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Newsletter #1 - 31st March 2019

AHMF 2020 National Historic Motoring Festival **Saturday 28th March to Friday 3rd April 2020**

This is the first of 6 bi-monthly Newsletters with a 7th newsletter due 29th February 2020. (*Newsletters 2 to 7 will be much smaller than #1, maximum 2 pages each - we promise!!*)

In 12 months you/we will be in Albury-Wodonga attending the AHMF 2020 National Motoring Festival. This week-long event commences Saturday 28th March, closing with the Farewell Dinner Friday 3rd April 2020, with great drives and good fun in between.

Have you checked out the website - www.ahmf.org.au/2020Tour? Yes! Excellent! All information you require for the Festival is on the website; complete your Registration/Entry online.

This festival cannot be compared with international events held in the 1970's and 1980's. Neither should it be compared with the Shannons 2001 Tour in Canberra. Times have changed; attitudes have changed; peoples priorities have changed. We have come up with new and different ideas. We have no preconceived ideas of what should or shouldn't or can or can't be done. We have the attitude of, "*Why can't it be done!*" We will deliver to you, a festival you will not want to miss!

This Festival is not "*just another rally*", not even a variation of the traditional rally. If you have been to Cooly Rocks, Chrysler's on the Murray, Golden Oldies Tours or Bay to Birdwood you will know there is more than one way to skin a cat. We are turning tradition on its ear; we are giving you something new, fresh, family-fun and affordable.

Why is AHMF hosting the AHMF 2020 National Historic Motoring Festival?

Australia's historic vehicle movement contributes hundreds of millions of dollars annually to our nations economy through restorations, vehicle running costs and events, along with donating enormous sums of money to charities. AHMF represents over 100,000 members. If each member was to spend just \$1,000 annually, combined we would spend in excess of \$100 million per annum. We ALL know \$100 million per annum is well below the figure the historic movement contributes to Australia's economy; this does not even take restorations and other expenses into consideration.

We all need to promote the historic vehicle movement and its contributions and benefits to Australia's economy. All delegates agreed to proceed with an AHMF all-make national event in 2020 (and possibly every 5 years in alternating states). This event is focusing on "Next Generation" and younger people driving older cars. Special promotions are in place for the younger entrant drivers, no Registration fee is paid by past-recipients of Robert Shannon Foundation Grants and AHMF are subsidising the costs for the children, making this a family-friendly and affordable event.

AHMF 2020 National Motoring Festival is the first national all-make historic vehicle event since the Shannons 2001 Tour in Canberra.

Who is eligible to attend?

This is an AHMF event though we welcome ALL historic vehicles, 25 years and older. (*This event does not cater for Hot Rods, Street rods or highly modified vehicles as they are represented by their own organisations.*)

Do you have friends overseas involved in the old car movement? Tell them about the Festival. Convince them to come along. Make it easy for them; lend them one of your spare vehicles. We have entrants from Singapore and New Zealand; it will be great to welcome entrants from other countries also.

Historic Motorcycles groups are participating and for the safety and enjoyment of all, motorcycles will drive the same routes as the 4-wheeled vehicles BUT on different days. The Veteran and slower vehicles are also not driving the with the later model vehicles. Again, they will drive the same routes but on different days.

The following vehicles are included - Veteran, Vintage, Post Vintage, Historic 50's, 60's etc up to 1995, Commercial vehicles, Historic Motorcycles, Historic caravans, Tractors & Traction machinery.

Albury-Wodonga vehicle groups and routes

We will showcase the fantastic motoring roads, scenery and attractions Albury-Wodonga districts have to offer and, more importantly, we will have fun!

We know John in his 1908 Renault, and Hart on his 1926 Harley and Sidecar, do not wish to cover the same ground in as I will cover in my 1970 Morgan yet we are all eligible and have registered. We have catered for all vehicles making it safe and enjoyable for all drivers/riders and passengers/pillions. There are shorter and longer routes with "short-cut" options.

To avoid congestion, we have a rolling-start from 8:30am to 9:30am daily, commencing from the SS&A Club in Albury (The Albury Sailors Soldiers & Airmen's Club Limited) and we will be broken up into 8 groups. SS&A is our base for the festival.

Registrations for the festival

All registrations are submitted via the AHMF 2020 National Motoring Historic Motoring Festival Website - <http://www.ahmf.org.au/2020Tour/>

Early Bird Prizes

The organisers have secured 3 excellent Early Entry prizes with a total prize value of \$3,233.

Enter and pay on or before 30th June 2019 to be in the draw for free accommodation for the event. For full details refer <https://ahmf.org.au/2020Tour/early.php>

Dietary requirements

If you have special dietary requirements for health reasons, please email the organisers on 2020Tour@ahmf.org.au and this will be attended to.

Brief outline

Saturday 28th March 2020

- Sign-in, collect rally bags and regalia at SS&A Club Albury
- Self-guided tours around Albury and Wodonga
- Welcome Evening and Official Opening at QEII Square, Albury

Sunday 29th March 2020

- Family Display Day (*open to the public*) at Gateway Lakes. Wodonga
 - 500 to 700 Historic Vehicles on Display
 - Tractors & Stationary machinery
 - Trader Village with trade displays
 - Craft Market and Vintage clothing
 - Feature display - Robert Shannon Foundation & grant recipients' vehicles
- Historic Motorcycles and Caravans
- Live Entertainment
- Market and food stalls
- Children's Entertainment
- Free Evening / Dinner at SS&A Club - *optional (at your cost)*

Monday 30th March 2020

- Optional Breakfast at SS&A Club (*at your cost*)
- Touring Options - 8 routes and 8 groups
- Happy Hour, Finger Food will be provided at SS&A Club Albury
- Free Evening / Dinner at SS&A Club - *optional (at your cost)*

Tuesday 31st March 2020

- Optional Breakfast at SS&A Club (*at your cost*)
- Touring Options - 8 routes and 8 groups
- Happy Hour, Finger Food will be provided at SS&A Club Albury
- Guest Speaker at SS&A Club Albury

- Free Evening / Dinner at SS&A Club - *optional (at your cost)*
- Sponsors Appreciation Evening at SS&A Club Albury

Wednesday 1st April

- Track Day at Motorsport Park - Limited to the first 80 entrants
- Wednesday Wonderful Women's Day
 - High Tea at SS&A Club (everybody welcome)
- Pizza Oven Evening - Wood-fired pizza at Hovell Tree Park, Albury

Thursday 2nd April 2020

- Optional Breakfast at SS&A Club (*at your cost*)
- Touring Options - 8 routes and 8 groups
- Dinner at SS&A Club - *optional (at your cost)* optional
- Live and Free - Live Band at SS&A Club

Friday 3rd April 2020

- Optional Breakfast at SS&A Club (*at your cost*)
- Touring Options - 8 routes and 8 groups
- Cocktail-style Farewell Presentation Evening at Albury Entertainment Centre

What is the cost? What is included? How do I pay?

AHMF is hosting an affordable and family friendly event. We have secured partnership packages with all savings passed onto the entrants and children's meals subsidised.

Registration of Vehicle (<i>per vehicle</i>)		\$ 50.00
	Includes: Souvenir Tour Booklet, Goody Bag, discounts, entry to the Army Museum Bandiana, Entry to Bonegilla Migrant Experience, Membership to SS&A Club Albury (optional), trophies and prizes.	
Per person	Adult	\$ 100.00
	Child aged 14 to 17 years	\$ 50.00
	Child aged 3 to 13 years	\$ 35.00
	Child aged 0 to 2 years	No charge
	Includes: Welcome Evening, Family Display Day, Happy Hour and Canapés Monday & Tuesday, Pizza Oven Evening Wednesday, Live & Free (live band) at SS&A Club Thursday night, Cocktail-style Farewell evening.	

Payment is via Bank transfer, MasterCard, Visa, Debit Card or American Express

Breakfasts - optional

SS&A Club will open their outdoor dining area each morning and have barista-trained staff to provide coffees, etc. for purchase if you wish. They will also have a daily BBQ breakfast special, e.g. 2 egg and bacon rolls for the price of 1, with any coffee purchase.

Tours from the States and Territories of Australia to Albury-Wodonga

The States and Territories have organised/are organising tours to and from Albury-Wodonga for the week-long AHMF 2020 National Motoring Festival.

CMC NSW

- CMC NSW have a Tour Organiser for the Tour to Albury Wodonga. Along with historic vehicles, she has a group of Vintage Caravans attending. Lynelle has visited Albury on a few occasions to organise the tour and accommodation with 25 registered in her particular group.
- To join the CMC NSW tour to Albury contact Lynelle Titcume on tic@ticauto.com.au

QHMC

- Albert Budworth, assisted by Cheryl Nott, has organised a Tour to travel from Queensland. His tour is limited to 40 vehicles (due to limitations on accommodation in some towns along the way).
- To join the QHMC tour to Albury contact Albert Budworth on albertdianebudworth@outlook.com, phone 0429 780 980 or 07 3398 8527. Cheryl can be contacted on 07 3341 5619.
- There is a large commitment from others in Brisbane, Dalby, Toowoomba, Roma and other country areas, travelling in their own groups.

FHMC SA

- FHMC SA cancelled their bi-annual tour to support to the AHMF 2020 National Motoring Festival and indications and historical data have SA at the festival with 80 to 100 vehicles.
- FHMC SA have established a committee of 8 for the running for the SA contribution to the Festival, with Nola Clisby as a guide. They are well under control and have contacted clubs enroute, organising events along the way.
- To join the FHMC SA tour to Albury, contact John Taylor on email jjsroadshow@gmail.com or phone 0408 835 082.

CMC WA

- Entries have been received for Vintage and historic vehicles from Veteran Car Club of WA, Collie Branch, driving from WA to the Festival with approximately 10 vehicles. I am sure they would be happy for more people to join their tour. Other entries have been received from WA with entrants travelling with their vehicles on trailers.
- To join other WA entrants on a tour contact Christine Stevens on 2020Tour@ahmf.org.au and your details will be passed on.

CHMC NSW

- Mike Beale advised, Parkes Club wish to participate in planning of the Tour to Albury-Wodonga.
- To join a CHMC NSW tour to Albury speak with Mike Beale, email mike.beale@inet.net.au or 0428 415 241 for an update.

FVVCVC

- The delegates of FVVCVC estimate, from the feedback they have received, that there will, conservatively, be 150 vehicles entered.
- To join a FVVCVC tour to Albury contact Neil Athorn on email neil.athorn@bendigoadelaide.com.au or phone 0408 033 839

If your state/territory has additional information you could like included in the 31st May Newsletter or if we can assist in any way, please let us know.

State/Territory Council assistance on the days of the Festival

The AHMF Festival committee has organising all tours, meals etc and State/Territory Councils have volunteered to take control of the days of the festival. If your Council has not yet volunteered please speak with organisers. Maybe your council could unite with another and put in a combined effort.

Saturday 28th	Registration + Welcome Evening	CHMC NSW
Sunday 29th	Family Display Day	<i>Volunteer required</i>
Monday 29th	Rolling Start + hand out packed lunches + Attend Happy Hour	QHMC
Tuesday 30th	Rolling Start + hand out packed lunches + Attend Happy Hour	<i>Volunteer required</i>
Wednesday 1st	Champagne High Tea + Pizza Oven dinner	FVVCVC
Thursday 2nd	Rolling Start + hand out packed lunches + Attend Happy Hour	FHMC SA
Friday 3rd	Rolling Start + hand out packed lunches + Farewell Evening	<i>Volunteer required</i>

We will contact each of the State/Territory Councils within 2 weeks (unless you wish to contact us earlier) to discuss ideas, what is required each day and we welcome and encourage additional suggestions. This is your festival and we encourage you to add your touches and flair to your day.

Youth Ambassadors

For our younger enthusiasts (under the age of 18) we have introduced the role of Youth Ambassador. They will be involved and commence their training for future events. Duties may include assisting at Sign-in, welcoming guests at Welcome evening, choose winning vehicles, presentation of trophies.

Accommodation

Albury and Wodonga have accommodation to suit every taste and budget. A number of accommodation operators have offered deals and packages specific to those participating in the AHMF 2020 National Motoring Festival. Accommodation is the entrants' responsibility.

Refer to our website - <https://ahmf.org.au/2020Tour/accommodation.php>

Sponsors / Partners

The Platinum Sponsor for this event is SS&A Club Albury, the hub for this festival. Please support our sponsors - <https://www.ahmf.org.au/2020Tour/sponsors.php> - as, without sponsors, events such as this cannot happen.

Entertainment and Activities

Like the ages of our cars, we have a wide range of age in entrants and passengers. Lets be honest, the type of entertainment which keeps me enthused is going to be quite different to what many others may enjoy. The layout of the SS&A Club lends itself perfectly to having a variety of entertainment, activities, bars and food every night and there are numerous other activities in the region.

Regalia

Regalia is currently being finalised to ensure the best price / quality combination. All entrants will be emailed as soon as regalia is released on the website.

We do have a limited release of ladies and men's Levi long-sleeve chambray sleeves with embroidered logo at \$37.50 each on the website - <https://ahmf.org.au/2020Tour/regalia.php>

Attendee statistics

We also have an excellent cross-section of vehicle ages and models registered for the festival.

Statistics as at 27/3/2019 are:

- 30% of all vehicles entered are Veteran and Vintage
- 2% are Vintage motorcycles (a number we are working on to improve)
- 50% are pre-1960
- 50% are 1960 to 1995
- Approx 85% of vehicles have 2 or more entrants per vehicle.
- The youngest driver entered (so far) is 21 years old with a driving a 1923 vehicle.
- The oldest driver entered (so far) is driving a 1948 vehicle
- 2 nominations have been received for Youth Ambassadors.
- Entrants per State/Territory Council
 - FVVCVC 24% - QHMC 20.5% - CMC NSW 16.5% - AOMC 9%
 - FHMC SA 7.5% - CMC WA 7.5% - CHMC 3.5% - CACTMC 2%
 - Others 9.5%

Questions and Feedback

Please contact the Festival Team if you have any questions, if we have missed anything and if you have suggestions for improvements. We are open to all feedback and very adaptable.

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