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Postal Address

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 \$35.00 - Metro family \$40.00 - Country single \$25.00 - Country family \$30.00

Club Officers

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COMING EVENTS

CLUB MEETINGS

Wed. 12th October 2022

Wed 9th November 2022

INVITATION/OTHER CLUB'S EVENTS

Sunday 18th September 2022

Gawler Mega Swap Meet. Gates open at 6.00am for sellers and 7.00am for buyers. General admission \$5.00 per person, children under 16 free. Food and drinks available

Sunday 18th September 2022

Victor Harbor Rock'N'Roll Festival vehicle display day. Online registration available from 11th July until sold out or 10th September 2022. Vehicle limit of 200 vehicles \$15.00 registration fee. Arrive at McLaren Vale Information centre at 8.30am – check into event with your ticket. Driver briefing 9.20am. Departure 9.30am. Vehicles will arrive at Victor Harbor between 10.00am and 10.30am where they will be directed to their permit parking site.

Friday 23rd, Saturday 24th, Sunday 25th September 2022

Not the Australia Day Tour – Mt Gambier Veteran & Vintage Car Club. Entries close Monday 5th September 2022. See Greg Lind for information.

Sunday 25th September 2022

Arthur Clisby Memorial Picnic. Arrival time 9.30am – 11.00am – Wirrina Cove Holiday Park, Paradise Road, Wirrina Cove

Monday 10th October 2022 – Friday 21st October 2022

Motorfest – incorporating Bay to Birdwood on October 16th. I have details of Motorfest runs and entry form – entries close 30/9/22

Sunday 23rd October 2022

Emergency Services Day. Military Vehicle Museum, 10 Sturton Rd, Edinburgh Parks. 10.00am – 4.00pm Adults \$15.00 children under 15 free

Sunday 30th October 2022

London to Brighton Run – 10.0am start in London Road, Mile End, South London Bun Morning Tea at Glandore, Finish at Wattle Reserve. Enquiries – Rodney Wood 0419 806 552

rodneywood@iprimus.com.au

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th November 2022

Power of the Past – Mt Barker

See Greg Lind for details

Friday 11th, 12th & 13th November 2022

Bendigo Swap Meet

See Greg Lind for Tour details to Bendigo

Friday 31st March – Monday 3rd April 2023

Morris Car Club of SA. Morris Minor National Rally – Adelaide SA

www.morrisclubofsa.org.au/national-rally-booking

Entry Forms etc.

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

2022 Presentation Luncheon



New Members

Adam Hill

Hewett
1925 Chrysler Model 50 Tourer

Sam Hill

Owen
1925 Chrysler Model 50 Tourer

Cover Photo

Barbara Hiscock's 2010 Chrysler Grand Voyager Limited: Photo Richard Tapp 22/8/2021

COMING EVENTS

October - no club runs!

There will be no club run in October, due to National Chrysler Rally in Wangaratta, Bay to Birdwood and MotorFest events.



Pre-Meeting sausage Sizzle

Wednesday 9th November 2022
Free Sausage Sizzle from 7pm at the CCC Clubrooms.

Club Meeting will commence at 7.45pm as usual.

Karkoo Nursery – Oakbank

Sunday November 13th 2022

Meet at the CCC Clubrooms at 9am for a 9.15am departure.

This run should appeal to the ladies of the club. The Nursery which is nestled in the old Johnston Brewery has a large garden/plant section, a huge range of pottery products, plus many gift items, a Vintage section, Florist

and much, much, more. There are rooms filled with artefacts of years gone by (good one for the guys), plus plenty of items for you to peruse or buy. We will have reserved seating in the Café for you to sit back and enjoy a cup of Tea/Coffee with scones, jam & cream, grazing platters or a light meal or you may like to be seated in the outdoor area. This nursery

is pet friendly so you can bring your furry pooch with you. Come along and enjoy an interesting/relaxing day out with fellow members.

An expression of interest sheet will be available at the Sept/Oct/Nov meetings.

Sharon & Brenton Gibb
08 82632908

Christmas Lunch

Sunday December 11th 2022

Meet at Seven22 (formerly Eagles Tavern) 722 Port Road, Beverly at 11.30am for a 12.00pm Christmas lunch to celebrate the festive season.

Cost is \$18.00pp for a main meal served with a side salad. Bookings essential. An attendance sheet will be available at upcoming meetings. \$10.00pp deposit is required to secure your

booking, which will be refunded on the day. There is a limit of 60 people.

Brenton and Sharon Gibb
08 8263 2908

President's Breakfast Run

Sunday January 22nd 2023

Meet at the CCC clubrooms 7.30am for an 8.00am departure.

BYO food, drinks, chairs, BBQ etc.

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FROM THE COMMITTEE

President's Message



Welcome to the September / October edition of the Chrysler Collector.

Our 2022 Presentation Lunch at The Parafield Gardens Community Club proved to be well received by the 64 members who attended. Everyone that I spoke with enjoyed the meals provided and the way the staff handled the ordering of meals was excellent along with their service. A big thankyou to everyone that supplied raffle prizes on the day which kept our raffle man Greg busy.

I think almost everyone won something. We were privileged to have Judy McNair, Pat Hinks and Carol Barnes with some of her family attending. A late surprise was when Chris and Heather Bennett walked in with Chris only getting out of hospital earlier in the week after a six month stay.

Earlier in the month Greg Newley along with a few other club members ventured to Victor Harbor and presented Brenton Hamilton with a life membership badge for his great service to our club. We started this Sunday off by presenting another two life memberships, to Neil Wormald and Bob Haywood for their service over many years.

The Alan Toull Painting is an award selected by the committee and given to someone they think finds all the little things that need to be done around the club and just gets on and does them. This year's winner is Vince Isola.

Our Disaster Trophy has had a makeover by John Goddard and Greg Lind which allows us to add more names over the coming years. This year Les Johnson proved a worthy winner after his sixty year old Valiant had a ride home on a tow truck after our Mannum Run.

I presented both Greg and Ann Lind with the Presidents Trophy as I could not split them for the work they both do. Ann has had an extremely large work load over the past few years keeping up with all of the changes relating to Covid 19 on top of her usual secretarial work. Greg keeps us up to date on all the runs from other clubs and not to mention the runs he plans for us. It was a

pleasure to award both of them with this year's Presidents Trophy.

Over the past 39 years Judy McNair has attended our Presentation days and presented The Club Person of The Year Trophy named after her late husband Ron McNair. With no more room on this Trophy and with Judy's blessing we will place this trophy on permanent display in the clubs library for all to see.

The committee decided to ask Carol Barnes if she would consent to our renaming the Club Person of the Year trophy after her late husband Ken Barnes, who played an active role within the club. To say Carol was excited and honoured was an understatement and the smile on her face for the entire day was truly wonderful. This trophy is voted on by you the club members. It turned out to be a close finish with several different names coming forward but our Secretary Ann Lind came out on top. Congratulations Ann, the club has spoken. The first Ron McNair club person of the year back in 1983 was Norma Schopp and the first on the Ken Barnes club person of the year is Ann Lind which goes to show that this is not a boys club and that the women hold a special place within our club. Congratulations to all trophy winners.

This is the last magazine before The Chrysler Restorers National Rally in Victoria so I wish everyone who is attending a safe and trouble free run and we look forward to hearing all about it on your return.

Brenton Gibb



From the Editor

CONTRIBUTORS

This issue comes to you courtesy of Greg and Ann Lind, Brenton and Sharon Gibb, Ellen and Bob Haywood, Jim Dawson and Greg Newley.

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

	Aug 22	Jul 22	Aug 21	Aug 12
Sessions	134	192	199	550
Users	102	129	134	368
Page views	261	332	382	11,483
Pages/session	1.9	1.7	1.9	18.5
Average session (m:ss)	1:34	2:05	1:44	4:57
Flickr views	1,297k		982k	-
Facebook mbrs	1,563	1,535	1,124	-

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 13 July 2022

The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, SA Inc.

Summary of minutes of the AGM held 13 July 2022 – commenced at 7:45pm.

Emergency Wardens

Brenton Gibb explained emergency response plan to members attending meeting.

Apologies:

Per attendance book

Minutes Previous AGM

Minutes of 2021 AGM were read by A Lind, moved by A Lind to be accepted, seconded Jeff Knowles, carried by members attending AGM.

President's Report

The last twelve months have flown by so quickly, and I feel we have come through the Covid Pandemic reasonably well. Our numbers at club meetings whilst down, is understandable with our average age being so high. I feel we need to encourage younger members with perhaps more modern cars to become involved in club outings and meetings and maybe take on some committee positions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Marlene and Sharon Gibb who both supplied us with supper and plated it up for us earlier in the year until restrictions were lifted, and we were allowed to go back to shared suppers.

The club was thrown into turmoil when our Historic Vehicle Registrar collapsed and it was touch and go whether he would pull through. Chris is on the mend and it is pleasing that several members have been to pay him a visit. I would like to thank both Jeff Knowles and Kevin Williams for both taking control of the situation. Jeff in particular as he stepped up and took on the role during the busy renewal time and has indicated he is willing to continue as the new Historic Registrar.

On a sad note we saw the passing of many long standing members throughout the year with many members attending their funerals to share the loss with their families.

I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their efforts over the past twelve months and in particular Alan Driver for his commitment to the club as Treasurer for over twenty years. The club is in a strong position as we move into another year with membership still high.

In finishing I would also like to thank you, the members for your support over the last twelve months.

Brenton Gibb

Secretary's Report

Another year has passed and we are still recovering from the Covid19 pandemic.

Still, plenty of correspondence being received regarding how we should deal with this in our club.

I have been secretary now since 2014 and I would like to hope that there is someone in our club who would like to take on this position in the future. I would really like to see some new blood come onto the committee as we would welcome any new ideas and people that would like to carry them out. We do have younger members in the club who might like to think about taking on this position and I

would be more than willing to talk to interested parties on what is involved in taking on this role.

I would like to thank all our committee members for their continued support and I would like to think that we are a fairly easy-going lot who would certainly enjoy some new company.

Ann Lind

Elections

President: B Gibb nominated by C Howes seconded by L Beythien elected unopposed

Vice President: G Lind nominated by C Howes seconded by K Williams elected unopposed

Secretary: A Lind nominated by C Howes seconded by S Gibb elected unopposed

Assistant Secretary: J Goddard nominated by A Lind seconded by G Lind elected unopposed

Public Relations: J Goddard nominated by A Lind seconded by G Lind elected unopposed

Treasurer: R Tapp nominated by G Lind seconded by C Howes elected unopposed

Editor: R Tapp nominated by J Dawson seconded by A Lind elected unopposed

Assistant Editor: R Haywood nominated by J Knowles seconded by G Newley elected unopposed

Librarian: J Dawson nominated by R Tapp seconded by A Lind elected unopposed

Assistant Librarian: G Dawson nominated by J Dawson seconded by B Gibb elected unopposed

Technical Liaison: J Dawson nominated by B Gibb seconded by A Lind elected unopposed

Runs Coordinator: G Lind nominated by V Isola seconded by K Williams elected unopposed

Records: S Gibb nominated by B Gibb seconded by A Lind elected unopposed

Historic Vehicle Registrar: J Knowles nominated by R Haywood seconded by G Lind elected unopposed

Assistant Historic Vehicle Registrars: K Williams nominated by B Gibb seconded by J Dawson. B Maslin nominated by G Lind seconded by K Williams. Both elected unopposed

Committee: G Newley nominated by K Williams seconded by B Gibb. B Newley nominated by G Lind seconded by J Knowles. Both elected unopposed.

Non Committee positions

Federation Rep: G Newley nominated by B Gibb seconded by K Williams elected unopposed

Catering: L Beythien (backup C Howes)

CCC Rep: V Isola

Public Officer: B Maslin

Raffle Coordinator: G Newley

Auditor: Michael Bartsch

Kevin Williams declared the AGM closed at 8:13pm

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held 13 July 2022

The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, SA Inc.

Summary of minutes of the meeting held 13 July 2022 – commenced at 8:13pm. Following AGM.

Emergency Wardens

Brenton Gibb explained emergency response plan to members attending meeting in AGM.

Apologies:

Per attendance book

New Members & Visitors

None

Sick List

Cynthia Chase – still in the Repat Hospital recovering from hip surgery, long road ahead.

Richard Tapp – having back spasms

Alan Driver – not feeling very well

Brenton Gibb advised meeting our clubs thoughts go out to those listed above and hope they a feeling better soon.

Minutes Previous Meeting

Read and moved by A Lind seconded Jeff Knowles, carried by members attending meeting.

Correspondence

In: Email CCC Committee Meeting Minutes 6-6-22; Email 22/6/22 via Richard Tapp – from Chrysler Club Andrew Ingleton re LeCornu's site at Keswick; Letter 24/6/22 received from Peter Malinauskas regarding HVR for 25 years or older if financial members of a registered club; Letter 1/7/22 received from FHMC regarding database update after our AGM; Australia Post 3/7/22 Statement of account; Email 13/7/22 Richard Tapp regarding payment of Elite printing \$1,300 for two magazines

Out: Email 23/6/22 forwarded to Jim Dawson from Owen Jarrett with queries on his 1967 VC V8 Valiant

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report not tabled as discussed in AGM – Alan Driver unable to attend tonight.

Payments: Richard Tapp - \$1300.00 for payment of 2 Elite Printing invoices

Ann Lind moved payments be accepted, seconded Chris Howes, carried by members in attendance.

Committee Reports

Runs Coordinator – G Lind: Spoke re future events. G Newley spoke re midweek run to visit Brenton Hamilton to present Life Membership.

Editor – Bob Haywood stepped in for Richard who is struggling with a back problem, Bob asked members to keep sending in articles and restoration information for the magazine.

Public Relations – J Goddard absent. B Gibb advised details on pp 20-21 of magazine

Records – Sharon advised meeting we have had 212 renewals and 20 not renewed at this time. We have 348 active members.

Librarian – Jim Dawson advised meeting that Gavin Farmer has donated two of his books to our library with written messages of thanks for members input.

Tech Rep – Jim Dawson advised meeting that he had been corresponding with a gentleman in NZ who was wanting to

know some information on his car which he believed was a factory race car – VC Valiant V8.

Jim also had a query on 1930 Chrysler tyres which Dick Hart helped him out with.

Brenton advised meeting he had also had a call from a gentleman requesting information on a 6pack RT charger which was purchased from Brenton's cousin. Turns out the gentleman was a 13-year-old keen on information regarding a family car. Brenton said it was great to hear that a 13-year-old was still interested in the old cars.

HVR – All going well, just tying up some loose ends from renewals.

Triple C – Vince advised meeting that the CCC have signed a new 5-year lease – over the 13 clubs using the clubrooms there will be a small increase to fees.

He also advised that there is to be no alcohol on the premises. It has been decided to rename the Gardener Room to Mugford/Gardener Room.

Federation Rep – No meeting held.

Past Events

No events since the Registration Day on the 4th June.

Chris Howes spoke on helping the nephews of Steve Lovell get the old car going. Kevin Williams advised meeting that he used Trevor and Lorraine Beythien's run to Mannum for the Morris Register run. Had a great lunch at the Mannum Club. Greg Newley thanked Brenton and Sharon Gibb and Greg and Ann Lind for organising a committee thank you lunch.

General Business

Brenton Gibb spoke on the upcoming presentation lunch and re voting for Ken Barnes award.

Jim Dawson advised meeting he has finished his second recording of Living History – Lindsay Gibb. Jim also advised meeting that Graham McRae was not feeling well and he had helped him to his car during the meeting.

Lorraine Beythien spoke on the PADARC Rally in Port Pirie, had a great time and very well organised. Lorraine told meeting that the Gladstone Goal is now closed to the public and no-one is sure what is going to happen to it.

Raffle

Greg Newley conducted the raffle.

Conclusion

Kevin Williams told a joke in memory of Ron Hincks President summarised the coming events and the buy and sell board.

Meeting closed at 9:00pm followed by supper.



FROM THE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held 10 August 2022

The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, SA Inc.

Summary of minutes of the meeting held 10 August 2022 – commenced at 7:47pm.

Emergency Wardens

Brenton Gibb explained emergency response plan to members attending meeting. Covid19 sheet for everyone to sign in, as well as QR code. Covid19 recommendations are to be adhered to during this meeting.

Apologies:

Per attendance book

New Members & Visitors

Brenton Gibb advised meeting that new member James Colbey has joined our Committee, welcomed him on board.

Sick List

Richard Tapp and Alan Driver.

Minutes Previous Meeting

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

Correspondence

In: 24/7/22 – Email – Michael Bartsch – Re National Tour Bank Account Statement to 2/6/22; 26/7/22 – Application for Touring Award – Michael Buxallen; 26/7/22 – Email – CCC regarding request if there had been any changes to people who require access to clubrooms; 2/8/22 – Email – CCC regarding advice re toilet in clubrooms is now operational; 4/8/22 – Email – CCC AGM minutes meeting held 1/8/22; 4/8/22 – Email – CCC Committee Meeting minutes held 1/8/22; 9/8/22 – Email – Alan Driver's son – Alan had a stroke on the 9/8/22 having MRI 10/8/22; 9/8/22 – Email – CCC Cynthia Davey toilet not working, hot water tap not working, jug has been provided.

Out: 24/7/22 – Email – Michael Bartsch – requesting National Tour Account Balance; 24/7/22 – Email – Secretary FHMC & Cynthia Davey – CCC – Updated Club details as at 13/7/22 AGM; 26/7/22 – Email – CCC in response to their email regarding any changes to people who require access to the clubrooms after AGM – advised no changes.

Treasurer's Report

Richard Tapp not at meeting due to illness. Ann Lind presented report sent by Richard Tapp to Brenton Gibb. Total at bank 27/7/22 - \$41,064.24 including National Rally Reserve.

Ann Lind moved financial report be accepted, seconded Kevin Williams, carried by members attending.

Committee Reports

Runs Coordinator – Greg Lind: Spoke re future events

Editor – Richard was absent, however Bob Haywood spoke to the members requesting new articles and any restoration stories

Public Relations – Details on pp 20-21 of magazine

Records – All going well, 11 members still to renew

Librarian – Jim advised meeting 1 book has been loaned out tonight. Plenty of good books and manuals available. Chris Howes advised meeting that Gavin Farmer has recently had a stroke, recovering slowly.

Tech Rep – Jim Dawson: Has been fairly quiet.

HVR: Brenton advised meeting he has spoken with Heather and Chris is now home using a walking frame. Brenton spoke to Chris on the phone, sounds really good. Jeff advised meeting all is going well, he has been contacted by Steve Lovell's nephews who arranged a new log book for Steve's car.

Triple C – Vince Isola: Vince advise meeting the reading room will now be known as the Mugford/Read reading room. Vince advised he attended the CCC AGM, all 13 clubs turned up and all committee members have been re-elected. Cynthia & Brian Davey have been committee members for 28 years. New 5-year lease has been signed with the council. Vince advised meeting to check any cans of drink in the fridge as some are out of date. CCC has a balance of \$13,106.31 in the bank.

Federation Rep – Greg Newley Nothing to report, next meeting in August.

Past Events

Brenton Gibb thanked Greg and Ann Lind for organising the run to the bakery, its not that easy to find places that can accommodate us all.

Kevin Williams spoke on the bakery run, was a great morning, had a separate area for us at Prices Bakery on North East Road,

Greg Newley also said the bakery run was great and took a drive through the foggy Adelaide hills to get home

Garry Williams advised the meeting that 16 club cars and 1 modern attended the bakery run on a wet soggy day. Good to see the old cars out on a day like that.

Greg Newley spoke on the mid-week run to Victor Harbor to present Brenton Hamilton with his life membership badge. Greg advised meeting Brenton was very emotional. Club members attending included Trevor and Lorraine Beythien, Doug Sweetman, Kevin and Barb Williams and Bob and Elaine Haywood, Doug organised lunch at a hotel and Brenton was presented with his life membership badge at the hotel. Brenton's wife Norma was very happy and excited for Brenton.

Kevin Williams spoke on his disaster moment when he split his back tyre coming out of Mt Compass. His new hydraulic jack would not fit under the car and had to resort to calling the RAA. After fixing the tyre Kevin and Barb continued to Victor Harbor for Brenton's presentation of his life membership.

General Business

Chris Howes asked the meeting if anyone can get hold of a 16mm projector. He is going through some films at the Birdwood Museum and has come across some very interesting Chrysler, Dodge films.

Brenton Gibb advised meeting he had received an email from Ron Monck who belongs to the Police Historical Society. They are looking for a guest speaker for their AGM on the 2nd September. Brenton said he may attend as speaker if no-one else can be found.

Raffle

Greg Newley conducted the raffle.

Conclusion

Kevin Williams told a joke in memory of Ron Hincks President summarised the coming events.

Meeting closed at 8:40 pm followed by supper.

PAST EVENTS

Morning Tea Bakery Run

17 July 2022

Sunday 17 July was chosen by Ann and Greg Lind for our July Club run with a mystery destination to a Bakery morning tea. Apparently, their selection of venues was quite a task, finding a suitable venue to suit our members and enough car parking. Their final decision was Price's Bakery at Windsor Gardens. Well planned except for the weather.

We met at the CCC Club rooms sheltering from the elements under the verandah until departure time. An interesting drive through the Eastern suburbs under damp conditions saw us arriving at Windsor Gardens at around 10.00am.

We were allocated our own room, and wasn't long

before we were enjoying a nice hot tea or coffee and that favourite pastry or fruit bun from their great selection.

The morning was very well attended, with members enjoying the cosy atmosphere and a good chat. As the morning passed members began to depart to the comfort of home although there was a small number stayed on having a second "cuppa" and enjoying the company.

Many thanks Ann and Greg for your time and effort in putting together another great outing.

Ellen and Bob Haywood

Photos: Bob Haywood



PAST EVENTS

Morning Tea Bakery Run (2008)

16 November 2008

July 2022 was not our first visit to Prices Bakery. We also went there 14 years ago in 2008. The photos below are of some of the cars that attended back then.

Richard Tapp



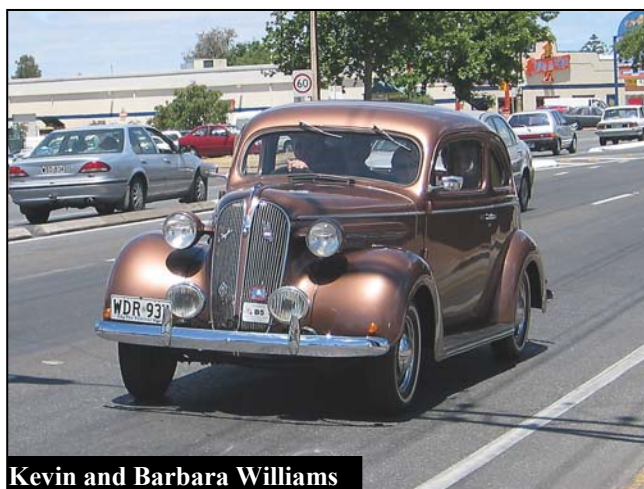
Bob and Ellen Haywood



Ron (♣) and Pat Hincks



Lindsay and Marlene Gibb



Kevin and Barbara Williams



Brenton and Norma Hamilton



Terry and Dilys Jones

LIVING HISTORIES

Ian Webber

Part 2 of Jim Dawson's interview with Ian Webber, recorded 14 April 2022

Interviewer (Int) Jim Dawson

Ian Webber (I W)

Int That's a wonderful accolade for the man. (David Brown - Ed)

So what can you tell us about the introduction of the Valiant here. Was there a great deal of engineering that had to be done here in Australia to make them workable on our roads rather than, you know, the interstates of the US?

I W Well there was because for a start Chrysler wasn't really interested in right hand drive. In fact, the whole design of the Valiant was biased to make it better in left hand drive because it gave more room on the driver's side of the tunnel. So when the car was turned over to right hand drive, there were a number of problems, some of which the Americans considered insurmountable and it was only Roy Rainsford who came up with the solutions that made it very workable in right hand drive.

Those early Valiants had a remote oil filter that was connected to the engine by flexible hose. That was to get the oil filter out of the way of the steering gear. So there was a lot of debate about whether the right hand drive was even a viable proposition, but ultimately they



were convinced, and this is where David Brown, because of his engineering background and, I suspect, a considerable credibility within Chrysler in the US was able to convince them to design this right hand drive version.

Int So most of that engineering was done in the US. Rather than here?

I W Absolutely, yes. Except I

think the design of the oil filter, the relocation of the oil filter was local work.

Int And I think the US versions had 13 inch wheels and very wisely 14 inch wheels were applied to the cars here. Given our roads, yes?

I W Yes, yes.

Int So then, to Chrysler in England 1964.

I W Yes, so let's say I went over there to marry my dearly beloved wife, Christine, and at that time, as I think I said, I was working in trucks in Chrysler Australia, so I went to work for the Dodge Brothers in Britain, Kew in London, and I was there for about 18 months.

And then Roy Rainsford offered me the job of chief truck engineer back here. So I came back to Australia and continued working on trucks, probably for the next three or four years.

Int It was a period of great expansion for Chrysler Australia.



UK Dodge truck

LIVING HISTORIES

Ian Webber (ctd)



AP5 Valiant

Tonsley Park opened in 1964 for manufacturing, the merger/acquisition of the Rootes Group and inheriting their Melbourne production facilities, and then Lonsdale in 1966. What was the engineering department like in those days?

I W Well, I think I must have gone, I can't remember exactly, I think I went straight from truck engineering to the plant engineering division and I was thrown into this because I was an engineer and we designed the, I was working for a marvellous man called Marco Burse, who was an expert on conveyor systems and sets like and I was helping him to design the final line at Tonsley Park.

Int Right, and I understand that all the plant engineering for Lonsdale was done in-house so it must have been quite a lot of juggling going on in those times.

I W Yes, well, because a lot of it you'd, you would, it was as much dealing with suppliers of this equipment. I mean, you had to specify what you wanted, but the actual detailed design tended to be done by the mechanical handling people.

But it was. It was an exciting time and I can remember spending 30 hours nonstop working up to the launch of the final line when it

finally went into production and so it was very exciting.

Int So that's the AP5?

I W It was the AP5, that's right.

Int And that was a very successful car for the company I believe?

I W Yes, well, it was the start of the Valiant era really because the S Series and the R Series were only in, you know, relatively small numbers and of course with the so-called local content plan, as the volume went up, so did the local content have to go up.

I can remember, I know it was an AP5 because we were building these conveyor systems that were

up in the air called power and free conveyors where we were trying to work out how to use this in the final line at Tonsley Park. Anyway, one of the devices didn't work correctly, so an AP5 body came off the end of the conveyor and crashed 30 feet to the ground. So I do remember that!

Int He said, well, yes!

I W And that was definitely an AP5 body, so...

Int How much lead time went into a change in model for example? We've got the AP5, AP6, VC and the VE and then obviously they were starting to think about the change from the slant 6 to the D engine.

I W Well, we were locked in, pretty much we were locked into the American uhm, model changes largely. I mean you could. You could fudge it for a few months, but you couldn't, you really couldn't stay with the old model for much after the end of their model year.

So for those first few years, that's why there was an AP6. AP5 and AP6. We're still using a lot of American content. AP7 was the VC, still a lot of American content. It really wasn't until we got to VG that you got the 95% Australian content because that's when we brought in the D engine.

Int The development of that engine largely took place here in Australia?



VG Valiant

LIVING HISTORIES

Ian Webber (ctd)



D engine - hemi 6

I understand it was a truck engine they discarded in the US.

I W Well I don't say they discarded it but they didn't use it right, because it had quite a few innovative features, such as an alleged hemi head. Although it really, I think it had to be fairly good imagination to see it as a hemi, but umm, cast crankshaft, which was unusual for its era and so yes it was a very modern engine.

Int And it proved to be very successful for the company, but the development of it largely took place here?

I W Yes, it did. It had only reached a certain point in the States and we had to pick it up from there,

Int After the VG we, well controversy reigns over the going to the VH, which was seen to be being very large when Holden were downsizing to the Commodore and what have you so, you were around the place when the planning for that range of vehicles came out?

I W I was and yes, you know with the wisdom of hindsight I can remember Roy Rainsford saying he wished that they had continued on with the VG for another couple more years because there were things we could have done rather than rushing into the VH, which was a massive programme and it really was out of step, I think you'd

have to say, with changing taste at the time.

Int What do you recall of the development of the Charger?

I W Well, the Charger, the original, the original product plan for the VH Series was a sedan, a long wheelbase sedan, a two door hardtop, the station wagon and probably the ute. I can't remember, but the point was that the two door hardtop was a fad in America at the time, so everybody said you've got to have one in your product line up. Well, it became pretty clear that it wasn't really the way to go and it was David Brown, God bless his cotton socks, who got the bright idea of taking the (because there

was a lot of tooling involved in the two door hardtop), the special long door and the door hardware, the changed angle of the windscreen, and so on, he got the bright idea of building this specialty coupe off using as much as possible of the already expended money that had gone into the two door hardtop.

So he did all this quite secretly and he didn't tell anybody in Detroit till the programme was virtually completed and he needed some money to finish it off, by which time it was largely a fait accompli.

Int And the Americans?

I W Uh, I don't think it impressed the yanks too much, but it got us this the Charger and....

Int "Car of the Year" and certainly one of the most successful...

I W Yes, individual of the vehicles that we built, yes.

Int So 1971, you pick up sticks and take up the role of Chief Engineer with Chrysler in South Africa.

What was Vorster's South Africa like in 1971?

I W Well, it was, it was a funny country. I mean the only reason I went to South Africa is because David Brown had been appointed the Vice President International, that covered both Australia and South Africa. Logically, that meant that they were going to take the VH



Hey Charger!

LIVING HISTORIES

Ian Webber (ctd)



South African Chrysler L with slant 6

Valiant from Australia rather than the models from the States, right. Something that didn't fill them with a great deal of enthusiasm I have to tell you but, anyway, that was the game and so yes, I went over there, sort of to launch the VH Valiant in South Africa.

We lived, it's been a source of great surprise to me that we, we felt as safe as we did because we lived on the very edge of Pretoria and, uh, right next to us was an abandoned farmhouse that was used at the weekends by the black community living in the area to have a big booze up next door.

But we never, ever felt any sense of fear. I look back on it and I wonder why not? I mean, maybe 'cause you were just too ignorant of the realities.

We never really had anything to do with the Bantu as they were called. They were a community that lived in their own communities away from white communities. And so, you know, there was a true separation, and if you were young and thoughtless, as I think we were, we just accepted it for what it was and got on with it.

Int And so the VH Valiant range was entirely produced, stamped and everything in South Africa or it was coming from Australia or?

I W Coming from Australia.

Int OK, so CKD kits again?

I W Although the CKD programme in South Africa worked in a different way. There it was based on weight, not value, so they built the engine. They were building engines in South Africa long before we were.

Int And they were using Slant Six engines for that, so they never took the D engine?

I W A Slant Six engine.

Int And they were building that whole engine in South Africa?

I W Yes, right, and rear axle assemblies because they had hypoid milling machines, and because the heaviest parts of the car were the ones that they got the greatest benefit from their content programme, sure.

Int You're there in South Africa and then you take up the role of Deputy Managing Director and that was about 1974?

I W Early 74.

Int Excuse my ignorance, but is that sort of the start of a transition from engineering to businessman?

I W Yes, I think that's right. I think engineering gives you a good start in from the business point of view. But that was yes, I became, but not that long afterwards I was asked either to be the Chief Engineer of Chrysler UK. or the Managing Director of Chrysler Australia so I came back here, late 1974.

Int And what would be the highlight, your best memory, of your time in South Africa?

I W It is a lovely country. It's about the size of New South Wales. It's full of the most beautiful scenery and of course socially, it's an extremely interesting country. With all of these crosscurrents of racial conflict, but also, you know it's a very interesting colourful country and it's a beautiful country physically. So yes, we really enjoyed our time in South Africa, but of course you go to places like the Kruger National Park, animals, you know, our children thought this was marvellous.

Continued next issue.



South African Barracuda Formula S

PAST EVENTS

Brenton Hamilton - Life Membership

3 August 2022

On Wednesday 3rd of August a group of club members including Doug Sweetman, Kevin and Barbara Williams, Lorraine and Trevor Beythien, Greg and Denise Newley and Bob Haywood travelled to Victor Harbor to present Brenton Hamilton with his Life Membership badge.

We had arranged for Norma to meet us at his nursing home and she had told him that some of the club members were coming to visit him. He was surprised to see the old Chrysler products parked in the drive way but was overcome when Greg said a few words about his service to the club and presented him with his Life Member's badge. It was a bit emotional for us all but I think that Brenton was both surprised and appreciative.

We all had lunch at the Hotel Victor where the men talked cars and the women enjoyed each other's company. It was good to catch up with a few club members we hadn't seen for a while.

Thank you Doug for organizing the hotel lunch and Bob for transporting Brenton to and from the nursing home and acting as official photographer.

On the trip to Victor we may have

had a candidate for a minor disaster award but that is another story.

Thank you to the club members

who were able to come along. It was a good day.

Denise Newley

Photos: Bob Haywood



RESTORATION STORIES

Brenton Hamilton - Life Membership

AWARD OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Brenton and Norma first joined the club in 1990. Brenton soon became an involved member, joining the committee and helping out anywhere help was required. He put his name forwarding in 1998 to organize a mass exodus to the Wollongong rally and arranged the route, the places to stay, the places to eat along the way to Canberra, and then on to Wollongong. There were about 40 cars involved. It seemed to be a logistical nightmare at some of the caravan parks, but everyone pulled together and it added to the enjoyment of the trip.

Later he went on to organize the 2001 rally at West Beach. Brenton liked to do things his way, crossing all the t's and dotting all the i's. He went on to help organize the trip to the Geelong rally.

Brenton was president of the club in the 2000 and 2001 calendar

years. He was always doing odd jobs for the club or anyone who needed help while working as a courier and restoring his own cars. He always had the support and help of Norma.

Brenton trained as a plumber and was called up for National Service. He joined the Regular Army and was the chef for the officers at Duntroon. He later left the army and worked in the north west of Australia, working at or

managing hotels. He was in Darwin when Cyclone Tracy hit.

Norma and Brenton liked to hold New Year's Eve parties at their house and many club members were invited and had very pleasant get togethers in their home.

Congratulations Brenton on being awarded Life Membership of the Chrysler Restores Club of South Australia.

Greg Newley



PAST EVENTS

2022 Presentation Luncheon

14 August 2022

The annual Presentation Lunch was held at Parafield Gardens Community Club.

It was noted that Brenton Hamilton had been presented with Life Membership earlier in the month at Victor Harbor.

Life Membership was awarded to Neil Wormald and to Bob Haywood.

Member of the Year (Ken Barnes Award) was awarded to Ann Lind by Carol Barnes.



PAST EVENTS

2022 Presentation Luncheon (ctd)

The recipients of the President's Award were Greg and Ann Lind.



Les Johnson had the misfortune to be presented with the newly renovated (by John Goddard) Disaster award.



The recipient of the Allan Toull Award was Vince Isola



The Ron McNair Memorial Trophy has been retired to the Library with Judy McNair's agreement.

Bob Haywood

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2022 Presentation Luncheon (ctd)



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