

### **Club Flag A Bit of History.**

In last months Smoke Signal the mystery photo was of a group of club members at a rally in Victoria.

In 1984 the city of Footscray celebrated its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, as part of those events the Royal

Automobile Club of Victoria in conjunction with the Vintage Motorcycle Club of Victoria held a rally known as the RACV 1000 Alpine tour.

The event started with a motorcycle show at the Footscray North Primary School Assembly hall on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 1984 with the actual rally leaving on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Over the following 8 days the rally covered 1173 kilometres with overnight stops at Morwell, Bairnsdale, Omeo , Bright, Mt Buffalo, Albury, Sheparton and finally back to the finish at the Footscray Town where we were welcomed by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and given a civic reception.

There were 77 entrants consisting of bikes from a 1904 Lewis to a 1955 Matchless including 7 belt drive veterans.

Our club group was,

John Cribb 1936 B.S.A. 750cc V Twin Outfit.

Audrey & Dean Govan 1925 Indian Chief Outfit,

Fay & Peter Grace 1930 A.J.S. 500cc OHC Outfit,

Ted Hansen 1953 B.M.W.

Gary Jolly 1949 Ariel Red Hunter,

Ruth & Laurie Liebhardt, 1955 Matchless Outfit,

Jeff Schaefer 1926 16h Norton,

Trevor Verrall 1940 Harley Davidson,

Bob Jones 1924 Harley Davidson.

Additionally Ken Grace, Marion & Alf Tolfts, Dawn Schaefer, Leslie Jones and Marie Verrall travelled in the accompanying bus or cars.

It was a great adventure we encountered rain, fog dust mud and mountain roads but in the end was well worth the trip.

**Dean Govan.**