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The Voice of the Castlemaine Hot Rod Centre

Events highlight need for dedicated venue



Above: The Boogaloo Invitational was held at the Wattle Flat Reserve in Castlemaine, home of the local Pony Club. Facilities at this venue are minimal but it is an open area unrestricted by other sports facilities.

Two major hot rodding events were staged in Castlemaine on the same weekend of April 30-May 1, 2016, highlighting the need for a dedicated events facility such as that proposed by the Castlemaine Hot Rod Centre on its rural property at Gowar. Ideally situated on the main road between Castlemaine and Maldon, the Gowar venue is unrestricted by conventional sporting club facilities as is the case with almost all other venues in the area, making them difficult to use for automotive and other related events.

The Gowar property is 45 hectares of mostly cleared farm land with all services available along the Castlemaine Maldon Road that borders the property. Apart from the many automotive type events that are now held in the Mount Alexander Shire, this venue has the potential to host many others that need a similar clear, open site. The Mount Alexander Vintage Engine Club has expressed interest in the Gowar site for its own club facilities and it would be ideally suited to their annual Vintage Engine Rally, currently held on the cricket ground at Guildford.

With open, easily accesible exhibition areas, unlimited

public parking, a centrally located service building and a natural landscape that lends itself perfectly to all kinds of outdoor expositions, field days and rallies, the proposed Gowar facility is the answer for all of these types of events.

Add in the historic elements of the property, including remnant gold mines, and the continuing farming activity and we have a viable tourist attraction built right in that only needs some refinement and restoration work to be ready to cater for our growing number of tourists.

The CHRC Board are currently working on the consolidation of the titles that constitute the property before lodging a planning application with the Mount Alexander Shire Council. This is an expensive, time consuming exercise so we need all the financial support we can get from the Mount Alexander Community Enterprise Scheme and our own membership resources. If you have friends that support our cause, please encourage them to become financial members of the CHRC and/or ask them to link their banking to us through the Community Enterprise Scheme.

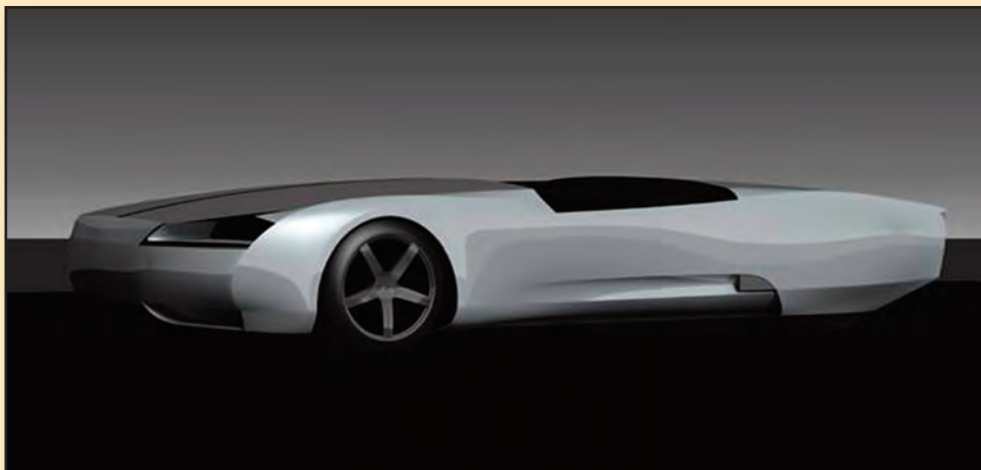
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AGM Guest Speaker David Woodgrove - Electric Vehicle

David Woodgrove has worked in engineering and manufacturing for 30 years and now works in the solar and hydro industries. He has followed the Darwin to Adelaide solar car racing since the mid 80's when he worked at RMIT where he invited the Ford solar car team to work with the engineering and design students. About four years ago he started building the chassis for an "experimental" solar assisted electric car which he hopes to get registered and use for his daily car.

David explained that he's had lots of support from local people from day one on the steering and suspension geometry, CAD and styling, electrical and battery storage design, welding/machining and preparation for ADR approvals. He says if it all works, the initial battery pack should give around 60 km/day from plugging in overnight, and be boosted by around 5 to 10 km per day by the solar cells on the bonnet and boot. Earlier this year the rolling chassis took its first drive up and

down the street as you can see on the short video at <http://www.tanami.solar>. David explained that it's now time to start working on the fibreglass body. David said he's always keen to get input from other car builders around Castlemaine because there's lots he still needs to know to get the car on the road.



Top right: Concept design for the sleek fibreglass body that will be fitted to David's electric car. Making the body is the next phase to be tackled on David's project.

Above: The home-built rolling chassis for David's electric car is now essentially complete and has been test driven.

Left: This view shows some of the space-frame design of the chassis that is being assessed by local VASS engineer Peter Turner with a plan to have it fully registered as an Individually Constructed Vehicle (ICV).

Huge Hot Rodding Weekend in Castlemaine



Above: Eddie Ford and Peter Swift built their cars on Eddie's farm in the early sixties and were largely responsible for kicking off the modern day hot rodding identity of the Castlemaine area. Their cars were back together at the Boogaloo Invitational 54 years later.



Above: Promoter of the Boogaloo Invitational is local hot rodder Des Russell whose channelled Model A roadster leads this group on display at the event.

Above right: Motorcycle clubs visit the Mount Alexander Shire almost every weekend of the year. Shown here are some of the bobbers and choppers at the Boogaloo Invitational held on April 30-May 1, 2016.

Right: The Goldfields Rod Run attracted almost 90 entrants to the Western Reserve in Castlemaine for the Show and Shine on Sunday May 1, 2016.



Annual General Meeting



The 2016 AGM of the Castlemaine Hot Rod Centre is fast approaching and will be held on June 27 at the Wesley Hill Hall, Duke Street, Castlemaine at 7:30pm.

We currently have a full quota of 30 Foundation members so no elections are required for positions in this group. Each AGM two of our six Board Members are required to stand down on a rotational basis. Larry O'Toole (left) and Vicki Farrell (right) are due to stand down at this AGM and both have indicated they will be nominating again for these positions. Any other Foundation Members that wish to nominate for one of these board positions will need to complete a nomination form at least two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting. Nomination forms are available from the secretary Vicki Farrell. Email: <tora5@bigpond.com>



Potential new members and supporters are welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting. Anyone with an interest in seeing the Castlemaine Hot Rod Centre develop and expand can become a member of the Castlemaine Hot Rod Centre Limited. Annual membership is \$100.00 or you can take advantage of our extended membership offer three years \$250.00; six years \$500.00 or 12 years \$1000.00.

Send cheque or money order to CHRC Limited PO Box 1080, Castlemaine 3450. Call Vicki Farrell for credit card payment or make direct bank transfer to BSB 633000 A/C 131166829.

Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Castlemaine Hot Rod Centre Limited is the AGM to be held on Friday June 24, 2016 at the Wesley Hill Hall, Duke Street (Melbourne Road), Castlemaine at 7:30 pm. Guest speaker David Woodgrove – electric vehicle project followed by supper.

■ For further information call Chairman Larry O'Toole on (03) 5472 3653 or Secretary Vicki Farrell on 0418 510 352.

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