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2025 Bay City Swap



Swap Meet Success - report & more photos inside

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Eric Baker Memorial Award	Max McKenzie	



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The President's Piece - notes from a big country

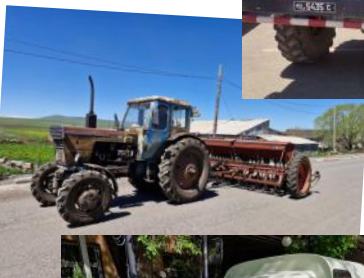
Greetings from Georgia,

It was great news to hear about the enormous success of the Swap. Congratulations and thanks to all involved.

What a mighty effort by David to pull it all together.

We are enjoying a very interesting visit to countries we knew little about, all with Soviet Union history, much of it still in evidence. Lots of photo opportunities in scenery, history, and vehicles.

Best wishes, and happy travels, - John & Julie.



I asked John to send me a car photo on his travels. Here's a selection!

- Ed



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Minutes of General Meeting No 646 of the Western District Historic Vehicle Club Inc.
Held at the clubrooms on Tuesday 13 May 2025**

Presiding

Vice President Barb van Galen opened the meeting at 7:30pm and welcomed members and visitors to meeting No 646.

Apologies: H Graham, A Tipper, R Roach, L Roach, J Green, L Hose, M Hose, F Dosser, G Paech, T Paech, J Park, M Batson, M Batson, B Edward, B Thompson, L Jordan, D Park, A McLaws, J Boyd, J Bailey, M Giddings.

Moved: R Booley

Seconded: G Anderson

Carried

Sick List:

Libby Booley

Bereavements:

Gwen Tucker

Minutes

The minutes of the April general meeting as published in the Backfire are confirmed as a correct record with one correction: the minutes referred to November instead of April.

Moved: J Clissold

Seconded: M Foran

Carried

Correspondence (Fred)

Inward

Letters In

- Bendigo Bank – investment statement
- Thank you card – Max Tucker and family for our thoughts on the passing of Gwen.

Emails In

- Membership – resignations from the club: Jean Ellison, David Koch, Tim McPhee, James Maffett, Stephen Stefanau.

Outward

Letters Out

- Sympathy card - Ray Colenso on the passing of his mother
- -Max and Darren Tucker on the passing of Gwen
- Get Well Card – Libby Booley

Emails Out

Nil

Moved: R van Galen

Seconded: K Parry

Carried

Treasurer's Report (Maurice)

Maurice presented his report on receipts and payments since the previous meeting and presented accounts to be passed for payment.

Moved: M Healy

Seconded: S Anderson

Carried

Program Director (John)

- No speaker in June (Auction night)
- There will be a speaker in July. Details later.

Library (Phill)

No report

Dine Out (Sharyn)

Wednesday 14th at 6pm at the Sphinx in Nth Geelong

Editor (Jon)

- The deadline for the June Backfire is 26 May.

Website (Damien)

Nil

Federation Report (David P)

Nil

Coffee Run (Col)

The May coffee run to Balmoral Aged Care was very successful with 13 cars including several open radiators.

June 5th Coffee Run is to the Lethbridge Railway Station. \$10 a head for coffee, tea and cake.

Tinker Day (Vacant)

There will be a soup day lunch in the Clubrooms for June. Show and tell. Bring along something of interest to talk about.

Committee Report (David)

David gave a report on the April Committee Meeting.

Merchandise (David M)

David to follow up on pricing for hot beverage mugs.

Vehicle Permits (Gus)

No permits added this month.

R and L Corporation now run the permit system, not VicRoads.

John Chrzanowski brought in his Mercedes Benz 380SEC for display in the workshop.

Rally Reports/Events (Ken)

- Report on the recent visit to Mildura – great weekend.
- This Sunday 18th May is a picnic event on in Queens Park.
- There will be a BBQ in the bush in June
- Ken is planning a 2 day run to Castlemaine later in the year.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ctd

LONG DISTANCE RALLY (Lyn Jordan)

No update

TECH NIGHT (Peter)

May 27th will be on radios.

SWAP MEET (David M)

David gave a report on the very successful Swap held last Saturday.

KITCHEN (Pam)

Nil

General Business

- Presentation of the Eric Baker Award to Max McKenzie
- The June Club night will be auction night. Bring along your auction items.
- A visit to the tulip festival in Dandenong is being considered. It will be late September (date TBC). Numbers are required. A bus is available if there is enough interest.
- There is no Committee Meeting in May
- Ladies Day is being arranged for July 10th by Anne De Bono. Lunch will be at the Davidson Restaurant, including a guest speaker. Should be a great event again this year.

For Sales, Wanted and Confessions

- Dallas Jones has bought another Purvis Eureka and two VW Beetles.
- Gus Shea now has an MGB

Meeting closed at 8:40 pm.

Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 10 June 2025 in the clubrooms.

- David Mitchell

Auction Night 10 June

Don't forget the auction night after the 10 June meeting. It's always entertaining to see auctioneer John in action. You never know what you might end up bringing home.

If you have some items to sell, bring them in early on the night.



May Feature Vehicle 1984 Mercedes 380 SEC

John Chrzanowski at the wheel of his mighty Merc.



John Chrzanowski parked his sleek red Mercedes 380 two door in the garage as the feature car for the May meeting. Jon has owned the car for five years and says he has owned over a dozen Mercedes over the past 25 years. He started with a diamond blue 280 SDL with 360,000 km on the clock. That car had been owned by Olympic great Judy Patching.

When John sold that first car it had 560,000 km on it and the engine had never seen a spanner.

This particular car is a 1984 380 SEC with a 3.8 L V8 engine coupled to a four-speed automatic gearbox. The engine produces a maximum of 150 kW of power and 201 hp at 5,250 RPM.

John bought the car from Sydney where the sun had damaged the red paint. He had the bonnet and boot re-sprayed.

The car has cruise control, an alloy block, electric seats, sunroof and air conditioning. This body shape was continued for 10 years.

Jon acknowledged that Mercedes were not everybody's cup of tea but "they go for ever".

[Mercedes-Benz W126 - Wikipedia](#)

More about Judy Patching:

[Julius Patching - Wikipedia](#)



Rusty Gold

Abandoned American cars



Automotive journalist Will Shiers has been photographing abandoned American cars for 35 years. He has visited all 50 states on his tin-hunting trips, exploring barns, fields, deserts, ghost towns and salvage yards, while searching for hidden treasures. The website has many pictures and descriptions of abandoned old cars.

The link to the article is

[Unicorns: the rarest cars we've ever spotted in American junkyards | Autocar](#)

Disclaimer: There is a link to the author's book at the end.

Most cars are American, but some are British, European, and Japanese. The website has more links to other car information. You can lose more time.



In more than three decades of searching through US junkyards, we had never found a **British-built Hillman Minx**. That is until we arrived at Desert Valley Auto Parts' Casa Grande site, which has no less than two of them. The pair appear to be 1958 examples, and it looks like both have been fire damaged. Given their scarcity, we wonder whether they once belonged to the same collector.

Although 19,000 Hillmans were exported to the US in 1958, very few survive today.



The chrome on this **1950 Dodge Coronet** might be perfect, but the rest of the bodywork is in a terrible state. It's not often that you find cars this rusty in Arizona.



What Thatcher, Arizona-based Valley Auto Wrecking lacked in quantity, it certainly made up for in quality, as we discovered on our visit several years ago. The most unusual resident was this **1955 Packard Clipper**. Packard only sold 55,247 cars in 1955, making it the 14th most popular domestic marque that year, and of those just 8309 were Clippers.



This **Chevrolet 2-door coupe** hails from 1941. It was discovered parked up alongside some agricultural machinery just outside of Fort Worth, Texas. It never ceases to amaze me just how many pre-War cars can still be found in this sort of condition.

A Quote: "I urge you to take care of yourself and avoid accidents, because spare parts for old models like us are no longer available in stock."

- Lindsay Alford

Max Wins Eric Baker Award

Club stalwart Max McKenzie was announced as the 2025 winner of the Eric Baker Award at the May meeting. Max has taken on a number of roles over the years and recently retired as the clubroom & equipment caretaker.

The Eric Baker Memorial Trophy is awarded to a club member who has made a special contribution to the Club, usually in the preceding year. The award has also been made to recognise sustained contributions over time. It is determined by the club committee.

The award is named for Eric Baker, a colourful club member notable for breathing life into the early swap meets run by the club. His trademark headwear was a bowler hat, which our president, John Bailey used as inspiration when he made the perpetual trophy in 2009.

- Ed



Vice president Barb presents Max with his award

RALLIES & RUNS Balmoral Lodge

The 1 May coffee run to Balmoral Aged Care was very successful with 13 cars arousing keen interest among the residents. Cars on display included several naked radiator models.

Photos: Adrian Van Der Lee



RALLIES & RUNS

Easter Vineland Rally

Manuel and I joined four other couples travelling to the Easter Vineland Rally in Mildura. We met up in St Arnaud mid-morning on Thursday. We had uneventful trip up but for various reasons only two couples arrived in the cars they originally entered.

Good Friday saw us out for breakfast. One couple even found a paddle steamer to cruise the Murray River. We each did our own thing for a while and then went and checked in for the rally. The Mildura club rooms are in Gol Gol so we all took the opportunity to walk along the river and watch a beautiful sunset.



Saturday morning saw us participating in a show and shine beside the river at the Buronga Wetlands. Judging of various categories was conducted here. Several people had dressed in the era of their car. Lots of hippies and a couple of gangsters.

An observation rally followed this. None of our group won a prize for this but it certainly added interest to the day. We had lunch at Dareton Men's Shed. It was the envy of most drivers: it was enormous. Most of it built with various government grants. They have a team who collect cans from lots of local businesses as well, which to date has raised them \$54,000. That's a lot of cans!



We were squashed into the club rooms for the evening meal but it tasted good.



Sunday morning saw us head out to the Redcliffe Steam Railway. We all went

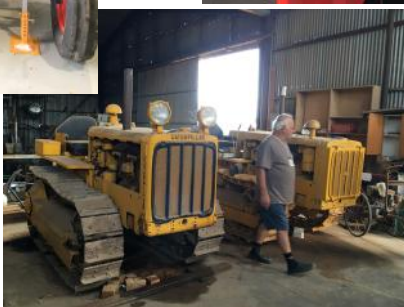


for ride on the steam train. While waiting for our turn we treated to some delicious traditional hot cross buns. We had a BBQ picnic lunch at Quandong Park.

Then we visited the Psyche pumps. The Chaffey brothers built these pumps in 1891 to irrigate the Mildura settlement. The pumps continued in operation until 1959, when electric pumps took over.



After the pump house visit we toured a tractor collection. There were three sheds of Ferguson tractors. The collection wasn't limited to Fergies though: there was also a Ferrari.



The evening meal was held at the Mildura RSL. Following a bacon and egg breakfast all the travellers made their way back to Geelong, parting ways at St Arnaud.

Words & pictures: Lil Vella

Events Calendar

Updates will be sent by email and posted on Facebook.
(Please pass on to those without email addresses.)

Friday 30 May

Backfire folding morning 9am Clubrooms.

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

Thursday 5 June

Coffee Run Lethbridge Railway Station the recently renovated Lethbridge Railway Station. A lovely bluestone, double storey building with ample parking out the front and side. A selection of slices, cake and scones jam and cream will be available for purchase along with instant coffee, tea or hot chocolate. You can also purchase coffee from the local Store across the road. Meet out at Lethbridge from about 9.45am. We look forward to your company and conversation!! Funds raised go towards the maintenance and development of the facility.

Contact: Col 0425 822 026

Tuesday 10 June

General Meeting at 7.30pm

Tuesday 10 June

Annual Club Auction (after the General Meeting)

Come early with those excess items and clear up the shed. 10% of the sale price goes to the Club. (Of course you are very welcome to donate the entire proceeds as well.) But be warned - our auctioneer John just might have you going home with more than you brought/bought! Be ready for a fun night.

Contact: John 0413 258 302

Wednesday 11 June

Dine Out. The Leopold Sportsman's Club about 6pm.

Contact: Sharyn 0417 546 089

Tuesday 17 June

Committee Meeting 7.30pm in clubrooms.

Thursday 19 June

Soup Line Day 10.30am. Well folks, it is that time of year again when we have our Soup Line Day at the clubrooms. We would like members to bring in a plate of food to share amongst ourselves, and a thing of interest for the other members to see and talk about. The club will provide the soup and bread to eat. I will bring in my remote control sailboats to show members what that is all about. This day is always a good bit of fun for all. Bring your sense of humour and join us on the day.

Contact: Ray van Galen 0408 664 537

Monday 23 June

July Backfire Deadline 5pm.

Contact: Jon B 0417 311 441

Tuesday 24 June

Tech Night "Filters". I know we did filters previously, but, by request, we will do them again. There is more to sift through. (It's all for a good gauze!) All members welcome. Visitors also warmly welcomed. Be there about 7pm, to set up for a 7.30pm start. Wear your name badge for a FREE CHOCOLATE FROG.

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938.

[Auto Expert, John Cadogan has an interesting video on You Tube.

On You Tube, type in "The truth about modern engine oils (and filters)". - Peter Telfer (Peter The Filter Man).]

Friday 27 June

Backfire folding morning 9am Clubrooms.

Contact: Peter Telfer 0427 526 938

Upcoming Events

Thursday 3 July

Coffee Run Anakie Roadhouse 2153 Geelong-Ballan Rd Anakie.

They haven't got their wood heater any more but it still should be warm and cosy!!! Meet out there from 9 45am. Parking is across the road opposite the roadhouse for those with better mobility or out the front. Cheers from the Coffee Co-ordinator.

Contact: Col 0425 822 026

Thursday 10 July

WDHVC Ladies Day Lunch at the Davidson 2 Fenwick St.

Geelong (part of the Gordon) Leave the clubrooms at 9.45am. Finish around 2.30pm. Names & numbers needed by Thursday 3 July, either at the 10 June meeting or by *contacting Anne De Bono 0439 743 591*

Sunday 13 July

Casserole Day 11.30am at the clubrooms. Please bring your oldest vehicle to show others what you enjoy driving. This event has always been a big hit. Please cook and bring in a casserole or a sweet to feed six people. This is shared on the day so can sample quite a few different flavours. I will be bringing along my World Famous Special Fried Rice, made from an old Dutch recipe. There is usually not much food left over at the end of the feast.

Contact: Barb to advise if you will bring a casserole or sweet. 0408 664 537



Saturday 16 August

Garage Girls - from 7pm.

Garage Girls is a radio play to be held in our club rooms. We are sharing the event with the MG Car Club of Geelong with 60 seats available for our club.

Don't miss out: only have 10 seats left! Seats cost \$30 each (subsidised by the club). It will be a great night.

Contact: David Mitchell 0409 099 716.

RALLIES & RUNS

Swap Wrap

Some personal reflections on the 2025 Bay City Swap Meet

The Swap in full swing



The 2025 Swap was another solid success. Perfect weather, large crowds and an arena full of site holders. Congratulations to all involved and "thank you" to the weather gods!

We grossed more money than ever before, but then we had to, to offset increasing costs and the tax bill the Club now has to pay the ATO. (Taxing not-for-profit clubs like ours is a short-sighted, obscene aberration that garnishees funds from hardworking clubs whose "workforce" is all voluntary and whose "earnings" all go to further the club itself.) Wow! Glad I got that off my chest!

Speaking of volunteers – we had well over 65 people volunteering to make the day run smoothly. Swap director David did a sterling job, both beforehand and on the day. The various workgroups went about their tasks efficiently. And it seemed to run smoothly.

A special mention to Rod Roach, who drove down from Charters Towers to lead the line-marking contingent, setting out the arena on Friday. Rod camped on site and helped to direct the stall holders to their places and assist where ever needed on the Saturday as well. Well done Rod.

In past years we felt that punters were not aware of the Devonshire teas for sale in the clubrooms. Well, the saying goes: *"If the mountain will not come to Muhammad, then Muhammad must go to the mountain"*.

So ... an innovative move this year saw Libby and Vicki trundle a specially decked out trolley cart among the stall holders. And it worked! They made more money selling Devonshire teas dispensed from the trolley than was made in the kitchen itself. Stallholders tied to their sites were delighted to buy a drink and a delicious scone. The cart had to make several trips to the kitchen for fresh supplies. Another good idea.



Running the Swap makes it possible to keep our membership fees low. The money earned funds or subsidises many of the club activities during the year. This is important in keeping our club vibrant and active. But the Swap has other benefits.

While the setup, running and clean up do involve some effort, the laughter, fun and friendship fostered cannot be underestimated. As we get older, the work can become more difficult, but the shared experience is priceless. (The more members that volunteer, the lighter the load.) And most volunteers managed to work around their shifts on a gate, or parking cars, or in the kitchen, to get in some bargain hunting among the aisles.

I also think that we do the community a service by running the swap. People really enjoy these days – as evidenced by the crowds who came. There seemed to be a good selection of items for sale and I reckon a fair bit of cash changed hands. More than one shed has swapped one lot of "motorabilia" for a fresh hoard of treasures. Some swap meets elsewhere appear to be struggling: it's great that we can continue to run ours.

- Editor

Photos: (R) The Devonshire tea trolley comes in for a refill. (L) The kitchen did a steady trade too.



RALLIES & RUNS

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Photos: James Park, Tim Christie and Ed.



A Minor Footnote.

Merv and I offer a "gold coin donation" parts pick up service. This keeps random vehicles off the arena - wandering pedestrians and cars do not mix well - and moves the heavier/bulkier items safely.

This year I decided to leave the Brumby at home and employ my little blue Morrie ute for the task. "Junior" prompted lots of chats about the Morris cars people used to own (some still do) – and he performed his task well. It was a squeeze for some buyers to slide into the passenger seat but no one complained.

Then, in the middle of the arena, Junior broke down. He wouldn't start! This was later diagnosed as a dud solenoid on the starter motor. We just jump started it and kept the motor (and thermo fan) running while we did a few more collects. Then I swapped to Murray's ute for the final few runs of the day (thanks Murray). I have ordered a new starter motor. - Ed



Junior on another pick up (just before he broke down).

SPORTS CARS

The NEW MORGAN Plus 4 ON THE ROAD •

VANGUARD ENGINE
POWERS SPORTS
CAR

The New Morgan Plus 4 on the Road

Vanguard Engine Powers sports car

One of the best looking and largest two seater sports cars to come from the Morgan Works, the Morgan Plus Four, is another exponent of the latest innovation in modern sports car design - to be power weight conscious. Fitted with the Standard Vanguard motor, a unit of 68 bhp, the Plus Four's unladen kerb weight is only 16 cwt.

The vehicle on the road is a delight to handle, the motor giving a feeling of exciting power and the exact, responsive steering gives a feeling of security that is hard to beat in cars of a similar type.

The Morgan slogan has always been to be able to build car that would be the fastest on the market to any car of a similar type and of a comparable price. The Plus Four is well within this mark, having a top speed in excess of 85 m.p.h. and still below £1,000 in Australia.

FLEXIBLE MOTOR.

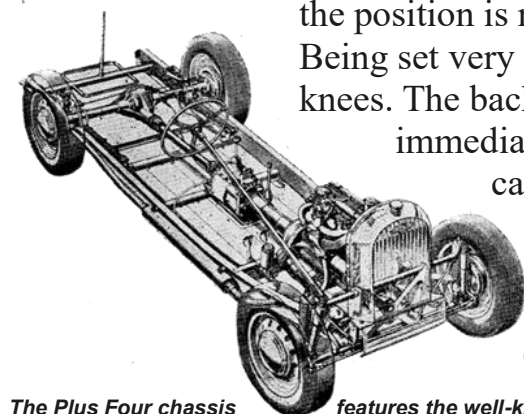
When driving the car, one is immediately impressed by the flexibility of the motor and its willingness to pick up from as low as 10 m.p.h. in top gear.

The Morgan is adaptable to city work as well as it is to the open road. The turning circle of 33 ft., with $2\frac{1}{4}$ turns of the wheel from lock to lock is a feature that is more than adequate. The best cruising speed for the car is hard to find. However, between 70-75 m.p.h. it travels with complete ease and there seems to be no feeling of strain or fatigue on the car or driver on a long country run.

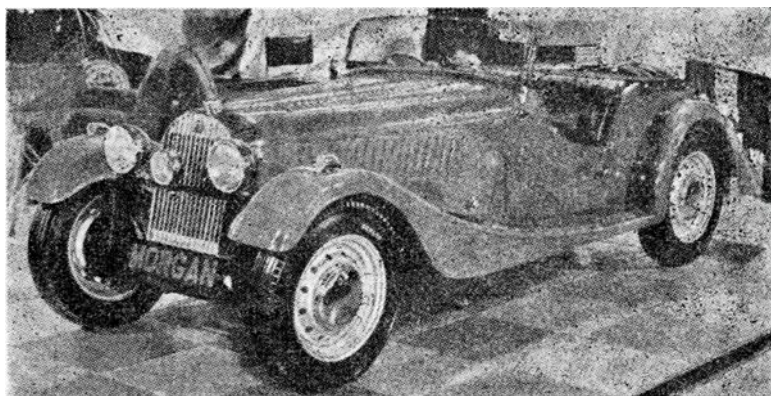
OUTSTANDING ACCELERATION

The acceleration from rest is amazing, 0-30 m.p.h. being reached in about 4 sec., and 0-50 m.p.h. in about 10 sees. These impressive figures show that the car, in the right hands, should perform well in competition events. When attempting a snappy take-off, one is instantly aware of the positive, easy changes that can be made with the four-speed gearbox.

A surprising feature was the non-adjustable driving position; however, for the normal driver the position is not uncomfortable and one soon grows accustomed to it. Being set very low, the air cushioned seats give a good support under the knees. The backrest is upright and seems to mould into one's back, immediately making one feel part of the car. The lowest part of the car is the floor, which encloses the whole of the transmission. This feature is typical of the Morgan design and is a good insulation from draughts and road noises. The padding along the top of the doors is a very desirable feature; and coupled with a good view forward over the long bonnet, happy touring is assured.



The Plus Four chassis features the well-known Morgan type independent suspension and the four speed, centrally mounted gearbox is operated by a short central lever.



The New Morgan Plus 4 on the Road (ctd)

LUGGAGE CAPACITY.

Most sports car owners will find the luggage carrying capacity behind the seat to be sufficient to meet their normal needs.

The suspension is more flexible than that of its predecessors and anything but very severe road shocks are absorbed in the patent Morgan design.

The Girling hydraulic brakes are efficient and will respond to all that is asked in an emergency or when driving hard.

Petrol consumption is reasonable for a car of this type, with about 25 m.p.g. available with fast driving.

Taken in all, one could say that the Plus Four should be one of the best to leave the Morgan Works.

Price £1,000 (inc. tax).

● SPECIFICATIONS

ENGINE.

18 h.p. (R.A.C. rating), 4 cylinders, overhead valves, 85 x 92 m.m., 2,088 c.c.

B.H.P.

68 at 4,200 r.p.m.

COMPRESSION.

6.7:1.

TORQUE.

Max. 112 lb./ft. at 2,300 r.p.m. 19 m.p.h. per 1,000 r.p.m. on top gear.

WEIGHT.

16 cwt.

TYRE SIZE.

5.25-16 in. on bolt-on steel disc wheels.

TANK.

Capacity, 11 gallons. Approximate fuel consumption 26 m.p.g.

TURNING CIRCLE.

33 ft. (L. and R.). Steering wheel movement from lock to

lock: 2½ turns. 12 volt electrical system.

DIMENSIONS.

Wheelbase, 8 ft. 0 in. Track, 3 ft. 11 in. (front); 3 ft. 11 in. (rear). Overall length, 11 ft. 10 in.; width, 4 ft. 8 in.; height, 4 ft. 4 in. Minimum ground clearance, 6 in.

ROAD TEST DATA.

Maximum Speeds in Gears:

First gear, 28 m.p.h.

Second gear, 47 m.p.h.

Third gear, 69 m.p.h.

Top gear, 86 m.p.h.

Acceleration through the gears.

0-30 m.p.h., 4 sec.

0-40 m.p.h., 6.5 sec.

0-50 m.p.h., 10 sec.

0-60 m.p.h., 15 sec.

0-70 m.p.h., 19 sec.

0-80 m.p.h., 34 sec.

Braking to stop from 30 m.p.h.

31 ft.

AUSTRALIAN MONTHLY MOTOR MANUAL-January, 1952.

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● ABOVE: MORGAN'S performance has been greatly improved by use of the Standard Vanguard engine and today it can claim to be the fastest sports car under £1,200; it is capable of just over 100-m.p.h. and 0 to 50-m.p.h. takes about eight seconds . . .

CARS, April 1955

Disabled Parking

A gentle request to leave 3-4 parking spaces on the grass immediately beside the front door, for members who find it harder to get around. Thank you.



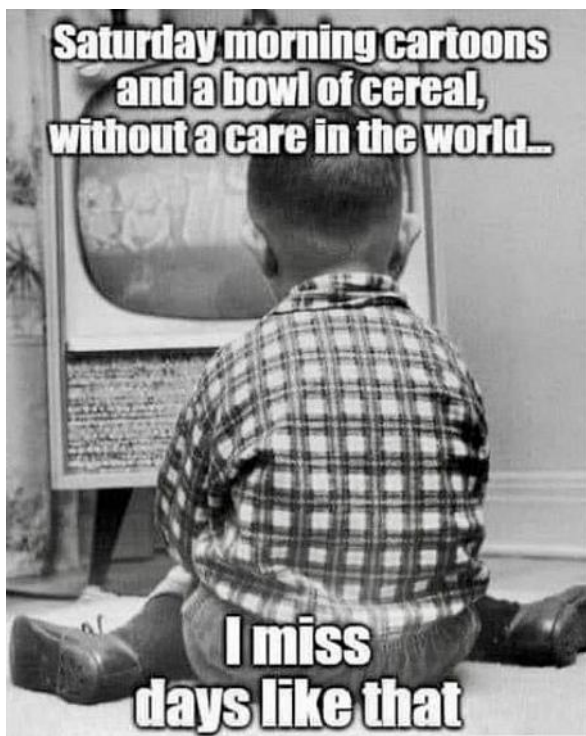
NICE CAR!



I spotted this beauty while out for a walk the other evening. The owner was visiting my neighbour across the park, who is into hot rods (he has some good looking cars. The owner said the panel van body was original. (Not much else was though!) What is the original make and year? - Ed

Phill's Phunnies

- from the days when we read books



A police officer called the station on his radio.

"I have an interesting case here.

"An old lady has shot her husband for stepping on the floor she had just mopped."

"Have you arrested the woman?"

"Not yet: the floor's still wet."

- contributed by
Tony Brincat

Tinker Day Coordinator Needed

We will need a new Tinker Day Coordinator as Dallas has retired from the job.

See John Bailey if you are interested or Dallas to find out more about what's involved.

It's Your Newsletter, so Keep Contributing!

Don't forget to send me your contributions. Emailed, hand delivered, posted, by SMS or carrier pigeon! Hand written or typed. Don't leave it to the faithful few or your editor. If you are at an event, take a photo on your phone or scribble a few notes. Send them to:

Mob. 0417 311 441 or editor@wdhvcgeelong.com



CLUB MERCHANDISE

Show You Belong

The WDHVC has items on display in the cabinet at the rear of the Clubrooms for members to purchase.

Coffee Mugs	\$15
Lapel Badges	\$10
WDHVC Key Rings	\$8 ea or 2 for \$15
Wide brimmed hats	\$20
Club stickers	\$2
WDHVC Metal Car Badges	\$25
Drink holders	\$7
Black Geelong Plates	\$33
Replica Inaugural Metal Club Badge	\$10
50 th Anniversary Metal Badges	\$5 each
	or 3 for \$10
WDHVC pens	\$4 each
	or 3 for \$10
WDHVC Log Book reminder stickers	\$2
Magnetic WDHVC Badges	\$4 each
	or 3 for \$10
Windscreen Banners	\$10
To buy any of these items, please contact David Mitchell on 0409 099 716.	

Great Mars Bar Competition

More photos needed

Please sneak in your photo submissions to:

Ray van Galen

Ph 52789 368,

or

email rbvangalen@gmail.com



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FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

For Sale

For sale 1981 Lincoln continental town car. Mark V1. Right hand drive. Original paperwork. Reg. 20248-H. \$35,000.
Call Sharon 0432 084 274.

4/25



For Sale 1946 Oldsmobile ACE . Reco water pump and radiator. 12 volt electrics. On club plates. \$20k. Call Karl 0413 074 733.

3/25



FOR SALES, WANTED & CLUES

For Sale

For Sale 1996 HX Falcon Ute Auto S Pack. Reg. OEC 498. Dual fuel (gas disconnected). ABS, A/C, cruise control, driver air bag, and bull bar. Good condition, and low mileage. Asking \$5,500. Please contact Phill by text only 0439 965 210 for details.

5/25



For Sale 1961 Mark 2 Jaguar. 2.4 L, 4 Speed with O/D. Vin 109618DN. \$22,000 ONO.

Call Rod Booley 0417 021 982.

5/25



For Sale 1977 Triumph Stag. 3 L V8, 3 Speed Auto. Comes with Hard and Soft Tops. Eng No LF45044HEA. \$16,000 ONO.
Call Rod Booley 0417 021 982.

5/25



For Sale Tacho. 80mm Brand new. Cost \$480. \$300 ONO. Call Adrian 0408 332 458.

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Adverts are free to Members only and generally appear for **two issues** of *Backfire*. To remove advertisements from the newsletter earlier, email editor@wdhvcgeelong.com (Ph 0417 311 441).

Reminder: All vehicles in the "For Sales" must have VIN number & Price or Registration Number & Price, otherwise they will be listed under "Clues". Ads for the 'Clues' section must not refer to any payment that may take place by mentioning an amount or 'best offer', etc.

All ads for cars also appear on the **club web site** where greater detail and photos (where supplied) can be viewed. To see ads, go to WDHVC For Sales

Ads remain on the website for 3 months unless you request their removal. To remove an ad from the website, email webmaster@wdhvcgeelong.com (Ph 0418 587 415).

KEEP IT IN THE CLUB

Got a vehicle for sale?

Please consider advertising it in *Backfire* first, to give your fellow members the first option of buying.

If undeliverable return to:

WDHVC
PO Box 200
Newcomb VIC 3219

Backfire

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June 2025 at a glance (details Page 9)

1951 Morgan Plus 4

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 EXTREME WEATHER (including Total Fire Bans) A club event may be cancelled on extreme weather days. If an extreme weather day is predicted members should either: check the club website; check their emails; or contact the event organiser.	26	27	28	29	30 Backfire Folding Morning	31 May
1	2	3	4	5 Coffee Run Lethbridge Railway Station 9.45am	6	7
11	12	10 General Meeting 7.30pm AUCTION	11 Dine Out Sportsman's Club 6pm	12	13	14
15	16	17 Committee Meeting 7.30pm	18	19 Soup Line Day 10.30am Clubrooms	20	21
22	23 Backfire Deadline	24 7pm Tech Night "Filters #2"	25	26	27 Backfire Folding Morning	28
29	30	1 July	2	3 Coffee Run Anakie Roadhouse	4	10 Ladies Day Lunch at the Davidson