



Shed Chatter

A NEWSLETTER FOR GIPPSLAND VEHICLE COLLECTION MEMBERS

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Hi everyone, this year marks the twentieth anniversary of the Gippsland Vehicle Collection. It is a testimony to all the incredible members who volunteered their time in various roles over the years to get to where we are today, a premier tourist destination and a progressive museum that caters for all.

This year I am stepping back a bit and will only be doing three Shed Chatters as it is becoming harder and harder to fit in with everything else that I do. They will come out in line with each new display. Thanks to everyone who contributes and as always, I am always looking for articles.

Remember if you have a story to tell you can either email me on cdurdu@bigpond.net.au or contact me on 0428456267, if you would like some help to get your story down on paper.

Club Permit Renewal

You can get your renewal signed at The Shed - Fri, Sat & Sun between 10am & 1 pm and Mon 1 - 4pm without appointment. We accept Club Plate renewals in the mail, (GVC, PO box806, Maffra, 3860) provided you enclose a stamped, self-addressed return envelope and \$15. This will be signed and returned in the envelope supplied.

Please direct all enquiries for new club plate applications to Vanessa Noble on 0417356822 for an appointment. Current VicRoads fees: 45 days- \$81.60, 90 days-\$158.40 You can pay VicRoads through your myVicRoads account.

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Dates to Remember

Car Cleaning: 10am every Thursday morning

Annual General Meeting first Wednesday of August

All members welcome. Come along and get to know other likeminded members.



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EVENT CALENDAR

Event Name	Date	Time	Location
Back to the 80s Display Day	Mar 3	From 8 am	GVC
VHRR Phillip Island Classic Festival of Motorsport	Mar 6 -10	Daily from 8am	Phillip Island Circuit Enquiries: 0458882304 or www.vhr.com
XU-1 Owners Club and Brock Commodore Owners Association	Mar 8		GVC
Coffee, Cars and Bikes	Mar 10	From 8am.	Main Street Maffra Social get together for GVC Members
British 2-stroke Club	Mar 16	From 1:30pm.	GVC
Phillip Island Auto Racing Club	Mar 17		GVC
Austin Healey Sprite Club	Mar 27		GVC
Annual Swap Meet	Apr 21	From 8am	GVC
Veteran and Vintage Car Club	Apr 21		GVC
The Florence Thompson Tour	Apr 27	From 9 am	GVC
Bega Car Club (not confirmed)	May 20		



Rotafab
Asset Maintenance

NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

Firstly, a belated “Happy New Year” – we hope that 2024 brings you lots of good things and many hours of happy motoring.

This is a big year for us – we will be celebrating our 20th birthday later this year which is quite remarkable.

It is amazing to think of what we have achieved over that period and perhaps timely to again acknowledge our Foundation members each of whom had great faith in the interesting idea that three guys at a pub came up with. Each of these families or individuals contributed \$100.00 and this provided the seed money to get things up and running. Of these, 57 are still current members – sadly some have passed away over the ensuing 20 years, but they are not forgotten.



Over the coming year, I will include little bits and pieces in Shed Chatter which I hope will be of interest to our new members and a bit of a trip down memory lane for others.

Shed Chatter

I am sure you will all agree that Caroline does a fabulous job putting together our newsletter. When COVID hit she quite selflessly decided that the newsletter should go out every 2 months as this would enable us all to stay better connected. The workload on her was enormous but much appreciated by many of you.

We have agreed however to now go back to just 3 editions per year. These will coincide with the launch of our new displays in March, July and December.

Caroline is always looking for articles to put in the newsletter so please contact her if you have a story to tell.

What's been happening:

- As you would be aware, we opened every day during the January School Holidays. I decided to compare our takings for January 2023 with January 2024 and would you believe, there was only \$46.00 between them.
- Our President Ness is looking into a way in which we can earn some income through the recycling of cans – with the roof having to be replaced at some stage, every little bit helps.
- The Model train is progressing – you will notice that it is now covered with two gazebos which will protect it from falling debris. The volunteers working on this project are making great progress and have even had one train running successfully along the track.
- The noisy gizmo to deter the birds has now been installed so hopefully this will dissuade them from making G.V.C their preferred nesting place.
- We were successful in obtaining a small grant of \$5,000 from Vic Track to help fund the building of a small shed next to the BBQ area. When complete, it will house things like the portable BBQ's and fridge, both of which have to be carted out every time we want to use them.
- We have also lodged an application for funding to repair and resurface the driveway. My thanks go to all those clubs and organisations who generously provided letters of support.

Display

The Back to the 80s display is ready to be rolled out with an amazing array of vehicles. Perhaps the most exciting news is that Lynette Hume was able to source a DeLorean for us. Like it or loathe it, it seems to be the vehicle most people associate with the 80s. The next display (launching in July) will be a celebration of sports cars including an amazing range of MGs which George and Marguerite Morgan are putting together.



The final display for the year will be a “**Celebration of 20 years of GVC**” featuring some of the amazing vehicles we have had on display.

HELP WANTED

As with all our exhibitions, we always try to include memorabilia which is consistent with the theme.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME 1980S STUFF – If you have anything you think might be suitable, please give Sue a call.



STORAGE

We are looking for storage space for a couple of vehicles for a couple of months.

Please contact Paul on 0408 702 783 if you can assist with this.

ONLINE SELLING

We are contemplating trying to sell some of the duplicated manuals and books online. The trouble is we need someone who has an idea on valuations and is happy to set up and manage such a facility. Please contact Sue if you can help with this one.



NOTICEBOARD FOR CARS FOR SALE

One of our newer volunteers has kindly offered to maintain this board. Generally, we will only display advertisements for a 3-month period, but as many of the ones that are on the board are outdated.

All undated advertisements have now been removed from the board but have not been thrown away.

BEFORE AND AFTER

We are considering mounting a photographic display showing photos of vehicles which have had a significant restoration.

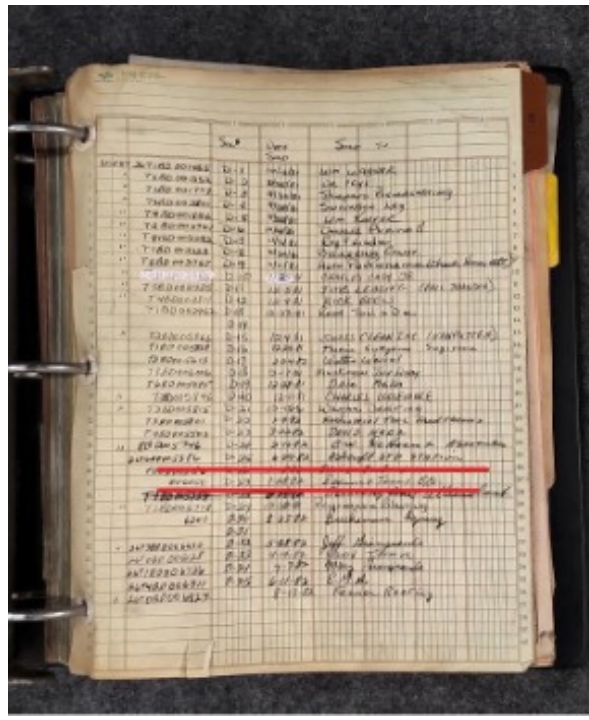
If you have a vehicle which you have taken from a paddock find to a beautifully restored vehicle, please send Sue a before and after photograph.

Here is an example:



One of the cars that will be on display in our next display will be a DeLorean, proudly displayed by Neil Glover.

I purchased the car in Jan 2016 from California after looking for several months. All I have on the original owners is a journal entry in a dealer's book. The selling dealer was Pfeiffer Lincoln Mercury in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The name of the owner is not very legible. Photo of ledger book attached (vin 6050).



The owner I bought it from used it mainly as a prop in their wedding photography business but wanted to sell it to fund drone camera equipment. All I know, is that they purchased it as a bit of a barn find and had to have all the fuel system and coolant system replaced at the DeLorean Motor company in California. They sadly were not car buffs and hadn't collected any previous history.

I have been in contact with some groups in the US who may have a copy of the original owner's certificate and window sticker. I hope I can get them. The car is used quite regularly, and I call it the 'smile' car, as that is what most people do when they see it.

Despite a lot of people in the DeLorean community not liking the link to the Back to the Future movies, it is the main reason the car is so popular with the public. It's not uncommon to hear a small child yell out in excitement "It's a DeLorean!" when you are driving along.

Neil Glover



Background information some reprinted from Time magazine January 21, 2016

The DeLorean DMC -12 became and remained famous as the time-travelling car in the Back to the Future movies – but the actual automobile was infamous for years before Marty McFly stepped inside one in 1985. And, though fiction is better remembered today, the real story of the DeLorean is just as dramatic.

First of all, DeLorean was a real person: John DeLorean, who was covered by the 1970s press as a renegade General Motors Exec. who bucked the corporate establishment and set off on his own.

The first DeLorean DMC- 12 was produced on January 21, 1981.

“Shaped like a flying wedge, the DeLorean appears to exceed the 55-m.p.h. speed limit while standing still,” TIME noted. “It is expected to get 22 m.p.g., about the same as a diesel-powered 1981 Cadillac Brougham. Entry to its luxuriously appointed interior is through gull-wing doors that tilt up instead of swinging out. The 24-karat car will pose some special maintenance problems. Owners wishing to get any dents knocked out will probably have to return the damaged part to the factory, where the bumps will be pounded out and the piece refinished in gold.”

Though the 1980 car market wasn’t exactly solid gold, the lavish DeLorean style didn’t stop at the cars themselves. John DeLorean ran up expenses using company money even after it was clear the cars wouldn’t be a big hit. In April 1981 he bought a new house in one of the largest real estate deals in New Jersey history. But by the time the company hit its first production anniversary, it was in trouble and in October 1982, DeLorean closed – and John DeLorean was arrested and charged with trying to save his company by selling cocaine. He was set up by the FBI with more than 59lb (27kg) of cocaine, worth about \$6.5 million US dollars. The government was tipped off by an informant (James Hoffman, former neighbour), who reported that DeLorean had approached him about setting up a cocaine deal. In truth, Hoffman had called DeLorean and suggested the deal, in order to reduce his own sentence for a drug trafficking charge on which he was awaiting trial.

DeLorean was found not guilty – he had been entrapped, the jury said – but in 1985 he was back in court on a number of charges relating to the handling of his company money. He was acquitted in 1986, but it was too late for the car. Only about 9,000 of the cars were ever produced.

In later life he planned to resurrect his car company and, in an effort to gather funds, he designed and sold high end watches via the internet under the name DeLorean Time. The company name was subsequently purchased by a Texas based firm that provides parts and professional restoration to DeLorean owners. In 2000 he was forced to sell his 436acre (176ha) estate in Bedminster New Jersey, after filing for bankruptcy. Donald Trump bought it and turned it into a golf course. DeLorean died in March 2005 from a stroke, at age 80.



FROM THE ARCHIVES:

Below is a list of jobs that were needed to be undertaken before "The Shed" was ready for opening. It shows how incredibly dedicated our volunteers were then, and still are now.

Jobs at the SHED June 2005**Building Priority**

- A Screw laser light to light wells
- A Repair sky lights
- A Repair roof end walls at light well.
- B Brick up hole in front wall.
(Red Bricks)
- B Concrete and mud up other holes in walls.
- B Secure south side emergency exit door
- C Brick up external south side door
(Red Bricks) Bricklayer
- B Clean up hanging timber and pipes south side.
- A Paint 2nd coat onto east wall – Red
 - A - Primrose
 - A - Grey
- B Paint west wall 4 x windows - Red
- A Box up front door ramp ...
- B Concrete disabled access to front doorway
- B Cement end collar to drainage pipes
- D Set up Maffra Spectator Area
- D Clean up printing presses
- A Paint outside sliding doors

Toilets & Exit Doors

- C False ceiling into toilets

Internal

- B Remount and swing front door
- B Fit new lock to front door
- B Fit lock to office door
- C Fit key locker to wall in office / cornices
- B Fit lock to meeting room door
- B Fit cornice to walls in meeting room
- C Paint (white) panels and doors - admin area
- C Fit internal locking to front sliding door

External

- A Block off bird access on North Wall under eaves
- C Check out and clean drains on south side of building
- C Fit lock to roller door
- B Paint tractor tyres (2) off white
- C Hand dig holes and put in 4 posts around fire hydrant
- B Rack up rubbish outside of south wall front end of building

- B Fabricate and fit steel door to exit doorway (1 off)
- C Fit lockable crash bar to the roller door
- C Paint rails & posts White.
- B Paint downpipes - Red
- A Relocate power points to inside building.

Ian Callow.

- A Wire up lights and power points.
- C Delay light and switch at front door
- B Fill in hole over pipes
- C Grade car parking area.

Bruce Johnson's crew

- C Grade Railway area smoother Storage Area.
- A Paint (7) of heavy hoards (undercoat & topcoat) both sides
- C Weld up stands and paint
- B Make up screens and gate to shut off storage area
- B Paint and screw boards to screens and gate.
- B Fit locking device to this storage area gate.
- B Fit hose reels and pipe up water
- B Fit Fire Extinguisher & Brackets



Coffees, Cars and Bikes

Maffra has all the things you need to run a Coffee with Cars and Bikes event: stacks of parking, open coffee shops, bakery, shade, seating, toilets, and a motor museum with over 700 members.

If you are one of the 600 odd members that have not turned up yet, it's about time you did. This is a social event, so even if your car is in a thousand bits just come along anyway. The coffee is good, the conversation is varied, and we get a really good mix of cars and motorcycles to admire as a bonus.

The event has morphed to the bakery end of Johnson Street, it is now on the second Sunday of the month.

The time has not changed, it's 8:00- 10:00 am with the idea that it's something you can attend that does not get in the way of whatever else you have organised for the day.



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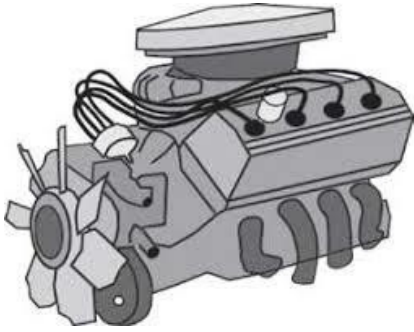
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DATE 21st April 2024



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