships to ensure they are included in the budget.

**Matthew Lambert (AOMC/Rootes Group):** Matthew's professional role is in Risk Management. He asked delegates to indicate if there was any interest in him giving a presentation on Risk management for clubs. There was a majority of hands raised, so Matthew agreed to do something in the future.

**Meeting Closed at 9.50pm**

**Next Delegates meeting 7.30 pm Monday May 16th, 2016 at Chevrolet Club rooms.**