

Minutes of the November Delegates meeting of the AOMC held on Monday November 21st at the Chevrolet club rooms

Chairman: Iain Ross (AOMC President)

There were 103 delegates present representing 75 clubs.

Chairman Iain Ross welcomed delegates to the meeting and announced that this was the last meeting being held at the Chevrolet Car Club rooms. The AOMC office will be moving to the Jaguar/Austin Healy rooms at 23 Rosalie Street, Springvale where it will have a dedicated office with street access. The delegates meetings will also be held there from February.

Iain then remarked on the recent 40th birthday dinner the AOMC held, and invited the previous Presidents of the Association that were present to cut a 40th birthday cake. Bob Clark, Graham Keys, Rod Adler and Iain Ross performed the cutting.

Apologies: Matthew Lambert (Rootes Group), Rick & Jill Cove (GHVAC), Tony Galea (FE/FC Holden), Graham Walsh (Landrover Owners), Bill Allen (All British CC), Carl Jones (Mercedes Benz), Terry Roach (Triumph CC), Graeme Smith (Goulburn Valley), Richard Murrell (Goulburn Valley).

New Delegates: Peter Thompson (Early Ford V8), Ron Poyser (Bendigo Veteran, Vintage & Classic CC), Trevor Halmarick (Skoda & Tatra Register).

The minutes of the August delegates meeting held at Seymour on Saturday August 13th were accepted on a motion moved by Tim Christie (Morris CC) seconded Mike Herbert (Trafalgar Truck Restorers) and carried.

Business Arising: There was no business arising from the August meeting.

Correspondence: There has been no correspondence received relevant to this meeting. All have been of a procedural matter.

Presidents Report: Iain Ross referred to his report in the November newsletter, his final report as president. He noted the upgrading of the engine number records storage facility, the recent 40th anniversary dinner and the regional delegates meeting in Seymour.

Treasurers Report: Rhys Timms reported on the activities since the last delegates meeting. Cash balance is \$240,000, debtors are under control with only about 20 clubs still owing dues. Rhys stressed that updates are required of club contact details so that correspondence and invoices are sent to the correct people.

Guest Speaker: Paul Tsiaras from Statewide 4 x 4. His company do Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) upgrades on vehicles. Discussed how many people do not realise the load capacity of their vehicles, especially when towing. GVM is what vehicles have been made to carry, and some 4WD have a payload of only 600kg, which does not include the passengers or fuel. Towing capacity is noted by the manufacturer. Most vehicles have little room in payload to allow towing. A big problem these days is vans are getting bigger and heavier.

Paul recounted a situation where a vehicle towing a caravan was involved in an accident that caused \$500,000 damage, and insurance would not cover due to vehicle being overloaded.

NSW have mobile weigh stations that are checking on vehicles towing vans.

Statewide 4x4 assess vehicles and increase their carrying capacity. Can be an expensive process.

Pertinent to check out payload and towing capacity of vehicles before towing.

Questions from the floor:

Q – Are there any vehicles that cannot be upgraded?

A – *the only limitation is funds. Can be very expensive for one off vehicle upgrades. It is more economical for fleet upgrades. Paul just did a land cruiser and it cost \$9,500. A quote on a vehicle for the Pajero club was \$20,000.*

Q – Do you take into account axle and tyre loading?

A – *Yes. The only part of the axle that takes load is the housing. The issue is the stress point of the load.*

Q – When you do testing, how do you do the upgrade?

A – *Problem is in the component holding the bearing, and how strong is the end hub or housing.*

Q – How do you get around crash points?

A – *Chassis are dynamically made to twist, so we try not to change the chassis but focus on key points like shackle points.*

Q – With the influx of overseas cars and trailers, is there confusion between tonne and ton in weights?

A – *All vehicles in Australia have to meet Australian Standards that are in metric.*

Q – Why is there a difference in towing capacity between diesel and petrol models of the same car?

A – *It is how the manufacturers define them.*

Q – Rated shackles for towing, there has been much talk of late?

A – *You should have a rated chain and shackle.*

Iain Ross thanked Paul for his most enlightening talk.

Iain also thanked our caterer Debbie who provided the meal for tonight.

Break for supper

Annual General Meeting (separate minutes)

VicRoads: AOMC have not received any feedback from the questions raised at the Seymour meeting as yet, but are having the next quarterly meeting with them in December and should have a response then.

2017 Car Shows: Classic showcase Sunday February 19, American Motoring Show Sunday March 5. Both shows are at Flemington. These are the major fund raiser for AOMC and it is imperative that they are supported by the clubs. Information is on the AOMC website and facebook site. It should be noted that \$2,000 each year goes to Wheelers Hill Lions Club's (WHL) preferred charity from these events. WHL volunteers operate the gates at the shows.

Engine Number Records: Philip Johnstone reported that the space where the records are stored has been increased, making it quicker and safer to access the records. The type of information that could be available is engine number, chassis number, first registration number and any subsequent changes. First owner details are available up to 1920.

Service can help with getting details for vehicles going onto CPS where a history is required. Also, a recent Unique cars article on fake cars was followed up with an advert for AOMC's Engine Number service as a way of proving authenticity.

Delegates Reports:

Peter Kerr (Peugeot CC) – French Car Festival on April 9th in Balwyn at Macleay Park. Hope to invite the Bugatti Club and looking to see if a delegate is present.

Trevor Leech (Singer CC) – Thanked the AOMC for the article in the November newsletter. The Singer Club formed in 1976, so it is their 40th year as well, and they will be having a major display at the Classic Showcase in February.

Rod Adler (Buick CC) – 50th year in 2017, and will be having a rally in Echuca sponsored by the RACV.

Tim Christie (Morris CC) – 30 year anniversary this year.

Len Kirwood (Austin 7) – Energy Breakthrough event was very big again this year. 300 vehicles and 6,000 competitors. The ingenuity of youth was on show, and they were all very well informed.

Bob Clark (CHACA) – remarked on the healthy turn out of delegates here tonight. In the early days of the Association they had trouble meeting the quorum of 10 before a meeting could be held.

General Business:

Mark Collier (Chrysler Restorers) – asked if the shows organisers have looked at schools such as Geelong Grammar for holding the shows at. Several car shows have been held at these venues by other groups. Iain Ross responded that any option will be looked at. Alan Fairweather (Western Restorers) noted that these venues are only available when boarders are not in residence, leaving a small time frame.

Tony Dixon (Daimler Lanchester) – asked if there is any news on the Pakenham Motorsport complex. Mick Kelly (Pakenam Auto Club) responded that the project has gone very quiet, with the people who proposed the complex unable to raise funds to follow through. Council has other ideas about the land and are looking to move the Pakenham club from the current facility. Daryl Meek noted that Mildura are going ahead with developing a motorsport complex.

Fred de Gooyer (Land Rover Owners) – asked if any clubs are charging administrative fees for CPS. Several delegates responded that they do, with charges ranging from \$10 to \$25. Bob Clarke (CHACA) suggested that clubs charge a fee for administration and pass some of it on to AOMC for overseeing scheme.

Bob Lomas (Austin Healy Sprite) – reported on an auction in 2 weeks on December 3rd in Benalla. Includes an FJ Holden that has been in storage since 1985, a Datsun 260Z with only 66,000km, FC Falcon panel van with 194km.

Grant Connell (Falcon GT) – raised issue of filling in log book when driving vehicle before and after midnight.

Facebook discussion has been ongoing. Apparently someone who was pulled over before midnight had their logbook checked and they had pre filled out for the next day as they intended to be driving after midnight and were fined. Iain Ross noted that pre filling in of logbook is illegal, but common sense would hold sway if you pulled over at 11.55pm and filled in your log book. Dennis Brooks noted that FAQ 36 states that a new entry must be made for trips extending beyond the current day.

Peter Truman (Triumph Enthusiasts) – suggested putting an advertisement with a job description for the role of secretary of the AOMC in the newsletter. Iain Ross responded that that will be done.

Daryl Meek (RACV) – The RACV will be running a new event on 30th April called the Florence Thompson tour. In

1905, Florence Thompson drove a Wolseley from Sydney to Melbourne. Entrants will be limited to female drivers, and vehicles will need to be at least 25 years old.

Bevan Fenner (Vic Military Vehicles) – noted that the entries for Australia Day in the Domain have been limited to 130 vehicles. Iain Ross added that he believes the process is to remove vehicles from the gardens area and onto Lithgow street.

It was moved Rod Adler (Buick), seconded Shirley Wade (Cool Classics) that the AOMC write to the Department of Premier and Cabinet to protest about the changes to arrangements for the Australia Day Domain car display. Carried.

Ray Beagley (Southern Peninsula) moved a vote of thanks to the minute secretary who somehow manages to get all the details down each meeting.

Bob Clark (CHACA) noted that in the AOMC 40th year publication it was mentioned that the AOMC was originally intended to be called the Association of One Make Clubs. He queried this because such an organisation already existed. Iain Ross confirmed this, adding that the AOMC had recently received a historic badge mould for the Association of One Make Clubs.

Iain Ross then thanked the Chevrolet Club and Keith Taylor in particular for the hospitality at the Chevrolet clubrooms over the years. Iain noted that the Chevrolet club took in the AOMC when they were forced out of Docklands years ago.

Iain Ross declared the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Delegates meetings will now be held on the 4th Monday of the month in February, May, August and November.

Next meeting will be on Monday 27th February at the Jaguar/Austin Healey rooms at 23 Rosalie Street, Springvale.