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COMING EVENTS

CLUB MEETINGS

10 Sept 2008

Rex Greig - SAPOL Transport
Escorts - Lindsay Gibb

8 October 2008

Natter night

15 October 2008

Committee Meeting

12 November 2008

Paul Friend SAPOL- Lindsay Gibb

10 December 2008

Christmas meeting

CLUB RUNS / EVENTS

29 September 2008

CRC Motorfest Event to Monarto
Zoo

4,5 & 6 Oct 2008

Campout at Gladstone Gaol and
Jamestown Show with vehicle display
- Garry & Rhonda Williams.

19 October 2008

Fort Glanville - Graham McRae

25 October 2008

Annual Dinner Marion Sports Centre-
Gaye Aylett/Bev Dart

16 November 2008

Morning mystery market - Gary
Williams

7 December 2008

Christmas Picnic- Bean/ Purdie

INVITATION/OTHER CLUBS' EVENTS

14 Sep 2008

Maps Flying High day at CYP
airstrip - Mike Osborne 8837
3158

22 Sep – 3 Oct 2008

Motorfest

28 September 2008

Bay to Birdwood

26-31 October 2008

Inaugural Dodge Brothers Club
Australasia rally at Phillip Island.

27 April—9 May 2009

Peninsula Parade - Federation Tour

SWAP MEETS

21 September 2008

Gawler

15-16 November 2008

Bendigo

Wayne Bartlett



Entry Forms etc

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

Conditional Historic Registration

When requesting an MR334 form, please be sure that you are ready to have your vehicle registered in a reasonable time, preferably no later than one month.

Please ensure that the area where the engine number is situated is clean for the assessor to verify.

The guys do great work for the club, giving their time and expertise to assist you.

The MR334 is an official DTEI document for which the club is responsible. Any MR334 outstanding for any length of time is not acceptable.

Dave and Gaye Aylett.

Welcome to our New Members

Gary Polomka 1929 Chev International sedan
Lower Mitcham

Nick and Angela Triantafillou 1966 Valiant VC
Malvern

Bill Harding 1921 Dodge ute
Katherine NT

Cover Photo

Greg and Denice Newley's 1938 De Soto S5 sedan, at the recent Xmas in July run to the Christmas Tree Farm
Photograph Richard Tapp

COMING EVENTS

In the Wild at Monarto

Monday 29th September

This event is part of Motorfest

The Chrysler Restorers Club of SA invites participants and guests in the Motorfest events to join us on a trip to the world renowned Monarto Zoo – “A Little Piece of Africa”.

Monarto Zoo is a 1,000 hectare

open-range sanctuary undertaking a major role nationally and internationally in breeding programs for rare and endangered species.

The Zoo is located 70 kms from Adelaide and is the gateway to the picturesque Murraylands region.

This unique adventure features

the only drive through (by bus) Cheetah habitat in Australia, South Australia’s first ever Southern White Rhinoceros, Australia’s largest Giraffe herd and the largest re-vegetation project of its kind in South Australia’s history!

Campout at Gladstone Gaol

Weekend 4,5,6 October 2008

Get incarcerated at the Gladstone Gaol for 2 nights, visit the Golden North factory on day release, be paraded at the Jamestown Show, raid a bakery,

tell tall tales, strut around in fancy dress, imbibe alcoholic fluids etc etc. Refer loose leaf insert for details.

Garry and Rhonda Williams
8353 0027



Morning Mystery Market

Sunday 16 November 2008

Meet at the Clubrooms at 9.00 am for a 9.30 am start. We drive to the market and spend 2 hours at the market. We assemble at

noon for a short drive to a bakery for lunch. This is all a mystery and you will not know the destination until the morning of the run. If you have any

queries phone me on the number below.

Garry Williams
ah 8353 0027

Christmas Picnic

Sunday 7th December 2008

2008’s annual Christmas picnic will be held in the same venue as last year at Beefacres Reserve off Pittwater Drive, Dernancourt, near the Darley Road Bridge. Assemble at 10.00 am at the CRC clubrooms for an 10.30 am departure.

Chicken lunch, plates, cutlery, serviettes and Christmas gifts for children under 12 years old will be provided by CRC. Please bring your own chairs, tables and drinks.

Cost per family is \$10.00 per

family or \$5.00 for a single.

Come prepared to participate in the family games!

Members please bring a large salad or sweets to share.

Father Christmas will visit during the afternoon. There will be a list circulating at meetings Sept, Oct & Nov. If you don’t attend the meetings please ring with numbers for lunch and children’s names and ages. To allow time for purchasing & wrapping of gifts please let us know all details by 30th November.

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FROM THE COMMITTEE

President's Message



Well another lot of successful club runs have been and gone since the last magazine.

Unfortunately I was at Monarto with the muzzle loading world championships at the time of the combined lunch with the Maitland club at the White Horse Inn but from all accounts a good time was had by all.

The two runs that I went on were, as usual, well organised and attended, but I have to say that the Christmas in July at the Christmas Tree Farm was an absolute stunner and a credit to all the volunteers who put so much time and effort into the organisation - it just reinforces my feeling that we have the best club in the state and it is ALL due to the work that the volunteers put in every time.

The ability of all those who organised and carried out the cooking and serving the ravenous hordes would have done credit to any function, and much better than a few professionally organised ones I have been to - there were too many to name individually but I am sure that the Christmas trees

that have a growth spurt after their individual waterings will thank you all!

The only disaster was the inability of a certain person to follow directions, so I warn everyone - don't follow me! (Ask Ross Fleming if you want to know more about following the leader.)

The Toy Museum at Port Adelaide was another very interesting hidden gem and the collector who runs it is as entertaining as his collection (I won't make any jokes about second childhoods as I am sure they have already been heard).

We are getting towards the Annual Dinner, where various trophies and awards are presented. If you feel that there are members who should be recognised, please don't hesitate to let me know of any suggestions, so we can make sure that everyone is considered - my feeling is that everyone that volunteers or organises or assists deserves an award but of course we are limited with trophies.

I suppose the only one that no one wants is the Disaster Trophy, but that one is sometimes easy to decide on - although we may have a close competition this

year!

While on that tack we need to start considering nominations for all the club committee and executive positions for the next AGM. I realise that we are only in August when this is written but people need to consider if they would like to do it or if they would like to nominate someone (but please ask the person being nominated first).

The positions are not too difficult and of course any of the current or previous committee/executive members can tell you what is needed if you are unsure as to what is involved. Remember the club is only as strong as its members, keep those wheels rolling and drive safely, see you at the next meeting or run.

Graham McRae



From the Editor

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Our thanks to the magazine despatch team, being Cathy Woods, Judy Hart and Chris Howes.

WEBSITE STATISTICS

	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Aug 2007
Visits	1,480	1,244	1,692
Pages	3,296	2,657	2,527
Megabytes	2,672	2,530	2,519

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Secretary's Jottings



This time last year we were in Katherine catching up with folk we were involved with through work and community, and enjoying the good weather of course! We were amazed at how many Car Club people we ran into. Here we are now almost another year has gone down the gurgler!

In the last couple of months we seemingly have been swamped with good club runs/outings. Following on from the Annual Pub Run we enjoyed the Mt Crawford Run (Judy Hart), the Xmas Run and Lunch in July (Ken/Carol and their willing team) including a talented Chris Howes running the collection of Weber BBQs. What a great meal these members served up!

Following on from the "Xmas" run, Ashley and Margaret set up the run/

lunch with the MAPS Club at the White Horse Inn. It was an easy run for our club, but a little longer for the MAPS members and our southern districts members.

The lunch provided was excellent, and the actual social getting together with another club was first class! Well done to Ashley and Margaret

Phew! What a feast of outings, good ones at that.

Wait there is more!! Chris and Cathy set up a run to the Australian Museum of Childhood at Port Adelaide We did not stay for the lunch and walk afterwards, but the visit to the Museum was excellent!

With the end of yet another year looming up, spare a thought for a stint on the Committee in the New Year. Many hands make light work!

On the subject of runs, I did not mention the successful Gawler

Rangers organised by the Harts. This group of adventurers had a lot of fun, few car problems, and a smattering of **port** to add that extra touch!

That's all for me. I thought it a good thing to recognise the good work put in by members to ensure we as members enjoy a variety of activities out side of the club meetings

Good Restoring – spare a thought for Trevor Beythien who recently had a bit of an overhaul, and is now on the mend.

Ross Fleming



Federation Meeting Report

26 August 2008

Minutes of June meeting: Page omitted. New minutes to issue.

Rally, Run or Tour?: Check with insurers confirmed don't use "Rally", "Tour" preferred. Same applies to road service.

Membership application: Holden FB-EK Club has applied.

Conditional registration/club membership: Clubs can rule that a minimum number of meetings/events have to be attended to retain membership (at the discretion of the committee), but it is illegal to impose such a rule on the granting of historic registration.

Historic Registration: Many return forms are still incomplete, apparently mainly due to changes of Authorised Officer and new ones not being taught. With multiple Authorised Officers, it is helpful to place their names against lists of logbooks each

holds. Some misprinted books have issued. If any found, return to Brian Davey for replacement.

HVRS review: Doing the rounds of government offices - nothing to happen before Christmas. No answers re LPG or SIVs until after that.

Peninsulae Parade: 106 expressions of interest to date. Second pre-tour done. Local council tourism funding being sought. Mike Osborne (Maitland Auto Preservation Society) acknowledged for his work arranging Yorke Peninsula portion.

Website: Back to normal.

Kernewek Lowender Cavalcade of Cars: New management, new rules. May restrict to 30-year-old+ vehicles.

Bay to Birdwood Run: 1157 entries - 400 of them new. Interstaters regard \$50 as too cheap!

Numerical number plates: Annual auction to be only avenue of purchase. Interstate prices said to be

the guide on values.

Structural damage to vehicles resident on west coast: Question to Variations Committee - can manifolds be replaced with modified units on all vehicles, not just Valiants, because of sub-standard roads? Also can wheels be replaced with wider, stronger units to take heavy duty tyres? Partial answer: strengthened 13-inch caravan wheels are available as replacements. Manifold issue to be considered.

AGM

Affiliation fees: Increased to \$45 to cover rising costs, including postage increase next month.

Federal AGM: Not attended this year in Brisbane because of transportation cost and small agenda.

Elections: President - Steve Henderson (previous Vice-President); Vice-President - Morvan Green (Atujara Motor Cycle Club).

Next Meeting: 18/10/08.

PAST EVENTS

Gawler Ranges Diary

Saturday 5th July: Adelaide to Spear Creek: Dreamed I woke up at 4.00 a.m. and flew around getting things ready to go. Then I woke up at 5.00 a.m. and thought about it. Ivan & Gloria got down about 7.00 p.m. last night and we packed the ute. Talk about stuff!!! I bet half of it doesn't get used or eaten! Started the ute and blew a hole in the muffler. The boys had to rush off to Norwood to get it fixed. Typical start to a trip away for us.

The weather forecast for next week doesn't sound good – rain, rain, rain. Had a few more yells and screams at the Dodge, but eventually we took off. It was sometime between 10.30 & 11.00.

Had a very slow trip to Pt. Wakefield. Couldn't seem to go any faster than 36 mph. Seemed to shake the cobwebs out after that and travelled at 38-40 mph. Flew past Brian Roberts and Don just out of Snowtown. Went through a couple of brief showers of rain.

Everybody arrived at Spear Creek except Brian & Don. When they hadn't arrived by dark Richard and Kevin went looking for them. Then David checked his phone to

Photo: Graham Bailey



read a message that they were just out of Pt Augusta with battery trouble. David and Bob went that way with the trailer. They eventually got in under their own steam.

Had a lot of trouble getting their tent erected, and conflicting advice from half a dozen other blokes didn't help. Had happy hour in the camp kitchen area because of the rain, but sat around the fire after tea.

Sunday 6th July: Spear Creek to Glendambo: Had a bit of a shower overnight but it was quite warm. Got up to a beautiful morning, mild and sunny. Richard looked at Brian's car and thinks that it should be okay so Brian has decided to keep going. Hard to get every body up and moving.

Got to Pt. Augusta and it was freezing! Heading for Glendambo we passed two people on push bikes and two emus. Stopped at



Photo: Chris Howes

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Gawler Ranges Diary (ctd)

Range View rest area for morning tea and it started to rain the moment we pulled up. Still freezing cold. Put the side curtains on and it was quite pleasant driving to Pimba. Sun shining here but still very cold and windy. Everybody got in at a reasonable hour.

We were trying to find some wood for a fire when the neighbour came to the fence with a ute load of wood which he gave to us. Very cold. We draped the shelter with tarps to keep out the cold. Everybody was told to be ready to leave together at 8.30 because we have a difficult driving day tomorrow.

Trevor Beythien was nominated to wear the yellow "Driver of the Day" cap for forgetting he had the trailer on the back, jack-knifing it, and denting his mud-guard and bumper bar.

Monday 7th July: Glendambo – Waltumba Tank: Up before the sun. Went to shower and wash my hair and the water was barely warm. The amenities haven't improved since we were here last!

The road to Kingoonya was pretty rough. We were going sideways



Photo: Graham Bailey

most of the time. We were driving towards a rainbow – don't know if that's a good or bad omen! Stopped at the Kingoonya Pub just to say we had been there.

The road after that was diabolical! It was like 100 caterpillar tanks had driven over the wet road and they left it like that. You needed very good bras! We couldn't drive any faster than 15 mph. Looked out the side at one stage, and looked straight into the face of a

kangaroo. Were going so slow he didn't even bother about us. Stopped for lunch and guess what? Yes, it rained.

Fortunately we had a tin-roofed thing we could shelter under. Had news that Les Johnson is being towed in. Freezing cold wind blowing but we had a game of boule while we waited for everybody.

Had to put the side curtains on it was so cold. Les on the road



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again. Road very rough again but not as bad as this morning. Just a couple of hundred metres from the turn-off to Waltumba Tank we went dancing across the road at a rate of knots. Richard fought to keep us on the road. Next thing Kevin Frith goes flying past us, beeping his horn and waving his arms. We had a flat tyre!!!! Changed it on the road, and eventually got to the camp site. Graham Bailey had a flat tyre when he got in as well.

The wind died down after sunset so we spent a pleasant night around the fire. The fire was so good, a number of our group cooked their evening meal on the coals. Gloria had organised a pass-the-parcel game. Everybody had their own parcel with dress-up clothes in it. We looked hilarious and had a good laugh. No showers or toilets here.

Richard got the hat for not realising he had a flat tyre, and scaring me half to death.

Tuesday 8th July: Waltumba



Photo: Chris Howes

Tank – Pondana Outstation: Beautiful morning. The group visited Poldana Ruins. Had a race with an emu. We were doing 25mph and it took us quite a while to pass him. Turned into Yardia Station and it was freezing cold again.

Two kangaroos hopped across in

front of us as we drove up the road. All the group filled up with petrol at a really old bowser, where you pumped up the petrol with a lever. It was still in gallons! We got 5 gallons for \$45.

The clouds have blown up and it is threatening rain again. Had a hair-raising trip through the paddocks to



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Gawler Ranges Diary (ctd)

Poldana Outstation. We lost half the crew. Brian Walsh went the wrong way leaving Yardia and Bob followed. Fortunately David and Bob had two-way radio things, so we eventually got them headed the right way.

Had a great Mini-Olympics. We had 8 events: Discus (throw a thong), Shot-put (throw a boule ball), Equestrian (two people carry a third on a hand chair), Relay (egg-and-spoon race), Swimming (run backwards doing backstroke arms), Triple jump, Baseball (throw water balloon between two people, increasing distance each time), and three-legged race. Julie May's sister had bought out a load of wood, so we had a couple of fire buckets going. Some of the group got the chip heater going, pumped up the water and had showers. One toilet here. We didn't use the old one with the spiders and smell!

Bob Lemon got the hat for going the wrong way, which is a definite no-no for the back-up man.

Wednesday 9th July: Poldana

Outstation – Wudinna: Lorraine Beythien's birthday today. It was so cold over-night that the tonneau cover on the ute was covered with ice. As the sun came up behind the hills in front of us, the mist was still on the ground in front. Really picturesque. Quite a few photos were taken. We were a bit late taking off. A couple of the old girls had to be tow-started.

The track through the Ranges was wet and slippery from the rain. The drivers got quite a good workout. Should have made them feel good to have a challenging drive! Stopped at Old Paney Station for morning tea. Roy and Norma had to leave us here and head straight to Wudinna. Roy thinks he may have a bladder infection.

Then we started our tourist bit. Went into Yandinga, but there was no water coming down the falls. Half of the group then went to the Organ Pipes. We went on the Pildappa Rock. Absolutely spectacular, and you could climb it quite easily. It's sides are like a

wave with lovely colours. The view from the top is spectacular. I think it is the second largest monolith in Australia. Roy and Norma were camped when we got in to Wudinna. Roy saw the Doctor and he does have a bladder infection. Thank goodness there is still a Hospital and Resident Doctor in Wudinna! Had a problem getting permission for a fire in Wudinna, but Kevin Frith put his persuasive powers to good use and we were allowed to. Had a Club meeting around the fire, presented Lorraine Beythien with a birthday cake then had Talent Night. Kevin won the night in his emu costume. A Dodge hat was found in the park and auctioned to the owner. The local Ambulance driver was with us, so we gave the money to her. Then things got out of hand, and Kevin was promised money for doing his emu-thing at the local Pub when we come back next Saturday. Of course he accepted. It was also decided that as we were all going to the Streaky Bay Hotel the next night for dinner, it should



Photo: Chris Howes

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Gawler Ranges Diary (ctd)

be formal. Ladies to wear a hat, Gentlemen to wear a tie.

Brian Walsh got the hat for managing to break the tow-rope as his car was being towed.

Thursday 10th July: Wudinna – Streaky Bay: Had a shower of rain during the night. Having an easy day today. Everybody is making their own way to Streaky Bay. Brian & Don had to put their ute on a truck to take it home. The tray is coming away from the body! Sad to see them have to give up.

Went to the Op-shop as soon as we arrived in Streaky to buy hats and ties for tonight's formal dinner. Roxanne's friend Kate organised for us to visit the Stationary Engine Museum then go to her home to inspect her partner John's Ford cars and memorabilia. Both were quite interesting.

Had our formal dinner at the Hotel. Everybody made an effort to comply with the dress code. The ties were a sight to behold, very imaginative. Poor Gloria and Ivan went to get into their car to go



Photo: Julie May

home and found it wrapped quite securely in Glad Wrap! Who was responsible for that? Does she have the initials S.M.?

Graham Bailey got the hat. Nobody had made any driving errors so he was awarded it for being unkind to his passenger. At Waltumba Tank he went up the hill with the toilet paper and left it up there hanging on a tree. When Chris wanted it, it was wet and soggy. Poor Chris said he had to wipe his bottom with Glad Wrap which wasn't very nice!

Friday 11th July: Streaky Bay – Venus Bay:

Had a bit of a dilemma starting out. We suggested a couple of scenic drives that were in our brochure, but on closer inspection, one would take 1-2 hours and the other half a day. We decided that the easiest thing was for everybody to do their own thing. We had to leave Denis and Margie in Streaky.

The Valiant wouldn't start. Rescue has been organised but not until later in the morning. The Caravan Park here is exceptional. I would recommend it to anybody to stay. Facilities and amenities are 5-star.

We decided to do the half-day tour, and it was really worth it. Very beautiful coastal scenery which you could view without a lot of effort. Called at Murphy's Haystacks on the way to Venus Bay. Phenomenal sight. Denis and Margie turned up all fixed up and raring to go. We all went down the jetty for our fishing competition. It was a bit hard with a seal swimming around under the jetty and trying to get your fish off the line before you could. Not that we caught many fish. Lorraine won the competition by catching a cormorant.

Had a fire on the beach that night. Chris got his telescope out, but it was too late. Clouds had covered the moon and stars. We looked across the Bay to Pt. Kenny and at the boats tied up at the jetty, but it was a bit too windy.

Rick Frith won the hat for the day. He tail-gated someone home from



Photo: Julie May

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Gawler Ranges Diary (ctd)

the Pub in Streaky and had somebody tail-gate him because the lights wouldn't work. Got back to the Caravan Park and turned on his lights. Guess what? They worked

Saturday 12th July: Venus Bay-Wudinna: Had howling gales most of the night. Fortunately nobody's tent blew away but I don't think too many had much sleep. Folk did their own sight-seeing today. The wind sent a few straight to Wudinna.

We went to see the Talia Caves. Once again, breathtaking. The rocks on the beach were a beautiful pink, almost flat and easily accessible. Talia Beach was a huge curving white beach. It is a popular surfing beach, and you can see why.

The wind was quite fierce and it was prudent not to stand too close to the edge of the cliffs. The sand hills were blowing well too. Saw a memorial on the cliff top. A nursing sister was "accidentally drowned" but rumour has it that she was pregnant by the local married doctor and he threw her off!!!!

During our travels we had a close



Photo: Roy and Norma Schopp

encounter with two kangaroos again. They jumped across the road directly in front of us. A faster car would have hit them for sure.

Had a lazy afternoon in Wudinna. Gloria taught Lorraine and I how to play Farkle. Good fun, and all you need is 6 dice. We all went to the Pub for tea. Kevin did his emu act, raising money for the Ambulance.

Julie's sister had organised to get some fresh Coffin Bay oysters and

had also made some huge sponge rolls. Kevin auctioned them off and we managed to donate about \$500 to the Ambulance. Not a bad night's work! Meal was pretty good. Beautiful clear skies when we got back to camp but Chris had packed up his goods and chattels in readiness for catching the bus back to Adelaide tonight.

Denis got the hat because he broke his car. He told us he had also managed to get a hole in his wind-screen.

Sunday 13th July: Wudinna – Mt. Ive Station: Cold this morning but at least the wind has abated somewhat. Visited Mt. Wudinna, Turtle Rock, Paney shearing shed and reached Mt. Ive just after lunch. The Gawler Ranges are certainly an awe-inspiring place to visit. There is a nice gazebo thing here with a light, a roof and sides, that we can use.

We put up the tarp at the entrance on the wind-ward side and had 3 fire-buckets out the front of the other entrance so we were quite cosy. Played games with Sara most of the afternoon. Had a game of horseshoes, but the horseshoes



Photo: Roy and Norma Schopp

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were actually toilet seats. Unfortunately it was a bit too windy.

David & Julie had bought 15 kg prawns in Venus Bay so everybody pigged out, then Julie and Roxanne cooked up a heap of Oysters Kilpatrick so we were certainly living in the lap of luxury.

Kevin got the hat for daring to run around dressed as an emu and showing his skinny legs.

Monday 14th July: Mt. Ive Station: Lovely to be able to sleep in. It rained last night but I didn't hear it. We went with the Beythiens out to Lake Gairdner, visiting a few sights on the way. One was an embankment that was built to store water. It was made out of the local rock. You would swear someone had been out there cutting stones for it, but it was natural.

There are lots of little lambs around. We had to rescue a couple that had got stuck between a gate and a fence. They must have followed each other, then couldn't go forward and didn't have the sense to go backwards.

The lake is absolutely huge. You see it on maps but until you stand

on the side of it and can't see the ends of it, you don't conceive of how huge it is. There was a few inches of water in it. Trevor and Graham went for a wade. Got a photo of Graham pretending to walk on water like "you-know-who"!

Afternoon windy, cold and slight showers. After tea Denis and Margie tried to give us some rock and roll lessons. We were pretty hopeless and we kicked up so much dust in the gazebo, we had to give it away.

Les got the hat because he was always nearly late. He and Trevor reckon it takes them an hour to pack up their camp. Either they have too much stuff or they need a woman to supervise.

Tuesday 15th July: Mt. Ive Station - Pt. Augusta: Had a bad run to Pt. Augusta. Dodge was not happy and wouldn't run properly. We missed morning tea in an effort to keep going. Got in to the Caravan Park at lunch time. Richard did a bit of fiddling so hopefully we will be driving okay tomorrow. I went with Gloria and Ivan out to look at the Arid Lands Botanic Garden. Just the same sort of vegetation we have been driving

through for nearly two weeks.

But then we went to the Matthew Flinders Lookout. It is near the top of the Gulf and there are actually cliffs there! You wouldn't imagine it if you didn't see them. Had our get-together in the camp kitchen because it was pretty cold and that was the most sheltered place. Said goodbye to Kevin and Roxanne who are going straight home to Blanchetown tomorrow.

Awarded the hat to David May for organising for us to travel on all the rough roads he could find.

Wednesday 15th July: Pt. Augusta - Wilmington: Casual start again. We went to the Wadlata Outback Centre. Amazing. We rushed through but you could spend hours in there. If you haven't been there, I recommend that you make the effort to go. Easy run to Wilmington through Horrock's Pass. Ivan wanted fish and chips for lunch so the boys went down the street to buy them.

In the afternoon we visited the Toy Museum, owned by a former Club member, David Christie. We also visited the Puppet museum. Trevor and Lorraine dug up somebody who had a gem-stone collection,

Vintage Cars visit Wudinna

A group of 13 vintage vehicles from The Chrysler Restorers Club in Adelaide traveled through the Gawler Ranges during July and one of the stopovers for the night was the Wudinna Caravan Park, where they had a variety entertainment night. That night they auctioned off a lost hat that one of their members had lost in the shower. This got \$50. So, what were they going to do with the money? The Wudinna Ambulance Centre would be a good cause someone said. So it was donated. They discussed ways of raising money for this good cause, so on the return trip they decided to have their EMU perform at the Wudinna Hotel

on the following Saturday when they had dinner there. The EMU raised \$602.75 for the Ambulance and all had a really good time. Thanks to the people of Wudinna for making The Chrysler Restorers Club very welcome.



Above: Kevin Frith the EMU

Left: Some of the vintage cars that visited Wudinna

Extract from The Wudinna Granite

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and the owner of the local supermarket has lots of Chrysler products. Amazing what is around a small town.

During happy hour this gorgeous green, two-door, left-hand drive Plymouth arrived to visit. It was Kevin Murphy, supermarket owner. Really lovely car. Richard took his wife for a ride in the Dodge (obviously she was going okay again – the car, I mean). I think we persuaded them of the value of becoming a Club Member. Had a lovely fire for our final night. We were a bit disgusted with Walshes, Les and Trevor – they took a cabin for the night!!! Pikers!!!!

Thursday 16th July: Wilmington – Adelaide: Pulled the tent down for the last time. A bit sad really. Everybody made their own way home. We had an uneventful run. Gloria and Ivan went straight to Clare, unloaded their stuff out of the ute, then drove on to Adelaide to pick up their car from our place. It was all over.

Summing up: A great trip spent in good company. Every type of road surface. Only missed out on snow and sleet as far as the weather is concerned. Saw some amazing natural phenomena.

Judy Hart



Photo: Roy and Norma Schopp

GAWLER RANGES LAST DAY

The last day of our wonderful trip, we spent in Wilmington. If you have never been there, you will find many interests including Alligator Gorge and the area around, and in the town we have a member Ron Dawe and his brother Stan.

We found them by wandering around the back streets of town (as you do).

Ron is the member of our club and has many Chrysler vehicles from 1920's to 50s and 60s, which he will show you. His brother Stan has

2 Chryslers and a large Museum of Minerals, Fossils, Shells and Bottles, all displayed under lights and very well set out.

Ask Stan to show you the BIG Rock in his back yard.

Both Ron and his brother will be please to see you. Ron's phone number is in the Membership directory and Stan's is 8667 5259.

Well worth a visit when next going through or staying in Wilmington.

Lorraine & Trevor Beythien

Extract from the Wudinna Granite care of Bill Watson



Photo: Graham Bailey

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Xmas in July

Sunday 27 July 2008

The day was wet and very cold but the shed at the Christmas Tree Farm was warm with lots of Christmas cheer. The tables were set with berries and candles and the shed decorated with all things Christmas.

Lunch began with a cup of homemade vegetable soup prepared by Brenton Hamilton.

Followed by Roast Pork and Beef cooked to perfection by Chris Howes in his trusty GAS Weber, and served with baked potatoes and an assortment of vegetables prepared by a small group of helpers and piled into crock pots lined up to keep them hot. Once the meat was carved, volunteers armed themselves with forks and spoons and with military precision the main meal was served to some 79 people.

It wouldn't be Christmas without the traditional plum pudding, all of which were made by Carol Barnes, and served with brandy custard, made by Norma Hamilton I believe people were queuing to lick out the last remains of the custard. For those that didn't partake in the plum pudding Norma also

made one of her well known trifles. Everyone helped themselves to tea and coffee.

As with Christmas tradition I don't think anyone would have gone home feeling hungry.

With limited facilities and no running hot water I personally think this was an excellent team effort from a small group of workers to cater for such an event.

Behind the scenes, Carol & Ken's son-in-law Wes collected and returned most of the tables and chairs from our club rooms and both Mel and Wes were most generous in allowing the car club to host our Christmas in July run/lunch at their Christmas Tree Farm, a most appropriate venue. To Ken, Carol and Kathy for their organisation of the event, Graham and Jeanette for collecting the money and selling raffle tickets a big thank you. With lots of positive feedback I believe a great time was had by all. What a lucky group we are.

Rae Cowie.



Photo: Wes Saundry

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Xmas in July (ctd)

Photo: Wes Saundry



Photo: Wes Saundry

RESTORATION STORY

1937 Plymouth P4 Sloper

THE COVER CAR

Thank you for featuring my Plymouth on the cover of your magazine. My partner and I were tickled pink. I thought I would give some input on the vehicle.

My father bought it for me in 1975 when I was 14. It all started when I said I wanted to do up a 30s model car. Back then they were everywhere but my old man was always put off when they never had a motor in them.

Eventually we found the Plymouth in a yard being "Rones Motors" at Pinnaroo. I hoped and hoped it had a motor in it, which it did and not only that it was a 2 door. Initially the owner Burt Bailey, who was actually the car owner's father, did not want to sell. It was not until some time and a lot of hounding later that he relinquished after dad made a deal with some carpet for his house through his business "Tully's Carpets".

The car had been out in the field for that long, it never had indicators fitted and the paint was worn through to the undercoat. The hood lining was hanging down and it had a huge dent in the left hand front guard. The only bad rust was in the bottom of the left panel below the rear side window where water would have got in.



Photo: Ray Tully

Mechanically the engine was seized and one tooth was missing off one of the gears in the gearbox. Despite all this it was a good start. Only missing parts were the rear bumper, carby, 2 hubcaps and the Plymouth badge and ship motif off the grille.

Because my father is not overly mechanically "hands on" and I was only a kid with a lot to learn, a lot of things were possibly done in an incorrect order. Not only that, this car was restored during my adolescent

years so it wasn't always a high priority, possibly taking a lot longer than it should have. Also around this time I realized that not all old cars were Hot Rods, so rather than stuff it up or do something half baked I thought I would see it through as a restoration.

First thing it got was a set of tyres. Then off to "Lone Star" crash repairs on Brighton Road. After the front was stripped off, in came family friend/mechanic, Ron Cardinelli. We were very lucky to get a NOS engine from the Chrysler factor at Lonsdale! "Treleven Gear" in town saw us right with a new cluster and first and reverse sliding gear. Springs were done at Southcotts, brakes were done at Girlocks. The radiator was recored and one of the mechanics from work, Mick Barham, helped me with the gearbox.

Sometime after it was all put together it went to "S.L. Boyce & Son" for trimming. In the process of all this I also got to know John Biddle, another great help. One of the last things was to fit a NOS wiring loom which fitted and worked beautifully, which the old man got from god



Photo: Ray Tully

RESTORATION STORY

1937 Plymouth P4 Sloper (ctd)

knows where.

The Plymouth's maiden voyage was the third Bay to Birdwood in 1984, done without the chrome dress strips either side of the grille. It has only missed one Bay to Birdwood since. Over the years I have taken it to Mt Gambier, Quorn, Melbourne Canberra and over the Yorkes a number of times.

You need to drive it like an older car, over 55 mph and your thrashing it – 75 mph flat out. Change the gears slowly, round the corners slowly, give yourself plenty of room to pull up. It can be a handful in a side wind at any speed. The car is a standard model and that's the way I have kept it and like it – very bare bones, the only thing it really needs to complete it is a double pinstripe on each wheel. Average fuel consumption is 18 mpg.

Old cars are now in my blood, my daily driver a 66 HR Holden on gas. I also have a (tastefully) modified FJ Holden ute and my current project is a '32 Ford Roadster Pickup – old



Photo: Ray Tully

style Hot Rod – all steel, flatty, finned heads, whitewalls etc (note – tasteful and note – not a butcher job.) My partner is also in the process of restoring her '53 108 De Soto Deluxe cab pickup, traded for a carton of beer.

Although I have not been an active member of the Chrysler Restorers Club I have been a subscription

member for a number of years. On the few occasions where I have been to any of your events, I have found the people very friendly, warm and welcoming and am looking forward to my next encounter .

Thank you.

Ray Tully

Plymouth National Meet 2009

We recently received a request from the Plymouth Owners Club USA to assist in their National Meet in June of 2009 being held in Wisconsin.

Whilst it is beyond the means for most of us to attend in person, the organizers have asked if we could contribute by way of comments or pictures of Plymouth derived vehicles from around the world; the theme for this event is "Plymouths Cover the World".

Our committee discussed this request at our last meeting and decided we could perhaps contribute with photos and short stories of our Australian based models, I have agreed to collate

any material we can put together and with the assistance of Richard Tapp perhaps compile a disc to forward, which they could display at this event.

With this in mind, I welcome any photos, articles or ideas from the owners of :

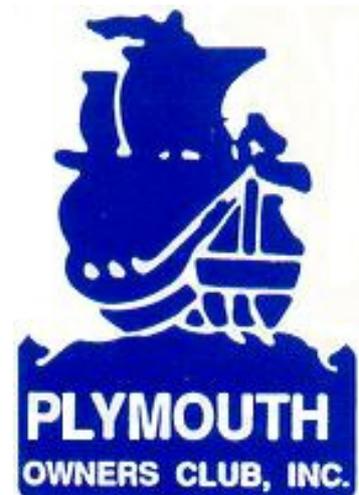
Plymouth / Chrysler Royal / Australian Dodge Phoenix / early Valiant / Fargo and any other vehicles that may have been derived from a USA Plymouth counterpart.

In addition it might be feasible to gather many of these vehicles for a group photo at some point in the future. In the meantime, I will rely on your inputs to start

the ball rolling.

I believe we have a great opportunity here to display our unique vehicles to the rest of the world.

Chris Howes



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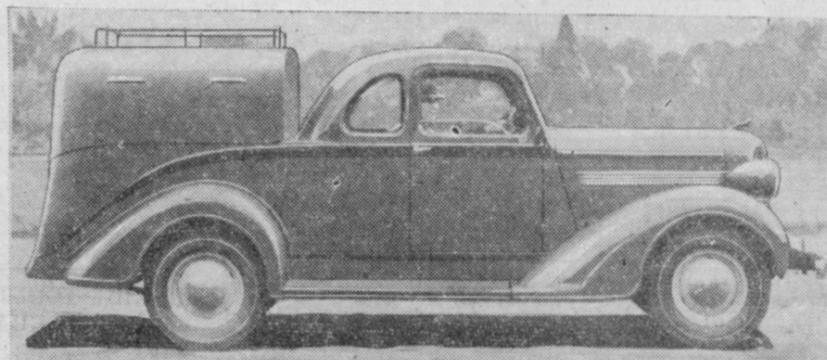
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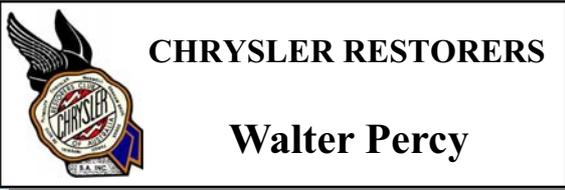
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At the November meeting two styles of badges were shown to the members. The general consensus of opinion showed that a majority of people preferred the badge with Clear Glaze Acrylic and the rest liked the Plain. There was also a discussion about the different pin types.

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