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## **President's Report 2010-2011**

Another year has been added to NARC's history and I am pleased to report that in all aspects we can be justifiably proud of our achievements.

Our Annual General Meeting resulted in all positions being filled and an enthusiastic committee elected to plan the coming year.

The August meeting had David Eyre recounting stories from his many years of commercial flying and instructing. NARC was represented by several members at the Crystal Brook Show. Jill Lamont entertained us at the September meeting with her experiences as a truck driver. The annual Presentation Lunch at Belalie Creek Restaurant followed an educational tour of a working wind farm and another still under construction.

A large fleet of NARC vehicles attended the Jamestown Show on the October holiday Monday, well supporting the theme of Rural Transport.

The following weekend was the Burra to Morgan Heritage Drive organized by our Burra members and well supported by other clubs as well as own. The favourable feedback which followed indicates that the 2012 event is also likely to be well attended and deserves our planning and operational support.

The October meeting was a film night at the Pt. Broughton Golf Club.

November's meeting was a return to the club by David Chantrell to further enlighten us about Henry Ford and his products and he amazed all present with the depth of knowledge he has amassed on the subject.

December was the customary President's Run held on a rather warm day. An enjoyable short tour of the Broughton River region was followed by a leisurely lunch at the Redhill Hotel.

The now regular tea and Cinema Night at Blyth in January was again an outstanding success with the theatre nearly at capacity to enjoy "The Big Steal" – an Australian classic with a motoring theme.

The February workshop night at Goode Restorations took the form of displays and demonstrations by members and the attendance and feedback proved the popularity of the format. This was closely followed by a Shed Day to catch up with recent developments at the Kadina Farm Shed Museum, followed by a visit to Allan and Claire's amazing household of yesterday living displays.

March saw a NARC contingent mount a display for Power of the Past at Mt. Barker, returning with four trophies including the Best Club Display. The monthly meeting was a Nostalgia night for long-term members, with the replay of the 1985 NARC trip to Alice Springs. Newer members tried to identify the participants! The annual Clare Swap Meet was as successful as usual, thanks to the rain holding off long enough to allow this.

April had NARC members represented at the Laura Folk Fair, with the meeting being a Member's Profile. Brian Beyer gave an insight to his interesting and varied past.

The May meeting was the World Premiere of Whippets for Wishes III, Peter Eaton's latest film of his epic Kimberley's trip.

June's meeting took the form of a film and identification night, with an amazing collection of items, most of which baffled all members present. The so-called Camp-out Weekend at Kapunda provided the opportunity to become more involved with our Kapunda Chapter members. A full program of visits to museums, local historical sites, Kapunda members collections and various eateries plus much socializing made for an enjoyable weekend.

NARC vehicles are also displayed at the many marque events held during the year, both locally and interstate.

Reflecting on the year's activities, I believe it is the variety of our program that makes NARC so enjoyable, plus the dedication of those members who willingly give their support. Special thanks must go to Secretary Pat, Treasurer Merv, Editors Dean and Sue, Historic Registrars David and Darkie, Swap Meet Coordinator Graham and all the Committee members who pitch in with their ideas. Dean's efforts in producing the updated club register must also be recognized. The variety of vehicles in our club is amazing. My particular vote of thanks goes to Past President Graham for his mentoring and willingness to answer all my questions that frequently arise. I thank all members for your support – without you the club would not exist.

I am confident that the 2011-2012 Committee will continue the tradition of success that is NARC, and I wish them well.

## JULY Update

The Annual General meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> was well attended and I thank members for their confidence in re-electing me for the second year of my term. On behalf of all members I welcome Moranne Coombs to the position of Vice-President and congratulate all other office bearers and committee members on their re-election. The committee met on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July and has planned the next year's program. The Kapunda Chapter has discussed their program with me to ensure that major outings do not clash and they also plan to keep up the busy schedule they have enjoyed in recent years. Popular regular meeting formats have been retained, while a few new ideas have been proposed as well.

May I take this opportunity to give members a few reminders:-

Membership subscriptions fall due on July 1<sup>st</sup> each year and the club extends a "grace period" until the end of the month. After July 31<sup>st</sup>, subscriptions are technically overdue and as **current** club membership is a condition of Historic Registration, please don't jeopardize your vehicle's registration by delaying your membership payment. Also don't forget that club by-laws require members to attend at least 3 events listed on the calendar to qualify for Historic Registration. Members who have been in the club at least 5 years are exempt from this requirement.

It appears that the cost of vehicle log books supplied to NARC may rise from \$2.00 to \$5.00. The committee has decided that in future when a new log book is required (every 4 years) it will be on a user-pays basis rather than the club absorbing the cost as has been past practice. Please send \$2.00 with your old log book when this situation arises. We will let you know if there is any price rise.

Life Membership of NARC was discussed by the committee and this honour has apparently never been awarded, despite previous nominations. Members are reminded that the club's constitution makes provision for Life Membership and nominations can be made at any time via any committee member.

Last reminder - Registrations for the Burra Rally next month close on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August. Have you sent yours yet?

Since our last Con-Rod, several member families have lost loved ones. Our condolences and fellowship go out to:-

Eileen Dawes and family upon Glen's passing

Graham Hore who recently lost his wife

Merv Smitham, whose daughter recently passed away.

Safe motoring

John Birrell

## New Members

NARC welcomes new members ;

John Reed from Clare

Brian Harris from Wallaroo

David Holmes from Saddleworth who has a FE Holden

Marius Venz from Laura who has a 59 Borgward Isabella

Robert Napper from Pt Pirie who has an AP5 Valiant.

## **NARC Calendar 2011 - 2012**

- August**     11<sup>th</sup>   Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club. 8 pm Guest Speaker: Don Springbett  
From a Pacific island to outback SA via Clare.
- 13<sup>th</sup>   Crystal Brook Show
- 21<sup>st</sup>   NARC Presentation Lunch Port Hughes details page 9
- September**   8<sup>th</sup>   Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club. 8 pm Guest Speaker: Peter Costello
- 10 – 11<sup>th</sup>.   NARC Rally at Burra. Details in May-June Con-Rod
- 25<sup>th</sup>   Bay to Birdwood Classic 1956 – 77 vehicles
- October**       3<sup>rd</sup>   Jamestown Show
- 3<sup>rd</sup>   Con-Rod .. deadline for article submission.
- 13<sup>th</sup>   Meeting Pt Broughton Golf Club 8 pm – Guest speaker
- 15<sup>th</sup>   Clare Show - Narc display, vehicles required , Contact Graham Goode.
- 23<sup>rd</sup>   Shed Day in Clare details page 9
- November**    3<sup>rd</sup>.   ***Note earlier date:*** Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club 8 pm  
Guest Speaker: John Hillard – flying aircraft from America to Australia.
- 29<sup>th</sup>   Con-Rod .. deadline for article submission
- December**    4<sup>th</sup>   President's Run

## **2012**

- January**       12<sup>th</sup>   Blyth Cinema Night Tea provided.
- February**      1<sup>st</sup>   Con-Rod - deadline for article submission
- 5<sup>th</sup>   Rusty Park (Peter Faint) Open Day
- 9<sup>th</sup>   Meeting at Goode Restorations, New Road, Clare 8 pm – Workshop night –  
members contributions
- March**        3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>   Power of the Past – Mt. Barker
- 8<sup>th</sup>   Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club. 8 pm  
Film night - 2010 Transport Hall of Fame parade.
- 18<sup>th</sup>   Clare Swap Meet
- 25<sup>th</sup>   Booleroo Steam & Traction Rally
- 31<sup>st</sup>   Laura Folk Fair (first day)

<b>April</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Laura Folk Fair (second day)
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Con-Rod - deadline for article submission
	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club. 8 pm Film night.
	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	Shed Day Port Pirie
<b>May</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club. 8 pm Peter Eaton's China Rally.
	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	Con-Rod - deadline for article submission
<b>June</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club. 8 pm Identification & film night
	<b>9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Camp-out Weekend - Victor Harbour? TBA
<b>July</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club. 8 pm <b>AGM</b>
	<b>??</b>	Run/Shed day ..... date to be decided.
<b>August</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Con-Rod - deadline for article submission
	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club. 8 pm
	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	Shed Day Merv Robinson and Presentation Lunch.
<b>October 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 14<sup>th</sup></b>		The Burra to Morgan event will be held over these two days.

### **Invitation Events**

<b>September</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	Bay – Birdwood Classic Run
<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>12<sup>th</sup></b>	All British Day Uraidla Showgrounds/Oval. Featured clubs ..Jaguar 11am-3pm \$6 <a href="http://www.allbritishday.com">www.allbritishday.com</a> ph 8339 3573
	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	All American Day Tilley Reserve, Fairview Park. 8264 9556
<b>March</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	Booleroo Steam & Traction Rally

### **Swap Meets**

<b>August</b>	<b>21st</b>	Willunga, Sunday 7.00am-12noon at Willunga Sale Yards. ph: Graham, 0412 578 188
<b>September</b>	<b>11th</b>	Gawler at showgrounds (Princes Park) sellers 6-30 am \$20 .. 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>2nd</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
<b>November</b>	<b>12 &amp; 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Bendigo swap meet
<b>January</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Hahndorf, Hahndorf oval. Sellers 6am \$10 Buyers 8am \$3 Ph 0429 959 009 Bill
<b>March</b>	<b>18<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>26<sup>th</sup></b>	Woodside, at oval. Sellers 6.30 am \$10 Buyers 7 am \$3 Doug Mansell 0428 526 362
	<b>29th</b>	Valley Rodders Tanunda Oval. Sellers 6.30am \$10.00 Buyers 7.30am \$3.00 ph 0432 653 796
<b>May</b>	<b>27th</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>June</b>	<b>TBA</b>	Sedan at recreation park sellers 7.00am \$10 buyers 8.00 \$3 Dennis McCarthy 8565 2126
<b>July</b>	<b>31st</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

### **Other events of interest**

<b>September</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Toop & Toop Rock n Roll Festival Victor Harbor
	<b>24 –25<sup>th</sup></b>	Riverland Hit 'N' Miss Rally - includes vintage tractor pull, engines working machinery and shearing demonstrations. Catering. Benson Park 13km east of Waikerie on Sturt Hwy For info. Rex 8541 3907, Erica 8541 3767.
<b>November</b>	<b>5 &amp; 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Extreme Auto Expo, Wayville Showgrounds.

For more information on most of above... [www.bevenyoung.com.au](http://www.bevenyoung.com.au) swap meets

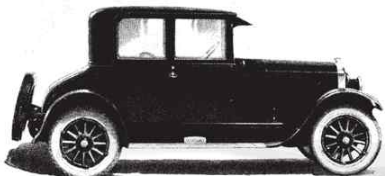
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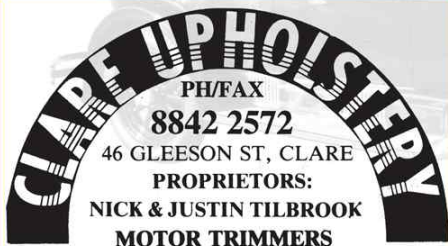
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Chapter Reps are Chairman and Secretary.

We have had our AGM and the above people were elected for the current year

With regret, we have to announce Geoff Fahlbusch has recently had a stroke. Geoff is currently recovering in Hampstead Centre. We wish Geoff a healthy recovery and our thoughts are very much with him

### Kapunda Calendar for 2011 – 2012

September 1 <sup>st</sup>	A Tuesday. Old Car Day. Meet at Map the Miner at 10.30am for run to Bethany for BYO picnic lunch.
September 10 – 11 <sup>th</sup>	NARC rally Burra (refer NARC calendar)
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Chapter meeting, 8.00 pm, Lutheran Church hall, South Terrace, Kapunda.
October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrray Mallee Car Club Anniversary. Visit Silver Lea homestead, our side of Swan Reach Ferry. Food stalls available. Meet 9.00am Hill Street, Kapunda. Numbers to Dale (85811071) or Malcolm (85662503).
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter meeting, 8.00 pm, Lutheran Church hall, South Terrace, Kapunda.
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Run to St Kilda Trams. Picnic lunch Dale organising. ( Venue may be revised if weather is unsuitable).
November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter meeting, 8.00 pm, Lutheran Church hall, South Terrace, Kapunda.
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Presidents Run (NARC Calendar)
December ? <sup>th</sup>	Xmas Lunch. Date and venue to be announced nearer Xmas.
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Kapunda Street Party.
December ? <sup>th</sup>	Riverton Town Xmas Party
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Blyth Cinema (NARC Calendar)
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Australia Day Run (a Thursday). Gawler's turn
January 27 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter meeting, 8.00 pm, Lutheran Church hall, South Terrace, Kapunda.
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	A Thursday. Workshop night, Clare
February	Twilight Run
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter meeting, 8.00 pm, Lutheran Church hall, South Terrace, Kapunda.



March ?	Brian Haines to organize a mid week run.
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Clare Swap Meet.
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Chapter meeting, 8.00 pm, Lutheran Church hall, South Terrace, Kapunda.
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Port Pirie Shed day (NARC Calendar)
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Anzac day run
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter meeting, 8.00 pm, Lutheran Church hall, South Terrace, Kapunda.
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Eaton China Trip (Thursday. NARC meeting)
May 18 -20 <sup>th</sup>	Weekend away. Morgan area. Committee organising.
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter meeting, 8.00 pm, Lutheran Church hall, South Terrace, Kapunda.
June	Catered Lunch. Date and Venue to be announced. Jean Burns organising
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Chapter meeting, 8.00 pm, Lutheran Church hall, South Terrace, Kapunda.
July	Around the sheds and with a pub lunch. Committee to organize.
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	A.G.M. 8.00 pm, Lutheran Church hall, South Terrace, Kapunda.
August	Local picnic or Barbecue.
August 24 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter meeting, 8.00 pm, Lutheran Church hall, South Terrace, Kapunda.
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	NARC presentation Lunch, Whyte Yarcowie – Merv Robinsons.

Short notice additional outings could see old cars out more – especially mid week. Please feel free to make suggestions. The executive has sought to increase Parent/Chapter involvement. Some parent activities and speakers have been noted. Remember, chapter members are welcome at parent events.

### **Progressive Lunch**

By Dale Palamountain

This was a most enjoyable day beginning by gathering at Woodcock's for a check of the garden, the shed, the studio and then the primary purpose, a variety of soups and bread rolls. The sun continued to shine as we progressed to Palamountain's house where the main course was enjoyed. The guests again chose to eat outside despite the unprepared back verandah to soak up more balmy air. Various conversations followed on from the first stop.

Eventually we drove on to Riverton via Saddleworth where Jean Burns was busy preparing gourmet deserts and coffee. Conversation ensued, interrupted only by men visiting the shed. Two dozen people went home well satisfied.

Special thanks to the ladies. Irene for top soups and I suspect, home made tasty rolls. Dianne for casseroles. Jean for sweets and for missing the first two courses to prepare "those" sweets.

**NARC Presentation Dinner****21<sup>st</sup> August****Port Hughes Tavern 12 Noon for 12.30.****MENU****MAIN COURSE**

Roast Turkey  
 Butter Fish / Prawn combo.  
 Lime Garlic Chicken

**DESSERT**

Pavlova  
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Please advise Pat Fiedler of numbers and meal order on 8842 1075  
 no later than Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August.  
 Cost \$20.00 per head.

**Clare Shed day October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Meet 10.30am at David and Carolyn's.

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. 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.

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

For those who aren't motorcycle fans (heathens??) another tour will be organised

**Kernewek Lowender Cavalcade of cars**

On Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> of May I went to Wallaroo to the silos complex to see the cavalcade of cars. Just after 10 am the vehicles started leaving with the motorcycles and veteran and commercial vehicles first. About 20 or 30 cars had gone through the starting point when a friend of mine Alan Pitchers from Booleroo Centre pulled up in his 1926 Gardner and asked me whether I would like a ride in his car.. It was very cold sitting in the back seat as he had no side curtains and the wind was blowing all over me but I still enjoyed going on the run.

It was good to see all the people lining up in the streets and on the side of the road waving to the drivers as they went past. It is nearly as good as going in the Bay to Birdwood run.

Alan asked me to pick out a car for a trophy from Graham Goode of Clare for vehicles between 1920 and 1940. I picked out a 1938 Buick convertible.  
 The was the best day I have had in my life and I doubt that I'll ever get another opportunity to ride in such a rare car let alone pick out a car for a trophy.

Leon Darley

## **KAPUNDA CAMP OUT.**

On Friday June 10th members began arriving at the Kapunda Tourist Park for a relaxed weekend of social activities. The cabins were roomy and comfortable and the setting was very nice with garden areas around each cabin., the weather was cold so the air conditioners were appreciated.

About 6.45pm we began talking about food and decided to go to the Sir John Franklin Hotel for our meal. A group of ten gathered at a long table then four more arrived so we added another table, then a bit later Ivan Venning came in for his meal so he joined the group for a while.

Next morning we gathered to discuss the mornings activities - three ladies wanted to go to Nuriootpa for retail therapy, five decided to visit the bakery for coffee and other goodies, others went to look around the town and nearby areas.

In time the group in the bakery grew to eleven, this group and other customers in there enjoying morning tea were entertained when Pauline rang to find out what size jeans Craig wore. Graham Burgess then had to pull down and look in the back of Craig's jeans to find the size, this task was achieved with much hilarity and the vital information was relayed to Pauline in Nuriootpa.

After looking at Kapunda's shops it was lunch time after which we went to the Museum for a look at the extensive display there. Items had an information card with details on, which was helpful and everything was clean and well set out. This was a good place to spend 2 or 3 hours which most of us did, but the day was cold and eventually we all drifted back to the cabins for a warm up.

Dinner was at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Allendale North - about 6K's from Kapunda. Our group occupied the dining room and there was much chatter while waiting for our meal. Not everyone was able to have what they ordered but we were all fed. Later, back at the cabins, several gathered in Birrell's cabin - chairs, people and nibbles came from all directions with the usual banter and laughter being exchanged until it was time for bed and we dispersed to our own cabins.



***Eleanore's healthy meal?***



***More healthy food!!***

An invitation to visit Brian and Irene Woodcock's home took several of the group there on Sunday morning to look at the Citroen collection and hear details of the restoration of these vehicles. After a look at the cars Irene invited Jan French and I inside out of the cold, this was appreciated as I for one was out of my depth with the technical information about Citroen cars. Brian and Irene had only just returned from an overseas trip so it was very generous of them to allow us to invade their place at that time.

***Brian and his cars***





After an hour or so we all moved to the mine where Malcolm Johncock took the group on a guided tour of the area after which we went on our way to have some lunch.



### ***Craig and his friend at Ross's***

Kapunda Hotel where we were joined by many members of the Kapunda Chapter, altogether there were 43 people at three tables, enjoying an exchange of conversation and stories of restorations. This was a great evening - the food was tasty and the chance to meet other members or extend friendships was a terrific opportunity for all of us.

Later, back in our cabin enjoying a quiet cuppa, there was a gentle knock on the door - Pauline was doing the rounds of cabins still showing a light and she had a container of delicious cream puffs which she wanted to share. Apparently some people were not fully dressed and looking beautiful when they answered the door.

Next morning everyone did their packing before meeting together, except Cossy who left about 6.30am to meet Julie at Adelaide Airport. Did he realise there was a For Sale sign on the rear of his car? Wonder how that got there.



drinks accompanied by the leftover biscuits and nibbles.

Finally we said our goodbyes and set out for home. Thank you to the Kapunda Chapter members for their contribution to the weekend, it was a great chance to get together. Thank you to Fran and John for organising this weekend - we look forward to another one next year.

Eleanore Beyer.



### ***The mine tour***

Following lunch most of the group went to Ross Vogt's home to look at his collection of glassware, telephones, mechanical music machines of many different types. This was an extensive display lovingly cared for in the rooms of his house.

The evening meal was at the North



### ***The morning meeting***

After we spent time chatting, in the cold, most of us set off for the Aviation Museum near Greenock. As soon as we got there we were able to make a hot drink and containers of biscuits and nibbles appeared from different cars to go with the drinks. After a talk about the museum Lincoln then took us into the building to have a look. This is another well set out and informative display, well worth visiting - there was also a gift shop which tempted some of us. Lunch was served in the shelter and we had plenty to satisfy us from the BBQ sausages, salads and bread - then more hot



## HISTORIC WINTON

On the last weekend in May each year the Austin Seven Club of Victoria hold a race meeting for historic racing cars from 1920 to 1980 at the Winton Raceway near Benalla, Victoria. As well as the racing a display of classic cars is held with different makes being featured each year.

This year was to celebrate 100 years of Chevrolet, 100 years of Stutz and Indianapolis 500, 90 years of Amilcar and Salmson, 60 years of Triumph Renown and 50 years of E type Jaguar. Around July 2010 Brian received an invitation to display our 1947 Triumph 1800 Town & Country Saloon on May 28,29 2011. When at that early stage we tried to make a booking for accommodation, we found out how popular this weekend is - eventually getting the last room in a motel in Benalla, about 6Ks from Winton. Because of the distance to travel from Laura, the Triumph was towed on a trailer and our motel proved to be the ideal place for the space needed to park two vehicles and trailer.

On Friday 27th May a tour of surrounding districts had been organised with a lunch stop at Swanpool. As we had not unloaded the Triumph before registration time we joined in at

Swanpool where we were served a delicious spit roast lunch put on by the local people. As cars arrived they lined up ready for onlookers. The local school children came along and they had their favourites, a British racing green Jaguar sports car was one, a sky blue Amilcar racing car (1925) was another. Older people didn't overlook the other cars.

After driving through some scenic country, stopping at the Tatong Hotel, which had been renovated in the style of an English Pub we arrived back in

Benalla where cars were then on display in the Council Chambers car park. Despite the cold, many people came out to have a look, one little boy, about 7, must have been told not to touch. He looked around the outside of an open top sports car then wanted to get a closer look at the dashboard, difficult when you are so small, but with arms outstretched as though he was flying he leant forward on tiptoes and was able to satisfy his curiosity. Any mother would be proud of this small sandy haired, well behaved boy. A future car enthusiast perhaps.

There was a wide variety of cars and motor bikes - the popular ones were a Jack Brabham speedway car, the 1925 Amilcar racing car a 1920 Le Zebre, (which had been found in Port Lincoln before restoration) another Amilcar, a 2 seater with dickie seat at the back. This car had no dials on the dashboard. I suppose the driver had to guess how fast the car was going. Our car was sometimes referred to as a Mayflower, much to Brian's disgust. Other later model vehicles drew the attention of some younger men. The weather was quite chilly and by 4.45pm the crowd dispersed to warmer areas, including us.

On Saturday morning we drove to Winton Raceway where we were directed to the designated parking area for display vehicles. There were three razor edge Triumphs there that day and we knew the owners of the others so caught up on news. Racing practice and time trials began early - about 8.45am so there was plenty of noise and activity around us. Races were organised for bikes and cars from 1920 onwards to 1980, why would you want to risk



***Totally English Triumph at Tatong Hotel***



***1925 Amilcar***



damaging a treasured old bike or car in a race? Racing entertained the crowd all day as did the vehicles on display, but the noise was at times, DEAFENING. Many people wandered around with ear muffs or ear plugs to protect their hearing but we were unaware of the need of these beforehand.

The day was clear and sunny a good day to be out but at 2.30pm the cold air came down like a blanket and soon we were very aware of the cold and like many others decided to join the exit line to go back to our warm motel room.

Sunday was an even earlier start, the organisers wanted as many cars as possible at the raceway by 8am. There was ice on the roof of the Triumph and it was reluctant to start but after a wipe of the inside of the distributor cap it sprang into life. Light fog awaited us when we left the motel, in one patch visibility was almost zero, but it was only a short stretch and by 9am the sun was shining through with the promise of staying with us for the day. A fourth razor edge arrived from Melbourne to make the full compliment- our 1947 model, 2 1950 models and 1 1951 model, as well we were joined by a 1938



***The four razor backs***

Triumph Gloria, these vehicles drew much interest. During the morning the organiser went around putting a pink sticker on some windscreens, all 5 Triumphs received a pink sticker which meant we were all selected to go in the parade about 1.30pm (along with many of the other featured cars and 2 motor bikes). There were some old, interesting and unusual cars on display and it took us a while to get around the different areas where they were displayed but it was worth the effort to be able to see them. Again racing began early and most of the time there was the roar of engines, we found it better to keep away from the track but then we couldn't see what was happening.

About 12.20pm we were summoned to line up in pit lane and the vehicles were then shuffled around to the organisers liking. At the appointed moment we drove onto the circuit behind the pace car (and had to stay behind the pace car all the way) as we drove past the commentator he was saying how rare the Triumph razor edge cars are these days. The size of the crowd



***1938 Gloria and the razor backs on the track***

became obvious as we drove 2 laps of the circuit at a sedate pace after which we returned to our earlier parking area. We were parked next to a 1954 Mercedes 300SL coupe with the 'gull wing' doors, what a contrast in styling, Triumph were still using the razor edge styling at that time.

For us participation in the parade was unexpected but was one of the highlights of the trip. For a car or motor bike enthusiast the Historic Winton Weekend is a great way to see some interesting vehicles and to watch these old machines doing a good job on the track- they can still go very fast.

The organization of this event is excellent and thousands of spectators attend. Anyone wanting to go to this event would be well advised to book accommodation early - also to take some good ear plugs.

Eleanore Beyer.



## THE FIFTIES

The War was over. Now, at last, they could get married and raise a family. There was a baby boom. Housing was in short supply. The newly-weds moved in with the parents. "As soon as we can save up the deposit for a house...." The house would have a flat roof, picture windows and a kitchen in fashionable pink and pale green.

There weren't enough people to build the houses. Migrants started coming from Britain. Cars drove around with GB plates on the back. New cars gradually began supplanting the pre-war fleet: Austin A40s, Vanguards, Hillmans, Singers, Morris Oxforas, Wolseleys, Ford Prefects, Mayflowers...



There was a dollar shortage. The American cars that had dominated the market before the war were now scarce and expensive. A second hand Chev or Ford V8 could cost more than the list price of a new one. Delivery times for new cars could stretch into the indeterminate future. People with money bought an Armstrong Siddeley, a Sunbeam, a Triumph Renown, a Humber, in black or cream or biscuit colour, perhaps blue or green. Some firms tried importing Continental cars – Skodas, Borgward Hansas, Peugeots, Lloyds, Fiats, Goliaths, Renaults.... "If you bought one of those Continental things you'd have to send half-way around the world for parts!" said Uncle Cedric, who drove a Ford Consul. Britain wasn't halfway around the world away. Australia was a part of Britain. "Be British – buy British – Viceroy Tea", urged the advertisements. "As English as England", the American firm of General Motors assured Vauxhall buyers. GM also started building Australia's Own Car, the Holden, with advertisements showing it driving under boughs of golden wattle. Not many knew it was a cast-off American design for the stillborn Chevrolet Cadet.



"Out with Menzies", screamed the slogans painted on bridges and old buildings. No-one heeded; Bob Menzies was unassailable. Elizabeth II was crowned Queen and toured Australia with her husband, Lord Mountbatten, the Prince of Wales. Souvenir books were published about the Royal Visit. Sir Laurence Hartnett made plans to build an all-Australian car, the Hartnett. "It's bound to be a success – after all, he got the Holden going!" predicted Uncle Cedric.

There weren't enough British migrants. They started coming from Holland, Italy, Greece; even

Germans. "They're our enemies!" declared Uncle Cedric. Refugees fleeing Communism came from Poland, Latvia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary. "I thought they were having an argument," said Cedric's wife Auntie Dot, "but they were just talking in their lingo!" They were called New Australians.



The Redex Trial captured the imagination of the whole country. Crowds lined the roads to cheer the teams on, and practical joker "Gelignite" Jack Murray, complete with gorilla mask, won it in a 1948 Ford V8. The price of 1948 Ford V8s sky-rocketed. Big firms saw the potential and entered cars backed by factory service teams; an old car never had a chance again.

Volkswagens and Peugeots dominated the following trials, but grandmother Blanche Brown in her 1927 Rolls Royce was the favourite of the public.

"I saw one of those Goliath things going round the hairpin bend at forty miles an hour!" said Uncle Cedric. "They should ban them!" The price, equal to that of a Holden, ensured that only out and out enthusiasts bought them, but a Goliath Club was started in Melbourne. The Queen Mother toured Australia and school-children were brought by bus to see her give a desultory wave from the back of a Land Rover. On the radio, Jack Davey called "Hi-ho, everybody!" and "American" Bob Dyer said, "Hello, customers!" The whole family gathered around the radio to listen to "Blue Hills".

Women bleached their hair and dyed it platinum to look like Marilyn Monroe. Children collected pictures of film stars and film stars shared the front covers of magazines with members of the Royal Family and the Sara quads. Rock music appealed to teenagers and juvenile delinquency was becoming a social problem. Hotrods and stockcar racing helped dispose of the fleet of pre-war cars, which were now being replaced by armadas of Holdens. Magazines protested about the terrible state of the nation's highways. Wolfram Block drove a Lloyd LP600 around the world, crossing the stony, unpaved track over the Nullarbor with nothing worse than tyre troubles and a broken exhaust. "It's only got two cylinders and it costs as much as a Morris Minor!" said Uncle Cedric. L.J. Harnett began assembling them in Australia, the price dropped and Lloyds became quite popular. Russia launched the Sputnik. Two-tone painted cars and light, bright colours reflected the optimistic mood of the fifties.

The whole country was titillated when Norma Sykes, better known as Sabrina, toured Australia with her bleach-blond hair and abnormally large bosom – enough to make her a star despite the absence of any other talent. "... as uncommon as wives at a Sabrina reception dinner" wrote 'Wheels' magazine about cars with four wheel independent suspension, efficient economical motors, fade-free brakes and all-synchronised four-speed gearboxes.



The uncommon car was the Borgward Isabella, and Borgwards, Goliaths, Hansas and Lloyds started to be featured in car magazines as the standard of modern design, the way the surviving German makes still are today. "It seats five in superlative comfort, and has such excellent braking and road holding qualities that the owner can indulge in fast motoring with less risk than in many a car selling for twice the price," enthused 'Wheels' about the new Goliath 1100.



"Borgward has gone broke! Anyone with one of those things should off-load it while they can!" said Uncle Cedric. So many people thought that way that prices plummeted; many good cars were broken up for parts. The fabulous fifties were over, and so was the era of one of the last truly individualistic motor manufacturers.

Marius Venz

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