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JULY 2010

CURRENT DISPLAY

- Topless Vehicles
- Open Day 11th July

NEXT DISPLAY

- Emergency Vehicles
- Starting November
- Open Day 14th November

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Welcome to our Winter newsletter and thank you for your continued support of Gippsland Vehicle Collection Inc

Visitor numbers have continued to be strong for our British Display. The first 4 months of 2010 we have seen over 4000 visitors, this brings our total since opening to 31,500 people. We have also noted a pleasing increase in motoring clubs visiting with the RACV "Fly the Flag" bringing over 400 visitors for morning tea in March and several Clubs and tour buses attracting 373 people in 6 groups during the first week of May. Significant numbers for us and a huge thank you to all the volunteers who work to make these visits possible.

The British Open day was a huge success with a strong attendance and over 120 vehicles joining the Display for the Day including a very unique Bristol "Zagato" convertible, many members of the Morris Minor Club and a beautifully presented Sunbeam MK111 won the Presidents award on the day.

Our events attendance has been much stronger with the Buchan Centennial Run attracting well over 100 vehicles. It was a fantastic weekend, beautiful weather, a tour round Maffra Friday which was really appreciated by the Entrants and the community, on Saturday a sunny day for the run up to Buchan where the IHC buggy thrilled everyone with a re-enactment of the original crossing and then a leisurely return trip to enjoy a tasty BBQ tea and socialising at "The Shed". Sunday began with a short local tour before brunch and farewells to our visitors.

Dates to remember

Car Cleaning, 10am every Fri day morning
Vehicle changeover, **help!!!** 26th/27th June
Annual General Meeting, 4th Aug
Topless Display, Open Day, 11th July
Melbourne to Maffra Rally, 2nd & 3rd Oct
Federation Picnic @ GVC, 24th October
Emergency Vehicle Display, 14th November

We are having difficulty finding a suitable date to hold our "Monster" Garage Sale pre xmas so we will be trying for a date early in 2011. Please let Norm Cottee (03 5148 0339) know if you would like to book a site or volunteer to assist in any way. We really would like this event to grow, as it really benefits members and brings in new people.

The British Display has been a "cracker" and Leigh Shields (Display Manager) is saying the "Topless Exhibits" are under control, which means this too should be an excellent display, Leigh is not known for his overly expressive descriptions. While talking about Leigh and displays, I would suggest you pencil Sunday 14th November into your diary, Leigh is saying the "Emergency and Safety Vehicle Display Day" will be a big family day and we are going to trial a few new concepts, don't miss it.

At committee level we are finalising our Communications Strategy and an MOU with Gippsland Auto Museum Inc our Trust organisation and we have recently applied to Museums Australia to enter their Museum Accreditation Program. The Retail Sub Committee have rearranged the entry, installed a point of sale terminal and are developing an interesting retail stock list.

After what I believe has been a very successful year our AGM is fast approaching, August 4th is a time to thank our current committee members for their commitment to GVC and to consider all appointments, do you have time to offer or skills to help us grow. While I am not aware of any committee member wishing to stand down, new members and skills would be welcomed.

Finally, thank you for your support, we have for the second year won a Wellington Regional Tourism Award, this year for Best Attraction "The "Dargo Centennial Run", well done to Ian & Jan Kennedy and all who assisted.

Peter Gault - President

Executive Committee Members

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The Shed	5147 3223		Reception

GVC has applied to

join Museums

Australia's

"Museum

Accreditation

Program"

We will work

towards becoming a

"real" Museum.

GVC Touring Group

Our Touring Group under the leadership of Doc & Paula Doherty have been very busy with invites flooding in and some members suggesting we might increase the length of some runs and create opportunities to visit ever more remote locations from our home base. This is presenting some difficulty for the organisers as not all participants wish to travel further. If there is a group who would like to arrange longer trips, we encourage you to get yourselves organised and contact us, with your assistance we might be able to create a second group who could do a longer run each month.

Sun 26th Jan

We met at 9:30am at the Port of Sale with members of EGHAC. After some chat and introductions we made our way to the Sale Botanic Gardens where we had been allocated a perfect parking area adjacent to the gardens entrance enabling us to display our cars to full advantage. Shortly after 10am the group selected a nice shady tree and set up camp not far from the sausage sizzle, the official part of the day commenced with a history of the 150 year old gardens, followed by citizenship ceremony's and community awards. Following the event our group proceeded to the home of Noel and Cheryl Hedington to consume our BYO lunch and some Australia Day treats baked by Cheryl. After a look in Noels shed it was time to for the group to make their way home.

A good day was had by all who attended

Sun 28th Feb

We met at "The Shed" for "cuppa" before heading off to Lake Glenmaggie. The day was surprisingly cool for this time of the year & rather windy, so we sought the undercover shelter at the weir picnic area. The facilities in this area are first class. The interpretive display area next to the shelter tells the story of the history, construction and operation of the dam and it's importance to the Macalister irrigation area, including a lot of interesting early photographs. Lake Glenmaggie reservoir was built during the 1920's and the height of the weir was raised in the 1950's by the addition of 14 "flood gates". The lake also has an important role to play in limiting flooding downstream of the weir. After lunch in the shelter, some entrants went and had a look around Coongulla, by mid afternoon most entrants wended their way home after an enjoyable, relaxing day.

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Sun 28th March

After meeting at the Port of Sale we proceeded to the home of Bruce & Maxine Mathieson, Bruce has a collection of vehicles to be restored including a Jowlett, two MG's, a T Model Ford and an Escort. Bruce is concentrating his effort on the Jowlett and hoping to attend a rally later this year. Following the shed inspection the group enjoyed their BYO lunch which included some freshly cooked scones supplied by Maxine, our thanks to the Mathieson's for their hospitality.

Next on the agenda was a visit to the Sale Museum in Foster St, this turned out to be a lowlight of the day as the Museum was not open as advertised and despite calls to the contact number no one could be contacted. So around 2pm the 8 vehicles and their passengers returned to the shed for afternoon tea.

Sun 18th April

The group decided to support the Annies Cottage Open Day with a Touring Group run gathering at Soldiers Park in Stratford the group then had an easy run in convoy down the Stratford - Bengworden Rd to Meerlieu where we displayed our cars for the day and answered many questions.

Annies Cottage is a free Holiday Cottage for families who have a child with life threatening illness. Judith and Peter Robbins have provided this service since 1995 and the open day was held to help raise funds to restore the cottage after a fire last year.

Sun 25th April - Anzac Day "Mystery Run"

After a quick "cuppa" and a natter at The Shed, our entrants were handed their instructions for our Navigation & Observation Run to a "Secret" location. (Stratford Historical Society Museum) Our entrants were told we had a small average speed trophy for the entrant closest to the secret average speed which was somewhere between 45 - 55 kph! All entrants successfully made it to Stratford and after some quick calculations John & Liz Britton were declared the winners. The prize, believe it or not was a Rolls Royce Silver Ghost Tourer!!

Shed member Ross Smith Was amongst those on duty at the Museum, and directed us to our parking spots. The Museum is housed in a former Church and a new shed, they have an interesting collection including some of Ross's Automobilia. An interesting Museum well worth a visit, brochures are available at The Shed. Following the visit some entrants had afternoon tea in the grounds and some visited the nearby cafe.

Sat 1st May - Buchan Centennial Run



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Run.*



Sun 16th May - National Motoring heritage Day

We left the Maffra Shed at about 9.15 and made our way down to the RAAF Base at East Sale, travelling fairly slowly as the fog was very thick.

At the Base we met up with some of our Sale area entrants. After completing our registration with security at the front gate, GVC member, Russ Wise, escorted us to one of their well equipped maintenance workshops. Amongst items of interest was the mechanisms for arresting aircraft on the runway when their landing gear fails. We then went to their BIG “hobby” shed (everyone should have one of these!). This shed housed a wide variety of “projects”, ranging from complete “basket cases” to fully restored. They included historic motor vehicles (cars, trucks and bikes), various types of aircraft & even powered and un-powered gliders. You do not realise how big the base is and how many buildings etc. there are until you drive around it, the base even has a golf course, meteorological station and a training track where the RAAF Automobile Club were conducting driver training. Our visit took about two hours, the fog had lifted to a beautiful sunny day and a lot of our entrants went on to the Vintage Machinery Rally at Heyfield.

This annual event seemed bigger than ever with a new layout this year, and a large crowd in attendance. Lots of Steam engines both mobile and stationary, ranging from tiny to massive, most of which were operational – they make a great sound and sight. The vintage tractors, cars, trucks and bikes were a great display. Other items of interest included the Vintage Tractor Pull, Blacksmith and lots of Memorabilia. There was plenty of On Site food and drink. Some of our entrants joined in the “Grand Parade” of vehicles around the oval. All in all a full and very enjoyable day. Thanks to Russ for organizing the RAAF Base visit and to the Heyfield & District Vintage Machinery Group for inviting us to their rally.

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GVC Touring Group - continued

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Sun 6th June. Maffra Cup at Greenwattle Racecourse Sale.

After a quick “cuppa” at The Maffra Shed, we headed off down the Maffra – Sale Road to Greenwattle Racecourse. We arrived at 12.00 noon, about half an hour before the first race. A few of our Sale area members met us outside the entrance gate. We parked our vehicles in a nice conspicuous spot on the lawn next to the outer track running rail, not far from the grandstand. We had a good turn up for our historical vehicle display – 11 cars ranging in age from 1926 to 1979. The weather was fine though a bit cool. Sale Turf Club cordially offered us their “members” excellent facilities. Our vehicles attracted a lot of interest from the racegoers and with our banner on the track running rail & our brochures, was good publicity for our motor museum. Greenwattle Racecourse is very neat & picturesque and the seven keenly contested races attracted good fields. A few of our entrants backed a few winners – I got the impression that our ladies did better in this regard than the men!. The last race at 4.30 p.m. finished off a very enjoyable day. Thanks to our members for putting their vehicles on display and to Sale Turf Club for inviting us. We hope to be back again sometime.

Sat 12th June. Open Day at Gippsland woodcraft Group - Nambrok.

After a “cuppa & natter” at The Maffra Shed we headed off to the Gippsland Woodcrafts Group’s “Open Day” at their facilities in Nambrok. The group had assembled a wide range of operating woodworking equipment & tools both traditional & modern, they even had a working “Lucas” Mill out the back. We saw many current projects being worked on along with an amazing range of finished wooden articles. Some of our members purchased a few beautiful pieces. We displayed our vehicles out the front and attracted a lot of attention from the many group members and visitors. The group have previously put on displays at “The Shed” in the past and we look forward to having them back on one of our “special” days in the future. Thanks to the group for the invitation and also for the excellent refreshments supplied.

The touring group would welcome your attendance on any of their outings, an “old” car is not essential and no notice is required for most outings, just watch the calendar for dates and turn up on the day.

Coming Events: 25th July

22nd August

26th September

M2M - Melbourne to Maffra - Sat/Sun Oct 2/3rd MARK YOUR DIARY NOW !

Federation of Automobile Clubs - Picnic at “The Shed” - Sun 24th Oct

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Gippsland Vehicle Collection - Calendar of Events

Motor Museum open - every week Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon 10am–4pm
- School Holidays & Public Holidays

Car Cleaning – Every Friday 10am **please assist when you can**
GVC Working Bee - 1st Sat each month 9:00am
GVC General meeting - 1st Wed each month 7pm
Touring Group - 4th Sunday each month 10am "Pleasant Sunday"

26th/27th June Vehicle Change - Topless (Help required)

Topless Vehicles - July 2010 – Oct 2010

Annual General Meeting - 4th August - 7pm (all welcome)

11th July - Topless Vehicle Display - **Open Day** (Help required)

25th July - **Touring Group**

22nd Aug - **Touring Group**

Sept 3rd - Melbourne to Maffra Rally, entries close

26th Sept - **Touring Group**

2nd/3rd Oct - (8am) **Annual Melbourne to Maffra Rally** (Help required)

22nd Oct - MGCC Touring register - Visit (40 visitors)

24th Oct - Federation Picnic at GVC - Must do (Help required)

24th Oct - **Touring Group**

30th/31st Oct Vehicle Change - Emergency (Help required)

1st Nov - R & S Valiant Club - Visit (20+ visitors)

Emergency & Enforcement Vehicles - Nov 2010 – Jan 2011 (Help required)

14th Nov - Emergency & Enforcement Vehicle Display - **Open Day** (Help required)

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July 2010 – Oct 2010 - **Topless Vehicles**
Nov 2010 – Jan 2011 - **Emergency Vehicles**
Mar 2011 – Jun 2011 - **American Vehicles**
July 2011 - Oct 2011 - **70's Vehicles**

All events on this calendar are club red-plate events.

Members who work at the museum during our open hours will be classified as coming to a GVC event for red-plate purposes.

Australian Historic Motoring Federation - Survey

The AHMF is currently conducting an important survey which will assist them to lobby on behalf of Vehicle Owners.

This survey follows a Survey in the United Kingdom in the late 1990's and in Australia in 2006. The results of the Australian Survey were quite staggering and have been extremely valuable in representations to Government and to those who wish to remove *old cars* from the road.

Gippsland Vehicle Collection believe it is in our members interests to notify as many people as possible about this survey and hope that you can take the time to complete and submit it to better inform decision making at higher levels.

The survey can be done online or printed and sent in by mail.

Get the survey form here: <http://www.aomc.asn.au/AHMFsurvey10intro.htm>

Australasian Motor Museums Association

We are a member of this organisation, if you are thinking of doing a trip have a look at their list of Museums and Collections you can visit. http://www.australasianmotormuseums.com.au/australian_motor_museums.php

AMMA are holding their AGM on the 11th, 12th of September in Perth. There are a limited number of places available to delegates and as this meeting will include a free tour of at least 3 West Australian Motor Museums, Whiteman Park, West Coast and House of Buick it should be a great trip for those who can make it. If enough delegates are interested we will be doing a tour of 2 further Museums on Monday 13th, Bailup Ford Farm and WA Fire Museum workshop.

If you are interested in attending please contact GVC President, Peter Gault pgault@netspace.net.au or call (03) 5145 1427

Association of Motoring Clubs - AOMC

The AOMC are holding a Winter Seminar with speakers covering topics such as, Radiator repairs and replacements, Wiring Looms, making Body Panels, Body Trimming, Batteries (6 & 12 volt), Chrome Plating and Spray Painting, it sounds like a great opportunity to hear from some specialists in these fields and network with other owners with similar problems.

The Seminar is being held at the Chevrolet Clubrooms, 1/3 Edgecombe Drv, Moorabin (Melways - map78 B7) on Saturday 31st July, from 8:30am - 12:30pm.

We believe this seminar is open to all our members as GVC is a member of AOMC.

Please register with AOMC, Graeme (03) 9555 0133 or email secretary@aomc.asn.au with number attending and that you are GVC members. Further details at: <http://www.aomc.asn.au/seminar10.htm>



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Begging Column - Can you help?

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We are currently trialling a new roster system, our secretary will distribute a Duty List to all volunteers, if the allocated time or day does not suit you please contact Peter Quennell or arrange to swap times with another volunteer, please notify Peter of any changes.

We aim to make being "On Duty" as simple as possible, to minimise each volunteers hours and to have no-one working on their own under this new system.

We depend on our volunteers and any offer will be warmly received, for roster changes please email or call **Peter Quennell**.

Display Vehicles - Do you have a vehicle which might be suitable for a future display? We would love to hear from anyone who might have an interesting vehicle suitable for a display.
Please contact **Leigh Shields** (Display Manager) on 5141 1461.

IGA Community Benefits Card – Please pick up a Community Benefits card from the counter at GVC or email/call **Peter Quennell** to have one mailed to you. It's of great benefit GVC.

Can You Help? - Local Distribution We need one volunteer in each town to distribute a few event flyers to notice boards 3 times per year, very little effort required, but it would help GVC a lot.
Contact **Peter Quennell**

Can You Help? - Mechanical Maintenance GVC now owns several vehicles which will require ongoing care and attention to get and keep them in operational condition. Currently we are aware the Vulcan Truck requires attention and we are looking for someone willing to give it a little of the care and attention it deserves and get it going.
Contact **Peter Quennell**

Can You Help? - Catering Management/stores We are looking for a volunteer to manage our catering stores and possibly take over management of lunches for tour groups which we usually source externally. The role would entail working with the booking officer and watching the Events Calendar to manage our kitchen stores ensuring we don't run out of essentials and that visiting groups catering needs are met where possible. Contact **Peter Quennell**

Do we have your Email Address?

Email is much cheaper and less labour intensive for GVC, if you are willing to receive your mail by this method please email **Peter Quennell** and ask for your mail to be delivered electronically.

Peter Quennell - 0412 387 102 or email admin@gippslandvehiclecollection.org.au

New Members - since March

Welcome to our newest members. You will by now be receiving our monthly events calendars, and we hope to see you at our upcoming events, or just dropping in at the museum, having a cuppa, or perhaps dusting a car or two on a Friday. Our aim is to share our interest in historic motoring. We invite you to all GVC events or meetings and welcome comment about the running of your motor museum.

Please note: Membership Application forms are available at the Committee page - www.gippslandvehiclecollection.org.au

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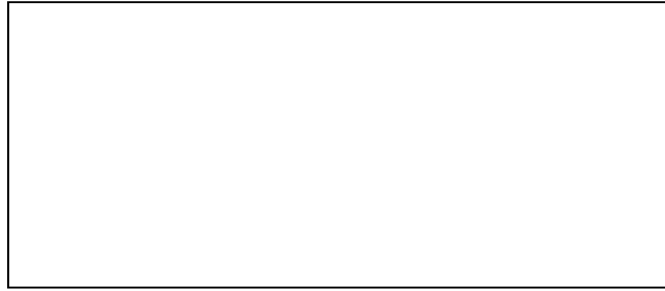
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