**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 125th anniversary, as part of those events the Royal

Autombile 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 27th April 1984 with the actual rally leaving on Saturday 28th 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.**