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# Preserving our Mechanical Heritage

## THE MT ALEXANDER VINTAGE ENGINE CLUB INC. COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES as of 4<sup>th</sup> August 2014 NO 189

<b>President</b> Laurie Adams 19 Adams Road, Harcourt Vic 3453 Ph: 0354742550	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRESIDENT'S REPORT.</b></p> <p>Giday,</p> <p>The AGM went well and it was pleasing to see a good attendance with all positions filled.  Thanks everyone for your support.</p> <p>Our Club is in excellent shape to move ahead and improve, if you have any ideas put pen to paper and add to the suggestion box.</p> <p>Several events coming up for you to go to and show your interests.  Keep in mind our TRACTOR PULL at MUCKLEFEST  Sun 26<sup>th</sup> of October</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Regards Laurie.</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>REMEMBER YOU MEMBERSHIP IS DUE NOW</b></p> <p>The cards are being issued by a different method this year  So make your payment sooner rather than later so Alan can send off as many as possible with the one cheque</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Regards Sec.</p>
<b>Vice President</b> Nigel Chislett.	
<b>Secretary</b> Graham Mason, P.O. Box 71 Castlemaine Vic 3450 Ph: 03.54762481	
<b>Treasurer</b> Alan Burgess	
<b>Public Officer</b> Secretary	
<b>Committee</b> Joe Norris	
<b>Archives</b> Tony Steiner	
<b>Auditor</b> George Milford	
<b>John Powell Reserve</b> Tony Steiner & Ray Rice	

## ATTENDANCE

No	PRESENT			APOLOGIES
1.	G.Mason	13	N Chislett	P Rautman
2.	M Mason	14	P MacDonald	M Hayes
3.	P Easdale	15	S Thompson	J Hayes
4.	J Blake	16	T Steiner	P Thompson
5.	L Rice	17	S O'Connor	J Conn
6.	A Burgess	18	E Harvey	M Conn
7.	B Tonkin	19	A Chapman	D Burgess
8.	R Rice	20	G Tonkin	L Burgess
9.	L Adams	21	J Chaplin	A Tori
10.	J Norris			
11.	G Milford			
12.	G Easdale			

**Attendance    Mov.J Norris Sec.A Chapman.**

**Meeting Opened At:8.04 pm.**

**Meeting Chaired By:**

Laurie Adams    ( President )

Minutes Of Previous Meeting dated 7th July 2014 circulated in Newsletter No 188 confirmed. Moved J Blake    Seconded G Tonkin.

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## CORRESPONDENCE – Dealt With as Read

INWARD.

July 2014 Cranks & Eccentrics    Geelong N/letter

A number of membership subs

A/c for newsletter printing

July 2014 Oily Rag Ballan N/letter

July 2104 Manifold    Central Goldfields N/letter

July 2014 Port Phillip N/letter

Letter from Shire re display in the Market building (As per other years no action will be taken.

Invitation from Victorian Goldfields Railway to participate in Mucklefest on Sunday Oct 26<sup>th</sup>.

Letter included with Ken Hall's membership dues (See general business)

Letter from Paul Rautman re payment of subs. (See general business)

Letter from Castlemaine Lions Club (See general business)

OUTWARDS.

Nil.

Mov.A Chapman. Sec.L Rice.

## REPORTS

### TREASURERS REPORT.

Alan reported that we have a credit balance of [REDACTED]

Moved A Burgess Sec E Harvey.

### JEPARIT:

Matty Thompson trucked his Clydesdales to St Arnaud and drove them to Jeparit covering approx 25 klms per day. Jeparit has a good museum and the very friendly people made everybody feel welcome. A lot of the machinery in the museum has come off local farms. They had a horse drawn seeder and harvester working along with a horseworks. Also a big wagon drawn by 5 clydesdales was giving people a ride right through the centre of town with hay bales for them to sit on. Peter MacDonald got a Hornsby motor to run and a bloke rang up a couple of nights later to thank him once again. Nigel Chislett said that the caravan park power could be a bit stronger but that was a minor detail. The local council gives a great deal of support and a lady called Sharron has plans to make this great weekend even better. Great weekend well worth going to. Some photo's are on [www.sandy creek Clydesdales](http://www.sandy.creek.clydesdales).

Report by A Chapman, N Chislett, P MacDonald.

### SPEEWA RALLY:

Approx 12 MAVEC members attended Speewa and had a real good time, there was a steam boat which created a lot of interest. A real laidback, homely atmosphere and a real good meal with 3 sweets, along with entertainment which included Jim Chaplin singing and doing a comedy routine, and Leigh Tonkin's partner Gael singing a few songs, this all combined to make a real good Rally. Can't tell you much more because what happens in Speewa stays in Speewa.

Report by Ray Rice & Graham Tonkin.

### MYOORA TRACTOR TREK:

Good afternoon the tractor trek included 3 John Deere an old Fordson and a chap displaying at least 50 different types of blacksmith tongs. They are not holding a Rally this year as they have some problems to sort out with the reserve committee.

Report by Steve O'Connor

### 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.

### TAKE NOTE

The Club membership fees have not changed and they are now due.

Don't forget if you have any suggestions for the Club's future mail them to the Sec. And don' forget to put your name to your suggestion for future debate.

A letter from Paul Rautman was tabled its content was that the Club should make it possible to pay over the internet, and why do we have to fill out the form each year when our details don't change. Joe Norris moved a motion that the Sec. write a letter to Paul saying that the Club does not want any bank details on the internet and that the form has to be filled out to comply with NHMA rules. This was seconded by Steve O'Connor and carried.

A letter from the Shire advising us of the yearly display in the Market Building over the past few years we have not done anything about this display as it costs about \$45. And there are times to come and go. Someone at the meeting suggested that if they really want participation it would be free.

Joe Norris told the meeting that he has made enquiries into the donation to come from the Truck Show and Peter Harris will look into this matter.

As the Sec. will be away for the next 2 meetings George Milford will do the minutes and send them to the Sec. who will do the n/letter and send it to Peter Thompson.

Peter MacDonald moved a motion that we hold a tractor pull and display of memorabilia at Mucklefest. This was seconded by John Blake Carried.

Steve O'Connor will contact Neil Girvan to send the Club an invite to Metcalfe Tractor Pull.

#### SEC STUFF UP

I have put the in coming events some incorrect info. PLEASE NOTE that the Glenlyon SWAP MEET is on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September. Sorry Adam.

All Holden day at the Bendigo Showgrounds on the 17<sup>th</sup> August the judged cars will be in the shed and display cars on the oval Display cars fee is \$10.

Admittance is by gold coin all proceeds go to Bendigo ICU.

George Milford spoke to a bloke who had a add in a magazine the truck he had for sale once was owned by George's father. It is a Chev loadmaster 30cwt. So if you want a piece of local history George will point you in the right direction.

At the moment there is a display of Thompson War production in the tourist information centre at Maryborough.

Wings and Wheels run by the Austin 7 Club will be held at Maryborough Airport on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup>. The Show & Shine is on Sat.

Betty Tonkin asked the meeting what was the outcome of whether the plaque was displayed at MMM Ray Rice assured the meeting that the plaque is well and truly on the wall for all to see.

We received a letter from the Lions Club stating that they could not give a the dates for future Swap meets due to the changing of Easter. But they suggested that if run on the same weekend may be beneficial to both events.

Ken Hall included a letter with his membership renewal telling us that it had been very cold over his way lately and he felt it may be the same over here.

He also mentioned in his letter that he turned 94 years old last month. All the members of MAVEC send their regards and best wishes to Ken on the occasion of his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday. HAPPY BIRTHDAY KEN.

At the time of writing this Dione Adams is unwell and in hospital the members of MAVEC wish her a speedy recovery

WHEN	COMING EVENTS	WHERE
AUG 17 <sup>th</sup>	All Holden Day	Bendigo Showgrounds.
SEPT 13 <sup>th</sup> / 14 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> / 21 <sup>st</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wings & Wheels Denni Rally Glenlyon Swap Meet	Maryborough Airport
OCT 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup>	Dunmunckle Sumpoilers Rally at Murtoa MUCKLEFEST including MAVEC Tractor Pull	
NOV 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Morris Museum Harcourt Goldsmith Rally Bendigo Swap Meet.	Open day.
DEC 7 <sup>th</sup>	Ballaarat One Day Rally	
JAN 2015 10 <sup>th</sup> / 11 <sup>th</sup>	Geelong Rally	
FEB 15 <sup>th</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> Mar. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ballan Rally 2015 National Rally at Carrick Tas.	
APRIL 2015 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	MAVEC 19 <sup>th</sup> Annual Rally at Guildford	

Meeting closed at 9.04 pm

Next meeting 7.30pm Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 at the clubrooms in Guildford.

HAVE A LARFFF.

A policeman in a large country town was doing his rounds late at night when he saw two mature ladies sitting in a car in a car yard in the main street. Walking up to the car he said I hope you two ladies are not intending to steal that car. No said one of the women we bought it this afternoon well why are you sitting in it now. One of the ladies replied we were told if we bought a car here we would be screwed. So we are just waiting.

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Two prominent engineers had to measure the height of a flagpole they were standing at the bottom looking up, wondering if they would need a ladder or a scissor lift to reach the top. A woman sitting in her car waiting for her children got out of her car with a spanner and a tape measure, removed one of the two bolts holding the pole and asked for their help to lay the post down using the second bolt as the fulcrum. She measured the pole and said its 8.3mtrs got back in her car with her kids and drove away. One engineer looked at the other and said that silly woman gave us the measurement for the length not the height.