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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

City single \$25.00 - City family \$30.00 - Country single \$17.50 - Country family \$20.00
Fee is for a calendar year. Membership ceases if not renewed by **31 March** of following year.

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COMING EVENTS

CLUB MEETINGS

10 March 2004

Vehicle Registration Night +
guest speaker Michael Wright —
Police Forensic

14 April 2004

Club Meeting

12 May 2004

Animal Welfare League—please
bring an item of dog or cat food

19 May 2004

Committee meeting

9 June 2004

Samantha Meakin — Canteen

14 July 2004

Lochheed Bros — "Strip films"

18 August 2004

Committee meeting

CLUB RUNS / EVENTS

**13 March 2004 (note
correction)**

Coffee Cruise — Dick & Judy
Hart

18 April 2004

Observation Run (Wayne
Bartlett)

23 May 2004

Chop Picnic—Judy Hart

20 June 2004

Pub Lunch—Ross Fleming

18 July 2004

Enfield Heritage Museum

23 October 2004

Annual Dinner

5 December 2004

Christmas Picnic

INVITATION/OTHER CLUBS' EVENTS

12-13 March 2004

Chryslers on the Murray—
Albury. Contact Wayne Bartlett
about going as a group. 8285
8072

21 March 2004

AAA Club 20th Birthday Rally—
Angaston Oval

28 March 2004

Rock & Roll Rendezvous

4 April 2004

GM Day at Tanunda Oval

7-12 April 2004

Broken Hill V&V Car Club—
Bushman's Rally

15-17 May 2004

PADARC 20th Anniversary
Rally— contact Brenton
Hamilton (8387 0419) re
accommodation

15-17 May 2004

Shannons 2004 Meguiars
Motorex — Wayville

17-21 May 2004

Dodge 4 National Rally—
Toowoomba Qld

**26 September to 2 October
2004**

10th National Chrysler Rally
Geelong Victoria. Lorraine
Beythien has entry forms.

September 2005

Veteran National Hub Tour,
Darling Downs Qld

11 April 2005—

Federation of Historic Motoring
Clubs SA — SE Saunter

*[Events Co-ordinator has forms
except where otherwise noted]*

SWAP MEETS

14 March 2004

All Car Day Rally / Swap
Meet—Virginia Raceway

21 March 2004

Clare

25 July 2004

Angle Park

8-10 October 2004

Broken Hill

13-14 November 2004

Bendigo

Welcome to New Members

Robert & Donna Bermingham	1962 Valiant	Fred Vanda	1962 Valiant "S"
Burton (<i>apologies for wrong spelling last time</i>)		Tea Tree Gully	
Jeff & Ann Alderson	1927 Dodge Fast 4	Ross Sanson	1938 Plymouth P6
Salisbury East		Flaxton Qld	

Cover Photo

Wayne and Marianne Bartlett's S series Valiant sedan — *photo Richard Tapp*

COMING EVENTS

Coffee Cruise

Saturday 13 March 2004

Meet at Le Cornu's car park on Anzac Highway in time to leave by 6.30 p.m. You may walk across to Hungry Jacks or KFC for a take-away if you like that sort of thing, otherwise have your tea before you leave. SUPPER will be supplied at a cost of \$5 per

head (this is not a meal). Numbers will be taken at the March meeting, but if you won't be attending this, please ring me if you will be on the run.

Judy Hart
8337 7887

Mystery Run

Sunday 18 April 2004

Meet at Northpark Shopping Centre car park on Main North Road, Prospect at 9 am for a 9.30 start.

We will leave at two minute intervals, looking for things along the way to answer questions,

Prizes for first and second place, also a Castrol cap

for the first 15 cars to arrive at the start. You will find it a lot easier with a navigator.

You will all enjoy the day as it will be a lot of fun. There are tea, coffee and toilet facilities on site at the end.

Wayne Bartlett
8285 0872

PADARC Rally

Weekend 15-17 May 2004

CRCASA members have been invited to attend the 10th Biennial Rally and 20th Anniversary celebrations of the Pirie and Districts Automotive Restorer's Club Inc.

Accommodation for the weekend is scarce, but I have

4 cabins that will accommodate up to 6 people (2 already booked) and 8 powered sites booked. Members who intend helping make this Anniversary Rally a success and require accommodation or information please contact me.

Brenton Hamilton
8387 0419

Old Fashioned Chop Picnic

Sunday 23 May 2004

Meet at Carisbrooke Park, opposite the Old Spot Hotel, on Main North Road in time to leave by 9.30 a.m. There will be no morning tea stop so if you need it, have it before we go.

The idea behind the day is to cook our lunch like our grand-parents did. There will be an open fire with lots of coals by the time you get there, which you can use or bring your own vintage cooking apparatus.

We will actually be having a competition with excellent prizes for the following categories:

1. Most unique cooking gear for
 - a. Open fire
 - b. Alternative fuel
2. Best period picnic set
3. Best dressed chef

There will also be a raffle on the day for a very good prize!

We are going to Towitta Park, at Towitta, which is near Sedan, so we are hoping that all the Riverland people can join us for the day.

If you require any further information feel free to ring me.

Judy Hart
8337 7887

10th National Chrysler Rally Geelong

Come and join other Chrysler Enthusiasts in Geelong for the 10th National Chrysler Rally to be held from 26th September to 2nd October 2004.

Entry Forms are now available by contacting Lorraine Beythien on phone 8449 8905 or at the next General Meeting. Entries close 1 March 2004.

A range of accommodation is available. Preference is given to those who have their entry forms in first.

Jeff Brumhead.
124 Cathies Lane
Wantirna South 3152
phone Jeff 03 9435 6220

FROM THE COMMITTEE

President's Message

As incoming President, I said at the General meeting held on the 11 February that the last two years, whilst Chris Howes was President certainly went quickly. Chris & Cathy gave us an action packed time and we thank them for it.

Brenton Hamilton who has served on the Committee for some years, some of which as President, has decided to stand down but will be looking after the touring badges, so if you want to register for the Geelong Tour please see Brenton.

Wayne Bartlett has also stood down but will be doing the Observation Run on 18 April and having heard some of what he plans it should be well worth attending.

Chip Thomas has resigned, due to work commitments, as CCC Delegate and Rep. for SA Federation of Historic Motoring. Thanks Chip for all the effort you put in, and product donations in the past.

A big thank-you to those people who went to the

Trots Night on the Saturday when the temperature got to 44.3C. I drove the 1927 Dodge roadster while CB drove the air-conditioned modern. Ross Fleming had organised for 25 cars, which on the night totalled 8 cars. Lovely to have a race named "CHRYSLER RESTORER'S PACE" and I even backed the winner (with 3 others that lost).

Your Committee has already met and briefly they have talked about club jackets and T shirts as well as planning club meeting speakers and club runs through till July. If you have any ideas for runs or know of interesting speakers please talk to Trevor Beythien, Runs Coordinator, or myself. We also thank Mrs. Toull who has offered to the club one of Alan's paintings and Chris Howes and Richard Tapp with be meeting her to make a selection.

It is nice to see a lot of "new" faces coming to the meetings and we hope you will enjoy the fellowship of old Chrysler product owners.

Ken Barnes

Secretary's Jottings

Our New Year is well under way, with a good turn out at the AGM, and a couple of functions already gone! The Rego day was most successful (I thought), and the Presidents Run and Feb Evening run have been and gone! By the time you read this it should be March already!!

Our new President is settling in quickly, keeping us all busy with the first Committee meeting for the year. He has a big task on his hands however if he thinks he can sort out the rivalry between Kevin Williams and Ron Hincks!! Be a pity if he was successful, it would take something away

from our meetings etc!

Steve Tyler continues to slave away sorting out and updating library records and storage for the Club. Keep up the good work Steve.

It was good to see Roy Schopp is now a new man, and full of energy once more. Keep the articles coming in for Richard Tapp for the magazine, and make Richard's task a little easier.

Bye for now.

Ross Fleming

Editorial

CONTRIBUTORS

This issue comes to you courtesy of Chris Howes, Ross Fleming, Gil Purdie, Alan Driver, Wayne Bartlett, Judy Hart, Cathy Wood, Ross Trigg, Melva Schumacher, Pat Liley, Brenton Hamilton and Jeff James.

Our thanks to last issue's magazine despatch team, being Cathy Woods, Judy Hart, Chris Howes and Allan Martin.

Richard Tapp

WEBSITE STATISTICS

	Jan 2004	Dec 2003	Nov 2003
Visits	527	338	244
Pages	1481	1000	949
Megabytes	741	448	248

CLUB NOTES

Historic Registration

The club's financial year ended on 31 December 2003 and renewals are due from 1 January 2004.

The constitution provides that members who have not renewed their membership by 31 March will cease to be a financial member of the club.

If you have Conditionally Registered Historic Vehicles (Historic Registration), unless you have joined another club and they have issued a log book, your vehicle's registration will cease to be effective after 31 March, irrespective of the date on your windscreen sticker.

This is because you will be in breach of the condition of registration that requires you to be a financial member of the club that issued your log book.

If you are not renewing your membership with this club you should arrange with Dave Aylett to cancel all log books issued to you by this club.

The club is required to (and does) notify Transport SA where the holder of a log book does not renew their club membership.

If you don't renew your membership with this club or if you arrange for your log books to be cancelled, obviously you must not drive the affected vehicles until you have made alternative arrangements.

Second (reminder) notices are included with this March / April issue of the Chrysler Collector where the club's membership records indicate that membership has not yet been renewed. Note that fees are slightly increased as previously advised.

OPTIONAL LOGBOOK UPDATE PROCEDURE #1

You may come to the club Registration Day on 9

February 2003 — *no longer applicable.*

OPTIONAL LOGBOOK UPDATE PROCEDURE #2

If you are paying your membership renewal by cheque or postal order **AND** you have logbooks to be updated, then you **MAY CHOOSE TO** send **ALL** of the following:

- Club membership renewal form;
- Payment (cheque or money order);
- Stamped self addressed envelope;
- **Current** registration papers; **AND**
- Logbooks

to Dave & Gaye Aylett at 5 Larkdale Crescent, O'Halloran Hill 5158. They will post the updated logbooks and endorsed registration papers back to you promptly. Make sure that you put sufficient postage on your envelope for the number of logbooks that you are sending in. Do **NOT** post the Shannons plastic logbook cover.

NOTE: Please only post your membership renewal to the Ayletts if you are **ALSO** sending logbooks.

OPTIONAL LOGBOOK UPDATE PROCEDURE #3

You may also renew your membership by posting only the renewal and payment to the club's post office box or by making payment to the Treasurer at a club meeting. You should then bring your logbooks to the MARCH meeting.

Restoration Services Directory

This is printed every two years, in conjunction with the Register of Members and Register of Member's Vehicles.

However, the information needs to be updated constantly, as information becomes available. The updated register will be available from the

club website, between biennial printing.

If you become aware of a supplier who should be added to the directory, removed from the directory or whose details need to be updated, let me know. Otherwise the usefulness of the directory will steadily deteriorate.

The updated version on the website is January 2004.

CLUB NOTES

Club Notes



DODGE VICTORY SIX VICTORIES AT ECHUCA RALLY

9th to 12th September 2004

Proposed itinerary:

9/9/04 arrival and welcoming barbeque at Rich River Caravan Park, Echuca

10/9/04 paddle boat ½ day trip on the Murray River. (cost to be confirmed)

11/9/04 day trip run

12/9/04 sights of Echuca. (short run); dinner at club. (courtesy bus)

13/9/04 depart for home.

Headquarters for the rally will be at Rich River Caravan Park, Crescent St. Echuca Vic 03 5482 3658. Powered sites \$20.00/ powered sites with en-suite \$27.00/ cabins \$60.00 to 90.00 per night. There is no obligation to stay at this park.

Please contact fellow owners / restorers and forward a copy to them.

For more information on the current register or the proposed Echuca tour please contact:

Doc Doherty (03) 9561 6942 phone/fax
docdohpj@bigpond.net.au

Glenn Smith (07) 3300 1130 phone
vintagereproduction@bigpond.com

Gil Purdie (08) 8359 0470 phone/fax
gandapurdie@chariot.net.au

Please contact a.s.a.p. Doc & Paula Doherty re .your participation at Echuca, 8 Karjen Place, Wheelers Hill Vic. 3150

DODGE 4 AUSTRALIAN REGISTER

These suggestions are just that — no doubt we would all like Dodge 4 Rallies to be in our own state.

Past Dodge 4 Rallies have been held at:

1994 COOTAMUNDRA	NSW
1996 MERRINBULA	NSW
1998 BENDIGO	VIC
2000 GOOLWA	SA
2002 MITTAGONG	NSW
2004 TOOWOOMBA	QLD

Suggestions for the site of future rallies are as follows:

2006 PHILLIP ISLAND	VIC
2008 WESTERN AUSTRALIA	
2010 SOUTH AUSTRALIA	
2012 TASMANIA	
2014 NEW SOUTH WALES	
2016 QUEENSLAND	

Please consider this schedule for discussion at the Toowoomba meeting.

Cled Davies

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BAY TO BIRDWOOD ELIGIBILITY DATE CHANGE?

The Bay to Birdwood Run Committee has asked clubs to consider a proposal to change the eligibility criteria to better balance numbers between the two events. The proposal is:

Bay to Birdwood Run:

— more than 50 years old

Birdwood Classic:

— 30 to 50 years old

Bill Watson pointed out that when the Bay to Birdwood Run started in 1980, the eligibility criteria of “pre 1950” required vehicles to be — 30 years old, equivalent to the current Birdwood Classic criteria! I had certainly never thought of it in those terms.

The majority of members at our February 2004 meeting preferred that eligibility did not change and our delegate conveyed that to FHMCSA’s last meeting.

CLUB NOTES

2003 Financial Report

CHRYSLER RESTORERS CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (SOUTH AUSTRALIA) Inc.			
BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENDITURE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2003			
		2003	2002
INCOME			
SUBSCRIPTIONS		6,837.50	6,504.50
ANNUAL DINNER		1,232.00	1,344.00
SALE OF GOODS		841.00	625.50
ADVERTISING & SPONSORSHIP		900.00	4,825.00
FUND RAISING		545.15	430.00
INTEREST		374.18	62.67
		10,729.83	13,791.67
EXPENDITURE			
ADVERTISING	147.40		143.00
ANNUAL DINNER	1,266.85		1,345.00
BANK FEES	38.50		17.70
COST OF GOODS SOLD	841.00		797.80
DEPRECIATION	214.50		100.00
DONATIONS	550.00		-
EVENTS	873.15		582.75
INSURANCE	508.59		510.39
LIBRARY	229.87		328.00
LICENCES/SUBS/FEES	92.50		132.85
POSTAGE & STATIONERY	1,468.60		1,618.50
PRINTING	5,137.50		3,306.32
RENT	1,794.00		630.00
TROPHIES & AWARDS	85.95		99.60
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		13,248.41	9,611.91
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENDITURE		(2,518.58)	4,179.76
CLUB FUNDS B/FWD		17,320.01	13,140.25
MEMBERS FUNDS ON HAND		\$ 14,801.43	\$ 17,320.01
CURRENT ASSETS :			
Cash on Hand		-	184.00
Cash at Bank		1,281.43	8,323.60
Term Deposits		10,000.00	6,829.71
Stock on Hand		882.00	860.00
Debtors & Prepayments		1,634.00	822.70
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		13,797.43	17,020.01
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Tools & Equipment		3,894.97	2,976.47
Provision for Depreciation		(2,890.97)	(2,676.47)
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		1,004.00	300.00
TOTAL ASSETS		14,801.43	17,320.01
TOTAL LIABILITIES		-	-
NET ASSETS		\$ 14,801.43	\$ 17,320.01

PAST EVENTS

Ray Miels Memorial Breakfast Run

Sunday, 25 January 2004

The car park at CCC Glandore was filled to overflowing on this fine summer's morning, as hungry members eagerly gathered for this fixture in our calendar of events.

Ray Miels was an amiable and talented club member, who served on the committee and as

President before being taken from us before his time, by cancer. I will always remember Ray's impish smile as he would initiate a round of lying about the fuel economy that members had (not) achieved on their last run ...

Captions for the photos of cars are:



PAST EVENTS

Ray Miels Memorial Breakfast Run (ctd)

Joy Miels 1924 Dodge tourer; the presidential 1927 Dodge Flying Four aka “Dolly”; Ron Turner’s Chrysler Australia assembled Humber Super Snipe, Bryan Chapman’s 1922 Dodge roadster and Kevin Fagan’s 1909 IHC “buggy”.

The photos of people don’t need separate captions — they show members in the morning,

sitting and standing, talking and reading, relaxing and playing, passing the time of day.

Richard Tapp

Photos by Richard Tapp



PAST EVENTS

An Impromptu Run

A few of us had a little run to Victor on a very hot day in January, as a friend of mine who had just joined the club (one of four new members I have brought to the club in the last few months) wanted to go for a drive in his Dodge Phoenix.

I got a few of us together, namely the Kertons, the Justs, the Griegs, new member Chris Davies and us — the Bartletts.

We met at the weigh bridge at “Top of Taps” at 10 am and left for Victor Harbor to go to a little spot Chris knew of, hoping to get there before anyone else did.

We had a lovely drive down and as we got to the top of Willunga hill the temp dropped from 38 to about 25. Well we got there before any one else did and it was a very nice little spot indeed.

So we had five cars on our little last minute put together run; two "S" Valiants, an "R" series, our VC Wagon and Chris's Dodge - looking real nice parked together in the car park of this little reserve.

There were people pulling into the car park to check out the cars, some even getting out to take photos. We had such a nice day it was hard to go back home.

It was the same on the way home; as we got to the top of Willunga hill, the temperature went back up to 38 degrees.

But still a great day enjoyed by all.

Wayne Bartlett
Moparwayne225@aol.com



PAST EVENTS

Globe Derby Park

Saturday 14 February 2004

On Saturday, 14 Feb a number of Club vehicles and their occupants arrived at Globe Derby Park for a night at the Trots. We were able to enter at no cost, including those who bought their modern, and were supplied with a programme book and a prime parking spot.

Those who attended the evening enjoyed the bit of fun, and a bit of a fling on the TAB. A feature race, the Chrysler Restorers Club race was run at around 9:20 pm, which was a pretty decent gesture on the part of the organisers to include an event to mark the Club's visit for the evening!

Ten vehicles attended, which included two moderns, the vehicles ranging from the 20's, 30's through to the late fifties. There was reasonable interest in the vehicles, particularly from the youngsters.

Thanks to those who made the effort, it was worthwhile, and we have an open invitation from the Sec/Manager to come out again, any time! (preferably when it is cooler). One hundred meetings a year are held at Globe Derby Park. The Sec/Manager was quite sure we would not turn up because of the heat, so he was quite happy.

Of the 24 vehicles that were booked to go, four advised they would not attend due the heat, which was quite understandable. What happened to the other twelve that did not attend - a phone call would have been the order of the day. Globe Derby staff roped off an area for 20 cars!! Maybe next time.

Ross F

Eight intrepid vehicles made their way to Globe Derby Park in 44°C heat to attend the Trots Night. Only two members were brave enough to drive their Vintage models, most opted for more modern cars, especially those with air-conditioning!

We were allowed to drive into the complex, at least those with Club vehicles, for free and we were even given a race guide for free. Good start to the night!

We rushed inside, into what we thought was the cool, but found it was only a few degrees cooler than outside. They must have taken the Government's suggestion and turned all the air-conditioners down.

We picked the Bistro for tea because the food smelled good, it was a lot cooler than the restaurant upstairs and they had lambs fry and bacon on the menu!

Eventually the races started. It wasn't too unpleasant sitting outside in the shade watching the horses. Until, that is, in one race one of the horses got his hoof caught in the gig in front and was dragged along the track! Fortunately he was able to stand up and drag his gig off afterwards, but it gave us a nasty shock for a while. I think the driver was all right too.

Nobody amongst us showed much talent as punters. Ken Barnes had one reasonable win, only because he

did something wrong and bet for twice as much as he intended. There was even a race named The Chrysler Restorer's Club Pace.

The race announcer gave us some publicity over the loud speaker then off we went to bet. Shirley Crichton and Cathy Woods managed to back the winner for our race, so there were smiles all round. The name of the horse was "Friends for Life" driven by Trevor Kelly, which proved to be a good omen! Most of us left after the second-last race before all the public.

I haven't been out to the complex for a long time so was quite impressed with the facilities. But it was strange to see only two bookmakers, when there used to be dozens and to actually be able to stand out the front to watch and actually see something without crowds of others.

I suppose it's easier to sit in the pub, watch on Sky channel and punt on the TAB! Not quite the same atmosphere though.

All in all, a pleasant, if slightly warm outing with the Chrysler Restorer's Club.

Judy Hart.

It was not an ideal evening to venture out without air-conditioning in the car but nine brave car owners arrived at Globe Derby Park on February 14th 2004 to display their cars and enjoy a night at the trots.

Judy Hart, Shirley Crichton and I searched out the coolest spot in the restaurant area to eat our evening meal. We encouraged others to join our cool table and all enjoyed a very nice tea and a cooling cider while waiting for the races to begin.

Following tea the group sat outside in the evening air - still very warm and peruse the programme of races but the focus was definitely on Race No. 5 at 9.22 pm. This was the "Chrysler Restorers Club Pace over 2230 metres.

Ken Barnes gave race officials a run down on the club, cars on display and club activities and the information was broadcast prior to the running on Race No. 5.

The horse most club members favoured was No. 7 "Friends for Life" with a Driver Trevor Kelly. Of course it won!!!! Also in Race No. 5 Pat Hincks (who picked a winner in every race but didn't place a bet) felt No. 4 "The Grinder" was worth a bet because Ron uses an angle grinder a lot! By now I was listening to Pat and placed bets on both No. 7 and No. 4 which came third.

Despite the heat it was a fun night and like all club activities there is always something to be enjoyed by those who participate.

Thanks Ross Fleming for your organization of this club outing.

Cathy Woods

RESTORATION STORY

Rebuilding my 1966 AP6 V8 Valiant

I was having a break during stock-take in December 1989, when I noticed an advertisement for an AP6 V8 Valiant for \$1,500. I had been looking for an AP5 Regal suitable for restoration and being unsuccessful, figured the AP6 would be a reasonable alternative.

On checking the vehicle, my initial reaction was to forget it. However on thinking it over and having another look with my son Roden, the decision was made to buy it, as all the important rare V8 badges and mouldings were complete. Although I realised it would require a full rebuild, the deciding factor was that approximately only 340 were built, making it a rare original.

The car wasn't running when I bought it, which in a way made the decision to pull everything apart easier. Although it had a rough life, the body was sound with little rust.

Early December 1989, saw it towed to Benjamin Crash, St Marys, where Roden and I started rubbing the body back in preparation for painting — it took us a total of 40 hours to prepare the engine bay alone.

The body was stripped to a rolling shell, with all areas, including the engine bay and boot, being covered in "Two-Pac" Arctic White.

Whilst I dismantled the engine, the "Torqueflite" transmission was rebuilt. The block was in bad shape and already over-sized, so wanting to keep everything as original as possible, I sourced another



273 ci block.

New universal joints, wheel cylinders, shoes, master cylinder (including original remote-mounted booster) were installed, along with the re-built engine and gearbox. As the previous owner had replaced the front end bushes and ball joints, that completed the major mechanical work — or so I thought!

It wasn't until the car was mobile that I found the rear end wasn't quite right. Consequently the rear axle assembly was completely renewed.

With all the running gear in place, it was time to start the interior. The dash had been removed and painted, the roof was covered in original Black Vinyl (The V8 being the first Australian car to have a vinyl roof) and everything inside was either painted, plated, repaired or recovered — except the ashtrays behind the front seats. Most V8s had black interiors, some had turquoise, whereas ours has



RESTORATION STORY

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fawn. We were fortunate to have the door trim reproduced in the original pattern — at \$100 per door!

There were two distinguishing features of the V8, being bucket seats and floor mounted automatic shifter, both borrowed from the American made “Barracuda”. To this day people find it hard to believe that’s the way it was built, particularly in an Australian vehicle.

The bumpers were pressed back into their correct shape and re-chromed. This left the front and back grille and boot. The grille is original, with the outer frames re-chromed and the centre section straightened and painted.

The boot in the V8 had the sides and wheel arches covered with flexible “Bitumen-Board”, with “Westminster” carpet on the floor. The original board was unprocurable, as was the carpet which was originally made in South Africa, ceasing production years ago. I sourced an automotive panel board, spraying it with grey vinyl paint, making it

look close to original. A grey loop-pile carpet was used.

Over the 20 months it took to complete, one thing became evident:- that one cannot hurry a restoration. As much as one sets a time-table to complete certain jobs, invariably problems arise causing re-assessment.

Although I haven’t restored any vintage machinery, I am of the opinion that basic principles apply, whether the cars are 1926 or 1966 models, certain parts can be equally difficult to find.

“Will this thing run?” and “Am I every going to drive it?”, must be questions many restorers have asked. Well we all know the feeling when the vehicle comes to life and is finally driven. After all, isn’t that what all the sweat and hard work was for?

Then again, when trophies come along and one gets constant request from intending purchasers, all the time and hard work seem vindicated.

Ross Trigg

Norwood Christmas Pageant

The CRCASA contingent at the Norwood Christmas Pageant. *Photo David/Melva Schumacher*



MOPAR MYSTERY

Who Am I?

I received an e-mail from Stephen McIntosh:

“I would just like to ask about a Dodge pick up my son stumbled across while riding his push bike. I am researching and trying to find the owner of the vehicle.

I was wondering if you know any internet sites or forums where I can try and find information. I would like to know information such as year, what running gear was in it. All I can tell you is the hood is in two pieces with a piece running down the centre and the lid open up outwards. On the hood there are the numbers 108 and it has a 4 cylinder motor [*this was not correct Ed*]. On the side it has Water Services painted. Any information would be great as I am looking at restoring this vehicle.”

He followed up with:

“I brought back the information regarding the vehicle. All I could find was the engine number:

7E1-1587. I have also attached a couple of pictures of it.”

I sent the pics to Jim Benjaminson in the USA who thought that it appeared to be a 1951-52 D-108 series although with a local body — quite unlike any US body style.

I also sent the pics to Richard Hart who thought that it is a 1956-58 108 series Dodge. The engine number indicates an Australian side valve 6, the same as a Kew motor. Dick also thought that the mesh grille indicated that it was a later one.

I certainly could not find a photo of anything like this on the net.

Have any of you come across one of these before? Do you have anything to tell Stephen? He can be contacted at (07) 3288-8531 after 4 pm or slasher2@bigpond.com.au.

Richard Tapp



MOPAR MYSTERY

Who Am I? ctd



FROM THE WEB

Dad's Cars

It had class and style, that wonderous beast, a beauty
all its own
The interior was naugahyde the paint, two tone
The size of a battleship and not too much chrome.
Dad was proud as a peacock when he drove our new
Edsel home!

Chorus:

*It is more than a car, its an image! I just can't tell a
lie.*

*An investment in our future. The value just won't die!
He said all the right words as he explained it all to
Mom.*

It's the next big thing I tell ya! It'll never bomb.

Five years later Dad was still in shock
Ford felt the public's wrath and dropped Edsel like a
rock!
So the family's next new car was chosen with great
care
And Dad swelled his chest with new father pride as he
drove our new Corvair!

Chorus:

We pushed that "vair", and drove it some, for the next
few years.
We shrank down in the seats to hide from the
neighbor's jeers.
But after months of searchin' in the local auto park
Dad bought the "Car of the Future", a "66 Stude Lark!

Chorus:

Dad's next new car for his daily commute
Was an economy job. It was really cute.
He said "Wife, this car may not be too fast,
But its got a great engine so the Vega will last!

Chorus:

Four years and two engines later we sent that Vega to
the heap.

Chev's "economy" car was falling apart, just too
expensive for us to keep!

The new emphasis was safety and dad heard each
salesman's word.

He told our Mom "This car is HOT!" he chose the
Pinto, by Ford.

Chorus:

Rear-ended while parked, the Pinto met it's fiery end.
Dad went to a salesman the ad claimed was a "friend".
"This car may last a lifetime" and, indeed, it seemed it
might.

But the Horizon started losing bits before Dad drove
out of sight!

Chorus:

All this time Mom kept her car, bought new in fifty-
five.

Pink and white with a convertible top, the only car
she'd drive.

Nothing fancy, not too fast, she'd paid fifteen hundred,
cash.

She was offered ten grand for the little jewel, her
Metropolitan, by Nash.

Patrick Liley
Prosser, WA

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FROM THE WEB

The Car Show

The ALL BRITISH car show, an annual event
 On a beautiful summer day,
 Formal regalia, top hats and tails,
 Ushers leading the way.
 Judges and clerks, inspecting the cars
 Making comments and taking notes.
 White gloves on the engines, checking for dirt,
 Testing the paint, guessing how many coats.

The Kings of the cars, the Bentleys and Rolls
 With hand formed panels of steel
 Stand regally by in their rows upon rows
 As owners carefully polish a wheel.
 "This screw head is scratched! And that bolt has
 a nick!
 I can't believe such terrible flaws!"
 The first judge shakes his head as he struts down
 the lane
 Continually working his jaws.

The Jag-u-wars are next and are greeted with
 frowns
 As the official critically pokes
 In every crack and crevice of the phallic
 substitute
 And finds fingerprints left on the spokes.
 "How dare this man try to pass this car off
 As a credit to the automotive world!
 This car should be hidden from everyone's
 view!"

The judge shouted as his upper lip curled.

The Rovers were ghastly. The Triumphs were
 foul!
 The MGs were not even viewed!
 The Lotus was average, the Austin mundane,
 And the Alpine totally eschewed.
 The Hillman and Morris were dull, to be sure,
 And the Vauxhall and Riley too trite.
 "Where, oh where, are they hiding the true
 Concourse cars?
 I'll be judging nothing but average 'till night!"

The crowd had been following since judging
 began
 But they drifted away by the hour.
 The judge ranted on and found fault with each
 car
 And the comments continued to sour.
 "That Mini is fair, but the color is wrong!
 And that Morgan is mis-stating it's facts!
 I don't understand how they expect me to judge
 A vehicle that has never seen wax!"

The judge's crowd continued to dwindle
 And at times it seemed like they flew!
 With no audience to perform for his comments
 toned down
 But his unpopularity grew.
 Where were the people? What had they found?

He wasn't done with them yet!
 They were out in the parking
 lot, awarding PEOPLE'S
 CHOICE
 To my daily driven Nash Met!

*Pat Liley
 Prosser, WA*

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MEMBERS CARS

1956 DeSoto SP25 Diplomat Regent sedan

This much admired vehicle is offered for sale. Bare metal re-spray in black with new interior of ivory and peach. New front and rear window rubbers, also door weather seals. Kew motor with 3 speed manual + overdrive.

This is a great long distance touring car, ideal for the Chrysler National Rally later this year. Fitted with four new radial tyres, radio, front parcel

shelf, fire extinguisher, towbar and electric brake control for towing. Tool kit, handbook and workshop manual are included in sale. Vehicle is on historic registration WHV-056 (non-transferable) and is club registered.

Expressions of interest to Brenton Hamilton (8387 0419) who is handling the sale on behalf of Merle Bryant.



E-Mail addresses

Have you got mail? E-mail that is ...

The current membership renewal form does not make provision for advising an e-mail address — but future ones will and the club's membership database has been modified to record an e-mail address.

If you would like the club to know your e-mail address, please send an e-mail to our membership records officer, Judy Hart (judyhart@chariot.net.au), and she will add your e-mail address into our membership records.

What use might the club make of your e-mail address? The most obvious use would be to notify members of Chrysler related opportunities where the next magazine would be too late.

For example we may hear that there is to be a farm clearance auction with some Chrysler treasure. Or we may hear that an event that has been previously

advised has been cancelled at short notice. Or a group going to an interstate swap meet may have a last minute vacancy because one person had to drop out.

What is *not* planned (at this time) is to circulate the "for sale" notices before the magazine is published — which would disadvantage members without e-mail compared with members with e-mail.

However one needs to consider that often things that are advertised in our magazine will have been sold long before our magazine is published on its two monthly cycle — meaning that our members (with e-mail) will have been disadvantaged compared with non-members who find out about these items by other means. So I think that there will come a time when "Cars and parts for sale" will be circulated electronically—but not today.

Richard Tapp

MEMBERS CARS

Jeff James

Jeff James has sent these photos of his 1936, 1937 and 1938 Plymouths. He is looking for a grill, headlights and dashboard for the 1938 Plymouth.

The 1936 and 1937 are for sale at \$500 and \$600 respectively. The 1936 has engine, gearbox and diff. The 1937 is without engine, gearbox and driveshaft. Condition is as per photos. E-mail the editor for high resolution colour pics if you are interested.



Jeff can be contacted in Mildura at 03 5021 0373.



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Service manual for 1946-1953 Plymouth, Dodge DeSoto passenger cars produced by Chrysler Australia. Inside unmarked, cover almost mint. Price negotiable. Neil Clifford 8255 4738.

AP5 Valiant, 225 ci slant six, 3 speed column shift manual, 92,000 genuine miles. SA 474-717. Body extremely straight. I don't think it's ever been in an accident. No dents in bumpers. One tiny bit of rust in RH lower dogleg. There is no rust anywhere else!! Trim in very good condition. Running condition when put into storage in my shed 6 years ago. Paint is stuffed. Needs full paint job. Asking price somewhere around \$1,800. I work at the Mitsubishi (old Chrysler) plant at Tonsley Park and you can contact me there usually between the hours of 7 am to 5 pm on 8275 7765 or after hours on 8370 7846. Steve Linsenmeier. (See pic)

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to be fitted / gear box cable. Photos can be e-mailed. John Chaplin (WA) 08 9401 7434 or 041 2133 098 (See pic)

1970 VF Valiant, 225 engine, Gold and white, ex condition, RVN-761, with spares \$4,700 ono Andrew 8331 7270

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