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# AOMC August Delegates meeting Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2021 Details to be confirmed.



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#### **CONTACTING THE AOMC:**

The AOMC office and phone is attended 2 days per week, all other times there is an answering machine operating which is accessed remotely, so your call will be attended to within 24 hours. When leaving a message, please ensure you leave your contact number and a brief outline of your query.

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#### Front Cover:

The American Motoring Show will be returning to the AOMC calendar in September 2021, Covid conditions allowing.

Here we have an image from 2015, with the 49-59 Custom Car Club display.

We hope to see all the American Beauties out in force at Yarra Glen on Sunday September 26th.

# ASSOCIATION OF MOTORING CLUBS ISSUES & ACTIONS

- Support the Development and Retention of the permit scheme for historic vehicles
- Lobby against the introduction of annual roadworthy inspections
- Lobby against any legislation that introduces compulsory removal of older vehicles from the road.
- Support Retention of the left hand drive registration scheme for classic, historic vehicles
- Lobby for the introduction of Australian standards for fuels suitable for the historic fleet.
- Carry out a watching brief for any State or Federal legislation that may affect the ability of the historic vehicle movement to continue to use their vehicles on the roads and highways.
- Continue to monitor the historic vehicle movement to ensure that it operates in a manner that is not considered anti social by the wider community and that attention is paid to changing community environmental standards.
- Provide relevant advice to clubs on matters that have state wide ramifications.
- Provide forums for discussions and training for club officials on matters of common interest.
- Assist with the recording of information relating to the part played in the history of the State by the historical vehicle fleet.
- Assist clubs with promotion of the member clubs and of the historic vehicle movement.
- Provide assistance or support with the establishment and promotion of events of state wide significance that showcase the historic vehicle movement.
- Liaise with other state wide organisations that service the historic vehicle movement.
- Alert state clubs of prospective Victorian local Government rules impacting on local clubs relating to the storage of vehicles on private property.

## The State of Play in Victoria -

#### What Re Imposing of Restrictions means for Club Activities

Well, here we go again. Lockdown number 5 in progress, and the uncertainty of life with Covid continues. Numbers of new cases increases daily, even with the restrictions, so who knows how long this one will go on.

We all await the announcements in the coming weeks to see what type of activities can be resumed on a club level, which all depend on ability to move around and the limits on gatherings.

There are several big events that have been planned over the next 2 months around the state, including the American Motoring Show being presented by the AOMC. All organisers of these events will be hoping they can still go ahead, and we encourage your members to support these events if possible as plenty of work and financial risk has gone into their preparation.

The forthcoming AOMC Delegates meeting which was being planned to be held at a regional venue in mid August will probably not be able to go ahead as we had planned. Clubs will be advised of details when we are in a position to pass them on.

Clubs are advised to constantly monitor the Department of Health and Human Services website for latest news and updates on rules and restrictions when organising club meetings and gatherings.

Clubs are also encouraged to reach out to their members to make sure they are dealing with the uncertainties and isolation they may be feeling, as there is bound to be many people in clubland who are struggling at present. The advice given by our guest speaker from Beyond Blue at the May meeting is very pertinent.:

If you see someone who appears to be suffering:

- Ask if they are OK,
- Tell them why you are asking,
- If they are not ready to talk, let them know it is OK,
- Resist the temptation to give advice or diagnose.

# AOMC August Delegates' meeting Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2021

At present the AOMC is adhering to this date to hold a face to face delegates meeting, but with the current lockdown in place until at least July 27 and the uncertainty of how much restrictions will ease, this situation will be monitored on a daily basis and clubs will be advised of what the final details of the meeting will be via email.

There will be a meeting of club delegates, either in person or via zoom, with a possible change of time and date depending on what covid restrictions allow at the time.

#### **VicRoads News**

Clubs should have all received the Department of Transport's proposed changes to the Club Permit Scheme, and many have made submissions on the various points. The AOMC thanks all those who made submissions, many of which were excellently drafted and raised pertinent points.

Below we have reproduced an article on the subject that appeared in *'The Age'* newspaper on July 17, which ran with a disturbing headline for us in the movement. AOMC president lain Ross was interviewed as part of the article.

## Days of cheap rego loophole for 'classic' cars could be numbered

By Tom Cowie
The Age July 17, 2021



Daniel Paproth loves his 1985 Honda City, even though others might not consider it a classic. He describes the colour as either lime green or highlighter yellow.

"It's a beast," he said. "An absolute weapon. I always wanted a car that suited my extra personality." Attached to the front and rear of his compact Japanese hatchback are a set of maroon number plates, which entitle it to cheaper registration than regular cars as part of Victoria's club permit scheme for historic vehicles.

But while Mr Paproth fills out a logbook to show he only uses his car less than once a week, there are concerns that others are rorting the system for commuting or work.

The scheme is clearly attractive to those looking for a loophole to save a buck. A 45-day permit costs just \$120 each year, compared with \$850 for standard vehicle registration. There is also a 90-day option costing \$195.

"I love it, it's brilliant for my purposes," he said. "It would be a much harder decision about keeping the car if it didn't exist. It's not a daily driver."

The Department of Transport is currently conducting a review of Victoria's road rules, with access to the club permit scheme and its cheap rego set to be tightened.

Among the changes being proposed is an increase to the age for an eligible car from 25 to 30 years, while new penalties will also be considered for those who breach the rules

lain Ross, president of the Association of Motoring Clubs, said that a major issue with the scheme at the moment was there was no definition of what vehicles were eligible.

"It doesn't matter once a car turns 25, it can be an old truck or a rusty Ford Laser," he said.

"That's meant a lot of daily drivers are slipping onto the scheme when they turn 25 years old. We need to define what constitutes a classic or historic vehicle, it's a very difficult task."

The matter of average motors getting around on club plates has become enough of a sore point that a Twitter page, @ShitCarsOnClubRego, was set up to document them.

"Classic" models featured on the page include the Toyota Seca, Nissan Pintara, Mitsubishi Magna, and Ford Meteor.

As part of its review, the department highlighted problems of some people not complying with the club permit scheme's requirements.

One issue was that some people were using cars for commercial purposes, such as driving tools to work as part of a landscaping business or hiring out vehicles for weddings.

Another was that cars were being driven more than the 45 or 90 days allocated. Drivers are required to fill out their log book whenever they drive more than 100 metres.

For those who don't follow the rules, Victoria Police can issue a \$908 fine for driving an unregistered vehicle. The Department of Transport is proposing an additional \$363 fine as a specific log book offence.

Mr Ross also said that genuine motoring enthusiasts had a problem with car clubs being set up purely to take advantage of the discount registration. Under the rules, an owner needs to join a club before getting a permit.

"We are concerned about the number of clubs formed only to get vehicles on to the scheme," he said.

"There's clubs with tiny memberships, there's other clubs that are clearly businesses. These are not genuine clubs."

Of the 1057 clubs currently registered as part of the scheme, the Department of Transport said 462 clubs had 10 or fewer vehicles. Seventy two were one-car clubs.

A department spokesperson said there was no intention to ban one-vehicle clubs and that the changes to the age eligibility would not be retrospective.

"We're considering feedback on a number of proposed changes, including measures to protect the integrity of the scheme and to bring it into line with other states," the spokesperson said.

"There are significant penalties for breaches to log book requirements and new penalties are being considered to improve compliance and remove loopholes."

Mr Paproth said he fell in love with the Honda City after seeing some friends drive one around Australia as part of the Shitbox Rally raising money for charity.

He paid around \$2600 for it and reckons it has good resale value.

"I just love it so much, it's comfy, it's fun to drive," he said.

"It's a complete death trap, if I was in any minor accident. I would be in trouble because it's so small, there's no airbags or other safety features.

"But I'm always getting waves and honks from other drivers and I love it."

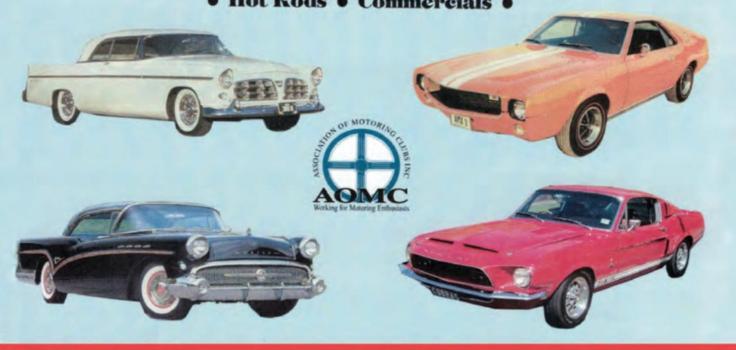
# Shannons American **Motoring Show**



Sunday 26th September 2021 Yarra Glen Racecourse Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen

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#### Admission:

Display Cars \$15.00 includes all occupants Spectators \$8.00 Children Free

Enquiries: Iain on Mob: 0473 832 277

For updates, maps and information see website: www.aomc.asn.au Facebook: fb.com/infoaomc Association of Motoring Clubs 21 Rosalie St. Springvale Vic 3171 ABN: 90 979 750 693

# Message from the AOMC President Shannons American Motoring Show Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021

#### **Please Note**

This event will go ahead if COVID conditions at the time allow.

A decision will be made three weeks prior to the date of the event.

All display vehicles will need to be pre booked via Trybooking. Note all occupants of display vehicles need to be nominated and included in the booking process.

The Try booking link is:

https://www.trybooking.com/BQTBJ

All spectators will be required to check in on entry via QR code or manually.

Club displays are encouraged

Trade stall opportunities are available

Event updates will be available at aomc.asn.au or on our Facebook page

Event enquiries can be made to 0473 832 277

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#### **RACV Motoring Interests Program Guidelines**

The RACV Motoring Interests Program plays an important role in promoting Victoria's social and motoring history. The program provides sponsorship to the historic vehicle movement with the objective to connect communities, particularly in regional and rural Victoria with much needed local investment.

#### General

RACV prefers 3-6 months lead time between sponsorship proposal and the event or activity.

Preference is given to sponsorships that provide appeal, accessibility, and benefit to local communities.

Supported events must be Victorian based.

#### Criteria for support

Should include opportunity for:

- RACV member benefit
- · community investment with a focus in regional Victoria
- promotion of Victoria's historic vehicle movement

#### Other

- RACV's financial support must be entirely acquitted within the event's administration
- naming or major sponsorship rights should be considered where relevant
- requests must be received via the online application form

#### **Exclusions**

#### Events that:

- are sponsored by a direct RACV product competitor
- discriminate against individuals or groups
- are political or religious in nature
- · are a hazard to the community
- · promote tobacco or alcohol
- · promote speed or dangerous driving
- · support third party programs and events, including charities and foundations

#### Application process

Requests must be made via the online link:

https://events.racv.com.au/survey.php?sid=26241&name=racv-motoring-interests-program

# Club Profile: Smokin'Aces Rod, Muscle and Custom Club Inc:

The Smokin'Aces Rod, Muscle and Custom Club Inc: was founded in 2007 by David Portelli alongside 11 Founding Members, which was proudly Incorporated in October that year.

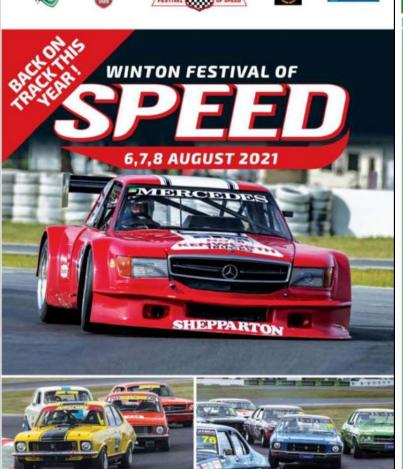
Our Mission is to promote Hot Rodding by having quality vehicles that comply with Federation regulations and act in accordance with the high standards that the Club sets for itself. There are Club inspections to ensure that the cars run in a safe manner for the security and the enjoyment of all. Having committed Club Members who display their vehicles at events including fundraising activities and carrying out certain Charities throughout the year.

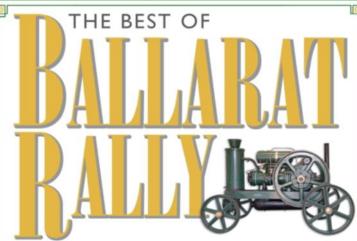
Because we are a restricted Hot Rod Club in vehicles and numbers, potential Members undergo a nomination period in which they and their vehicles are scrutinized to ensure that the high expectations sought of Members is achieved to the Committee's satisfaction. This guarantees a high level of vehicles and respected Club Members, accompanied with a stable, committed and active Committee Members that ensures proper management, organization and promotion of our great Club.

We are very active throughout the year with attending numerous events in the summer period and Club related activities in the winter periods that allow Club Members and their families to become great friends. We also have a large range of promotional Merchandise that is worn proudly by Members and can be purchased by others. Due to hard work and the efforts from all, we are near capacity, which is a great achievement considering the short existence of our Club. We are always looking for future Members that share our vision, passion and can add excitement that will ensure the success and future of our Club.

David Portelli President Smokin'Aces Club Inc: www.smokinacesclub.com







Ballarat Airport, 40 Airport Road, Mitchell Park.

17TH OCTOBER, 2021 from 10am - 4pm SET UP DAY - 16TH OCTOBER

#### SHOWCASING ALL THINGS BALLARAT

(But includes anything old & interesting)

#### **OUR INDOOR DISPLAYS INCLUDE:**

A large collection of memorabilia of particular interest to the Ladies and Children in addition to machines of a bygone era including an operating 1880's printing press.

#### THE OUTDOOR DISPLAYS INCLUDE:

A diverse range of steam and oil powered engines and flat belt driven machines. Numerous demonstrations etc.

Cars, trucks and tractors, trade displays and joy rides drawn by Steam Traction Engines

#### **ENTRY - ADULTS \$5 - CHILDREN & EXHIBITORS FREE**

Find us under the large overhead water tank follow signs. Unpowered camping, sorry no campfires. While at the Airport take the opportunity to visit other like minded displays, the Anson Museum, Aviation Museum & Air force Association etc.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PHONE:

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# Australian National Show and Shine Euroa—Sunday October 3rd.



#### **EUROA SHOW PLANS FOR "GO".**

With the Covid-19 pandemic still casting a cloud of uncertainty over the running of the Australian National Show and Shine – Euroa on Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the committee continues to plan for the "best possible" scenario for the running of the event.

To date, the enthusiasm for the show from sponsors and exhibitors alike has been outstanding. With many potential attendees seeking information about the event, the growing list of interested motor clubs is already impressive.

The Mercedes Benz Club Victoria will display more than fifteen cars, including the immortal classic 300SL "Gullwing" of Patrick Devine. Mr. Devine became the sixth owner of the car in 1984, and has exhibited it at the Euroa Show on previous occasions. Converted to RHD around 1963, the Gullwing's 3.0 litre slant 6 engine is the optional high-performance version developing 240bhp (180kW) and comes with a 180mph speedo.

Majestic Vanners, winners of the 2019 Best Club Exhibit award, will return with the aim of creating a "rainbow effect" by lining up twenty plus panel vans to replicate the colours of a rainbow! Spokesman Bret Kirwan said that they had performed this visual trick at a show in South Australia, with spectacular results for the crowd of spectators.

Perennial favourites, Central Victorian Corvettes will once again occupy Area 1 along the pathway with a display of around fifteen cars, intent on taking the "Best Club Display" trophy back from the Vanners.

The Victorian Monaro and Jaguar clubs are also scheduled to attend, with Jaguar again supporting the Darryl Twitt Motors display of new Jaguar and other cars.

Featuring in the motor cycle area will be Charlie Palmer, an expatriate Euroa man now residing in Sydney, with his 1937 Harley-Davidson "knucklehead". The bike might be 84 years of age, but it still punches well above its weight in terms of performance. Together with the considerable talents of Charlie its rider, the knucklehead won the 2003 Australian Historic Championships, and recently added another win by taking out the legendary Sellick's Beach race for historic motor cycles in South Australia earlier this year.

Show and Shine Motorcycle Manager, Glenn MacDonald said that Ducati bikes will be a special feature in displays for this event.

Over in Seven Creeks area five, the speedway stand will feature the Craig McDowell / Angie Luscombe FJ Holden restoration of local speedway legend Alan Luscombe. And talking about speedway legends, the ex-Barry Myers Camaro of Rick Pedler will return, together with Mr. Pedler's Pontiac Firebird.

With the theme for this year's event being the 1920s, Euroa hopes to display Judy McGrath's 1927 Capitol Chev as a feature around centre stage, together with the possibilities of a 1920s Austin 7 powered race car together with a Norton motorcycle – both still to be confirmed. 1920s vehicles are encouraged, and there will be prizes for the best 1920s costumes by both men and women, as well as trophies for "Best 1920s" car and bike.

There will be more than seventy trophies on offer across a great variety of car and bike classes. Patrick O'Brien, winner of our 2019 event's GMCU Best in Show, will return with his immaculate 350 Monaro with the ambition of taking out the Euroa Show and Shine's first-ever "two-in-a-row". There will be plenty of other entries who are equally determined that this will not happen!

The iconic Euroa Show and Shine, now well established as one of the top motor and bike shows in Victoria, will continue to offer top value family entertainment for motoring enthusiasts, with live music, kids' entertainment, the Euroa mini railway and food & market stalls throughout the parks. Entrance fees will remain at an extremely affordable \$10 for display cars including driver, \$5 for display bikes including rider, \$5 entrance fee for adults with kids under 12 free.

Show and Shine President Ross Holt emphasised that if the show does go ahead, it will be a ticketed event only, under COVIDsafe conditions, with tickets available on line. Information and a ticketing link URL will be provided on the Euroa Show and Shine Website and Facebook page about a month prior to the event.

A firm decision on the running of the Euroa Show and Shine should be made around mid-August, and will depend on the approval of permits and the status of the Pandemic. In the meantime, the committee will keep prospective attendees advised on a regular basis on the Euroa Show and Shine Facebook and Web pages.

Contact: Event Director Ross Holt. Phone 0417 562 059, or Email euroashowandshine@outlook.com



Patrick Devine's 1956 "Gullwing" 300SL Mercedes Benz, one of the stars of the show. Picture courtesy Patrick Devine.

## What Might You Find On The AOMC Website

## **Roadworthy Certificate Testers**

The following Licensed Roadworthy Certificate Testers have been extracted from AOMC Member Newsletters. They have been listed on the basis that they are familiar with older vehicles, particularly of those clubs shown. You might wish to confirm the exact services with the company listed.

The AOMC does not necessarily endorse the company or the services offered.

The AOMC does not accept any liability in listing these companies.

Please advise the AOMC if you find any of these companies has ceased providing RWC services for older vehicles

Suburb/Town	<b>Business Name</b>	Address	Telephone
Cars			
Bayswater	Morris Garages	6/3 Scoresby Road	9720 4688
Berrigan	Thomsons Service Centre	162 Jerilderie Street	5885 2153
Box Hill	Evans Classic Car Garage	3/68 Lexton Road	9897 1956
Brunswick	Marenello Pur-Sang Motors	33 Colebrook Street	9386 9650
Dandenong	The Roadworthy Shop	266 Commercial Drive	9768 3318
Drouin	Tony Pisa Motors	3 Roberts Court	5625 3339
Echuca	Echuca Service Centre	1 Northern Highway	5480 7150
Fairfield	Darebin Tyre & Service Centre	170 Grange Road	9499 7522
Footscray	NT Garage	25 Youell Street	9687 3074
Frankston	Derek Nicholson Automotive	12 Franklin Court	9783 7837
Hawthorn East	Dallmore Automotive	18 Victoria Road	9882 5243
Neerim South	Jensen's Garage	21 Queen Street	5628 1301
Oakleigh South	Oldayz Garage	5/23-25 Bunney Road	0420 451 351
Richmond	Paris Motors	42 Appleton Street	9427 0111

## **Roadworthy Certificate Testers** (cont.)

Suburb/Town	<b>Business Name</b>	Address	Telephone	
Cars				
Ringwood	Dillons Motors	10 Pilgrim Court	9873 4422	
Ringwood	Ace Exhaust, Towbar & Service Centre	3a/7 Heatherdale Road	9870 2455	
Rosebud	Hutchinson Automotive	7/9 Newington Avenue	5986 5454	
Wangaratta	One Mile Motors	8-14 Templeton Street	5721 5677	
Wantirna South	Knoxfield Automotive Repairs	2/2 Eastgate Court	9801 8283	
Wendouree	Neale Goad Automotive	206 Burnbank Street	5339 2056	
Werribee	Browns Auto Repairs	7 Riverside Avenue	03 9741 2081	
Commercial/Trucks				
Bayswater	Truck & Compaction Services	1/21 Jersey Road	9720 7968	
Campbellfield	Victorian Diesel Services Pty Ltd	7-9 Somerton Road	9303 9989	
Dandenong	The Roadworthy Shop	266 Commercial Drive	9768 3318	
Motorcycles				
Brunswick East	Glenlyon Motors	123 Nicholson Street	9380 5082	
Knoxfield	International Motorcycle Importers	9/1488 Ferntree Gully Road	9753 3855	
Mont Albert	Mick Hone Motorcycles	715 Whitehorse Road	9890 0304	
Mulgrave	Pablo's Motorcycles Tyres	2/16 Rosemary Court	9561 5522	
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