



## Minutes of the AOMC Delegates Meeting

Monday February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7.30pm

The meeting was held at the Jaguar/Austin Healey clubrooms, Springvale

**There were 75 delegates in attendance representing 53 clubs.**

Already this year AOMC have hosted 3 events, with a lot of work done by a small group of volunteers and the Wheelers Hill Lions Club.

**Presidents Report:** Keith Mortimer reported that the AOMC Strategic Plan was released at the November 2023 AGM. Since then, the committee have looked at what can be achieved this year.

- **Communications:** increase social media presence. Keith asked if everyone looks at 'Car Shows This Week' that is emailed out each week. There was a positive response from the floor. Keith asked if emails such as this can be passed onto the general membership of clubs.

Stories on motoring history for a social media channel.

- **Events:** National Motoring Heritage Day coming up on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Keith asked clubs to make this a significant event day. AOMC will host several events, but important to get as many vehicles on the road for the day and invite the general public.
- **Group Insurance Scheme:** Would like to get this up and running this year. More on this later in the agenda.
- **Materials for Clubs:** Information on how to run your club.
- **CPS handbook update, AOMC Rules Review and Carbon Offset Scheme:** All important matters that we aim to address this year.

Keith also noted that this organisation will celebrate its 50 year anniversary in 2026.

**Treasurers Report:** AOMC Treasurer Mark Fenton is an apology for this meeting, Keith Mortimer read Marks pre prepared report.

The AOMC finances are currently in a healthy position and as of the end of January 2024 the AOMC Cash at Bank is \$ **301,824.**

Events in progress influence these accounts significantly as revenue and donations are received but are not immediately expensed, so this balance is somewhat inflated as we wait to complete the accounting of major events such as Festival of Motoring at Cruden Farm, British & European Motoring Show at Yarra Glen, and the upcoming Florence Thomson Tour.

It is pleasing to note that with significant donations from RACV we will be able to make a \$21,000 donation to Beyond Blue, being the overall surplus from the Festival of Motoring event.

The efforts of the AOMC is to be commended in organizing this event for the benefit of both the movement and the general community, and it is an example of the many contributions that we and many other organisations in our motoring movement bring to benefit the general community.

Other events such as the return of the Aussie Classic Motoring Show and the longer running British & European Motoring Show are also important events in the AOMC calendar as we seek to engage the general public in supporting our heritage motoring movement while providing larger scale events for AOMC members to attend and celebrate important marques in our motoring history. While it is hoped that these events will assist our general fundraising efforts we have been operating in a difficult and crowded market and surpluses from these events are proving difficult to maintain.

There are no areas of concern with respect to our ability to meet existing financial obligations while funding our strategic initiatives

**The Treasurers Report was accepted on a motion moved by Keith Mortimer, seconded Andrew McDougall (Alvis CC) and carried.**

**VicRoads/CPS Report:** Ongoing meetings have been taking place with representatives from AOMC, Vic Fed and VicRoads. These meetings are official and not for general publication. However, Keith noted the issues that have been part of ongoing discussion:

- Number Plates and right to use,
- Modifications and M Plates,
- Commercial use of CPS vehicles,
- Unroadworthy CPS vehicles,
- General operation of the scheme.

**AOMC Events:** Iain Ross reported on recent and upcoming events.

**Festival of Motoring – Cruden Farm:** 463 cars, 18 motorcycles and 1381 general public attended the day. The range of vehicles was great to see. \$21,000 was raised for Beyond Blue. The agreement with beyond Blue has finished, so a new major charity partner will be sought for 2025 event.

**Aussie Classic at Mornington Racecourse:** A 37C day that was forecast all week affected the attendance for this event, which was disappointing. Support of the Aussie marque clubs needed for future events.

**British & European Day at Yarra Glen racecourse:** Fantastic day with 1008 cars, 23 motorcycles and 1060 general public attending.

**Upcoming**

**March 10<sup>th</sup>:** VDC Yarra Glen Swap Meet at Yarra Glen,

**March 24<sup>th</sup>:** 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Kalorama. All monies raised go to local CFA. This years theme is Roaring Twenties.

**April 26-28:** Florence Thomson Tour: This ever popular event for women only drivers is fully subscribed with over 100 vehicles and 200 attendees. This years event is being held in Gippsland and will include a visit to the Maffra Shed.

**Current Issues:**

**Club Insurance.** Keith asked who present has received the Expression of Interest information. Only 1 delegate indicated they had not seen it yet.

So far we have had 66 responses to the EOI. 8 are affiliated with Motorsport Australia, and therefore not in scope for our scheme, but one is considering not being affiliated. 54 indicate that they are likely to join the scheme. 3 are still considering.

The clubs who are likely to join the scheme represent 10,492 members. Our provisional target was to have 93 clubs representing 10,289 members. We are getting positive responses from larger clubs than we expected, and less from the smaller clubs who we expected to have the most to gain.

Revenue from the clubs likely to respond based on our current schedule would be \$20,825. We have targeted about \$24,000. We are, therefore, progressing well so far but still need more clubs to be likely to join in.

So far, only 16 clubs have followed up with the more detailed information. This information is required to help firm up the risk profile for the underwriters.

**AHMF Survey:** National Survey on economic value of the movement to the economy. There had been an overwhelming response to the survey and the final report is due to be released soon.

**AOMC Seminars:** Looking at running several seminars mid year, mainly based around club business matters.

**Engine Number Records:** Philip Johnstone reported that things were quiet over Christmas, but is picking up again now. 3 requests have been received from interstate, 1 each from Queensland, W.A. and N.T.

Search requests had been received for Austin Healey, MGTC, Ford landau, 3 x Land Rovers, 2 x Porsche's and the bulk being for Monaro and Ford GT.

**Guest Speaker: Graham Wallis – 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Redex Rerun.**

Graham noted that he is a member of the Peugeot CC who had a big presence in the various events and reruns. He then gave an overview of the history of the event with some images from those events.

**1953** – Original round Australia rally was the idea of Ray Shepherd who had the Redex franchise. It started in Sydney and travelled through Brisbane, Rockhampton, Townsville, Darwin, Alice Springs, Adelaide and Melbourne. At the finish several cars were equal on points, so a special stage was put on from Melbourne to Sydney which was won by Ken Tubman in a Peugeot 203. Overall they covered 6,500 miles. Graham showed a copy of the race instructions for the event, which covered a mere 1 ½ pages.

**1954** – The first true round Australia trial covering 9,600 miles began in Sydney and extended out to Broome, Meekatharra and Madura before finishing in Melbourne. It was won by "Gelignite" Jack Murray in his 1948 Ford V8. Bill Patterson came second in a Peugeot.

**1955** – This time covering 10,500 miles with 276 entrants. Over half the field failed to finish and it was won by VW's, although lengthy protest hearings first stripped them due to structural damage, which was later overturned.

**1956-58** Trials were run by Ampol and Mobilgas and were dominated by Volkswagons.

**1964** – Ampol ran a 10 year anniversary event over 7,000 miles and was won by Harry Firth in a Ford Cortina GT.

**1970** – Ampol trial from Alice Springs to Sydney covering 6,340 miles with co-winners a Citroen DS21 and a Datsun 1600 SS.

**1979** – Repco ran the event starting and finishing in Melbourne covering 19,000km and was won by Peter Brock in a HDT VR Commodore.

**1995** – Another Holden VR Commodore won over 19,000km.

In 2000, Graham thought it would be a good idea to do a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary rerun in 2003. There were 80 entries, and it was intended to be just a tour with several competitive stages built in. The start was at Fox Studios, which was the site of the original Sydney Showgrounds where the original start took place. Several competitors from 1953 were on hand at the start, as was Jack Murrays V8 Ford.

In 2023 Graham organised a 70<sup>th</sup> rerun, which had over 40 cars and travelled along the old road alignments to Sydney. Due to difficulties of getting starting and finishing points in the main cities, it started at Yan Yean and finished at Penrith after 3 days. Graham showed some images of the roads and towns they traversed.

**Chair Keith Mortimer thanked Graham for his presentation and declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm**