President’s Report

A Sound Decision

I just bought a new radio for the Capri. It does not have a CD player just a slot for an SD card, a USB port and it has Bluetooth so you can listen to music from your phone as well as answer it hands free, and it was cheap, I mean real cheap about 40 bucks. This got me thinking about car audio and how much it has changed. Up until Japanese cars started to land in Australia in the late 1960s most locally produced cars did not have radios, or if they did they were expensive options. I remember an uncle’s EK Holden with a small leather cased transistor radio swinging from the rear vision mirror. The sound was lousy and it was amazing the thing didn’t hypnotise him. Perhaps it did, he did drive into a tree once. I think you can track the history of car audio in Australia through my Uncle Andrew. After the Holden came a Mini and it had a radio!! It was a huge thing mounted under the passenger parcel shelf. I used to put my feet on it you could see the valves glowing inside. Moving into the 70s it was a Rambler Matador and it had, wait for it, an 8 track cartridge player. Wow, wasn’t that a revolution. Next a Toyota with the obligatory radio/cassette player. I think he died before we got to CDs. Now of course it’s not even a separate sound system. The same interface is used for the GPS, the reversing camera, park assist and God knows what else. How far we have come?

Hope to see you at our next monthly meeting at Nelson Bay Bowling Club on Thursday, May 14 at 6 p.m. and also….

See you on the road

P.S.C.A.A. President Andrew Hamilton
“WINNERS ARE GRINNERS”…..Congratulations Terry on winning the Limited Production Class Mark Trophy.
A BEAUTIFUL Australian country setting with Jim’s Italian winning Lancia Fulvia. Congratulations Jim.

The team who attended were: Steve Crawford (Alfa 156 GTA), Gerry Alesich (with Steve), Jon Dickson (Lancia Fulvia HF), Ivor Davies (Lotus Elan +2), Terry Appleby (De Tomaso Pantera) and Jim White (Lancia Fulvia CPE)

Trip to Bathurst on Friday 27th April:
Bay to Denman: 202kms, 2½ hours, then refuel and coffee.

Time: 3 hours.
Denman to Bylong: 72kms. Time: 1 hour.
Bylong to Rylstone: 52kms. Lunch and refuel. Time: 1½ hours.
Rylstone to Bathurst: 100kms. Time: 1½ hours.
Total: 426kms. Total time: 7 hours.

The Bay People met at Caltex at 7-15 am then proceeded to BP Beresfield and met Ivor and Jon at 8am. Then on to Bathurst. Accommodation Friday Evening was at the Panorama Hotel. Evening Meal up in the town – at Jim’s Acropolis (Acropol), where we met Gerry's granddaughter.


Total: 386kms. Time: An easy 6 hours.

We stayed in apartments at the Forrest Lodge Motel (same as the last 2 yrs ) these are self-contained 2-bedroom apartments. Saturday night we met the Lancia Club for alfresco Italian meal. Sunday 29th we attended the 30th Auto Italia Car Show, with hundreds of classic Italian cars, as can be seen in the photos, I received the prize for best “Limited Production Marque”. We stayed at the show until about 2pm, then Jim, Ivor and me drove home, the rest staying an extra night.

A great trip, and very few car problems, nothing fell off, and we all made it home OK. It’s becoming an annual event, and looking forward to next year.

Bob Male, a Foundation Member and former member of PSCAA, won the Ian Campbell Memorial Trophy “Best In Show”, for his 1971 Alfa Romeo 105 GTV. The trophy was named after the original President of Auto Italia which is open to all Italian vehicles across Australia. He was presented this trophy by the Italian Ambassador to Australia.

He has already had a write-up by publishers of the Auto Italia regarding a brake failure problem he had prior to the show while motoring to the event. Bob was successful in finding a high-performance vehicle mechanic who enabled him to complete the drive to Canberra and win this major prize. He was shocked to hear of the prize win due to the fact that his Alfa is green in colour and that the majority of the Alfas and Ferraris are red.

Bob was delighted to have us write about his and his wife's success at this year’s Canberra show. Congratulations Bob from all at PSCAA…..Ed
What a beautiful morning it was. The run was well attended with approximately 26 members. We left the Caltex servo, Anna Bay at 10.30am and headed to Alderley Creek Winery, which is on the Bucketts Way, Stroud. It was such a great morning and the run on Bucketts Way didn’t appear to be its normal bumpy road.

Arriving at the winery and after parking the cars (BMW, Capri, Corvette, Daimler, Holden, MGF, Morgan, Mustang, Saab) carefully, we all headed into what looked like a “man’s shed” that was filled with old wares for sale.

The next building was the winery where the present owner gave a brief history about the buildings and grounds. They stocked some local produce (beer, candles, pickles, relish) that could be purchased, as well as the wine produced from the grapes they grew. The wine tasting began with a 2014 Verdelho (very dry) and a 2011 Verdelho (a bit sweeter). For a cellar door price of $25 a bottle, it really wasn’t that good, so not too sure if he sold many bottles.

Lunch had been pre-ordered and there was plenty of table spaces on the verandah and in the grounds to sit and enjoy the lunch, have a good natter or wander around the grounds. An enjoyable day was had by all, but sadly, on the journey home, Trev II had big hiccup as his MGF spat the dummy and decided to stop. Fortunately, Charlie Aquilina was close by and returned to give him a helping hand and some advice (no, Charlie doesn’t want to buy another car).

The MGF was last seen living at Charlie’s place and I’m sure that by now Trevor has had lots of advice and too many suggestions.

Hopefully it won’t be too long before we see him tearing around in his MGF again, leading us forward to our next venue.
Nerida and Moira enjoying a cuppa prior to a beaut 3-course lunch.
Angela, Charlie, Pam and Jean, all enjoying a fabulous autumn day out.
Bill and Pat Balson enjoying a LIFT at Alderley Creek Winery.
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You gotta love this place, and for the April Secret Men’s Business breakfast, 17 of us did. Given that the weather was a bit iffy, we had a good roll-up of classics. It was nice to see Geoff Shaw out and about likewise Malcolm Smyth. Mike Ryves, indefatigable as ever was there in the roofless Lotus, Peter Smith in the SLK with T2 riding shotgun also prospective new member Peter Parkinson in a nicely presented Chev Impala, Matt Fawkner in that lovely old Benz as well all the usual suspects.

Now, The Cottage Café is a bit different to our usual breakfast destinations in so much as it does an all you can eat buffet, and at $18 including bottomless tea or coffee it is a bargain. The place is full of old wares has patterned table cloths, tea cosies on the teapots and none of the crockery matches which gives it a very cosy old world feel. All of which is lost on the men of the PSCAA. However as long as there are lashings of bacon, eggs, mushrooms and baked beans, who cares what the place looks like.
Lunch in a Member’s Shed – Taylors Beach – 26/4/15 – CE1520

By The Mafia

Pictures by Terry
Twenty-five members turned up on Sunday, 25th April, to look at Bruce’s terrific work shed. It has all the tools to rebuild any car, with lathes, every known drilling equipment, welding gear, generator, all types of tools, sand blasting, and a very large spray booth which would accommodate two of the Smiths Caddies. (Please see more of the Club’s photos on our website.)

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With all this gear Bruce has is to rebuild his 1953 BN 1 Austin Healey which will be up to 100M standard plus some. Here are some of the specifications:

**Engine:** 3-Litre balanced; 11lb off the flywheel; 27/70 camshaft; Lightened harmonic balancer; plus a lot more.
**Brakes:** 4-wheel discs off a XJ6 Jaguar.
**Wheels:** 6½-inch chrome wire.
**Body, Bonnet, boot lid and doors (doors to be purchased) are all aluminium and the rest of the car is fibreglass.**
**Gearbox:** 4-speed plus overdrive on each gear, and a slippery diff (LSD).

That’s just a few of the modifications.

Bruce wheeled-out the B-B-Q Master Chef and Laurie Nolan attacked with great vigour, from his book: “How to Cook Union Rings 100 Ways”, soon to be released, although cooking my rissoles with gravel is a new approach.

Everyone enjoyed the day viewing the shed and socially.

I pass on to Bruce our thanks for letting us into his Aladdin’s Cave.

There was no need to lower the toilet seat and there is no truth to the rumour that the Club is preparing to make an offer to purchase Bruce’s beaut setup for a clubhouse…..More’s the pity…..Ed
The weather was cloudy but fine. The run was smooth. The free sausage sizzle, coffee, iced coffee and sample bags were well received. Terry’s De Tomazo Pantera attracted a lot of attention, and Jeff asked a question to Big David: “Have you tried Castrol GTX?” He managed to survive after he was seen “being choked” by him at Atlantic Oils…..LOL…..Ed
Due to iffy, inclement weather and possible bad road conditions the proposed run to CBC Café, Paterson was postponed and the crew of eight decided to land at the new ’Lil Budda restaurant for brekky. It was a great spread at short notice, with all these smiling faces, and it was recently stated by our Facebook Administrator: “No doubt, about it, some of our members will brave any conditions for a feed”.
Our Member, Allan Buscombe, has contributed this for our Newsletter. *Thanks Allan, you may save a life.*

Please give yourself 2 minutes and read this:-

1 Let's say it's 7pm and you're going home (alone of course) after an unusually hard day on the job.
2 You're really tired, upset and frustrated.
3 Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to drag out into your arm and up in to your jaw. You are only about five km from the hospital nearest your home.
4 Unfortunately you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far.
5 You have been trained in CPR, but the guy that taught the course did not tell you how to perform it on yourself.
6 **HOW TO SURVIVE A HEART ATTACK WHEN ALONE?** Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack without help, the person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness.

7 However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest.

A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let-up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again.

8 Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital.

Please tell as many other people as possible about this. It could save their lives!!

A cardiologist says: If everyone who gets this information kindly sends it to 10 people, you can bet that we'll save at least one life.

*From: Dr. N. Siva (Senior Cardiologist)*
CHARLES’S WORKSHOP DAY, Nelson Bay – 3/5/15 – CE1521A

By Ed

Girls, this is why we have these workshop days…..Just look what we saw and repaired on Keith’s massive rally-bred Mercury, using Charles’s beaut hoist.

Compliments to Andrew, our chef on the day, well organised BBQ, complete with pork bellies and sausages. Our new marque was ready, in case of rain. However, the weather was fine and over 20 members and friends attended and enjoying good food, refreshments and camaraderie. Our thanks also to Charles for his hospitality and excellent engineering set-up.

<< just look here!...
The Mini Man

Our member of PSCAA, Ivan Glasby, originally from Bulawayo, was a real ace in Mini Coopers in the late ’60s, culminating in winning the 1969 Rhodesian Saloon Car Championship.
Ivan and his younger brother Bruce followed their father Eric into motor racing and for a while all three appeared on tracks together.
In 1968 Ivan purchased a written-off 970cc Cooper “S” and rebuilt it for racing.

When Ivan moved to Australia in 1980 the Mini Cooper “S” went with him, and Ivan subsequently opened Mini Spares and Repairs in Castle Hill.
The much-raced Mini has appeared at Historic events over recent years, and is currently on display in the National Motor Racing Museum, Bathurst. Ivan also owns the ex-Bob Gerard Cooper Bristol which will be with us later in the year.
Are you receiving all the Emails?

Members should be receiving the following regular Emails:
Monthly Newsletter and Events from Brian
Agendas and Minutes from Nerida
Reminders about 48 hours before each event from Trevor II
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If all else fails please notify any of the above at our monthly meetings, the second Thursday of each month, 6pm at Nelson Bay Bowling Club.

Winter is on the way….That means most of our vehicles will have to have their “lids” up….

We favour a solid steel top….no need to erect a vinyl or canvas lid.

Once drove a Holden Astra vinyl soft top and when trucks overtook up the inside lane…. Wow!!!.....Gosh!!! (for want of a stronger adjective!)…..it sounded as if they were inside on the back seat!!!

For all your reports for the newsletter, please email to bww3@bigpond.com
In a email message, a Word only document, not docx. Thanks,

Catch you next month......Ed