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Hi All,

It's been pleasing to see so many of you out and about over the last two months, despite the threat of the Coronavirus hanging over our heads. I give full credit to our health officials and service people for the outstanding job that they have all done, especially getting us through this most recent scare relatively unscathed.

I feel that the President's Run went well and I thank John Nicholls and his helpers at Lochiel and Kelvin and Pam Stringer and the volunteers who provided us with an excellent meal at Mundoora. Small communities have and continue to be an important part of our social and economic structure.

We finally managed to have the AGM at Blyth and again it was pleasing to see such a good attendance. It was a pity the acoustics weren't better in the hall as I thought it was an excellent venue. I thank all past committee members for their support over the last 18 months and welcome the new committee, especially new Vice President, Trevor Naismith.

I am writing this report, having just returned from the Crystal Brook luncheon, which again was well supported. Thanks to the catering people for an excellent meal and to Christeen Schoepf for explaining the history of the RSL in that area.

Looking ahead to next year, at this stage we can still hold the popular Blyth Film Night on January 14th with some changes. Under current restrictions the cinema can only hold 54 people, so Ian Roberts has kindly offered us two sittings. The first will be a matinee at 4pm followed by tea in the hall as normal at 6pm and the usual evening showing at 7.30pm. When booking, please let Moranne know of your preference.

At this stage, the committee has agreed to plan for the Swap Meet at Clare on the 21st March and include a Show and Shine in conjunction this event. It's felt this might give it a bit of a boost and help with numbers through the gates.

I would also like to thank Graham Burgess and Dean Manderson for the time they have spent in upgrading our constitution and it is hoped to get a copy to members early next year for your perusal.

Thank you for your support in what has been a difficult year and I wish you all a safe and blessed Christmas and happy new year.

Keep on NARCing,

Graham

New Members

NARC welcomes new members ; Tobe & Christine Smart from Koolunga ; John Sampson from Kimba who has a 1923 Maxwell, a 27 Chev & Willys, 35 Chev, 48 John Deere and 49 Lanz-Bulldog ; Kym Phelps from Clare who has a 1959 Holden FC ute ; Paul McKee from Watervale who has a 1970 MGB ; and Matthew Hoepner from Balaklava who has a 1934 Diamond T truck and a 36 Lanz-Bulldog tractor

FRONT COVER

Kelvin and Pam Stringer's 1925 Dodge. See story page 14

- January 14th Blyth Film Night** 2 sessions to comply with Covid regs. 4.30 and 7.30pm. Film is 'Rams' Tea at 6.00. Please advise Moranne of numbers and which session you wish to attend. 8825 3766 0428 253 766
- February 11th Workshop Night** at Goode Restorations, New Road Clare. 8pm.
- March 11th General Meeting** Jamestown Aerodrome 8pm
Paul Wilson will talk about the 2019 Chevrolet Rally at Renmark
- April 8th General Meeting** 8pm talk by David Rosewarne
- 18th Shed Day** at Craig Thomas's.
- May 13th General Meeting**, Port Broughton 8pm. Talk by Ian Denton
- June 10th General Meeting**, Port Broughton 8pm Talk by Jerry Nicholson
- July 8th AGM** Port Broughton 8pm

Swap Meets

- January 17th HAHNDORF** at Oval. Echunga Road. Traders: \$20.00 6am. Buyers: \$5.00 8am, children Free. Enquiries Steve 0481 950 228.
- February 21st Murray Bridge** at Showgrounds. 6am. \$5 Buyers and Sellers under 14 free
Contact John Whimpress 0428 132 889
- March 21st CLARE (NARC) plus Show and Shine.**
Gates open 7.30am, seller sites \$10, sellers and buyers \$5
Enquiries Graham Goode 8842 3731, 0418 894 304
- ROD AND CUSTOM (Formerly Campbelltown)**
Kilburn Oval - Lionel Ave. Adults \$5.00 Children Free
Site \$20.00 Scott McLay 0412 555 723

Other Events of Interest

- January 17th ALL HOLDEN DAY** 9am to 4pm Wigley Reserve Glenelg (dry zone)
All Holdens Welcome \$15 per car entry, spectators free. No BBQs
Non trophy event. Roger 0419 730 177 Richard 0432 505 997
- January 22-24th** Australia Day weekend tour Mount Gambier flyer page 16
- January 29th 30th ADELAIDE AUTO EXPO** Adelaide Show grounds: Fri: 5pm - 9pm
Sat: 10am - 9pm Adults \$25, kids under 13 FREE
Geof Tartoosie Phone: 0410 356 356 Email: gsgarage@tpg.com.au
Web site <http://www.adelaideautoexpo.com.au>
- February 21st ALL AMERICAN DAY** Tilley Reserve, Cnr Yatala and Hancock Road, Surrey Downs. FREE ENTRY to all American vehicles Public 10.00am, to 3 pm
Adults \$7, kids under 14 free.. Adrian Cowie 8264 9556
- ALL BRITISH DAY** cancelled

FROM THE KAPUNDA CHAPTER

AGM of the Kapunda Chapter of NARC was held 27th November 2020 in 38 degree heat at the Duck Pond Kapunda with 13 attendees.

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Events will be coordinated by the whole Committee. Thank you to the outgoing Committee members.

KAPUNDA CHAPTER CALENDAR

December 13th Sunday	Christmas Lunch at Wolta Wolta. Leave Hill Street 10.45 a.m. Anyone needing transport contact Irene
January 22nd Friday	Meeting at the Lutheran Church Hall. 7.30.p.m.as before.
January 26th Australia Day.	Breakfast at the Ebenezer Community Centre, Ebenezer Road. Any changes to the Covid restrictions may prevent this. Mystery Run following. If the temperature is 35' or over the run will be cancelled. This a combined activity with the Barossa Club
February 20th Saturday.	Twilight Run to Owen Hotel. For dinner. Leave Hill Street 5.45.p.m. Numbers please to Irene 1 week prior oral January meeting.
February 26th Friday	Meeting
March outing being considered by the Committee	
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April 14th Wednesday.	A Day in the Valley. Barossa Club will probably be joining us. Meet Hill Street 9.30.a.m. "A step back in time at Bethany Church". Recreation of a Pioneer Farm Yard, with animals and implements, and demonstrations of early skills. Light Lunch at Bethany Hall. Our visit may coincide with a recital on the Pipe Organ. Leave for the " Woodcarvers Haven" near Eden Valley via a scenic drive, Menglers Hill and the Barossa Ranges. Carving and Woodturning demonstrations, Displays, wine tasting (grown on the property), Devonshire afternoon tea in a beautiful setting amongst the big gums. All sealed roads. More details nearer to the event.

Kapunda Chapter weekend away Ardrossan 23-25 October

We left Kapunda individually to go to Ardrossan Friday afternoon. Trevor Altus and I went with Richard Lang in his Wolseley 6/99. A good car on the road. We settled into our three bedroom cottage overlooking the sea for the weekend.

Friday night we gathered for happy hour and a pizza evening meal. Saturday morning it was up bright and early. Most had breakfast in their cabins but some adjourned to the local café.

We visited the Lutze collection, an extensive collection of motoring memorabilia. A big display of Golden Fleece items. Just one lone car -a Chev 4, but everything else.

The Ardrossan museum displayed the history of the factory of Clarence Smith and the maritime history of the region. Following lunch we had the option of visiting the distillery, the lookout or Tiddy Widdy or the lot and drive around town.

Saturday night we enjoyed dinner at the hotel with some members of the local club

Sunday morning we were leaving early for the run to the Bublacowie Military Museum. This is a thought provoking place and concentrates mainly on Vietnam. We travelled to the Minlacowie brewery for lunch. This place was very well patronised and obviously had a licence to print money. There was music food drinks and people everywhere. After lunch we were free to return home.

A top weekend and we had a look at Capt. Harry Butler's plane at Minlaton. We enjoyed morning tea with Mike and Mary Osbourne and some members of MAPS. One thing about Mike's collection is that there is always something new every time you see it. Our thanks to Mike and Mary and Robert and Ina Stapley for their efforts in planning the weekend.

Malcolm Johncock



Richard Lange's Wolseley, Brian & Irene Woodcock's 2CV Citroen (Dolly), Mike & Mary Osbourne's Alvis



The Lutze Collection



Memorial garden at Military Museum



Morning tea at Osbourne's

THE PRESIDENT'S RUN to LOCHIEL 1st November.

We met at the Lochiel Hall at 10-00am to sign in for Covid-19 procedure of registering names, phone numbers and the usual sanitiser bottle. John Nicholls held his stance and delivered to NARC members the history of Lochiel and the thriving industry of the salt, being scraped from the surface of the pink salt lake of Lake Bumbunga. The salt is still extracted and being trucked to Price for processing. Throughout the Hall and in the back area, was a full picture display which had been pinned up for the towns 150th Anniversary that was held 12th & 13th October 2019. It was great to read the History of Maro Creek Station which is owned by the Bidgood family. Dianne Correll manned the table to sell John and Kathy Nicholls book of "Reflections of Cameron -Lochiel & District 1869-2019" that had been launched for the 150th. The Lochiel committee organised a huge morning tea for all.

Outside was the 'Soldier on his horse' which was sculpted by Wayne Dennis from Port Broughton.

The town's entrance was created using the towns history of farming, with a horse pulling along a single furrow plough -steered by a man, also the Lochiel monster on the Lake. Shelter sheds and seating along with trees planted to walk down to the Pink Lake which is a real draw card for Asians, who believe pink crystals bring wealth and good luck.

Alan Pitchers and Claire were in a Vauxhall Roadster with a dog in the dicky seat (not a live one). Alex put a stick in its mouth to hold. A new toilet block that has been erected around the back of the Hall was a quick stop before everyone followed Graham and Rosemary Goode to travel to Mundoorra for lunch at the Mundoorra Community Club. The drive down on the recent bituminised road gave a wonderful view of the plain where Keilli township was planned to be the end of the horse drawn railway line but it was on a higher gradient, so Mundoorra became the town over Keilli. The Keilli Cemetery is the only visible sign of a township that was surveyed in August 1873 with 64 allotments, but the town ceased in 1920's.

The monthly Markets were held in the Mundoorra Hall on the Pirie Council side as East Terrace is the division of two Councils with Barunga West on other side of road. Signs around town describe the local history of the town such as the 2 Blacksmith workshops, a Saddlers store, betting shop, Hotel, bakeries, 3 General Stores and 4 Post Offices as the Club now is the 4th Post Office that Mundoorra has had. The Club's committee members, mainly men, organised the beef /chicken schnitzel's and served quandong crumble and fruit salad. After wards the men headed back to their farms to jump on their headers as the weather had been so changeable with rainfall.

My husband Kelvin had been on the phone several times and talking at great length with the President Graham, but he never explained to me that the History of Mundoorra was to be presented.



**BACK-Kevin French, John Nichols, Graham Correll, Moranne Coombs.
FRONT Jan French, Jeff & Val Roberts**

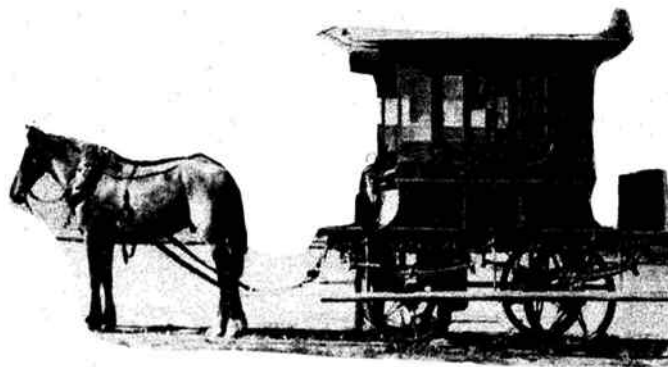


Alan Pitchers shows his 37 Vauxhall Coupe to Wayne Darling (Lochiel) & Mary & Ivan Arbon



Barb and Ivan Whitelaw in their BMW

I read, in the Con-rod that members will learn about the History of the town. It was done all in a rush and I forgot to explain about our famous horse drawn 'Pie-carts'. This railway line which operated as from 11th March 1876 from Port Broughton to Mundoora was reputed to be the only track in Australia **with-out an engine nor a railway station**. Horses pulled the 2 'Pie-carts' on the railway line and the grain trolleys were first pulled by a bullock, then horses and in 1926 a Fordson tractor.



The original 'Pie-cart' was driven by Mr Ernest Kastberg who had one horse to pull the carriage. He drove the 'Pie-cart' for 40 years from 1885 to 1925. Later a more modern tramcar (still horse drawn) was purchased from the Port Elliott /Goolwa line. The line had a gauge of 3'6" and could carry up to 12 passengers, mail, parcels and perishable goods such as milk or cream, and this is where it got the nickname the 'Pie-cart'.



Enjoying the meal were Ivan Venning, Merv Robinson, Moranne Coombs, Ian & Sue Warnes, Roger Boehm, Pam & Kelvin Stringer, Paul Wilson, Aileen Robinson & Kay Venning

The fare was 2 shillings and 6 pence (2/6) for 75 minutes taken to travel the 16.1km. The main function of the rail line was for transportation of wool, grain, wheat and barley from surrounding areas of Redhill, Collinsfield, Koolunga, Yacka and Barunga to be stored at Mundoora at the stacks then trolley down to Port Broughton.

By 1914, the line consisted of 50 flat topped trolley trucks each with a six-ton capacity. Six of the grain trucks were fitted with hand operated brakes. When loaded and around about 4 miles from Mundoora the trucks were sent coasting down the line under the influence of gravity on the down hill run to Port Broughton. A brake man had to pull the brakes on hard to slow down the 4 or 6 flat topped wagons that were loaded with the bagged grain or any other goods.

The passenger and mail service was discontinued in 1925, as a motor bus replaced the 'Pie cart'. In January 1926 a Fordson rail tractor with guard rails replaced the horses on the rail line. By 1939 the wheat run to Port Broughton out to the jetty and then taken out by boats for loading onto the wind jammers -sailing ships that were moored out in deeper water was discontinued. Then in 1942 the Railway line was officially closed. The sheds were dismantled in the late 1950s and the line removed in the 1960's.

At the end of the day Kelvin invited

members to call at our place to see a demonstration of the Tractor Pull sled that he has

made. Our son in law was on the header and rang Kelvin to put his 2 dogs away as he noticed the dog in the back of the Vauxhall Roadster and his dogs would be all over that dog.



Pam makes a point as Kelvin looks on



Michael & Naomi Swearse with Naomi's parents, Gillian & Colin Kaehne

NARC AGM

The Northern Automotive Restoration Club (NARC) Annual General Meeting was held at the Blyth Community Hall on Sunday, November 8 with a pleasing number of members in attendance. It was the first business meeting the club had convened since COVID-19 restrictions were introduced in March, although since late August some members have attended several invitation events at Rhynie and Burra and a picnic lunch get-together at Bowman Park, Crystal Brook.

Office bearers elected for the remainder of this financial year are
President, Graham Correll;

Vice President, Trevor Naismith; Secretary, Moranne Coombs;

Assistant Secretary, Pam Stringer; Treasurer, Merv Robinson;

Con-Rod Editor, Dean Manderson; Registrar, Graham Burgess; Property Officer, Beryl Button; Federation Rep., Charles Lee; Committee, John Birrell, Graham Goode, Allan Pitchers and Craig Thomas.



Andrew Stacey, Jamestown farmer and Chair of the Mid North Suicide Prevention Network, spoke after the AGM. Formed in 2018 with the aim of reducing the stigma surrounding mental health, the Network has hosted guest speakers, sponsored events which promote well-being and encouraged listening and compassionate conversations as they raise mental health awareness in the area. After answering many questions from NARC members, President Graham Correll presented Andrew with a cheque for \$5,000 to support the vital work they are doing in the mid north community.

Dianne Correll



good social distancing at the cheque presentation

Luncheon at Crystal Brook. 6th December

Nearly 40 people attended the luncheon at the Crystal Brook RSL Hall. During lunch our Patron Ivan Venning introduced Christeen Scheopf who is an Historical Archaeologist. Christeen spoke about the origins of Crystal Brook and the RSL there. She highlighted the lives of 2 soldiers from the area, one from the Boer War and the other who enlisted for World War 1 and was awarded a VC for his bravery in the North Russia Relief Force in 1919. Christeen is pictured with Crystal Brook RSL members Ivan Venning, Daryle Johns and Don Pritchard (associate member).

Dianne Correll



This was my 4th time participating in this event, being the 5th one held, somewhat belatedly due to Covid. I entered my 1923 Dodge Tourer along with 4 other Dodge Brothers Aust. Club friends, 3 from the South East. Nick Hunt 1926 Dodge Buckboard, Danny McGinness 1923 Dodge Buckboard and Gill Purdie 1922 Dodge Roadster. Nigel Wooster who entered his 1919 Dodge Roadster, now resides at Angle Vale, having just moved from Victoria and this being his first GVV Club run.

Nick rolled up at my place Saturday morning with the Dodge on a trailer. Danny and daughter hit base early afternoon, Danny having left his Buckboard at my place after we did Bay to Birdwood a couple of weeks before. During the afternoon the Dodges were unloaded and readied for Sunday morning's departure to Gawler.

Nick departed Kapunda at 8.00 am and whilst Danny, Michelle and myself left at 8.30 am, picking up my sister Christine on the way. Cool conditions prevailed, but no rain forecast, which was a bonus because my Tourer is topless. Danny's Dodge played up a little enroute to Gawler, but we arrived just after 9.30 and were the last to arrive. 1/2 an hour or so to meander through some of the other cars and to enjoy a coffee.

Veterans and Motorcycles departed the Immanuel College school grounds just after 10.00am. With a 20 minute break, Christine, myself, Danny and Michelle were the first vintage cars to be on our way to Lyndoch. I was not the leader for long as our rego no. for the day blew off the windscreen, so stopped to retrieve that, so down the hill over the railway line, coming out of the "S" bend and my hat blew off, so stopped and reclaimed that, after that it was plain Dodgeing to Lyndoch for morning tea and a chat to other entrants and a couple of good friends from Murray Bridge. Coffee and cakes were plentiful and enjoyed by all.

In what seemed no time at all it was 'Start your engines', and be on our way thru Tanunda, around the controversial round about, down thru Seppeltsfield and into Greenock. A very enjoyable drive with lots of people waving, Claxtons A Claxen, the sun shining and warming the atmosphere considerably.

Arriving at the Greenock oval was a pleasant sight, the oval green and all things in order. Parking was on the oval, cars lined up facing west, about 45 old timers in 2 rows, all starters arriving in one piece, apparently? After perusing more of the cars it was time to put the nose bag on and enjoy a beer. A sausage sizzle was on the menu, so a couple of them were purchased, devalued, and washed down with a XXXX or two.

Lunch done and dusted, time to award trophies and prizes kindly donated by businesses in the area.

The first was the Club President trophy awarded for the most interesting vehicle on the day, the winner being none other than my very good friend Nick Hunt with his 1926 Dodge Buckboard, wearing a bull nose style roof, a fox pelt drooped over the spare wheel, milk can, rabbit traps and all things relevant for the era. Congrats Nick, well deserved you put in a lot of effort to set up this amazing original buckboard and it certainly turns heads where ever you take it.



Dick & his 1923 Dodge



Danny's 1923 buckboard



Nigel's 1919 roadster



Nick's 1926 buckboard

Next was the sponsors pick of the day, one of the few road regoed steam powered vehicles, was the 1909 Stanley steamer owned and proudly driven by Robert Balfour. First time I had seen this vehicle.

For the Motorcycle section a well-deserved trophy was won by David Holbrook riding his 1925 New Imperial solo.

Being a grape and wine producing region there is always a good excuse to give away quality wines and so there were 3 packs to be won.

The first pack was awarded to Roger Boehm (NARC) for his period costume dress which was very appropriate for the occasion.

A De Dion Bouton which took out the second wine pack prize for being the oldest vehicle on the run, was manufactured in 1904, runs like it was produced in 2004, and was proudly driven by Geoff Mitton.

Last but not least one more wine pack was awarded for the furthest travelled car and crew, that being Ted Mumme and partner enjoying the very different 1915 Ford model T Roadster/ Racer.

With all the awards given Trevor Unsworth GVV&CVC President thanked all participants and said it was a very successful day, enjoyed by all, and I could not agree more. Congratulations to all the volunteers for guiding us in the right direction, a job well down.

Next year's event is scheduled for Sunday 11th April all being well.

Richard Lang. NARC Kapunda member



1909 Stanley steamer



1904 De Dion



1915 Ford T racer

Morgan Swap meet October 11th

Peter and I went up to this event. I have to say I was a little disappointed. There was mainly household stuff for sale the only vintage item was a good 1927 Ford T body. There was one stall selling Morris minor bits and the rest (what there was) was more modern. Perhaps I am a stick in the mud.

We were told to park by the ferry crossing because parking was running out. We had to walk about half a mile to the swap meet only to find there was plenty of parking. It did not encourage you to buy much knowing how far you had to lug it back to the car. Nevertheless Peter had a field day at the Morris minor stall. I found the best part was the food stall.

When we left after about 2 hours there was still a line up waiting to get in. People everywhere.

Perhaps the organisers were caught unaware that people were looking to go to a swap meet because there had not been one for some time. Even the food stalls were running out of supplies.

Peter reckoned it was quite a good swap meet because it had Morris minor parts. I am not looking for flying ducks for the wall at the moment

Malcolm Johncock

BAY TO BIRDWOOD RUN-40 YEARS

By Kip Newbold

On December 28th 1836, Governor Hindmarsh came ashore at Glenelg, sat under the old gum tree with his mates and said "Well Chaps, we are going to call this Colony the State of South Australia," hence, 'The 'Bay' became 'The Beginning'. The finish, Birdwood, where the National Motor Museum is. The reason? To commemorate the issuing of the first driver's license in Australia, to Dr. William Hargreaves of Woodville on September 10th, 1906. He also had registration number "1" on his De Dion Bouton motor car.

We drove our 1926 REO Roadster in the first three B to B's. We lived at Mt Rat, near Minlaton on Yorke Peninsula. We stayed with Lynne's sister and later Aunt in Adelaide on the Saturday nights. It was challenging at times. The REO weighs 35 cwt and has 2 rear wheel mechanical brakes. The hand brake are shoes on the inside of the same drums. Stops the wheels but not always the car. The first year it was quite warm and while returning to Adelaide we ended up in a cloud of smoke. Neville Wilson pulled up, we sat on the running board, had a beer, and assessed the situation. I loosened the brake bands off a bit and away we went. The next run, it rained, and this time, while returning to Adelaide, we came around a corner to see a line-up of traffic ahead. I had legs and arms going all ways to stop the car, and we ended up alongside of the back car on the wrong side of the road.



Our 1926 REO Sports Roadster

Ash, Ben, Rochelle, Lynne and Kip Newbold

About to leave for the start of the inaugural B to B Run on 28th Sept. 1980 from Colley Reserve, Glenelg

We had the 1937 REO Ute "Ugly" finished by the next event in 1986, and drove it in the next 12 B to B's. It was great, 4 wheel hydraulic brakes and wind up windows. All the early runs started at Colley Reserve at Glenelg, but later

moved to Barrett Reserve at West Beach as the event grew. We would drive down and camp at the West Beach Shores Caravan Park in a tent on the Saturday night. Commercial vehicles left before the main group of cars and we usually had a good run to Birdwood. Then we would depart and aim to return home to Mt Rat before dark via Gawler.

There was an Aussie Ute and Truck Muster and Country Music Festival at the Birdwood Mill in April 1998. It was a wet day, and Line Dancing under umbrellas was the go. We were about to leave when we were asked to stay, as presentations would be made earlier than originally planned and we had won a little prize. It happened to be the top one, which was the dog we called "Bluey", along with a heap of other things. We have had lots of fun with Bluey, barking him at little kids and other dogs to see their reactions.

"Hello Bluey!" Picture taken at Barratt Reserve by another entrant



Since living at Victor Harbor we have taken the XBGT and the Lincoln in the Classic runs.

This year there was going to be a REO vehicle get-together with a few organised runs after the B to B. I decided to enter the REO Ute this year, our 20th B to B, but the gathering of REOs didn't happen as a lot were coming from interstate. We thoroughly enjoyed the day, good weather, very well organised, Ugly and Bluey were both well behaved. We kept off the main roads.

Remember the early runs? There were a lot more older cars then. I remember passing a curved dash Oldsmobile one year. Town crier, laying the seaweed on the road, Glen Dix flagging us off for many years, the Channel 10 mob with Fat Cat on the fire engine, the 2 way road all the way, passing broken down cars, boiling radiators, vaporising fuel, trucks and utes with lounge chairs and eskies tied on with people hanging off them, push start, pedal start, belt drive motor cycles, heat, wind and rain.

The Inaugural run attracted 637 listed entrants, and this year the number was capped at 1750, and around 1230 attended, as unfortunately the interstate entrants were unable to take part. The public wasn't allowed at the start at Barrett Reserve or the finish at the Birdwood Mill. There were estimated to be 70,000 people lining the 72 km route. SA's Chief Public Health Officer Professor Nicola Spurrier, was passenger in a 1935 Hudson 8, checking to see that the public were behaving in a Covid safe way enroute! Cars started leaving Barratt Reserve at 7.30 am with a short stop on arrival at Birdwood, and participants were encouraged to enjoy the hospitality of the Adelaide Hills before returning home.



Our 1937 REO Speed Delivery Ute and Robinsons 1935 Auburn at the end of the Run 2020

NARC Members listed in the Inaugural Bay to Birdwood on Sunday 28th September, 1980 were-

46	Mary Jervies	1949 Bristol 402
121	Kevin Weckert	1927 Ford T Roadster
130	Merv. Robinson	1925 Flint
186	Jeff Roberts	1928 Chevrolet
249	Greg Janzow	1938 Chrysler
399	Chris (Kip) Newbold	1926 REO
435	Ed Harris	1912 Hupmobile
454	Wayne Blackaby	1929 Dodge
579	Neville Wilson	1927 Dodge

Forty years later 16 NARC entries included Merv and Aileen Robinson in their 1935 Auburn and Kip and Lynne Newbold in their 1937 REO (entered under HMVC) who took part in both events.

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Coventry Climax GODIVA "The fire-pump engine that wins races"

Designed and tested in 1951 to meet a Ministry of Defence contract for a powerful, reliable, but lightweight pump, the original unit used a new all-alloy 4-cylinder SOHC engine of 1020 cc capacity. It produced 35 bhp @ 3,500 rpm, 40 bhp @ 4,000 rpm and weighed only 180 pounds. It was hand crank started with magneto ignition. The pump delivered 350 gallons/minute @ 100 psi.

Given the designation **FW** ("Feather Weight"), this engine caught the attention of the sports racing car constructors of the day who quickly requested an automotive version to meet the 1100cc racing class. The **FWA** (A for "Automotive") was developed in 1953 and increased to 1097cc in 1954 by increasing the bore of the original engine. It was produced in 3 stages of development, the final stage in 1956 producing 90 bhp @ 7,000 rpm, but revving higher in races without failure.

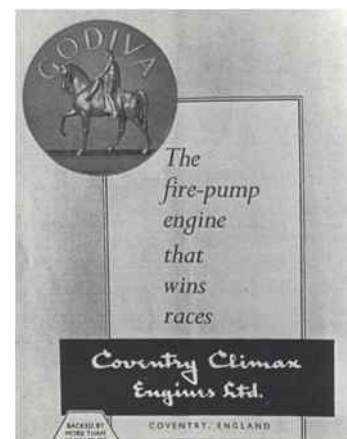
To meet the new Formula Two 1500 cc class in 1956 the car constructors asked for another increase in capacity of the FW engine. It was bored and stroked to the limits of the original cylinder block casting to produce the **FWB** of 1460 cc, but a modified crankcase with external bumps had to be developed to accommodate the increased crank throws. The overall external dimensions were still the same as the original FW pump engine. Output was 108 bhp @ 6,400 rpm.

It was raced successfully in 1956 and 1957, particularly in Lotus Eleven and Cooper T39 cars, but proved to be hard on main and big end bearings, and failures were likely above 6,500 rpm.

In 1956 Jack Brabham brought two FWB Climax powered Cooper T39 cars to Australia and then drove an FWB powered Cooper T41 to 3rd place in the 1957 Australian Grand Prix.

That was the end of development of the FW-based racing engines as Coventry Climax moved on to develop Formula One DOHC 4 cylinder and V8 engines of various capacities, securing World Championships in 1959, 1960, 1963 and 1965. The company was taken over by Jaguar in 1963 and ceased producing F1 engines at the end of the 1965 season.

The FWB racing engine was extensively tested in de-tuned form as an industrial engine, producing 59 bhp @ 4,500 rpm on a 7.4 to 1 compression ratio. About 500 of these engines went to America to power Bearcat marine outboard motors.



FWB engine in a Lotus 11



Brabham T41 1957 Australian GP



This later model high output fire pump is powered by an industrial FWB engine and will deliver 500 gallons/minute @ 100 psi.

Restored by John Birrell.

John Birrell



Connect to what?

FRONT COVER 1925 DODGE TOURER

Kelvin and Pam Stringer purchased a 1925 Dodge Tourer from Graham and Nita Bailey who lived at Woomera. We purchased it in April 1988 when they brought it down to our place during the Easter weekend. Graham had purchased the Tourer from Pastor Matiske, a Lutheran Church pastor, in 1976 and the vehicle to them was known as the "Pastor". They were members with Veteran Car Club of Australia and travelled everywhere around Australia in the "Pastor" on Rallies.

Kelvin and Pam travelled to Mildura for Easter Vineland Rally for the Mildura Vintage Vehicles Club Inc for Mildura's 8th Rally in 1989. Representing NARC were Tony and Hilde Pike in their 1958 Austin London Taxi, Howard Heard in a 1927 Clyno, Gordon and Beryl Button in their 1924 Dodge buckboard, Graham Goode and Rosemary Button in 1928 Buick and Deirdre Kent with her family in modern vehicle.

On another Rally we travelled to Broken Hill. This was the 21st Rally of the Veteran and Vintage Car Club Inc and was the Easter Rally in April 1992. Other NARC members were David and Deirdre Kent's family, David and Helen Walsh and their family and also Gordon and Beryl Button.

Kelvin is a foundation NARC member and he helped to organise the 1st Swap Meet to be held at Mundoora Oval in 1975.

We have thoroughly enjoyed travelling where possible in the Dodge Tourer to Events or organised programs.

The photo was taken at the 'Mundoora Centenary of Proclamation' October 2012.



Saw this on Facebook. Thought it might be of interest given the local connection. I believe Lachy Gosse is still with us. I know his brother Hamish still has the old family 1902 de Dion Bouton out at Mintaro.

Trevor Naismith

From the Advertiser.

60 years ago, a 1910 Renault driven by Mrs J E Gosse with passenger Lachlan (11) made the trip from Adelaide to Victor Harbor [#onthistday](#) 26 November 1960 in a veteran car rally.



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Ford Dealer News

2020 Bay to Birdwood NARC entries

Roger Boehm	1926 Rugby
Robert & Graeme Denton	1912 T Ford
David Dunning	1927 Chevrolet tourer
Rodney Dunning	1928 Buick
Rick Harris	1925 Studebaker
Colin Kaehne	1936 Oldsmobile
Peter Lehmann	1927 International truck
Tony Milobara	1936 International
Kip Newbold	1937 Reo ute
Merv Robinson	1935 Auburn
John Sampson	1927 Willys Night
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2021 AUSTRALIA DAY Weekend Tour "Backroads To Recovery" Friday 22nd ~ SUNDAY 24th January 2021

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Clubrooms; Entrants' registration - free tea, coffee and biscuits available. 9.00 am
Leave clubrooms on the organised route to A Coonawarra Vineyard TBA Please enjoy the tasting and hospitality the Estate has to offer. A tour, talk and morning tea has been arranged Cost \$7.00 pp

12.00 am Lunch at the Coonawarra Memorial Park next to Memorial Hall \$ 12.00pp

2.00 pm After lunch explore the Coonawarra and Penola region at your leisure welcome pack in your tour bag.

4.00 pm Return to Mount Gambier at your leisure. 6.00pm for 6.30pm

Clubrooms 15 Shelton St. 2 Course Roast and sweets meal Catering by Allison \$28.00 pp

Sunday 24th January

8.30 am Entrants Vehicle Display at Lady Nelson, please use your voting slips. Coffee Van will be in attendance.

10.00 am Cars will leave on an organised tour of the district to the Mt Gambier Aerodrome for a display tour and talk at the Mt Gambier Aero club Hanger.

12.30 pm On return to the club rooms a BBQ and salad lunch will be served. \$ 10.00pp

Presentation of prizes during meal

Conclusion and closing of the tour should end no later than 2.30 to 3.00pm

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