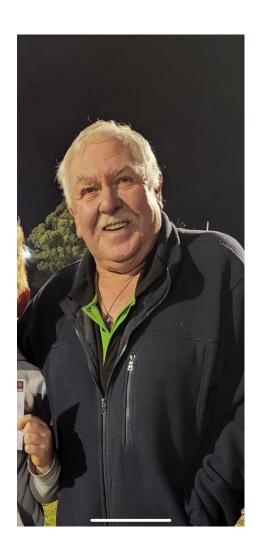
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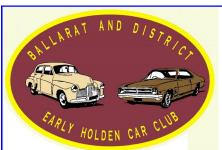
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MEMBERSHIP Annual Fees

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| 14 | Little Red Dog Run |
| 18 | Club Run— Social Day at the Club Rooms |
| 20 | Club Pub Night— Black Hill Hotel |
| 28 | Red Dog Run |

7-11 Cooly Rocks on—Coolangatta QLD 11 Midstate MOPARS—Bendigo 9-11 HD HR Holden Nationals—Benalla 9-12 HSV Fest Albury Wodonga 10 -11 Daylesford Antique & Collectables Fair 11 Alexandra, Truck, Ute & Rod Show 11 Maldon Swap Meet

Fridge Swap Meet Ballarat Central Car Park



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Events Calendar

CLUB EVENTS July 2023

- 4 Club Meeting
- 9 Club Run— Christmas in July
- 12 Little Red Dog Run
- 18 Club Pub Night—Black Hill Hotel
- 26 Red Dog Run
- 25 Committee Meeting

OTHER EVENTS July 2023

2 Tocumwal Swap Meet Shannons Historic Racing & Classic Car 14–16 Festival—Queensland Raceway





President's Report May 2023

G'day everyone,

Last month was a sad one unfortunately with the passing of our mate Rob Whitten - Bar man, Run Coordinator, Social Pub Night Organiser, Life member, winner of our prestigious award Top Club Person on a couple occasions and the list goes on he was an absolute Top Bloke in every way. He had a very fitting send off with many early Holdens doing a lap of Lake Wendouree in honour of the great man. I had a photo of him on my dash as we were driving around the lake. The right light hit the photo putting an image on my windscreen making him he was front and centre. He will certainly be missed but not forgotten.

Last month's Club Run was one of Rob's favourite, it was to the Talbot's Farmers Market then off to the Waubra Springs Hotel. He would have been proud we had 42 adults and 9 kids attend the run. The Waubra Springs Hotel meals were absolutely fantastic, and the hospitality was excellent.

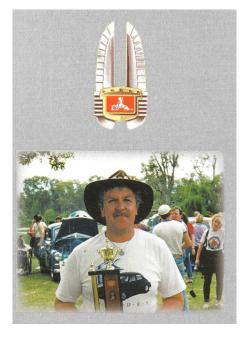
The committee formed a subcommittee a couple years ago to start looking into a club trailer. COVID hit and it was left on the back burner, but the committee has good news! We have secured a great enclosed trailer that is perfect. Great work from those committee members who organised the purchase.

With Winter kicking off our next club event will be inhouse. It will be a great social day and I looking forward to seeing you all there.

Don't forget our AGM is fast approaching so please take some consideration in joining our committee in one way or another.

Thank you all for making this club an absolute cracking club.

Jeff Dickson



Club Run May 2023

A typical Ballarat Sunday morning rain threatened as we left the BP Truck Stop at 9.40 but the rain cleared on the way to Talbot.

On the way picked up Nicko and Hendo at Ascot, then the Carbones at Clunes. By the time we got to Talbot we had picked up several other members with the possibility of another new member. There was some rain on the way, but it cleared.

As per usual everyone checked out the bargains and produce, with the regulation coffee van stop. After looking around the market and catching up with Club members an hour and half had slipped away. It was then off to Waubra for lunch.

We arrived at the Waubra Pub it was warm and inviting place and a bit of a squeeze to fit us all in. Due to the high number of attendees and the broken stove some people were lucky than others to get in first. All ended well with everyone enjoying their lunch and more mingling. There were 39 adult and 9 children a great turn out for a cold day.

All members left at their own pace and headed home. It was a great run and company hope to see you all next time.

Attendees:

John -HR Hendo - VF Ute Alan and Lea – HR Paul I - FE Russel & Trish – Mitsubishi Challenger George - Mazda 3 Peter and Robin - HG Monaro Paul F - FX. Peter & Liz - HQ Statesman David & Sarah - FJ Laura, Max, Beau, & Jessie – Isuzu Max Craig and Sue - Nissan Michael, Jodie & Hudson - Colorado. (HG Coming) Peter & Joan - Toyota Kluger Justin & Lisa - LC Torana Murray, Catherine & Jude - LX Torana Jim & Michelle - HZ Chris and Chris - VL Commodore Jess, Glen, Bentley, Levi & Lacy - Mitsubishi Mirage Jeff, Sharelle & Darren - UC Torana Daniel, Stacy, Mikala, Lincoln & Matilda - Toyota Hilux.

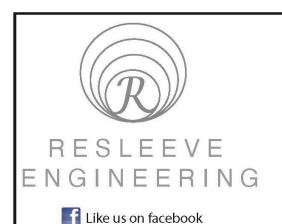






Club Run May 2023





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Club Events

LITTLE RED DOG RUN

WHAT Another Day Out

WHERE Meet at Lucas McDonalds

WHEN Wednesday 14 June 9.30am

Please let Paul Irvin know if you are attending 0419 524 607

SOCIAL BLACK HILL HOTEL

WHAT Meal and Drinks

WHERE Black Hill Hotel— 502 Peel St Black Hill

WHEN Tuesday 20 June 6.30pm

Please let Judy Lourey know if you are attending 0417 530 498

COFFEE N CRUISE (RED DOG RUN)

WHAT Another Day Out

WHERE Meet at Lucas McDonalds

WHEN Wednesday 28 June 9.30am

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Club Events

LITTLE RED DOG RUN

WHAT Another Day Out

WHERE Meet at Lucas McDonalds

WHEN Wednesday 12 July 9.30am

Please let Paul Irvin know if you are attending 0419 524 607

SOCIAL BLACK HILL HOTEL

WHAT Meals and Drinks

WHERE Black Hill Hotel— 502 Peel St Black Hill

WHEN Tuesday 18 July 6.30pm

Please let Judy Lourey know if you are attending 0417 530 498

COFFEE N CRUISE (RED DOG RUN)

WHAT Another Day Out

WHERE Meet at Lucas McDonalds

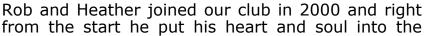
WHEN Wednesday 26 July 9.30am

Please let Paul Irvin know if you are attending 0419 524 607

The Ballarat and District Early Holden President, Committee and Members send our sincere condolences to Rob's family.

Rob was certainly crazy about Holdens he must have had Holden oil running through his veins and he even had a FC stamp on his bum. That would be the other way round! The poor FC had Rob's bum print in it's roof after Rob fell through the shed roof!

Before moving to Smythesdale Rob was a member of the Geelong Holden Car club. Rob was also responsible for the formation of the Warnambool Club. Over 25 years ago after talking to two friends Rob took out an advert in the local Warnambool newspaper to gauge interested in starting a Holden Club, the advert resulted in 24 people attending the first planning meeting and there began the Warnambool Holden club. Rob was still a current member.



Club forming lifelong friends and who wouldn't want to be friends with Rob. He was such a gentleman in every way.

Rob had a passion for FX and FJs. Every time our club hosted a State Titles he would jump on the committee and help run it. Rob was deeply involved in the Car Club he earnt the nickname of 'The Captain'.

Rob ran our monthly club events:

A General Weekend Car Run Two Red Dog Runs during the week for the retirees A social dinner once a month

He has been our barman right from the start. Rob was the face of our club. Always the first person you would see when you attended the Club Rooms and the last person you saw when leaving the Club Rooms or Club Runs.

Rob played the role of Santa at the Club Christmas event, and he loved it! He loved the Christmas spirit.

In the 23 years of being involved in the Club he has been on the committee in one way or another. Helping to make our Club into what it is today. Rob has taken out our prestigious award - Top Club Person a few times. We had to remove his name from the running so everyone else had a chance. Rob was a true inspiration to anyone who knew him, a true gentleman and kind-hearted. He lived by be kind to others. He will be dearly missed.

Eulogy Jeff Dickson President



The Club is dedicating this edition of The Front End to "The Captain".

Rob was a gentleman with a smile and hello for everyone, always behind the bar and busy organising our Club Runs & Pub Night.







From the club Newsletter

SECRETARY'S REPORT

On Sunday the 28th of April, 1991 (Yes we are one year old) the first gathering of people interested in the formation of a "Holden Club" in the western District was held at Lake Pertobe, Warrnambool.

In twelve months, we have had a lot of people turn up to meetings, and although we haven't captured them all, we have a solid and keen membership to build a strong club on.

We have become incorporated, designed our logo and had our club name approved by General Motors, had club windcheaters and shirts printed, found fine rooms for our meetings and had our club banner made. Not too bad for one year!

All these things have been made possible through the hard work of members. I don't wish to single any one person out as everyone is keen and prepared to do anything that is asked of them.

We've had runs to Camperdown, Port Fairy and Ballarat and we must continue to be seen around as a club as this is one of our best methods of recruitment.

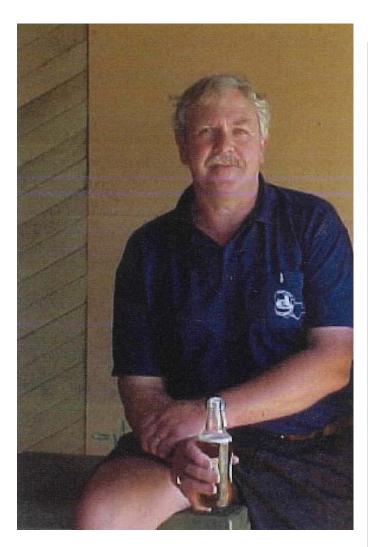
My first love of Holdens is early Models "48-215" FX followed very closely by late models, FJ onwards. But seriously folks, our club is for all models and it is up to all members to push their particular interests and

The enthusiasm of members and, despite the wide range of models we cover, the lack of conflict, makes it a pleasure to attend club meetings and outings.

I hope we can build on our first year to become the strong club I believe we should be.

Robin Whitten SEC W.V.H.C.C.

The Western Victorian Holden Car Club have provided us with Rob's Secretary's Report from April 1991 when théir Club was a year old.

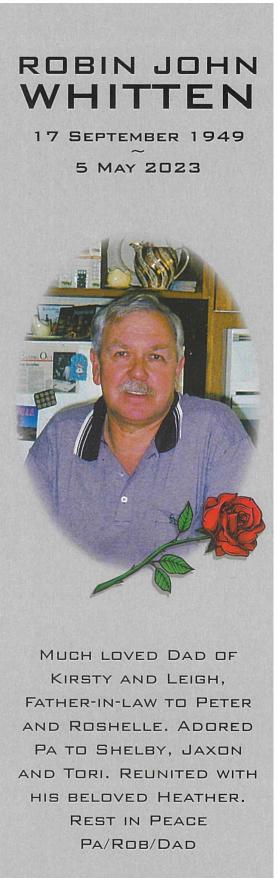


RIP Rob

Reunited with his beloved Heather.

Forever in our Hearts.

Western Victorian Holden Car Club.



Club Run April 2023

Rupanyup Run

The run started at the BP Truck Stop due to the Airport Road closure. It was a poor start with heavy rain, warm coffee was required. While waiting for everyone to arrive the rain started clearing before we left. With everyone in tow we were off to Learmonth to pick up Hendo, and then head on to Avoca.

After a pit stop at Avoca headed on to St Arnaud, weather cleared further. On arrival were able to find a park with playground and shelter, ideal spot for lunch either packed or bought in town. After eating/mixing /talking it was time to head off to Rupanyup, but not before a V8 needed a top-up of fuel.

On arrival at the Woods Farming and Heritage Museum, we were met by the Bingleys. There was something for everyone to look at and a chance to remember old things from our past. There was a mini village set up inside with a homestead house, shops and displays. Several shops were set up with past appliances, food, clothing, and letters.

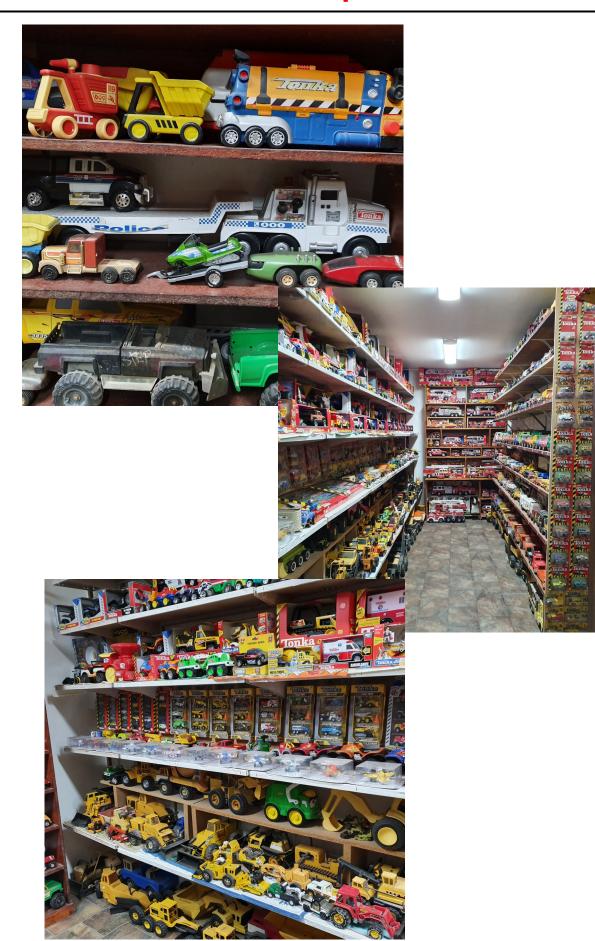
There were rows of small engine's, metal signs, old tools, model cars and tonka trucks, tractor manuals and a mechanics workshop with car included. If that wasn't enough there was more farm machinery outside, as well as a large shed full of tractors.

When we had all had enough there was tables and chairs to sit on, with tea, coffee and biscuits supplied. As the day ended we all made our way home at our leisure, a good day had by all with kind weather.

Attendees were:

Graeme & Ash-Grey VB Commodore, Peter Nikkelson-HG Monaro, Hendo -VF Ute, Alan Darrell-HR Paul I & Joe C -EH, Peter & Liz-Ford Escape, Chris & Chris-WM Statesman, Peter & Gloria-VB Commodore, Jeff & Sharelle-HT Brougham, Peter & Helen Bingley-HR, Mark Davies-HQ Monaro

Club Run April 2023



Out and About with the Captain











Out and About with the Captain

Send me the photos you have taken when you have been out and about for inclusion in the Newsletter....

All photos of Holdens and our events welcome!

Email your photos to:

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Club Run June 2023



Club Run July 2022



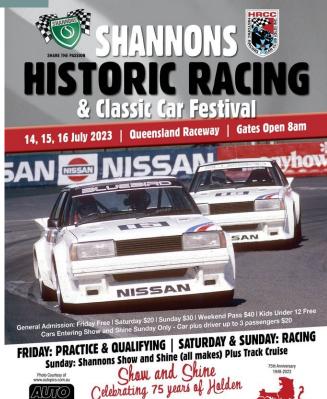
Other Events



MALDON JUNE SWAP MEET SUNDAY JUNE 11TH WE DO NOT STOP FOR RAIN GATES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT 7AM

Other Events





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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Personal Details:

| Name: | |
|----------------------|--|
| Address: | |
| Mobile: | |
| Email: | |
| Family m/ship names: | |

Vehicle Details:

| Model | Body Style | Year | Colour | Rego | Current State | Immediate Club Rego Required? |
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Current state: (A) completed (B) Near Completed (C) Street vehicle (D) Project

Notes: Minimum vehicle age to qualify for club permit (red plate) scheme is 25 years.

New members requiring <u>immediate</u> access to the red-plate scheme will be charged a <u>one-off</u> fee of \$100 to waive the normal pre-qualification requirements (attendance at 3 meetings and 3 club runs within the first 6 months of membership).

A current Vic roadworthy certificate is required for red-plate applications (to be supplied later)

Fees:

| Туре | Cost | Tick as applicable |
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| Single Membership | \$40 | |
| Family Membership | \$60 | |
| Immediate Red Plates | \$100 | |
| Application Fee | \$15 | |
| Total | | |

Note: Application fee includes name badge, key-tag, sticker, monthly newsletters, and access to free club ap.

Payment Options:

- 1. In person attendance at first meeting
- 2. D/Deposit: Ballarat Early Holden Club (Bendigo Bank) BSB:633 000 A/C:110 408 309 Please include your name as a reference

Email completed forms to New Membership Officer: mark.davies.met@gmail.com

Sign: I hereby apply to become a member of the Ballarat and District Early Holden Car Club Incorporated and agree to comply with the rulings of the club.

| Signature | | |
|-----------|--|--|
| Signature | | |

Permit Scheme Application (Page 1)



Ballarat & District Early Holden Car Club Club Permit Scheme Checklist

- Applicants are required to supply originals of the documentation as listed below when applying for Club Permit Scheme (CPS) approval.
- A RWC is required for all Vehicles entering the scheme.
- Applicants must have been a member for at last six calendar months
- Applicants must be a financial member.
- Applicants must have attended at least two Club General Meetings prior to application
- Applicants must have attended at least two club runs prior to application

CHECKLIST

| | Original VicRoads Club Permit Application Form | | | |
|------------|---|--|--|--|
| | Original of VicRoads Vehicle Eligibility and Standards Declaration Form | | | |
| | Original Road Worthy Certificate | | | |
| - | A signed and completed copy of this Checklist and Declaration | | | |
| = | Proof of current financial Membership (Membership Card) | | | |
| • | Proof of ownership of the vehicle | | | |
| ÷ | Photographs of vehicleFront ViewDrivers PositionDrivers Side ViewRear ViewEngine BayChassis NumberEngine Number | | | |
| Is the veh | nicle modified beyond VSI8 and/or VSI33?YESNO | | | |
| If YES to | above provide: | | | |
| | Original VASS Approval Certificate | | | |

Permit Scheme Application (Page 2)



Ballarat & District Early Holden Car Club Club Permit Scheme Declaration

| IVIa | KeModel |
|-------------|---|
| Veh | nicle YearBuild Date |
| Eng | jine#Chassis # |
| List | t any modifications from standard: |
| | |
| me | (Print Name) the undersigned, being a financial mber of the Ballarat and District Early Holden Car Club, hereby declare that I: |
| 1) | Have detailed a true account of this vehicle being considered for the Club Permi Scheme |
| 2) | Will only use or permit to be used, the unregistered vehicle described above, and issued with a valid permit for its restricted use, in accordance with the requirements as specified by VicRoads. |
| 3) | Will remain a financial member of the club at all times this vehicle is on Club Permit and will maintain the vehicle is a safe and roadworthy condition. |
| 4) | Will notify the Ballarat and District Early Holden Car Club of the Permit Number and the expiry date as soon as the permit is obtained from VicRoads. |
| 5) | Will notify forwith the BDEHCC in the event of (a) disposal by sale or otherwise of the above vehicle, (b) the vehicle becoming fully registered, (c) the permit being surrendered to VicRoads for whatever reason. |
| Sig | ned Date |

Club Run Etiquette

There is nothing better than sharing our love of cars with a group of likeminded enthusiasts out on the road, and we encourage all members to join us on our club runs. You can come along in any car, it doesn't need to be old, and it doesn't even need to be a Holden. It's about getting out as a group and enjoying each other's company, not about what we're driving.

However, there are a few simple protocols to ensure everyone has a good day...

- Always RSVP to the Run Coordinator and let them know if you change your mind.
 It's helpful to know how many are expected and saves the group waiting around for a no-show who's changed their mind.
- Listen to the pre-run briefing to get a basic understanding of the route and more importantly the destination. Blindly following the car in front is great while they're there.
- If the weather forecast issued the night before a run is over 35 deg C, then the run will most likely be cancelled. Keep an eye on the App for any updates.
- Get to the departure point on time or phone ahead if you're going to be late.
- Out on the road, work off the car behind, not the car in front. In other words, keep the car behind in your mirrors and adjust your speed accordingly. Don't try to catch up to the car ahead. This helps ensure the group stays together.
- Make sure the car behind has seen you when turning a corner wait at the turn until
 the car indicates before continuing, then they will wait for the next car etc. Don't be
 concerned about losing contact with the car in front, as they should be looking out
 for you.
- Leave a reasonable gap between you and the car in front so that other motorists can overtake if they wish.
- If you're joining us on route, make sure the Run Coordinator knows of your pickup point to ensure we take that route. Also be ready to roll as the convoy approaches.
- We don't leave anyone stranded on the road if you lose sight of the car behind, pull over and wait. If they don't appear, turn around to render assistance.
- Always follow the car in front. If you think they've taken a wrong turn then let's all take the wrong turn. It's better the club gets lost together than splits up in all directions – it also saves the person behind you having to make a split decision as to who they trust the most!
- Remember it's a club run, not a club race. If there's a tired old grey in front, so be it enjoy it for what it is. Who cares if you're late in your 308.
- Generally, the return trip from the destination is up to you but let the 'Run Coordinator' know when you're heading off.

Following these simple pointers will help ensure everybody has a good day – together!

General Meeting Minutes May 2023

Meeting opened at 7.35pm

Members present: 41.

Apologies: Mark Boswerger, Anne Turner, Peter Nikkelson, Wayne Plaatzer, Mal Laurie, Megan and Mitch Colbert, Graeme Paizis, Greg King, Steve Booker.

Guests/New Members: Nil.

Minutes of previous General Meeting read by Peter. Moved Craig Loverige, seconded Bernie Sharp. Carried.

Correspondence in: Sectrol Security account. Out: Nil.

Treasurer's Report read by Sandra. Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet provided. Moved Neil Gordon, seconded Justin Mitchell. Carried.

Membership Officer's Report: Mark advised that two new members have joined since the last general meeting, ie: Dan Reid and Max Sarich.

Run Report: Paul advised that the Rupanyup run was a great success. A leisurely drive to Avoca for a "pit stop", followed by lunch in St. Arnaud, then on to the Wood's Museum in Rupanyup. Quite a number of additional exhibits have been added since our last club visit there some years ago. Our members were most impressed.

The Red Dog Run was patronized by 12 cars. A couple of ex Norm Beechey cars were viewed, and lunch was at the Gordon Hotel.

This month's run is to the Talbot Market, with lunch at the Springs Hotel, Waubra. Further details in the Newsletter.

Bar Report: Murray reported all good.

Merchandise Report: Sharelle advised all ok.

Club Rooms Report: Neil Leckie has done a good job, and will continue next

month.

CPS: Scott advised that audit will take place in June.

AEHF: Greg Turner reported nothing further at present.

General Business: Jeff thanked all participants in the "Run For Rob" special event. 24 cars took part as a gesture of affection, respect and goodwill towards "The Captain."

Jeff advised of impending August AGM.

Scott reported that the car show he Sandra and Thomas travelled all the way to Kerang to attend, was cancelled with no notification. Very poor!!

Ballarat Heritage Weekend clashes with our Sunday club run, however any member who may be available to display their appropriate vehicle in Lydiard St. Nth. would be welcome.

Jeff reported on the Charlton Coupe weekend as being a great success.

Additionally Jeff and Murray are doing the legwork to organize a weekend away to Charlton in November.

Buy, Swap, Sell: Buy: nil. Swap: nil. Sell: Jim has a complete V8 Commercial gas set up available for \$400.00.

Raffle: Bernie Sharp pocketed \$68.50. Second prize went to Neil Gordon. Membership Draw: Jackpot.

Sergeant At Arms: Peter did his rounds and collected \$19.30.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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Rest in Peace Rob

The Rear End