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Welcome All,

Here is the resurrected Club magazine. It has been a number of years gap since the last edition.

I hope you enjoy its contents and do not find too many editing mistakes. My hope is that I can continue the tradition of producing a first class magazine for the Club on a regular basis.

To achieve this I will need the assistance of many people both inside the Club and outside. I will need regular reports on Club events and associated photographs. Without this content there would not be a magazine worth publishing.

Thank you for the assistance from Geoff Rasmuusen and Tom Smyth for proof reading and layout.

I would also appreciate your constructive feedback.

Best Wishes

Wayne Eason
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Getting that first coffee in before heading off in freezing (2 degrees) weather for 2018 Rendezvous (see page 21)

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# **CLUB MEETING**

WHERE... Dorothy Laver Reserve Pavilion

Dorothy Laver Reserve

Saxby Road Glen Iris (Mel 59 K10)

WHEN... Third Tuesday every month

7.30 pm

Front Cover: Alpine Gathering April 21 & 22 Harrietville

## Photos by

Peter Rasmussen, David Kirsa, Mike Neil,
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# **JOINING / RENEWING**

The membership year runs from June to July. Applications for membership can be made at any time by submitting a completed application to the membership secretary by post to:

PO Box 111 Heidelberg VIC 3084

The Application form is available for download from www.rccv.org.au. It is also occasionally printed on the back of the magazine's mailing address slip.

It is a condition of Club Permits for vehicle that the owner remains a financial member of the club. If the permit expires later than the membership year and membership is not renewed the permit becomes no longer valid.

# **OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The club continues to do well and is in a sound position. conduct our own sporting events remains distant but we and the financial position is stronger at the end than its in the right direction. already good position at the start of the reporting period.

Revival saw increased numbers. Our intent to have a major presence at the Great Australian Rally was thwarted by its cancellation and the RACV / AOMC Showcase saw only limited number despite considerable interest expressed beforehand in attending. That limited presence been instrumental in building the opportunity with the attracted interest way beyond its size. These things don't MCA. just happen and we can thank Glenn Armstrong, Greg Testolin and Mike Neil for organising our involvement in these events

The Renault Round-Up was a success, treated to better weather this year than last, but it is fair to say that the venue, irrespective of its merits, is getting a little 'tired' in the 'interest' department. The schedule clash of the French Car Festival, at its semi-permanent home of MaCleay Park, with the third round of the Rob Roy Hillclimb Interclub Challenge limited our numbers but we still managed a sizeable and interesting attendance. This year, the bulk of the Round-Up organising fell on Mike Neil's shoulders as I was away at the time.

It was a good year on the Club's sporting front, though sadly we lost our Sporting Coordinator for good this time leaving a real gap in the 'life' of the club. He did see us conclude our guest to win the Rob Roy Interclub Challenge again, though it took a little while before we were sure we actually had! At the end of the year, there were 28 names on the Les Park Sporting Champion score list up from 13 the year before. We're at 21 so far this year.

In keeping with our intent to promote motorkhanas this year, we had a good club attendance at the Khanacross organised by the PCCV in Kilsyth though we have had some difficulty in finding and fitting in with other suitable motorkhana events.

While the number of attendees at track days is down a little on the previous year, there are more members doing them. On the down side of the sporting ledger, we have fewer members engaged in the Victorian Hillclimb and Victorian Motorkhana Championships than we normally do - some regulars have sat the year out for various reasons. Our sporting coordinator - Jeni Sammons picked up the reins from Graeme, and Glenn are due the credit here.

Our relationship with the Maserati club on track days has grown to now include members trying and taking on various officialling roles. We assisted with such resourcing for the celebratory Ferrari trackday at Phillip Island that Ferrari commissioned the MCA to run.

Our formal marshalling for the VHRR at Sandown and Phillip Island remains a strong success and a significant. While the process achieved its multiple conflicting objecfund-raiser for the club. Our committee and officials are tives, I was unable to manage it entirely without some now certified for working with children and have CAMS official's licences. The ambition of one day being able to

Membership continues to grow - modestly but steadily - are becoming more knowledgeable, capable and heading

Given its role as a club fundraiser, it's something that, Our formal displays at AGP, Motorclassica & Geelong allowing for their personal circumstances, all members should consider participating in as a contribution to the financial health of the club. While Graeme Rasmussen deserves the thanks for the major marshalling efforts and maintaining the inter-club relationship, Jeni Sammons has

> Our links and relationships with other clubs continue to develop. Along with the aforementioned, we joined the Citroen and Peugeot clubs for a joint Bastille day drive and lunch and we were invited to a CCCV meeting that was having a presentation from Metec. Joint efforts and activities do benefit all involved clubs despite a mild 'culture clash' that is felt sometimes - each club clearly has its own 'personality'.

> The social calendar had its wins too. We've had some success with getting back to a social / drive day per month though having a speaker or 'interest' item at each GM has been a patchy affair. We got out to Lorbek Luxury Cars and had speakers from Nulon and Every Battery but a gap in forward planning has left the start of this year a dryer

> The significant new social initiative for the year, the Renault Rendezvous, was a major success. Despite all that the elements threw at it, it was great fun; well organised with a good mix of group and individual time. The participants all rated it highly and recommended it be continued. So much so, that the next was scheduled for 12-months gap rather than 18 months interval originally thought. The Rendezvous was David Kirsa's idea so its thanks to him for this great addition to the club calendar.

> Of course, it's not all successes and not every 'first' is a good thing. I'm not talking here about the continued lack of a magazine, though that continues to be a big hole in the fabric of the club. I speak of the club, for the first time in its history, expelling a member, for conduct unbecoming and against the interests of the club.

> I mention it only to give credit to the members of the committee and sub-committee who had to deal with it. Irrespective of what that 'conduct' was, the mere exercise of having to consider the expulsion of a member was confronting and difficult. A certain measure of courage was required, and there was potential for damaging internal conflict as different people might see things differently and with strong feelings. Everyone stepped up to the plate without hesitation, did a sterling job and the club owes them a great debt.

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# **OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Cont'd)**

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damage to personal relationships and the pleasure of membership in our club for some. I deeply regret that. Despite recognising the risk in advance, though not in the specific form that it took, and taking steps to avoid it, I wonder if I could have threaded a path through that issue And our regular supporters, to whom we 'go to' over and better.

Graeme Rasmussen; and Kay Belcourt, Rob Belcourt, David Bertuch, David Kirsa, Mike Neil, Jeni Sammons and Greg Testolin for their willing efforts in this matter. All had the option to decline to participate but none took it.

Looking forward, there is every reason to be confident that the club will continue to prosper. The core basis for the past success has been pretty well established. Though I won't be president, the committee, as an organising group, appears set to have a lot of continuity. So I think you can expect more of the I was chastised last year, quite rightly I think, for not mentioning people where credit was due. Some I have mentioned above, but there are others deserving of note.

Glenn Armstrong, who maintains that people shouldn't get special mention for doing their job on the committee, but is always out there doing and organising things for the club, way beyond his sterling effort as membership secretary.

Rob and Kay Belcourt, who don't hold office bearer roles, but continue to hold down the supper and catering efforts and the club shop, neither of which are trivial exercises. We only see the tip of those icebergs.

Mike Elliott - you may not know but he's a key force behind our Facebook page and the engagement it provides us with the wider Renault enthusiast community. He's out there in virtual land representing us on a continual basis and attracting attention - in a good way.

David Cavangh, our Club Permit scrutineer. We would struggle to support our club permit function without him to the detriment of the third of our members that have club permits. Another largely invisible role in the club.

over again and who don't fail us - Colin Stark (Alpine Affaire), David Cavanagh (French Connection), David Ber-I commend, and deeply appreciate, Paul Stewart, Peter tuch (Qualtools) and Peter Rasmussen (Berwick Tyrepow-Rasmussen, Ken Marriott, Glenn Armstrong, Mikee Elliott, er). Just because they are always there doesn't mean we take them for granted.

> The risk with calling people out for worthy mention, is to miss someone worthy. If I've done that, and of course there are numerous other people that have contributed in their own way to the success of the club over the last year, please accept my apologies and rest assured that your efforts do not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

> This is my last presidential report as I am stepping down as president. If I've had any successes in my time as president it's been because I have been particularly well supported by the Committee, a group of people I am very impressed with and proud to be a part of. I'm very grateful to them and thank each and every one of them. And I thank you the members for being generally kind to me during my term as your president.

Geoff Rasmussen



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# **INFORMATION**

## **Sport - Speed Event FAQ**

This article is aimed at answering the most common initial questions from members when they're considering getting into motorsport activities.

Most of the events club members enter are Level 2 Speed class events. This includes Hillclimbs, Motorkhanas, Trackdays and Sprints. The events the club enters as a club or actively promotes as a group activity are generally one of these kinds. They all have the same CAMS requirements (regulations) which is what this article covers however every event also has Supplementary Regulations (Supp Regs) that are set by the organisers and are specific to each event.

The key things you need in order to participate in events of these kinds are:

- Driver clothing the issue is fire risk. So, neck to cuff non-flammable clothing, eg cotton shirt, sealed shoes (leather, not 'nylon' runner type things), non-synthetic underwear (not that anyone has ever checked me). You don't need a race suit, but it's of course allowed. In short, normal clothing, avoid synthetics, cover everything except maybe hands and head. The club has a line of shirts, with club logos etc., suitable for these kinds of events which can be ordered from the club shop.
- Driver helmet to AS1698 standard pretty much anything you buy in Aus nowadays complies. Various members have spare helmets they offer for lends to newcomers on group events.
- Fire extinguisher, 1kg min, attached to car with metal fittings including a strap around the middle. Supercheap, Autobahn, even Bunnings have them for around \$20-30. Make sure the bracket is metal not plastic and try to find one with some years left on it. They have to be replaced every three years and sometimes they've been on the shelf for a year or more. Some stores turn them over quicker than others so check a few. We can advise you as to fitting in your car for most models someone has done it before.
- Blue triangle indicating battery position some of us have stickers, some have magnetic ones and others simply form one from blue Nitto (electrical) tape. If the battery has a cut-off switch, there should be a yellow lightning bolt on the triangle otherwise it should be plain blue.
- Tow hook for any recent model just fit the one from your tool kit. It screws into a port through your front or rear bumper - pick the easiest as it doesn't matter which. Technically you're supposed to have a red triangle, perhaps with 'TOW' on it, but when the hook is obvious scrutineers (see later) tend not to insist.
- Removal of all loose items from vehicle. Keen participants take out the spare wheel too but its not necessary as long as it is restrained. Keener participants take out the rear seats, even the front passenger seat you shouldn't be that keen however when you're just starting out as you shouldn't be going so hard that that makes a difference.
- Remove hubcaps if these cover the wheel nuts. Scrutineers like to ensure they're tight, and it's wise to re-

check after while. Generally though, if you drove the car to the event and didn't change to 'track wheels' there's little issue.

#### On the day:

- Your vehicle will be checked (scrutinised) for compliance and safety by Scrutineers. You should have it in race condition for this, ie take the loose stuff out, fit tow hook, etc.
- You will also generally need to administratively check in - sign in, doing the paper work! Typically, but not always you need to do the sign-in before going to scrutineering.
- There will also be a mandatory Driver's briefing essential even for people who have been to events at that track many times. Things change over time and everyone must know what the rules are on the day.

And now the obligatory caveat - this article is a general guide only intended to assist you in deciding whether to proceed. You should obtain and examine the actual requirements after that and not rely solely on the information here. Regulations do change over time and there's no assurance that we'll get to updating this information immediately anything changes.

by Geoff Rasmussen





# **CALENDAR**

## Sat Nov 3, 2018

All day MCA Presidents Come and Try Trackday Where: Sandown International Motor Raceway, Springvale VIC 3171, Australia

Description:. Driver Tests Sessions with an experienced Club Member Track Sessions with an experienced Club Member Passenger Rides · A great opportunity to try entry level Motorsport and learn more about you driving skills and car!! 7:00am - 5:00pm

#### 2pm French Car Day Canberra

Where: Telopea Park School, 25 New South Wales Cres, Barton ACT 2600, Australia

## Tue Nov 6, 2018

7:30pm Committee Meeting

Where: 69 Karnak Road Ashburton VIC 3147Australia

## Fri Nov 9, 2018

All day VHRR Sandown Historics - RCCV Marshalling Where: Sandown International Motor Raceway, Springvale VIC 3171, Australia

Description: RCCV paddock marshalling for VHRR Sandown Historics racing. Members cando one or more half day shifts and get to attend this classic race event. RCCV co-ordinator Graeme Rasmussen

#### Sat Nov 10, 2018

All day VHRR Sandown Historics - RCCV Marshalling Where: Sandown International Motor Raceway, Springvale VIC 3171, Australia

Description: RCCV paddock marshalling for VHRR Sandown Historics racing. Members cando one or more half day shifts and get to attend this classic race event. RCCV co-ordinator Graeme Rasmussen

# Sun Nov 11, 2018

All day VHRR Sandown Historics - RCCV Marshalling Where: Sandown International Motor Raceway, Springvale VIC 3171, Australia

Description: RCCV paddock marshalling for VHRR Sandown Historics racing. Members cando one or more half day shifts and get to attend this classic race event. RCCV co-ordinator Graeme Rasmussen

All day Group 5 Motorkhana (Contact Glenn Armstrong) Where: Pakenham Auto Club Motorkhana Track, McGregor Rd, Pakenham VIC 3810,Australia

# Sun Nov 18, 2018

9am Caffeine Run

Where: The Bakery Warrandyte, 193 Yarra St, Warrandyte VIC 3113, Australia

All day HAC Interclub Motorkhana (Contact Glenn Armstrong)

Where: Pakenham Auto Club Motorkhana Track, McGregor Rd, Pakenham VIC 3810, Australia

# 6:30pm RCCV Marshals Dinner

Where: Village Green Hotel, Springvale Rd & Ferntree Gully Rd, Mulgrave VIC3170, Australia Description: Group dinner for the RCCV marshals who officiated at the previous weeks Sandown Historics races. Co-ordinator Graeme Rasmussen

#### Tue Nov 20, 2018

7:30pm General Meeting

Where: Dorothy Laver Reserve Saxby St, Ashburton VIC 3147

#### Sat Nov 24, 2018

All day Geelong Revival Sprints, Hillclimb & Display Where: Eastern Beach Road, Eastern Beach Rd, Geelong VIC 3220, Australia

Description: Multi-discipline motorsport event at Eastern Beach in the heart of Geelong. Includes large classic cars displays and exhibitions. RCCV car display on the Sunday

## Sun Nov 25, 2018

All day Geelong Revival Sprints, Hillclimb & Display
Where: Eastern Beach Road, Eastern Beach Rd,
Geelong VIC 3220, Australia

Geelong VIC 3220, Australia

Description: Multi-discipline motorsport event at
Eastern Beach in the heart of Geelong. Includes
large classic cars displays and exhibitions.
RCCV car display on the Sunday

#### Tue Dec 4, 2018

7:30pm Committee Meeting

Where: 69 Karnak Road Ashburton VIC 3147Australia

# Sat Dec 8, 2018

4:30pm RCCV Xmas Breakup

Where: Dorothy Laver Reserve, 1-9 Saxby Rd, Glen Iris VIC 3146, Australia

Description: Music and BBQ and celebrations to end the year with

#### Tue Dec 18, 2018

7:30pm General Meeting

Where: Dorothy Laver Reserve Saxby St, Ashburton VIC 3147

# Tue Jan 1, 2019

7:30pm Committee Meeting

Where: 69 Karnak Road Ashburton VIC 3147Australia

# Tue Jan 15, 2019

7:30pm General Meeting

Where: Dorothy Laver Reserve Saxby St, Ashburton VIC 3147

# Sun Jan 20, 2019

9am Great Australian Rally - RCCV Display

Where: Cruden Farm, 60 Cranbourne Rd, Langwarrin VIC 3910, Australia

Description: RCCV Club drive and display as part of the Great Australian Rally event. Event details here RCCV meeting point details TBA.

# Tue Feb 5, 2019

7:30pm Committee Meeting

Where: 69 Karnak RoadAshburton VIC 3147Australia

# **CALENDAR**

#### Sun Feb 10, 2019

9am Renault Round-Up

Where: Como Park, 305-325 Williams Rd, South Yarra VIC 3141, Australia

Description: Grand display of Renaults old and new.All Renaults, Owners and Enthusiasts welcome.

## Tue Feb 19, 2019

7:30pm General Meeting

Where: Dorothy Laver Reserve Saxby St, Ashburton VIC 3147

#### Sun Feb 24, 2019

9am RACV-AOMC Classic Showcase

Where: Yarra Glen Racecourse, Yarra Glen VIC 3775, Australia

Description:

Display cars from 9.00am to 11.00 am, Spectators from 10.00 am, Show closes at 3.00 pm

http://www.aomc.asn.au/ classicshowcase2018/

## Tue Mar 5, 2019

7:30pm Committee Meeting

Where: 69 Karnak Road Ashburton VIC 3147Australia

## Thu Mar 14, 2019

All day Australian Grand Prix Display Fri Mar 15, 2019

All day Australian Grand Prix Display Sat Mar 16, 2019

All day Australian Grand Prix Display

Sun Mar 17, 2019

All day Australian Grand Prix Display

# Tue Mar 19, 2019

7:30pm General Meeting

Where: Dorothy Laver Reserve Saxby

St, Ashburton VIC 3147

#### Tue Apr 2, 2019

7:30pm Committee Meeting

Where: 69 Karnak Road Ashburton VIC 3147Australia

## Sun Apr 7, 2019

All day Rob Roy Interclub Hillclimb Challenge Round 1

Where: Rob Roy Hillclimb Start Line, Smiths Gully VIC 3760, Australia Description: Round 1 of 3 Interclub Hillclimb Challenge

# Tue Apr 16, 2019

7:30pm General Meeting

Where: Dorothy Laver Reserve Saxby St, Ashburton VIC 3147

## Tue May 7, 2019

7:30pm Committee Meeting

Where: 69 Karnak Road Ashburton VIC 3147Australia

# Sun May 19, 2019

All day Rob Roy Interclub Hillclimb Challenge Round 2

Where: Rob Roy Hill Climb, 375 Clintons Rd, Smiths Gully VIC 3760, Australia

# Tue May 21, 2019

7:30pm General Meeting

Where: Dorothy Laver Reserve Saxby St, Ashburton VIC 3147



# 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

## **Annual General Meeting Minutes**

Date: 17th July 2018

Location: Dorothy Laver Reserve, Saxby Avenue, Ashbur-

Meeting opened at 7:35pm

Chaired by Mike Neil, minutes taken by Mike Neil

Welcome

Geoff Rasmussen declared all positions on Committee vacant, and Returning Officer Mike Neil conducted elec-

#### **Previous AGM Minutes**

Motion to amend finish time for 2017 AGM to 8.15pm. Geoff Rasmussen. Seconded Glenn Armstrong. Motion carried.

Moved to accept Mike Neil, seconded by Kay Belcourt, motion carried.

#### **Presidents Report**

See report in magazine section

#### Membership Report

At the end of 2017 we had 153 memberships accounting for 183 people. Of these, 20 memberships did not renew giving an adjusted official commencement number of 133. The 20 non renewal figure was originally higher but some renewed later in the year.

Our number of new memberships for 2019 was 28 (same as 2017).

At the end of 2018 we had 160 memberships current, of which 31 have not renewed giving an adjusted number of 129 (159 people). I believe that more will renew as the year progresses.

# **Treasurers Report**

Committee Member

2017-2018 statement attached. Moved to accept Greg Testolin, seconded by David Bertuch, motion carried.

Annual Treasurers Report - Renault Car Club of Victoria Inc. 2017- 2018

# Nomination and Election of office bearers 2017/2018

All positions were declared vacant. The following were elected for 2018/19

**POSITION** NAME President Mikee Elliott Vice President Graeme Rasmussen Greg Testolin Treasurer Secretary Mike Neil Membership Secretary Glenn Armstrong Sporting Co-ordinator Jeni Sammons Committee Member David Kirsa Committee Member Kay Belcourt Committee Member Rob Belcourt Committee Member **David Bertuch** Geoff Rasmussen

## **Business arising from previous AGM** None

Meeting closed at 7:45



Balance as at 30/06/2017		24734.16
Income		
Membership	8496.88	
Supper	343.05	
Merchandise	249.10	
Roundup	207.00	
Rendezvous	3000.00	
Marshalling	1700.00	
Misc.	140.00	
Australian Grand Prix	750.00	
Total Income		14886.03
Sub Total		39620.19
Expenditure		
Merchant Fees	154.46	
Postage	206.99	
Supper	1062.33	
Post Office Box	127.00	
Phone	60.00	
Hall Hire	180.00	
CAMS	840.00	
Consumer Affairs Club Reg	112.70	
Insurance	873.31	
AOMC	235.00	
Misc.	240.50	
Website	465.28	
Merchandise	580.25	
Marshalling	160.00	
Stationery	296.10	
Renault Rendezvous	2510.00	
Roundup	807.85	
Australian Grand Prix Display	761.25	
Citroen Car Club (Bastille Day 2017)	700.00	
Total Expenditure		10373.02
Balance as at 30/06/2018		29247.17

# 2018 AUGUST GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

# **General Meeting Minutes**

Date: 21st August 2018

Location: Dorothy Laver Reserve, Saxby Avenue, Les Park Sporting Trophy Table

Ashburton

# **Apologies**

Peter Rasmussen and those on the Renault Rendez-

vous

#### **Previous Minutes**

Moved to accept Mikee Elliott, seconded by David

Bertuch, motion carried.

#### **Presidents Report**

I'm delighted to have stepped temporarily back into the President's role, and would like to thank our immediate past President for the amazing work he did while in the role.

It's not going to be a long stint for me, but I'm looking forward to delivering a strong focus on our members while I'm here.

#### Membership Report

As at the 10th July the following people are new mem-

William Green Ararat

Peter Gunston Lower Templestowe

Wojtek Maleczek Donvale Chris Cavanagh Sunbury Rodney Apcar **Brighton** 

Emilio Lucanere

# **Treasurers Report**

Balance as at 30th June 2018 \$29,247.17

After outgoing

Balance as at 30th July 2018 \$29,803.75

David Cavanagh asked why we have so much money. Mikee advised there are things he wished to purchase to support members. This will be discussed later in the meeting

## Correspondence

Inward AOMC Magazine, "The Hub" Magazine Bank statements Invitation to Classic Sandown

Outward

Email to VHRR asking for response re CH plates

#### Sporting

Phillip Island Spring track day Friday 31st August Maserati Car Club

No.1 John Elliott No.2 Geoff Rasmussen No.3 David Bertuch Special Events Motorclassica

Motorclassica - cars are required for 3 days. We have a 10 x 10m spot and 4 car passes are available

Information is required by 31st August

Sam, Graeme and Mikee will be attending

#### **General/New Business**

Passing of Rui Di Lemos- his son Oliver, to be offered a free membership when he is ready

\$5 a night drink available at meetings - Supported by majority of meeting attendees

Caffeine Run - small but successful gathering. Regular calendar feature the weekend after the Committee Meeting. David Cavanagh to advise Mikee on name of café at meet next event

BBQ after meetings unanimously accepted

Rob Belcourt advised Brighton Renault are sponsoring the FCF2018 and have supplied 4 cars. Sound system not as yet booked through Hairy Dude by Citroen

Euroa Show and Shine is on the 7th October. David Bertuch will email Ernst Luthi re getting Alpines to attend but this conflict with the Caffeine Run

Greg interested in defensive driving and Glenn may have the name and contact details for Driver Dynamics. This would be good to offer to the membership

Looking to purchase an enclosed trailer big enough to fit the marque but to also include a BBQ and coffee facilities for the club. This needs to be at a reasonable price. Mikee has enough room at his home to store the trailer

## **Next General Meeting**

Dorothy Laver Pavilion, 18th September.

Meeting closed at 8:03pm



# 2018 SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes Date: 18th September 2018

Location: Dorothy Laver Reserve, Saxby Avenue, Ashburton

# **Apologies**

David Jenkins, Barrie Fisher, John Elliott, David Kirsa

#### **Previous Minutes**

Moved to accept Geoff Rasmussen, seconded by Jenni Sammons, motion carried.

#### **Presidents Report**

Considering RCCV club funds are in a healthy state, I suggest we look at spending up on things benefiting members, such as a BBQ/ Events trailer.

## **Membership Report**

Since 1/07/2018 we have had seven new members (including one since the last General Meeting).

This brings our numbers to 137 memberships representing 164 individuals. The numbers as at 30/06/2018 were 160 memberships and 191 individuals.

#### **Treasurers Report**

August Statement tabled.Balance 31/7 \$29,803.75Earnings \$386, Exp. \$141.14Balance 31/8 \$30,048.61

#### Correspondence

Inward -Torque MagazineBank Statement

Outward-nil

## **Sporting**

- 1. Les Park Comp positions remains the same; 1. John Elliott. 2. Geoff Rasmussen. 3. David Bertuch.
- 2. Upcoming events; Rob Roy 14/10.Geoff announced 2019 Rob Roy dates.

Special Events

Renault Roundup 2019

Mike to Book Como Park

French Car Festival 2018

Flyers released

Rob suggested making the 50th anniversary of the R16 release a feature of FCF 2018.

FCF 2019

David had encouraging talk with Scot re Geelong Revival

Sandown Marshalling

Graeme updated dates and on volunteering procedure online

Motorclassica

Greg announced the new Alpine is to be presented this year

#### **GM and Social**

Mike suggested Slot Car Racing venue in Camberwell may be a good activity for future meetings. Will research more

## **General/New Business**

David Kirsa investigating club member discount of 14% on parts at Waverley Renault.

Rob announced he has a R12 for parts available.

#### **Next General Meeting**

Waverley Renault, Mulgrave, 16th October 2018.



Meeting closed at 20:15



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# **MOTOR SPORT**

#### Les Park Trophy - Sporting Championship Points to 10th June 2018

Following is the point standings up to and including the Victorian Hillclimb Championship Round 7 at One Tree Hill, Ararat on 10th June 2018.

John Elliott 21 Points (8 events)

Geoff Rasmussen 10 Points (4 events)

David Bertuch 7 Points (4 events)

Joel Bryar 4 Points (2 events)

Ian Thompson 3 Points (3 events)

Mike Neil 2 Points (2 events)

Angelo Simonetti 2 Points (2 events)

James Thomas 2 Points (2 events)

Peter Stathis 2 Points (2 events)

Glenn Armstrong 2 Points (2 events)

Jeni Sammons 2 Points (2 events)

Colin Stark 1 Point (1 event)

John Hardy 1 Point (1 event)

Adam Turner 1 Point (1 event)

Wes Gleeson 1 Point (1 event)

George Simonetti 1 Point (1 event)

Dev Raj 1 Point (1 event)

Dave Cavanagh 1 Point (1 event)

Mikee Elliott 1 Point (1 event)

Sean Weaver 1 Point (1 event)

Greg Testolin 1 Point (1 event)

# **Upcoming Sporting Events October - November 2018**

Here are the Upcoming Sporting Events for October and November 2018 We look forward to seeing you at these events!

Sunday 14th October 2018

Rob Roy Interclub Hillclimb Round 3 Clintons Road, Smiths Gully 3760

Sunday 28th October 2018

Victorian Motorkhana Championship Round 7 (Contact Glenn Armstrong)
Rolling Thunder Raceway Parwan S Rd, Parwan 3340

Saturday 3rd November 2018

MCA Presidents Come and Try Day

Sandown International Motor Raceway, Springvale 3171

Sunday 11th November 2018

Group 5 Motorkhana (Contact Glenn Armstrong)

Pakenham Auto Club Motorkhana Track, Mc Gregor Road, Pakenham 3810

Saturday & Sunday 24th-25th November 2018

Geelong Revival Sprints and Display

Eastern Beach Road, Geelong 3220

Jeni Sammons

To ensure inclusion in the sporting award, members need to email details of events entered, including results to the Sporting Coordinator, Jeni Sammons at sporting.coordinator@renault-car-club-vic.org.au



# **MOTOR SPORT**

## Rob Roy Interclub Round 1 (2017)

**Equal First!** 

A stirling effort by the RCCV sets the year off to a cracking pace

We fielded a team of nine drivers in the first round of the Rob Roy Interclub Hillclimb in February this year, two-thirds of whom scored placement points for the club. A 1st, three x 2nds and 2 x 4ths for a total of 47 points. Matched by the MGCC and well ahead of the GCC on 28 and VHRR on 25.



Colin Stark in his Alpine 110 got the first in class, backed up by Graeme Edwards (Clio 182) in second place in that class. Paul Stewart in another classic - the R17 Gordini - started the day off with a PB for his first run, grabbed several more PBs with successive runs, and picked up a second in class for his efforts. Our third second in class was David Bertuch in his Megane Trophy - beaten only by the man who took out first outright overall. John Elliott and Geoff Rasmussen picked up fourth place points for the club in a Alpine GTA and an R4 - two more different 'sporting' Renaults you couldn't imagine!

Colin was third outright for the day. And although picking up 5 points for the club, Geoff was 50th which just goes to tell you that there were only 50 competitors! Four of the top 10 outright placings went to the RCCV, two each to



GCC and VHRR and one each to BLCC and MGCC Geelong.



The weather was perfect, the atmosphere carnival with the cheer squad ably led by Jeni Sammons egging everyone on to greater efforts. It was good to see Glenn Armstrong back in the saddle, so to speak, easing himself back into competition after the tumble his Clio took last year. Mike Neil in his rallying R16 having his first outing at Rob Roy and Peter Stathis, not his first outing but his first with his new Megane 275, completed the RCCV field.

The contest for first place is clearly a numbers game - the MGCC outnumbered the RCCV 13 to 9 but it was more that they had competitors in some classes with few runners in them that worked to their advantage. There's no doubt it's going to be an interesting contest this year - and we can be sure the MGCC will be looking at the stats in some detail and working up a strategy too.

by Geoff Rasmussen





# **MOTOR SPORT**

## Sandown Trackday - 1st April 2017

No fools on the track. Our second track day for the year was on April 1st - is that for real was the question asked more than once during the announcement and entry period. But, yes, it was real. Thanks to the Maserati Club again who were the organisers of the day, nearly a dozen club members had an excellent time at Sandown. And, Welcome to Dev who joined us on the day.

For most of us, a full-blooded run around Sandown was something new and this was reflected in the times. Experienced drivers were posting more consistent times that were a few seconds faster than the majority. No surprise there. There was surprisingly little spread among the times for most, with Paul's R17, David's Fuego (both around 40 years old) and Geoff's non-Sport Megane with barely a second difference among them bringing up the tail end.

That small difference made for an engrossing tussle as the dynamics of the three different vehicles favoured their cornering, acceleration out of a corner, or braking into the corner. In the last session, the R17, Fuego and Megane were in a bunch with none being able to get enough up to get ahead. For me, in the Megane, the other two would open up a gap by getting around the corners faster - both with race tyres - which I would close down heading into the next corner because, I guess, of more modern brakes.

The day was run with the relaxed slickness we're coming to expect of the MCA who were very welcoming. We did note that close to half the runners were in Renaults, though not all were from our club. Fair to say too, that Renaults were not the fastest runners on the day. But . . . the real question is 'who had the most fun?'. As a measure of 'event satisfaction', most of us decided to sit out the last session as 'we'd had enough'. Had enough in a good way, as in not wanting any more, fully satisfied and well pleased with ourselves and the event.

Well, most of us had a really excellent time but some not so. Dramas, such as they were, were fairly minor but enough to rob some of a portion of their track time.

Mikee posted a sharp time in the first session. But with flaming brakes - and I'm not just using slang here - I mean flaming! - the wiser course of action was to sit out the rest and get his brakes properly checked out.

Peter limped home in the last session with cut side-wall in one very flat tyre but nothing particularly scary happening as a consequence; just adding to his costs for the day! David's Fuego had the good graces to wait until the last cool-down lap before belching clouds of smoke from the power steering fluid pumping over the exhaust. Now that could have been 'exciting' had it happened earlier.

A dropped adjustment bolt saw James take the wisdom over valour course late in the day. And Graeme was aggrieved that his Clio became reluctant to go above 5,500 revs. I think it was just because he struggled to get past me - the competitive force is strong in that one!

by Geoff Rasmussen



Honestly, he's reading something, not putting in a fuel additive! And check out the new club sport shirt - our 'uniform' drew some attention on the day.



# **CLUB ACTIVITIES**

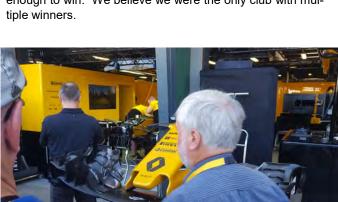
# Australian Grand Prix 2017 Display

For this year we had 15 display place allocated. Unfortunately Mike Garafillis R12 Gordini did not make it on the day. We had many people interested in our cars, particularly the Alpines A110 and A310, and in the Renault 750. by: David Armstrong

There was also on display at the event, a Dauphine that held set a land speed record last year at Bonneville at 123 kph. This stunned may of us as it has a larger motor than a standard Dauphine which we thought would have been able to do that speed easily.



It cost each person \$30.00 to display their car. In return they received 2 X 4 day general admission passes to the event. In addition, each person goes into a draw for a number of Pit Lane walks. Two from our club were lucky enough to win. We believe we were the only club with mul-









In August 2016, this 60-year-od Renault Dauphine set a new land speed record on the famous Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah.

Driven by racing driver Nicolas Prost, the Dauphine achieved a top speed of 123 km/h, setting a new record in the Classic Gas Coupe (CGC) segment.

This particular model is powered by a rear-mounted, 956cc water-cooled four-cylinder engine.



# **CLUB ACTIVITIES**

# **April Drive Day**

Twenty intrepid members braved the cold and rain at Bunnings Keysborough as we met up for April's drive day. Fortunately the skies cleared as we headed south down the Mornington Peninsula.

Taking the roads less travelled, our first stop was the village of Mt Eliza for coffee at the Cafe on the Mount. It constantly surprises me how you can live around Melbourne for most of your life and still find yourself standing in delightful little corners that you never knew about. I mean, I knew about Mt Eliza, just not how sweet the Dee was clearly charting her own course, and with some 'village' is.

More roads less travelled saw us wend our way down past Balnarring and Shoreham to Flinders where clear skies and a chill wind awaited us.

See, even on an overcast day a line of Renaults is a pretty site. And in case you were trying to figure out what model Renault the fourth from left is you can stop. It's not one, it's an interloper from another marque trying to bask in our glory as we enjoy the view from above Flinders.

Back into the cars before we froze and up the spine of the peninsular to Arthurs Seat. That new chair lift looks pretty

swish but unfortunately we didn't have time on the day for a ride as lunch awaited us at Dee's Kitchen in Dromana.

We took the Arthurs Seat Road down to Dromana of course. Now there's a fun road, spoiled a little by having to be responsible and obey the speed limits and watching out for other traffic! Would be a fine spot for a hill-climb event!

Dee's Kitchen was a lovely pick by run organiser Mike one of those modest little eateries with really great food and good friendly service. And not your standard menu, considerable success.

After lunch it was back to wending, this time for our way home after another enjoyable club drive day.





# **CLUB ACTIVITIES**

## **May Drive Day**

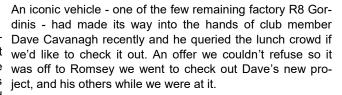
The Good Folk\* of Gisborne came out to welcome the cavalcade of Renaults as the club came to town for market day. RCCV members and friends spent a nice part of the morning of May 7th having a wander through the 250+ stalls on the social drive day. The Gisborne market is great and not just because it is part of GREAT - Gisborne Region That R8 is certainly a great get, but I have to say his Dacia Events, Activities and Tourism. The market connoisseurs among us pronounced it 'one of the great markets' and 'well worth going to the far / near (delete as appropriate) side of Melbourne to get to'.





#### \* Jackie and Charlie Stewart

Having had our fill of the market and coffee from the fine coffee dispensing places, Paul led us off to Lancefield for lunch. 15 Renaults might have tripled the car population of Lancefield but it didn't stop the pub serving up some very classy nosh..



4-wheel drive utility is too. What a very strange sight: the front of an R12 and the back of a very different creature indeed! I don't know when Dave's going to find time to restore the R8 but I'm looking forward to it.

It must have been a strange experience for Dave's place more going Renaults in attendance at one time than nongoing ones! And if you look closely at the picture, centre just above Ken's shoulder, you can see a signature piece of garden art - Dave's father's 750.

The next leg of the drive promised to be exciting with some hilly twisty bits of road heading up to Mt Macedon Memorial Cross. After brief regroup while Paul let the feistier members (you know who you are) go first, it was into the fun bit but just for a bit. Nothing like a slow FORD to suck all the joy out of a good skein of road.

And good it was. I can't recall the last time I saw a hairpin with a mere 10kph advisory and I've been around Tassie recently. Paul did what he could, allowing a gap to build and then having a bit of a run but the Ford was just too damn slow. I did get to hear the sweet note of his R17 Gordini off and on though.

Anyway, we gets to the top to find it absolutely ram packed tight with other folk up there. Even the overflow carpark overflowed! Clearly we weren't the only ones to think Macedon in Autumn would be a sight to see. Didn't stop us from enjoying a coffee and the spectacular view.

A run down the hill through Macedon via the autumn leaves of the spectacular Avenue of Honour and it was off home after another enjoyable RCCV drive day. Our thanks to Paul Stewart for organising the run.

by Geoff Rasmussen





A strange artefact of the panorama shot - one of the Knights Who Say Ni snuck in.

# **4CV MUSTER**

I was invited to attend the 4CV Register bi-annual muster at Griffith NSW over Easter 2017. I had offered to transport David Jenkins' 4CV on my trailer and use his car for the activities. Whilst the Register is primarily aimed at 4CV's (Renault 750's), all rear engine Renaults are welcome to join. This includes Dauphine, R8, R10, Floride, Caravelle, Alpine etc. Any Renault is welcome to join in their events.



We travelled to Griffith on Thursday to avoid some of the Easter traffic with the event officially commencing at 3.00pm on Good Friday.



Saturday morning brought a short drive to a preserves factory for a tasting followed by a procession through the middle of Griffith to a park for a line up and photo shoot. The procession had locals waving and admiring the presentation of the cars. There were (from memory) 23 4CV's, one Dauphine, three R8's (including a Gordini), two R10's, one Floride, two Caravelle's and two Alpine A110's.



There was also a boat powered by a modified 750 engine which held the speed record for engines from 50 cu inch to 225 cu inch.



Following the photo shoot we went to a salami factory for a tasting and on to the Griffith Pioneer Park and Museum for lunch and tour. Dinner on Saturday Night was at the Exies (ex-serviceman's) Club in Griffith.



Sunday morning we drove approx. 50km to a cotton gin for a tour and presentation on the growing and processing of cotton in the area. On the return journey to the motel we stopped at McWilliams Wines, Hanwood Estate for lunch.

After lunch there was a swap meet at the motel. Many of those who trailered cars loaded them to prepare for the return home on Monday. Attendees had come from all states and territories except NT.

The next muster is in Inverell NSW, Easter 2019. I think I might go again.

by Glenn Armstrong



# Rendezvous 2018 - Southern NSW

Following the roaring success of the inaugural Renault Rendezvous in 2017, it was on again in 2018. This time the Rendezvous went North: through Bendigo, Echuca, Hay, Griffith to Temora. There was an optional extension leg to take in Bathurst Mount Panorama circuit for those interested and if time.

Along the way, the Rendezvous took in local attractions and sites and other interesting things. It culminated at the Temora Air Museum.

# Day 1: Malmsbury, Bendigo to Echuca

## Rendezvous off and running

The 2018 Rendezvous kicked off at BP Calder Park, in the midst of a cold snap that mimicked last year's Rendezvous' extreme weather. Hail carpeted the highway as I set off for the setting-off point, Macedon was coated with snow as we passed by. But in true Renault Rendezvous spirit we were unfazed – what's a Rendezvous without a little challenge.

Fortified with that first caffeine infusion, the Rendezvous group of fifteen, along with the club members along for the Drive Day 'leg', set off to chase down David Jenkins who had, in his Dauphine Gordini powered 750, started a bit earlier to compensated for his somewhat lower TCS (top comfortable speed). We fully expected to catch up with him before Malmsbury where we were scheduled to stop for coffee.

Did I mention it was chilly? So chilly in fact that carby icing and engines not getting warm enough to fully open automatic chokes robbed a couple of the classics of enough power on the hills that the main group did not catch that doughty 750 before it made it to Malmsbury. I won't say the R12 & R16 were embarrassed, but . . .





The Motobean Cafe was jumping with a fairly full house of guests but it didn't stop them serving up their usual delicious coffee while a couple more of our members joined the group there. After a bit of an impromptu squiz at the cafe owner's collection of classic Volvos including a couple of racing setups, we were on our way again towards Bendigo.



Lunch beside the shores of Lake Weeroona sounded so idyllic when it was scheduled. While the wet stuff (rain, hail, snow...) had let up by then, the wind that cut like a knife made us glad to head for the Central Deborah Mine for our underground tour. Surely it wouldn't be raining and windy down there.

A great tour it was too. Darryl, the guide, was informative and funny and so clearly knew his stuff. The explanation of reefs and how they fitted with the shape of the land was so clear I now understand what a mineral 'reef' was – never realised that I actually had no idea despite having heard the term since I was taught Victorian gold rush history in kindergarten (or so it seemed).

But it wasn't entirely dry and the ventilation was so good it was not warm either. Pretty much the only time I was warm all day was when I was inside my trusty R12.

A smooth run to Echuca into the Holiday Park and our awaiting cabins. Great cabins and park. Over the river for a bit of nosh at the Moama Bowls Club and that was the first day done and dusted.

by Geoff Rasmussen

Before descending into the stygian darkness of the Central Deborah Mine



# Rendezvous 2018 - Southern NSW

# Day 2: Echuca

A leisurely start to the day, a coffee and a cruise on the Murray on the Pride of the Murray from the Port of Echuca. Lunch on board and an afternoon look around Echuca. The cold snap continued to bite.

Some time in the Holden museum. An impressive collection even if they were only Holdens. Covered pretty much everything from start to finish of Australian production.

Many hands made light work of the evening's BBQ preparation, and many mouths made short shrift of said prepared delicious BBQ.

by Geoff Rasmussen

The Pride of the Murray, and the pride of the RCCV, no?





Pevensey steaming by under Julie's watchful eye



Aboard the Pride of the Murray

# Rendezvous 2018 - Southern NSW

# Day 3: Hay

Day three saw us on the road early-ish – over the 'Mighty' Murray and into NSW. Coffee stop at Deni and through the flatlands to Hay. General consensus was 'not your most interesting run' with 120 km of sameness to look at.

Lunch at Shear Outback after which we gained great insight into Australian Shearing Industry. The live demo was fascinating and informative – no really, quite impressive. Wool is making a comeback, prices are good and shearing is a great life, so we were assured, though hard yakka.

And, we're film stars! Well not exactly stars . . . they were filming for a TV advert for Shear Outback and we got coopted (willingly) as background extras.

by Geoff Rasmussen













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