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# CALENDAR

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#### No night meeting in January!

#### 17 (Sun) - RACV Great Australian Rally - Melbourne to Mornington

See details on the website www.greataustralianrally.com.au for an entry form. Entries close on the 9th of January. Contact John Johnson if you plan to attend and we will arrange to meet as a group and enter and park together. Note you must tick the 'YES' box on the form for 'Car to be judged' to enable parking in the grassed lawn area with the group.

#### 26 (Tue) - RACV Australia Day Picnic & Federation Vehicle Display - King's Domain

For vehicles 25 years and older. Entries close on the 30th of November. Entry forms available from www.federation.asn.au. We usually have several cars going on the day - contact John Johnson if you plan to attend for the meeting point and time.

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#### 3 (Wed) - Night meeting, 8pm

Guest Speaker: TBA. South Camberwell Tennis Club, 332 Burke Rd, Glen Iris. Enter from Bickleigh St.

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#### 20 (Sat) - GRM Open Day

From 8AM at Garry Rogers Motorsport, 2/13 Kitchen Road, Dandenong South. Check out their web site www.grmotorsport.com.au or their Facebook page for more details.

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#### 21 (Sun) - Western Port Festival Classic Car Show (Hastings)

The Club is intending to take part in the Classic Car Show hosted by the Western Port Festival Committee on Sunday 21st February 2016, between 10am to 3.30pm. It will be held on the Hastings Foreshore (adjacent to the Fred Smith Reserve, which will host the Western Port Festival carnival and related activities). Heino will be the club contact for organising our attendance. For more info visit www.westernportfestival.org.au/get-involved/enter-classic-car-show/

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Guest Speaker: TBA. South Camberwell Tennis Club, 332 Burke Rd, Glen Iris. Enter from Bickleigh St.

#### 11-13 (Fri-Sun) - Phillip Island Classic

We'll organise a day for a club run down to the Island. This year's Patron will be Jim Richards. The Shannons walk area will work the same as other years, FIRST IN BEST DRESSED for the parking. For this event the organisers will only be sending out car passes, this pass is a green window sticker which will need to be affixed to the top right hand side of the screen so the entry staff can see it. At this stage the driver will get his free weekend pass handed to them. All other passengers over the age 16 will pay \$20.00 for a weekend pass. All cars and car displays will be judged daily, all 3 days. The main gate opens at 7.00 each day and racing starts at 9.00. Contact Heino if you're interested and we will organise a suitable number of passes with the events vehicle coordinator Richard Williams (0413 247 817)

#### 6 (Wed) - Night meeting, 8pm

Guest Speaker: TBA. South Camberwell Tennis Club, 332 Burke Rd, Glen Iris. Enter from Bickleigh St.

#### 10 (Sun) - RACV Classic Showcase and Volvo Club of Victoria annual Display Day

Back at Flemington this year. As usual we'll have our People's Choice voting for the best cars in multiple classes. Everyone is encouraged to give their cars a clean and have them looking great for our large display of Volvos. Depending on the rules at the venue, the club may provide a free BBQ (TBA - watch the next magazine or web site for details). If BBQ is not allowed, bring a picnic lunch or buy a snack from one of the vendors onsite. Full details (including cost and entry time) will be published in the next Rolling and online when they become available. Display cars usually must be onsite by 9AM and entry fee is typically around \$15 per car. Contact Heino if you have any questions.

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# **PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE**

#### TWENTY SIXTEEN

It doesn't look quite as bad when you write it as twenty sixteen instead of 2016. The year 2000 or Y2K as it became widely known (for all the wrong reasons) was a huge milestone and now it is already sixteen years ago. The Volvo Club of Victoria has a lot of activities planned over the year so please ensure you are up to date with events by looking at the magazine or going on the webpage. On behalf of myself and the Committee, welcome to 2016 and we hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday period.

I would like to thank a few people who made the Volvo Club of Victoria's Christmas parties a success.

Firstly to Laura, Lochie, George, Mandy, Ben and the Staff at Moto Bean for an enjoyable Country Christmas party. The location is always excellent; the food prepared by Ben was first class and thank you to all the members who supported this first time event (28 attendees). I am looking forward to this becoming an annual event.

Secondly, thank you to the people that provided raffle prizes. Berry Motor Group, Stillwell Motor Group (SMG), Voldat Automotive, Andrew Marney, Elizabeth Issacs and the Nowatzky Family (I hope I haven't left anyone out). The Annual Christmas Party was held at the Waverley RSL on the 6th December and we had 36 attendees. For this year we had the upstairs Sunrise Room all to ourselves which was quite good although there appeared to be some hiccups with the way the meals were delivered. Hopefully everyone went home happy. Poor Len was the last to get his ticket drawn in the raffle but I'm guessing his prize made the wait worthwhile. It was great to see so many of you there.

Take a note of all the events so that you can have your pride and joy ready and also I am taking expressions of interest for the tour of Tasmania which will be held later in the year (more details soon) and the event we are planning with the SA Club which will be in Nhill earlier in the year. I'm not really one to take up causes or to stand on soap boxes (older members will understand, younger members just Google it), but two things really stand out. Firstly basic human rights; treat everyone in the manner that you would wish to be treated, without fear and without favour irrespective of gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, age or status. The person or group you ostracize today may be your saviour in the future or even save the human race. Secondly is Global Warming. Well that is the outcome. Look after this planet. I don't mean become a radical Eco Warrior (although we do need them as well), just respect what we have and leave something for future generations. A few years ago I was particularly saddened by the way humans were treating other humans, how we were disregarding the warnings on climate change but more so on how otherwise intelligent people could stand in front of the world and justify that "it was for the greater good of mankind" etc. So I wrote a small one page document to express my feelings. I won't burden you with that but what stands out above everything else is that while mankind (humans) tries to justify its / their actions and looks for paradise in other places (through religion or to the planets) the reality is that we are living in paradise now, right here in the present. This world is perfectly formed and symbiotic, there are no flaws, there are no imperfections, and it is not a trial or practice planet Earth.

As I get older I realise the follies of my youth, I wish I had discovered Volvo's at a much younger age for instance. I admit a tinge of jealousy when I talk to members that have always had Volvo's in their lives. I know now how much better an Amazon, 140 or P1800 would have been when I was a young driver in the Adelaide hills but I had to persevere with Valiants and Holdens but above all else I am sadden by the number of friends, colleagues and acquaintances that lost their lives in car accidents that were survivable even back then in a Volvo. Remember "Volvo for Life"

Until next time, Heino Nowatzky



# **ED'S NOTE**



2015 is dead. Long live 2016! Welcome back for another year of Volvo related Club activities, worldwide news and local events and happenings. We have most of Australia covered and it's going to be great seeing what everyone does this year. If you're in WA, NT or Tas, why not let us know you're about and keep us updated with what's happening in your neck of the woods.

Having grown up in Tasmania I'm really bummed that I won't be able to make it down for the club event. Australia has some fantastic sites but if you want to travel from sandy beaches with pink granite through lush green farming country, past fern glades and then into proper alpine forest... Tasmania is one of the few places that can offer that all over an hour of driving.

Launceston and northern Tassie has the Elephant Pass, the nut, windfarms on the north-west tip and beautiful scenery that stretches east and down the coast to Hobart. Bicheno and Coles Bay are just marvellous and well worth the visit.

Hobart has some great driving roads both north and south. The north has some great forest drives while the south has

winding hills, thin roads and some really challenging drives. Head west and you head into the central highlands with the sort of roads that's made Targa Tasmania word famous. I've had the dubious honour of getting a Subaru bogged in the middle of nowhere and being rescued by a Jeep (thank the big guy they bought a Jeep!), having a one-way trip down a pine needle covered hill (that would be a mountain for all those native Victorians :P) in a rented Falcon, destroying the front of a two day old car thanks to wildlife at midnight and almost taking out the bottom of a rental Outlander thanks to the rocky roads around Strahan and limping home. Poor judgement and youthful exuberance have a lot to answer for.

Tassie has such a massive range of experiences just waiting for the keen driver and I'm already jealous of everyone that's planning on going. Enjoy the drive, enjoy the scenery and make the most of those fantastic twisties!

Cheers. Ben





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# VIC CLUB NOTICEBOARD

### **MEMBERSHIP FEES UPDATE**

Please be advised that the annual membership fees are increasing - effective with payments made after the 1st of January 2016. The new membership rates are: Adult/Family: \$50 per year; Student/ Pensioner: \$25 per year. Please be sure to update your direct deposits and pay your membership in advance if you want to avoid the fee increase!

## YOUR MEMBERSHIP

As of 11th December we have 287 financial members and 25 members who are un-financial, bringing our total member count to 312. If you are unsure of your membership expiry date, please look at the label on your most recent club magazine as the date is printed on it. You should also receive a customised renewal form in the magazine when your membership is due. Please review your details and return the form with your payment, or if you pay via direct deposit, you can email me any changes. Be sure to put your name and membership number in the direct deposit transaction description so we know where the money is coming from!

WHY? Because we still get direct deposits that say something like "Bendigo Bank - Family Membership" with no account name, and no membership number or member name. Your name does not automatically come through with your bank transfer (depending on your bank) so you really do have to put your name and preferably membership number in the transaction description if you want us to know where the money is coming from. If you have any questions about your membership, please contact the Membership Secretary, Greg Sievert, 0401 713 595 or email greg.sievert@gmail.com.

# YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND THE VICTORIAN CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

For those club members who have classic cars on Club Permit plates in Victoria, it is **MANDATORY** that your membership is paid up. If your membership is lapsed and the police pull you over to check your details, they can contact us to confirm your membership is current. If not, you will be fined for driving an unregistered vehicle - fine is around \$700 plus! Do the right thing - you're saving a lot of money by not having to pay full registration fees, so the least you can do is keep your membership paid up. It's not that hard, and a lot of you are slack and un-financial at any given time!

ALSO PLEASE NOTE: When you put a new car on club plates, you must let Greg Sievert know the car details and plate number. If we are contacted by Vic Roads and they ask about your car, and I don't have it on my database, you could get in serious trouble! When your club membership renewal form is posted out in the magazine before your membership is due to expire, check over the list of cars and make sure everything is up-to-date on the list. If it isn't shown on the renewal form, I don't know about it. Email me (greg. sievert@gmail.com), call (0401713595) or post any updates to the club PO box.

The committee has developed a set of guidelines and expectations for those members who have cars on the permit scheme.

Note for new Club Permits initiated beginning February 2015, the documentation required and forms have changed with the new rules developed by VicRoads. The expectation is that members will bring their VicRoads Club Permit renewal forms to a night meeting or club event for signature instead of just posting to the club for signature.

The following Committee members can sign VicRoads Club Permit renewal forms: Heino Nowatzky, John Johnson and Greg Sievert.

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS (AS OF 11 DECEMBER)

Chris Kaye (C70) Ken Lindqvist (144) Kevin Elgood Steve Bailey (1800E) Daniel Patten (240)

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

The club's bank balance on 11th December was \$9857.93. For any questions about the club's finances, please contact Rod Shearman on 0468 362 144 or email RodLS@outlook.com.

#### CALL FOR VOLVO STORIES

If you've got a story about your Volvo, whether it's a trip, restoration, funny story or family history, we want to hear about it. We also want to hear about your tips, tricks or general info on you and your car. Write your opus and contact Ben Winkler (bwinkler@me.com)!

#### MAGAZINE POSTAGE (ALL CLUBS!)

Please contact the Membership Secretary, Greg Sievert (greg. sievert@gmail.com or 0401 713 595) if you change your address, or if you're having any delivery issues (such as receiving duplicate magazines, or think you haven't received a magazine). If you're not a member of the Victorian club, please also let your club's membership secretary know of any address changes/corrections.

#### OLD ROLLING MAGAZINES AVAILABLE ONLINE

Daniel, Greg and myself have raided the cupboard and found as many old editions of Rolling Magazine as we could, and uploaded them onto the website. Believe it or not, we've actually gone all the way back to 2003 that's issue number 150! Enjoy.



## **CRUDEN FARM CLUB RUN**

The Club supported the annual Cruden Farm Family Fun Day and Festival of Cars in its 22 November Club run to the farm at Langwarrin. The day out benefits the Mental Health Foundation of Victoria and is supported by the RACV. Thirteen Volvos contributed to the nearly 300 vintage and classic cars on display including electric cars from Tesla, BMW and RMIT, with the Club contributing a broad representation of models from a 1938 PV52 through to the "modern classics". It was a wonderful day to view the gardens and display cars and to catch up with Club members.

# **A COUNTRY CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT MALMSBURY**

A Club initiative this year was Christmas lunch on Saturday 28 November in regional Victoria at the Moto Bean Café in Malmsbury (in addition to the annual lunch in metropolitan Melbourne) providing the opportunity for country based members to meet more "locally" and for Melbourne based members to join them.

Over 30 Club members enjoyed great country hospitality at Moto Bean, owned

and operated by Club members Lachy and Laura Evens and George and Mandy Opoczynski. The great food and coffee encouraged long and colourful social conversations amongst Club members and the predictable shared thoughts of all things Volvo.

The traditional Club raffle was run for gifts donated by friends of the Club and importantly Club President Heino Nowatzky acknowledged the support by country members to our Club. Hopefully this year's initiative will turn into Christmas lunches in regional Victoria in future years - let's hear suggestions from country members for regional locations for 2016 and beyond!





## **DECEMBER CLUB MEETING & BBQ AT VOLDAT**

The traditional end of year Club meeting and BBQ was held at Voldat in Moorabbin on Wednesday 2 December. From 6:00pm the street quickly filled with Volvos of all descriptions, providing the opportunity for members to stroll up and down Roberna Street and inspect and compare members' cars. Again, a big thankyou to John Brady, supported by his daughter Orla, for doing the cooking and to all Club members that contributed the salads.

A Volvo workshop provides a great atmosphere for the annual BBQ, so

many thanks to John Johnson and Mark Richardson for moving workshop cars around and providing the venue to accommodate the over 60 Club members who attended.

# **CLUB SAFETY CHECK DAY AT VOLDAT**

The annual summer safety check day was held at Voldat in Moorabbin on Saturday 5 December. This is an important opportunity for Club members to have their cars checked over by a panel of Volvo experts – many thanks to John Johnson, Mark Richardson and Mark Iceton for undertaking the safety checks on the day.

Nine cars undertook a safety check, and while most met appropriate standards for those items that we see or feel every day, such as lights, brakes, tires, there were alerts to some car owners in regard to those sometimes "less obvious" items, such as worn suspension bushes, transmission & engine mounts (including a broken engine mount) and oil leaks.

The Club Committee would like to urge members to participate in the Club safety checks. It is a great chance for members to spend time looking over and under their car with an expert. Even if you don't have your car safety checked, to attend as an observer is a great way to gain knowledge about mechanical, body and suspension components of Volvo cars.

This safety check day had the added feature of the "coming out" of John Johnson's 1987 Volvo 780 Bertone, arriving from the USA only days before. The one owner low mileage car, silver with beige interior, is a superb example of the model – I'm sure we will hear more about this car.









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# **VOLVO XC90 IS EURO NCAP BEST IN CLASS 2015**

Volvo's ground-breaking XC90 SUV has received further recognition for its role in redefining the SUV segment – this time in the familiar Volvo territory of safety – receiving the 2015 Best in Class award for both Large Off-Road and Overall Performance categories.

The Volvo XC90 achieved overall top performance in the 2015 Euro NCAP ratings, scoring 100 per cent in the Safety Assist category, and an outstanding 97 percent in adult occupant protection, reflecting the innovative approach that Volvo Cars continues to take when developing new safety systems.

"We are always happy to receive further recognition for the work we do. The XC90 embodies everything that Volvo Cars stands for, and this is further proof of our continuing leadership in the field of both active and passive safety systems. Our vision is that by 2020 no one should be killed or seriously injured in a new Volvo car. With the latest safety and semi-autonomous drive functionalities in the XC90 we are well on our way to fulfilling that vision," said Jan Ivarsson, Acting Director, Volvo Cars Safety Centre.

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## THE CAMM'S 740 WAGON



We are writing advise that we have purchased, and are the proud owners of a 1991 740 Wagon, previously owned by Peter Riggall and before that by Mark Hoffmann.

The current speedo reading is 288,500Km and as you would expect it is still in immaculate condition.

Peter has kept up to date the dossier commenced by Mark, and this tradition will be maintained by ourselves.

(We also have a 1972 Rover V8 (second owner) with records started by the original NZ lady accountant, with details of every cent spent since new).

We have enjoyed reading the articles in the "Owners Documents" dated September 2009, and also a copy of the 240/260 Register written by Mark dated March/April 2012.

It may be of interest to note that just as Peter indicated his interest in the car should Mark decide to sell, a similar circumstance occurred between ourselves earlier this year.

We have previously owned a 1989 740 sedan, and a 1996 850S. We travelled as far as Hervey Bay in the 740 and across to Perth in the 850, as well as annual trips to Noosa, which we still do.

In closing as recently joined club members we would like to record how much we enjoy the magazine.

We have taken the liberty of attaching the current photo of the car and ourselves.

Regards, Susan and Ray Camm

# **DION'S IMAGINEERING**



# OZ VOLVO CANBERRA MINI-MEET

On the weekend of December 12-13, I ventured down from Sydney to Canberra for a meet organised by Canberra local Paul Rands. The meeting spot was Brodburger. If you like burgers and haven't been before, definitely drop in next time you're in Canberra. A dozen or so Volvos turned up from the ACT, NSW, and even Victoria, with Paul Bowman bringing a nice clean 740 turbo (one of many, allegedly), and Anthony Hyde bringing out his awesome 242 turbo. We had lunch, and went for a cruise around Canberra to see the sights, stopping for photos. I left on Saturday evening to return to Sydney, but the most of the crew reconvened on Sunday morning for breakfast.

James Ducker Oz Volvo (ozvolvo.org) Ed's Note: Just a quick explanation for those not in the know, Oz Volvo is an Australian-based website forum that has been adopted by a lot of Aussie Volvo enthusiasts and allows them to discuss problems, help each other out and arrange social gatherings Australia-wide. With a majority of users spread out across the various clubs, I found it great to get to this event and meet fellow Canberrans, catch-up with Victorian friends and meet new ones from NSW.



# SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CLUB



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Please note that all SA Club related magazine submissions should be sent to: Craig Rasmussen

www.volvocarclub-sthoz.org.au

#### Welcome to 2016

Trust all members had a safe and enjoyable Christmas break.

Welcome also to New Members: Malcolm Lowe - '92 850 Paul O'Donnell - '05 & '93 Wagons Diane Lovell - '84 240GL Martin Forrest - '97 S70



#### Calendar

SUNDAY - JANUARY 31ST - Whispering Wall Run - New Year catch up.

10:00am - Meet at Bunnings car park, Main North Rd, Parafield. Depart 10:30am, travel to Williamstown for lunch at riverside carpark. BYO chairs, etc. Bakery & Deli nearby or bring your own picnic lunch. After lunch proceed to Whispering Wall. RSVP cut off 22nd January.

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 7TH - Autojumble Swapmeet & Show'n'Shine, Victor Harbor.

07:30am - Meet Victoria Hotel car park, Main South Rd, O'Halloran Hill. Then drive to Victor Harbor for event. Entry is \$5 per person. Food & drinks available on site. RSVP cut off 1st February.

FRIDAY - MARCH 11TH - General Meeting

07:30pm - CCC Rooms, Clark Avenue, Glandore

SATURDAY 16TH & SUNDAY 17TH APRIL - McLaren Vale Vintage & Classic Car Event.

There will be a Charity Dinner on the Saturday Evening April 16th (Guest Speaker Larry Perkins) at \$90 per person. Tickets available at www.trybooking.com/150356 or phone 0415 820 719.

On Sunday the Car Parade begins at 11am with cars to be assembled by 9am. Registration costs \$25. More info and entry forms at www.vintageandclassic.com.au.

Please advise the Events Committee if you intend to participate so we can coordinate to travel as a group, etc. Also ensure you enter 'Volvo Car Club of SA' on your entry form so the event organisers are aware of how many participants from the Club to cater for.

RSVP's required for ALL events. Please call (or email) Chris Allen and / or Peter Williams by the date specified for each event. Event updates are also distributed by email. Please advise Chris Allen or Craig Rasmussen if you are not receiving emails or require contact via another method.



#### **Christmas Pageant**

The SA Credit Unions Christmas Pageant on November 14th marked the 20th event for those members that were around when the Club was first invited to participate as drivers and volunteers. It also marked the last event for our Club Captain Ken Bayly as full time employee of the Pageant team. Ken is retiring after more than 50 years as Carpenter and 36 of those working on construction of the Pageant floats. Congratulations Ken, no doubt you will now have more time to spend on your fleet of 120's and 140's.



#### Motorsport

The SA Club is moving on a number of fronts to broaden its appeal to different Volvo enthusiasts. I have taken on the role as event committee member focused on "motorsports". This really covers anyone who appreciates fast Volvos and enjoys driving them. The activities will include not only track days and hillclimbs, but sharing the interest, technical knowledge and social gettogethers built around fast and modified Volvos. For 2016, the SA Club is joining the Marque Sports Car Association of SA (www.mscasa.com) to mix it with other like cars at track days, plus we are only too happy to organize our own private practice picnic days at Mallala.

I am also working on the club getting invitations to compete at the hillclimbs. There are spin off benefits to all forms of track and non-track activities including events such as modern regularity and relay races, driver training days, tech support and parts swaps. A competent road car well driven within its limits (or to them) and away from the speed cameras is a good starting point to really enjoying your Volvos. Sharing the interest as a group is far more rewarding compared to going it solo, plus helping out and spectating is fun too.

In SA, it isn't unusual to meet people from all ages and backgrounds

interested in fast Volvos, and there is a whole new generation coming along too. The independent Facebook group LOLVO is very active and I have met some great not your typical Volvo drivers through it .... LOL. So if you are into swift swedes, I need your help to make this work. Please spread the word and I welcome suggestions and advice from those interstate who are active in this area of being inVOLVOed! If anyone would like to chat or contribute to this new direction, please contact me on mobile 0428 221 154.

Jim Emmett



#### **Collingrove Hillclimb - Sunday October 25th**

A small but enthusiastic group of club members drove up to the Barossa Valley for the Sporting Car Club's last hillclimb event of the season. A warmish day, it was still a good opportunity to get out for a drive and watch one of the quirkiest and long established forms of motor sport. Collingrove Hillclimb is a strip of bitumen running a twisty course up an otherwise typical hill in the valley more famous for its wine. Cars race against the clock, competing with themselves and other vehicles. New Club member Malcolm Lowe (through his SCCSA membership) showed anyone can enter as he raced his recently acquired \$250 non turbo 850 up the hill ... and he is in his 80s ... that is age not time! He certainly showed you don't need an expensive highly prepared car to have some fun. Incidentally the youngest competitor on the day was a 14yo lady campaigning a Daihatsu Charade.

As a special invitation arranged by member Peter Williams, we had the use of the club rooms by the start-finish line, plus got to "tour' drive up the hill a couple of times during the lunch break. The sight and sound (?) of Alexander's 145 assaulting (??) the hill was fun. The 240 of Marc & Sabine made easier work of it. I took up my Peugeot 207 GTi and the turbo go-kart loved it. In fact so did I. In years gone by I have watched as a spectator and not been particularly attracted to hillclimbs compared to circuit events. I have missed out. Once driven, I saw how the challenge of the hill could become infectious and I will certainly be competing in 2016. Time to roll out the 242Turbo and 850R.

Jim Emmett

### Volvo Car Club of NSW Inc. President's Patter



Presidential Patter – HAPPY NEW YEAR 2016

By the time you read this it will be 2016 – a leap year! So we will have an extra day on which we can make things happen and have FUN.

Before I press further I must thank the membership of our club for the confidence (or stupidity) they have demonstrated by

electing me Club President for yet another year.

As I was standing on my ladder today merrily painting the front of the house, my mind conjured up thoughts of the dangers of having the same leadership in a club for too prolonged a time. Must have been the heat?

But wait there has been change and change is GOOD.

Our wonderful Dolly Diaz has resigned her position of Vice President as she finds it difficult to join in the activities of the club due to constant work commitments on most weekends.

Dolly will stay on our committee however as she wishes to continue to be our public officer and she keeps the register of historic vehicles in the club. She will come back onto the executive when she gets a 'proper' job – well so she says.

With this position left vacant there was the opportunity to bring new 'blood' onto the executive committee. Many were asked but only one was chosen.

It is with great delight that we announce Gerry Lister has agreed to come on board as Vice President of our club.

Gerry has been a tremendous asset to our club due to his many many, many, many years association with Volvo cars and I have to reluctantly admit that he has been right a few too many times for my liking about technical aspects of the resto of code 97 yellow.

We have also been given notice by our amazing secretary Julie Williams that she will likely quit her position as secretary next AGM -ie 2016. Yipes!

So this is the official advertisement for her replacement – interviews will begin straight away.

WANTED

- SECRETARY
- MUST BE A PERSON WHO HAS A FEW SPARE HOURS IN A MONTH
- PREFERABLE WITH SOME KNOWLEDGE OF PUBLISHER AND THE USE OF E-MAIL.
- ALSO NEEDS TO BE ENTHUSIASTIC
- DEDICATION TO A GREAT CAUSE DESIRABLE.
- · OWNERSHIP OF ANY MODEL VOLVO OPTIONAL.
- NEEDS TO GET ON WELL WITH PRESIDENT.
- HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOUR
- DON'T BE SHY
- LIKES TO HAVE FUN.

Let us not forget the amazing work of our erstwhile treasurer Syd Neale. It has been a very full on year coping with all the \$\$\$ in and out involved with the National Rally – Syd stepped up for the event and nailed it with never a complaint or a cry for help. Well Done Syd and thanks for coming on board for yet another year.

Staying on for another year on the committee are Dani Neale and Jan Warner as social organisers. Brendan is continuing as Webmaster. Plus Boyd and Karen Symington, Ray and Viv Zavataro & Graham Bennett agreed to stay on as committee members as support.

We got some bad news in early December that Mike Mitz' wife Elizabeth was driving her car and had been involved in a very nasty accident in which two of their best friends were killed. The car was attempting to negotiate to the side of the highway due to a tyre blowout and was hit in the passenger side by a truck doing what was likely 100kph. Both Mike and Elizabeth are having to cope with this tragedy. I spoke with Mike and asked him to pass on to Elizabeth our wishes for a speedy recovery and our thoughts are with them both during this very difficult time. At last talks with Mike, Elizabeth was out of hospital and recovering at home.

There are some great events coming up in 2016 and I encourage all members to make that extra bit of effort to get along to the event. Who knows what lies ahead of us in 2016 – but what I do know is I look forward to seeing you on the "highways of life".

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## Volvo Car Club of NSW Inc.

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Monthly General Meetings



Greyhound Social Club 140 Rookwood Road, Yagoona First Wednesday of very month from February to December. 6pm for a social dinner, and 8pm meeting start. Call Jules on 0409 161 357 if you get lost.



### **Model Gurus**

The following contacts have volunteered to provide club members assistance and advice regarding all Volvo models.

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## Social

The full social calendar for 2016 is a work in progress. We will bring it to you as soon as it's finalised.

If you have any suggestions for social events, please don't hesitate to let me know.

That said, some events are already in place, namely:

Gnoo Blas Classic - Orange Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th February 2016

> Show 'N' Shine In combination with the 1800 /120 Club Car Show Greyhound Social Club Sunday 20thMarch 2016

National Motoring Heritage Day (CMC) Sunday 15th May 2016

Shannons Sydney Classic (CMC) Sunday August 14th 2016

**Christmas in July** Date & venue to be advised.

**1800/120 Club 30th Birthday Bash - Terrigal** Friday 9th to Sunday 11th September

> Christmas Party Saturday 26th November 2016



## It's Party Time Again

Yet another success story......Our party this year was very ably hosted by Tony & Olga Corona at their beautiful home in Sydney's outer West at Glenmore Park. Tony's 'man cave' was a *big* hit

Now if you haven't been to Glenmore Park it's an experience in navigation. There are no straight roads in the whole suburb. Even your SatNav device will be asking **you** where to go in the end....or better still **telling** you, if you get my drift. I pride myself on being able to get around my Sydney pretty well and I still manage to get lost going to my brother's place (where he has lived for about 10 years) which is two streets away from Tony & Olga. Needless to say I wasn't alone. But, let me tell you the trip was well worth it.

We had another birthday to celebrate on the day with our Russell celebrating his birthday at the party. Russell has overcome some pretty tough health hurdles in the recent past so it was good to see him celebrate yet another great milestone.

Dani & Jan pulled out all the stops and we were feted and fed a feast of Christmas fare. I swear there was enough to feed 130 people, let alone the 30 or so who attended, as you will see from the photos. While we all contributed to the feast, and some pitched in on the day, the ladies did the lion's share of shopping and preparation. Larry Kavanagh hit the spot too with his marinated, slow-cooked roast beef. Heavenly stuff. Larry...but, he won't part with the recipe....*damn him!* 

Thank you girls, from all of us and well done. You up for another go next year?? Please !!!













### It's Party Time Again



Is it many hands, or too many cooks ???



Our Jude decided to arrive by conventional means this year instead of availing herself of the local ambulance service !!



Don't bother us....we're eating !





Would you look at this ??



Larry & the lovely Lucia's first Volvo Christmas



Ashley, The Targa Terror explains the finer points !



## It's Party Time Again



Santa steals a kiss.....





The Birthday Boy and his lady love enjoy the day with Mrs Sven.





### My Swedish Love Affair

By Chris Bennett

Buying your first car is almost as important as marriage, for a man. I had not yet found true love! Standing on the corner of Church and Marion Streets Parramatta on an autumn afternoon in 1965, waiting to pick-up the Aussie icon, a second-hand 1964 Holden EH Premier station wagon with red leather seats. But wait, what is that through the open glass doors across the lane?

#### A VOLVO

This gorgeous flowing form greeted my eyes YES LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT, I had not turned the key of the EH, yet I had forsaken it for another. I made up my mind right there and then that I would not rest until one of Swedish Marque was mine.

Now it was not all bad for the 1964 EH, we had four happy years together surfing up and down the East Coast. What more could a self respecting station wagon want?

Even took her to the Bathurst car races a couple of times to show the EH her replacement a Volvo with a young Gerry Lister racing.

#### Picture shows Gerry pushing the 122S hard through Reid Park corner in the 1965 Armstrong 500 (forerunner to the Bathurst 1000). In the days when the race cars came straight of a showroom floor.

It was 7:30 Saturday morning in mid December 1969 as I turned the EH left out of Silverwater Road into Parramatta Road a white glow greeted me from under the palm trees of Capital Motors, it's not, it is, a white 122S VOLVO.

I had found her after four long years.

I gave her the once over, deciding right there and then she would be mine, but wait there, I must not forget my mission was to pick-up my,(it turns out in the future wife) girl friend.

I must not dally as another might see her and steal her away (the car that is).

A quick chat to the only salesman on duty, we agreed on a quick deal and a deposit "DEPOSIT"????? I only have \$10.00, that will be OK said the salesman! Joy! Oh! Joy!

She is almost mine.

The rest is history:

I bought the 1967 122S Volvo in 1969. I married my girl friend (wife Jan) in 1972. We made two babies a girl and a boy (not in the 122).

The car, 46 years on, is still the love of my life, the thrill I get every time I drive her is as the first time I drove her, only now I understand her more and caress rather than thrash her, not that I ever did.

As most women like a makeover so did the 122S. So far she has had the following face lift. ENGINE: Complete re-build out to 2.1 Lt's with Pertronix electronic ignition pared with twin core stainless steel Lynx ignition leads.

INTERIOR: upholstery completely re-worked in tan leather-stunning with the door panel

decoration actually machine stitched not moulded vinyl. Complete restoration of the paint work with chemical paint strip to bare metal is still to happen but prep work is under way.

In the past 10 years the 1967 122S has been joined by:

**1999**: 1971 Volvo 1800E coupe.

2002:1980 242GT (GT sold Feb 2013)

**2011**: V50 wagon as a pacifier for my Wife and to keep her safe.

My father said it would not last and cost me a lot of money to run, I respected my Fathers opinion but to my benefit I ignored him this time.

PS: I have been married for forty three years. My wife has learned to live happily with my other loves as many others do.



#### VOLVO HISTORY

The word VOLVO is Latin for "I ROLL "to round the brand name out you might say, the round insignia with the arrow is the Swedish mark for "IRON".

The 122S and its predecessor the PV544 (a 2 door) shapes were inspired by the American cars of the time. The beaver tail Fords, Dodges & Chevs. The reason for this, Volvo wanted to get a piece of the American auto market and they did, with the PV544 being so popular that they had to hold back the 122 series to finish the PV544 orders for the US.

To follow up on that the 240 series still holds the record for the biggest selling European Marque sold in USA. But wait, there is more, Down Under in Australia as well; I will admit the box design does not excite me. Not to mention Robbie Francevics 242 turbo V8 eater.

The new Volvo models are getting back to the sweeping lines of the 120's and 1800 (don't mess with perfection). In fact the new V40 could be the reincarnation of the 12o's shape with the 1800 grill.

But you can't beat Swedish ROLLING IRON.

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# Volvo Drivers take to the Track

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015, found a group of Adventurous Volvo Souls (+family/friends) turning up to Ultimate Karting at Narellan for a morning of Fun, Camaraderie & good old fashioned Competiveness.

18 people attended: Brendan, Ryan & Rachael, Gerry, Hugo, Boyd & Karen, Matthew, Andrew, Matt, Torben, Jon, Peter, Patrick & Daphne + their 2 kids Tobey & Kaylee. We also had our own cheer squad with Mike Beamish, who drove down from Queensland and came to cheer us on. (Fortunately without the skirt & pom poms) (Thanks Mike ③)

All competitors' times improved over the 3 sessions, and even though it wasn't a race event, there was much good natured pushing & bumping while looking for clear track as they vied for the fastest lap time.

Top 3 times went to .....1<sup>st</sup> - Matthew Symington, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ryan Quayson, 3<sup>rd</sup> –Jon Ridnell.

Everyone had a great time with most asking when the next one will be. We hope to look at early 2016, just waiting for the weather to cool down as Karting can be very hot & strenuous work.



Till next time ..... Boyd.





# On a lighter note..... by Jules

#### Kids in Church

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One child answered, "Mary."

The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?" A little kid said, "Verge."

Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?"

The kid said, "Well, you know, they are always talking about Verge n' Mary." 3-year-old Reese:

"Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen."

A little boy was overheard praying:

"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it.

I'm Having a real good time like I am."

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car.

His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian Home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo.

I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer:

"Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us from E-mail.

One particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to Church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

One Bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping".

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother, Joel, were sitting Together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud.

Finally, his big sister had had enough. You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3.

The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake.

Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.

"If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait. 'Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand. Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked.

"He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their sixyear-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered.

The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"



They weren't in my pockets. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car.

Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving my keys in the car's ignition. He's afraid that the car could be stolen.

As I looked around the parking lot, I realized he was right. The parking lot was empty.

I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then I made the most difficult call of all to my husband: "I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen."

There was a moment of silence. I thought the call had been disconnected, but then I heard his voice. "Are you kidding me?" he barked, "I dropped you off!"

Now it was my turn to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, *"Well, come and get me."* 

He retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this cop that I didn't steal your damn car!"

### The most dangerous animal in the world is a silent smiling woman.



... having friends who are idiots.



What the ???

# Sunshine State Volvo Club



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#### Welcome to our new members

Grant Smith Peter Hughes

#### **Total Membership**

46

### A Note From Our President

A BIG Sunshine State welcome to 2016 and the prospects of an exciting and busy year ahead.

I recently had the misfortune to incur the wrath of Mother Nature firsthand. As most readers of past editions of Rolling Magazine would be aware, my brother and I have spent four years restoring a 242 GT which we displayed, for the first time, at the recent 2015 Nationals. In early November it was damaged in a freak storm by golf ball sized hail which caused nearly \$7000 damage to the bodywork and trims. Thank God for the thicker metal of an older Volvo as several of the more modern cars, which were also caught out, were much more severely damaged and could possibly be written off.

Shannon's Insurance have been excellent to deal with and rather than sending me to one of their nominated repairers, they encouraged me to find a quality panel shop to quote on the repairs. I'm now just waiting for the go ahead.

My point is; make sure you have your special Volvo correctly insured and the agreed value reflects the time and effort you have put in to making it your prized possession. Having it written off because it was not adequately covered, would be devastating.

All success to the Volvo Clubs of Australia in the year ahead.

*Rod Wilson* Club President



### Membership News

We welcome two new members this edition, making a total of 46.

It is pleasing to see that we have not lost any members in our first membership renewal period. It is, however, very important that members inform the club of any change of address throughout the year. Re-addressing of mail usually only happens for a short period and then you are offering an unknown person the pleasure of reading YOUR Rolling Magazine.

Rob Eldridge has offered to take on a role of record keeping of cars eligible for DMR Special Interest Vehicle concessional registration scheme. The initial list of cars involved can be derived from the membership application forms but stay tuned for further instruction from Rob. Not all cars of the required age may be eligible, particularly if they are being used on a day-to-day basis.

A reminder that until the 30<sup>th</sup> June, new memberships are pro-rata and then fall into line with all club member renewals.

*John Dempster* Club Secretary/Treasurer

**SSVC Events Calendar** For a full list of events and further details visit us on facebook or ssvc.org.au or alternatively contact our Events Director, Alan Milligan on 0433 987 601.

January	26	Australia Day BBQ at Highland Park More details to follow. For further details see our website, facebook or contact Alan Milligan on 0433987601.
	5	Friday Night Meet at Munchies, Elizabeth St, Acacia Ridge from 5:30PM Our Last casual friday night meet attracted almost 20 Volvo's. Munchies is a weekly gathering of cars of all shapes and sizes, it is quite an impressive turnout. There is plenty of room for us all to find a space to park together and you are free to come and go as you please. If you need to arrive late or have to be gone early it is no problem. Check our facebook page for more information.
		SSVC@ Yatala Drive-In Nostalgia Night
	12	Nostalgia Night at the Drive in Movies, Yatala Drive-In Theatre. Movie choices pending at present. Informal Swedish dress influence is a requirement.
		More Information shortly see our website, facebook or contact Alan Milligan on 0433987601
February		
		HRCC Triple T and Supersprint at Morgan Park Raceway, Warwick
	20	Entry is now open for the Historic Racing Car Club of QLD Triple T (Try, Train, Test) on Sat 20th Feb followed by
		Super Sprints on Sunday 21st Feb at Morgan Park Raceway, Warwick
		Online entry via CAMSEventEntry system and more information available at http://www.hrcc.org.au/tttday.htm
	20	Garry Rogers Motorsport Open Day at Dandenong, Melbourne
		It is a long way from home but some of our members will be attending the GRM open day at Dandenong in Victoria on the 3rd weekend in February.
		, If you are interested in making the pilgrimage, let us know on our facebook page, perhaps a convoy is in order…
	10	Border Ranges Run
		Border Ranges Run via Wiangaree, Kyogle and Murwillumbah, leading to Tyalgum with lunch at Flutterbies.
	12	An early start is required for this challenging drive with timing and start location to be advised on our facebook page closer to the evnt.
		For further details see our website, facebook or contact Alan Milligan on 0433987601.
March		
		Members Coffee and Natter
	24	For further details see our website, facebook or contact Alan Milligan on 0433987601.



#### Munchies meet up

It was about a year ago that the SSVC decided to invade a local car meet that happens every Friday at a little fast food eatery and take away called Munchies,

It was a great night for our club as we were still new and it was a chance for a lot of new and potential members to meet for the first time and talk all things Volvo. The night was considered a success with 14 cars, and a tradition was made. The latest instalment of Volvos take Munchies we stayed consistent with 15 1/2 Volvos of all sorts (the half being a work truck). Like the first gathering at Munchies we had a great mix of current as well as new and potential lovers of the prancing moose.

One thing I find interesting is how many people gravitate towards the cars, peering through windows and asking about what's under the hood, the star cars were a 121S, a 122S, a 242GT, a pair of 850's (T-5 and an R wagon), a 940T and an AWD C70.

So for all the southerners travelling up to the maroon state, Munchies at Acacia Ridge happens every Friday night and really gets going around 6.30pm, it features a great mix of Euro, Aussie and American muscle covering everything from rat rods, rust buckets to street machines and show cars with the odd truck.

Can't wait for the next time the Volvos invade Munchies!!

Jared Wilson





## GLT Open Day







#### Bribie Island and The Aircraft and War Museum, Caboolture

A slightly different SSVC event took place in November. The group met up in the Pines River Park. The plan being to drive over Mt Mee to the Warplanes Museum at the Caboolture airport. Great disappointment for the males, was that they couldn't have a spin on the pedal railway around the lake in the park....

Notwithstanding that, Jared was in charge of the event and explained in great detail about re-meeting at the Petrie Historic Village as we were certain to lose each other going through Strathpine. Of course, there's always one!! I had my elderly house mate with me who needed to use the park facilities. Not a problem, I'd just catch up at the Village after stopping for petrol.

As I was driving along the Old Gympie Rd. I was aware of someone shouting at me, a white Volvo with a number of people yelling and asking where to meet up. I told them, wrongly, that we were meeting in the car park at the village. Arriving there we drove around for quite while mystified as to where a dozen Volvos had disappeared to... (Was this the hanging Rock of Volvos??).

The sight of Graeme's son Ryan bearing down on us and directing us to the side of the road where the others had waited, and waited. Graeme had kindly waited for us. So then three cars proceed on the planned route, a little rain made the trip a little more interesting, (Ruby's hood didn't go up) but we eventually caught up with the main fleet.

Finding the museum was a little more challenging. It appears that it had moved!! However after some discussion we eventually got there...

The tour of the museum was made all the more interesting as it was conducted by a retired F111 technician. He was a veritable font of knowledge. We had a verbal/visual tour of e Huey helicopter. A pilot was required to demonstrate the workings so Oliver was co-opted. Never seen such a huge smile on kids face!! Added to that he became the pilot of the F111 Emergency Exit Module. We got to go inside a C47 Cargo plane, (Gooney Bird) which is being restored by the volunteer army that keeps the museum alive. I think we all learned a lot that day. There are few people who don't have an interest in airplanes.

From the museum we proceeded to Bribie Island for a seafood lunch and some good fellowship. A great day out all round!!

Mike Beamish



### **Club Registration**

SSVC Members are encouraged to take advantage of The Special Interest Vehicle Concessional Registration Scheme available to members of car clubs in QLD. If your vehicle is over 30 years of age and is used almost solely for club purposes the SIV scheme can save you a fortune in registration and insurance fees.

If you are interested in taking advantage of the concession, or would like further information on the scheme including your eligibility and the restrictions placed on your vehicle, please contact Rob Eldridge on 0428038859 or clubrego@ssvc.org.au

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#### One of Ours:

In 2001 Volvo released the SCC (Safety Concept Car), a small hatchback riddled with innovative safety related ideas. One particular standout of the design was the retro tailgate, resembling the frameless design used in the earlier 1800ES and later in the 480. The concept was a hit and Volvo put plans in place to make it a reality. As expected, many of the SCC's design features didn't make it to the road going version (although many have shown up in other models since). Thankfully the general body shape, including the very popular tailgate design came through. The C30 went on sale in 2006. In all 208,652 C30's were sold before production ended in 2013, including petrol, diesel and electric versions.

Rob Ansell purchased his Red 2007 T5 R-design in Sydney in August 2013 with just 47000km on the clock and drive it home to Brisbane. "I could say that I fell in love with the C30 after seeing Twilight, but that would be a bare-faced lie. My previous car was a 1995 Mitsubishi Lancer, with a massive 1.51 engine. I think it pushed around 60kw at the crank if you were lucky. I owned it for 13 years, and it was a solid little daily driver that got me to and from work, was reasonably economical but was just gutless (to the point of turning the air-conditioner off if I was going up a hill). Eventually it got to the stage where the cost of maintenance and repairs made it not worth keeping. The clear-coat had failed, rust was appearing on the roof and it wasn't comfortable. I was considering getting something new, possibly another Lancer or similar small hatch but I thought that would be a waste of money, it would depreciate pretty fast and would be just another Lancer/Focus/Mazda 3 like every other one on the road. So I started looking at late-model European stuff."

"It was my brother who actually drew the C30 to my attention. He's been into cars for ages, and I'm pretty sure a former work colleague had a C30 previously and loved it. The C30 ticked all the boxes: late model with great features, 2.51 turbo engine (with around 100kW more than my lancer), unique styling and pretty uncommon. It wasn't advertised as an R-Design (which I think saved me a bit of cash) but I loved the red paint, after Rebel Blue (which was only seen on the C30 Polestar) it's my favourite colour for the C30, I think suits it well."

Rob had never really been a car person, but the C30 changed all that. Almost overnight, it ignited an interest in cars and also put him on the road to becoming a 'weekend warrior' car detailer. "I've become a bit of hobbyist detailer since taking delivery of my car, and will hopefully spend a few days over my Christmas break doing a multi-stage polish and then applying a sealant (Kamikaze ISM) – which should last me 24-36 months and have a rich, wax look." The car is a regular feature at club events and sets the bar high when it comes to cleanliness and detail.

The car is used as a daily driver, so modifications are conservative and of high quality. "The Polestar tune and Simmons exhaust are my two most recent additions, other than that mods so far have been to improve handling or cosmetic. The tune is well worth the money, it's almost a different car, the exhaust was more about getting a decent engine note than performance as the stock exhaust is pretty quiet. I am considering doing some additional tinkering and maybe moving a little more towards the performance-mod side (such as a new plenum or perhaps a downpipe). Other than that, I plan to just drive and enjoy it"

Rob Eldridge



Owner:	Rob Ansell
Vehicle:	2007 C30 R-Design 3 door Hatchback
Engine:	2500cc B5254T7 I5 Turbo
Trans:	5-spd 'Geartronic' Auto
Colour:	Passion Red
Interior:	Dark Grey Leather
Wheels:	18 x 7.5 Midir Alloys
Mods:	Koni FSD shocks EBC slotted & dimpled rotors
	Polestar tune
	Simmons Sportsystem Cat-back exhast


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## President's Report

Greetings to Volvo 1800 and 120 fans.

Our club conducted its AGM on Sunday 29 November 2015. Our committee is changed slightly to the following:

President: Robert Bakker Vice President: Martin Thomson Secretary: Vicki Minassian Treasurer: George Minassian Events: Gavin Janson Technical: Peer Skaarup Magazine: George Minassian Committee Members: Jeff Turner, Maida Skaarup

However, the most exciting news is that *our club is turning 30!* To this end we are having a celebration in the **Hunter Valley (north of Sydney),** NSW in September 2016.

Please register your interest with our secretary Vicki Minassian, <u>secretary@volvo1800-120club.com</u> or download the registration form, from our club's website: www.volvo1800-120club.com/

Come along and assist in the celebrations, this will be THE event for 2016. I hope to meet you there.

Have you noticed the great interest in any 1800 of late? An 1800 even made an appearance on the Discovery Turbo channel's "Fast N Loud" show in the latest series (a series which usually highlights US Muscle Cars). In particular, I also observe that there is a strong push upwards on prices in Europe lately. If you want to see for yourself, look at *carandclassic.co.uk*, as just an example.

Only 5 years ago, popular show "Wheeler Dealers" restored a '68 1800S, and sold it for good money for the time of 8000 Pound. A similar car would now command double that. Although our Australian market is considerably smaller, looking back at old issues of "Rolling" paints a similar picture, when comparing to asking prices of this moment.

Perhaps people are finally realising the classic nature of "The Saint Car"..... As ever, if you have any comments or feedback, (even if it is criticism), please contact me - I am only too happy to answer your call.

Until next time, Volvo for Life Robert Bakker <u>robert@rblawyers.com.au</u> (Mobile: 0417-588-411)



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Life Members: Kevin & Margaret Greenaway

120 Members



### Introducing our new VP

Hi All

At the recent AGM for the Volvo 1800 / 120 club I was elected as Vice President. Previously I have had a minor roll assisting with events organisation. As many of you may not know me very well, I have been invited to include a brief introduction.

I am a relative new comer to the classic Volvo scene compared with some members, whose first car was a Volvo after being enthused by their fathers Volvo's. I bought my Maroon 1966 122S in June 2006. The appeal was it had some history being an ex John Keran rally car, also it's specification and appearance, sitting low on wide mags, B20 motor with Webers and all the fruit, overdrive gearbox, 5 link disc brake rear etc. Not long after purchase it started to blow radiator water out the exhaust, not a good sign. After pulling the motor down, I realised the motor had been modified beyond repair, so started a mechanical rebuild. Since then it has been a well behaved club car giving me a buzz every time I drive it.

I also own a 1969 142S I bought 3 years ago, also from Sydney, and has been on the road regularly for about 6 months. Those who went to the Sydney rally this year may remember it, dark blue with silver stripes. You probably recognise my style in cars now.

I am looking forward to my new roll in the club working with our enthusiastic committee, assisting with events, magazine articles and generally building more interest and enthusiasm for our great club and cars.



**VOLVO 1800** 

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#### **Martin Thomson**

## The history of the Volvo 1800-120 club Australia

The reason that the club was incorporated in Queensland, is because it started in Brisbane in 1986 as the Volvo 1800 Car Owners Association, and on the 8/8/88 the Volvo 120 Club Australia was born. Later, the 2 clubs amalgamated. Here is co-founder, Geoff Bernhagen's story as told in a 1987 Club newsletter.

The history of our Association goes back over three years, when the concept of forming an 1800 club was born at MacLeans Bridge Sports Car Day in 1984.

John Halling and myself were the only 1800s at the meeting. Allen Edwards was there with his 6"x 4" photograph of his car. Nothing was done, and the following year we again discussed forming a club. Allen's car was still not mobile but progressing rapidly to that stage. We finally set about collecting registration numbers of 1800s sighted on the road, and after contacting the owners eventually we organised an initial get together at J.C. Slaughter Falls on 12 January 1986. To say that we were overjoyed to see 10 cars arrive would be an understatement. Our next outing was to attend the 1986 MacLeans Bridge Day, which regrettably was cancelled at the last minute, due to heavy rain.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1986, we met at Bribie Island, elected Office Bearers and our VOLVO 1800 CAR OWNERS ASSOCIATION was born.

A good attendance on 28<sup>th</sup> September 1986 at Tamborine Mountain, even though it rained, and an even better attendance to a late afternoon BBQ at Wivenhoe Dam on 6<sup>th</sup> December 1986. From there we have gone from strength to strength!



## Tamworth 1989 by Wayne Luckman

In 1989 with the young Volvo 1800 Car Owners Association (as it was known then) and the newly formed Volvo 120 Club Australia, it was apparent from the growing club members that interest was there from members all over Australia to have a national meeting where cars could be displayed and members could put faces to names.

"From acorns grow.." Well, never have words been so prophetic. These small Clubs, whose committees had some of the same members, took the challenge and in my view organised the most fantastic, enthusiastic, National Meeting I have ever attended.

It resulted in "Tamworth 1989". Classic Volvos came from all States except West Australia. The enthusiasm was there.

The meeting was designed to satisfy all members, from fully restored cars to daily drivers, with prizes given to, not only the best restored cars but also to the owners of best presented cars.

There was no set criteria to go by. This was the first national meeting. When eventually cars were displayed, owners of cars could be seen comparing what they had to others, what was original equipment, what was not, what looked good and what definitely didn't.

My first impression on driving into Tamworth was emotional. I had spoken to lots of owners but I was totally not prepared for the turn up. Driving into town all I could see was 1800's and 120's parked in motels. So many cars, so much enthusiasm.

On the first morning in sprinkling rain, Volvos lined the street outside Woodley's Motors the Volvo Dealer. All 1800's together and the then "insignificant" 120's.

Let me just explain something here. The Volvo 1800 Car Owners Association, was the first created. And here I must admit to creating some controversy. I, and a couple of others ,wanted the 1800 Club to admit 120 owners as full club members. "Not going to happen "said the 1800 members we want our club "to be pure". Actual words! I could understand the classic design of the 1800 but both cars carried the same mechanicals. So Vicki Minassian and I put our heads together and it resulted in creating the Volvo 120 Club Aust, (and we would accept 1800 car owners as associate members).

Today it doesn't seem to matter so much but some 120's which you could buy for small dollars are now fetching just as much, or more, than 1800's. Over the years I have owned four 1800's and I really cannot recall how many 120's. Lots!

We will be celebrating the club's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016 with 2 events.

There will be a get together in Brisbane (Samford Village) where it all began, on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016 but the major event will be in the Hunter Valley over the weekend of Fri 9<sup>th</sup>, Sat 10<sup>th</sup> & Sun 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016. A lot of thought has gone into choosing the Hunter Valley for this event, as it's approximately equal distance from Brisbane and Melbourne.

If you'd like to attend this special event, register your interest with club secretary Vicki Minassian secretary@volvo1800-120club.com



Back to Tamworth. Here I get some help from Vicki Minassian remembering the event:

"Most of us travelled to Tamworth on Good Friday, the weather was perfect! Arriving in Tamworth late that afternoon was such a buzz, there were 1800s and 120s parked in motels, parked outside of pubs, driving up and down the streets, it was just amazing!!

Saturday morning and the weather had changed over night, we woke up to a very wet day, the locals were pleased as it hadn't rained out there for a few months!

We were all up early as we had agreed to line the street in front of Woodley's Motors, the local Volvo dealership, (in the rain!) prior to going to our show 'n' shine which was held at the Longyard Hotel. Judging commenced on all of those cars that wanted to be judged. Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> were given for '**original** or restored to original, and **non original** or modified' 1800 and 120 models. It seemed that everyone went home with a trophy!!

We woke up on Sunday morning to a pleasant day, the rain had stopped. Our club organised a 'cherry picker' for the photo shoot which was held on the Sunday morning in a park, 120 club member David Liddle came from Sydney to Tamworth early that morning just to take the photos of our cars. We had 60 cars attend in all, over the weekend. There were 40 1800 (11 1800ES') and 20 120 cars. Unfortunately some members had to get back to Sydney, so didn't make it to the photo shoot."

Vicki Minassian



photos courtesy of Kevin Greenaway

## Volvo 1800-120 Club events for 2016

February Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 – Happy Laps at Queensland Raceway Cost \$35 RSVP 15th January to Martin martin@specinstall.com.au

March Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 – Picnic @ Tamborine Mountain, meet at BP Yatala North, at 9am cnr Pacific Hwy & Stapylton-Jacobs Well Road, for the drive. RSVP 1<sup>st</sup> March to Gaye terryandgaye@aapt.net.au

March Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 2016 – New South Wales get together @ Greyhound Social Club, Yagoona at 10am. The Volvo club of NSW & our club are sharing this event. RSVP by 10<sup>th</sup> March to secretary@volvo1800-120club.com

April Sunday 10th 2016 - Club 30th anniversary in Brisbane @ John Scott Park, Station Street, Samford Village. You need to let Gavin know whether you're bringing your 1800 or 120 or both! We are organising a photo shoot. Meet in Station Street 7.30 to 8am RSVP 15th March to Gavin gavinjanson@yahoo.com.au

August Sunday 28th - Neil Summerson's Classic Day @ Peak Crossing. Please RSVP by 7th August to Neil nesias@bigpond.net.au

September Fri 9<sup>th</sup>, Sat 10<sup>th</sup> & Sun 11<sup>th</sup> 2016 The Hunter Valley NSW - 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash A special event for all 1800 & 120 owners - non members welcome Please register your interest with Vicki secretary@volvo1800-120club.com

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### Sydney

Date:	Sunday 20th March 2016
Venue:	Greyhound Social Club
	140 Rookwood Rd, Yagoona
	Entry via Boardman Street
Time:	10.00am Start
Entry:	Gold coin for charity
Lunch:	Bistro open 11.30am for lunch

A great opportunity for all club members to meet each other. Come along and join us for lunch, bistro opens at 11.30am. This will be a joint outing with the Volvo Club of NSW. Please email Vicki if you're attending <u>secretary@volvo1800-120club.com</u>

### **Brisbane photo shoot**

Date:	Sunday 10th April 2016
Venue:	John Scott Park
	Station Street
	Samford Village
Time:	7.30 - 8.00am Start
Food:	Lots of food places nearby

Please attend this photo shoot, a scissors lift has been arranged for the morning. Early start 7.30-8am. You need to let us know whether you're bringing an 1800 or 120 or both!! Register now by email to Gavin <u>gavinjanson@yahoo.com.au</u>

### **STOP PRESS**

#### Volvo 1800-120 Club Australia 30th Birthday Bash

Unfortunately the large motel that we'd chosen in Terrigal has been sold and will be knocked down <u>before</u> September!! So we're moving this event to **the Hunter Valley** (north of Sydney).

Friday: meet, greet and eat (at the motel).

Saturday: drive to the NEW Gosford Classic Car Museum (about 1 hour's drive)

OR coach tour to the Hunter Valley Gardens. Depart 9am. Dinner at the motel.

**Sunday:** show 'n' shine display, then presentation dinner at the motel.

Monday morning: breakfast, then we bid farewell.

Entrance fees for Saturday and meal prices will be on the registration form.

More details and registration form in the next issue of Rolling and at http://www.volvo1800-120club.com

### Volvo 1800-120 Club Membership Application Form

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<u>Car Details:</u>		
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Signed:		Date:

# The Jensen P1800 in Australia

George Minassian

The first P1800 - X1 built by Jensen

After a lot of hours, here it is.

I have managed to compile a list of all the Jensen built P1800 cars that are in Australia. What is unique here is the help from a list that Volvo in Sweden has made available to us. I have managed to decipher the country codes of the orders and the delivery country of all the cars too.

The headings are

**1.** The type number of the car with 18935 being with overdrive and 18934 without overdrive. (highlighted in yellow) VA being Left hand drive cars (highlighted in green) and HA right hand drive models.

2. The chassis number of the car (with the body number in brackets) More on this later in the article.

3. The country code of the order and possibly the order number. With the Australian codes being 7820 and 7830,

4. The delivery Date

- **5.** The delivery country
- 6. And the colour of the car as it was delivered when new.

Туре	Chassis(body)	Code	Delivery	Country	Colour
18395VA	494	7531-798	15/08/61	USA	69, White
18395VA	1033	7525-1561	27/10/61	USA	69, White
18395VA	1593	7630-1235	06/12/61	Canada	71, Grey
18395VA	1990	2240-1018	23/12/61	Germany	69, White
18395VA	2377(1603)	0527-102	07/02/62	Sweden	69 <i>,</i> White
18395HA	2701	7820-37	01/03/62	Australia	69, White
18395HA	3015	7830-17	27/04/62	Australia	71, Grey
18395HA	3024	7830-19	11/05/62	Australia	69, White
18395HA	3206	7830-23	27/04/62	Australia	71, Grey
18395HA	3494(1110)	7830-18	27/04/62	Australia	69, White
18395HA	3507	7830-24	21/07/62	Australia	69, White
18394HA	3618(1127)	5610-024	01/06/62	Malaysia	69, White
18395HA	3619	7830-39	30/06/62	Australia	69, White
18395HA	3921	7830-43	05/07/62	Australia	70, Red
18394HA	4002(1174)	5610-533	29/06/62	Malaysia	69, White
18395HA	4026	7830-21	05/07/62	Australia	70, Red
18395HA	4027	7830-20	05/07/62	Australia	70, Red
18395HA	4203	7830-13	26/10/62	Australia	69, White
18395HA	4205(1328)	7830-14	26/10/62	Australia	69, white
18395HA	4206	7830-27	26/10/62	Australia	69, White
18395HA	4207	7830-28	26/10/62	Australia	69, White
18395HA	4208	7820-15	04/09/62	Australia	69, White
18395HA	4212(1271)	1310-140	27/09/62	UK	69, White

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The cars that are in red are actually cars delivered to Australia but have not been reported to the club in the thirty years that the register for the 1800 models has been kept. Where are they? Wrecked? Possibly some of them. Exported to other countries or sitting in a shed waiting to be rescued? Chassis 5917 was recently reported to me as being found in a container in South Australia! So some of those cars in red might still be out there.

A phone call to Gerry Lister confirmed that the initial shipment(s) were made by Peter Antill, and subsequently the importers were British and Continental in Sydney and Regent Motors in Melbourne. So the two codes 7820 and 7830 belong to them.

The last three P1800 cars made for the right hand drive market came to Australia. These are chassis numbers 5956, 5957 and 5958. Last on the list. The body number 1585 of chassis 5958 might give us a clue of how many RHD models were ever made by Jensen. Over the years most of the grey cars have changed colour. The most popular change being to either Red or white.

#### George Minassian



Chassis 1593 was a LHD model that was delivered to Canada in December 1961.

Somehow it found its way to Australia and was rallied by Norm Bolitho and Peter Brown. It was even featured on one of the collectible cards you would find in a Weetbix box in the sixties.

By the early 1980s the car was so bad that it was sent to be crushed. But just in time it was rescued by Allen Edwards from Brisbane and restored to make it to Tamworth in 1989.

Туре	Chassis(body)	Code	Delivery	Country	Colour
18395HA	4222	7830-15	26/10/62	Australia	70, Red
18395HA	4223	7830-16	26/10/62	Australia	70, Red
18395HA	4224	7820-33	09/09/62	Australia	70, Red
18395HA	4238	7820-16	09/09/62	Australia	71, Grey
18395HA	4239	7830-22	26/10/62	Australia	71, Grey
18395VA	4432	7500	02/10/62	Overseas Del	71, Grey
18395HA	4611	7820-17	02/10/62	Australia	70, Red
18395HA	4612	7820-20	02/10/62	Australia	70, Red
18395HA	4625	7820-18	02/10/62	Australia	69, White
18395HA	4632	7820-19	02/10/62	Australia	71, Grey
18395HA	5107	7820-34	23/01/63	Australia	71, Grey
18395VA	5390	7525	23/01/63	USA	69, White
18395HA	5410(1447)	3910-221	07/01/63	South Africa	71 <i>,</i> Grey
18395HA	5501	5610-550	04/03/63	Malaysia	69, White
18395HA	5504	7830-57	23/03/63	Australia	69 <i>,</i> White
18395VA	5756	5731	25/02/63	USA	71, Grey
18395HA	5827	1310-2397	21/02/63	UK	70, Red
18395VA	5878	7511	09/03/63	USA	71 <i>,</i> Grey
18395HA	5903(1370)	7830-60	23/03/63	Australia	71 <i>,</i> Grey
18395HA	5904	7820-4	23/03/63	Australia	71 <i>,</i> Grey
18395HA	5905(1605)	7830-61	23/03/63	Australia	71, Grey
18395HA	5907	7830-63	23/03/63	Australia	71, Grey
18395HA	5910	7820-5	23/03/63	Australia	71, Grey
18395HA	5915	7830-62	23/03/63	Australia	71, Grey
18395HA	5917	7820-6	23/03/63	Australia	71 <i>,</i> Grey
18395HA	5922	7820-28	23/03/63	Australia	71, Grey
18395HA	5930	7830-64	23/03/63	Australia	70, Red
18395HA	5932	7820-36	23/03/63	Australia	70, Red
18395HA	5933	7830-54	23/03/63	Australia	70, Red
18395HA	5934(1545)	7820-33	23/03/63	Australia	70, Red
18395HA	5937	7820-1	23/05/63	Australia	70, Red
18395HA	5941	7830-65	23/03/63	Australia	70, Red
18395HA	5948(1531)	7830-58	23/03/63	Australia	69, White
18395HA	5952	7820-35	23/03/63	Australia	69, White
18395HA	5956	7820-37	23/03/63	Australia	69, White
18395HA	5957(1583)	7820-3	23/03/63	Australia	69, White
18395HA	5958(1585)	7820-2	23/03/63	Australia	69, White

I guess the most common request I get from Volvo people, besides wanting 1800s, is about 123GTs. Do I know of any for sale or for restoration. I am always hoping to find that one or two stashed away somewhere. Very rare but yes they do come up now and again. Not too often. When they do, they're not for sale.

Imagine Jeff Turner's excitement when he saw this one sitting at Peer's GLT Car Centre in Brisbane. Yes it did look sad but Jeff was game. So this one is on its way to looking as good as new. There are in fact three 123GTs undergoing full restoration at the moment and they all happen to be in Brisbane.

So here is the first of many updates that Jeff has promised for the magazine. George Minassian



## "In The Beginning" by Jeff Turner

My desire to own a **123GT** was all George Minassian's fault, he allowed me to drive his lovely green example.

I had never imagined a 1967 car could be so smooth, so responsive, so delightful. At the time, I was the proud owner of "Ingrid", a Safari yellow 1800E. She was becoming the wrong car for me, difficult to enter and even more difficult to leave. Regrettably she had to go.

Our President, Robert Bakker, had found a rather sad **1425** for me to return to driving condition, (so much easier to enter and leave), but the urge to own a **123GT** just simmered away. That urge only strengthened when Robert found his own GT - sad when purchased, but now restored to a lovely red example.

Two years ago, I was offered, by my dear friend Peer Skaarup, a very decrepit car, apparently it had languished beneath a banana tree, somewhere west of Noosa, for quite some time.

My photos show the car as I received it!!!

It really was very sad. My head was saying "don't do this", when my mouth uttered "May I see beneath, Peer??"

The floors were really good, the sills were really good, the sub frame was really good, the doors had no holes!!! That was it, I had to have her. She has become "Frieda"

I intend writing an occasional article to indicate progress, and to discuss various problems, there have been a few, but progress is being made and I remain enthusiastic.



Jeff Turner







As most of you may know, 123GTs came in Pearl White with Tan interior, Red with Black interior and Dark Green with Tan Interior. A few exceptions do exist though.

Some rare Pearl White cars came with a Red interior, But Jeff's car is unique in that it is a Pearl White with a Blue interior code although for some reason it has a Red interior when he got it. Factory mistake? Fit what's on hand? It's not the first time with Volvo.

George Minassian

# Martín's Mods

Weber Carburettors and B2Os By Martín Thomson

For those who know me, it is clear I am not an originality freak when it comes to my classic Volvo's. I like to keep them in the theme Volvo intended but enjoy enhancing and personalising to suit my style, and I am not alone. So I have been invited to write an article or two of my 'tinkerings from the shed'.

We all love the willing and bullet proof motors in our cars, and me and many others have wondered how much more potential lurks in these old school power plants. I have discovered, without any radical modifications we can wake up a few extra horses resting in there, while still being able to use the car for regular road transport.

The B20 in my 122S has been bored out a bit, increased compression, some mild cylinder head mods courtesy of the B20 wizard, Gary Comerford, and a different camshaft, and I was rightly advised the standard 1 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub><sup>2</sup> SU's are not up to getting the best results from these changes, this was soon obvious as it would not idle normally, "brump, brump, brump" and get slower and stall if you didn't keep it awake at the lights, then run on after it was switched off. Time to enter Weber World.

Sizing of your DCOE Webers depends on the capacity of each cylinder and 500cc / cylinder requires 45mm DCOE's that can be chocked down to suit and of course a manifold to suit. I used the Redline Performance manifold that was readily available at the time.

So now the fun begins, making it fit and bolting it all up, sounds simple but as with any modification never straight forward, so don't think you can bolt it all up and a quick tune on a Friday afternoon to show your mates at Harry's Diner that night.

First get the manifold right. The Redline item is fine but can benefit from a bit of time with a die grinder to get it to flow better. Our cars have got the best thing for port matching, those split sleeves the fit in the inlet ports and align the inlet manifold to the port, so why not still use them. Unfortunately the ports on the manifold are often too small, so get out your die grinder, fit 1 sleeve into the first inlet port offer up the manifold, peer down the carburettor end with a torch, note the material that has to be removed to make the sleeve fit into the manifold gasket, then put the second sleeve in get the manifold fitting nicely with 2 sleeves fitted, then 3 and 4 (refer photo of manifold before final clean-up). If you are over grinding, bad news, now for the carburettor end, fit the carburettor on the manifold fully open the carburettor butterflies look through the throats with your torch and check if material has to be removed to get a smooth flow from the carbies to the manifold, chances are you and your die grinder are in for another work-out. When you are happy with all

the alignment, clean up all the high spots and smooth the ridges where you have been grinding for a smooth air flow, a final clean up with some sandpaper doesn't hurt.

Finally we can start putting things together, manifold gasket, exhaust manifold or extractors and inlet manifold. Often you will find with the new mix, the flange on the inlet and exhaust manifolds are different thicknesses, we need to get even pressure on both manifolds to ensure the gasket can do its job and we don't loose manifold vacuum or the exhaust sounding like a sad VW Beatle "dat, dat, dat". My method for the shared studs is to use the original washers, dig in your bucket of old nuts & bolts for another flat washer of suitable thickness, cut the washer in half and tack weld the half washer to the back of the original washer to compensate for the thinner flange, so when the nut is tightened the washer sits parallel.

Now we can bolt those beautiful Webers on, with their chrome trumpets and glistening wing nuts (sorry I digress). You have now noticed how close these get to the master cylinders and the brake can be a problem, my car is fitted with a more compact PBR / Girling type item that just clears the foam sock filters. Next the throttle linkages and connection to the pedal in the car. Redline do a linkage kit to sort the carburettor side, I'll leave you to sort this brain teaser, I strongly advise you include 2 throttle return springs in the set-up, or your passenger may finally realise why Volvo fitted a sturdy cupboard door handle to the dash board. A hint for the accelerator pedal & cable is to rob and adapt a 240 or 740 set-up, might leave that story for another day.

Now the black art of Webers really starts, getting it to run. Inside these carbies is an infinite number of variables with interchangeable chokes, venturies, jets, emulsion tubes, accelerator pumps and so on, the only external adjustments are idle air flow and idle mixture, once the throttle starts to open all the air and fuel control is done by the set parts inside the carbies. You can do the research and some trial & error and of course must have the same set-up on all 4 throats as you are now dealing with 4 carburettors in 2 bodies. Below is how my Webers are set-up as somewhere to start. If you cannot get the results you like I recommend take it to a carbie guru with a dyno, these mysterious people do exist, often found fussing around under a car bonnet at the back of dingy workshop that smells of stale petrol.

My experience is once set up, these are trouble free (I haven't touched mine since set up 2 years ago), give comparable economy to the SU's with <u>normal</u> driving and a smooth reliable idle and no run-on when switched off, but when you put the foot down and you get that trumpeting quartet starting at 2,000rpm with a low gargle rising to a spine tingling roar at 6,000rpm as you grab the next gear and do it again, you will love the clean strong acceleration and feeling like you are Jack Brabham in his Repco F1.

One justification is the money you spent on your Webers is offset by the car stereo you now don't need, as you enjoy your new sound system with the brass quartet under the bonnet blowing notes that James Morrison can't get near and your new 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " exhaust blatting out the rear. Where's that new tunnel? It might be worth the toll.

Choke	Second	Main	Emulsion	Air	Idle
	Venturi	Jet	Tube	Bleed	Jet
36	4.5	1.40	F16	1.55	.60F6
		Venturi	Venturi Jet	Venturi Jet Tube	Venturi Jet Tube Bleed

Basic Motor Specs.

Capacity - Bore 92 9mm, Stroke 80mm, Capacity 2,170cc Cam Timing, lift at lobe 0.297in., ex.77 – 36deg, inlet 43 – 70deg, 240deg duration Compression 9.75:1 Max revs 6,000 RPM







## ROBERT'S REVITALISATION RUMINATIONS

Dear Reader, in this edition we ponder an oft considered dilemma of "to modify or not".

On the one hand, there are those who say that an old classic car should be kept as it was. This is to allow its owner to enjoy the full measure of the experience of ownership "as it was" "back in the day".

There are those who go so far as to fit crossply tyres to their machine to keep it original, amongst other things.

They say this increases the car's value to the purist collector who loves the old ways and buys and keeps old cars because of their historic significance. It is sacrilege to put anything on the car that is not how it was when the car was made.



On the other hand, there are those who believe in modifying their cars from original.

But how far can you go in the search for individuality? In today's world, what really is "modifying" anyway?



It is arguable that every time you fill up you are modifying the car because today's fuels are much cleaner and generate more power than when our old cars were new. Tyres in reality, must also be in the same arena. Not to mention oils. (In fact I attribute the far greater longevity of a modern day engine to the far better oils used).

There is also the argument that some modifications enhance the vehicle and make it more usable in modern traffic conditions. For example, modern tyres again offer much better ride and handling than the old days. Modern coolants work better and last longer. Electronic ignitions are more reliable and give more power and economy. Modern paint is much more hard wearing and has a better shine and finish.

My view on all of this is as follows. Some of our old cars have inherent weaknesses. For example, an early 200 series has weak A/C. I see no harm in upgrading the A/C to make the car more pleasant (or for that matter adding air conditioning to a 120/1800). I would not go so far though as to run say fuel injection in a car such as an original 123GT, as the SUs still work fine.



Likewise, if there can be an improvement in some feature (e.g. seatbelts) that makes the car safer in modern traffic, then that is probably worth considering.

In the end, it really is a matter for the owner however, as it is your car.



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