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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT December 2010**

Since the last edition of ConRod, Burra members of NARC hosted the biennial Burra to Morgan Heritage Drive – a magnificent weekend which attracted many entries from Adelaide clubs and drew very favourable comments, both on the day and since. NARC owes a huge debt of gratitude to Roger Cross for his organization and I have already discussed with him a much greater role for the parent club in planning the 2012 event. Thank you, Roger and your helpers!

Our October meeting was the occasion to view old films on several topics and we were all back to the “I remember when...” discussions. There's nothing wrong with nostalgia for the good old days, even if they seem to get even better as the years pass.

November saw the return visit by David Chantrell, who would have to be a leading researcher of motoring history. Even the diehard Ford owners were amazed at the little known history of the Ford family that David has recorded. Henry's ventures into other than motoring businesses were particularly revealing of his character. The interest generated by David was such that he was amongst the last to leave the meeting, despite having to drive home to Adelaide that night.

A number of habitual Bendigo Swap Meet attendees made the annual pilgrimage in November, just to experience the worst possible weather conditions. There must have still been the usual camaraderie, as one member at least was reported to be difficult to start on the Saturday morning. This is an important event to keep up NARC's profile on the national scene. Thanks, guys, for your ongoing efforts.

Our last event for 2010 was the President's Run, held on a hot, humid day. A separate report is included in this issue.

It is particularly pleasing to see a small but steady number of visitors to our functions and the membership increase resulting. Please keep up the invitations to prospective enthusiasts – our club depends on membership!

Our next event is the well-received Blyth film night on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Details are in the Calendar.

As stated last edition – where does the time go? Fran & I sincerely thank all members for making NARC the premier club we know it to be and wish you and your families all the best for the coming festive season.

John Birrell

### **Editors Report**

The DVD of the club photos is now available for \$1.00 each. Let me know if you want a copy. We would still like to add to the collection so if you have any photos of any previous club or related event please contact me and I can scan them into the system. Originals will be returned to you.

We hope everyone has a good Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.  
Dean and Sue Manderson

### **New Member**

We would like to welcome to NARC new member Robert Parker from Clare. Robert has a Rolls Royce.

## **NARC Calendar 2011**

<b>January</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	Blyth Cinema Night 6.00pm Tea at Blythe Town Hall adjacent to the Cinema in Moore St. provide by NARC. Film is 'The Big Steal' Please advise Pat Fiedler of numbers for tea by Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan. The movie is an Australian made Romance/Comedy. A young lad gets conned by a sharp used car dealer when he buys an old Jaguar to impress his girl (it doesn't). Chaos ensues when he tries to get back at the dealer
<b>February</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Con-Rod - deadline for article submission
	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	Meeting at Goode Restorations, New Road, Clare – Workshop night – members contributions
	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	Shed Day – Kadina Farm Shed Museum from 10.00am Morning Tea supplied from 10.30. BYO Lunch and chair. Possibly a members shed after.
<b>March</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Power of the Past – Mt. Barker
	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club. Film: 1985 Alice Springs Trip
	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	Clare Swap Meet
<b>April</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Laura Folk Fair
	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	Con-Rod - deadline for article submission
	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club. Speaker(s): Member Profile(s)
<b>May</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club. Peter Eaton's Whippets for Wishes III
	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	Con-Rod - deadline for article submission
<b>June</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club. Identification & film night
	<b>11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Camp-out Weekend - Riverland district TBA
<b>July</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	Pt. Broughton Golf Club. <b>AGM</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Con-Rod - deadline for article submission
	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club. Guest Speaker
<b>September</b>	<b>TBA</b>	Shed Day Merv Robinson's collection

## **Invitation Events**

<b>January</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	All Holden Day Wigley Reserve, Glenelg. 9am – 4pm Ph 0418 848 234
<b>February</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	All British Day Uraidla Showgrounds/Oval. Featuring 75 years of Jaguar. 11am-3pm \$6 <a href="http://www.allbritishday.com">www.allbritishday.com</a> ph 8339 3573
	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	All American Day Tilley Reserve, Fairview Park. 8264 9556
<b>March</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	Booleroo Steam & Traction Day

<b>March</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	E type Jaguar 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, National Motor Museum, Birdwood. Chris Lake <a href="mailto:sealake@internode.on.net">sealake@internode.on.net</a> 0411 550 465
<b>April</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Meet the Clubs Tour Kangaroo Is. & the Sth East. Expression of interest form in May/June Con-Rod or see Editor
<b>April</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> (Easter)</b>	Alfa Romeo National Rally. The Concours is being held at Melrose Park Clare at the Lakeside Railway from 9.30 till Noon. Members are invited to bring their cars and meet fellow enthusiasts

### **Swap Meets**

<b>January</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	Hahndorf, Hahndorf oval. Sellers 6am \$10 Buyers 8am \$3 Ph 0429 959 009 Bill
<b>February</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	Murray Bridge, at showgrounds. \$5 entry 6 am <a href="mailto:whimpress@baoline.com.au">whimpress@baoline.com.au</a> 0428 132 889 John Whimpress
<b>March</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	Campbelltown, at oval, cnr Darley and Lower N E Road. <a href="mailto:sarcc@tpg.com.au">sarcc@tpg.com.au</a> ph 0400 283 400 Geoff Wiltshire.
<b>March</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	Clare, at showgrounds \$5 7.30 am Contact Graham Goode <a href="mailto:gooderestorations@bigpond.com">gooderestorations@bigpond.com</a> 8842 3731 8842 2417 ah
	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	Woodside, at oval. Sellers 6.30 am \$10 Buyers 7 am \$3 Doug Mansell 0428 526 362
<b>April</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	Polonia Soccer Ground, South Rd Croydon Park. 7 am Sellers Buyers 8 am till 12 noon Ken Adams 0419 840 284 <a href="mailto:kgadams@activ8.net.au">kgadams@activ8.net.au</a>
	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	Valley Rodders Tanunda Oval. Sellers 6.30am \$10.00 Buyers 7.30am \$3.00 ph 0432 653 796
<b>May</b>	<b>22<sup>th</sup></b>	Kapunda at the Trotting Track, Sellers 7am Buyers 8am Rodney Whenan 8562 3155 <a href="mailto:kapharn@yahoo.com.au">kapharn@yahoo.com.au</a> .
<b>July</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	ALL MAKE at Greyhound Park, Days Road, Angle Park Sellers 7.15 am. Buyers 8.10 am to 12.10 Sites; \$15.00 Buyer \$5.00
<b>August</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	Willunga, Sunday 7.00am-12noon at Willunga Sale Yards. ph: Graham, 0412 578 188
<b>September</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	Gawler at showgrounds (Princes Park) sellers 6-30am \$10 .. buyers \$5 Bob Perry 8396 1007 0418 821 944 bob@perry.net.au <a href="http://www.perry.net.au/gawler.htm">www.perry.net.au/gawler.htm</a>
<b>October</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Balhannah Motorcycle only at the oval, 7.00 a.m., sites \$12 , entry \$5 contact: Peter Yates after 6.00 pm ph: 8255 8856

### **Other events of interest**

<b>October</b>	<b>29 &amp; 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Extreme Horsepower Show, Wayville Showgrounds.
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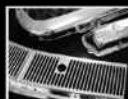
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Chapter Reps are Chairman and Secretary.

**Kapunda Calendar**

- Jan 26<sup>th</sup> Australia Day Event. Meet at Davidson's Reserve, Kapunda at 10.30 am. (Note change of venue) where we will be joined by Gawler and Barossa clubs. Depart for Riverton 11.00 am where MAPS will join us for BYO lunch at the oval. After lunch we will explore the town and museum if the weather is cool enough. If the weather is too hot we will relax in the shade on the lawns.
- Jan 28<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting, 8.00 pm, Lutheran Church hall, South Terrace, Kapunda.
- Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting, 8.00 pm, Lutheran Church hall, South Terrace, Kapunda.
- Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Saturday Twilight Run. Meet 6.00 pm, Hill St. Kapunda for a run to a neighbouring town for dinner Ray Edwards organising. 88472423
- Mar 20<sup>th</sup> Clare Swap Meet
- Mar 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting, 8.00 pm, Lutheran Church hall, South Terrace, Kapunda.
- Mar 27<sup>th</sup> Run to DJ Restorations, Eudunda. Morning tea 9.45 am Hill St., Kapunda, then to DJ's for BBQ lunch and look around. Watch next Conrod for details. Dale Palamountain organising. 08 85811071
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter meeting, 8.00 pm, Lutheran Church hall, South Terrace, Kapunda.
- April 25<sup>th</sup> Anzac Day run. Jean Burns organising. 88472423

**Bay to Birdwood 2010**

by Brian Haines

This year the chapter decided to drive to Gumeracha and watch the parade of cars. We travelled through Tanunda, Lyndoch, Williamstown and Kersbrook, then joined the parade of historic vehicles on the main road. We parked on the side of the road and in the adjacent park, and cheered on the entrants as they passed. Around lunch time we adjourned to the park and enjoyed a barbeque lunch in great warm spring weather.

It is certainly a wonderful parade of historic vehicles. Most of us have driven in the parade and it was great to view it from a different perspective, observe the many different types of historic vehicles and acknowledge the people in the vehicles with a cheer and a wave.

A great day. We will probably do it again next year. Those attending were Fred and Marlene in an Austin A95, Rob and Ena in a Simca and caravan, Brian and Deanna in a Sunbeam-Talbot, Ross in a MGB, Stan and Pam in a MGB, Brian O'Loughlin, Malcolm, Geoff, Tony and Raelene in moderns and Mick and Trish on a motorcycle. There were also two visitors from New Zealand.

## **Cars of the Rootes Group visit Kapunda**

By Brian Haines

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November, Kapunda was host to cars manufactured by the Rootes Group, from the mid 1930s to the mid 1960s. It was wonderful to see around 50 cars parked in Kapunda while the club members visited the various interesting venues, including the museum, tourist centres, antique venues and the many art galleries. In addition, Ross Vogt opened his home for the visitors to see his live-in museum.

Lunch was at the Lutheran Church Hall and the cars were parked in the church yard where club members and locals were able to inspect the many vehicles. The cars, proudly displayed by their owners, were various models of Hillmans, Sunbeams, Humbers and Singers. In their day, these cars were reliable, popular and economical transport for many families and businesses. The marques also provided many rally winners, particularly in European events, further demonstrating their reliability and strength.

This event is held annually by the clubs representing the marques. This year, it was organized by the Humber Car Owners Club. We attended with our 1960 Sunbeam-Talbot.

## **Kapunda Chapter visits Murray Mallee Auto Club at Swan Reach Nov 14<sup>th</sup>.**

By Malcolm Johncock

Eighteen members motored to Swan Reach for lunch with the members of the Murray Mallee Auto Club at the Swan Reach hotel, overlooking the river.

We stopped at Angaston on the way for morning tea and to gather up the last of our group. A very nice lunch was enjoyed with the Murray Mallee members in a magnificent setting. Following lunch, we all visited the local yabbie farm where we were inducted into the love life of yabbies. The weather still being cool had resulted in not much activity by the yabbies. All very interesting. This was followed by a visit to the local museum, with a very good interpretation of the pioneer settlement in the area.

The Murray Mallee Auto Club members displayed a range of interesting vehicles ranging from a Chev 4 to a Corvette. A couple of others that took my eye were a circa 1934 dodge and a Fairlane.

Kapunda chapter members attending were Brian and Irene Woodcock in a Citroen D521, Ross Vogt in his Plymouth, Dennis and Rosemary Schulz in a Fairlane, Fred Schodde in an Austin A95, Rob and Ena Stapley in a Simca Aronde, Stan and Pam Bielby, Brian and Annie O'Loughlin, Tony and Raelene Leis, Geoff Fahlbusch, Malcolm Johncock and visitors David and Jules. A great day out.

## **M.A.P.S. campers visit to Kapunda**

By Dale Palamountain

A visit to Kapunda by MAPS (Maitland Auto Preservation Society) members presented an opportunity for the chapter to repay previous hospitality. Collective brain power decided two shed visits, a museum visit and dinner were appropriate.

This became firstly a visit to Brian O'Loughlin's big shed to see M.G.s and a large array of automotive bits and pieces. A morning tea stop enabled a leisurely inspection that caused people to wonder what size container brought this collection from America. To be kind, consideration should be given to the additional items from Brian's late father, Ken, who did not throw much away. Brian's daughter, Annie, assisted in the morning tea department.

Then a short journey to the Greenock Aviation Museum, followed by a barbecue lunch. We locals considered this museum as just another museum, we've seen it before, but with new visitors around you it is more evident that it is unique. Lincoln Nitchke is totally dedicated to aviation memorabilia (and Commer Knockers and farm equipment) and fortunately began collecting before most people thought about the need to save such things. Especially obscure items. 39 people enjoyed a plentiful lunch.

From here the group journeyed back to Kapunda to Brian and Irene Woodcock's house and sheds. The main shed is new and impressive with high walls and a hoist. Ladies spent time with Irene and her interests while men learnt more about things automotive, particularly matters "Citroen". I was told the blokes were given the lowdown on why Citroens are not just different, but full of alternate ideas and methods of making cars work better and cheap and easy to maintain. Citroens are not scary things to be avoided and simply need to be understood. Some special tools procedures followed. Brian apparently broke down some of the mystery. The all important afternoon tea was also supplied.

Later in the afternoon, the crowd (45 people) journeyed to Eudunda to inspect the Classic Austin garage. Yours Truly had spent time preparing a very untidy workshop into a dining area, a place to warm food, and a place to display chapter members art and craft. Also a place to wonder if any car work gets done. This was a night to mix, mingle, eat and have some fun, which we did because everyone joined into the spirit of the day, especially the silly “Junk” game which realized \$65 for the historic Austin fire truck owned by the community group.

I did appreciate a couple of retired gents coming to the workshop a few days early to attack hazards in walkways, clean up generally and “hide” things that may be lost for months to come. When a bloke some years my senior works at three times my pace, either I was tired and needed help or the workshop was frighteningly messy (or both). Whatever, it did make it happen! And it impressed our visitors. We had a great day only because so many members of the chapter helped in every way possible to guarantee a good day for all. I would like to recognize this including planning, booking, thinking about the day, expanding basic ideas into many minor aspects, logistical issues, creating atmosphere and environment, caring about peoples likes and needs, enjoying the work of preparation, anticipating various stages of the day and enjoying the moment.

Thanks to all chapter members for mucking in and, well before the day, giving me assurance that this was a team effort and I could rely on commitments made. Thank you all.

### **Mid week run to Gawler 23<sup>rd</sup> November** By Brian Haines

With the Ashes tests about to begin, I thought it would be timely to look into the manufacturing of cricket bats in S.A.

The Fielke family has been manufacturing cricket bats in S.A. for around fifty years. Bob Fielke at Gawler continues the tradition, so we visited his workshop to view the process first hand. Bob discussed the history of the game, the development of the bat and the most suitable timber used in the manufacture.

The bats are essentially hand made and Bob each stage, using many traditional woodworking skills. He also demonstrated his many ingenious jigs designed to facilitate the repetitious operations. It was fascinating to see him shaping, fitting handles made of cane, apply the string and rubber grips and test the weight and balance.

Following the demonstration in the workshop, we visited the showroom. Bob talked about the finished product and the many cricket related objects on display. Before returning to Kapunda, we were served a delightful afternoon tea.

This was a great afternoon, very informative, giving us insight into a little known aspect of



S.A. and cricket history. How many people know cricket bats are made in S.A.?? If members want to know more about the tradition of more than one hundred years of bat manufacture in S.A., Bob has written a book “Cricket Bat Making in S.A. , Robert J Fielke”. Check your local library.

15 chapter members attended, also enjoying the beautiful drive through the Barossa Valley to Gawler.



## PRESIDENT'S RUN

### The Broughton River expedition

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December was a hot, humid and overcast day, but this didn't prevent a total of 34 NARC members and guests gathering for a leisurely drive down the Broughton River. Several of our farming members didn't make it on the day, as they were taking advantage of the weather to drive headers instead. A total of 7 historic vehicles were given a run on the day.

Morning tea was held at Yackamoorundie Park on the bank of the river at Yacka, where the local community have set up a great collection of picnic tables, each mosaic tiled to illustrate a local story. Old pepper trees provided welcome shade and the breeze cooperated to keep us comfortable. Some took the opportunity to explore the old town buildings while the craft shop also received visitors.



*Morning tea Yackamoorundie Park, Yacka*



*Gas bagging in the main street Koolunga*

A 14 Km gravel road drive via Bevan Spencer's old swimming hole at White Cliffs took us to Koolunga where Graham "Polly" Freeman told us the truth about the Koolunga Bunyip and introduced us to the local history group's collection of memorabilia. Those who visited the hotel (for soft drinks, of course) were most impressed with the hospitality shown by the owners, with one couple planning to return for a longer visit. Again, some chose to explore, while others were happy investigating the under-bonnet mysteries of a Borgward Isabella and marvelling over the restoration of Graham Burgess' 1930 Scott Flying Squirrel motorcycle.

Another 14 Km drive (on a sealed road this time) provided a rare opportunity for a Haflinger to overtake another car, headwind notwithstanding. No names, but it was an English make and it did have two people on board to the Hafi's one. By the time we reached the Eureka Hotel at Redhill thirst overcame most of us, with a packed bar for some time until lunch was served in the covered beer garden area. A relaxed meal was enjoyed with lots of lively conversations – a great way to conclude the NARC programme for 2010.

John Birrell



*The outside dining area Redhill*



# The Historic Car Weekend and Re-Enactment of the 1906 Burra to Morgan Drive

9 – 10 October 2010

Organised by Roger and Merv, Burra Group

On a delightful spring weekend 40 historic vehicles ranging in age from a single cylinder 1903 De Dion Bouton to the 12 cylinder Jaguar XJS of Merv Matthews gathered in Burra to experience the delights of historic motoring at its best. The “Glorious Inefficiency” of many of the automobiles present was overcome by the determination and skill of the mechanics and drivers in attendance. On Saturday morning whilst many historic automobiles wheezed their way to Farrell Flat a few purred along the bitumen to a wonderful Lunch at Galley’s Meeting House and Café. Sally and Garry Fieldhouse, (NARC members) didn’t just re-virtual the assembled crowd, they provided a sumptuous lunch fit for the drivers and passengers of the long forgotten ‘Kings of the Road’.

A visit to the historic Burra Show later that afternoon gave ample opportunity to try a stick of candy floss and all the fun of a country show. This was just the exercise some of us needed to tackle the ‘Grand Re-enactment Dinner’ at the Burra Hotel. Some patrons, dressed in period attire, their sartorial elegance was just the nostalgic touch required to take the assembled company back to their younger days - when to dress for a ride in an automobile was the order of the day.



A perfect Sunday morning saw over 40 cars line up outside the Paxton Square Cottages in lines of Veteran, Vintage and Classic ready for Mr. John Brak CEO of the Goyder Regional Council to wave us away on the adventure of the third biennial re-enactment of the first Burra to Morgan Drive held by the Burra Motor Club in 1906. We followed the exact course of those early pioneers driving across the 87km of salt-bush plain. We stopped off at the Gums Station - about half way to Morgan, for muffins

## *At the Gums Station*

and coffee. This welcome halt gave us time to meet and greet and to make final mechanical adjustments for the last section of 44kms into Morgan and down to the lawns by the River Bank. Here we were greeted by The Riverland Club (RVCCC) and the Waikerie & Districts Preservation Society with their cars, tractors and engines. Once again the Lions Club supplied a splendid lunch and the River ‘sparkled in glee’ at the sight of so many historic automobiles. To all those who joined us on the adventure we say thank you for making the weekend a memorable one.

Roger Cross



## *On the river bank at Morgan*

## BENDIGO 2010

As usual, the faithful undertook the annual pilgrimage to Bendigo for the second weekend in November again this year, in my case leaving from Port Pirie at 6am with Trevor Onn and John and Jack Mieglich aboard.

And as usual, preparations were hasty and the plan for Kenty to take the people mover with the full Pirie contingent had to be shelved at the last minute. As such it was decided we'd blaze the trail and the Walsh / Kent brigade would come later in the day after reaping / school bus driving.

Cossie was a notable absence this year – it seems he is too busy working now he has officially retired from being a copper and here we were, thinking we wouldn't be able to tell the difference!

The short drive between Pirie over the first couple of ranges of hills really showed the difference in the country – Walshy out reaping at Warnertown and the crops still with strong green colouring on the outskirts of Jamestown. The wind farm continues to grow along the range between Hallett and Burra, by which time Jack was already lost.

An uneventful trip to Bendigo followed, but after about 20 years worth of stopovers for lunch at the Ouyen Bakery, it was voted that we'd try somewhere else next year.

One thing we've also learned about Bendigo over the years is that the weather on the second weekend of November can be anything from absolutely freezing, to as windy as the South Pole (two years ago), as hot as hell (last year), or as wet as a shag, which was what was being predicted for this year.

On arrival, the rain looked like it would hold off for a few more hours, so a quick trip was made up the street to stock up for a barby – by the time we came back, the rest of our gang had started to roll into the motel – Craig Thomas, David Dunstan and Goodie from Clare, Darryl Johns and a mate he picked up along the way from Naracoorte and Barry Norman and Justin Costello from Queensland. Justin is Cossie the ex copper's son and apart from being a big bloke like his dad and starting to go grey like his dad, the resemblance stops. This guy is quiet. Merv. and Aileen Robinson and Doug and Kath Dunstan were also staying at the motel and a late evening call to Walshy confirmed that rain was definitely on the way.

A relatively early night followed so we could make an early start in the morning and on waking it was easy to decide that my motorcycling wet weather gear would be the most appropriate attire for the day. About 15mm rain had fallen overnight and there was clearly more to come.



***The road in front of the NARC site in the centre of the oval.  
This was about the best area on the grounds***



Despite the rain, people were starting to set up their stalls by 6.30 am when we arrived and the crowd was pouring through the gate much the same as usual. I guess a lot of people were like us and had their accommodation booked for the year ahead and to secure a site for next year, you have to book this year, all of which gives some guarantee that most people turn up. Inside the gate, conditions ranged from quite good on the oval area which had been re-seeded and was well grassed, to not bad in the area above the oval, to pretty bad around the soft track around the edge of the oval, to downright terrible in the lower animal stalls area where it was a complete quagmire. Coming a few days after Remembrance Day, a bloke I know said it was designed to remind us of the battle fields of France during winter. The good thing was I didn't hear anyone whinge about the weather – people in that part of the world were still appreciative of the fact that water supplies were being replenished.



***Craig Thomas looking pleased with a present he found for Pauleen***

As far as great finds go, I don't think anyone from NARC came bounding back to the site to announce they'd found something they'd been searching years for. However Jack bought a small Prestolite acetylene cylinder for a mutual friend in Port Pirie and I think, got it quite cheaply. Unlike English motorcycles which used an acetylene generator where water was dripped onto calcium carbide to produce acetylene lighting, the Americans used compressed gas cylinders which were clamped in place and exchanged at the local distributor when they ran out, just like your current day acetylene cylinder in your oxy-set. One thing I found out a couple of years ago when I was preparing one to be re nickel plated is that the wadding used years ago was asbestos and it all has to be removed before it goes to the plater's, which meant wearing a respirator and keeping it well dampened, during the whole operation. I hasten to add the asbestos is still in a sealed container in the shed until the local registered dump is open one day for me to make sure it is disposed of properly.

According to Goodie, sales at the NARC site were steady and although there was light rain from time to time, it was never heavy enough to stop people walking about, but was unfortunately enough for a lot of stall-holders to have to cover up a fair proportion of what was on offer.

Graham Burgess

# Con-Red Classifieds

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