



# RALLY NOTES

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Our AHRG April meeting will be held at,

Club Macquarie

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(formerly the Sulphide Welfare Club)  
on Tuesday 9th at 7.00pm.



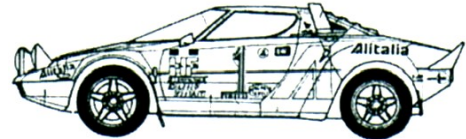
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Presidents Report 2013

Hello to all of our members and apologies for the lack of correspondence over the previous months. Remember you must be a financial member to receive electronic mail or post. Membership renewals were due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January together with your appropriate fee. A CURRENT email address should have been included or postal address for hardcopy. We have many electronic addresses which are no longer current, therefore it is YOUR responsibility to ensure the club has the correct addresses.

A newly elected committee was voted in at the AGM and as you can guess I am still President. The previous year was very successful with increases in competitors and memberships. Many thanks to the Directors of events and the helpers who bring the club to the forefront in Historic Rallying. A unanimous vote by members at the AGM has bestowed "Life Membership" to Ron & Jim pope. The father and son team have worked on the Fluffy Duck rally over many years with minimal or zero financial input from the club. Congratulations to two fine men who live and breath historic rallying, Triumphs and ducks. Quack McMallard our famous motorsport reporter and a close friend of the Popes, has declined our offer of life membership. He stated even though he has a soft spot for British Cars he declined an OBE a few years ago as it would interfere with his playboy lifestyle. He would rather be the reporter than being reported and photographed for those silly women's magazines. He thanked the club for the offer.

The Evan Green Memorial was a great success and the Mudgee Brewery is financially better off after our visit. Ron Fraser ran the Fluffy Duck earlier this month, another great event, with a report in this magazine. Arthur Evans and Paul O'Neal are ready to test our skills with the Night Owl, starting at Gloucester in June.

Myself and fellow club member Jon Dickson have just returned from the Australian Grand Prix at Albert Park. We raced over three days, a difficult track to learn, however had it sorted by Saturday. A Scottish lad by the name of David Coulthart, started in front of my Lancia Integrale on Friday. He was driving a European spec Renault Megane Sportscar, needless to say I didn't catch him. A group of

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	Rod Piggott, Carey Fraser, John Collins	

members are off to compete at Targa Tasmania. Phil Horn and editor Ben White will be competing in a Mitsubishi Evo 6. Carey Fraser and John Collins driving a Mazda RX-7 series 6. Myself and Ada Collins will be running my FIAT 124 Sport. The Team Manager, Ron Fraser be in charge of tactical driving methods and official CAMS negotiator. Rod Towers will have the big responsibility of service crew for my aging FIAT.

Hope to see you at an event soon,

Yours in Rallying,

Geoff Thomas.

## 2013 Calendar Notes

### Club MEETINGS Dates

Our meetings are usually 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, *like the next one.*

### Club EVENT Dates

(See website for full sup regs and info )

Club Run Day                      4th May

Starts in Maitland Park at 10:00am and finishing at the Beatty Hotel in Gresford  
for a Bistro lunch

Night Owl Rally (Moved)              22nd & 23rd June

Heart of the Hunter                      17th August

Evan Green Memorial                      16th November

See the club website for the details on each event, sup regs. And possibly a full spread of photos from each event etc <http://www.historicrally.com.au>

### NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

All members with historic registration please note:

The Committee has voted and passed the following: Historic Plate Holders registered with AHRG must compete in **at least one organized event** during 2013 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. The club registrar will keep a record of members' participation in club events and has Committees approval to decline renewal of registration if the above is not adhered to.

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 memberships end at the end of December each 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.**

## “Other Clubs” Featured Events

Peugeot Car Club of Victoria

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary REDEX Rerun

All members are welcome to attend the assembly and Check in to be held at Maitland Park on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013 in the afternoon. Some 30 cars have been entered and an array of makes and models will be participating.

Club Members entered for this event are Karen & Rod Piggott driving a 404 1963 Peugeot.

Peter Nash and Philip Challinor driving a restored 203 Peugeot.

The Rerun will leave from Maitland after a dinner and Photo Display and some story telling from our own Historian Hal Moloney.

14/5 Inverall...15/5 Dalby...16/5 Bundaberg...17/5 Emerald...18/5 Longreach...19/5 Winton

20/21/5 Mt Isa...22/5 Tennant Creek...23/5 Mataranka...24/25/5/Darwin...26/5 Daly Waters

27/5 Wycliffe Wells...28/5 Alice Springs...29/30/5 Yulara...31/5 Coober Pedy...

1/6 Pt Augusta...2/6 Nuriootpa...3/6 Stawell...4/6 Shepparton...5/6 Tumut...

6/6 Canberra...7/6 Warwick Farm... About 12,000klms...

Many Motorkhana's have been organized as well as displays at Peugeot Dealerships along the way.

The Film directors for the movie Dust & Glory based on Evan Green's book, will be taking some coverage along the way, especially around Alice Springs.

All our spare parts that are not necessarily in the car will be on a truck following us as the old cars will need running repairs along the way.

## 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 an advert to me on :- [ben.chef@hotmail.com](mailto:ben.chef@hotmail.com)

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

### 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.**

## Hal's Column



### **New Zealand**

I spent two days in New Zealand at the 40 years since the launch of the P76 cars. This was my first trip out of Oz and a privilege to be guest speaker at the P76 club meeting. A visit to the Southward car museum was very rewarding as it is one of the biggest.

### **Fred Gocentas**

On a sad note one of Australia's' best navigators, Fred Gocentas passed away on April 1st after a long illness. I remember Fred from the Repco Trial where he navigated for Greg Carr & Dave Morrow in one of the works Cortinas

### **Ever had a car that was a mongrel,**

Brian Lawler will remember some if not all of this.

The Mackellar Special was an Australian race car that before WWII was known as the "Devil Car" as it was named in a score of hospital casualty reports. The original owner was Bill Thompson who had named it Betsy and it was a great car to race. Poor Bill was killed during RAAF operations. The car then had a Ford V8 installed in its Bugatti Chassis which changed Betsy into a vicious shrew.

The Mackellar could not be trusted to make easy turns without it heading for the safety fence. The car could not be coaxed instead did its best to play up. A young champion boxer, "Pa" Stribiling when on visit to Australia was offered a run up Mt Victoria hillclimb in the Mackellar but his father heard about the cars reputation and insisted that he not go. A journalist, Cocky Ellis went in his place but the Mackellar somersaulted and Ellis lost an eye.

Stribiling was killed in a road accident on his return to America.

After Mackellar died six drivers in turn were involved in serious accidents in the Mackellar. Meanwhile Betsy was renamed, Cyclone then Block Buster and finally known as Atomic Bomb. No driver wanted this car.

REDEX trials driver Jack Murray was intrigued by this cars Hoodoo so he bought Atomic Bomb and took it to his Bondi garage. Jack Spent \$2000 on the car and painted it bright red.

When raced the car started its old capers but Wrestling champion Jack Murray started beating it into submission finally having the car as Betsy again a pleasant car to drive.

I wonder how many car club members have given their cars names and WHY

### **Car run**

Don't forget our run day on May 4<sup>th</sup> starting in Maitland Park at 10,00am and finishing at the Beatty Hotel in Gresford for a Bistro lunch,  
Hal.

## Duck Report 2013

Well, the "Duck" has been run and won for this year. If you weren't there, you missed an enjoyable tour north to Gloucester over some very scenic roads.

In the absence of Ron and Jim Pope and Peter Meddows, Ron Fraser and David Brown stepped in to the breach and organised this year's event.

It comprised of straightforward route charting for the novices and some navigation for the others.

A very good field of 19 enthusiastic competitors entered and turned up at Fighter World at Williamtown for a hearty breakfast before the execution, of the event that is.

After the paperwork was completed with the smiling Karen Piggott and her helpers, some explanations came from Ron and David about what was expected from us. Have fun! The scrutineering was carried out under the meticulous eyes of Stan Nicole and Geoff Thomas, and then it was all go!

We departed out of Fighter World, heading north to the MG grounds at Ringwood for a quick blip around a pegged out course up and down the hill around flags and old car tyres. This section was scrutinised by Paul Meddows who awarded points subjectively according to the driving skills demonstrated over the slippery course.

From the MG land we headed towards Clarencetown being careful to keep east of the Williams River, then east to the Buckets way and back to the Pacific Highway, through Karuah then north through the Branch over roads I've never seen before, some tar and the rest good gravel surface. Once on the old highway we turned right to head east to Bulahdelah for what Ron described as a "wee break". There was the ever smiling Karen (how did she get up here before us??) manning (womaning?) a route check. A quick cup of coffee and back to the road. North through Markwell and Waukivory to the lunch break at Gloucester.

The roads were most enjoyable and quite interesting, considering they had just been graded by the council. Very smooth with a thin layer of ball bearings on top! A lot of fun was had... as much as you wanted!

From the meal break, we headed south to Ward's River and a loop around the North Coast Railway over Washpool Bridge and across towards Dungog. From there we headed towards the finish at Seaham over mainly sealed roads via Glen William and Clarencetown.

We were greeted at the finish by the triumphant directors. Nobody recorded all the route check boards!

The boards had been hiding from us which is a good lesson to be very observant while driving! Overall it would seem all participants had an enjoyable day out with their offsidiers driving their cars the way they enjoy the most. That is what our events are all about, just having fun in cars.

### AHRG WEBSITE

Visit [www.historicrally.com.au](http://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](mailto:info@historicrally.com.au).





### Fluffy Duck Results:

#### Novice:

1. Peter and Liz Meadows
2. Peter and Kathie Fraser
3. Dan and Jane Robinson

#### Expert:

1. Grigor Dickenson and Colin Skelton
2. John Collins and Stephen Jackson
3. David Walsh and Barry Prasil

#### Class X:

1. Bernard and Madelon Corbett
2. David Chippendale and Paul Martin



Many thanks to the organisers and the large number of officials who helped out on the day. I haven't seen so many manned controls and route checks for many years. I hope they all enjoyed their day as much as we the competitors did! Well done all!! Hope to see you all and more in future events.

# Membership Renewal

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## RENEWAL OF FULL MEMBERSHIP

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## RENEWAL OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (Newsletter)

Full Name of applicant: .....

Change of Address Y/N.....  
(Write new Address if changed from last years membership)

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*(only if you check your emails and want info sent there)*

Historic Car Registration ( if applicable ).....

I desire to renew as a Member/Associate Member. (Cross out non applicable words) In the event of my admission as a Full Member, I agree to be bound by the Rules of the Australian Historic Rally Group Inc.

..... Date:  
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Do you have a vehicle/s with Historic Rego? Yes/No Facilitated by the AHRG.? Yes/No
Details:

Why do you want to join/renew? In one word or more- (P.T.O. if more space required)

What would you like more of?

Newsletter- indicate preference- Hardcopy? Yes/NO or Email? Yes/ NO

NEW MEMBER: PROPOSER

I, a member of the AHRG. Nominate the applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the AHRG

(Signature) Date:

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(Signature) Date: