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Association of AUSTRALIAN LONG
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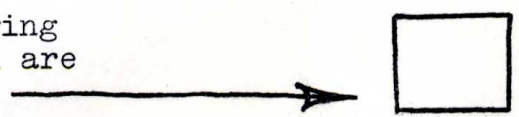
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JOINING FEE: \$5.00 plus annual subscription.
Membership application forms are available from all committee members
and area representatives.
Membership is open to extended tour coach crew members employed for
a period of not less than 12 months full time on tours which are
of a duration of 7 days or more (or 5 days in the cases of Tasmanian
coach crew members).

TRANSFERS AND STICKERS	\$6.00
Replacement BADGES	\$3.50
T-SHIRTS	Sizes: 12 14 16 18 20 22 \$7.00
WINDCHEATERS	Sizes: 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 \$17.00
ZIP-UP JACKETS	Sizes: 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 \$22.00

Please place your orders with our secretary, making cheques payable
to A.L.D.E.C.C. and including your size and postal address.
Delivery of windcheaters and jackets may take up to 6 weeks.

IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO NOTIFY OUR SEC.

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this newsletter our records indicate that you are
unfinancial, an X will appear in this square



A.L.D.E.C.C. NEWSLETTER.

AUGUST 1984.

Dear Members,

Many of you may have already learnt of the sudden death of Frank Martin who passed away on July 31st. Frank, proprietor of Martins Coaches of Albury and a keen A.L.D.E.C.C. member for the past four years, was well known and well respected in the coach industry. We extend our sympathy to Rosalie and family for their sad loss in which we all share.

1985 REUNION.

After many hours of deliberation the A.L.D.E.C.C. committee has decided to hold the 1985 Reunion at Lake Hume. A number of other venues have been considered but in the end all were eliminated because they were unable to accomodate our numbers, they were not located in areas which were central to the regions from which most of our members would be travelling, or because of problems associated with catering.

We approached Murray River Developments, enquiring into the possibility of chartering one of their vessels, and were advised that this would be practical only between a Sunday evening and the following Saturday morning. We believed that this would be unfair to many members who may not be able to obtain time off work during the week. Also the consequent reduction in numbers attending would increase costs.

To the best of our knowledge there is no other venue which can match Lake Hume's comfortable, self-contained, yet relatively inexpensive accomodation; central location (figures below on the geographical distribution of members support this); provision for water sports (during what is the hottest time of the year); and the availability of excellent barbecue facilities and a hall.

Unlike this year we intend to have no dealings with the Lake Hume Aquatic Club which provided dinner on the Saturday night. In fact meals at the 1985 Reunion promise to be a special treat as we have engaged some of the best cooks available in this country - all of whom incidentally are members of A.L.D.E.C.C. It is also envisaged that most coach captains attending will have the opportunity to display their prowess at barbecuing steaks and sausages. We believe that A.L.D.E.C.C. itself has the expertise to prepare first class meals with a minimum of fuss - so why don't we give it a bash!

The reunion will commence on Friday evening February 1st. and conclude on Sunday afternoon February 3rd. Costs are yet to be finalised, but like this year they will be kept as low as possible. So please make a note of the date and make an effort to put in an appearance so that you too can share in the meeting of old acquaintances, the reminiscing of old times, the voting for new committee members and having a say at the Annual General Meeting.

If you can assist with the provision of a coach to transport members to the reunion from Melbourne please contact us as soon as possible. You are also reminded that any ideas or suggestions concerning the reunion are always welcome.

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF MEMBERS.

A.L.D.E.C.C. currently has a financial membership of 251 and this figure represents an 18% increase on the figure at this time last year. Below is a state by state breakdown of our membership. Most significant is the figure for the Territory which is double that of last year.

Vic.	139
N.S.W.	40
Qld.	21
N.T.	21
S.A.	16
W.A.	11
Tas.	2
A.C.T.	1

NEW MEMBERS.

A warm welcome is extended to the following people who have recently joined A.L.D.E.C.C.:-

Peter Annand	Alice Springs, N.T.
Robin Applebee	Alice Springs, N.T.
Annette Carmichael	Melbourne.
David Falkingham	Charmhaven, N.S.W.
Kerry Ferguson	Melbourne.
Kevin Hardimon	Killcare Heights, N.S.W.
Paul Pell	Nambucca Heads, N.S.W.

NEW A.L.D.E.C.C. BADGES.

We have taken delivery of new badges which although identical in shape and colour are slightly larger than the previous badges. The new badges measure 2 cm. across at their widest point and this has allowed a more satisfactory brooch-type pin to be fitted on the back of them. By placing a larger order for these badges we have been able to keep the price down to that of the previous badges - namely \$3.50.

TRUCK AND BUS SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Many members with Truck and Bus subscriptions have failed to renew them. Should this have been an oversight, this is a third and final reminder. The subscription rate is now \$11.50, payable to A.L.D.E.C.C. and forwarded to Amy McClagish. If you missed the August edition you haven't renewed your subscription, and you missed Geoff Johnson's report of a tour with Jo-Anne Wigg and Peter Annand in an A.P. 4WD Benz.

WHAT WAS HAPPENING 40 YEARS AGO?

During the latter half of 1944 Jack McCafferty acquired the first of two new 5 ton 31 h.p. White WA18 buses with a 32 ft. 44 passenger Watt Bros. body. This vehicle, known as 'the Challenger', joined a Chev. and a Ford which were operating on the service from Toowoomba to Picnic Point via Rangeville. The service had been acquired by the 30 year old McCafferty 4 years earlier, and as well as being a regular local service, the journey was a popular tourist trip.

TO MY MATES ON THE ROAD

- A LETTER FROM JO-ANNE WIGG.

Twas a sudden move to take the 'Slack Attack' (off the road). But in doing so didn't get a chance to contact many of my long standing friends. So in my temporary position as budding scientist I'm finding it difficult to contact my nomadic friends of the great outback. Anyone with a weekend to spare can find me along the shores of the Murray River where a toast in Bundy and Coke to 'old friends' will be assured!

Seriously - road crew are a breed of their own and no matter where they meet or work great friendships are established. In my times on the road I've made many true friends and in doing so would hate to lose contact simply by change of occupation. So send me a card or phone and let me know how things are doing. My feet are itchy already. Miss you all 'BIG MOBS', see you all at the reunion.

Love Jo Jo

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P.S. Vicki Mouse is OK and sends her love.

OTHER NEWS IN BRIEF.

Carmel Petrie has made it known to our newsletter that Coles New World in Alice Springs has made a van available to cooks and hostesses. When they have done their shopping at Coles the van will deliver their goods to the caravan park or motel.

Rumour has it that Keith Hindmarsh is leaving the road to take up farming on King Island. Who will be held responsible for getting the other drivers drunk when 'Hiny' is no longer pounding the track?

Pandemonium broke out at Ford's Resort in Alice Springs about Easter time when a cook threatened to go on strike and not cook the dinner. Her driver panicked when he thought he had to take over, as his culinary skills were about zero. Pity the poor passengers. Jim Heyward was relieved when he realized his cook Carmel Petrie was only joking. By the way, the colour of Jim's new coach is known as 'Gangrenous Green'.

A certain driver was recently ordered by a couple of health inspectors at Mildura to clean up his camp or the Health Department would take action against him. 'Higgo' breathed a sigh of relief when he realized the inspectors (real ones) were a couple of passengers on a tour that was camped next door to him. They had been put up to it by 'his mates', the crew on their coach.