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PRESIDENT'S REPORT October 2011

Since the last report we have had two more potential members visit our September meeting, where we were all entertained by a member profile from Peter Costello – no, not that one, but our own inimitable Cossie as he is widely known. Cossie presented a heartfelt picture of his childhood, family, career path and recent developments since his “retirement”.

The 17th biennial rally of NARC took place in Burra barely two days later and all reports indicate that it was an enjoyable gathering for all attending. My sincere thanks go to all members who contributed to the smooth running of the weekend and to the generous sponsors who made possible the prizes awarded at the Saturday night dinner. I must also make public my special thanks to my wife Fran, who capably handled registrations, catering management, typing and printing- the reason being that I was rather pre-occupied with completing a certain car to enter in the rally!

The Bay to Birdwood Classic has been and gone and we are fast approaching the festive season.

NARC has a history of presenting a display at the Clare Show – please display your vehicles if at all possible on Saturday 15th October. We also have an interesting day on Sunday 23rd October, also at Clare when we visit motorcycle collections and live model trains. More details are in this Con-Rod.

Don't overlook the earlier date (November 3rd) of our November meeting, due to NARC's extensive presence at the Bendigo Swap Meet.

The traditional December meeting is the President's run on Sunday 4th December. Please refer to the separate article for details and booking arrangements.

Lastly, a reminder that Moranne Coombs is now compiling our official attendance records. While there are attendance sheets at all club functions, the onus is on individual members to let Moranne know if they have attended invitation events, eg. Bay to Birdwood, All American Day, etc. These events count towards annual NARC club awards, but only if Moranne is advised soon after the event.

Safe motoring

John Birrell

October	13th	Meeting Pt Broughton Golf Club 8 pm – Guest speakers Eileen Russell and Brian Prior "Sustainable Housing - our experience"
	15th	Clare Show - Narc display, vehicles required , Contact Graham Goode.
	23rd	Shed Day in Clare details page 9
November	3rd	Note earlier date: Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club 8 pm Guest Speaker: John Hillard – flying light aircraft from America to Australia.
	29th	Con-Rod .. deadline for article submission
December	4th	President's Run Crystal Brook – Laura see page 9 for details
<u>2012</u>		
January	12th	Blyth Cinema Night Tea provided.
February	1st	Con-Rod - deadline for article submission
	5th	Rusty Park (Peter Faint) Open Day
	9th	Meeting at Goode Restorations, New Road, Clare 8 pm – Workshop night – members contributions
March	3rd & 4th	Power of the Past – Mt. Barker
	8th	Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club. 8 pm Film night - 2010 Transport Hall of Fame parade.
	18th	Clare Swap Meet
	25th	Booleroo Steam & Traction Rally
	31st	Laura Folk Fair (first day)
April	1st	Laura Folk Fair (second day)
	2nd	Con-Rod - deadline for article submission
	12th	Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club. 8 pm Film night.
	15th	Shed Day Port Pirie
May	10th	Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club. 8 pm Peter Eaton's China Rally.
	28th	Con-Rod - deadline for article submission
June	14th	Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club. 8 pm Identification & film night
	9th, 10th, 11th	Camp-out Weekend - Victor Harbour? TBA
July	12th	Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club. 8 pm AGM
	??	Run/Shed day date to be decided.

August	1st	Con-Rod - deadline for article submission
	9th	Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club. 8 pm
	26th	Shed Day Merv Robinson and Presentation Lunch.
October 13th & 14th		The Burra to Morgan event will be held over these two days.

Invitation Events

September	25th	Bay – Birdwood Classic Run
January	23rd	All Holden Day Wigley Reserve, Glenelg. 9am – 4pm Ph 0418 848 234
February	12th	All British Day Uraidla Showgrounds/Oval. Featured clubs ..Jaguar 11am-3pm \$6 www.allbritishday.com ph 8339 3573
	19th	All American Day Tilley Reserve, Fairview Park. 8264 9556
March	25th	Booleroo Steam & Traction Rally

Swap Meets

November	12 & 13th	Bendigo swap meet
January	22nd	Hahndorf, Hahndorf oval. Sellers 6am \$10 Buyers 8am \$3 Ph 0429 959 009 Bill
March	18th	Clare, at showgrounds \$5 7.30 am Contact Graham Goode gooderestorations@bigpond.com 8842 3731 8842 2417 ah
	26th	Woodside, at oval. Sellers 6.30 am \$10 Buyers 7 am \$3 Doug Mansell 0428 526 362
	29th	Valley Rodders Tanunda Oval. Sellers 6.30am \$10.00 Buyers 7.30am \$3.00 ph 0432 653 796
May	27th	Kapunda at the Trotting Track, Sellers 7am Buyers 8am Rodney Whenan 8562 3155 kapharn@yahoo.com.au .
June	TBA	Sedan at recreation park sellers 7.00am \$10 buyers 8.00 \$3 Dennis McCarthy 8565 2126
July	31st	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

Other events of interest

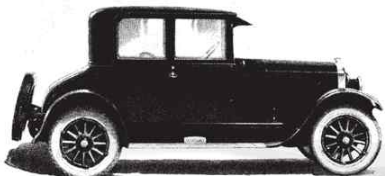
November	5 & 6th	Extreme Auto Expo, Wayville Showgrounds.
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For more information on most of above... www.bevenyoung.com.au swap meets
Please advise the Editor if we have missed any events that occur regularly so we can include them in next years calendar.

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Chapter Reps are Chairman and Secretary.

Kapunda Calendar

Oct 23 rd	Murray Mallee Car Club anniversary. Meet Hill Street 9.00am. Visit Silver Lea homestead, Swan Reach. Food stalls available. Numbers to Malcolm.
Oct 28 th	Chapter meeting, 8.00 pm, Lutheran Church hall, South Terrace, Kapunda.
Nov 13 th	Visit St Kilda Tram Museum. Picnic Lunch. Leave Hill St 9.00am.
Nov 13 th	Chapter meeting, 8.00 pm, Lutheran Church hall, South Terrace, Kapunda.
Dec 4 th	Presidents run, NARC
Dec 10 th	Xmas Dinner, Clare Castle hotel, 6.00 pm. Numbers to Brian Q'Loughlin.
Dec 16 th	Kapunda Xmas street event
Dec ?	Riverton Xmas event

Kapunda Chapter weekend to Victor Harbour

The Chapter members left Hill Street at 11.00am on Friday August 26th, destination Lobethal, via Gawler, One Tree Hill, Kersbrook, Chain of Ponds and Cuddle Creek.

We spotted Fred and Marlene heading towards us in the Main Street of Gawler, everyone waved and made an attempt to show their error that they were heading in the wrong direction. We continued on, the scenery along the way was beautiful and native shrubs had recovered after the drought.

Lunch stop was at Lobethal Bakery where Fred and Marlene caught up with the group. Everyone would have liked to have an ice cream after lunch, so many varieties to choose, all home made, but sadly our eyes were bigger than our stomachs

We departed Lobethal heading to Victor Harbour via Nairne, Mt. Barker, Strathalbyn and Middleton arriving at the Victor Harbour Beachfront Caravan Park.

Accommodation was Ensuite Studio's, which were recently built and well appointed. BBQ tea was held in their Camp Kitchen, everyone had supplied either a Salad or Sweet. Evening entertainment was held in the Park Meeting Room. Dale and Dianne provided sheets with pictures and we all had to work out the name of the town it represented, resulting in a lively debate regarding some of the answers.

Saturday's Breakfast was held in the Camp Kitchen consisting of Bacon, Eggs and Toast, with everyone contributing to the preparation and clean-up.

Departed Caravan Park at 9.30am to visit Dennis Martin's collection of vehicles in Victor Harbour. It is an excellent presentation of restored vehicles, well set out and included numerous Models and Automotive Memorabilia.

We departed at 11.30 am and travelled to Goolwa for lunch. This was free time for people to have lunch and than do their own thing. After returning to the Caravan Park some people had a quiet relax while others walked along the beach.

The meal on Saturday evening was held at the Victor Harbour Hotel, where most chose the Smorgasbord, which included three choices of meat and either vegetables or salad. After dinner we returned to the Caravan Park.

Sunday morning saw us pack up and head off to visit Don Blesing's collection of cars, trucks, tractors, engines and farm machinery The ladies went inside to view a collection of dressed dolls, prams and jigsaw puzzles, which had been framed.

We departed and travelled to Yankalilla Hotel for a leisurely Lunch. After an enjoyable lunch we departed and everyone headed for home.

Many thanks to Rob and Ena for organising the weekend and Dale and Dianne for organising the Entertainment and to the members who attended.

Jean and Ray

A Day in Jaguar Heaven

By Terry Rule

On the 27th August, an expectant band of just under 30 enthusiasts, classic car lovers (and even some relatively sane people) met up in Adelaide Road, Kapunda and ventured forth to the Lindner Jaguar Museum workshop and display building in Tanunda. As well as the "usual suspects" our group was given added variety and quality with the inclusion of Brian Haines' excellent looking Rover TC2000, Mick and Jess Parker's Statesman and Glen Schumacher's Hudson "Pacemaker" (a.k.a. the "Stepsides" model).

The Saturday mornings activities were slightly delayed while we awaited the arrival of Dale and Di in the Palamountain Mk5 (who, it transpired, had been in turn concerned re the progress of Ray and Jean Edwards in the Model T), but eventually, as is the way of these things when dealing with the wonderful vehicles of yore, all arrived and we stepped into what to me was "Heaven".

Carl Lindner himself had kindly re-arranged his Saturday football following schedule to guide us through his wonderful collection of "Cats" (dating from the early thirties in the form of the SS100 up to the more commonly seen XJ6s of relatively recent years) and he gave an informative and interesting history of the different marques. Personally, I was a little surprised to find no Mk5 1,5,7,8,9,10 or 420G represented anywhere, but he obviously has a fascination for the more compact of the breed.



An SS100

And there were some beautiful examples thereof (including the wonderful sporty XKs 120, 40 and 50, my favourites from a day in 1953 when the big red nose of a 120 beckoned a 7 year old lad from the country as he passed by the Adelaide Fire Station.

He's never been the same since.). An E type or four here, a Daimler or two there had my phone camera clicking (now that I've figured out how it works. The first time or two I photographed myself, not a good look!). All housed in air conditioned comfort.

Just to prove he is not entirely Jaguar fixated, there was an unusual interloper or two in the collection in the form of a Lincoln Zephyr "Sloper" from the forties (supposedly having been owned at some stage by Frank Nitty, Al Capone's one time enforcer) and a Garford truck, a name I'm sure that, like many others there, I'd never heard of. Oh and did I mention the little matter of the legendary C and D types being represented (or authentic replicas thereof – if that isn't an oxymoron – the most valuable in the whole collection.).



circa 1917 Garford Truck

Chairman Dale then thanked Carl very appropriately on our behalf and presented him with a token of our appreciation (what do you give a man who has 34 Jaguars?). From there, most of us retired to the Valley Hotel for a quite enjoyable meal and reflected on the "Lindner Collection" and what the upkeep of such a passion must entail. My plain old Mk2 without wire wheels did not seem to be running so smoothly on the way home. My imagination? Perhaps.

C.U. at the next one RRTJ

(Not sure of the rumour RRTJ stands for Raving Reporter T.J.Rule.!! Sub-ed)
(photos included to illustrate vehicles only. Not taken at above collection. Ed)

OLD CAR DAY, SEPT 1st, BETHANY

The event was again organized by the Gawler Club. The vehicles from both city and country clubs converged on Bethany to celebrate our appreciation of old cars.

Members of the Kapunda Chapter met at 'Map the Miner' before travelling as a group to Bethany. It was a beautiful day, just ideal for a picnic. We travelled via Greenock and Nuriootpa. We found a great grassed area, surrounded by trees and room to park our cars for display. The day was perfect for a picnic lunch and we enjoyed sitting in the warming sun and participating in good food and good conversation.

After lunch there was plenty to do as there were around 150 cars on display. The wide range and variety of vehicles provided interesting viewing and discussion for most of the afternoon. Some 12 members attended.

Fred and Marlene Austin A95
Brian and Deanna Sunbeam-Talbot 90
Peter and Raelene Rover P6B
Dale and Dianne Jaguar Mk 5

Also Malcolm, Brian O and Brian and Irene, attended in their modern classics

Brian Haines



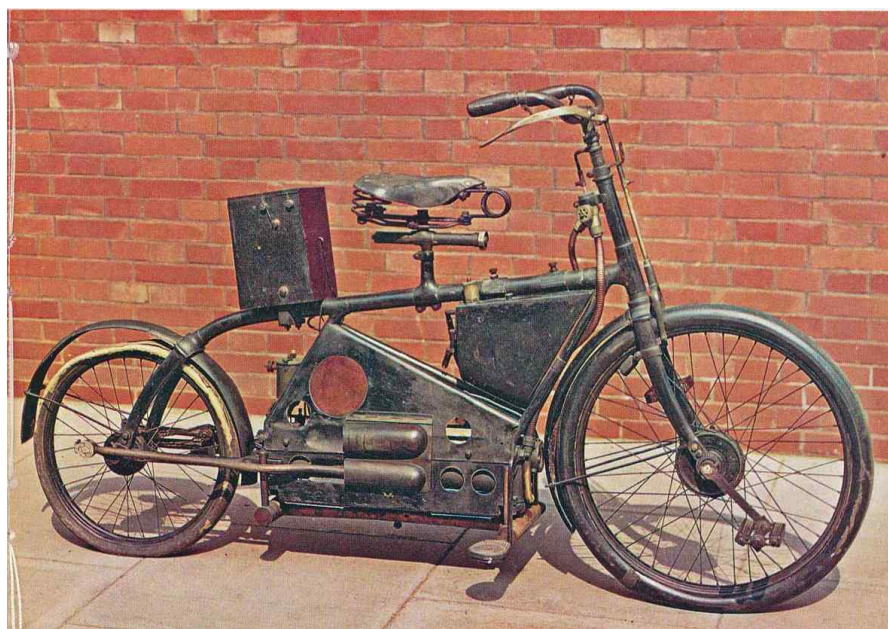
Some members cars on display at Bethany on Old Car Day.

The First Holden? 1897

The first petrol motor bicycle was patented and constructed by Daimler in 1885, but it was not until about ten years later that serious attempts were made to produce a practical machine of this type.

The motorcycle illustrated was patented by **General Holden** in 1896.

The engine has four horizontal air-cooled cylinders 2.125 in dia. by 4.5 in. stroke, placed two in line at each side and incorporated in the frame. The pistons of each pair of cylinders are in one piece and directly connected with parallel overhung cranks on the axle of the rear driving wheel. The pistons always move together, but there is an impulse at every stroke. The cylinders are steel tubes, fitted into recesses formed in the cylinder head castings at each end which contain the valves. Slots are cut through the cylinder walls at mid-length to permit the passage of the crosshead pin. The pistons are fitted with three spring rings and an asbestos ring. The inlet and exhaust valves are placed one above the other, the former being automatic and the latter operated by rocking levers moved by cams on a longitudinal shaft driven by a chain and worm gearing from the driving axle. The carburettor is the surface type and consists of a tank containing the petrol, through which the air passes on its way to the mixing valve mounted on the head tube of the frame. The ignition is by battery and coil.



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From "Motorcycles"

A Science Museum illustrated booklet.

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Brian Beyer

Clare Shed day October 23rd

Meet 10.30am at David and Carolyn Dunstan's, Stanley Flat Near the racecourse.

Look for the Narc sign. Morning tea and a look at David's motorbike collection.

About 12.00 we will move onto Melrose Park (next to the Country Club) for a club provided BBQ at the

Model Engineers, Lakeside Railway. Please contact Graham Goode on 8842 3731 (work) or 8842 2417 (home) by Thursday 20th with numbers. No need to bring anything ... all will be provided including chairs and tables etc. Train rides will be available at \$2 ea. Follow train rides signs from Main North Road and onto Farrell Flat Rd.

After lunch we will move onto view Colin Jay's motor bikes at Penwortham look for Narc signs.

For those who aren't motorcycle fans (heathens??) another tour will be organised. (possibly an open garden).

President's Run Sunday 4th December 2011

This year's run will again be a rather informal affair to allow for all possible weather conditions. Approximate times are:-

From 9.30am Meet at Bowman Park, Crystal Brook, for morning tea. Please bring cups and chairs. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Bowman Park is located just North of Crystal Brook and is best approached from the sealed road heading for Gladstone via Huddleston.

10.30am Leave for Gladstone via Huddleston. Time at Gladstone to visit the Tourist Information Centre, then drive to Laura.

11.30am Tour of Golden North Ice Cream factory at Laura. Complimentary sample of arguably Australia's best ice cream.

12.45pm Lunch at North Laura Hotel. Good, basic pub fare. Choice of steak, fish or schnitzel plus salad bar.

After lunch, perhaps visit the antique shops or have another Golden North ice cream at De Cafe.

If you don't mind unsealed roads, Fran and John welcome you to drop in to Beetaloo Valley for a cuppa on your way home.

For tour and catering bookings, it is essential that you advise Fran and John of your intention to join us no later than Thursday 24th November. 8636 2333

We look forward to your company on the day!

NARC Rally, 10-11th Sept. 2011

Thirty cars offering a 60-year showcase of motoring took part in NARC's 17th Biennial Rally at Burra.

Participants gathered at Paxton Square Cottages, where many were staying, to register before heading off on a grand parade through Burra.

The first stop was morning tea at the Robertstown Bowling Club, making Robertstown a busy place as it was also hosting the North Eastern football and netball preliminary finals. Then it was off to Eudunda for a spectacular lunch in the town hall catered by the committee members of the Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery. This busy group regularly caters for visitors and provide guides on visiting tour buses as they travel the Colin Thiele Drive, named after the famous children's author of books including Storm Boy, Sun on the Stubble and Blue Fin. The group also has a heritage display in the gardens, run a heritage gallery and conduct family research. Committee member Dot Bonner said the rich history of the Eudunda area was the secret to the success of the group.

After a look through the gallery, the rally headed onto Saddleworth to visit the magnificent museum, including the new tractor and machinery shed, hosted by Ross and Laurice Vater.

Trophies were announced at the rally dinner at the Burra Sports Club on Saturday night, which was catered for by the Burra Golf Club ladies. Andrew and Patsy Weckert were announced as the winners of the observation trial, devised by John and Fran Birrell. A water softener donated by rally sponsor Blackmore Power and Water was auctioned by Craig Thomas, who also auctioned a selection of copper ornaments purchased for table centres.

The dinner venue was decorated with balloons in the NARC colours of black and orange.

The rally concluded with a breakfast at Paxton Square on Sunday and visits to the local collections of Les Warnes and David and Lyn Simpson.

Trophy Winners

Vintage to 1930
Craig and
Pauleen Thomas
- Buick



Classic 46-60
Mike & Molly
Osborne - Alvis

In Front
Classic 61-78
Chris Whittall
Torana SLR



Danielle Brook and Jonathon Hancock
1928 Ford model A



Colin Kaehne and Andrew Weckert helping
Ivan Venning ..like the previous Rally??



Ross Vogt and Moranne Coombs chatting.



Classic 31-45, & People's Choice
Merv & Aileen Robinson - Auburn

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THE GRAY

President John Birrell is well known for his love of unusual vehicles such as his collection of Haflinger vehicles, a lightweight four-wheel-drive which was initially built for the Austrian Army to handle heavy loads over difficult terrain.

So Narc members and his wife Fran, probably weren't terribly surprised when he purchased a 1923 Gray Buckboard at the clearing sale of the late Don Wilsdon's Geralka Rural Farm in March 2010. Gray automobiles were manufactured by the Gray Motor Corporation in Detroit, Michigan, from 1922-26 in a failed attempt to win a share of the mass market dominated by the Model T Ford. Many of the Gray employees were former Ford employees and the Gray had similar engine and chassis features to the Model T.

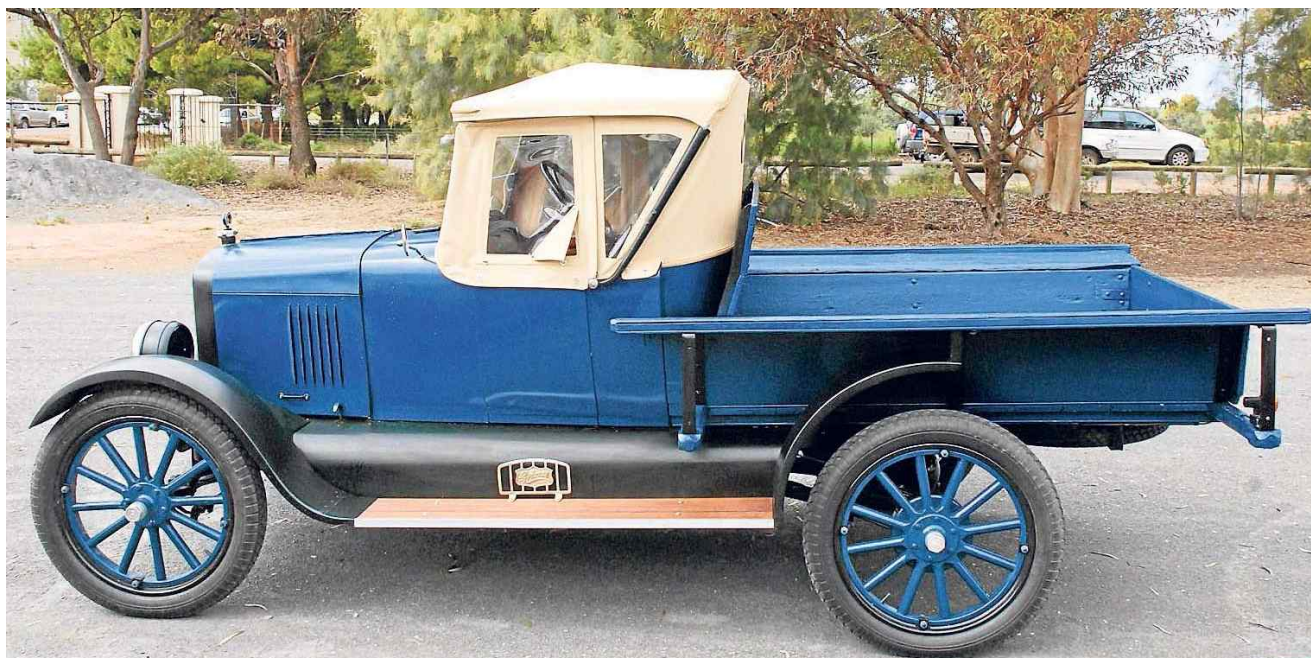
However it wasn't the rare nature of the Gray which initially attracted John to the Gray at the Geralka clearing sale. "It was just the fact that it was such a complete vehicle," he said.

He began researching the Gray and sourcing parts, travelling to Canberra for a large trailer load of parts left over from a project where a Gray had been built from parts.

Remarkably the Gray was completed just in time for the NARC Rally at Burra and it successfully completed the trip from Burra to Eudunda and Saddleworth, before returning to Burra – quite a distinction given that it was the oldest vehicle in the rally.

What will replace the 'Gray Report' at Narc meetings in the future?

Stories p10 & above
courtesy Northern Argus and David Wright



Con-Rod Classifieds

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