



(Draft) Minutes of the November Club Delegates' Meeting

Held on Monday November 16th , 2015 at 7.30pm

Venue – Chevrolet Car Club rooms Moorabbin.

Chair: Iain Ross, President AOMC

Iain Ross welcomed the delegates to the November meeting of the AOMC Delegates, and thanked Deb and her helpers for tonight's catering.

There were 106 delegates in attendance representing 80 clubs.

- 1 Apologies.** Rick Hurrell (GVMVD),
- 2 New delegates.** Mike Herbert (Trafalgar Truck Restorers), Frank Borg (BMC Leyland CC), John King (Packard), Dirk Kemper (Merc Benz), David Golabek (Merc Benz), Trevor Arklay (Guzzlers Timboon), John Mason (Packard)
- 3 New member clubs.** Guzzlers CC Timboon, BMC Leyland
- 4 Visitors.** David Anderson (All British CC), John Offer (Buick)
- 5 Minutes of previous Delegates meeting, Monday August 17th, 2015, were accepted on a motion moved Alan Fairweather (Western Vehicle Restorers), seconded Tim Christie (Morris CC) and carried.**
- 6 Business arising from August Meeting.** There was no business arising from the August meeting.
- 7 Correspondence.** Andrew Gottschalk reported on the correspondence relevant to this meeting.
 - membership renewals and information updates from clubs
 - responses to 25/30 year survey
 - new club membership applications
 - usual administrative correspondence (bills, etc.)
- 8 Treasurers Report.** Rhys Timms reported that the Annual accounts for 2015/15 will be presented during the AGM. Also, the membership fee structure for financial years ending 2017 and 2018 will be discussed during the AGM.

Since the last meeting the deferred American Motoring Show took place in September, and was a success, so the cash situation is better than last meeting.
- 9 Guest Speaker:** Iain Ross then introduced the first of our guest speakers for this evening, Daryl Meek from the RACV, who gave a presentation on his project of estimating the size of the historic vehicle movement in Victoria (as published in the November AOMC newsletter).

A simple one page survey was sent out to 270 of the 320 clubs on the RACV database. It was sent only to organisations listed as clubs and not to those identified as registers. The first part was asking for basic club contact information to update the database. Three additional questions were asked:

- How many members does the club have?
- How many vehicles that fit your club eligibility (not age related)?
- How many vehicles in your club are 25 years or older?

138 clubs responded, being 51% of the surveys mailed out. An average was taken from these results which was then used to calculate the total numbers (approx) of the clubs on the RACV database, and then also extended to those clubs listed by VicRoads as eligible for CPS, which is 645 clubs.

Results were as in the table below.

	Members	Club eligible vehicles	25 years or older
Extrapolation for 270	58,000	75,900	61,000
Weighted projection for additional 375	56,400	73,700	59,400
Total projection for 645 clubs	114,400	149,600	120,400

When compared to the results of a survey in 2006, it represents a 20% increase in the historic vehicle fleet.

Questions from the floor:

Q – The 2006 survey had questions about running costs to show overall economic benefit from the movement. Any thought of doing something similar with this survey?

A – Did not include any monetary details, survey was only for RACV purposes so only numbers required. Future surveys could be adjusted, though, to gather such information.

Q – Why weren't registers included, as some are actual clubs that use the name register?

A – Some registers are purely information focused and are not clubs.

Q – Is this information sent to RACV Insurance for targeting Historic vehicle Insurance?

A – No, is only for Motoring Interests section of RACV.

Q – With eligible vehicles, does it include full registration vehicles and vehicles in storage?

A – Question was for eligible vehicles that fit the club criteria. It depends on what the clubs have listed on their own databases. An eligible vehicle for Mercedes Car Club for instance would be current models.

Q – Was there any allowance for double ups, where people are members of multiple clubs?

A – No, no allowance made.

Iain Ross then asked Daryl to fill in the delegates on the status of the Australian Motoring Festival (AMF).

Daryl reported that the 2015 event was not a financial success, and since then the joint venture with VACC has disbanded. One highlight, though, was the History that Moves exhibit that was a great success and well supported. This was the area where club vehicles were on display (approx 180). An event may take place again in 2017 with input from the historic movement again.

Iain thanked Daryl for his presentation and report on the AMF. He then introduced AOMC committee member Keith Mortimer to report on a recent AOMC planning seminar.

Keith reported that the AOMC needs to plan for the future and hence this all day session was held to gather ideas, and presented a few points from that session

2016 is the 40th anniversary of the AOMC.

Session looked at AOMC activities, committee structure, how to attract the right people to represent the clubs, and financial planning.. Also looked at communication and publications and how social media could be used into the future.

- Outcomes:**
- Undertaking to write a history of the organisation,
 - Raise the profile of the organisation – Victorian peak body for the motoring enthusiast,
 - Looking at legal representation, develop a relationship with an appropriate firm,
 - Insurance review of the Association,
 - Revisit the Club management Seminar,
 - Review Delegates meetings to ensure they remain relevant for the delegates and member clubs,
 - Newsletter – it needs a name,
 - Digital Strategy – website & social media focus,
 - Possibly running a regional delegates meeting once a year,
 - Policy requirements for the organisation and its members,
 - Committee/Board structure – review to ensure we are getting the best and efficient use of people to ensure governance as well as operational objectives,
 - Members of Board and Committees – attracting the right skills – actively recruiting the next leaders of the organisation,
 - Assistants – spread the load.

Break for supper

10 Association Annual General Meeting (see separate minutes)

11 Club Permit Scheme Report. Rod Amos noted that it has been hard to get attention from VicRoads lately as they have other matters taking their attention. Rod then went over some issues that are still on the table.

Age eligibility for CPS: VicRoads opened discussion on this topic some time ago. VicFed responded with a proposal to move to 30 years for eligibility, then 40 years. ASRF have been quiet on the matter. AOMC surveyed member clubs to gauge their feelings. 88 clubs responded to the survey and the response was roughly 50/50, so based on this AOMC will pursue the status quo (25 year) as there is no compelling push from the membership to change, and also it supports the younger demographic coming into the movement. VicRoads, though, seem to be leaning towards the 30 year cut off.

Replicas: This is a current issue and is on the table for discussion. AOMC is pushing for distinguishing between real replicas and look a like replicas that are different in specifications. VicRoads mantra is to push towards a zero road toll, so all rules that are being looked at are centred around this focus.

VicRoads may introduce an inspection regime for replicas, have an Independantly Constructed Vehicle (ICV) plate and make them ADR compliant.

Rod pointed out that Victoria is the only state that has a scheme that recognises replicas. It is also a big issue in the UK at present, but the same issue will not arise here as we have a different scheme and VSI-33 for modified vehicles.

Club eligibility for CPS: AOMC wrote a paper in May this year putting proposals to VicRoads which included:

- An advisory body representing the movement to assess club applications for CPS,
- More stringent requirements on how clubs operate under the scheme,
- Regular re- applications by clubs to remain eligible for CPS,
- Codes of Conduct for clubs and permit holders.

Minor Items: Vic Police will soon get access to CPS records, meaning they can access data on the roadside similar to what they can with fully registered vehicles.

NSW have introduced a trial log book scheme to run in conjunction with their present scheme, which is similar to the Victorian Scheme before the log book was introduced (only club events and special permits issued by club) This trial does not allow for modified vehicles or replicas. Interestingly, it was introduced without any consultation with the peak car club bodies in that state.

At the recent Australian Historic Motoring Federation AGM, there was a move to adopt VSB-14 nationally. AOMC presented the case with regards to the Victorian situation.

Situation of imported vehicles VASS inspections and vehicles automatically going on to M Plate. AOMC position is that vehicles should only be put onto an M plate if they are modified beyond VSI-33, not if they are modified just to comply with ADR's.

Questions from the floor.

Q – Any talk of getting old plates back with new database?

A – No. Database has not been combined with full registration database yet. Police access is to the CPS database records.

Q – VicRoads are still charging for retention plates.

A – They have been making all the right noises about reducing costs for this, but nothing has eventuated.

Comment from floor: club member went to VicRoads to get their old plates again, only to find that they had been sold.

Q – Regarding M Plates, there is no information on VicRoads forms about which vehicles need to go onto M Plates.

A – The owner is required to report if the vehicle is modified beyond VSI-33.

Q – Seeking clarification on ongoing roadworthy requirements of CPS vehicles. Is it the owner or clubs responsibility?

A – It is up to the owner to maintain the vehicle in a roadworthy manner. However, if a club becomes aware that a vehicle is not safe, they need to take action with the member or report it to VicRoads.

Q – Are there any processes in the works for identifying modified vehicles that are still on H Plates?

A – If you see a vehicle you think is modified beyond VSI-33, you can take a picture and send it to VicRoads and they will act upon it.

Q – Will you (Rod Amos) continue on with working with VicRoads on CPS matters?

A – No. I have been working for 10 years on the CPS with the AOMC and VicRoads and it is time to step away. The overwhelming support of delegates and clubs in that time has been very much appreciated. Rod thanked the delegates for all their support over the last 10 years.

Trevor Leech (Singer CC) reported that a club member in Beechworth whose husband had passed away went to VicRoads with the death certificate to transfer the vehicle into her name, only to be told she needed to get a roadworthy certificate to transfer the ownership. John Washbourne (HCCV) followed up with VicRoads and found out that with full registration transferring a vehicle to a surviving spouse is acceptable with the production of a death certificate and a will. With CPS vehicles, though, this was not the case. This policy has now been changed in the last few days.

12 AOMC Events.

Car Shows 2016 Iain Ross reported that the Classic Showcase in 2016 will be held on Sunday April 10 at Flemington racecourse. The American Motoring Show will be on Sunday May 1st, also at Flemington racecourse.

National Motoring Heritage Day 2016 AOMC will host their usual event on may 15, this time at Mornington racecourse. Iain Ross noted that Victoria seems to be the only state that actively promotes events on this day, other states leave it to clubs to run their own events.

Restoration Seminar 2016. Andrew Davenport reported that the 2016 seminar will be held on June 18th, 2016 which is the weekend following the Queens Birthday long weekend. Any suggestions for presenters will be gratefully accepted. The 2015 event was a great success with approximately 150 attendees, a number of presenters giving talks and others having information tables.

13 Engine number records report.

Philip Johnstone said there was nothing significant to report.

Iain Ross noted that Philip was being too modest about the work he puts in to the records service. The AOMC gets at least 3 calls a week relating to searches, even from Vic Police to help with enquiries on stolen vehicles. Philip processes and sorts about 3,000 cards a week.

14 Delegates reports:

Len Kirwood (Austin 7): 2016 is the 40th anniversary of Winton Historic. He would like all clubs to help celebrate this milestone, especially clubs that are having some sort of anniversary themselves. Len then read out a list of models and makes that are having major anniversaries in 2016. Winton is held on the last full week in May.

David Williamson (Rover CC): David reported that he has been helping with the disposal of the deceased estate of a fellow car nut. He advised delegates that if you have a lot of spares and car parts lying around, please label them so that your surviving relatives know what they are.

Robert Humphries (Austin 7): The RACV energy breakthrough is being held at Maryborough next weekend. It is a great educational opportunity for school children. There are 5,000 competitors and 3,000 supporters expected. Ages of participants range from early primary school to late secondary school.

Bob Clark (CHACA): Reported on a recent fund raising restoration undertaken by a panel beater in Williamstown. The project was "An EJ for EJ" to raise money for the Ted Whitten Foundation. The vehicle was restored in 9 weeks with the help of many hands, and sold at auction for \$70,000. That sale unfortunately fell through, but the car eventually sold for about \$50,000 with proceeds going to the Foundation.

15 General Business.

Bob Clark (CHACA): recently attended the Maritime Museum in Williamstown where a car show was put on by the local street rod club. A well organised event. Wandering around the cars on show, Bob noticed that most of the modified vehicles were on H Plates, and there was only 1 M Plate that he saw.

Bob also reported that he was approached after the American Motoring Show asking why there wasn't a prize for a post war vehicle. Iain Ross responded that there were several categories that covered that era, best fins, best muscle car, etc.

Tony Dixon (Daimler): there was an article in the Herald Sun regarding hooners getting cheap registration through the CPS. Did the AOMC see the article and did they respond? Iain Ross responded that VicRoads had informed AOMC that an article was coming up regarding hoon drivers, but were not aware it was going to concern CPS vehicles. Iain noted that apart from the sensationalist headlines, the article actually quoted

VicRoads on the way the scheme is run and how they are cracking down on people cheating the system. The AOMC committee decided not to respond as it may have just fanned the flames of sensationalist reporting, and that the matter would go no further.

Chris Henry (48-84 Holden CC Gippsland): There are cars running around Gippsland that are heavily modified and are on H Plates. Are VicRoads going to look at all these vehicles? Rod Amos responded that when M Plates were introduced VicRoads were not going to go back through their records and call in vehicles they deem should go onto M Plates. They are happy to take advice from the public about vehicles that need to be looked at, so if such vehicles are seen, report it to VicRoads.

Denis Brooks (HCVC): Regarding an earlier comment about a commercial vehicle on H Plates being used to advertise a venue, under the CPS rules commercial Vehicles can be used as a static display.

Leigh Whitfield (Vauxhall Owners): Asked if there was any more news regarding the Melton Council banning vehicles from being stored on private property. Iain Ross responded that the Melton Council response to the AOMC was published in the November newsletter. Basically, the AOMC wrote to the council concerned that enthusiasts practising legitimate ownership could be inadvertently caught up with this by law. The Council responded that enthusiasts can apply for a permit to store, repair or dismantle vehicles on their property. Leigh then asked what the permit entails, and what the cost might be. Iain Ross responded that AOMC will need to follow up on that and report back to clubs. This is a matter that has already come up in Yarra Ranges and will no doubt spread to other councils. The movement, through the AOMC, needs to ensure that responsible owners are not overly burdened, but also respect that they cannot support the unsightly junk on properties that the Council is acting on.

ACTION: AOMC to seek further details from Melton Council on permit details.

There being no further business, chairman Iain Ross thanked the delegates for attending, with the attendance being a very healthy one for the AGM. Iain reminded delegates that the next delegates meeting in February we expect to have Senator Ricky Muir as guest speaker (tbc). He then called on Andrew Davenport to draw the door prize raffle. The prize of a box of car care products was won by Trevor Leech of the Singer Car Club.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Next Delegates meeting will be at 7.30 pm. February 15, 2016 at Chevrolet Club rooms.