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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Clint Sharp

Hi All,

All the feedback from our first full club meeting with the new committee went well, with only one complaint. In my haste to get into the meeting I forgot to introduce our new Secretary, Virginia Chorley. My humble apology Gin I'll have to scrub up on my manners.

The presidents position is something I've thought of taking on for some time but have always had plenty of excuses not too. This time it felt right and I'm very honoured to be in the President's position, I'm also honoured to have such a great team with the committee and the sub committee all working hard towards one goal, to better the club for the members.

I had a call from past president Lee Mammarella congratulating me on my election as President.

Lee has added me to the Falcon GT Club of Australia Facebook page as admin. Although, now not a member, Lee still manages the page he created and does a very good job with 2800 members.

He keeps a strict code of conduct keeping it to car and GT related posts. I will use the page to post runs and meeting information for those on Facebook.

Lee was our club president for 5 years, our longest running president. He obviously loved the club. He and his family were always helping out and always on club runs as it would have been a big part of his life.

I see the many good things he did while President.. I'm not sure of all the details but like many committee members, I'm sure he had forces working for him and against him. For this reason I offered Lee a welcome back to the club anytime.

Well to finish off don't forget to update your contact details if they have changed. Send photos of your car or any articles to Lee Mills for the Newsletter. Also, if you have anything for 'Buy and Sell' send it along too.

Clint Sharp
President.



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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



David Watts

I spoke to the members present about the work being undertaken by the new committee toward improving the membership experience for our members. This work covers a broad spectrum of the club's activities including actively engaging the members, improved communications, quality and frequency of club runs and events and the optimum location/s for monthly club meetings.

ings.

The first step in this journey was to better understand our club membership demographic and I shared a flavour of the work already completed since the July 1 AGM. This work included a piece on the geographical location/spread of members which clearly showed that our members are based all points of the

compass across greater Melbourne, Country Victoria and outside Victoria. This member geographic location data will be used to develop our future calendar of events and club meeting location/s.

The committee's aspirational target is to have the complete 2016 Club Event calendar ready for sharing at the November 2015 club meeting.

As well as our 11 regular club meetings per year (no Jan club meeting), I related the committee's view that the club have say 4 "signature" club runs/events per year – maybe a Summer, Autumn, Winter & Spring run – where members have plenty of notice and we get a huge turnout. Expect these events to include at least one weekend away event. The 4 signature events would be supplemented by other "optional" events spread across the calendar year.

Watch this space!

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Virginia Chorley

CORRESPONDENCE IN: Newsletters from other car clubs.

NEW MEMBER: Rob Wilkes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As reported by David Frake. Accepted by Simon Piotrowski & Darrell Mitchell.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Clint thanked everyone for coming, then went straight into boasting about winning the bowling event that happened a few weeks back. (AMAZING trophy)

It was a successful event with eighteen people who attended. Looks like this will be a yearly event.

Discussion about attending the event to support the Mental health Foundation that is held at the Dame Elizabeth Murdoch House on 22nd Nov. Joe Barca and others suggest we don't need to be a part of this as we are exclusive on our own.

Peter Rujanoski, is getting married on this day, soooooo we are all going to his wedding hahaha!!

Discussions about the "HO's" having their own show, perhaps at Caribbean Market.

People have suggested to Clint to have Saturday Morning BBQ Breakfast as his work shop that could possibly turned into a Club meeting day.

Buy & Sell items included a fellow looking for a GT for an investment.

Interest in going to the Ford Factory and The You Yangs Testing grounds.

Reminder of the Winton Festival of Speed. Saturday the 8th and Sunday the 9th of August. Looked like 12 people are attending so far.

VICE PRESIDENT: Dave showed a couple of slides on the projector in regards to understanding the demograph-

ics of the club with the statistics that the club have on record. Lots of work is being done behind the scenes. Great work by all.

Fun day was had at the Tool Shed run. Meeting place was in Croydon and was a lovely drive for a hearty meal by the Open fire. Some fun awards were handed out as well. Plans to move this event to August, due to the weather.

Looking at 4 major runs a year, with a few smaller ones.

Eleven club meetings with one of those meeting held at GT Ford Performance which everyone loves to attend as the showroom is certainly amazing.

Permit owners must email through a photo of their car. This is a must from Vic Roads.

The Ararat run will be the 5th and final as Mick and Pauline are moving house. This is held on the Australia Day weekend, January 23rd and 24th 2016.

NEWSLETTER: Lee would like images of your beautiful cars to put into the newsletter and on our website, however, ID's will be removed so no security issues. You can email them to him –falcongtclub@mail.com

If you would like to have your car featured in the newsletter, send a couple of images and information like: Where did you buy the car from? How long have you had it? Anything interesting about the car? What have you done to the car? All images will not have the ID plates shown.

Small discussion of the 50th Anniversary in 2017. Ideas and talks at the moment. www.falconxrgt.com

RAFFLE WINNERS: Peter Rujanoski, John Calleja, Mark T & Ashley C.

Thank you to Grant (Shuffles) for helping with the raffle, some great prizes.

MEETING CLOSED: 9:40pm



Treasurer's Report



David Frake

Treasurer's Report – July 2015		
RECEIPTS:		
	Membership Renewals and Permits	\$ 3497.00
	Cash – Renewals and Raffle	\$ 650.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$ 4147.00
EXPENSES:		
	Catering AGM	\$ 720.00
	Mulgrave Country Club / Meeting	\$ 170.00
	Fox Trophies – Nameplates	\$ 182.50
	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 1072.50
Opening Balance as at:	1st July 2015	\$ 4993.27
	Plus Receipts	\$ 4147.00
	Less Expenses	\$ 1072.50
Operating Account Closing Balance as at:	31st July 2015	\$ 8067.77
Other Accounts		
	Term Deposit with NAB	\$ 25,000.00
	Nationals 2015 A/c	\$.04
	Float / Cash	\$ 205.00
	TOTAL NET BALANCE	\$ 33,272.81



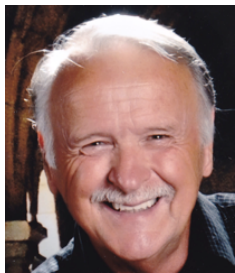
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REMINDER

When you pay your subscriptions or anything else using the direct banking credit system it is paramount that you give your name please. We have credits to the club bank account just saying 'GT Club' or something similar so we have no idea who to credit the membership payment .

EDITORIAL



Lee Mills

Most GT owners should be starting to be aware that with 2017 coming up it will be the 50th Anniversary of the birth of the Falcon GT.

This anniversary should be celebrated as not only the 50th year of the Falcon GT but it was the first high performance car built in Australia.

Within a couple of years all three major manufacturers got in on the act with their own versions. The manufacturers were sucked into the 'Win on Sunday and Sell on Monday' doctrine. It all lasted until the voter aware politicians in the early 1970's realised the high performance motoring enthusiast was a minority of voters and to take a 'safety' approach would win more votes, so they banned the further production of high performance cars, hence the Falcon GT, the Monaro and Charger were killed.

There is a website established to gather views on how to celebrate the

50th Anniversary of all the GTs. If you're interested, take a look. www.falconxrgt.com



Just to show you how times have changed I can remember putting 'mags' (sports wheels) on my car and VicRoads wanting to 'outlaw' them as being unsafe. VicRoads said all cars must only have steel wheels.

Boy, look where that brainpower ended. Is there a car made today that doesn't either come with standard sports wheels or has it as an expensive option.

We see all the time, how this country lags behind many sensible

driving options enjoyed by other countries and even other states within Australia. Take the 'turn left at any time law'.

It's standard practice all over the world, obviously in left hand drive countries it relates to 'turn right at any time law'. The CEO of Vicroads

was on the ABC and when asked about this law he said they were worried about the transition period so they won't bring it in. Well, NSW didn't seem to have a problem only that it relieved traffic congestion.

Then again when the retiring VicRoads CEO said a few years ago they might have made a mistake in creating so many bike lanes in the city to reduce the traffic lanes. When asked why they did it, he said that it was considered a means by which they could slow the traffic down and 'force' motorists to ride bikes. And we really pay these people to do their job !!!

Another obvious safety measure ignored by VicRoads. In the U.S. and other countries, if a vehicle is traveling at slow speed eg 35mph (60kph) in a 60mph (100kph) highway they must have their emergency flashers activated to warn fast following traffic of their slow speed. This particularly relates to heavy vehicles climbing hills on two lane roads, seems eminently sensible to me but then again maybe not to the 'bright sparks' in our traffic department.

If you have interesting ideas then let the editor know and maybe we can get more comments and observations in the 'editorial'.

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CLUB RUN

A bleak weather outlook of 11C with a chance of hail did not deter a keen group of members who headed off from the Croydon meeting point to drive to the Outpost Retreat at Noojee for lunch at the



renowned Toolshed Bar & Grill. Despite the less than desirable weather, quite a few members brought their GTs out for the trip. These included Clint and Elaine (plus Anthony and Callum) in the raw orange Ph.3 HO, Shuffles and Sammy in the red pepper XA GT, Lynne and Darrell in



the beautiful big fat neptune blue XB GT coupe, Frank and Dianne in the world's cleanest winter white BA GT and David and Maria in the (not as clean as Frank's) viper FG 335 GT. We also had Neil and his son join us en-route in Neil's very nice highly optioned polar white XB GT coupe.



Ron and Marilyn gave the faithful XR GT a rest this trip, opting instead to bring along their highly presentable silver jade '69 Mach 1 Mustang. Several other members including Nic and Virginia (plus Jaimee and Kyr-rah), Dave F, plus a few new guests (including a guy with a rabbit on his shoulder - yes I did say a rabbit on his shoulder) opted for their daily drives this time and altogether we had a reasonable sized convoy for the trip



through the refreshing Victorian countryside east of Melbourne down to Noojee where Lee and Barbara met up with us at the Toolshed after staying in the region the night before. A couple of Neil's mates joined us for lunch also (turned up in a nice old Cusso)

We did get some really light hail just after we pulled up at the Outpost Noojee but it was tiny and very light for just a few seconds as we walked into the Toolshed so no problem at all. Otherwise it was fairly cold so everyone quickly made their way inside to get some of that huge open fireplace the Toolshed is famous for. The Toolshed is also famous for its great meals and service and Sunday 26 July was no exception, all of our group of over 30 people enjoying a great lunch and refreshments without

hold-up even though the place was absolutely packed with patrons when we arrived. Lucky we booked ahead.....

Clint formally welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming out on the Club's run. He also created a lot of fun by recognising surprised re-



cipients with prizes for achievements such as; Longest distance travelled (Lee), Getting stuck on a separate table (Neil), Best FPV and Shiniest Wheels (Frank), Longest distance with least sleep (David) and Best non-GT (Ron). Prizes included; Top Loader Gearbox Wine, 9" Diff Wine, GTHO Olive Oil (High Output), GT Olive Oil (A bit less Output), FPV Olive Oil (Bred on HO Olive Oil but with Safety Features added)

For a late July forecast of a 11 C day with chance of hail it was a great turnout and kudos must go to those who brought their GTs on the day. Thanks to everybody who came along. It resulted in a really good Club day of driving, lunching, and socialising irrespective of the weather.

David Watts



Coming up

NEXT MEETING

September 2nd

Club Meeting – Shoppingtown Hotel Doncaster

General meeting of the Falcon GT Club of Australia Inc
at the **Shoppingtown Hotel, 19 Williams rd Doncaster.**
(Meeting starts at 8:00 pm)

SEPTEMBER CLUB RUN

SeptemberRun will be to the Blackwood Hotel, 22 Martin St, Blackwood VIC 3458. 20th September.

This is a great little town with walking trails within the small community. A short drive along the Western Freeway towards Ballarat turning off before Ballan and heading into the Wombat State Forest. An old timber town it's in a lovely location in the middle of the forest state park along a very good highway drive.



The location is less than an hour's drive out of Melbourne on excellent roads.

Hopefully we'll see many GTs making the trip.

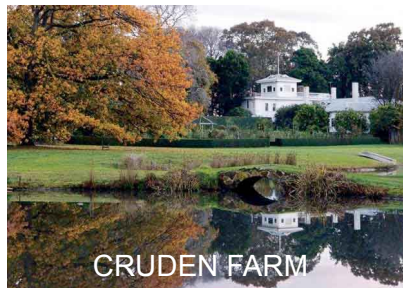
MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

BP Rockbank at 10.30 am for an 11.00 am take off for a 45 minute drive to the Hotel

FUTURE RUNS

The Committee is taking a longer look at future Club functions and are working on producing a full program for the next 12 months. Members can then plan to go on those runs that will appeal to them. This longer range planning will probably include weekend runs which are a terrific way to get to know other members.

Currently the only weekend run is the Ballarat/Ararat Run on the Australia Day weekend. It has always been well attended and the hosting by Mick and Pauline has made the weekend.



The next one coming up will be the last so it's suggested you all give good thought to it and contact them as per the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

While the October run is yet to be finalised the club has accepted an invitation to Cruden Farm, Langwarrin on November 22nd.

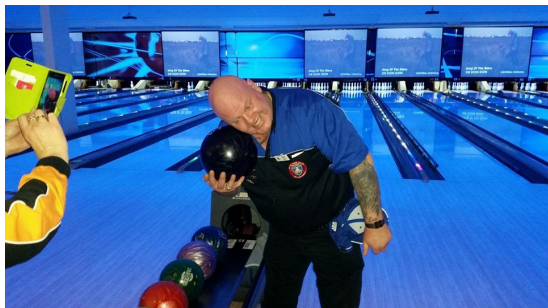
This will be a great location and the club will be amongst many other cars on display, in part, hosted by the RACV.

We'll look forward to great display from our club. Any wives or partners who may shy away from club runs would be well advised to go on this one as the gardens there are magnificent.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Hi Members and Families

Just a brief report on the FGTCOA vs FE FC Club of Victoria Bowling Challenge Sunday 12th July



A fun day was had by all who attended this challenge which included a 20 minute blackout, probably as a result of the horrible weather outside. This year we were successful in winning the inaugural shield with a total score of 3038 pins defeating the FE FC Club by 232 over two games, well done guys and ladies.

Trophy winners for our Club included Grant and Glenda Dean and President Clintons grandson Anthony.

Afterwards many of us headed to the Springvale Hotel for a scrumptious dinner and drinks joined by the members of the opposing team.

And a special thanks to Derrick and Jodie Roberts from the FE FC Club who's organisational skills made this fun day happen which included putting these fine trophies together.



Anyway this event will be on again next year and the Holden team have assured me the gloves are off and they're going to try and win the trophy back, so looking forward to the challenge.

I would personally like to thank all who attended and help make this day a success.

All the Best
Grant Shuffles Connell



NOTICE TO MEMBERS

I'm asking for members to assist in sending me articles for the Newsletter on their cars and history relating to their GT or any GT information in general. This to help make the Newsletter more interesting reading for all members.

I received a request from Paul Prestney Member (185) for assistance in finding GTs sold by his family's business 'Prestney Brothers' in Sale Victoria. Paul plans to put a book together but needs information and photos if possible from anyone who may own who did own a GT bought from them.

All information will be private and personal details will not published.



Paul went on to say *"The original owners name will be used. (as far as I can tell, no originals still have their cars)"*.

So if you have or may know of anyone with or had a GT sold by 'Prestney Brothers' then please let me know and I can forward the information on to Paul.



ASHLEY CAMPBELL'S XW (338)

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XY 5 Slot GT wheels 0434 573 090

Sell - Sth African GT fairmont contact braydon@bwvehicleconsulting.net



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Hey members, I need those little articles on your cars to make reading the newsletter interesting. While this is the club's newsletter it is designed to cover those subjects that members who don't get to meetings miss and general news about the club and our members.

CLUB MERCHANISE

Contact the club for any item or come to a meeting and pick them up immediately
(Price shown in brackets is for non members)



35th Anniversary / Club Hats & Caps \$20 (\$25)



Stubby Holders \$10 (\$12)



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Number Plate Surrounds \$5 (Members only)



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