

Report to AHMF- 2014

Introduction

The Council continues to flourish with an increase in membership to 111 Clubs, covering some 6,000 members and 9,000 vehicles, of which 4900 are on Code 404 Concessional Licensing. Membership includes eight motorcycle clubs. These eight clubs include about 22% of the membership, 24% of the total vehicles and 30% of the Code 404 vehicles.

66 Clubs are covered by the PLI Insurance that the Council helped set up some years ago, 24 are covered but other insurers and the remainder have no coverage.

In August 2013 Peter Taylor retired as Secretary after eight years and was replaced by Peter Boreham. Fred Belford has retired as President of the CMC as of the AGM on 18 August this year and the position has been taken up by Geoff Moor. Esther Brockwell is the new Vice President, replacing Rowland Palmer, and Georgie Bennent continues as Treasurer.

Concessional Licensing (Code 404)

Negotiations with the Department of Transport (DoT) have been fruitful, and it is expected that the Concessional Licensing Scheme (Code 404) for historic vehicles will be finalised in the next few months.

Transport in concert with the CMC reps, John Mclean and Peter Taylor, have now developed a set of written business rules for code 404. This document will specify the complete operational procedures of all aspects of the code. This is the first time such a document has been produced. Currently there is an internal sticking point within DoT regarding vehicle transfer and how the Trelis system handles it. When completed, a new set of FAQs will be available on line and a new code 404 handbook will be issued to members.

In essence this scheme will allow concessionally licensed vehicle to be used on all events held by any club, for tuning and testing and for some limited special uses (eg weddings) for an annual fee of \$38.

Major changes to the existing system will be the removal of the annual inspection and reporting requirement and a limit of 30km radius for testing.

On a related matter, the Child Restraint Exemption fee has now been deleted and the exemption returns to the previous system of application by the event organiser for specific events.

Classic Car Show – 23rd March 2014

The weather was kind to us on this day, being the first time we have held it in April. Previously it was always in March but Whiteman Park considered the fire risk too high.

Park figures indicate some 15,000 plus members of the public attended and we had approximately 1,100 vehicles on display from 60 plus Clubs.

There is some concern as to the future viability of the event given that now we have to meet the cost of employing Parking attendants as well as paying for the St. John Ambulance and sound system etc. Unfortunately we can no longer legally attend to parking and vehicle movements in the Park by using volunteers – so almost 100% of our sponsorship monies go to cover these costs. In the past we were a major fund raiser for the Motor Museum but this now looks in doubt.

National Motoring Heritage Day

There were a number of club events on this day, but the major event was the ever popular Gingin British Car Day. Once again the weather was kind to us and a number of Clubs took the opportunity to participate. This is a free and open event, and no official count of attendees or visitors is kept. However, there were about 1,000 vehicles and in excess of 3,000 visitors on the day.

AHMF Tax Levy

In 2008/9 the Council of Motoring Clubs raised a levy from member clubs. This levy was intended to support the Australian Heritage Motoring Federation's engagement of a consultant to lobby the Federal Government on behalf of the AHMF and its members in regard of matters that were considered important to the historic vehicle movement in Australia.

As this lobbying never went ahead the CMC returned the contributions to the member clubs.

PLI Insurance

This continues to provide good cover and has been taken up by 66 of the member clubs with several other clubs still in the process.

Motor Museum of WA

The Motor Museum of WA has had a very good 12 months with turnover and visitor numbers increasing each year.

During the year a larger number of car and motorcycles clubs have made use of the dedicated area beside the museum to hold their display days and special occasions. Popular displays this year included a memorial to the late Jack Brabham, and currently the museum is featuring 50 years of the Mustang.

The annual Classic car Show, the ever popular Brockwell Run and the annual quiz Night were all well attended.

Donations have again been outstanding, and the museum has acquired a superb DeSoto Airflow saloon, and experimental Orbital Engine Company 3 –cylinder Ford, a 1948 police Wolseley from the late Farley Campbell and a Nissan Skyline, as well as number books, magazine and motoring memorabilia.

Planning for the museum extension is continuing, but in the interim the museum has purchased and converted several containers for storage.

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