

FOUNDED 1969 MORNINGTON PENINSULA HISTORICAL VEHICLES CLUB Inc. A0001922T (MPHVC) Member of the Federation of Vintage, Veteran & Classic Vehicles Clubs and the Association of Motoring Clubs.





GUESS THE YEAR AND WHERE ?

UP COMING MPHVC MEMBER EVENTS

MARCH

- Sunday 2nd
- Sunday 9th

Sunday 30th

Breakfast Run - Pelican Societe, 9.30am General Meeting & Lunch - Sanctuary Inn. Hastings Wednesday 12th Committee Meeting - Venue to be confirmed. Last Sunday Run - CHARLIE'S MUSEUM

(see details back page)

(See details below)

APRIL

- Sunday 6th
- Sunday 13th *
- * Sunday 27th
- (see details below)
- Breakfast Run Pelican Societe, 9.30am (see details back page) General Meeting & Lunch - Venue to be confirmed. Wednesday 16th Committee Meeting - Venue to be confirmed. Last Sunday Run - SCORESBY PICNIC CAR AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW

If for any reason we need to cancel a planned event, we will endeavour to email and text those members that have email and mobile numbers listed with the club. We will also put a post on Facebook re any updates or cancellations! Please feel free to ring a Committee Member if you need to ask a question.

MPHVC EVENT DETAILS

SAVE THE DATE- Sunday 30th March 2025.

CHARLIE'S MUSEUM - \$15 entry (must be cash as eftpos machine is regularly out of internet range). BYO lunch and refreshments can be eaten at the café area. Members can go directly there or meet at Baxter Tavern ready for a 10 am departure. 175 Purves Road, Arthurs Seat.

SAVE THE DATE- Sunday 27th April 2025. SCORESBY PICNIC CAR AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW -

National Steam Centre, 1200 Ferntree Gully Rd, Scoresby, Show starts at 10am. Meet at Baxter Tavern ready for a 9.15am departure, or go directly there. BYO chairs and picnic etc.

For those members not wanting to bring a classic or vintage.... Come along with your chairs and picnic anyway, as it is always a great day there with plenty to look at and explore.

FEDERATION

SCORESBY PICNIC **CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW**

Sunday 27th April 2025



Starts 10am

Hosted by the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club Inc.

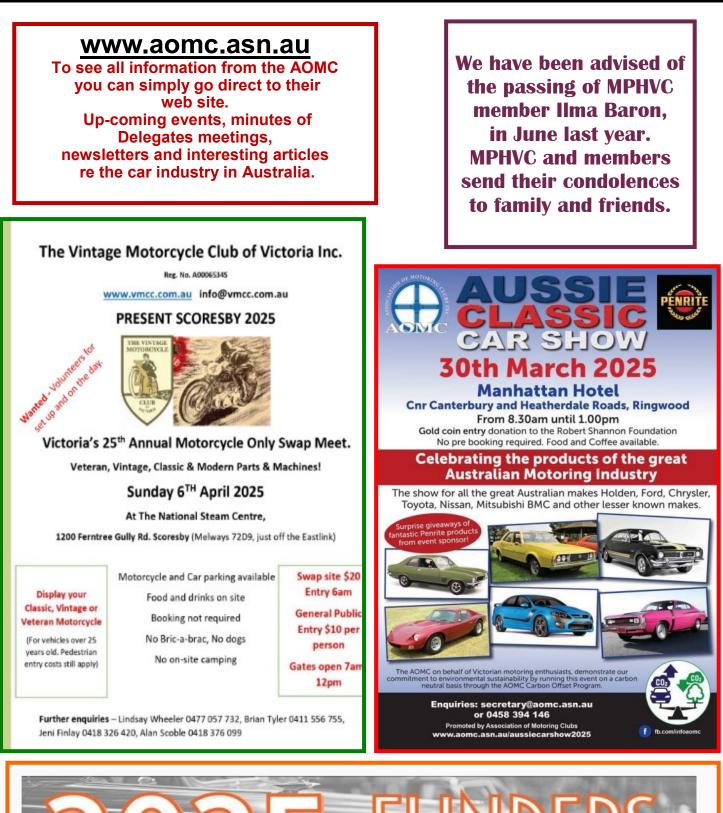
Free entry

Vehicles 25 years & older are welcomed to park into the display area

> Trade & Craft Displays BYO Picnic Lunch **Steam Machine Displays** Food Stalls Trophies for 5 Categories Children's Animal Farm Raffle Drawn 1pm Bring the Family

CLUB NEWSFLASH

- Chris has been advised that The Hastings Club may not be ready for open in time for our next GM. Because of the uncertainty, we have decided to book Sanctuary Inn for the next GM and lunch on 9th March. Hopefully we can get back to The Hastings Club for April GM. If staying for lunch, please order before meeting starts at 12 noon. We will send email to members confirm closer to the GM dates.
- We would love to get other stories or input from members for the monthly Sidelights newsletter. Input needs to be sent in before 20th of each month to meet printing deadline!
- We currently swap newsletters with about 28 other car clubs. I have a list of MPHVC members that have asked to be emailed with all those newsletters we receive. If you would like to be included on this email list.... let me know and I will add you! There are always interesting articles and amazing finds in the 'For Sale " sections!
- It will soon be the time of the year when we compare our Club Register with that of Vic Roads. We would like to remind all Members that it is imperative that you let us know if a Club Permit car, registered via our Club is sold, as we need to removed it from our Register. It is your responsibility to attend VicRoads to advise of disposal so they also remove from their records.
- Unfortunately Wayne nor I have been able to make the last few club Runs. Can anyone attending upcoming events please nominate someone in the group to take a few photos and text me a short story about the day!





2025 Flinders Motoring Heritage is on Easter Sunday April 20, 2025



The Club Permit scheme continues to be a great way to ensure eligible classic and historic vehicles can be driven and enjoyed.

We've recently updated our website to simplify the process for vehicle club members to renew Club Permits online via a myVicRoads account.

Renew or extend a Club Permit : VicRoads

If club members are using a signed club endorsement form to renew a club permit online, they also need to sign their renewal notice and include this in the online submission. Digital or electronic signatures are currently not accepted by VicRoads.

VicRoads is continuing to modernise registration and licensing services for Victorians and we look forward to sharing more updates with the Victorian community.

If any club members haven't signed up for a myVicRoads account this can be done via the VicRoads website.

Safe driving, VicRoads Team

Website: vicroads.vic.gov.au

Tel.: 13 11 71



MUSTANG STORY

In the spring of 1964, 22-year-old Gail Wise was a third-grade teacher in Berkeley, Illinois, but little did she know, she was about to make history.

On April 15, 1964, Gail and her father walked into Johnson Ford on Cicero Avenue in Chicago, searching for the perfect convertible.

The family had always driven Fords—her father owned a '57 Fairlane and a '63 Thunderbird, so Gail knew exactly what she wanted. There was just one problem: there were no convertibles on the showroom floor.

Seeing her disappointment, the salesman took a chance and showed her something hidden in the back, under a tarp. What he revealed was none other than a "Skylight Blue" Ford Mustang convertible—the first of its kind. The catch? It wasn't supposed to be sold for two more days until after the official unveiling at the New York World's Fair. No test drives allowed either. But Gail didn't need one. The moment she saw it, she knew it was hers.

The price tag? \$3,447.50. Her salary at the time? Just \$5,000 a year. But with a loan from her father, Gail became the very first person in the United States to buy a Ford Mustang—two days before anyone else even saw one. As she drove out of the showroom, heads turned, and people waved. It was

as if she had become a celebrity over-

night. The next day, she drove her Mustang to school, where the seventh and eighth graders swarmed the car, amazed at what they were seeing.

For the next 15 years, that Mustang was Gail's pride and joy. She married Tom Wise in 1966, and they had four kids together.

The car became part of their family's daily life, from McDonald's runs with the kids to joyrides around town. Back in those days, seatbelts were only in the front seats, and the passenger seat didn't even adjust.

Despite its quirks, the Mustang was an icon on the road, but after years of Chicago winters, the car began to show its age. Rust took over, and the engine started having problems.

By the late '70s, the Mustang's glory days seemed over. Tom pushed it into the garage, planning to fix it the next week, but that week turned into 27 years. Gail, ready to move on, suggested scrapping the car, but Tom refused, calling it his retirement project.

In 2005, after retiring at 60, he finally began the long process of restoring the car. He stripped it down to almost nothing, leaving just the four wheels and the steering wheel before handing it off to specialists for bodywork and engine repair.

It took about a year and \$35,000, but Tom brought the Mustang back to life, adding a custom horn that sounds like a whinnying horse for good measure.

When the restoration was complete, Tom started researching the car's history. That's when they realized Gail's Mustang was the very first one ever sold in the U.S. It wasn't long before Ford took notice.

The couple was invited to Mustang events, including the 10 millionth Mustang celebration in Dearborn, and even got the chance to drive the car at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Though they don't drive it much now, the Mustang remains a family treasure. Gail and Tom's four kids haven't expressed much interest in keeping it, so it will likely be sold when the time comes.

But for now, the first Mustang ever sold in the U.S. sits proudly in their garage, a testament to one couple's journey through life and the car that's been with them every step of the way.

Credit Goes To The Respective Owner.

Story obtained from Facebook page. "Things I've never seen before"

By Bernie Valentini — (VACC Certified SMM)

Cars & Lovers (sorry: Car Lovers), ask me who was/is "Dowal" in motor ignition parts.

Answer: They were a German manufacturer of Automotive Ignition Parts under license to Bosch Germany. Their long list of faultless car parts included Distributor Caps, Points, Rotors and Condensers, equal to the quality and physical appearance of PRE 1990 Bosch , Lucas, et al, : Genuine Parts that were made of the highest quality in order to allow "daily" cars to operate reliably for at least 20,000 miles before possibly needing replacement. Cursory Inspection was always mandated at every 5000 mile.

The "Dowal" name was a convenient abbreviation of the 2 owners surnames, DOERR & WACKER plus L for "Limited"...... Ergo DO plus WA plus L. They folded operations at the onset of inferior producing copy-cats plus the Electronic Ignition Era circa 2000. Bosch was not far behind with stopping genuine German & Australian high quality, but continued with cheap Asian knockoffs. Theirs and other ORIGINAL Manufacturers of these highest quality goods, now much sought after, are known now as "NOS" (new old spares): ... Unlike the "inferior rubbish" made aftermarket by so many 3rd world countries, at the behest of greedy businessmen who forced factories in poor countries to reproduce these parts for a few cents each.

Genuine NOS are to be held in highest venerable esteem possible, and purchased post-haste, regardless of what may appear expensive: IF you can find them! These high quality NOS are diminishing every hour of every day. It's highly unlikely they'll ever be reproduced, as the cars they suit are also diminishing, but worse still, our Classics are not covering even 1% of miles they used to when used as "dailys" back in those halcyon days of pre 1980. 1950 to 1980 were the halcyon days of Motoring Euphoria in many opinions.

Since 2000 at least, if not even earlier, ALL famous brands like Bosch, Lucas, Beru, Ducellier, Magneti Marelli, Facet, New Era, et al, in one way or the other, have succumbed to allowing their name to be sold or illegally used to peddle these inferior, poor & misrepresentative items to prevail, much to the chagrin of the Classic car owner becoming frustrated when such rubbish fails immediately or in a very short period, whether said components be "analogue" or "electronic". What's equally worrisome, is the damage these knockoffs are doing in the meantime to other parts of the car, up to their point of failure.

""Stick to ORIGINAL"" NOS, and ask for proof; it's your baby and your money.

Cheers Bernie

PS; It may be advisable to LEAP on anything named "DOWAL". In 30 years, I have not become aware of their name used for "knockoffs", probably because the general car owner had not heard of them, as they mainly supplied the Motor Trade. Same for Lucas when seen with this old box, as in last parts pic.



7 OLDEST CARS CREATED

Although many people think Henry Ford's Model T car is the oldest in the world, there are several early automobiles that predate Ford's car by over 100 years. The earliest automobiles were powered by steam , heavy, slow, and designed to hold very few passengers.

These early cars often had to be operated by more than one person and consumed a lot of fuel. Many of these first automobiles had innovative features that would influence the designs of modern cars.

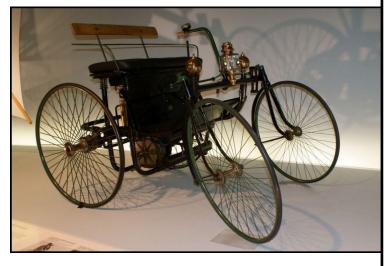
7. Daimler-Maybach Stahlradwagen

Year: 1889

Make and Model: Gottlieb Daimler and Wilhelm Maybach – The Stahlradwagen

Engine Type: Gasoline-powered V-twin engine The Stahlradwagen (steel-wheeled car) was made by Gottlieb Daimler with the help of his lifelong business partner Wilhelm Maybach in 1889. This was their first official automobile that did not involve adapting a horse-drawn carriage with their engine.

In 1886, Daimler and Maybach put their engine in a stagecoach, but this is not considered as an automobile as they adapted a horse-drawn carriage from another manufacturer. Although Daimler and Maybach were unable to produce their new automobile in Germany, it was licensed for manufacturing in France. As



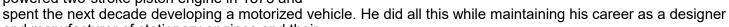
a result, Daimler and Maybach debuted the Stahlradwagen at the Paris Exhibition in October 1889. The following year Daimler and Maybach established Daimler Motoren Gesellschaft (DMG) to sell their engines. They sold their first car in 1892.

6. Benz Patent-Motorwagen

Year: 1886

Make and Model: Karl Benz – Patent-Motorwagen **Engine Type:** Gasoline-powered piston engine Although several other vehicles predate the Benz Patent-Motorwagen, it's often regarded as the world's first official automobile. This is because it was the first vehicle designed to be propelled by an internal combustion engine.

The Benz Patent-Motorwagen was built in 1885 by Karl Benz. However, he did not receive a patent until late 1886 and Benz unveiled the car to the public that summer in Mannheim, Germany. Benz first successfully developed a gasolinepowered two-stroke piston engine in 1873 and



and manufacturer of stationary engines and their associated parts. Between 1886 – 1893, Benz manufactured about 25 Patent-Motorwagens.

<u>5. La Marquise</u>

Year: 1884

Make and Model: De Dion-Bouton et Trepardoux – Dos-a-Dos Steam Runabout (nicknamed La Marquise)

Engine Type: Steam

La Marquise was built in 1884 by a Frenchman named De Dion-Bouton et Trepardoux, who named the car after his mother. Although the previous entry on this list is also believed to be the oldest running vehicle, in 2011 La Marquise was declared as the world's oldest running automobile.

That same year, the car sold at auction for \$4.6 million. The auction listing said that the car could achieve a top speed of 38 miles per hour (61 kilometers per hour) and that it had only been owned



by four people since 1884. Many people believe that La Marquise was the first race car as the Count of Dion drove the car in an exhibition in 1887, though no other car showed up to race.



4. Grenville Steam Carriage

Year: 1875

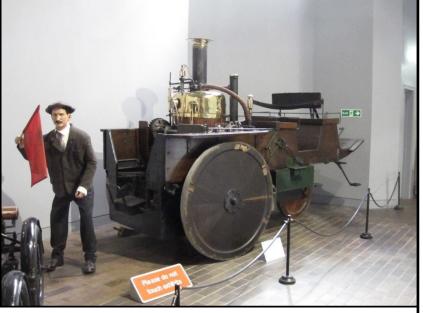
Make and Model: Robert Neville Grenville -Grenville Steam Carriage

Engine Type: Steam

The Grenville Steam Carriage is the oldest steam-powered passenger vehicle that still works today. The car was built in 1875 by Robert Neville Grenville, who later became the Chief Mechanical Engineer of the Great Western Railway.

The carriage was built to hold seven passengers: the driver, the steersman, a fireman, and four passengers.

After Grenville died in 1936, his family loaned the car to John Allen & Sons Ltd. of Cowley, Oxford, who completely overhauled the vehicle. Afterward, Allen paraded the car in the London Jubilee Cavalcade in Regent's Park in 1946.



Currently, the Greenville Steam Carriage on display at England's National Motor Museum at Beaulieu. The museum believes that the car is still in working condition.

3. Hancock Omnibus

Year: 1832

Make and Model: Walter Hancock - The Enterprise

Engine Type: Steam

The Enterprise Steam Omnibus was invented by Walter Hancock sometime around 1832. It was the first commercially manufactured steampowered car in the world.

The passenger bus was built for the London and Paddington Steam Carriage Company and regular service regular service between London Wall and Paddington via Islington began in 1833. Because of this, the Enterprise Steam Omnibus is the world's first steam carriage service.

The Enterprise required three people to operate it. The driver sat at the front to steer via a steer-

ing wheel, which was unusual for the time — early vehicles had tillers. The second operator was responsible for looking after the boiler's water level and selecting reverse gear when needed. Lastly, the third operator stood on the rear platform and maintained the fire and breaking. It is not known how the three operators communicated to keep the bus running.

2. London Steam Carriage Year: 1803

Make and Model: Richard Trevithick - London Steam Carriage

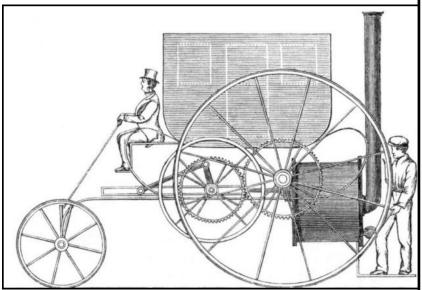
Engine Type: Steam

The London Steam Carriage was built

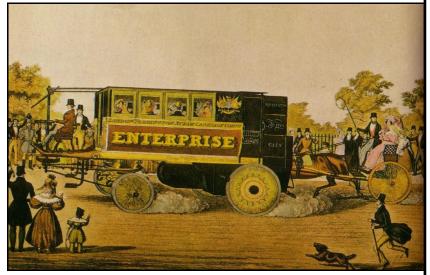
by Richard Trevithick in 1803 and it is considered to be the first self-propelled passenger-carrying vehicle. Although Cugnot's steam powered vehicle predates Trevithick's, Cugnot's car was designed to haul artillery, not passengers.

Trevithick had built his first experimental steam carriage in 1801, which was nicknamed the "Puffing Devil", and drove it up a hill in Camborne, Cornwall.

Trevithick drove the 1803 steam carriage through London for about 10 miles at a speed of 4 - 9miles per hour (6.4 – 14.5 km/h). Unfortunately,



the vehicle was immediately destroyed in a fire, but the original drawings that were submitted with the patent have survived.



1. Cugnot Fardier

Year: 1770

Make and Model: Nicolas-Joseph Cugnot – fardier à vapeur Engine Type: Steam

In 1770, French inventor Nicolas-Joseph Cugnot designed and built the very first self-propelled carriage. This

makes the Cugnot Fardier the oldest car ever created in the world. A year before the full size fardier à vapeur (steam dray) was built,

Cugnot made a small prototype in 1769.

The car was built for the French military and designed to carry four tons and cover two lieues (7.8 km or 4.8 miles) in one hour. However, the car never actually achieved this feat.

The vehicle was not very successful and the project was eventually abandoned. In 1800, the car was taken to the Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers in Paris, where it is still on display today.





Engine part of Cugnot's 1770 fardier à vapeur, as preserved at the Musée des Arts et Métiers, **Paris**

Story obtained from— 7 Oldest Cars Ever Created - Oldest.org







The vehicles on display will include models from the Pre-War era, dating back to the 1930s, as well as modern MGs from today. Entry to the event is free, and visitors will have the chance to participate in the "Public Choice" competition or take photos in a sports car.

GUESS THE YEAR AND WHERE ? Bondi Beach, Sydney. 1979 !

MORNINGTON PENINSULA HISTORICAL VEHICLES CLUB		
Minutes of General Meeting 8/12/2024		
Sanctuary Inn, Marine Parade, Hastings		
Meeting Opened: 12.03pm Attendance		
Apologies: as per book New Mem		
Visitors: nil Minute tak		
Meeting opened with a minute of silence for Ilma Baron, who h	had passed away last year unbeknown to the club.	
Minutes of the last meeting as per Sidelights.		
Moved: Lorna McDonald Seconded: Len Butcher	CARRIED	
Treasurer's Report:		
-CVA lodgement done		
-Bills paid: lunch, AGM, etc. -Term deposit to be renewed		
-Switching to Bendigo Bank		
Moved: David Hunt Seconded: Ray Griffin CARRIED		
Membership Report: Quiet, no new enquiries. Membership currently 112		
Moved: John Schipper Seconded: Ivan Howard CARRIED		
Secretary's Report: No report. Some enquiries referred to Dawn.		
AOMC Report: No report		
Federation Report: No report		
Editor's Report: Supplied by Dawn, read by Noelene		
EMAILS		
-Various monthly newsletters from other car clubs and affi		
-Various notifications of up-coming Swap Meets and Car I	Display/Shows. (put in Sidelights & forwarded to	
Committee.)		
 -AOMC re monthly bulletin also Special General Meeting (-Email from members with photos for newsletter. 	(sent to members)	
-Email from Consumers Affairs acknowledging receipt of c	our Annual Statement	
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> *The Secretary MPHVC Inc. PO Box 7056 Karingal Centre, Frankston 3199*

Club Email Address: mphvc@live.com.au

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- Preferred method of Red Plate Permit renewal signatory authorization, is to be done at a monthly General Meeting. Alternatively, post to Club and include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

- New vehicles, to be submitted for registry with MPHVC, must be approved via Safety Officer before VicRoads paperwork is signed.

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MONTHLY CLUB RUNS & MEETINGS

<u>FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH</u> <u>Breakfast Run.</u>

Meeting 9.30am at Pelikan Societe Café. Located next to the Hastings pier. 2 Marine Parade, Hastings. Full breakfast, toasted sandwiches or just coffee and muffins etc available. Indoor or outdoor seating available to choose from depending on seasons.

<u>SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH</u> General Meeting & lunch.

<u>Meeting place:</u> The Hastings Club. <u>Where:</u> 155 Marine Parade, Hastings. 59 791740 <u>When:</u> 2nd Sunday of every month at 12pm. Our monthly General Meeting for members, guests and potential new members.

The meeting commences at 12noon followed by lunch at approximately 1pm, for those that wish to stay. Please order your meal before commencement of meeting, stating your name and that you are with MPHVC.

<u>LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH</u> <u>End Of Month Sunday Run.</u>

Meet prior to 10am Baxter Tavern, depart 10am. Destination planned on the day amongst those members that are present, or prior as printed in Sidelights.

BYO refreshments and chair. Alternatively we may end up at a café. Weather and numbers present on day will help decide where we end up! Members encouraged to suggest destinations for future months.

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CLUB NEWSLETTER <u>"SIDELIGHTS"</u>

Help to make Sidelights a success by contributing material you consider will be of interest to fellow Club Members. The deadline for material to appear in the next issue of Sidelights is the 20th of each month. Where possible, e-mail material to the Editor at <u>mphyc.sidelights@yahoo.com.au</u>

Email photographs in 'jpeg' format to the Editor's email address

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