



Event Report

By: Pam Stork

14 April, 2024

Lunch at Five Flags Hotel, Campbells Creek

Participants: John & Helen E/McM-S - Honda Deauville *Motorbike*, Mark R - 1992 Rover 216i Cabriolet, Chris & Michelle S - 2019 Triton Double Cab, Ian & Karen B - 1976 Valiant VK Charger, Alan & Dawn E - 1990 Mazda MX5, Alex & Lou M - Mazda 3, Peter & Sue R - Holden VF SSV, Mick H - 1979 Ford XD S Pack, Allan E - 1975 BMW R75/6 750 *Motorbike*, Rob T - 2024 Isuzu DMax, Mandy & Bohdan K - Honda CRV, Alan & Marguerite C - 1998 Porche Carrera, Daryl & Sandra D (*Back Markers*) - 2002 Mazda MX5, Alan & Pam Stork - 1981 Volvo 244 GL, **Guest:** John L - 1986 Yamaha XJR1200 *Motorbike*

The original plan for this event was to take up a suggestion from our members, Peter and Sue R to check out a hotel in Castlemaine. However, when we looked up the current reviews on the venue on the internet, they were quite bad, in contrast to how Peter & Sue found the pub when they were there. Unwilling to take the risk, I thought it best to go with a tried and true pub, so opted for the Five Flags Hotel in Campbells Creek. We have been there at least three times now, and they did not disappoint.

After a very pleasant gathering at Starbucks at DTC, where everyone was happy to sip coffee and chat all morning, we managed to get away a few minutes later than the planned 10:30 am departure time. Alan informed everyone that we were on a bit of a tight schedule, so there would be no toilet stop along the way. Taking the convoluted route that Alan had devised earlier in the week when we did the reccy for this run, we all managed to stay together as a long convoy of ten cars and one motorbike. Daryl and Sandra did an excellent job as Back Markers, keeping us informed the whole journey that all members were travelling well, with no mishaps or misadventures. Thank you, your help and wonderful photos are very much appreciated.

We were asked why we never take a more direct route to our destinations. The answer is that the run is about the journey, as much as the destination, and also, it would be a nightmare to try to keep a convoy of around a dozen vehicles together travelling through the busy streets of Ballarat with many traffic lights, roundabouts, stop signs, etc., etc. As well, we like to think that our members enjoy the scenic routes we endeavour to find for our runs, hopefully taking them along roads that they have not seen before. (*We are always happy for members to meet us at the destination point if that is their preference.*)

Our journey took us out through Haddon, Windermere, Miners Rest and Allendale. We skirted past Newstead, then through Guilford, catching a glimpse of the Big Tree that has recently suffered some major storm damage which tore some huge limbs from its ancient trunk. We pulled in at the hotel just a few minutes after noon, to be greeted by Alex and Lou, who arrived just as we did. John and Helen and their friend, John L were there waiting as well.

Everyone exclaimed how delightful the interior of the pub was, and after ordering our lunches from an excellent menu, most of us had only a few minutes wait for our delicious meals to arrive. We couldn't fault the Five Flags on the day. We received a lot of compliments from our members, both on the venue and the route. At around 2:30 when the last of us wandered outside, still chatting, we were greeted with glorious sunshine. The drive home, for most of us, was very pleasant. Unfortunately, one of our members had a mechanical issue with his motorbike not far down the road. A few of our people spotted him standing by his bike, in need of help, and were quick to render assistance. When he got going again, and the motorbike began to make an ominous grinding sound, Allan E pulled up at Newlyn, and waited for Alan Stork to arrive with his motorbike trailer and get him safely home. We hope the repairs will be minor and there was no serious damage done to the BMW.

Our next event is the

**Motorcycle Only Ride
Sunday 28 April, 2024**

Alan will post details closer to the date



Everyone was having such a good time catching up at Starbucks at DTC that it was difficult to get them outside for the drivers' briefing





Alan giving his drivers' briefing before heading off on the run







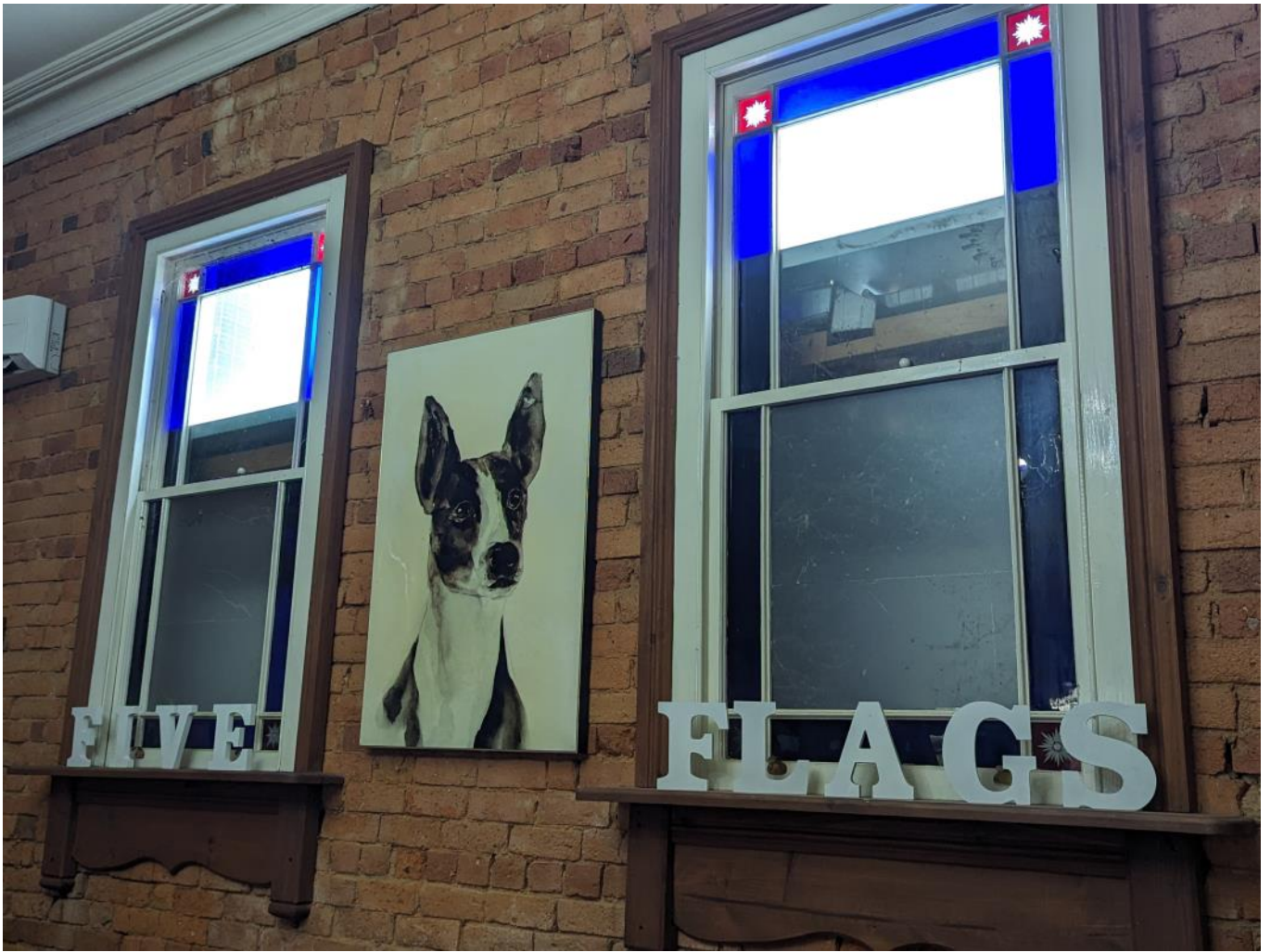


CRD Managed to fill up the carpark at the Five Flags Hotel





Catching up with friends while ordering and waiting for the meals to be served.
Stunning décor in the Five Flags Hotel.



A lovely touch to the interior decorations.







A sample of some of the delicious meals available from an extensive menu

Above: Alan Stork's Veggie Burger

Right: Pam Stork's Cauliflower Linguine

We didn't hear anyone complain about their meal, so they must have been happy.





Thank You to Sue & Peter R for providing us with these fab photos.

It's great to see the en route pics.





We were not the only classic vehicle club in the area on Sunday.



“Thank You” to Allan E for shooting these pictures in the carpark of the Five Flags Hotel and forwarding them to us for inclusion in this report.



We would like to send out a big “Thank You” to members, Alan & Marguerite C and Chris & Michelle S for stopping on the roadside and assisting Allan.
We really do have some wonderful people in our club.

Alan Stork is always happy to help out a member in need.

As soon as he received Allan E’s call, saying he was broken down at Newlyn, Storky hitched up our motorbike trailer and went to Allan’s rescue.



It has always been an unspoken practice that everyone simply goes their own way after an event, especially luncheons. As a result of this unfortunate incident on Sunday, there has been discussion between the members and committee suggesting that perhaps from now on it might be best if members (who are willing and able) should try to form a bit of a “Buddy System” for the return journey after an event. It was thought that two or more participants who are heading in the same direction could travel together, in case of a break down, or any other incident. Remember, many of us are travelling in or on classics, and as such there is a risk of something going wrong.

If members wish, Alan and I, who normally lead events, are happy to plan a return route, and those who wish, can travel back to Ballarat with us. There may not be an additional Run Sheet for the homeward journey, as it will most likely be the most direct, but if we could all keep an eye out for those travelling back, then, if something should go wrong, there will be help close at hand.

Let us know your thoughts.



To learn more about the “Big Tree”, click on this link:

[Future of majestic river red gum 'Big Tree' in central Victoria uncertain after massive limbs lost - ABC News](#)

(This photo was taken on Wednesday, 10 April, 2024 when Alan and I were doing the reccy for Sunday’s run)



Meet our First Aiders, Robert Taylor and Alan Stork.

The guys have recently updated their First Aid training and are now CRD's official First Aid Officers.

You will recognise them by the red lanyards they will wear on each outing.

Despite their grinning faces, these boys take their responsibilities seriously, so don't hesitate to seek them out if ever you are in need.



Our Next
Combined Event

Will be on

Sunday 5 May, 2024

(This event has been moved forward by one week
Due to Mothers Day falling on the Second Sunday of the month)

We are calling for volunteers
to put up their hand to assist,
As Alan and I will not be available
to organise and lead this event

We are happy to offer all the help you will need,
Including emails, Facebook posts, etc.

We just need someone to say;

“Hey, I can do that.

Meet me at Starbucks on Sunday 5th May,
and I will take you on a run to somewhere nice.”



Contact us ASAP
And you will be
“Our Hero”



We may also need someone to lead the
Motorcycle Only Ride on
Sunday 26th May, 2024

EARLY NOTICE - JUNE COMBINED RUN EVENT

We will be conducting our second

“Ross Skinner Annual Memorial Dinner”

On Sunday 2nd June, 2024

This will be an evening meal, that will be conducted
instead of a run on the day

Full Details are on Page 18



The Ross Skinner Annual Memorial Dinner 2 June, 2024 Sunday

This event will be conducted instead of the scheduled Combined Run



Ross Skinner was a founding member of Classic Rides & Drives Club back in 2019. He and his wife Anne have generously donated several items to the club, and have attended numerous events. Their support was greatly appreciated by the committee and members.

Ross passed away in August, 2022. His smiling face and whacky jokes will be sadly missed by all.

Even if you never had the pleasure of knowing Ross, don't miss this opportunity to enjoy a pleasant night out with your fellow CRD friends and to raise a glass to Ross, one of nature's true gentlemen.

Bunch of Grapes Hotel



401 Pleasant Street South
Ballarat



This is an evening event
Arriving by 6:30 pm

*We have booked a
Private Function Room
For this event*

RSVPs for this event are essential

Contact: Alan Stork

Mobile: 0401 995 061

By Friday 31 May, 2024

Email: classicridesdrivesclub@gmail.com

Web: www.classicridesdrivesclub.org

Using the RSVP Form on the Calendar Page



We would like to wish Ronda H a swift recovery, and hope she is soon able to join us on our adventures again

Also, Judy R., sorry to hear you are under the weather. Your smiling face was missed on Sunday

And anyone else who is on the "Sick List"

We are





Motorcycle Only Rides **Last Sunday of Every Month**



Departure Point:

7-Eleven/Starbucks Carpark

Delacombe Town Centre, 315 Glenelg Highway, Delacombe

Arrive 10:00 am for a coffee and a chat

Ride will depart when everyone is ready to leave

Destinations and Details will be posted prior to the event, if known,

If not, we will decide on the day

All rides are Weather Permitting - Guests/Friends Always Welcome

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"Calendar" page RSVP Form

Our Next Motorcycle Only Ride

Will be Sunday

28 April, 2024

Details to be provided ASAP



Classic Rides & Drives Club Inc

Don't miss out on the fun,
stick this calendar on your
fridge today

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Combined Runs for March, May & June shifted to the first Sunday of the month due to Long Weekends & Mothers Day

 = Combined Runs = Public Holidays = Motorcycle Only Rides

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Important Information for Anyone Intending to Participate in a CRD Event

We always book in advance for any meals or gatherings at public venues, therefore, it is vital that we know exact numbers by the RSVP closing date.

It is also important to know how many people will be travelling with a participant, where and when they plan to meet up with the group, i.e., at the departure point, en route, or at the destination point.

We ask that anyone intending to participate in an event please provide us with this information to avoid any confusion, delays or inability to accommodate someone at a venue.

A simple "Going" response on our Facebook Event will not provide all the details we require.

Please supply full information in a comment, an email, or message us. (For example; John & Jenny D coming, will meet at Starbucks. Or: John, Jenny & Bill D coming, will meet at destination point.)

If you respond using the RSVP Form on our Calendar Page, the same applies.

**We also ask that all members
Please Wear Their Name Lanyards
when joining us on an outing.
It just makes it so much easier for everyone,
as well as being a courtesy to all.**

Thank You from your Committee Members



We're here for a good time

Classic Rides & Drives Club Inc

CRD Code of Conduct

To ensure that all members and visitors feel safe and are able to enjoy their time with us, we ask that anyone participating in any event conducted by Classic Rides & Drives Club Inc. follow this Code of Conduct:

- Obey all laws at all times, including COVID, road laws and Club Permit Scheme rules
- Any vehicle participating in a club event should be safe for road use
- Participants should ride/drive within the limits of their capabilities, weather conditions, etc.
- Be respectful to all participants and the public
- Never put anyone or anything at risk by behaving in an unsafe or reckless manner
- Never behave in a manner that would be deemed to bring disrepute to the club

Guidelines for Participating in a CRD Club Run

If the participating numbers are large (more than 10 vehicles), the run will be conducted with a Leader and a Back Marker. These two participants will have mobile phones and each other's phone number to enable contact in case of any problems or emergencies.

Slower moving vehicles can cause the dynamics of a run to fail. If for any reason you do not wish to, or your vehicle is not capable of travelling at a maximum speed of 100 kph, tell the Leader before departing. We are happy to accommodate by splitting the run into various groups, each with a Leader and Back Marker. The slower group will always leave last, and the first group (usually bikes only, followed by cars) will always wait for them when re-grouping.

If you would rather travel at your own pace, or take your own route, and then meet up with the group at the final destination, or some other point along the way, that's fine. Just make sure the Leader and Back Marker know before the group leaves the departure point

*Remember: You are participating in a fun group event, **NOT** a race*

It is a delicate operation to keep a moving group together, especially when traffic is heavy. Everything that can be done, will be done to ensure no one is "lost" on a run, but it is up to each participant to follow these basic guidelines and respect their fellow travellers:

- **NO PARTICIPANT SHOULD EVER OVERTAKE THE RUN LEADER**
- **MOTORCYCLISTS CAN MARK CORNERS ONLY IF THERE ARE NO CARS PARTICIPATING**
- Always arrive at the departure point on time with a **full tank of fuel**. If your vehicle has a limited fuel range, let the Leader know so that they can accommodate your needs
- When travelling in a group, **ALWAYS** keep the participating rider/driver behind you in your **rear-view mirror**. This may mean slowing down, and even stopping if necessary
- If you see that the vehicle immediately behind you **fails to proceed/disappears from sight**, pull over to a safe spot and wait. The rest of the group and Back Marker will eventually catch up and stop as well. This should cause a chain reaction (known as the "Rubber Band" effect) that should bring the Leader to a halt. The Leader will be updated by phone by the Back Marker. The group should proceed again once the situation is under control
- In the event of a **break-down**, or emergency, pull over to a safe place and wait for the Back Marker to arrive. Explain your situation, and that person will do what is required to provide assistance and to notify the Leader - **Please do not pull over unnecessarily. Only the Back Marker is required to stop to assist**
- If you have to **pull out of the run** for any reason and cannot wait until you reach the next re-grouping point, wave the vehicle behind on, and leave a message with the Back Marker to advise you are not proceeding but are not in need of assistance. **Do not overtake the run leader to depart group as this is dangerous and causes confusion**
- If you take a **wrong turn, or miss a corner**, try to re-join the group in a safe manner, or leave a phone message with the Leader or Back Marker. You will have a run sheet, if possible, do your best to reach the destination or the next stopping point. If not possible, please let either the Leader or Back Marker know your situation and if you require assistance
- If you see the **vehicle behind you take a wrong turn, keep going**. If they apply the above guideline, they should be okay. Continue to keep the next participating vehicle in your rear-view mirror
- **Never overtake on the left**, and please show **courtesy when passing** other vehicles

Most Importantly: ENJOY YOURSELF and STAY SAFE

DISCLAIMER:

The Classic Rides & Drives Club Inc will not be liable for any damage, injury or loss caused directly or indirectly by anyone participating in a CRD event/activity, whether to the participant, or to any other party. Participants will fully indemnify and hold the club harmless in connection with all claims arising from such damage, injury or loss.

Child Protection Policy: Any child participating in a CRD event will be under supervision of their parent/guardian at all times.