



RALLY NOTES

Gerry Crown & Matt Bryson win 3rd Peking to Paris



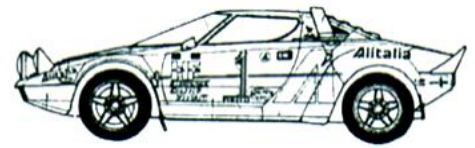
AGM
11th of FEBRUARY 2020
7:00pm @ WALLSEND DIGGERS



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Well another successful year for our club is almost over. This is our annual magazine which is posted out to our members. You will find on the back page a Membership Renewal Form. Please return with payment (electronic or cheque) to our club post box. Remember, you **MUST** be a financial member to retain your historic registration. All correspondence during the year can be found on our web site www.historicrally.com.au.

The beginning of the year started with another well designed event, the fluffy duck. Thanks to Russ Baldwin, we all enjoyed a run to Tea Gardens via dirt or tarmac. The local sporting fields had a large car display, which were interesting viewing. Ron Fraser and David Brown set another Des West Rally, which started at Peats Ridge. A great selection of roads around the Yarramalong valley before lunch, finishing at Pokolbin. The Heart of The Hunter drew out all of our tarmac cars. As a director, I was extremely pleased to set an event with only a couple of tie breaks for minor placings. As President of AHRG, a 1966 Lotus Elan winning the event outright was just fantastic. Congratulations to Ivor & Daughter, Sally Davies. Second place was a 1972 Datsun 1600 and third place a 1968 Alfa Romeo GTV. HOW GOOD IS THAT ! Great to see classic cars being driven in our events and owners using them despite upward trends in values.

In May a small group from our club went on a weekend wander up to Coffs Harbour via Dorrigo. Hal Moloney set out an all dirt adventure called Rally Roads to Raleigh. Forestry and shire roads were the order of the day with a Friday overnight in Dorrigo. Saturday started with a visit to the sky walk, then down Waterfall Way to a section of Forest called "The Horseshoe". This was synonymous with the Southern Cross Rally and 1995 round Australia. Hal copied the road book from 1995 and gave us a copy. I last travelled this in 95 at night at full speed, lucky I couldn't see the huge drop offs. Haven't things changed in 24 years. Forestry signs had rusted away, trees across the route were a small hazard to drive over. Most cars dragged out branches under their car, some slippery mud, all added up to a great time had by all. Lunch was at the Pub with no Beer at Taylors Arms. I then handed out some route instructions to follow some of the WRC stages around Maxville. Five stages were retraced and an overnight in Sawtell. Sunday morning we headed out to Raleigh Race Track.

Mr Piggott, the owner, set us up with transponders and let us loose on a variety of tar and dirt rallycross tracks. Everyone had a huge smile, after each run. Mid afternoon we headed home. I am being pressured to run this event again next year.

The club continues to prosper thanks to our hard working officials, well balanced committee and you our members. As always, I would like to see many more vehicles at our events. Remember, I know what you have in your garage. I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and hope to see you at an event next year.

Yours in Rallying

Geoff Thomas.

2020 Calendar

Club Meeting Dates

Our meetings are held every second Tuesday of each alternate month at 7:00pm

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

Tuesday 11th February (AGM)

Tuesday 14th April

Tuesday 9th June

Tuesday 11th August

Tuesday 13th October

Tuesday 8th December

Club Event Dates

(See website for full sup regs and info)

Final dates to be confirmed and forwarded to CAMS

Fluffy Duck March

Des West Winter Classic June

Heart of the Hunter August

Evan Green November

Christmas Rego Run & Party December

Club Details

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Rod Piggott
Carey Fraser

AHRG WEBSITE

Visit www.historicrally.com.au

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

Gerry Crown and Matt Bryson Win Again

AHRG club members Crown and Bryson have won the Peking to Paris for a remarkable 3rd time. At just 87 years of age, Gerry with co driver and car builder Matt have completed another gruelling 8,500 miles in their 1974 P76.

Starting at the Great Wall at Peking (Beijing) and crossing twelve countries before finishing 36 days later in Paris, the all conquering local duo repeated wins from 2010 and 2014.



Classic Vehicle Scheme

The AHRG committee are please to advise we are now an affiliated club with the Council of Motor Clubs (CMC).

This affiliation provides our members access to Classic Vehicle Registration for those vehicles that do not comply with the regulations defining a Historic Vehicle.

For those members who require Classic Registration, for your initial registration you will need a blue slip, an engineers certificate if modifications warrant certification, then present to Geoff Thomas as per the current arrangements.

Your paperwork must then be forwarded to the CMC for endorsement before you can present to the RMS for registration.

Full details of the procedure can be found on the club website.

Message Board

Notice To All Members

All members with AHRG Club registration please note:

The Committee has voted and passed the following: Club Plate Holders registered with AHRG must compete in **at least one organized event** during the year to retain certification by the club. ALL Club 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 NOVEMBER each year and should be renewed BEFORE then to maintain your membership of the club and also legal registration of club plated vehicles registered under the AHRG regardless of the RMS renewal date.

Call for Help (again)

As many of our members are aware, our events are a great way to get out and enjoy our historic and classic vehicles, meet fellow enthusiasts, and tour some of the many roads of our great area. What not all of our members realise, is those events are arranged by a very small number of our members, who volunteer their time to design, and run those events.

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

We are looking for people who would be interested in assisting in the first instance, and hopefully then gain CAMS accreditation to then be able to run their own events.

CAMS currently have an online officials course which members can complete. Further courses are available to upgrade your accreditation for all levels of CAMS officialdom that are conducted across various locations in NSW.

Upcoming Club Events



Evan Green Memorial

Sunday November 17

First car away at 10:00 am from Branxton.

Christmas Rego Run

Sunday 1st December

For those who haven't made an event all year,
this is your last chance to attend.

AHRG Christmas Party

Sunday 1st December

Come join us as we reminisce another year passing.
Directly after the Rego run, all are welcome to meet at
Valentine Bowling Club

Australian Historic Rally Group Incorporated
Annual General Meeting

11th February 2020

7:00pm

Diggers Wallsend - 5 Tyrrell St, Wallsend NSW 2287

All financial members of the AHRG are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting, members must be financial to be eligible to vote.

The business of an AGM will be

- Confirm the minutes of the last AGM.
- Receive from the committee, reports on the activities of the association during the last financial year.
- Receive the association's financial statements or reports.
- Elect/appoint members of the committee for 2020.

There are no special resolutions proposed for determination at this years AGM.

Nominations for positions on the club committee must be received by the returning officer (via the secretary) no later than close of business Tuesday 28th January 2020.

Members wishing to raise general business at the AGM must advise the secretary no later than close of business, Monday 5th February 2018 for inclusion in the meeting agenda.

Proxy forms must be received by the returning officer (via the secretary) no later than close of business Tuesday 28th January 2020.

Regards,

Darren Grainger
Secretary