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The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, South Australia Inc.

Established in 1980, catering for the following vehicles:

Dodge * Plymouth * De Soto * Chrysler * Imperial * Maxwell * Fargo * Graham Brothers * Valiant

Postal Address

PO Box 326, Modbury North SA 5092

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 \$35.00 - Metro family \$40.00 - Country single \$25.00 - Country family \$30.00

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COMING EVENTS

Observation Run

Sunday 21st May 2023

Meet at Clubrooms 9.30am for 10am start

BYO Lunch and Chairs. BBQ, tables will be available at destination.

Observation answers will be revealed after lunch. Run notes will be simple to follow.

Emergency pack will be included to give final destination if you lose your way.

Remember to bring a pen or pencil to write answers.

Enjoy a social afternoon with fellow members.

Trevor and Lorraine Beythien
0409 096 070

Registration Day

Saturday 17th June 2023

10.00am – 2.00pm

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS ON A SATURDAY

Please come along and renew your club membership and if you have vehicles on club

registration, please bring all of the relevant paper work with you.

All of the paper work will be forwarded to you in a separate envelope included in your **MAY/ JUNE MAGAZINE**.

A sausage sizzle will be provided on the day and hot drinks and sweets will be available.

Jeff Knowles 08 8255 8671
Sharon Gibb 08 8263 2908

Pub Lunch

Sunday 16th July 2023

Meet at the CCC Clubrooms at 11.00am for a leisurely drive to our lunch venue.

More details to be provided.

Greg & Ann Lind
0432 373 901



Presentation Lunch

Sunday 13th August 2023

Arrive at The Southern Bar, Gaming and Bistro, 1303 South Road, St. Marys, 11.00am and seated by 11.30am.

The 2 course Lunch is \$40.00 per head (the CRCSA will subsidise \$20.00 per person) making it \$20.00 per head – main course and dessert.

Payment in full (\$20.00 per person) is to be made either at the June/July club meetings to Sharon Gibb or post a cheque to: Sharon Gibb, Chrysler Restorers Club, PO Box 326, Modbury North SA 5092 or email Sharon at bsgibb22@gmail.com to arrange bank transfer of money.

PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST 2023.

Any contributions towards raffle prizes will be appreciated on the day. Booking sheets will be circulated at club meetings.

Sharon Gibb
08 8263 2908

Arthur Clisby Memorial Picnic Run

Sunday 24th September 2023

Details to be provided.



Lincoln Auto Club Inc – Wandering West Tour

Wednesday 18th October –

Sunday 22nd October 2023

We will be using this tour as our October run.

Tour sheets are available from Greg Lind, from the Club's

Facebook group and our website:

<https://www.chrysler-restorers-sa.org.au/2023LWWT.pdf>

Brenton Gibb
08 82632908



FROM THE COMMITTEE

President's Message



Hi all, welcome to the May / June issue of the Chrysler Collector.

It is pleasing to see our numbers growing at recent club meetings now that we seem to be past the worst of COVID 19. Just remember if you attend could you please bring a small plate of supper

to share with everyone.

It was very pleasing to see such a great turnout of our members at the display day of the Chrysler Festival in March. We basically had vehicles ranging through the decades 1916 through to the last of the Chrysler 300C with their owners willing to talk and show them to anyone wanting information on any particular model. This is the benefit of a club like ours, we have such a variety of vehicles to display and talk about which in turn can help our membership grow. Unfortunately the weather wasn't that kind and the light showers of the morning developed into rain in the afternoon so it was a quick pack up and depart. A special thankyou to all who attended and stayed to help pack up.

We recently received a letter from The Hon Peter Malinauskas MP Premier of South Australia offering the opportunity to apply for a grant from the State Government for a variety of different programs available to car clubs. We have put a submission forward for some IT software upgrades and a printer and a laptop computer to store all of our club records on. We just need to wait and see if we qualify.

Our club run to KarKoo Nursery which was postponed last year due to inclement weather was rescheduled for our April run and proved to be quite a successful run with a variety of interesting things to see. Autumn in the hills is always a delight.

The July meeting will not only be a club meeting but also our AGM where all committee positions will become vacant and a new committee voted on for the upcoming year. I encourage you all to give some serious thought as to whether you can fill a position or nominate someone else you would like to see to fill a role within our dynamic club.

Planning is already underway for our Club Presentation Lunch which this year will be on the southern side of town in August. So time to start thinking about the person or persons you wish to vote for the Ken Barnes Club Person of the Year Award. Voting slips will soon become available.

Planning is underway for The Wandering West Tour to Port Lincoln commencing on the 18th October - 22nd October 2023 hosted by the Lincoln Auto Club and many from our club are intending to go, so if you wish to join us please contact Runs Coordinator Greg Lind or myself for more information. A good run for our northern and west coast club members to attend.

I look forward to seeing many of you on our upcoming runs.

Brenton Gibb



From the Editor

CONTRIBUTORS

This issue comes to you courtesy of Greg and Ann Lind, Brenton and Sharon Gibb, Jim Dawson, Jeff Hardyman, Helena Tapp, Chris Howes, John Goddard and Leif Eriksson.

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

Please submit articles and entries to the magazine as early as possible but no later than the Friday date shown on page 3.

WEBSITE STATISTICS

	Apr 23	Mar 23	Apr 22	Apr 13
Sessions	112	145	128	528
Users	91	128	99	315
Page views	128	255	235	6,378
Pages/session	1.1	1.8	1.8	12
Average session (m:ss)	0:43	1:11	1:06	3:41
Flickr views	1,455,548		1,192,000	-
Facebook mbrs	1,946	1,955	1,433	-

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Membership Renewal



2023/2024

CRCASA Membership Renewal

Your membership renewal form (Enclosed with this magazine) is due.

Payment must be made by **30 June 2023**.

Please check all details (especially your mailing address and email address) are correct and amend details if necessary. Please note these categories.

- **Email address** (good for notifying members of any updates)
- **Magazine by Email** – Metro Members who do not wish to attend 3 club meetings/club runs per year are encouraged to receive their magazine by email due to the rising costs of printing and postage.
- **EFT Payments available (PLEASE NOTE NEW BANK ACCT DETAILS.)**

WHERE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

- **Registration Day: Saturday, 17th June 2023 at CCC Club Rooms (10am – 2pm)**
- *Club Meetings (after meeting has closed)*
- *Post: Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia SA Inc, PO Box 326, MODBURY NORTH SA 5092 and include a stamped, self addressed envelope for return of log books.*
- *EFT Payments can be made to: Chrysler Restorer's Club of Australia SA Inc.*
BSB: 035 046 Act No. 456206 (NOTE NEW BANK ACCT & POSTAL ADDRESS DETAILS) Please either post completed form to CRCA SA Inc. **PO Box 326, MODBURY NORTH SA 5092** or Email a scanned copy of your membership form to: records@chrysler-restorers-sa.org.au showing your Banking Receipt Number.

Membership renewals WITHOUT Historic Vehicle Registration (Check Boxes)

- *Renewal Form – checked, amended if necessary, signed and dated.....*
- *Payment.....*

Membership renewals WITH Historic Vehicle Registration (HVR) (Check Boxes)

- *Renewal Form – checked, amended if necessary, signed and dated.....*
- *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 (after 31st July) will incur a \$20.00 administration fee**

Any questions regarding HVR please contact: Jeff Knowles 08 8255 8671 or 0402 521 769
Email: jknowles2@bigpond.com

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held 8 March 2023

The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, SA Inc.
Summary of minutes of the meeting held 8 March 2023 – commenced at 7:45pm.

Emergency Wardens

Brenton Gibb explained emergency response plan.

Apologies:

Per attendance book

New Members & Visitors

Robin Rochfort was welcomed

Sick List

None reported

Minutes Previous Meeting

Read and moved by A Lind seconded Jeff Knowles, carried by members attending meeting.

Correspondence

In: 20/2/23 Email – Alan Pickering – FHMC re General Meeting Minutes for November 2022

Out: None

Treasurer's Report

Surplus of \$41.36 for month of February 2023.

Members funds represented by :

Cash	\$764.10
Westpac transaction account	\$5,774.29
Westpac investment account	\$28,813.43
CBA old account (to be closed)	<u>\$911.82</u>
Total cash and at bank	\$36,263.64
Other assets	\$583.55
Postage payable	<u>(\$236.32)</u>
Total members funds	<u>\$36,610.87</u>

R Tapp moved that treasurer's report be accepted. Seconded Jim Dawson. Carried.

Committee Reports

Runs Coordinator: Greg spoke re future events.

Editor: Keep sending in articles for the magazine.

Public Relations: John referred to pp 20-21 of magazine. Also has windows stickers \$1.00

Records: Sharon advised there were some new members and she is organising renewals.

Librarian: Jim thanked Richard for collecting club items from Steve in Murray Bridge. Proposed that unused "club plates" be sold for \$25, as these are no longer required for 3 day permits arrangements.

Tech Rep: Jim advised he had inquiries re Valiants
HVR: Jeff advised he had been busy with vehicles newly eligible because of the reduction from 30y to 25y.

Triple C: Vince advised nothing to report as there had not been a meeting.

Federation Rep: Greg reported that Federation were bringing back the Federation Run.

Past Events

Greg Newley spoke on the February twilight run to

Kingston Park/House. Good turn out and the weather was good to.

Trevor Beythien advised meeting he and Lorraine did a weekend package for the Tailem Bend racetrack. Cost was around \$199.00 including 4 laps on the track and Saturday night accommodation. Had a very good time.

General Business

Brenton advised that PO Box 326 Modbury North SA 5092 was the club's new postal address.

Dick Hart advised that John Biddle has retired and that Delway Brass were closing.

Brenton Gibb advised meeting that the committee had approved the purchasing of a laser printer for the club.

Our magazine has become quite expensive to post, so the new renewal forms will have a default to email for the magazine and you will have to tick a box if you want a hard copy of the magazine. New members who do not attend meetings will have their magazines emailed by default.

Lorraine Beythien spoke on the topic "Something you don't know about me"

Raffle

Greg Newley conducted the raffle.

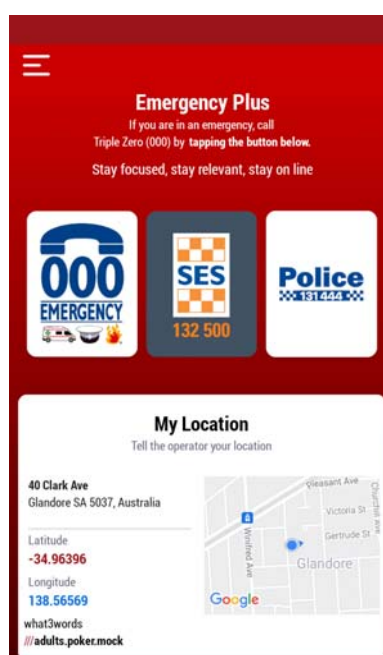
Conclusion

In Kevin Williams absence, Richard told a joke in memory of Ron Hincks

President summarised the coming events and the buy and sell board.

Meeting closed at 9pm followed by supper.

EMERGENCY PLUS APP



When an ambulance was called for a member at a previous meeting, the Ambulance failed to quickly find the Clarke Avenue carpark.

The Emergency Plus App, screenshot on left, is available for both Android and iOS (Apple) phones.

It converts the phone's GPS location into a 3 word code which Australian emergency services can use to immediately locate the phone within 3 metres.

Surely we should ALL have this App.

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held 12 April 2023

The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, SA Inc.
Summary of minutes of the meeting held 12 April 2023 – commenced at 7:47pm.

Emergency Wardens

Brenton Gibb explained emergency response plan.

Apologies:

Per attendance book

New Members & Visitors

None advised

Sick List

Dick Hart advised meeting John Biddle is in intensive care and his business Antique Motor Spares has been closed down.

Minutes Previous Meeting

Read and moved by A Lind seconded Jeff Knowles, carried by members attending meeting.

Correspondence

In: FHMC – General Meeting Minutes 11/2/23; FHMC secretary – re grant application meeting; CCC – committee meeting minutes 3/4/23; FHMC secretary – 9/4/23 Revision of November 26th Minutes; Letter from Peter Malinauskas Re SA Car Club Program

Out: Chrysler Restorers Club of Vic, NSW, CCC, FHMC – re change of our PO Box details

Treasurer's Report

Deficit of \$748.94 for the month of March 2023 due to magazine print and post expenses.

Members funds represented by :

Cash	\$100.00
Westpac transaction account	\$5,559.44
Westpac investment account	\$28,831.12
CBA old account (to be closed)	<u>\$730.27</u>
Total cash and at bank	\$35,220.83
Other assets	\$540.10
Other liabilities	-
Total members funds	<u>\$35,760.93</u>

R Tapp moved that treasurer's report be accepted. Seconded Trevor Beythien. Carried.

Committee Reports

Runs Coordinator: Greg spoke re future events.

Editor: Keep sending in articles for the magazine.

Public Relations: John referred to pp 20-21 of magazine. Also has windows stickers \$1.00

Records: Sharon advised all going well and to look out for membership renewals in next magazine.

Librarian: Jim spoke regarding the unused "club plates", available for \$25.

Tech Rep: Jim advised things had been pretty quiet.

HVR: Jeff advised there had been a good variety of cars requesting Historic Registration.

Triple C: Drinks have been increased to \$2.00 per can or bottle. Trees have been trimmed back by the

council to minimise gumnuts on the footpath. David Evans from the Vauxhall Club is working on the doors for the BBQ's outside clubrooms. Arthur Clisby memorial run on 24/9/23 – looking for new venue, tba. Vince advised that the council had received a number of complaints regarding noise coming from the clubrooms, but CCC has been advised that as long as the noise is inside the buildings not a problem. CCC meeting voted for public liability insurance for President, secretary and Treasurer of CCC cost is \$1300.00 per year divided between all clubs using the premises.

Federation Rep: Meeting to be held next week.

Past Events

Greg Lind spoke on the All Chrysler Day – from our clubs point of view it was one of our best turnouts to this event, considering the weather. We had approximately 40 cars from our club which was a great effort. Thanks to all those who helped setup on the day and also packing up. Brenton Gibb added that our club supplied a variety of cars from early to 300C. A good day was had by all.

Trevor Beythien spoke on the Easter Mildura Rally – lots of different cars from Adelaide, Port Pirie, Broken Hill just to name a few. The town has been cleaned up really well after the floods, the council has done a good job. Trevor advised he is looking forward to the Broken Hill Rally next year. Richard Tapp advised meeting he and Helena also went to the Mildura Rally, Helena in the Hillman Hunter and he in the Chrysler Lebaron. The Lebaron starter motor failed at the Yamba fruit check on the way home, resulting in an RAA tow to Renmark. New started is on its way from Rock Auto in America.

General Business

Jim Dawson asked members if anyone had a spare Wangaratta Tour badge, to go on our wall display.

Brenton advised he has organised for guest speakers at our May meeting on the 10th. They spoke at the Chrysler Festival.

Brenton also spoke about bringing supper.

Brenton auctioned two badges being held by the club. CRCSA 20th Anniversary badge sold to Greg Newley for \$20.00. Plymouth 70th Anniversary badge sold to Malcolm Curtis for \$40.00.

Alan Pike spoke on the topic "Something you don't know about me"

Raffle

Greg Newley conducted the raffle.

Conclusion

In Kevin Williams absence, Richard told a joke in memory of Ron Hincks

President summarised the coming events and the buy and sell board.

Meeting closed at 9:05pm followed by supper.

FROM THE COMMITTEE

VALE JOHN ELLIS

With considerable sadness the Chrysler Restorers Club of Aust. S.A. Inc. announces the death of the highly respected former manager of the Chrysler Australia Ltd Competitions Dept., John Ellis, on Wednesday 12th April 2023, after a long illness.

I was aware the John had passed away after a long and debilitating illness. I don't think I'm qualified to write a eulogy for John however, I remember him as a laconic young man of few words who developed into a very fine automotive engineer. He was so highly regarded that he was chosen for an assignment to Italy to oversee the development of the Weber carburettors for the "Six Pack" Hemi engine. The success of his efforts was evident in the excellence of the end product.

Ian Webber AO Former CEO & Deputy Chairman, Chrysler Australia Ltd.

Sadly we mark the passing of another one of the good guys in John Ellis. Following his graduation from the Adelaide University he secured a position with Chrysler Australia where he gained fame through being appointed Competitions Manager during the brief period when Chrysler ran a factor-sponsored racing team. Despite a meagre budget Doug Chivas finished third in an E49 Charger in 1972, a most memorable occasion.

After leaving Chrysler he worked for Pak Poy and Associates, a well-known planning company in the 70s that took him on assignment to the Moreton Region in Queensland and on to an environmental assessment for the Tarcoola-to-Alice Springs railway. Following Cyclone Tracy he was involved in assessing the damage and the restoration of Darwin.

Later, he was the project co-ordinator for the Monarto Planning Study for a proposed new town in

the region which led to a position with well-known town planner Neil Wallman. John was a member of a small group responsible for the development of the State Government's "2020 Vision" planning review launched in 1990. In 1994 he was appointed Director of Legislation, Department of Housing and Urban Development. Following his work with the Government he ran his own town planning consultancy until his retirement in 2003.

Away from work his interest in cars was well-known and eclectic. He spent many years meticulously restoring a rare 30/98 Vauxhall as well as owning a driving such automobiles as racing MGs including the Tillett Special, a Ferrari 330, Prince Henry Vauxhall, Jensen Healey and a Sunbeam 20/60. He had stored in his sheds enough parts to build 2 or 3 Sunbeams! And of course we must mention the Charger he owned and cherished for many years.

John's career was long and varied. We will miss him greatly as will his family. RIP John.

Gavin Farmer Former CAL & MMAL employee, author & automotive historian

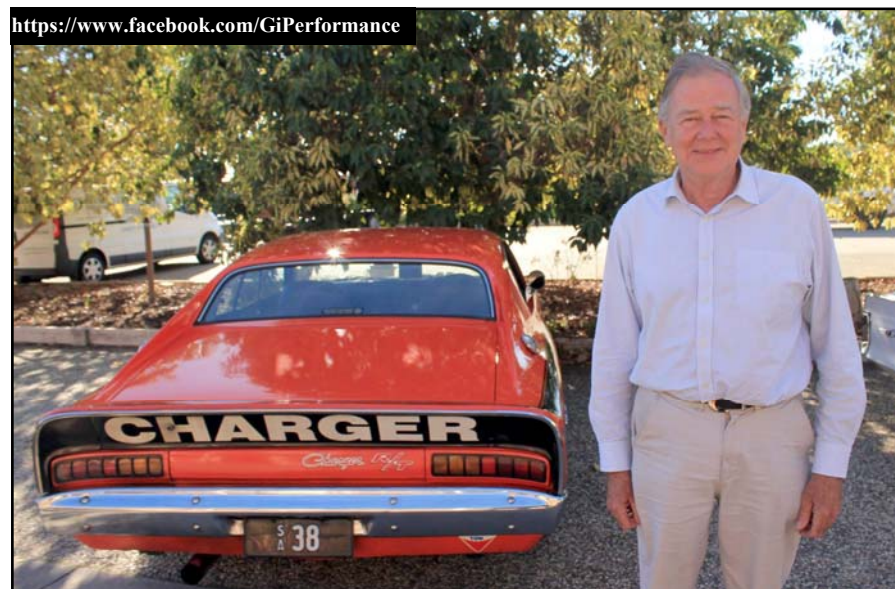
I never knew John Ellis the man, only the legend. My favourite story about John is that one of the racing

drivers, Geoghegan or Chivas, sent someone into Bathurst to purchase him some hard soled shoes, as the breaking effort to haul the Charger down from its considerable speed at the bottom of Conrod Straight was too much for the soles of his feet in driving shoes. Reason was that John had removed the brake booster to save weight! The boosters went back in soon after!

Another is the shortened ute that was mocked-down to mimic the Charger dimensions and weight distributions to out-fox Harry Firth (GM dealers racing supremo), who had paid local farmers to keep an eye as to what was happening out at Mallala Raceway.

There is a wonderful ABC Four Corners program from 1970 about the Bathurst race, where John in his quiet manner answers everything and nothing with extraordinary aplomb for one so young at the time. <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=407034641230313> Or if you want to hear what further development John thought was in the R/T Charger, had the program not been scuttled, then see this excellent piece from Shannons. <https://www.shannons.com.au/club/news/racing-garage/vh-valiant-the-rt-super-charger-that-never-made-it/> Enjoy!

Jim Dawson Librarian & Technical Liaison CRCSA



PAST EVENTS

WHYALLA ANZAC PARADE

Whyalla member Jeff Hardyman's 1940 Plymouth Toronto Police car played a prominent role in this year's Whyalla's Anzac Day march.

Of course 1940 falls during the WW 2 era for Australia and Canada, so the vehicle is very appropriate.

In South Australia it is not all "beer and skittles" having a car in police markings, even foreign police markings.

Jeff has to do that as well.

ones are from 2023.

The large photo is from a previous march. The smaller

Richard Tapp



Only SAPOL and Police Historical Society vehicles are permitted to display police markings, and Jeff requires an approval issued by the Police Historical Society before his car may be driven on the roads.

Filling out a Conditional Registration logbook is pretty easy by comparison. I expect



LIVING HISTORIES

Lindsay Gibb

Interviewer Jim Dawson (Int)

Guest Lindsay Gibb (L G)

Continued from last issue ...

Int I remember the dealership well, on the Main North Road there at Nailsworth.

L G So I started working with Don Amor and I worked hard because it was a bit different, but that's where the little Galant came in, it was a bread and butter line. I drove a VJ Regal of my own at that stage and I was pretty much switched-on with Valiant at the time so I was able to converse with people and things went pretty easy for me.

Int You've brought along some of your sales dockets there from your history at Don Amor and you look to have been very, very successful. How many cars did you sell in how many years?

L G I sold 480 in a little less than four years.

Int Wow! And that and that brings us to this extraordinary, beautiful set of Chrysler Guild cufflinks and tie-pin and the lapel badge and what have you.

Who did you have to sell or kill to get those Lindsay?

What sort of numbers or consistency did you need in order to be appointed to the Guild?

L G An award that was given to people who sold more than 120 vehicles in a 12 month period and I attained that level. My sales manager and I knew nothing about it actually until my sales manager came to me with all this stuff to say that I'd become a member of the Guild of Professional Salesman for Chrysler.

There was a whole heap of stuff which, as you mentioned, the cuff links and the tie bars and all that and there was a plaque that went on the wall to say I had achieved this Guild membership and also the little business card, which again was a pretty elite sort of business card, had your name on it. And to say that you're a member of the Guild of Professional Salesman.

And so it was quite an achievement and it's incentive once you get into that league, to keep going. And so I worked hard to maintain that level, but it was done. That was a quite interesting period of my life.



Int You had, in effect, been full time sales from way back in Orroroo, you'd given up the grease monkey game?

L G Oh, no. In between the sales you'd be servicing cars and so on, on the hoist and pulling down engines.

I mean, it was in the grease, but if somebody showed some signs of wanting to buy a car, you'd quickly have a wash and "Come with me."

Int But obviously at Don Amor Chrysler you were purely sales?

L G Absolutely, yes, purely sales and I worked hard I mean.

Int Which a tough game, I believe.

L G Quite often I used to have to seek people after hours and that sort of stuff, and it was not uncommon for me to be late home for tea, or to duck home and have an early tea and duck out then after tea to stitch up somebody with a new vehicle.

Int You're not supposed to say "stitch up" Lindsay!

L G I remember one that I can talk about now. I had a fellow that was interested in a new Galant.

I gave him all the brochures and so on a Saturday morning, and he rang me on the Monday and

LIVING HISTORIES

Lindsay Gibb (ctd)

said, "Look, I thought about that deal and I think I'd be prepared to go ahead and do it."

I said, "OK, well, when's it convenient to meet?" He said. "Well, I don't knock off until quite late." He said. "Maybe you could call in at about 7:00 o'clock."

I said "Yes. Alright, look, I'll go home and have my evening meal and I'll meet you at your place at 7:00PM."

So I got there at 7 and his wife allowed me to come in and sat in the lounge.

And then he entered and he had the strangest smell about him that I've ever encountered.

And he sat down. He was still in his working clothes. He'd come straight from work and so I started to fill in the order and I got to profession and I asked what work should I put down and he said "I don't talk about this a lot." and I said, "Well, that's up to you, It's just a question." and he said. "Well, I'll tell you, I operate a crematorium, that's why I'm a little late tonight, I've had a busy, busy day."

I didn't ask which crematorium he worked at or anything else, I left it alone but I got it, that was the unusual smell.

Int So how long were you with Don Amor?

Int I left Don Amor, well Don sold the business to John Newman, I don't know exactly when that was, but I had about equal time with Amor and then John Newman took over, and there was a fellow came down from Darwin, and he was selling used cars in Darwin, and he became a salesman alongside of me at Newman's.

He was itching to get back into business for himself with used cars so we purchased Five Ways Motor Show at Gepps Cross.

Int I remember that business also.

L G Right on the corner there. So we bought that and I left Newman. That would have been in 79, I think it was fairly early in 1979.

I had seen the writing on the wall that Chrysler was on the way out. Sales of Chrysler product was getting very difficult. The Valiant had run its race pretty much and the Charger had gone. I think the panel van had gone, the utility I think had gone, and they had just a few sedans, the standard Valiant sedan, and of course the Regal and Regal SE. The rest of it was made up of Mitsubishi.

I couldn't see much future there, so we got into used cars and that didn't work out either as far as I was concerned, right? And I got out of there and retired for a little while and then went out to McIntyre Road and bought a business out there and started again on used cars.

Int So you were selling used cars and engaged in doing your own warranty work and servicing and what have you as well or?

L G Yes, yes.

Int Now my understanding is it's a fairly tough game because you can't go on holidays. You have to be there or someone has to be for warranty issues etc.

L G That's right. Yes

Int Deal with the irate customer who's is found the banana in the diff.....

L G Yes, unless you unless you're big enough and you can employ people, but it's a tough game and it hasn't got any easier. That's why I think today you see not so many used car dealers around.



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It's mainly franchised dealers and then they have the used car department, which is part and parcel of the whole set up.

But yes, it's a tough game this today, the motor industry, it's changed dramatically, I'm glad I'm out of it, yes.

Int You're glad you're out of it?

L G Yes.

Int But you kept on working up until very, very recently really.

L G Ah, yeah. I don't know whether to tell you my age but I'm ...

Int I've got a fair idea and I'm not saying it, so it's up to you.

L G I'm 88 and I worked until I was 87. Yeah, and got out.

Int And you were still servicing cars.

L G I was. Sales had dropped right off. I was virtually not selling and in fact I'd leased the yard to my neighbour who was also into used cars.

And I was making more money out of his rent than I was out of selling cars. So, so now I've still got the premises and I've rented it all out now.

Int Now along the journey you've undertaken some restorations.

L G Oh yes.

Int So what was your first one?

L G The first restoration that we did, Brenton and I, my son and I, was probably the ... umm, not sure about that. I bought the S series when I was

at Five Ways Motor Show, off the street for, I think I paid, \$1300 for it when I bought it.

Int So we're talking 1980ish?

L G Yes, and I drove it for a week and I put it in the garage and one day I went to check the oil and the water and so on and the oil was milky white.

Int The oil and water had traded places?

L G So I thought that's the reason he sold it so cheaply. He was glad to drop it to me. So I drained the oil and the water out of it and I put it in the shed and there it sat for many, many years and so then I pull the engine out of it and found it had a cracked block. So I put another engine in it which I had acquired and then painted it and since then I've recarpeted and done the trim and so on. More recently I put an automatic in it 'cause it was a 3 on the column manual and I've put the push button auto into it and now it's my favourite car.

The other one that we restored was a VG 2 door hardtop which was fairly rare. There wasn't a lot of them ever sold.

So we traded this from some people on a used car when we was at McIntyre Motors, Brenton and I. We traded it and it was a one owner or one family owned car. The father gave it to his daughter, and the daughter hated it, and they had to tow a caravan with it, and their daughter slowly, progressively drove it into the ground. And it was, whilst the body was good on it, it the paint was shot, the vinyl roof was flapping in the breeze, the trim was down and so we traded that very cheaply and then we later restored it.



The Gibb's S series in 2007

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The most recent one then was that we bought a Charger, a VH Charger 770 from an old wholesaler here in Adelaide, and that sat around for many, many years, quite a few years in the open. So the paintwork deteriorated. So that was my last restoration, the Charger.

Int And did you enjoy it, the restoration?

L G I did, yes, I did. I got quite a bit of pleasure as I used to do when I was at Orroroo. I used to do a lot of the touch up and the restoration of the used cars that we traded, you know in terms of paint and so on. And so that was just another thing that I've self, self-taught.

Int That's wonderful. Needs are as needs do.

So let's move to your time with the club. When did you join?

L G Oh, God, I can't remember. A long time ago. Yeah, while ago. Long time ago.

Int You've put a great deal into the club, are a past president. I can't remember, count the number of years you and your good lady wife, Marlene did the raffle.

L G Oh yes, yes.

Int Finally, belatedly, I would say, you were awarded life membership. The club obviously means a great deal to you, coming on most all the runs, you're very welcoming to new members, as you were to Gina and I at our first club run.

L G I do enjoy the club. I really do enjoy the club. It's a great fellowship. I like mixing with the members and of course I love to go on the runs with them, been to a few national rallies and thoroughly enjoyed them and now the club has become part of my life.

Prior to that I spent a number of years in Rotary and I put every effort into that until I got involved with the Chrysler Restorers Club.

Int So what do you think Marlene would say as the long-suffering wife of a car man?

L G When we moved to Adelaide she was bored stiff because she knew nobody and it was difficult for her. Our daughter Cheryl was going to

high school by then and so she went and got herself a job at Hillcrest Mental Hospital.

She worked there for a number of years, and she made a lot of friends through that. She also acquired a lot of friendships through Rotary.

Of course, in those days when I joined Rotary, it was men only, and then later it was ladies, but she got a lot of fellowship and friendship. In fact, we still have some lasting friendships with our own Rotarian friends.

Int If there is a highlight, from, near enough a lifetime of dealing with motor cars as a business, what would that be?

L G That's a hard one to answer because I enjoyed much of it. I think probably the best times was when I moved to Adelaide.

I didn't have a responsibility of running the dealership or being part of running the dealership. I didn't have the responsibility of staff and all that sort of stuff and meeting budgets and targets and all that.

So it was much easier lifestyle and I enjoyed very much getting out of the overalls and into better clothing. And so that was that was probably the best four years of my working life, I reckon. Selling new cars, selling new Chryslers, yes.

Int Well, that's that, fascinating. On behalf of Chrysler enthusiasts everywhere Lindsay, thank you very much.

L G That's my pleasure, I've enjoyed it very much.



The Gibb's VG Hardtop in 2021

PAST EVENTS

2023 Chrysler Festival Display Day

26 March 2023

Photos of most of the club cars in our (& the R&S) display, plus a few of the many other cars present. I missed the Hart's 1916 Dodge, which departed because of rain before I ventured out with my camera during a dry spell.

Richard Tapp



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2023 Chrysler Festival Display Day (ctd)



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Karkoo Nursery

16 April 2023

The club had a run to Karkoo Nursery at Oakbank. As well as being a nursery, they have a licensed café with a wide range of very enticing foods and beverages.

We had a reserved area, adjacent to the former Johnston Brewery facilities.

It was great to see Ellen Haywood out and about after her back surgery and the Martins having their cars back, the cars having been in storage during garage building work at their home.

Richard Tapp



PAST EVENTS

2023 Vineland Rally in Mildura

16 April 2023

A number of members went to the 2023 Vineland Rally in Mildura over Easter, including the Beythiens, Miltons, Williamses, Tapps and Geoff Chase. The Dunnings from Pt Pirie were also there, with the Ex-Williams New Yorker.

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