

AOMC Metropolitan Delegates Meeting

Held on Tuesday September 7th via zoom

There were 54 delegates in attendance representing 54 clubs, and 6 AOMC committee.

AOMC President Iain Ross chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone attending.

Apologies: Andrew McDougall, Angelo D'Ambrossio, Daryl Meek, Daryl Meek, Keith Mortimer, Lawrence Glynn, Peter Welten, Robert Mihelcic (all AOMC committee), Ian Snadden (Classic Motorcycle Club Vic), John Zlatanovski (All Wheels Classics Automobile Club), Mike Alfrey (Jowett Car Club)

Correspondence: Howard Billing reported that there was no correspondence relating to this meeting.

President's Report: Iain Ross reported that there has been little activity for the last 6 months, since the last delegates meeting in May face to face meetings are non-existent. AOMC has been sending out information to clubs electronically.

The American Motoring Show scheduled for September 26th has been cancelled due to the lockdown, and a number of other major events have been cancelled.

Membership Renewals: Howard Billing and Angelo D'Ambrossio are looking at sending out membership renewal invoices later this week. Last year membership fees were reduced due to covid, but this year have reverted to the normal rate.

Financial Report: AOMC finances are in a healthy condition, and the 2020/21 end of year accounts are with the auditor and will be presented to the AGM in November.

CPS Matters: Iain Ross reported that John Lewis from VicRoads was lined up to be at this meeting to take questions. But the Department of Transport have put an embargo on him talking to clubs due to the Ministers pending announcement on changes to the CPS. AOMC have received no communication regarding any changes as yet.

David Esmore (Victorian Mini Club) noted that he has been watching parliament, and no legislation has gone through parliament yet.

Ian Richards (60-80 Holden Enthusiasts Club) asked what VicRoads are doing about internet clubs issuing club permits? Iain Ross responded that the question is 'what is a club'. VicRoads claim that these clubs are OK and well run.

Ian Richards added that some clubs charge a fee for signing permit papers.

He then reported that some of his club members have sent renewals in the post, and some of those have gone missing. Club have advised members to use express post so that it can be tracked through the system.

Rod Amos (Vintage Sports Car Club) noted that some changes are intended to give Dept. of Transport greater control over behaviour of faux clubs. Not sure how it will work, but there will be new offences introduced about 'operating outside the interests of the scheme'.

Patrick Sawyer (Escape Motoring) reported that his club has been using the online endorsement rather than using the mail.

Stan Gibson (Early Falcon car Club) reported that a club member received a letter stating his vehicle will be taken off the CPS due to no longer being a member of an approved club. VicRoads were contacted and the matter was cleared up, and were advised that 6 other permit holders were sent the same letter due to a computer glitch.

Peter Paproth (FJ / FX Holden Club) noted that when the CPS form was changed last year, there is now 2 places on the form that require a club endorsed signature. One member was questioned over his form as Peter had overlooked signing in the 2nd position.

Peter also asked what does he tell members about the CPS changes. Iain Ross responded that information received is that the announcement of changes is imminent. Iain added that with regard to club signatories, clubs should ensure that signatures are updated each year.

Jayne Pyne (FE-FC Holden Car Club) remarked that if VicRoads had an online form it would make the process easier.

Angelo (Lancia CC) asked about slim line plates, and how would they work? Iain Ross responded that detailed information has been sent out to clubs. Angelo added that there was no link on the email to apply for the plates.

Alan Benneditti (Motorfrenz) with regard to the online forms, we need to look to the younger enthusiast to whom online is the default way of dealing with anything.

Anti Discrimination Policy: AOMC has recently sent a proforma anti-discrimination policy to clubs which can be tailored to suit clubs' individual needs.

Risk Management Covid Regulations: This matter was raised by one of the country delegates. Concern over the monitoring of entrance to various events in relation to Covid-19 restrictions, examples being social distancing, accurate recording of attendees, visitors to events where there is no formal entrance, etc. Feeling is that unless 100% of attendance monitoring can be guaranteed such events must not be permitted to take place.

Iain Ross reported that he has looked at the Department of Health and Human Services website and found a policy on roaming events. Daryl Minter from Bass Coast CC has some expertise in this field and has volunteered to assist in drafting policy.

Angelo (Lancia) DHHS has covid frame work for events. Do we need extra? Iain Ross responded that it does not have specific regulations, but covers what is required.

AHMF AGM: The AOMC are unhappy with AHMF representation of the movement as they do not appear to be addressing vital issues that are arising. Western Australia have left the organisation. AOMC will attend the meeting (via zoom) and attempt to get onto the committee.

Engine Number Records: Philip Johnston reported that there has been unabated demand the last few months. Nothing of particular interest – a veteran Daimler and various Holdens and Fords. The current AOMC surplus has come from ENR income due to some large requests.

Chairman Iain Ross then asked delegates how clubs are managing with the current lockdown.

Tim Fegan (Volvo Car Club) reported that they are keeping in contact with members, with a few coffee and chat sessions.

Peter Paproth (FJ / FX Holden Club) Club AGM is being held online. Hold weekly catch ups to see how everyone is faring. Older members are challenged by technology

Alan Benneditti (Motorfrenz) club have held online games and quiz nights.

Iain Ross noted that the Vintage Drivers Club zoom meetings attendance has dropped from 100 initially to about 60 lately

Ken Aitken (Willys Overland Club) Club is doing zoom meetings and it is working well, allowing country members to be involved. Membership is down a bit, though.

Graeme Walsh (Land Rover Owners Club) still getting new members each month even though there are no events. Have been holding zoom meetings and regular newsletters and e-news.

Stan Gibson (Early Falcon Car Club) have had to postpone Early Holden meet. Stan also asked if you can legally conduct an AGM online? Iain Ross responded that yes, you can.

Maurie Haydon (Nth Peninsula ClassicCC) club has 60 members and are using zoom for general and committee meetings. AOMC magazine gets emailed to all members. Have not gained or lost members.

David Smallacombe (Morris Register) club has conducted zoom meetings and zoom technical talks. Country and overseas members have been able to attend.

David Esmore (Victorian Mini Club) club have used zoom for committee and monthly member meetings. Attendance has dwindled as time goes by.

Information Seminars: Club Management, Restoration and other information seminars have been cancelled until full face to face meetings can be held. AOMC are also looking at running a workshop for club scrutineers when possible.

RACV minor funding proposal: In the past clubs have been unable to access RACV funding if they did not have an ABN. This affected mainly the smaller clubs. AOMC have made a proposal to facilitate those clubs accessing funding through the AOMC.

Event Proposals: British and European Motoring Show has been scheduled for February 20th, 2022 at the Yarra Glen racecourse.

National Motoring Heritage Day has been cancelled due to covid for the last two years. In 2022 it is hoped to hold events in 2 regional centres with RACV support.

Florence Thomson Tour – an event for women only drivers that has been run by the RACV in the past. AOMC will organise the event for 2022, and is looking for women to be involved on its organising committee.

General Business;

Ken Aitken (Willy's Overland CC) Willy's club 40th anniversary rally last year was postponed. It was rescheduled for this year, but has had to be postponed again, as has a national rally. Sponsorship had been obtained from RACV, and club wanted to hand it back to them but RACV were reluctant to take the money back. Eventually they did accept it back, but said that if event can be run next year they will support it.

Peter Paproth (FX / FJ Club) State titles are due to take place in October, and decision re cancelling is on hold. Waiting for venue to make an announcement, as if the club does first the venue will not refund the deposit.

Rod Amos (VSCC) spoke regarding his submission to Dept of Transport regarding replicas in proposed changes. Latest regulations have defined individually constructed vehicles as close as practical to design and dimensions of the original. Rod felt that the AOMC should make a response, so he drafted a submission on AOMC behalf.

Within the CPS there are actual replicas that led to them being included on the scheme, such as the replica of the 1899 Benz. The proposed legislation would require replicas to adhere to VSB 14. To survive this definition, they would have to include things like collapsible steering wheels, etc, which are all part of modern safety requirements To impose this definition, a carbon copy replica would not survive if they have to adhere to VSB 14.

Rod's submission was that 2 types of replicas should be recognised:

- 1 a replica that is as close as practicable to the original, such as a Cobra. These should be subject to the VSB 14 requirements
- 2: A carbon copy that should be treated as a true replica and not held to the VSB 14 conditions.

Bill Reid (FB-EK Holden Car Club) noted a contradiction with VicRoads on what they will accept. A club member with a Holden one ton and a Dodge cab was not accepted.

Bill also asked about the Holden Commodore on Club Plates that appeared on facebook. What happened to it? Iain Ross responded that VicRoads are pursuing the owner and the club.

John Ferguson (AOMC committee) need to look at where the problem is. The market is selling nostalgia replicas which could be construed as being replicas. Rod Amos responded that mass produced vehicles would not be allowed, only individually constructed vehicles.

Ian Richards (60-80 Holden Enthusiasts) Reported that the Lang Lang proving grounds which had been sold for \$35 million has had the sale fall through. Other interested parties from overseas are showing interest.

Iain Ross noted that clubs should keep in contact with the AOMC over any issues, and Howard can be contacted on the office contacts even during lockdown restrictions.

There being no further business, Chairman Iain Ross declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm.