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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello all.

In my last report I commented about the lack of rain.

Well we should all by now have had some with hopefully more to come during the coming week.

Our weekend outing for the Burra to Morgan Run went very well.

It was good to see and meet the members from the Riverland Club who made the effort to come.

They had to leave us early to get back for the opening of their new clubrooms.

Thank you for coming and I hope it is the start of many inter- club visits.

We had a good turn out of members and cars for the tour, dinner and the run.

Thank you to those members who organised this successful weekend.

Also thank you to the organisations who catered for all of us.

The next week saw our AGM.

For those members who attended and took on positions within our club, thank you.

We have had one major change to our line up .

Welcome Graham Correll our new Vice President.

Then following was our annual calendar planning meeting.

Once again some meetings will be spread around and events for members to attend were listed.

All this planning will come to light in the Con Rod as well as being announced at meetings.

So please check your dates.

Don't forget Sunday August 26th is the

Presentation Lunch to be held at the Sevenhill Hotel 12 noon. Please advise Moranne if attending

So keep warm and smiling

Ian

FRONT COVER

2017 President's Mystery Run

Members cars at Walter & Kay Duncan's Heritage Garden where we had lunch

L-R Brian & Eleanore Beyer's 1947 Triumph, Andrew and Patsy Weckert's 1949

48-215 (FX) Holden, Ian & Jenny Denton's 1927 T Ford

and Lillian Telfer's 1962 Volkswagon.

March

23/24th National Machinery Rally – Murray Bridge

31st Booleroo Steam Rally

April

6th Laura Folk Fair

6-13th Auburn Rally - Katoomba

11th General Meeting – Port Pirie at 8.00pm

May

5th Picnic day at Balaklava (with Kapunda Chapter)

9th General Meeting – Port Broughton Golf club at 8.00pm

19th Cavalcade of Cars, Kenwick Lowenda

June

13th General Meeting – Port Broughton at 8.00pm

15/16th Camp Out – Sheoak Log ?

July

11th General Meeting & A.G.M., Port Broughton Golf Club 8.00pm

August

8th General Meeting, Port Broughton Golf Club 8.00pm.

September

12th General Meeting Port Broughton Golf Club at 8.00pm

14/15th Club Rally, Presentations, 45th Celebrations

24/26th Y.P. Field Days

Swap Meets**August**

19th **WILLUNGA** Lions Reserve, Binney Road. Sellers 7am - Public 8am
\$5per person. Gerry McKeegan 0417 800 385
treasurer@willungalions.com.au

September

16th **GAWLER** Sport and Community Centre Nixon Terrace Gawler.
6-30am Sellers \$20 buyers \$5 Brian Sambell, 0417 826 560
Brian.Sambell@bigpond.com

October

7th **MOTORCYCLE ONLY** Balhannah Oval,
Sellers, Buyers & Lookers all from 7.00 a.m., Sites \$15 on the day,
Entry \$5 (under 12 free) **Contact** Peter Yates 8255 8856 after 6pm

7th **MORGAN** at Primary School Oval. Sites \$10 Buyers \$5 6.30am.
Full details see flyer page **????**

21st **STRATHALBYN** Harness Racing Club 28 Milne Road
5.30 am Sellers \$15, inc 2 people 6.30 am buyers \$5, kids free
Malcolm 0488 528 331 Deidre 0422 078 127 Dean 85521042

28th **Kenny Blake Festival Of Motorcycling** Strathalbyn Football Oval,
Sellers 6am 8am to 3pm buyers Entry:\$5 Children free (no Concessions)
Bikes, tools, books, parts and more. sites_kbevents@slta.asn.au.

Swap meets continued

November 25th Regency Park T.A.F.E. College car park 137 Days Road, Regency Park.
7 am. Sellers \$20 Buyers 8 am. \$3 Children under 16 Free
0419 840 284 or 0418 853 020 email Ken ka44190@gmail.com

Other Events of Interest

September 29th Copper Coast Show and Shine. Kadina Oval - Dyno competition, stalls, amusements, music and Royal flying doctor plane simulator etc.

30th BAY TO BIRDWOOD
Open to those motor vehicles up to 1st January 1956

October 28th Down Under London To Brighton Run. (Veteran Sports Car Club SA)
Assemble at Park 23 in the Adelaide Parklands from 8am before travelling along London Road at Mile End (10am) to Brighton (Wattle Reserve).
Rod Wood 0419 806 552

November 17/18th All Steamed Up at Mannum. Boats, cars, engines etc.
www.allsteamedupfestival.com

25th VOLKFEST Elder Park. Car entries - 7:30am - 10am.
Swap meet setup 7.30am Show & Shine - 10am to 3:30pm.
\$20 entry for your VW. Spectators FREE More details 0417 819 773

December 29th Holden FX-FJ Nationals Show and Shine Murray Bridge racecourse.
www.fxfjnationals.com.au

2019.

April 6-13th Auburn Cord Duesenberg Club of Australasia, Rally, Katoomba, NSW.
For further information please contact Merv Robinson. 0417 863 450

For more information on most of above... www.bevenyoung.com.au swap meets

In Memory of Arthur Clisby (1941 -2018)

The 2018 Bay to Birdwood is dedicated to the Memory of Arthur Clisby.

You can help us celebrate the life of this hero of heritage motoring by making a donation to the charity favoured by his family - the Flinders Foundation. You will be provided with a special large ribbon for your vehicle that will demonstrate to all participants and spectators at the Bay to Birdwood that you are supporting the Flinders Foundation in honour of Arthur.

Arthur was a strong supporter, active volunteer and tireless advocate for motoring heritage in Australia. Arthur was one of the instigators of one of the world's great historic motoring events, the Bay to Birdwood. He served in several roles over 40 years for the Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs of SA and on the Bay to Birdwood and Motorfest committees. Significantly, Arthur was one of those who convinced the South Australian government of the day that conditional historic registration would be beneficial to historic motoring.

FROM THE KAPUNDA CHAPTER

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The Chapter wishes to extend our sympathy to Chris Pfitzner and family following the sudden death of our much appreciated and long time member DARRIL PFITZNER. There will be an inclusion in the next Con-Rod about his wonderful and active life.

CHAPTER CALENDAR

General Meetings held 4th Friday the Lutheran Church South Terrace Kapunda at 7.30 p.m.

AUGUST 11 th Saturday	Run to Graham and Helen Woods model railway collection at Balaklava. Leave Hill Street 9 a.m. Morning tea, salads and afternoon tea will be provided by our generous hosts. Chapter supplying meat for BBQ. Run sheet for directions will be given at Hill St. Please bring own chair & drinks.
AUGUST. 24 th Friday	Meeting. Hersey Swap meet Tour 2017 Malcolm Johncock
SEPTEMBER 1 st Saturday.	Old Car Drive-it Day. Organised by Gawler V.V.& Classic Vehicle Club. Chapter members make their own way to Bethany Reserve at Tanunda for B.Y.O. lunch. Info. Alvin Jenkins (Gawler). 8529 2504
SEPTEMBER 15 th Saturday.	Swan Reach Run. Leave Hill Street at 9 a.m. Yabbie and Almond Farm tour Vice Regal car museum & lunch, Baker Historic Government well and Swan Reach museum. Bakara is a ruin from circa 1890's. well, troughs, tanks, steam engine, boiler, chimney and buildings. Numbers attending please to assist catering. Malcolm. 8566 2603 or 0418 173 299. \$27 incl. lunch.
SEPTEMBER 28 th Friday	Meeting. Brian Woodcock will give a talk and 2 small videos about Somerton Man.
OCTOBER 19-22 nd	Weekend away . Innes Park Chapter camp Out Marion Bay Caravan Park. Cabins and van sites. Make your own booking and tell them you are from N.A.R.C. Kapunda. Ph. 8854 4094.
OCTOBER 26th Friday	Meeting
NOVEMBER 10th Saturday.	Visit to Clare Rose Garden. (Walter Duncan). Irene organising.
NOVEMBER 23rd Friday.	Meeting
DECEMBER 2nd Sunday	End of Year Celebrations at Wolta Wolta. More later.

“CHAPTER CHATTER” from the Chair.

The AGM was a pleasant night out for the Chapter despite last minute changes when the catering crew became sick. At short notice Irene flew into action. The menu changed to pizzas and cheesecake dessert and the whole event went smoothly.

Leah Chidgey put her hand up to be Vice Chair. Congratulations Leah and thank you. We had more offers of help for the forthcoming Australia Day event which we are organising. We appreciate contributors and ideas from our members.



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Burra – Morgan Run.14th -15th July

No doubt there was much trepidation regarding what the weather would turn on over the week-end of the run with the original run in 1906 having a combination of fine weather, dust storm, thunder storm and hail over the period of the run. We were fortunate to have perfect weather (if you are not on the land) apart from a bit of head wind on the return journey.

A few arrived on Friday and spent Saturday morning frequenting the coffee shops. At 2 pm those who were interested gathered at the information centre and were led on a guided tour of some of the historic attractions of Burra.

At 4pm we all gathered in the Chapel at Paxton cottages for registration, everyone mixed together catching up with old friends and making new acquaintances and sharing in the beautiful array of sumptuous food prepared by some of the Burra members. It was listed as “drinks and nibbles” but the word feast may have been more appropriate and I am sure that all appreciated the work that had gone into the preparation. It is marvellous how much noise 50 or 60 people can make.

Gathering for the dinner at the hotel started around 6pm and once again the noise level rose as 63 people filled the two dining rooms and again it was another time of catching up.

Sunday morning was cold but many gathered in Market Square in front of the Information Centre to enjoy breakfast cooked by the Burra Men’s Shed.

To make things easier for lining the cars up to start in order of age, each car was given a number. The veteran and vintage were to line up in in the spot where the original run commenced from, in front of W. Richards Motor Garage (now Thrifty Link Hardware) and the Commercial Hotel with the rest to park on the opposite side of the road. The veterans and vintage drivers managed to get in order but the rest of us managed to set up a very random selection because we did not know each other’s number and there were cars from the general public mixed in.

At the appointed time Ian Warnes flagged off the cars led by Robert and Graeme Denton in the 1912 model T Ford followed closely by Julian and Jane McNiel in the 1914 Sunbeam and the rest of the oldies with Peter and Veronica Eaton bringing up the rear in the Whippet which had obviously spent too long in the kennel as it was jumping for joy to be on the road again. Ian flagged the rest off in what-ever order they appeared on the starting grid. The run to The Gums was uneventful for all except the Sunbeam which suffered two bouts of a stuck exhaust valve, it was decided not to tempt fate further, so the Sunbeam was put in a shed at The Gums while Julian and Jane continued on with others. The Burra National Trust continued to maintain their great reputation of providing a great choice of eats for morning tea which was greatly appreciated by all.



Lining up ready to go



Flag fall



The Gray and Arrol Johnson behind

After being fed watered and drained it was time to head off to Morgan.

At this stage members of the Riverland club who were on the run said farewell as they had an event to mark the opening of their club rooms during the afternoon, it is appreciated that they made the effort to attend the dinner and participate in the run.

The run to Morgan was almost uneventful (more about this later) and we parked on the lawn along the river bank with beautiful weather for a picnic, so different from last time when we were

greeted by strong and gusty north winds. The formalities of nominating the most desirable car in the eyes of the judge, Peter Templer, his choice being the 1930 Model A Ford belonging to Don Pellew of the SCCSA and a very good choice it was.

The observation run produced a variety of results with the President having to make a Captain's call awarding it to Richard Hughes for being the only one to record the roadside identification number at the Gums gate way, lunch followed with some going to the hotel and many enjoying a picnic lunch on the lawns. People were free to leave at any time that suited them.

Back to the almost uneventful, just as we reached Morgan our Triumph started to have intermittent periods of rough running possibly due to lack of fuel, I did not like the thought of playing around with petrol on my hands unless I had to so we left early.

Going up the rise from the river to town level even second gear was a struggle and we had to pull off to the side to let traffic pass, but on level ground it carried along at an acceptable speed with a short burst of full power every now and then. Coming in to Burra we had to drop back to third for a couple of the rises and did not even attempt the first turn of which goes up a steep hill. After arriving home I removed and dismantled the carburettor blowing out all jets and passages but found nothing but cleared what-ever the cause was as it is running well again.

Thanks to those who did the back ground work to sow the seed for this year's run and to those who did the work to enable it to take place, your efforts are greatly appreciated and we look forward to the next one.

Brian Beyer

PS ... Whilst Richard Hughes was making his way home he had a tyre burst on his 1951 Bentley mkVI just before Burra. Ian Denton and his sons Graeme and Robert pulled up and the boys soon had his tyre changed. He wishes to thank them and praised the helpful nature of NARC members. Those 20 year old tyres, although not worn, all have to go!!!!



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South Australian History Festival May 2018

The old Yacka Motor Garage former GMH Dealer..

At the Old Yacka Motor Garage the doors were opened to the public on Sunday 20th May, for those having an interest in our motoring history. There was a good response, from both NARC & PADARC members returning from other events on the day and the public alike. This is the first time the garage had registered for the **South Australian History Festival**.

Many hours went into preparing the display and the presentation of four early Holden cars. Potted golden palms, with several period style lounges to relax in set the showroom scene. Which in all made for easy viewing and photographs to be taken. Forty seven visitors came through the doors to see the amount of restoration work carried out on the 92 year old original garage and the newer 70 year old showroom section. There was one 1953 48/215, two 1954 FJs and one 1961 EK (out side garden art) on show. Visitors came from Adelaide and many Mid North country towns. This made for very interesting story telling and plenty of friendly chat about Holden's history and our cars. A few of the visitors grew up in Yacka but had since moved on, returning to see the garage building come back to life.



Dianne and Bevan from Adelaide

Many stories were told of their parents, uncles and friends buying their new Holden cars from Yacka Motors during the 40s 50s and 60s. All were impressed with the progress shown so far. Time seemed to pass quickly scrolling through heaps of old motoring photographs, books and work shop manuals. Enamel garage and fuel signs with several enlarged early photographs and old posters hanging on the walls. With a selection of car doors, grills, parts, tools and other motoring memorabilia, set out on the floor just as it would have been in the original garage during its hay days as a Dealership.

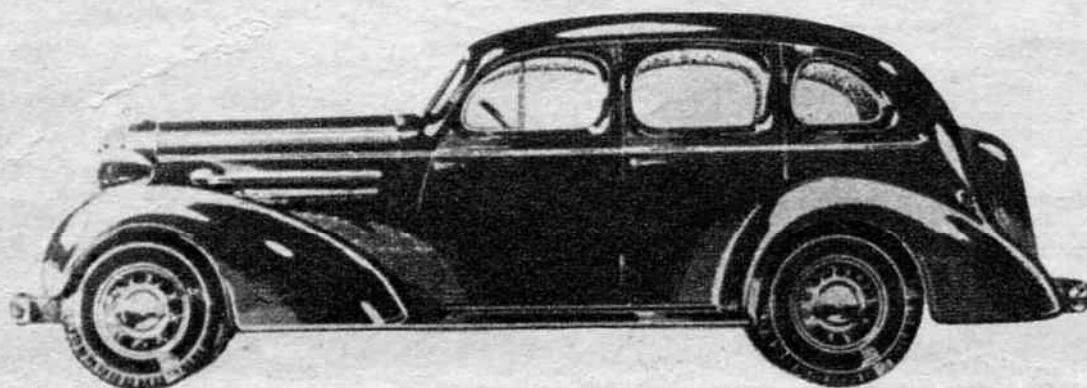
The ladies of the Yackamoorundi Craft Shop recorded good sales and were very pleased with their takings. Thank you all for coming to visit Yacka during History Month. Looking forward to next year, when all the hard work should be done!! But still improving. So If the doors are open Steve's there, come in and have a chat.. All Welcome!

**Keeping Holden History Alive in
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Month!!**

Steve Hyde

*1954 FJ
As found*





The first "SA Motor" road test was done in April, 1936 on a Master de Luxe Chevrolet.

A test course was specially mapped out to include good and rough roads, hills, level running, bends and corners and, in fact, as many of the varying conditions of Australian roads as could be encountered within a reasonable distance.

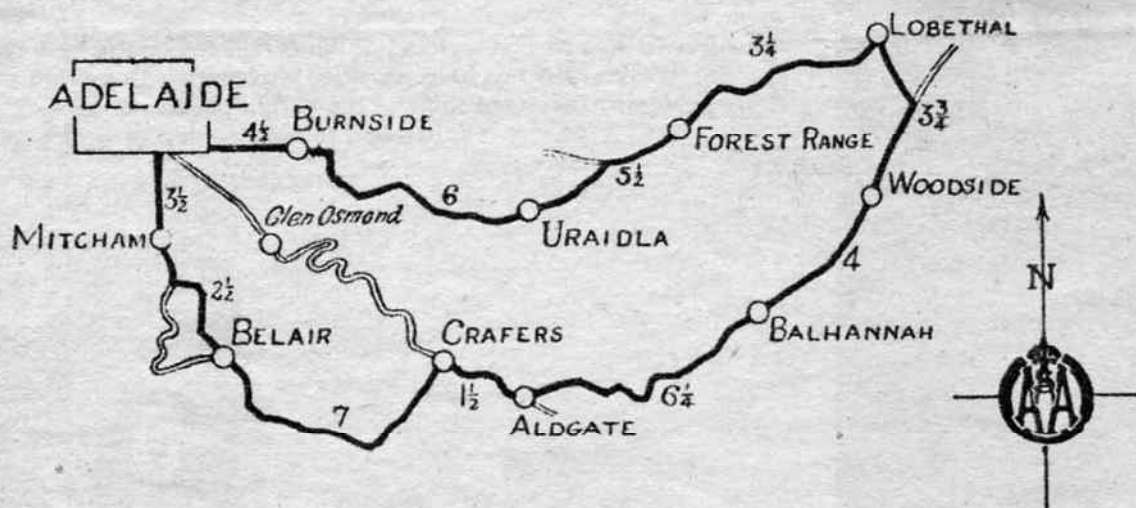
That course is reproduced here, along with the test car.

The "SA Motor" article at that time said the smooth performance and quiet engine running was apparent as soon as the road

First of the road tests

on the rear wheels, justifying the claim for two sound and independent braking systems.

The article stated that altogether, in per-



was taken with the Master Chevrolet, and there was always abundant reserve power over the hill climbs.

The engine was a 26.3 hp RAC rating, and the car weighed 29 1/2 cwt.

Gear changing was not required on any part of the course. Forty-five to fifty miles an hour proved to be a good cruising speed, with not the slightest suggestion of fuss or vibration.

The fuel consumption of 22 miles per gallon was considered good, and a mechanical handbrake operated independently

performance, appearance and the refinements added, the new Chevrolet Six would enhance a reputation that already was well established.

Specifications and testing performance details were presented in tabloid form.

That was the first road test. We have done more than 500 since, all of which are respected throughout the community as informed and authoritative appraisals of vehicles on the market.

Our special 500th test last year was a Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow.

Con-Rod Classifieds

Please advise editor when you advert is no longer required. Even if it is no longer listed on this page it may still be on the website.

- Wanted** 1925 **Buick Standard** radiator surround, hopefully sound, needed to finish off the car. Ivan Venning- 0408 085 750
- Wanted** **VW country buggy**, driveable or in need of restoration, willing to pay a reasonable price depending on the amount of work required to get it on the road. Bob Kay 8265 0442 lrkay@adam.com.au
- For Sale** **EH Holden Ute** Dismantled ready to be sand blasted, very good bolt on panels and doors. Some rust in shell. Graham Goode 0418 894 304. Clare
- Wanted** as a restoration project going or not. **FX or FJ Holden** 1949 - 1956 Ron Voss 8566 3224 or Ross Vogt. 8566 2021
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FROM LITTLE THINGS – BIG THINGS GROW!

The following is a newspaper article published 3rd December 1924.

“WEDNESDAY, 3rd DECEMBER.



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