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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Following our April Meeting Garry Butterfield told members of the history, preparations and support team work required for the Finke Desert Race which is held each year out from Alice Springs. Garry showed many action photos of cars and bikes racing in the red dust. I have been there and experienced the excitement, taken many photos of cars but with the bikes I only get clouds of dust.

Our speaker for May was June Cowan. June travelled to Africa. This involved raising money for the Flinders Medical Centre in Adelaide, prior to departure, and fulfilled her goal to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. June also spent time in Zambia and did volunteer work in an Orphanage, a project run by United Church all over the world.

June worked in the morning in the preschool and afternoons in the sewing room. The resilience of people living under such extreme conditions is amazing. June also visited Victoria Falls, Nairobi, Chobe and Botswana National Park. Her presentation showed some magnificent scenery and interesting people.

A large number of members and their cars attended the Anzac Day morning tea at Kapunda Memorial Gardens. Jean Burns as usual provided her tempting Anzac Biscuits. Following the leader, although some took an alternative route, we all arrived at Stockwell Hotel about the same time. Lunch was enjoyed with much friendly chatter, many making plans for the following weekend at Clare.

Our host, Robert Parker, provided accommodation and we all stayed at 'Wolta Wolta'. Friday started with a long Happy Hour prior to enjoying a barbecue meal and dessert, even though the ice cream had melted. Saturday we visited Burra and the Antique Fair, the weather was cold. Looked around many stalls prior to lunch at the "White Cedars" and then more treasure hunting in the packed school hall. Again we had an excellent evening meal, ate and drank well, and were entertained by Brian Haines on his Clarinet and Robert on his Grand Piano. Thank you for a great week-end.

The weather was good for Kelvin and Pam Stringer's Shed Day at Mundoorra. As I was travelling from Clare, Kelvin had drawn me a mud map so I could find my way. A good number attended and were kept interested with Kelvin's collection of vehicles and machinery. We all enjoyed afternoon tea. Thank you to Pam and Kelvin, our hosts for the afternoon.

Our 40th Birthday Celebration Rally will be held in August. Graham and Craig have worked hard on the planning so please support the occasion.

Please remember your Membership Subs have to be paid by the end of June, and the Club's Annual General Meeting will be on Thursday, 10th July following the normal General Meeting. I look forward to seeing you at coming events.

Safe driving.

Moranne Coombs.

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Log Book Reminder

As we approach the new club year, I'd ask members with Conditional (ie.Historic) Registration to please note that your papers again need to be presented to the Club's Registrar for endorsement to enable them to be used legally after 1st July.

The steps you need to take to allow this to happen efficiently are:-

1. Pay your subs to Mervyn Robinson ASAP (if you haven't already done so)
2. Send your signed and dated Statutory Declaration, Log Book, and current registration papers to me at the address shown below.
3. Include a return stamped addressed envelope

I'll endeavour to return your paperwork as soon as possible, however please note the following:-

- Log Books that are presented that don't have the owner's signature on the first page will be returned unprocessed, so please check that it's been done (probably the most common problem we see)
- NARC members have around 250 vehicles on the Conditional Registration Scheme. Each log book lasts for 3 years and it takes about 15 mins. work by myself to issue a new log book and maintain the records that have to be kept. That's about 20 hrs work to replace a third of them each year. To endorse the other 2/3 and update the club's records takes about 8 mins per vehicle, so there's another 20 hours.
- If I have to then address and stamp envelopes, it just takes longer and someone else ends up waiting
- If you want to call around at my place and wait while I do it - it takes even more of my time. I'd much rather receive everything by mail, or have it handed to me so I can go away, do it at my leisure and post it back to you
- If your rego is due to be renewed in July and you don't plan on using your vehicle for a while, it's probably just as easy to hold off for a couple of weeks and send in your new papers, rather than have to send everything to me twice in a short period

I'll do my best to return all books within a fortnight, but I'd suggest you pick your time to post things to me so you don't find yourself in a position where you don't have your rego papers and log book when you need them to use your car.

Graham Burgess - Conditional Registration Scheme Authorised Person (that's a mouthful!)

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CHAPTER CALENDAR

June 27th. General meeting 7.30pm.

June 28th. Sat. meet Hill street 10.15am visit Topline Restorations. Lunch at Kapunda Diner
\$15.00 per head.

July 13th. ".Christmas in July".at Gungellan Hotel Freeling. Meet Hill St.Kapunda 11.30am
then to hotel by noon for 12.30. \$16.00 per head.

July..25th A.G.M. 7.30pm.

August 9th and 10th..NARC 40th birthday rally at Crystal Brook and Clare (see parent club
calendar for details.)

Aug. 22nd. General meeting 7.30pm.

August 24th. S.A.L.A. arts festival. Details next issue.

Sept 1st.. Old Car Day Bethany.

Future events to be organised by new Committee including "25th.Anniversary Kapunda Chapter"
in November and "Australia Day"(Jan.26th) Kapunda Club to host.

As always, ideas and suggestions are most welcome to assist in ensuring variety for members .

At our March meeting our chairman Robert Parker, spoke about his life experiences, both many and varied. This included work, opportunities he grasped, involvement in entertainment and fund raising and the pleasures of doing so. We were encouraged to serve others just as his father had encouraged him. Robert has much more to tell , with some arm twisting perhaps, than what he covered at the meeting. If we tread softly and wait we may get to share more of his interesting, caring life and humour. Thank You Robert.

Dale P.

WEEKEND AT 'WOLTA WOLTA' (May 2/3/4)

Experienced by Dale Palamountain as related to our correspondent (except where the facts interfere with the story in the best journalistic tradition!).

Brian & Irene, Peter & Raelene, Moranne, Fred, Brian & Deanna, Dale & Di and our "mien host" began the weekend with quite a level of enthusiasm, 'tho' with a little trouble getting started (isn't that always the way as the years progress?!).

Basically what might once have been a day trip to Burra (or Victor) sort of "morphed" into a two-day stop-over at Clare where cabins &/or caravans were replaced (except in the Palamountain case) most enjoyably by first-class accommodation and a "Wolta Wolta" event.

The Friday eve Bar-B-Q began proceedings in a promising way with drinks, stories and "Fred-baiting" rampant 'tho' fortunately perhaps in this video/recording techno-mad world we live in, no records were kept (we hopefully trust and believe!) Additionally, the musical skills of Brian H., on the clarinet and host Robert at the piano gave an unexpected facet to the evening's enjoyment by dragging out some old favourites from the memory banks ('tho' Robert claimed a "rustiness" inhibited his technique somewhat), it was a treat to enjoy a recreation of the "way we were" entertainment-wise, when live music and sing-a-long was an important part of life when people gathered.



Brian Woodcock enjoying the music in a dignified manner

The average age of the group didn't seem to lower enjoyment levels at all ('tho' perhaps we forget the extent of our youthful staying power, best expressed in a caption I saw once along the lines of "it now takes me all night to do what I used to do all night long"!)

A silent prayer was offered up as Fred made his careful way to the loftiest room in "Wolta Wolta" and then we retired, having enjoyed an excellent night with the promise of more to come on the morrow (or was it later that day?!).

Saturday's luncheon at "White Cedars" (an "Indonesian" restaurant in Burra) with perhaps a thought for the varying tastes and tolerances of a largely 'senior citizens' type group, was not too exotic or spicy and served in stages and with a sufficiency that won general approval. The "Antique Fair" was in progress during the day and "dove-tailed" nicely with our visit. We were joined here by Robert, Ina and a visiting student boarder. Some took advantage of the "Fair", whilst others preferred the garage sales of which there were plenty from which to choose and added to the variety on offer for the day.



The cat enjoying the clarinet and piano or perhaps just the heater



Fred "said" this was just posing for the camera

Saturday evening was passed in quiet analysis of the preceding 24 hours (sometimes somewhat vaguely!)

Sunday began with a cooked breakfast for many which drifted on 'til near lunchtime as members departed in pleasant weather at their leisure, feeling quite satisfied about a most enjoyable week-end that Friday's rain and Clare's typically cold nights did not detract from at all. All this was due to the marvellous and much appreciated hosting generosity of Chairman Robert (would not like his electricity bill next time). A wonderful atmosphere in charming surroundings. Thankyou very much Robert.

RRTJ(As prompted by Dale M)

*Two "young at heart " models who are holding up pretty well ; but what prompted the pose for the camera?
(Moranne & Irene)*



23rd.May "SECONDS" FROM OUR MOST RECENT MEETING (I don't do "minutes"!)

Another interesting meeting with enough variety to satisfy 'tho' not, perhaps, in the "show and tell" mode that was intended. We learnt that our esteemed Secretary Malcolm had won "Best Oakland of Show" recently(and had an impressive trophy to prove it – well done Malc!). Visitors and new "blood" are not that common of course but this night we had one of the original founders of the Chapter – Paul Towner – present and applying for membership re-instatement, along with relatively new police officer Mark Frankdom keen to join our "merry band".

Additionally, nearing the end of reports and the few "show and tell" items, Jackie and friend who entered in the "Variety Club Bash" fund-raising car trial gave us an interesting run-down on what's involved, where they went and what happened along the way. As well as having what sounded like a great time they managed to raise \$29,000 plus, to assist some less fortunate youngsters and this led constable Mark into detailing an idea for a "Toy-Collection" type day that he and his cronies are planning for later in the year, which we can join in with. Secretary Malcolm reminded us re "Xmas in July" on the 13th (meeting @ Hill St., 11.30 for the run to the Gungellan Hotel @ Freeling) but prior he has arranged a visit to "Top Line Restorations" on Saturday June 28th.(meet 10.15am Hill St., for short drive) to be followed by luncheon at the "Kapunda Diner".

A strong reminder was passed on concerning "Log Books" updating etc, so firstly subs are due, followed by the filling out, signing and authorization of a "Stat Dec" and sending same away with said books (signed on the first page) & rego., papers to Graham Burgess @ 31 Kingston Rd., Pt. Pirie with a STAMPED ADDRESSED return envelope. (see page 4 for full details) Most cars would have been inspected by our own conscientious Brian Haines no doubt, but we can all double check to keep everyone happy. Th....th....that's all folks.....

RRTJ – The "Thunda from Downunda Kapunda"

25th April ANZAC DAY - MEET, REMEMBER & EAT!

The tradition continued at the special gardens in Kapunda mid-morning where a good roll-up & mixture of vehicles and people paid their private tribute, indulged in our favourite lady's much appreciated "Anzac" biscuits and then headed to



Stockwell for an excellent meal and fellowship.

My own "tradition" continued here also, as the last three times I've visited Kapunda I've lost something either temporarily or permanently. Once it was two pairs of glasses - permanently (one of the expensive variety and a "cheapie" backup before I knew about "Spec Savers"!) and twice my highly-valued club badge, thankfully found on this occasion by Sally after much searching!).

The choice of venue (thanks Jean B.) proved a good one as it was just a comfortable distance for man and machine in a day made for reflection and remembrance.

RRTJ- "O Blind One" (as our illustrious Ed., calls me – I hope affectionately.

Now he may understand!)

(I do now understand O Blind, Dementia One affectionately, Ed)

*Yes O Blind One,
I've found it - AGAIN!!!!*



RANKING/REVERSE PARKING

Can you please, when you see well-meaning people practicing their reverse-parking skills whilst holding up a line of traffic in a place where driving straight in frontwards is the way to go (particularly when almost all modern vehicles have power steering) tell them it's totally unnecessary. Their first priority should be to get out of the traffic flow, and most towns have ample-sized parks alongside the footpaths to enable people to do so (I once, truly, saw a person going through that procedure when their intended space was the last in the row with nothing behind for 20 metres!). Straightening up etc., can be done, if necessary afterwards, the afore-mentioned power assist making it quite simple (not always possible of course for we drivers of the older vehicles, but there's no excuse otherwise). Quite frankly watching these people manoeuvring could turn me into a "grumpy old man" who picks faults in all and sundry! (heaven forbid).

March 30th - "SHED DAY" @ DALE'S

No, not another "shed day" I hear you cry – well this time it was actually about THE SHED. A newly created construction that needed to be "christened" after a shortish trip from Kapunda via roads of dubious quality by a dozen or so club members.

The high point for many proved to be the cemetery at Neale's Flat (curious is it not that as we get closer to joining the "inmates" of these places and our final rest, many of us are fascinated by their history and in particular, I find, the sad number of tiny plots that signify the high infant mortality rate that once was!) We were joined at Dale's by a few others who had declined the adventure citing "bad backs", "just washed the Kingswood's mirrors" and the like, but all-in-all the comfortable number that often defines our get-togethers (size really does matter, I find!).

Then it was to the "Grand Opening" as Dale proudly cut the ribbon (well, the cake actually which was, like all the offerings on hand, quite delicious – thanks to Di in particular). So whilst the shed was not quite finished the improvement and potential was obvious to all, and just another example of what can be achieved with some imagination and recycling by our immediate past-chairman.



Now that is what I call a poster



Di running around hostessing & Dale surveying his latest "erection"

Kapunda swap meet 25/5/14

This was a most successful day with cars backed up to the main Adelaide Rd., early with the weather of course playing a great positive part (unlike the day at Clare!). Vehicles completely circled the oval at one stage & most sellers I heard &/or asked, reported a good day's trade.



Glen still looking for those Essex front mudguards!



No worries with books this time!

SHED DAY

May 4th was shed day at Pam and Kelvin Stringer's place. Some of the members met at the market in the CBD of Mundoorra- It was a warm day so the drink sales were popular. After looking at the various stalls it was time for lunch, the BBQ had quite a queue of patrons and the delicious pumpkin soup was so popular that it became a sell out, with the saucepan being scraped out to fill the last cup.

After being fed, watered and dewatered we moved off to the Stringers. Some were already there and there were about 25 people in total who had gathered to look over "The land of Deutz".

The women gathered in the shed to have a chat while those interested moved around looking at Kelvin's extensive collection of things Deutz and other unique and rare items. Kelvin had one engine, a V12 Deutz just outside the door of the shed. It was mounted on a stand and very nicely presented in running condition. Each cylinder had a short stainless stub exhaust about 150mm long so that when it was running it was rather loud and those inside the shed found it necessary to cover their ears and cease talking. After a minute or so of running Kelvin almost disappeared in the cloud of smoke. A great demonstration Kelvin.

One of Kelvin's rarer items is a Barley car, as far as is known there are only two surviving in America and this is the only other one known to exist.

There were several early Dodge cars, a 1936 Cadillac, Ford T, Goggomobile, more than one Valiant and others we can't remember, as well as endless varieties of all things Deutz, tractors, trucks and engines.

Afternoon tea was served in the shed and gradually everyone drifted in for a cuppa and a bite to eat.

About 4pm people began moving off home.

Thankyou Pam and Kelvin for an interesting afternoon which gave us the opportunity to see your extensive array of machinery and to appreciate your passion for Deutz.

Eleanore and Brian Beyer



Discussing!!



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The very rare Barley car



Engine bay of the Barley

A VERY RARE VEHICLE

The story below is reproduced from Rhombus Ramblings which is the magazine of the Borgward Car club of Aust. Thanks to Marius Venz for supplying the information. This was supplied to me last year and I have been a bit slow in finding room for it. In the latest edition there was an update with the lower 2 photos included.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER John Birrill of Beetaloo Valley, S.A. John is a technical genius and an individualist with a special interest in boxer motors. He and his wife Fran live in a three storey house they built themselves, with stones collected from their own bushland block. John flies all over the country in the light plane he built himself (naturally with a boxer motor, from a Subaru). In addition to building boats, trailers, restoring cars for other people and working as an aviation mechanic and instructor, John has restored a Steyr-Puch Haflinger (with boxer motor) and a 1923 Gray buckboard (with an in-line motor, but the attraction was its rarity!) There could be no better candidate to restore a Goliath 1100 than John, but fate would have it that he would even obtain a world rarity among Goliath 1100s. He drove 2500 kilometres with trailer (through some of the stormiest weather in years) to rescue a supposed Goliath 1100 Combi from the Bunting collection in Molong (near Bathurst NSW). Only when he got it home did he notice that the rear seat had a home-made look about it and the rear side-windows were too small.



A check of the serial number (31.15.O6549) proved that it was a converted panel van. This caused great excitement in Germany: only 54 Goliath 1100 panel vans were built, and until this one was found, none was known to exist! There is one unrestored 2-stroke van in Austria and Frank Behrens of the German Goliath Veteranen Club has a Hansa 1100 van he obtained from Denmark, but this is the only Goliath 1100 panel van - or "Geschdftswagen" (business wagon), to

use its correct name. Of special interest is the fact that John's van originally had quite flat side panels where a Combi has side windows, while all other known vans have a pillar shape pressed into the panel. John estimates that it will take two years of tedious, detailed labour to restore the Geschdftswagen, but when he does, he will have a vehicle of unequalled rarity - as well as a rather useful one. We have a lot of rare and beautiful cars in our club, but until now we didn't have anything this unique

Pictured below is the current progress of John's restoration.



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"DRIVERLESS CARS" (Mark2)

Following my recent article re the above subject I was most interested to see the under-copied article in "The Advertiser" shortly thereafter! :-

The Advertiser-29/5/14

"Look, no hands for driving"

GOOGLE has started building its own self-driving car that it hopes to begin testing as early as this year, the company announced last night. "They won't have a steering wheel, brake pedal or accelerator pedal – because they don't need them. Our software and sensors do all the work" the company revealed in a blog post.

For Google the car marks a shift away from adapting vehicles made by Lexus and Honda in its quest to pioneer individual transport that needs only a stop-and-go function. It was inspiring to start with a blank sheet of paper and ask "What should be different about this kind of vehicle?" the post said.

Well, I can personally imagine a myriad of problems getting this up, running and accepted but there are cleverer technological minds than mine at work obviously (not much to beat admittedly!). I've got a name for them that they might use, however: How about a "Googlemobile?" (no, not the "Dart"!).

TJ(RR)