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Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club

Was established in 2005 and offers members friendship, restoration advice. Our mid-week, weekend and annual events offer something of interest for all the family.

Meetings 1st Tuesday of every month except January.

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VALE

The club has lost a highly respected and valued member in Daryl Minter. His enthusiasm knowledge and expertise will be sorely missed. Daryl was a regular participant in club events and represented the club at AOMC in addition to his role as Club Registrar..

Our deepest condolences to Lyn, his family and friends

Front cover The car that probably broke more speed records than any other. Its streamlined shape might make it seem like a much more recent than its vintage of around 1938. Driven by the British record breaker Goldie Gardner.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The last two months haven't been ideal for the club. The sudden death of Daryl Minter the Clubs Membership Registrar and Vehicle Registration Officer, AOMC delegate and a very important member of the club's committee. He has left a large hole in our organisation but I am pleased to say his positions have been filled by members of the club. Sadly another member Laurie Black, who was a long standing and very active member in his early days has also passed away. Condolences to Rona and their family. The Show and Shine is fast approaching and we need all the members help to distribute our posters. It is most important that we get the word out so that people can organize themselves to come along. We would like as many members as possible to attend our next meeting and pick up some posters to distribute. With regards to our newsletter we have been unable to get a volunteer to take over the job from Ray so if no one comes forward this could possibly be the last newsletter. It would be very sad to see that happen. If you are interested Ray is prepared to teach you and help you. The committee will give you every assistance as well.

Finally I would like to thank Lyn, Daryl's partner and Yvonne for sorting out Daryl's paperwork. I would like to wish Lyn all the best in the sad road ahead of her. If the club and myself can help in any way we are only too happy to do so

VALE—LAURIE BLACK

It is with sadness that we the Committee and Members of the Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club were advised of the passing of long time member Laurie. Laurie together with Rona were a well known and well liked couple. We shall miss his 'cheeky' remarks. Our condolences to Rona and family. Rest in peace.

Bass Coast Historical Automobile

Club Inc. A0049447S

General Meeting at Wonthaggi Workmen's Club 3rd September 2024

Meeting Opened at 7:32pm

Tribute – a minute's silence was called in honour of Daryl Minter, who passed away on Saturday 17th August 2024.

Judy Dewar read out the eulogy that she presented, on behalf of the Club, at Daryl's funeral. Judy said it was a relaxed, informal service with 32 of our members attending.

Jack Moyle spoke of his long association with Daryl and how, during his 5 years as President working alongside Daryl, got to know him as someone who made sure everything was always done properly. Jack said he was a very likeable man and Jack enjoyed his company and, on behalf of the Club, extended our heartfelt sorrow to Lyn.

Brian Davidson acknowledged Daryl's involvement in many community areas and that we were lucky to have him as part of our community. Brian reminisced of weekends away with the fun of reverse raffles and the Barrel Girl. He said that even though he was pedantic Daryl was always a gentleman who knew how to manipulate people to get things done and the Club owes a huge debt to him. Brian wished Yvonne well for taking on part of Daryl's role.

Keith Tonkin told of his 4 year association with Daryl and admitted that they sometimes clashed because of Daryl's 100% best

interests of the Club and that everything had to be done properly. However, they respected one another. Keith said Daryl left big shoes to fill and advised who was taking on the following responsibilities.

Membership Registrar – Yvonne Thompson

VicRoads Registrations – Colin Graham with help from Peter Mattea

AOMC Rep – Keith Tonkin.

AOMC have been informed of Daryl's passing and will inform their members at the next meeting.

General Meeting

Keith acknowledged the custodians of our land.

Attendance and Apologies – As recorded

New Members/Visitors – None.

Guest Speaker – None

Minutes of the previous meeting

Read by Marj Wagland

Moved by Marj Wagland 2nd Eddie Jackson Carried

Business arising from the previous minutes

Nil.

Correspondence

In Nil

Out Nil

Moved 2nd Carried

Treasurer's Report

Dianne Adams provided the following financial report

#1 Account	\$ 9161.11
Term Deposit	\$ 8000.00 – due 9 th November 2024
Petty Cash	\$ 220.00
Show & Shine	<u>\$10,913.29</u>
Total	<u>\$28,294.40</u>
Tours & Events	\$9671.69

Accounts for payment - Nil

Moved Dianne Adams 2nd Graeme Wagland Carried

Reports

Events - Judy reported on the following:-

Past Events

18th August – Lunch at Tooradin Sports Club, a great day though tinged with sadness.

Coming Events

15th September– Lunch at Cardinia Park Hotel. Make your own way there or meet at Grantville for coffee at 10am.

Annual Rally 11th – 15th October. One QS room available. Cost \$730 per couple includes breakfast, 2 dinners and a bus trip.

Ladies Lunch – 12pm 21st November at Par 3 5755 Bass Hwy, Inverloch

Christmas Breakup – 8th December 12 noon. Wonthaggi Workmen's Club. Cost \$30. Hamper donations can be made at October, November and December meetings. Raffle tickets available at those meetings and on the day.

Motion That the Club support members at the Christmas Lunch by subsidizing \$10 per head.

Moved Keith Tonkin 2nd Judy Dewar Carried

Motorbike Group

Peter reported that the August ride didn't happen and that the next ride will be the last Sunday in September. Peter reported that a few members turned up, with their cars, to the Father's Day Event on 29th August, at Bunnings. It was a good night with lots of food and activities. A couple of cars from the Shitbox Rally attended.

Show and Shine

Keith reported that the Shitbox Rally cars have been invited to the Show and Shine as they are fundraising for cancer. Tyre Power have come on board as sponsors - \$200 for 3 trophies.

A Yank Tank section will be included and Mannie has contacts to get cars to attend.

Wonthaggi Workmen's Club and Southern 4x4 & Ute Club have offered sponsorship.

Gavin, from AutoPro, and Pat will increase classes by 4 or 5.

Posters – members invited to take posters to display on vehicles and/or in the community. A new, clearer one has been designed for roadside advertising. There will be digital signs at Dalyston and on the main road to Phillip Island.

Kids will have face painting, a playground and animal farm.

SES will set up display dismantling a car.

Same procedure as last year with a practice run on Saturday. A few extra volunteers will be required on the day.

AOMC

No report

Membership

No report

Editor

The closing date for the next newsletter is 17th September 2024. An editor is still needed and if no-one comes forward there won't be any further newsletters.

General Business

None

Buy, Sell or Give Away

None

Door Prize

Member 39 – Clive Kilgour.

The Door Prize will be named in Daryl's honour, "Daryl's Door Prize". Keith told members that the monthly door prize has been donated by Daryl and another anonymous member since its inception but now the Club will fund it.

Meeting Closed 8.26pm

Next Meeting 1st October 2024

Speed Records

(and some unusual facts)

In the early days of motoring, many makers were involved in racing or speed records as a means promoting their cars. Think of our recent Holden Ford rivalry while perhaps not officially factor sponsored it was supported.

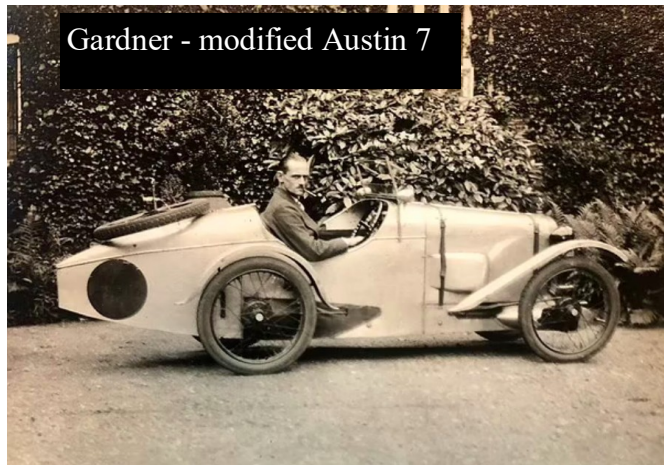
In the UK the MG company, perhaps discourage from racing was very much into speed records

There were a huge number of records over different distances and times and engine sizes.

Without doubt, the most prolific speed record holder was Alfred Thomas "Goldie" Gardner. The name Goldie was his mother's family name taken as a given name in a Scottish tradition. A decorated and permanently injured WW1 veteran he began his racing career in an Austin 7. Because his bad leg made racing difficult he concentrated more on speed records being inspired by Sir Malcolm Campbell who he accompanied on one attempt.

Although driving many different cars he is probably best known for his association with MG.

Over the years he amassed nearly 150 records, at one stage holding 6



out of 10 class records. His speciality – aided by some excellent engineers seems to be getting the most out of fairly small engines.

The fabulous MG EX135

Since around 1930 and up to 1959, MG

had been very active in record breaking. The EX (experimental) series was MG's term for planned vehicles, starting with EX1, EX2.. etc. At one point they started numbering again at EX 100. There were many gaps in numbers as often plans didn't get any further than the drawing board.

The most famous probably EX135(front cover). When Gardner acquired the car he had a streamlined body built by Railton

It was so versatile, and so well streamlined, that it eventually set new records for the 350cc, 500cc, 750cc, 1100cc and 1500cc categories before being retired in 1952, with Gardner involved in many of them.

1939 Dessau Germany.

Just before WW11 Gardner took EX135 to Germany to use their roads. Running in the 750-1100cc class on an autobahn, Gardner achieved 203.0 mph over a measured mile. The car was running so well they decided to bore it out to take it to 1106cc and into the 1500cc class. This was done overnight with a portable boring machine and the engine



still in the car. This must have been a prior thought as they had brought the cylinder borer and some 20 thou oversize pistons with them. They had to enlist the German army to get the correct power to their garage. Fortunately they had brought the boring machine manual with them as none of the team had used it before

The next day he managed 203.9 mph and the record.

Post WW11

Prior to the war starting, Gardner also had plans on the 750cc record and had a six-cylinder 741 cc engine made.

After a wartime career as a gunner, Goldie Gardner got his 750cc record car on the road as quickly as possible. In 1946, on the new Jabbeke motorway in Belgium, Gardner reached 159.15 mph. This engine must have impressed him so he decided to go for the 500cc title.

A New Engine? Not Really.

Rather than using a new block, they just threw away two pistons and conrods replacing with weights for balance

The next year he returned, with the car now converted to a 500cc "four-cylinder" and set yet another record of 118mph.

Bonneville 1951/2

By 1951 now in his sixties (walking with a cane), he used the supercharged MG streamliner EX-135 car to obtained 6 international and 10 American records in the 1,100cc to 1,500cc engine class. In 1952 he returned to Bonneville with the EX and set 21 speed records in the same engine class as the previous year.

The Crash

In an attempt at a longer distance record at Bonneville, things went badly wrong The salt, normally very hard was a bit soft after some unseasonal rain. It seems this built up in his tyre tread causing him the spin out after covering some 74 miles on the very gently curved track. The lack of traction probably stopped the car from flipping but at something like 165 mph "the mother of all broadsides " began.

Unfortunately the car hit a marker post with very little damage to it but Gardner suffered a blow to the head which caused permanent damage and probably contributed to his death a few years later. A record holder of records.



Christmas Hampers

Donations towards our Christmas Hampers will be appreciated. A list of items will be at the October and November meetings for you to get an idea of what we would like to include in the hamper. Donations on or before 3rd December meeting please. A box will be provided at each meeting for the donations

We thank you in advance, for your generosity.

Calendar

October 2024

1st October	General Meeting Wonthaggi Workmens' Club 7.30pm. Dinner in Club before meeting if desired	
6th October	Autopro Monthly Get Together In carpark at the front of the shop 4 Murray Street 8.30am to 10.30am—all welcome	FYI
11th—15th October	Annual Rally Nagambie/Avenel Staying at Rusty Springs Accommodation RALLY FULLY BOOKED	CLOSED
20th October	ROUTE 69 CRUISE Trafalgar Holden Museum Trafalgar 9am—4pm tour leaving at Midday	FYI

November 2024

2nd November	All British Car Day Winton Raceway Winton	FYI
3rd November	Autopro Monthly Get Together In carpark at the front of the shop 4 Murray Street 8.30am to 10.30am—all welcome	FYI
5th November	General Meeting Wonthaggi Workmens' Club 7.30pm. Dinner in Club before meeting if desired	
17th November	Show & Shine Daylston Football Ground Daylston SEE ADVERTISEMENT IN THIS NEWSLETTER	
21st November	Ladies Day Lunch Par 3 Café , 5755 Bass Highway, Inverloch @ 12pm Booking Essential CLOSING DATE 15th NOVEMBER	Judy 0419371441 Yvonne 0414590632

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Reg. No. A0049447S

Annual General Meeting at the Wonthaggi Workman's Club

-6th August 2024

Open 7.32pm

Pat acknowledged the custodians of our land.

Attendance / Apologies as recorded

Minutes of the 2023 AGM

Read by Marj Wagland. Moved Eddie Jackson 2nd Richard Huntriss

Carried

Business Arising from the 2023 AGM

Nil

President's Report

In the absence of Keith Tonkin, Pat Kennedy read the President's Report as follows;

It is with pleasure that I submit to you my President's report for 2023/2024.

It has been a challenging year with the running of our first Show and Shine and the taxation issue which is an ongoing concern and also establishing a permanent storage facility for our gear.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the Bass Coast Shire for the assistance they have given us with the storage shed and the grants they have given us.

A club is only as good as the committee and our club would not run as well if we didn't have the expertise of our committee members who go above and beyond.

Firstly, thank you to Pat, our Vice President, who has supported me throughout the year. Next our Secretary, Brian, who is very efficient in everything he does. Next Dianne, our Treasurer who, in looking after the finances of the club, is very diligent in the expenses. Next our Membership Registrar, Daryl, who is a man with so much knowledge of the club and all the proceedings involved in running the club. Next are Judy, Yvonne and Irene, who organise our rallies and outings in a very efficient and enjoyable manner. Peter Mattea has been organising and promoting our motorcycles which are becoming an integral part of the club. Ray, our Newsletter Editor has

done a great job for many years and I hope he enjoys his retirement. Thankyou to Sarah for setting up a Facebook page for the club. Finally I must thank the rest of the committee who have given me so much support.

To the members of the club who have supported me and helped me in many ways I thank you all.

Financially the club is in a good position and we have been able to give donations to local charities. During the year we had a range of different speakers and we were able to donate to their various organisations.

The future of the club is in a good position for the coming year but decisions will need to be made in regards to the taxation issue and the future of the Show and Shine. The issue will be that the club remains as a social club and relies on the membership income to run or we have a purpose by running events from which we are able to help those less fortunate in the community at the same time promoting our club.

Finally, Sue and I will be away for the next two meetings, hopefully in a warmer climate.

Many thanks

Keith Tonkin (President)

Moved Ian Stephenson 2nd Judy Dewar Carried

Financial Report

Dianne Adams presented a summary of the Audited Financial Statement for the year ending 30 June 2024 and advised members that a summary of the Financial Report was not yet finished.

Moved Dianne Adams 2nd Graeme Wagland Carried

General Business

Pat invited Brian Davidsonto Chair the election of the executive positions.

Brian thanked the committee for the privilege of chairing the meeting, noting that there were not many members older than him. He congratulated and thanked the outgoing committee for the fantastic job done. Brian asked those present to acknowledge and give special thanks to Ray Watson, saying the bi-monthly bulletin was the life blood of the club.

Brian then requested all committee members to stand down and confirmed he had perused the nominations received and announced the following uncontested executive positions;

Keith Tonkin – President	Nominated by Peter Mattea Seconded by Dianne Adams
Vice President - Pat Kennedy	Nominated by Daryl Minter Seconded by Brian Asbury
Secretary - Brian Asbury	Nominated by Daryl Minter Seconded by Pat Kennedy
Treasurer - Dianne Adams	Nominated by Pat Kennedy Seconded by Daryl Minter

Brian congratulated the Executive members on their successful nominations.

Chair returned to Pat Kennedy in the absence of Keith Tonkin

Pat announced the uncontested nominations for committee members as follows;

Daryl Minter	Yvonne Thompson
Judy Dewar	Jack Moyle
Peter Mattea	Clive Kilgour

Pat asked the following committee members if they will continue in their positions as follows;

Daryl Minter confirmed he would continue as Club Registrar, Club Permit Officer & AOMC Delegate

Daryl confirmed Ray Watson, in his absence, will continue as Newsletter Editor for the time being

Tony Cuzzupi confirmed he would continue as Web Master.

Sarah Fullerton will continue to administer the Facebook page.

Any Other Ordinary Business

Daryl Minter confirmed the Annual Membership Fees for 2023-2024 is \$50.

Pat announced Jess Tanner has agreed to audit the clubs financial accounts for the financial year ending 30 June 2025.

Next Annual General Meeting

5th August 2025

Meeting Close 7:57pm

“THANK YOU FROM LYN”

I would like to thank the BCHAC Members who sent messages of support, cards, phone calls and flowers when Daryl passed away on 17th August.

Also thank you to the Members who travelled to Rosebud for the Funeral

Special thanks to Judy Dewar for being my Club contact, it made my task of sharing news with BCHAC Members so much easier. I asked Judy to speak on behalf of the Club knowing that she would do it well—and she did.

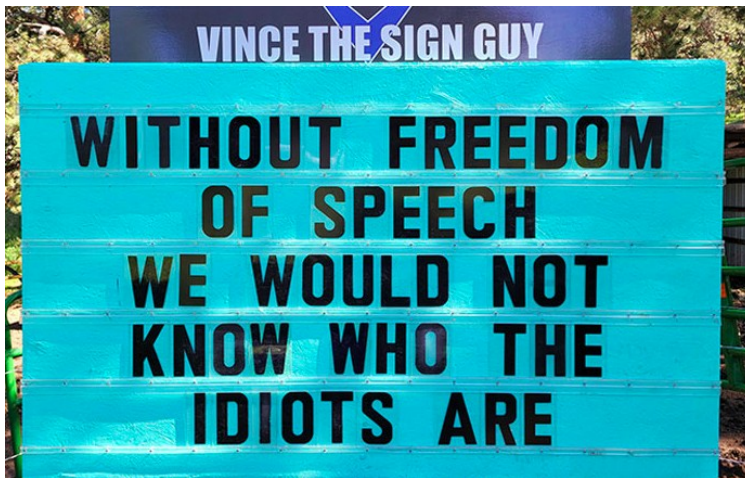
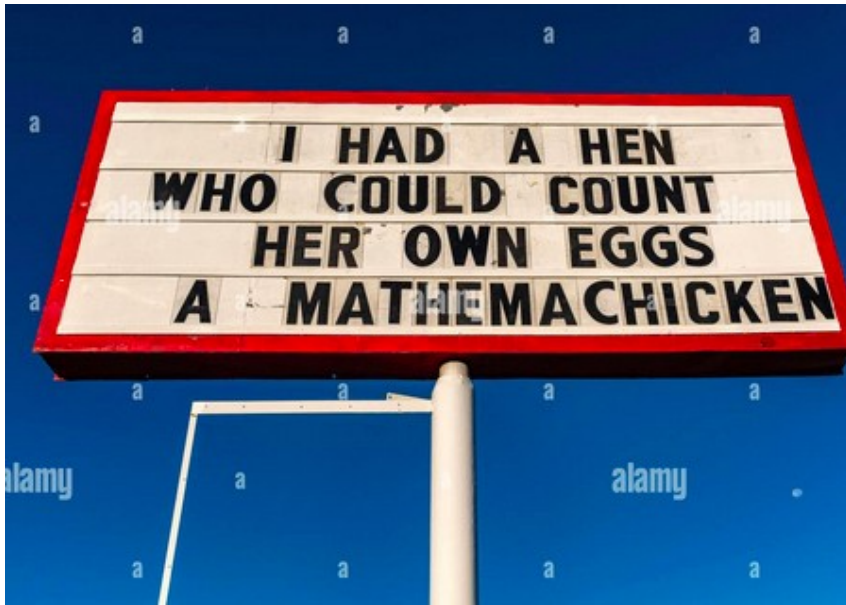
Daryl & I have been members for many years, been on over 20 Rallies, many lunches and Bar-B-Ques, drives and celebrations. We also went on a wonderful house boat trip.

We made many friends and always, always had a good time and a lot of fun. For this I am very grateful.

Thank you to everyone who have been supportive. I really appreciate every expression of love and care you have shown me.

Warm regards
Lyn Ashman





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Christmas Breakup

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2024 @ 12PM

Wonthaggi Workmen's Club
75 Graham Street, Wonthaggi 3995

Cost \$30pp, 2 course lunch

Main: Turkey, ham with roast vegetables, gravy & cranberry sauce

Dessert: 50/50 drop - plum pudding with custard or pavlova with a berry compote & cream

Payment: By Tuesday 3rd December

Bookings: Please contact

Yvonne 0414 590 632

Judy 0419 371 441

Bookings need to be made before Tuesday 3rd December. As we need to pay in advance for the number booked then I am afraid if you book and do not let us know before Tuesday 5th that you are unable to attend then the booking will have to be paid for. Similarly if you have not booked before Tuesday 3rd then you will not be able to attend.



Brain teasers

This month's puzzles

Puzzle 1. The sphinx wanted to know which one of the three gods stole the golden apple. Was it Horus, Anubis or Osiris?

"I didn't," said Horus.

"Osiris did," said Anubis.

"Anubis is lying," said Osiris.

The sphinx knew that one god was telling the truth and the other two were lying.

Who stole the golden apple?

Puzzle 2. Minesweeper (for something different)

5 total bombs in 3 by 4 grid (3 rows, 4 columns):

row 1: ? ? 2 1

row 2: 3 ? ? ?

row 3: ? 1 ? ?

Find the bombs.

Mine Sweeper rules: each number represents the exact total of surrounding mines.

Answers to last issue' puzzles

Puzzle 1

If statement one is true so is two - not allowed, ring not in Gold box. Third is true so ring is in silver box.

Puzzle 2

Alan danced the tango with Jessica. James and Charlotte were waltzers, Simon and Becky excelled at the Rumba and Keith and Laura danced the foxtrot.

Justice is a dish best served cold. Otherwise, it's just water.

· You don't need a parachute to go skydiving. You need one to go skydiving twice.

· How do you make 7 even? Take away the S.

· Why is sausage bad for you? It brings out the Wurst in people.

· What do you call a broken clock? A waste of time.

· Why did the teddy bear turn down a slice of cake. He was stuffed.

· What do you call a rabbit with fleas? Bugs Bunny!

What's an astronaut's favorite board game? Moon-opoly

"What do a tick and the Eiffel Tower have in common?" "They're both Paris sites."

"What's the best thing about Switzerland?" "I don't know, but the flag is a big plus.

· "I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down!"

· "Did you hear about the guy who invented the knock-knock joke? He won the 'no-bell' prize.

"I've got a great joke about construction, but I'm still working on it."

"I used to hate facial hair...but then it grew on me."

"I decided to sell my vacuum cleaner—it was just gathering dust!"

A white ant walks into a pub. "Is this bar tender?"

A high jumper walks into a bar. Disqualified.

A cow walks into a pub. "Can I udder a beer?"

A ballet dancer walks into a bar. Out of the cast, in a cast.

A dung beetle walks into a pub. "Is this stool taken?"

Calendar

October 2024 - March 2025

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