



## Minutes of the AOMC Delegates Meeting Monday March 6<sup>th</sup> , 2023 at 7.30pm

The meeting was held at the Jaguar/Austin Healey clubrooms, Springvale

**There were 70 delegates in attendance representing 62 clubs.**

Chairman Keith Mortimer welcomed all those attending to the first meeting of 2023 and introduced tonight's guest speaker, Leigh Booth.

**Guest Speaker: Leigh Booth – 'Tyre Failure can Be Fatal'.**

Leigh has had a background of 37 years with VicPolice, 28 years in the crash investigation/major collision unit. He has been involved in approximately 2,000 vehicle and machinery inspections at accident sites, including vehicles as diverse as mobile cranes, trams and a road roller.

He then went through a power point presentation relating to various tyre failures that led to major accidents.

**Run Flat Failure** – tread separation. The tread separates from the casing due to loss of adhesion. This is caused by age (deteriorates over time), underlying previous damage (ingress of moisture), and the biggest enemy excessive heat (underinflation, high ambient temperature).

Deterioration can be caused by exposure to UV, oxidation, deflection cycles, heating/cooling cycles.

**Why is tread separation an issue?** Rapid deflation with flexing of the sidewall and loss of traction. Front tyre failure causes the vehicle to pull to the side of the deflation. Rear tyre failure causes oversteer. Under inflated tyres can cause the same reaction.

Leigh then showed various images of vehicle incidents following tyre failure, and went through the process he used to determine if a tyre failed before a crash, including road markings, markings on the vehicle from tyre damage and damage around the rim.

**Break for supper at 8.05pm**

**Meeting Resumed at 8.20pm**

Chairman Keith Mortimer thanked the Wheelers Hill Lions Club for providing the meals before the meeting and Howard Billing for the supper. All proceeds from the pre meeting meals go to the WHL for their charity projects.

**Apologies:** Bill Allen (ABCCC), Allan Fabry (MGCC), Andrew McDougall (Alvis CC), Bruce Wilkinson (Lotus CC), Colin Jenkins (R & S Chrysler valiant), David Todeschint (Daimler Lanchester), Lawrence Glynn (BMW Drivers), Michael Cooper (Murray heritage Motorists), Neville & Robyn Lockstone (Jaguar CC), Ross Hudson (Austin Healey Owners), Shaun Lennard (Classic & Custom Motorcycle Club), Trevor Leech (Singer CC), Yvonne Baker (Western Vehicle Restorers), Carl Jones (Mercedes Benz Club).

**New Delegates:** Rick Cove reported that Bevan Fenner, a long time delegate, passed away recently and he has taken over the role as delegate to the Victorian Military Vehicles Club, as well as the other clubs he represents.

**Minutes of the November 2022 Meeting:** The minutes of the November delegate's meeting were accepted on a motion moved Graham Keys (Wolseley CC) seconded Bill Ballard (F.O.R.D.) and carried.

**Correspondence:** Secretary Tony Hall reported that there were no items of correspondence relevant to this meeting to report.

**Treasurers Report.** Mark Fenton reported that the AOMC finances are currently in a healthy position and as of the end of February 2023 the AOMC Cash at Bank is \$ **324,886**. Events in progress influence these accounts significantly as revenue and donations are received but are not immediately expensed, so this balance is somewhat inflated as we wait to complete the accounting of major events such as Festival of Motoring at Cruden Farm,

British & European Motoring Show at Caribbean Park, and the upcoming Florence Thomson Tour.

It is pleasing to note that with significant donations from RACV we will be able to make a \$15,000 donation to Beyond Blue, being the overall surplus from the Festival of Motoring event.

The efforts of the AOMC is to be commended in organizing this event for the benefit of both the movement and the general community, and it is an example of the many contributions that we and many other organisations in our motoring movement bring to benefit the general community. Other events such as the British & European Motoring Show also raise our profile in the community in addition to being a valuable income source that will help fund AOMC strategic objectives into the future.

There are no areas of concern with respect to our ability to meet existing financial obligations while funding our strategic initiatives.

### **AOMC Events.**

**Florence Thomson Tour 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April.** This event has been fully booked with 80 participants.

**Festival of Motoring – Cruden Farm Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>.** Iain Ross reported that approximately 400 vehicles attended the event. \$15,000 was raised on the day which all goes to Beyond Blue.

**British & European Show Sunday February 28<sup>th</sup>.** Iain also reported that this event, the first held at Events Central (formerly Caribbean Gardens) attracted 997 cars and 17 motorbikes. The MG car club held their annual concours at the event. Iain thanked the clubs involved for supporting the day.

**Engine Number Records:** Philip Johnstone reported that there were a variation of vehicles covered in his search requests the last few months. These included Alvis, Amilcar, Austin, Buckingham, Jaguar, E Type Jag, Land Rover, MG, Mustang, Pontiac, Riley, Holdens and Ford GTs.

**AOMC Carbon Offset Scheme.** Keith Mortimer reported that the reason the AOMC embarked on this program was to change the impression the general public has of the classic vehicle movement. We are proud preservers of Australia's moveable cultural heritage. International experience is that most peak bodies in other countries are going down the same path with carbon offsets. AOMC has negotiated a scheme geared for historic vehicles recognising their low impact due to low mileage with an associated low cost to participate. It is important to take the information we provide back to your club to give your members the opportunity to participate if they so wish.

**Survey Of Historic Vehicle Movement.** This is being organised by a group called the Australian Motoring Heritage Foundation based at Eastern Creek. AOMC have been invited to participate and are considering joining in as it is very important to gather data.

**Question from the floor:** What is the uptake on the Greenfleet Scheme? Keith responded that it has been very slow so far, probably due to seasonal issues.

**Question from the floor:** There has been concern at our club about the six dot points in the Presidents report in the February newsletter. The dot points being VIN plates, Annual Roadworthy for heritage vehicles, Heritage Plates, Economic Value of Historic Motoring and Environmental and Fuel considerations. Our members were concerned that: AOMC were pushing for annual RWC, what is the survey going to survey?, and with the CPS fleet of only 200,000 on permit compared to 5.7 million vehicles in Victoria our environmental impact is minimal.

Keith responded that delegates raised last year that a single voice for the Victorian movement was needed. To this end, we have been meeting with representatives from VicFed to get a joint position to take to Dept of Transport and VicRoads.. The six dot points that were listed in his report are the areas that were seen as a concern. Keith apologised for not providing any follow up information that has caused confusion.

**Arnold Chivers (VDC):** There is currently a federal review on motoring and electric vehicles. As with many government reviews, there is a danger of unintended consequences for the historic movement of any decisions. Has AOMC made any submissions to this review? Keith responded that AOMC has not made a submission as it is a national issue for our national body to attend to.

**Chris Henry (Gipps Vehicle Collection)** Last year Chris emailed a submission with 10 points that the car movement needs to address including Collector cars and the environment (new cars are made of plastic, electronics and batteries and cannot be returned to the earth. Most historic cars are made of wood and steel which can be), Public perception of 'Old Cars', Relationship to political parties, being seen as a positive presence, the importance of Museums and static displays.

Chris added that we need to find a way to get to the public and use them to gain support for our movement.

Arnold Chivers added that we should look to events like the MRA Christmas Toy Run and how they garner good publicity.

### **General Business**

**Chris Henry (GVC):** Gippsland vehicle Collection (Maffra Shed) are staging a cars and Songs exhibit from March 19<sup>th</sup> for 4 months. Cars on display will relate to songs in popular culture. (ie Red Corvette, Pink Cadillac, etc). They are also staging a stage play based on Alice Anderson, a pioneering motoring woman who set up her own women only garage in Kew in the early 1900's.

**Kevin Sadler (Rambler CC):** His club are going to Chryslers on the Murray on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Daryl Meek:** On National Motoring Heritage Day, the Veteran CC, Vintage Drivers and Vintage Sports CC are holding a 3 day event from 19-21 May for pre war vehicles. This is being held in Bendigo.

Motorclassica is taking place from 6 to 8 October.

Bay to Birdwood is on Sunday Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>, and has reverted to an open entry format, moving away from the pre 1950's one year and post 1950s the next. This is because of the dwindling entries of older vehicles.

**Denis Brooks (HCVC):** There has been no mention this meeting of any conversations with VicRoads. Keith responded that he has written to VicRoads requesting a meeting, and is waiting for a reply.

**Robert Humphries (Austin 7):** Reminded delegates that Historic Winton is taking place on its traditional weekend, 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> May. He also noted that taxation systems are changing and small clubs are having to submit tax returns in future. Sporting Clubs such as the Austin 7 club have an exemption, and the club is able to offer clues to clubs on how to get the exemption.

Mark Fenton added that the ATO are looking at introducing the new system next financial year. Clubs need to put in a return even if there is nothing to report.

**Chris Henry:** asked if there was any more news on a blanket insurance cover for clubs. Keith responded that we are still looking at this, but it is hard to find an accommodating broker.

**Mick Wane (Early Ford V8):** Historic enamel plates. Made from 1932 to 1939. Most are gone but there are a few survivors still on vehicles. We have now lost the rights to transfer these plates.

Keith responded that he has spoken to John Lewis about this, and he had said that if AOMC and VicFed support a moratorium on this matter he will go in to bat for us. Subsequently AOMC and VicFed have sent a joint letter to John Lewis.

**With there being no more delegates reports, chair Keith Mortimer declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm**