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# Preserving our Mechanical Heritage

## THE MT ALEXANDER VINTAGE ENGINE CLUB INC. COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES as of 5th October 2009 No.136.

President <b>Tony Steiner</b> <b>Pleasant Street</b> <b>Castlemaine</b> <b>Vic 3450</b> <b>Ph: 0354723217</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">PRESIDENT'S REPORT</p> <p>Our President is preparing for his up and coming trip to China so sorry no Presidents report this month. Hopefully he will be able to give us a report about China next month. The Thompson project has slowed down at the moment but it is looking that early November it should get going again.  <b>DON'T FORGET</b> membership fees are overdue and if not paid this will be your last newsletter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Till then keep the flywheels turning.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Regards,  Graham Mason</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Secretary</p>
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John Powell Reserve <b>Laurie Adams &amp;</b> <b>Ray Rice</b>	

## ATTENDANCE

No	PRESENT			APOLOGIES
1.	G. Mason	13	A Chapman	M Hayes
2.	T Steiner	14		P Rautman
3.	R Rice	15		D Burgess
4.	G. Milford	16		D. Bennett
5.	J Hayes	17		M Mason
6.	B. Tonkin			M Conn
7.	G Tonkin			L Burgess
8.	A Burgess			G Ralph
9.	R Leyshan			J Kingwell
10.	J Norris			J Conn
11.	A. Tori			A Leyshan
12	L Adams			

Meeting Opened At: **7.40 pm.**

Meeting Chaired By: **Tony Steiner { President }**

Minutes Of Previous Meeting dated 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009 circulated in Newsletter No 135 confirmed. Moved J Hayes, seconded L Adams .

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## CORRESPONDENCE – Dealt With as Read

### INWARD.

September 2009 Geelong newsletter  
 September 2009 Steam Whistle ( Gisborne N/letter.)  
 August 2009 Oily Rag (Ballan N/letter.)  
 Letter from Mt Alexander Shire re Events Calendar  
 Two letters from Maldon Museum.  
 September 2009 Port Phillip N/letter.

### OUTWARD.

Letter to Russell Timmins accepting invitation to display at the Truck Show.  
 Application form to Bendigo Bank for sponsorship to our rally.

Mov. G. Mason Sec. A. Tori.

### A REMINDER.

If you have something to sell or swap or you want to buy something let Tony , Alan or Graham know and we will include it in the newsletter.

## **REPORTS**

### **TREASURERS REPORT.**

Alan reported that we have a credit balance of \$  
Sec A. Tori.

### **33 / 34 FORD DISPLAY :**

Tony said it was a good day, with a lot of well presented cars, he also said there was an old bloke riding around on an old motorbike. ( no prize for guessing who ). Joe said it was a display well worth going out to so watch out for next years dates.

Report by Joe Norris & Tony Steiner.

### **WEDDERBURN RALLY :**

There was approx 220 engines at the rally, our Club was well represented by members including Betty & Graham Tonkin, Rob Bentley, Ray & Loretta Rice, Sid Sleep, Wayne Mein, & Joe Norris, Rob Leyshan ( Hope I got you all.) By all reports it was a good rally.

Report by Rob Leyshan

### **METCALFE TRACTOR RALLY :**

Quite a few of our members travelled to Metcalfe and report there was a lot more cars and trucks than last year, the number of tractors was about the same . There was more on display in the compound where the engines were. Laurie Adams won a prize with his ex U.S. Army L.A. Model Case, (oldest tractor there ) also a 1905 Shaw motorbike owned by Joe Norris created a lot of interest.

Report by Laurie Adams.

### **DUNOLLY RALLY:**

A good Rally with a good turn up of our members some for both days ( members got the impression that Brian Culley was pleased with our participation at their Rally ). The wind blew very strong on Friday but settled down for the weekend, they had a very good campfire on Sat. night all our members said they had a good time.

Report by Ray Rice.

### **CHOPPED ROD SHOW:**

The Newstead football oval was covered by a collection of some very well displayed rods down to some really rough ones , it is a display of unusual cars . It was a 2 day event with a band on Sat. night , there was quite a few well presented motorbikes on display.

Report by Tony  
Steiner.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**A REMINDER MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE.**

### **THOMPSON PROJECT.**

Tony Steiner reported that Mr Winestock no longer worked for Flowserve and the person who has replaced him has a sympathetic ear to our cause of saving the old machinery. Leeches have quoted Tony \$110 per hour for the crane and \$40 an hour for the dogman. The marble switchboard to be moved on tyres on trailers. He also said that Flowserve may put some money in to help with the removal costs.

### **STEEL POSTS.**

The meeting was asked if the cricket club had returned the posts and bunting they had borrowed, this to be followed up on.

### **CLUB LOGO STICKERS:**

No information as yet will report as soon as something is known.

### **CLOTH BADGES:**

Some members were enquiring as to the availability and cost of cloth badges like we used to have , a couple of members to find out and report next meeting.

### **EVENTS COMMITTEE.**

The committee is Tony Steiner, Allan Burgess, John Hayes, Laurie Adams, John Conn, Joe Norris, Graham Mason.

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **WHEN**

### **WHERE**

31<sup>st</sup> Oct. & Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Nov.

21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov.

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9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Jan.

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21<sup>st</sup> Feb.

17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> April

Lake Goldsmith Rally.

Bendigo Swap Meet.

Castlemaine Rotary 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Truck & Music Show.

Geelong Vintage Rally at Geelong Showgrounds.

Charles Hall Krankup at Korweinguboorra.

Ballan Rally and Tractor Pull.

MAVEC Rally at Guildford.

Allan Burgess brought to the meeting an air raid siren that was on top of Newstead Motors . Made about 1940 it needed 120 psi. of compressed air to operate and was used as a fire siren it has been heard as far away as Castlemaine. It was operated by pulling a cord that hung down beside the building and on very bad fire days when the garage was closed they had to leave the compressor on in case it was needed. Thanks Allan for bringing it to the meeting.

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Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Next meeting 7 30 pm. Mon.2<sup>nd</sup> Nov.. at Guildford Clubrooms.

Have a laugh,

Barry and Joe are drinking mates working as aircraft mechanics in Melbourne, one day the airport is closed due to fog and no new work could come in to the workshop Barry says I wish we had something to drink. Joe says so do I , I have heard that you can drink jet fuel if you want a real buzz. So they pour themselves some high octane fuel and get completely trashed. Next morning Barry wakes up and is surprised how good he feels, no hangover or other side effects. The phone rings and it is Joe he asks how he is Barry says I feel fine how are you Joe says so do I , this jet fuel is great we should do it more often, well says Joe there is just one thing . Whats that says Barry, have you farted yet says Joe , no says Barry well don't says Joe because I am in Canberra.

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A man in his 40s bought a very expensive BMW sports car and took it out for a drive on the Hume freeway, with the roof down and the wind in his hair, he decides to put the foot down as the speedo reaches 140 kph he sees red and blue lights behind him, he thinks there is no way they could catch a BMW the speedo reaches 150 then 170 then he thinks what the hell am I doing and pulls over to the side of the road. The cop walks up to the car asks for his licence and says , its been a long day , it's the end of my shift and its Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> and I don't feel like more paperwork so if you can give me a good excuse for speeding I will let you off. The driver thinks for a minute and says last week my wife ran off with a cop and I was afraid you were chasing me to give her back . Have a good weekend says the cop.

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For the ladies.

Apricot Delight.

Place 1 1/2 cups white breadcrumbs, 1 cup self raising flour ( sifted), 1/2 teaspoon salt & 2 tablespoons sugar into a basin. Melt 1 tablespoon butter in 3/4 cup of hot milk, and add well beaten egg yolk. Add with 1 cup of apricots (stewed & drained) to flour mixture. Mix all thoroughly. Pack in greased mould and steam for 1 hour. Serve hot with sauce made from the juice of 1 lemon, 1/2 cup of sugar and 1 cup of juice from apricots; boil all together until thick.

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Snowball Pudding.

1/4 lb rice, 1 lb apples, 2 ozs sugar, 1 pint milk, a dessertspoonful lemon juice. Wash the rice drop it into a saucepan of hot milk, let it boil until it is a creamy mass. Peel ,core and cut up the apples, stew them with the lemon juice and sugar.Grease a basin, fill it with alternate layers of stewed apples and rice, having rice as the first and last layers. Steam for 1 hour.

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( Both these recipes out of Australian Home Journal July 1<sup>st</sup> 1936. )

