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The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, South Australia Inc.

Established in 1980, catering for the following vehicles:

Dodge * Plymouth * De Soto * Chrysler * Imperial * Maxwell * Fargo * Graham Brothers * Valiant

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Meetings

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 14 October 2018

A drive in the country BYO lunch chairs etc. Brenton Gibb 8263 2908

Sunday 28 October 2018

Houghton Spring Fair & Produce Market/Car Display. Brenton Gibb 8263 2908

Saturday 17 November 2018

Gepps Cross Drive-In. Brenton Gibb 8263 2908

Sunday 2 December 2018

Christmas Picnic Beefacres Reserve Windsor Gardens. Sharon Gibb 8263 2908 Email: bsgibb22@gmail.com

INVITATION/OTHER

CLUB'S EVENTS

15-16 September 2018

Victor Harbor Rock & Roll Festival. Open to all pre 1971 vehicles <https://www.rocknrollfestival.com.au/>

24 Sep - 5 Oct 2018

Motorfest events. <http://baytobirdwood.com.au/the-event/motorfest/>

29 September 2018

Billetproof Down Under Car Show on the Torrens Parade Ground. Free show but you need to register. Registration closes 16th September. <https://www.facebook.com/events/231476864070970/>

30 September 2018

Bay to Birdwood. Vehicles built

before 31st December 1959.

Start at Barratt Reserve, Adelaide Shores, West Beach.

Pre-entry essential. <http://baytobirdwood.com.au>

6-7 October 2018

Renmark River Run, Riverland Vintage and Classic Car Club
Kay Sando 0438 953 020

21 October 2018

Aussie Era Salisbury Car Show 10am till 3pm John St Salisbury. Free. Need to register. <https://www.facebook.com/aussieeracarshow>

17-18 November 2018

All Steamed Up River Festival Mannum, Arnold Park and Mary-Ann reserve. Saturday 10am – 3pm and Sunday 10am – 4pm. Adults \$20, Children \$8

08 8569 2733

www.allsteamedupfestival.com.au

23-27 Sep 2019

Austins Over Australia
rdrage@bigpond.net.au

28 Mar - 4 Apr 2020

Australian Historic Motoring Federation Rally
Brenton Gibb 8263 2908

Entry Forms etc

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

SWAP MEETS

Sun 23 September 2018

Gawler

Sun 14 October 2018

Strathalbyn

16-18 November 2018

Bendigo Swap Meet bus trip. Cost is \$280.00 per person twin share or \$330.00 per single. Shirley Tonkin 0439 898 851

Sun 18 November 2018

Bendigo

Signs

Willys became part of Chrysler through the American Motors merger in 1987.



New Members

None this issue!

Cover Photo

Dom and Primiana Balasso's 1930 Chrysler 77 - Photo Richard Tapp at 2017 calendar photo shoot

COMING EVENTS

A Sunday Drive in The Country

Sunday 14 October 2018

Meet at the Gepps Cross Homemaker HQ Centre car park (Harvey Norman side) 10am for a 10.15am departure.

This is a run for the drivers amongst us with a leisurely drive

of around 150km through the vines of the Barossa, Eden Valley Birdwood and Gumeracha.

A morning tea stop at the Lyndoch Bakery and a BYO lunch in the park at Gumeracha.

Electric BBQs, toilets and shelter available. Maybe bring your own chairs.

Brenton Gibb
8263 2908

Houghton Spring Fair

Sunday 28 October 2018

Houghton Spring Fair committee has approached us to participate at this year's fair and produce market promoting local produce, local business and wares. Food and drink stalls available, kid's entertainment, and adult

entertainment with singers and dances on site.

This is a fund raiser for a local community building in the area. It would be great if we can display some cars on the oval for this cause.

If you can attend please let me

know so I can give the committee an idea of numbers. Time 10am till 3pm meet at Houghton Oval 9.45am.

Brenton Gibb
8263 2908

Gepps Cross Drive-In

Saturday 17 November 2018

Step back in time and spend a night at the Gepps Cross Drive In.

Gates open at 8.15pm and if we are all there at this time we could all park together making for a

great photo opportunity. The canteen is currently under renovations but drinks, popcorn and the like are available on site.

For those wishing to meet at Villi's Bakery (Main North Road) for a light meal

beforehand, let's say meet there at 7pm and cruise on to the drive-in together. FM radio will be required to gain sound for the movie. Movie: Fantastic Beast.

Brenton Gibb
8263 2908

Christmas Picnic

Sunday 2 December 2018

2018's annual Christmas picnic will be held in the same venue as last year at Beefacres Reserve, Windsor Gardens, near the Darley Road Bridge.

Assemble at 10.15am at the CRC clubrooms for a 10.30am departure. On arrival at the reserve there will be various children's activities to entertain the children until lunch time.

A Chicken lunch, plates, cutlery, serviettes and Christmas gifts for

children under 12 years old who attend will be provided by CRC. Please bring your own chairs, tables and drinks.

Cost per family is \$10.00 (2 adults only + children under 12) or \$5.00 for a single.

Members please bring a large salad or sweets to share.

Father Christmas will visit during the afternoon. There will be a list circulating at the Sept, Oct and Nov meetings. If you don't attend the meetings please

ring or email with numbers for lunch and children's names, sex and ages to allow time for purchasing & wrapping of gifts. Please let us know all details by **16 November, 2018.**

(Please note that gifts will only be given to the children who are listed and who attend on the day)

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2010 30th Anniversary. Think about 2020 ...



FROM THE COMMITTEE

President's Message



Welcome to the September/October issue of The Chrysler Collector.

Thank you to our new committee. To those

incoming welcome, and to those retiring, many thanks. May I take this opportunity to sincerely thank our retiring Vice President Brenton Gibb. For your wit and wisdom, guidance and honesty when it was needed. You are an inspiration and a great source of knowledge to this club.

I welcome Greg Lind as the new Vice President, I hope that I too can guide you as well as I have been, otherwise see Brenton. Greg and Brenton have swapped positions, so looking forward to Brenton's car runs coming up.

I welcome Allison Houghton as a new member to our committee, a young happy, fresh face with new ideas.

The Presentation Lunch at the Alma Hotel at Willunga was well represented by members. Thank you, Jim and Gina Dawson, for arranging.

Winners of awards were.

Ron McNair Award [Club person, voted by club members and presented by Judy McNair]

Sharon Gibb.

Presidents award [Presidents choice] Graham McRae.

Alan Toull Award [Committee's choice] Sharon Gibb.

Disaster award [Committee choice] Lindsay Gibb.

Lindsay did give a very funny rendition of his mishap, which could have been a lot worse.

August run of Coffee, Chrome and Camera was, Coffee and Chrome at Mile End then run down to Serafino's for the Photoshoot. Due to the inclement weather forecast fewer than usual attended, so only enough for one Calendar this year. A great day still enjoyed by those who attended.

Next attendance was Drive your Old Car day, at Bethany. This is always a well-run event and very sociable group. Although the weather was overcast and a smaller than usual attendance, it was a very enjoyable day. Brenton has put car photos up on our Facebook page.

Hopefully our inclement weather will soon be behind us and we are more willing to get out and about in our cars more.

Carolyn Harris.

*They couldn't spell Beythien then either >>
See more about this on page 20.*

MORE LEADING LADIES

SPEEDWAY FAREWELL

The speedway season will close tomorrow night at Rowley Park Speedway with the annual fireworks display meeting.

Main feature will undoubtedly be the ladies' Powder Puff Derby.

Practice for this event was held on Tuesday night, when the field was narrowed down to 15 for the eight-lap race.

Two cars were damaged in the practice. Barbara Mackman sustained a suspected fractured kneecap when her car, out of control, hit the safety fence.

Well-known road racing driver Helene Bittner had the fastest time driving Ivor Bennecke's FJ Holden.

Bev Freeman, driving husband Dennis's FJ Holden, was another to stand out in practice, as was Lorraine Bythien, at the wheel of Graham Daddow's 160 h.p. Valiant.

From the Editor

CONTRIBUTORS

This issue comes to you courtesy of Sharon Gibb, Geoff Brown, Brenton Gibb, Carolyn Harris, Ann Lind, Lindsay Gibb, Brian Walsh, Kon and Dorothy Karagiannis.

Many thanks to the magazine despatch team, being Sharon and Brenton Gibb and Ann and Greg Lind,

Please submit articles and entries to the magazine as early as possible but no later than the Friday date shown on page 3.

Richard Tapp

WEBSITE STATISTICS

	Jul 18	Aug 18	Aug 17
Sessions	260	193	318
Users	196	145	234
Page views	618	478	755
Pages/session	2.4	2.5	2.4
Average session duration	2:06	2:12	2:29

PAST EVENTS

Pub Lunch / Presentations

15 July 2018

This year the annual Pub Lunch was combined with the annual presentation of awards, the latter having usually been a separate night time function.

The event was held at the Alma Hotel Willunga, a venue that has served us well before.

We had an excellent attendance (94?), an excellent meal and deserving recipients of awards. What more could you ask for.

The Ron McNair Memorial trophy was awarded (by secret vote of members) to Sharon Gibb.



The President's trophy was awarded to Historic Vehicle Registrar Graham McRae.



The Committee selected Sharon Gibb to be the recipient of the Alan Toull award. Looks like the members and the committee both appreciate Sharon's work for us!



Lindsay Gibb was the recipient of the Disaster Award. You can read about his "disaster" elsewhere in the magazine, and also my unsuccessful attempt to win it for the third time.



Thank you to those who organised the day, including the Dawsons, Gibbs and Harris/Braggs.

Richard Tapp

More photos: <https://flic.kr/s/aHskEwWzSQ>

CLUB NOTES

Minutes of Club Meeting

The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, SA Inc.

Summary of minutes of the meeting held 11th July 2018 – commenced at 8:10pm

New Members & Visitors

New member: Scott Carbone, '38 Fargo truck. Visitors: Alex and Bailey, '35 Dodge

Sick List –

Ross Bryant's funeral held on 9/5/18. Past president, life member, served 4 terms as president and credited with putting into place the systems which our club now uses.

Minutes Previous Meeting

Read and moved by A Lind seconded Richard Tapp, carried.

Correspondence

In

CCC rent invoice, CCC re defibrillator, Jim Dawson re funding for 2019 National Rally, FHMC re notification of positions, Various club magazines – given to Jim Dawson for library

Out

Nil

Treasurer's Report –

Alan Driver moved report be received, seconded Sharon Gibb. Funds \$32,740.67. Accounts for Payment: CCC \$150

Committee Reports

Editor – Richard Tapp - Keep sending in articles. Thanked the Squiers for their article.

Public Relations – John Goddard - taking orders for badges and clothing – information on page 20 and 21 of magazine.

Runs Coordinator – Greg Lind – spoke re future events

Records – Sharon Gibb - All going well. Renewal paperwork with May/June magazine.

Librarian – Jim Dawson spoke about 2019 National Tour. Entries open October 2018.

Tech Rep – C Howes – Nothing to report

HVR – Graham McRae - All OK.

Triple C – Vince Isola - spoke about defibrillator, new hand rail and maybe electric BBQs

Federation Rep – A Driver - Bay to Birdwood to have optional veteran 2 start location at TTG.

Past Events

General Business

Sharon Gibb spoke about new membership cards.

Bob Haywood spoke about calendar photo shoot.

Raffle

Greg Newley thanked donors for raffle prizes and organised draw.

Conclusion

Kevin Williams told a joke in memory of Ron Hincks

Clean up Volunteers - Vince Isola and Bruce Bragg

Buy and Sell - nothing listed!

Coming Events summarised by President

Next General Meeting – 8 August 2018 7.45pm. Next Committee meeting 15 August 2018 at 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

CLUB NOTES

Minutes of Club Meeting

The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, SA Inc.

Summary of minutes of the meeting held 8th August 2018 – commenced 7.45pm

Emergency Wardens

C Harris explained emergency response plan to members attending meeting.

Apologies:

Per attendance book

New Members & Visitors

None

Sick List –

None

Minutes Previous Meeting

Read and moved by Ann Lind, seconded by Lorraine Beythien and carried.

Correspondence –

In

CCC minutes, CCC defibrillator training, PADARC Crank Talk will now be emailed

Out

Nil

Treasurer's Report –

Alan Driver presented report and moved that it be accepted. Seconded Jeff Knowles. Carried. Accounts for Payment C Harris - \$43.50 Trophy Engraving, G McRae - \$16.00 Postage

Committee Reports

Editor – Richard Tapp - Keep sending in articles..

Public Relations – John Goddard - taking orders for badges and clothing. Information on page 20 and 21.

Runs Coordinator – Brenton Gibb – spoke re future events

Records – Sharon Gibb - all going well. New membership card can be used when required.

Librarian – Jim Dawson - all good.

Tech Rep – C Howes – apology

HVR – Graham McRae - apology but sent report. Reminder about \$20 admin fee if members need historic registration to be reinstated because of lapsed membership.

Triple C – Vince Isola - CCC has renewed Glandore lease to 2022 with options for further terms.

Federation Rep – A Driver - Next meeting later this month.

Past Events

Bob Haywood spoke on Vintage Caravan event at Loxton. 40+ vans including many club members.

Bob Haywood spoke on the calendar photo shoot, around 10 cars attended, enough for calendar.

Brenton Gibb spoke on Presentation/Pub Lunch

General Business

Hans Robat advised meeting of an event at Houghton on 28 Oct. Looking for car display.

Raffle

Greg Newley thanked prize donors and conducted draw. President thanked Greg for organising raffle.

Greg also spoke about equipment involved in spray painting - particularly protective equipment.

Conclusion

Richard Tapp told a joke in memory of Ron Hincks

Clean up Volunteers - Vince Isola and John Goddard

Buy and Sell read by President and left on front table for perusal

Coming Events summarised by President

Next General Meeting – 12 September 2018 7.45pm

Next Committee Meeting 15 August 2018 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

PAST EVENTS

Coffee N Chrome / Calendar Photo Shoot

5 August 2018

For August we went to Coffee N Chrome at Mile End then to Serafino's at Morphett Vale for the Calendar photo shoot. Mathew Hayward was the primary calendar photographer. Photos on this page are by me.

Richard Tapp

More photos: <https://flic.kr/s/aHskFGjzFm>



PAST EVENTS

FHMC Old Car Day at Bethany





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PAST EVENTS

How to Win the Disaster Award in 15 seconds

Take a leisurely drive to Port Germain and park your push button automatic valiant facing a 50mm thick solid stone wall built to protect a drop into the sea which is Spencer Gulf.

Leave a gap of 2 ½ metres between the car and the wall, take particular care not to push the park lever all the way down to disengage drive in the transmission. It is also necessary to ensure the relay delivering power to the starter solenoid is faulty - thus requiring a jump start across the terminals on the starter motor.

You are now ready to activate the process to win this sort after award. Lift the bonnet, action the starter, engine fires up, transmission is already engaged and O.M.G. she is heading for the wall. A quick dash from the left front to the drivers door to switch off the ignition. That all worked OK but not quick enough.

The wall is unharmed but the once beautiful bumper bar now looks somewhat second hand. Could it be straightened? Maybe, but a good replacement would be better.

Luck had it, a fellow club member mentioned the whereabouts of an 'S' in a paddock out there in the bush. A quick trip and some negotiating and I

am the new owner of a front and rear bumper bar. (Just in case next time I leave it in reverse). Having repaired the relay and acquiring some help from Shannons and Delway, the car now almost looks like new and I proudly display the Disaster Trophy.

I notice it is engraved with the names of many of our club members who I am sure claim bragging rights to how their names appear on it. Maybe we should have a brag off sometime to prove who is the best bull artist.

Lindsay Gibb



PAST EVENTS

How to Escape the Disaster Award in 15 seconds

Earlier this year the club had a run to Mallala Motorsport Park. The Tapps planned to attend and take Helena's 1969 Hillman Hunter Safari, complete with Chrysler Penta star on the left mudguard. One of the Tapps *really* likes taking photographs at Mallala; guess which one.

However, on the morning, Helena was unwell and it was decided that she should stay home. She dragged herself out of bed to see me on my way. As I was about to start the car (an exercise in itself because the idle speed at that time did not increase appropriately with the choke) Helena asked if I had checked the oil.

Well, no I hadn't. There wasn't a pool of oil under the car when we relocated it from Firle to Goodwood the previous day, so it was presumably OK. Not good enough! So the bonnet was opened and Helena removed the dipstick, I found some rag, wiped the end, one of us dipped the stick and it was OK. But at least now we knew. I put the dipstick back into the block and I set off.

I must have been late because I didn't meet up with others at a starting point and the rest of the CRCASA members were in position behind the Mallala grand stands when I arrived. There was a Hillman sized spot left and I slipped into it. A comment was made about it being a bit smoky, but such is life.

A couple of thousand photos later (some of which can be seen here <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmc5yces>) it was time to depart. The Hillman is a bit low geared and I drove it both to and from Mallala at a very sympathetic 85 kph.

However, as I passed Stratco Gepps Cross, I heard a rattling noise. My first thought was that the fan belt had broken and had clattered around under the bonnet. However this noise continued, although abated, because I had backed off. A fan belt wouldn't do that.

I looked at the dash and a light was on, but it was unlabelled - thanks Hillman. Could have been generator or oil. I quickly made my way to the side of the road, pulled over and shut off the motor. (*Surely less than 15 seconds.*)

I opened the bonnet to see if the fanbelt was still in place and it was. But then I noticed that the whole of the left side of the engine bay was covered in oil. **Oil everywhere.** This was puzzling, because there was not a con-rod poking

out of the block, so there was no obvious way for the oil to have relocated itself.

I called Helena [*I believe that bad news should travel fast*] and then the RAA, expecting to wind up on a tow truck with a blown motor. Having been towed more than once before, I knew that a decision was needed about where the car should be towed.

Depositing it in the street at home would result in the need for a second tow, as well as parking infringement notices because there are parking restrictions in our street.

So whilst waiting for the RAA, I called Chris Howes for suggestions about an engine rebuilder, as a destination for the tow. Chris of course wanted some facts and he was still extracting these from me when the RAA arrived!

After the usual formalities, the road service mechanic started by dipping the oil. Of course there was none. However almost immediately he said that he may know the cause of the problem. The dip stick was not fitted correctly. It was just sitting in the hole on the side of the block, not "driven home".

Well, the only dip-sticks I have touched for some time are on the Chrysler Royal and the Hillman Minx. The Royal has a big tube that comes out of the block and the dip stick pretty much just sits in the tube. And on the Minx it just drops into a hole on the side of the block. I think perhaps if I had removed the Hunter dipstick myself, I may have replaced it in the correct manner. But I didn't - and I didn't.

Three litres of oil later, the Hunter was restarted without any signs of a death rattle. So I reported back to Helena and Chris and gently drove home - thus enabling Lindsay Gibb to join (with me) the illustrious ensemble who, over the decades, have had their names recorded for posterity on the club's Disaster Trophy.

Richard Tapp

Post script. Helena got the Hunter serviced recently. When she picked it up, the mechanics were most concerned. "You have a massive oil leak. We have steam cleaned the underside of the car but can't find where it's coming from." Helena just smiled, then put their minds at rest. And that is how my reputation advances ahead of me, like a ripple in a pond ...

PAST EVENTS

The Boys Day Out!

My grandson Beau recently celebrated his eighth birthday, so his Mum asks "What would be one of the things you would like to do on your big day".

"Well" says Beau "I would like to go to that place where they keep all the old cars!" "Oh, mmm" says Mum, "er, more information?". "You know, there are lots of old cars over there." Mum thinking "Argh! You mean Birdwood?" "Yep that's it."

"OK" says Mum "when Dad gets back from his shift, we will sort something out *[Dad works at the mine]* and we can go to Birdwood Museum, make it a family day".

"NO!" says Beau. "No?" asks Mum.

"Mum, NO GIRLS. I just want Dad, Pop and me!"

"Well OK" says Mum *[feeling a bit left out]* "if that's what you want, I'll give Pop a ring."

So the big day arrives and I roll up in the Buckboard *["Not the Hudson?" you may ask. That's a story for another day!]* which makes it a bigger day.

In we get and off we go *[no girls]*. First stop is Lobethal Bakery *[at Woodside!]*. 'Pie 'n Sauce' is the order of the day, and other goodies are consumed; on we go.

Beau found the drum speedo fascinating, he kept an eye on it, became "my cruise control", giving regular updates on our speed!! 40, 45, 38, 15 ...

We soon arrive at Birdwood, in we go.

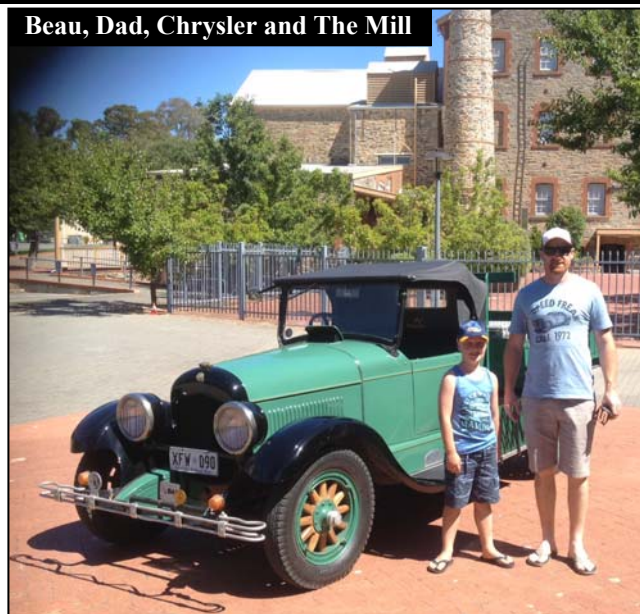
Beau, soon spots a digital game of some sort. I think "There goes the day ..." but no, he came to check out the cars, and off we go. He had a look around, asking lots, taking lots of photos with his new camera and took a real interest, even filling us in, like "Did you know that this Beetle *[VW]* has the engine in the boot, not in the front?"

OK, more looking, time moved on and it was ice cream time, which rounded off a really great day.

Thanks Beau, your Dad and I enjoyed "The Boys Day Out"!

Brian Walsh,
Photos: Brian Walsh.

Beau, Dad, Chrysler and The Mill



Beau tracks down a Hudson



Beau, Dad, Brian and Chrysler



MEMBERS CARS

Our 1970 VG Valiant

We bought our white VG Valiant in 1971 and it was our pride and joy. It had been a company car, which a kind dear cousin helped us to buy. It had been driven by a representative of that company for only a year or two and looked brand new inside and out. We were convinced, of course, that we had a bargain, \$1,200 for it.

In April of 1972 we welcomed our first born, Arthur into our family and of course, he had his first car ride in our Valiant, home from the Hospital, as did Athena in 1974 and Emmie in 1982!

We enjoyed many trips in our special family car including 4 hour drives to visit family in Whyalla, three to four times a

year for many years. It also served as a wedding car several times, kept clean and polished religiously.

As everything else, our Valiant showed signs of old age eventually and in 2008 we decided it deserved a facelift.

Many months later we were able to welcome it back to our home looking supreme - like a bride on her wedding day. Since then, we enjoy taking it for drives but now it feels like a special experience each time.

We have had several offers to buy but our children are adamant that our VG should stay with the family.

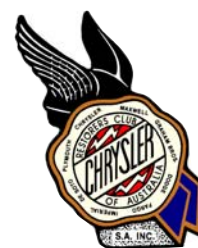
Understandably, that creates a warm fuzzy feeling in us and, of

course, we agree. After all, It doubles as good company for Arthur's VF!

Since joining the Club, we found a new group of friends we never thought we had and its so pleasant to catch up at the meetings and outings. Our Valiant has gained new status.

Valiants forever!

Kon and Dorothy Karagiannis



MEMBERS CARS

My Journey

I have been a member of the Chrysler Restorers Club all my life. Mum and dad joined before I was born so cars, rallies, swap meets and car runs have been part of what our family did. During these years I mixed with many of the older club members and although many have passed on they have left a legacy – an interest and a passion for restoring old cars and an appreciation of what it is like to belong to a group with a shared interest and a willingness to support others.

Members like Ross and Murray Bryant, Dave Aylett, Brenton Hamilton, Dick Hart and Kevin Williams have, over the years, passed down skills and advice which have helped me to learn and have given me the confidence to tackle problems which arise, too often, when you own older cars.

Brenton Hamilton found my first car for me when I was 14 years old. Dad, Brenton and I drove to Broken Hill to pick up a 1970 CL Panel Van which he didn't think needed much work. We loaded it onto a car trailer and filled the back of the Panel Van with Charger parts that Brenton needed. I really wanted a Charger but settled for a Panel Van. Brenton was right it didn't need much work, it needed plenty of work! But it meant that I had a focus, a project and an interest in my teenage years.

Luckily this is where Dave Aylett offered to help me. He spent many Saturday mornings showing me what I needed to do. He did me a big favour because he made me do what needed to be done while he supervised, explained and guided me. As long as mum kept Dave happy with a pie or pasty, a sticky bun and cups of coffee Dave was happy. I learnt a

lot in the 4 years it took me and dad to get the car on the road. Dad painted it and the Drifter was born. By this time, I realized that old cars are money pits and it was just as well I had the old man to support my hobby.

I still wanted a Charger.

About 3 years ago I heard from a friend that he knew someone who was selling a Charger, so my ears pricked up. The only draw back was that this time I would be paying for it. It turned out to be a 1975 VJ Charger, rust free, well used, but in reasonable condition. Of course, I had to redo and replace just about everything and I am still fussing. I had the engine fully reconditioned by a well-known Adelaide Motor Works but by the time I got it finished and got it on the road I found that in less than 2000k it was blowing smoke. I was frustrated to find out that the



1978 CL Panel Van

MEMBERS CARS

My Journey (ctd)

Valve Stem Seals needed replacing and they didn't want to know me, so I needed plan B. I was relieved when Kevin Williams offered to help me, and he gave up a Saturday to help me fix the problem. Again, I learnt something from the experience.

I have been fortunate to be a part of a supportive club where mateship and sharing Knowledge is the norm. I am also fortunate that I have a dad who understands that I have OCD when it comes to my cars! My new house has a 3-car garage, much to Daniela's annoyance, but as I said before, Chryslers and Valiants have always been, and will probably always be, part of my life.

Brett Newley



1978 CL Panel Van



1975 VJ Charger

OUR MOTORING HERITAGE

Our Valiant Lorraine

Did you know that 50 years ago, our Lorraine Beythien raced several times at Rowley Park?

Yes, it was in the "Powder Puff Derby" - the only event in which ladies could get a drive - but don't imagine that the ladies were not taking it seriously. They were driving "proper" speedway cars owned by the big names of South Australian speedway.

In this 1969 race (see adjacent clipping) Lorraine finished 3rd (driving Ian Jones's VE Valiant) behind Helene Bittner (Ivan Benneche's Holden) and Shirley Moyle (Tony Orlando's Holden).

Helene Bittner's motor racing career included driving in 4 Australian Grand Prix - and I saw her race at Mallala many times.

The photo below shows the Valiant that Lorraine drove, although in a different race.

Richard Tapp



POWDER PUFF DERBY ENDS ROWLEY SEASON

Adelaide report by John G. Cooper

Rowley Park's final meeting of the 1968-69 season went off with a bang in more ways than one. Meeting featured the annual fireworks display and was one of the best seen to date.

Classic of the night's racing was the Powder Puff Derby, won in fine style by road racing driver Helene Bittner in Ivan Benneche's Holden, No. 7.

Shirley Moyle, wife of modified driver John Moyle, was second in Tony Orlando's EH Holden, No. 99, with Lorraine Beythien, wife of mechanic Trevor Beythien, third in Ian Jones' HR 186, No. 22.

Car owners brought their vehicles out onto the track and starter Glen Dix conducted the draw before the girls were strapped in.

The starters and car owners: Maureen Leo (Mal Leo, 88), Helene Bittner (Ivan Benneche, 7), Annette Mayne (John Garland, 35), Julie Daws (Graham Benneche, 38), Sue Moore (Tom Joy, 73), Lorraine Beythien (Ian Jones, 22), Maxine Tomkins (Noel Thorpe, 76), Raelene Ryan (Trevor Kleeman, 36), Lyn Evers (Graham Daddow, 37), Julie Trewenick (D. McRae, 52), Shirley Moyle (Tony Orlando, 99), Ann Giffen (John Fielder, 45), Cheryl Hoffmann (Eric Stack, 32), Julie Lambert (Robby Marchant, 87), Beverley Freeman (Dennis Freeman, 31), Sue Stewart (M. Stewart, 34).

Maureen Leo brought them in for a perfect start and went wheel to wheel into turn one with Helene Bittner.

Next time around Helene Bittner was leading from Shirley Moyle, Lorraine Beythien, Raelene Ryan, Lyn Evers and the charging Beverley Freeman.

In the fifth Bev Freeman moved into third ahead of Lorraine Beythien and Raelene Ryan, while the next lap saw Helene Bittner increasing her lead from the hard-driving Shirley Moyle.

Lorraine Beythien and Bev Freeman were running side by side and leaning on each other like experienced race drivers.

Raelene Ryan lost it on Pit Corner and slammed the wall, while Beverley Freeman also spun around two or three times.

At the checker it was Helene Bittner first, Shirley Moyle second and Lorraine Beythien third.

Ray Skipper won the super modified match race series with nine points for the three heats. Ace Denton was second with six points and Phil Herreen third with three points.

Skip's time for each of the two lap heats was 33.6.

Big spin

John Moyle was victorious in the super modified

on the seventh circuit. Coming out of Pit Corner Quigley chopped down across Skipper's nose and Skip helped him on his way on a big spin infidel.

Harreen had to spin to avoid the mishap, for which Quigley was later fined for overdriving.

Placings were Moyle first, Skipper second, Denton third and Wiggzell fourth.

Division one of the speed-car handicap was won by Phil O'Shea, with Len Golding second, Terry Furnell third and Rex Sindy fourth.

Furnell was the early leader, with O'Shea hitting the front on lap two and holding it to the checker.

Murray Hoffman and Joe Braendler blew their engines and withdrew in the early laps.

John Nash went to the front at the start of division two, followed by Jim Silvy, Nick Jackermis and Bill Currow.

Silvy took over the role of pacemaker the next time around, but withdrew on lap six and handed the lead to Jackermis.

Nick came home ahead of Bruce Rickard, Currow and Nash.

The line-up for the KLG

Curnow (Repco Holden), Rex Sindy (Reg Baker Special), Dean Hogarth (Valvoline Holden), Bruce Rickard (Eddy Wreckers Holden) and Greg Anderson (John H. Eilers Holden).

Furnell showed out as the green was displayed and headed O'Shea, Silvy and Lambert.

Silvy withdrew on lap three, while Rickard made an outside pass on Lambert two laps later and took over third.

Furnell was still leading as they completed the seventh lap, with O'Shea, Rickard and Hogarth doing the best of the rest.

Anderson moved into fifth on lap 11 and as the race continued the front runners started to bunch.

Rickard and Hogarth were running wheel to wheel but it was Anderson who charged into the lead on lap 19 and continued on to win from Furnell, Rickard and Hogarth.

The Auto Welders production car feature matched the fastest 20 cars over 20 laps and resulted in a hard fought battle before Alan Kempster won from Ivar Benneche, Dennis Ship and Jim Baker.

Results of the sidecar events:

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