



RALLY NOTES

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With Santa (and everyone else) rushing around to get things done or be there on time..... Please stay safe and enjoy this xmas break.

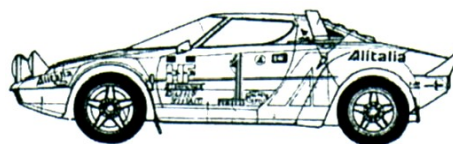
OUR NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE
December 13th 2011
7:00pm @ WALLSEND DIGGERS



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Welcome to another end of year magazine. We still have two more events before Christmas so please make an effort to attend. On Sunday the 13th November we share with MG Newcastle, Martin's Inaugural Lake Macquarie Classic Touring Assembly. All tar roads with details listed in this magazine. The Evan Green Classic has been set by our very own "Mr TV Personality" Hal Moloney, on the 26th of November. If you enjoy a run on previously unknown roads and an adventure around the Gloucester Shire, don't miss this event. The finish will be at River Wood Downs with many staying over night.

The Heart of the Hunter attracted 20 competitors who had to deal with torrential rain, wind and eventually sunlight. I had many congratulatory emails from various competitors, so must have done something right. The winner was Ian Packard in a Peugeot 504 from the Classic Rally Club. The event was a success due to the wonderful assistance from all helpers including Brian Lawler, Karen Piggott, the sweep Carey Fraser, Andrew Park- control official and my mate Steve who cooked the BBQ lunch during torrential rain. Jim and Ron Pope ran in the event as well as stopping along the way to video different stages. It is a credit to them as they also managed to slip into third place- well done yet again to two of the hardest working people in this club. We managed to put a considerable amount back into the bank account because of club volunteers who did not ask for financial reimbursement.

The calendar has been set for next year so put the dates in your diary NOW. Together with our Touring Assemblies the club will be running more social type trips with weekends away down the Southern Highlands plus 1 day register runs. This brings me to the next topic. The Committee has voted and passed the following: Historic Plate Holders registered with AHRG must compete in at least one organized event during 2012 to retain certification by the club. ALL Historic Plate holders must be financial members of the club or their Registration is null and void i.e. your car is unregistered. As club registrar I will keep a record of members' participation in club events and I have Committee approval to decline renewal of registration if the above is not adhered to.

I managed to venture into the forest around Nambucca Heads & Coffs Harbour to watch the WRC cars in full flight. A small group perched above the twisty road deep in the forest agreed that Ken Block should stick to his u tube stunts. Loeb and Hervoanen showed how "the best in the world" can drive a car flat out on our slippery gravel roads.

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Don't forget to renew your membership which expires at the end of December. Our AGM and presentation dinner will be held towards the end of January. I look forward to seeing you at an event in the near future.

Have a happy and safe Christmas to everyone.

Yours in Rallying,

Geoff Thomas..

2011 Calendar Notes

Club MEETINGS Dates

Our meetings are held every second Tuesday of each alternate month excepting the AGM. At 7:00pm

Meetings will continue to be held at Wallsend Diggers unless otherwise advised.

December Tuesday the 13th @ 7:00pm

Club EVENT Dates

The Evan Green and Xmas Run (postponed) might still be combined but keep a keen eye on the upcoming events page on the website for further info. A social run before the end of the year may also get off the ground depending on the numbers interested.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

All members with historic registration please note:

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This has been decided for the benefit of the club and its members, Some members cars have not been seen at club events for years and the same can be said of the members.

On the subject of membership please note that all current membership ends at the end of December this year and should be renewed BEFORE then to maintain your membership of the club and also legal registration of historic vehicles registered under the club.

AHRG WEBSITE

Visit www.historicrally.com.au

Many thanks to all those who have made valuable contributions to the website.

If you would like to contribute, please contact : info@historicrally.com.au.

The Editors Dribble

Dear members,
This article I hope will find you all well in health and good spirits during the beginnings of “the festive season”. I’m writing this article to share a few thoughts and let you all know about a very enjoyable Touring Assembly I took part in recently.

Recently I went on The Lake Macquarie Classic Touring assembly which was organised by Martin Reeves (and others?) of [MG CAR CLUB NEWCASTLE INC](#) and enjoyed almost every minute of the event. More on why only almost every minute, later.

I had some suspension adjustments to make to the car before the event and also a few issues with the gearbox mount and a drive shaft coupling to replace while I was there, so once I managed to get these done during the day before....I also organised for a navigator. I was very lucky to have my brother available for this role. Talk about last minute.

Once at the starting point and all paperwork done and the social gathering taken care of ,we set off on a excellent set of roads. Most of the roads were not in the best condition but fun and challenging none the less, and all seemed to be going well apart from not having answers to most of the course questions.

This trend continued until around lunchtime somewhere just before Wollombi when the charge indicator light blinked up at us. After much discussion and sorting out a plan B for our rescue if necessary we continued onwards.

There was a twist however that we had to maintain our engine speed above 3000 rpm(to keep the charge light off and 12+ volts coming from the alternator) which was easier said than



done whilst in traffic through Wyong up to Warners Bay . We made the finish and even key started the car on what little battery power we had left and made it home “ in one piece”. I tested the battery once home and it showed a shocking sub 11.5 volts, which had me wondering how the electric fuel pump and electronic ignition was still running. I have a lot of respect for Odyssey batteries now. Ah well never mind “all is well that ends well” and the alternator has had a long and hard life so its due to have its innards renewed shortly. Some photos from the event are available to competitors from Martin Reeves or contact Geoff Thomas or myself as we also have a few copies in hard print.

While discussing this event with a valued club member recently It was commented how hard it has become to find navigators for events. I commented we should make a club points tally incentive to encourage more members to compete in the club championship as navigators or even get a few driver navigator combinations to take turns about in their roles. Perhaps this is something that can be discussed among members and committee members for a future decision?

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CLASSIFIEDS

Just a notice to all Members that if anyone wants to sell or buy or swap club car related parts or vehicles please feel free to email a short text and minimal amount of pictures through and I will endeavour to get it into the Rally Notes. You can email a advert to me on :- ben.chef@hotmail.com

Any losses (or scam attempts) will be handled by police but AHRG accepts no liability whatsoever.

For Sale

BMW 316 is for sale.

Tyres good, Rego July 2012, calypso red paint fair, interior OK, 170,000 k's, auto. Nice little weekend rally car. I think it's worth around \$5,000, but who knows, get close with an offer and it's yours!!

David Brown 49682020 mobile 0415498771

For Sale:

Two King Single waterbeds for sale.

Grey Vinyl, padded sides and head.

Liner, waterbed heater, king single bag mattress. 2 matching beds. Can be bought separately.

Dismantled, ready for reassembly, instructions available.

Located at Raymond Terrace. If you cannot collect -

Delivery within 50kms - \$25. Assembly - \$25 if you cannot assemble.

Price: \$100 each negotiable. Please phone: 49871862 and leave a message



For sale:

5 speed "dogleg" gearbox to suit "L" series Datsun motors

It is a 63 series gearbox, comes with the X member, clutch fork and pivot.

Pick up only, so contact Dan on 0425847150 **\$500 O.B.O.**

For Sale:

Fully rally prepared Skoda with a new Skoda Motorsport engine. It has all rally equipment, roll cage and factory modifications to make it ideal for rally events. Price is \$6000. Contact Hal Moloney on 0409 139 922



The Night Owl
By Reggie Renault

Friday 24th June 2011 I am finally loaded up with all the gear that the humans need for a couple of nights away from home. A quick stop at the petrol station and off I go. I take off for Scone via the usual points – Kurri Kurri, Greta, Branxton, Singleton, Muswellbrook, Aberdeen. The road conditions are not too bad, it is a bit cold but generally dry. Deliver the humans to the motel where the navigation run will start – Airlie House. A great spot. The humans went to dinner and found other entrants – I stayed in the car park and chatted to the other cars present.

Saturday 26th dawned bright and shiny but very cold. I was covered in frost but one human, Peter soon had me out in the sun to warm through whilst breakfast was being served. Peter took me to service station and filled me up with my favourite breakfast – 98 octane. Soon it was time for all the paraphernalia that goes with these things to be checked. As if I Reg, would turn up ill-prepared for such an event. I even had a map light – though Liz can't read in the dark!!, compasses and things. Well about lunch time it was time for the start.

Liz got the maps/instructions, then tried to make out she knew what she was doing. Peter had to intervene and set her straight. (My she gets cranky sometimes) It was time to go, so off I set with the humans in the car. Missed the first VRC – they didn't measure the distance – I tell you that pair are near on hopeless. Anyway I had a great run through Dartbrook, round the back of Castle Rock, down to Wybong onto Bunnan thence onto end of section just outside Merriwa. Great dirt – lovely scenery. In the next section, I came across my friend the Fiat with a faulty alternator/flat battery. I am happy that I was able to render assistance to my buddy. In this section I took the humans over some lovely roads and water splashes. Liz was getting plenty of VRCs until the “U” turn notice which I dutifully obeyed (unlike some other cars). I then backtracked through Bunnan, back into Scone and into McDonalds for a bite to eat for the humans and next door for some 98 octane for me.

Whilst the humans were eating, they tried to figure out where go to next. What a pair they are. They got it wrong. Can't read the pair of them. Ended up taking a wrong road – out of bounds. This is in spite of Liz running around trying to see where others were going. Again great roads with lots of twist and turns. Liz didn't do too bad getting VRCs. But what was Peter thinking of – a slide here and a slide there – what about my wheels/tyres – has he no compassion for me. During all this, I was being harassed by my mate the Volvo. I would pass him, he would pass me – what are mates for? Anyway, I got them back to Scone in time for supper.

The next day dawned bright and sunny and not as cold as Saturday. After the usual breakfast for me and “them”. Again Liz got the maps/instructions, then tried to make out she knew what she was doing. Anyway I soon sorted the humans out. I decided that I could get them to Singleton without their assistance – meager though it is. I came across a couple of squiggly bits trying to get out of Scone and onto Rouchel Brook, but I got there. Beautiful roads, wonderful scenery and some rough patches – but I soldiered on (that's what Renaults are great for).

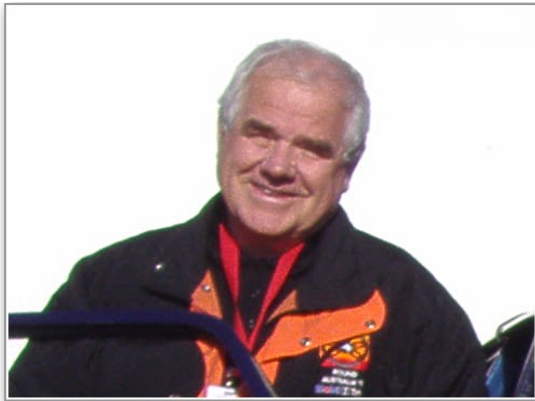
In spite of the “assistance” of the humans, I won my class. Reg for ever. See you next year.

I would like to thank Arthur and Paul for making this a fantastic event for me to run in. The humans would like to do the same so from Liz and Peter Meddows and Reggie the Renault – THANK YOU.

*****Editors Note*****

The next edition of Rally Notes will include a special article From Ron Fraser about another special chap (I'll keep who it is a secret at this stage) which certainly makes for excellent reading.

Hal's Column



Long distance car trial have always been my favorite events when finances allow and sometimes when finances did not allow.

For one round Australia trial I even had to borrow my wife's car to use, she soon put a stop that ever happening again

In future columns I will give a history of the local people who have driven in the long distance Australians trials. We are all aware that Ken Tubman won the first REDeX trial but how many know of Dan Mott and Eric Staples from Titanic Steel Fabrications in Newcastle who drove a MK VII Jaguar in the same 1953 REDeX Trial.

On the first of January 2012 forty eight cars will set off in the London to Cape Town Rally with several Australian entries.

Mark Pickering and Dave Boddy will start car 10 in their Datsun. Other aussies are

Car 5 Greg & Sam Newton Holden Commodore

Car 11 James & Max Stephenson 1923 Vauxhall

Car 24 Rachel Vesty MG ZR1600

Car 27 Jeff & Sam Robinson Mercedes 280

The navigator in Porsche car 35 is Australian Hayden Burvill.

In 2014 there will be a Sydney to London Rally that competitors will be able to contest the Sydney to Perth section as a separate entity.

My last Trials reunion was very low key and only drew 25 people so as a result I will draw to a close any more reunions as they seem to have lost flavor with people. My earlier reunions had over 250 attendees.

One driver who attended was Ray Christie who drove in seven round Australia trials and who also still holds the fastest official circumnavigation of Australia in a Volkswagen 1500 "S".

The photo is of Ray's Chevrolet entering Norwood Oval Adelaide during the 1954 REDeX trial.

Hal Moloney

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(Signature)

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