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The following members are authorised by the club to sign VicRoads renewals.

Gary Turner, Francis Borg, Norma May, Sue Wilson, Terry Sawyer, Vincent Stok.

The following members are authorized to sign Standard Declaration and Eligibility forms for the CPS. These members are club scrutineers and Safety Officers.

Gary Turner, Francis Borg, Terry Sawyer, and Vincent Stok.

(No new cars will be admitted to the scheme unless the VicRoads CPS person, Sue Wilson, grants prior permission.)

Club Scrutineer's and Safety Officers are for signing off on the VicRoads Vehicle Eligibility and Standards Declaration Forms and for advice only. As of March 31, 2017, all cars must require a RWC including all those of pre-1949.

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President's Report



Hi everyone.

It is winter and with not much on because of cold, wet weather and that bloody COVID still lurking around, not much has been happening with the club.

Since the last newsletter where I requested help with some articles for this newsletter, I have had a couple of contributions from members which is gratefully received, thank you.

Also, with a call out for more runs, we have also been given some ideas from members which again is very welcome, thanks again.

Our next run will be our AGM which will be held at Wallan. This will be an informal quick meeting to satisfy the folks at Corporate Affairs Victoria. I'm sorry it is so far away for some members but with an expanding club and more members joining from the Northern Suburbs, we have to make it easier for those members to attend. If you feel it is too far for your classic, bring your modern.

Sue has asked me to remind some members that their membership renewals are now due.

Later during the year, we have planned a few runs in regional Victoria. Some of you will think it is a bit far to travel which is fair enough. Many members in regional towns feel the same way but still make the effort. If you want to organise a run closer on another date, please do, be my guest.

Take it easy out there, keep your distance (1.5m), wash your hands and wear a mask.

Gary Turner

Editor

BMC-Leyland Car Club Inc.



CAR CLUB CALENDAR of EVENTS 2021

Seeing as the October and November runs are in regional Victoria , if someone would like to organise a run for these two months, other than these dates ,closer to Melbourne. Please let Sue know ASAP. Thanks.

JULY 11th Sunday

Our AGM will be held at the Wallan Hotel, Hogan's Hotel, High Street, Wallan. We have reserved seating for 30 members. The meeting will start at 11am on the dot and you can then order your meals afterwards. Please let Sue know on 0421841939 if you are coming. Covid friendly (No Covid up here).

AUGUST 8th Sunday.

Our member Steve Haralambous has invited us to view his extensive collection of 15 cars at his factory in Seaford. Light refreshments then lunch at Seaford RSL. This was to be held in June but was cancelled due to COVID.

SEPTEMBER – To be advised.

Richard Simpson who will be holding another one of his terrific runs. Not sure where to or when but this will be a must attend. Details to follow.

OCTOBER 3rd Euroa Show and shine.

This is a show we have never been to as a club but have heard plenty of good things about it. You must pre book online to attend. More details to follow.

NOVEMBER 14th Sunday

Lifestyle Shepparton Classic Car Show and Shine \$5.00 per car including passengers. Cars, 25 years and older. Many sponsored prizes and trophies will be available. Time: 9am-2:30pm. Details to follow in future brilliant newsletters.

NOVEMBER 26th – 28th Saturday & Sunday

Geelong Revival Motoring Festival. Details to follow in next newsletters.

12th DECEMBER Sunday

BMC-Leyland Christmas lunch with Show and Shine.

Venue and other details to be confirmed in future tremendous newsletter.

1st JANUARY 2022.

New Years Day. Now becoming a tradition with the club Kay & Rick Smith will hopefully be holding a get together at Flinders for Fish and Chips on New Years Day. Details and confirmation to follow.

How to organise and put on a run.

Choose a month and a date that you can help

Once chosen, decide on a time and place to meet

Contact Sue and let her know so she can co-ordinate with the editor and committee.

Ask members to say if they are attending and make sure you have their phone number and give members yours. This will be possibly put in the newsletter anyway.

On the day get to the meeting point a few minutes early if you can.

Wait for members to arrive and leave at the designated time.

Try and travel in convoy. Do the right thing and if you cannot see the member behind you, stop and wait for them in a safe place. Another reason why you need phone numbers.

Upon arriving check that everyone has arrived.

Take a note of who came, where you went, what happened, any story and any other details for doing a run report.

Forward your notes to Gary so he can write up a run report for the magazine.

I WANT YOU



WE NEED YOU TO ORGANISE A RUN.

Please, we cannot do everything from Shepparton,
So, we need your help to organise a run or two.
Without runs, members will get bored, move on and we
will not have a club.

So, if you have an idea, **PLEASE** let Sue know so we can
put it in our calendar of Events.

If you need help, contact Sue 0421841939

My 1970 Triumph Auto Stag.

An article by our member Ian Fox

Facebook tells me it's been a year since I took delivery of my 1973 Auto Stag, and I don't think I've properly documented it. Time to share.

As delivered, just over a year ago according to Facebook.



Firstly, a lesson I should have learnt ages ago: Do your research. Secondly: do not buy a car without a roadworthy unless you're prepared to put in some serious work, because undoubtedly the car will require more attention than either the seller or you initially expect. I thought a new set of tyres would see me right.

The good news is I was able to drive the car down for its first RWC inspection after I replaced the water pump - which was allegedly 'the only thing wrong with it'. The bad news was the long list of repairs requiring parts from the UK meant I was never going to get it done in the seven days covered by the first inspection.

Long story shortened (a bit). I needed to replace the undersized front rotors, so they were ordered. One of the calliper pistons was seized, so I bought a new pair of callipers too. Rubber hoses looked suss, so I got a set of them as well. Then I thought I would do the rear cylinders, and while I'm there, I got some copper-nickel tubing and replaced all the hard brake lines as well! What the heck, the only 'old' component left was the master cylinder, so, yeah, I got one of those too. After doing all that, it seemed like a good opportunity to switch it all over to Silicone (DOT 5) brake fluid. I needed to replace every rubber suspension bush-front to back, so they were ordered. Rear body mount rubbers were also shot. Needed a new trans sump gasket to stop a leak.

New callipers, rotor, flex-lines, hard-lines, suspension bushes, springs and (internal) shocks. New wheel cylinders, shocks, more hard lines and rubber bushes. Coat of paint mandatory.

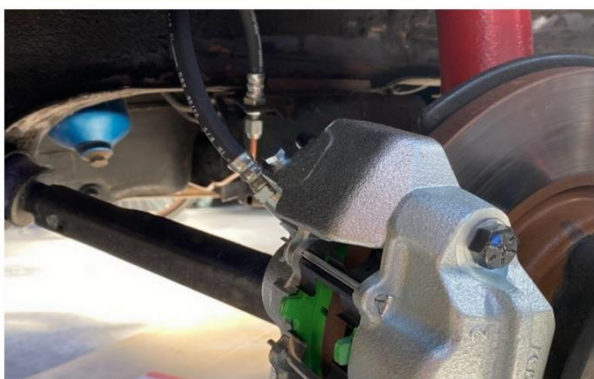
The car sailed through its second RWC, so I booked a VicRoads appointment for some rego. This will be lesson three: NEVER drive an unregistered car on the road without the right permit, and insurance (thanks Shannon's). 10 minutes out from the depot, I was side swiped by a Ford Ranger coming into my lane, with damage on every panel on the right side. The door mirrors was also taken out. I managed to keep my VicRoads appointment, and the lovely inspector took pity on me for the missing mirror and granted me my rego.

Next stop panel beaters. While it was away and seeing as I needed to order a door skin from the UK, I thought I'd also order the springs and shocks. Shame to let an order slip through without filling it. After the car returned from the panel beaters, I set to work replacing the front and rear shocks and springs. The panel beater kindly handed me the paint he had left-over to do some touch-ups, which I put to good use repainting the boot, and eventually the bonnet, along with some rust repair to the front of bonnet panel.

Cleaning up the valance prior to paint.
Bonnet was repainted due to some dubious touch-ups.

I keep telling myself to stop, and that the car is perfectly fine and reliable now, but there always seem to be 'improvements' to be made. Like central locking. I suspect I'm not the only one to suffer this condition.

Mostly done, and Club debut on the Bellarine Winery run.



Sunday 8th AUGUST

*Steve Haralambous's collection of classic cars.
Seaford.*

Meet at Steve's place at Factory 1, 69 Hartnett Drive, Seaford at 9.30 /10:00am.
(Next door to VicRoads)

We will have a tour of his cars for around 2 hours and then we will go to the Seaford RSL where we have booked for lunch.

Steve will be supplying morning tea so we need to know how many members will be attending the RSL for catering purposes. **Ring Sue 0421841939.**

Also bring your own chairs and a table to Steve's if you wish.

Here is what will be on display:

- 1974 BMW 2002
- 1963 Daimler 250
- 1963 Mercedes 220SE Coupe
- 1967 Mercedes 250S
- 1967 Mercedes 250SL Pagoda
- 1967 Mercedes 280SEL
- 1973 Mercedes 450SL Coupe
- 1988 Mercedes 560SEC Coupe
- 1959 Morris Major Ser 2
- 1961 Triumph Herald
- 1964 Rover P5 Ser 2
- 1977 Triumph Stag
- 1988 VW Golf GTI Convertible Karmon



A Tale of Two Minis

A contribution to the Wobble Knocker by member Steve Buckley. Many thanks.

I bought my first car, a Morris Mini 850 for \$280 and used it to travel from Cheltenham to Frankston where I had begun teacher training. Many of us with cars picked up other students on the way.

My poor 850 often had three or four fellow passengers and struggled on anything resembling a hill. It was not in great mechanical condition. At one stage it had badly leaking exhaust valves which I could not afford to have repaired. A kindly neighbour offered to do the repair. It ran well for a while, but in time it needed so much work done that I sold it.

After a career in teaching, I came across a mini that had had a complete restoration. I was supposedly transitioning to retirement and decided I would try to find a mini to buy for enjoyment and to repair/renovate.

I finally found one up north of Sydney. I travelled by train up and now wish I knew more about minis then than I do now. I thought the car was okay (which it was not) so I bought it and drove it home to Mornington.

I knew a guy who was involved in all things mechanical, body repairs and spray painting. He also prepared cars for road worthies. As time went by, this chap cut the rust out and fully resprayed it. Then, unfortunately, one of the main bearings went kaput in the 1097 engine and a rebuild was needed. I had bought a Cooper S head and a 1275 block in the hope that I would eventually use these to build a stronger engine. That became a necessity, and it took over six months before that was completed.

Over the ten years that I have had the car, I have put on new wheels, new headlining, installed a heater, put wheel flares on, new seat belts, new sound system (and was extremely nervous about drilling through the roof to put an aerial in), second petrol tank (Cooper S's have two tanks), and have driven it quite a few places around Victoria.

I was a member of another club for a long while which is another story but was referred to the BMC Leyland Car Club last year and found it so refreshing and welcoming.

Steve Buckley.



Men..... Check your Prostate.

Republished as it is so important.

A message from our good member, Clive Millsum.

I am Clive Millsum, owner of a green MG Midget, and have been diagnosed with prostate cancer. (Sounds a bit like the start of an AA Meeting!) The prognosis, however, is excellent.

My reason for writing this is to reinforce the message to men, especially those of you, like me, are (to put it politely!) over retirement age, to get regular checks.

I had none of the “normal” symptoms and it was only the fact that I have had for many years an annual PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) test paid for by Medicare (when you are over 50). It was higher than normal, so my GP referred me to an oncologist.

He organized several tests including, MRI, biopsy, PET scan and bone scan. These tests confirmed that I did indeed have cancer, but it was confined to the prostate. I mention this because in the past there have been stories of “over-diagnosis” of prostate cancer but now with modern technology and knowledge I believe that is no longer the case.

It turns out that my cancer is aggressive but because it has been diagnosed early is completely treatable.

So, my point is if I had not had the PSA test and because I had no other symptoms I would have ignorantly continued and probably in 1-2 years’ time, Jill, my wife (widow) would have put my MG on the market.

Therefore, if you are eligible and not already being annually tested, I recommend that you do. Besides, I cannot afford to buy your car!!!

Copy of Minutes of our AGM 30th January 2021.

AGM

BMC-Leyland Car Club Inc

30th January 2021.

The Sands Hotel, Carrum Downs.

Meeting with lunch, Show & Shine with our AGM.

A total of 56 members attended this run in Carrum Downs with 23 members cars for a show and shine.

Minutes as per below.

Meeting started at 11:30am.

Gary welcomed everyone and thanked them all for attending.

Apologies: Jo and Kel Hawkesworth, Cathy Harper, Rob and Anne Quinn, Norma May, and Jan Rowley.

Membership 123. Facebook 2,300+. Cars on the CPS 107.

New members were welcomed: David Neish, Glen Sanderson, Rohan Jarvis, Andrew Serong, Martin Gover, Steven Buckley and friends of Gary and Sue's Lloyd and Glenda Newnham.

Treasurers Report:

BMC-Leyland Car Club Inc.

2019_2020 Financial Statement.

Closing balance as of 30/6/2019	\$6,756.87
Income from July 2019 – June 2020	\$7,850.00
Misc. Outgoings	\$1,874.99
Paid out to members	\$2,764.50
Petty cash on hand	\$41.05
Closing balance as of 30/9/2020	\$9,972.58

Financial Statement to 30/1/2021

Closing balance as of 30/6/2020	\$9,972.58
Membership Deposits	\$1895.00
Outgoings	\$1,355.08
Balance	\$10,512.50

Gary thanked Cheryl for a great job during a challenging year.

Gary then mentioned that regalia was available and during the day the club received 4 orders for shirts.

Website address had been changed to www.bmcleylandcarclub.org as the old one had expired and members were having difficulty logging on.

A report on the wellbeing of a great friend and member, Robert Quinn, and wife Anne. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Gary also went through the runs coming up, and future runs up until May. We need suggestions for runs and Sue asked people to contact her for suitable destinations.

A few questions from the floor were answered and Terry Sawyer volunteered to look after the club toolbox on future runs.

The meal today was paid for by the club to make up for the COVID-19 year we had just gone through as the club usually pays and subsidises several outings throughout the year. Each member has a voucher to hand to the hotel staff when ordering their meals.

The raffle was then drawn, and 4 lucky winners came up and collected their prizes.

The show and shine prizes were then handed out with the help of a special new member guest.

The winners were: Bob Strode with his red MGBGT, Phillip Smethurst with his Mini Marcos, Colin Rowley for his beautiful Wolesley and last of all Gary Davies and his fantastically turned-out Morris J Van. Congratulations to all, well done.

The meeting was then closed at 11:45am.

BMC-Leyland Car Club Inc Annual General Meeting. 2019 – 2020.

President Gary Turner opened the AGM at 11: 50am.

All positions on the committee were then declared vacant and Brett Huxtable was called on to run the meeting.

Brett went through all the positions and members chose to keep the current committee as it stood.

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4 I am about to **TURN AROUND**

5 You may **PASS ON**

6 I am about to **DIVERGE RIGHT**

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Have you a project going on that you would like to share with other members? A story you'd also like to share? Got something for SALE?

I need you to write about it for this magazine. I would like to include some technical information, ideas, hints or stories for this magazine please. I'm sure members would like to read something other than my ramblings so please, I need some contributions.

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