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SYDNEY ANTIQUE MACHINERY CLUB INC.

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ALL MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, DUE TO THE NSW GOVERNMENT ADVICE AND LEGISLATION IN RELATION TO THE CURRENT CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.

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DEADLINE FOR ISSUE 285 WILL BE 25TH APRIL

PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE IN EMAIL ADDRESS. All correspondence must be emailed to the Editor, Courtney Peters, samcieditor@gmail.com by this date to be considered in the next edition. There is always a demand for articles.

AIMS OF THE CLUB

1. To encourage the restoration, preservation and exhibition of antique machinery, including stationary engines and related machinery, tractors, vehicles, hobbies, models and collectables.
2. To provide opportunities for the interchange of information through regular meetings and publications.
3. To preserve technical data and general information associated with antique machinery, and assist educational institutions and museum organisations wherever possible.
4. To assist other groups with common interest in preserving, restoring and exhibiting the heritage of Australia
5. To extend to other collectors, their friends and all persons interested in antique machinery, the hospitality, privileges and conveniences enjoyed in connection with the Club.

INSURANCE

SAMCI carries Public Liability and Personal Accident Insurance on behalf of ALL members when participating in events sanctioned by the Club. To ensure you are covered, your participation must be recorded in the attendance book on every occasion you are in the Club Grounds, and when at any outside event, on the Attendance Sheet, which will be carried by the Event Coordinator. This insurance does not apply when Club Registered Vehicles are being driven on public roads. Members using a Vehicle Logbook to record travel to and from an event must carry evidence of the sanctioning of the event in the form of a copy of minutes, newsletter, or registration form.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE: FOR ALL CLUB INFORMATION, GO TO OUR WEBSITE:

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FROM THE EDITOR

Hello all,

I hope that everyone is doing well, or as well as can be in times like this. We are living in unprecedented and uncertain times at the moment. Many will be feeling scared, lonely, uneasy and stressed, but rest assured we will all continue to support each other as a united front. Just because it feels as though time is standing still, the world has not stopped spinning. For many of you, this Newsletter will be your only correspondence with the Club for the foreseeable future (until of course, we can resume Club meetings). As such, this serves as a prime opportunity to communicate with one another through this platform. This is your domain. Your domain to share your happenings in isolation. Are you working on a new project? Have you stumbled across photographs from the archive? Or, have you found a new hobby to pass the time? This is our place to share and watch the world go by (quite literally at the moment)!

As an additional friendly reminder, please follow our current government protocols. This means, only leaving the house for essential reasons. If possible, avoid leaving your house at all costs unless you are: going to work, exercising, seeking medical help, or doing the groceries. You can keep up to date on the latest Coronavirus updates via the NSW Government Health Website, which I have linked below. Many of our members are advised to stay home completely, according to the relevant age and health conditions brackets. In these circumstances, please consider asking for help from your family and friends to run errands such as grocery shopping or ordering your groceries online. Video calling platforms: FaceTime, Zoom, Skype, etc., and social media are brilliant ways to keep in contact with your nearest and dearest also. Be kind to each other, and let's support one another. In this issue, I have also attached the Membership Renewal form for 2020/2021.

Please regularly send in articles, photographs and content to be included in the newsletter (from events you attend, or anything you may find of interest), as for the past few issues, I have **struggled** to fill space in each Newsletter. There is **ALWAYS** a need for submissions and anything would be appreciated. **Remember, without submissions there is no Newsletter!** All content wishing to be included in the next month's Newsletter is to be emailed to the above email address **NO LATER** than the **25th** of each month, as I have to juggle the Newsletter in between my work and university priorities. Now that I have returned from overseas please direct all Newsletter related content back to me, via the Editor email address.

Stay inside and wash your hands,

Courtney Peters,

SAMCI Newsletter Editor

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

OPEN LETTER TO SYDNEY ANTIQUE MACHINERY CLUB MEMBERS

As you read this letter the world is experiencing strange and unusual times indeed! At this time of year myself and our fellow SAMC members are normally busy planning which machinery events or car runs we would normally attend on any given weekend and what engine or tractor we would take to display. Unfortunately, due to the effects of the Covid-19 virus all such get togethers, meetings and shows have been cancelled or postponed to dates as yet unknown. One thing that I have enjoyed greatly in my many years in the antique machinery movement and as a member of SAMC in particular is catching up with close friends, fellow members and like minded enthusiasts at these get togethers, and this contact is now not available to us for a while. So think of your friends among the SAMC membership, they like you may be feeling a bit isolated, so give them a call and say G'day, have a chat and check-in that they are doing OK.

Like the world in general, our machinery movement will get back to normal eventually and we can look forward to displaying our equipment again. One spin off of the 'social distancing' and lack of events to go to is that we should all get plenty of extra shed time to work on restoration projects that have been sidelined for a while, service and maintain our heritage vehicles and have some great new exhibits ready to hit the show scene once things do return to normal.

We should take the time also to reflect on the Club in general and our place as members and beneficiaries of it. Since finishing my tenure as Club President approximately 18 months ago I have been surprised and I must say a bit disheartened that no one has stepped up from the membership to permanently take on the role of President. We are a large club in membership numbers and as noted at the end of my term, any Committee position is very rewarding and it is enjoyable to be a

part of the club administration process. Assuming the world returns to normal soon October will be our next club AGM and as always it is every Members right to nominate themselves for any position so do not feel that you cannot get involved, your club needs you!!

I also understand that there is proposed to be some discussion undertaken regarding one of the more contentious issues that I had to deal with during my term as President, that being the cap on historic vehicle registration age. As background for those members that may not have been across the issues at the time, during 2017 and 2018 our Club found that changes made by the RMS to the Historic Registration scheme allowing historic vehicles over 30 years of age to go on to a 60 day permit system, rather than the earlier club administered log book system, resulted in a definite flood of new membership queries and applications, and a large upturn in vehicle numbers registered in the club. Other car and machinery clubs generally experienced similar such increases in numbers, so much so that many clubs closed their doors to new members and capped their numbers completely to make the Committee level tasks within their clubs manageable and sustainable. The problem we saw as the Committee was that these new applicants had no particular interest in joining SAMC to participate in club meetings, displays or activities, they did not share our interest in historic machinery and did not add to the club in any way, indeed some openly stated that they just wanted to join for the cheap rego!

Our club already had large numbers of registered historic vehicles as we cater to cars, motorbikes, trucks, trailers and tractors all of a historic nature in keeping with our club ethos, and as such the role of Vehicle Registrar was already complex and yet set to become even harder to manage. So after much discussion the issue was tackled and the decision to cap the allowable registration age for vehicles within the club at 1988 was put to the membership, voted on and adopted. In reality the 1988 cap still brings many vehicles into the club which do not seem historic at all but at the time that was the 30 year cut off date. I know that not everyone was happy with this decision but it was made with SAMC's greater interest at heart, it has worked to reduce the stream of new registrations, and I still believe that it will continue to serve the club well. We are not an all makes truck or car club, we are an Antique Machinery Club as evident in our name and in our Constitutions statement of aims for the club. No rule is going to be a perfect fit for everyone but I feel strongly that reversing the cap and allowing an open gate policy to each and every vehicle of any type as soon as it reaches 30 years in age will dilute the clubs heritage machinery intent and will take public attraction away from our displays.

An example of this is a recent addition to my own car collection, I have purchased a car built in 1983 (37 years of age this year) which I have registered within the club as I am eligible to do, however I personally have no intention of displaying this car at any of our events or shows as it is not in keeping with our heritage aims and I do not consider that it would be of particular interest to people who come to our events to see antique machinery. As an active club member the historic registration scheme is available to me, as it is to all members and their cars that meet the eligibility criteria, and I may drive the car to a Club General Meeting night or take it for a Club road run in future, but I am using my discretion to not bring it to the likes of the Clarendon Classic or Australia Day displays for example.

This has led me to think that there may be a solution to the matter that suits both trains of thought on the issue. My suggestion is that we introduce a "General Class" and an "Exhibition Class" to our registration scheme. This could be modelled on the "General Class" being any vehicle 30 years old or older, so not capped at 1988, allowed to be registered in the club for the purposes of the SAMC member enjoying the benefits historic registration, but that vehicle would not be eligible for inclusion in club displays such as Australia Day, Hawkesbury Show or the Clarendon Classic for example. General Class vehicles could be used for the usual 60 day permit use, to drive to club General Meetings etc. "Exhibition Class" vehicles would be capped at vehicles built prior to say 1980, and would be eligible to display at all events as they are more likely to be in keeping with our historic aims. This dual scheme would allow members to take advantage of the cheap registration but also ensure that our historic machinery displays are not diluted by every day and more 'modern' vehicles that do not fit the definition of historic, vintage, antique or that are of particular special interest.

I understand that these suggestions may be contentious or unpopular to some but I make these

suggestions in the interests of the club and our members and our future as an historic machinery club. This may offend some people but screwing a historic rego plate onto a car does not automatically make that car historic, significant or special. Remember that there is no prize or award for being the largest club in the historic machinery movement, in fact there are penalties as the club becomes so much more complex and difficult to manage and the outcome of this is that Committee positions become harder to fill as we have seen over the past year or so.

As I noted at the start of this letter, we all have some extra time on our hands at the moment so have a think over what I have written above and form your own opinions on what I have suggested, or indeed suggest further alternatives. All members are entitled to present their thoughts on this or any other matter when our meetings do eventually resume.

Thanks for reading this far and stay safe and well.

Cheers,

Luke Franks

FROM THE CLUB PLATE REGISTRAR

NO MEETINGS: Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Club has suspended meetings for the time being, so the opportunity for registration paperwork to be signed off on those occasions is lost. I also will self-isolate from now on, and will avoid personal contact. So, I request the following procedure is followed.

REGISTRATION RENEWALS: Please forward paperwork to me by mail only. This may be ordinary post (use A4 envelope), or satchel, priority paid if you wish. Please include a prepaid envelope or satchel for return of the paperwork to you.

The items required are:

- Registration renewal certificate,
- Completed "Historic Vehicle Declaration" (RMS form 1259) Fill in left hand side only,
- Pink Slip, or for tractors a completed "Vehicle Suitable for Safe Use Declaration" (RMS form 1245).

If you need the forms, print them from the RMS website, or use the links on the Club's website. I will stamp and return the paperwork as quickly as possible.

NEW REGISTRATIONS: Please contact me by phone to arrange new registrations.

AFTER PAYMENT: Please mail to me copies of the Registration Certificate and your insurance (Shannons, NRMA etc), showing payment. Alternately, you can scan and email them, or take photos with your phone and send by text.

Contact details: (these are also on the club website)

Ian Browning

Address: 33 Cobah Road, Arcadia NSW 2159

Email: isandian@tpg.com.au

Mobile: 0419 435 475.

ANDERSON TWIN SHED HAPPENINGS

In response to the editor's request with not very much happening at the moment I have put together this story to help her fill the space and hopefully entertain. I expect this quiet time to last over 6 months so I encourage all members to see what they could do to keep our Newsletter full.

Anderson twin Cylinder 5 HP 1925. Its working history is not known but it was delivered new to a Sydney dealer and was found in the Hunter region. Anderson also sold a lot of dairy equipment so this might have been supplied as a dairy package.

I was at the Cranky handle Rally in 2018 and lady gave me a folder of photos of 15 engines which had belonged to her late dad and which were for sale as I was the sole SAMCI representative there.

I presented the photos and commentary at the SAMCI committee meeting and as I expected some to be already gone I phoned the seller to check before re-presenting the photos at the regular meeting following the Classic.

My shed had been full until I sold an exhibited engine at the classic so decided to buy 2 of those engines that nobody in the club wanted - A Bruce and McClure 4Hp about 1910 -20

and an Anderson twin cylinder 5 HP of 1925 as they were too good to let pass. I restored the Anderson first and it was the tightest engine I have ever pulled apart with a struggle with everything particularly a very fragile design of camshaft. It was always a risky buy as the spark plugs were located in sockets and rusted away which could have allowed rain to collect in the cylinders. It turned out that a light clean up with a spring hone was all that was required. I even managed to save the rings.

The engine had been complete except for the carburettor idle control butterfly but everything except the magneto chain and many bolts etc. was salvageable. The magneto actually worked but a crack in the commutator made it stop working when hot so it had to be overhauled.

It was first exhibited at the Border steam club event in Leneva in April 2019 and at Cootamundra on the way home the following weekend. It starts easily and runs well.

- Article and photographs by Ron Irving.



The Anderson twin as it arrived home.



Rusted away sparkplugs are a worry.



Pretty solid rust and a flimsy governor. My New Zealand friend warned me to free the valve guide before touching it.



I had to make a new weight for the slide hammer.



Making studs and bolts.



How will it look?



No original paint survived but Anderson engines of this period were Battleship Grey. I was going to show it in bare metal but most people would have walked past thinking it was a Lister.

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Membership Application/Renewal Form

I, _____ (Full name of applicant) Preferred Name _____

of _____ Post Code _____

Email Address _____ Phone: Home _____

I agree to publication of my name and phone number? **Yes/No** Phone: Mob. _____

All newsletters will be sent by email.

I hereby apply for membership of The Sydney Antique machinery Club Inc.

I agree to be bound by the rules of the Club for the period of this membership.

I have demonstrated my participation in Club activities to be eligible for renewal of membership.

Signed _____ Date _____

New member proposed by _____ Seconded by _____

Additional Family Members (1)	Relationship to the above	Date of Birth if under 18	Entry to Compounds? (2)
			Yes / No

Notes: (1) Additional Family Members are spouse and dependent children living at the same address. Children under 10 years old are free.

(2) Please indicate if you do not require entry to working machinery compounds.

Fees: (Payable by 30 June each year.)

Adult Membership	\$50.00	Once per family (Includes insurance)	_____
Family Member	\$12.00	All members 10 years and older	_____
Dual Club Membership Fee	\$40.00	If insurance paid to another club *	_____
Newsletter Postage Levy	\$20.00	Per family receiving by post	_____
Early Payment Discount	\$10.00	Per family only if paid before 30 June Less	_____
TOTAL \$			_____

* Other club membership – name of club: _____

Return with payment to: Membership Secretary, SAMCI; 40A Racecourse Rd, Clarendon, NSW 2756, or pay by direct credit to BSB: **112 879** Account No: **446428538** with your name as reference, and email this form to the Membership Secretary at morriebarrett@optusnet.com.au.

SAMCI – Receipt for payment of Membership Fees

(For office use only)

Received from _____ The sum of \$ _____

For Year _____ Approved by Committee (new member only) Yes/No

Signed _____ Date _____

(Effective November 2018)

**SYDNEY ANTIQUE MACHINERY CLUB INC.
MERCHANDISE PRICE LIST**

ITEM DESCRIPTION	PRICE
LANYARD, with plastic sleeve	\$5.00
LANYARD, (plain)	\$4.00
TORCH, LED with KEYRING	\$4.00
BADGE, LAPEL, SAMCI LOGO	\$10.00
KEYRING, SAMCI LOGO	\$10.00
CAP, CLUB	\$16.00
HAT, CLUB (floppy brim) – gold conrod or red Barlow engine	\$16.00
JACKET, CORE MICROFLEECE LINED	\$65.00
BADGE, LARGE 2018 RALLY (a few left)	\$25.00
PATCHES, ROUND - gold conrod or red Barlow engine	\$10.00
MUG, 2018 RALLY SOUVENIR	\$10.00
MUG, 2017 RALLY SOUVENIR (a few left)	\$10.00
SHIRTS, CHAMBRAY – Long sleeved	\$45.00
SHIRTS, CHAMBRAY – Short sleeved	\$42.00
SHIRTS, POLO – light blue, dark royal, navy	\$30.00
NOTEBOOKS	\$2.50
PENS	\$1.00
FLAG, SAMCI, 600 X 1200mm	\$75.00
6 Lead Light Torches	\$6.00

AT THIS TIME, ALL EVENTS ARE CURRENTLY CANCELLED

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

All Members are invited to renew their Membership for the 2020-2021 period, all renewals will be accepted with or without the need for credits.

All renewals must be by Email or mail, payments to be made via Direct Debit, cheque or Money Order.

The Club mail-box will be cleared by the Membership Secretary on Fridays commencing, 3rd April 2020.

CLASSIFIEDS FOR CLASSICS



OASIS RUNS

The Oasis Runs are held on the first Tuesday of each month and the contact is Geoff McHardy who can be reached on 0412 796 592 or email geoff@nisch.org. The Oasis Runs are sanctioned for members.

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