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The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, South Australia Inc.

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

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PO Box 667, Plympton SA 5038

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

Saturday 15th February 2020

Fish and Chip Run

20-22nd March 2020

Adelaide Chrysler Festival

Sunday 3rd May 2020

Chrysler Restorers 40th Anniversary Display Day

Wednesday 12th 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.

INVITATION/OTHER CLUB'S EVENTS

9 February 2020

All British Day Echunga

16 February 2020

All American Day Tilley Reserve Hancock Rd Surrey Downs

20-22 March 2020

Adelaide Chrysler Festival. More information Brenton Gibb 82632908

28 Mar - 4 Apr 2020

Australian Historic Motoring Federation Rally. Brenton Gibb 8263 2908

10 - 13 April 2020 (Easter)

Broken Hill 50th Anniversary Bushman's Rally. More information and entry form. Brenton Gibb 82632908

SWAP MEETS

Entry Forms etc

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



New Members

Allan Anderson, Goodwood

1965 AP5 Valiant Sedan

Russell & Julie Crichton, Salisbury Heights

1934 Chrysler Airflow Sedan
1972 Chevrolet Chevelle SS Coupe

Cover Photo

Mark Holt and Naomi Baldock's 1943 Dodge truck - Photo Richard Tapp at 2019 Tour

30th Anniversary photo



COMING EVENTS

40th Birthday Celebration

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

Greg Lind
0417 853 291

Fish & Chip Run

Saturday 15 February 2020

Meet at the CCC club rooms 4.45pm for a 5.00pm departure for a beachside cruise stopping off at a beach café for your

choice of take away.

Things to bring, chairs, table, towel, bathers, hat, sunnies if you wish, or simply watch the

waves and the sun go down. More information:

Brenton Gibb
8263 2908

2020 Chrysler Festival

Sunday 22 March 2020

Display Day for The Adelaide Chrysler Festival. We have been invited to attend as a club and set up a display to help celebrate 50 years of the Aussie HEMI.

I have been guaranteed a good location at Harts Mill Pt Adelaide. If you are interested in attending this event could you please meet at The Port Adelaide Plaza Shopping Centre car park

just behind KFC on Commercial Road 8.45 for a 9.00am departure to Harts Mill.

More information

Brenton Gibb
8263 2908

Bakery Run

Sunday 19th April 2020

Meet Sefton Park Shopping Centre, Main North Road 10.00 am for a 10.15 am departure for a Sunday drive in the foothills,

up through Williamstown and on to Lyndoch Bakery for morning tea / lunch, and then onto Tanunda for ice cream and a stroll down the main street.

Just a simple no fuss cruise. Hope to see you there.

Brenton Gibb
8263 2908

40th Anniversary Club Display Day

Sunday 3rd May 2020

The committee has secured Wigley Reserve at Glenelg to hold a Gala Display Day to celebrate 40 years of this great club. We would love to see the members of the Chrysler Restorers Club SA Inc to come

along and display as many of their Chrysler Vehicles as is humanly possible and show case to the public of South Australia the motoring history of our club. We wish to start placing cars on display from 8.30am and have all vehicles in position by

9.45am. Please bring along any information relating to your vehicles that you have. More information as the day gets closer.

Brenton Gibb
8263 2908



FROM THE COMMITTEE

President's Message



Welcome to the 2020 January/February issue of the Chrysler Collector.

Happy new year to all, just a recap back to 2019 and our November run to Uraidla with the Morris Register car club for a breakfast at the football/cricket club oval where the Summertown Netball Club cooked us a delicious breakfast and had a load of fun with the raffle where a number of our club members collected prizes.

The December run was our Christmas lunch at the Parafield Gardens Community Club where we were treated to a delicious 2 course meal and soft drink for the low price of just \$2.00. (That's right it was a club subsidised event, so keep an eye open for the next one and support our runs). A big thank you to Sharon and Brenton Gibb for their work in organising this venue. We were also lucky enough to display our cars on the lawn at the front of the club.

Our last meeting (December) saw about 70 plus members attend as it was our last meeting for the year so that means a quick run through the formalities and on to the Christmas supper. Thanks to Carolyn Harris and all that helped on the night and also a big thank you for the delicious supper provided by our members.

Back to 2020 and I hope the new year has started well for you all. It is going to be a big year for the club with the 12th February general meeting being our 40th birthday celebration. A sausage sizzle BBQ will be starting at 6.00pm followed by our general meeting at 7.45pm. We will also

have a birthday cake to cut at supper time to celebrate this milestone for the club.

Saturday the 15th February is the fish and chip run to a beach location, see the magazine for all the details and check the date for the 40th Anniversary Display Day at Wigley Reserve, Glenelg. We need your support to make this event a success.

Graham McRae our HVR representative has unfortunately advised us that he will be standing down from his position due to ill health. On behalf of the club I would like to thank Graham for all his hard work and wish him all the best. So the hunt was on for a new HVR representative and with a little friendly persuasion Chris Bennett has agreed to take up this position. Graham will help Chris transition into this job over the next few months and once again thank you Chris for taking this position on. Chris' details will be included in future magazines.

If you have not purchased the club calendar for 2020, it's not too late, so contact myself or Bob Haywood or check out the magazine for details.

Well happy motoring and see you on the next run.

Greg Lind



From the Editor

CONTRIBUTORS

This issue comes to you courtesy of Brenton and Sharon Gibb, Greg Lind and Ann Lind, Lindsay Gibb, Graham Haggie, Chris Howes, Trevor Beythien and Tim Smeaton.

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.

WEBSITE STATISTICS

	Nov 19	Dec 19	Dec 18	Dec 09
Sessions	178	163	319	418
Users	122	131	269	270
Page views	415	365	637	978
Pages/session	2.3	2.2	2	2.3
Average session duration	1:43	1:56	1:42	2:19

PAST EVENTS

30th Anniversary Display



CLUB NOTES

Minutes of Club Meeting

The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, SA Inc.

Summary of minutes of the meeting held 13
November 2019 – commenced at 7:45 pm

Emergency Wardens

G Lind explained emergency response plan.

Guest Speaker

Greg Lind welcomed Keith Bettany – who was employed at Chrysler Australia in the spare parts division.

Apologies:

Per attendance book

New Members & Visitors

None advised.

Sick List

Greg advised that Malcolm Curtis is settling in to his nursing home and says hello, Carol Barnes is home after hospitalisation but that Ken has deteriorated further, Trevor Kramm is still unwell but welcomed Graham McRae to the meeting after his recent hospitalisation.

Minutes Previous Meeting

Read and moved by Ann Lind seconded Ian Myers, carried.

Correspondence

In

Various events – forwarded to Brenton Gibb, emails from interstate attendees to our National Tour thanking the committee for a wonderful event, minutes CCC meeting held 14/10/19, Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs minutes for 17/8/19, Club magazines received – Chryco Reporter – Sept, Oct, Nov, Tappet Chatter, Grease Rag, Chrysler News Qld, Morris Club, Steering Column, Gawler Veteran Vintage, Chrysler Restorers NSW– Oct, Nov

Out

None

Treasurer's Report

A Driver moved report to be correct. Seconded Kevin Williams, carried. Accounts for payment, Elite Printing \$1,490; S Gibb labels \$34.48

Committee Reports

Runs Coordinator – Brenton Gibb spoke re future events

Editor – Richard Tapp - Keep sending in articles. Calendar is available.

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

Records – Sharon Gibb - all well.

Librarian – Jim was an apology and Steve was not in attendance.

Tech Rep – C Howes – had a lot of interesting inquiries.

HVR – Graham McRae advised that he will be standing down from the position and that a new Registrar was needed.

Triple C – Vince Isola - No CCC meeting.

Federation Rep – A Driver - No meeting had been held.

Past Events

Lindsay Gibb spoke on the Twin Bridges Rally, fantastic weekend, it is well worth coming along to next years. Lindsay also picked up a trophy for his S Series.

Bob Haywood spoke on the Meningie Vintage caravan and car weekend, around 96 attended the weekend, quite a few of our restorer's members. Great weekend and perfect weather.

General Business

Carolyn Harris spoke to the meeting regarding our xmas meeting on the 11/12/19. She asked if members could advise what they may like to bring so she can organise the supper.

Greg Lind reminded members of the February general meeting to be held on 12/2/19. A sausage sizzle will be held before the meeting, the BBQ will be fired up around 6.00pm. This night is a special occasion as it was 40 years ago that the Chrysler Restorers held their first general meeting. Greg advised meeting he would like as many people as possible at the meeting to celebrate this event. A cake will also be front and centre at our supper. This is just the start of our celebrations for 2020, which also includes our 40th Anniversary Display Day on 3rd May 2020 at Wigley Reserve, Glenelg.

Raffle

Greg Newley conducted the raffle.

Conclusion

Kevin Williams told a joke in memory of Ron Hincks

Clean up Volunteers - Vince Isola

Buy and Sell - Secretary read out the buy and sell board.

Coming Events summarised by President

Next General Meeting – 11 December 2019 at 7.45pm.

Meeting closed at 8:50 pm

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December 2019 – commenced at 7:45pm**

Emergency Wardens

G Lind explained emergency response plan.

Greg advised that Frank Driver had passed away and advised funeral arrangements. Maurice and Jan Emmerson's son Duane passed away mid November.

Apologies:

Per attendance book

New Members & Visitors

None

Rex Greig

Rex passed away on 5 October 2019.

Sick List

Not recorded.

Minutes Previous Meeting

Read and moved by A Lind, seconded J Knowles, carried.

Correspondence

In Various events – forwarded to Brenton Gibb, minutes CCC meeting held 2-12-19, magazines received – Dodge Bros, Plymouth Bulletin, Chrysler Restorers NSW, Auto Torque, The Grease Rag

Out None

Treasurer's Report

A Driver moved report to be correct, seconded C Howes, carried. Various accounts passed for payment. C Woods \$155.00 Food for xmas supper, C Harris \$49.64 Food for xmas supper, B&S Gibb \$525.80 – Xmas Dinner (Parafield Gardens Community Club), G Lind \$525.80 – New Flags for 40th Anniversary, Postage \$211.80

Committee Reports

Runs Coordinator – 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 absent

Librarian – Steve Tyler - all good

Tech Rep – Chris advised all good

HVR – The President advised that Chris Bennett would take over as Registrar. This was received with acclamation.

Triple C – Vince Isola advised that door codes must not be shared. Watering system and playground to be upgraded in 2020 and BBQs updated to electric in 2021.

FHMC - Alan Driver went through the minutes of last meeting.

Past Events

Greg Lind spoke on the Xmas lunch that was on 8th December at Parafield Gardens Community Club. The club subsidised this event and the day went off very well, goods meals and good company. Greg Lind thanked Brenton and Sharon Gibb for organising this event on behalf of club members.

General Business

Dick Hart advised meeting John Biddle is out of hospital and working mornings only at premises. Not sure how long he will continue to operate.

Raffle

Greg Newley conducted the raffle.

Conclusion

Kevin Williams told a joke in memory of Ron Hincks
Clean up Volunteers - Vince Isola.

No buy and sell for Secretary to read out.

President summarised the coming events.

Next General Meeting – 13 Nov 2019 at 7.45pm.

Next Committee Meeting 20 Nov 2019 at 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm

**Next general meeting 12th February
2020 BBQ 6.00pm before meeting to
celebrate the club's first meeting
40years ago.**



PAST EVENTS

Twin Bridges Rally

Following my verbal report to club members at our November meeting magazine editor, Richard approached me to submit a written article for publishing in our next edition. I'm not sure if I impressed him or whether he is so desperate for articles to print. Either way for those who were unable to attend our meeting I hope you enjoy the report.

(Editor: The reason was that there are many of these recurring events held by "country" clubs, located within an hour or so of Adelaide. These are good events, well worth attending, but unless one has been to them, how would you know? Reading a report from a like minded club member is one way.)

The Rally is a bi-annual event and the organisers do a remarkable job finding sponsors, new places to visit, entertaining and feeding all who attend. We arrived Friday, picked up the weekend programme, tickets etc. The evening meal was served in the clubrooms by the club ladies who had prepared a variety of casseroles followed by sweets and entertainment.

Saturday was an early rise to assemble by the river, view the cars and some early judging had commenced. One car in particular I found most interesting was a 1913 Renault Tourer. A dedicated owner/driver and he kept pace in the convoy as we set off on the eighty km day trip. We travelled through some interesting townships including Langhorne Creek. The landscape brought numerous changes from obvious low

rainfall country to much better green pastures and vineyards.

Our first stop was Callington where the locals treated us with a sumptuous morning tea the likes of which I can't ever remember. With stomachs bulging we continued a short journey to the Monarto Safari Park. (Formerly Monarto Zoo).

We were lead to believe the Murray Council had generously contributed to the event and at Monarto a special area was set aside for our cars to park and it was there that the judging took place. The judges were members of the Monaro Club, Jaguar Drivers Club and the Murray Mallee Club. A marquee was also erected in which participants could shelter, have more food and fellowship.

It was just a short walk to where we boarded a luxury bus to tour the various fenced paddocks that was home to the large variety of animals. Some in particular were special to me. We cruised past a number of white Rhino and we saw the little baby that sadly passed away just a few days after our visit.

The giraffes were also special. We had an excellent tour guide who made comment that in the wild giraffes generally always stand so they are ready for take off in the event of a predator attack. These giraffes were laying around and we drove right up the them. One inquisitive male came to the LH mirror of the bus and was admiring himself when he saw one of our group by the bus window. He immediately came to the



The Beythien's Chrysler, on another occasion

PAST EVENTS

Twin Bridges Rally (ctd)

window, dropped out his enormous long tongue and gave the window a huge lick much to the merriment of passengers.

On our way back to base we stopped to see the lions being fed and tormented a little over the cage with humans beneath. The meerkat family and the chimpanzees are also a "MUST SEE" for visitors to the park. We had a great day!!

The evening highlight was dinner at the golf club. A three course meal was served and the dress code was spots and stripes in keeping with our safari visit. Quite a number used their imagination and dressed for the occasion and were judged towards the end of the evening.

Sunday morning was another early rise, vacate our motel and meet at the club rooms for departure to Mypolonga. A relatively short drive to an apricot farm and processing factory just off the main road. As we approached the factory we commented about a stately old derelict stone house on the corner which we visited later.

Arriving at the processing factory we were welcomed by our hosts Paul Prosser and wife Kathy. We were served pancakes courtesy of local Lions Club and as you would expect there was apricot jam and cream to top the pancakes as well as the usual maple syrup etc.

Paul and Kathy gave a most enlightening presentation on the risks and rewards of apricot growing and processing. Judging from what we saw they have been very successful in their

enterprise however the high cost of water from the river was impacting heavily on their bottom line. Hailstorms around harvest time can also present a high risk for growers who sell their fruit to the Prosser family for processing.

Following the presentation they opened their storeroom and I believe most people bought packs of dried fruit presented in many different ways. We bought some and it disappeared very quickly.

With our apricot experience concluded we were invited to visit the old building I mentioned earlier. This property is also owned by our hosts and is in the early stages of development. They have plans to develop it into a convention centre but adjoining it they have created a magnificent motor vehicle display area. Called the Revolution Motor Museum it is a must see for any enthusiast. Camaros, Mustangs and much more are on display and in an adjoining building is a number of the Wicks family collection of veteran cars. I feel sure when this museum becomes more widely known car clubs will visit in droves.

Back to the club room for a BBQ meal cooked by local Rotary Club members, followed by speeches and the presentation of awards. Trevor and Lorraine Beythien won a trophy for their 1936 Chrysler and Marlene and I also scored with our 'S' Series Valiant. A great weekend I can recommend to anyone interested and we were home by about 4.30pm.

Lindsay Gibb



The Gibb's Valiant, on another occasion

PAST EVENTS

Breakfast Run with Morris Register

17 November 2019

We returned to the Uraidla Oval (venue of January's breakfast run) to again be served breakfast by the Summertown Netball Club. A fund raiser for them and a wonderful breakfast for us.

Two modern era Chryslers were present, in the form of a Chrysler Crossfire convertible and a Chrysler Neon. Both are the only examples of these vehicles in the club. Also Graham McRae brought the ex-Barnes Dodge on its first run in his hands. Andrew Klute brought his new Morris! :-)

Richard Tapp



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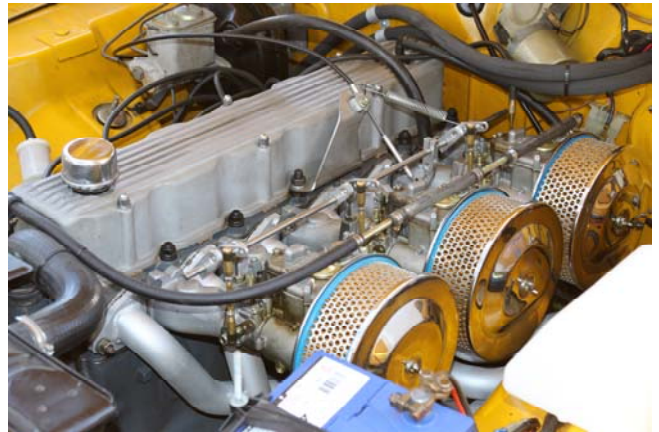
2019 Christmas Lunch

8 December 2019

This year we had Christmas Lunch at the Parafield Gardens Community Club. As well as a new venue, the committee tried a new idea. Members paid a \$10 dollar deposit and if they were present on the day, they received their \$10 back and a further \$10 as a subsidy towards their meal. Father Christmas comes in many forms. :-)

The facility had a nice grassy area where we were permitted to park, safe from door dings and making an attractive display. It think it worked well.

Richard Tapp



RESTORATION STORY

Building Boats

This story is sort of a new development continuing from an old story in this magazine in 2016. The previous project being very time expensive and, wishing for a better car to work on, well, my prayers were answered and that's what I did get! Now the quandary, after doing so much work how could I justify swapping "good" material for newly restored material. Well, learning is the lesson, and so a lot of experience was gained, and the original project finished.

The next '28 Dodge project consisted of a good chassis, scuttle, wheels, diff, gear box, engine, bonnet all albeit in pieces, and stored in dry country under a lean to shed. From what I am told it was one of just a few buckboards built at Birkenhead and sent out to the Riverland. The rear springs had clearly been built for utility use. Upon cleaning things up and running the engine up it was found to be in good order. Many years ago the engine was put in a red gum cradle and used for some sort of stationery engine work, however it did not appear to have done a lot of work in that function.

Continuing on, being happy with a good sounding engine, the chassis was then sand blasted and painted, the fenders, scuttle, doors, and bonnet were all chemically de-rusted and repaired where necessary.

New timber work, like the plinth, door frames, A pillar and scuttle timbers were replaced (that bit did not take long to say did it, not like the time involved to do it!). New shackle pins and bushes were fitted,

the spring cambers equalised, the front axle, diff and wheels were put on and the trim height checked.

So where to go from here? What sort of body would be nice, there's nothing from the front doors back! There were some nice coach built cars made up in the late '20s and '30s the likes of such we don't see often in steel or aluminium these days. A large number of coach building shops still existed in the USA and also a few here in Australia, and they turned out some nice looking bodies to the owner's requirements, and I thought I would like to emulate in part some of their work.

Some of the larger companies turned out their own beautiful work, like the Duesenberg Brothers, Cord, Auburn, Stutz (Bearcat), Caddys and Packard to name a few – for the wealthy buyers!

My budget did not fit any of the above (sure didn't, says the wife!!) but their forms inspired me to work on a similar theme on a 2 door body, the problem being my 27/28 Dodge has only 108" wheel base, not a lovely long snout and wheel base for a limousine.

Well, the best I could do was use the golden rectangle rule to get a proportionately pleasing car, this necessitated making the car look longer, which I did (8" in fact) and I think it has been successful. The new rear fenders were made up out of 5 derelict fenders and welded together, left outside becomes right inside and vice versa, and then lead filled. No rear fenders exist for a boat tail like I am trying to build. The roll pan curvature was varied from an



RESTORATION STORY

Building Boats (ctd)

increasing roll to a vertical fall then return.

The back of the rear fender to the spring shackles had to be concealed, so infills were made and made to contract the same as the roll pan, and profile lines jennied into them. The forms I made this time were slightly different – the whole “boat” has more subtle compound curves than the previous one.

Another change was the up modelling of the door to scuttle lines – just like the cockpits of single seat aircraft of the day. The old Dodges can be difficult to get into, and the cabin ingress/egress has been greatly improved. There was no windscreen so I had to make one out of brass channel, and I also leaned the screen back 7 degrees for a sporty speedster look, couldn't afford a Duval. The B pillars are much stronger than standard. I changed the engineering and support methods.

When it came to the boat I decided to build this one in steel (never again!!!!) the problem being I am a one man band and don't have anyone on the other side of the English wheel. My wife quit, and refuses to be my apprentice anymore, but I still got tea and coffee.

I had to make the boat out of 7 pieces and TIG weld them together, then lead filled where necessary – I prefer not to use bog so use it only sparingly. The previous car built I was able to make the back out of aluminium and shaped “beetle wings” which was easier. There was plenty of shrink and stretch work, plus much hammer and shot bag work, also with

wooden hammers and form stumps.

May I say there was definitely two times I stood at the bench and said to myself “this is too hard”, but by the grace of God I was given good health and the equipment (a lot of it on loan) to do the job.

All through the job everything was made up of individual challenges of “how to” and lots of “little jobs”, which weren't! Example: Half past 5 – tea time – yes dear, I'll be right up. The little job was finished at 8 o'clock!! The interesting thing about restoring, rebuilding, coach building – it tests your metal, and I would say even in the difficulties experienced it's a bit like life in that perseverance builds character.

The job is not yet complete, but “all the hard work has been done”, that's a good laugh isn't it. So what has got to happen now, I need headlights, stop lights, stop light stalks, indicator stalks, wiring looms, instruments, trimming, windscreen glass and the tiny job of “finishing painting”!!!! Now I am in trouble because my wife knows just how much more money I need to spend when she reads this!!!

Do not attempt this type of restoration at home alone!!!! Get someone to move in and help for 12 months.

Graham Haggie

Photos are of the earlier aluminium bodied roadster



CRCASA HISTORY

In the Beginning...

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In February 2020 The Chrysler Restorers Club of South Australia will be 40 years old. Much has happened in those 40 years and as memories fade, and members sadly depart, it seems timely to shed some light on how we came to be and reflect on where we are today.

I joined the Club in 1980 (it was June as I recall) and today remain one of a handful who can recall the events surrounding its formation; so it seemed appropriate for me to approach the few remaining early members and collate our humble beginnings. To my mind the greatest sources of information were Judy McNair, Steve Lovell along with Norma and Roy Schopp, as they were present at the Clubs inaugural meeting.

And so it was that a meeting was arranged at the Schopp's residence to put our collective memories together, it needs to be said that Judy along with Norma and Roy provided most of the information that follows and I am most grateful to my dear wife Cath who took notes and records of the meeting.

Prior to 1980 Chrysler enthusiasts in South Australia had to make do with generic or local district car clubs. There were Chrysler Restorer Clubs in New South Wales (formed in 1973) and Victoria (1975) and some of our earliest members did belong to these clubs.

Nevertheless here in SA a number of people were

keen to establish a Chrysler unique car club and commenced putting out letters to other clubs and placing ads in newspapers; some of the key people that come to mind were the late Brian Ludlum (then a Chrysler employee), the late Ron McNair, Dennis Goodman and Brian Pocock.

Norma Schopp recalls that around October 1979, during a NARC club Rally, she and Roy met Brian Pocock (then HMVC member and 1925 Chrysler owner); he advised them of pending moves calling for expressions of interest to anyone that would be favourable to the formation of a Chrysler club.

The consensus in forming a club was, to pursue the idea of forming an alliance with the existing Chrysler Restorers clubs interstate; as New South Wales was recognised as the "elder" of these clubs, Judy McNair recalls that husband Ron made an approach seeking permission of the NSW club to form an associated SA branch. In due course NSW members gave their approval.

At first glance one might wonder why permission was sort from NSW, the obvious reason was to share resources, and information etc. with a like minded club but there was also the technical issue of using the Chrysler brand name of a company still manufacturing motor vehicles. Without going into lengthy detail, Chrysler were very possessive about entities using their brand name; in forming the NSW club their founders had to jump through many hoops to gain approval to use the Chrysler



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name.

With the legalities and formalities overcome, attention was given to the solid responses coming in for the formation of an SA club, and a circular under the title of "Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia" was widely distributed amongst responders' and other car clubs, informing of a meeting to be held at the:

Chrysler Cafeteria

South Rd.

Clovelly Park

Tuesday February 19th 8.00pm

for the purposes of forming a club, electing a committee and establishing fees which it is considered will be in the order of \$12.00 per annum, with a country membership (100km from the city) of \$6.00.

Whilst there doesn't appear to be a consolidated list of attendees to the meeting, records of the meeting indicate that 32 people attended which included the Schopps, the Prossers, McNairs and Steve Lovell. As far as I am aware, they are the only remaining current members who attended the inaugural meeting. Norma was a little peeved at the country membership ruling, as they were 92km away.

The following people were elected as Committee members:

President: Dennis Goodman

Vice President: John Nuske

Secretary: Brian Ludlam

Treasurer: Roman Gnilka

Editor: Barry Kenyon

General Committee: Brian Pocock, Ron McNair, Judy McNair, Les McKessar, Milton Prosser, Dennis Turner, Cliff Nissen and Dennis Clifton.

The Club objectives were listed as:

- To encourage the restoration, preservation and use of all models of the following vehicles:
Imperial, Chrysler, DeSoto, Dodge, Plymouth, Maxwell, Fargo and Graham Brothers.
- To make available to all members information which will assist in the preservation and restoration of their vehicles.

With the club established, future meetings were proposed at bi monthly intervals, to be held in the C.M.V. Clubrooms at 12 Franklin St. Adelaide.

Having set out the preliminary events of the Clubs history, I hope to provide future articles on the early days throughout our 40th year.

Chris Howes

The cafeteria is in there somewhere. This photo is from the end of 1980, when the pentastar had lost 2 of its points ...



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Age Creeps Up

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

It creeps up on you slowly, this aspect of your life
As each year adds another, with its usual bit of strife
And though you do your darndest to keep old age at bay,
Old Father Time has records which he adds to day by day.

With each new day more cells will die, another function fails
Your sight is getting fuzzy, the wind's gone out your sails
Arthritic change in cartilage, in shoulder or in knee
Has frozen up a joint or two, the movements aren't so free.

The kidneys also sink a bit, the filter's getting blocked
If you saw inside your arteries I'm sure you'd all be shocked
And then your stomach's playing up, antacids by the score
A curry gives you reflux, makes your throat a trifle sore.

What do these abstract musings have to do with restoration
Of vintage cars and classics which you view with adoration?
Well in the lines below I hope you'll find out what I mean
When I say that age affects the rate of every job there's been.

Remember when you did up nuts, a Sidchrome in your hands
The muscles on your brawny arms stood out like iron bands
And very tight meant bloody tight, it could not come adrift
No matter where the heck you went, nor heavy loads to shift.

But now when you're confronted with a nut which won't undo
You're forced to be more subtle, use another trick or two
It's RP7, oxy torch, a hammer close to hand
To supplement the muscles which have vanished in the sand.

Now what about an oil change, the chassis needed grease,
You'd slip beneath the car, and place the jack with supple ease,
But now you need a blanket, and it takes a little trouble
To get your body into place, to try to bend it double.

And as you try to find the plug to drain the dirty sump
You find you just can't focus, can't see past the oil pump
You turn your head to help your cause, some dirt flicks in your ear
And as you twist a split pin gives your cheek a bloody tear.



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As now you're trapped flat on your back, you find that you forgot
To bring the proper socket down, your temper's getting short
And so you swear a mighty oath, your patience starts to crumble,
And as you stiffly find your feet, you hit the crank and stumble.

So now you've got a bloody shin, and a very painful cheek
You try to clean your ear out as the socket wrench you seek,
And you think you need your glasses, but you left them in the house
So you shout towards the kitchen, to your ever-loving spouse.

Now you're getting really grumpy, but put your shoulder to the wheel
You climb beneath the car again, put spanner on to steel
And drain the sump successfully, but alas there is some more
The oil has overflowed the pan, and run across the floor.

By the time you clean up all the mess, fill up with nice clean oil
Tidy up the tools with rags, remove the grease and soil
You're ready for a shower, and it's taken half a day
To do a simple oil change, a minor job you'd say.

And so it was when you were young, your joints were nice and limber
But now you're slow in wind and limb, there are termites in your timber,
So I'll conclude with just a word, remember all you guys
Get on with that restoration, you know how Time just flies.

Tim Smeaton

December 2002

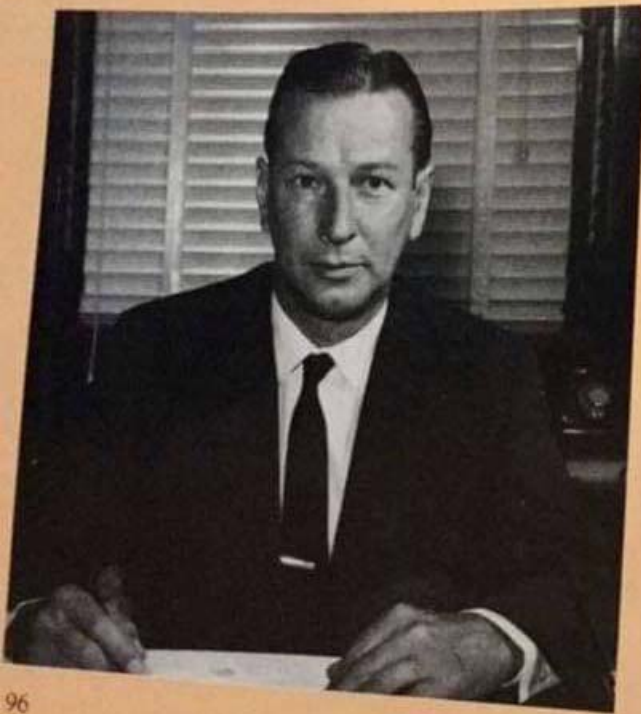
Written at work during a particularly boring meeting



OUR MOTORING HERITAGE

David Brown

From Australian Motoring Year - 1987/88 edition



Vale David Brown (1915-1987)

David Brown, the man with the simple name and the crinkly-eyed grin, died suddenly in South Australia in December, 1987. He had long been retired as managing director of what was Chrysler Australia and became Mitsubishi, but it was Brown's initiative that enabled the – then South Australian Premier, Tom Playford, to put his State on the road to attracting industry investment, thus lessening its dependence on a struggling pastoral industry.

It is with pride the motor industry in South Australia speaks of David Brown, one of Adelaide's many adopted sons who fell in love with the city and left an indelible impression. In fact, the impact David Brown made as managing director of Chrysler Australia Ltd spread far wider than SA's borders.

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