



Member Information Bulletin - Number One

Guidelines for Participation at Club Events and Club Runs

Duty Of Care

STHARC club members should at all times abide by the following rules:

- 1) The STHARC Constitution and By-Laws;
- 2) This Guideline document; and
- 3) Where NSW and ACT historic vehicle registration is held, the requirements of the NSW Historic Vehicle Scheme, NSW Classic Vehicle Scheme and the ACT Historic Vehicle Scheme. These requirements are available from the relative State and Territory websites.

Participation at Events and Vehicle Displays

Whether an event or display is organised by STHARC or another group, STHARC club members should at all times act in a law-abiding manner; obeying all directions given by event organisers; and being considerate to other club members and members of the public.

While participating in vehicle events and displays, STHARC club members will be individually responsible for the safety of their vehicle/s and their accompanying family and friends. STHARC recommends that for members and friend's safety, that after a club member has parked their vehicle at an event that the club member inspects the area surrounding their parked vehicle for hazards such as uneven ground or exposed tree roots that could cause injury.

STHARC club members will be responsible for the safety of the items such as gazebos, banners, tables and chairs, and BBQs that they bring with them to an event or display.

Travelling on Club Runs

The type of event will dictate how STHARC club members will travel on public roads.

Display type events, either organised by STHARC or another group, where club members travel individually to a site or venue, will require club members to only adhere to current State Road Rules while travelling.

Where STHARC has organised an event that involves a group run on public roads, this event will require more control over the travelling group.

The STHARC group organising / controlling the event will ensure that prior to the commencement of the run all participating club members are fully informed regarding the event destination and the route to be taken. This will ensure that if the group is split-up during the run each member is aware of where the run will finish.

In addition, the group organising / controlling the event will nominate a lead vehicle and follow-up vehicle to ensure that if a breakdown occurs there will be assistance to the effected club members. The lead and follow-up vehicle will need each other's mobile phone numbers.

The most common way of travelling, whether on city roads, country roads or main highways is in a loose convoy formation. Vehicle speed capability is not usually a problem when travelling around city roads as the speed limit is usually 60 or 80 Kph. However, when travelling on country roads and highways where the speed limit can be up to 110 Kph more care must be taken.

The group organising / controlling the event must make allowances for the slowest vehicles so that the convoy, as much as possible, travels together. The slowest vehicles should travel at the rear of the convoy to avoid the 'caterpillar effect' where the middle of the convoy may bunch up and then spread out again.

The most effective way to lessen this effect is to observe the standard 3 second rule, where all vehicles maintain the same separation and speed. However, this requires the lead vehicle to maintain a constant appropriate speed that will not cause the general public too much inconvenience. Also, club members should always stay left on overtaking lanes so that faster vehicles can pass.

Finally, if the travelling group on the day is large, then there is also the option of splitting the convoy into smaller groups where speed control may be easier to maintain. This option can be discussed with the club members on the day prior to the commencement of the run.