

Saturday 21st

The primary objective of this event is to accept the challenge and climb above the snowline at Falls Creek. We propose meeting at Settlers Tavern at 9 am for a rolling start. At the date selected, we would normally anticipate the roads to be perfectly clear of snow (Chains are not required at this time of year) but we hope there will still be enough snow on the high plains to make for good photos of the Vets in an unfamiliar environment. Our plan is for the run to the Alps to take place on the Saturday 21st but this might be swapped for the following day if the weather looks better.

7.00 PM. Gather at Roi's Italian Restaurant (across the road from the Mountain Creek Motel) for a "Rally Dinner". Roi's is licenced or BYO. The menu is a-la-carte or an alternate drop main plus desert for \$40 can be arranged if we have more than 30 participants. Those with special needs should contact Sue in advance on 0407 055 394.

Sunday 22nd

Meet in front of Roi's Restaurant at 9.30 for a rolling start north along the Kiewa Valley Highway for 7 km and then turn right towards Mongans Bridge. Follow this road along the Kiewa River for another 45 km to a T intersection. Turn left and continue through Tangambalanga to the Kiewa Valley Highway. Turn right and travel 3km before turning left and follow the signs to Yackandandah. After stopping for lunch and a wander through this picturesque township we will take the road to Dederang and then down the Kiewa Valley Highway to Tawonga South and a visit to John Stanley's veteran and vintage Stoewer collection.

Stoewer Museum - John's collection of Stoewer cars is located between the Mountain Creek Motel and Mt Beauty. Coming from Dederang it is on the left 100 m before the Bright turnoff. The house is by itself, surrounded by farm land. Visitors are welcome.



A rest stop at Dederang Hotel

While there is parking space inside for 4 or 5 cars, it would be best to park on the relatively wide nature strip along the road.

Sunday evening - To be decided. "Flour + Water" is a good option if a change is desired.

WHAT TO WEAR:

"Spring is in the air" and the Kiewa Valley should be showing signs of warming. But do not underestimate the effect that 1750 m elevation on the High Plains can have. It could, literally be freezing so be prepared. And in an open car, freezing can be ... well, quite cold. Hopefully the sun will be shining and there will be some warmth, but anything is possible.

HOW TO GET HERE:

Coming from Melbourne, take the Snow Road turnoff from the Hume just north of Glenrowan and head for Myrtleford. If you miss this you can take the Alpine Way from Wangaratta and head for Myrtleford. Just through Myrtleford there is a turn to the left signed "Mt Beauty". It is better with car trailers to take this turn rather than continuing to Bright which is an alternate route. When approaching Mt Beauty, pass through the village of Tawonga and then look out for the Mountain Creek Motel on the left if that is your destination. Otherwise continue, past the Bright turnoff and through Tawonga South. You will see Settlers Tavern on the left, Falls Creek Bus Depot on the right and a further 200m just before the Kiewa River bridge is the Snowgum Motel on the right.



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Springtime above the Snowline

VETERAN CAR ALPINE TOUR

2ND
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Springtime Above the Snowline

20-22 OCTOBER, 2017



WHEN:

Friday 20th, Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd October, 2017.
Plan to arrive in time to unload and be ready to relax by 6 pm.
Depart at your leisure on Monday 23rd.

WHERE:

The rally will be based in Mt Beauty/Tawonga South in the Kiewa Valley beneath Mt Bogong and Falls Creek. Two, one day excursions are planned with the exact schedule being determined by the weather.

RALLY ENTRY:

There is no entry fee. This is a “minimal organisation” rally so please take responsibility for booking your own accommodation. However, to assist us to coordinate rally logistics and dinner numbers, please notify **john.m.stanley1947@gmail.com** and provide details of accommodation booked, number of participants and a mobile contact number.

TRAILER PARKING:

Arrangements have been made to store your car trailer in a secure, fenced off area behind the Falls Creek Bus Depot in Tawonga South.

ACCOMMODATION:

Please book your own accommodation. Two motels are suggested.

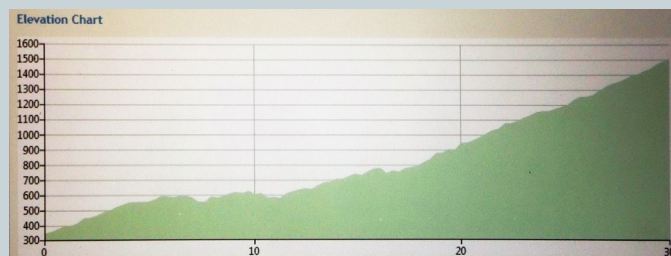
1. The Snowgum Motel is located in Mt Beauty but is walking distance from the trailer parking area, Settlers Tavern with bistro and the Stockpot Restaurant. Cooked breakfast is available in the \$10 to \$20 range. There is ample parking for your Veteran plus modern car. The cost for a double is \$109 per night but there are only about 10 rooms. Check it out at: www.snowgummotel.com.au or call 5754 4508.
2. The Mountain Creek Motel is located in Tawonga South about 3 km before Mt Beauty. It is virtually across the road from Roi's Italian Restaurant where we are planning to dine on Saturday evening. An advantage of this motel is that there are 15 rooms with covered parking for the Veterans, plus another 15 rooms if we need them. All rooms have a Queen and two Single beds. The only breakfast option provided in-house is Continental but there is a communal kitchen available. The cost for a double is \$112 per night. Check it out at: www.mountaincreekmotel.com.au or phone 5754 4247.
3. Accommodation Option 3. The Mount Beauty Holiday Centre has cabin accommodation for from 4 to 10 persons. It is pet friendly. A cabin with double plus two singles costs \$105 per night. It is located very close to the Snowgum Motel and facilities nearby. Check it out at: www.holidaycentre.com.au or call 5754 4396.

THE CHALLENGE – Excursion 1:

The 4-wheeled occupants of the Stoewer Museum in Tawonga South issue you with a challenge. If the smallest occupant, a 1911, 16 HP Model B1 of just 1,566cc engine capacity can carry 8 passengers up Test Hill at Brooklands with a gradient of 1 in 4 in 1912, then can you carry your Master's from Mt Beauty to Falls Creek, a climb of 1,200 m in 30 km, at a mere average grade of 3.9%?



Here is proof



And here is your task

IS YOUR VETERAN SUITABLE?:

Foolhardy challenges aside, your car is not suitable for this run if you cannot be certain that your engine/gearbox is capable of controlling your downhill speed and that in an emergency your brakes will be capable of stopping you on a grade of 7% without engine assistance. On the climb, your engine must be powerful enough to carry you for 200 m up a 7% slope and your radiator needs to be efficient enough to remain cool for the duration of an extended climb. As was experienced in 2016, most cars of the Veteran period that are in reasonably good condition should have no difficulty with this climb/decent. In 2016, the little Vermorel hardly raised a puff. But remember, this is not a race and the traffic on the road should be minimal. So, select low gear and sit back and enjoy the sound of the lyrebirds and forest scenery. The road surface is good and the air temperature will be cool. A very thorough description of the route can be seen on: <http://theclimbingcyclist.com/climbs/alpine-national-park/falls-creek-mt-beauty-side/>

BACKUP SUPPORT:

It is not planned that we have an official “Tailend Charlie”. While there may be a participant who is travelling in a modern vehicle and who might be prepared to take the unfortunate back down the hill to collect their trailer, the only dependable support would require a call to the RACV. The RACV do have a recovery vehicle in Mt Beauty.

DAY 2 – RECOVERY RUN – Excursion 2:

On the second day of the weekend we plan a leisurely tour down the all-sealed, extremely quiet back road following the Kiewa River down-stream through Gundowring to Tangambalanga and then across to Yackandandah for lunch. This is a distance of 90 km. The return will take us to Dederang then along the Kiewa Valley Highway (very light traffic at this time) or via the same backroad if preferred. The distance either way is 56km.



RALLY LUNCHES:

Participants should be prepared to organise their own lunches. At Falls Creek there will be a restaurant open on both the Saturday and the Sunday for lunch if required. The alternative is to order a cut lunch/packed lunch from “Treats” in the shopping complex next to the Settlers Inn Tavern or bring your own supplies. If the road beyond Falls Creek is opened (this depends upon the remaining snow conditions and should be known before we depart Mt Beauty) journeying an extra 10 km to have lunch at the historic Wallaces Hut would be recommended. On the run to Yackandandah we should find a range of good lunch options bidding for our custom.

PROGRAM:

Friday 20th

Arrive at your accommodation in time to be unpacked and ready to gather for a welcoming pre-dinner drinks at the Settlers Tavern at 6pm. Meals can be obtained at the tavern or from “The Stockpot” restaurant across the road.