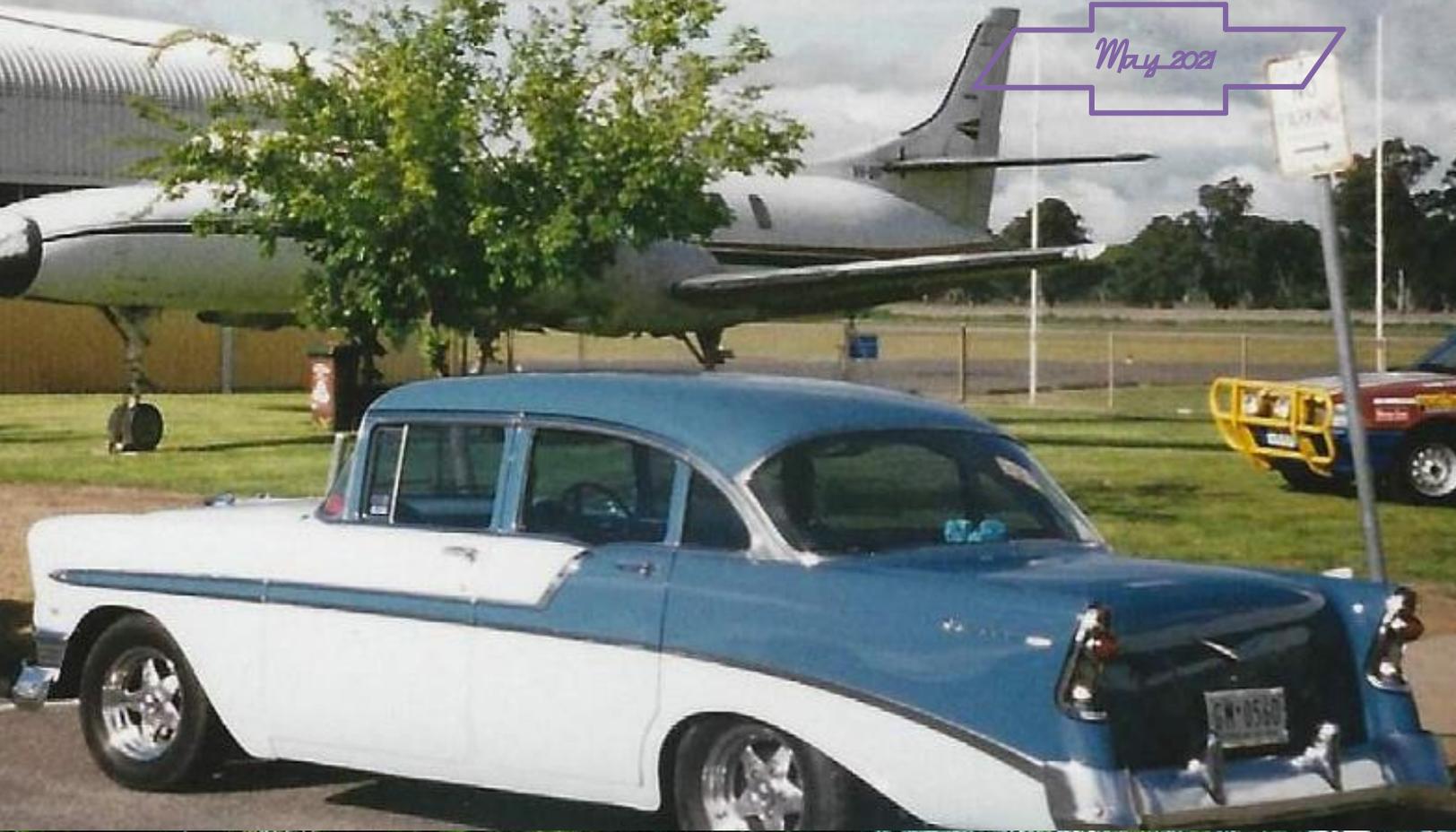
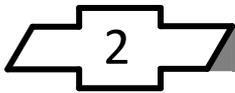


The Hot Ones

May 2021



**Official Newsletter of the
55-56-57 Chevrolet Club of Victoria**



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Membership

Full membership to the 55-56-57 Chevrolet Club of Victoria requires that you own a Chevrolet vehicle (of any year or model) and attend three meetings or club outings before becoming a "Full Member".

New membership fee is \$85 - new members receive a club polo shirt, stubby cooler and car club sticker. Renewal fees are payable at the August meeting and are currently \$60 per year, for both metro and country.

Associate Membership is open to those who do not currently own a Chevrolet but would enjoy our Club and its activities.

Meetings

First Wednesday of every month. (No meeting held in January) Starting time is 8:00 pm.

The Pines Learning Centre. 520 Blackburn Road, East Doncaster. Melways reference: 34 / D5

(The hall is directly behind the Pines Shopping Centre & The Pines Learning Centre is clearly sign posted)

Bank Details

Bank, CBA, Branch, Clayton (Vic)

Account number: 10087066

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Club Address

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Presidents Report

G'day Members

We get to hold our first meeting at The Pines Centre at last after what seems an eternity (well fourteen months!) Hopefully we can get back to normal having fun with our cars and getting to socialise a bit more. We managed to have a great day out at Dixon's Creek between lockdowns and Kilcunda pub after the last lockdown. Let's hope there's no more (lockdown's that is!).

The next run is in a couple of weeks (May 22-23) check the flyer in the April & this newsletter for more information. A weekend in balmy Ballarat before the winter chills set in - bewdiful! As Lois has said a few of us will be there on Friday and dining at the Red Lion pub that night so let her know if you will be joining us. On Sunday morning we will be visiting Dave Elliot's American Suspension, while checking out his cars and memorabilia you could pick up any suspension bits you need.

The club trailer is finished and looking forward to its debut, unfortunately I'll be towing the caravan to Ballarat so it will have to wait awhile, but after about ten years in the build I'm sure a couple of months won't hurt it's feelings. Although it is probably big enough to use as a camper!

On the injured list, we wish Peter Liston a speedy recovery from injuries suffered in a bad fall at home.

Congrats to the Cooks on tying the knot. A great photo of the happy couple. I wonder if they provided their own wedding cars!

As stated earlier, meetings are back on with plenty of rules. QR recording is now compulsory (no written lists) so if you have trouble with this we will help you out. Hand sanitising will be provided and social distancing must be observed, carry a mask and if you feel unwell stay at home and get tested. I'll be looking forward to seeing you again.

Stay safe and healthy

Cheers Steve



Meeting Minutes

Hi Blokes,

we have finally “dotted the T’s & crossed the I’s” to the satisfaction of Manningham council and have just got the go-ahead for Wed nights meeting.

If you can get there about 7:30 so we can have a catch-up before the meeting kicks off.

Electronic recording (QR) is mandatory now when entering the building along with plenty of rules.

Things to discuss.

- \$10 payment for red plate rego to be paid with annual fees. **Tony C** can you bring a copy of the 5C’s form for recording members cars, I can’t find the one you sent (I think it’s on my broken phone)
- 40th birthday (delayed by COVID) plans for later in the year.
- Anything else you want to.

Cheers Steve

Letters From The Editor

Hi everyone,

Our front cover, top photo features Joe Arena 1956 Chev. At the Wangaratta Convention. Bottom photo features Albert Mason 1956 Chev.

This month we feature our new member Scott Munro, he is in the process of re building his pride and joy, 57 Chev Bel Air 4 door hard top.

I would like to thank Steve, Jeff, Nick, Kaye and Scott for their contributions to this month newsletter edition.

Once again I'm asking our members, if you have any interesting stories of current or future builds and or other projects in the pipeline that would make interesting reading, please submit.

Congratulations to Chris and Chris Cook on their recent marriage.

See you this coming Wednesday 5th. May for our first official meeting

Drive carefully and stay safe.

Cheers

John

LOIS'S LINES

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Finally we can say welcome back to our club meetings. Now, I just have to remember to take supper.

So glad to hear Peter Liston is improving after having his terrible accident. Your friends in the club all wish you a speedy recovery Peter.



CONGRATULATIONS to Chris & Chris Cook on their recent marriage. We wish you both all the best for your future lives together.

BALLARAT RUN - MAY 22ND-23RD

Please let me know if you are arriving on Friday 21st & will be joining us for dinner at The Red Lion Hotel for dinner that night so a booking can be made.

MAY MYSTERY RUN

SATURDAY 22ND & SUNDAY 23RD

**We will be staying at the multi award winning BIG4
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Those arriving on Friday can join us at the nearby Red Lion Hotel for dinner around 6pm.

Saturday:

Breakfast (BYO)

10:30 – 11:00am - Observation Run will kick off. We should all be at our destination by noon where lunch is available for you to purchase. There is a cafe, bakery & hotel in town. The afternoon is free to explore the historic township.

5pm - Meet back at the Big4 function room for drinks (BYO) and pizza's (the club's shout).

Sunday:

Breakfast (BYO)

10am - Shop Tour at American Suspension. Morning tea provided.

Depart for home.



Please let Lois or Steve know if you are coming and when you are planning on getting to Ballarat.

Lois - 0417 017 990 / Steve - 0417 017 990

The (Mythical) Club Trailer - Part 2

Well it's finally done! Got the inside cleaned up and painted in white to brighten it up a bit. Brakes plumbed, wiring done, spare wheel carrier made and mounted to chassis. A 'little' bit of buffing later and ready to go, a trip to the weighbridge confirmed my thoughts - it's heavy. Got a VIN off VicRoads and booked in for inspection and rego, went well except I'd missed the tare weight on the ID tag, luckily I had the metal stamps with me and quickly stamped it on, asked if they had a plate ending in 55, 56 or 57 didn't get a choice but got one ending in 457. I had started a diary of hours spent and materials used, but after about 130 hours in the first month and no end in sight it was getting depressing so I scrapped that idea. Thanks to covid (couldn't go anywhere anyhow!) & CUB I managed to keep my sanity if not all my skin! Next job is to gather all the club equipment, BBQ's, marquees, etc and get it securely stowed away. Now to get back to the gasser project!



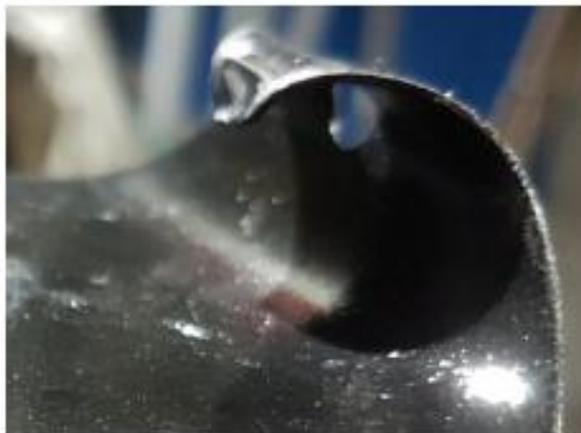
Some of the "fab" fab work



Before



After



Another mishap!
Door panel was flat and straight before I dropped it putting a neat curl in it and taking a bit more bark off the shins!

The (Mythical) Club Trailer - Part 2



Logo applied - clear coat to come



Side door ready to fit

NOW FOR THE INSIDE!



BEFORE



DURING



AFTER

The (Mythical) Club Trailer - Part 2



Applying the shine



Even found the old towbar for the Chevy



At the weighbridge – 440Kgs empty. Phew, it needs to go on a diet!



Gas struts with lock raise and hold side door



At Vicroads - Rego'd & ready to go!



Thanks to Jeff Wilson for designing & producing the template for the large club logo

SCOTT 57 CHEV BEL AIR 4 DOOR HARDTOP RE- BUILD

Hi everyone

As a relatively new member to the Club, Editor John suggested that a little article from me would be good to pop into this Newsletter.

I'm a 51 year old lawyer and have run my own law practice, Soho Lawyers, for many years. I like helping people with their contracts, and aim to write stuff that you can read and understand (a novel concept!). My main thing is contracts, buying and selling businesses, leases and the occasional dirty letter.

I have always been around cars. My old man (Dr John Munro) was into them, and used to rally drive in the 1970's, mainly Datsuns. He was also a CAMS Doctor for many years. He loved getting his hands dirty.

My first couple of cars were Datsun 1600's, and Dad and I would work on them together. Good times. Dad had given the rallying away, and became pretty involved with the MG car club. He built a TC boy racer, with a turbo (the purists didn't like that) that he would hill climb at Rob Roy, and a MGB to take mum in on the Club runs.

Dad and I used to go to the Formula 1 GP each year in Adelaide, and then in Melbourne, which was always a good weekend. Sadly he passed some time ago now.

I had always been a fan of American Muscle, and bought a '57 Bel Air 4 door hardtop a couple of years ago. A good solid car, but had been unloved. Apparently imported into Australia from Texas where it was owned by a little old lady who just drove it to Church on Sundays. The guy who I bought her off in Melbourne didn't treat her right. The electrics didn't work, the brakes were more like retarders, it leaked from everywhere etc ... so the rolling restoration began. Break out the cheque book.

The initial work was to get it safe and roadworthy. That stage was completed about 18 months ago. New brake system / suspension / lights / fix the leaks etc ... My partner Jodi and I love taking her out for a spin to the wineries down on the Mornington Peninsula, or for a Sunday cruise.

Stage 2 of the rolling restoration project is now underway. It started with fixing up some of the panel fitment issues, replacing the body mount rubbers, and sorting out an ongoing radiator leak issue that I was having. But, projects being projects, this has now morphed into a new crate 383 Stroker, reconditioning of the transmission, a bit of rust removal (in the boot mainly) and some paint. She is with Tony Morphett and the team at Garage 12 in Dromana where Bill the master mechanic is giving her some TLC. Its all progressing really well, and should be completed soon.

I will give everyone an update on progress once its all done.

Cheers for now
Scott



SCOTT 57 CHEV BEL AIR 4 DOOR HARDTOP RE- BUILD



The old engine



Something shiney



The new Jewellery box

NICK & KAYE NARRANDERA ROD RUN EASTER '21

Despite some limitations due to Covid, the annual Rod Run at Narrandera was held this year and with most other events either postponed or cancelled Kaye and I decided it would be a good destination for us and our first time back there since 1977.

With a few more locals including Bill and Kerin and Shelley and her partner Simon we headed off from Eastlink BP on a beautiful Thursday morning and after a pleasant day arrived at Lake Talbot Tourist Park late afternoon. Bill's skills were required in Finley when Kaye's 57 didn't want to start after refuelling. It turned out to be one of the coil wires was shorting. A quick stop saw us back on the road. We were met there by our son, daughter-in-law and grand daughter who live in Sydney and who brought their speed boat for some fun during the week after the run. The boat is a wood and fibreglass clinker with a 186 inboard built around the 60's.

The park was full with most sites being occupied by car enthusiasts. There was also a good representation of older caravans. Friday was occupied by registration and a fun afternoon at the local water park. Saturday consisted of a cruise and observation run to nearby Leeton. There was also a car show being staged in Leeton. Saturday night was busy with cruising in the Main Street until well after dark. The weather was superb with each day in the mid 30's.



NICK & KAYE NARRANDERA ROD RUN EASTER '21

The Show and Shine on Sunday was open to the public with limited numbers. Although entry was free, tickets needed to be obtained online and the quota of 5000 tickets was snapped up before Sunday.

One of the organisers had suggested that I tow our son's speed boat to it. It attracted a lot of attention in the show. Awards were presented in the afternoon with Shelley Duyvestyn winning the Observation Run. Only two answers out of 32 were incorrect.

There were 320 entries so along with the organising club cars there were 350 spread around the sports ground.

Monday was a quieter day with many leaving to travel home, or getting ready to leave on Tuesday. We were booked in to stay until Saturday so looked forward to relaxing for a few days. We spent time in the boat each day and I managed to get up on a single ski for the first time since 1985. It was great fun also watching our 9 year old granddaughter enjoying being towed on a biscuit.

The weather held out until Friday which was a bit cooler and we left the boat on the trailer while we started to prepare for a trip home on Saturday. We had a nice trip until around Seymour where the rain started but all in all we really enjoyed our time there and are already planning for a repeat next year.



NICK & KAYE NARRANDERA ROD RUN EASTER '21



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JEFF WILSON AT WINTON RACEWAY

This report is on the Holden Last Lap event held at Winton Raceway.

The Holden Last Lap (Holdens Only) event was held at Winton Raceway on Saturday the 24th of April. This was the third attempt to hold this event, the first was planned for March last year, but Covid stuffed that, then the organisers tried to run it in January this year but Covid crowd number restrictions stopped that, so finally they were able to run it on the 24th of April, but had to combine it with a Winton club day race meeting.

Although there was not a great deal of advertising done to promote the event the organisers were very happy with the number of cars and spectators that turned up.

In all there were just on 300 cars entered for the event, entries had to be done online so entries were slow at the start, but as word got around entries increased fairly quickly according to one of the organisers I spoke to. Overall they were very pleased with the numbers of cars and spectators and are starting to look at running the event again next year as a stand alone event.

I had entered my FE Holden and my fathers VL Commodore, which my son in law drove, it's now got him interested in cars again, probably not what my daughter was hoping would happen!!.

Unfortunately there were not a great deal of 50's and 60's era cars entered, a few FX & FJ's, my FE was the only one there, a couple of FB & EK's, EJ's and only 3 EH's. There were heaps of 70's & 80's era cars, then a lot of the late model Commodores.

During the day there were two time slots where they allowed the entered cars to cruise around the track, but this became a crawl with the amount of cars on the track. For a first time event I thought it was a good event and hopefully next year it will be bigger and better.

Here are some photos from the day.

Cars lined up ready to get out on the track



A shed full of Humpy's

JEFF WILSON AT WINTON RACEWAY



My FE and my fathers VL
Commodore

Restored VL
Interceptor, had all
the police gear of that
era with it including
the old breatho.



1952 FX, bought by a
Wangaratta local, from the
Holden dealer in Wang, sold to
2nd owner in 1975, crashed in
1976, repaired and repainted,
3rd owner bought it in 1986
and still has it, it's only had a
cut and polish the interior is
still original, the whole car still
looks great.

JEFF WILSON AT WINTON RACEWAY



This was the 2nd of the HDT service vehicles for the Repco Reliability Trails.



This is something I have never seen, an EH panel van with barn doors. The owner told me the barn doors were an option provided by Holden, but there were only 4 EH panel vans built with these doors, he said this one and one other are the only 2 known to be still around.

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44th Historic Winton Opens Online Tickets for Spectators

7/4/2021

Historic Winton, Winton Motor Raceway, near Benalla, Victoria Australia

[Spectators will now be able to attend Historic Winton on 22nd and 23rd May 2021 at Winton Motor Raceway.](#)

Ticket sales will open on Sunday 11 April at 10am from www.ticketebo.com.au/historicwinton.

Organiser and President of the Austin 7 Club, Len Kerwood said that a Tier 2 Covid permit, so now spectators could attend the scaled back event. "Tickets will only be available online and not at the gate to meet COVID contact tracing requirements," Len Kerwood said. "The event is a race-only event as we have not been able to curate vehicle displays however spectators including clubs are welcome to arrive in their historic vehicles.

"We will attempt to direct historic cars, bikes and other vehicles to a dedicated historic vehicle car park."

He said that the adult price was reduced to account for less attractions at this year's meet. Tickets will be \$30 per day for adults plus a small booking fee. Entry for children 17 and under are free and must be registered online through Ticketebo in advance.

Len said that car, bike and sidecar competitors were all very keen to return to Historic Winton after the hiatus in 2020 due to COVID lockdowns.

"Historic Winton is affectionately regarded by competitors and spectators alike, so we hope as many as possible support this iconic outdoor event in an unusual year," Len said.

"Of course, should COVID requirements become more restrictive or a lockdown occurs, tickets will be refunded, but the Historic Winton organising committee of the Austin 7 Club is hoping for the best and look forward to seeing a keen crowd at the 44th Historic Winton".

Camping enquiries should be directed to Winton Motor Raceway Ph: 03 5760 7100.

For accommodation, please contact Enjoy Benalla at 03 5762

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Left: Emblem

Right: Stubby Holder



Below: Ladies Shirt (cherry red and Mid Blue)



Right and above: Front and back Baseball Jacket



Above: Polo shirts (all members receive one when they first become members)

Below: Rugby Shirt



Above: Layer Jacket >New!



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