

# THE MOTOMETER

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OF  
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**“The Voice of Friends of Vintage Motoring”**

**“Timeless Stories, Technical Wisdom,  
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*Welcome to this exciting new chapter in Vintage/Veteran Motoring*

# Reflections on a Daimler V8 and the Joys of Classic Motoring

## A Personal Journey Through Time Behind the Wheel

There are those who find their thrill in the chase—eager to be first at every stoplight, seeking the rush of acceleration, the satisfaction of overtaking. I have never counted myself among them. For me, driving is not about the urgency of speed but the subtlety of sensation: the gentle undulation of the hills, the open serenity of the plains, and the symphony of mechanical harmony beneath my hands. It is the feeling of confidence, of comfort, of a car steady and true beneath you, that makes each journey a pleasure to savor.

It was with these sensibilities that the MK II Jaguar first captured my imagination. The early 1960s saw this car make a grand entrance—its sensuous lines, eager engine, and undeniable presence making it an instant darling among motoring enthusiasts. Who could not be moved by the image of a MK II gliding along an English lane, the sun glinting from its chrome, the engine purring contentedly? I was, inevitably, smitten and resolved that one day I, too, would pilot such a machine.

But time, as ever, tempers desire with reality, and it would be some years before the prospect of owning a MK II Jaguar could become more than idle fantasy. By the time I was in the position to seriously consider it, the six-cylinder 3.4 and 3.8-liter variants, so prized for their performance and history, commanded prices that placed them out of reach for a modest enthusiast such as myself. Yet, fate, as she sometimes does, provided an alternate path—one both unexpected and, ultimately, deeply rewarding.

In 1960, Jaguar acquired Daimler, merging two storied British motoring marques. One of Jaguar's inspired, if unorthodox, decisions was to fit Daimler's 2.5-litre V8 engine—originally powering the rakish SP250 sports car—into the MK II's elegant saloon body. The result was the Daimler 2.5 V8, a car distinct from its Jaguar siblings. Not quite as brisk as the six-cylinder Jaguars, perhaps, but imbued with a smoothness and refinement all its own. Recognizing that it might not attract the sports-minded driver, Jaguar instead lavished the Daimler with leather upholstery, power steering, and an automatic gearbox, marketing it as a top-tier "ladies' shopping car."

There is a certain wryness to that designation, yet the Daimler was, and remains, a splendid touring car—gracious on the motorway, composed on winding lanes, and always exuding a sense of occasion. When I came across such a car in the classifieds, painted an unassuming blue and needing a touch of bodywork, I saw not just a bargain, but a canvas for possibility.

Fortune smiled again in the form of a friend—a panel beater, skilled and enthusiastic—who took an interest in my project. Under his expert hands, the Daimler's body was transformed, the paintwork resplendent in Old English White, the lines crisp and true. The effect was transformative; what had been a slightly tired old saloon now shone with a quiet elegance, the sort that turns heads without shouting for attention.

Inside, the passage of time had left the original upholstery looking somewhat dowdy. Inspiration struck: a pair of seats liberated from an Alfa Romeo, their contours inviting and their leather still supple, would provide not just a lift in comfort but also a dash of Italian flair to the Daimler's British reserve. The fusion was surprisingly harmonious—a testament to the universal joys of motoring craftsmanship.

The Daimler soon found itself pressed into service not just as a tourer, but as a rather distinguished wedding car. Jaguars and Daimlers, with their classic lines and impeccable manners, have long been favorites for such occasions, lending a sense of romance and grandeur to the proceedings. More than once, when an extra car was needed to complete a bridal procession, my Daimler answered the call, its Old English White paint perfectly suited to the day. One feature, in particular, has made it a memorable guest at these celebrations: a factory-fitted Wabasco sunroof. Few moments are as charming as a bride and groom, beaming with happiness, standing through the open roof for photographs, the car itself sharing in the joy of the day.

But the Daimler is not just a car for ceremonies. It is a passport to camaraderie and adventure, joining other classic British cars at “All British Day” gatherings, or winding its way through the storied Bay to Birdwood run, where history and enthusiasm converge. These events, a fusion of nostalgia and shared passion, remind us that old cars are more than machines—they are vessels for stories, for memories, for the ineffable pleasure of the road.

At home, the Daimler shares garage space with my Alfa Romeo, the two cars forming a small but cherished stable. The Alfa’s Italian vivacity offers a pleasing contrast to the Daimler’s British poise; each has its own character and charm, and each is treasured for different reasons. There remains, however, one space unfilled—a Studebaker Avanti, that rare and striking American coupe, sits atop my wish list. Alas, “toy money” is always in shorter supply than dreams, and the Avanti, for now, remains an ambition rather than a reality.

Yet, even without the Avanti, I am content. The Daimler V8, with its gentle power and dignified presence, continues to remind me why I was drawn to classic motoring in the first place. It is not about being first to the destination, but about savoring the journey itself—about the interplay of engineering and artistry, the companionship of fellow enthusiasts, and the quiet satisfaction of caring for something made with skill and soul.

When I slide into the driver’s seat, the leather still faintly scented, the wood dash softly glowing in the morning light, I am transported not just across miles, but across time. With the engine humming beneath the bonnet and the open road ahead, I feel a connection—to the past, to the craft of those who built the car, and to my own evolving story as a motoring enthusiast.

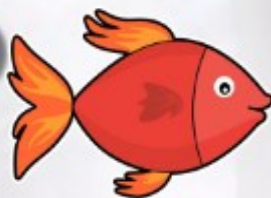
The headlights of the modern world may grow ever brighter, and the allure of new technologies ever more insistent, but for those of us who cherish the classics, there is a special kind of fulfillment in rolling back the years and experiencing the world at an unhurried pace. The Daimler V8 is more than a car; it is a companion, a memory, a bridge to the joy of motoring as it was—and, with any luck, as it will remain for years to come.

**Mik Bojko**



**Would you like to contribute to our monthly magazine if so all submissions to the secretary by the 20th of each month for distribution on or about the 25th**

# FISH & CHIP



# RUN

**SOMETHING FISHY IS GOING ON**



**Please bring a chair**

**Sunday - 14th September**  
**Meet 10.45am - Officeworks Parafield**  
**RSVP by 03/09/2025 - Ian & Kelly [kiar@bigpond.com](mailto:kiar@bigpond.com)**

# Upcoming Events

## Friends of Vintage Motoring

**Sunday  
14th  
September**

**Fish & Chip Run**  
**Organiser: Ian & Kelly Russell**  
**[kiar@bigpond.com](mailto:kiar@bigpond.com)**  
General Meeting

**Sunday  
11th  
October**

**Monato Zoo**  
**Organiser: Dale & Kay La Vars**  
**[djlv@esc.net.au](mailto:djlv@esc.net.au)**

**Saturday  
8th  
November**

**Tailem Bend  
Private Train Museum**  
**Organiser: Bob & Rosa Yates**  
**[bobjy@bigpond.com](mailto:bobjy@bigpond.com)**  
General Meeting

**Saturday  
13th  
December**

**Kids Christmas Party**  
**1355 Lower North East Rd**  
**Houghton**  
**2.00pm**  
**Organisers: Kelly & Maxine**

**Sunday  
1st  
February**

**Cummins House**  
**Organiser: Mik Bojko**  
**[mikbojko@hotmail.com](mailto:mikbojko@hotmail.com)**  
General Meeting

# The August Run: Coffee, Cake, and Companionship

On a crisp August day, the Officeworks carpark was brought to life by the arrival of the Friends of Vintage Motoring members and the comforting murmur of voices. By 12.15, part of the carpark had transformed into a lively hub of anticipation, laughter, and camaraderie, as 28 members and friends of our car club assembled for the much-awaited monthly run. Each arrival was greeted not only by the gentle warmth of the sun peeking through the clouds, but also by the distinct aroma of anticipation—everyone knew coffee and cake awaited at a mystery bakery, and the promise of a morning with good company.

As is tradition, the gathering began with a flurry of greetings and cheerful welcomes. Old friends embraced, catching up on the happenings since last month's drive, while new members were quickly folded into the group's embrace. There's something about the shared love of motoring and lunchtime pastries.



Laughter rang out as familiar jokes resurfaced and stories from previous runs were recounted with the embellishments that only time and friendship can provide.

Among the group, a sense of excitement buzzed for the newcomers joining us for the very first time. New faces entered the circle, and within moments, found themselves enveloped in the enthusiastic conversation that's become the hallmark of our club. No one was left standing alone; introductions flew fast, and the spirit of inclusion ran as deep as the fuel in our tanks.

It wasn't long before the unmistakable arrival of Ian and Tony turned heads. Their choice of transport today was their "T". The duo emerged, all smiles, waving off the fanfare.

Close on their heels was Kelly, guiding the stately Statesman through the rows of parked cars. This was a particularly special moment, as it marked Kelly's very first time behind the wheel of this classic vehicle. The Statesman, with its sweeping lines and dignified presence, glided to a graceful stop. Kelly emerged, a touch flushed with the thrill of the experience, her passengers full of praise for her confident driving. Compliments poured in from all sides—her debut was a resounding success.



The next few minutes were filled with that unique blend of “chitter and chatter” that defines these gatherings—small talk flows freely.

As the banter reached its peak, Adam raised his voice above the din, calling everyone to attention with a smile that promised further adventure. We all clustered around, Ian, stepped forward to announce the destination: a beloved local bakery, where tables had been reserved and the promise of pastries and rich coffee awaited. The announcement was met with interest as not many of us had been to this bakery - no one ever tires of discovering a new Favorite spot, especially when it comes at the recommendation of a trusted member.

With directions shared, the group made their way to their vehicles. The convoy rolled out in orderly fashion, following Ian and Tony in their T.

Upon arrival at the bakery, the group was welcomed by the staff, who had prepared a long table outside under the pergola. The aroma of warm bread and freshly brewed coffee was irresistible. Mik found his way to the counter and ordered his favourite Apple turnover, once we had placed our orders and found a seat at the table, conversations picked up where it had left off.



Throughout the afternoon, the bakery buzzed with the energy of our gathering. Friendships were forged, and plans for future runs began to take shape. Stories were swapped, and the club’s sense of unity grew deeper.



The raffle was a resounding success, engaging everyone in the spirit of friendly competition and support. Each attendee eagerly purchased a ticket. The winning ticket was drawn, and Oliver was announced as the lucky winner.

Oliver's good fortune was matched only by his remarkable generosity. In a heartfelt gesture that captured the camaraderie and goodwill of our club, Oliver chose to donate 50% of his winnings back to the club. This act of kindness not only boosted the club's resources but also set an inspiring example for all members.

Oliver's selfless donation will go a long way in supporting our kids Christmas party. Adam extended his sincere gratitude to everyone who participated in the raffle and especially to Oliver for his outstanding contribution.



As the afternoon waned and the last crumbs were savored, a gentle sense of contentment settled over the group. Goodbyes were exchanged with promises to meet again, engines were started, and the cars rolled out, one by one, back into the rhythm of daily life. But the spirit of the gathering lingered—an invisible thread linking us all, reminding each member that the journey is every bit as sweet as the destination.

**NEED AN EXCUSE TO GET YOUR CAR  
OUT OF THE GARAGE**

**A GREAT DAY OUT - WITH LIKE MINDED ENTHUSIASTS**



**September 1<sup>st</sup>  
"DRIVE-IT DAY"**



**Monday September 1<sup>st</sup> 2025.  
Bethany Reserve; Bethany Road, Bethany 11.00am  
BYO Lunch**



The first day of Spring, September 1<sup>st</sup> is promoted by the Federation of Historic Motor Vehicles SA as "Drive It Day" in SA. You are encouraged to take your historic vehicles out so that the public can see them. Take them to work, take them shopping, go for a drive, organise a run.



The Gawler Veteran Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club invites your club or club members to join us at Bethany Reserve; Bethany Road, Bethany at around 11.00am on Monday September 1<sup>st</sup> 2025.

The Gawler Club has organised runs to Bethany starting as follows:

Fremont Park, Elizabeth  
Princes Park, Gawler Showgrounds, Gawler  
All runs meet at 9.00 am for 9.30 am start.



# MONARTO ZOO ADVENTURE

October  
11th

**Classic/Modern Car Run**  
**Meet 9.00am - TTG Hotel**  
**either BYO Lunch**  
**or purchase at Monarto**  
**RSVP Dale La Vars**

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# COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 10th AUGUST 2025

Welcome	President Adam Welcomed all those present to The August Committee Meeting of the Friends of Vintage Motoring	
Present:	MIK & MARG BOJKO, ADAM JONES, GARY WARREN, TREVOR & MAXINE MARTIN, DALE & KAY LA VARS, JAR-RYD LA VARS, IAN & KELLY RUSSELL, TONY & KAY RUSSELL, LIN WARREN, ROBERT & ROSA YATES, DEBRA SPACKMAN. JENNY MCKENZIE, JESS & ADRIAN CZABANIA & Daughter LACEY, SIAN & NATHAN COSTI, TREVOR NORLEY & Friend PAUL, SIMON CZABANIA, MARGARET SANTIN, LISETTE SANTIN, ERIN LAWES & Son OLIVER	
Apologies:	Anthony & Ebony Russell, Kieren & Ronette O'Neill, Paul Van Ruth, Jake & Cheree Bonnici, Jayden & Jorja Russell, Zara Russell and Brodey Manuel	
Acceptance of Committee Minutes:	July 3rd July 11th	Moved: Kelly Seconded: Dale That the minutes as distributed by email be accepted <b>Carried</b>
Secretary's Report:	Several emails in and out from corporate affairs re club incorporation Incorporation Certificate Email Re Car Club Badges Constitution to all members Reminder Coffee & Cake Run Several applications for membership as per the below new members list	Moved: Maxine Seconded: Bob That Secretary's Report be accepted <b>Carried</b>
Treasurers Report:	Bob presented the Treasurers report up to and including 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2025 As per the financial statement signed by the President	Moved: Mik Seconded: Rosa That Treasurers Report be accepted <b>Carried</b>
New Membership:	Kieren & Ronette O'Neill Jessica & Adrian Czabania Sian & Nathan Costi Trevor Norley Simon Czabania Margaret Santin Lisette Santin Erin Lawes Drew Santin Lino Santin	Moved: Ian Seconded: Kay That the members listed be accepted <b>Carried</b>

<p>Monthly Runs:</p>	<p><b>14<sup>th</sup> September Run:</b> Fish &amp; Chip  <b>11<sup>th</sup> October Run:</b> Monarto Zoo - Classic/Modern car run. Meet TTG Hotel.  <b>8<sup>th</sup> November Run:</b> Tailem Bend, - Classic/Modern car run. Members were asked to bring a salad/ sweet to share BBQ Meat will be provided. An email will be sent shortly asking what you would like to supply so as we don't double up.  <b>13<sup>th</sup> December Run:</b> Christmas Party, - Members were asked to bring a salad/ sweet to share BBQ Meat will be provided. An email will be sent shortly asking what you would like to supply so as we don't double up.  <b>1<sup>st</sup> February Run:</b> Cummins House – more details to follow  <b>March Run:</b> Penfield Trains – more details to follow. Adam spoke of the potential Annual Run to be held in Renmark in October 2026</p>	
<p>Application to DPTI</p>	<p>DPTI new application to be forwarded on 14<sup>th</sup> December with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership growth.</li> <li>• Further meetings.</li> <li>• Events.</li> <li>• Future plans.</li> </ul> <p>Nothing to be discussed at this time</p>	
<p>The Motometer:</p>	<p>First edition July 2025 has been distributed, August Edition is being worked on, please consider writing your story for the front cover.  Several members thanked Maxine for a very interesting first Magazine</p>	
<p>Incorporation:</p>	<p>Incorporation of The Friends of Vintage Motoring has been approved. Thanks to Dale for all the work he did with changes to the constitution to make this happen so quickly.  Copy of the constitution has been emailed to all members.</p>	
<p>General Business:</p>	<p>A \$2.00 lucky square be available at each get together with all funds raised to go to the Christmas Party.  The first was drawn at this meeting with the winner being Oliver, Oliver generously donated 50% of his prize money back to the club, this was received with applause.</p> <p>Dale spoke of the purchase of Club Car Stickers these would sell at 2 for \$5.00</p>	<p>Moved: Ian  Seconded: Bob  <b>Carried</b></p> <p>Moved: Dale  Seconded: Gary  that we purchase 100 Car Stickers  <b>Carried</b></p>

<p>General Business:</p>	<p>Bob spoke about the purchase of Club Car Badges 20 only badges would cost \$48 each 50 badges would bring the cost down to \$30.00 each.</p> <p>A general discussion was had re the club investing in a website and a facebook page. It was decided that we would hold off until after we have received Conditional Registration.</p>	<p>Moved: Ian Seconded: Trevor that we do not purchase Car Badges at this time, but wait until next year <b>Carried</b></p>
<p>Meeting Closed:</p>	<p>Adam thanked all those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.</p>	

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With or without last name  
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**Down Under**

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26th October 2025  
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**SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2025**

Hosted by  
The Vintage Sports Car Club of S.A. Inc.



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The Entrant's (Owner's) Name: .....

Club: .....

Postal Address: .....

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E-mail address: .....

Driver, if other than the Owner: .....

Vehicle Make and Model: ..... Body Style: .....

Number of Cylinders: ..... Horsepower: ..... Year of Manufacture: .....

Number expected for Morning Tea: .....

Please enclose \$15.00 for Morning Tea for Driver and Navigator.

Add \$5.00 each for any extra Morning Teas.

Please make cheques payable to VSCCSA

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The Vintage Sports Car Club of SA Inc

BSB: 805-050

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Reference: Your Surname + DUL2B

Vehicles must have Conditional or Full Registration.

Trader Plates are not acceptable.

Entrants are encouraged to wear costume relevant to the period of their vehicle.



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Or Email

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by 19th October 2025

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By completing and signing the Form I acknowledge and accept the Conditions of Entry.

Signed by the Entrant: ..... Date: .....

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