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A handsome Christmas present for David and Julie, arrived Christmas Eve!

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Shannons – A short history.

Shannons is one of those organizations where personalities abound. The writer started attending their three monthly auctions in the early days when Robert Shannon the founder of Shannons Insurance and Auctions had a very hands-on role in the expanding company. Robert was born in Wagga in 1981 and left home to pursue his studies and join his brother in Sydney. Frustrated that he was denied insurance on his Cooper S because he was under twenty five, he commenced investigations into commencing his own insurance company to cater, for, what at the time was considered a very niche market. This segment of the market was virtually shunned by the general automobile insurance companies of the time. Big mistake. Robert provided insurance for the “older” car, and of course the “under 25 market”. After many trials and tribulations he made serious inroads into the market. He moved to Melbourne and Shannons Insurance went on to become one of Australia’s most successful and vibrant companies.

Shannons Auctions quickly followed and the writer can recall Robert Shannon with the late beloved Bill Wellwood as auctioneer. Bill, a member and friend of the SPCHCC, (wife Pat, is still one of our valued members), standing behind the auction desk in Shannons purpose built auction rooms, Bill, dressed in crazy hat and sparkling waistcoat presenting cars with great vitality, showmanship and most of all, integrity. They were a team to be reckoned with, the crowds just grew.... Robert owned a number of exotic cars. To mention two, a much loved 1994 Zagato designed Maserati Bi Turbo Spyder, and his 1930 low chassis Invicta, one of the few 100 MPH cars of its day., one of two in Australia, a striking car.

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The CRANKHANDLE

MEETINGS

General meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at Dromana Community Hall, Hodgkinson St, Dromana at 7.30 pm. Melway Ref 159 G7

From Oct 1st 2016 the joining fee is \$35. The Membership fee is \$55 pa or \$40 pa with an email only magazine

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COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee Meeting is held at "The Library" Mornington Gardens, 98 Bungower Rd, Mornington. 2nd Tuesday each month at 1:30pm Tel 0420 927 073 (Paul Lucas) .

A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to All!

Well where does the time go? It only seems like yesterday that we were getting excited and organising the Christmas events. The first event was the Bar-B-Q in the park at Dromana where the food brigade had everything under control, as usual, with the aroma of snags and onions wafting across the park. Many thanks to the cooks and the ladies who put together a great variety of coleslaws for the event. Another first for this event was the background music provided by Rommy and friend which really set the atmosphere for a great get together, thanks for your time Rommy. The weather held out long enough for a great chat and of course a raffle that helped offset some of the costs.

Our Christmas dinner was the next event two days later. What a great night, a full attendance had Stellas buzzing with conversation. The food was presented well, was very tasty and served promptly by very friendly staff. This year we had a 3 piece band for entertainment and for the energetic, some dancing. They seemed to know just the type of music that us 'mature' folk really like. A big thank you to Anne, Mike and Mick for pulling the event together, if you haven't been involved in such a deal there is a lot of work and detail to make an event such as this go off smoothly.

The highlights of the night are undoubtedly the awards presented to club members who have been recognised for their achievements throughout the year. Club Person of the Year was awarded to Warwick Spinaze for his tireless efforts, mostly in the back ground, at club meetings and events. The award that most people would shy away from, the Blow-up Trophy, was given to David Kisby for his unfortunate problems some 800 kilometres away from home. I believe it has been sorted out now, with the AH having a new engine transplant and is ready to roll again.

The final presentation was to install a new Life Member into our club, that being Charlie Cassar. We all know Charlie, it seems he has been in the club forever, is always at events with wife Sandra and is not short of a word or two when a discussion is under way. Well done Charlie.

The next outing was the 'New Years Day' picnic at the Briars. What a turnout with some 40 plus cars parked under the trees and once again lots of chatter amongst the group. The display attracted quite a few visitors with cameras and comments and there was a new addition to the club in the form of a very nice MGY type sedan being a Christmas arrival to Julie Jones, although David thought that his 'T' model was the only real car there!

On the news front, the club has purchased a very



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professional PA sound system to be used at future outdoor events, which should make life easier for those attending to understand what is going on and possibly listen to some appropriate music on the odd occasion. Looking forward to seeing familiar faces along with new faces at future events.

That's all for now, safe motoring.

Brian A. Evans

President SPC&HCC

COMING EVENTS

Please advise Convenors if you are going to attend their event. If you need further details, times, etc., please phone the Convenor. If you've already said you would attend and at the last minute cannot, please advise the convenor so they can finalize numbers

FEBRUARY 2017

- Sun 5th RACV Great Australian Rally
Morningside Race Course
Start at Western Port Marina for Breakfast
At 8.00 am
Convenor Brian Evans 0409 639 118
- Tue 7th Show and Shine BBQ
Held in front of club rooms in Dromana
(no general meeting this night)
The club supplies BBQ food
BYO tables, chairs, drinks and plates
Convenor Alan Turner 0407 091 932
Starts at 4.30 pm
- Tue 14th Committee Meeting
- Thur 16th Picnic at McCrae Yacht Club
George Kilborn Park (Mel Ref 158 J10)
BYO everything, meet from 11.30 is on.
- Tue 21st Picnic at The Briars, BYO everything
Meet from 11.30 onwards.
- Sun 26th Breakfast run to The Café FV
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- Tue 7th General Meeting
- Sat 11th Red Hill Show
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- Tue 14th Committee Meeting
- Sun 19th RACV fly the flag tour 19th--- 25th
- Tue 21st Picnic at the Briars, BYO everything meet From 11.30am on
- Tue 28th Breakfast Run

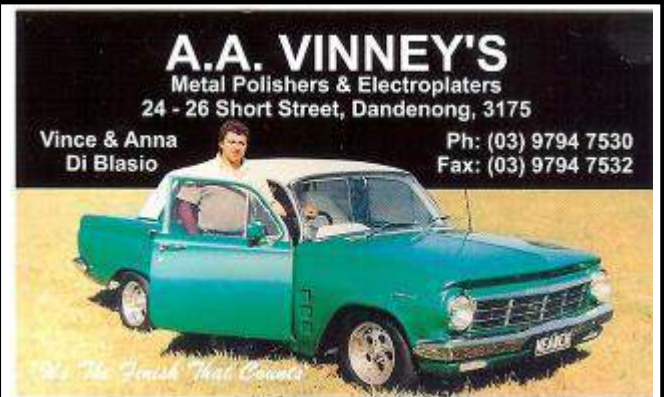
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- Tues 4th General Meeting
- Tue 11th Committee meeting
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David Kisby is the Club Permit Officer and Ray Beagley is deputy officer for emergency only.

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It is the club permit holder's responsibility to contact the club permit officer after disposal of a red plate vehicle



Behind the Scenes with Max Caddy

Happy New Year from behind the tree.

I found the following article in my local newspaper, which relates to Peninsula News printed 100 years ago. "Mr. A W Taylor of the Frankston Motor Garage, has just been appointed the Peninsula representative for the famous **Trumbull** and **Victory** cars." (Never heard of them). (Check out the YouTube video of a restored Trumbull at

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Now, has anyone seen one of these vehicles? Or even aware of them. We are probably talking 1914/16 manufacture. 'Google' tells me that Lincoln cars and Henry Ford had connections with the **Victory**.

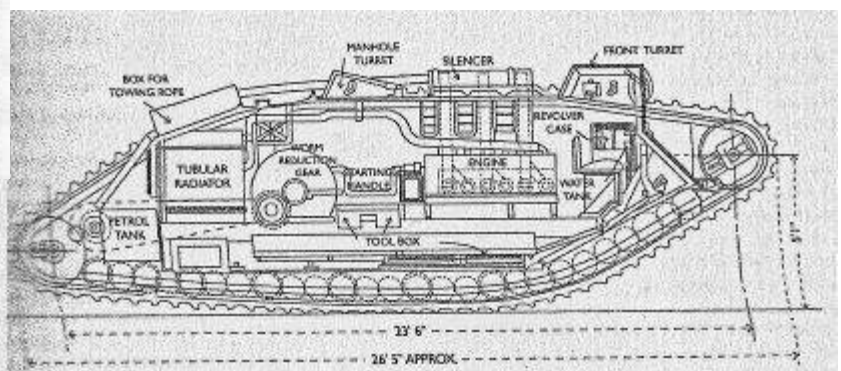
Whilst on the old days and **Victory**. I have just finished reading Peter Fitzsimons' 'Victory at Villiers Bretonneux, which relates to the World War 1 1918 March/April battles around this French town. The Australian Soldiers were highly heralded for both their bravery and perseverance in these actions. One of these battles saw English and Germans face-off with TANKS and was probably the first battles of such mechanical giants in history.

I list some statistics of the 1918 ATV German tank. 24 feet long, 10

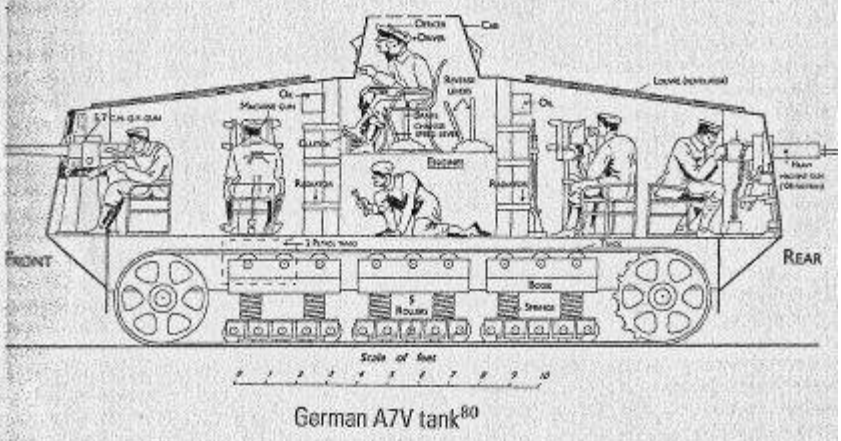
feet wide and 11 feet high, weighing 35 tonnes with one inch thick armour. Driven by two Daimler Benz, 100hp 4 cylinder engines with a crew of 18. Try stepping out some of these measurements – huge! (See pictures).

Interestingly 'Porsche' had a hand in the design of the German Leopard, Tiger and Maus Tanks. Certainly a far cry from the sleek all aluminium bodies Porsche 356 produced in 1948. The British Tanks had a smaller crew and were not as high.

Now, 'Back to the Future', no 'A Walk in the Park'. I was fortunate to drop into the Rosebud Rock Festival held on the Foreshore park land late last year. A chrome bumper event which I did intend to take the MG along to, however I am glad I didn't. The 'G' would have been absolutely



The British tank, Mark IV, used at Villiers-Bretonneux



Behind the Scenes.....continued

out of place in such pristine company, even though it did have chrome bumper. Beautiful cars, lovely sunny day. I saw **Tony and Shirley Howard's** '36 Ford, **Don Robinson's** '48 Ford Mercury, **Trevor Merton's** 'T' Model, **Elaine Bones** Super Charged Auburn and I believe **John Watson and Vin Gallichio** featured cars also. Would have to be Fords.

A few car movements.

David Kisby has sold his magnificent E Type Jag. He is looking for some sort of replacement. How could you replace such a machine?

Kevin and Libby Griffiths have sold their pristine MG TF. Kevin talked about selling, however I never thought he would really actually do it.

Rob and Jan Loyd have purchased a pretty little late model Alpha Romeo to compliment their near perfect MGB. **Julie and David Jones** spotted a Y Type MG headlight at the Bendigo Swap Meet. Apparently they asked the stall owner if he had any similar parts. He stated 'I have whole car if you like'. They now own a beaut little cream and brown MG Y Type delivered to their home on Christmas Eve. **Bob and Judy**

Rollins swapped their fantastic white manual 1968 S Type Manual Jaguar for a Rolls Royce. **Bob and Robert Parsons** often play 'swaps'. Bob also purchased a new Jaguar for wife Judy, who needed a 'lift'. I am sure another Jaguar will be just the thing to lift her spirits. (What ever happened to flowers to lift someone's spirits?). Together they have had Jaguar blood in their veins for years and years. **Max Caddy**, well, he never seems to know just what he wants, or what to sell to make room for what he doesn't really need. Cars and such are on hold at the moment because Lorraine too is feeling down at present, maybe she needs a Jag in her life too!

I look forward to seeing you all at the coming 'Shiny Events' on the 5th and 7th of February.

Hope this year brings happiness and health to you and your family.

Bye

Max

XX00 (for the girls)

Sometimes the old ways are still the best.

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SPC Christmas Dinner, 15th December, 2016- Photos from several contributors



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SPC Christmas Dinner, 15th December 2016-

Walking into the atrium at Stella's at Dromana with the Christmas decorations in place was like walking into Santa's shop. It sparkled, it shone, and the whole range of goodies on the tables surpassed anything we had seen before.

Michael Hurd and Mike Daddo were instrumental in making sure the club banners and feathers were in place and that everything was going to plan for our dinner.

Marion Hurd and Ruth Daddo stayed at the main door and gave each guest a raffle ticket. They then directed them to Michael Hurd and Paul Lucas for their table number.

Max Caddy made little wooden stands for the individual table settings beautifully crafted as is his style. We also had his wooden table numbers that he made for last year's event. All of this made it easier to find specific tables.

Once everyone seated, the evening began. The band practised and in no time at all, dancers were up and swinging about to the sounds that so many remembered from their youth.

Mick Daddo acted as MC and welcomed those in attendance and to the various helpers who made the club evening a pleasant one.

The first course was the soup followed by table prizes with Mike Daddo and Michael Hurd going from table to table. It proved a winner as those chosen collected a prize.

The raffle prizes were each a \$50.00 gift voucher from Bunnings for the male winner, and \$50.00 voucher from Amcal Chemist for the female winner.

Always a favourite were anecdotes and jokes from Joyce Turner. The main dinner arrived as did the conversation from over 125 of the club members.

The band played on; the dancers keenly returned to the dance floor.

Brian Evans presented the Club Person of the Year to Warwick Spinaze; Life Member Award to Charlie Cassar; and Best Blow Up of the Year Award presented by Geoff Bartlett being the 2016 winner to David Kisby.

Flowers presented to Joyce by Anne Kruger just before dessert with coffee and tea to follow.

In The Shadows comprising Kevin La Fontaine, Gavin Harry and Franc Noordhoorn completed the evening's entertainment with lots of toe-tapping, the dance floor vibrating to the whirls and turns from many enjoying the experience.

The night finished around 10 pm. An excellent time by those who attended and looked forward to the club's Christmas dinner in 2017.

Words Anne Kruger



Minutes Summary – SPC&HCC – General Meeting – 3 Jan 2017.

Meeting opened 7.35pm by president Brian Evans. Emergency plan read out.

Visitors: Bruce Rogers, Michael Schwier.

Apologies: Colin Pitcher, Don Monro, Keith Anderson, David Doubt-fire, Bob Hill, Paul Goethel.

Minutes of General Mtg. Dec 6, 2016. Taken as read-not reproduced – no January Crankhandle printed. Business arising: Roger Howes: Query re club valve grinding machine. – Nil results.

Correspondence In/Out since Dec. general meeting. As detailed by secretary.

Corr In/Out Moved – Don Robinson, Sec. Charlie Cassar Carried.

Treasurer's Report –balances read out – available on application. Moved –John Watson, Sec. Geoff Bartlett. Carried.

Membership Report –230 members.

Past Events: Christmas dinner – excellent –great band-audio system needs improving. Thanks to efforts of Mick, Mike and Anne. New Years Day – 40 cars at the Briars. –Great turnout.

Future Events: Jan 19 –Breakfast run to Merricks General Store. 8am Bunnings.

Jan 24- Magazine posting and picnic at Briars. Jan 26- Australia Day – Fingal Park –Cape Schanck –then to Rye foreshore. Feb 5 – Great Australian Rally – Mornington Racecourse. Special Ausbuilt cars display. Feb 7 – Show and Shine- 430-5pm start. BBQ – Warwick to handle press coverage – 3 classes of cars –judged by ballot.

General Business David Kisby reported all red plated cars now on club computer. Brian Crocker enquired of Red Hill Show details.

Discussion of Great Aus Rally display –to be finalised by committee.

For Sale / Wanted – Cars and Parts

Warwick Spinaze has 2 stroke Victa mower for sale

Bill Vaughan has Suburu Imprezza for sale . (sold! ed)

Jonathan Klein has contact for Mini Moke for sale.

Mick Daddo reported great Holden show-

Ray Beagley - AOMC report in March. Rob Innes won mystery door prize.

DVD of early and modern Bentleys was shown – great film –thanks to Brian Florrimell.

Meeting closed at 9pm for supper.



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The Shannons Story.....continued from page 2

Sadly Robert died suddenly at 48 years of age in March 2000, he was described at his funeral using the words, "outrageous, charismatic, passionate, driven, tenacious, manic, and inspiring". His executive assistant, Keith Lukey said –"He was the total human being."

Christophe Boribon, Shannons National Sales Manager joined Bill at the auction desk forming a new successful team and together they took the auctions to a new high, providing access to cars previously unobtainable to members of the now burgeoning car clubs. Prices continued to climb and provided car owners with another option whether they were buying or selling their cars.

When Bill died after 25 years as Shannons Auctioneer he was mourned by friends throughout Australia where he was renowned for his friendship, skill as an auctioneer, his sheer integrity, his undoubted depth of knowledge about cars, his generosity and unchallenged charity work. "A great bloke !"

This brought Ross Johnson, as auctioneer, to join Christophe at the auction desk, and the Shannons team, which included a number of experienced people from the early day. During auctions one hears names like "Tiny" (Hansen) who along with other experienced long term team members helped Ross settle into the role where he quickly made his mark, especially handling the tricky introduction of bids on line and at the same time taking telephone bidding from upwards of six Shannons telephone staff whilst maintaining the highest standard of bidding acceptance and interest within the room... a great effort.

These new changes have not diminished the actual presentation of the cars being offered, they shine like never before. On Line bidding has brought new challenges and vitality to the buying and selling process. It has made the task of the auction desk more complex, juggling three types of bidding, telephone, on line and within the hall whilst maintaining a high standard of equality Shannons continues to present car enthusiasts with an ever increasing way of buying and selling veteran vintage and classic cars from a past era..

After 35 years in their Warrigal Road building Shannons are expanding into larger premises with 40 car park spaces, only about a kilometre from the old place. The next auction in February will be in their new home.

Told by Bill Glover from memories, assistance by old reports in the Age newspaper. Over many years SPCHCC members Mick, Michael, Ray and Bill still continue to enjoy their 3 monthly drive "up the highway".



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New Years Day Picnic at the Briars 2017

Another fantastic display of classic cars at Briars on New Year's Day. Over 75 members attended. The car count ceased at around 35, the best turnout for the club.

The clouds stayed dry and kept away the heat, had there been any!

The barrier to where we parked on previous occasions was in place, but upon checking with the front counter of the Info Centre, we were able to venture onto the grass and spread about the display of cars. Tables, chairs, food and thermos' appeared and discussion of varying degrees ensued.

Boots went up but no bonnets – unusual but an excellent time had by everyone who showed up.

Words Anne Kruger, Photos Ray Gardini *et al*



Abingdon Corner



A good turn out of Members



A long standing Club tradition. New Years Day picnics

CLUB PERMIT HANDBOOK

The AOMC Club Permit handbook has been updated to reflect the latest changes to the club permit scheme. A revised version of the handbook was released in October 2015 and the club now has copies for \$5.00. The AOMC's website is: www.aomc.asn.au This latest handbook and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) can be downloaded from the AOMC website to keep you up to date.



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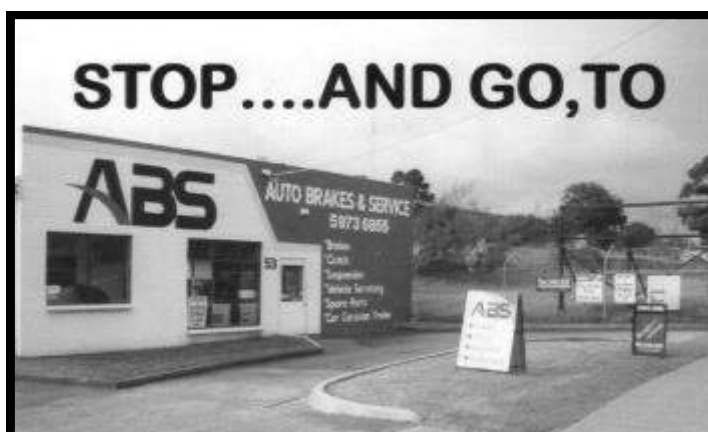
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