



Roma Historical Motor Club Newsletter

March 2019

NEXT MEETING – Sunday, 17 March 2019

@ Muckadilla Hall. Afternoon tea 2.45 pm to 3.15 pm.

Meeting will commence at 3.20 pm.

Muckadilla Hall committee will be providing afternoon tea and the club will pay this so there is no cost to members.

Agenda Items:

Reports (Treasurer, QHMC, Chapters, Events), Upcoming Club Events, Purchase of shade shelters, National Motoring Heritage Day Event in May

Coming Events

(Please see RHMC Website for further information)

Club Events

17 March (Sunday): RHMC Monthly Meeting. See above for details.

29 March (Friday): Display at the Picnic Races Ball - limited number of vehicles required.

21 April (Saturday): Easter in the Country Parade – Roma. Plan to be in place by 8.15 am in Alfred Street to assemble for parade. After the parade, parking has been organised in the Anglican Church grounds. Morning tea, including a barista coffee, will be available to purchase on the grounds and the church will be open to view windows until 1pm.

Chapter Runs

(Please contact the club or your chapter coordinator for the time for the club runs in your area.)

16 March (Saturday): Wallumbilla & Yuleba

17 March (Sunday): St George

24 March (Sunday): Injune Restoration Run

06 April (Saturday): All Chapters

07 April (Sunday): Blackall & Charleville

Other Events

09 March: Surat Fete - 6pm till late - Surat Recreation Grounds

09 March: Clifton Railway Station turns 150 – Display of historic vehicles as part of this day.

23 March: All Wheels Drive In Bike and Car Show – Tara

19 – 21 April: North Qld QHMC Rally - Mackay Vintage Auto Club

28 April: Sunstate Panel Van Club - The "Liz Richardson Memorial Panel Van and Car Show– Redcliffe

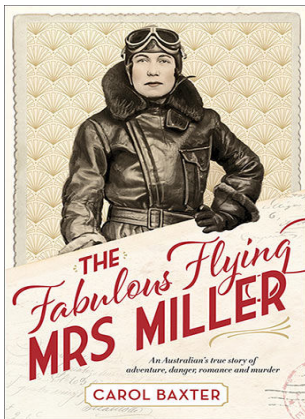




GOOD READS

The Fabulous Flying Mrs Miller by Carol Baxter

A book review by John Morrow.



Bit of gender equality with this review. I picked up this gem in an Australia Post shop last year, published in late March 2017. Maybe it was the flying hat, goggles and jacket and hand on hip stance and shout out title that piqued my interest.

The true Australian story of a Melbourne housewife, Jessie "Chubbie" Miller who took a bit of time out from married life in 1927 to travel to England, involve herself in society life and learn to fly an aeroplane and take on the world.

She became the first woman to complete a flight from England to Australia albeit in the company with a WW1 returned RAF pilot. Bitten by the bug she then went on to fly in the first air race for women in the United States competing against the likes of Amelia Earhart. She undertook all manner of firsts and record flight attempts and survived extraordinary crashes, not only aircraft, but financial and emotional. This unusual sequence of events culminating in being involved in one of Americas most publicised and sordid murder trials of the time.

Yep, it is an interesting read well compiled and researched by an Australian Author and to think that not a lot was known about this young thrill seeking, adventurous woman. Another example of an extraordinary Australian doing extraordinary things.

Did you know?

At a meeting in June 1983 it was decided to run a rally in conjunction with the Easter activities in Roma in 1984 and to call it the "Easter in the Country Rally" (This was Club Rally No. 1). The committee formed to organise the rally were J.Shea, K.Beitz, D.Waters, B.Keegan and J.Finnigan. At the time there were some distant rumblings from other clubs about us deciding on an Easter rally apparently in competition with previously established ones, however we felt that ours would be well separated geographically and shouldn't affect them.

In October 1983 Goeff Johnson's idea for the Club logo was adopted with the addition of a bottle tree and this continues to be our logo.

By December 1983 the design of the first rally plaque was completed by Annette Peach, apart from the lettering which she had done only roughly. I was given the task of tidying up the printing and then passing on the sample to the manufacturers but stupidly managed to pass on the rough sample and not the finished product. You know how stamps, coins etc. with a defect are worth a lot of money? Well if you have one of those first rally plaques, hang onto it, it must be worth a fortune as it sure is rough!

By May 1984 the rally was over and entrants had come with 14 cars, 8 motorcycles and 7 modern cars. Trophy winners were P.Finnigan, H.Kennedy, A.Griffiths, N.Clem, L.Ridings, J.Weber, W.Thompson, R.Burrows, J.Cassidy and R.Houston. The timed run had been out through the Mt Abundance area for a barbeque at Muckadilla.

Incorporation had been completed after months of letter writing. The concern then expressed was that Combined Council had not succeeded in getting concessional registration for 30 year-old vehicles.

Roma Historical Motor Club Inc

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: 17 February 2019 AT: Roma Aero Club Building, Roma
Meeting opened: 3:28 pm

PRESENT: As per attendance book:- Present 18

VISITORS: Jorja McDonnell from the Western Star

APOLOGIES: John Finnigan, Mark and Maree Worland, Stuart, Kory and Brent Johnson, Doug & Wendy Blair, David & Lynn Bowden, Ann Shaw, Brian Carroll. (John Ey reported that Brian is at Pinaroo and is not well, we wish him all the best)

NEW MEMBERSHIPS: Nil

RESIGNATION: Nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Were read. Moved Ken Dawes Seconded Donna Sutton - Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- Moved Greg Shaw Seconded Patsy Ey that the club go ahead and purchase two of the 3m x 3m aluminium X6 Velocity units in red colour without the sign writing for around \$435 each. Carried.
- Safety plans have been updated and handed out.
- Updated model rules have been passed by the Office Of Fair Trading without any amendments needed.

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

- Various Emails – list attached
- Magazines
- QHMC – 3 emails with information on Impromptu Events – to be presented in reports
- Email re Cobb & Co Celebrations in August
- Letter from Office of Fair Trading – New rules are registered.
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OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

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Moved Alex Miljojkovic Seconded Donna Sutton that the inwards correspondence be accepted and the outwards be adopted Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

- A special thank you to John Finnigan who covered the initial ground in comparing our old rules and new model rules so that we could compile a set of rules that were pertinent and beneficial to the functioning of our club. Thanks to Veronica & Ken Beitz and Ken Dawes who formed the sub-committee with John and Karen Dawes to fine tune the rules for the best possible outcome.
- Adding groups as members – Fees should be for one person
- Wallumbilla Heritage Association has been paying a family. This should be adjusted to single membership next financial year. Ring them and advise and discuss a refund.
- Roma Historical Precincts can now be sent a membership form to join.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Read & moved by Veronica Beitz. Seconded Greg Shaw Carried.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:. Stamps \$203.20. M Veronica Beitz S Patsy Ey Carried.

OTHER REPORTS:

- QHMC delegate – Ken Dawes – Impromptu Events have been worked on with QTMR.
- RHPI – Ken Beitz reported on the buttery factory cleanup ready for an open day, Plough day may be happening at Easter;
- Runs Coordinator - March run will be 9 am for 9.15 am departure from Big Rig and Run to Mitchell Spa - A group discount has been organised and it will be \$6.20 entry per person. Towels are available for hire at \$3 each. No interest was shown in having a Buffet lunch at the Cambridge Hotel so we will be all doing our own thing for lunch either the hotel or at the spa.
- Blackall Chapter – Read by Dally Anderson
- St George Chapter – Read by Donna Sutton
- Charleville Chapter – Read by Patsy Ey
- Toowoomba Swap – Garry, Rocky, and Ken spoke on this.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Sat 2/3/19 - Roma Social Run to Mitchell Spa – details already read out in Club Runs
- Sat 9/3/19 – Surat Fete – Display –Discuss
- Fri 16/3/19 – Display for Picnic Races Ball – only 1 or 2 vehicles required
- Saturday 21/4 - Parade at Easter – someone to organise and get form into the Easter in the Country Committee. Parking after the parade with the Anglican Church is available. **John Ey** to rope off – They will be open from 10 am to 1 pm provide a barista coffee and something simple for morning tea. – The church will be open to view windows but there won't be formal tours. Cheryl Arnold is the contact. President and Secretary will be away. Karen will do the Parade application
- The April meeting will be on Sunday 28 April at the Garry and Nazima Dann's at 17 Whip Street Roma, 3:00 pm afternoon tea and 3:30 meeting.
- Wallumbilla car and bike show on Saturday 4 May 2019 will be the club run for May.
- Club will do a display at the plough day if it goes ahead.
- Sat – 11/5/19 – Roma Show – there may be a Ute Show again – we will support but are unable to offer to run anything due to May being a huge month for the club
- Sun – 19/5/19 – National Motoring Heritage Day – Apex Park – Karen asked members to take part in both the run and display on the day. All chapters are encouraged to do a run and display on this day.
- **Sunday 16th June** – Mungallala Meeting - more details to follow
- Will have meetings at Injune and Yuleba/Wallumbilla later in the year.
- Saturday 24/8/19– Cobb & Co Festival Display – Riverside Markets Surat
- Sunday 25/8/19 – Cobb & Co Festival Display – Yuleba – Golf Club/Bowls Club
- Possible an event prior to the Cobb & Co Ball in main street of Yuleba on 17th August
- Anyone who wants to do a mid week run contact Karen.
- Ideas for monthly runs contact Brett Conroy, you may have to leave a message as he is busy feeding cattle at present.
- Karen spoke on QHMC encouraging country clubs to do NMHD displays.
- Gmails have been a problem lately. Sarah Thompson has now sorted. And she has also reduced the amount of spam in our emails too.Thanks!!
- 2020 will be a big rally as the National Veteran 1 & 2 Cylinder rally is in Charleville the week before and a number have expressed interest in coming to our rally.
- Greg Shaw stated that the Airport Manager in Roma has offered use of areas of the airport for our rally if needed.

NEXT MEETING:

Sunday 17th March - Muckadilla Hall - Please arrive by 2.45 pm - Afternoon tea 2.45 pm to 3.15 pm. Meeting will commence 3.20 pm - Ask the meeting - have a quote for \$8 per head for afternoon tea. M Greg Shaw S Patsy Ey, that the club pays this for members attending the meeting. Carried. M Nazima Dann S Alex Miljojkovic that the club to make a donation to the Hall for use/air-conditioning. \$50. Carried

Meeting Closed 4:35 pm