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Hi all.

The new year is fast approaching and the festive season is in full swing already.

Since my last Con-Rod report we have good representation at our local shows.

This involvement and display of member's cars, trucks and tractors is great to see.

Without fail there is always a new potential member enquiry when we are out and about.

Well the three strikes and you're out with the weather on the mystery run didn't happen much to my relief. Thank you to the 53 members who came on the run. Thank you for supporting the morning tea fundraiser a cause in much need of help. Motor Neurone Disease has touched so many including our members and friends. Thank you to Rob and Lyn Jaeschke and their helpers for putting on a wonderful morning tea spread.

I hope you all enjoyed the history of the real Annie's Lane and some of the history and walk at Mintaro. Thank you to our guides Rob Jaeschke for the Annie's Lane story and John Hawke for sharing his passion for Mintaro and its history with us.

Lunch was at the Magpie and Stump Hotel in Mintaro with many relaxing out on the lawns for some time after to chat before departing. So as one member said to me as he departed they have had a good day out. So I hope all did.

Thank you to NARC for donating toward the morning tea and the St. Peters Anglican Church project being run by the Mintaro Progress Association.

Our Jamestown meeting saw members and new faces attending who we do not get at our Port Broughton meetings due to time and distance restrictions. With our membership spread over such wide area these meetings have allowed us to keep in touch and also pick up several new members.

Please do not forget to let us know for catering purposes if you are attending the annual Blyth Cinema Night on January 10th.

Thank you to the Kapunda Chapter for inviting Tina and I to your Christmas gathering again as it was a great afternoon and good to catch up with your members. Your club is a very important part of NARC. I was pleased to see two other members there to join in with them for their end of year event. We are all one big club and should support and interact together.

I hope you all have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May you all enjoy and stay healthy and cool.

Keep smiling

Regards

Ian

Email received from Lyn Jaeschke

Hill River Clare Estate and Motor Neurone Disease South Australia say a big THANK YOU to the NARC Group for your very generous donation given to Motor Neurone Research at the morning tea at our vineyard on Sunday 28th October, 2018.

Your support on the day enabled us to send on \$1,140.00 to Adelaide and in total the High Tea event raised \$10,552.45 for MND SA.

A wonderful community fundraising event. Many thanks.

Rob and I also really enjoyed the day spent with you and the visit to Mintaro.

New Members

Narc welcomes new members :-

Jamie Dranfield from Marrabel who has a 1974 Ford F100 and a Holden VK Commodore.

No Ford / Holden rivalry for him?

Kirsty Warnes from Blyth who has a 1963 Chrysler Royal

John Low from Kapunda and Rob Jaeschke from Clare

FRONT COVER

Merv Robinson's Jelbart tractor at his shed day March 2018

NARC Calendar

2019

January	10th	Blyth Cinema Night. Tea provided at 6.00pm. Please advise Moranne – 8825 3766 or 0428 253 766 by January 4th if you wish to attend so number is known for catering. Help would be appreciated for setting up the tables prior to the Meal
February	7th	Deadline for Con-Rod contributions
	14th	Workshop meeting at Goode Restoration, New Road, Clare. 8.00pm Please bring a chair
March	9/10th	Power of the Past, Mount Barker
	14th	General Meeting – Port Broughton Golf club at 8.00pm
	17th	Swap Meet, Clare
	23/24th	National Machinery Rally – Murray Bridge
	31st	Booleroo Steam Rally
April	4th	Deadline for Con-Rod contributions
	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	6th	Deadline for Con-Rod contributions
	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	1st	Deadline for Con-Rod contributions
	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

- January 20th** **Hahndorf** at Oval. Traders \$15 6am Buyers \$5 8am, Children **Free**
enquiries Steve 0481 950 228
- February 3rd** **Victor Harbor** Swapmeet, Show n Shine Encounter Bay Football Oval,
\$15 sellers & one passenger \$5 buyers and exhibitors in the Show & Shine.
7am Stephen <oilycollector@bigpond.com>
- 17th** **Murray Bridge** at showgrounds.6am. \$5 Entry Buyers and Sellers
under 14 free John Whimpress 0428132889
- March 3rd** **Woodside** Chris Chassiotis 0408 850 315
- 17th** **Clare** Showgrounds 7:30am.\$10.00 buyer & seller under 14 free.
Graham Goode 8842 3731 or ah 8842 2107

Other Events of Interest

- December 29th** **Holden FX-FJ Nationals** Show and Shine Murray Bridge racecourse.
www.fxfnationals.com.au
- January 19&20th** **Yesterdays' Power Rally** Milang Oval from 10.00 a.m.
Enquires thesecretarymvmc@gmail.com. 82974715
- 20th** **All Holden Day** 9am to 4pm Wigley Reserve Glenelg \$15 per car entry,
spectators free Roger 0419 730 177 Richard 0432 505 997
- February 3rd** **Super Chevy Sunday** Wigley Reserve Glenelg Entry \$15.00 Public
Welcome 8-4 Paul Hickman 0411 676 884 **(after hours)**,
- 3rd** **Victor Harbor** Swapmeet, Show n Shine Encounter Bay Football Oval,
\$15 sellers & one passenger \$5 buyers and exhibitors in the Show & Shine.
7am Stephen <oilycollector@bigpond.com>
- 10th** **Corvette Rock The Bay** Wigley Res., Glenelg, ALL Corvettes Welcome
Pre-register online at www.corvetteclubofsouthaustralia.com.au.
fee to display vehicle: Pre-register \$5.00 or on the day \$10.00 - Public Free,
- 10th** **All British Day**-Echunga Recreation Ground. Feature Marque - British
Racing Heritage. 10.30 am Adults \$8.00 Children (5 - 16) \$4.50 and Family
(more than 2 children) \$25.00. www.allbritishday.com
David Baird 0404 186 961, Jamie Sandford-Morgan 0418 843 95
- 16 & 17th** **Sellicks Beach Historic Motorcycle Races**
One day pass \$66.30 Two-Day \$96.85 .Children under 14 FREE.
- 17th** **All American Day** Tilley Reserve, Cnr Yatala and Hancock Road,
Surrey Downs free entry to all American vehicles Public 10.00am, - 3 pm
Adults \$7, under 14 free.. Adrian Cowie 8264 9556
- 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

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CHAPTER CALENDAR

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

DECEMBER No Meeting

JANUARY 25th Friday Meeting

JANUARY 26th Australia Day at the Bethany Reserve TANUNDA. Start 10 am Can volunteers and Committee be there by 9.30 a.m. please.

FEBRUARY 16th Twilight Run and dinner. This will probably be at the Greenock Tavern. Meet at Hill St 5.30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 22nd Meeting

MARCH 22nd Meeting. March mid week outing still to be decided.

APRIL 25th ANZAC DAY. Dutton Park Memorial Gardens 10.30 a.m.
Lunch "At The Pines". BYO Everything.

APRIL 26th Meeting.

The most topical thing in the Chapter is that we are all getting older. Some have been having so called "significant occasions", but I am not convinced "significance" alters anything. I dodged such a thing two years ago by getting a knee replacement. That was more torture than significant with a nice sister-in-law pestering and winning by forcing our attendance at my brothers "significant" 70th with lots of celebration.

Most Chapter activities provide inspiration, Freds near 100% attendance and amicable smile, and Ross Vogt being the most senior of our bunch, proves we can keep doing. Age: what is it really? Just a number or a stepping stone to keep us going when it can just be more things wrong with our body all at once.

Irene recently had her birthday at Wolta Wolta, where a discordant bunch took more from the celebration than it gave. That is a bit tough when she is a member of a choir. One or two people struck the right note once or twice. Irene, I take the full blame for that, but you didn't need to tell you that!

It was nice to have Ian and Tina attending our Christmas breakup again. Moranne and Robert had nearly every possible thing done when we arrived. Gavin made us feel much younger, giving out little Father Christmases.

If you feel you are one of the oldies it is likely your simple trip to the doctor ended up travelling all over the countryside. Be thankful, I am constantly amazed at the wonderful machines that check us out and the number of young medical persons that are making us feel secure into the future.

THE CHAIR'

Presidents Run October 28th

Participants assembled in the car park at the Clare Information centre ready for a 10am departure.

Instructions were given to follow Craig Thomas to the morning tea destination, unfortunately we reacted more like Brown's cows and started moving out before Craig. Eventually Craig managed to get somewhere near the lead.



Members enjoying morning tea



Lynne's talk

Our morning tea destination was Jaeschke's Hill River Clare Estate cellar door where Lyn and her helpers had prepared a sumptuous spread for morning tea. Lyn explained that all monies raised by the morning tea would be given to Motor Neurone Disease research. She told how their family had been impacted on by a member being diagnosed with the disease starting just as a sore thumb but then creeping insidiously with fatal consequences. The Club paid \$300 for the morning tea and members were urged to put personal donations in the tin provided.

Rob Jaeschke led us to the next point of interest which was

an information display area set up by local land owners assisted with a grant from NRM. Here he outlined the history of the area and in particular the history of Annie's Lane.

Then it was on to Mintaro, the first point of interest being St Peters Anglican Church. We were met here by John Hawke who is an avid historian with encyclopaedic knowledge of Mintaro. He outlined the history of the church built in 1859 as a Primitive Methodist Chapel but



Information bay



St Peter's Anglican Church

have been too much of a shock for The All-mighty.

John then led us to the park next to the bowling green, some walking and others driving, where he gave more information on the history of the town and its buildings and their restoration. Lunch was in the Magpie and Stump Hotel, an extremely popular venue. Unfortunately the group booking before us were late so we had to wait a half an hour or more before we could occupy the dining room. The meals were very nice, but because they were fairly slow in coming out the noise level was quite high.

transferring to the Anglicans with support from the Mortlocks of Martindale Hall in 1905. It is said to be "beautiful inside with some lovely timber features". It has been closed and not used for some years. It is still owned by the Anglican Church but under the stewardship of the Mintaro Progress Association. We were not allowed inside for safety reasons. Maybe they were worried our presence may



John Hawke

Once again the President's run was a pleasure to be a part of, thank you Ian for your dedication to the task.

Brian Beyer

CLARE SHOW

Photos by Paul Heuer

*A view of the display**Dale Loffler's Pontiac*

Members of the Sunbeam Car Club brought up some cars to display (a BMW seems to have sneaked in too) L-R John Goddard, Judy Lewis, Chris Howes, Cathy Howes, Narc member Jamie Butler partially obscured is Warren Lewis.

*1927 Cadillac**I've seen this Whippet somewhere before!**Engine of the Caddy.*

Gladstone Fair

Judy and I attended the Gladstone Fair recently with the good weather making a perfect day to be out and about in our classic 1979 280 CE Mercedes Benz Coupe.

Attendees included 20 local cars representing PADARC members in the line-up plus 8 cars representing the Pt Augusta car club and the writer, as pictured, in front of Hunts Fuels garage proudly representing and displaying our NARC flag.

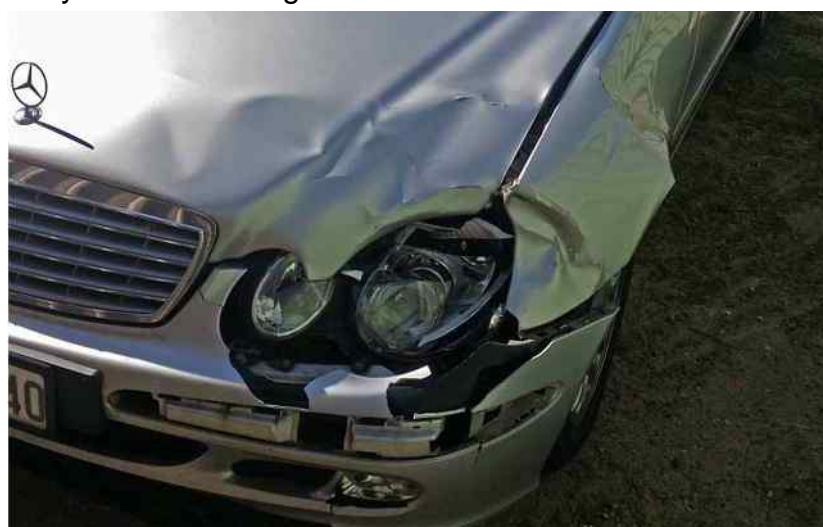


There was an excellent static display of quite a few stationary engines fenced off in the main street before the cars, which were angled parked backed in to the kerb to enhance the vehicles and make them easy to view and to inspect by the public. There were also many trading tables by interested parties and we have been advised the committee arranging the Fair they were pleased with day and are inviting participants back again for next year's Fair.

Barry Treloar and Judy

Merc vs Roo

We were staying at Goolwa and went back to Adelaide Tuesday afternoon to have tea with my family at Burnside as my granddaughter was 16. Great night. We left to return to Goolwa around 9.30 pm and after passing through Strathalbyn around the Finnis River bridge on a blind left turn bend in the road around 4 meters in front of us a big red roo sitting in the middle of the down track, I braked with the assistance of ABS and swerved hard right and believe in any other car than this Mercedes Benz the outcome may have been tragic. However it hit like a brick wall but missed the radiator and with a few front adjustments we limped about 15 km to Goolwa. The Merc left today on a flat top to our nominated Mercedes crash repairer to quote Shannons for the repair and we hope that it will be approved for repair ????? After up and down on this road for 50 years (and in days gone past every weekend) I knew having been born on the 13th day of the month a risk, but this is really testing The Barrington M Benz.



Barry Treloar

(Car valued at around \$13,000 – repairs nearly that much but not a write off. Ed)

You are invited to the annual combined car clubs picnic

Australia Day



2019

Saturday 26th January from 10am until 3pm

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**THIS YEARS HOST CLUB IS THE KAPUNDA CHAPTER OF N.A.R.C
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The Bay to Birdwood Run

As I do every 2 years, I went to the Bay to Birdwood run.



1923 Rolls Royce

tyres, put oil in the engine, got it started, tuned the engine up and drove it to Birdwood from Naracoorte the day before and that was the first time it had been on the road in over 40 years.

The winner of the Concourse de Elegance was a 1959 Chrysler 2 door sedan. I went into the museum and had a look at the cars and took some photos of cars including a very rare racing car a Chamberlain 8 of the 1930s. Only one other exists!

This year there were just over 800 cars, the lowest number since 1982. Being a long weekend may have kept some people away but I will be there again, hopefully, in 2 years time. We are all getting older and slower now and the cars are in sheds

Leon Darley

I went via Gawler and Williamstown to avoid the traffic and arrived at Birdwood about 9.30. At 10 o'clock I went in and there were a few cars arriving and started taking photos. The list is too numerous but there were some rare cars there including a 1928 LeZebre, a 1925 Buggatti, a 1939 Oldsmobile convertible, a 1928 Graham Paige Roadster, a 1924 Dort and the usual number of Buicks Chevs Fords Morrisises Rolls Royces and Whippets as well as many other makes of cars.

There was a national Ford rally on and there was about 50 A model Fords from all over Australia taking part and I think there was even one there from New Zealand. There was a very rough 1935 Plymouth that got an award. It was owned by a lady and it had been in a shed for 40 years. They put petrol in it, pumped up the



1924 Packard

WOMEN DRIVERS

We Kloetzkes had slaughtered a pig and my husband Aug, our kids, Aug's brother Fred and his family – were all there making Mettwurst and **Blutwurst (1)**, ham and bacon and the rest. I had also picked up my brother Howard's daughter, Betty, in town so that she could help. I mean, what future does a girl have if she doesn't learn how to make Mettwurst? The best match she'd be able to make would be some city-slicker or an **Englishman(2)** and a brainy, good-looking girl like



1. Blutwurst – A type of sausage made from blood.

2. Englishman (Gert's definition) – anyone who is not a devout Lutheran of pure German descent.

Betty deserves better than that. She was really working well, too, cleaning out **Darm(3)** with boiling water or taking her turn on the mincing machine and I thought, **schade (4)** that she and my son Alex are first cousins, I'd like him to marry a girl like that. Still, she likes Fred's son Martin and there's no blood relationship there, his wife Josie is one of the Trautners from the other side of the valley. You probably remember Pastor Norm Trautner, who was our Pastor here before the war, well that's her father's cousin. Martin and Betty, yes, that's a match everyone will approve of.

Fred was talking about the new radio he'd put in his DeSoto and how he needed new tyres for the Diamond T when my son Alex piped up how he'd learnt to drive our Maple Leaf truck around the paddock while Aug threw off bales of hay for the sheep. Little Betty bit her lip and wistfully said that she'd love to learn to drive, too. Here she was on dangerous ground, as her dad Howard has banned her from even sitting in a driver's seat until she's sixteen, the result of her taking a joy-ride in one of the new trucks in his GM dealership and ramming a car with it. Nobody answered her, but suddenly my husband Aug looked at me and said, "There's no reason why women shouldn't drive. You're going to learn, Gert!" I didn't like the idea, but I didn't say anything. Fred called out, "If God had meant women to drive cars he would have given them enough brains to learn to change gears!" We're all used to Fred's sense of humour, but his wife Josie turned red. She'd wanted him to get a DeSoto Plaza with the Powerflite so that she could drive it. The conversation lapsed until young Martin mentioned how Mr. Finlay's sons have gone to a boarding school in Adelaide. I don't think those boys will amount to anything. They're lazy little devils and they've grown up with a drinking father. He might have finally reformed and is even going to church, but it's probably too late for the lads.

Well, no more was said about me learning to drive for a week or so, but one day out of the blue Aug said, "Come with me, Gert! I'm going to learn you to drive!" Now, **inzwischen(5)** I'd started to think it wasn't such a bad idea.

Howard's wife Nita drives, dear old Miss Binkley gets around in her Triumph Mayflower, she even placed in the Car Trial, and Alice Forrest has just learnt to drive their 1937 Graham. I thought, if they can do it, I can too, and it might even be fun. Well, Aug grabbed the keys to the Pontiac and we drove out to the big paddock, where he got out and said, "Right Gert, your turn!" I got in the driver's seat and Aug showed me how to put it in first gear and which pedals to press. I promptly stalled it, but Aug said, "Here, let me show you!" He got back in the driver's seat and went through all the steps, explaining

everything as he did it. I did well when I married Aug, he's a patient, thoughtful man. This time I got it on the second try, and Aug got me to drive around the paddock, getting the feel of the car. After the second lap I already changed up to second gear, and Aug said, "**Du fährst gut !(6)**" Now Aug doesn't ridicule people as Fred does, but he seldom praises anyone either, so I knew I was doing well. Within a week or so of practising I felt quite confident, although I did scrape a rear mudguard on that leaning gatepost by the cow paddock, but since it was the same mudguard Aug had wiped on a tree in the last car trial he only laughed about it. I started driving into town with Aug beside me and we soon paid Constable Kermody the fee and I got my licence

3. Darm – intestine. 4 Schade – pity. 5. inzwischen – in the meantime. 6. Du fährst gut – you drive well. .



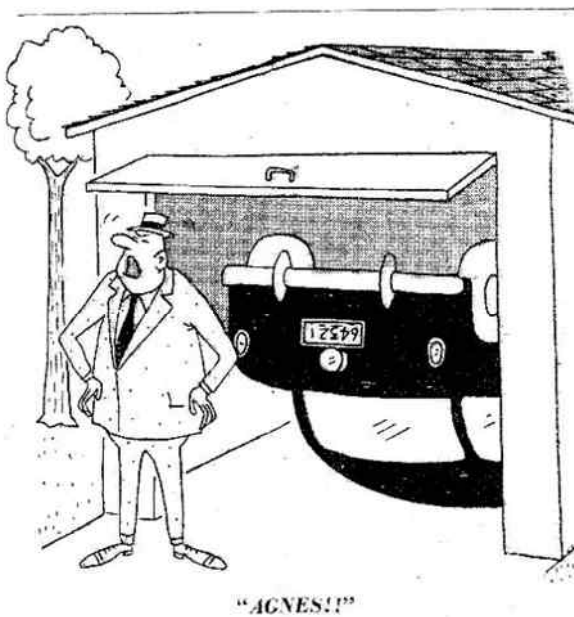
Aug hates to go slowly, so when I drove he always wanted me to go faster and he began teaching me cornering techniques. He's won a lot of local car trials and he knows what he's talking about, and it wasn't long before I was handling the Pontiac at speeds that Constable Kermody wouldn't have approved of. As I had suspected I might do, I really enjoyed driving.

Of course, once Fred found out about it there was a constant barrage of women-driver jokes from him, but as I said, we're all used to Fred. I began learning to drive the Maple Leaf as well, and Aug said he'd also teach me to drive our Chamberlain tractor. I said that if I were going to take over the farm work Aug could jolly well do some housework and believe it or not he started helping in the kitchen and even made a cake! Yes, I did well when I married him.

A few weeks later I got an urgent phone call from Fred's wife Josie. Fred had appendicitis and was in agony. It so happened that Aug was ploughing up in the hill paddock, and I knew that time was of the essence. I pushed the two toddlers into the Pontiac and drove as fast as I could to Fred's farm. We helped Fred on to the back seat and I left the toddlers with Josie, screaming at her to phone the hospital to tell them we were coming. I had never driven the Pontiac so fast; I didn't dare look down at the speedo. At the intersection coming into town I saw Constable Kermody and my heart sank, but he had stopped the other traffic and waved me through. Someone from the hospital had had the presence of mind to phone him. They were waiting for us

at the hospital, and rushed Fred straight into the operating theatre. They later said that a few minutes more and he wouldn't have survived. It really had been touch and go with Fred, and he took a long time to convalesce, which meant That Josie was now dependent on us.

It was clear that she would have to learn to drive too, so one day I picked her up and then drove their DeSoto back to our big paddock and began teaching her the same way that Aug had taught me. She didn't learn as quickly as I did, but she learned. Her problem wasn't so much changing gears as she had feared, but rather positioning the car on the road, but eventually she became a reasonable driver. Fred didn't make any more women driver jokes, but he sat tight-lipped when Josie drove them into town for church or shopping.



Every few weeks, my niece Betty is allowed to come and stay with us on the farm; she comes back from school with our kids on Friday afternoon and re-joins her family when we go in to Church on Sunday. On such a Saturday Aug had to take our bull over to Bill Jaensch's place to service his cows. Young Martin was over at our place too and there was only room for three in the Maple Leaf. Much as Betty wanted to go with them, she was left behind, and Alex and Martin, as boys of that age are wont to do, even stuck their tongues out at her as they drove off. I could see that the girl was bitterly disappointed, so I took her to feed the paddy calves, which she normally enjoys. However, she was still choking back tears, and I thought back to the times when I had been upset at not being allowed to do things through being a girl. I took her hand and led her back to the house. We didn't say anything but I could sense her excitement; she knew that something big was about to happen. I got the keys to the Pontiac, called out to Louise, my daughter who's a year younger than Alex, to mind the little ones and drove out to the big paddock. I moved the seat right forward and made sure she could operate all the pedals (she's grown a bit since she couldn't reach the brake in her disastrous truck drive!) and then I began

teaching her the same way I had taught Josie. She was an apt pupil, a born driver. She quickly mastered everything and had a good feel for placing the car. She even got into top gear on that first drive around the paddock! Not only that, she drove back to the house and accurately placed the car in the garage on her second try and didn't scrape any mudguards. I said, "Du fährst gut" She understood, unlike a lot of kids she's no **Dummkopf (7)** who refuses to learn the old language. We moved the seat back to its normal position and I told her, "As long as you live, this drive remains our **Geheimnis (8)!**" She swore secrecy and held my hand. I've always felt close to Betty.

When Aug and the boys came back they were obviously a bit ashamed of the way they had treated Betty, and were surprised to find her radiantly happy, rather than sulking and resentful as they had expected. She ignored them for the rest of the weekend and helped me with whatever I was doing.

A few weeks later Betty was with us again and Aug had to pick up the bull from Jaensch's, so he said, "You boys came with me last time, today Betty and Louise can come!" Martin was there again, for despite his professed aversion to girls, he wants to come over to our farm whenever Betty is there. **So sind die Jungen (9)**. Betty jubilantly rode off in the truck and I reminded the boys how they had poked their tongues out at Betty last time and then I sent them to clean out the fowl run.

Some months later Howard relented and decided it would be useful if Betty could drive a car when she was helping him in the garage. He was quite amazed at how quickly she mastered driving. I don't know if he suspected anything, but Betty never told anyone of our secret.

My drive to save Fred's life has had its effect. Now, one woman after another in our district is learning to drive. Major Dunleavy has even bought an Austin A30 for his wife Estelle, though I suspect that that's because no-one else is allowed to touch his precious Alvis. Do you know what I think? By the time Betty is my age, every woman will learn to drive a car.

Footnote: Martin and Betty Kloetzke have just finished restoring their 1933 Continental Beacon, and after a successful test drive, the first person they took out in it was their beloved **Tante (10)** Gert, now in her nineties but still living independently in her retirement unit. Betty wanted to drive, and (as one would expect of a woman who spent her life driving farm vehicles) had no trouble with the crash gearbox and heavy controls. Gert, sitting beside her on the front seat, said, "Du fährst gut Betty" Betty's husband Martin, luxuriating on the comfortable back seat of the old car, saw how Betty's and Gert's eyes met and how they smiled, but he assumed that that was mutual affection. He never suspected that the two women were sharing a secret which has been a bond between them for over sixty years.

7. Dummkopf – lit. stupid head; 8. Geheimnis – secret; 9. So sind die Jungen – so are the boys, that's the way boys are; 10. Tante, aunt, auntie



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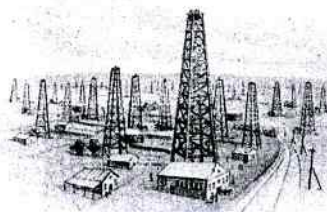
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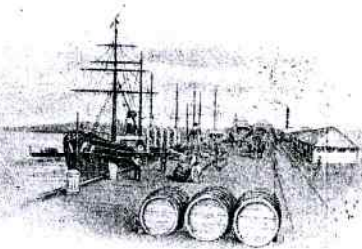
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