

Notice to members - Small Ford Alliance

At our clubs AGM in July it was voted unanimously in favour of beginning a process where we could build a stronger alliance between similar car clubs in Victoria. This process has now started and as a result we have formed the "Small Ford Alliance" which currently consists of representatives from the following car clubs.

Capri Car Club of Victoria Inc.
Cortina MK1 Onwers Club of Australia Inc.
Ford Rallye Sport Owners Club of Victoria Inc.
Zephyr Zodiac Owners Club of Melbourne Inc.

The initial aim of this group has been to create an Annual Calendar of shared, interclub events that ~

- 1) Increase the number of participants at each event (more clubs attending = more participants)
- 2) Has annual events - like Small Ford Sunday, giving each event of this type a chance to grow.
- 3) Forms the base for each clubs annual event calendar. Each club can hold as many additional events per year as it requires.
- 4) Identify all shared interclub events with a prefix of "Small Ford" E.g. Small Ford Christmas, Small Ford Go Kart Challenge
- 5) Improve the quality of events, through better attendance and organisation.

Q. What changes or benefits are there for our club members?

A. Our event calendar is now set for the next two years with a minimum of 12 events per year, not including club meetings and "RSOCV only" events. As such members now have greater opportunity to use their vehicles throughout the year – hopefully with more participants in total.

Q. Does this mean that our club will merge with other clubs and RSOCV will no longer exist?

A. No. We need to make it quite clear that each club will continue to function as a separate entity. This is about opening an opportunity where all these clubs and possibly others, can pool their resources together and build more top quality events for their members. We want to see road events with 40-50 small Fords, Track days with nothing but small Fords on the entry list. This is not about any of these clubs merging or dissolving. What we should see if all clubs members get along and support these events, is in time each club should only become stronger.

Q. What else may happen in the future?

A. All though it is a while off, and first we must see some success in event sharing, in the future the working group may form an association with the aim of reducing each clubs annual cost for affiliations and insurance. This would hopefully mean a reduced cost base for each club. It would not be a merger, and each club would still continue with it's own name, committee, membership etc.

Q. What can members do?

A. Take advantage of the situation – Attend and support as many events as possible every year. The success of sharing events depends on you the member getting out the car and getting along to them. Check out the clubs event calendar for what's coming up soon – we already have Small Ford Alliance events listed!

For anyone who has been to Small Ford Sunday, you will understand how magnificent it is to have so many great cars in the one place at the one time. Now pick that day up and take it out on a cruise around Victoria, or put it out on a race track or a have it on display at a classic car event etc. etc.

If you have anymore questions or concerns regarding the Small Ford Alliance email the club at rsoc_vic@hotmail.com

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