



Federation

of Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Clubs Inc. A0038929X

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REPORT FROM FEDERATION VETERAN VINTAGE CLASSIC VEHICLES CLUBS 1ST JULY 2018 TO 30TH JUNE 2019 - ESTABLISHED 1970.

Meetings – 2018/19 Quarterly meetings were held in October (Baw Baw), February (Docklands Melbourne), May (Kerang) and August (will be in Mildura). We have been above 100 people attending each of our meetings. Thank you to our host clubs and their hard-working members who looked after us and thank you to the Delegates who came along to meetings throughout the year.

Administration – This year has been busy again and a couple of new Committee members helping out has been good. The Federation has no home/office and we thank those on Committee for allowing Federation into their place of work and their homes. This certainly frees up money to then help member Clubs and to provide more events for members to enjoy. The Committee has worked extremely well together and as President I am in their debt for doing so.

Membership – Our numbers of member clubs has increased and we have lost a couple and settled to 115 Clubs and that is manageable. Good to see memberships in some clubs is still growing whilst others have closed the books as they have enough people to look after. Funny the workers and members taking on Committee positions remain nearly the same.

Picnic Days – We again had 5 of these arranged over the past 12 months at Mortlake (Western District) March and Wunghnu (Goulburn Valley) in March – Scoresby (Melbourne) in March – Kerang in May - Marong (Bendigo) in August. Sadly we lost our one at Maffra but it will be replaced with a new one at Baw Baw. We started a new one in Kerang and that will be shared each year between Kerang, Echuca, Deniliquin and Swan Hill. The strength of these days is such now that we even ran two on the same day and had 200 vehicles at one and 100 at the other on a wet and overcast day. All continued to be free for Federation member Club participants to enter. We maintained an in by 10:30am and stay till 2:00pm time which is now being accepted and appreciated.

Bendigo National Swap Meeting – Last year was our 43rd and an excellent event. The crowd was larger on the Saturday and the support for the event is growing if the weather is good. The display of Barn Find vehicles was of interest to the public. Well done to Bendigo Club and all the volunteers who assisted. Federation had its own stand along with the AHMF and we received a lot of enquiries and picked up new members. AHMF had some interest in what it does and for the 2020 tour event.

Australia Day - Domain Gardens, Melbourne – This event was run by RACV and displayed 90 or so Vintage Vehicles. A number of our members attended and enjoyed the day and the 100 years of Vintage era celebrations. To mark this milestone in motoring history the Federation is giving a badge to all Veteran and Vintage vehicles that attend our Picnic days, Golden Oldies tour, Australia Day and run from Bendigo to Castlemaine. These have been received extremely well and appreciated by the owners of these vehicles. They even got the bolts to attach them with.

Club Permit Scheme – This is still running well and this year we reached 99,999 H plates. We now have 1234 H 5 number plate system. There is a review happening but the outcome will not be known till after the 1st July 2019 when the new Director in charge of CPS and Vic Roads assume responsibility.

Future – With the interest being shown at our Picnic days, at our quarterly meetings, in the constant e-mails and phone calls we receive and for the Swap meeting we feel that Federation is in a sound position.

RACV Association – Our association with RACV has continued well over the year and they remained our only source of sponsorship for the open rally in October 2018 and the Golden Oldies in March 2019 and we appreciate their support of Federation. Plus their support in allowing one of their road side service vans to be involved with our event which provides security for the entrants as help is always close at hand. This proves very popular with entrants.

Insurance – Member Clubs continue to enjoy the services offered by Jardine Lloyd Thompson. We regularly remind Clubs that if they are holding events then they must carry out the proper event disaster recovery and management tests and keep those records in case something goes wrong. Thankfully all events ran over the year were without incident which is a credit to the attention to detail being undertaken by the people involved in all events.

National Motoring Day 2019 - This was another great day across the State with many events being held. Our new Kerang Picnic day was held on this day and we were very pleased with its first time and the number and quality of vehicles on display. We also competed with Winton which was moved to this date but both ran as successful events. See reports attached.

Promotion of the Federation Name: This was a good year for Federation with 5 Picnic days, 2 Rally's (Golden Oldies and Open event to Yarrum), then run Bendigo to Castlemaine, the Swap and our 4 meetings. There was a lot of interaction with our Clubs and their members. The free 100 years of Vintage badges were a hit and they will on sell the Federation name for years to come.

Machinery Connection: Federation is pleased with the number of clubs that are involved in the machinery side of the movement and it is good that everyone joins in to make displays interesting and successful. The Tractor Movement is growing and at events the number of historic trucks on CPS transporting the tractors provides an excellent display all of its own.

AHMF 2020 – We have promoted this hard at our Meetings and Events and we are showing some success from our efforts with a number of entries coming in now for the 2020 Tour event.

Open Rally October 2018 To Yarram: This was the first time the Good Times Club has tackled an event like this and those who attended has a great time with interesting places to see and lot of wonderful food to enjoy. 55 Vehicles on this event.

Golden Oldies Tour March 2019 (Vintage Only Vehicles): 65 entries for this event but had 61 starters on the day. Poor health of some of the drivers was the reason for the drop. They started at the rally at Wunghnu and were joined by a further 140 vehicles including 20 more Vintage ones, 80 tractors and 50 or so stationary engines at that 2-day event. Then off to the high country and in the beautiful area of Bright and the mountains beyond. Sadly 11 vehicles went home on tilt trays. All participants had a great time though and are looking forward to the next one. It is good to see the number of interstate vehicles coming to join in on this event. Next one in 2021 around Central Victoria. All received the 100 years badge.

Thank you – To my hard working and dedicated Committee I thank them ever so much and look forward to continuing to work with them for the year ahead. It is certainly rewarding to see the success of the Federation from our hard work and attention to promotion of the movement and the appreciation that the members of our member Clubs give to the Committee. The future is bright for Federation and the Committee members are here to help fellow motoring enthusiasts enjoy the CPS, movement events and general fellowship shown in Clubs.

To Committee members and Delegates who have not been 100% well over the 12 months we wish you all the best and wishes for a fast recovery and hope to see you all back working beside us soon.

Neil Athorn - President

Federation Three Rivers Picnic at Kerang



A four years ago as it was National Motoring Heritage Day Lyne and I drove in the Alvis to St Arnaud for hot chocolate at the Kara Kara café. By coincidence a few other members of our local club had also brought their cars out and met at Kara Kara. I decided then that in future a tour should be organised on that day of celebrating the classic car movement. Each year we have had successful tours to see towns and places of interest we don't normally visit.

Plans were made for a visit to Kerang a few years ago with the local club being our hosts to show us around. However in the meantime the day became the Federation Three Rivers Picnic. This new arrangement was quite acceptable, still giving us a chance to motor to Kerang and meet other country enthusiasts. The Picnic is to be rotated with Echuca, Deniliquin, Swan Hill and back to Kerang. I personally would have preferred to have seen more of Kerang as there are a multitude of show and shine car displays we can attend. The saving grace for the Kerang run was looking over their huge museum.

Lyne and I always travel the route of future rallies to check out cafes for morning tea, lunch and places of interest. We were pleasantly surprised to find a nice café, Godfrey & Bear, in Boort for our morning tea stop. At Kerang we met Colin Day ex-president for 29 years of the Kerang club, who showed us his collection of cars then the location of the site of the Picnic.

On the preceding Saturday was the Wedderburn Swap which we attended. For the engine club it was a great success with sites up from 45 last year to 54 this year. A great variety of vendors wares were available as well as plenty of food from the club's food stalls. Every year a raffle is organised consisting of a food hamper, also 2nd prize was a bag of vegetables, which we happened to win.

Come Sunday at 8.30am we left for Charlton. At Charlton we waited for 12 cars from Donald and St Arnaud. Ten minutes later the convoy of classics arrived and we were able to move onto Boort for morning tea. The run to Kerang was the longest stretch

which we sat on about 55mph. We arrived about 11.00am to find the allocated parking area on the green lawns by the lake was almost full leaving just enough room for our group. Approximately 140 cars were on display. People who didn't bring a picnic never went hungry as food stalls provided lunch. The cars present were the usual classics we have come to expect at gatherings with a about a dozen pre-war and vintage models. A splendid 1962 Studebaker Gran Turismo Hawk owned by R Mills & R Dempsey was voted the most desirable car on show. It has a V8 289 ci 225hp engine, with auto transmission, power steering and brakes,



with air con. One rare variation of the 1950's Dodge/Plymouth, DeSoto range was a Plymouth Plaza two door sedan owned by Lex Kirkly. Only three are known to come into Australia and it's the only one the road



1928 Chevrolet National Fisher body 4 door sedan has travelled s few oceans. It was originally shipped to New Zealand, then California then Australia, 4cyl 172 ci engine.

Once the raffle and announcements were over we crossed the road and inspected the excellent Kerang Museum. There was plenty to interest everyone. An old homestead on the property was inside a large shed with rooms packed with memorabilia of days gone past, collected from people in the area. Due to the advanced age of the building, evident by the undulating wooden floors, it is going to be pulled down and a new shed in front of the museum will display the huge amount of historic items.

The vehicle section includes numerous tractors, commercial vehicles, a row of engines and a few traction and portable engines. One of a kind and first made in Kerang in 1915 was cobbled together by a local identity Achille Franzini. It was very much a cycle car with friction drive. It was powered by half a Model T engine! I can not visualise how he cut off two cylinders!



Colin Day showed us the museum's workshop where members are continually restoring vehicles for the museum. A pre-war International truck was one of their projects that had an extra wide cab designed to enable the driver to sleep across the seat. A 1956 Ford Thames van is in the queue ready for some attention.

A little later in the afternoon we all dispersed and wandered home in time to beat the setting sun and 'roos. *David*



Our Alvis at Boort



2019

National heritage motoring day club run to Llanely

We all met at the Jadis Hot Rod Club for morning tea, which was very enjoyable and appreciated by all.

This run was in conjunction with Jadis Hot Rod Club, Bendigo Morris Car Club, Bendigo Historical motorcycle Club, Sandhurst Holden Car Club, Centre State Rodders.

We departed the Jadis Club at 11 am we were advised to meet there as to avoid a large convoy of vehicles, this was a much better way for us to travel on club runs and does not hold up other road users.

We arrived at Llanely at about 12.15pm after looking at the cars and motorcycles, a pleasant lunch was provided by the Bendigo Historical Motorcycle Club.

The roll out of members on this joint venture was very encouraging with about 70 in attendance.

A very good roll out of vehicles from all clubs most noticeable was a Rolls Royce, and many other great vehicles.

We left Llanely at about 1.30 under the guidance of Alan Martyn travelled another route home. We drove to Kangaroo Flat then into Bendigo and onto White Hills past cemetery and back to our clubrooms.

We had afternoon tea at our club rooms this was enjoyed by those in attendance.

A very successful Day with the other clubs, maybe this could become an annual event, well done to Alan Stevens on organizing a great day.

Article by: Graydon Gray

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NMD - CASTERTON

Neil Athorn

From: josh mt gambier <fergytrekin@live.com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 12 June 2019 11:26 AM
To: Neil Athorn
Subject: Re: National Motoring day

Morning Neil

Casterton motor enthusiasts club held a extra club run last month to support national motoring day. We started off with a static display of club vehicles in front of our new tourist information centre. Then at 11.30 we went for a short but very scenic drive through the green hill to the small township of merino we we had a great meal at a new cafe.. approximately 10 vehicles and 25 people attended the day..

Sorry I couldn't get any photos as I was dealing with a corvette that failed just after leaving Kerang sat arvo. Had a ride on the racv tilt try, then dumped back in Charlton. Before a mate come to pick me up with another trailer. 3am myself and the car was back in Portland..

Cheers Josh

Sent from my iPhone

On 12 Jun 2019, at 10:22 am, Neil Athorn <Neil.Athorn@bendigoadelaide.com.au> wrote:

Hello everyone and sorry to be annoying.

We have to report to the AHMF on the events undertaken by member clubs for National Motoring day this year.

I have a report for Kerang event.

Has anyone got anything from their Clubs events on that day please. Or have you seen one in another Clubs magazine that we could use please.

Thanks

Neil

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*Heyfield Vintage Machinery Rally
Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 May*

Next Club General Meeting
Tuesday 11 June, 7.30pm
Club Shed - Pedder Street Darnum

Heyfield Vintage Machinery Rally

Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 May

Photos by Leanne Moore, Jesse Smithett, Merv Swingler

Rob and I, and Alan Weatherhead displayed on Saturday. After a very cold morning it turned out to be a lovely warm sunny day.

Crowds were good and there were some very interesting displays. The grand parade was a highlight. Seeing the restored steam engines was great. Some very hard work by a lot of people in doing their restorations.

Yarra Valley had a very good display as well.

Leanne Moore

Tractor Trek

It was a foggy start to a glorious sunny day, leaving Trafalgar at 6.30 Saturday morning.

Arriving at Heyfield, several tractors and drivers were waiting and ready to go. We left the rally site at 9.00am after a briefing from our Trek Boss. Twelve Classic Tractors headed northerly from Heyfield, firstly on good quiet sealed roads, then on some secondary gravel roads to a spectacular bush lookout for morning tea. Steve, our trek leader, had tea, coffee and yummy slices for us all. Much appreciated.

From our viewpoint, it was obvious how low the water was at Lake Glenmaggie. From here we headed off along some back roads and dusty bush tracks to our lunch stop at the Weir, a great spot for a picnic.

Heading back towards Heyfield we travelled across the eerie landscape of the lake bed, among tree stumps, old fence lines and along unused timber bridge. A great run, arriving back at the rally grounds around 3.00pm and covering about 80kms. Mostly Ferguson and MFs with two Chamberlains and a Nuffield, all performed well.

A big thanks to the organisers for a great day.

Merv Swingler



Heyfield Vintage Machinery Rally Tractor Trek
Saturday 18 May



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