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TAMWORTH & DISTRICTS ANTIQUE MOTOR CLUB INC

P.O. Box 5045 Tamworth 2340



**HALFWAY
RALLY**
Tamworth
18-19 May

At Oxley
Lookout for
National
Motoring
Heritage Day
19th May

At Austin
Tourist Park
19th May

*Photos by
Gary Grout*



Tamworth & Districts Antique Motor Club Inc.

“Dedicated to the Restoration, Preservation & Use of Antique Motor Vehicles”

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Club Meetings: **FIRST THURSDAY** of each month (except January) **7.15 for 7.30pm start**
at Salvation Army Church Meeting Room
328 Goonoo Goonoo Road, South Tamworth

Committee Meetings: Third Thursday of each month (except January) 7.30 pm at venue to be advised
Members welcome to attend

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Requirements for vehicles/motorcycles on Historic Vehicle Scheme (HVS):

- They **MUST** be as **CLOSE TO ORIGINAL CONDITION** as possible, with **NO ALTERATIONS** except for safety features, such as turn indicators & seat belts, and **must be over 30 years old**.
- TDAMC Members are permitted to attend events listed in the ‘Rusty Relic’ Events page, but **you will need to carry a copy of the latest magazine or events page with you**.

Logbook 60-day scheme: Members that are on the 60-day Logbook Scheme must fill in the booklet for each day’s use **if it is not listed in Club Events**.

Logbook must be filled out for maintenance (test runs), rego checks & personal use and carried with you. (If not on logbook scheme you must contact the Secretary for maintenance runs and personal use).

See back page for more information

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) (previously RMS) website:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/vehicle-registration/how-to/historic-vehicles>



TDAMC EVENTS CALENDAR 2024

Events Co-Ordinators
 Gary Grout Ph 0427656149
 Barry Thomas Ph 0401435892

June	5	Wed Bike Ride for OLDER BIKES (also for cars) meet 10.00am at Bakery Goonoo Goonoo Rd
	6	General Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm Start – Salvation Army Meeting Room Memberships due 1 st July - Direct Payment BSB932000 TDAMC Acc N°100072873 \$25pp
	8-9	Club run for cars, bikes & trucks. Make your own way to Manilla (best day Saturday) for Manilla Vintage Machinery Group Rally, Manilla Showground – Sat. street parade starts 11am
	9	Short Club Run - meet at Bunnings between 9am & 11am for Show & Shine - Coffee available to buy - Option for drive/ride after 11.00am - lunch venue to be decided on the day
	19	Wed Bike Ride for OLDER BIKES meet 10.00am at Bakery 306 Goonoo Goonoo Rd Also for car members – lunch venue to be decided on the day
	19	Mid-week LUNCH meet 12.00noon at Central Chinese Restaurant, Bridge St phone 0427656149 for booking by 18 th June
	23	Club Run for cars & bikes – Meet 10am at Attunga Park, Manilla Rd for BYO M/T Lunch at Somerton Hotel – names needed for lunch by 19 June ph 0427656149
July	3	Wed Bike Ride for OLDER BIKES (also for cars) meet 10.00am at Bakery Goonoo Goonoo Rd
	4	AGM & General Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm Start – Salvation Army Meeting Room Memberships due 1st July - Direct Payment BSB932000 TDAMC Acc N°100072873 \$25pp
	14	Short Club Run - meet at Bunnings between 9am & 11am for Show & Shine - Coffee available to buy - Option for drive/ride after 11.00am - lunch venue to be decided on the day
	17	Wed Bike Ride for OLDER BIKES meet 10.00am at Bakery 306 Goonoo Goonoo Rd Also for car members – lunch venue to be decided on the day
	?	Mid-week LUNCH meet 12.00noon at place to be decided
	19-21	Annual TDAMC Bike Rally - based at Paradise Park, East Tamworth ph 0418805221 Club Run to be decided
Aug	1	General Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm Start – Salvation Army Meeting Room Memberships due 1 st July - Direct Payment BSB932000 TDAMC Acc N°100072873 \$25pp
	7&21	Wed Bike Ride for OLDER BIKES (also for cars) meet 10.00am at Bakery Goonoo Goonoo Rd
Oct	25-28	Great Eastland Rally based at Coffs Harbour Showground - hosted by Coffs Harbour Veteran Vintage and Classic Car Club & commemorating their 50 th Anniversary - <i>entry form available</i>

NOTE: When on a Tamworth & Districts Antique Motor Club Inc event the Club is not liable if you cause a road accident or breach road rules, it is the responsibility of the driver or rider.

OTHER EVENTS 2024 (Use LOGBOOK for these events if using Historic Registered Vehicle)

June	6	Every Thursday - LOGBOOK Tar Rides - meet 10.00am – BP Viaduct Service Station
	11&25	Tuesday - LOGBOOK Dirt Bike Rides – meet 10.00am at BP Viaduct Service Station
	21-23	100th Anniversary of the Australian Grand Prix in Goulburn Ph 0418166854 president@goulburnchamber.com.au
July	4	Every Thursday - LOGBOOK Tar Rides - meet 10.00am – BP Viaduct Service Station
	6-7	Coffs Harbour SUPER SWAP – Coffs Harbour Showground. Adults \$5 / Pensioners \$3 / Children free
	9&23	Tuesday - LOGBOOK Dirt Bike Rides – meet 10.00am at BP Viaduct Service Station
	28	Nabiac SWAP MEET for bikes
Aug	1	Every Thursday - LOGBOOK Tar Rides - meet 10.00am – BP Viaduct Service Station
	13&27	Tuesday - LOGBOOK Dirt Bike Rides – meet 10.00am at BP Viaduct Service Station
Sept	5	Every Thursday - LOGBOOK Tar Rides - meet 10.00am – BP Viaduct Service Station
	21-23	Parkes Antique Motor Club 46 th Motorcycle Rally
Nov	15-16	Annual Walcha Motorcycle Rally

TAMWORTH & DISTRICTS ANTIQUE MOTOR CLUB GENERAL MEETING

Held at Salvation Army Meeting Room, Goonoo Goonoo Rd, Tamworth – 2nd May 2024

Meeting opened 7.30pm by Mike Pett

Present: 22 members

Apologies: Neil Thornton, Mark Tallar, Bruce Turner, Fiona Hemmings, Gary & Karen Turner, Peter Baxter, Rob & Merrill Nixon, Bill Hobbins, Frank Edwards, Sue Hoffman, Wayne Walton, Pat Lawlor, Brian Wiggs, Ray Searle, Allen Carlson

Correspondence Out:

- Emailed Entry Form for the TDAMC Bike Rally to clubs.

Correspondence In:

- Letter from Quirindi Heritage Festival & Swap Meet with info for the festival on 3-5 May.
- Email from National Transport Museum, Inverell, with a list of 9 cars for sale: 1914 T model tourer, 1922 T Ford tourer, 1926 Chrysler tourer, 1928 Dodge tourer, 1929 Erskine, 1938 Chrysler Straight 8, 1939 Willy's, 1962 Chrysler Valiant & 1971 Dodge Phoenix from a deceased member. Ph Peter Bates 0427286547.
- Email from CHMC secretary with Meeting Minutes, President's Report, Correspondence In and Out, AHMF Report from CHMC delegate, Registrar's Report, Webmaster's Report, CHMC Registration Liaison TfNSW Report from meeting held on 29 March in Parkes.
- Newsletter from CHMC "Dinkum Oil #26".
- Statement from Regional Australia Bank and reinvestment of Term Savings A/C for 12mths.
- Information from Cancer Council for Biggest Morning Tea.
- Magazines from various clubs

Correspondence moved by:

Moved by Pat Jamieson seconded by Roger Garment

Minutes of meeting held on 4th April

Moved by Wayne Magann seconded by Jamie Toole

Treasurer's Report (from 1st - 30th April)

Income \$328.90 for term deposit. Expenditure: \$99 Edwards Printing

Moved by Peter Walton seconded by Jim Kline

General Business:

- Peter Walton has been in hospital - wishing you well Peter. Good to see you at the meeting.
- Roger Garment mentioned about the new printer, money well spent.
- **TDAMC Bike Rally ~ 19-21 July** - organisation going ok. Expect approximately 50 entrants. Paradise Tourist Park booked. Saturday evening meal booked with Red Rooster.
- **Halfway Rally ~ 18-19 May**
Val gave a run down. Entries are coming in. Club members have been sent their program and entry form. Members will get to have free Sunday morning tea and lunch. Names are needed for catering. All other meals need to be booked and paid for prior to rally.

Events Report:

- May 1 Ride for older bikes (also for cars) - meet 10am at Bakery on Goonoo Goonoo Rd
3-6 Valley Rally at Hat Head & Kempsey
4-5 Quirindi Rural Heritage Village Swap Meet & Show & Shine & Miniature Railway Festival. Saturday Street Parade starts at 9.30am.
12 Short Club Run - meet at Bunnings between 9 & 11am for Show & Shine – Coffee available to buy, option for drive/ride after 11am - lunch venue to be decided on the day.
15 Ride for older bikes also for cars - meet 10am at Bakery on Goonoo Goonoo Rd
Also for cars - lunch venue to be decided on the day
18-19 Halfway Rally – hosted by TDAMC contact 0427656149. Entries close 9th May.
22 Mid Week LUNCH - meet 12noon at Dragon Palace Chinese Restaurant
26 Cancer Council's Biggest Morning – meet 10am at Lions/Truckies Park.
Bring a plate of food to share. Drive/ride after to be decided on the day.

Logbook Events

Every Thurs Logbook tar rides - meet 10am at Viaduct Park Servo

2nd&4th Tues Logbook dirt bike rides - meet 10am at
Viaduct Park Servo

Other Events as per events page

Social Committee: Raffle won by Wayne Magann

Sargent at Arms: no report

Meeting Closed: 8.15pm

Next Meeting Date: General Meeting to be held 6th June

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**JUNE: 26<sup>th</sup> Dave Smith<sup>2</sup>**



Barry Thomas being presented best bike member trophy by Mike Pett

### **HISTORIC VEHICLE/BIKE REGISTRATIONS**

If your HVS vehicle is **due for registration within the next 2 months**, collect a signed and stamped RMS "Historic Vehicle Declaration 1259 Form" from Val at a meeting or on a club run, or arrange with Val to have it mailed to you. *(It must be original so cannot be emailed)*. Gregg McLean can also stamp and sign off on the 1259 Form.

Phone Peter Walton on 0414669434 for Rego checks on motorcycles and you will be able to get the form stamped and signed then, **as long as your membership is current**.

Wayne Walton is also doing rego checks for bikes ph 0421110634.

***(Membership payments due 1st July)***

### **LOGBOOK RIDES – May 2024**

#### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Tar Ride**

Things didn't start well today. Rolled out the old Suzuki for a run but battery dead flat. Jumper leads and she quickly fired into life. Coffee with the boys and hoping enough charge in the battery to fire up again. Just a lovely day for a ride today so headed to Loomberah Hall via Nemingha. Decided to give Dungowan Road a miss due to slippery culvert. Right turn at Loomberah Hall and across to Sydney Road. Roadworks at junction but only held up for a few minutes. Back into town and home for lunch. Short little ride but enough to fully charge battery. Company good as always.

#### **Tuesday – 14<sup>th</sup> May – Dirt Ride**

Good roll up again today. Destination Warrabah National Park or so we thought. Headed out to Manilla via Yarramanbully Road, out past the cemetery onto Crow Mountain Road then following Namoi River. Warrabah Park closed and locked so pulled off road at the Blue Hole. Nice spot, deep and very clean. Had a bit of trouble finding dry wood to start a fire and boil the billy but well worth the effort. Nice cup of tea and a sandwich, then headed back to Manilla on the tar road this time. Got on the Old Manilla-Tamworth Road (runs parallel to main road for a few klms) nearly all overgrown now but some parts still visible. Headed towards Somerton, bridge still out so did a bit of a detour and managed to get back onto Upper Somerton Road (mostly dirt, Lower Somerton Road all tar).

Regrouped at Attunga for a yarn. Nearly going to say no falls today but one bloke managed to fall off in the car park. 190klms today, all bikes going well.

#### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Tar Ride**

Nobody real keen for a ride today, just coffee and a yarn. Usually happens when we do a dirt ride just two days earlier. Always a good crowd for coffee.

#### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Dirt Ride**

Eleven riders today for dirt ride to Hanging Rock. One bike with flat tyre at Servo so down to ten riders before we finished coffee. Decided to ride to Nundle Forest in an anti-clockwise direction this time.

Marsden Park Road, Lindsays Gap Road towards Wallabadah then looping back to Nundle on Old Wallabadah Road (all dirt).

Lunch at Nundle Café then up the mountain to Hanging Rock Cemetery. Timber trucks all heading down the mountain so no holdups this time. Cold in the forest but roads pretty good. A little more difficult riding down the mountain then up, but that's always the case. Nice change going in a different direction than usual.

Regrouped at Woolomin then Westbank Road to Dungowan. A few new lanes eventually coming out at Agricultural Station on Calala Lane. 180kms of dirt today with no falls so an enjoyable day was had by all. Country looking green and with more rain predicted this weekend, farmers should be smiling.



Barry Thomas

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Tar Ride**

Nothing doing today, just coffee and a yarn. Usually check out the bikes to see if anyone's got anything new. May has come and gone, wow where did it go. - Barry Thomas

- Logbook Tar Rides every Thursday – meet 10am Viaduct Park Servo
- Logbook Dirt Ride- Second & fourth Tuesdays – meet 10am Viaduct Park Servo
- Rides for older bikes 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday – meet 10am at Bakery on Goonoo Goonoo Rd

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**BIKE RIDE FOR OLDER BIKES AND CARS – 15<sup>th</sup> May**

There were only two old bikes this time at the bakery on Goonoo Goonoo for morning tea. While we were seated in the open window area a man rode past on the footpath on a three wheeler push bike with a canopy and a man on a moped with a canopy went past (can't count them). Warwick Budd and Dave Smith<sup>2</sup> were the only riders. Ray Searle usually attends but he was off somewhere on a grey nomad trip. Also enjoying a coffee, donut and a chat were: Gregg McLean - 1962 Austin Healey Sprite; Gary & Val Grout - 1964 EH Holden; David Smith<sup>1</sup> & Peter Walton in modern cars. Dave<sup>2</sup> left early after coffee to have flu vaccination, leaving Warwick to ride on his own back to Kootingal. - Val Grout

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**BUNNINGS SHOW & SHINE – 12<sup>th</sup> May**

TDAMC attendees were: Dave Smith<sup>2</sup> - 1986 BMW coupe; Gregg McLean - 1962 Austin Healey Sprite; Pat Lawlor - 1952 MG TD; Mark Jeanes - 1962 Studebaker; David Smith<sup>1</sup>; Gary & Val Grout; Steve & Judy Grierson. Not many cars on display this time as it was Mother's Day. Plenty of talking in the coffee shop. Saw Michael Jeans there from TVCC. - Val Grout



Gregg McLean's Austin Healey Sprite at Bunnings



**MID WEEK LUNCH – 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

Attendees were: Gary & Val; Steve, Judy & Steve’s daughter Deanne, David!; Jim, Auriel & Jims’s sister Beryl; Warwick & Allison.

Now that the weather is getting colder we have decided to change from nighttime meals to lunch. We met for a Chinese lunch at the classy looking Dragon Palace, and we had the large table near the front window. Lunch meal is cheaper than evening, so they give you a large serving of rice. Meals were good. We discussed things that our Council is spending millions of dollars on and reckoning that they are wasting money, such as Ray Walsh House and the Art Centre.

After lunch David, Steve, Judy, Deanne, Val & Gary went across the street to Hungry Jacks for a Sunday on Wednesday. We discussed TV shows and watching Tipping Point which I reckoned when it first started that it’s a bit like playing a poker machine (which I don’t play). I am now addicted to watching Tipping Point. Now when I go to the supermarket some things I want are on the top shelf, where it’s hard for me to reach, so I grab another item and use it to push it over the tipping point. It is then in my reach.  
- Val Grout

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VALLEY RALLY - HAT HEAD - 3-6 May

TDAMC attendees were: Jim Kline & Auriel Smart; Gary & Val Grout; David Smith; Dave & Wendy Smith. We all left on the Friday morning in modern cars with David towing his van. Morning tea was at Walcha, lunch at Long Flat. A few had the best and biggest salad sandwiches from the shop. All arrived ok at Hat Head Tourist Park for our accommodation in the cabins, David in his van. We took our own food for the evening meal. There was no evening meals organised for the rally.

Saturday morning we followed Kempsey Macleay club member almost to South West Rocks, then along the old highway into Kempsey to the Riverside markets where historic cars were parked on show for judging. Modern cars were in a separate area. Had a look at cars and judged best car then a walk around the markets. All done by mid-morning, so we decided to leave and go to South West Rocks where we did our usual, having ice cream at Horseshoe Bay. Some went back for seconds, then took a walk over the hill looking across towards Trial Bay. We then decided we may as well get lunch. There was a bit of a domestic over spring rolls and Chiko Rolls but had to take what they got to keep the peace. Gary and I shared fish, chips & salad. Did a bit of shopping at the supermarket for Saturday & Sunday night’s meals before going back to Hat Head for a rest.

Jim brought his Weber for us to bbq on for the evening meal that we had at the park camp area.

Sunday morning the guys went to buy prawns from Jerseyville Co-op. We then left for Kempsey Heights Bowling Club for lunch, presentation, raffle and auction. Roast meals were very good. That night it was our usual seafood night for our group on our cabin balcony.

Monday morning we were off for home except for David who went to Port Macquarie to his brother’s place and to do a bit of fishing. It didn’t happen, weather wasn’t suitable. It rained very heavily at night during the weekend and seas were rough. Not as many participants from other clubs attending the rally except for Hastings Club members.
- Val Grout



Rally winner – 1928 Chev ute



Tray back of the 1928 Chev ute



A few of the vehicles on show at the Kempsey Riverside Markets



Two EH Holdens from Hastings Auto Restorers Society



Icecream time at South West Rocks



Did you ask for a Chiko Roll or was it a spring roll



Jim eating 2nd double icecream, Auriel only had one



Dave² & Wendy, with Jim cooking on his Weber

- photos by Gary & Val Grout

HALFWAY RALLY - TAMWORTH - 18-19 May

Rally started with registration at 8.30am on Saturday at Paradise Recreation area, King George Avenue. We used the \$600,00 picnic construction (which is hardly used) that was built over the wells at the old pumping station which had asbestos. Halfway Rally participants were from Newcastle, Upper Hunter, Bellbird, Central Coast Antique Motor Club and Hastings Auto Restorers Society.

Participants were given rally direction instructions sheets, maps, rally bag etc. They were instructed to start off following Grouts in a cream EH Holden. What could go wrong having four EH Holdens, (cream, green, red, & blue)? The red EH Holden stopped for a toilet break at Hungry Jacks and the green EH left early to get fuel, so a few followed the green, not cream, going around in circles while they were trying to find a servo. When Gary and I left in the cream EH we saw the red one stopped and then came across the green one ahead of us at the Ebsworth Street traffic lights. Lost it when lights changed red for us.

We went the long way to Manilla via Wallamore Rd, Appleby Lane then onto Manilla Rd. Meanwhile the red EH didn't have any cars to follow so turned left (instead of right on instructions) and ended up on Oxley Hwy and back into Tamworth. So then they went straight out Manilla Rd after taking the extra long way to Manilla.



Red EH Holden finally made it to Manilla

The markets were on in Manilla so there were lots of locals parked in the main street making it a bit hard to find a park. Some participants went to the markets, museum, bakery, or had coffee at Molly Mays Café. Tamworth Regional Councillors were at the markets (probably getting thoughts from locals about rate rises). Rally participant, Peter Asquith, got talking to Councillor Bede Burke and he offered for us to have a tour of his large property (with chooks, cattle, crops) about 3k from Somerton.

Next leg after morning tea was along Rushes Creek Road, then left onto Oxley Hwy to Somerton Pub for choice of hamburger or finger food for lunch. After lunch a few went on the farm tour. Sky was looking rather dark across Tamworth when on the way back, fortunately we missed the light hailstorm. Strong cool winds had struck up when on way to and from Somerton, but weather was good in Manilla.

Evening meal was at the North Tamworth Bowling Club with a new chef who served up good two course meals. The club co-ordinated the Services Club courtesy buses to transport participants to and from their motels to the club on both nights. This was much appreciated.

Sunday was National Motoring Heritage Day, so we met up at the Lookout with North West Rally participants hosted by Tamworth Vintage Car Club. What a fantastic display of around 80 historic cars. TVCC provided morning tea for their group and our club supplied it for our group. Roger and helpers had tables and gas urn all set up for cuppas. Tasty sandwiches made by Auriel and Wendy went fast and the scones made by Steve & Judy were very good 😊😊😊😊

While our catering club members moved on to set up for lunch, Gary and I lead participants on a drive through Moore Creek, to Kootingal, Back Kooty Rd to Nemingha onto Austin Tourist Park for lunch. Great teamwork by members: Frank had tables and chairs set up, Roger with tables and gas urn, Jim & Dave cooking sausages, Wendy & Auriel had salads already prepared ready for them to serve up. Griersons had left over scones.

The evening meal was back at North Bowlo, a choice of chicken or barramundi, both were very good, and the raffle prizes were drawn. A prize was given to Geoff Prescott for driving one of the older cars, 1946 Hillman, without a navigator. He said that it might take a bit to get it up the lookout road. We followed him up the hill and the car went very well, after all the speed limit is only 40k. The oldest car was Wayne and Janelle Brooks' 1937 Chevrolet.



(pictured right)

Rally went well, lovely lot of participants that enjoyed the drives, food and a chance to catch up with friends from other clubs. Monday morning participants awoke to a frost on their cars. We were lucky the weather was pretty good during the weekend (18 degrees max Saturday and 19 max on Sunday).

A big thank you to Steve, Judy, Auriel, Wendy, Jim, Dave, Frank, Roger and their helpers for Sunday morning tea, and lunch. Also thanks for marshals: Barry Thomas, Gregg Mclean, & Brian Wiggs, as well as 'tail end Charlie' Allen Carlson & Mike Pett. Special thanks to my assistant, Gary.

During the weekend TDAMC attendees were: Jim Kline & Auriel Smart; David Smith - 1993 Ford Capri; Dave & Wendy Smith - 1986 BMW Coupe; Roger & Jenny Garment - 1987 Nissan; Gary & Val Grout - 1964 EH Holden; Steve & Judy Grierson - 1937 Buick; Brian Wiggs - 1981 Porsche; Gregg McLean - 1962 Austin Healey Sprite; Barry Thomas - 1965 Triumph motorcycle; Warwick & Meredith Budd - 1958 Standard; Pat Lawlor - 1952 MGTD; Frank Edwards - 1985 Commodore wagon; Mike Pett; Allen Carlson; Bev Smith; Warwick & Allison Hord; Fiona Hemmings. (There may have been others that I didn't see at the Lookout).
- Val Grout

Northern Daily Leader did a report that was printed in the following Saturday's paper, also went in the online version on the Thursday.

NBN News took footage of Sunday at the lookout which went to air that night (open link below to see it).

<https://www.nbnnews.com.au/2024/05/19/vintage-cars-celebrated-at-tamworths-lookout/>



Pat Lawlor, Graeme & Dorothy Branch, Barry Thomas, Allen Carlson & Mike Pett enjoying coffee at Molly Mays



A few of the cars at Somerton Hotel



Grout's EH Holden & Frank Donaldson's EH Holden



Geoff Prescott's 1946 Hillman, Upward's green EH & Lee Lang's 1964 Austin Healey at Somerton Pub



Cars rolling into Somerton Pub car park, while the clouds were rolling in over Tamworth
photos by Gary & Val Grout

NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY -19 May 2024



Halfway Rally cars at Oxley Lookout



Few of the cars from Halfway & North West Rallies @ Lookout



Morning tea at Oxley Lookout



Bowler Hat Chefs Jim & Dave cooking at Austin Tourist Park



Newcastle Club relaxing at lunch at Austin Tourist Park



Bellbird Club at lunch time



Lunch time - Grierson's Buick & David's Capri in background



Val enjoying lunch provided by our club members

- photos by Gary Grout

MORE THAN 80 HERITAGE CARS FILL TAMWORTH LOOKOUT TO CELEBRATE MOTORING HISTORY – 19 May 2024

Reprint from “Northern Daily Leader”
report by Johnathan Hawes – 23 May 2024



Namoi Valley Antique Vehicle Club member Tony Wills at the National Motoring Heritage Day celebration at Oxley Scenic Lookout.

Picture by Peter Hardin

Residents had plenty to look at, at the lookout over the weekend when dozens of vintage cars rolled through for National Motoring Heritage Day.

Cars from the '30s up to the '90s fanned out on the Oxley Scenic Lookout on Sunday, May 19, with motorists proudly displaying their passion projects from across the state.

Car owners made the drive from Cessnock, the Central Coast, and Newcastle to be part of the show alongside many members of local car clubs including the Tamworth Vintage Car Club, Tamworth and Districts Antique Motor Club.

The participating motor enthusiasts said the day was a great chance to connect with other vintage car owners, a dying breed as classic cars become more scarce and modern cars become too advanced to repair without specialised equipment.

There were a total of around 80 cars of all stripes at the lookout on Sunday, from classic Holdens to sporty Chevrolets and one very expensive-looking Ferrari.



Tamworth & Districts Antique Motor Club member Steve Grierson. Picture by Peter Hardin



*A few of the Halfway Rally cars at the Oxley Lookout
Pictures by Peter Hardin*



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The Secretary
Tamworth & District Antique Motor Club Inc
28 Minnamurra Crescent
Tamworth NSW 2340.
27 May 2024.

This is a thank you on behalf of our members who recently attended the Half Way Rally on the 18 and 19 May 2024.

Your chosen routes on both days were excellent, with rural views and pretty scenery off the normal beaten tracks. North Tamworth Bowling Club was a perfect venue each night. The catering and food was excellent. I have to mention the Pub at Somerton for our lunch stop. They provided finger food and hamburgers feeding the mob in quick time. My hamburger was the best that I have enjoyed in a long time. Lunch on Sunday at Austin Caravan Park was equally as good and well organized.

Our thanks go to your members for the effort you put into providing a great weekend for all the participants to enjoy. It was noticeable that Garry and Val Grout put in the extra yards starting from Saturday morning to Sunday evening. A special thanks to both of you for being heavily involved from start to finish.

Once again thank you all for organizing a wonderful weekend for us 'Old car' enthusiasts to enjoy with like minded people.


Frank Donaldson (Pres)
CCACMC Inc

The first Vintage Car Club on the Central Coast

SAVE THE DATE



TAMWORTH & DISTRICTS ANTIQUE MOTOR CLUB

ANNUAL BIKE RALLY

19th 20th & 21st July 2024 based at Paradise Tourist Park

Entry Forms are now available

Contact: 0418 805 221 OR Email: tamworth.damc@gmail.com

CANCER COUNCILS BIGGEST MORNING TEA - 26 May

It's been a busy month with Hat Head Rally, bike rides, Bunnings Show & Shine, Halfway Rally weekend, Mid-week lunch, and now the Biggest Morning Tea.

We have been participating in it for 20 years holding it in various places. This time it was held at Lions/Truckies Park. Unfortunately many of us have had family or friends that have had cancer.

Attendees were: Roger & Jenny Garment 1987 Nissan with club trailer; Brian & Pat Jamieson; David Smith¹ - 1992 Ford Capri; Dave Smith² - 1986 BMW Coupe; Jim Kline & Auriel Smart - 1958 Morris Minor; Mike Pett - Triumph Dolomite; Pat Lawlor -1952 MGTD; Bruce Barnes & friend - 1964 Cortina; Gary & Val Grout; Bev Smith; Steve & Judy Grierson & daughter Bec; Allen Carlson; Warwick & Allison Hord; Mark Jeanes; Michael Jeanes - 1963 Plymouth Valiant.

Lots of yummy food brought in to share. Thanks to those that brought the food and thanks to Roger for bringing the club's gas urn and Dave for the supper basket with tea, coffee etc. and for the sandwiches that Wendy made. Unfortunately, Wendy ended up in hospital early this morning. We wish her well and hope that she will be home soon. Thanks to those who donated to the Cancer Council raising \$180.

We were going to do a drive to Woolomin for lunch but there were only a couple of takers so canned it after having plenty to eat for morning tea. - Val Grout



Bec, Judy Grierson, & David Smith¹



Steve Grierson donating to Cancer Council



Enjoying the yummy food brought in by club members



Mike Pett's Triumph, Jim & Auriel's Morris Minor

- photos by Gary Grout



THE DINKUM OIL # 27

A drop from the Council of Heritage Motor Clubs to keep you going

June 4 2024

- Vehicles travelling in convoy on highways well below the posted speed limit should allow enough distance between vehicles to allow a semi- trailer to overtake safely. At 70klm /hour this equates to about 10 car spaces in good weather, more if road is wet.
- Taxation...Some clubs have received letters from the ATO requesting them to self-assess their income tax status. Although “not for profit”, car clubs have not been granted “Tax Exempt” status. CHMC is NOT a registered tax agent, and we recommend that clubs seek professional advice before self-assessing.
- Mobile phone detection cameras can now detect instances where seat belts are not being worn. These cameras are not speed cameras. When seat belts are fitted to a vehicle (regardless of the age of the vehicle) they must be worn. Before a fine is issued images are viewed 3 times by an actual person. The link below provides additional information on this programme. [https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/topics-tips/seatbelts#frequently asked questions](https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/topics-tips/seatbelts#frequently%20asked%20questions).
- Workshops on registration issues or general club issues can be arranged. If your club is interested in hosting a meeting in your area then please contact: Peter Wright on 0417 250 798.
- CHMC 2025 Annual Rally, Dubbo from Friday 28 – Monday 31 March 2025. Host club: Dubbo Antique Automobile Club. Entry Forms have been sent to all CHMC clubs or are available at: email: daac.rally@gmail.com or phone: Matt Lack (Rally Director) 0428 827 287. Entries close: 28 February 2025.

More information about this, and other items of interest, can be found on Council’s website:

www.heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au

www.facebook.com/CHMCNSW

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OLD CAR ENTHUSIAST

The Auto Wash Bowl in Chicago circa 1920's. Lots of dirt roads back then. "The nearly 80-foot-wide, ridged concrete bowl was about 16 inches at its deepest point in the centre. Customers paid 25 cents to an attendant who strapped a protective rubber cover over the radiator. Patrons would then enter the bowl via a ramp and drive their cars around and around the bowl at a speed of about 10 miles per hour. The ridges in the concrete would vibrate the car and the water, creating a sloshing action that helped wash away all the mud from the chassis and wheels.

The process took about three or four minutes. The car would then exit the bowl where patrons who wanted a complete car wash could enter one of the bays where the rest of the car would be cleaned. On a busy Saturday, about 75 cars per hour would go for a spin in the wash bowl."



Copied from the Vintage Everyday website – contributed by Frank Edwards

JUST FOR FUN

"When I was your age," said the father to his teenage son, "I would be up at dawn, run ten miles across frosty ground, dive into the sea, run another mile along the beach, and sprint all the way home. I would do all that before breakfast and think nothing of it."
His son yawned and said, "I don't think much of it either, myself."

Young Johnny was late for school again.

"And what kept you this time Johnny?" asked the teacher in despair of another yarn.

"It's the breeding season, Miss, and I had to put the bull to the cows," he said.

"Couldn't your father do that?" she asked

"No," said Johnny, "it's gotta be a bull."

A politician was discussing the state of the economy at a public meeting and was taking questions and statement from the floor of the meeting.

Fred a local businessman sick of all the glib answers got to his feet.

"I am sick of you saying that the Government is taking steps to fix the cost of living. You lot just don't know things are so bad round here that even the people who never pay are feeling the cost of living!"

I have come to ask for your daughter's hand."

"Okay take the one that's always in my pocket."

A highway patrol cop got out of his car as the youth who was stopped for speeding rolled down his window.

"I've been waiting for you all day" the copper said.

The youth replied. "Yeah, well I got here as fast as I could."

When the cop stopped laughing, he sent the youth on his way without a ticket.



~ ~ NOTICES ~ ~

- Rego checks for HVS (Historic Vehicle Scheme) cars to be done with Stuart, Brent or Dion Larkham at Engines 4U, 117 Marius St, Tamworth - Phone 67613636 for booking.
- Cars new to the club are to be inspected for HVS eligibility by David Smith¹ ph 0411351418.
- Rego checks for HVS motorcycles to be done by Peter Walton ph 0414669434, or Wayne Walton ph 0421110634, or at Engines 4U ph 67613636 for booking.

Requirements for vehicles/motorcycles on HVS (Historic Vehicle Scheme):

- They **MUST** be as **CLOSE TO ORIGINAL CONDITION** as possible, with **NO ALTERATIONS** except for safety features and must be **OVER 30 YEARS OLD**.

USE OF LOGBOOK: *(a new Logbook will only be issued by RMS when your registration is due)*

- Logbooks allow up to 60 days use per registration year. They are to be used for maintenance, Rego checks and personal use when out on a public road if it is not listed in TDAMC events.
- The driver's **FULL NAME** and the date must be entered in the Logbook at the start of each day's use. Only one entry per day is required, regardless of how many different drivers or trips taken that day.
- Entries in the Logbook must be in blue or black ink and must be carried in the vehicle when in use.
- Logbooks must be made available on request by a NSW Police Officer or an Authorised Officer and may be subject to audit.
- If the allocated 60 days Logbook use is exhausted, the vehicle can **ONLY** be used for club related events.

IF NOT ON THE LOGBOOK SCHEME maintenance runs need to go in the Day Book held by the secretary, also if attending rallies that are not listed in the magazine a Permit to Move Form is to be filled out.

FOR CLUB EVENTS: you need to carry a copy of the club's magazine or events page.

NOTE: TDAMC members with HVS registered vehicles/bikes **must attend at least 3 events per year**.

When out on the road on a TDAMC event make sure you abide by the road rules – **the driver/rider is responsible if in breach of RMS road rules or in an accident that the driver/rider is at fault.**