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CLUB DIRECTORY

The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, South Australia Inc.

Established in 1980, catering for the following vehicles:

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Postal Address

PO Box 667, Plympton SA 5038

Meetings

Meetings are held at the Combined Car Clubs (Triple C) Club rooms, Glandore Community Centre, Clark Avenue, Glandore at 7:45 pm on the second Wednesday of each month, except January. Entry to club rooms is through the car park. Visitors and guests are welcome. Please bring supper to share.

Subscriptions

Metro single \$30.00 - Metro family \$35.00 - Country single \$20.00 - Country family \$25.00

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The Chrysler Collector

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COMING EVENTS

CLUB MEETINGS

Second Wednesday of each month except January

CLUB RUNS / EVENTS

Sunday 31st May 2015

Balaklava Museum. Meet north of Caltex Service Station, Port Wakefield Road, Bolivar. 9.30am for a 10.00am start. BYO lunch, visit Balaklava Museum.

Greg Lind
8263 6998

Sunday 14th June 2015

Registration Day, CCC club rooms, sausage sizzle, 10.00am to 2.00pm

Saturday 20th June 2015

Presentation Dinner Brighton Bowling and RSL Club Keelara Street, Brighton at 7.00pm.

Alan Driver
8298 1194

8th to 15th August 2015

Mount, Hill n Town tour, visiting towns with Mount, Hill or Town in their name.

Lorraine Beythien
0409 096 070

17th and 18th October 2015

Jamestown Air Show. The tri annual Jamestown Air Show is on again.

Chris Howes
8165 3971

INVITATION/OTHER CLUB'S EVENTS

Sunday 17th May 2015

Morris Register History Day, coincides with Historic Vehicles Day. An invitation to drop in cnr. Harrison Road and Simpson Avenue Devon Park 10.00am to 4.00pm

Sunday 24th May 2015

Copper Coast Cornish Festival. Classic Cavalcade Kadina. Moonta. Wallaroo. Cars and motorcycles pre 1985.

Greg Lind
8263 6998

Sunday 1st November 2015

CCC picnic lunch. Starting in the parklands near Keswick Bridge Anzac Highway for a display of historic vehicles, followed by a run to Macclesfield Davenport Square for a picnic lunch. Market stalls of food and other items. Hosted by the Veteran and Vintage Chev Club.

Ken Barnes
8293 7923

SWAP MEETS

Sunday 24th May 2015

Kapunda

Sunday 7th June 2015

Kadina

Sunday 26th July 2015

Globe Derby

Sunday 16th August 2015

Willunga

Sunday 20th September 2015

Gawler

Sunday 18th October 2015

Strathalbyn

14th and 15th November 2015

Bendigo

Entry Forms etc

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

Public Relations Officer Resignation

At our March meeting Public Relations Officer Peter Braham announced that he and Jan are moving to Victoria.

Both Peter and Jan have been

Registration of interest for the vacancy of Public Relations was announced at the March meeting without success.

active and popular members of our club and will be greatly missed. Peter has fulfilled his role well as Public Relations Officer. He also was involved in organising our pub lunches and

During our April meeting Brenton Gibb nominated John Goddard for the position seconded by Lorraine Beythien.

various club events.

On behalf of the membership I wish them well in their new location and future undertaking.

John accepted the position. Congratulations John.

Bob Haywood

Cover Photo

Bruce Bragg and Carolyn Harris' 1964 Dodge Polara hard top: Photographed at 2015 All Chrysler Day.
Photo Bob Haywood

COMING EVENTS

Balaklava Museum Run

Sunday 31st May 2015

Meet north of the Caltex Service Station Port Wakefield Road Bolivar at 9.30am for a 10.00am start. We will travel to Balaklava and visit the Balaklava Museum at

May Terrace and the Urlwin Park Agricultural Museum 34A Short Terrace. Museum entrance fees are \$3.00 Adults, (\$6 both sites) Children 50 cents. Enjoy a wander around this amazing country

museum. A step back in time, one not to be missed. BYO lunch. Vehicle inspection available for Historic Registration.

Greg Lind
8263 6998

Registration Day

Sunday 14th June 2015

Annual Registration Day 10.00am to 2.00pm. Bring along ALL

relevant paper work to complete your registration as per Historic Vehicle Registration regulations.

Sausage sizzle lunch available.

Graham McRae
0498 485 934

2015 Presentation Dinner

Saturday 20th June 2015

The annual Presentation Dinner will be held at the Brighton Bowling and RSL Club, Keelara Street, Brighton. 3 course meal \$25 per person. There is limited disabled parking via the lane off Jetty Road. Meals will be served from 7:00 pm. I suggest that you plan on finding a car park about 6.30pm to enter venue approx 6.45pm.

Parking Directions:

1. Keelara St, Brighton: Street parking and small carpark outside the bowling greens. Main entrance

faces the Greens.

2. Rear of Clubroom: A signposted laneway on the northern side of jetty road (just before Wenlock St on the south side) leads to back entrance, three disabled parks, plus about 12 general parks.

The laneway exits alongside the railway behind the town hall. I suggest dropping off anyone who cannot walk a great distance at this entrance, then finding a park.

3. Jetty Rd Brighton: There is street parking outside Brighton Library and the Community

House which is adjacent to the laneway.

4. Torr Ave (alongside railway line): Street parking north from Jetty Road, to just past lane way exit behind town hall.

5. Woolworths has a store with large carpark on corner of Brighton Rd and Keelara St. It is a modest walk from back section of car park to the bowling club main entrance.

Alan Driver
8298 1194

Mount, Hill n Town Tour

8th to 15th August 2015

We have designed this tour around towns with the place name as above included. There is also a route for vehicles that prefer bitumen.

The daily mileage will be around 100 miles or less. For the people taking caravans they have the choice of either bitumen or dirt roads.

The itinerary will differ slightly for each but we will join together

each night as we are staying at Caravan Parks. There is limited Hotel Motel or Cabin Accommodation at each stop. For more details contact

Lorraine Beythien
0409 096 070

Jamestown Air Show

17th and 18th October 2015

This is a tri-annual event and members of our club enjoyed the last show. Accommodation needs to be booked now. They have limited caravan park sites although the showgrounds have

caravan facilities.

Saturday night is schnitzel night at nearby Caltowie Hotel, a great country meal and only a few minutes from Jamestown. The main show event is on Sunday. An area has been set aside for our cars

to displayed.

Jamestown is only 2.5 hours from Adelaide so it is possible to make a day trip if you would prefer.

Chris Howes

FROM THE COMMITTEE

President's Message



Welcome to the May/June 2015 issue of the Chrysler Collector.

In March it was All Chrysler Day really All Chrysler "Long Weekend".

We started Friday with a run to Victor Harbor organised by Chris Howes. Through Bill Ellis, Chris arranged for us to view a car collection that is not open to the public. You really ought to have tried to get the Friday off work.

Saturday morning had a run to McLaren Vale and Saturday evening there was the traditional Mopar MegaCruise, departing from Urrbrae High School. I went to the start of the MegaCruise and took some photos.

Sunday was the static display. More details elsewhere in the magazine but:

1. We manned the gates
2. We won the best club display again – thank you Brenton
3. Several club members collected trophies for their vehicles.

In April we went to Graham Haggie's property at Springton, where members were able to see his horse drawn vehicle collection, his "Wild West Wood Works" restoration facility and his "bush railway". Thank you for your hospitality once again Graham.

At the April meeting, Graham Goode of Goode Restorations in Clare was our guest speaker, aided by his son Ben. Graham spoke about the restoration business, illustrated through the restoration of a Diamond-T bus for a customer.

In May we will be going to Balaklava to visit the Balaklava Museum. Note that this is later in the month than usual for one of our events – 31st May.

In June our event will be the all-important Registration Day,

which will be held at CCC Glandore. Graham McRae will be overseas at this time, but past president Kevin Williams will take control of the proceedings. Thank you Kevin.

In April and May many members will be on the Federation's 2015 "Meet the Clubs" Tour. This is written before they leave, but by the time you read it, they will have returned. Hopefully all participants will have had a trouble free event.

July will be our Annual General Meeting. If you would like to be on the committee, let any of the current committee know! Peter Braham (Public Relations Officer) recently moved interstate at short notice and so had to resign from that office. We thank Peter for his work on the committee over several years and wish Jan and Peter all the best for the future. John Goddard has taken on that position – thank you John.

See you at some of our events!

Richard Tapp

From the Editor

CONTRIBUTORS

This issue comes to you courtesy of Greg and Ann Lind, Sharon and Brenton Gibb, Lorraine Beythien, Chris Howes, Richard Tapp, Alan Driver, Graham McRae, Han Robat, Ellen Haywood, and Jenette Black. Many thanks to the magazine despatch team, being Jenette Black, Ellen Haywood, Garry Williams and Dean Davis.

A REMINDER. *In future all articles and entries to this magazine must be submitted by the Friday date shown on page 3.*

WEBSITE STATISTICS

	Mar-15	Apr-15	Apr-14
Visits	525	358	491
Pages	3376	4298	4669
Average visit duration	2:50	2:53	3:00

Bob Haywood

Statistics include photos but exclude videos.

CLUB NOTES

Federation Meeting Report



18th April 2015

General:

National Heritage Day is May 17th, however SA decided to put as many historic cars as possible on the road on Sept 1st. FHMC has been encouraged to celebrate our heritage on both days.

Historic Registration:

There has not been any further discussions/decisions on the proposal for historic registration of modified vehicles, any rumours should be disregarded.

Our President Steve Henderson related the tale of a Victorian who took out his MG for a spin and was involved in an accident. Police asked to see his logbook which had not been signed off, so he was charged with driving an unregistered and uninsured vehicle. When he tried to claim insurance the insurer sought a copy of the police report and denied the claim. This is a lesson for us all. Sign your logbook before you journey onto the road.

DPTI will not accept brake upgrades etc as safety measures. Their attitude is that this is a modification so the vehicle is no longer historic and full registration fees should apply.

Clubs are reminded that all vehicles are due for the 3Yr inspection unless they have been

inspected since the commencement of the Code of Practice on July 1st 2012.

Holden Club asked if a HD Holden could be converted to X2 configuration as it was an option at the time. The response was that it was acceptable as long as all stickers, gauges etc. are in place and the engine block has the stamping "179X" In the engine no, ie it must be exactly as it would have been from the factory.

Coming Events:

Motorfest Classic: Program is with the printers

Bay to Birdwood:

The route is confirmed as the same as last year. Entry fee \$60, Vehicle cut off date is Dec 1978.

Alan Driver

Historic Vehicle Registration

Well the start of the new club year on July 1st is approaching and of course the club registration day is an important date for those with historically registered vehicles. The date for this is on **Sunday June 14th** and a good opportunity to give the old car a run and get it inspected, killing 2 birds with one stone. Remember if you have a car on historic registration you need to bring your membership form with the Stat. Dec. on the back of the membership form signed and completed, the complete current registration certificate, the receipt for the registration as that states the registration period, and if you need replacement logbooks these are \$2 each.

One important thing that I would like to remind everybody of is that any car on historic

registration has to have an inspection within 3 years to remain compliant and this has to be repeated at the 3rd anniversary. There are still a number of members with cars that have not had their inspection carried out and at July the 1st 2015 they are no longer compliant with the requirements of the State Government DPTI Code of Practice that came into force in July the 1st 2012.

However leading on from this it also means that cars that had inspections carried out in 2012 when this started will need to have them reinspected again before the 3rd anniversary of that date. For example my Nash tourer was initially inspected at the photo shoot we did at the airstrip on the 4th of August 2012 so before the 4th of August 2015 I

must get it inspected otherwise I cannot drive it past that date. That date of the new inspection then becomes the start point for the next 3 yearly inspections so if my first repeat inspection happens to be done on the 2nd of August 2015 the next one will need to be before 2/8/2018.

As I am retired I am home most days (but not house bound!) if you need an inspection bring the car to me at Glengowrie after ringing me to organise a suitable date and time as I am quite happy to do that, my address and mobile number are both in the magazine, if I do not answer the phone leave a message and will get back to you. Just a reminder to send all correspondence to the club PO Box unless you have organised it with me previously.

Graham McRae

CLUB NOTES

Minutes of Club Meetings

Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia (SA Inc.)

Minutes of Meeting Held at CCC Wednesday 11th March 2015

Meeting opened by President Richard Tapp, members welcomed and OH&S regulations cited

Members present and apologies as recorded in attendance register

Sick report. Librarian, Steve Tyler has had heart by-pass surgery, Jan Van Rhoda had another hospital visit and is home recuperating, Ken Dart has been admitted to FMC Palliative care.

February Meeting minutes read and moved by Secretary Ann Lind, seconded J Dawson.

Correspondence in; the usual various Car Club magazines

Treasurers Report; Alan Driver presented his report, moving it be accepted, seconded by G Williams

Committee Reports presented

Past Events; Jim Dawson spoke on Valentines Day Run.

General Business;

Alan driver advised meeting on Annual Presentation Dinner venue

Brenton Gibb spoke on Houghton Oval display.

Dick Hart announced the 25th anniversary run to Cameron's Corner 29th May 2015

Richard Tapp advised of guest speaker G Goode from Goode's Restorations at the April meeting

Raffle draws

Meeting Closed at 8.50pm.

Minutes of Meeting Held at CCC Wednesday 8th April 2015

Meeting opened by President Richard Tapp, OH&S safety regulations cited.

Guest speakers Graham and Ben Goode from Goode Restorations Clare, welcomed and presentation given on their restoration business. Richard thanked them for their visit and presented them with a gift.

The meeting formalities began with a welcome to new members and visitors including George Katsaras.

Apologies and members present as in attendance register.

Sick report, Steve Tyler welcomed back, Jan Van Rhoda in better health, Ken Dart still in Repat. Hospital March minutes read and moved by Secretary Ann Lind seconded Lorraine Beythien.

Correspondence; CCC minutes, notification of business: hoist hire and workshop availability, Windsor Gds.

Treasurers Report; Alan Driver presented and moved his report be accepted, seconded by John Goddard Committee Reports presented.

Public Relations; recent vacancy filled by John Goddard nominated by Brenton Gibb, seconded by Lorraine Beythien

Past Events; Greg Lind spoke on Houghton display, Richard Tapp spoke on Victor Harbor run thanking Chris Howes for organising this run as part of All Chrysler Day weekend. Brenton Gibb spoke on the All Chrysler Day thanking all volunteers. Greg Lind passed on thanks on behalf of members on Brenton's effort during this event. Lindsay Gibb commented on the Wakefield House visit.

General Business; Alan Driver reminded members of Annual Presentation Dinner and costs.

Raffle draws;

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

CLUB NOTES

Membership and Historic Vehicle Registration Renewal



2015/16 **Membership** **Renewal**



Your membership renewal form is included with this magazine and is due by **30 June 2015**.

HOW TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewals WITHOUT Historic Vehicle Registration

Renewal Form – checked, amended if necessary, signed and dated, membership payment

Membership renewals WITH Historic Vehicle Registration (HVR)

Renewal Form; checked, amended if necessary, signed and dated

Statutory Declaration; completed for all HVR vehicles listed on renewal form, membership payment

Complete Current 'Registration; Details Certificate' (Blue form issued by DPTI)

Registration Receipt of payment; showing registration expiry date

Logbook/s; \$2 for each new Logbook required

Late Renewal of membership with HVR will incur a \$20.00 administration fee

WHERE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Club Meetings

Registration Day: Sunday, 14 June 2015 at CCC Club Rooms

Post: The Treasurer, Chrysler Restorers Club SA Inc, PO Box 667, Plympton SA 5038

Any questions regarding HVR please contact: -

- Graham McRae: 0498 485 934 (before 22 May 2015)
- Kevin Williams: 08 8251 3240 (from 22 May 2015)

PAST EVENTS

Wakefield House Visit

Wednesday 25th March 2015

A small group of CRC members including Lindsay Gibb, Geoff and Cynthia Chase, Vince Isola, Syd Greig, Carolyn Harris and myself accepted an invitation to

community run centre where people get together and spend a day with various activities such as playing cards 8 ball, and other table games. A delicious lunch is available and the centre is run by volunteers. A great way for our

older citizens to get together for a day out.

Interest in the cars was shown from a few of the fellows at the Centre, however, most seemed to be enjoying their own entertainment. We enjoyed a chat and a chance to have a look over some interesting cars we don't normally see.

A lunch consisting of 3 optional main courses and sweets was available and proved to be a very delicious meal. As the weather forecast was for a wet afternoon we headed for home after an interesting day out.

Bob Haywood



attend Wakefield House at Morphett Vale to be a part of a car display. Lindsay Gibb was contacted by a member of the staff and announced the event at our last meeting.

We met at the venue at 10.30am and were greeted and invited in for morning tea. We met up with representatives from other car clubs with a total of 12 cars taking part in the display.

Wakefield House is a



PAST EVENTS

Houghton Oval Display

Saturday 28th March 2015

A briskish morning of single digit temperatures greeted a good number of upstanding, or should that be, outstanding members to the Houghton Oval for the community auction and bushfire fundraiser. One had travelled from as far away as Colonel Light Gardens although a set of Victorian club plates on a lovely VC Regal seem to indicate that its owner might have travelled further.

Thanks to Brenton Gibb in the immaculate (and wow it really is) VH Town and Country ute. The club banners and flags were able to be flown high and proud. It was wonderful for this, newish, member to see the club spirit in action once again as the seemingly abandoned VC, covered in a heavy dew, got the chamois treatment from Lindsay and another willing member. The coffee truck was just adjacent to our excellent display and some of our number found the need to combat the temperature with a steaming mug or two.

Bouncing castle for the kids, BBQ in full swing, cushion and artwork stall and other bits and pieces added to the country fair feel of the

morning. Of course the real action was the auction with over six hundred lots ranging from a box of junk through to some priceless tools and material oddments. Chris Howes realised something of value and he made a purchase!! There was a pair of brand new older style pushbikes branded with the logo of a popular soft-drink maker, a camper trailer, enough gym equipment to start two or three outlets up in the suburbs and many other home wares and bric-a-brac. I did spy a very large gas fired outdoor heater arrive back at our display with mumblings of heating a shed, but since the carrier is still young and married I dare not name him.

Some good fellowship and yarns, even interspersed with a useful fact or two, under the club gazebo made for a most relaxing and fulfilling late morning especially after the sun climbed over the hill that shadows the Houghton Oval. It would be great if the organisers of the event make contact with our club and let us know how the fundraising went on the day. Certainly their auctioneers were putting in the effort, so I hope the community get some reward and that our club display added to their day.

Jim Dawson
Photos Michael Bartsch



PAST EVENTS

All Chrysler Day 2015

Sunday 29th March 2015

The South Australian All Chrysler Day has grown into a three day Chrysler Extravaganza.

It started on Friday with a run down to Victor Harbor for lunch followed by a visit to a private car collection. Chris Howes, along with help of Bill Ellis, had coordinated this event and it proved to be a great start to the weekend ahead. Friday night there was a meet and greet evening at The Tonsley Hotel. The Mega Cruise was run on Saturday with a good number of vehicles taking part.

Sunday morning was an early start for the volunteers from the Chrysler Club many being on the oval around 5am. Several from our club were also there bright and early setting up tents and flags for our display. It was quite interesting trying to do all of this in the dark. Our display consisted of 27 vehicles spanning most decades including VG Valiant Mexicana from the NSW Chrysler Restorers Club. This year's event proved to be the best ever with the oval being better

utilised. There were 250 entrants cars on display with the Mopar parking area having to be enlarged because of the extra number of cars coming into this area. Early numbers indicate around 1600 paying patrons through the gates plus who knows how many children under 14.

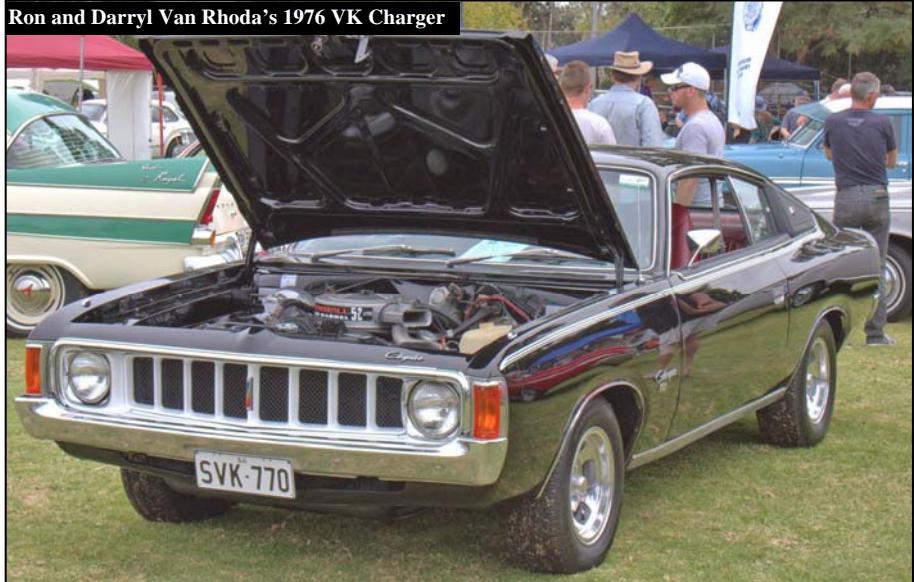
Our team of volunteers were kept quite busy, the car park marshals in particular, as parking became a premium. The theme this year was Amazing Eights and Fantastic Fours, this being a real eye opener having such a large

amount of British four cylinder vehicles at the show for the first time, let's hope they had a great time and come back next year.

The judging of vehicles was an improvement on previous years with no set area for judged vehicles, cars could be with their retrospective clubs and the whole thing happened much quicker.

Our club received 7 trophies in all. Ken Barnes' 1927 Dodge Fast Four roadster, Bob Haywood's 1962 AP3 Chrysler Royal, Carolyn Harris's 1964 Dodge Phoenix, Ron and Daryl

Ron and Darryl Van Rhoda's 1976 VK Charger



PAST EVENTS

All Chrysler Day 2015 (ctd)

Van Rhoda's 1976 VK Charger won 2 trophies, Alan Perkins' 1980 Chrysler CM Regal GLX and our club won best club display.

A special thank you to all of you who either helped on the day with designated jobs or stayed around our club stand talking with interested people promoting our club.

**Brenton Gibb
Photos Richard Tapp
Bob Haywood**



Ken and Carole Barnes' 1927 Dodge Fast Four roadster

Bob Haywood's 1962 Chrysler Royal and Carolyn Harris' 1964 Dodge Phoenix



Steve Lovell's 1925 Chrysler



Brenton & Sharon Gibb's 1971 VH Charger

Alan Perkins' 1980 Chrysler CM Regal



PAST EVENTS

Rock n Roll Rendezvous 2015

Sunday 12th April 2015

A small group of CRC members were invited to take part in an over-night stay at Birdwood in the lead up to Sunday's Rock n Roll Rendezvous.

After we all settled in we got together for a happy hour and a chat followed by a barbecue and a selection of very impressive

salad and sweets supplied by the ladies.

On the Sunday morning the cars were polished and the vans made ready for display. The crowds soon started to move into the grounds of the Birdwood Motor Museum.

There was soon a large crowd and a good number of beautiful

vehicles.

The entertainment was great music and dancing of the rock n roll era and a visit from Roy Orbison and Elvis Presley impersonators made the day.

A great weekend with great company.

Bob and Ellen Haywood



PAST EVENTS

Rock n Roll Rendezvous 2015 (ctd)



PAST EVENTS

Run to Graham Haggie's Springfield

Sunday 19th April 2015

Members met at the Tea Tree Gully Library car park at around 10.00am for a departure of 10.30am for a run to Graham and Christine Haggies near Springfield.

After a drive along the Chain of Ponds Road via Gumeracha and Williamstown we arrived at the Haggie property.

We were met at the road gate by Graham and directed to a suitable parking area.

When we had all arrived and met Graham and his wife, Christine,

we were taken on a short walk to his amazing model railway. This has been set in a natural landscape and planned as it may have looked in the steam train days with small wild west type settlements. Unfortunately the weather slowly turned against us. As the models were on electrically driven tracks and due to the fine construction the model trains they were packed away. However we were given a good chance to see the locomotives and carriages run and appreciate the work that Graham has put in.

It was then time for lunch and we had plenty of room to shelter under the house veranda, but It wasn't long before we had bright sunshine again.

After lunch we were given a guided tour of his wonderful display of horse drawn vehicles and cars under restoration.

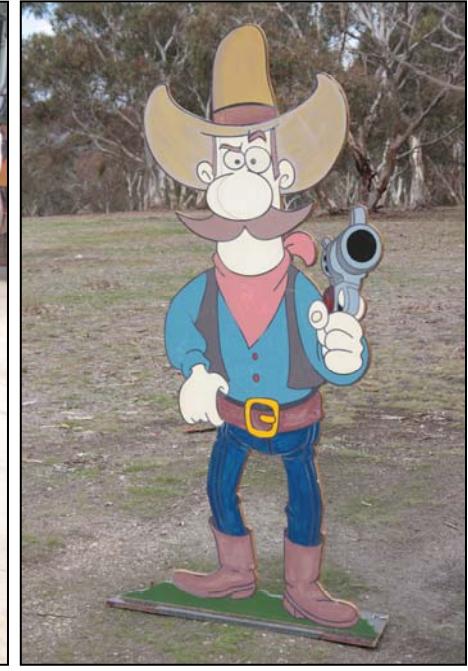
Greg Lind then thanked Graham and Christine for the invitation and their hospitality. This was a most enjoyable run to see this amazing collection. Well done Graham and Christine.

Bob Haywood



PAST EVENTS

Run to Graham Haggie's Springfield (ctd)



MEMBERS NOTES

Passion or Obsession?

In the interim my time was consumed with the work on the VC. In the process I did fit a new engine and with hindsight with one regret. I now no longer have an original vehicle. I guess at the time I did not consider keeping the vehicle, as previous restorations resulted in cars being moved on through sale. Re registering the car with the new engine number became a bit of a hassle as the engine number sequence was differing from the normal slant range. I could not reregister until I procured a signed document from Chrysler re the authenticity of the build of this engine.

During the restoration of the VC the original engine I removed was given the once over, more for the sake of seeing the internals of a slant which I had not previously done. The motor was still running with no noise or use of oil. To my utter amazement on disassembly it was found that one of the connecting rod bearings had fused the two halves together into a complete circle with sufficient clearance on the crank so as not to create a concern. As mentioned this engine was still running prior to its removal. After a fitment of new conrod bearings only, this engine was sold for the same price as I paid for my new one.

Two years later upon a return transfer to Adelaide I became aware of a similar grey VC Regal sedan as my original through networking with my old Chrysler colleagues. This was also a previous ex Chrysler fleet vehicle and had just 71,000

miles on the speedo. Having all the original vehicle books available from the seller I had no reason to query this mileage and ultimately purchased the vehicle. The vehicle is regarded as one owner and is in immaculate condition and has always been stored undercover. The Chrysler fleet cars were usually 3 to 6 months old before they were offered up for sale. The majority had very little use as the reason for them to be introduced into the fleet was to increase registration numbers. Most were then purchased by Chrysler employees at what I considered bargain prices. There was one accessory fitted to this vehicle which at the time was a breakthrough in audio equipment but by today's standards would not crack the market.

It is an 8 track cartridge player, complete with around 100 tapes. It's still enjoyable listening and is a conversation piece at the shows.

As luck would have it I was given a further interstate transfer after just six months of our return so the same process as before took place except this time we had another vehicle. Needless to say I had limited time to enjoy the use of this vehicle so up on blocks it went until we knew what our new accommodation interstate could provide. Well one thing led to another and a further transfer overseas meant we would not see our Adelaide abode or the vehicles for 10 years. It was only after our return and our daughter's announcement of her upcoming marriage that she

stated her desire to use the 2 VC's for her wedding cars that an attempt was made to reunite us with these icons.

On gaining entry to the garage in Adelaide we did the standard checks of POWER (petrol, oil, water, electrics and rubbers). With the fitment of a new battery we proceeded to turn the ignition on the latter of the two. After 10 years there was no hesitation, engine turned, fired and ran. Unfortunately I did not have sufficient time to complete my original car but was more than happy to have one for the occasion. (Photo enclosed). This vehicle is complete and in show room condition. No work required.

Further purchases of Valiant product occurred with the due coming of driving age of my son. If I thought that I had the Chrysler Australia Valiant products implanted within me well then I was not aware of how I infected my son with the same. If there is anything I don't know then I am politely advised and the guarantee is that he is not usually wrong. It was only natural that we should seek a Chrysler vehicle that would suit his purposes. As a parent I was not going to give him the "opportunity" that I had as youngster. Funny how things change as you age.

The vehicle we purchased was an AP6 6 cylinder sedan which I purchased from a business associate who had vastly altered the vehicle. It was a robust car which could be used as a daily driver and gave my son both the ability to learn to drive and to

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potter around on his own vehicle. As was expected he adapted to this car and gained his license through the use of it.

The project for this vehicle is to convert to V8 using a recon 273 which was kindly donated through business dealings. During my tenure with both Chrysler Australia and a dealer I was able to collect and collate obsolete materials to suit early sixties Valiant's. So it will be interesting to delve into the products and find a use for some of it on this venture.

I learned early on from my experiences at Chrysler that if you do not take opportunities as they arise then you lose the potential provided through them. My first assignment as a 16 year old was to put a sledge hammer through items identified as obsolete. When I recall the types of product scrapped throughout the years I feel saddened and disheartened. For those of you who like to go diving there is a reef off the coast at Lonsdale in South Australia, called Chrysler reef. It does not take much to realize this is where the obsolete product ended up. There was a consignment of Webber Carburetors oversupplied by the supplier which also came to grief down there. Nobody was going to pay for return shipment overseas and go to all the bother of refunds.

The AP6 is a going concern at the moment with big plans for the future of it.

How often do you wish that you could find a car stored in someone's lock-up for a number

of years, preferably unmolested. Well I was lucky enough to find such a vehicle a few years ago, although not totally unmolested.

It was well known in our locality in Melbourne of our predilection towards all things Valiant. A delivery driver notified me that in delivering a load of materials to a local farm he noticed an older Valiant in a barn. I was given a phone number and proceeded to make contact. In discussion with the owner and without viewing the car I pre-offered a figure (well, a slab of beer is a figure) to start negotiations. This was accepted without any hassle. I used the premise that I was removing "an obstacle".

This was after I was advised that the vehicle was immobile as the auto transmission was "kaput" and it had been stored for the last 22 years. The model was a VC wagon 6 cylinder auto with 72,357 miles on the speedo. The owner was the original purchaser so another one owner car but unfortunately no books were available.

To arrange pick up I organized a mate with a tilt tray truck to collect it. We met and after doing the usual P.O.W.E.R we inserted the keys in the ignition and proceeded to prime the vehicle. Within a couple of minutes I drove the vehicle from under the cover of the barn. The gent who sold me the vehicle was in his early seventies and the expression on his face was one of intense bewilderment.

He was advised all those years ago by his local mechanic that

the trans. could not be repaired. I have not heard of a torqueflite that is indestructible. I offered to cancel the deal but this was declined. Perhaps it had something to do with the pristine VC Regal Valiant I arrived in. I have since adjusted the bands and whilst it is not the perfect cure it is enough to be able to drive it comfortably.

There is an amount of surface rust on the car but still an acceptable challenge without going to the professionals. Like all wagons and utes the tailgate is the weak link and this one is no exception. Handy to have a spare hanging around. Interior, considering age, is very good and we are considering leaving as is. My concern initially was that rodents may have decided to call this car home, but luckily they resided elsewhere. The wombat hole under the car after we moved it did bemuse us. This vehicle will be returned to its original condition and is a project currently undertaken with my son.

Having started the restoration program we decided to remove all front end metal panels. It was here we noticed that the car has been involved in some form of front end collision early in its life. The highlight for me may seem meaningless for most of you but the reason we detected the accident damage was that part numbers to identify individual panels were scribed in black crayon on each part.

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The store at Keswick at which I carried out my duties was referred to as the "Panel Store" and it was my responsibility to identify each part with its identifying number using a crayon.

It was my handwriting on these panels and I make the assumption that the accident occurred early in the vehicles life as I only performed this task for a couple of years before moving on in the organization and these were regarded as fast moving parts.

Our final acquisition was bought about more through "necessity" than anything else.

There are a couple of vehicles I wish to add to the collection, a VC utility and a VC V8. My wife calls this an obsession; I prefer to refer to it as a passion. These would need to be in reasonable condition as we would not have the time to restore them due to work load on the current stocks. Even semi-retirement has its limitations on available time, that is if you want to keep the wife placated and happy.

As it transpired we located a VC V8 wagon that suited the bill.

Whilst it is not what I would call an exceptional car it is more than up to the challenge and is a genuine V8 wagon. It was more a question of availability at the right price, and sound and reasonable condition. The vehicle in question has been repainted a color other than original, something I do not normally abide with. There have been many attempts to make repairs but these have been makeshift and do not necessarily reflect a true replacement of original parts. As stated before a handy supply of new replacement parts will come in handy for this project. A total respray is required but it is a question of bare metal or not. If you're going to do something you may as well do it right the first time, so I guess I have answered my own question. The vehicle is a going concern, all

but a bit heavy on the fuel so it will likely be the last car through this mans' restoration program, unless I can acquire a VC or AP6 utility. Just for reference a new bare VC/AP6 utility shell (same) was purchased by me for \$200 through the Chrysler obsolete program in the early seventies but I sold it for rather a lot more.

This article has been an extended insight into my Valiant collection with a few tit bits about Chrysler in its halcyon days thrown in. I trust I have not over stepped the mark.

I wish you all enjoyment with your Chrysler ventures.

*Yours in all things Chrysler
Han Robat*



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