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Wayne and Lyn's Convertible at Hepburn Springs

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THE MORRIS MINOR CAR CLUB OF VICTORIA INC.

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

08th September 2016 7.30pm for 8.00 pm at Horrie Watson Pavilion, Deepdene Park,
Whitehorse Road, DEEPPENE. 3103. (Melways Map 46 Ref. A8)
MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 2nd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

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Club Regalia

Clothing

Short Sleeve polo Shirt \$30.00

Long Sleeve Denim Shirt \$40.00

Reversible Vest \$45.00

Winter Jacket \$70.00

Tee Shirts \$15.00

Club Logo Tri Colour Caps \$25.00

Cloth Club Logo Patch \$10.00

Accessories

Stubbie Holder \$9.00

Promo Key rings \$5.00

Lapel shirt pins \$5.00

MMCCV Metal Grille Badge \$20.00

MMCCV Windscreen Banner \$7.00

Stickers for cars

MMCCV Round Logo Sticker \$2.00

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Magnetic MMCCV [round) Sml \$10.00

Morris Logo Vinyl Sticker \$3.00

For Purchases Contact Regalia Officer

Graham Harper

MEMBERS ONLY WEB ACCESS

Please note that access details for our Club Magazine (Members) Web Page have changed to:

Username: mmccv

Password: r6XYw7Mw

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER:-

BSB No: 633 000

ACCOUNT No: 1469 35168

ACCOUNT NAME: Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria INC.

In the reference field, please quote what the payment is for and by whom it is from

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CLUB PERMIT SCHEME HOLDERS

Notice to all club permit holders.

New applications and renewals to be signed between August 26 and September 17 are to be sent to Mark Parritt at 37 Prince Street Mornington 3931.

Phone 0403 194 021 or email: president@morrisminorvic.org.au **Don't forget to send early.**

Renewals: please send a stamped self-addressed envelope plus Vic Roads Forms.

ALL NEW APPLICANTS: PLEASE SEND 3 X \$1.00 STAMPS PLUS CURRENT R.W.C., PROOF OF OWNERSHIP, VIC ROADS CLUB PERMIT APPLICATION, VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY AND STANDARDS DECLARATION FOR CLUB PERMIT VEHICLES AND 6 SIGNED and DATED RECENT PHOTOS of Front, Rear, Driver's side, Driving position (Side-on with driver's door open) Chassis number or ID plate, Engine Bay. Club rules are that a person must be a club member for more than 6 months before they can apply for a permit.

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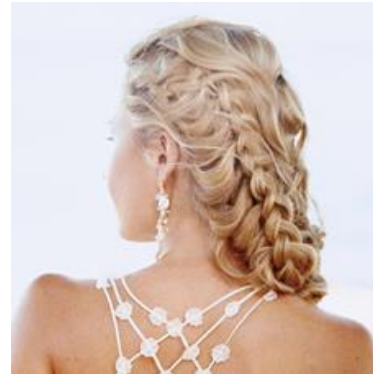
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President`s Report September 2016

Hi All

At the time of writing, Sue and I are halfway through our caravan adventure to Queensland. At present we are staying at Agnes Water 128 km north of Bundaberg. So far all has gone well, except on the way up at Coffs Harbour where we got smashed by a storm / low that came in off the coast and swirled around over our heads for about 12 hours! We were lucky we only got our annex damaged – a small tear - others in the park had their cars and caravan annexes damaged by large falling branches!

Agnes Water and the Town of 1770 are very small and designed for beach goers, surfers and fishing. Our three-day visit gave us a chance to enjoy the scenery and have a relaxing time.

In Bundaberg we visited some Morrie friends we met at several National Rallies. They have a 1958 4 door Sedan, 1958 Ute and have purchased in the last year a black Woody from around Maryborough, Victoria. I also meet a few other members of the Bundaberg Veteran Car club that have Morris Minors. Most of them are coming down for the DOMM / National Rally at Caribbean Gardens next year.

From here we travel back to the Sunshine Coast for a few days with a friend, then back to Brisbane and finally to the Gold Coast for a few more days before we start heading for home.

Providing all goes well, we should be home in time for the September Meeting and Braidy`s mystery run. I look forward to catching up with you all then.

Keep on Morrying

Mark

Club Captain`s Report September 2016

Hi Members,

This month we are heading to the Hurstbridge Wattle Festival, meet at the Diamond Creek McDonalds at 8:30am for a great day out. Come and enjoy the festival fun.

The Touring Club is off this month to South Australia, we wish them all well in their travels.

Keep on Morrying

Stewart

AGENDA FOR GENERAL MEETING MORRIS MINOR CAR CLUB OF VICTORIA INC

Thursday, 08th September 2016 Horrie Watson Pavilion Deepdene Park, Deepdene 3103.

1. Apologies
2. No. of Members Present (Quorum)
3. Confirmation of last minutes
4. President`s Report
5. Treasurers Report
6. General Business
7. Close of Meeting

UP COMING EVENTS 2016

Saturday 27th August to 18th September

Morris Minor Touring Club Australia Incorporated
South Australia Tour

The tour will go from Melbourne to Geelong to Warrnambool to Mount Gambier to Glenelg in Adelaide to Port Augusta to Streaky Bay to Port Lincoln to Rawnsley Park (near Wilpena Pound in the Flinders Ranges) to Renmark to Robinvale then will finish in Bendigo.

We will start in Victoria then we will visit South Australia, New South Wales then back to Victoria.

Contact Heather Jarman 0466 080 816. hedandles@hotmail.com

Sunday 28th August

Hurstbridge Wattle Festival

The Hurstbridge Wattle Festival is a significant cultural event for Melbournians that have their roots firmly planted in our early rail history. It's a joyous celebration of our heritage, environment and community. Festival goers view the wattles in a blaze of glory along the Diamond Creek as they approach the township of Hurstbridge. As visitors stroll the main street and the various Festival precincts, they enjoy a fabulous and extensive array of entertainment, events and activities for all the family, many of them free.

Meet at the Diamond Creek McDonald's at 8:30am for a 9:00am sharp departure, then proceeding to Hurstbridge for a 10:00am set up at the railway station.

Contact Graham Harper for more information AH: 03 9439 5791

Sunday 25th September

Vice President's Second Mystery Run

It's on again! After a very successful Mystery Run last year I'm doing it again. This is an observational and 'treasure hunt' run. We are going down the Mornington Peninsula. Some familiar place some not so familiar place but all scenic. So we are meeting at:

Peninsula Link South bound Service Centre Exit 16 after the C777

At 9.00am for 9.30 departure.

Lunch has been booked at a lovely venue and will cost around \$25 for a set menu main meal.

Let me know if you have any dietary requirements.

Braidy 0403963379

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Saturday 1st October

Morris Minor Owners - National Show and Shine **9am-3pm**

This national show and shine is to be held at the Parkes Showground – Parkes NSW. It is planned that a convoy leaves Melbourne on Thursday 29th September and travels to Narrandera (435km) then arrives at Parkes on Friday 30th September (275km) just in time to get ready and to be at the “show and shine” on the Saturday. There will be an optional run on the Sunday. Coming home on Monday could be via Jerilderie (379km) then home to Melbourne on Tuesday (330km) For additional information and entry form, please see the back page of this magazine. For more information please contact Graham Dines.

0400 893 483 or email gdines@bigpond.net.au

If the group want a morning tea stop, the Stanyer's wayside stop will be open.
Just let Julie know how many sticky buns she will need.

October 23rd **Motorkhana**

Mark Parritt and Stewart Carr are organising.

Tuesday 1st November **Melbourne Cup Day**

The Melbourne Cup event will be hosted by Henry and Marlene Edwards this year. Come along for a great day out in Whittlesea.

Friday 4th November to Tuesday 8th

November Phillip Island - Cowes Trip

A weekend away to the Phillip Island - Cowes Caravan & Camping Park – “Right on the Beach” Cabins as well as caravan sites are available.

SITE FEES: Site bookings are for 1 tent & 1 car or 1 caravan (& annex) - \$43 per night.

PARK CABIN FEES: 2 person per night. Standard - \$100, Deluxe - \$130, Executive - \$140, Beach View - \$150. Please enquire regarding bedding as we may need to supply your own.

There will be a group discount of 10% for each booking. (Mention MMCCV)

Contact Graham Harper for more information. AH: 03 9439 5791

Sunday 4th December 2016

The BMC Experience Grand Day Out

The 12th annual BMC Experience Grand Day Out is on Sunday 4 December 2016 at Bundoora Park, Plenty Rd, Bundoora from 10am to 3pm.

The event is open to owners of all cars from all the brands that made up the BMC-Leyland groups of companies: Mini; Austin; Morris; Austin-Healey; MG; Riley; Wolseley; Leyland; Rover; Land Rover; Jaguar; Triumph; Vanden Plas; and Innocenti.

This is an entirely FREE event.

Thursday 8th December 2016

Christmas Party

When: Thursday 8 December 2015 - Time: 7pm Where: Box Hill Golf Club - 202 Station Street, Box Hill South, Melways – Map 61 D2.5

“ELVIS WILL BE IN THE BUILDING”

Sunday 19th February 2017

MMCCV 40th Birthday Party

Sunday 30th July 2017

Christmas in July

Donegan's Farm - 309 Butter Factory Rd, Gordon VIC 3345 (30 min from Melton).

3 Course sit down meal. Approx cost will be \$25 to \$30 per person.

Contact Wayne Cunningham (03 5332 7474 or 0407 994 642) for more information.

Please think of runs you would like to do this year or next year.

(Australia Day will need to be organised)

Other Events

Euroa Show & Shine

Sunday 2nd October

Clifton Street, Euroa

Last of the Chrome Bumpers

Sunday 23rd October

Lardner Park, Warragul

RUN REPORT

John Whelan Memorial Run. Sunday 31st July

Report by Wayne Cunningham

**The Old Hepburn Hotel – Hepburn String
236 Main Road, Hepburn Springs**

Lyn and I set off in the sunshine (the first in a long time) to meet Bruce and Ann for a pleasant drive through the countryside to the old Hepburn Hotel for lunch. When we arrived, we found 18 morries, one Triumph Dolomite, one Austin Somerset, one Chevrolet Bel Air and one Mercedes all parked at the hotel when Bill Zahra, a past member turned up then he had to reattach his front suspension arm which had fallen off. There were 50 plus people there for lunch. There was only 6 from our club who attended. Bruce Kerr, Ann Rasmussen, Graham and Rosalee Harper plus us two. I do not think that we can complain about other clubs not coming to our events if we do not go to theirs. The plates of food were gigantic but were all eaten. After lunch we went in to Daylesford for a cup of coffee then home. It was good to meet up with old friends from the other clubs

Wayne





TRADING PLACES
September 2016



Contact: Graham Dines: 0400 893 483

Or email editor@morrisminorvic.org.au

There is a collection of Morris Minor panels in Shepparton in covered storage.

Contact: = Martin Kiddle Phone number 03 5828 5284.

Martin would like some cash for them, not sure how much, otherwise they are going to the tip!

For Sale

Morris Minor New Clutch Plate, Pressure Plate and Thrust Bearing. \$25.00
Contact Bill Legg on 03 9796 7075 or 0417 159 603. Bill is at Narre Warren

For Sale 1967 Morris Minor sedan which has been my daily transport for the last 5 years.

My personal circumstances have changed which require me to now have a modern car, so I am looking to sell my 'Dolly'. The vehicle is not perfect as you would expect from daily use. It is registered until April 2017. I have had it inspected for road worthy and it does require a list of things to be fixed and I have been advised that they are not major for a car enthusiast. Priced to sell at \$3,500 ONO.

Contact Mark Bailey 0417 117 317

Nicky Moulder. Email nicky_moulder@hotmail.com



MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership statistics as August 18 are as follows:-

Posted 39 Email 126 a total of 165 members plus 8 Life members
85 cars registered with the Club Permit Scheme.

The financial year has been changed from December 31st to March 31st 2017 (see the motion elsewhere in the Generator)

If any member would like a membership card sent to them, please send a stamped self addressed envelope to the PO Box. Should you have any Membership queries or suggestions do not hesitate to contact me at 9817 5385, or email - membership@morrisminorvic.org.au

Club Name Badges :- are available for \$9.00 per person, contact me to order a badge. Wear your badge to a meeting & be in the running to choose a prize from the raffle table.



Jeremy Rodseth is having surgery on Friday 19th August we wish him well.
To those members of our Club who are not well, we wish you the best & hope you recover quickly. If you know of any member/s who are on the sick list, please let me know.

*****MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER*****



Gavin Dyne	02	Alexander Arp	03	Gino Balestra	03	Suzanne Johns	05
Chester Mckaige	07	Gillian Asquith	10	Michelle Jurgen	13	McKenzie Thomas	16
Wayne Cunningham	17	Neil Cheney	18	Charmian Hopwood	20	Adele Adcock	25
Bruce Kerr	25	John Perlak	27	Mark Powell	29	Sheila Bailey	30



Barbara Urquhart
Membership Officer

TREASURER'S REPORT

31/07/2016		01/07/2016 to 31/07/2016	CM	YTD
<u>Opening Balance</u>	\$7,177.51	<u>Income</u>		
		Advertising	\$0.00	\$50.00
		Club Raffle	\$88.00	\$509.00
		Events	\$200.00	\$1,218.00
		Interest Earned	\$232.56	\$232.56
		Membership Dues	\$40.00	\$2,930.00
		Regalia Sales	\$0.00	\$230.00
		Badges	\$0.00	\$25.00
		Donations	\$0.00	\$25.00
		Library fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Refunds	\$0.00	\$0.00
		<u>Total Income</u>	\$560.56	\$5,219.56
<u>Closing Balance</u>				
Undeposited Funds	\$0.00			
MMCCV Cheque A/C	\$5,612.07	<u>Expenditure</u>		
Bendigo Term Deposit	\$8,835.44	Printing (non-Gen)	\$0.00	\$126.50
<u>Total Balance</u>	<u>\$14,447.51</u>	Hall Hire	\$210.00	\$210.00
		Club Events	\$1,455.00	\$2,061.00
		Licence & Permits	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Newsletter costs	\$171.50	\$927.98
		Office supplies	\$0.00	\$319.94
		Postage	\$0.00	\$80.00
		Professional fees	\$0.00	\$150.00
		Regalia	\$0.00	\$127.00
		Badges	\$11.50	\$138.50
		Consumer Affairs	\$0.00	\$54.40
		Suppers	\$0.00	\$218.83
		Trophies	\$0.00	\$48.00
		Post office box rental	\$0.00	\$121.00
		Subscriptions	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Webpage Hosting	\$0.00	\$44.00
		AOMC	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Refunds	\$25.00	\$220.00
		Presentations	\$20.44	\$20.44
		Equipment	\$0.00	\$164.00
		<u>Total Expenditure</u>	\$1,893.44	\$5,031.59
		<u>Net Income/Deficit</u>	\$1,332.88	\$187.97
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				

**MORRIS MINOR CAR CLUB OF VICTORIA INC. GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE
HORRIE WATSON PAVILION 11th AUGUST 2016**

1. Meeting opened at 8.03 pm by Vice President Braidy Davies.
2. Apologies received from Mark Parritt, Michael and Veronica Dobson, Graham and Lesley Dines, Percy and Cheryl Scicluna, Sue Cheney, Ross and Ann Carr and Tim Lengyel.
3. Welcome to visitors and new members. New member David Cain has a 1962, 2 door 1000, soon to be on the road.
4. Acceptance of previous meeting minutes. These were moved by Wayne, seconded by David as amended. Two amendments are:
 - 75 cars on H plates, 7 on CH plates and 1 on M plates,
 - Robert Thorpe acquired the car when he was 18.
5. President's Report. As per the Generator
6. Vice President's Report. The Mystery run planning is well advanced.
7. Secretary's Report. Various notifications of car show and shine events and letters from Jeremy Rodseth and Leigh Andrew were received and members advised of the contents. Two magazines, BMC Leyland Heritage Group, and Minor Matters were placed in the library.
8. Treasurer's Report. Total Balance is \$14447.51, comprised of Term Deposit of \$8835.44 and Bank of \$5612.07. Term Deposit has been reinvested for 6 months. The decrease in the total balance is due to seasonal expenses with income having been received earlier with membership renewals.
9. Club Captains Report. Stewart advised the meeting of upcoming runs and events. Braidy advised that the mystery run (25 September) will begin in the east and finish at very pleasant location for lunch. Stewart reminded members of the 40th Anniversary of the Clubs formation to be celebrated on 19th of February and asked for suggestions for the Australia Day run. The Melbourne Cup event will be hosted by Henry and Marlene Edwards this year.
10. Regalia Report. New club Jackets are available see Graham for a fitting.
11. Editor's Report. No issues, all going well
12. AOMC Report. AOMC meeting this Saturday where the main agenda item will be how to transfer from CH or H plates to M plates. Neil advised that where a CPS car is moved from its home property to the street to shuffle cars, the log book does not have to be filled out **IF AND ONLY IF** the car remains within 100 metres of its home address.

13. National Rally Report. No Report

14. Touring Car Club Report. 5 x MMCCV cars leave from Geelong on the 27th Aug.

15. Historian's Report. No report.

16. CPS Officer's Report. The number of new applications for CPS have declined from 16 in 2014 to 4 so far this year.

17. Librarian's Report. Lots of items being taken out on loan.

18. General Business.

- Rosalee Harper thanked the club for the New Urn and the members thanked her for the great suppers,
- Stewart thanked the Club for the card and well wishes received following the birth of William.
- Wayne advised that he is exploring a venue for the next Christmas in July and possibility of jointly holding with the Geelong Club.
- Barbara advised of good technical advice in Minor Matters magazine, copies in library and some published in our Generator when permission granted by publisher.
- The following Notice Of Motion was put to the meeting

“That Rule 3 of the Rules of the MMCCV Inc. be amended to read “The Financial Year of the Association is each period of 12 months ending on 31March” and that such amendment will take effect upon acceptance by the Registrar of Incorporated Associations”

Moved Neil Cheney, Seconded Wayne Cunningham

This was voted upon by the members present and a unanimous vote for the motion was received.

- Wayne raised the need for current membership cards stating the period covered need to be issued to CPS holders in order to proof financial compliance with the scheme.

19. Meeting closed at 8.57 p.m. and the raffle was held.

Thanks to all who donated the prizes.

Mal Baker



REGALIA

For purchases contact Graham Harper - 03 9439 5791 regalia@morrisminorvic.org.au



Reversible Vest \$45



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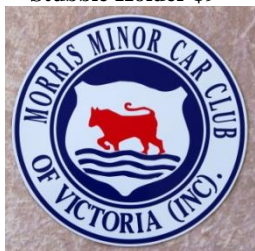
Stubbie Holder \$9



Mugs \$10



Lapel shirt pins \$5



Magnetic Car Signs -Large \$15



Small \$10



Promo Keyrings \$5



The Financial Year of the MMCCV Inc

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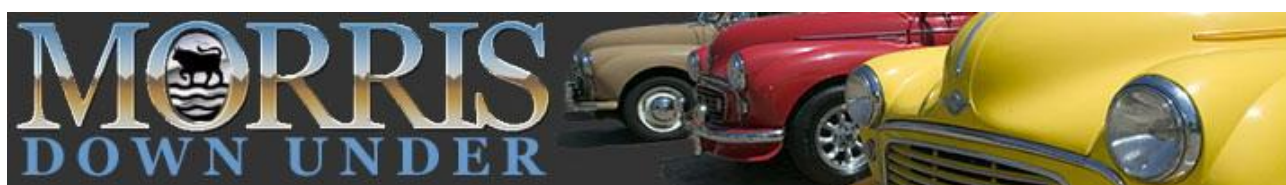
TO ALL CLUB PERMIT HOLDERS

Please print out this amendment as proof of extended membership until the end of March 2017.

Thank you

Wayne Cunningham - C.P.S OFFICER.

Contact Wayne (03 5332 7474 or 0407 994 642) for more information if required.



<http://www.morrisdownunder.com/forum/index.php>

This forum is the common portal to link all the clubs together and where Morris Minor owners from all over the country can swap information, search for parts
And make new friends.

TECHNICAL TIPS

From our technical advisor **ROB THOMASSON** Tel: 01708 723263 | Email: rob.thomasson@mmoc.org.uk

Rear spring replacement

Difficulty 3/10

Cost £35 per side

Time 2 hours per side

Tools and parts Axle stands, spanners, new spring, new rubber or polyurethane bushes, U-bolts

The rear springs on the Minor have only three faults: they break, sag, or develop wear patches where each lower leaf ends or where the shackle clamps pass over the top leaf.

There are four types of springs to be found on the various models. It is quite possible that they have been changed for the wrong ones at some time in the past. This is only a problem if you decide to replace them, so check before you buy:

- 7-leaf $\frac{1}{4}$ in spring as fitted to the early MMs, Series II and early Travellers
- 5-leaf $\frac{5}{16}$ in spring used on saloons and Tourers
- 7-leaf $\frac{5}{16}$ in spring as fitted to later Travellers
- 8-leaf $\frac{5}{16}$ in spring as fitted to vans

A common modification is to fit 7-leaf springs to saloons to give better road holding at the expense of comfort or to allow towing of heavy trailers. On the whole I would not recommend this. A set of telescopic shocks will work better and you won't lose your fillings so easily!

The van type of spring will not fit saloons as the eye on the end is bigger.

It is possible to re-temper springs if they have sagged, but the cost is higher than new ones these days so it is easier to replace them.

Removal is easy in theory, but the bolts tend to rust up making life difficult. I strongly recommend you soak all the bolts in WD-40 for several days before you start as this will save a lot of swearing.

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

Removal

- 1 Jack up the rear of the car and support the body on axle stands. Use a baulk of timber to spread the loads. The chassis leg is a useful strong point for this.
 - 2 Soak the rear shackles in WD-40 together with the front bolts.
 - 3 Loosen but do not remove the rear shackle nuts.
 - 4 Remove the large U-bolts that retain the axle. These are usually corroded badly. I strongly suggest you cut the old ones off and buy new ones. The U-bolts also retain the rubber bump stops. If these stops have disappeared you will need to buy two new ones. Spend the extra money and buy good ones as the cheap ones fall off.
- On all Minors except the van there is a rubber pad between the spring and the axle. This acts as a primitive buffer to try and reduce road noise. Do not lose this and make sure it goes back. It is rare for these to fail but they are available if required.
- 5 Support the axle with a suitable support. A trolley jack is ideal if you have one.
 - 6 Remove the nut from the front bolt and try tapping the bolt out. It is almost certain that this will be difficult to remove. Fortunately there is a trick...
 - 7 Remove the two small bolts that retain the plate into which the bolt head fits (Fig. 1). Now when you tap the end of the bolt the plate will come out with the bolt. A chisel or an angle grinder is usually needed to get these little bolts out. If you tighten them until they snap instead of trying to undo them you may find it easier. This is because the nut starts to turn if you undo them and it is difficult to get at the nuts.

- 8 Use a jack to take the weight of the spring and now remove the rear shackle nuts. It is much easier to remove the outer shackle plate and push the two pins and inner shackle out than to remove both sides. This is because the pins keep turning round as you try to remove the second nut.
- 9 The spring now drops away with a slight rearward tug.
- 10 If you have had to remove the plate, free it from the special bolt by working it back and forth. A good soak in WD-40 helps. Try not to burr over the end of the thread.

Fitting new spring

- 1 Replace the plate with new small bolts.
- 2 Insert a new bush into the *outer* end of the spring.
- 3 Place the spring in position and insert the front bolt with the second bush on the shaft of the bolt. Fit the nut but do not fully tighten it yet.
- 4 Lubricate the new rear bushes with washing up liquid as this makes insertion easier.
- 5 Lift the spring into position and fit the rear shackles with new bushes. Remember to refit the rubber pad between the axle and the spring. Do not tighten the nuts fully at this stage.
- 6 Now fit the U-bolts and tighten the nuts fully.
- 7 Lift the axle with the jack until it supports the car, then fully tighten the front nut and the rear ones.

I suggest you replace springs in axle pairs as they do tend to adopt a sit over the years. It depends on your budget of course.

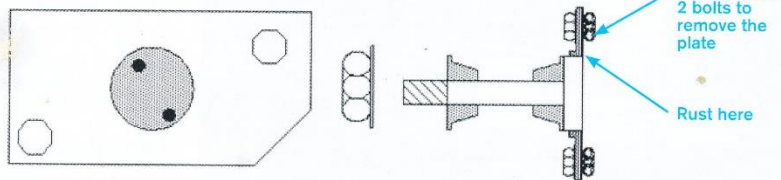


Fig. 1. This is the plate you will find at the front of the rear springs. The special bolt in the middle tends to rust in. Remove the two small bolts – you may need to cut them off – and remove the plate complete with the middle bolt.



2016 MMCCV Christmas Function

Date:- Thursday 8th December
Time:- 7 pm

Place:- Box Hill Golf Club
Address:- 202 Station St, Box Hill South
Parking:- Riversdale Rd Melways 61 D 2.5
Entertainment:- "ELVIS will be in the Building"

Cost:- \$30 per person 2 course meal. Notify Barbara Urquhart (Membership Officer) if you have any dietary requirements.

Payment:- by November either by cheque or electronic transfer
(Please state name & what the payment is for)

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