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Members Rides

Brian's 1970 MG Roadster

FIRST GENERAL MEETING FOR 2024 - WEDNESDAY 28th FEBRUARY (7.30pm)

The Werribee and District Collectable Vehicle Club (Inc.)

Was formed in June 1991 to foster and advance interest in History, Restoration, Care and Preservation of Classic and Historic Motor Vehicles. It provides an avenue for sharing of information by owners of those vehicles. The Club is a not-for-profit organisation. We welcome as members all those interested in preservation of our motoring history.

Club regularly conducts events, monthly runs for its members and assists community organisations with attendance at community events, retirement homes, parades and car shows.

The Club's recently constructed Club Room caters for a range of activities such as Club gatherings, meetings and is often our starting point for runs.

Generally our members come from those who own vehicles over 25 years old, but this is not a prerequisite for membership, anyone is welcome.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL MEMBERS HAVING A BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH

*Lorraine Turner, Lyn Ellis, Vanessa Williams,
Gina Vella, Werner Bernhardt, Wayne Rodgers,
Russell Thompson & Peter Spiteri*

If you would also like to receive a birthday shout out, email our editor Jenny (magoos_4@bigpond.com) advising birthday month for yourself and your better half.



Our best wishes to the following members.

- We hope Maryanne Pernice has recovered well after her recent surgery.
- Our members would like to wish John Agosta (Snr) a healthy & speedy recovery after his recent Stroke and stint in hospital. We're all looking forward to seeing you back on the road or at our club events.

GET WELL WISHES ALSO TO ANY CLUB MEMBER WHO MAY CURRENTLY BE FEELING POORLY



WDCVC Life Members

Gil Taylor (Dec)
John Agosta (Jnr)

Sandy Taylor (Dec)
Charmaine Agosta

Les Turner
Elio Massari

“Ladies 3 day Mid-Week Getaway”

POSTPONED
NEW DATE COMING SOON

From the Editor.

I would like to thank Prez Colin and John Marks for many of the Club reports and articles of interest in this and most newsletters. Without their contributions there would be NO newsletter.

So, let's try something different in 2024! Please put your hand up and offer to write a few words on Club runs that you attend. If you also contribute to your newsletter it shares the load as well as giving different perspectives.

Now, every car has a history, so please consider writing your car's story, add some photos, email to the editor and it will be published!

The Newsletter Comp Is Back! Mars Bars to be won! But you need to attend Feb 28th General Meeting to claim your prize, oh, that's if you can find it.....

Denis McGrath - Still mucking around with hot rods..... By John Marks

The picture shows Denis and brother Bill posing with their Ford rods in Watton Street Werribee, circa 1963-4. That's sixty years ago, and Denis is now 81, but still going strong. Denis is not a club member, but is considering joining. He often attends our Casual Sunday Morning with his orange Chev C3100 ute, or his Mini Moke.

William's car is a '34 Ford (in Blue on the left) with a side valve Pilot V8 and a B Model grill. Denis is on the right in red. This '32 B Model roadster had a full race motor, high compression with a \$700 magneto, and running on high octane fuel. Very fast says Denis.

In earlier days Denis with others started a club in Werribee, the Roadknights Hot Rod Club. Denis mentioned Ian Cameron and the Cox brothers (see Ian's story in the December edition of Recollections.)

The shop in the background is Benenedetto's Emporium, probably Italian owned as most of the commercial buildings in Watton and Synnot streets still are.





Club Cruise and Lunch

Sunday 17th March 2024

Location: Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie & Ice Creamery
About 80Ks (1 Hour) Cruise from Werribee.

Address: 1200 Great Ocean Road Bellbrae (Near Bells Beach).

We Depart from BP Service Station Little River at 9:00am.

**After Chocolate Factory we then Cruise via Lorne to
Winchelsea Hotel for Lunch.**

About 82Ks (1 Hour 25 mins) Drive.



To Book, Contact Run Coordinator: Russell Thompson at
jemtribe@bigpond.com or 0407 420 692.



Calendar of W.D.C.V.C's Upcoming Events



W.D.C.V.C Extends an Invitation to Members of any Registered Club to attend any run or event organized by our club.

EVENT	Date	Time	Coordinator
FEBRUARY			
Casual Sunday Meeting	Sunday 25th	9am	John 0407 546 235
FIRST Club General Meeting for 2024 (Club Rooms)	Wednesday 28th	7.30pm	Colin 0413 884 234
MARCH			
COFFEE / BREAKFAST MORNING. The Feasting Shed, 71 Railway Ave, Werribee.	Sunday 3rd	9.30am	Colin 0413 884 234
Committee Meeting	Monday 4th	7:30pm	Colin 0413 884 234
Club Run to Great Ocean Road Chocolatier & Ice Creamery, 1200 Great Ocean Road Bellbrae (Near Bells Beach). DEPART BP S/S Little River at 9am. After Chocolate Factory, cruise to Winchelsea Hotel for Lunch. Bookings essential. Contact Run Coordinator: Russell Thompson at jemtribe@bigpond.com or 0407420692	Sunday 17th	9:00am	Russell 0407 420 692 Colin 0413 884 234
CLUB MEMBERS ONLY CAR SHOW (Trophies on offer) FREE Sausage Sizzle on Club BBQ Trailer BYO Salads, Picnic Tables and Chairs. Location and time TBA	Sunday 24th		Colin 0413 884 234
General Meeting (Club Rooms)	Wednesday 27th	7.30pm	Colin 0413 884 234
"NO" Casual Sunday Meeting for March due to Easter			
APRIL			
Committee Meeting	Wednesday 3rd	7:30pm	Colin 0413 884 234
COFFEE / BREAKFAST MORNING. The South Corner Café. 11 Wedge St South, Werribee	Sunday 7th	10am	Colin 0413 884 234
Club MID-WEEK RUN. Victoria Hotel (Woodend) Meet at BP S/S Rockbank. Bookings essential.	Wednesday 10th	10am	Les Turner 0408 014 358
LAWN Bowls Day at Werribee Bowls Club. Followed by BBQ at Bowls Club. (WDCVC to provide meat for BBQ (Sausages/Hamburgers). (Members BYO Salads, plates and cutlery, etc.) Tables and chairs are all undercover. Drinks at Bar Prices from fully stocked Bar. Cost to Bowl is \$10/Head as many games as you can fit in.	Sunday 14th	10.30am	Colin 0413 884 234
General Meeting (Club Rooms)	Wednesday 24th	7.30pm	Colin 0413 884 234
Casual Sunday Meeting	Sunday 28th	9am	John 0407 546 235

The above events are in accordance with the WDCVC & Vic roads Club Permit Scheme. If you wish to use your red plate vehicle, a reminder that you will need to correctly fill in your red plate permit scheme log book and be a financial member. At the time of printing the above information was correct. The Committee may change the information at their discretion. Any changes will be published in the Newsletter / Website / Facebook.
Symbols of events are Club Runs in ***Bold***, and all other runs organised by Vic roads or other clubs will be in normal font.

Join in and Try a Family Bowls Day Werribee Bowls Club

239 Watton Street Werribee

Day/Date: Sunday 14th April

Arrive: 10:00am. Games begin at 11:00am

Players \$10/Hd as many games as you want,
pay on arrival.

Spectators FREE but must cheer loudly.



BBQ Lunch at 12:00.

Club to supply Meat (Sausages/Hamburgers)

members BYO Salads, condiments etc.

Drinks available from Bowls Club Bar.

Championship playoff after lunch for Club Trophy.

President's Report



Hello Members.

Sunday 28th January saw the return of our Club's Casual Sunday, and boy was it a great success. We had over 100 Cars turn out with many visitors in vehicles we hadn't seen at our event, looks like it pays to advertise. We had visitors from as far as Scoresby and Avoca come along in some very nice rides. Our BBQ cooks Heather and Alfie were run off their feet trying to keep pace with orders for their sort after Egg and Bacon Rolls. Our ladies (Rose, Vicki, Connie, and Connie) on the Coffee pot were also under pressure serving coffee's left right and center. Well done to all.

We managed a reasonable turnout of members for our first Tinkers Day on Wednesday 7th for a tour and BBQ at REVIVAL Brakes. A company that is able to machine and restore all brake components especially for our older vehicles.

They are also an outlet (RACE OUTLET) for speciality lubricants, specialty fittings, all types' hoses; they can manufacture any hose or brake tubing to suit your car along with other great gear. They are open 7 days a week.

A member only Car show is under planning for March where Club Car of the year will be chosen plus trophies handed out on the day.

Take note first GENERAL MEETING for 2024 is on Wednesday 28th February at 7:30pm.

Check Events page in Monthly Newsletter for upcoming events.

Please ensure you make an effort to attend at least some of them as those arranging these Club events for us all put a lot of their personal time in arranging them.

Cheers

Col



Tinkers Day tour - Wednesday 7th February 2024

REVIVAL REMANUFACTURING and BRAKE RESTORATION SPECIALISTS Derrimut

Of the 28 member who contacted me to book a place on the day we only finished up with 18 members.

Everyone found the factory OK with no mishaps along the way. Many were amazed at the development and expansion of buildings as there is no break between Werribee and Derrimut anymore, just factories.

We parked up, and consumed all their car parks so when Kent the owner of Revival turned up he had to park his Dodge Ram in a little hole then needed to climb into back seat in order to get out of the truck.

Members, after introductions, were taken on a tour of the complete business and learnt a lot about all sorts of lubricants and additives.

Many members purchased all types of lubricants and or equipment, Revival I think would have been happy with the outcome.

We then moved into what they call the Race Shop section where many speciality items are variable for purchase. It would not matter if you needed special items for a Race Car or only to build/restore your pride and joy. Revival had most of what you may need, hose material, fittings of all shapes and sizes, hose clamps, some I've never seen before.

Revival can manufacture a full set of Hard line Brake or Fuel lines for your car, plus can manufacture any special brakes hoses and test them so you know they will be 100% reliable.

A couple of us chose to tests them out and brought along old PBR VH40 Brake Boosters to see if they could be rebuilt and restored back to almost original. Within two days we received a call to say they were finished and ready for collection.

On top of the tour they put on a BBQ Lunch and soft drinks for us all, very much appreciated by all those members who attended the tour.

Big thank you to Kent, Alisa and all the team at Revival.





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COFFEE/BREAKFAST MORNING AT VIEWS RESTAURANT WERRIBEE SOUTH SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

One of our Clubs' go to restaurants for our monthly Coffee morning, not too far from home with great views over Werribee Golf Course to the You Yangs in background and Red Cliffs along the Werribee River on the other side. The weather forecast promised an exceptional day, maybe helps with convincing 39 members to come along and share a meal or coffee, and generally just catching up.

The early birds were on site well before official kick off, and ordered their breakfast and were almost finished by the time everyone had arrived.

One couple Nancy and John Merlino used the club event as means of celebrating the 54th wedding anniversary and bringing along all their family to share momentous occasion. Congratulations to you both.

Food was once again great and service prompt.

Restaurant was going to have a very busy day and were quickly clearing our tables and resetting for the expected huge lunch crowd.





CASUAL SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 28TH 2024

The planets were nicely aligned for a quality show on the last Sunday in January. Perfect weather, good crew available and maybe a raging need to get out the precious metal after the Christmas / New Year break? Also, Tim's show on the old Toyota site has reverted to the first Sunday each month.

Just like the January CSM it turned out to be our biggest CSM event, with members and visitors rolling in. This and the massive turn out for the recent Lindsay Fox Museum visit show the strength of the WDCVC. Some unusual and previously unseen machines filled many spaces. Will we need a bigger car park?

Member cars of greater interest were Branco Marcina's '59 NSU Prinz, Len Schutt's veteran 1923 Ansaldo, Dave Gregory's '46 Ford coupe, Lachlan Duncan's R31 Nissan Skyline, Gary Kennedy's A Model, Graham and Fran Eade's Chevelle, Russell and Judy's '50 Dodge Coronet and the Orr family's Torana. A recent acquisition is Daryl Harden's 1939 Chrysler Royal sedan in dark navy. Check out the heavy metal grille on this big unit. (PS if you want to make this list, buy an unusual machine and slip me \$50.).

First time visitor cars add the cream, as you never know what will arrive. Authur Mats' modified '53 Chev coupe caught the eye, with its Voodoo number plate and custom grille and head lights. Sitting low in a matt violet duco and powered by a huge ex Commodore V8 (looked too big for a commodore) it was quite a beast. Although not making an entry in the sign-in book, another beautiful '57 Chev paired with Tibor and Vicki's maroon beauty. A wild looking Ford Twin Spinner (Paul Bradshaw) in dramatic red complemented Neil's '52 and Andrew's Single Spinner. This car was a little different, it's a Victoria (2 door), and quite rare. A group of hot rods from the Renegades or maybe the 'Marsh Rodders also lined up.

The cooking team of Mark and Heather and assisted by Alf Schembri were run off their feet, along with captain Rose, Connie G and Vicki on the desk and coffee production line. Convenor J had an emergency run to Woolie's for extra supplies, and with Daniel made a dash for more cups. (Daniel say's 100+ cars attended). These folk work hard to provide for a big crowd. All will get an AO nomination next year. The set-up team of Lindsay, John R, the two Brians, Tony G, Jumbo, Collins P and H, and John K had it up very quickly. (Hope I remembered all). What a day!

The only dampener was a bit of a turn by club royalty veteran and Pontiac tragic John Agosta Snr. John, we sincerely hope you are OK now.

Thanks again to the crew and all those who attended. Many attendees and their cars failed to sign in.







Cross ply or Radial?

It's a decision that every collector vehicle enthusiast faces at some point in his or her life. Do you want the period correct look and feel of a cross ply tyre, or do you want the comfort and reliability of a modern radial? Both types of tyre construction have pros and cons in the collector vehicle world, but it's important to be educated on the matter before spending money on a set of tyres.

Modern blackwall radials to fit 14- and 15-inch wheels are still readily available at most local tyre stores, but they just don't have the correct look. Although modern radials from your local tyre shop are safe and provide an adequate ride quality, they certainly don't add to a collector vehicle's authenticity like a set of speciality tyres. You have the decision of bias ply or radial, and of course, the all-important decision of whitewall, redline, white letter or blackwall, so choose carefully and hit the road with confidence.

Bias Ply Tyres

The speciality tyre market has typically been divided into two segments—bias ply and radial. The term “bias ply” refers to the internal construction of the tyre. In a bias ply tyre, the cords (plies) run at a 45-degree angle (cross ply) from bead to bead. This diagonal pattern is crisscrossed with each layer of ply cord and creates a very rigid structure. In the vintage car market, bias ply tyres feature a narrow tread profile, with a sharp shoulder that usually has a piecrust look. The narrow tread pattern, and the fact that most bias ply tyres mount to narrow wheels makes for a sidewall bulge that is easily identifiable and adds to the look of vintage cars.

Bias ply tyres are strong, but the rigidity offers some interesting handling characteristics if you're accustomed to driving on radial tyres. The rigid construction means that bias ply tyres do not conform to the road surface as efficiently as a radial tyre. This creates a “wandering” sensation, as the tyres tend to follow the ruts and breaks in the pavement. This wandering is not hazardous, but requires the driver to pay more attention, especially at highway speeds.

The major advantage to a bias ply tyre that completely overrides the finicky handling is the authenticity. Bias ply tyres were used on American automobiles until the '70s, so if you're building a car from that era, a bias ply tyre is an appropriate choice. Antique Tyre offers bias ply tyres in many authentic brands, such as Firestone & B. F. Goodrich.



Radial Tyres

Radial tyres are a popular upgrade for collector enthusiasts who plan to get out and drive their old cars. The more modern construction offers great improvements, including ride quality, wet weather traction and tread life, so it is a more practical option for most people. The advantages are created by the tyre's construction, which consists of ply cords that run 90 degrees in relation to the bead. This radial orientation of the cords allows for a more flexible design, which conforms to the road surface, and allows the tyres to skim across the ruts and breaks in the surface. This makes for a pleasant ride quality, even on rough roads, which would cause the wandering sensation with bias ply tyres.



In most cases, a radial tyre will have a wider footprint, even if it is the equivalent size to a bias ply tyre. For instance, a 6.70-15 tyre (common for late '40s to mid-50s passenger cars) has the P-metric radial sizing equivalent to a 205/75R15 tyre. However, the radial equivalent features a wider tread surface by more than one inch. This increased contact patch offers more traction and more stability, while the rounded shoulder provides additional traction in hard cornering situations. Radial tyres also feature tread siping, which helps evacuate water from the tread surface, and thus, increase wet weather traction. The drawback to the wider footprint is the modern appearance with the rounded shoulders and wide tread profile but has recently found a solution for the age-old debate of bias ply versus radial tyres on a collector vehicle.

Bridging the Gap

Until now, car guys have been faced with bias ply versus radial debate and it's been black-and-white. Coker Tyre has successfully blended the qualities of each type of construction into what it considers a "bias look radial" tyre. The American Classic bias look radial is the first of its kind.

The new American Classic radial is immensely popular, thanks to the narrow tread profile, bulged sidewall and aspect ratio of a vintage-style bias ply tyre, with the internal construction of a radial. It's truly the best of both worlds. The American Classic bias look radial is available in several sizes, and fits 13", 14", 15" and now 19" & 21" wheels, so there are lots of options for O.E. and custom fitments, for cars built in the '40s, '50s and '60s. There are even "big and little" sizes for hot rods. The new tyres are available in wide whitewall and blackwall, providing plenty of options. The American Classic bias look radials are made in the USA, and they're DOT and ECE (European market) approved. The price is a few bucks more than a comparable whitewall radial out of the catalogue, but we'd venture to say that bridging the gap between bias ply and radial is well worth the extra expense.



Tyre Construction

Although tyre construction has changed over the years, the basic principle of a pneumatic tyre has been around for more than 100 years. In the speciality tyre world, many of the tyres are built in low production runs and require special care to ensure a great finished product. For this example, we'll use a whitewall radial, as there are numerous ways to get the whitewall look - some are suggested, while others are not.

So, what's the right way to build a speciality tyre? In terms of build quality, safety and appearance, the correct manufacturing method is to manufacture a tyre that has the sidewall treatment built in from day one. This requires a specific build sheet for the tyre's carcass and a mould that forms the tyre into its final shape. In the case of a whitewall tyre, the white rubber is added to the tyre carcass, while it is being assembled on the drum, before it is placed in the mould. Then, the mould is built with special reveals that offer a breaking point between the black rubber and the white rubber.

A Scotsman And His Wife Walk Past A Swanky New Restaurant....

"Did you smell that food?" she asked. "It smells absolutely incredible!"

Being a 'kind-hearted Scotsman', he thought, "What the hell..., I'll treat her!"

So, they walked past it again.



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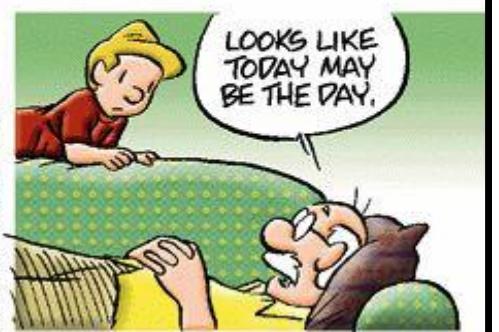
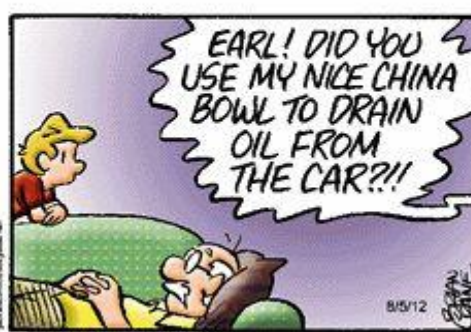
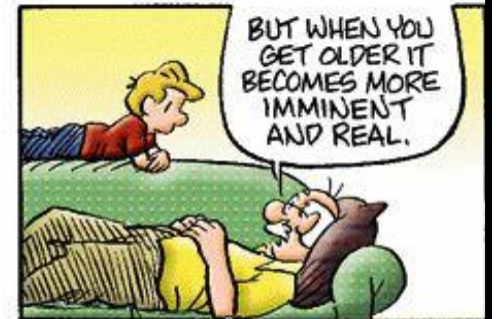
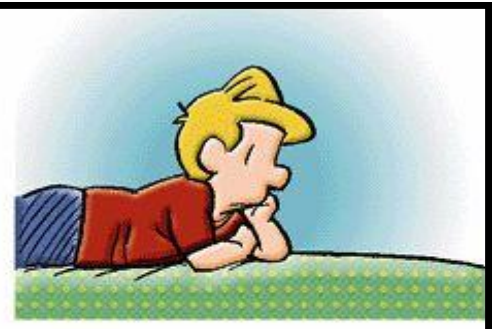
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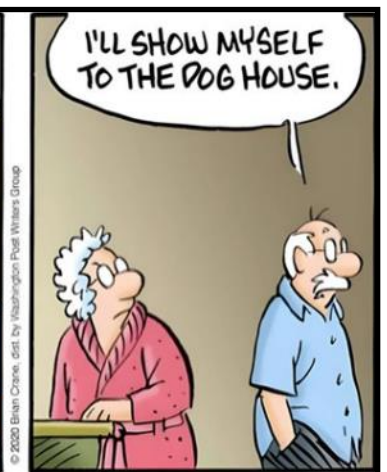
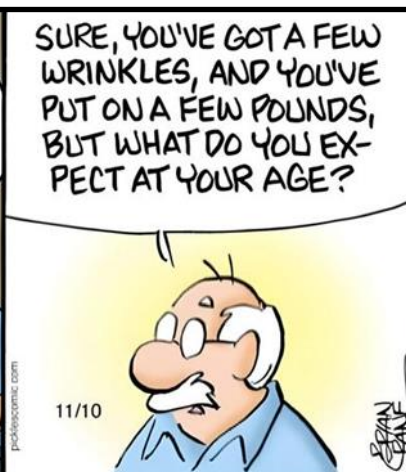


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