



Meeting Notes of the AOMC Delegates Meeting

Monday May 22nd, 2023 at 7.30pm

There were 72 delegates in attendance representing 65 clubs.

Presidents Report: Keith Mortimer reported that the committee have been working on a strategic plan for the next 5 years, covering areas such as member services, communications, external engagement and research & data. More details will be released when the document is finalised.

A submission has been made to the Federal Dept of Infrastructure regarding their fuel efficiency standards consultation.

The Australian Motoring Heritage Foundation will be conducting a survey of enthusiasts and clubs in relation to the economic value of the movement. This will be released soon and will be sent to clubs.

Treasurers Report: Mark Fenton, AOMC Treasurer, reported that the AOMC finances are currently in a healthy position, and as of the end of April 2023 the AOMC Cash at Bank is \$290,838.00. Events in progress such as the Florence Thomson Rally influence these accounts significantly as revenue and donations are received but are not immediately expensed.

However, the British & European Motoring Show completed earlier in the year has been finalised and has contributed lower than normal revenues of under \$7,000 due to the high costs of running the event at the new Caribbean Park venue. But with the support of RACV we have been able to fund multiple events throughout the metropolitan and country areas to recognise the importance of Motoring Heritage Day as we continue to promote the movement that we represent, while the Florence Thomson Rally, which is organised and run by the AOMC with the financial support of RACV, also provides a forum to promote the heritage vehicle movement to the general community, in this case also recognising the contribution women have made to the motoring world.

It is heartening to see the emergence from the COVID-19 doldrums with funding being used to support current AOMC initiatives such as the upcoming Management and Restoration Seminars as well as other member services and advocacy programs the AOMC committee is actively working on. The time will soon be upon us when we ask all Clubs to renew their membership with the AOMC and we look forward to your ongoing support as we embark on these programs to ensure the ongoing health of the movement that we all believe in.

As we approach the end of the financial year it is also comforting to be able to report that with the professional support of a newly appointed accountant (Terry Stramotas from Benjamin King Money) the AOMC will be able to continue to finalise and satisfy all financial reporting obligations.

The AOMC has satisfied all statutory/compliance requirements and there are no areas of concern with respect to our ability to meet existing financial obligations while funding our strategic initiatives

VicRoads/CPS Report: AOMC and Vic Fed have formed a working group that has been meeting for the last 6 months, and have been looking at arranging a meeting with VicRoads. Keith Mortimer and Neil Athorn finally met with VicRoads and presented several issues to them and stressed the need for ongoing meetings. The issues raised were: abuse of CPS; display rights; retention of log books; confusion around H & M plates; how many vehicles and clubs are on the CPS.

Code of Conduct: Tony Hall spoke to the draft Code that was published in the May newsletter. The committee are happy with the wording, but are seeking feedback from clubs. All responses should be emailed to Tony.

AOMC Events:

Florence Thomson Tour. Maureen Ross reported on this event which was based in Wangaratta and attracted 170 people and 81 vehicles. An event for women only drivers.

National Motoring Heritage Day: Several events were held around the state yesterday, and reports were given on them by participants. Clubs are encouraged to send a few photo's and a short paragraph on what they did on NMHD.

Shannons American Motoring Show: Will take place on Sunday November 19th at Caribbean Park.

Club Management Seminar: Will be held on Saturday June 17th and will cover the business and mechanics of operating clubs. Will have several specialist guest speakers on relevant topics. Aimed at club officials.

Restoration Seminar: Saturday July 15th. Series of presenters, speakers and trade tables on the day. Bookings essential and limited to 2 per club.

Guest Speakers

John Lambert gave a talk on club members that volunteer in the community, and suggested that delegates take back to their clubs that charitable organisations are looking for volunteer drivers to assist with their programs.

Daryl Meek gave a very informative talk on his project of digitising the early Victorian registration details. He showed how these records can be used to trace ownership of vehicles, and to assist in genealogical research.

As part of his talk, Daryl outlined the history of the early records, from there being only 50-60 vehicles in Victoria in 1903; the introduction of the Motor car Act in 1909 that provided the framework for registration and licensing. Many of the early records were published in Police gazettes and in Auto Trade manuals and had details of registration number, owner and location.

Daryl's intention is to publish these records online for free access, and he is looking at linking photographs of vehicles with the record. He asked if anyone has a photo of an old vehicle with its number plate visible could they please send it to him to be added to the database. The vehicle needs to be Victorian, have its registration number and vehicle type and any known history.

Chairman Keith Mortimer declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm