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Our Club Meetings are held on the third
Sunday Bi-monthly, commencing at **11 am.**

The Next Meeting Dates are:

April 15th - 2012:Committee/General Meeting
Please note this meeting will start at 10:00am

June 17th - 2012:Committee/General Meeting
August 19th - 2012:Annual General Meeting
October 21st - 2012:Committee/General Meeting

**Our Meeting Place is at the
Sunbury RSL Rooms at the corner of
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Anyone interested in becoming a Club Member can do so in one of the following ways.

Contact the Secretary and ask for a membership application form to be mailed to you.

Come along to a General Meeting and introduce yourself to the Club Officials.

Send an e-mail to the Editor and get an application by return e-mail, or download an application form from the Clubs web site.

**Visitors are always most welcome
to attend the Club's meetings.**



A Word from Our President

Hello Members,

February 19th 2012

I would like to start the year wishing all members and friends a Happy New Year and at the same time welcome our five new members, Logan Smith (Nicholls ACT), Anthony and Aisha O'Donnell (Burwood), Peter and Judi Moore (Meadow Heights), Paul and Carol Cattach (Doreen) and Alan & Ria Gascoyne (Airlie Beach QLD).

Off to a great start with our first January run to Ian and Sue Hayward's place in Croydon North. It is just a great place to be with so many trinkets, not to mention the plane in the back yard. Thanks very much to Ian and Sue for their hospitality.

Our next run was a good time at Edwards Park Lake, for a picnic afternoon with lots of laughter and cheer followed by the Drive-In Night at Coburg. At this run we had the pleasure of seeing Terry and Silvana Usher's 1955 Victoria for the first time since its restoration and what a fantastic job they have done. It is an absolute credit to them.

In early February we almost filled the Colonial Motel in Kaniva this year, with a great roll up of members. Thanks to Bernie and Judy Lawson and their friend Brenda for the fabulous evening meal they put on for us on the Friday night, as well as Sunday mornings breakfast.

The Car and Bike Show was bigger this year and we managed to win the Best Club Display again, Bill and Margaret Stocks won Best 1950's car with their Star Model, also Rob and Margaret Breheny won Peoples Choice with their Buick. Congratulations to both.

Thanks go to Rob Breheny also for organising the raffle which made the club \$295.

I am looking forward to the Fish and Chip night in Altona this month, it is always a lot of fun.

At the February meeting today it was decided that next year we will have a meeting in January, so as not to have such a gap between meetings over the festive and holiday season and the bi-monthly meetings will continue from that point.

Safe and Happy Cruising. (In a Fifties Ford Of course)

Jim Pierce

Your Club President.

WHAT HAVE YOU GOT IN YOUR BACKYARD?

Joan and I headed off this morning to meet other Club Members at Macca's in Nunawading. Shortly after we arrived, Helen & Jim, June & Wayne, Margaret & Bill, Brenda & Kevin, Margaret & Rob, Debbie & Mick and Cherie & Phil pulled into the car park as well, with our visitors Grover & Dave parked just around the corner. After a bite to eat and a cuppa we headed off to Croydon North.

It was a pleasant run from Nunawading and we first saw some of Ian's handywork as we rounded the corner to his place, yes, Ian had been out spraying all the Agapantha flowers different colours for the Xmas spirit, and when we arrived we were greeted by Ian and Sue.

Those who had not been to Ian and Sue's before were absolutely amazed at what they had done around the house, and that was just the front yard. Ian came out and had a look at our line up of vehicles, 2x 56 Sedans, 2x 56 Victoria, a 57 Sedan, 2x 58 Sedans, a 65 Galaxie, a Buick and our visitors with a 48 Packard and an FJ Holden.

We eventually all moved into Ian's car port area where we set up camp, and chatted whilst discovering further what was there. The main feature being the Dehaviland Dove airplane that Ian has set up in his back yard with flight simulators and lots of other stuff.

The barbie was next to be fired up so we all tucked in for a good feed and a drink or two to wash it all down. Plenty more chatting with Sue and Ian and with Ian also telling everyone about his collections and entertaining the Breheny grankids with his mockup cockpit. Margaret and Bill were fascinated with Ian's Gold Mine in the front yard, and would you believe that it was made by Ford at Geelong for the 2nd WW effort, you can see it in the pictures.

Ian's Dove aircraft was at one stage with the Royal Flying Doctor Service, and is the same type of plane that crashed on takeoff at Essendon Airport many years ago. Ian's sign on the entrance to his aircraft does not reflect on them as he calls "his place" the "Royal Flying Drongo Centre of Operation", which includes his "Complete Drongo Flight Simulator Academy". But that's Ian for ya, always thinking of something to entertain and surprise all visitors.

The afternoon rolled on with everyone finding something different to see and be amazed by, as Ian has a wonderful imagination with all the stuff he displays making things stand out for all to see, like his full sized radial airplane engine that he takes to different shows. You know there is hardly a square inch of space left anywhere around the house for Ian's handywork, and that's without even going inside to see what he has done there as well. I think you could probably spend a couple of hours or so just in the loo!

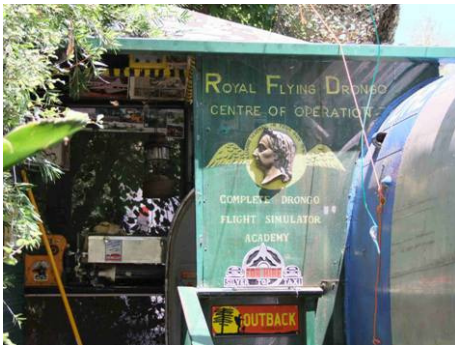
As the afternoon progressed Jim thanked Ian and Sue for having us visit their wonderful property and on behalf of himself and all the Club members Jim presented Ian and Sue with a Certificate of Appreciation.

A few members started to head off for home soon after and I think we headed off home about 4:00 pm. The drive home was not too bad although its amazing the amount of cars that are on the roads on a Sunday afternoon.

I think everyone enjoyed the day thoroughly and would be eager to return for another visit one day to find all the things they missed on the previous visit.

Another great day out with the Club, Rob & Joan Brereton.

Ian & Sue's Wonderland Pictures...





From The Editors Desk:

Hi everyone, just a few words from your Newsletter Editors once again to say we hope that you enjoy reading the good spread of articles and run reports that grace the pages of this issue of the newsletter. Don't forget to place the Forthcoming Events page somewhere prominent so you won't forget what is coming up in the next few months.

Rob Brereton Newsletter Editor & Mick Breheny Assistant Newsletter Editor.

Our New Members

We have FIVE new memberships to welcome into the Club this Newsletter, so let's all give a very warm welcome to: Anthony & Aisha O'Donnell from Burwood East. Anthony has been a member many years ago and has decided he would like to be a member again although his health is failing and because of this he has just recently sold his two-tone



Green 58 Star Model. Next we have Paul & Carol Cattach from Doreen who have a White/Yellow 56 Sedan with a 302 engine, C4 auto & disc brakes, Next we have Logan Smith from Nicholls ACT who does not have a vehicle at present but is interested in getting a Mainline. Next we have Peter & Judi



Moore from Meadow Heights who have a Black & Red 4 Door Victoria with a 351 Cleveland and a C4 auto, and they also have a 55 sedan resto on the way. And lastly we have Alan & Ria Gascoyne from Airlie Beach QLD, who have a Blue 1950 Convertible and a Green 1950 Coupe with a 4 speed gearbox.

CONGRATULATIONS

Jackie and Kevin Mulroney wish to announce that they are New Grandparents. Their little Grand Daughter Lina Kate was born in early January 2012 and weighed in at 8-lb 12-oz. The Club wishes Emma, Jason and all the family all the best for now and the future.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

Best Wishes to all Celebrating their Birthdays during the next Three Months.



March:

3rd Stephen Wright
3rd Ken Wylie
10th Tammy Carroll
11th Rob Bruton
12th Sylvie Camilleri
21st Kevin Mulroney
25th Gary Gunn

April:

3rd Pam Dahlstrom
4th Sandra Hibbert
5th Connie Vella
5th Phil Hird
11th Margaret Stocks
20th Beryle McKenzie
20th Joe Vella
20th Roslyn Evans
23rd Rebecca Camilleri
25th Margo Westwood
30th Ray Kilby

May:

1st Janet Hamilton
2nd Jim Bryant
8th Bev Gillespie
19th James Evans
23rd Alan McKenzie
24th Bernie Lawson
25th Daryl Fielder
27th Debbie Breheny
28th Melissa Gunn
28th Michael Conneely
29th Jim Pierce

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ONE MAN ON A MISSION TO SHOW HOW ETHANOL IS WRECKING YOUR ENGINE

To leave one of Ed Syrocki's standing-room-only ethanol education seminars is to go home amazed, enlightened, and probably a little upset. Syrocki doesn't just claim ethanol destroys fuel lines, wrecks fuel pumps and clogs accelerators, he lets you see the damage for yourself. Find out why Syrocki is on a one-man grassroots campaign to educate historic vehicle owners about the damage ethanol fuel is doing to their engines. Ed Syrocki just might be the only mechanic in America who's tired of getting paid for his work. "It's about my reputation, my ability to fix an engine," says the owner of EMS Classic Car Care of Warren, Michigan. "It's being called into question because of things I can't control." What Syrocki can't control is what ethanol-blended fuel does to his customers' engines. Since 1998, Syrocki has specialized in repairing and maintaining all types of historic vehicles. "From Corvairs to Lamborghinis," he says. "We don't specialize in restoration, we specialize in making these cars run, and run well." Syrocki is plain-spoken and modest about the quality of his work, but the constant parade of customers who travel far and wide to his garage are testament to his integrity and reputation. Since founding EMS Classic Car Care in 1998, feature stories have appeared in a number of automotive magazines and national newspapers. Customers have gone on to present cars at the Meadow Brook Concours and other top shows. Despite the wheelchair and crutches he has used since contracting polio in 1957, Syrocki can be found working under the hood almost every day of the week. But these days, he says, most of his hours seem to be spent diagnosing engine problems caused by ethanol blended fuel. Ethanol - a blend of ethyl alcohol and gasoline (usually 10 percent ethanol), known as E10 acts as a solvent that is believed to cause problems for older cars with engines not designed for this type of fuel. "In the past three years, work on fuel related repairs has more than doubled," he says. "Gas tanks, floats going bad, fuel pumps, carburetors, where it used to be that most of our work was related to other mechanical problems, now three days every week is spent working on cars with fuel systems damaged by ethanol blended fuel." Since founding the company, Syrocki has always made follow-up calls to customers after their car left his shop to see how the vehicle was performing. "But people started calling me and saying the same problem was back," he says. "And it wasn't just after a long winter sitting period when the car was left in the garage. I found that E10 damage to a vehicle's fuel systems can begin if the car is left to sit only a few weeks. Based on what I've seen, I believe that with E15

the damage would be almost instantaneous." In the trenches for the last three years, Syrocki has collected cracked and damaged fuel system parts. He's conducted his own fuel tests. When a customer would reappear complaining of the same engine trouble over and over again, Syrocki took the time to show them gas samples so they could see ethanol fuel separation. He tore apart gas tanks and cut open damaged fuel lines to show the effects of ethanol. Then he also told customers what they could do to prevent the damage in the future. "Use a soy-based fuel additive," he says (Syrocki Recommends Shaeffer Oil's Soy Ultra, which encapsulates the damaging water molecules ethanol fuel attracts). "Never let the vehicle sit without topping off the tank and keep your fingers crossed." Finally, one Saturday this past July, Syrocki decided to take his findings and his message to the masses. He opened his garage and on the night of his first free slide show and three hour presentation, every one of the 200 chairs in the place was full. Ethanol Show-And-Tell, "I'm just a mechanic who fixes this stuff," he says. "I'm not a scientist, but people were spellbound. The seminar is like a show-and-tell." Syrocki does for a room full of people what he used to do for customers, one at a time. He's conducted three ethanol education seminars for historic vehicle enthusiasts this summer and is planning more. "I'm volunteering all my time because ethanol is just wrong," he says, adding that he has yet to find a sure-fire cure to help historic vehicle owners completely protect their investment. "I tell people to contact their senators and demand that we just get rid of it." With government subsidies and farmers making money on corn grown for fuel, Syrocki understands that ethanol might never go away. In the meantime, he'd be happy to see states be able to opt out of using ethanol fuel or simply to see a lonely pump in the corner of every filling station that serves up pure unleaded fuel. "I understand the market of those in the business of ethanol. I have a market for repairs," says Syrocki. "I just don't believe in letting damage happen on the backs of others. And I don't like having to do the same job twice." The Historic Vehicle Association has already assisted Ed Syrocki in providing ethanol education materials, information on how to contact lawmakers, sample letters from Individuals and clubs and direction on how to sign our EthaNo Petition. To find out how you can attend the next ethanol education seminar hosted by Syrocki you should contact him through his website <http://www.emsccc.webs.com>.

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KANIVA SHOW N' SHINE



Weekend to Kaniva Car & Bike Show.

February 3rd - 4th & 5th 2012

Jim decided this year to take the Galaxie to Kaniva as it had air con, we whimped out of a Cussie. Don't say it, I know, I know.

Friday we travelled to Ararat where we met up with some of the crew at the usual Caltex road house, after the usual BS and a snack we then picked up Bill and Margaret Stocks, who were waiting patiently for us on the other side of Ararat. Jim and I stopped off at Nhill and then followed the others to Kaniva, which I thought was good as there was no waiting to check in as the others had done that for us. Good Timing.



Bernie and Judy Lawson and their friend Brenda put on a terrific BBQ and array of salads for our evening meal



which was much appreciated and enjoyed by us all. With drinks, food and good company it was a very relaxing way to end the day.

Saturday saw Jim nearly fall out our door as some prankster had piled chilly-bin and chairs outside our room. Then the boys headed off early to set up the Club display at the show, after them all telling Rob Breheny he was setting up by himself. Us girls had a bit of a sleep in and then wandered down to the shops in Kaniva. We

were pretty good, not a great deal of money spent, just a few bargains.

Afterwards it was back to the Motel for a quick cool drink, then it was down to join the guys. A good thing for gazebos as that sun had some sting to it.



Jackie Mulroney certainly felt that sting, glowing like a red rose with sunscreen duly applied if not a little late. Rob Breheny as usual did a great job with the club raffle and the club came out with \$295, VERY GOOD.

When it came to the trophies we did

& HAPPY SNAPS

well again, winning the Best Club Display for the third year running. Bill and Margaret Stocks won Best 1950's car with their Star Model and Rob and Margaret Breheny got Peoples Choice for their Buick. There was a great turnout of all makes and models of both cars and bikes, which is a good thing for Kaniva, as this means the show will continue.



Saturday night we all tramped hand in hand down to the Pub for a great meal, nothing beats a country pub for a great meal, no yuppie stuff, just a good honest meal. Then back to the Motel



once again hand in hand, (isn't that cute).

Sunday morning it was down to Bernie and Judy's home for their usual great BBQ breakfast before heading for home.

A hearty THANKS to you both.

Signing off, Helen Tuo (Possum).



This is the line up for breakfast on the Sunday morning at Judy & Bernie's place

CRAZZY & MADCAR

At Least they are FORDS. These are the Fords they were having when they weren't having a Customline.

What a pair, does this have some reflection on the owners of these vehicles.

One may wonder if the owners were that way before they purchased their vehicles.



35th RACV FEDERATION VEHICLE DISPLAY

AUSTRALIA DAY 26TH JANUARY 2012

Another year has past and here I am again heading into the City to meet up with Rob & Mick Breheny to do our duty for the RACV as Marshalls for their Australia Day Federation Vehicle Display in the Kings Domain Gardens. We had our cars parked in the prime position along Linlithgow Avenue just after 7:00am and then met up with the rest of the Marshalls for the day.

After a bit of a chinwag and a bit of organisation we all headed off to our allocated positions at about 8:00am. The Display vehicles were not supposed to arrive until about



9:00am, but there is always 1 or 2 that arrive early. We were there to direct well over 430 vehicles into a parking spot along the tracks through the gardens, and to keep all the drivers happy, which is no easy task, as there is always someone who wants to throw a tantrum for one reason or another.



It was a very pleasant morning with the Sun shining and by 10:30am it was starting to really warm up, we had done our morning duty and returned to our cars for a rest. Something to eat and a cuppa and a look around the cars was in order. The Midday cannon blasts woke us and everyone else up, man it's a shock to the system, you have to be there to experience it. It wasn't long before lunch time came around and again on went the feed bag. After lunch Mick got the Club



Gazebo out to make some repairs ready for the trip to Kaniva, and it made a great wind break as well, repairs were made and this time it was packed away with more care.



The Roulettes made an appearance after lunch and put on a great display. At about 3:15pm we headed back to our positions to get all the cars out of the gardens

in an orderly fashion, as some were a bit slow in getting moving. That all happened without too much delay and we then headed back to the RACV tent where we were just in time to get into the group photo. We then headed back to



our cars, had a quick drink, said our goodbyes and headed off for home about 4:30pm.

It was a very enjoyable day and I am sure I will be there to enjoy it again next year.

Rob Brereton.



28TH January
2012



PICNIC AT EDWARDS PARK LAKE AND DRIVE IN RUN

A number of us arrived at Edwards Park Lake where we set up our chairs and tables and most importantly our esky's (hot day - kept food cool), then



some serious and not so serious discussions went on and on. Terry and Sylvana Usher arrived with their recently restored 1955 Victoria, a beautiful job Terry. We had a lot of admirers

stopping to look at and take photos of our cars. We were also entertained with music by some people with a very loud PA including a voice that could grate carrots at 200 metres!



Then off to the Drive In to see Mysterious Island where we parked close to the Diner and actually close to the toilets, to save us oldies a long walk. Nearly all of us



found a good park with a great view of the screen. Out came the chairs between Jim's and Mick's cars so we could chat and have drinks before the movie started. When the lights went out those of us with good parks sat in our cars to watch, not the movie, but Brenda Lee having a very animated conversation with a



woman and her family in a 4WD which had pulled up in front of Kevin's Cussy and blocked their view. Brenda Lee asked nicely if they could move and was not so politely told that she was stupid and should %\$#@ %\$#@&. Brenda Lee took exception to this and politely told the lady to go home and %\$#@ %\$#@&. When this entertainment finished we went back to watching the movie. The live entertainment was by far more action packed than the Mysterious Island.

As the credits were rolling we said our farewells and headed off in all directions with six of us meeting for coffee at the Cooper Street BP, which went a long way in helping our Brenda Lee settle down.

Thanks to all for supporting the event.

Kevin Mulroney.



FISH AND CHIP RUN TO ALTONA BEACH

25th FEBRUARY 2012

What a great day weather wise, a beautiful sunny day, mid 30's and no rain. The run started with all the cars meeting at the Todd Rd Service Centre, except Kevin and Jackie who missed the exit.



After we had all arrived at Todd Rd we then proceeded in convoy to Altona Beach, with all



the cars looking fantastic as they sparked in the sunshine.

When we had all arrived at the beach, at our usual spot, we had nine Club cars in all lined up. Because the run was a bit earlier this year we were able to use the park opposite the beach and the park has had a facelift with a new toilet block and BBQ's being added.



We set up our tables and chairs under a cluster of trees for shade and settled in with a couple of



drinks with nibbles and a lot of laughter and lots of car talk by the men. Joe had brought his grandson along so they both enjoyed a swim and his grandson spent a fair bit of time on the sand and in the water. He had a great time, except for the prickles in his foot.

It then came time to collect the orders for the Fish & Chips and to phone through the orders to the shop, as it was such a large order. A while later Judy and Robert went to collect all the orders,



thanks guys for doing the run to the shop and by 7-30 pm all were all tucking into our food. We did also have a visit from the young couple who live next door to the park and they joined us for a drink after we had eaten our fish &

chips. We invited them to join us next year for the fish and chips and they said they would.

So after a bit more conversation, drinks and photos being taken and as the Sun had set, we packed up all the gear back into our cars. We said our farewells to the people not coming to Macca's for coffee and shortly after we headed off.

Another great Club Run over for this year. Thanks to Mick for organising the run and Judy Lawson and Robert Breheny for doing the pick-up of dinner.

It was also good to see Billy at the run as he only had his hip operation three weeks before.

Thanks to all the members who attend for making it a fun day/night out.

Lorraine Carroll.



A collage of 12 photographs from the Wakefield Castrol Motor Oil Show. The images show various classic cars, including a blue and white pickup, a maroon Ford Mustang, a yellow vintage car, and several white and blue sedans. There are also photos of people, a man in a yellow car, and a man in a black jacket. The background features a large building with "OPEN" and "WAKEFIELD CASTROL MOTOR OIL SHOW" signs.

Report supplied courtesy of the Editor. 2nd-3rd-& 4th March 2012

A Bit More On Ethanol

ETHANOL EFFICIENCY

It's said that ... Ethanol is the cheapest way to run your car. In fact ... Efficiency of the fuel affects the costs.

Ethanol blend fuels were introduced into the Australian market in the past decade and despite a shaky start with compatibility concerns it soon became a widely available alternative fuel. The most common ethanol blend fuel is E10 - which contains 10% ethanol and 90% regular unleaded petrol (ULP). Some service stations also offer E5, with 5% ethanol, and there is E85, an 85% blend only suitable for a few vehicles.

E10 has some advantages over ULP. It can be produced in Australia from farming by-products. It also has the ability to absorb extra carbon dioxide from the atmosphere if more crops are grown specifically for its production, although potentially at the expense of food crops. As ethanol is renewable and can be produced in Australia, it can also help reduce Australia's reliance on imported fossil fuels.

However, in the current marketplace, ethanol is not a cost-effective alternative for motorists. A 2009 RACV study found that a vehicle running E10 would use around 3.4% more fuel, due to ethanol having a lower energy content than petrol. For a ULP price of 140 cents per litre (cpl), E10 will normally be 1-2 cpl less than ULP making it up to 1.4% cheaper to fill a tank with E10.

However, that tank of E10 will not take the vehicle as far, meaning the actual running cost is around 1.9% more than ULP.

You may begin to notice fewer E10 pumps at petrol stations as motorists realise the false economy of ethanol and fuel retailers shift to cater for increasingly popular diesel-powered vehicles. *Reprinted from the Royal Auto.*



A CLEAR OUTLOOK

A clean windscreen is an essential component of car safety, as dirty or cloudy windows can reduce visibility and increase the effects of glare. Although it can be difficult to achieve that new-car clear windscreen, it is possible if you follow some simple tips. Importantly, you don't need expensive cleaners, just some time and effort.

Here's how the experts at RACV Auto Glass do it.

For interior windscreen cleaning:

Wipe over the glass with a clean and dry micro-fibre cloth.

Spray the glass surface with an automotive glass cleaner. Turn the micro-fibre cloth to the clean side and wipe the top edges of the windscreen. This prevents dirt stuck in this area from travelling down and dirtying the glass after you've cleaned it. Switch to a clean cloth and spray the edges of the windscreen again and wipe clean. Wipe the remaining, larger area of the glass - spray with more cleaner as necessary. Wipe over the entire surface once more with a clean dry cloth.

Pour a little white vinegar on a clean micro-fibre cloth and wipe over glass surface. This will create a clear and sparkling finish.

For exterior windscreen cleaning:

Wipe half of the glass surface with a clean cloth. Spray the area with an automotive glass cleaner then wash it off. Dry this area with a clean and dry towel. Then repeat steps 1 and 2 on the other half of the windscreen. Pour a little white vinegar on a clean micro-fibre cloth and wipe over glass surface and you'll get that same clear and sparkling finish.


"If your vehicle has tinted windows, ensure you use products that are suitable for those surfaces. Just as a dirty windscreen poses safety concerns, so does a damaged windscreen. If you notice a chip, crack or scratch on your windscreen while cleaning, then attend to it ASAP. *Reprinted from the Royal Auto.*





FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Official Club Runs are in: ***"Bold Italics"*** with  indicated.



March 2012

25th 	<i>"Pykes Creek Reservoir"</i> Meet at the Rockbank BP at 10:30am. We will then cruise up to Pykes Res where we will have a Picnic Lunch and afternoon's enjoyment by the water. Don't forget to DRIVE the Cussy.
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April 2012

1st	Shannon's All American Day. Flemington Racecourse.
15th 	<i>"Committee/General Meeting"</i> Our Meeting Place is at the Sunbury RSL Rooms at the corner of Barkly and Macedon St. Sunbury. Melway Reference 382 F4. We will start the meeting this day at 10 am. After the meeting we will travel to the Coach & Horses Inn at Clarkefield for Lunch. Bookings are essential, please contact Mick by April 5 th on 0418 . Don't forget to DRIVE the Cussy.
22nd 	<i>"In the Drivers Seat"</i> Visually Impaired Peoples day at Sandown Motor Circuit. Starting time approx 9:30 to 10:00 am. If you have already committed for this day and are unable to attend please, contact Mick Breheny ASAP. Don't forget to BRING the Cussy. See you in Pit Lane.
29th	RACV Classic Showcase. Flemington Racecourse.

May 2012

6th 	<i>"XXXX Antique Complex"</i> 1-5 Elizabeth Street Castlemaine. Meeting first at Calder Park BP/Macca's Outbound at 10:00 am. Then depart at 10:30 am and cruise to Castlemaine. We will possibly visit a bakery and have lunch in a nice park. Don't forget to DRIVE the Cussy.
12th	Geelong swap meet at the showgrounds. Ring Mick for more details.
20th 	<i>"National Motoring Heritage Day"</i> AOMC Cavalcade of Transport, Run to Yarra Glen for a Picnic Lunch at the Racecourse. Ring Mick for Travelling Details 0418 , or travel your own way there. When you arrive at the Racecourse ask to be directed to the Cussy Club Parking Area. A Great Day, you must come. Don't forget to DRIVE the Cussy.

June 2012

2nd Saturday 	<i>"Bowling Afternoon Mentone Bowl"</i> Corner of Nepean Hwy & Warrigal Rd, Mentone. Meeting there at 3:30 pm and then onto dinner at the <u>Royal Oak Hotel</u> 1375 Nepean Hwy Cheltenham at 6.00pm, after you have built up an appetite bowling. This is a Modern Car Day.
17th 	<i>"Committee/General Meeting"</i> Our Meeting Place is at the Sunbury RSL Rooms at the corner of Barkly and Macedon St. Sunbury. Melway Reference 382 F4. We will start the meeting this day at 11 am. After the meeting we will have a sausage sizzle and tea and coffee will be provided. Don't forget to DRIVE the Cussy.

If you have other suggestions about where we can go on a Run, then please contact our Run's Co-ordinator Mick Breheny.

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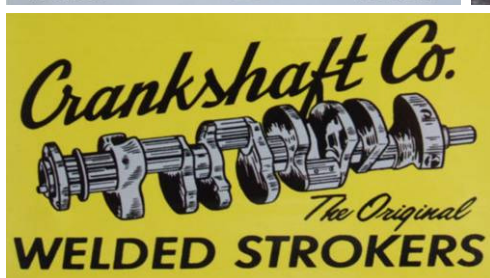
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