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Meetings are held at the Combined Car Clubs (Triple C) Club rooms, Glandore Community Centre, Clark Avenue, Glandore at 7:45 pm on the second Wednesday of each month, except January. Entry to club rooms is through the car park. Visitors and guests are welcome. Please bring supper to share.

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COMING EVENTS

CLUB MEETINGS

Second Wednesday of each month except January

CLUB RUNS / EVENTS

22nd May 2011

Shotgun Shoot and lunch. More information Brian Miles

12th June 2011

Annual Pub Lunch. Mt Barker Cost \$18.50 per Head

More information Ross Fleming and Brenton Gibb

3rd July 2011

Joint Run with the MAPS Club to Mallala Museum and Lunch at Pt Parham. More information Ashley Farrow and Margaret Edwards.

INVITATION/OTHER CLUBS' EVENTS

10th –15th May 2011

The World's Largest Cornish festival "Kernewek Lowender".

Entry forms available from Brenton Gibb 8263 2908

21st May 2011

Invitation from the Morris Register of South Australia in conjunction with History S.A. to celebrate the history & impact of Nuffield vehicles in S.A. Display of vehicles from 10 am. till 4 pm. at their clubrooms at the corner of Harrison Rd & Simpson Ave Devon Park.

27th 28th August 2011

Upper South East Combined Clubs Tour (based in Naracoorte)

Hosted by Naracoorte Historic Vehicle Club Inc. Entry Forms/more information available from Brenton Gibb on 82632908

2nd 3rd, 4th, September 2011

Twin Bridges Rally Hosted by the Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge. Entry forms available from Brenton Gibb.

SWAP MEETS

22nd May 2011

Kapunda

5th June 2011

National Military Vehicle Museum Sturton Road Edinburgh Parks

19th June 2011

Sedan

24th July 2011

Angle Park

24th August 2011

Willunga

11th September 2011

Gawler

16th October 2011

Strathalbyn

Brenton Gibb

Entry Forms etc

Club events co-ordinator has contact details and / or entry forms for other club's events.

Welcome to our New Members

Barry Grear	Hallet Cove	1969 Chrysler VF wagon
Clarrie and Peter Good	Kensington	1952 Dodge utility
Paul and Dianne Carter	Aldinga Beach	1967 Valiant VC sedan
Rocco Carbone	Newton	1925 Chrysler 4 tourer
Bruce Bragg and Carolyn Harris	O'Halloran Hill	1964 Dodge Phoenix sedan
		1964 Dodge Polara hardtop

Railway Museum Port Adelaide



Cover Photo

Don and Di Gardner's 1937 Plymouth P4 sedan, photographed at the Chrysler Restorers Club 30th anniversary. *Photo: Richard Tapp*

COMING EVENTS

Shotgun Shoot and Lunch

22 May 2011

See you at the Southern Rangers Black Powder Club for a fun day of clay target shooting.

One on one supervision/training using a 12 gauge shotgun. Cost for a round of 25 clays including clays, ammunition, bbq lunch, loan of shotgun and training is \$20. or \$5 bbq lunch for non-

shooters. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Meet at the old weigh bridge on Main South Road O'Halloran Hill at 9 am for a leisurely run into the gorge behind Old Noarlunga for a short safety briefing and a 10am start on the shooting range. Enclosed footwear is required and safety glasses or

glasses if you have them.

Please bring your old/classic car for display.

A run sheet will be handed around at the next club meeting

For further information contact

Brian Miles
041 249 7772

Pub Lunch 2011

12th June 2011

The annual Pub Lunch, is on again, on Sunday of the June long weekend. The venue is the Wallis Tavern at Mount Barker.

This venue is something a little different than the usual hotel atmosphere.

Cost \$18.50 per head, run details later. Always a good day out.

See you there.

Ross Fleming
Brenton Gibb
0417 086 243

Joint Run with MAPS

3rd July 2011

Joint trip with MAPS club to Mallala Museum and morning tea \$6. We will then travel to Pt Parham for catered lunch of Fish

and Chips or Schnitzel, estimated at \$15. Deposit of \$15.00 to be collected by Margaret at the May/June General meetings. Meet at

Northern side of Caltex, Bolivar 9.00am to depart at 9.30am

Ashley and Margaret
8341 6661

Tour Badges

I am searching for any spare tour badges in your collection.

Perhaps like me, you had more than one car in a tour or event.

So far I have the following;

National Tour #6 1992 Barossa,

#7 1995 Bendigo,

#9 2001 Adelaide,

#12 2010 Renmark,

Missing are; #'s 1to5,

5 is Lake Hume I believe

8 Woolongong,

10 Geelong

11 Canberra

S.A. Badges in hand,

The inaugural rally in June 1985 Mc Laren Vale

5th Anniversary,

25th Anniversary Mallala,

30th Anniversary Glenelg

Missing S.A. badges are;

Wirinna, Mawson Lakes, and any I am not aware of .

Your help would be greatly appreciated in procuring these badges for our display.

If you have any other items which you believe should be displayed please let me, or any committee member know, so I can plan the layout of the board for the future.

Graham Bailey



Chris Howes



Elizabeth & Malcolm Curtis

FROM THE COMMITTEE

President's Message



Since January, 16 new members have joined the club. Some members have already

placed vehicles on Historic Registration and others are starting restoration projects. The club is here to help so please use the human resources, knowledge, club tools and library to support you with your project.

Having a holiday with 150 other people isn't everyone's idea of a good time but the Regal Ramble was certainly a successful event. Chris and I were able to participate for the 2 weeks and it was a great holiday. What a wonderful time we had. There was something for everyone. Old cars, museums, op-shops, quilt shops, an Island, oceans and time with friends. 14 fellow club members attended most with classic caravans.

Following discussion at the February Committee meeting a decision was made to form a Sub Committee to undertake the first major review of the Club's Constitution since 1995. The

first Meeting was held 05/03/11 with 8 committee members and Barry Maslin, the Public Officer attending. From that meeting a smaller group consisting of Richard Tapp, Barry Maslin, Chris Howes and myself has met twice to continue with the review. The full committee has yet to review the proposed changes before they can be published and discussed by club members.

At the "All Chrysler Day" I was able to speak to prospective members and handed out many brochures and membership forms. Thanks to all the club members who gave generously of their time and energy to set up our display of 24 cars.

The March run was a long overdue combined event with the Chrysler Club. Discussions started in Renmark last September with Jason and Karen Rowley (The Chrysler club) about what type of run would suit most people. The run was planned by the Chrysler club members with Brenton Gibb liaising between the two clubs. Lunch at the Terminus Hotel in Strathalbyn was the destination and we travelled via the coast and were kept busy with an observation quiz to be completed

along the way. 70 people enjoyed the lunch and we will be looking to repeat the outing when the schedule allows.

I enjoyed the April run immensely, as did "Geena" my Galant. Sunday afternoon the 17th of April saw 30 of the club members at the summit of Mt Barker. In the morning we had visited Peter Green's private car museum in Woodside, two well kept secrets in one day. Thank you, Maurice Emmerson for having the ideas and putting it together so successfully.

Bob Haywood is the Editor and is always looking for articles. Stories can be club run related or about you and your car. In future I will be asking at each club run for a participant to submit a story as it is not the editor's job to write every article.

I look forward to seeing you at a meeting or on the next club run.

BEST REQUEST SO FAR (but more requests/suggestions/advice needed)

"Could the club magazine include new sections including Recipes, Quilting Block of the Month patterns, Horoscopes and "Mere Male"? ANON

Cathy Woods

Bordertown Golf Club with Sprinklers Off



CLUB NOTES

Chrysler Australia Photos



Due to contact with professional photographer Peter Hoare an extensive library of Chrysler related photos have become available to the club.

The collection, the majority of which are negatives, dates from the Keswick assembly line, the

opening of the Tonsley Park complex, dealerships, the list goes on.

The contents of the collection are incredible and I'm sure will be an asset to our library. The above photo is an example. Steve Tyler is aware of these and

is looking forward to enquiries from members in due course.

We are working on a conversion system to transfer the photos from negatives to a digital reproduction.

Bob Haywood

From the Editor

CONTRIBUTORS

This issue comes to you courtesy of Brenton Gibb, Maurice Emerson, Brian Miles, Ross Fleming, Ashley Farrow and Margaret Edwards, Cathy Woods, Jenette Black, Ken Barnes, Allan Pike, Lorraine Beythien, Ellen Haywood, Trevor Feehan, Richard Tapp and Graham McRae.

Our thanks to the magazine despatch team, being Richard Tapp, Jenette Black, Garry Williams and Dean Davis.

Bob Haywood

WEBSITE STATISTICS

	March 2011	April 2011	April 2010
Visits	1,066	655	806
Pages	7,841	8,926	1,979
New Visits	30%	36%	44%

Statistics exclude photos and videos.

CLUB NOTES

Federation Meeting Report



Historic Vehicle Registration

DTEI has given the Federation some proposals of changes to the HVR scheme.

Note that these are still only proposals at this time.

The cut off date for vehicles to be eligible to be fixed at 31 December 1978, (may still change) to be reviewed after a fixed period, possibly 5 years.

LH drive vehicles will be brought into the same date instead of their current cut off date.

Cars already on the scheme will stay as they are (grandfather clause).

Clubs will have to implement a yearly verification inspection (not a roadworthy inspection), just to confirm compliance with the act.

Noted that at this time this is optional but will not be in the future.

Clubs will need to carry out a yearly audit on their operation, by the club, such as, how many logbooks issued, held, etc, details of who is to carry it out not determined at this stage. This to be submitted to the Federation yearly.

To be a recognised club under the Historic Vehicle Registration scheme the club will have to be a member club of the Federation.

Current operation by DTEI with regard to variations is that they are applying word for word what is in the Code.

At this time there is no change with the Special Interest Vehicle Registration Scheme (ie Hotrods etc).

It was pointed out that the timing of the survey sent out, to support the Special Interest Clubs proposals, did not allow the clubs enough time to actually carry out the survey before the reporting

date.

Bay to Birdwood

The Federation has reiterated that if you have not entered the run please do not drive along with the entrant cars, as this causes more congestion. There will not be road closures for the Classic Bay to Birdwood and so there will be two way traffic the full length of the route.

Entry forms to be posted out mid to late May, during History Week

The new Chairman of the Bay to Birdwood is Martin Haese

There is a new director at Birdwood – Marianne Norman

No change to the route so far.

A risk assessment is to be carried out.

Entry cost is still \$50



Graham McRae

Historic Motor Vehicle Gathering

This event was arranged by David Read, whose collection of cars and motor bikes at Old Noarlunga the CRC members were invited to visit on a previous event.

David Read is a member of the Vintage Sports Car Club that also meets in the Glandore Room.

This was the third year that this event was held and the roll up was not as good as the previous years. CRC was represented and Ashley Farrow thoughtfully brought one of the club's flags and stand.

Unfortunately because of the time we individually arrived and the way the Marshalls directed us into the parking area we did not park together but so did others which meant we were all nicely distributed. The CRC members who went were -:

Steve Lovell 1925 Chrysler 58 Tourer

Graham & Chris Haggie 1925 Dodge Roadster

Ken & Carole Barnes 1927 Dodge Fast 4 Roadster

Ashley Farrow and Margaret Edwards 1929 Desoto 29K

Roadster

It was also lovely to have Ralph and Margaret Winston come along for a look-see and a chat.

There were some amazing cars there but let me say CRC cars had a lot of admirers.

David Read is presently having health problems and we hope he will still be able to continue with his dream of the Historic Motor Vehicle Gathering that has the aim of showing and interesting the general public in old cars.

Ken Barnes

PAST EVENTS

Chrysler Club of SA Combined Run

Monday 14th March, was the combined run to Strathalbyn with the Chrysler Club of SA. The day's itinerary and selected route for the run, was organised by the Chrysler Club of SA. We met at the CCC car park at 10.00 for a 10.30 start. A run sheet with the set route and a competition, with particular points to look out for along the way, made an interesting challenge for the participants. If you was an only occupant your job would have proved a bit of a challenge.

The designated route took us through Glenelg and along the main highway to Port Noarlunga, Seaford, McLaren Vale, Kangarilla, Meadows, Paris Creek to Strathalbyn.

Most members arrived at the destination within the expected time, allowing for a coffee break on the way. The weather and the Adelaide Hills scenery, made the run all the more enjoyable.

The Terminus Hotel was the venue chosen for lunch which I am sure was to every ones liking.

The run competition answers were marked and the respective winners were announced.

After lunch the usual chat and a wander around the

good selection of cars for the men, I believe a car sale deal was done on the day, with a few ladies finding a comfortable spot to sit and chat about what ladies chat about.

By 4.00 in the afternoon people had started to move off for home, after enjoying a very successful and interesting run with our fellow Chrysler Club members.

Bob Haywood
Photos Richard Tapp
Bob Haywood

Anthony Lennell's 1971 Charger VH



Chris Howes' 1958 Chrysler Royal AP1



Brett Newley's 1978 Valiant CL Drifter



PAST EVENTS

All Chrysler Day 2011

Sunday 27th February

The All Chrysler Day was held at the Lockleys Primary School Oval, corner May Terrace and Sir Donald Bradman Drive on Sunday 27th May.

Approx. 24 Chrysler Restorers members cars were on display.

Trophy winners were, Perth members, Paul Ryan and friend Peter Waite, Dodge Ram pick-up and 1963 Imperial Crown convertible.

Brian and Josie Miles, best 'A' body, 1966 Dodge Dart G.T Coupe.

Donald and Sheila Feast, best 'R' series sedan 1961.

Ross and Peggy Fleming, best '4cyl' Simca Aronde 1963.

We had excellent shade cover and BBQ provided by members, so next year let's make this event even better, and enjoy a great social and fun day. It would be great to have more vehicles on display, at least one car from each era!

With so many Chrysler enthusiasts from interstate and local, it's a good opportunity to showcase our great Club's cars, of which too many are rarely seen.

There also was an exceptional swap meet, with a chance to purchase Chrysler parts only.

Hope to see many more of you attending next year.

Allan Pike

Photos: Richard Tapp



Jason Mallia's 1957 Plymouth



Paul Ryan's 1963 Imperial Crown



Ross and Peggy Fleming's Simca Aronde



Chrysler Restores Club Cars on Display

PAST EVENTS

All Chrysler Day 2011(ctd)

Brian Miles and Grandson Cole with Trophy 1966 Dodge Dart GT



Brian Walsh's 1950 Hudson



A Big Day for Brian Miles



PAST EVENTS

Woodside Private Collection Run

Sunday 17th April

We met at the club rooms Sunday morning and found the AAA Club meeting to go on a run to Balhannah at a similar time. It was good to catch up with several of their club members who we see at different events throughout the year. They left half an hour before us, so the overcrowded car park cleared for our later arrivals.

We headed up the old Mt Barker Road past the Eagle on the Hill and turned into Crafrers and then drove through the picturesque Piccadilly Valley. Some of us missed the turnoff and ended up in a hole (I won't tell you who that was, only to say, that they have a white dog.) Autumn in the hills is the best time to visit.

After the very pretty drive through to Balhannah and onto Woodside we visited a Private Collection of Motor Racing memorabilia. Peter Green's collection of all types of Motor Racing is very impressive.

He has a Norm Beechey Monaro, a look alike a Ford Mustang and a XU1 Torana that

Peter Green's Collection



I found particularly interesting together with various other cars. The collection of Motor racing posters and photos covered all of the walls in the display area.

I was most impressed by the amount of books in his collection. Books covered all types of racing, including Motor Bike, Speedway, Grand Prix, Road racing and more. There were many biographies in his collection also. He had a huge collection of magazines from all over the world.

After we left Peters collection we headed to Melbas Chocolate

Factory (of course). This was crowded as it was the week before Easter and everyone was stocking up.

Then it was onto lunch at Mt Barker. We chose a spot under the nice trees in the Keith Stephenson Park.

When the tummies were full Maurice took us to the REAL Mt Barker where he spent many happy hours in his childhood. He told us many stories of growing up with the mountain as his playground on his father's property.

The 360 degree view from Mt Barker is fantastic. The last memory of the day was, of a bride dressed in a long red dress with red train and walking boots running up the mountain to have wedding photos taken at sunset.

Fantastic day. Thanks to Jan and Maurice Emerson.

Lorraine Beythien

*Photos: Bob Haywood
Richard Tapp*

Keith Stephenson Park Mount Barker



PAST EVENTS

Regal Ramble Highlights

Chris and I have participated in the 4 of the past 5 “Meet the Clubs Tours”

This year was “The Regal Ramble” taking in the southeast, Kangaroo Island and may towns in between. These trips are busy but I had a wonderful time, it was a great holiday. 14 Chrysler Restorers members attended most with classic caravans.

Bill and Joy Watson, Nola and Arthur Clisby were the chief organizers taking nearly two years to make it all happen, supposedly effortlessly.

I have included all the sponsors as my holiday wouldn't have happened without their support.

The City of Mt Gambier

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The RAA

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Jeff and Helen Burgher-Typesetting

Donald and Sheila Feast

My Highlights:

- The Bordertown Golf Course Caravan Park without overnight sprinklers.

- David Sharpe, the Secretary of the Bordertown Vehicle Restorers Club introduced himself to me at dinner and wanted to let me know how much he enjoys the club's magazine. He reads it first, prior to other club members and complimented the club on the quality of the magazine. I was pleased that I could introduce



David Sharpe with his 1948 Dodge D24

David to Bob Haywood (Editor) so he could pass on the compliment. David planned the runs while in Bordertown and I was able to photograph him with his 1948 D24 Dodge.

- Kelpie display at Casterton.
- Ellen Haywood taking down the hem on Graham Bailey's Safari suit trousers –Yes, Graham seemed to have a different Safari suit for each day.
- This was the fifth tour and for the first time there was judging of the 83 participating vehicles. The decision was announced at the finale dinner in Victor Harbor that Noel and Rae Cowie and their 1959 Chrysler Royal Sedan and classic caravan was the Best. They received a certificate as “Recognition of Excellence of Presentation” and a voucher from Crispin Motors. Noel and Rae were both very pleased; they are worthy and humble recipients.

- The Coorong – full of water.
- A Campfire at Meningie–

Meeting Garry and Barbara Hiscock for Happy Hour.

- Donald and Sheila Feast's Museum at Port MacDonnell-Amazing collection of cars and collectables.

Generous car club friends Margaret and Bill Ellis allowed us to establish a mini CRCA Caravan park in their backyard at Victor Harbor.

It is yet to be announced whether there will be another tour but I hope so.

Thanks to everyone who made my holiday so pleasurable.

Cathy Woods



PAST EVENTS

Meet the Clubs Tour Regal Ramble 2011

Monday 28th April We started off early to make our way to Mount Barker for the start of the Regal Ramble tour. After travelling through the early morning traffic we arrived at the Mount Barker sports ground at around 9.10am.

A good number of entrants had already arrived, and it was good to see all those familiar faces again. Morning tea was served and following the official opening of the tour we were on our way.

We took the route through Nairne via the Old Princes Highway to Murray Bridge. There we were served a delicious lunch by the members of the Auto Collectors Club. From here Brenda and Les Cowie joined in with our group.

Soon after lunch we were on our way and the destination was Bordertown. After a couple of stops for fuel and an op shop or two we arrived in Bordertown around 5.00pm.

Our group chose to stay at a park at the Bordertown Golf Club, which was far enough away from the main highway noise with a real country atmosphere. This proved to be a very memorable evening for a few of the group with an activation of the sprinkler system at 1.30am. Not happy!!!!

Tuesday 29th We assembled at the showgrounds and were divided into three groups and allocated various runs for the day. Our run began with a visit to a recreation lake near the town. This area was transformed into a reserve and a man-made lake created. The soil removed was used to build the main highway overpass through Bordertown.

Wolseley was our next stop, where we were given morning tea by the local ladies and from there travelled on to Serviceton to the Railway Museum. Up until its

Morning Tea at Mount Barker



Johnstone Park Murray Bridge



Bordertown Showgrounds



Entrants at Bordertown



PAST EVENTS

Meet the Clubs Tour Regal Ramble 2011 (ctd)

closure this station was manned by both South Australian and Victorian staff. Three to five course meals were served back then for about five shillings.

Op shopping was the afternoon's entertainment and a patchwork shop was also discovered, much to the delight of some..

The venue for dinner was at the Woolshed Inn and we were welcomed to the area by representatives from the Bordertown Vehicle Restorers Club and the Mayor for the Tatiara District Council.

Wednesday 30th After assembling at the showgrounds we were flagged off to the next part of the tour which was lunch at the Naracoorte Historic Vehicle Club rooms. Here we were given a chance to view their impressive automotive museum..

We chose to travel to Penola and arrived at the caravan park mid afternoon. After unhooking the caravan we spent a couple of hours catching up on some shopping

Thursday 31st was a free day with sightseeing around the Penola area, including the renowned Mary McKillop Centre and Petticoat Lane cottages.

Graham Bailey met up with Jenette Black, who travelled from Adelaide by coach. to join in on the tour.

The night meal was at the local Sports Club and hosted by the Naracoorte Historic Vehicle Club.

Friday 1st April We set off on our next destination which was Mount Gambier .for 3 nights. A morning tea stop at nearby Nangwarry created a bit of interest from some of the locals and cameras were out to catch some photos of our cars and caravans.

An early arrival in Mount Gambier

Recreation Lake Bordertown



Serviceton Railway Museum



Leaving Bordertown for Naracoorte



Lunch at Naracoorte



PAST EVENTS

Meet the Clubs Tour Regal Ramble 2011 (ctd)

Sheep dog Display Casterton



Caravan Park gave us a chance to settle in and head into the town for a bite to eat and, you guessed it, op shopping and patchwork shops were the attraction.

Saturday 2nd April was a day trip to nearby Casterton in western Victoria. On our arrival we assembled at the designated park and were shown a display of sheepdog handling. This was followed by a barbecue lunch hosted by the Casterton Motor Enthusiasts Car Club.

Bob's Tractors Casterton



During the afternoon we visited the Railway Museum as well as Bob's Tractor collection consisting of an impressive collection of 85 tractors of various makes and vintage.

We returned to Mount Gambier in time for our evening meal at the RSL Bowling Club rooms.

Sunday 3rd April Following the assembling at the Lady Nelson Centre the tour participants travelled to Port MacDonnell for local sightseeing, including a visit to Donald and Sheila Feast's magnificent car collection and memorabilia.

Island Park Casterton



The night's entertainment was a funny hat theme and trivia night at a sports club. The weather was becoming typical of Mount Gambier and the coats and woollies were being brought out.. A fun night was had by all, with members of our club being two of the three tables coming equal first in the trivia quiz. The funny hats were very creative and a winner was chosen by the audience.

Monday 4th April and we are again on the move. Today got off to a wet start, but the weather was showing signs of clearing by the time we got to Millicent, although a light shower did move in for a short time.

Machinery at the Millicent Museum



PAST EVENTS

Meet the Clubs Tour Regal Ramble 2011 (ctd)

A Long Day at Port Mac Donnell



We had morning tea and then a visit to the Millicent Information Centre and Museum. We headed off to Kingston via Beachport and Robe. A visit to a private museum in Robe displayed interesting collections from Elvis through to automotive memorabilia and was well worth the visit.

Dinner that night was held at the Kingston Football Club rooms and we were in the care of Southern Ports Vehicle and Motor Restorers Club and served a most delicious meal by young ladies from the local netball club.

Robe Museum



Tuesday 5th April was a sightseeing day with morning tea at Wangalina Station, Cape Jaffa, and various attractions throughout the day as outlined on the run sheet.

A few of us decided to drive on to Meningie and stay overnight, in preference to the drive to Victor Harbor in one day. We chose sites at the Meningie Caravan Park overlooking Lake Albert, a magnificent scenic spot.

We contacted Barbara and Garry Hiscock, from Meningie, who are members of our club, to join us for a chat and happy hour.

Lunch at Meningie



Wednesday 6th April The morning was spent looking around Meningie. Lunch was at the Meningie Football Club rooms.. We were served a barbecue lunch by the Coorong Mechanical Restoration Club members and welcomed to the area.

Trevor Kelley had a problem when he noticed his towbar was sitting at an unusual angle. With help from Garry Hiscock and friends he was soon on his way.

Everyone being mindful of the ferry crossing at Wellington. decided it was time to leave after a most enjoyable lunch break. The

Waiting for the Wellington Ferry



PAST EVENTS

Meet the Clubs Tour Regal Ramble 2011 (ctd)

Noel Cowie Enjoying the Moment



ferry crossing seemed to go smoothly with everyone getting across the river without too long a wait.

After a short stop in Strathalbyn for the usual break and a coffee we arrived in Victor Harbor late in the afternoon. Our small group had been kindly invited to be guests of Margaret and Bill Ellis from our club. We enjoyed a home cooked barbecue and salads and were pleased to be joined by a few of our club members from the area.

Thursday 7th April After assembling at the Esplanade car park at Victor Harbor we were fortunate enough to be flagged off to our selected day runs by Glen Dix. He seemed to really enjoy being involved in the old car scene.

Our choice of the day's run was the Coorong Cruise. We regarded this as one of the highlights of the entire tour. It was a most enjoyable day sightseeing along the Coorong, with a very professional crew who gave us a full history and characteristics of this area. We were served a delicious lunch and afternoon tea and we had the chance to get off the boat and walk over the sand hills to the open sea. We are pleased to say that we both made the climb up and over many a tall sand hill.

The finale dinner was served at the Hotel Victor hosted by the Historic Motor Vehicles Club. The official speeches were made to close the tour.

Presentation of appreciation gifts were made to both Nola and Arthur Clisby and Joy and Bill Watson for their effort and time in putting the tour together.

A special award was given for best presented vehicle to Rae and Noel Cowie for their AP2 Chrysler

Day Run at Victor Harbor



Off to Cape Jervis



Lined up for the Ferry at Cape Jervis



PAST EVENTS

Meet the Clubs Tour Regal Ramble 2011 (ctd)

Royal and matching caravan.

Friday 8th April We assembled at the Esplanade car park to say our goodbyes and reminisce over the last twelve days. The tour ended for the people who chose to go home from here. Around forty cars with ninety people opted to spend the weekend on Kangaroo Island.

We left our car and caravan at Margaret and Bill Ellis's and shared a car with Rhonda and Garry Williams, who had joined the tour on Thursday at Victor Harbor.

We arrived at Cape Jervis in time to catch the Sealink ferry at mid-day and enjoyed a relatively calm crossing.

After disembarking and getting back in our vehicles we set off for Kingscote. Once there we found our accommodation and settled in to a full size house which was a nice change after the two weeks in a caravan.

A number of people were involved in a search for some food in Kingscote and we finally found a place that sold of fish and chips and thankfully we could relax and enjoy our evening with friends.

Saturday 9th April Following the assembly at the wharf area we headed off to Flinders Chase for lunch. This was served by members of the Kangaroo Island Motor Club.

Afterwards we visited Admiral's Arch, where the seals were quite at home sunbaking on the rocks. We had as many clothes on as we could manage to try and keep us warm and protect us from the cold wind.

A visit to Remarkable Rocks is a must when in this area. The local attractions and sightseeing during the day were of your own choice, and we returned to Kingscote in

preparation for the night's entertainment.

A dinner and final get together was held at the local football club rooms with a barbecue being served and hosted by the Kangaroo Island Motor Club. An auction, raising money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service, brought a fun end to the evening.

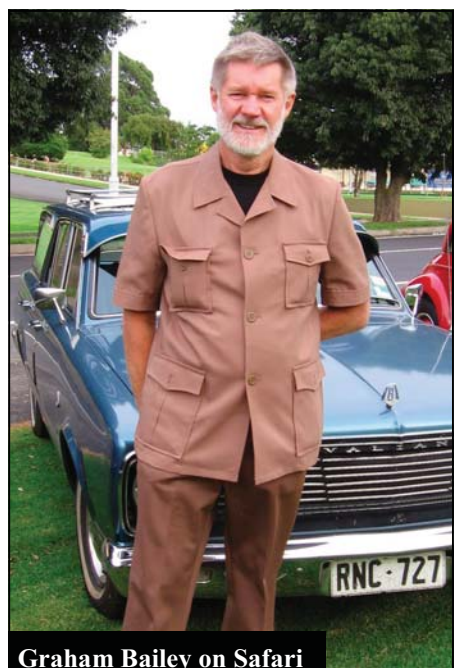
Sunday 10th April was a free day to do as you wish, as long as you were in Penneshaw by 4.00pm to board the ferry..

We called in to Hope Cottage Museum in Kingscote and then onto Clifford's Honey Farm to taste and purchase some delicious local produce. American River was chosen as an ideal spot for lunch and we arrived in Penneshaw in plenty of time for the ferry.

Once back at Cape Jervis we drove to Victor Harbor, picked up our car for the return trip to Adelaide.

Congratulations must go to Nola and Arthur Clisby, Joy and Bill Watson, for their dedication, effort and smooth running of the tour. It is a pleasure to be a part of these tours and we are looking forward to meeting up with friends and familiar faces on our next one. Thanks again.

*Ellen and Bob Haywood
Photos Bob Haywood*



Graham Bailey on Safari

Welcoming Sign at Bill and Margaret Ellis's



MEMBERS CARS

Trevor Feehan's 1929 Dodge Plymouth



In BULLETIN 298, a small item on Trev Feehan's factory Plymouth-powered Dodge truck can be found on page 54 in the "Plymouths Cover the World" section. Here's more on this Australian truck.

*by Trev Feehan
Nightcliff, Northern Territory
Australia*



At work, during apple picking in the late 1940s

The truck was bought new in 1929 by Mr. Sam Norton, an apple grower from Lenswood, a small town about 20 miles from Adelaide, South Australia. It was used to carry apples and fruit and vegetables to the Adelaide markets until the 1950s, when it was retired to work around the farm.

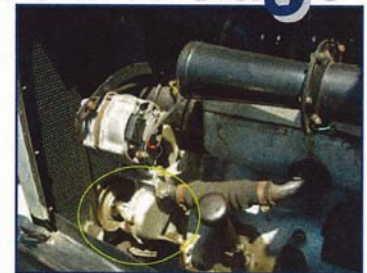
Mr. Norton bought the truck from Waymouth Motors, the Adelaide Chrysler/Dodge agent. It had been imported with a cowl, dash and windscreen. The sheet metal seems to be the front part of the American sedan. The door hinge mounts are in the windscreen pillars. The tray (bed) and cab were built by Ross Motor Bodies, an Adelaide body builder.

Over the years the truck was passed down through the family until Graham, one of the grandsons, brought it to Darwin, Northern Territory, in the 1980s. I bought it in 1993 and got all of its history. It was pretty run-down at that time, and the engine had a crack running full length along the block, but I rebuilt it to more or less what it was. Graham has driven it a few times since and says it seems about the same as it always had been.

It has a Graham Brothers 133-inch one-ton chassis, Series UI-C-133 with a four speed gearbox, 600x20 tyres and steel spoked wheels. The motor is a 1929 U Series Plymouth engine which has a heavy cast timing case that carries the



water pump. The Plymouth cars didn't have this, as their engines were cooled by a thermo-syphon system. I don't know of any other differences.



Water pump on a Plymouth U engine

The radiator, bonnet (hood), lights and mudguards (fenders) are similar in style to the contemporary Chrysler cars. It was marketed as a Dodge Four truck. Nobody seems to know about the four-cylinder trucks today, but the six cylinder models were very popular. Graham said one of their neighbours was very impressed with it and bought one himself.

The same truck was marketed as a Fargo with the DeSoto motor, a different cowl and wooden spoked wheels. They are also very rare. I know of about three that exist here.

We have a pretty active car club in Darwin, and the truck gets a lot of use on club activities and in private running. It always creates a lot of interest.

PB



Owner Trev Feehan at the wheel



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