

The Rusty Relic

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TAMWORTH & DISTRICTS ANTIQUE MOTOR CLUB INC

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At Moonbi Motor Show 8th March 2025



Trophy Winner 1951 Chev Styleline

Photos by Gary Grout

Tamworth & Districts Antique Motor Club Inc.

“Dedicated to the Restoration, Preservation & Use of Antique Motor Vehicles”

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Club Meetings:	FIRST THURSDAY of each month (except January)	7.15 for 7.30pm start at Salvation Army Church Meeting Room 328 Goonoo Goonoo Road, South Tamworth
Club Newsletter	“The Rusty Relic”	Published by the committee
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TfNSW (RMS):	Conditional Registration Website:	https://roads-waterways.transport.nsw.gov.au/roads/vehicle-registration/how-to-register-a-vehicle/historic-vehicles/index.html

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Requirements for vehicles/motorcycles on Historic Vehicle Scheme (HVS):

- They **MUST** be as **CLOSE TO ORIGINAL CONDITION** as possible, with **NO ALTERATIONS** except for safety features, such as turn indicators & seat belts, and **must be over 30 years old**.
- TDAMC Members are permitted to attend events listed In the ‘Rusty Relic’ Events page, but **you will need to carry a copy of the latest magazine or events page with you**.

Logbook 60-day scheme: Members that are on the 60-day Logbook Scheme must fill in the booklet for each day’s use **if it is not listed in Club Events**.

Logbook must be filled out for maintenance (test runs), rego checks & personal use and carried with you. (If not on logbook scheme you must contact the Secretary for maintenance runs and personal use).

See back page for more information

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) (previously RMS) website:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/vehicle-registration/how-to/historic-vehicles>



TDAMC CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR 2025

Events Co-Ordinators

Gary Grout Ph 0427656149

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April	2	Wed Bike Ride for OLDER BIKES (also for cars) meet 10.00am at Bakery Goonoo Goonoo Rd
	3	Every first & third Thursday - Tar Bike Rides - meet for coffee at BP Viaduct Servo at 10.00 for 10.30 start for rides – second & fourth Thursday coffee only
	3	General Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm Start – Salvation Army Meeting Room
	8	Dirt Bike Ride – meet for coffee at BP Viaduct Servo at 10am for 10.30 to start ride
	9	Club BBQ - meet 4.30 at Tamworth Lookout – bring chairs & your own drinks Names needed by 7th April (ph 0427656149) for catering of food provided free for club members
	13	Show & Shine at Bunnings between 9 & 11am – Coffee available to buy Option for drive Lunch /ride after 11.00am – lunch venue to be decided on the day
	13	Club run – meet 11am in Bunnings car park – lunch at Werris Creek Bowling Club Ph 0427656149 by 10th April for lunch booking
	16	Wed Bike Ride for OLDER BIKES (also for cars) meet 10.00am at Bakery Goonoo Goonoo Rd
May	22	Dirt Bike Ride – meet for coffee at BP Viaduct Servo at 10 for 10.30 to start ride
	1	Every first & third Thursday - Tar Bike Rides - meet for coffee at BP Viaduct Servo at 10.00 for 10.30 start for rides – second & fourth Thursday coffee only
	1	General Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm Start – Salvation Army Meeting Room
	2-5	Macleay Valley Rally at Hat Head & Kempsey - <i>entry forms available</i>
	3-4	Quirindi Rural Heritage Village Show & Swap Meet & Miniature Trains
	7	Wed Bike Ride for OLDER BIKES (also for cars) meet 10.00am at Bakery Goonoo Goonoo Rd
	13	Dirt Bike Ride – meet for coffee at BP Viaduct Servo at 10 for 10.30 to start ride
	17-18	Tamworth Motor Show -TRECC - Phone: Gavin 0427 604 265 Chris 0418 618 720 Entrants' forms on website: tamworthmotorshow.com – email: rotamwest@gmail.com
	18	Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea – venue to be decided
	21	Wed Bike Ride for OLDER BIKES (also for cars) meet 10.00am at Bakery Goonoo Goonoo Rd
	23-26	Halfway Rally hosted by Newcastle District Vintage & Classic Car Club based at Boolaroo & Argenton – Entry forms & rally details are available, for enquiries contact Ray Ives on 0427421513.
	27	Dirt Bike Ride – meet for coffee at BP Viaduct Servo at 10am for 10.30 to start ride
June	4	Wed Bike Ride for OLDER BIKES (also for cars) meet 10.00am at Bakery Goonoo Goonoo Rd
	5	Every first & third Thursday - Tar Bike Rides - meet for coffee at BP Viaduct Servo at 10.00 for 10.30 start for rides – second & fourth Thursday coffee only
	5	General Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm Start – Salvation Army Meeting Room
	10	Dirt Bike Ride – meet for coffee at BP Viaduct Servo at 10am for 10.30 to start ride
	18	Wed Bike Ride for OLDER BIKES (also for cars) meet 10.00am at Bakery Goonoo Goonoo Rd
	24	Dirt Bike Ride – meet for coffee at BP Viaduct Servo at 10am for 10.30 to start ride
July	18-20	TDAMC Bike Rally based at Paradise Park, Tamworth – <i>entry forms available ph 0418805221</i>

NOTE: When on a Tamworth & Districts Antique Motor Club Inc event the Club is not liable if you cause a road accident or breach road rules, it is the responsibility of the driver or rider.

OTHER EVENTS 2025 (Use LOGBOOK for these events if using Historic Registered Vehicle/Bike)

Apr	4-6	Inverell Motorcycle Restorers Club Inc. 30th Annual Bike Rally, Pre Rally 2 nd & 3 rd – program & entry form available – entry close 21 March.
	19	Studebaker Nationals Show & Shine 9.00am – 2.00pm Bicentennial Park Tamworth
May	2-3	Pre 1931 Annual Autumn Tour based in Armidale
	20-25	Coffs Harbour & District Motorcycle Restorers Club 41st Rally, 20th - 25th May - <i>entries close 9th May</i>

TAMWORTH & DISTRICTS ANTIQUE MOTOR CLUB GENERAL MEETING

Held at Salvation Army Meeting Room, Goonoo Goonoo Rd, Tamworth – 6 March 2025

Meeting opened 7.35 pm by Mike Pett

Present: 22 members

Apologies: Barry Thomas, Reg & Heather Roberts, Mark Jeanes, Wayne Foster, Lindsay Wallace, Auriel Smart, Bill Hobbins, Peter Walton, Ian Kearney (new member), Neil Thornton, Gary & Karen Turner

New Member: Graeme Marker with 1995 Harley Davidson

Correspondence Out:

- Sympathy card to Neil Thornton on the death of his 94 year Mum.
- Email to Transport for NSW with details of additional HVS Inspectors for motorcycles: Scott Heatley & Peter Barker.

Correspondence In:

- Email from Transport for NSW thanking us for the update of HVS inspection officers.
- Email from CHMC with Agenda and Notice of General Meeting on 28 March in Dubbo, also Dinkum Oil newsletter No.29.
- Email from Transport for NSW Drive Lite February edition about Period Accessories for HVS & CVS Vehicles.
- Letter and Invoice from Australia Post.
- Entry form and program for Valley Rally at Hat Head and Kempsey on 2-5 May.
- Entry form for Vintage Motorcycle Club of Aust 70th Annual Rally for pre 1948 motorcycles based in Bathurst on 31 Oct to 8 Nov.
- Statement from Regional Australia Bank.
- Magazines from various clubs

Correspondence moved by:

Moved by Allen Carlson seconded by David Smith¹

Minutes of 6th February moved by:

Moved by Brian Wiggs seconded by Pat Lawlor

Treasurer's Report:

Moved by David Smith¹ seconded by Dave Smith²

General Business:

- Happy Birthday to Allison for today, Gregg for yesterday and to David Smith¹ for next Tuesday.
- **Bike Rally:** Hospital Auxiliary will be catering for Saturday night meal, 2 courses.
Entry forms will be ready soon
- Mike spoke about a Triumph Herald advertised for Sal at Port Macquarie plus other interesting vehicles and bikes.
- Mike sadly announced the death of long time club member Bruce Barnes on 2/3/25 aged 70. Funeral Tuesday 11am at St Johns Church. Bruce won Australian Championship in go carts. He had a 1964 Cortina, Honda 350 and BSA bikes and previously owned Westside Motorcycles then Southside Motors.
- Will look into the cost of posting of the magazines. Would like to see members pick up magazine for members that are unable to attend a meeting.
- Greg Reive talked about a website if the club is interested. He has sent a test site to have a look at from a different club. The site can be looked on your phone. <https://test.ubeaut.work/>
The domain name tdamc.org.au is available. Cost for site is approximately \$23 for domain name and he can run it for free on his set up at home (no guarantee of 100% uptime). If you want to get professional hosting then it would be about \$250 per year roughly.
The members said they will look into it.
- Report in another club magazine: It was reported that at a previous Gnoo Blas event, a police officer had taken photographs of some HVS registered cars and after subsequent checking of inspection certificates, there were fines issued between \$8,000 and \$12,000. He said there is now discussion around HVS cars being required to correspond with the vehicle's compliance plate – for example cars with plates showing six cylinder or bench seats must have six cylinder/bench seat. The message being - be aware.

Events Report:

Mar	5	Ride for older bikes, including cars, meet 10am at Bakery on Goonoo Goonoo Rd
	6	Every first & third Thursday - Tar Bike Rides meet for coffee at BP Viaduct Servo – 10.00 and leave 10.30 for ride.
	6	General Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 start at Salvation Army meeting room

- Mar 8 Moonbi Motor Show & Swap Meet, Moonbi Showground. 9am-4pm Judging of vehicles at 3pm, \$5 entry for non show & shine vehicles.
- 9 Show & Shine - meet at Bunnings between 9-11am. Coffee available to buy. Option for drive/ride after 11am. Lunch place to be decided on the day
- 11 Dirt Bike Ride - meet for coffee at BP Viaduct servo at 10.00 to leave at 10.30 for ride
- 12 Mid week lunch - meet 12noon at Dragon Palace Chinese Restaurant
- 19 Ride for older bikes, including cars, meet 10am at Bakery on Goonoo Goonoo Rd Lunch venue to be decided on the day.
- 22 Grey Fergie Muster, at grounds north of Bendemeer Hotel.
- 25 Dirt Bike Ride - meet for coffee at BP Viaduct servo at 10.00 leave at 10.30 for ride
- 28-31 CHMC Annual Rally based in Dubbo also CHMC General Meeting 28 March.
- April ? BBQ evening meal at the lookout

Logbook Events

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- 19 Studebaker Nationals Show & Shine 9:00am - 2:00pm Bicentennial Park, Tamworth

Other Events as per events page

Social Committee: Raffle won by Mike Pett

Sargent at Arms: No fines issued

Meeting Closed: 8.25

Next Meeting Date: General Meeting to be held 3rd April 2025

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**April: 7<sup>th</sup> Stuart Larkham, 18<sup>th</sup> Mike Pett, 18<sup>th</sup> Gary & Val Grout's wedding anniversary**

#### **HISTORIC VEHICLE/BIKE REGISTRATIONS**

If your HVS vehicle is **due for registration within the next 2 months**, collect a signed and stamped RMS "Historic Vehicle Declaration 1259 Form" from Val at a meeting or on a club run, or arrange with Val to have it mailed to you. *(It must be original so cannot be emailed).*

Gregg McLean can also stamp and sign off on the 1259 Form (but not doing rego checks).

For **motorcycle Rego checks** Phone Peter Walton on 0414669434 and when passed you will be able to get the 1259 form stamped & signed then, **as long as your membership is current.**

Scott Heatley is doing Rego checks for motorcycles in Werris Creek & Quirindi, also Tamworth when he is in the area Ph 0417445058, as well as Peter Barker Ph 0408963433

***(Membership payments due 1st July)***

#### **MOONBI KOOTINGAL MOTOR SHOW– Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

TDAMC attendees were: David Smith<sup>1</sup> - 1993 Capri; Gregg McLean - 1974 Triumph convertible; Pat Lawlor – 1952 MG TD; Steve & Judy Grierson 1975 HJ Holden - Gary & Val Grout - 1959 Chev; Peter Thomas; Warwick & Allison Hord; Mark Jeans came with Michael in his Ford Meteor.

Quite a large contingent of cars and trucks on show as well as some motorcycles, tractors, and a few military vehicles and stationery engines. The antique steam engine was a big drawcard. There were some market stalls, and a swap meet where Warwick & Allison sold a few items. Money raised at the gate this year will go towards local schools, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service and Cancer Council.

– Val Grout



## MOONBI KOOTINGAL MOTOR SHOW- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March



Pat Lawlor's 1952 MG TD



Gregg McLean's 1974 Triumph convertible



Grout's 1959 Chev Belair



Grierson's 1975 HJ Holden Wagon

*Photos by Gary Grout*



## MOONBI KOOTINGAL MOTOR SHOW- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March



Tom Sullivan's 1991 Commodore ute



1926 Overland Whippet



1948 Triumph ST Coupe  
- Photos by Gary Grout



## BUNNINGS SHOW & SHINE – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March

TDAMC attendees were: Dave Smith<sup>2</sup> - 1986 BMW Coupe; Robert Tudgey - motorcycle; Peter Thomas; Gary & Val Grout. Jamie Toole was working at Accor Stadium with the car races, Mike Pett was at Sydney Motorsport Park historic bike races.

Only Brian Orman from TVCC and a couple of others there, maybe because a large number of cars were at the Moonbi Motor Show the day before. Had a chat and a coffee in the café with Dave after he took a three bags of cow manure to his car. Looks like he will be shovelling sh..t. - Val Grout

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MID WEEK LUNCH MEAL – 12th March 2025

Attendees were: David Smith¹; Gary & Val Grout; Jim Kline & Auriel Smart; Greg Reive; Neil Thornton; Warwick & Allison Hord; Steve & Judy Grierson.

Met 12noon for lunch at the Dragon Palace Chinese Restaurant. Meals were quite large as they come with rice which makes the meal cheaper than for evening meals. Some of us took home a doggy bag. It was David's 80th birthday the previous day so we had a cake for him. After lots of talking and eating Grierson's, Grout's & David still did our usual and had a sundae across the street at Hungry Jacks.

David celebrated his 80th birthday on Thursday 13th with a few friends and his son Jason. He was limited to 20 people at the Calala Inn as it was booked out for other groups. One group was Friends of Nioka which our club donated funds from our bike rally. David then celebrated his birthday again at the weekend with his family in Port Macquarie. - Val Grout

At Dragon Palace Chinese Restaurant



80th Birthday cake for David¹ with Neil watching on



David looking at wallpaper in Dragon Palace



Sundae time at Hungry Jacks for Val, Judy, David & Steve



David's 80th birthday at Calala Inn - David with Jason

- photos by Gary Val Grout

GREY FERGIE & LAND ROVER MUSTER - BENDEMEER – 22nd March 2025

TDAMC Attendees were: Gary & Val Grout -1959 Chev; Warwick Budd came with a friend, Gary Turner was with his family and young grandchildren.

Not many cars on display. We joined a few from Walcha Road Historic Club and Phillip & Brian Orman, TVCC, in Mustang. There were about 25 Land Rovers on display, and on the lower bank of the Macdonald River were around 120 Ferguson Tractors neatly in a line. Anne & Winston Doak have been organising this event for while being held every three years. There was a tractor muster on the Friday then a grand parade in Bendemeer streets on the Saturday. Tractors came from far and wide mostly travelling at 20k per hour. David Spokes and Howard Hurlston from Hastings Club, Port Macquarie, took their Fergies on a truck.

Food stalls run by CWA and Bendemeer School plus some market stalls and a coffee van. Good old music was being played on the back of a truck. I saw an elderly couple doing ballroom dancing on the grass in front of the truck stage. Gary and I had lunch joining the Walcha Road Club under their marquee as it was getting quite warm and humid after rain during the night and a foggy start to the day.

The historic Bendemeer Store reopened, with new owner, just in time to cater for the many visitors to town. Also Bendemeer Hotel, sponsor for the event, was very busy.
- Val Grout



Line up of Ferguson Tractors



One of the oldest there - 1949 Ferguson Tractor



Grout's Chev & a line-up of Land Rovers



Ray Brazell's Holden from Walcha Road Historic Club



Phillip Orman's Mustang



photos by Gary Grout

Land Rovers

JUST FOR FUN

A woman awakes during the night to find that her husband is not in bed. She puts on her robe and goes downstairs to look for him. She finds him sitting at the kitchen table with a hot cup of coffee in front of him. He appears to be in deep thought, just staring at the wall. She watches as he wipes a tear from his eye and takes a sip of his coffee.

"What's the matter dear" she whispers as she steps into the room, "Why are you down here at this time of the night?"

The husband looks up from his coffee, "It's the 20th Anniversary of the day we met."

She can't believe he has remembered and starts to tear up. The husband continues, "Do you remember 20 years ago we started dating, I was 18 and you were only 16," he said solemnly.

Once again, the wife is touched to tears. "Yes I do" she replies.

The husband pauses, the words were not coming easily. "Do you remember when your father caught us in the back seat of my car."

"Yes I remember," says the wife.

The husband continued. "Do you remember when he shoved the shotgun in my face and said, "Either you marry my daughter, or I will send you to jail for 20 years."

"I remember that too" she said.

He said, "I would have gotten out of jail today."

Once you understand why pizza is made round, packed in a square box, and eaten as a triangle.... Then you will understand women.

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The aged adult version of "Head, shoulders, knees and toes" is "Wallet, glasses, keys and phone."

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The many ways to tell the time in armed forces.

On some air bases, the Air Force is on one side of the field, with the control tower in the middle.

One day the tower received a call from an aircraft asking, "What time is it?"

The tower responded, "Who is calling?" the aircraft replied, "What difference does it make?"

The tower replied, "It makes a lot of difference. If it is an American Airlines flight, it is 3 o'clock.

If it is an Air Force plane, it is 1500 hours. If it is a Navy aircraft, it is 6 bells.

If it is an Army aircraft, the big hand is on the 12 and the little hand is on the 3.

If it is a Marine Corps aircraft, it's Thursday afternoon...."

~ ~ NOTICES ~ ~

- Rego checks for HVS (Historic Vehicle Scheme) cars to be done with Stuart, Brent or Dion Larkham at Engines 4U, 117 Marius St, Tamworth - Phone 67613636 for booking.
- Cars new to the club are to be inspected for HVS eligibility by David Smith¹ ph 0411351418.
- Rego checks for HVS motorcycles by Peter Walton ph 0414669434, OR at Engines 4U for booking ph 67613636. Scott Heatley bike Rego checks in Werris Creek & Quirindi ph 0417445058

Requirements for vehicles/motorcycles on HVS (Historic Vehicle Scheme):

- They MUST be as CLOSE TO ORIGINAL CONDITION as possible, with NO ALTERATIONS except for safety features and must be OVER 30 YEARS OLD.

USE OF LOGBOOK: *(a new Logbook will only be issued by RMS when your registration is due)*

- Logbooks allow up to 60 days use per registration year. They are to be used for maintenance, Rego checks and personal use when out on a public road if it is not listed in TDAMC events.
- The driver's **FULL NAME** and the date must be entered in the Logbook at the start of each day's use. Only one entry per day is required, regardless of how many different drivers or trips taken that day.
- Entries in the Logbook must be in blue or black ink and must be carried in the vehicle when in use.
- Logbooks must be made available on request by a NSW Police Officer or an Authorised Officer and may be subject to audit.
- If the allocated 60 days Logbook use is exhausted, the vehicle can ONLY be used for club related events.

IF NOT ON THE LOGBOOK SCHEME maintenance runs need to go in the Day Book held by the secretary, also if attending rallies that are not listed in the magazine a Permit to Move Form is to be filled out.

FOR CLUB EVENTS: you need to carry a copy of the club's magazine or events page.

NOTE: TDAMC members with HVS registered vehicles/bikes **must attend at least 3 events per year.**

When out on the road on a TDAMC event make sure you abide by the road rules – **the driver/rider is responsible if in breach of RMS road rules or in an accident that the driver/rider is at fault.**