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## **President's Report**

Several successful outings and Club functions have occurred since the last Con-Rod. The Shed Day was a good day out .. see the report on page 8.

The 2009 Swap Meet: It was good to see the attendance return to what it used to be in recent years. In 2008, after two weeks of 40°C heat, the attendance dropped to 800 people, whereas this year's attendance was back up to 1400.

Following a suggestion from Andrew Weckert and much help from Craig Thomas, a very successful auction was held at this year's Swap Meet. The auction was held at our Club stand at 10.00 am and lasted for about 30 minutes. There were early Holden parts, garage memorabilia, Golden Fleece tins, a Desoto dealer sign, oil tins and boxes sold. The Desoto dealer sign sold for \$625 and a Coke sign sold for \$200.

From various reports, there were many interesting items on the grounds changing hands.

Thank you to all members who assisted on the day, making the event run smoothly, however those who were on the roster but didn't turn up, it would be good to get a phone call before the event.

Our April meeting was a good night in Jamestown, combined with the Auburn Cord Duesenburg Club of Australasia. A report on this event is on page 14.

I attended the NHMA Rally at Murray Bridge on Saturday and saw many NARC members having a look. From my point of view I thought it was well run, a good layout and with a large variety of engines, tractors, steam, trucks, cars and boats on display.

Happy motoring  
Graham

## **Editors Report**

The last edition of the Con-Rod was the first that was available through the web site rather than being emailed. I hope everyone was able to access it OK. One or two members had some trouble and this turned out to be problems with their service provider. If you have any difficulties please let me know.

The version that is available from the web site is of course in colour and the photos are of better quality. I will include all photos I have for each story on the web but for reasons of space may not include all photos in the printed version. I will post reports on meetings/runs etc on the web as soon as practical after the event.

I have also created a web page of downloads. This has copies of membership application and renewal forms, the constitution and Historic Rego information.

Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Articles are always needed for the Con-Rod. If you have any interesting articles, photos and information or would like to write a story about some technical or 'How To' subject please submit it to me. If you feel your writing skills are not up to the task leave it to the Editor to sort it out (that's what I'm here for).

For those people who ordered copies of Don Loffler's new book Pat now has these on hand.

Dean Manderson

<b>April</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	Burra Group Burra to Farrell Flat, 11am start, picnic at Farrell Flat.
	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	Meet the Clubs Tour dinner Wallaroo
<b>May</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	Meeting Pt Broughton Golf Club: 8pm Member profile: Glen Waldhuter will speak on his experiences and changes to the automotive parts industry.
	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	Burra Group Burra to Burra Gorge, 11am start, Picnic at Gorge
	<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	Con-Rod - deadline for article submission
<b>June</b>	<b>5- 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Club Camp-out Semaphore. FULL DETAILS page 9
	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	Pt Broughton Golf Club: 8pm Identification night .. Bring along mystery objects for members to identify their use, make etc.
<b>July</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	Meeting Pt Broughton Golf Club: 8pm A G M
<b>August</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Con-Rod - deadline for article submission
<b>August</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	Pt Broughton Golf Club: 8pm Guest Speaker
<b>September</b>	<b>12-13<sup>th</sup></b>	NARC Rally in the Clare Valley FULL DETAILS page 9

**Invitation Events:**

<b>April 26<sup>th</sup>.</b>	McLaren Vale Vintage and Classic Day ph 0415 820 719 email <a href="mailto:vintageandclassic@hotmail.com">vintageandclassic@hotmail.com</a>
<b>April 27- May 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Meet the Clubs tour.....Peninsular Parade contact editor for entry form
<b>May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup></b>	National Veteran Rally Naracoorte contact editor for entry form
<b>May 17<sup>th</sup>.</b>	Classic Cavalcade (Kernewek Lowender) Entry form in last edition or download from website 'Calendar' or <a href="http://www.kernewek.org">www.kernewek.org</a>
<b>October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>.</b>	Lincoln Auto Club Quadrennial Rally details Carolyn Anderson 8683 1150

**Swap Meets**

<b>April 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Valley Rodders Swapmeet Tanunda oval.
<b>May 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Naracoorte Swap Meet and Show and Shine details ph 0408 854 658 4pm – 8pm.
<b>May 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Kapunda Swapmeet Kapunda trotting track
<b>June 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Kadina Swapmeet Kadina Showgrounds
<b>June 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Sedan Swapmeet
<b>July 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Warnertown Swapmeet – Warnertown Flinders Touring m/cycle Assoc.
<b>October 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Strathalbyn Swapmeet

**Other events of interest**

**June 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>** Ultimate Blokes Expo – Wayville Showgrounds

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Chapter Reps are Chairman and Secretary.

**Kapunda Calendar**

- April 24<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting, 8.00 pm, Lutheran Church hall, South Terrace, Kapunda.
- April 25<sup>th</sup> A Saturday. Anzac Day run. Meet at Memorial Gardens, Dutton Park, Kapunda at 10 am. for BYO morning tea. Jean's famous Anzac biscuits will again be featured. A short run to a lunch at an organized venue to follow. Jean Burns organizing. 8847 2423.
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter meeting, 8.00 pm, Lutheran Church hall, South Terrace, Kapunda.
- May 29 to 31 Chapter weekend at Melrose. Stay at Melrose Caravan Park. Hotel dinner Friday night. Visit Wilmington museum Saturday morning, lunch at Orroroo, return via Magnet Hill, Booleroo for BBQ tea at Melrose. Melrose museums Sunday morning, lunch at Bluey Blunstones and return home. Limited accommodation for those not yet on Ray's list. Contact Ray Edwards by 15<sup>th</sup> May to be added. 8847 2423.
- June Blyth Cinema Run. Leave Hill Street 10.30am. BYO picnic lunch in Clare/Blyth area. Join with Zephyr and Cortina clubs to watch Carry On Cars.
- June 26<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting, 8.00 pm, Lutheran Church hall, South Terrace, Kapunda.
- July 12<sup>th</sup> Palamountain's Morgan run. Leave Hill Street, Kapunda, 10.30 am. Pub lunch and visit to places of interest. 8581 1071.
- July 24<sup>th</sup> A.G.M., 8.00 pm, Lutheran Church hall, South Terrace, Kapunda.

Oops !!  
(From your intrepid reporter, Malcolm Johncock)

Our chapter secretary ( and Riverton postman ) Ray Edwards fell off his postie bike, necessitating him being out of action for a couple of months with a hand in plaster. Boy, did the mail pile up at the post office.

To see this doesn't happen again, at the February meeting a concerned Brian Haines presented Ray with a set of trainer wheels in a postal box (this one got through!) and a mounted model of them for his trophy cabinet. An embarrassed Ray suitably thanked Brian for his concern.

Twilight run to Clare, Saturday evening February 14<sup>th</sup>.  
By Malcolm Johncock

Members travelled to Clare in their historic cars to the new park by the recreation centre. Jean and Irene acted as head chefs to cook the barbecue. Members supplied a salad to create a superb meal in pleasant surroundings.

Following the barbecue, we walked up the street to Corkers Café for coffee to round off an enjoyable night.

Members attending were G. Fahlbusch - Marina, R. Vogt- M.G.B., D and R Schulz - Fairlane, B and I Woodcock - Citroen, R and J Edwards - Prefect, Ken and Brian O'Loughlin, B and D Haines - Ford, D and D Palamountain – Austin A30, Fred Schodde – Simca, M Johncock and D McDonald – Hillman Hunter.

**RUN TO KERSBROOK AND LYNDOKH 22 March**  
By Brian Haines

Most of us involved in the restoration of old vehicles usually become collectors. Many of us have one, two, three, or maybe a few more stored in our sheds, but not many have a collection of nearly 300 cars and trucks.

Clive Hill of Kersbrook is one of those dedicated collectors. Brian Woodcock arranged a visit to his property to view this remarkable collection. We left Kapunda at around 9.30 a.m. and travelled to Lyndoch where we assembled again for our drive to Kersbrook.

As we turned into Clive's property, we were confronted by a stylish residence surrounded by sheds stacked with vehicles of all shapes and sizes. Clive met us at the front door and Brian introduced us, and we learned a little of the history of his collection. We were offered the run of the property to view this huge display. Clive's daughter graciously guided us around the many sheds and other storage areas.

There were vehicles of nearly every marque of varying ages and condition. Jaguars, Holdens, Fords, M.G., Triumph,



*Parked in Lyndoch    BELOW Just a few of many*



Sunbeam, Hillman, Rover, Alvis, Peugeot, Renault, Jensen, Singer, Simca Leyland, Vanguard, Vauxhall, Hupmobile, Alfa, Austin and others. There are also some pretty rare vehicles represented including a Russian car. Clive used to construct fibre-glass sports cars and a number of these were on display.

It's hard to describe the collection. It is truly 'mind boggling'. Clive and his family made us very welcome and we in turn enjoyed the visit. Many thanks. Thanks also to Brian Woodcock for organizing the visit.

After viewing the collection we travelled back to Lyndoch for lunch at the hotel. The meal was excellent and a great way to wind up a well organized run.

I don't think Deanna will ever complain about my 3 cars again. Malcolm hasn't stopped complaining that there were no Oaklands in the display. I suggested he keep quiet or Clive may come and get his and we may never see it again.

Those participating:

Brian & Irene with Mark & Shellita	Citroen
Brian & Noel	Austin A30
Brian & Deanna	Sunbeam
Alpine	
Fred & Marlene	Simca
Rob & Ina	Simca
Tony & Raylene	Jensen
Malcolm	Hillman
Geoff & Flo	Holden



*Fred's dream .....or nightmare*

## Booleroo Steam and Oil Rally, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March

By Duncan McDonald

Early Sunday morning Geoff Fahlbusch picked me up and we travelled to Riverton where we collected Ray Edwards and Jean Burns. We then proceeded to travel to Booleroo Centre where the Booleroo Steam club were holding their annual rally. I was interested to see this rally as I had not seen it for several years.

There were a large number of tractors and a number of historic vehicles parked on the oval. One was instantly recognizable as John Hunt's Auburn Roadster. And anyone who has not seen the Casey engine powered Volkswagen is missing out. This is a Volkswagen with the engine removed and a railways Casey single cylinder putt-putt engine mounted above the gearbox/transmission. A pair of v-belts connect the engine to the gearbox. It actually travels quite well, as I found out when I had a ride in it the last time I was here.

A number of exhibits were hauled out of the storage sheds, allowing access to view those that remained within. A craft market and a swapmeet were in progress. The stationary engine sheds were opened and a number of engines were operating. (Some loud unexpected backfires had people jumping.) A Woodpecker hay baler was being demonstrated by a team of operators and an old truck was fitted with a number of different bag loading devices, the operation of which was demonstrated at regular intervals.

One shed contains a large 125 horsepower, single cylinder horizontal Blackstone engine, an 8 cylinder vertical Mirrilees Diesel engine, 7 to 8 foot high and a 4 cylinder Benz diesel vertical engine. These engines were started at regular intervals and run for a short period. The Benz was interesting in that it needed smouldering tapers to be introduced into the cylinders in order to start successfully.

Of course, the main attraction was the steam traction engines. There was a Yorkshire steam lorry and four traction engines, two of which had cable winding drums underneath. These latter two engines were moved to the ends of the



demonstration area where they proceeded to pull a reversible plough back and forth with the cable on the winding drums. After a few passes of this, the cables were removed from the plough and attached to a large scoop which was pulled backward and forward. Scooping up a large pile of dirt and depositing it at the end of the run.

The weather was kind to us and I thoroughly enjoyed myself. Among the familiar faces were John Hunt, Merv Robinson and Ivan Venning.



### National Machinery Rally, Murray Bridge 3 -5<sup>th</sup> April By Duncan McDonald

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April, Geoff Fahlbusch and myself travelled to Murray Bridge to see the National Machinery rally displayed at Sturt Reserve. We arrived early and many of the engines were still to be uncovered. We wandered around looking at the various exhibits.

There were exhibitors from most if not all states of Australia (yes, Tassie too). There were literally hundreds of stationary engines, a large number of stationary, portable and traction steam engines, one driving a sawmill which would cut a log into planks every so often. Another drove a large machine which was fed with sheaved hay and returned bagged chaff. Other machines demonstrated included a petrol engine driven hay baler, a trip hammer in a blacksmith environment and a machine for stitching hay in sheets to be used for thatching.

There were lots of vintage tractors (about 400 was the figure I was given) with a tractor pull being conducted in that area. Along the river bank (not too near) was a collection of vintage cars and trucks. There were included a very nicely restored early 30s AEC with a wooden tipping body and a long nose Kenworth of about 1947 vintage as well as a 1940s era REO amongst the many. We also discovered that the vehicle we passed on the way to the rally was in fact a nicely restored Graham Paige. Many of the vehicles joined with the steam engines and tractors for a grand parade around the rally grounds.

There were a large number of vendors on the site, including Rally Badges, Plough Book Sales and TOMM Magazine. The Army had a display and occasionally fired a cannon, creating clouds of smoke. When I first heard it I thought that was a pretty good engine backfire. Geoff Polgreen was there exhibiting engines as was Jeff Hennig. We met up with Graham Goode while walking around. The weather was kind, going from sunny to overcast, but not raining. I don't think we saw everything but I certainly enjoyed the day.

## Journey to "ALLIS in Wonderland" by Darryl Johns

February 15th dawned a magnificent day as NARCers journeyed toward Kadina to meet at the Kadina Motorcycle Club Rooms for a 10.30am 'cuppa'. Good to see Bob Tilbrook and Malcolm Johncock make the trip over from Kapunda in the car that won the London to Sydney Marathon twice, the Hillman Hunter. The local members turned out in their own beauties, amongst the moderns. A little after 11am 'Darkie' OBE, mounted his 1952 Matchless and sidecar, (trainer wheels) and set a cracking pace heading down the Wallaroo highway. Club vehicles filled the parking space at the Y.P. Veteran and Community Centre, where Mike Rodsped a naval veteran greeted us and showed the way to the Military Museum.



Certainly had some gear from all conflicts, but not a lot of information on each item so had to ask, which is hard when there is a crowd. Inspected the restoration shed where work in progress by local Volunteers are restoring a 1944 Chevrolet Gun Tractor No 9, the only such Chevy left near complete. The 6 cylinder motor alone has been rebuilt to the tune of \$7000.00. Most went to leave for the next stop, the Ladies stop at the Plant Nursery, except for Trump' in the Chrysler Royal. Battery problem. My Driver and I didn't



attend the Nursery or the lunch back at the Motorcycle Club, as we had a Fly-in lunch at the Moonta Bay International Airport. Pilots and craft fly in every so often, from all over, Pirie, Clare and South for a BBQ lunch, which was very enjoyable.



Got delayed in checkout so were a little late in landing at Tickera.

Dale's working collection of 'Allis's' was out and lined up on show in front of the plentiful shedding housing the majority of the plant. A great credit to Dale, to amass all of the Allis models. He also has the complete farming plant, from seeding, haymaking to harvest. Bulldozer, loader to graders. The collection includes all the old vintage models and each model of the tractors till they went to 'Agco'. All except for an Allis forklift that appeared at the Power of the Past at Mt. Barker last year. Any sighting of one, please pass on to Dale. Peter "Cossie" Costello on behalf of the Club thanked Dale, for letting us mingle with





'Allis'. We then adjourned to the 'Parlour' for tea and cake. Many thanks to the Morphett's for putting the kettle on.

As the sun sank in the west NARCers left for their homes and let the quietness return to "Lochmore", in Wonderland.

Another great day in the life and experiences of NARC Members.

### **Club Camp out in Adelaide. June 5th – 7th**

Accommodation has been booked at the Adelaide Beachfront Park, 349 Military Rd, Semaphore Park for Friday 5th June until Sunday 7th June, departing on Monday morning. If you require a cabin, please contact Graham Goode Phone 8842 3731.

Plans for the weekend include:

- Saturday visit the Railway, Aviation and Maritime museums in Port Adelaide.
- Saturday night's meal has been booked at the Bartley Tavern, Bartley Tce, West Lakes Shore.
- Sunday visit the Port Adelaide Wharf Market, Dolphin cruise, Sea Horses and Fort Glanville

Members are welcome to come on any day of this weekend and as it is an official Club event, you will need to sign the attendance book. If you need more information contact Graham Goode.

If you need to contact us on that weekend:

Graham Goode 0418 894 304

Craig Thomas 0429 001 242

### **NARC Rally in the Clare Valley Sept 12th-13th**

Celebrating 35 years since NARC started and 30 years since the first Rally was held.

Saturday we will leave Clare mid morning and travel to Balaklava via Blyth for lunch and time to look around the town, before returning to Clare via Auburn. Entrants travelling to Clare Saturday may join us at Balaklava en route.

Saturday night's dinner will be held at the Clare Golf Club and on Sunday morning we will travel to Bungaree for a tour of the property and lunch, ending the organised part of the event.

Accommodation will be the entrant's responsibility, however here are some suggestions:

Clare Central Motel: Phone 8842 2277

Motel rooms available

Clare Valley Motel: Phone 8842 2799

20 motel rooms are being held. Please mention that you are a NARC Rally participant when booking.

Clare Caravan Park: Phone 8842 2724

20 cabins are being held. Please mention that you are a NARC Rally participant when booking.

Clare Valley Visitor Information Centre: 8842 2131

Bed and breakfast accommodation

For more information about this weekend contact

Graham Goode 8842 3731 or A/h 8842 2417

Craig Thomas 8662 6203

John Birrell 8636 2333

Entry forms will be posted to members in May with full details of the weekends activities.

### ALL BRITISH DAY 2009

After a week of 40+ degree days we were watching the weather reports with more interest than normal. Any day of over about 25 degree it is not wise to point a Prefect at the Adelaide hills, but the weather gurus were predicting a day of 24 degrees, and we hoped that this time they would get it right.

Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup> dawned bright and clear but also noticeably cooler. Soon after dawn, about 7am, we set off for Adelaide to pick up the Prefect which we keep at Yolanda's house. The Prefect started first go (amazing the difference a new battery makes) and after transferring the chairs and picnic gear into the boot we were on our way.

Making our way across Adelaide we saw many other cars of British origin, most of which seemed to be going up Greenhill Road. I prefer to take the Old Mt Barker Road, past Eagle on the hill, as it is not such a long constant climb. Interestingly just behind us as we rejoined the freeway just before Crafrers, was the same semi trailer that we were in front of at the traffic lights at Cross and Glen Osmond Roads

A pleasant and uneventful drive through a cool summer's morning set the scene for the rest of the day. We arrived at Uraidla and were efficiently directed to our parking spot with the rest of the Ford 8&10 club. We had 6 entries in our group with our president missing after a close inspection of his local roads from his postie bike.

First item on the agenda upon parking is to get a piece of cardboard to place under the car to prevent oil leaks from getting on the grass. Hasn't anyone told them that British cars don't leak oil.

Next item of business, morning tea. Now that all the important jobs have been done we can go and look at some cars. As always the All British Day has an incredible variety of vehicles, luxury, sporty, family, compact and just plain strange. While many of the vehicles are seen year after year, there are always a good number of new and interesting cars to get your attention. This year there was just over 700 vehicles entered, a number which would have been severely down had it not been for the cool change and the ideal 23 degree day. The true highlight of the day apart from the cars, is the relaxed nature of the event. With no judging or competition to worry about it is a very casual day to get together with friends and just "play cars".



Jim Puust





## Model A Breakfast Run 15<sup>th</sup> February 2009

I often wonder whether people involved with the old car movement are not quite all there and at this time of the year I am sure that we are a breed apart. After a reasonably early start the week before for the All British Day we had an obscenely early start for the Model A Breakfast. With our alarm set for 3.45am we headed off from Wallaroo at 4.30am to pick up the car from Yolanda's. I made the comment to Jim that not many people would get up in the middle of the night and travel 2 hours to have breakfast and that we were getting to old for this.



Arriving at Yolanda's at 6.30am Jim tried not to make too much noise getting the 100E out of the shed. He did not want to face Yolanda and her housemates bright and early on a Sunday morning not knowing what time they had got to bed the night before. We were soon on our way to the Triple C Clubrooms at Glandore arriving there just before 7am. After a short wait we were soon joined by members from the Early V8 Club, Model T Club and of course the Model A Club. This year saw some extra members from our club attend this event. We

convinced Ray Edwards, Jean Burns & Phil Jones to come and join Tony & Kay Russell and Jim and myself for this run. We were sent on a short observation run to Brighton along the Esplanade to Glenelg and then back to Glandore for breakfast. The Model A Club have this run down to a 'T' as they send us out for short ½ hour run to allow them to set up and cook breakfast so all ready for when participants return.



Once again we enjoyed cereal, bacon, eggs & tomato and fruit. The highlight of the morning was seeing our President Ray having his brekkie cut up into bite size pieces and then watching him eating it one handed. He was asked if he wanted his toast cut up into trains but he didn't take the offer up. Tony was debating whether to go back for seconds when he remembered that in the past the bacon and eggs was followed up by pancakes so off he went to ask Margaret Mudge from the Model A Club if pancakes were on the menu again.

After discovering they were he decided

against seconds and instead lined up for a pancake or two. After an enjoyable breakfast those of us that are attending the National Rally got the map out and discussed our route to Nambour.

The results of the observation run was announced with 5 entrants all getting the same number of points but Graham and Shirley Tonkin won with Jim and myself getting a runner's up prize of a chuppa chup each. Thanks must go to the Model A Club for once again organising a very pleasant run and despite the early start it was a very enjoyable way to spend a Sunday morning. As we said our goodbyes both Ray and Phil said they would be back next year to participate in this event as like us when Tony and Kay invited us to come with them 3 years ago they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. encourage other members to join us next year as not only is it a fantastic day but it is a good way to join with other Ford enthusiasts .



### All American Day 14th February 2009

With the weather being mild and pleasant (especially after all the heat) there were many cars on display (500?) and the car park was full.

On display was the full range of cars but as is often the case on these days the more modern cars outnumbered the older varieties. There were several rare Chrysler Imperials from the late 50 – 60s present. Rob Leaney had his La Salle on display and I spotted a 1927 Oakland in the car park. Souvenirs, memorabilia and books etc were for sale in the hall. A 1961 Oldsmobile and mine were the only ones there.

This is the second year that the Day has been held at Tilley Reserve Surrey Downs. It had been previously held at Immanuel College at Novar Gardens but renovations and building works there meant it had to move.

The following day I went to Rainsfords Collectable Cars at 96 Richmond Road, Keswick. While it is not a large collection it is certainly worth a look. I was impressed with his cars which included a very rare 1927 Willys Knight and a rare 1927 Sunbeam. A 1931 Chevrolet was being sold while I was there. Other cars on display included a 1912 Overland, 1928 Austin 7, 1937 Plymouth, 1938 Pontiac, 1952 Morgan, 1966 Jaguar and a 1971 Aston Martin.

Apart from three stops for petrol and two for oil my Oldsmobile gave no trouble on the journey home.

Leon Darley.



## **CAR Number 15458**

Restoration of 1903 Oldsmobile, by Dave and Lin Simpson, Burra, South Australia.

Oldsmobile produced 3924 vehicles in 1903. The curved dash model was the first motor vehicle to be mass-produced in large numbers.

This vehicle was purchased from Dave Dryden, in Victoria, on September 28, 2007. It had been in storage for over 15 years.

The original wooden body was retained and repaired and all mechanical work carried out as required.

We started the car and made a test run on November 29, 2008,



*Dave Simpson and the chassis*

I was very lucky to have an original 'Liberty Bell' on the steering tiller and a set of 'Never out' oil lamps. When the 1903 Oldsmobiles arrived in Australia, Duncan and Fraser, the sole agents for South Australia, modified the cooling system by replacing the holding tank with a larger 4 gallon one, more suited to

Australian conditions. My tank still has the maker's nameplate, W. R. Struthers, N. Adelaide, soldered to it. The engine is a single cylinder 95.4 c.i. bore 4.5 inch, stroke 6 inch. Power output 4 b.h.p. The chassis is blacksmith forge welded and there are many parts held in place with rivets or square headed bolts and nuts. No spring washers (not yet invented). Reed horns, windscreens, wing mirrors, starter motors and electric car lights were also still to be invented..



*The completed car*

No tarred roads, no motor vehicle registration in South Australia and no sound of airplanes overhead. They all came later.

Special thanks go to : Ron Christie ... number one fitter and turner  
David Kent ... metal pourer  
Graham Goode, Clare Upholstery and Clare Auto Painters

Dave and Lin Simpson,

## Club Meeting at Jamestown 7<sup>th</sup> April

This meeting was held a week earlier than normal so we could meet with the members of the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Club of Australasia. (AC-DC)

As members arrived at the Sir Hubert Wilkins Aerodrome at Jamestown cars from the AC-DC were being lined up next to the clubrooms ready to be viewed by members before tea. Eight cars ended up being displayed for us. One was a replica but is already over 30 years old. Another was a V8 with front wheel drive. I would imagine that power understeer would be a major problem. All these cars were in beautiful condition.

As an added bonus Jim Best had his plane on display and fired it up for our auditory delight. Loud but what a terrific sound.

Tea was then served. 3 meats and a fantastic choice of salads followed by cheesecake and ice-cream. Thanks go to the ladies for organising this great meal. After the dishes were done a couple of the American members of the AC-DC spoke of their experiences with cars and their lives as collector-holics. Both of their wives must be very tolerant ladies.

Peter Eaton then showed the film of his last Whippet expedition.



# BROKEN HILL CLEARING SALE “TOPAR” STATION

**SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2009 at 11am CST**  
**Situated 54km East of Broken Hill off the Barrier Highway**  
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**Restorable Collectable Vehicles:** C1920 Fordson tractor, C1950 Fordson tractor, 1942 Fordson tractor, 1942 Ford Blitz Short body truck, w/- spares, C1944 Ex Army Ford Ambulance, 1939 Ford 3 tonne tray top truck, C1966 4WD Bedford tray top truck, C1942 Ford Marmon Gun tractor/truck, Model T Ford truck disassembled, 1954 Ford Mainline Ute, partly restored w/- recon motor, C1954 Ford Mainline Single Spinner ute. C1956 Mainline ute, sulky & cart, wagon parts.

**Station Plant & Equipment:** 1961 Ford F600 truck 15'tray with Perkins 354 diesel, M/F 165 Cab Tractor w/- fork, blade and bucket ( the vendor reserves the right to retain up to 4 weeks after sale), Yamaha 200Ag bike, various Motorbikes, Lincoln 400AS diesel 300amp on trailer, Petrol 4cyc Lincoln 150 amp welder on trailer, Ruston & Hornsby 3cyc diesel generator. 6' x 4' enclosed trailer, 6' x 14' Flat top sheep trailer w/- hurdles, Water tank on Ellis trailer, M/F Pitter 3 tyre plough, 4 Disc plough, Firerat Plough, Berends 6ft PTO Mower, PTO spinning Jenny, 3P.L, Merino PTO Mister, 32 volt lighting Plant 3PL Carryall, 3PL lifting arm, 3PL 4 Plough Harrows, 3 PL posthole digger, 8ft 3pl Grader, 6' x trailer Hurdles, Perkins 6/354 diesel motor, Magnus pneumatic sheep handler and race (near new) 240V Honda 2 KVA Generator, Honda 5Hp F/F, 3 x Galv F/F tanks, O/H diesel tank approx 500ltr Petrol tank, New Trash pump, oil tank & pumps, set Sunraysia wheels & tyres to suit L/Cruiser. 2 x 5' Concrete troughs, 2 x Flexi troughs, 12 x Rolls 40mm Rural B class Poly pipe, 2 x Betta Crete troughs, various lengths of Fibro troughs, lengths of steel pipe, rolls of wire, railway iron, 25 sheets of 1/8" and 1/16" steel sheets. Portable crutching motor plus various new and used pumps. Large cement mixer.

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**TERMS:** Cash on Day of Sale, GST applicable, number system apply, ID Required.

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**VENDORS CONTACT – Geoff Crossing 0412332388**

**AUCTIONEER – Ian Jaensch 0409714368**

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