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Ray Anderson's 1961 Zephyr Police Divisional Van

MARYBOROUGH DISTRICT HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB Inc.

Reg. No. AOO19397 S

MISSION The aim of the Club is to encourage the preservation, restoration, and use of historic vehicles.

MEETINGS Club meetings are held at 7.30 p.m. second Wednesday of each month at MDHVC Velodrome Clubrooms, off Avoca Road, Maryborough, unless otherwise notified.
Outings are held on the last Sunday of the month, as advised in the DIARY section of our newsletter, Auto Torque.

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MDHVC is a Member of the Federation of Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Clubs

Wanted to buy, swap or sell - cars must have VIN number and price.

If you want Auto Torque emailed, (only way to **guarantee** you getting A/T before the meeting - please let Secretary know. (Send me an email, then I have your correct email)

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Maryborough District Historic Vehicle Club also allows for this Newsletter to be distributed by email to other Clubs' members, but publication on other web sites is not allowed.

CLUB CALENDAR

March 13th	General Meeting
March 17th	Pyrenees Club Show 'n' Shine at Natte Yallock
March 23rd	Eddington Sprints
March 31st	Club Run to Holden museum Metcalfe
April 10th	General Meeting 7.30pm

SUPPER ROSTER

March 13th Robert & Rhonda DaBonde, Rosita Day, Jim Dewar

duties

Setting out the chairs before meeting and wash/clean up afterwards.
Tea/coffee and biscuits to be provided by club.

CLUB PERMIT RENEWALS

April 2024 Darren Alexander, Daryl Barry, Simon Kelly, Bruce Leech,
Roland Stewart-Stevens, Tony Whelan, Don Wilson.

Non – club events

March 3rd 2024	Carz 'n' Coffee Alma St carpark
March 17th 2024	Pyrenees Club – Hosting Show 'n' Shine at Natte Yallock
March 17th 2024	All Ford Day - Eastern Park Geelong
March 23rd 2024	Eddington Sprints
March 24th 2024	All Holden/GM day – Bendigo Showgrounds
March 30th 2024	Easter Market Ararat
March 31st 2024	Wunghnu Federation Picnic
April 20th 2024	Logan Car, bike and truck show (Saturday)
May 5th 2024	Federation Scoresby Picnic – Ferntree Gully rd

If you know of any other event which could be of interest to our members, please let me know via a text to my phone as listed on page 2

President's Prattle

Hi everyone, Keith is flat out and asked I type up a brief message.

Keith has phoned everyone on the current phone list and only one person has asked to not be listed, therefore there will be an updated phone contact list available for collection at the next few meetings.

Keith has pointed out that some clubs like the Chrysler Club also have listings for people with vehicles, so as to allow others looking for advice to directly call someone with the same model.

This will be discussed at the next General Meeting to see if this might be something club members wish to do.

If this were to proceed, then in May the Membership Renewal form will have a box with the option to add your vehicles to such a list or withhold the information.

As secretary I often have calls about the club. A gentleman in the district asked during the Covid lockdown about joining the club as he has a Mighty Boy. I advised him we have 2 club members with this vehicle, and one regularly attends meetings. Sadly, he never came along to a meeting.

Amanda Gardner

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Prior to 1959 the Victoria Police used Dodge vans called 'Black Marias' as divisional vans, and then they ordered Ford Mainline utilities fitted with a canopy, as well as 16 Zephyr utilities, also with a canopy fitted.

Ray spotted this rather worn-out, but still almost complete, Mark 2 Ford Zephyr divisional van behind a shop in Dunolly in 2008, where it rested after having been used as a farm hack. Ray asked if it was for sale, and the owner said 'No', as he intended to restore it himself. Ray left his phone number and was surprised to receive a call some months later wanting to know if he was still interested. Price was discussed, an agreement reached, and Ray took the van home and set about its restoration.

The body was given a thorough going-over, being sand-blasted, all rust cut out and new metal welded in, and new rear doors fabricated to fit the opening. The original doors were not with the vehicle, so the doors had to be fabricated without a pattern and made to fit. New seats for the rear compartment were also fabricated, and the whole vehicle was repainted in the original Police colour. (If my memory is correct, I think it was called Powder Blue -ed). The mechanicals were also thoroughly overhauled, by his nephew Darren Anderson, and the upholstery was renewed, and the interior brought back to look like new.

The van hit the road again in 2013 and Ray believes that this is the only remaining Zephyr Divvy van in Victoria. As a member of the Police Historical Society, Ray has been allowed to fit both an operating siren and blue light to the vehicle. However, these are not allowed to be used whilst the vehicle is in motion, and an isolating switch has been fitted under the bonnet to comply with regulations.

If you think you have seen this van before, the chances are that you have, as it regularly appeared in the ABC television series '***Dr Blake Mysteries***' which aired from 2013. Also appearing in this show was a 1954 Mark 1 Zephyr sedan in Police form and when the TV show finished, Ray was offered the chance to buy this car too, and of course he did. But he has since sold this car, (it is still locally owned), and has now purchased the first representation of the Mark 2 Zephyr sedan, - also a Police car. This can be identified by the circular park/turn lights at the front, and his Divvy van is the update model with the vertical park/turn lights, and a slightly redesigned grille.

Ray's van always draws a crowd whenever he displays it, and so too will his sedan, especially when they are displayed together.

My friend Harold, says“I like cooking my wife and my dog.
(Use punctuation – it will save lives.”)

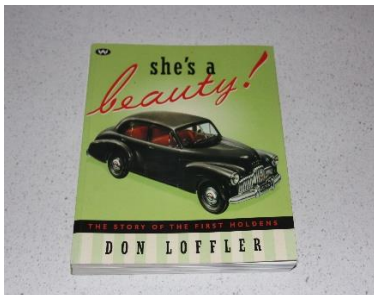
February lunch run to Eddie’s Garage at Eddington on the 18th – We had a good turn-up of members for this outing. The hamburgers are so full of food that some people resorted to using cutlery, whilst others stretched their mouth around them. Focaccias were also popular and even the humble scones with jam and cream was seen. A very warm day, with good company and a good range of cars to see.

Attending were:

Russell & Julian Bell	1973 Cadillac	Don Thornhill	Rover
Trevor & Kayleen Tonkin	Celica	Lindsay Crawford	Triumph
Ray, Maree, Bruce & Judy Anderson		Zephyr	

and in modern were: Isobel Hawksley, Cheryl Saint, Ron & Helen Kennedy, Ivan & Robyn Shrubsole, Bill & Louise Wilson, Joe & Kath Chapman, and Doug & Janet Brimmell.

For Sale



'She's a Beauty' Don Loffler's book on the development of the 48-215 Holden. In excellent condition. \$40.00 (plus \$10.00 postage if required) Contact Ron on 0408 055 438.

Sunday Lunch Run – March 17th

Our Sunday lunch run for March coincides with the Show 'n' Shine conducted by the Pyrenees Club at Natte Yallock. Russell is working on having the club attend at Natte and then going on to Avoca to the newly re-opened Avoca Hotel for lunch. He will have more information at the March meeting.

Picnic Run to Mt Franklin

On Sunday 25th of February we assembled at the railway station and headed towards Mt Franklin, an extinct volcano. Instead of travelling the usual way via the Pyrenees Highway, we were led by Dani DeVilliers on a scenic route which took in sights of farmland and forest, hills and flat land, and corners and straight roads. Travelling through small communities and towns, which we seldom do, we arrived in the crater and set up our tables and chairs in a shady spot and proceeded to enjoy good company and conversation. Lunch was soon dispensed with and after more chatting, the time had come to depart for home.

Those attending were:

Keith & Maria Dodkins	1964 Valiant	Rob & Dot Barry	1990 Mazda MX5
Ron & Helen Kennedy	1977 Cressida	Fred & Gwen Seers	1961 Fairlane
Geoff Lucas	1966 Mustang	Kaye Lucas	1965 Mustang
Laurie Cooke & Di Smith	1999 Mercedes	Russell Bell	1973 Cadillac
Les & Val Barry, Bruce & Judy Anderson		modern	
Dani DeVilliers & Bill Wilson		Mercedes 190SL	
Eddie Vincent & Jennie Austin		1973 Ford Escort	



Vic Roads has advised that the Vic Roads agency conducted by Central Goldfields Shire at the Council office in Maryborough will be working reduced days and hours from February 19th.

The office will now be open from Monday to Thursday from 9.00am to 11.45am, and from 12.30pm until 4.00pm.

See the ad in the Maryborough Advertiser of Feb 27th, or the copy on our notice board for more information.

Item for discussion at the March meeting

As mentioned in the President's Prattle, a suggestion has been put forward that a list of members, their private information, and their cars be compiled for access by members.

This will be discussed at this meeting, so give it some thought because privacy issues play a big part in today's society.

MDHVC Birthday celebrations



Graham Colliccoat cutting the cake.

In February 1989 our club was formed after a chance meeting when Harry Griffin saw Stan Trengove washing his 1948 Vauxhall sedan. Following this casual encounter, the club was formed, and these two men went on to hold the positions of President and Secretary respectively.

We celebrated our 35th anniversary at our February meeting with a special cake baked and decorated by club member Kaye Lucas. It was a cream filled sponge cake and was ceremonially cut by a long serving member, Graham Colliccoat, in honour of the occasion.

The cake was delicious, and much licking of fingers was done as the large sponge cake with cream filling and icing was vigorously eaten. A big 'Thank you' is extended to Kaye for preparing this for us.

General Meeting Wednesday 14th February 2023

OPENED: The meeting opened at 7:35PM President Keith Dodkins welcomed all members, commenting on the big turnout after power outages the day before, Stan Graham was the only visitor and he was promptly voted into the club.

PRESENT: Forty-three (43) members and visitor Stan Graham as per the attendance book.

APOLOGIES: Daryl Barry, Dan Mullins, Doug Brimmell, Sandra Collier, Di Smith, Ben Stewart, Darren & Ray Anderson, Dolly Evans, Graham Moore & Bill Wilson.

MINUTES: Minutes of the prior General Meeting in January 2023 as published in Auto Torque, were submitted for confirmation Moved: Graham Colliccoat Sec'd: Peter Gray Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: NIL.

CORRESPONDENCE:

In: 7 Club Newsletters.
Bendigo bank statement.
CGS Council rent Invoice & Statement \$18.33

Emails: FOR SALE Vintage 1925 Renault Tourer NN2
Eddington Sprints Sat 23 Mar 2024 10:00am - 05:00pm
Federation Agenda for meeting in Maryborough last Saturday.
Toyota Good for Cricket Raffle - Maryborough Cricket Club will get to keep 100% of the proceeds.
FOR SALE - An original 1954 Dodge (D49) Kingsway Custom Sedan

Flyer: Moyston Easter Market Ararat March 30th.
Goldfields Community Festival April 27th 2024 – seeking volunteers and stalls
Moved: Amanda Gardner Sec'd: Ray Jessup Carried

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Laurie Cooke gave a verbal report on Club finances for the month of January 2024.
Laurie moved that the accounts be accepted and passed for payment. Sec'd: Tony Evans Carried

COMMITTEE REPORT: Amanda Gardner gave a brief verbal report.

OUTINGS:

18th February – lunch run to Eddies Garage Eddington
17th March Natte Yallock Show & Shine
February Run –

FEDERATION REPORT: Ron Kennedy CPS labels soon to have conditions listed (eg - Acetylene Lamps – cars not to be used after dark)

Bendigo Swap to have Bank Card readers at gates for entry payment.

Grampians Club – combined run?

24th March Swap Meet at Llanelly motorcycle club rooms.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Kay Lucas thanked Graham Colliccoat, Val Barry & Helen Kennedy for advice to do the FED lunch so successfully.
Discussion on Chris Bowen – an environmental politician who may be a threat to the Classic, Veteran and Vintage Car Clubs.

David Morris commented on the Lithium Mine in Australia closing due to being such a dirty extraction method.

Bob Purchase commented on Ford stopping production on one electric car line – converting back to petrol.

Bob Purchase mentioned the address for Graeme Birkett in Creswick – Graeme is not doing well.

Russell Bell asked if anyone got the Arthur Dent comment in the last Auto Torque.

Amanda asked Bruce Anderson if Ray & Maree are ok.

Several manuals were donated by the Federation.

Discussion of Armstrong 500 (Phillip Island 1st race)

Laurie Cooke reported no resolution on real estate scam yet.

Updating of Honour Boards – Kay Lucas to get quote for person in Carisbrook, Amanda to talk to Vital Signs.

Jenny Austin asked about Member List, Helen commented some members want to be unlisted.

There is a box of grapes bought from Mildura by a Fed Rep – free to take.

CLOSED: President Keith closed the meeting at 7:20 PM.