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The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, South Australia Inc.

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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.

Subscriptions

Metro single \$30.00 - Metro family \$35.00 - Country single \$20.00 - Country family \$25.00

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COMING EVENTS

CLUB MEETINGS

Second Wednesday of each month except January

CLUB RUNS / EVENTS

Sunday 19th July 2015

Annual Pub Lunch, meet at CCC 10am for 10.30 start.

Richard Tapp
8271 6961

8th to 15th August 2015

Mount, Hill n Town tour, visiting towns with Mount, Hill or Town in their name.

Lorraine Beythein
0409 096 070

Friday 20th August 2015

Visit Tonsley Park complex. Meet for 12.00 lunch at Chrysler Bar Tonsley Park Hotel.

Lindsay Gibb
8263 5416

Sunday 23rd August 2015

2016 Calendar photo shoot Houghton Oval. Meet at Tea Tree Gully Library car park at 10am for 10.30 departure.

Bob Haywood
0407 601 803

Tuesday 1st September 2015

Old Car Day at Bethany Reserve 12.30pm BYO lunch. Meet at Fremont Park Elizabeth 9.00am.

Monday 21st September to Friday 2nd October 2015

Bay to Birdwood Motorfest events

Sunday 27th September 2015

Bay to Birdwood.

17th and 18th October 2015

Jamestown Air Show. The tri annual Jamestown Air Show is on again.

Chris Howes
8165 3971

Sunday 6th December 2015

Christmas Picnic, Beefacres Reserve.

INVITATION/OTHER CLUB'S EVENTS

Saturday 15th August 2015

Merbein Show n Shine, Kenny Park Merbein.

29th and 30th August 2015

Upper South East Four Clubs Tour Naracoorte. More info and entry forms;

Greg Lind

19th and 20th September 2015

Victor Harbor Rock n Roll Festival.

12th to 17th October 2015

Muscle Car Challenge, 6 day challenge, 1450kms through SA and Victoria.

Sunday 1st November 2015

CCC picnic lunch. Starting in the

parklands near Keswick Bridge, Anzac Highway. Followed by a run to Macclesfield's Davenport Square for a picnic lunch. Hosted by the Veteran and Vintage Chev Club.

Ken Barnes
8293 7923

14th and 15th November 2015

Return travel to Bendigo Swap, accomm. and breakfast. \$245 return. More info;

Greg Lind

SWAP MEETS

Sunday 26th July 2015

Globe Derby

Sunday 16th August 2015

Willunga

Sunday 13th September 2015

Gawler

Sunday 18th October 2015

Strathalbyn

14th and 15th November 2015

Bendigo

Entry Forms etc

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

There is a Connection!!!

“What Happens on the Federation Run Stays on the Federation Run”



Cover Photo

Paul and Therese Whitton's 1935 Plymouth PJST sedan: Photographed at 2012 Calendar Photo Shoot.
Photo Richard Tapp

COMING EVENTS

Annual Pub Lunch

Sunday 19th July 2015

Meet at CCC car park at 10am for a 10.30am departure. We will be

heading out on the South Eastern Freeway to the Swanport Hotel (formerly Dundees). This is

located just off the Freeway at Murray Bridge. Run sheets will be available on the day.

Mount, Hill n Town Tour

8th to 15th August 2015

We have designed this tour around towns with the place name as above included. There is also a route for vehicles that prefer bitumen.

The daily mileage will be around

100 miles or less. For the people taking caravans they have the choice of either bitumen or dirt roads.

The itinerary will differ slightly for each but we will join together each night as we are staying at

Caravan Parks. There is limited Hotel Motel or Cabin Accommodation at each stop. For more details contact

Lorraine Beythien
0409 096 070

Tonsley Park Visit

Friday 20th August 2015

Meet at the Tonsley Park Hotel in the Chrysler Bar for 12.00 lunch.

This will be followed by a visit to the TAFE complex in the old Chrysler manufacturing plant at

approximately 2.00pm

Lindsay Gibb
8263 5416

2016 Calendar Photo Shoot

Sunday 23rd August 2015

Meet at the Tea Tree Gully Library car park (opposite Tea Tree Plaza Centre, off Montague Road) at 10.00am for a 10.30am

departure. A short run to Houghton Oval where we take photos using the natural landscape as a background. BYO chairs and picnic lunch. Toilet facilities

available. New members, this is a chance to have your vehicle on next years calendar.

Bob Haywood
0407 601 803

2015 Old Car Day

Tuesday 1st September 2015

Get the old cars out and join in on "Old Car Day" at Bethany Re-

serve, Bethany Road, Bethany at 12.30pm, BYO lunch. Make your own way or meet at Freemont Park, Elizabeth at 9.00am for a

9.30 departure or TAFE car park Gawler in time for a 12.30pm arrival at Bethany.

Gawler Swap Meet

Sunday 13th September 2015

Gawler Show grounds. Entry \$5,

children 12 and under free, gates open 6.30am . Food catering local

service clubs.

Trevor 0414 397 737

Jamestown Air Show

17th and 18th October 2015

This is a tri-annual event and members of our club enjoyed the last show. Accommodation needs to be booked now. They have limited caravan park sites although the showgrounds have

caravan facilities.

Saturday night is schnitzel night at nearby Caltowie Hotel, a great country meal and only a few minutes from Jamestown. The main show event is on Sunday. An area has been set aside for our cars

to displayed.

Jamestown is only 2.5 hours from Adelaide so it is possible to make a day trip if you would prefer.

Chris Howes

FROM THE COMMITTEE

President's Message



Welcome to the July August 2015 issue of the Chrysler Collector.

In May we went to Balaklava

to visit the new Urlwin Park Agricultural Museum and the updated Balaklava Museum Centennial Hall. Norma Schopp was of course the organiser and we were blessed with some very mild weather.

In June we had our annual Registration Day. A couple of complications were that Graham McRae was overseas and another club beat us to booking the Glandore venue. Kevin Williams stepped up to oversee the day and the Veteran and Vintage Motor Cycle Club of SA agreed to share the room with us. Approximately 90 membership renewals were processed, along with associated historic vehicles.

The Annual Dinner was also

held in June. Alan Driver organised the Brighton Bowling Club for us, which worked out very well. Kevin Frith pipped Noel Cowie for the Disaster Award, with a last minute effort that I am sure you will read about elsewhere in the magazine. You awarded Ann Lind the Ron McNair Memorial Trophy, which was presented by Judy McNair. The Committee awarded the Alan Toull Memorial award to Marlene Gibb and Alan Driver, our Treasurer of nearly 30 years, received the President's Award.

Chris Howes was awarded Life Membership in recognition of 35 years of service to the club in many different fields. These include him being the only person to have served 2 two year terms as President, being the Historic Registration Registrar during various difficult transitions, organising the outstanding 30th anniversary display at Glenelg, organising innumerable other club events and helping many of us solve automotive dramas.

Congratulations Chris.

In July we will hold the Annual General Meeting, but for many of you the meeting will be history by the time you read this.

July will also see us having a Pub Lunch at the Swanport Hotel. Details can be found elsewhere in the magazine.

In August our event will be the calendar photoshoot. This year we will **not** be "posing" in front of historic vehicles. Bring one or more of your cars along and be a centrefold model in 2016.

See you at some of our events!

Richard Tapp



From the Editor

CONTRIBUTORS

This issue comes to you courtesy of Greg and Ann Lind, Lindsay Gibb, Lorraine Beythien, Chris Howes, Ken Barnes, Richard Tapp, Alan Driver, Cathy Woods, and Jenette Black. Many thanks to the magazine despatch team, being Jenette Black, Ellen Haywood, Rhonda and Garry Williams and Dean Davis.

A REMINDER. *In future all articles and entries to this magazine must be submitted by the Friday date shown on page 3.*

Bob Haywood

WEBSITE STATISTICS

	May-15	Jun-15	Jun-14
Visits	431	399	491
Pages	1028	1612	3140
Average visit duration	2:19	2:36	2:51

Statistics include photos but exclude videos.

CLUB NOTES

Federation Meeting Report



Update next issue

Alan Driver

Welcome New Members

Graham and Katrina Parr	Meadows	1927 Dodge tourer
Ian Maddison	Barraba NSW	1923/24 Maxwell
Maisie Myers	Huntfield Heights	
Steve and Norene Cutts	Glenelg North	1970 Valiant VF hardtop

2016 14th National Rally Update

Preparations for next year's National Rally are proceeding. Entries will be accepted from 1st August this year until 31st March 2016. Entry forms will be available on line and we hope to make it possible to submit entries the same way. You will, of course, still be able to print a form and send it by mail if you so desire.

Cowra background information:

The town has population of around 8,500. It is located on the Lachlan River and is the centre of a prosperous farming area. There is also a developing wine industry in the district. The town is known for its connections with Japan after the famous prisoner breakout that took place during the war years. While it may lack some of the features of large cities you will find it a friendly town with easy road access and a comprehensive shopping centre. There are

excellent hospital and medical facilities if required. The local council has made us very welcome and is fully supportive of our event.

Accommodation:

All accommodation will be in motels with a number of caravan parks cabins also available. The rally committee has reserved almost all motel accommodation in Cowra for the duration of the rally and, therefore, all bookings will be processed by rally organisers. You will **not** be able to contact motels directly to make your own arrangements so **please do not try**. To assist people to make a choice we will be providing details of each individual motel's web site on the entry form. This will enable you to assess each venue and identify your order of preference. Details of rates agreed will be provided. This means you will also be able to stay in the same motel as other

members or friends as far as we are able to arrange that, based on the order in which rally entries and payments are received. For those with caravans Cowra has an excellent, modern van park very close to the town centre and in a pleasant location on the river bank. We have reserved 35 sites and all available cabins at this park. Finally, we will be asking you to send a photograph of your rally vehicle to the committee with your entry. We intend to provide a copy of the rally magazine to everybody attending the rally and, for the first time, it will be in full colour. So make sure you send us your best colour photos for the magazine.

Further information will be provided as the rally organisation progresses.

Brian Kelleher

CLUB NOTES

Minutes of Club Meetings

Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia (SA Inc.)

Minutes of Meeting Held at CCC Wednesday 13th May 2015

Meeting opened by President Richard Tapp, members welcomed and OH&S regulations cited

Guest Speaker; Lynton Fuller from Trico Products, introduced by Chris Howes. Product's use in car restoration process. Members were given samples to take home and try. Lynton presented with gift in appreciation.

Members present; and apologies as recorded in attendance register.

New Members and Visitors; Noel Cowie introduced Chris and Heather Bennet, Chris was the RAA representative on the recent Federation run.

Sick report; Judy Hart has had a stay in hospital and is now home much better.

Gloria Greig was involved in a vehicle accident and has injuries to overcome.

April Meeting Minutes; read and moved by Secretary Ann Lind, seconded Lindsay Gibb.

Correspondence in; Thankyou letter from Wendy Milano Wakefield House visit.

Ann Lind moved correspondence be accepted, seconded by John Goddard.

Treasurers Report; Alan Driver presented his report, moving it be accepted, seconded by G Williams

Committee Reports presented

Past Events; Graham Bailey spoke on the recent Graham Haggie run. Noel Cowie thanked Trevor Kelley, Chris Howes and Dick Hart for their help during the axle incident on the Federation run.

General Business;

Alan driver reminded members on Annual Presentation Dinner and money owing to be paid at June meeting.

John Goddard thanked Ann and Greg Lind for organising the Graham Haggie run.

Raffle draws

Meeting Closed at 9.05pm.

Minutes of Meeting Held at CCC Wednesday 10th June 2015

Meeting opened by President Richard Tapp, members welcomed and OH&S safety regulations cited.

Members Present; members present and apologies as in attendance register.

New Members and Visitors; Steve Cuts and past President Milton Prosser.

Sick report; None reported

May Meeting Minutes; read and moved accepted by Secretary Ann Lind seconded Lorraine Beythien

Correspondence in; CCC minutes meeting 13th April, minutes Federation Meeting 18th April.

Treasurers Report; Alan Driver presented and moved his report be accepted, seconded by Jenette Black.

Committee Reports; presented.

Past Events; Jim Dawson commented on Balaklava Run, Bruce Forbes attended a Bendigo event, Terry Jones spoke on the Cavalcade of Cars at the Cornish Festival, Graham Bailey spoke on the Cameron Corner run.

General Business; Richard Tapp reminded members of upcoming Annual General Meeting, and Registration Day. The honour board has been updated thanks to Graham Bailey, Jenette Black and John Goddard. Members were reminded of the upcoming 2019 National Rally in SA. Jim Dawson and Bruce Bragg have volunteered to help in this event. Brenton Gibb advised of a donation of \$540 from the Chrysler Club from All Chrysler Day. In Chris Howes absence Graham Bailey nominated Chris for Life Membership, seconded Garry Williams.

Raffle draws;

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

CLUB NOTES

Club Registration Day

Sunday 14th June 2015

A good band of helpers arrived at the CCC rooms around 9.00am in preparation for the 10.00 start. This year we shared the venue with the Vintage Motorcycle Club due to a double booking of the club room. They also helped out by having a JP available.

A steady stream of members had their membership and historic registration renewals processed throughout the day.

We enjoyed a complimentary sausage sizzle, which was kindly prepared by Garry Williams and Ian Myers and proved very popular throughout the day. The Vintage Motorcycle members

were invited to join in as a thank you for their consideration in sharing the venue.

Many thanks to all who helped with the processing of paperwork. This resulted in a very successful day.

Kevin Williams



Cooks, Ian Myers and Garry Williams Sampling Their Work



PAST EVENTS

FOO – Federation Outback Odyssey

27th April -9th May 2015

Our 1964 Globetrotter caravan that we tow behind our 1957 AP1 Chrysler Royal hadn't been used since the Warrnambool National Rally in September 2013, so we were pleased to be heading away on the FOO on Monday 27th April.

The meeting point for the 70 cars and 140 participants was the Edinburgh Military Museum. Jeff Neale from Paradise Motors and a sponsor of all the Federation Tours wished us well as we headed off to Tanunda.

The tour organisers Steve and Lyn Henderson and Nola and Arthur Clisby had made contact with local vehicle and motorcycle clubs and on alternate nights of the tour we had either "Happy Hour" or an evening meal with local members. I must say we were very well fed and watered at each stop.

After an early morning walk around Tanunda, Chris and I spent Tuesday 28th with Sandy and Allan Martin visiting their farm near Eudunda. Allan needed to look in all the sheds for a "spare head" for his Dodge. It was a lovely country drive and company.

We toured back to Tanunda via Seppeltsfield and Marananga to view the Seppelts family

mausoleum.

Wednesday saw us travelling to Renmark via Loxton while the rest of the group went via Sedan, Mannum and Walker Flat. Our detour was to continue plans for the Sunbeam Car Owners National Rally in September. I even had the opportunity to drive "Christine Chrysler" for 80kms, and Chris said I did OK.

The sun was shining on Thursday as we visited the Paringa Museum – the highlight being the home made biscuits for morning tea. Lunch stop was at Lock 5 (ask Sandy Martin about the Vanilla Slice from the Paringa Bakery.) After climbing Heading's Lookout for a magnificent view of the cliffs and sweeping curves of the River Murray the group headed to Wilkadene Woolshed brewery. If you have never been, it has delicious beer, cider and a great river view.

Friday was a 300km drive to Peterborough via Morgan and Burra. The weather was calm and sunny and the locals all commented on the icy winds during the last week.

Chris and I walked for 2 hours around Peterborough Saturday morning visiting 3 garage sales, followed by a cooked breakfast.

There was a lunch with local members in the town hall and the quilt shop opened for the ladies.

We spent the afternoon doing the daytime "Steamtown Tour" and the evening was the "Sound and Light Show" They are both worth a visit, fascinating history of the town and a tourist "must do" if you are ever up that way.

Sunday saw the group heading to Hawker, but the 4 Chrysler Royals with vans made a few tourist stops along the way. Firstly the plaque for the Walloway train disaster in 1901, then Eurelia to check out the old Post Office owned by Chris's daughter followed by lunch outside the Cradock Hotel. (The pub was out of food.)

On Monday, Wilpena Pound beckoned and Rae and Noel Cowie joined us for the day.

Chris and I did the 7km walk into the Pound via Sliding Rock. It was perfect weather for a hike. Tour participants could spend the day as they wish and it was nice to see Arthur Clisby at the top of the Wangarra Lookout in Wilpena Pound. We headed back to Hawker via Rawnsley Park and it is a place I would certainly like to revisit.

Tuesday was much different than expected as the axle broke on



PAST EVENTS

FOO – Federation Outback Odyssey (ctd)

Noel, Neil, Joan and Rae at Carrieton



Our trip to Clare via Jamestown was cold and wet but Charlene’s Quilt shop and the Glasgow House were both open for business.

The new bakery near the Clare Caravan Park was successfully tested for lunch followed by happy hour in front of a large open fire in the Caravan Park.

Friday was busy with a winery tour at Sevenhill. We were privileged to have an excellent talk in the church from Brother John May followed by wine tasting. It was a very popular event.

The final dinner was excellent

Noel Cowie’s AP2 Chrysler Royal when they were preparing to hook on the van to travel to Port Pirie.

replacement axle for fitting by the local garage.

It was a combined effort by so many members on the tour, in Adelaide and the RAA to get the axle replaced and car back on the road by lunch time Wed 06/05. Trevor Kelley drove Rae and Noel’s van. Bob Haywood and Richard Hart both sourced axles in Adelaide and the RAA mechanic on the tour, Chris Bennett, collected the axle and delivered it to Chris outside the toilet block at Port Pirie at 1am Wednesday morning. With an early morning start Chris and Noel then headed back to Hawker with the



Participants Cars in Quorn



CRC Members Who Entered in the Federation Tour

with many awards from Chris and Michael (RAA) and thankyou gifts to the Tour organisers.

There is talk of another tour planned for 2017. The effort put into planning this event is remarkable and it’s a great experience that should be put on your “Bucket List”.

Oh yes, there were lots of cars but someone else can talk about them.

Cathy Woods

PAST EVENTS

Balaklava Museum Run

Sunday 31st May 2015

Unfavourable weather forecasted, did not deter a group of members in 16 cars take a drive to Balaklava. The run got under way after meeting at an arranged point near the Caltex Service Station at Bolivar.

On arrival at Balaklava our run sheet directed us to the Museum where we were given car parks within the Museum grounds.

Norma and Roy Schopp welcomed us to the Museum where we were given plenty of



Bolivar Meeting Area



Balaklava Museum



time to take in the very well equipped collection of local country memorabilia. We viewed restored farm machinery a lot of which was originally manufactured in Balaklava.

We then had a break for our BYO lunch which was most enjoyable within the grounds of the museum. We were then directed to the folk museum a short distance away to view more artefacts and local collections of home ware, clothing and military



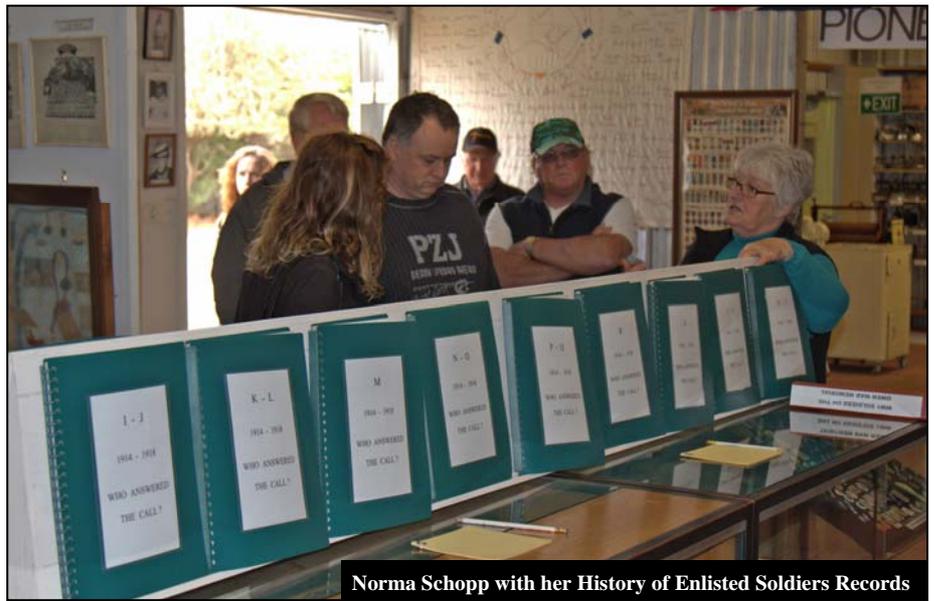
PAST EVENTS

Balaklava Museum Run (ctd)



collectables. We were then shown a comprehensive collection of all the names of the servicemen that enlisted for WW1 from the immediate area of Balaklava. The collection housed in alphabetical folders has 1500 entries of the enlistment details of each soldier. This is a credit to you Norma, a job well done.

Thanks Norma and Roy for your hospitality and invitation which gave us another chance to look around this venue which has to



Norma Schopp with her History of Enlisted Soldiers Records

Balaklava Folk Museum



be one of the better country Museums in SA.

Thank you to Sharon and Brenton Gibb for co-ordinating this run.

*Bob Haywood
Photos; Richard Tapp
and Bob Haywood*

PAST EVENTS

2015 Presentation Dinner

Saturday 20th June 2015

Brighton RSL and Bowls Club rooms was the chosen venue for our 2015 Presentation Dinner.

Seventy members attended and enjoyed a great night with a three course meal catered for by a well organised group of people from the Brighton combined clubs.

President Richard Tapp opened the night with a welcome to the members for their attendance and a thank you to Alan Driver for his planning and choice of venue. Richard got things underway with the announcement of a lucky seat draw which was won by Paul Manifold. Further raffle draws were drawn throughout the night.

After the meals had been served the official part of the night opened with the introduction of Judy McNair to present the Ron

McNair Memorial Trophy for Member of the Year. The recipient for this years award was Ann Lind, our current secretary and willing helper in many roles.

Alan Driver was the worthy recipient of the President's Award for his many years as Treasurer.

A surprised Marlene Gibb was presented with the Alan Toul

Award for her continued effort within the club and organising the monthly raffle prizes.

The Disaster Award was presented to a modest Kevin Frith whilst on the recent Cameron Corner run.

Worthy member Chris Howes was stuck for words on the announcement and presentation of Life Membership for his



Ellen, Rhonda Noel, Summer and Rae

Debbie, Jenette and Graham



dedication to the club. He is one of the few active foundation members of the club. Congratulations Chris.

A great night was had by all, thanks Alan for organising this event and the choice of venue.

Bob Haywood

I wrote the article that Richard Tapp told of Kev Frith's recent disasters. It must be remembered that Kev has restored more vehicles than I would care to try and count. He has taken on most of the HARD trips that will take their toll on the very best restorations and the best laid plans.

In short there are very few members who have had as many "tickets in the lottery" for the disaster trophy and way too many who aren't game to "buy" one!

"Good onya Kev!"

Graham Bailey

PAST EVENTS

2015 Presentation Dinner (ctd)

Richard Tapp, Ann Lind and Judy Mc Nair



Alan Driver and Richard Tapp



Kevin Frith



Marlene Gibb and Richard Tapp



Richard Tapp and Chris Howes



PAST EVENTS

The Road to Cameron Corner

Over many years if something went wrong or the city was getting to busy, Dick Hart would throw his arms in the air and say "that's it I've had enough I'm going to Cameron Corner". Well after hearing about the 25th anniversary celebrations of the opening of the Corner Store happening in late May, Graham thought it was time for Dick to live his dream.

Before we knew it we had eighteen starters driving eight historic vehicles ranging from Dick's 1916 Dodge roadster to his 1956 De Soto ute, and one modern to be our tail end Charlie.

The departure day finally arrived and the agreed meeting point was Birdwood. Graham and I were the first to arrive then Trevor Kelly and his cousin Cec. A bit of time went by so the phone came out to check on the rest. Allan and Sandy Martin had only made it to Newman's Nursery and had a fuel line crack. Fortunately Rick Frith and Sheena and their friends Garry and Ann had stopped and

managed to get the Martin's Dodge going again after making a new fuel line flare. So now we only had Dick and Judy to arrive.

They finally arrived and I'm not sure what was making the most noise Dick or the car, the old Dodge was overheating and periodically cutting out so it was a quick top up with water and off they went again. We all waited a while to give Dick a head start before we set off via Eden Valley, Sedan, over the Murray, which was looking great, to Swan Reach. We checked with

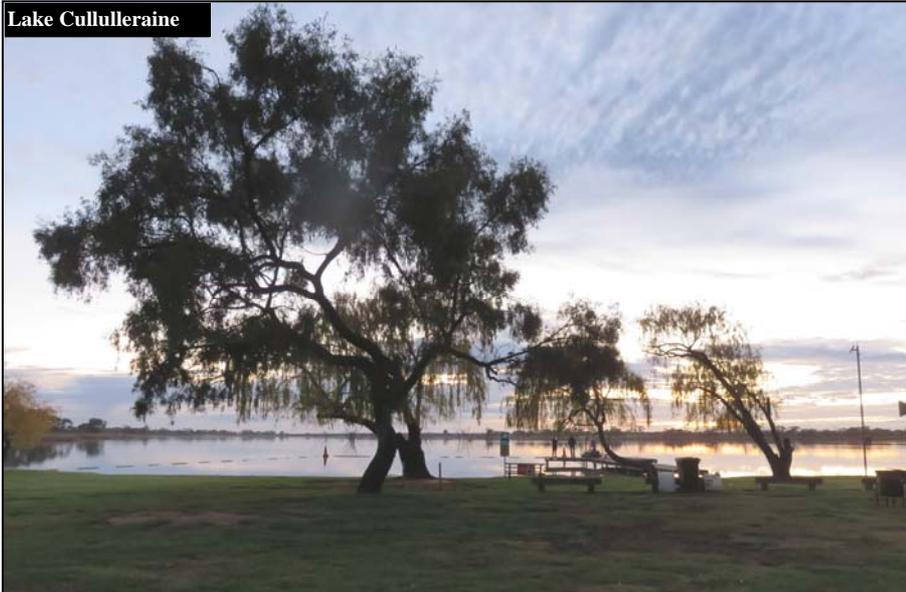
the ferry driver to ensure Dick and Judy had been through. A quick pit stop and off again only to go a few km's to find Dick changing a tyre on the Dodge (not a good start).

We all made it to Loxton for our lunch break and to meet up with a few more participants. Nick Hunt and his mate John from Kalangadoo, had trailered Nick's Dodge to Loxton and were leaving the trailer there until they heard of Dick's problems. As a precaution John drove the modern and trailer just in case it

The Pleasures of Motoring Dick!!!



Lake Cullulleraine



was needed and Nick drove his trusty feral Dodge buckboard. Next to arrive were our tail end Charlie's Gil Purdie and mate "Uncle Arthur" in Gil's Jeep. On the road again heading to Yamba and another flat tyre, this time it was Trevor, which was changed in minimal time and by late afternoon we had all made it safely to beautiful Lake Cullulleraine. There we met up with Kevin Frith and Geoff Kolberg, the last of our group.

I felt it was an eventful day and

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The Sideways Trek



see uncle Arthur ask him why he was sleeping on the lawn!

The next day was 335km through Wentworth, Coombah and onto Broken Hill. It was a lovely clear day and the countryside was so green with lots of goats and sheep roaming the country side. Our second day was fairly smooth travelling except for Dick who was still having lots of trouble. He was stopping constantly to top up with water and the old girl (the car not Judy) was still running a bit rough. He also had another flat tyre which

hoped it had ironed out most of the problems (wishful thinking). We all set up camp close to the lake and the beautiful sunset over the water bought a sense of calm to the day or perhaps it was the happy hour that did it. We virtually had the park to ourselves and enjoyed a nice night around the camp kitchen and camp fire. Oh, not to mention the running board port was also enjoyed by all. I think Graham had one or three too many as he talked even more than usual that night!! And if you

Kevin in Trouble



was the last of his spares.

Other vehicles were noticing little things so when we settled in at Broken Hill caravan park some of the boys and their toys headed to Bruce Lord's shed where he showed them his collection of vehicles. Bruce also made his workshop available so Dick was able to flush the radiator do some tinkering with the engine. By this time Dick was certain the Dodge would make it all the way, so the trailer

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was left at Broken Hill and John joined Nick in his Dodge. Not sure if the rest of us had the same confidence as Dick.

Day three was Broken Hill to Tibooburra a 330km's run with not a lot in between. The countryside was becoming more barren as we headed north, more rich red soil and less stock per acre but still a fascinating view. The sky became greyer and greyer and before long it was raining. I had taken over the driving a short way out of Broken Hill at the first of many unsealed sections. All was going well as the road was in reasonable condition but as the rain continued some sections were becoming slippery. We all stopped half way at Packsaddle Roadhouse for lunch, fuel and a Facebook photo shoot. We were starting to become celebrities "Old cars" heading to Cameron Corner with our progress being followed by all and sundry (the bush telegraph was working well)!

The road was getting worse and because of the road works some the detours were soft and forming deep tracks. On one section of dirt I turned into drifter, not having been in that situation before I found it a little frightening, end result was good and made it easier to handle the next time. As we arrived in Tibooburra the road condition sign was being changed from "open" to "closed". We all checked into the caravan park squeezing two onto some sites. The local policeman greeted us and was organising a photo of the vehicles in the morning for

their local newspaper. As the rain was falling steadily we would not know if the road to Cameron Corner would be open till the morning. So it was off to the pub for dinner.

Day four was Tibooburra to Cameron Corner 133km's (real feel - 1000k). We were all ready and waiting to hear if the road was open. The good news (or should I say bad news) came, the road is open so off we drove in the rain before they changed their minds. We were only a couple of km's into the journey and the cars were put to the test. Lucky to go any faster the 20 miles an hour, the muddy road had deep tracks, corrugations and slippery red clay. We were in the 1956 De Soto ute which had good clearance and vision, towing the teardrop caravan but that did not stop me from panicking. We were sliding all over the road and the mud was building up on the tyres so the brakes were non-existent. Don't ask me what the country side was like because I could not take my eyes of the road to take in any scenery. We managed to get the lead so I could take pictures of all the cars soldiering through the mud (I sank ankle deep in mud to do so).

Our stop also included some repairs. We had to hail Dick down for roadside assistance and before you knew it a replacement distributor had been fitted with an abundance of colourful language and off we went again. We had only travelled 45km's from town when we came across Kev standing six inches taller than normal, due to the mud

under his boots, with a broken teardrop van axle. The wheel and stub axle came off and sailed across the muddy desert, damaging the side of the van and sadly Kevin and Geoff were not going any further. So as good friends do, we left them there and continued on. Kevin and Geoff drove back to Tibooburra and over the next couple of days organised a replacement axle and unfortunately did not make it to Cameron Corner.

We still had about 85km's to go and the road was not improving. The changing road surfaces went from loose sand, hard corrugated road base, gibbers, slippery clay and mud. At one time while we were following Dick we could see him turning the steering wheel left but the car was going right. The tracks in the road were so deep Dick had no control over the car at all. He later described the journey as "the oldest vehicle to drive to Cameron Corner sideways". We stopped on a small sealed section and scraped a ton of mud of the ute. Rick and Sheena stopped and told us how the Battler buckboard and trailer sailed through the air, up and over the shoulder and landed in a table drain and could not drive out, Gil came to the rescue and towed them out. Further on we came over a crest to see a dry lake but because of the rain we were suspicious about crossing. Looking around for tracks the only ones in sight were straight through the middle of the lake. Fortunately there was a 4x4 in front of us and it drove through so we followed close by. Well after taking 6 hours to drive 133km's we finally arrived at the

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corner, and after 7 hours Dick and Judy arrived, what a wonderful sight it was.

I truly have to congratulate all the drivers for their expert driving, I'm sure they all think they are

professional rally drivers now. And to all the ladies for not leaving claw makes in the seats and we all agreed it was not the week to give up drinking! And to Dick for fulfilling his dream

which he may now think of as a nightmare.

The road back, continues next magazine.

Jenette Black



At least someone knew what clothes were going to be in fashion and which turned out to be very useful.



Not Sure How Far it Was Pushed



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A Broken Royal in Hawker!!!

The morning we were due to leave Hawker to travel to Port Pirie began with the usual caravan checks making sure all the interior bits and pieces were secure. The ritual of hooking the van on to the car and check to see all safety equipment connected, checked and ready to go.

Next door the Cowie's were doing the same, Noel finds it a bit easier to have Rae reverse their Royal the last few inches for him to make the connection. This time the procedure didn't go quite to planned. As Rae went to move in reverse a definite bang was heard and that is where the car stayed. It was quite obvious they weren't

going anywhere that day.

Confirmation from the RAA boys proved they had a broken axle. A tow truck was organised and the Royal was taken to the nearby Hawker Garage for repair.

Of course all we needed was an axle. "No worries we thought". Fortunately Chris from the RAA had a function to attend that evening at Regency Park, an outer suburb of Adelaide. I had 2 spare axles at home so an arrangement was made for my son to call in home and put one out for Chris to pick up. As a standby Chris Howes contacted Dick Hart to explain our dilemma and Dick offered to take an axle with a

different spline configuration around to go with the spare of mine. Dick made the decision to send his, the one with the lesser number of splines which ended up being the correct one. (we would never doubt Dick)

The axle was delivered to Port Pirie as Cathy Woods explained and the rest is history. Noel and Rae had their caravan delivered to Port Pirie thanks to Trevor Kelley and the Royal was back on the road the next day.

Consequently out of this we found that axles differ between the AP1, AP2 and Ap3, another Chrysler mystery.

Bob Haywood



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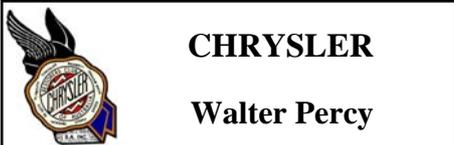
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