



# Rally Directions

The official Organ of the Classic Rally Club Inc.  
(Affiliated with CAMS)

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A few great photos from Day One of the '14 Alpine, courtesy of a couple of our enthusiastic Club snappers. There will be more Alpine photos in the next edition of the magazine.

***In this issue:*** Read the end of season A.G.M. reports. Please make sure, if at all possible, you attend the A.G.M. on 25th November, 7.30pm at the Denistone Sports Club. This month we have a smaller than usual magazine. The Editor is recovering from a hip replacement so is a bit limited with time and brain power. Never mind, a bumper end of season November/December edition will be out in a few weeks time with full Alpine and Pas de Deux coverage along with Final Club Championship Pointscore plus much more.

***Upcoming event:***  
***(Full details inside)***

\* **Sunday December 14th. Monster C.R.C. Christmas Party and 'Haulin' the Hawkesbury.** Don't miss a great lunch, starting at 12.30pm, at Mike & Chris Birks at Oakville. Beforehand 'Haulin' the Hawkesbury' will be a great way to start the day. This 115km fun drive promises to take you to parts of the Hawkesbury District you never knew existed. An experience you shouldn't miss!

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Classic Rally Club Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month, January to November from 7.30pm at Denistone Sports Club, 59 Chatham Road, West Ryde

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## Ross's Rave.

Hi everybody,

I'm writing this on the day before the Pas de Deux so I don't know the outcome of our point score championship at this time. I do know that the final places for all categories could be decided tomorrow. It will be very exciting to see how it all turns out. Irrespective of what the point score indicates, I know that I will be one of the winners, because once again I have really enjoyed myself this year. I know, you're thinking "that's what all the losers say", but it's true, and I hope you feel the same way.

We have a lot to be thankful for in the CRC. You are a really wonderful group of people and I am proud to call you all my friends. Kim and I spent last weekend away with my sister Sandra, and it wasn't long before we realised that a lot of what we talked about was our friends and experiences from the CRC. We apologised to her and she said "*no, please don't apologise, it all sounds wonderful, I wish I had something like that.*" This just reminded us of how lucky we are. Not all car clubs are like that, so please never change.

I was sad to learn of Ron Pope's recent passing. I hadn't got to know Ron however I learned from all the messages that I saw on Facebook, and a number of discussions that I had with some longstanding CRC members, that Ron was a great guy and was passionate about our sport. He was instrumental in the early days of the CRC and supported novice navigators very generously. Our thoughts go out to his friends and family.

On a more positive note, our editor supreme, Bob Morey is recovering well from recent hip replacement surgery. I always thought he could do with being a little more hip. We sent him some flours to cheer him up, and by all accounts it did. Hope you are back on your feet soon Bob.

*(It certainly did cheer me up Ross. You forgot to mention the crutches! Puzzling over the present made the day of a few of the nursing staff too. Thanks heaps, Bob)*

Our Christmas party is just around the corner and once again our gracious hosts will be Christine and Mike Birks. This will be last time we'll be able to take advantage of their hospitality (at this current location anyway) because they are moving to Tuross Heads. I would like to thank them in advance and wish them luck in their new location.

There is no truth to the rumours that there will be a motorkhana on their beautifully manicured lawn, but you never know what Ted, Laurie and Tony have in store for us on the social run.... Thanks also to them.

I will not be performing any official duties at this year's Christmas party. Those duties will be taken over by our new President. It is with a significant amount of disappointment that I have decided not to run for this position again. My work commitments are such that I need a bit of a break. I know the next President will do a great job and I'm sure that the CRC will go from strength to strength, because of all of you. My new CRC role will be to set the 2015 Alpine and I know that will also be a lot of work, however I think (at this stage) that I should be able to plan ahead for this task .

I would like to thank the entire CRC executive and committee for this their generous help, support and encouragement, you guys are the best. I would also like to also thank all of you for your kind words and positive attitude throughout the past three years.

This isn't a goodbye message, because I'll still be around. Think of it as a thank you and see you soon message.

That's all from me; see you out there, if **you** can find the right roads.

..... ROSS.



## Secretary's Report to the 2014 Annual General Meeting of the Classic Rally Club Inc.

Hello everyone,

The past year has been another successful one for the Club. In particular I would like to comment on how our events calendar features such a wide range of opportunities to get out and about in your classic vehicle. The one and two day events feature a variety of locations and style (or devious directors) which keeps the point score chances of people alive until quite late in the series, whether contested at tour level or the more challenging levels. Please though, can we have more people taking the challenge of stepping up to Masters/expert level in the future.

Thanks are due of course, to all of our event directors, volunteer officials, executive c'tee, and our entrants, for making our events so successful. Also I must mention the goodwill and enthusiasm of the circle of clubs we co-operate with to expand the market for these events and activities.

As shown in the Treasurer's Report the year has been successful from a financial point of view.

2014 C.R.C. President Ross Warner has chosen to spend more time in 2015 on his other priorities, including his Austin Seven project, and the c'tee thanks Ross for his leadership and enthusiasm. We'll continue to see Ross out on the road- if he and we can find the correct roads!

In brief, some formalities;

THE C.R.C. is not facing any declared litigation at present, and was not involved in any legal disputes during the past year.

Ditto, the C.R.C. is not/was not a party in any insurance claims during 2014.

The C.R.C. has not received any adverse correspondence from the NSW Dept. of Fair Trading who have administrative oversight of organisations such as the C.R.C.

I am advised there are no abnormalities with respect to any debtors or creditors of the C.R.C. Relations with CAMS are satisfactory, and indeed the C.R.C. recently attended the CAMS annual dinner.

Relations with the Council of Motor Clubs are likewise satisfactory, and we commiserated with them about the poor weather on display at the major weekend event in August.

A new registration category for vehicles has arrived. Known as "Rally," it has, after a long delay, recently become available. This option may suit some rally vehicles and owners. This will likely mean more work for our H.C.R.S. management folks, and some new approaches to how we operate H.C.R.S. /Rally schemes are under consideration at present.

Lastly, I'd like to fondly recall the C.R.C.'s 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in and around Mudgee earlier in the year. Make your plans, over the holiday period, for your next ten years of Classic Rally Club activities, and consider what you will drive to the C.R.C. 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

Unfortunately it appears my plans to get into a 7 litre Iso Grifo are out of the window, with a recent auction sale at 295,000 pounds reported in the UK..... Maybe some more restorative work on the Jensen Interceptor instead, or the trusty Volvo.

Tony Kanak

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## Editor's Annual Report

I'm sorry there is not as much content in this edition of the magazine but as mentioned previously I am a bit restricted at the moment. Incidentally if you are still wondering about the 'crutches' I refer to in my comment in Ross's column, the pieces of rag in the photo are crutches cut from underpants. Ross assured me they were unused!

Ok down to business. I have really enjoyed 2014 as editor of our Club's magazine As I continually say my job is made easy by the material that you the members provide.

We have had some problems this year with printing the magazine. Hopefully I have finally established reliable, workable communications with Clickprint. This should avoid a repeat of these difficulties.

Similarly there have been problems with the mailing lists for the magazine. Ross has put in a lot of work with Lindsay, and now our Membership database is operating satisfactorily.

The Club's laptop continues to function pretty well. In computer terms it is almost a classic now, so of course it doesn't always do what you expect & some operations don't work anymore, but hey I'm an Alfa driver I can handle that sort of problem. 😊

Finally, I would like to continue as Editor in 2015, if the Club wishes. However I want to flag that if I continue, this will be my last year. I feel that in twelve months time I will have edited the magazine for four and a half years and it will be time for new blood, besides I have plans to see some more of Oz in 2016.

Thanks, Bob Morey

## COMPETITION SECRETARY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

With the running of the Pas de Deux Rally our competition events for 2014 are now complete. I am not sure if the results of this event will be available in time for inclusion but I understand that an 'extra' edition of Rally Directions may be produced in early December. Final Championship results will hopefully be included in that edition.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Event Directors, Officials and volunteers who, with their commitment and hard work make the CRC, AROCA and MGCC events possible. I have not been able to be fully involved during 2014 but appreciate the support and help received from Club Members throughout the year.

And to the many competitors I hope that you had some fun, didn't get lost too often and trust that you accepted any decisions made by Event Directors in good spirit - no sheep stations on the line here!

With a total of 8 competition rallies involving a total of 12 days I believe the Club can feel satisfied that we had a successful year.

And now to 2015. Our first 2 events of the year will be a **1/2 day Pre-Season Training Run** on 14th February.

The first competition rally - **HIGHWAY 31 REVISITED** will be held on Sat 21st March. Full details of these two events will be in the next edition of the magazine due out in early December.

A **Lunch Run** is planned for Sun 19th April, to be organised in conjunction with Thornleigh Car Club. Many thanks to Greg and Karen Yates who have offered to co-ordinate and run the day.

The first 2 day event, the **BARRY FERGUSON CLASSIC** will be held towards the back end of May - final date to be confirmed.

It is anticipated that we will have 4 x 2 day and 3 x 1 day rallies during the year but this is subject to finding a committed club member who is prepared to organise a replacement event in November for the Pas de Deux. If you are that person please contact me. Help will be available from other Directors and members to guide you through the process so you will have plenty of support. More directors equals more variety.

I hope everyone has a safe and penalty-point free Christmas and look forward to catching up again in the New Year.

TONY NORMAN - COMPETITION SECRETARY

## VALE RON POPE

Earlier this month we got the sad news that one of our Foundation members of the Classic Rally Club, Ron Pope, had passed away. Ron was 80 years old and succumbed to kidney failure. He leaves behind his daughter Jane and son Jim.

Geoff Bott, Tony Kanak and myself attended Ron's funeral at Ourimbah. Ron was one of the 65 attendees at the special meeting held to establish the proposed Classic Rally Club back in January 1994 and on that night was appointed to the Steering Committee to establish the Club.

Ron was elected to the position of our first Secretary at the first A.G.M. in July 1994 and he held that position for 1995 and 1996 before being elected Vice President in 1997.



He was an active member with his son Jim in their favourite Marque, Triumph, competing in and organising many rallies for the C.R.C. as well as the Triumph Club and The Australian History Rally Group.

He was a life member of the A.H.R.G., and ran a lot of rallies for them in his territory of the Central Coast. He was a tireless worker, promoter, organiser and ambassador within the Classic and Historic Car Rally Institutions.

The Classic Rally Club offer our condolences to his family and we pay our thanks for his contribution to the Club, our members and the Classic Rally fraternity and sport.

Some of the members paid their respects with comments on the Club's Facebook page:

- Geoff Bott: "You could not fault Ron's enthusiasm for his beloved Triumphs."
- Lui: "When I did my first Mountain Rally he taught me how to read grid references with a roamer."
- Paul Morton: "At my first Club meeting Ron was the first person to come up and say hello."
- Gerald Lee: "He was the first person I met when he organised my membership for my first Mountain Rally. His enthusiasm for the then new sport of Classic Rallying was infectious. I'll always remember him as a thoroughly nice bloke who was always willing to help."
- Heather Dux: "We called in to see Ron on the way to one of the rallies, he certainly had a lot of Triumph parts, spares and no room. Sad to hear he's gone."
- Steve Fitz: "Old school car man R.I.P."

John Cooper

**This is a copy of an email, from Jim Pope, received by Ross Warner following Ron Pope's Funeral.**

**From:** Jim Pope

**Sent:** Sunday, 2 November 2014 2:14 PM

**To:** Ross Warner

**Subject:** RE: Vale Ron Pope

Hi, My family and I would like to thank CRC members for all the e-mails and cards, and also, thanks to the members who attended the Funeral. I'm sure the Old Man was looking down with a smile.

Jim Pope

# Haulin' the Hawkesbury

and/or

## Monster CRC Christmas Party

- Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party from 12.30pm at 395 Old Stock Route Road Oakville, BYO Drinks, [all food supplied by the Club]
- Contact details; Mike or Chris Birks (02) 4572 3447 or 0419 205 192
- For Catering purposes R.S.V.P. By Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December '14 to [mikeandchrisbirks@bigpond.com](mailto:mikeandchrisbirks@bigpond.com) or by phone to numbers above

### *Join in the pre-party fun and come for a drive exploring the Hawkesbury Region*

- Start from the rear car park of McDonalds, McGrath Hill
- Drivers briefing at 9.45am, Start time 10.00am
- Approx. 115kms [ 2 short unsealed sections]
- R.S.V.P. By Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December '14 to Ted Norman 0408 441 427 or [tedharry404@gmail.com](mailto:tedharry404@gmail.com)



The Start and Finish of the 2014 Alpine Classic Rally

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