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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi to all

Well finally winter has started to deliver some rainy days.

Tina and I joined the members who went on the campout weekend at the Roseworthy museum on the Saturday.

This is a wonderful insight into our agricultural and farming past with an extensive display of plant and equipment well maintained by volunteers.

Like me several members remembered operating some of the exhibits for better or worse.

If you have not been then treat yourself to an afternoon looking at all this collection.

After we headed to Nuriootpa where we had dinner as a members group at the Vines Inn on the Saturday night.

Sunday saw us travel to the Kalleske family property for morning tea and a tour of the vineyard and winery.

Followed by a gathering in Greenock at their Cellar Door for a light luncheon.

Unfortunately we had to leave to return home after but I understand that all who made the effort to go enjoyed the campout'

Thank you to the Kalleske family for hosting the day.

Also to Ian and Sue Warnes for organising it along with the committee members involved.

So now another year has started for our club with the AGM having been held.

Thank you to those members who have taken on positions within the club most are the same faces as last year.

But with two new extra committee appointments in Allan Pitchers and Ian Warnes. Welcome.

We have had our planning meeting and this year will bring in some changes.

So you need to keep an eye on your calendar planners in the Con-Rod.

We will be holding some of our meetings away from Port Broughton.

This is to try and encourage some of our members to get to meetings who are restricted by time and travel.

We will be holding at least three of the ten held last year at Port Broughton at other venues.

Clare at the Airport

Jamestown at the Airport

Kadina at the Motor Cycle Club

We will be still holding the Blyth movie night in January.

Also our Shed night in Clare in February with and another shed day later in the year,

Our annual Presentation Lunch will be held at the Kadina Hotel on Sunday 27th August 2017 at 12 noon.

We will need to get names and numbers as catering will be limited by the venue seating capacity so please advise ASAP.

So please check the dates as there will be a lot on during the year coming.

I am looking forward to trying something new at the next meeting for you all.

So as always keep smiling

Cheers

Ian

New Members

NARC welcomes new member : Tony Milobara who lives at Broadview.
He has a 1936 International C30

- August** **10th** General Meeting Port Broughton Golf Club 8.00pm – Identification Night and guest speaker Alex Ryan – Member Profile
- 12th** Crystal Brook Show Cars needed for display
- 27th** Presentation Lunch **KADINA**. Kadina Hotel, 29 Taylor Street, 12noon. Advise Moranne of numbers attending on 8825 3766 or 0428 253 766 by Wednesday 23rd
- September** **1st** Old Car Day, Bethany see page 5
- FRIDAY **22nd** **NOTE DATE** General Meeting **Clare Airport** 8.00pm. Guest speaker John Stanley will talk about the Stoewer- Werke AG Company.
- 24-30th** **National Veteran Car Rally** Clare. Includes on 27th Night parade Main street Clare. Full program page 8
- 24th** Bay to Birdwood Classic Run cars 1/1956 to 12/1981. (Using Anzac Hwy)
- 26-28th** Yorke Peninsula Field Days, Paskeville Free admission for display vehicles.
- October** **2nd** Jamestown Show-Display vehicle & driver only free. People's Choice comp. Ford, Holden, Chrysler, Motor bikes and other vehicles. \$ 5-00 Area for stationary engines also. Please be on the show grounds by 9-30 AM.
- 5th** Deadline for Con-Rod submissions
- 7th** Burra Show Vehicles needed for display (free admission)
- 12th** General Meeting Pt Broughton Golf Club 8.00pm
 Speaker Graham Burgess - Indian motorbikes
- 14th** Clare Show Vehicles needed for display (free admission)
- 28th** Kapunda Show
- 29th** President's Mystery Run
- November** **9th** General Meeting **Jamestown Airport** 8.00pm
- 18/19th** Bendigo Swap meet
- December** **7th** Deadline for Con-Rod submissions
- 14th** General Meeting Port Broughton 8pm
 Speaker Liz Martin – Trucking Hall of Fame
- 2018**
- January** **11th** Blyth Cinema Night. Tea provided 6.00pm
- February** **1st** Deadline for Con-Rod submissions
- 8th** Meeting at Goode Restoration, New Road, Clare. 8pm
- March** **3/4th** Power of the Past, Mount Barker
- 8th** General Meeting Port Broughton Golf Club 8.00pm

March	18th	Clare Swap Meet
	25th	Booleroo Steam Rally
April	5th	Deadline for Con-Rod submissions
	7th	Laura Folk Fair street parade, Fair also Sunday but no parade.
	12th	General Meeting Kadina , Motorcycle Club rooms 8.00pm
	15th	Shed Day
May	10th	General Meeting Port Broughton Golf Club 8.00pm
	13th	Shed Day – Port Pirie
June	7th	Deadline for Con-Rod submissions
	8-11th	Narc Camp Out
	14th	General Meeting Port Broughton Golf Club 8.00pm
July	12th	General Meeting & A.G.M., Port Broughton Golf Club 8.00pm
August	1st	Deadline for Con-Rod submissions
	9th	General Meeting Port Broughton Golf Club 8.00
	TBA	Club Rally and Presentation Lunch.
September	13th	General Meeting Port Broughton Golf Club 8.00pm

2019 Burra to Morgan run

Swap Meets

August	20th	Willunga , Lions Reserve, Binney Road, Willunga, Sellers 7am \$15.00 Buyers 8am \$5 u/14 free Tony 0427 947 942 www.willungalions.com.au
September	10th	Gawler Sport and Community centre Nixon Terrace. 6-30 Sellers \$20 . buyers \$5 Indoor sites \$30 Sites Trevor Bellchambers 8522 1864 information Mike Williams 85231233 0407605354
October	1st	Balhannah motorcycle only at Oval, camping available Saturday night. Site Holders, Buyers & Lookers 7.00 a.m., Sites \$15 (inc 1 adult) Entry \$5 (under 12 free) Peter Yates 8255 8856 after 6pm
	1st	Morgan at Primary School Oval sellers: \$15.00 book indoor stalls \$10.00 outdoor site buyers: \$5.00 kids under 15 free 6.30 am Colleen Anderson - Peters 0438 892 905
	8th	Motor cycle expo Lockleys oval May Terrace, 8am to 1pm - sellers 6am \$20 (2 people) Sell A Bike - \$15 (1 person) Buyers 8am \$5. 7444 5086 Secretary@RotaryAdelaideWest.org
	15th	Strathalbyn Harness Racing Club 28 Milne Road 5.30 am sellers \$15, (two people) Extra adult \$5, children free 6.30 am Buyers \$5 children free Malcolm 0488 528 331 Deidre 0422 078 127 deidresolly@hotmail.com
November	26th	Regency Park TAFE car park 137 Days Road, sellers 7 am. buyers 8 am. \$3 0419 840 284 or 0413 133 233 ka44190@gmail.com

Other Events of Interest

September 24th BAY TO BIRDWOOD CLASSIC Open to those motor vehicles built on or after 1st January 1956 and on or before 31 December 1981.

THE VETERANS ARE COMING!



National Veteran Vehicle Rally - Clare SA
24-30 September 2017.

Open to motorcars and motorcycles built before the end of 1918.

Rally itinerary page 8

November 24-25th Adelaide Auto Expo Jubilee Pavilion Adelaide Showgrounds
Fri: 5pm - 9pm Sat: 10am - 9pm Adults \$25, kids under 13 FREE
Geof Tartoosie 0410 356 356 gsgarage@tpg.com.au
<http://www.adelaideautoexpo.com.au>

April 22nd Mid Murray Classic car & music Festival
For more information on most of above... www.bevenyoung.com.au swap meets



September 1st "DRIVE-IT DAY" "OLD CAR DAY"

Old Car Day Gathering
Friday September 1st 2017.
Bethany Reserve; Bethany Road, Bethany
12.30pm BYO Lunch



The first day of Spring, September 1st is promoted by the Federation of Historic Motor Vehicles SA as "Drive It Day" in SA. You are encouraged to take your historic vehicles out so that the public can see them. Take them to work, take them shopping, go for a drive, organise a run.

The Gawler Veteran Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club invites your club or club members to join us at Bethany Reserve; Bethany Road, Bethany at around 12.30pm on Friday September 1st 2017.

The Gawler Club has organised runs to Bethany starting as follows:

Fremont Park, Elizabeth,- Princes Park, Gawler Showgrounds, Gawler
These runs meet at 9.00 am for 9.30 am start.

You are welcome to join us, organise your own runs, or just turn up. If you organise your own run, could you please contact me with indicative numbers.
It is all very informal, BYO lunch, toilets and a large shelter are available, but we suggest that you bring chairs.

It is a great opportunity to mix informally and share our hobby. So, come along, meet with fellow enthusiasts, have a chat, give the old vehicle an airing.

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CHAPTER CALENDAR

General meetings held 4th Friday at the Lutheran Church South Tce. Kapunda at 7.30 p.m.

AUGUST 25th Friday Meeting 7.30 p.m.
Dale will give a presentation on Arkaroola's early days.

AUGUST 27th Sunday PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM LAST CON ROD.
Leave Hill St at 11.15 a.m. for LUNCH at Roaring Forties cafe at Angaston and a visit to the Blacksmiths' shop. \$5 Entry.

SEPTEMBER 1st Friday DRIVE IT DAY or OLD CAR DAY at Bethany Oval. Members to meet at Bethany. Usual BYO picnic lunch chairs etc..

SEPTEMBER 22nd Friday Meeting 7.30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 24th Sunday BAY TO BIRDWOOD
Members to meet in Hill St. to leave 8.30 a.m. BYO Picnic to enjoy at Gumeracha Oval where the group can watch the cars go by.

OCTOBER 18th Wed. Historic Mintaro and the Maze. Leave Hill St. 11 a.m. Details at the September meeting or Brian Haines 85663216 who is organising.

OCTOBER 27th Friday Meeting 7.30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 4th Saturday Mystery location (only Malcolm knows) for possible BONFIRE NIGHT depending on fire restrictions not being in place BBQ (meat will be provided by the club) Bring salad or sweets.(mainly salads)
Leave Hill St at 5.30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 24th Friday meeting 7.30 p.m.

DECEMBER 10th Sunday Christmas lunch to be advised.

No December meeting. HAPPY NEW YEAR.

CONDITIONAL REGISTRATION UPDATE

As those of you who read your Con-Rod or attend meetings will know, several changes to the 90 day conditional registration scheme came into effect on 1st July 2017.

The new requirements are detailed in what is now known as the **Club Registration** Code of Practice as published by the Government of South Australia Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure. NARC will provide each of you having vehicles so registered with a printed copy of the new code. Please keep it for future reference.

Under the terms of these new regulations, it is important for NARC club members to understand how their responsibilities have changed.

Please note the following:-

- Statutory Declarations are no longer required to be provided to the Club.
- Three-yearly inspections are no longer required to be carried out by the Club.
- If you wish to Club Register a vehicle for the first time, initial inspection by one of NARC's authorised persons and an MR334 form issued by that person is still required .
- Your first set of historic / left hand drive registration papers need to be sent to the Club's Conditional Registration officer (currently myself) prior to you being issued with your first log book. This is simply to allow the details of your vehicle to be accurately entered into the records of the Club as required by the Code.
- Subsequent registration papers are no longer required to be sent to the Club for endorsement, however once any registration renewal is paid **the applicant / owner must ensure the current period of registration is entered in the log book**. (Refer clause 4.8 of the Code)
- Log books must be sent to the Club's Conditional Registration officer for endorsement each year ***after the annual subscription has been paid*** as per past practice.
- If a new log book is required to be issued (ie. if the log book returned is three years old) I will check the current expiry date and insert the details in the new log book as part of setting up your new book.
- As before, any log book issued to you by NARC is only valid while the vehicle remains in your ownership, and while you remain a financial member of NARC.
- Should a log book be lost or destroyed, application for a replacement must be accompanied by a statutory declaration detailing such loss or destruction before a new log book is issued.
- The need to record particulars of each day's use of your vehicle in your log book remains unchanged.

Given the new Code of Practice provides for conditional registration of a much broader range of vehicles than has previously been possible, NARC is currently considering its position with regard to its facilitation of Club Registration in line with the objectives of the Club per its constitution. Once new guidelines have been established, these will be communicated to members via Con-Rod.

Graham Burgess

Club Registration Officer

During 2016/17, 122 Club members registered 243 vehicles under the scheme. As at 13th July, log books from 77 members pertaining to 149 of these vehicles had been presented for endorsement and returned to their owners, ie. 63% of owners, and 61% of vehicles have their records up to date.

Most of this paperwork has been forwarded to me with a stamped, addressed envelope for its return; which helps a lot.

A total of 1272 days use was recorded for the 149 vehicles processed to date, ie. an average of just under 9 days a year per vehicle.

66 new log books were issued during the year, and their details have been forwarded to the Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs of SA (inc.), per the requirements of the scheme.

In line with Code of Practice Requirements, the details of two people owning vehicles registered under the scheme who failed to pay their membership dues by 31st August 2016 were forwarded to the Registrar.

A review of the Conditional Registration Scheme by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles during the year resulted in several changes to be introduced as of 1st July 2017. These have been communicated elsewhere, the key components being the introduction of a rolling 30 year cut-off for entry to the scheme and a reduction in the administrative burden on owners and clubs. In line with these changes, I believe NARC needs to develop a policy for admission of members vehicles into what is now known as Club Registration and I will be presenting a draft proposal for consideration at the next committee meeting.

For those who may hear or read this report but have not yet renewed your subscriptions or submitted your log books for endorsement, please consider this as a reminder.

Finally, my thanks to those members who have been inspecting vehicles and either issuing MR334 forms for vehicles new to the scheme, or carrying out the triennial inspections as required until the recent changes to rules.

Graham Burgess

NOTE:- Names of owners of a vehicle conditionally registered through NARC who have not renewed their membership 31st August will be forwarded to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles as required by the Code. If that happens, the next step is that the registration of those vehicles will be cancelled. No exceptions.

NATIONAL VETERAN RALLY, CLARE 2017

Sun 24 Sept	1200 – 1800 Entrant Registration, Clare oval 1500 – 1700 Mayoral reception, Clare Town Hall
Mon 25 Sept	0900 Official Rally Start, Clare oval Morning in and around Clare 1200 proceed to Bungaree for lunch 1500 depart Bungaree for Clare
Tue 26 Sept	0830 depart Clare Oval for Snowtown (morning tea) via Blyth 1100 depart Snowtown oval for Kadina (lunch) 1400 depart Kadina for Clare via Bute, Snowtown,
Wed 27 Sep	0830 depart Clare oval for Balaklava (morning tea) via Blyth 1130 proceed to Martindale Hall via Auburn for lunch 1430 depart Martindale Hall for Clare oval 1530 Public display at Clare oval 1830 Lights Parade Clare main street
Thu 28 Sep	0830 depart for Anlaby via Mintaro, Manoora, Saddleworth (morn tea and lunch at Anlaby) 1500 depart Anlaby for Clare via Saddleworth, Auburn
Fri 29 Sep	0900 depart Clare for Burra (morning tea and lunch) 1430 Depart Burra for Clare Optional run to World's End

JUNE LONG WEEKEND BAROSSA CAMPOUT

A good rollup provided the traditional fellowship opportunities, plus some unique visits. Most participants moved in to the Nuriootpa Tourist Park on the Friday afternoon and celebrated in the usual manner. One group elected for a fine dining experience at fermentAsian in Tanunda while other members made their own arrangements for the evening meal.

Barossa Farmer's Market on Saturday morning tempted most of our members with tastes and smells to die for, while the Tanunda bakery did well at lunch time. Saturday afternoon found many of the women inspecting the shops, while the true car enthusiasts joined the menfolk



Kalleske barrel store

on a private tour of the Roseworthy College agricultural museum. This museum is run by the Gawler club and is an eye-opener with the range of exhibits on show. Volunteer guides from the club made the visit possible, and also ran engines for our benefit. Thank you to the Gawler club!



The fermenters

removing the offending wheel when the jack let go, briefly trapping Merv's hand under the wheel arch. Most fortunately there was no structural damage done and first aid enabled Merv to proceed to the museum where Pat and Moranne provided plenty of sympathy and fussing. (He has since recovered).

The Vine Inn was the scene for the night's dinner and the party mood was continued back at the park for some time after.

Ian Warnes had organized a special day for Sunday. We travelled to Kalleske's farm and winery out of Greenock for morning tea and a personal



The lunch venue

tour by Troy Kalleske (who happens to be the husband of Ian and Sue's daughter Sally) along with his parents John and Lorraine.

What makes this enterprise unique is that they follow Biodynamic Farming principles, with soil quality the primary focus. We were taken through the whole wine-making process by the family which has held the property since arriving in South Australia in the 1830's.



Very happy... too much wine tasting?

Adjourning to the Kalleske cellar door in Greenock we were treated to tasting plates of local produce, suitably matched with Kalleske wines. Lorraine coerced our members into a game of "throw-the-barrel-bung-into the half-barrel", a task which proved harder than it looks! A throw-off was required to find the winner with the desirable prize of two bottles of Kalleske goodness. The combination of luck and relative sobriety enabled the author to take out the competition.

After more shopping, visiting the Angaston market or just sitting in the late sunshine for drinks and nibbles we gathered for a barbecue meal at the park until the nightly chill sent us indoors again.

Monday morning was "Goodbye" time. We all thank the organizers for another most enjoyable long weekend, and if you haven't yet been to this traditional NARC event, start planning for June 2018.

John Birrell



Merv Robinson tossing the bung



The Vineyard and winery

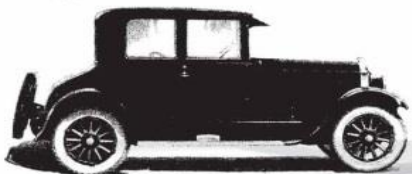


Ian Warnes showing how it's done?

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The Kapunda chapter held their annual camp out based at the Mount Barker caravan park two or for some three nights of the first weekend in July. Possibly not the best time of the year but we wanted to experience Steamranger to Victor Harbor. For most, the weekend started with lunch at the Lobethal Bakery, local for us and others could travel independently during the morning. After lunch we proceeded to Ben Finnis's Collectable Classics collection of cars between Lobethal and Woodside, where we perused his cars and chatted with Chris who had stayed on into the afternoon to accommodate us. Ben is relocating this collection to Strathalbyn to new premises. His father still has a collection of cars at the Goolwa Motor Museum and is well worth a visit if you are ever down that way.



After settling into our digs we ate at the Hahndorf Old Mill, all you can eat for \$25 for seniors and no pressure to hurry to be finished and out. Fred regaled us with his stories of his childhood in and around Bendigo which is always entertaining.

Sunday dawned cold and frosty and after breakfast of bacon and eggs we made our way to Mount Barker railway station to join 250 or so other excited travellers. Eventually with much hissing of steam and belching smoke engine 621 The Duke of Edinburgh seemingly effortlessly backed out of its shed and coupled up to the six carriages it intended to drag to Victor Harbor. Many photographs were taken of this beast lovingly restored by volunteers back to its former



glory. These engines first built in 1936 and last in 1938 were originally used to haul passenger trains to Pt. Pirie and later to Willunga, Bridgewater, and Tailem Bend. Also mixed freight and passengers to Pinnaroo and Renmark with a speed capacity of up to 50mph.

We eventually boarded and found our pre-booked seats in the sixth and last carriage and on the dot of 10am (of course) set off. Uphill and out of Mount Barker to Philcox Hill the highest point then down mostly to Goolwa (i think i can i think i can, I thought I could I thought I could) slower, slower, faster, faster, the scenery flashing past determined by uphill or down dale. We stopped at Goolwa for half an hour to stroll the market and then reboarded for the run to Victor.



The stay in Victor Harbor was about 3 hours, plenty of time for a pub meal and then a stroll around the town or a brisk walk to Granite Island. Some decided to sit on a park bench to enjoy the sunshine and watch the world go by. The return to Mount Barker was a reversal of the trip down

however this time our carriage was first behind the engine. The talk for most was more subdued after a big lunch and the motion of the train lulled some to sleep. We arrived back in Mount Barker at 6.10pm after a most enjoyable trip evoking memories of Sunday school picnics at Belair during the 50's travelling by train, possibly pulled by the exact same engine.

After a scratch tea prepared by the ladies and more banter we decided on an early night and in the morning packed up to return home after a most enjoyable weekend. Those attending were, Irene and Brian, Raelene and Peter, Dianne and Dale, Ina and Robert, Fred, Malcolm and Trevor.

Robert Stapley

Sedan Swap Meet

I made my annual pilgrimage to the Sedan swap meet to see what was on offer. Over the years I have watched this event grow like topsy. This year the stalls overflowed from the oval into the car parking area. The car park was extended into the adjoining paddock. I arrived with a couple of likely lads from Kapunda at 8.15 am to find the car park full and many rows of cars parked in the paddock and they were still coming in bumper to bumper.

While the gate takings were no doubt a major boost to the Sedan community, equal or better would be the income from the catering. There were always 20 or 30 people waiting to be served. The service was efficiently organised but I got the impression they did not expect to be so overwhelmed. They had a couple of people doing nothing but taking orders.

There were stalls offering everything from the smallest item to complete cars for restoration. The usual bric-a-brac stalls were also present. Peter bought everything that fitted a Morris but Glen pretty well kept his hands in his pockets. I did not see many from Kapunda there, but I gather there was a good number in the crowd.

A great day out.

Malcolm Johncock



Restoring the Goliath – A character building experience!

I suppose it all started by working with Marius Venz for many years and hearing much about the merits of Borgward cars while also doing the odd maintenance job on his Isabella TS. When the appeal to save a very sad, incomplete Goliath 1100 Combi went out in Rhombus Ramblings no. 22, Marius suggested that I had the space to store it and I agreed to collect it from its temporary resting place in Adelaide, with the eventual plan being a future joint project. Parked in a carport it became a haven for spiders and the odd mouse or two while I waited for my Round Tuit, eventually rebuilding a carby, fuel pump and distributor and attempting an engine start. When this revealed that stuck valves weren't co-operating, the Goliath again became a vermin house pending more enthusiasm.



Eventually Marius' commitments squashed the joint project plan and he passed responsibility for the poor Goliath to me, to do as I saw fit. He did, however, tempt me with photos of two 1100's at Molong with the suggestion that they may be useful for parts. Always a sucker for a challenge I moved the Combi into the workshop and listed all the parts that were missing or obviously too far gone, with two columns so that I could compare the Molong offerings, and set off with a trailer to hopefully bring home the winner. Having chosen the most likely parts donor I loaded up and headed for home, arriving late the following day. The next morning an inquisitive neighbour asked why the car on the trailer had smaller side windows than the one in the workshop! That's when I discovered that my purchase was in fact a panel van with added side windows and a back bench seat, rather than the station wagon I thought I'd brought home. (In my defence the van was also very sad and the weather at Molong was atrocious).

Enquiries with the Goliath Veteranen Club revealed that the van was in fact a rare beast and a plea was received to save it rather than use it for parts. As fortune had it, the Combi turned out to have previously been in a severe frontal collision and would never have been a viable restoration prospect. The van was quite straight, with the main problems being the rusted out floor and other bodywork also showing tin worm activity. The mechanical issues were yet to be revealed.

Project Goliath started by totally dismantling the two cars and stocktaking what was still required for a complete restoration – quite a list as both cars had many mechanical and trim parts missing or unservicable. Clearly, without the combined contribution of the two cars the restoration would not have been possible. Thus started the great hunt, with parts eventually sourced from Germany, Greece, America, New Zealand, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia. I certainly had luck and timing on my side to ultimately acquire all the parts I needed, plus much machining, welding and adapting of other parts to solve particular problems. As both cars had spent decades out in the open and all body trim parts are aluminium, corrosive pitting was a major issue and the end result will always be less than ideal. It's a good thing that I see my cars as "go cars", not "show cars"! Over several years which included periods of inactivity on my part (sometimes through frustration!) the Goliath slowly took shape. Goli 57 eventually made its debut at the Mudgee meet in April 2017, despite the decision to trailer it as it had only been mobile for a few days and still had some issues to be resolved.

My personal thanks go to the many friends who have donated encouragement, wisdom, time and parts to help see this unique project to completion, especially Marius Venz, Roger Day, David Saunders, Frank Behrens, Jane Bunting, Steve Limon, Peter Cotterill, David Lloyd, the late Ray Harrison, Willy Schaffner and the members of the Borgward Car Club of Australia and of Northern Automotive Restoration Club SA.

The end result:- I have on the road the only known surviving example of a 1957 Goliath 1100 "Geschäftswagen" (translation:- "business wagon") out of 54 that were built. That's what drives us to preserve motoring history. Would I do it all again? No way - I have easier projects waiting in the shed!

Sixth Australian Early Holden Nationals. Wellington NSW 1982.

We had just acquired a 1954 FJ sedan, which was an almost finished restoration, from Melbourne in May 1982. Then living in Alice Springs the temptation was too great, not to enter the 6th AEHF Nationals in December. So we did and in doing so became [unknown to us at that time] the first and only entrants ever from the Northern Territory. Entries came from all over Australia to attend. At the time we were members of the local Alice Springs Vintage & Veteran Car Club and also a new member with the Early Model Holden Car Club of S.A. So we decided to finish the restoration. We had six months to complete the work, with new NT registration [Outback Australia 787] and be ready to go. Wellington which is thousands of km from Alice Springs, a very long way in a FJ. With our entry No 78!! we were very excited about the journey ahead what could go wrong on our first outing with the Holden.

Plans made, bookings done, catch the Ghan from Alice to Adelaide then drive to Sydney via the Hay plains to stay with our parents in Sydney. From there drove to Wellington via Bathurst and Orange, made it to Heureka a small country town 20 km from our destination, when



Campsite at Wellington



Lining up for Grand Parade

four day event, all this and with Robyn expecting.

At the presentation night we were awarded with a trophy for travelling the longest distance to attend. Then



Main street Wellington

the timing gear stripped! (common grey motor fault) Believe it or not the RAA dealer had a new one still in its original box, in stock. The organizers sent a tow truck from Wellington, worked on the FJ that night and had it ready for the grand parade the following day, great stuff. Parades - rallies - public shows - swimming in the Macquarie river - BBQs - games - presentation night, wow!! Fabulous

having it noted that we were the first and only entrant from the NT, a great honour for us. At the end of all that, we then drove to Adelaide to live in our new house for the next few years before returning to the Alice with our son Shane. We left the NT in 2008 to live here in SA. In 1990 we attended the 10th AEHF Nationals at Bacchus Marsh Victoria just west of Melbourne. Again the only entrant from the NT. Another story.



Swimming in the Macquarie River

The History of the Birdwood Mill

The Birdwood Mill was originally an old flour mill founded about 1864 to distribute flour to local shops and bakers. It lasted 100 years and was sold to the State Government about 1964.

Several years later three car enthusiasts Percy Wein Smith, Eric Rainsford and Harold Clisby heard about the Mill and went and had a look at it and thought it would be a good place to show their cars. Eric Rainsford owned about 20 Rolls Royces mainly veterans and the other 2 gentlemen owned quite a few cars as well.



They negotiated with the State Government who agreed for them to have their cars on display at the Mill. After a lot of work establishing the building into a museum they moved their cars into the museum about 1971 and soon after other vintage car owners started putting their cars in there. It got to the stage where there was no more room for any more cars and so the building had to be extended and volunteers called for. What had started off as a small collection of about 30 cars had increased to over 100 and more extensions had to be made

until it became the largest collection of motor vehicles in Australia. Later motorcycles and trucks were also put on display.

The first Bay to Birdwood run was held in 1980 attracting 680 vehicles and a lot of people looking at the vehicles in the museum. The runs (held every 2 years until 1987 when the first classic run was held between runs) attract over 5000 people, most of who have a look at the cars on display. The museum now has a complete display of books, manuals, CDs, DVDs and videos that you can buy as well as computer programs as well.



For something that started as an old flour mill in 1864 and now houses over 200 vehicles dating from 1898 to the early 90s it has done extremely well. If anyone has not visited the Birdwood Mill I thoroughly recommend it and you would need at least 2 to 3 hours there to see everything. The list of cars is too numerous to mention but there are quite a few rare cars of which there are only 2 or 3 in the existence and you will never see any of them anywhere else.

Leon Darley

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