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THE CHRYSLER RESTORERS CLUB OF AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

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CLUB DIRECTORY

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 7:30 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

\$45.00 per annum from 1 July 2025 for single and family memberships, country and metropolitan regions.

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INVITATION EVENTS

CLUB MEETINGS

Wed 8th April 2026

Wed 13th May 2026

INVITATION/OTHER CLUB'S EVENTS

Saturday 14th March 2026 – Not the Australia Day Run

The Barossa Valley GM Club will be holding the postponed Australia Day run on the above date.

Sunday 15th March 2026 – N.A.R.C. Swap Meet

Clare Racecourse (on the north side of Clare) Gates open 7.30am, catering and refreshments available. Site Fee \$15.00 (includes site + 1 person), general admission \$5.00

Sunday 15th March 2026 – Gawler to Springton Veteran & Vintage Run

Entry \$15.00 per person includes morning tea and BBQ lunch. Meet at the Immanuel Lutheran school, 11 Lyndoch Road, Gawler East. Enter from Daly St. Assemble from 8am for a 9.30am start for Veteran & M/C – 10am start for Vintage. Entry form required. Contact: Gil Purdie 0419034951 email gilpurdie@outlook.com

Saturday 2nd May 2026 – Waikerie Show N Shine & Rock N Roll Market

Located at Waikerie Community Sports Complex Playing Fields, Lawrie Terrace, enter Via Smith Drive 9.00am – 2.00pm. Cost to enter your car \$5.00 per Rego, paid on the day. Contact Gini 0419 660 591 or email waikerieshowshine@gmail.com

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd May 2026 – Naracoorte Swap Meet and Show N Shine

Located at Showgrounds, Smith Street Naracoorte \$5.00 public entry Saturday 7.00am – 5.00pm, Sunday 7.00am – noon. Show N Shine Registration 8 -10.30am Saturday \$5.00 per vehicle. Catering at venue – BBQ breakfast Saturday and Sunday. Email: naracoortehvc@gmail.com

Sunday 3rd May 2026 – Old Crock's Run

Entries are open now – closing on 31st March 2026 Starting in Hutt Street, Adelaide - finishing at Wigley Reserve, Glenelg. Enter online: sportingcarclub.com.au Enquiries: 08 8373 4899

Saturday 16th May – Sunday 24th May 2026 – Federation Meet The Clubs Tour 2026 – Mid North Lower Flinders

Entries are now closed.

Saturday October 24th – Sunday 25th 2026 – Renmark Red Mud Run

PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE OF DATES

The Riverland Vintage and Classic Car Club will be holding our next run in Renmark.

Further information will be sent as it is available

Registration forms will be available online May 2026 with a closing date of 31st July 2026.

Please book your accommodation asap. This will be hold on the last weekend of rose week so there could be visitors still booked into some venues. Please check discoverrenmark.com.au

Entry Forms etc.

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

New Members

No new members

Life Members

Year	Name	Member #	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
			Jim Dawson († 8/8/25)					1705
1990	Norma Schopp († 13/1/24)	57		Kevin Williams				451
2000	Judy Hart	244		Lindsay Gibb				1294
2003	Ross Bryant († 30/4/18)	121		Brenton Hamilton († 16/11/23)				602
2006	Richard Hart	243		Neill Wormald				552
2010	Richard Tapp	545		Bob Haywood				807
2015	Chris Howes	90		Brenton & Sharon Gibb				1293/1692
2017	Alan Driver	324		Greg & Ann Lind				1338/1527
2020	Trevor & Lorraine Beythien	1030/1031						

Cover Photos

Michael & Lynette Buxallen's 1928 Dodge Fast Four

*Front: Bob Haywood at Warradale 2026
Rear: Richard Tapp at Windsor Gardens 2009*

CLUB EVENTS

All Chrysler Day

Sunday 22nd March 2026

All Chrysler Day at Gaza Sports and Community Centre – Klemzig Oval from 10.00 – 3.00pm. For all members who are attending we

will be meeting at 8.30am – from North East Road, turn into Wellington Street to gain access to oval. BYO chairs, food available on site. We will be

setting up a display area. An attendance sheet will be circulated at the February general meeting.

Greg Lind – 0432 373 901
Brenton Gibb – 08 8263 2908

Barossa Valley Run

Sunday 19th April 2026 –

Meet at the Homemaker Centre, Main North Road, Gepps Cross (Harvey Norman Side) at 8.30am for an 8.45am departure, should you live North of Gepps Cross

speak to Trevor and Lorraine Beythien for meeting place. We will then be heading to Chateau Lyndoch for morning tea and a tour of museum for a cost of \$13.00 and then onto Lyndoch

Hotel for lunch. A run sheet will be circulated at the February, March general meetings. This run has been organised by Lorraine and Trevor Beythien.

Greg Lind – 0432 373 901

Rescheduled - Mannum Motorcycle Museum - Rescheduled

Due to the Federation run in May coinciding with our

(planned) May run, we have decided to move this event to

November 2026.

Club Registration Day

Sunday 14th June 2026
10.00am – 2.00pm

Please come along and renew your club membership and if you have vehicles on club registration, please bring all of the relevant

paperwork with you. All of the paperwork will be forwarded to you in a separate envelope included in your MAY/JUNE 2026 MAGAZINE.

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

sweets will be available.

PLEASE NOTE
REGISTRATION DAY IS A
SUNDAY

Jeff Knowles 08 8255 8671
Sharon Gibb 08 8263 2908

Mystery Pub Run

Sunday 12th July 2026

Gather at Stirling Library carpark at 11am

Depart @11.15am

An Adelaide Hills Pub awaits.

Add your name and number attending to the Run sheet available at the May and June club

meetings.

50 seats available.

Chris Howes 0412 174 108
or Cathy Woods 0432 626 061

Membership Renewal Information

For those that receive a magazine by mail, your Registration Renewal Form will be enclosed in the May/June Magazine. Please check all details are correct and follow the instructions for how to renew.

If you receive your magazine by email, your Registration

Renewal Form will be emailed/posted to you. I will be sending a message to each “Magazine by Email” member requesting that you advise me if you wish to receive your Renewal Form by Email or Post. This is due to the ever increasing postage charges.

Sharon Gibb 08 82632908

FROM THE COMMITTEE

President's Message



Hi All, and welcome to the March/ April edition of the Chrysler collector.

Our first run of the year in January was also our first Norma Schopp Memorial President's Run, replacing the Ray Miels memorial breakfast run. Norma sadly passed away in 2024 and in recognition of her service to the club, it was decided to dedicate the first run of the year in her honour. Roy Schopp was the special guest for the day, along with many more of the Schopp family. Craig Schopp gave a talk about his mum and what the club means and continues to mean to their family, which was excellent. The event was very well attended and it was great to see some of the older 20's and 30's vehicles make an appearance for the first run in her memory. After a short run to Hamilton Park Reserve at Warradale the picnic tables were set up and the BBQs were fired up and ready to go. The weather was great (in my opinion), overcast and cool, which meant everyone was able to enjoy their breakfast and not melt in the sun.

Our first general meeting of the year was in February, which saw the club host a "Welcome back BBQ" before the meeting. This was a great success that saw an excellent turn out of members and a chat and a snag before we got down to business with our usual meeting at 7:30. Sadly on the night it was reported that Cynthia Chase, wife of the late Geoff Chase, had passed away on the 3rd of February. On a happier note Alan Pike had just celebrated his 85th birthday and Trevor Kelly would be celebrating his 93rd birthday the following Sunday. Thank you to all those that attended and special thanks to the committee members for arriving early on the night to help with the BBQ to make it a success.

Our club run for February was another breakfast run, that saw the club visit The Lakes Resort hotel at West Lakes, Organised by our runs

coordinator Greg Lind a good crowd of members attended and enjoyed a breakfast from their menu, while watching all the fit young energetics row and run past our lake view on the Sunday morning. The service was great and the food was very nice. Thank you again to Greg and Ann for organising the event, it was a very nice location.

Looking ahead to March the club will attend the annual All Chrysler Day at Gaza oval. It's free to attend and I encourage any members that have not attended before to come along and enjoy the day with fellow Chrysler enthusiasts. The Club will have our usual spot on the oval, set up with gazebos with plenty of room for one or multiple cars if you are able to bring more than one. Brenton will have them parked up and looking good in no time. Also in March, the Australia Day invitation cruise hosted by the Barossa Valley GM and Ford clubs has been rescheduled for 14th of March, as the event was postponed in January due to extreme heat. Entries were finalised on 5 March, but you can still attend as a visitor.

Looking even further ahead our April run will be to the Barossa Valley and the Lyndoch Hotel for lunch, more details in this month's magazine. Plenty to get involved with over the next few months; hopefully the weather starts to cool off a bit now that summer is over and we can all get the cars out to go for a cruise. Hope to see you on the road.

Brett Newley



From the Editor

CONTRIBUTORS

This issue comes to you courtesy of Greg Lind, Sharon Gibb, Brett Newley, Ann Lind, Bob Haywood and Garry Williams.

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

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

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Treasurer's Report Jan Feb 2026

Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, South Australia Inc.

Income and expense

Income	Nov Dec 2025	Dec 2025 YTD	Dec 2024 YTD
Subscriptions	45	8,770	7,205
Grant earned	-	-	-
Raffle proceeds	208	463	158
Sales	790	805	512
Interest	2	217	418
Donations	-	-	-
Sundry	-	-	-
Total income	\$ 1,045	\$ 10,255	\$ 8,293
Expenses			
Magazine	705	2,065	2,032
Postage and stationery	25	644	664
Functions	99	204	108
Function subsidies	-	520	1,230
Cost of sales	685	685	382
Insurance	211	760	226
Depreciation	103	309	310
CCC	-	175	175
Update honour boards	186	186	628
Income tax expense	-	54	-
Sundry	-	0	80
Total expenses	\$ 2,015	\$ 5,602	\$ 5,834
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ -970	\$ 4,652	\$ 2,459
Brought forward		40,674	42,451
Members funds		\$ 45,326	\$ 44,910

Balance sheet

Assets	31-Dec-25	31-Dec-24
Cash on hand	1,053	100
Westpac Community Solutions	4,292	4,234
Westpac Cash Reserve	12,080	11,978
Westpac term deposits	23,178	22,641
Commonwealth Bank	394	324
Prepaid insurance	1,158	1,171
Computer 2023 (Cost 4,451)	3,063	3,682
Club plates B55-B99 \$5 each	135	135
Touring badges \$12 each	120	120
Tools (cost \$7,590.66)	200	200
Calendars	-	326
Total Assets	\$ 45,672	\$ 44,910
Liabilities		
Prepaid subscriptions	-	-
Grant - unearned, repayable	-	-
Accounts payable	-	-
Income tax payable	346	-
Prepaid deposits	-	-
Total Liabilities	\$ 346	\$ -
Members funds	\$ 45,326	\$ 44,910

c/- Leif Eriksson

At 45 Miles an Hour a MIRACLE HAPPENS



YOU'RE GOING ALONG in an AIRFLOW car. The speedometer says 20 . . . 30 . . . 40. And then, suddenly, a miracle happens. The hum of the motor fades. An invisible power seems to pull you along. It's the most uncanny sensation you've ever experienced in a car.

It's the new Automatic Overdrive. We're not exaggerating. It's the most important car development, with the exception of the AIRFLOW itself. No buttons to push. No levers to pull. It's completely automatic. What happens is this. When you are driving along at 45 miles an hour, the overdrive automatically goes into operation. It's like a fourth speed. Your engine revolutions are reduced by one-third and you literally coast along without excessive strain on your engine.

It actually cuts down gas consumption as much as 25% at 60 miles an hour. It gives an even greater saving on oil. But exciting as it is, the Automatic Overdrive is just

one of the many things that will astound you about these new AIRFLOW De Sotos and Chryslers.

Have you ever sat behind the wheel and driven an AIRFLOW? At first it seems a little strange. You're not used to so much vision . . . not used to a car that travels so smoothly over any kind of road.

But soon you get the "feel" of it . . . and then you're wondering why you ever liked a conventional car.

Fact is, you've no idea what has happened to automobiles until you take an AIRFLOW ride. So why not do it now? Go to any Chrysler or De Soto dealer.

Let him explain the Automatic Overdrive . . . the AIRFLOW type of construction . . . the Floating Ride that has a rhythm like a walk. Then decide for yourself whether you want to buy a modern or an old-fashioned car. It's a strange way to sell automobiles . . . but we say you've got to drive an AIRFLOW to really understand it. Do it today.

CHRYSLER *Airflow* **DE SOTO**

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held 11 February 2026

The Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia, SA Inc.
Abridged minutes of the meeting held 11 February 2026 - commenced at 7:32pm

Preliminaries

Brett advised that Cynthia Chase had passed away on 3rd February age 87. Brett thanked members for organising a BBQ before this meeting and noted Alan Pikes 85th and Trevor Kelly's 93rd birthdays.

Emergency Wardens

Brett Newley explained the emergency response plan.

Apologies:

Per attendance book.

New Members & Visitors

None.

Sick List

None advised

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Read and moved by Ann Lind seconded Lorraine Beythien, carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Correspondence

In: 3/1/26 – Email Australia Post – Payment of account; 15/1/26 – Email Australia Post – advising price increase for postage will advise us when approved by ACCC; 15/1/26 – Letter ATO – Re 2025 company tax return for CRCSA; 2/2/26 – Email CCC – CCC committee meeting held 2/2/26; 3/2/26 – Email Australia Post – invoice for Jan/Feb 26 magazine

Out: Various emails sent to committee members; Emails distributed to runs co-ordinator Ann Lind proposed correspondence to be correct, seconded Jeff Knowles. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

December + January 2026. Income \$973, expenses \$2194, deficit \$1,221. YTD surplus \$3,355. Members funds \$44, 029. Richard spoke about the letter from ATO in correspondence.

Committee Reports

Runs Coordinator: Greg spoke re future events.

Editor: Send in articles for the magazine. Need a new interviewer for Living Histories.

Public Relations: John advised clothing is on page 2 and badges and transfers on page 19 of the magazine.

Records: Sharon advised all going well.

Librarian: Bob advised all well but little activity.

Tech Rep: Brett advised nothing to report.

HVR: Jeff advised all going smoothly.

Triple C: Vince reported on some maintenance items.

FHMC: Meeting is next week.

Past Events

Brett thanked Brenton and Sharon for organising another successful Xmas lunch and special thanks to

Sharon for her mince pies and puddings she makes for our club members. Ann also said the Xmas lunch was very successful with a good number of members attending and good selection of food on offer. Meal was very good, congratulations to Sharon and Brenton.

Brenton Gibb thanked Brett Newley for organising our inaugural Norma Schopp Memorial President's Breakfast Run. Norma's family attended the run with the old cars and a lot of our old car members came along to the run. It was good to see Norma's husband Roy attend this event. Overall, we had a good turn out by members for a short run to a lovely park for breakfast.

General Business

Garry Williams suggested that invitation runs that miss the magazine print could be posted on our Facebook page. Brett Newley reminded members of our club plates for sale at \$5.00 each.

Brenton Gibb advised meeting that the Chrysler Car Club now has information on their website in relation to the March 2026 Chrysler Weekend. Sheet going around re our club display.

Greg Newley advised meeting that it was brought up at the last Federation Meeting that if you have not filled out your log book before driving your car and are pulled over by police the fine is \$1,700.

Raffle

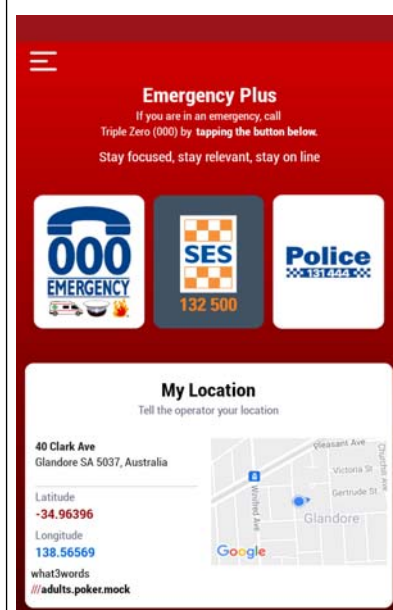
Greg Newley conducted the raffle.

Conclusion

Kevin Williams told a joke in memory of Ron Hincks Brett summarised the coming events and the buy and sell board.

Meeting closed at 8:38pm 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.

PAST EVENTS

Norma Schopp Memorial Breakfast Run

Photos: Bob Haywood.



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Norma Schopp Memorial Breakfast Run (ctd)



Above: Roy Schopp, Kristen Schopp (daughter in law), Jasmine Schopp (grand daughter)

Below: Roy Schopp, Allyson Dutschke (daughter), Craig Schopp (son), Maddie Dutschke (grand daughter-in-law)



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Norma Schopp Memorial Breakfast Run (ctd)



Horace - the Schopp Family's 1927 Dodge Fast Four roadster



PAST EVENTS

Norma Schopp Memorial Breakfast Run (ctd)



PAST EVENTS

February Breakfast Run

22 February 2026

Thanks to everyone who attended our club breakfast run in February.

We met at The Lakes Resort Hotel, Knots Kitchen. The venue was well organised and ready for us at 8.30am. We had 4 tables down stairs right next to the windows, overlooking the lake.

It was an overcast morning with a bit of rain, and quite warm conditions. Everyone ordered their meal and helped themselves to freshly brewed coffee and a choice of juices. Our meals arrived in no time and I think everyone was pretty happy with their breakfast choices.

We had 27 people attend on the day, thanks to those who attended.

Ann and Greg Lind

Photos: Garry Williams



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February Breakfast Run (ctd)



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Historical Disasters!

The following are confessions from previous winners of the club's disaster award.

1989 - Roy & Norma SCHOPP. 1927 Dodge 4 roadster. After starting with what looked like a heap of scrap, and then searching for 13 years to find the correct roadster body, this car was finally starting to look complete. Unfortunately it was necessary to return the vehicle to the paint shop in Clare to have the paintwork finished properly.

While the roadster was being trailered home from Clare, a strong side wind caught and lifted the brand new hood, causing it to tear on both sides. The hood had to be completely remade - before the newly-restored car had even been on a Club run!! The only consolation: it was fully insured!

1990 - Barb Richards-Pugh. 1925 Chrysler 56 tourer. I was driving The Princess back to Adelaide from Alice Springs in June 1990. At Erldunda everyone, except me, that is, noticed that one of the wheel rims was cracked. No worries, the rim was quickly changed for me and off I went. The next morning at Marla there was yet another cracked wheel rim. No worries as the spare rim I just happened to be carrying was substituted at Cadney Park and off I set once again. By the time I reached Coober Pedy, there was another cracked rim. Three cracked rims in two days was more than I could handle and so I took to my bed with a king sized headache. Thank goodness I had had two rims welded at Cadney Park and so I was still able to continue to Adelaide to meet John at Waterloo Corner. Only thing was, he was waiting at Bolivar Corner, while I was at Waterloo Corner. It took the Schumachers to sort us out.

1992 - David & Shirley Crichton. 1924 Maxwell tourer. Our disaster occurred on the final day of the Chrysler National Rally. The event was a procession from Nuriootpa to Tanunda and a display on the Tanunda oval. Due to work pressures, we had decided that this was the only event we would

participate in. What a decision! During the course of the procession, a non-member vehicle entered the line of cars ahead of us, and after travelling for a short distance, veered to the left, then decided to make a U-turn in front of us. The two-wheel mechanical brakes had no hope of stopping the Maxwell in time, and the result was a crumpled front mudguard, bent axle and steering gear, etc. Our total participation in the National Rally, from time of arrival to disaster, was 45 minutes.

1993 - Mike Trengove - 1922 Dodge tourer. Our disaster was a series of problems associated with one run down south, organised by Ross Bryant. Only five minutes after leaving the club rooms the car spluttered to a halt. It would run at idle but would only travel a few kilometres at a time before stopping again. Roy Schopp stopped to help and the car seemed to come good. We continued on to the lunch stop and enjoyed that part of the day. On our return journey all was going well until we had a tyre go flat on the way down O'Halloran Hill. Pulling off the road, I discovered my jack was too short and I had to flag down Alan Martin to borrow his. The tyre was changed and I moved off with Alan following; at the bottom of the hill, the car again spluttered and stopped. The motor re-started and we drove down South Road stopping continually and moving shorter distances each time. Eventually the car refused to go any further and Alan towed me to his home. Returning to work on the car the next evening, club member John Wilson discovered the problem was a split in the vacuum line to the vacuum tank. Pleased with finally fixing the problem, I started the motor only to have the fluoro trouble lamp fall onto the fan, pushing it through the radiator, finishing off "The Run From Hell".

1994 - Merle and Murray Bryant. 1978 Chrysler Regal sedan. In May this year we went to Darwin with four of our older club cars, namely, Dick and Judy Hart's 1916 Dodge and 1929 De Soto, Graham

and Nita Bailey's 1929 Dodge utility and Rick Frith's 1925 Chrysler Buckboard. Also with us were Ray and Joy Miels VF Valiant and brother, Ross Bryant's CL Valiant. Everything went well until Ross and I decided to have a closer look at the Devil's Marbles, just north of Wauchope, NT. I drove around the back of the Devil's Marbles to where lots of tourists camp overnight, and where tables, seats, and BBQ plates are located on the fence line. We stopped and admired the scenery, until Merle decided to take photos of said Marbles and asked me to drive up a little bit further, so we could avoid people who had camped there the night before. I had only moved forward about a metre, when the front of the car rose up in the air, and with a horrible grinding noise, came to a halt.!

On inspection, I found the car high and dry on the only BBQ plate not near the fence line and a large pool of transmission oil in the sand behind the plate. After much jacking, packing and pushing we got the car off the BBQ plate. We then found that a corner of the dislodged BBQ plate had pierced the sump plate of the auto transmission, and consequently we were now unable to drive the car. Brother Ross now came to the rescue. He drove back to Wauchope and left his camper trailer in the care of the publican, came back to us and towed our car and camper trailer the 100kms to Tennant Creek. There, we were lucky enough to find a friendly workshop owner and welder who allowed me to use his pit and facilities. He welded my sump plate up and got me mobile again, all for \$30!!

We finally got to our camp that night around 7pm to be greeted by the rest of the travellers who were extremely relieved to find that we were okay. I was rewarded by the Club with a small replica of the said BBQ plate which Merle and I both treasure, even though I tell Merle and all at the Club that it was all her fault!!



OUR MOTORING HERITAGE

Chrysler Neon

In America, Chrysler had been selling Rootes, Simca and Mitsubishi vehicles as their offering at the compact end of the market. The disposal of their interests in Rootes and Simca "mid development" of the Omni and Horizon somewhat compromised these vehicles, which were replaced by the Shadow and Sundance, those being part of the K car platform that saved Chrysler's bacon in 1980.

In the early 1990s, the American compact market was dominated by the Honda Civic and Toyota Corolla. Chrysler's response was a clean-sheet design led by former American Motors Corporation (AMC) engineers. Their goal was a lightweight, economical, powerful and comfortable car costing under \$4,000 to build that could be retailed for \$8,000!

The Neon's "cab-forward" styling pushed the wheels to the corners and shortened the engine bay, creating an interior that was class-leading in terms of passenger space. Being "All American" it was not limited to a width of 1.7m, unlike Japanese vehicles which would have been taxed at higher rates in their home market if they had

exceeded this limit. [*Remember Australia's "wide bodied" 1985 Magna, that overcame this width restriction for Mitsubishi in our market.*]

First Generation (1994–1999):

The first-generation Neon (PL platform) debuted in January 1994, replacing the aging Dodge Shadow and Plymouth Sundance. It was sold as a Dodge or Plymouth in North America and as a Chrysler in international markets like Europe and Australia.

Unlike many of its rivals, the base Neon came with a 2.0-litre SOHC 16-valve engine producing 131 hp (98 kW). A DOHC version offered 150 hp (112 kW), allowing it to sprint from 0–60 mph in a brisk 7.6 seconds—performance that exceeded nearly every other car in its price bracket. This DOHC engine was not offered in Australia.

Chrysler leaned into the car's performance potential by creating the ACR (American Club Racer). Initially available only to SCCA members, the ACR was a factory-built race car. It featured Koni adjustable shocks, 4-wheel disc brakes, a quicker steering

rack, and no speed limiter, allowing it to hit 130 mph. The R/T (Rapid Transit) trim brought similar performance to the street with distinctive "Rally" stripes and a "surfboard" rear spoiler. These versions were not offered in Australia.

Second Generation (2000–2005):

The second-generation (PL2000) launched in 1999 with a focus on refinement. To improve Noise, Vibration, and Harshness (NVH), Chrysler replaced the first generation's frameless windows with full-framed doors and added over 1,000 new parts.

While the interior materials improved, some quirks remained, such as power windows only being available for the front doors—the rear windows remained manual cranks even on high-end models.

The Neon's swan song was the Dodge SRT-4 (2003–2005). Developed by Chrysler's Performance Vehicle Operations (PVO), it featured a 2.4-litre turbocharged engine producing 230 hp. It became a cult icon for its "bang-for-your-buck" performance, often out-accelerating far more expensive sports cars of the era.



OUR MOTORING HERITAGE (CTD)

Chrysler Neon (ctd)

Naturally, these versions were not offered in Australia. :-)

Early model Neons (1995–1998) were notorious for head gasket failures occurring as early as 40,000 miles. The original composite gaskets struggled with the iron block/aluminium head interface. Chrysler eventually fixed this with a multi-layer steel (MLS) gasket in late 1998, but reputational damage was done.

For most of its life, the automatic Neon used an aging 3-speed transmission. While durable, it was noisy and inefficient compared to the 4-speed units found in the Civic and Corolla. A 4-speed automatic (41TE) finally arrived for the 2002 model year, but by then, sales were declining.

The Chrysler Neon was manufactured from 1994 to 2005, when it was replaced by the Dodge Caliber. While it made little impact in Australia, sales of more than 2 million units in America speaks for itself.

Our Neon:

We bought our second generation 2001 model Neon from Janine Robertson, daughter of Lawrie

Robertson. Lawrie was a member from 2005 to 2011 and Janine from 2012 to 2013. This was Janine's 3rd Neon. It's the upmarket LE model, in Patriot Blue, and is a 5 speed manual.

We had the timing belt replaced (due at 100,000 km) together with the usual ancillaries. The engine had to be unbolted and lifted but not removed to do this.

In terms of reliability, we had to replace a shifter cable bushing at the bottom of the gear stick (cheap and easy to get at) and twice had to replace the plastic air intake "hose" between the remote airbox and the inlet manifold. The factory unit lasted 20 years and the eBay replacement lasted 5 years.

Inconveniently, when the air intake tube fails, the accelerator pedal ceases to control the engine. The butterfly valve is in the remote airbox. It may be closed, but a split intake tube allows air into the inlet manifold anyway. The ECU then dutifully supplies fuel in proportion to the amount of leaked air and the engine revs accordingly.

The factory tube started leaking slowly and the failure was found by investigating momentary jumps in the idle speed. The eBay tube failed catastrophically, at speed, as I was approaching a slower vehicle. Taking my foot off the accelerator left the Neon maintaining speed. Depressing the brake slowed it down but it accelerated again on being released. Declutching saw the engine go to 6500 rpm. Turning off the ignition saved the day. A stainless steel tube with rubber concertina fittings at each end now joins the airbox to the inlet manifold.

Our Neon was built in October 2000, as a 2001 model - and will shortly be transferring to historic registration.

Richard Tapp

This article started by me asking Google's Gemini AI to write a 2000 word article about the Chrysler Neon. It only managed 500 words! I guess about half of what Gemini wrote remains and the article is now nearly 1000 words - so 75% mine. I then asked Gemini to "fact check" my version of the story and it passed with flying colours. :-)



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