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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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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

Monday 30 September to Saturday 5 October 2019

Chrysler Restorers Club 15th National Tour at McLaren Vale

Saturday 5 October 2019

Family Fun Day and Gala Display Day at Serafino Winery

Sunday 17th November 2019

Breakfast run with the Morris Register

Sunday 8th December 2019

Christmas Lunch Run

Sunday 19th January 2020

Ray Miels Memorial Presidents Breakfast Run

INVITATION/OTHER CLUB'S EVENTS

23 Sep - 4 Oct 2019

Motorfest Classic. Entry forms available from Brenton Gibb

29 Sep 2019

Bay to Birdwood Classic for vehicles manufactured between 1956 and 1986. Entry forms available from Brenton Gibb

Fri 18 - Sun 19 Oct 2019

Twin Bridges Rally Murray Bridge. More Information and entry forms Brenton Gibb

Sunday 27 Oct 2019

London to Brighton Down Under Run for Veteran Cars & Motorcycles

28 Mar - 4 Apr 2020

Australian Historic Motoring Federation Rally. Brenton Gibb 8263 2908

SWAP MEETS

Sunday 22 September 2019

Gawler

Sunday 20 Oct 2019

Strathalbyn

15-17 Nov 2019

Bendigo. Bus trip and accommodation available. More information Shirley Tonkin 8258 6547

Entry Forms etc

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



Lunch at Swan Reach 18 Aug 19

40th Anniversary in 2020

30th Anniversary photo



New Members

None this issue ...

Cover Photo

Colin Humphries and Pauline Blake's' 1938 De Soto S5 - Photo Richard Tapp at 2019 Reg'n Day

COMING EVENTS

2019 National Tour

Mon 30 Sep to Sat 5 October
Entries closed 31 March and this

entry is here for completeness. If you did not enter, you can still

participate in Saturday's display - see below.

Family Fun and Display Day

Saturday 5 October 2019

For those who are not attending our National Tour we would love you to participate in our Family Fun and Display Day on the lawns at Serafino Wines. Please make your own way to Serafino Winery by 9.15am and place your car or

cars on display in The Chrysler Restorers Club SA Inc site. Our plan is to have at least 20 or more vehicles that are not on the tour in a separate display area. Invites to other Chrysler Clubs have been sent out to make this a most memorable day. Please look at the flier in this magazine for all of

the attractions planned for the day. If you could please give me a ring to confirm your willingness to attend it would be appreciated so I can plan the size of the display area required. More information

Brenton Gibb
8263 2908

Guest Speaker - Keith Bettany

Wednesday 13 November 2019
Keith Bettany, the former

Operations Manager of the Parts Division of Chrysler Australia will be the guest speaker at our

November meeting.

Greg Lind

Breakfast Run with Morris Register

Sunday 17 November 2019

Breakfast run with the Morris Register of SA to Uraidla Oval. Cost is \$20.00 per person and includes the following. Menu : Starters- Fresh fruit platters, Bircher muesli, cereal, fruit &

yoghurt.

Drinks – Juices, tea & coffee, milk, water.

Cooked Breakfast- Poached eggs, bacon, tomato, sausages, toast, hash browns. Payment of \$20pp needs to be collected at the

September/October meetings. Run commences at the Burnside Council Carpark (entry via Fisher St) 7.30am for an 8am departure. More details

Brenton Gibb
8263 2908

2019 Christmas Lunch

Sunday 8 December 2019

Meet at the CCC club rooms 10.30am for a 10.45am departure to the Parafield Gardens Community Club for a Christmas Lunch.

A \$10.00 booking fee will be collected at the October/November meetings and refunded on the day plus a \$10.00 subsidy given by the

club (for financial club members only) towards your meal.

A lunch special is available at a cost of \$12.00 which includes a soft drink, soup and a choice of five main dishes, or you may choose from the main menu at normal menu prices.

All club cars are to be displayed on

the lawns in front of the building not in the car park. Bookings and payment must be made prior to this event. Please note this replaces our usual Christmas Picnic at Beefacres Reserve, with no visit from Santa with children's gifts this year. More details

Brenton Gibb
8263 2908

2020 Ray Miels Memorial Breakfast Run

Sunday 19 January 2020

Meet at the CCC Clubrooms 7.30am for an 8.00am departure for

a short run to a local park.

A return to the traditional start to the New Year. BYO food, drinks,

chairs, BBQ etc.

Greg Lind
0417 853 291

40th Birthday Celebration

Wednesday 11 February 2020

Our February meeting will be a celebration of 40 years since the first meeting of this club so please

come along and join in with the festivities. The BBQ will be fired up prior to the meeting from around 6pm and a birthday cake cut and

added to the supper. Hope to see a large crowd in attendance.

Greg Lind
0417 853 291

FROM THE COMMITTEE

President's Message



Welcome to the 2019 September/October issue of the Chrysler Collector.

For those who do not know me, my name is Greg Lind and I am your President for the next two years. Firstly I would like to thank outgoing President Carolyn

Harris for her leadership over the last two years and also thanks to our retiring committee members who tirelessly work behind the scenes. I would also like to welcome the new committee members to our team.

Well only a few days after the AGM our club travelled to the beautiful town of Angaston for our Presentation/Pub Lunch at the Wanera Wine Bar and Restaurant. It was a wet and cold start but a good run from the Homemaker Centre at Gepps Cross to our venue. I must say the staff did a wonderful job of setting up the room and the meals they served were fantastic. I would like to thank all the members who attended the lunch and also those who donated to the raffle for making this event a great success.

Congratulations to the members who won awards, all of which were greatly deserved.

Ron McNair Award – Club Member of the Year voted by members– Sharon Gibb

Alan Toull Award – Voted by the committee for work within the club – Neill Wormald (Father Christmas)

President's Award – voted by President Carolyn Harris – Jim Dawson for his contribution to the library and the National Tour 2019

Disaster Award – voted by committee members – Chris Howes for his Big Bang Theory on the Chrysler Royal

Our August run was to the Swan Reach Motor Museum/lunch which was organised by Trevor and Lorraine Beythien. This was another cold and wet day but a good run through Angaston, Sedan and through to Swan Reach. The museum was very interesting with a good collection of cars all in good condition. The lunch was moved to the Town Hall and supplied by the Mid Murray Classic Car Club, once again a good meal.

It's hard to believe that it's only a few weeks until the National Tour at Serafino's in McLaren Vale with the event starting on Monday 30th September to Saturday 5th October. Runs have been organised all around the southern coast areas and including a day trip to Chrysler sites around Adelaide. Don't forget the Fun Day at Serafino's on Saturday 5th October, if you are not coming on the tour we would really like to see you and your car for the display day. There will be fun for all, with activities for small and big kids, plenty of stalls for the ladies and food and drink.

Please make a note in your diary for our November general meeting when we will be having a guest speaker Keith Bettany who was employed by Chrysler Aust Ltd.

Keep an eye on coming events in this issue and future issues as 2020 is shaping up as a big year for us as a club as we will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary.

Greg Lind

From the Editor

CONTRIBUTORS

This issue comes to you courtesy of Brenton and Sharon Gibb, Greg Lind, Ann Lind, .Dave Valov, Trevor Beythien.

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 19	Aug 19	Aug 18	Aug 09
Sessions	207	228	193	547
Users	153	157	145	344
Page views	476	499	478	1269
Pages/session	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.3
Average session duration	1:58	2:13	2:12	2:26

PAST EVENTS

Angaston Pub Lunch and Annual Awards

14 July 2019

The 2019 Pub Lunch and Annual Awards was held at [Wanera Wine Bar](#), Angaston.

This sounded “a bit fancy” to me but was in fact ideally suited for our purposes, with good food at sensible prices in a pleasant environment that gave us sufficient separation from the general public for our award presenting purposes.

In other words, the Gibb venue selection mojo was in good form, as usual.

Members selected (by secret ballot) Sharon Gibb to be the recipient of the Ron McNair Memorial trophy. The late Ron McNair was club member No 3 and Judy McNair is member No. 4. Of course it is well known how efficiently Sharon manages our club records. Those who attend the National Rally will find that she has excelled with the records for that event as well.

Carolyn Harris made the President’s Award to Jim Dawson. Jim is not only our librarian but has been working tirelessly as Event Director for the 2019 National Tour. It is only by being on the organising committee for that event (as Carolyn and I are) that one can appreciate the massive effort that Jim has been making on our behalf.

The recipient of the Alan Toull award has not been available to be informed of the recognition of his efforts over many years - so I can’t “leak it” here at this time.

Try as we might, the committee were unable to find a really disastrous disaster to be recognised this year. Were we all very lucky? More likely we were all very sneaky and failed to disclose our misadventures. Chris Howes confessed to an almighty backfire that blew apart the muffler on his Chrysler Royal while he was working on the car. This was very loud and very close and certain items of intimate apparel may or may not have been suitable for further use. And he produced evidence. So it is that his name has been added to the trophy.

As an aside, I believed that I was a twice winner of this trophy. But you can see for yourselves (photo on page 10) that my name is yet to be engraved thereon. I don’t quite know how to explain this. I can only assume that misadventure must seem so natural to my motoring activities, that my problems take on a character of normality rather than disaster.

Richard Tapp

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CLUB NOTES

Minutes of Club Meeting

The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, SA Inc.

Summary of minutes of the meeting held 10 July 2019 – commenced at 8:15 pm

Emergency Wardens

C Harris had explained emergency response plan to members during earlier AGM.

Apologies:

Per attendance book

New Members & Visitors

Luke with VE Valiant, Greg Lind welcomed to club and introduced Chris Howes as tech rep.

Sick List –

Greg Advised that Liz Curtis had called to say that Malcom was now in hospital. Lorraine Beythien advised that Ken Barnes was no longer able to speak.

Minutes Previous Meeting

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

Correspondence

In

Variety Motor Run, Bay to Birdwood information, buy and sell enquiry and Morris Car Club Bulletin

Out

Only internal emails

Treasurer's Report

A Driver moved report to be correct. Seconded Chris Howes, carried. Bills for approval, Ann Lind - \$146.45 for catering Registration Day. Carried

Committee Reports

Runs Coordinator – Brenton Gibb spoke re future events

Editor – Richard Tapp - Keep sending in articles.

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

Records – Sharon Gibb -absent, but Brenton confirmed that all was well.

Librarian – All good in library.

Tech Rep – C Howes – had inquiry re VJ wagon from Darwin.

HVR – Graham McRae - All good. Registration Day went well.

Triple C – Vince Isola - CCC is organising a First Aid Training Day.

Federation Rep – A Driver - Meeting is next month.

Past Events

Vince Isola spoke to general meeting on the Registration Day held in June. The movement through areas was very well organised and the sausage sizzle, cakes and coffee was a great way to have a chat to members who also stayed for eats and a relax.

General Business

Chris Howes spoke to meeting on what is happening at the LeCornu site on Anzac Highway. Kaufland have been very generous in allowing representatives from our club and Chrysler club and Birdwood Mill representatives to visit site and take photos and collect any memorabilia that can be found. Chris and Greg Newley and the Beythiens were involved in a photo shoot under the Chrysler sign on Leader Street. Will update as information comes to hand.

Bob Haywood advised meeting there will be no calendar shoot in August, the Family day, display day on 5th October will be used to gather photos for next year's calendar. The printer has advised they only need a few weeks for printing purposes.

Lorraine Beythien advised meeting that tonight was the last night for payment of August run to Swan Reach Museum and lunch.

Dick Hart advised meeting that John Biddle was available in the mornings if anyone wants to visit and check out parts.

Raffle

Greg Newley conducted the raffle.

Conclusion

Kevin Williams told a joke in memory of Ron Hincks

Clean up Volunteers - Cathy Woods, Chris Howes

Buy and Sell - President read out the contents of the buy and sell board!

Coming Events summarised by President

Next General Meeting – 8 August 2019 at 7.45pm.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm



CLUB NOTES

Minutes of Club Meeting

The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, SA Inc.

Summary of minutes of the meeting held 14 August 2019 – commenced at 7:45pm

Emergency Wardens

G Lind explained emergency response plan to members attending meeting.

Apologies:

Per attendance book

New Members & Visitors

None

Sick List

Malcolm Curtis and Maurice Emmerson are in care.

Minutes Previous Meeting

Read and moved by John Goddard, seconded Chris Howes, carried.

Correspondence

In CCC re First Aid training, minutes 5/8/19, AGM minutes 5/8/19, Clisby Memorial picnic 15/9/19. State Library re electronic depositing of magazines. FHMC minutes, form re AGM changes, CAMS re affiliation. Club magazines Gawler, Whyalla, Dodge, Chrysler Qld, Chrysler Vic, CCCSA, POC, HMVC, Adelaide Hills.

Out CCC re representative, CCC re access code.

Treasurer's Report

A Driver moved report to be correct, seconded Sharon Gibb, carried.

Committee Reports

Runs Coordinator – Greg Lind for Brenton Gibb spoke re future events

Editor – Richard Tapp - Keep sending in articles.

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

Records – Sharon Gibb - Everything is fine.

Librarian – Jim Dawson advised we had magazines from other clubs, Simca books from Alison Houghton. S Tyler - thanks G McRae for book donation.

National Tour - Thanks to B Gibb for Fun Day publicity, Barb Williams for donation of painted emu egg, Ray Cowie for working on the quilt prize for Nationals. Now 18 stalls for the Fun Day.

Tech Rep – Chris advised all good.

HVR – Reminded only 2 weeks left before a letter is sent to DPTI advising them of cars that are not eligible for Historic registration. Otherwise all smooth.

Triple C – Vince advised First Aid course 23-9-19 at CCC \$100 per head.

Federation Rep – A Driver - Next meeting 17 August.

Past Events

Presentation Lunch -

Alan Toull award - Neil Wormald.

Disaster Award - Chris Howes.

President's award - Jim Dawson.

Ron McNair award - Sharon Gibb.

Kevin Williams spoke about Morris and Vauxhall Club runs.

Greg Newley spoke about the Advertiser photoshoot re Keswick factory demolition.

Greg Lind spoke about Ann being on TV re a neighbours house fire,

General Business

Chris Howes spoke about the Keswick photoshoot and latest on Keswick demolition.

Raffle

It was noted that a future events where we have a free raffle, each member can only win one prize, Greg Newley thanked donors for raffle prizes for this months raffle and organised the draw.

Conclusion

Kevin Williams told a joke in memory of Ron Hincks

Clean up Volunteers - Vince and Denise Isola.

President read out the buy and sell items.

President summarised the coming events.

Next General Meeting – 11 Sep 2019 at 7.45pm.

Meeting closed at 8.34 pm



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Angaston Pub Lunch and Annual Awards (ctd)



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Angaston Pub Lunch and Annual Awards (ctd)





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Mid Murray Classic Car Gallery

18 August 2019

Trevor and Lorraine Beythien organised this run for us. We were the guests of the [Murray Mallee Auto Club](#) at the [Mid Murray Classic Car Gallery](#) located in Swan Reach.

This museum reflects the combined resources of [Mr John George OAM](#), the [Swan Reach Progress Association](#) and the Murray Mallee Auto Club.

We had members camp overnight nearby, some met

at Munno Para for a group “run” to Swan Reach and others made their own way direct - which made sense for those south of the city.

Slightly dodgy weather resulted in lunch being relocated from the Gallery to the Swan Reach Public Hall. This was the current site of a travelling display about Women of the River Country, an added bonus.

Richard Tapp



PAST EVENTS

Mid Murray Classic Car Gallery (ctd)



PAST EVENTS

Dodgy Detour

Prior to my leaving Adelaide for the Dodge Brothers 10th National Rally in Warwick last October, there had been severe storms with a lot of rain and wind. Not knowing the road conditions, we drove to Warwick across the Hay Plains. Because of water over the road and bridge near Forbes, we had to detour 500kms as some of the areas were questionable for safe travel. We encountered some water on the road, but managed to pass through with no problems to arrive safely at our destination.

The rally was held from the 9th to the 14th of October. Our last morning was spent with a pancake breakfast and saying goodbye to all of our friends that we had met at Warwick. A fellow club member suggested we go back through Broken Hill, as he had had no problems coming to Warwick via that route. As we left town, my grandson, Bailey, set the GPS for Broken Hill, taking us via the Barrier Highway. A young friend, Ricky, and I shared the driving. About 25kms from Warwick, the GPS was to take us the shortest way to Broken Hill. We followed the directions, but after several hours realised there wasn't much traffic on this road.

Now we were going through bush, grazing and farm land. No major towns and just the occasional road houses. We stopped, fuelled up and asked if we were going the correct way to Broken Hill, and yes we were - but again the road seemed to be getting less traffic as we travelled along.

There were a few small patches of water over the road, but nothing deep enough to raise concern. No big deal and no alarm at any time. Now it's just plain, rugged bush for about 50 kms. We came to

another patch of water across the road, but because of our previous experience and no signage or warning signs by the road, I started driving forward. The sun is shining brightly, the temperature is 28 degrees, everything seems great until

By my judgement, the water level is only about 100-150 mm deep on the bitumen and the water is moving ever so slowly across the road from left to right. Gradually there is so much water that soon I have to concentrate on keeping the car where I'm assuming is the centre of the road. I did this by keeping an eye on the guide-posts either side of the road.

About 450 metres from where we entered the water, our Ford Territory stalled. I tried to start it with no success. Water now has started entering the vehicle through the bottom rubber seals on the doors, and the floors are now covered with about 75 mms of water.

"Don't open any doors, or the water will flood inside big time," I hollered. So out through the front windows we climbed into water over our knees. The exhaust tail pipe of the Ford is underwater, so is the trailer floor and the water level is just touching the wood spokes of the Dodge.

I'm shook up. There's been no sign of life for the last 50 kms, and I now have to assess the situation. Dry bitumen is 70 to 75 meters ahead of us, so we have to push the Ford Territory with the trailer loaded with our old Dodge. Where we got the strength to do this, I just don't know. It sapped every ounce of strength we had in us.



PAST EVENTS

Dodgy Detour (ctd)



The back of my thighs and calves burned. Once back on the dry surface, we opened the four doors and scooped the water from the floor wells with our hands and anything else we could find. We used towels and rags to absorb most of the surplus water.

Three times I tried to start the Ford, but no start. On the fourth try it started, for 10 seconds and then stopped again. The dash showed four different warning lights flashing and the car's still not starting.

I tried another three times without success. Then finally it ran before I stopped it myself, this time to check the oil and transmission fluid. The oils are fine. Now out of the water hazard we notice then is a make-shift warning sign 'ROAD CLOSED' There was none to be found as we entered.

Back on the road again, we stopped a farmer in a ute to ask if there was any more water on the road ahead. He answered no, so we continued on our way. Later we stopped another lady to check if we were on the right road to Broken Hill. She said yes.

Taking turns to drive we arrived in Nyngan NSW, at 10:30 pm. No dinner, just straight to sleep. We left there at 7:30 am the following morning to arrive back in Adelaide at 9:45 pm that night.

Back home I removed the seats to find the computers wet. I pulled them out and dried most of the electricals that I could find, but still had to take it to a crash repairer who had to put in a new dry carpet and check the computing system.

What a misadventure - but it gives us something to reflect on. All the "What Ifs".

David Valov

The Editor notes that (1) the Dodge could no doubt have pulled the Ford through that water without difficulty; (2) no Dodges were harmed in the making of this story; and (3) this incident may have made Dave a prime candidate for the disaster award if the Editor had not misplaced / delayed the publication of this story.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Bay to Birdwood 2002

Trevor Beythien has gone through back issues of our magazines and selected articles worthy of repeating. Thank you Trevor.

Richard Tapp

From the Nov-Dec 2002 magazine.

In this year's Bay to Birdwood we entered our 1929 De Soto Roadster as it was just going to be the two of us, other times we have taken the '25 Dodge.

However, a week before the run our two daughters Catherine and Rebecca decided that they would like to join us. I had already decided that we were going to dress in period outfits as the Bay to Birdwood committee had organised a new competition called "Fashion In The Field". After talking to the girls and a little coaxing, they agreed to dress up for the occasion.

I had a quick look through the clothes I have accumulated over the years (I thought they would come in handy one day), and found some coats, hats, shoes and jewellery that fitted the era, and all that was missing were the dresses. After fossicking through some Opp Shops, we soon completed the outfits.

The Friday night before the run the girls had a dress rehearsal and were pleasantly surprised to how good they looked in there outfits while I spent the evening cooking and preparing our picnic lunch.

Sunday morning was an early rise with dressing and packing the car. We were all very relieved that there was no rain and the weather looked promising as the previous day had been damp and windy and I knew Allan would have the roof down (as always). However, Allan did say that we could use umbrellas if it rained.

Setting off for West Beach we arrived around 7 a.m. and found a great many vehicles there already. We decided on some breakfast after which we wandered around admiring the many vehicles and

catching up with other car club members.

Setting off around 10.30 a.m. we coasted along, waving to the crowds of people who had lined the route and simply enjoying the day. However, as we approached the foothills we slowed down to give way to a modern vehicle and was nudged by a Maxwell from the rear, startling the girls who were in the dickie seat. Fortunately, the picnic lunch that was packed in an old leather case on the pack-rack took the brunt of the impact so there was no damage to the rear of the car.

Allan spoke to the other driver and decided this would not spoil a perfect day. Wishing the occupants of the other car all the best (as they were a bit upset as to what had happened), we

continued on our way. We arrived at Birdwood around 12 noon where we set up our picnic lunch after which we wandered the grounds taking in the atmosphere.

During our stroll around the grounds we were approached by some of the judges and were asked to enter the fashion competition that was to be held later in the afternoon. We had a lot of fun parading in front of the large gathering of people and to our surprise we came away with the prize for "Best Dressed Family". We felt like celebrities with people congratulating us and taking photos of the family. It was a perfect end to a great day and the girls were glad that it was there idea to dress up.

Sandy Martin



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Rules for Collecting ... (2005)

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This article was sourced from the Sand Diego Volvo Sports America club website www.sdvsa.org — but they got it from the Australian Volvo 1800/120 Club's newsletter. I don't know where they got it from. It may have been from Geoff Chase's next door neighbour. Why would a Volvo club be writing about Dodges? Well, Volvo and Dodge contain the same number of letters — I just translated the Swedish into Strine.

Richard Tapp

RULES FOR COLLECTING DODGES

We have got a number of members who own more than one vehicle. Some are real collectors. To help them with their hobby, here is some advice. Please do not show this page to your spouse!

RULE 1.

Collect only one make and model of Dodge. Nothing but Dodge 4s for example. When all your Dodges are the same colour and shape, it's harder if not impossible for your spouse to figure out how many Dodges you actually have.

RULE 2.

Never line up your Dodges, ever! Nothing distresses a difficult spouse more than seeing twelve old Dodges lined up, looking for all the world like a pile of burning hundred dollar bills. Scatter the Dodges around, a couple behind the garage, one or two in the garage, another beside the garage, maybe a couple at a friends house, so that it is not possible for anyone (if you know what I mean) to see more than two or three from any one perspective. Your hobby will be less 'irritating' that way.

RULE 3.

For pretty much the reason, don't number your Dodges, give them names. You'd be surprised how much less trouble you will have if you talk about "George" rather than 216122.

RULE 4.

Early in your collecting, buy a Dodge you don't want. Then sell it as quickly as you can. Don't worry about making any money on the transaction, the main thing is to buy a Dodge and get rid of it. Then you can say, "Yes my sweet, I do have six Dodges in the garage while our car is out in the weather. That doesn't mean I will always have six Dodges. Remember the one I got rid of? I'm thinking of selling another one any day now, so we can put our car in the garage."

If you have a friend who collects Dodges make arrangements for him to drop off a Dodge now and again. That way you can say, if anyone asks, that you bought it. Then have him haul it off again and say you sold it. With this system you establish your reputation for moderation.

RULE 5.

Pay for your Dodges with bank cheques, or cash which leaves far less evidence than cheques drawn on the family account. Once you have taken possession of another Dodge and paid for it, eat the stubs, carbon copies or receipts immediately. Such things have a way of becoming an embarrassment later; take it from me!

RULE 6.

Now and then buy a wreck for 'parts' even if you don't need the parts. In fact you might consider hauling a wreck or two on the same trailer or truck, whenever you haul home a good Dodge. This is called "liability averaging". If your significant other says something about having enough money for yet another Dodge, but not enough for a new refrigerator, point indignantly to the Dodges on the trailer - the beautiful one, solid and in running condition for which you paid \$2,500 and the rusted hulks you got for \$50 each. Then huff, "I got those for little more than \$500." Doesn't that make you sound like an investment wizard?

RULE 7.

When things get critical, consider dragging home a Dodge without transmission or rear wheels. If there's a complaint, you say, "Dodge? What Dodge? That's not a Dodge! That's only a front end, not even close to a Dodge." Then a couple of weeks later bring home a rear end minus the radiator, engine and front wheels. "Dodge? What Dodge? That's not even close to a Dodge!" However, don't try this more than once every couple years!

RULE 8.

Have a dealer or friend call you now and then when you're not at home, and tell your spouse, "Bob told me to keep an eye on the Dodge going at the auction on Saturday but it sold for \$5,000, and I know there's no way a financially cautious and responsible guy like Bob would pay that much, so I didn't make a bid on it for him." Not only will this make you look really good but the next time you buy a Dodge say something like, "Love, this beauty only cost me \$1,000, which means we are \$4,000 ahead of where we would have been, if I'd got the one before. If I keep saving money like this, we'll be able to afford to go on the that Caribbean cruise next winter." If you say it fast enough, it might just work!

RULE 9.

If your mate insults your work calling it "Rustoration," laugh a light hearted laugh, making it clear that Dodges are NOT to you what shoes were to Imelda Marcos.

RULE 10.

If your situation worsens to the point where your mate asks, "Who do you love more, your spouse or your Dodges?" Whatever you do, don't ask for time to think it over!

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*The above is as originally published in 2005. If one searches for this story today, the predominant search result is for collecting "old tractors". However our 2005 article is up there, with the 6th highest ranking result, and the Swedish taxis are nowhere to be seen. :-)*

# PAST EVENTS

## The Kings of Keswick

### A Chrysler from the heart saves sacred sign

**RICHARD EVANS**

IT may be more famously known as the Le Cornu site, which will become home to German supermarket giant Kaufland.

But one stretch of Anzac Highway, in the inner southern suburbs, holds a wholly different place in the hearts of thousands of Australian car enthusiasts.

Giant signage on Maple Ave – which abuts Anzac Highway – has become an iconic backdrop for Chrysler enthusiasts to photograph their classic cars.

The owners of Valiants, Dodges, Plymouths regularly drop by to snap a selfie – but have only until next week when it is taken down.

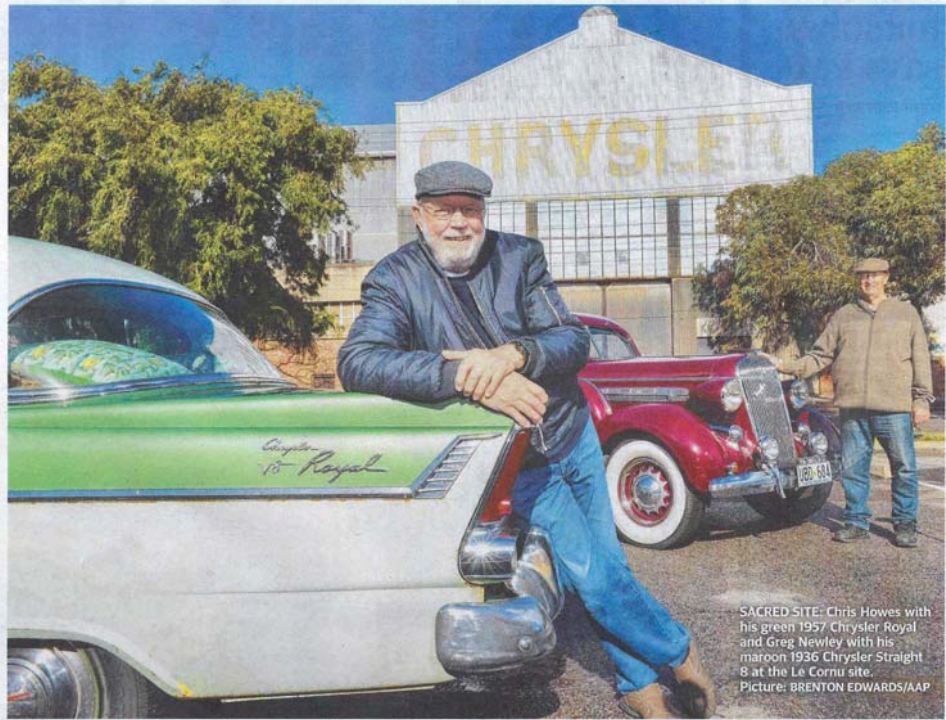
During the 1950s and early '60s the famed Chrysler Royals and R and S series Valiants were churned out on the site, a stone's throw from the city.

Chrysler then sold up as the swinging decade came to an end. But for those who weren't in Adelaide in that time – or maybe can't remember it – there has long been a reminder of South Australia's halcyon motor days.

Desperate to hang onto history, the Chrysler Club (SA) and the Chryslers restorers club (SA) lobbied Kaufland to save the sign from the scrap heap.

The retailer agreed to remove the iron cladding around the sign piecemeal and will next week relocate it to the National Motor Museum at Birdwood for safe keeping.

"Knowing of the pending demolition, Maple Ave has been as busy as Rundle St with



**SACRED SITE:** Chris Howes with his green 1937 Chrysler Royal and Greg Newley with his maroon 1936 Chrysler Straight 8 at the Le Cornu site. Picture: BRENTON EDWARDS/AAP

one Chrysler enthusiast after another stopping to get a collectable photo," club vice presi-

dent Mr Ingleton said. "It's not just Adelaide people either with many interstate enthusi-

asts making the trip. Earlier this year we had people from as far away as Queensland tak-

ing photos and a couple of months ago I bought a visiting American to the site. He owns

an Aussie Charger in Georgia and was rapt to have a photo taken."

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