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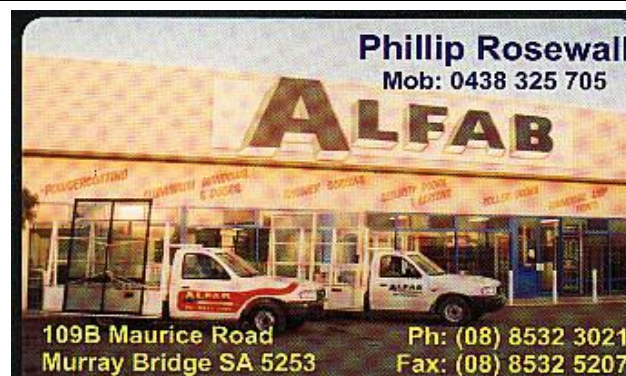
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CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT COMMITTEE:	to be formed.		
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	Club Fees	Membership \$35 (including children up to 16 years)	

**** (No change to fees for 2017/18, making membership in our Club most cost effective) ****

ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE RELEVANT OFFICER

FOR SALE

Club Car Badges are available at Club meetings or by contacting Roy Bretag. \$17.50 each.

OUR COVER PICTURES:

Main picture: Garry and Jean Northey, with their 1966 Ford Mustang.

Other pictures: (Left) Front interior, showing left hand drive. (Right) Front grill with "Mustang" logo badge.

(Photographs taken at the "Cruise Night" to Swanport Reserve in February of this year.)

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
April 29 th /30 th (w/end)	Pinnaroo Campout	Alan & Marlene Hagger
April 30 th (Sunday)	South Coast Run	Graham & Maureen Edwards
May 21 st (Sunday)	Biggest Morning Tea Run	Lyn West
June 6 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
June 25 th (Sunday)	(Proposed) Military Museum Run	To be advised
July 4 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
July 9 th (Sunday)	Pub Run	John & Vicki Courtney
July 11 th (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
August 1 st (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
August 6 th (Sunday)	(Proposed) Barossa Run	Maurice Emmerson
September 1 st (Friday)	Drive Your Old Vehicle Day	To be advised
September 5 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
September 13 th (Wed.)	Ladies' Day Run	Brenda & Les Cowie
September 23 rd (Sat.)	Murray Bridge Show	Jeff & Aileen Martin
October 3 rd (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
October 20 th -22 nd (w/end)	Twin Bridges Rally	Rally Committee
October 29 th (Sunday)	Callington Show	To be advised
November 7 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
November 14 th (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
November 18 th (Saturday)	Murray Bridge Pageant	To be advised
November 26 th (Sunday)	Mal Fountain Run	Darren Fountain
December 5 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
December 10 th (Sunday)	Christmas Picnic	To be advised
December 13 th (Wed.)	Cherry Picking Run	To be advised

Other Events of Interest

May 6 th (Saturday)	Farmers' Market at the Wharf	** Members invited to take their vehicles for a Run to the Wharf.
May 21 st (w/end)	Kernewek Lowender	Info this issue
June 3 rd (Saturday)	Farmers' Market at the Wharf	** (as above)
June 18 th (Sunday)	Sedan Swap Meet	Info this issue
August 20 th (Sunday)	Willunga Swap Meet	Info this issue
September 10 th (Sunday)	Gawler Swap Meet	Info this issue
September 24 th (Sunday)	Bay to Birdwood	Info this issue
October 15 th (Sunday)	Strathalbyn Swap Meet	Info this issue

(For more information on any of the above, please contact the Club Secretary)

PROCEDURES FOR ORGANIZING CLUB RUNS

Anyone organizing a Club Run is responsible for supplying relevant information about the coming event for the Newsletter prior to the event. They are also responsible for a Run report for the Newsletter following the event. (This can be delegated to another person – but the organizer is responsible for getting the article to the editor). Please note that there are available spaces, in the Club Calendar, for members to offer their services in organizing a Club Run.

Congratulations!



70th BIRTHDAY

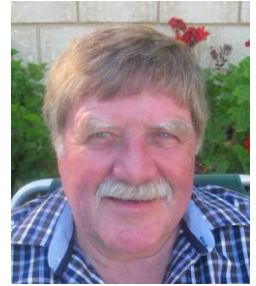
To be celebrated by

LYN HAEBICH

On 17/5/17.

Retiring President's Report

G'day everyone.



Three years ago, you may remember, I reluctantly accepted the nomination for President of this Club. It was not so much that I did not want to do the job, it was just that I was enjoying my time sitting at the back of the hall. However, it is an honour to have been able to serve this Club in this position and it has really been a quite pleasant. In particular, I would like to thank Brenda for her attempts to keep me on the rails and organised, it mostly worked! I would also like to thank the committee members with whom I have worked, for they are the ones that have done the real WORK.

I think it appropriate to make special mention here of Alan Hagger. I commented on Alan's "retirement" from official Club duties at the AGM. In the time I have been part of this Club, Alan has always been at the forefront of our Historic Registration administration and done a very good job of it. I know he has been involved in many aspects of the Club prior to that, as well as Marlene. To both of you, enjoy your "retirement". You have both earned it.

Congratulations to Claude in accepting the nomination for President and subsequently being voted into the position. I am sure the Club is in good hands.

So that is about it from me. But don't cheer too loudly, I am not going anywhere. You will still hear from me as the Federation Rep. and perhaps occasionally filling in for Claude. Also, perhaps the honorary position of trying to keep Neil Schubert in line (not really possible). I also intend to put out a new membership directory when all the memberships are finalised, probably about August, so please make sure your membership renewal forms have been updated with your correct information. Please note this includes life members. The data base and, ultimately, the membership directory, is only as accurate as the information you give me.

Thank you all for your patience over these three years.

John Courtney

Historic Registration 2017/2018

You have until the end of the June Meeting to renew your membership otherwise transport SA will be notified you are no longer a Member of the Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge. Shortly afterwards you'll receive a letter from them advising your conditional registration has been cancelled.

Below is a Checklist to Get Your Logbook Endorsed

- ☐ Membership card /receipt
- ☐ Statutory Declaration complete & signed
- ☐ Registration Papers
- ☐ Logbook
- ☐ If New logbook needed \$3 each
- ☐ Stamped self-addressed envelope
- ☐ No Valuables pens or leather covers,
- ☐ Please ensure your Vehicles have been inspected. An inspection date after June 2015 must be sighted in your logbook or your log book will not be processed.

Kindest Regards

Registration Team

(Jamie, Kym, and Darren)

THE LATEST ON OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

The Provisional Member of 2015/16 who has, in the past 12 months, met with our Club's criteria and is now eligible for Full Membership is:-

- Trudy Kirk of Mulgundawah.

Congratulations Trudy and we look forward to your continued company and support of our Club.

Our latest Provisional Members for 2016/17 are:-

- Dennis and Gail Gullickson of Murray Bridge 1969 Datsun 2000 Sports Convertible
- Trevor and Gloria Mundy of Murray Bridge 1955 FJ Holden Utility

A warm welcome is extended to you all and we look forward to enjoying your company at our Club functions and outings in the future.

Neil Schubert (Membership Officer).

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Goes to **Maureen and Graham Edwards** and family, on the sad loss of Maureen's sister, **Lorraine Denton**, on 29/3/17.

Also to **Kevin and Carmen Brincatt-Cotton** on the passing of Kevin's mother, **Roma Egel / Cotton**, on 4/4/17.



To these fellow Club members, we offer our sincerest condolences, as we do to any other members who may have experienced the recent loss of a loved one or friend.

CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

February Meeting

Sale:

- 1953 Morris Commercial Truck, ex-PMG truck with ladder and hoist (restored – good condition. Ben Wye (8381380).
- 400 Crown bottle tops \$2 (ea.?) 85 324209.
- 2008 Triumph America motor cycle; 9600 km. (Sale due to illness). \$8000. Ph. 0400257421.
- Holden 65 HD ute. Good front, rusty back. Tony (0401123783).

March Meeting

Sale:

- 1950 Morris LC3 Truck, good order. Jim (0427354229).

April Meeting

Sell:

- 1953 Morris Commercial (ex PMG) vehicle – Ben Wye (8381380).
- Triumph America m/bike, 9600 km. \$8000 – 000257421.

Wanted:

- Truck tyre 2 hand 700-20 750-20 – R. Watkins (0466971722).

FROM THE EDITOR

Hi there,

Now the A.G.M. is over, it is time to thank all the retiring Office Bearers and to welcome in the new crew. It is always good for our Club to experience changes in personnel and ideas. Congratulations to those "newies" who are willing to give it a go and, of course, our thanks go to all who are continuing on in their roles. A warm welcome goes to Claude, in the "top spot". We should mention Mary Rowley, who volunteered to Chair the Election of Officers at the AGM, in the absence of our Patron, Howard Wright. Mary is a "seasoned performer" at conducting meetings and she kept the process moving beautifully. Everyone present greatly appreciated her professionalism.

My personal, and very sincere, thanks go to John, our retiring President, who has weathered innumerable requests and questions from me in connection with putting out this Magazine over the time of his three years in office. Unfailingly, he has responded with his reliable calmness and efficiency. I am exceedingly grateful, John. Thanks for electing Tom and me back again as the Editorial team. However, as I announced at the meeting, this will be our last year in these roles. I would encourage anyone interested in the positions to have a chat with me about what the roles entail and, if desired, to work with me during this coming year in order to effect a smooth changeover. I am more than willing to offer my support to the new editor in any way I can. It is an interesting job and is one which I have always enjoyed. It certainly keeps you in touch with what is going on in our Club. So, don't be bashful – have a go. After all, that's just what I did many years ago.

Good Reading and "Stay tuned" - Lyn.

Please note!

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Would members who organize Club Runs please write a report on their run and deliver to Lyn West either by post/hand delivery to the letter box at 55 Verdun Road, Murray Bridge, 5253, or email to <lyntomwest@gmail.com>? Coming events information and any other articles for the Newsletter should be passed on in the same way. To ensure inclusion in the Newsletter, articles should reach the Editor **AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR** to the June, August or October meetings.

Many thanks for your cooperation – Lyn W.

ON THE SICK LIST

There are a few of our members who have had hospital trips of late and we send our good wishes for their speedy recoveries.

Special thoughts go to Rosemary and Glen Boerth, and family. Some weeks ago, Rosemary suffered a severe stroke and a very challenging time for this family has ensued. Rosemary is now out of hospital and is in a care facility in Hahndorf. Glen has told us that she has begun to recognise her loved ones. Our thoughts and best wishes go to you all.

News from Other Clubs

Kernewek Lowender: Entries are now open to register for the RAA Rosewornes Classic Cavalcade of Cars to be held on Sunday May 21st 2017. Ph. 08 8821 4500; email:

kernewek@coppercoast.sa.gov.au.

12th SEDAN AUTO SWAP MEET 18th June 2017. Presented by Sedan Recreation Park & Sports Club Inc Sedan Recreation Park & Sports Club Park Cambrai - Sedan Road. Further info -Dennis McCarthy 0427 120 640 E mail - fordman1916@gmail.com.

20th August 2017 23rd WILLUNGA SWAP MEET to be held at the Lions Reserve, Binney Road, Willunga, South Australia. Contact Tony 0427 947 942. Further details at:- www.willungalions.com.au

Gawler Swapmeet, 10th September, 2017. Gawler Sport and Community Centre, Nixon Terrace, Gawler in South Australia. Contact Mike Williams 0407 605 354 for further information or visit website

www.gawlercarclub.com

Bay to Birdwood Classic, 24th September, 2017. Open to vehicles manufactured post 1960. For more details visit www.baytobirdwood.com.au

Strathalbyn Swapmeet, Oct. 15th (Sunday) Gates open 5.30 am SELLERS 6.30 am BUYERS.

The 32nd Annual Swap Meet will be held Strathalbyn Harness Racing Club Milne Road Strathalbyn. Contact Deidre 85528982 for details.

Coming Events

PINNAROO CAMPOUT (29th & 30th April, 2017)

- Make your way to Pinnaroo on Friday or Saturday morning. Hope you have booked your accommodation at the Caravan Park, Motel or Hotel.
- Friday night – members go to Hotel for tea.
- Saturday: Leave the Showgrounds at 1:00 p.m. SHARP!
Ladies – please bring a plate of afternoon tea, as it is the MB Auto Collectors Club's turn to cater this year.
- Saturday night: 5:00 p.m. Please bring everything for the BBQ tea (small table, chairs, plates, cutlery, meat, bread, drinks, etc., for yourself) along with a SALAD and a SWEET to pool.
- Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Games at the Wetlands Park. MB Auto Collectors Club to arrange the games.

Please come along and enjoy a great weekend.

Contact Marlene and Alan Hagger (85 354077) or put your name/s on the sheet at the Annual General Meeting.

SOUTH COAST RUN (30/4/17)

South Coast Run to the "SOUTHERN FLEURIEU HISTORICAL MUSEUM" at Port Elliot

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- ** 8-45am -- **SHARP** -- Leaving Johnstone Park Clubrooms.
- ** 10 am -- **Morning Tea. BYO everything.** -- Soldiers Memorial Garden area Strathalbyn, near the Swimming pool.
- ** **Women's Business.**
Immediately following morning tea while the men talk amongst themselves, kick tyres and look under bonnet's at whatever it is they look at under bonnet's, ladies will have the opportunity for a quick visit to the nearby Strathalbyn Community Arts & Craft Centre. The shop has hand made item's **for sale**, or simply go for a look. (Men too if it's your scene).
- ** 12 Noon -- **Lunch at HMVC Clubrooms** (Victor Harbor Car Club)
- ** **COST** -- \$15 per head maximum. Includes B.B.Q. with Salad, Desert & a Soft Drink.
- ** 1-30pm -- **Visit "Southern Fleurieu Historical Museum" – Port Elliot.**
- ** **COST**-- \$5 per head.
- ** Leave for home in your own time and any which way.
- ** **FINAL** run sheet, directions and map available on departure.

RUN SHEET WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

For any Further details, contact Maureen and Graham Edwards. 85321175 or 0428813070

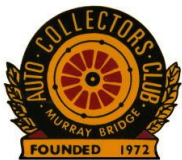
BIGGEST MORNING TEA RUN (21/5/17)

Arrive at the Clubrooms at 9:30 a.m. for a **9:45 a.m.** start. We will be travelling to the Mabbitt's home for morning tea (corner of Thiele and Ross Roads – East side). If you wish you can go direct to the Mabbitt's.

- 10:00 a.m. – Biggest Morning Tea of scones, jam and cream, with tea/coffee all provided. Those who wish may make a donation to the "Biggest Morning Tea Cancer Appeal" which will be greatly appreciated.
- There is seating available at the Mabbitt's, but please bring your chairs/table, etc., for use at lunchtime.
- After morning tea, a very short Run is on the agenda. We will be visiting the Museum room at the RSL Clubrooms at 11:00 a.m.
- After the museum, we will head off for Swanport Reserve and regroup for a packed lunch (B.Y.O.). If the weather is not agreeable, the Mabbitts have kindly offered to host us back at their place, under shelter again.

As this will be a really short Run, it may be an opportunity to bring out your older vehicles if you wish.

Please fill in the Run Sheet at the May Meeting or contact Tom or Lyn West (85 326908).



ACCMB 7TH BIENNIAL TWIN BRIDGES RALLY

20th, 21st, 22nd October, 2017

(Please note change of time from previous years)



Hope to see you there!

Roy Bretag (Rally Coordinator)

Contact: roy.bretag@bigpond.com or P.O. Box 2124, MURRAY BRIDGE, 5253.

TWIN BRIDGES RALLY

ATTENTION LADIES

While our Rally Sponsors are generous with items for our raffle draws during the weekend, they are predominantly weighted towards men.

If any lady club members would like to make and donate any items suitable for ladies' prizes, they will be most welcome. Small items will be put together as a package. If you have a talent in knitting, crochet, embroidery, quilting or other craft and are willing to contribute something, no matter how small (eg a covered coat hanger) it will be gratefully received.

You may wish to indicate your intentions to donate to the Ladies' TBR committee. Listed are their names and phone numbers. **Maureen** (0428 813 070) **Elaine** (0438 425 791) **Ricky** (0434 945 504).

You will have from now until the **30th September** to complete and hand your donation to T.B.Rally Committee members, Maureen, Elaine or Ricky. *THANK YOU*

GAWLER TO BAROSSA VETERAN & VINTAGE RUN – 2017 (9TH April)

I was lucky enough to be invited to attend the Run, organised by the Gawler Vet. Vintage & Classic Car Club. Friend and fellow Car Club member, Alan Hagger (read "Guru") asked me if I was interested in joining him in his beautifully restored (practically "re-made") 1929 Graham Paige 615 Roadster. I saw myself as a "professional Graham Paige passenger" and said "Yes!"

The event was superbly organised in all areas, with marshals to show the way, etc., etc. Morning tea at Lyndoch was scrumptious and lunch and facilities at Greenock were fantastic. The biggest thrill was the number of entrants, well over 50, including 1 motorcycle. The vehicles were absolutely tremendous, some makes I have never heard of (not that that's anything to write home about).

Amongst the vehicles were:-

1904 De Dion

1925 Arrol-Johnston Tourer (WHAT??!)

Dodges, Willys, Overlands, Fords, Buicks, Nash, Essex, Amilcar, Chevrolets, Standard, Swift, Citroen, Hudsons,

Studebakers, a Rolls Royce (1924 Doctors Coupe) and, of course, a lovely 1929 Graham Paige Roadster from our Club.

What a great day – some rain, but that didn't take the shine off anything. I had a great time, thanks to Alan and to Marlene, who gave up her seat to me because of "grandma duties".

It is an event not to be missed and is on again next year.

(Many thanks to my dear, Assistant Editor, Tom, for penning this "filler" article for our Magazine. He also took the photos below. – Ed.)



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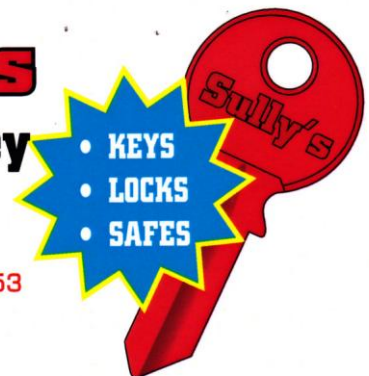
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Run Reports



Assistant Registrar, Kym Schubert, attends to business on the Cruise Night.

CRUISE NIGHT (10/2/17)

After some quite hot weather, this cruise run was an extremely pleasant change. In fact, I can't think of a better way to spend a warm summer evening than sitting under the shady trees of Swanport Reserve, having a cool drink and a good yarn in very pleasant company. This was only improved by having a great array of vehicles to check out. Sometimes something proved so interesting that one had to actually rise from one's seat and have a closer look. Some of these vehicles we see regularly, some not so regularly. The attraction was, of course, the ability to have the vehicles inspected, to comply with our club rules and DPTI requirements for Conditional Registration. Our thanks must go, of course, to Darren and

his team, who were kept busy for quite some time. Well done fellows.

And that was it. Not much happened really, just a very enjoyable evening was had by all. Then as some started to leave, we were treated to some hill climbing demonstrations,

some more dramatic than others, but all ultimately successful. It did seem that the cheering helped, perhaps more so than some of the advice offered! At least no one was left behind. As I said, just a good night.

(Thanks, John, for organising this function and for writing this report. It was a most pleasant outing, indeed – Ed.)



Some of the vehicles presented to the Registrars on Cruise Night.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE (19/2/17)



The line-up of cars in front of the Palmer Gem and Mineral Clubrooms.

Brenda and Les Cowie met some of the members at the Clubrooms to lead them over to Palmer and other members made their own way there. All arrived for their morning tea and found themselves a place to sit with friends. There were 29 cars (10 modern and 21 collectables) with 57 Car Club members and 6 Gem Club members. The weather started out a bit fresh but it turned out to be quite a nice day. Luckily, we were able to seat every one inside.

The interest shown by the Club members in the demonstrations, workshop, the book sales and the display cabinets made us feel good and was a true indication that you were all enjoying the day. The camaraderie of the Car Club members is a pleasure to see.

Many thanks to the Gem Club people for putting in their time and helping to make the day interesting. A special thanks goes to Gary Northey for all his help in setting up, cooking and cleaning. Also, thank you to Brenda Cowie for chipping in where needed - we can always rely on you.

We hope you all enjoyed the day as much as we enjoyed showing you our new-look Clubrooms and some of the things that we do there. We also love being part of the Car Club because you are all a great, friendly bunch of people.

(As are Terry and June Mabbitt, who are always positive, active members of our Club and we thank them for organising this very popular Club Run and for supplying this Report. Thanks to Pat Jennings for photos. – Ed.)



Doug Hughes (Gem Club member) and Jean Northey (ACCMB and Gem Club member) demonstrate their patience and skill in polishing gemstones.

PRESENTATION NIGHT (25/3/17)

The Annual Presentation Dinner this year was held at the Murray Bridge Bowling Club on Saturday March 25th.

The gathering of 55 members comprised of some new and not so new members, including some who were founding members of the club when it was formed some 45 years ago. President John Courtney welcomed them all, then briefly explained the night's proceedings, after which everyone resumed earnestly trying to solve the world's problems, or perhaps just relaxing in the beautifully presented Bowling Clubrooms.

The main course was served, unfortunately not the "alternative drop" as expected, but delicious none the less. Then the official part of the evening began. John Courtney, ably assisted by, Brenda Cowie, commenced with the presentation of the Keeper Trophies to the winners from the 2015/2016 year.

Then it was on to the presentation of the Perpetual Trophy winners for 2016/2017.

Valvoline Trophy – Most points scored for attending meetings & runs.

2016/2017 -- Brenda & Les Cowie

Patron's Run Trophy – Winners of competition set by Patron.

2016/2017 – Brenda & Les Cowie

Presidents Trophy – Member chosen by President for continuing Club support.

2016/2017 – Roy & Elaine Bretag

Sausage Sizzle – Winner of quiz set by organizer of run.

2016/2017 -- Paul Wade

Ladies Day – Winner of quiz set by organizer of run.

2016/2017 – Ricky Kaak

Economy Run – Members on run to determine amount of fuel used by nominated car.

2016/2017 – Basil & Lyn Zadow

Most Improved Vehicle – Progressive restoration viewed by judging panel during year for nominated vehicles.

2016/2017 – Aileen & Jeff Martin – 1964 EH Holden Station Wagon

Mal Fountain Memorial Run

2016/2017 – Peter & Yvonne Mach

Vernon & Cecily Graetz , who were among the founding members of the club, then presented a new trophy to the club, to be known as the Founders Trophy. This magnificent trophy, highlighting some of club member Jeff Martin's formidable woodworking skills, will be presented in future years for a purpose yet to be finalised.

There were a number of members who were absent, on holidays at various locations interstate and this included the Club Patron, Howard Wright, who sent a letter of congratulations from Bundaberg, Queensland, to all of the winners.

With desert served, President John congratulated the Bowling Club kitchen and bar personnel on a wonderful evening, thanked all Auto Collectors members for their attendance and closed the evening's proceedings.

(Many thanks go to John and Brenda Cowie for their work in arranging the Presentation Dinner. Thanks, also, John for this report, but you omitted to say what an expert joke-teller you are becoming! Graham Edwards has a rival! See pictures of some of the trophy winners below. – Ed.)



Trophy Winners pictured with President, John Courtney, (clockwise from top left:
 Brenda & Les Cowie (Valvoline + Patron's Run trophies)
 Paul & Val Wade (Sausage Sizzle trophy)
 Ricky Kaak (Ladies' Day trophy)
 Vernon & Cecily Graetz with their newly donated Club trophy.
 Basil & Lyn Zadow (Economy Run trophy)
 Jeff & Aileen Martin (Most Improved Vehicle trophy)



CAR TORQUE (Members' Contributions)

"A VINTAGE GATHERING"

I attended the annual "Vintage Gathering on Sunday 19th March. This event is organised by the other club I am involved in – The Vintage Sports Car Club of South Australia and once again I was rostered on for marshalling duties. The last couple of years I have displayed one of my Series R Hupmobiles (and on occasion more than one) as the event is predominantly targeted at vehicles earlier than 1931. For the last few years the club has "allowed" other vehicles outside the scope of the vintage definition to be displayed with the result that the event has grown from very humble beginnings to a "must attend" for several Adelaide based clubs. This year I decided it was time for the HR Premier to put in an appearance since I was amongst the "agitators" who campaigned for the inclusion of ALL vehicles that fall under the Historic Registration umbrella.

So Saturday was spent washing off months of accumulated dust from the paintwork, buffing the chrome and checking of fluids. Off from Murray Bridge at far too early an hour for a Sunday morning so I could arrive before the public to assume my duties. The only "hiccup" was the masses of fitness lunatics who had commandeered Anzac Highway and West Terrace for a "Fun Run", making it impossible to move east/west so a rather large detour was needed around this inconvenience to get to the venue which is the disused netball courts adjacent to West Terrace Cemetery.

My allotted task was arranging the parking of the vehicles from 1931 to 1978 and I did allow a couple of stray "special interest" moderns into the ranks (an Aston Martin & a sporty looking Mercedes roadster). The only 2 issues were a group that insisted in setting up a picnic on the bitumen smack in the middle of the path used to get cars in and out and one particularly crotchety old bugger in a Holden who refused point blank to park next to a Ford. The first group got the hint that their plans were misplaced after I waved some cars thru and straight at them and the discriminating Holden guy was told if he didn't like parking next to a Ford then maybe I could find a Valiant or some Pommy car he wouldn't mind parking next to and parking spaces were "non-negotiable" as they were premium commodities.

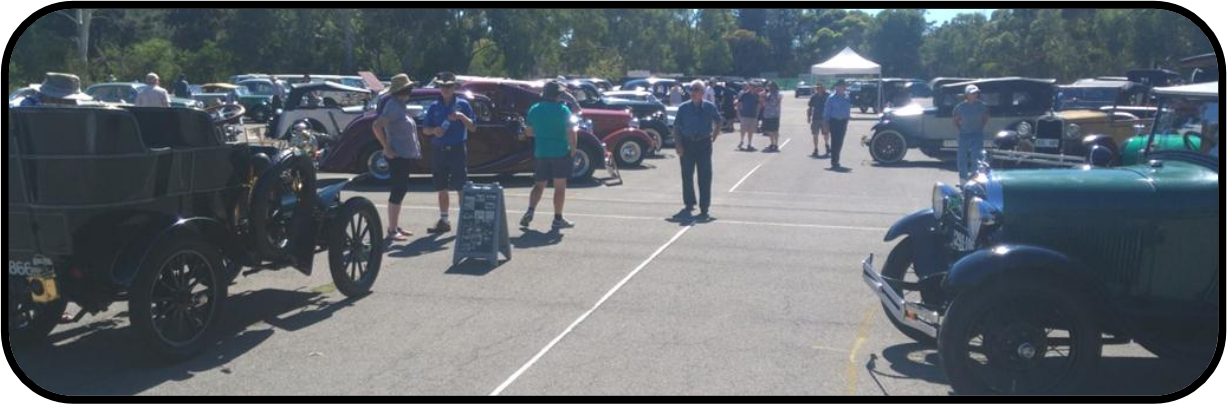
Cars were arranged with the veterans and vintage placed into groups fronting Anzac Highway with the post 1930 to '78 in rows behind and then public parking in rows behind that lot and then further towards the city. In attendance were around 100 pre 1931 vehicles and probably double that in other collectible cars. There were representatives from a vintage machinery club with their stationary engines putting away doing humiliating tasks, a display of vehicle mascots and emblems plus a vintage tool display. The Shannons and Penrite tents appeared to be popular too. The event was well catered with a barbeque, plus coffee and ice cream vendors etc. We had an estimate that over the course of the day we had around 2500+ people visit.

The oldest vehicle displayed was a 1901 De-Dion Bouton, The weirdest was a 3 wheeled 1909 Phanomobile (sort of a front wheel drive motorcycle crossed with a wicker pram), There was a 1909 Swift, a veteran Brush, a 1909 Gregoire, a Straker Squire, Fords of the T and A persuasion, comparable Chevrolets, vintage Beans, Rovers, Packard's, Essex's, a solitary Hupmobile, a French Le Zebre that once belonged to my mother's grandfather plus many other makes. The "also rans" post 1930 were just as varied with Wolsley, Vauxhall, MG, Holden, Ford, Cadillac, Chev, International, Jag just a few of the representatives.

The day has no cost to participants or spectators alike (discounting the food & drink stalls) and many clubs appear to have it as the terminus for a run. The date for 2018 is Sunday March 18th. Perhaps we could incorporate a run into our calendar for next year's event? I will be there in an "official capacity" with the VSCC once again as it has yet to disappoint.

Cheers, Steve Ford

(Many thanks, Steve, for this entertaining recap of your day with the "Vintage Gathering". Steve has also sent some photos, displayed on the following page, for your enjoyment. I am rapt that our members are sending in contributions such as this. – Ed.)



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