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Postal Address

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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 13th August 2017

2018 Calendar Photo Shoot

Serafino's On The Lake, McLaren Vale. 9.15am CCC car park for a 9.30am departure.

Bob Haywood
0407 601 803

September 18th to 29th 2017

Motorfest Events and Bay To Birdwood-Sunday Sept 24th 2017

Information on Motorfest events and entry forms available also entry forms Bay to Birdwood event available.

Greg Lind
0417 353 291

Sunday October 29th 2017

Callington Show- Car Display

Meet at CCC car park at 8.15am for 8.30am departure.

Greg Lind
0417 353 291

INVITATION/OTHER CLUB'S EVENTS

August 26th-27th 2017

Upper Southeast 4 Clubs Tour

Coorong Mechanical Restoration Club

Enquiries and info.

Malcolm 0428 857 330

Dawn 0437 798 069

September 18th to 29th 2017

Motorfest Events and Bay To Birdwood-Sunday Sept 24th 2017

Information on Motorfest events and entry forms available also entry forms Bay to Birdwood event available.

Greg Lind
0417 353 291

Entry forms also available

www.baytobirdwood.com.au

Thursday 21st to Sunday 24th September 2017

R and S Series Valiant 7th

National Rally, South Australia.

G Lind
0417 353 291

Sunday 24th September to 30th September 2017

National Veteran Vehicle Rally

Clare area

Peter Templer
0417 081 502

rally2017@vccsa.org.au

Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd October 2017

Auto Collectors Club of Murray

Bridge

7th Biennial Twin Bridges Rally

Roy Bregtag
PO Box 2124
Murray Bridge
SA 5253

Contact Greg Lind for accommodation information

0417 353 291

SWAP MEETS

23rd July

Globe Derby

20th August

Willunga

10th September

Gawler

15th October

Strathalbyn

18th-19th November

Bendigo

Entry Forms etc

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

From the Editor

At the time of reading this issue our AGM will have taken place and a new Editor elected.

I wish to take this opportunity in welcoming the new Editor and trust he will receive the same help given to me over the years.

I have enjoyed my time as Editor and grateful to the assistance given to me by Richard Tapp in my initial learning stages, his patience is commendable. Thank you Richard for all that you have

done.

When giving my report at the meetings I would always put in a request for members to keep articles coming in. My thanks and appreciation to those who contributed articles and photos for inclusion into the magazine.

A big thankyou to the packaging team over this period, Garry and Rhonda Williams, Keilan Fletcher and past member Dean Davis. They always made themselves

available when needed.

Many thanks to our new packaging team, Sharon and Brenton Gibb and Ann and Greg Lind.

Of course a sincere thank you to my wife Ellen for her support, understanding and help during this time. Thanks also for the endless supply of coffee, tea and cake for the workers.

Bob Haywood

Cover Photo

Dick and Judy Hart's Highway Palace Photographs; Dick and Judy Hart and Richard Tapp, lower photo taken at 2010 National Rally at Renmark.

COMING EVENTS

2018 Calendar Photo Shoot

Sunday 13th August 2017

Please note, the venue for the photo shoot for our 2018 Calendar. Serafino's Winery at McLaren Vale, has been chosen for this years photo shoot for next years calendar. This also happens to be the selected venue for our 2019 Chrysler Nationals.

Meet at CCC car park at 9.15am for a 9.30am departure. If you live south you are quite welcome to go direct to McLaren Vale. Photographing will begin at 10.30am. It would be great to have some wooden wheelers in our calendar so brush off the dust and come along.

BYO lunch and enjoy the atmosphere lakeside at this beautiful setting.

Many thanks to Jim Dawson who has been instrumental in arranging this site.

Bob Haywood
0407 601 803

Motorfest and Bay to Birdwood

Sept 18th to Sept 29th 2017

Motorfest events as planned by various car clubs. Entry forms and information available.

Classic vehicles Bay to Birdwood run September 24th 2017.

Greg Lind
0417 353 291

Callington Show- Car Display

Sunday 29th October 2017

Meet at CCC car park at 8.15am for 8.30am departure to Callington Show Ground. We will be presenting a display of cars on the day. Cars will need to

be in the gate by 9.30am and stay until 4.00pm. The display will be on the lower oval. Come along and enjoy a great day of exhibits and over one hundred stalls, live music and sideshows.

There will also be a climbing wall, art workshops, sky diving, Jack Russell dog races, working blacksmith and hobby expo.

Greg Lind
0417 353 291

Registration Day 2017

Trevor Beythien and Rex Greig at Registration Day



FROM THE COMMITTEE

President's Message



Welcome to the July/August issue of the Chrysler Collector. Firstly what a great run down to the Goolwa

markets and onto the Finnis General Store for lunch back in May. The size and quality of the meals on offer were fantastic. Congratulations to both Chris and Cathy for once again coming up with another superb outing for us to all enjoy.

Our Club Registration Day all ran very smoothly with many commenting that the addition of a checklist meant that all relevant paper work was presented. Things will be much easier next year with only membership payment and log books to be stamped or replaced. Gone will be the Stat Dec. and three yearly inspections. Many people this year opted to make payments by electronic fund transfer instead of the traditional cash method. Many thanks to all

who helped out on the day. Those on the BBQ, those who made cakes etc, the ladies making coffee, the inspectors and those who sat at the tables filling in all the relevant documents. A BIG THANKYOU to you all.

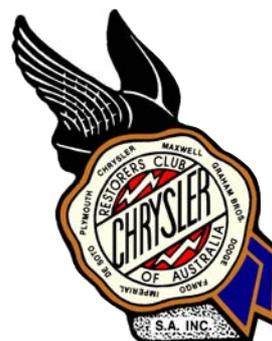
My time as President has drawn to an end and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful committee that have worked with me over the last two years. We got off to a bad start with several long time members passing away, they may be gone but are certainly not forgotten. On a brighter note we have been fortunate to pick up some new members to keep the club membership high and with the relaxing of the laws around Historic Registration to now be Club Registration and the opportunity for vehicles with minor modifications to be allowed we may well see an influx of younger people wishing to become members.

A BIG THANKYOU to others who are not on the committee like Cathy who coordinates the

supper each month, Marlene who purchases the raffle prizes, those that donate prizes, the Beythiens who continually come up with many runs and of course Kevin who closes each meeting with a joke, a sincere thank you.

Over the last few months intense lobbying has been done and we have nominations for all committee positions which should make the AGM flow quickly and I wish the new committee all the best for the year ahead.

Brenton Gibb



From the Editor

CONTRIBUTORS

This issue comes to you courtesy of Ann and Greg Lind, Sharon and Brenton Gibb, Lorraine and Trevor Beythien, Ellen Haywood, Cathy Woods, Chris Howes, Barbara and Kevin Williams, Helena and Richard Tapp, Judy and Dick Hart, Graham McRae and Alan Pike.

Many thanks to the magazine despatch team, being Sharon and Brenton Gibb, Ann and Greg Lind and Ellen Haywood.

All articles and entries to this magazine must be submitted by the Friday date shown on page 3.

WEBSITE STATISTICS

	May-17	June-17	June-16
Visits	279	243	642
Pages	618	596	3625
Average visit duration	2:27	2:27	1:40

Bob Haywood

Statistics include photos but exclude videos.

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Historic Vehicle Registration

The registration day has been and gone for another year and went smoothly with volunteers processing the paperwork and those on the BBQ doing their usual great job making it run so well and so enjoyably. With the removal of inspections and Statutory Declarations, next year will be simpler – maybe a car boot sale?

Rather than go through the whole new Code of practice which is available on the DPTI website I will try and give an overview of the differences and their relevance to the club, firstly to be clear all of the privileges we had with regard to the use of the conditionally registered vehicles remains such as the 90-day limit, the ability to use our cars interstate etc stay as before.

The major difference is what constitutes a historic vehicle and I will quote the Code:-

*1.2 A motor vehicle is a **historic vehicle**, if 30 years or more have elapsed since 1 January of the year in which the vehicle was manufactured.*

1.3 Any vehicle fitting this definition is eligible for the Scheme provided it can legally be driven on public roads in its current configuration

This allows cars modified legally to go on the scheme, from the point of view for the club it is NOT the responsibility of the club to inspect or sight certifications for modifications, this is the responsibility of the owner. Provided the member is financial and the vehicle complies with the above a MR334 can be issued for registration.

Remember that the club constitution and bylaws still apply, in particular part 20 of the constitution which says: -

20. The club will not assess a non-Chrysler Group vehicle for Conditional Registration as a Historic Motor Vehicle unless the member owns, or satisfies the club that they have previously owned whilst a member of the club, a Chrysler group vehicle, as defined in By-law Number 5.

Also for new members the requirement to attend 4 runs or meetings in their first year still holds. Hopefully this relaxation of the code brings out some cars that may have been off the road due to the expense of full registration.

Thanks again to the many volunteers on registration day.

*Graham McRae
Historic Vehicle Registrar*

Sunday July 2nd 2017

A huge turn-out for the Club Registration Information Day with more than 1000 historic vehicles attending AAMI stadium. Minister for Transport Stephen Mullighan MP attended and made his way around the area mixing with car enthusiasts answering any questions regarding the new Code of Practise for Conditional Registration. *From Facebook post and Photo courtesy Stephen Mullighan MP*



CLUB NOTES

Minutes of Club Meeting

The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia (SA Inc.)

Minutes of Meeting Held at CCC Wednesday 10th May 2017

Meeting opened by President Brenton Gibb members welcomed and OH&S regulations cited

Members Present; As recorded in attendance register.

Apologies; As recorded in register

New Members; and Visitors; None.

Sick report; None.

Previous Meeting Minutes; Read and moved by Secretary Ann Lind, seconded Jeff Knowles.

Business arising from minutes; None

Correspondence In; Other club magazines. Letter from DTPI Stephen Mullighan MP re. Conditional Registration changes. Letter from Westpac re National Rally Team 2019 passed on to Jim Dawson. Emails requesting info on joining club, passed on to Sharon Gibb.

Correspondence Out; None.

Treasurer's Report; Alan Driver presented his report, moving it be accepted, seconded by Jim Dawson.

Committee Reports;

Editor; Bob Haywood; Thanked members for articles in current magazine. Discussed appreciation on winning the President's and Ron McNair awards at Presentation Dinner 29th April. July/August is his last magazine. Looking for articles for next magazine. Still looking for replacement editor at July AGM. Brenton also commented on article sent in by Terry and Dilys Jones' grand daughters on the Myponga run.

Public Relations; John Goddard; Discussed the introduction and display of new clothing available. Order forms available and members can purchase items direct from supplier. New clothing details in next magazine.

Runs Co-ordinator; Greg Lind; Advised members of club events and other upcoming club events.

Records; Sharon Gibb; All OK

Librarian; Jim Dawson; Advised meeting that library was busy prior to meeting with enquiries.

Tech Rep.; Chris Howes; Had phone calls, all going well with some successful outcomes.

HVR; Graham McRae; Advised meeting all is well. Reminded members of upcoming registration day and to produce all relevant paperwork.

Triple C Rep.; Ken Barnes; Absent.

Federation Report; Alan Driver; Reiterated what was in the current magazine regarding Conditional Registration changes. Brenton also spoke on the letter from DTPI Stephen Mullighan MP. The club will still follow the same protocol for this year's Registration Day. No change until notified by DTPI.

Past Events; Alan Pike spoke on the recent run to Mallala which included the running of the late Clem Smith's Charger. The museum was open for inspection. Lindsay Gibb advised the meeting of his S Series winning Spirit of the Day award selected by Fred and Christine Gibson. Kevin Williams spoke on the Presentation Dinner and his win of the Disaster Award, has taken 20 years to win. He commented how great the Dinner was to be able to sit back and relax and have a good time with fellow members and finds it hard to follow why more members don't attend. Richard Tapp agreed it was a great night. Bob Haywood spoke on a recent event "Dusty and Rusty" at Stansbury in perfect weather.

General Business; Brenton Gibb advised members of the AGM in July. All positions will become vacant and newly elected positions filled. Nomination forms are available. Discussed disappointment on low numbers at the Presentation Dinner with only 58 attending. Committee thinking about sending out a survey to membership to get thoughts on what they expect from events and runs etc. Chris Howes also spoke on his disappointment on the very low number of voting slip returns for the Ron McNair award., with only a 10% return. He also advised on the Gawler Swap Meet date in the magazine.

Raffle; Lindsay Gibb thanked donors for donated prizes and raffle was drawn.

Kevin Williams told his usual joke.

Brenton summarised upcoming events.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

CLUB NOTES

Minutes of Club Meeting

The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia (SA Inc.)

Minutes of Meeting Held at CCC Wednesday 14th June 2017

Meeting opened by President Brenton Gibb, members welcomed and OH&S regulations cited.

Members Present; and apologies as recorded in attendance register.

New Members; and Visitors; Visitor– Lee Griffiths 1925 Maxwell.

Sick report; Dick Hart advised that Louie Sadaj had passed away.

Previous Meeting Minutes; Read and moved by Secretary Ann Lind, seconded Kevin Williams.

Business Arising From Minutes; None

Correspondence In; Other Club magazines, letter from FHMV re. changes to constitution 22April.'17

Correspondence Out; mail sent to Callington Show committee advising our attendance to event.

Treasurer's Report; Alan Driver presented his report, seconded by John Goddard.

Committee Reports;

Editor; Bob Haywood; Absent

Public Relations; John Goddard; Presented and displayed new clothing merchandise. New advertising in this current magazine. Terry Jones and Jeff Knowles displayed new clothing.

Runs Co-ordinator; Greg Lind; Advised members of club events and other upcoming club events.

Records; Sharon Gibb; All OK nothing to report.

Librarian; Jim Dawson; Advised that it was great to see members using library, also had a supply of Maxwell information.

Tech Rep.; Chris Howes; Absent.

HVR; Graham McRae; Advised meeting all is well. Reminder of relevant paperwork required for upcoming registration day June 18th. Stat. Dec. still required until 1st July 2017.

Triple C Rep.; Ken Barnes; Advised meeting CCC had reduced rent. Also still looking for a new CCC rep. (meeting 2 monthly, 1st Monday of month) and still looking for a treasurer.

Federation Report; Alan Driver; Next meeting 17th June 2017.

Past Events; Greg Lind spoke on the Finniss run, weather was perfect, Goolwa markets were great, General Store lunch at Finniss was great. Thanked Cathy and Chris for organising the run. Kevin Williams made comments on the day and the drive in Nina's VC V8. Chris Bennett spoke on the recent Federation Run, had a great time. A few participants had car problems kept Chris busy in his role as RAA rep. John Goddard spoke on the National Sunbeam Rally held in Geelong, car went well and was a well run event, with 30 cars.

General Business; Brenton Gibb advised meeting that Melva and David Schumacher would be resigning from the club as David is suffering from dementia. Jeff Knowles announced a discount of 20% is available on a new V6 Holden. (no trade-ins). Brenton reminded meeting of AGM next month, anyone wishing to stand for a position forms available. Also that the new committee would be looking at organising a survey for club members to give their ideas for club runs and activities, the Finniss run was well attended but numbers are down on other runs and events. Dick Hart advised that the moulds the late Colin Frith had made are being kept at his house and will be going for scrap unless anyone is interested. Kevin Williams brought along 2 picnic tables to give away. Chris Bennett advised the Bay to Birdwood route this year will be going via Norwood Parade.

Raffle Draw; Lindsay thanked members for the donated items and performed the draw. Also advised members that the raffle job was available at the upcoming AGM. Brenton thanked Marlene and Lindsay for their ongoing work.

Kevin Williams told his joke. Brenton summarised upcoming events, and reminder of AGM 12th July 2017

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

PAST EVENTS

Annual Presentation Dinner

Saturday 29th April 2017

This year's Presentation Dinner at the Croydon Bowls Club although down on numbers was a most enjoyable evening. The venue was chosen as it was considered to be more central hoping to encourage more members to attend.

The evening began with President Brenton Gibb welcoming everyone and announcing the forthcoming night's entertainment. He thanked people for the many kindly donated raffle prizes and introduced Lindsay Gibb as the

Brenton introduced Bruce Bragg and Carolyn Harris congratulating them for the efforts in displaying their vehicles at display days, a credit to them both. Bruce was asked to explain the beaten up Dodge hub cap which was on display. Bruce in his own style, gave us quite a comprehensive description of the events regarding the said hub cap during the recent Chrysler Nationals at Cowra.

The awards began with Alan Driver being presented with Life Membership for his long term service to the club as treasurer

and his involvement in the club activities.

The disaster award was a close decision with a very excited Kevin Williams the winner. His determination in getting his Plymouth running at Cowra and returning home was quite a challenge. He has been waiting 20 years for this award.

Lorraine and Trevor Beythien were the recipients of the Alan Toull award in appreciation of their involvement in organising the many camp outs and extended runs as well as their activities within the club.

Judy McNair was asked to come forward and award the trophy for Club Member of the Year as voted by the membership, this year being awarded to Bob Haywood.

The Presidents award was awarded to Bob Haywood for his effort and time put into producing the magazine as well the photo shoot to create the annual calendar. Brenton admitted it was a difficult decision as the Club has many hard working members.

Lindsay was again called on to



“Raffle Man” for the night's draws. Free raffle tickets had been distributed to each person and with the many prizes most tables had their fair share of lucky winners.

A selection of main course orders were taken and it wasn't long before the friendly and efficient staff had served the soup as the first part of our 3 course meal.

During the course of the evening Lindsay kept the raffle draws moving.



Brenton Gibb, Judy McNair and Bob Haywood

PAST EVENTS

Annual Presentation Dinner (ctd)



Brenton and Alan Driver



Kevin Williams and Brenton



Brenton and Bob Haywood



Brenton and Trevor and Lorraine Beythien

held with a few would be flight engineers in the making. After some practise time the serious plane throwing began with the eventual winner being Richard Tapp.

The evening closed off with Brenton thanking everyone for attending and helping to make this a very successful and fun night. The catering, waitressing and bar staff were called upon and commended on their efforts for the night. He also thanked Ann and Greg Lind for their help in organising another great night.

*Ellen and Bob Haywood
Photos Richard Tapp
Bob Haywood*

complete the raffle draws with a parade showed up quite a few more lucky people selected. interesting variety of quality outfits.
The dress theme for the night was your favourite decade and a A paper plane competition was

PAST EVENTS

Goolwa and Finniss Run

Sunday 21st May 2017

“Oh what a beautiful morning,
Oh what a beautiful day”

Despite an early start at the Crafers Hotel car park, a happy bunch of 20 members arrived on time ready to go.

The late autumn colour was a delight as we drove via Mylor, Meadows and Ashbourne to Goolwa. The trip was an easy hour.

The Wharf markets at the train station had a good variety of produce and craft with most members buying a little treat or

The morning was crisp and clear as Barb and I headed off around 8.00am in a borrowed VC V8 Valiant for the run to Goolwa Markets and Finniss lunch. The meeting place was the Crafers Hotel car park, and as I was driving a different car we allowed a bit more time and arrived early, it wasn't long and others arrived ready for a 9.30 departure.

Run sheets distributed and we were on our way taking in the drive through Stirling, Aldgate, Mylor, Echunga, Meadows, Ashbourne to Goolwa. The drive was fantastic, dappled sunlight

in my case apples and avocados.

More club members met the group at the market so we counted 36 in all.

The General Store at Finniss was our lunch stop and it was a very pleasant 15 minutes drive heading towards Milang.

What is in Finniss you may ask? Nothing but the General Store!

Business was booming but we were able to have our group seated in the main dining area. There was a choice of 5 items and all the members commented

splashed through the trees in all the autumn colours as we leisurely cruised through the country side.

At Goolwa we met up with others who decided to take a direct route from their respective homes. We perused the markets making a couple of small purchases, including the obligatory morning coffee.

At midday a mass exodus as we all headed off to the Finniss General Store for lunch. What a revelation for an out of the way café. They easily catered for the 37 of us and the food was exceptional. Again after the

on the delicious food.

By 2.30pm we were heading home, for us via the scenic route the way we came.

Thanks for the good company.

If you feel you missed out on somewhere a little different then watch this space because Chris and I are still planning to go on the Goolwa to Finniss train trip with a lunch stop at the General store. This usually runs mid week during the school holidays.

Cathy Woods

usual chatting most decided to leave just after 2.00pm. We chose to go home via Strathalbyn, Mount Barker and Nairne and called in to catch up with our daughter and grand kids. We continued home through Lobethal and Chain of Ponds.

Well done Chris and Cathy for the perfect weather, (some one else must take the credit for that), the company, food and the drive was great.

Barbara and Kevin Williams

Photos;

Chris Howes

Ellen and Bob Haywood



PAST EVENTS

Goolwa and Finnis Run (ctd)

Bill and Margaret Ellis's 1929 Dodge Standard 6 tourer



Sandy Martin



Allan Martin



PAST EVENTS

MacGyver Camping with the Tapps

23 April 2017

So Richard and Helena decide to go camping as Richard has an extra day off for the ANZAC long weekend. Tent has been purchased and with cameras, kayak and fishing rods in hand we are off. We decide to go to Kingston on Murray and on entering the camp site we realise the sites are not free. We unload the car and Richard decides to head back to the park entrance to see about payment for our stay. Whilst Richard was away Helena decides to put up the tent. On opening the bag we find there are no tent poles and the tent has been previously used. **"FABULOUS"**

We decide on Plan B, which is pump up the mattresses and lay them in the back of the Forrester, but the pump that we have purchased is not compatible with

the airbeds!! We go to the neighbouring camp and they generously let us borrow their pump. So beds inflated we try to manoeuvre them into the back of the car and of course they don't fit because of the wheel arches. **"EXCELLENT"**

Plan C, is Bunk beds... We lay the mattresses down and bolster up one of the mattresses with anything we weren't using; this is where our new, used, flash, pole-less tent came in handy. Excellent, now time to relax so we thought, until it came to bed time. Poor Richard climbs into the "top bunk" and his face is nearly touching the roof of the car and our heads are sinking as we didn't bolster up our head rests. **"WONDERFUL"**

I think Helena said to Richard, "if we get to plan "F" we are heading

home".

We woke the next morning after a very chilly night and wonky attempt at sleeping but we had an enjoyable day photographing, kayaking and had a pretty good day of fishing.

Richard and Helena were talking about how fabulous the weather was and how lucky we were with this amazing sunshine, though the nights had been a little cold. **We spoke too soon.** The clouds came rolling in and it wasn't looking good. **"ARE YOU CIRRUS"??**

Plan D. Thankfully Richard purchased a tarp before leaving Adelaide and with kayak straps and tent pegs he rigs up a shelter using trees and the car. The rains came thick and fast and we were trying our best to keep warm and us and everything else dry. Our

Bunks, ala Tapp



PAST EVENTS

MacGyver Camping with the Tapps (ctd)



The campsite



An uninvited visitor

tarp started to pool water so Richard came up with this fabulous idea of using his camera tripod to help spread some of the water.

Helena decided to help and as she pushed up on the tarp Richard was soaked from head to toe. **“OH SH..UGAR”**

Now because we used everything we had to support our bunk bed mattresses, we had no dry clothes for Richard. **(SO SORRY RICHARD)**

Though Richard and Helena have made wonderful camping memories together, I suggest that if anyone would like to go camping, don't ask the Tapps.

Helena Tapp



Mr Catfish, before the Rex Hunt treatment

OUR MOTORING HERITAGE

The Highway Palace

A young Dick Hart while in his 20's remembers travelling through Murray Bridge and seeing the most unbelievable caravan. Something like he had never seen before.

Over the next 30 years or so he worked as a truck driver and developed a big interest in collecting all types of vehicles including cars and trucks. As time went on and his mates also showing the same interest he involved himself in vehicle restoration. This included seven De Soto trucks.

Dick also became an early member of the Chrysler Restorers Club and found a lot more mates and access to many more vehicles.

The conversation often came up while spending time with his mates about the time he saw this incredible caravan at Murray Bridge and how great it would be to find it and restore it. He kept asking around but no one else

new or had heard of this vehicle.

One day in 1998, one of his good mates, Graham Bailey, was travelling through Murray Bridge and as the saying goes, "happened to be in the right place at the right time". He was a passenger on the top deck of a double decker bus when he spotted this "thing" sitting in the paddock, this must be what Dick saw all those years ago, he thought.

Dick and mates were soon off to Murray Bridge to investigate and what they found certainly didn't look much at first sight. The vehicle had been off the road for many years and the elements had taken their toll and was virtually in ruin.

Dick recalled, the property owner was not too pleased to see them, but after so many years of searching he was persistent in having a closer look and to purchasing it. It was being used as a storage for horse gear,

including saddles and equipment with hay bales in a lower compartment.

They did not really want to part with it but when the offer of \$500 was put forward Dick was told "give me the money and get out of here". This of course only bought the caravan section the tow vehicle was nowhere to be seen. It turned out the truck had been sold to a farmer for parts and the rest was left in a swamp 30 miles away.

Three months went by and the remains of the truck were salvaged and reassembled from parts they found and the restoration began. As the mates wives shook their heads in dismay the various pieces were loaded up and towed away to Harrold Sewer's shed in the South Australian mid-north town of Riverton. This became the centre point of the restoration and bought the group of mates together every weekend for the next five years. Dick says "we



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The Highway Palace (ctd)



were leather workers, Dick classes himself as a self-taught everything.

Month by month, the magnificent Highway Palace slowly was coming into being. Dick says they were spurred on by the incredible history of the Palace which they began to uncover as the project developed.

It's Amazing History;

Today this vehicle would be recognised as a fifth wheeler, but in its day was commissioned as a luxury holiday caravan. It was built for the owner Harry "Pop" Parr, a wealthy business man who

were like a bunch of boys who liked a challenge and simply forgot to grow up for a while". He fondly remembers weekends of hard work and camaraderie and plenty of jokes at each other's expense.

Each member of the group had their own expertise in one way and another, Graham being a qualified chippie, Keith Lucas also a chippie and could put his hand to most trades. Colin Frith was a knife maker by trade, his brother Rick a panel beater, Harold Sewer also a panel beater, Kevin Frith and Peter Burgess

Graham Bailey Finds a Big Job Ahead



Ladies Lending a Hand, Nita, Jeanette and Judy

owned the Pinnaroo Bakery.

Constructed in 1947 by an Adelaide caravan builder by the name of Grace Brothers and took 12 months to build. The cost of 2,000 pounds, in those days was enough to buy a house.

It was designed to be as palatial as a home on wheels could possibly be 70 years ago.

Located at the front is an elevated lounge and dining room with a domed timber ceiling. Forward from that is a well equipped kitchen with hot and cold running

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Fargo Truck as Found



Dick and wife Judy have travelled extensively in the Palace at a leisurely pace. The Canadian built 1947 Fargo truck was completely restored and is underpowered for its task. The 27 horse power engine is good for cruising around 60kmh and consumes fuel at a rate of 4 miles per gallon. Privacy, when out with the Palace does not exist, there is always someone knocking on the door for a look. During events and displays Dick and Judy have asked for a gold coin donation and have raised many thousands of dollars for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

water, gas stove and fridge. A water tank sits below the lounge area allowing water to flow into the kitchen by gravity. The bedroom at the rear has two single beds allowing plenty of room for the sunken bath as part of the bathroom. "Pop" apparently carried plenty of cash as a hidden safe was found in a

side wall. He acted as a banker for the local farmers in the area, not believing in banks himself. I found a locksmith to open the safe but it was found to be empty.

The Parrs reportedly took the Highway Palace on a trip to Burleigh Heads in Queensland before returning and using it for shorter local trips.

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Old and New



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Some of the Restoration crew; Peter Burgess, Dick Hart, Rick Frith, Colin Frith and Graham Bailey

OUR MOTORING HERITAGE

The Late Clem Smith and Rowley Park

Not many muscle cars enjoyed a double life but Clem Smith's Hemi Pacer did. The great Rowley Park Speedway Friday nights were a chance to show off this Series Production race car as it was transformed into an official Speedway pace car. The exciting flagman Glen Dix would take up a position standing in the boot while cars were lined up for the feature race. Glen was secured within a specially made frame with a front support bar. He had communication with the driver (Alan Marks in the photo) by the way of a one way radio. This was another exciting touch that helped to give Rowley Park Speedway track one of the most outstanding tracks in the world.

Glen Dix was renowned for his chequered flag waving to mark the finish of a race, dancing out onto the track to greet the winner. It is reputed that he was often close enough to the drivers he was able to see the whites

of their eyes. He was only ever hit once with a broken knee cap the result. He was later to be the official flag controller of Adelaide's Formula One Grand Prix during the 1980's and 90's.

Clem Smith's burnt orange Pacer competed on the Adelaide International Raceway track, the C on the side of the car designated a two

barrel 265 rather than the four barrel D class car.

It was at this time that Pacers were seen to be a threat to the Toranas and the Ford GTHO's in the control of Leo Geoghegan and Norm Beechey. Clem Smith was far better known than either of those on the Adelaide scene.

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