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# Preserving our Mechanical Heritage

## THE MT ALEXANDER VINTAGE ENGINE CLUB INC. COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES as of 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2014 NO 186

<p><b>President</b> Laurie Adams 19 Adams Road, Harcourt Vic 3453 Ph: 0354742550</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRESIDENT'S REPORT.</b></p> <p>Giday,</p> <p>The Rally results show we did OK. But exhibitor and visitor numbers were down a bit possibly due to the poor weather reports for both days. Fortunately the weatherman was wrong and we all enjoyed clear days and sunshine.</p> <p>Maybe next year we will try to have some different exhibits and a wider range as other clubs events seem to attract much larger crowds.</p> <p>So don't go dormant over winter light up the heater in your workshop and come up with something to surprise and give people a laugh to liven up the Rally.</p> <p>Thanks again to everyone that helped out at the Rally with setting up, Catering and all other tasks. Not forgetting our sponsors of course.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Regards Laurie.</p>
<p><b>Vice President</b> Andrew Chapman.</p>	
<p><b>Secretary</b> Graham Mason, P.O. Box 71 Castlemaine Vic 3450 Ph: 03.54762481</p>	
<p><b>Treasurer</b> Alan Burgess</p>	
<p><b>Public Officer</b> Secretary</p>	
<p><b>Committee</b> Joe Norris</p>	
<p><b>Archives</b> Tony Steiner</p>	
<p><b>Auditor</b> George Milford</p>	
<p><b>John Powell Reserve</b> Tony Steiner &amp; Ray Rice</p>	

## ATTENDANCE

No	PRESENT			APOLOGIES
1.	G.Mason	13	G Tonkin	P Rautman
2.	T Steiner	14	B Tonkin	M Hayes
3.	M Murley	15	M Mason	J Blake
4.	L Rice	16	A Murley	N Chislett
5.	W Mein	17	G Milford	A Chapman
6.	A Burgess	18	J Conn	M Conn
7.	S Thompson			D Burgess
8.	J Hayes			L Burgess
9.	L Adams			A Tori
10.	A Leyshan		APOLOGIES	E O'Conner
11.	S O'Conner			J Norris
12.	R Rice		J Chaplin	P Thompson

**Attendance Mov. S Thompson Sec.A Leyshan.**

**Meeting Opened At:7.30 pm.**

**Meeting Chaired By:**

Laurie Adams ( President )

Minutes Of Previous Meeting dated 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014 circulated in Newsletter No 185 confirmed. Moved S O'Conner. Seconded A Murley.

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Laurie opened the meeting and advised us of the passing of one of our members Barry Jensen. A minutes silence was held for Barry, some members said that they remembered him displaying engines at our Rally some years ago. Barry had no family but Adam Tori and the Manning family will miss his company

## CORRESPONDENCE – Dealt With as Read

INWARD.

April 2014 Port Phillip N/letter  
 March 2014 Oily Rag Ballan N/letter  
 April 2014 Manifold Central Goldfields N/letter  
 April 2014 Yarra Valley N/letter  
 April 2014 Goldsmith N/letter  
 Shire N/letter  
 Hamilton Machinery Museum N/letter Their Rally is 17<sup>th</sup> /18<sup>th</sup> May  
 April 2014 Speewa N/letter

OUTWARDS.

Card to Steve O,Conner and family on the passing of his father.

Mov. T Steiner. Sec.M Mason.

## REPORTS

### TREASURERS REPORT.

Alan reported that we have a credit balance of \$ [REDACTED]  
Alan gave a report on the Rally and we came out in front but down on last year.

Moved A Burgess Sec L Rice.

### RHEOLA CHARITY CARNIVAL.

Approx 6/7 mavec members along with members from Wedderburn, Central Goldfields, and Lockington clubs had quite a good display of engines in the compound. Peter Douglas was in the tractor pull. Mavec members were seen in the crowd enjoying the beautiful weather and all the entertainment on offer. It is a day of nonstop entertainment with something to please everyone a real good day out.

Report by Graham Mason

### BSA RALLY.

The British bike rally was held at Newstead racecourse and was a great success the bikes rode from Newstead to Maldon, in Maldon one of our members stood out from the crowd with an old leather jacket and an old helmet It was our Joe Norris By all reports a good weekend was had by all.

Report by Tony Steiner.

### REV & REC MYOORA

They have a membership of approx 110 families, they have their buildings on a reserve and now that they have it set up the committee is trying to take over and they say that a club must have everything in black and white before setting things up .

### LAKE GOLDSMITH

Steve was on the sawmill on Saturday they had a Super 90 running the mill. Steve had a good day. It was good to see lots of families enjoying the experience and when they put the traction engine on to run the mill it was a crowd pleaser

Both reports by Steve O,Conner

### MORE GOLDSMITH

The weather was not real good and a lot of the sheds were not open, this may have been because of the floods. There was not a lot of engines, the Ferguson shed was quite good. Some sheds were going ahead but some were closed up.

Report by John Hayes.

### NZ DISPLAY

Ray Rice told the meeting his brother had just had a trip to New Zealand and while there he went to a museum covering 6.5 acres that has 80 tractors and engines and a miniature train. It is well worth a look. Arthur Murley said he had been there and it is a good display.

Report by Ray Rice.

### MALDON RALLY

Ray and Loretta Rice took their van and camped over Easter at Maldon. Had a good time also enjoyed a great campfire. The building extension is moving along quite well. The Easter parade had a great display of bikes from a collector in Geelong, it included 2 German bikes one was very hard to ride particularly uphill

because it had three movements to propel it, you had to push and pull the handles and also pedal.

Report by Ray & Loretta Rice

#### DAVE'S SALE

John had a quick look around, not many from our Club had been there by 11 o'clock. There were a few going through the shed and Joe was busy pricing some of the items. There was a casting for a little cooper that was a half size model. The sale will be open to the general public the following weekend.

Report by John Conn.

#### BENDIGO GOOD FRIDAY

Graham was invited to display as part of Central Vic Rest Group in Bendigo on Good Friday. The engines were a bit disappointing with only 4 turning up Neil Athorn had two as did Graham. There was a tractor some cars and a fully restored caravan with a sticker on the back which read "I might be old but I'm paid for".

#### EASTER SAT BGO

Graham went for a look in the Hargraves Mall and there was a Bedford bus in showroom condition, 5 tractors, a big Southern Cross pump on a trailer, an Inter truck, a Ford 600 with a Prefect ute on the tray, also on the truck for sale was a pedal car and trailer for \$370. There were some cars as well, Graham saw Presley Easdale having a look.

Both reports by Graham Tonkin

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

If you have something to sell or need a special part or treasure let Laurie, Allan or Graham know and we will put it in the newsletter.

Please note

If you are going to display your treasures at a Rally that has not been through the minutes of the Club meeting please let the Sec. know for insurances purposes.

George Milford told the meeting that he had been contacted by Joe Norris with a problem over the finalising of Dave Bennett's estate. After some negotiations it was established that we will in the next few days receive a cheque for \$ 101,500 and maybe a little more when the solicitors to use George' words "stop dilly dallying around. "

Tony Steiner moved a motion that the money be invested in the Bendigo Bank for a fixed term of 12 months. This was seconded by John Conn and the motion was carried.

At the April meeting it was decided that we hold next year's Rally on the same weekend as the Castlemaine swap meet feedback has been very negative both from within the Club and from exhibitors who came to this year's Rally. Some of our exhibitors have sites at the swap and have already paid their site fees for next year. The feedback from the CFA was that their takings were down this year and if we were to clash with the swap their takings would suffer. It was suggested that we review the decision. Loretta Rice moved that we change next year's Rally to the weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of April. This was seconded by Steve O' Conner.

The motion was carried

Ray Rice moved that we write to the Castlemaine Lions Club to seek some reimbursement for the cost of preliminary advertising of next year's Rally But due to lack of a seconder the motion lapsed.

Ray Rice moved that we write to the Castlemaine Lions Club notifying them we have changed our 2015 Rally date to the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of April. So that it does not clash with their swap meet. It would be appreciated if they could supply us with a

list of the dates of future swap meets so we can plan around it, this year we are out of pocket with preliminary advertising. We believe your swap would have a negative effect on our Rally attendance. This was seconded by Loretta Rice. The motion was carried.

It was brought to the notice of the meeting by one of the Rally Safety Officers that next year we have review whether the jumping castle should face towards the shed. This will be taken into account setting up next year.

Some time was taken up with just a general discussion on whether the club looks for somewhere else to hold the Rally. For example having our own ground, Ray Rice told the meeting that the way of the Shire seems to be only having sport played on sports grounds as other activities damage the playing surface. At a later stage this could effect the John Powell Reserve. George Milford suggested maybe a partnership with another club. But the general feeling was that a hell of a lot of discussion will have to take place over quite a long period of time.

Steve O'Conner told the meeting that his son Edwin was absolutely delighted on winning the Dave Bennett Junior Encouragement Award. The trophy has prime position on his shelf.

#### COMING EVENTS

#### WHEN

#### WHERE

MAY

24<sup>th</sup>

Goldfields Tractor Trek

31<sup>st</sup>

Farmall 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Rally at Bendigo

JUNE

1<sup>st</sup>

Farmall 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Rally at Bendigo

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

Echuca Steam Rally

Jeparit Engine Rally

8<sup>th</sup>

Maldon Swap Meet

28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

Maldon Vintage Machinery Museum Members Run

AUGUST

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Speewa Rally

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Next meeting 7.30pm Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014 at the clubrooms in Guildford.

#### HAVE A LARF:

A group of senior citizens were sitting at a shopping centre enjoying a coffee and discussing their ailments. One said my arms are so weak I have trouble lifting this coffee, another said my eyes are so bad I have trouble seeing the cup, one old lady said my blood pressure tablets make me dizzy, an old man said my arthritis has been bad lately and I find it hard to move my legs. Then another old lady said well we must all count our blessings that we ALL still can drive.

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A WORD OF WARNING\*\*\*\*\* Never take a sleeping pill and a strong laxative on the same night.