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The Newsletter of the Alvis Car Club of Victoria

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2017 Alvis National Rally to the Rally

Day 1 Rally to the Rally

Wednesday 4th May

It was reported as being one of the coldest May days in Melbourne on record and was only 5oC in Avonsleigh at 9.30am when after much cajoling, I managed to coax the Alvis into life. It was not happy!

Whilst Maritta did a few errands, my job was to squeeze the luggage on board. In the end I had to leave the tripod behind.

We headed off at about 12.30pm.

Very pleasant drive through Woori Yallock, Yarra Glen and Yea to Seymour and then on via Shepparton bi-pass to our first overnight at Tocumwal. We checked just past Shepparton to make sure we had enough fuel.

Our merry little band all arrived safely, however Chris Higgins' Firebird failed to start and he was forced to bring a modern..... Not a happy chappy!! The Tonkin team (Richard and daughter Sarah) arrived last a little after dark. We had a very pleasant meal at the Golf Course bistro which was quite busy for Wednesday night.



The Parsell Silver Eagle had undergone considerable rare polishing for this adventure

Day 2 Rally to the Rally

Thursday 5th May

Very crisp cold morning, but the trusty Alvi all burst into life. We squeezed all the luggage in and headed off!!



McKinnon 12/50 heading out of Tocumwal



Starting to get warmer

Our first stop was for breakfast in the main street, then off up the Newell Highway through West Wyalong and onto Forbes for our second night stop.



Just before entering Forbes we were supposed to visit McFeeters Motor Museum, but Alan's 12/50 decided it had had enough Literally within walking distance of the museum. Noeline and Maritta walked to a coffee shop whilst Alan and Dale diagnosed the magneto had died and proceeded to fit the spare. It was just about mobile when Andrew and Mike appeared in time to get a ride back to the museum.

Day 3 Another cold morning and "Frosty and Felix" our trusty hot water bottles are filled up for another day!



Think we have moved to Easter Island



At Parkes



*Left: Parkes is the home of the dish, the famous radio telescope responsible for bringing the world live photos of the 1969 moon landing and Armstrong's moon walk. The moment cannot be missed. We lined the cars up for a photo opportunity in front of the dish. **Right:** at the Blackgate Distillery at Mendooran*

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The welcoming committee as Northeys 12/50 and the Tonkin TE21 arrive. Then on to Coonabarabran for the next night stopover