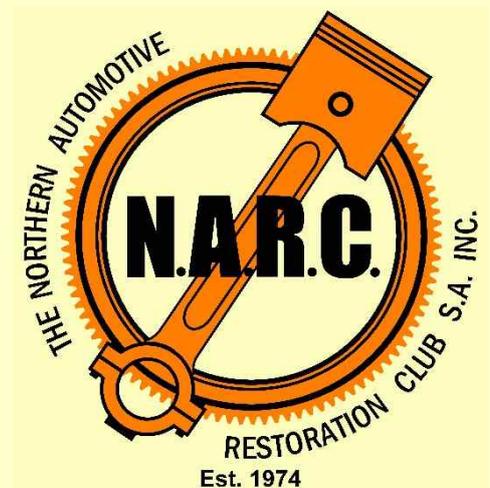


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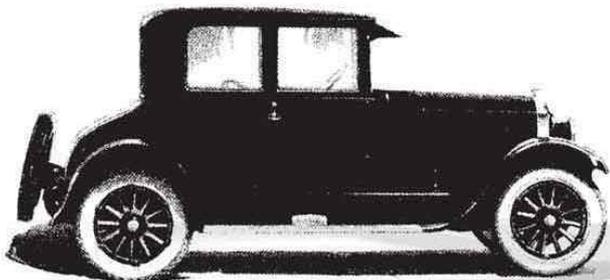
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**March/April 2022**

As I sit and write this report, the recent Clare Valley Cruise and Show 'n' Shine is still fresh in my mind. What a great weekend it was! There were about 70 cars on the Saturday Cruise and around 90 at the Show 'n' Shine on Sunday. The Mintaro Oval was a great venue and thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it the success that it was.

The amendments to our Constitution have finally been approved which means that we can go ahead and bestow Life Memberships on Ross, Malcolm and Dale of the Kapunda Chapter. This will happen when a suitable time and venue can be arranged.

Looking ahead, you will notice in the NARC Calendar that a visit to the Kadina Farm Shed Museum is planned for Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> May. Cost will be \$12 per person admission and they will put on a barbeque lunch with salads for us for \$10 per head. The museum is open from 10am-4pm and they can arrange a guide to show us around if we so desire. There is a lot to see there and it continues to expand. The Kapunda Chapter will be joining us on the day. To aid with the catering, I suggest that if you intend going that you get your names to Moranne a few days beforehand.

Keep safe, keep well and keep on NARCing.

Graham Correll

### New Members

NARC would like to welcome new members:

Jan and Julie Aamodt from Clare who have a 1987 Mercedes.  
Shane Dawson from Tarlee who has a 1972 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow  
Andrew Pattison from Clare  
and Allan & Rebecca Braham from Eudunda.

### FRONT COVER

Graham Burgess's 1960 BMW R60/2 outfit.

See story Page 12.

### From the editors desk

I am short of Photos for the front cover. If you want to see your vehicle in print please send me a pic with a few words giving the details. A longer story about the vehicle would be even better but is not essential.

I have scanned all the editions of the Con-Rod from number 1. If you want a copy of that file it will need to go on a USB stick. I can supply one for about \$5 or you can get one to me.

Dean

- April** 7<sup>th</sup> General Meeting – Port Broughton Golf Club 8pm Clare Valley Cruise & Show ‘n’ Shine Review with Trevor Naismith including PowerPoint presentation of entries
- 10<sup>th</sup> **Gawler to Barossa Vintage & Veteran Run** see page 18 for details
- May** 12<sup>th</sup> **General Meeting** Port Broughton Golf Club 8pm  
John Birrell to speak on the Corowa Military Vehicle Gathering in NSW
- 15<sup>th</sup> **Farm Shed** visit. Details will be emailed out and on website when finalised.
- June** 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline for Con-Rod submissions
- 9<sup>th</sup> General Meeting – Port Broughton at 8.00pm. Member Profile.
- TBA** **Mid-week run** to Bundaleer Reservoir and forest.
- July** 14<sup>th</sup> A.G.M., Port Broughton Golf Club 8.00pm. May be changed to a Sunday afternoon at a different location
- TBA** **Mid-week run** to Beetaloo Reservoir
- August** 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline for Con-Rod submissions
- 11<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Port Broughton Golf Club 8.00pm.
- September** 8<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Port Broughton Golf Club 8.00pm

## Swap Meets

- April** 9<sup>th</sup> **BRINKWORTH** at primary school 9am . Also ride on mower race at 11 enquiries [amandaspencer77@outlook.com](mailto:amandaspencer77@outlook.com) [nancy.whiten@outlook.com](mailto:nancy.whiten@outlook.com)
- May** 1<sup>st</sup> **PORT PIRIE** Yesteryear Day swap meet - boot sale  
Princess Park, Three Chain Road site \$10 8am free Saturday night camping sellers Sat 2:00pm - 7.00pm, Sun 6:30am - 8:00am. Buyers 8:00am free entry David 0419 866 881 Wayne 0408 890 787
- 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> **NARACOORTE** at showgrounds, sites \$25, includes driver. entry Friday 12 noon to 9pm, Sat from 6.30am. Public Sat 7am – 5pm, Sun 7am – 12noon.  
ph 0408 854 658 (4-8pm). Email: naracoortehvc@gmail.com.
- June** 12<sup>th</sup> **KADINA** at Showgrounds, sites \$10 sellers 7.00 to 8.00am. Public 8.00am \$5 kadinashow@bigpond.com Ruth Mildwaters 0448 211 002 or 0474 720 716
- SEDAN SWAP MEET** POSTPONED UNTIL 2023
- September** **GAWLER** Sport And Community Centre, Nixon Terrace Gawler.  
Yvonne Eales 0402 905 978 See website.. <http://www.gawlercarclub.com/>

## Other Events of Interest

- May** 7<sup>th</sup> **Naracoorte Show n Shine** at showgrounds. Registration 8–10:30 am Saturday. \$5 per vehicle, includes driver. Judging commences 11:00 am Saturday.
- August** 20 & 21<sup>st</sup> **Mundoora Vintage Tractor Pull** at oval. Practice runs on 20<sup>th</sup>. Camping and RV sites. Saturday night meals at sports club. Bring tractors etc to display. Entry \$5. Exhibitors free. Kelvin Stringer 0428 354 218 [kelvinstringer@activ8.net.au](mailto:kelvinstringer@activ8.net.au)

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

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### KAPUNDA CHAPTER CALENDAR

- APRIL 22     Friday Meeting @ 7-30 pm. in the Lutheran Hall, Kapunda.  
                  Guest Speaker, John Reed, his life's experiences.
- APRIL 25     Monday, ANZAC DAY B.Y.O. Morning Tea at Davidson's Reserve @10-00 am.  
                  Lunch at the Good Karma Cafe, Eudunda. See last issue for menu choices.  
                  Visit to a private collection @ 2.00 pm.
- MAY 15        Sunday. Visit to the Farm Shed at Kadina with the parent club. See the NARC  
                  website for details when decided.
- MAY 27        Friday. Meeting 7-30 pm. Lutheran Hall, Kapunda. Guest speaker to be advised.
- JUNE 14       Tuesday. Visit to Carl Lindner's Jaguar Collection at Tanunda. Meet Hill St.  
                  Kapunda @ 9-00 am.\$10.00 entry. Lunch at Tanunda Hotel
- JUNE 24       Friday. Meeting @ 7-30 pm. in the Lutheran Hall. Guest Speaker, Dean Rohrlach.
- JULY 10       Sunday. Xmas in July at the Wheatsheaf Hotel. Allendale North (5 kms. from  
                  Kapunda) at 12-00 noon. Life Memberships will be presented.
- JULY 22 Friday AGM @ 7-30 pm. in the Lutheran Hall

### Fred Schodde

It is with sadness that I inform you of the death of Fred Schodde. Fred was a member of the Kapunda Chapter since 2007.

For about 10 of these years, he owned a pretty and very clean Simca P60 wagon of which he was very proud and coincidentally about 4 months ago came on the market, about 10 years after Fred sold it. I was able to buy it to pair with my blue wagon of which some of you might be familiar. Fred was a valued member of NARC and a regular attendee at meetings and outings.

He was not afraid to say what he thought and didn't necessarily agree for the sake of agreeing. Fred distilled his own whisky and many times at club outings he would be dispersing whisky and lemonade to anyone willing to partake, no matter the time of day.

After selling the Simca he bought a lovely Austin A95 now owned by John Birrell and I think John would agree that this is a lovely car that was well maintained by Fred.

Fred, Marlene, Ina and I attended many Simca rallies and Austins over Australia rallies where we travelled together and shared accommodation. Rallies included Tenterfield and Launceston and many places in between - at least one a year.

When Fred sold his Hillman Hunter a year or two ago, he stopped attending NARC meetings and slowed down a bit although he still drove and enjoyed bingo and playing the pokies at the Willaston pub.

His passing was sudden and unexpected and a shock to Ina and me and he will be sorely missed. He was 93 years old.



## It was a Weekend of Memorable Motoring.

In the wash up of the recent Clare Valley Cruise for Cancer and the Show and Shine, I need to firstly acknowledge all NARC members who helped out in the lead up to the weekend and over the course of the two events. There are others that I must thank specifically.

Of particular note, Moranne Coombs and Merv Robinson bore the brunt of the work in receiving entries and sorting through payments. This was difficult work and I thank them sincerely. Graham Goode helped me to find a new venue when we were notified that the Clare Oval was unavailable. Goodie was unfailing in his support for the two events and he also safely stores the club's equipment and is well connected to prize donors and the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council who lent us equipment for the Show and Shine. Graham Goode also placed advertisements in the Plains Producer which not only promoted Goode Restorations but also the Show and Shine. Thanks heaps Goodie!

Craig Thomas is deserving of a special mention in planning and delivering the vehicle display at the Show and Shine, along with his ace team, Pomp Winen, David "Precision Parking" Keller and Ian Radford. The ever cheerful Alex Ryan was wonderful- transporting equipment to Mintaro and helping in a million and one ways. Don Pritchard was our point of contact with the Cancer Council which we were able to support through our charity Cruise on Saturday afternoon. Chris Tilbrook was the Cruise leader in his lovely Mini and at the other end of the field it was Mick Tobin who was the course sweeper.

Thanks to new members Jan and Julie Aamodt, who willingly helped out at both the Cruise and the Show & Shine, despite having other commitments on the weekend. Non member Bruce Lewis volunteered to help in placing directional arrows for the Clare Valley Cruise that were lent to NARC by our friends in the Clare Motorcycle Club.

Merv and Aileen Robinson were terrific in checking entrants in at the Show and Shine and Pam Stringer did great work in selling a stack of raffle tickets to aid the Cancer Council.

Thanks to our supporters and partners, most notably the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council who were prepared to back us with their Events Grant Program. Special thanks to Andrew Christiansen from the Council and we were pleased to have Deputy Mayor Malcolm Bartholamaeus present the awards at the conclusion of the Show & Shine. The wonderful Mim Ward from Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North, was a great supporter and provided me with timely advice and 'wise counsel'. Mim connected me to Jamestown's Tracey Dewell who designed and produced the unique posters/ flyers promoting the Weekend.

I must acknowledge Paul Heuer of the Armstrong- Siddeley Club who did great work in promoting the Weekend of Memorable Motoring to a range of car clubs in Adelaide. Dianne Correll honed her journalistic skills and again produced a great yarn and photos for the YP County Times which helped to promote the events in that part of the World.

Bek Holland from the Mortlock Park Management Committee at Mintaro was a joy to work with and went out of her way to make NARC welcome. Bek had a hardworking Mintaro team helping her on the Sunday and we also enjoyed the backing of John Mitchell from Mintaro. Mike from Armagh was kind enough to lend NARC his golf buggy for transport around the Mintaro Oval. A big thank you to Maddison Pike and the Pike family who hosted the finish of the Clare Valley Cruise in fine style at Pikes Wines and for their substantial donation to the Cancer Council. Our prize donors were again generous and thank you to Tim Adams from Tim Adams Wine and Mr Mick, Jim Thomas from Sprint Autos in Clare and Peter Barry from Jim Barry Wines who donated prizes and also attended the Show and Shine. A special thank you to David Hunt from Hunt Fuel in Jamestown who provided a \$50 fuel card to each of the category winners.

Again, my thanks to all the members who turned up and worked on the gate or helped with set up and dismantling or entered their prized cars in either of the events. We will not be able to run events without a willing team of helpers from within NARC.

Finally, my biggest thanks to my partner in crime, Ann Hammat who kept me sane (mostly!) and helped out in a myriad of ways over the last few months. Nothing was too much trouble and she approached everything in good cheer but with a steely determination that we could deliver not one but two good events in 2022.

Thanks everyone  
Trev Naismith,  
Event Director



Mike Baxter being interviewed by Trev

***And a huge thanks to Trevor for all his (and Anne's) hard work. ed***

## 6 Photo album of the memorable weekend

photos by Dianne Correll



Cars line up for the start of the Clare Valley Cruise for Cancer on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> March.



Congratulations to Merv & Aileen Robinson whose 1935 Auburn 851 won both the Post Vintage 1930-1949 and the Overall Best Vehicle categories.



Happy winners for the 2022 Show 'n' – Graham Burgess, Ronny Leighton, Colin Kaehne, Mike Osborne, Bill Clarke, Ray Kinlay, Deputy Mayor Malcolm Bartholomaeus who presented the awards, Roger Boehm who was also voted Best Dressed, Merv Robinson & Morry Mashado.



This beautiful 1926 Rugby R Sedan, complete with a vase of fresh flowers, won the Vintage 1920-1929 section for Roger Boehm, Burra.



Alice the Alvis, a 1951 TA21 Drophead Coupe owned by Mike & Mary Osborne of Ardrossan, was voted best in Section 4 – Classic 1950-1969



Bill Clarke, Wallaroo won the Modern Classic 1970-1989 section with his 1970 XWGT Falcon



Ray Kinlay's 2002Cobra Convertible Mustang won the Post Classic 1990-2009 category



The only entry in the Hot Rods/Street Machines but a very worthy winner indeed, was Rodney Magro's 1986 VL Holden Walkinshaw



Graham Burgess, Port Pirie won the Motor Cycles prize with this 1930 600cc Scott Flying Squirrel.



Ronny Leighton, Clare represented the Military Vehicle enthusiasts with this 1966 2A Landrover and won first prize for his efforts. Many military vehicle owners were in New South Wales at the Corowa Military Vehicle Gathering that weekend

Colin Kaehne's 1936 Oldsmobile truck won the Commercial Vehicles under 4.5 tonnes section against Alex Ryan's 1967 Ford F500



Morry & Margrit Moshado, Mount Gambier entered their "multi-coloured yellow" Renault which won the Event Director's Award



Catherine Redpath, Hoyleton brought her family and her 1983 WB Holden Ute which has been restored to its original colour and condition as when it was purchased new by her late husband, Jeff. Top: Lucas, Rileigh & Mackenzie Pratt, Owen. Bottom: Catherine (owner), Jacob, Peta & Dwayne Pratt, Owen



Vintage vehicles on show



'Precision Parking' David Keller with his Holden VU SS Ute.



David Masterson, Adelaide & Tina Couper, Burra admiring K.J. Mibus' 1979 Toyota Corolla.



Leigh Johnson and Helen Miller had to get back to Adelaide during the morning, but their bright red 1949 Riley Roadster was eye-catching while at the Mintaro Oval.



Martin Hicks with his immaculate 1964 XM Falcon Utility



Riley Club members David & Beverley Thompson's 1933 LeMans Sports Tourer gleamed in the sunshine at Mintaro



Ed Cottam from the Riverland Vintage & Classic Car Club with his 1978 MGB.



LAST and LEAST (restored) Dean Manderson's original 1953 FX ute

## **'Truckin' the South Coast'** Historic Commercial Vehicle Club 11-14 March 2022

Kelvin and I attended - 'Truckin' the South Coast' based at Strathalbyn which was organized by Richard and Sharon Miller on the long weekend, with so much to see for the 52 entrants that participated. We arrived at Strathalbyn at 4-00pm on Friday to check into our accommodation at Almond Grove B&B, then went to the oval complex for evening meal where we had gourmet sausages with salads. The local Strathalbyn Bakery made a large cream/jam cake for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Historic Commercial Vehicle Club of Australia. The cake was cut by the current Chairman Greg Althorp and assisted by past Chairman Allen Bilney. Murray and Kaye Langford from Mount Gambier gave an apology as they could not attend this Rally. Murray was an original member for our S A - Branch, and he wrote a letter of how and when our South Australian Branch got started back in 2008.

Saturday morning we all met at Whittam Transport to convey to Milang oval for morning tea and view the Milang Historical Society sheds with Fire units and a very rare 3 wheel vehicle owned by Arvid Jensen, building merchant.

After our prepared sandwiches, cakes and drinks we were entertained by some truckies in pulling the Milang Tractor Pull sled.

Richard Miller with his well restored 1986 International S2670 gave his first pull with a full pull of 100 metres. Ian Bagot didn't complete a full pull and then John McWaters had the sled chain connected to his 1964 Commer knocker with the rare W & G du Cros with 25hp @1500rpm, top speed 25kmph up on the back of the Commer. John was able to pull through full pulls of 100 metres. Carlo Didiano came up and got hooked up in his 1965 Nissan Junior ute. With much spin of his back tyres and huge amount of dust being held up in the air - Carlo did manage to pull the sled along for a short distance with much excitement and applause from the group. But his wife Sue went to the toilets as she was too scared to watch. Next to line up behind the sled was Jeff Johnson with his rare Pontiac, but fortunately the chain was not connected, as the tow bar was not strong enough to be pulled from -thank goodness.

John McWaters was awarded for his 3 pulls with a prize that was presented to him at the Strathalbyn oval complex also Carlo won his class and was presented with a gift. Dinner was served at the Victoria Hotel where the Cobb and Co Stagecoaches pulled up with their horses. Out the back was the horse-stables – these stables were restored, to have been included with the main Hotel building, plus the Pokies have being included in the area in the old stone building, all enclosed with a roof.

Sunday we met at Whittam Transport and we convoyed to Goolwa where we mingled with the tourist for morning tea and cake at the local shops. We walked to the Railway Station, where there was entertainment of jugglers, acrobats, live music and stalls from the Goolwa Markets. This gave us enormous atmosphere before we boarded the Steam Ranger's Heritage Railway on the 'Cockle Train' to Victor Harbor. This line was South Australia's first railway venture that was opened in 1854. The Goolwa to Port Elliot line, was also the first public line laid with iron rails in Australia. But Port Elliot was not a good harbor as 7 ships were wrecked so the port was relocated to Victor Harbor which was opened April 1864. Horses provided traction power from the start and then steam, introduced in 1884. Two horses often worked coupled together and were changed at the railway stations. Victor Harbor also had a market on the lawns near the foreshore. There was a carnival atmosphere with side show rides and food outlets near the Granite Island horse drawn double decker tram which goes across the

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causeway to the Island. Our return journey back to Goolwa left at 4-15pm where we collected our vehicles to drive back to Strathalbyn for pizzas and cheesecakes. A special guest speaker was Mrs Lorene Whittam, whom spoke about how Whittam Transport started and is bigger and better than when it first started and now being run by her sons as her husband has passed away.

Monday being a holiday for Adelaide Cup horse racing, we had two places to look at being the Collectable Classic Cars and Gilbert's Motor Museum, where I had my photo taken with Glen Dix the flag starter for many events and races. Richard Miller had organized lunch from the Bakery next to the Angus River where we all looked



The Victorian contingent



Trevor and Cheryl Scott in their 1991 Volvo F10



for the shade as the sun was getting hotter. A huge great long weekend was had by all whom attended from South Australia and Victorian members of Donnie McGregor, Rob French, Frank Latorre, Garry Gilcrist, Stephen Bragg along with Jeff and Helen Johnson. Jeff took many photos and was putting them up on Facebook for everyone to see. Jeff and Helen drove up to Port Pirie to attend the 'Stories from the Road Museum' where Liz Martin OAM-Historian and David Kent along with many volunteers held a 'Legends from the Road Wall of Truckies' induction on Saturday morning. Some HCVC-SA Branch members that were inducted were:- Trevor Kelley from Littlehampton who drives his restored 1946 Fargo FLI-16. Trevor drove trucks all over to the capital cities for his carting business. Trevor also collected Cec Auld, his cousin to go to Port Pirie for the weekend. Paul Longo from Waterloo Corner who has loaned his truck (a 1966 Inter Loadstar F1800D) to the Museum as he has finished using that truck, but he has other trucks in use. John Butterfield from Port Vincent is a third generation of his family as a carrier. As a 15 year old he left school to join the family business to cart rocks to the lime kiln and as he didn't have a licence he would load the truck in the paddock and drive it to the road so his Dad could take over to the kiln. He has completed his 50<sup>th</sup> harvest delivering grain to Port Giles silos and for the past 38 years or more, all of his trips have been behind the wheel of his trusty Kenworth. Peter Dunn and his wife Shirley from Angle Vale, after nearly 40 years of running Dunn's Bus Service, while living at Kadina, sold the business to YP Coaches in 2015 to take things easier. John Camplin from Mundoorra had his own truck business of 'Gotta go freight lines'. John was born at Wudinna, Eyre Peninsula and started driving trucks on his father's farm and he still drives trucks to Queensland. John's wife Trish, is a regular volunteer at the Museum and they both helped out in the great celebrations for the Reunion-2022 of the Inductees. Other members of HCVC-SA Branch that were at the Reunion were Dave and Helen Walsh, John Clifton and Jackie Hussin, Ross and Josie Blunsden, John McWaters, Barry Guy and Linda Payne, Dave Watson, Rob Jenke and Anjie Dransfeld, Tony Ryan, and Frank Latorre from Shepparton East, Jeff and Helen Johnston from Montrose, Melbourne along with Kelvin and Pam Stringer. A group of 12 came from the Geelong Transport Drivers Club.

The attendees

On Saturday night 'The Juke Box Boys Band' played Country & Western music to the Reunion group after their tea. Sunday the convoy was led by Dave Walsh to the Bridge to nowhere and around Port Pirie. Thank you Liz Martin for organizing such a great week end of Inducting the 'Legends from the Road Wall'.

Next Sunday (20<sup>th</sup> March) was an early rise to transport our 1925 Dodge in the trailer to Mintaro to enter the Dodge in the Clare Valley Show and Shine at the oval. While driving it to the oval from the Church area -the radiator was steaming away-so Kelvin had to park it in the Vintage (1920 -1929) area quickly. Kelvin then had to do his roster of parking the cars in their various selected parking areas at 8-00am. Trevor Naismith asked me to sell raffle tickets for Cancer to win a \$50 car care package of Armourall products for \$2 at ticket. The winner was Graham Clark from Clare. The event being held at Mintaro, the people/tourist didn't drive out to view the 88 or more cars that had entered. A late entry that were on holidays on Eyre Peninsula in a VW camper van saw the flyer and entered. Mike Osborne from Ardrossan – MAPS took a photo of every car and put it up on Facebook under 'MAPS'. The sun was getting hotter and hotter and quite a few cars drove off before the presentations were held.

This year a Best Dressed Driver (and passenger) was added to the 13 prizes to be won. Roger Boehm won the Vintage section with his 1926 Rugby Sedan and he also won the Best Dressed Driver as well with his boater hat, pointy black and white shoes and his green, white and black striped coat over his white shirt and white trousers. Merv and Aileen Robinson won the Post Vintage (1930-1949) category with their 1935 Auburn and they also won the Overall Best Vehicle. Mike and Mary Osborne won the Classic (1950-1969) section in their 1951 Alvis TA21 D/h Coupe. Bill Clarke won the Modern Classic (1970-1989) with his 1970 Ford XWGT Falcon. Ray Kinlay in his Ford Mustang 2002 Cobra Convertible won the Post Classic (1990-2009) section. Graham Burgess won the Motor Cycle section with his 1930 Scott, Flying Squirrel. Rodney Magro won the Hot Rod/Street section with his 1986 Holden Model VL. Colin Kaehne won the Commercial Vehicle section with his 1936 Oldsmobile Truck. Ronny Leighton won the Military section with his 1966 Land Rover. The Veteran car area was empty as Ian Denton didn't arrive with his 1912 Ford T Runabout, also there weren't any entries for Contemporary (2010 on) section. A great day out in the Clare Valley for both the Cruise for Cancer and the Show and Shine all organized by Event Director Trevor Naismith and Ann also with the event Secretary Moranne Coombs- a job well done!  
On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March Kelvin is taking stationery engines up to Booleroo Centre Steam and Traction Rally.

Pam Stringer.

## POWER OF THE PAST

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## Front Cover story THE BMW / TILBROOK RESTORATION

A long time ago as a 16 year-old I moved to Adelaide for my matriculation year (Year 12 to younger readers), my digs being a boarding hostel in North Adelaide where one of the other guys a few years older was an apprentice electrical fitter, giving him the advantage of being able to afford a brand new R69S BMW, to which he attached a Dusting sidecar. I was smitten, firstly, because as far as I could remember, a motorbike and sidecar outfit seemed such a quirky looking thing that it must be good, and secondly, because I figured a 600cc flat twin motor must be smoother and therefore better than the more common 500cc thumpers of the day. And the BMW exuded style and strength. After all, it was built in Germany.



This particular bike was originally fitted with a single seat, which allowed for one on the bike, and a passenger in the sidecar, so later a separate pillion seat was fitted on the rear mudguard which allowed for a third passenger. It also raised the centre of gravity, and a few weeks later control was lost riding travelling around Memorial Drive as the left-hand bend gradually became tighter, and the whole shebang ended up in the River Torrens, where it spent the night.

Fortunately for me the sidecar came out of the river virtually unscathed, so when the owner moved on to four wheeled transport, I was able to buy it, always with the idea of building myself a BMW/Dusting outfit. Meantime the sidecar was attached to an Ariel 500, but never saw much use.

Fast forward to the late 1990's and a 1960 BMW R60/2 came up for sale, so I made the purchase, knowing the motor was in need of a rebuild, but it came with a spare R60 motor which went in, only for me to find that while it bolted up to the gearbox OK, the flywheels are positioned differently and nothing worked as I'd anticipated.

My spirits dampened, the bike was parked while others went through the restoration process until I heard about a Tilbrook sidecar for sale in Adelaide. In my youth, I'd always dismissed them as looking like a dodgem car, but have to say my opinion changed when I first saw Darkie's, mounted to his Matchless. Compared to the Dusting, the Tilbrook was much lighter, had torsion bar suspension and a windscreen – altogether, a much better idea. Having bought the sidecar, but not yet having done anything with it, we attended the NARC campout at Kapunda one year, where Brian Woodcock mentioned to Darkie that he had a Tilbrook sidecar sitting on his verandah which had been bought to fit to an Ariel Square Four, but it never happened (probably because neither was made in France). Word about this soon reached me - Brian had a visitor the next day, and another deal was struck.

More bikes were restored, and I figured a start needed to be made if I was ever going to realise my dream of riding a BMW outfit. I'd also decided that if I was going to do it, I wanted one in the reverse colours – Dover white with black striping, which was a factory option, but far less common than the standard black / white combination.

The first priority for the project was to attach the sidecar to the bike – BMW's of this period were designed to haul sidecars – the only trouble being that they were designed for the sidecar to be fitted to the right hand side of the bike rather than the left, so three opposite hand lugs were made and welded to the bike frame (after checking the frame tubes were made of a material that's weldable), and a whole lot of adjustable fittings made to provide for a four-point attachment system. Having done that, work started on the bike.

The thing about BMW's of this vintage is that almost anything you need is available, which was a bit of a change after some of the other machines I'd restored. While the rebuild of the motor was entrusted to Lee McPeake Engineering in Lonsdale, I sourced almost everything else I needed from a couple of suppliers in Germany. The exception to this was a new seat base (the old one had rusted badly for some reason, and although reproductions were available, they were expensive, as was freight from Germany). So I made one using the original as a pattern and just bought the cover.

Restoration of the bike was pretty straight forward, although time consuming. New seals and bearings were fitted throughout the gearbox and final drive, new rubber fitted elsewhere (foot pegs, handlebar grips, kneepads etc.), and it was all painted in Protec's Dover White – a very good match for an original sample I was able to borrow. The pinstriping was originally applied by hand, and although the restoration suppliers provide a kit for applying the two parallel white stripes for a black bike, I couldn't find a supplier for black striping. Hours of masking, followed by about two minutes of spray painting and I had my stripes on the tank and mudguards.

Then serious work began on the sidecar – the body was stripped back to bare metal which revealed some rust holes around the bottom that had been bogged over before Brian's time, and there was also rust damage to some of the light body tubing. New patches were welded in, and some panel straightening undertaken. This particular body was an early one (No 41) and originally had a timber floor, however I chose to replace it with a steel floor per the later models, and the whole thing was undercoated. A new wooden seat base and back was made, and the body taken to Justin Tilbrook in Clare to be upholstered. Rex Tilbrook, who originally made Tilbrook sidecars and motorcycles came from an earlier generation of the same family, and I think Justin was happy to be working on something that had his name on it. I also asked Justin if he'd fit my seat cover for the bike to the base. I have to say he did a magnificent job of both, but not before a phone call to let me know the cover I'd bought was very poorly made, and we agreed the best way to go was to start again. As others have also found, Justin's work was first class, and a couple of people who've sat on the bike reckon the seat to be a lot more comfortable than their own!

Other work on the sidecar included having a new torsion bar made for the suspension, and cutting off the front and rear frame curves, (one of which was badly pitted and replaced), before having them chrome plated, after which they were welded back into position using a wet rag wrapped near the joint to minimise discolouration of the chrome. A new brass badge was made for the body using a rubbing from an original as the pattern, a new windscreen frame was made



out of stainless steel, a new winged hubcap machined from aluminium, again using the original broken one as a pattern, and lens retainers for the front clearance and rear tail lamps. I'd previously had new springs made to attach the sidecar body to the chassis.

Finally, a non-original left hand indicator light was made to be mounted on the sidecar mudguard. Turning indicators on motorcycles were a bit of a new idea in 1960, and BMW were one of the first to fit them – mounted in the ends of the handlebars. While I had one of the polished aluminium lights to put in the right-hand handlebar end, I didn't have a left one, so made a new aluminium light body to use the same festoon bulb and lenses, with peaks above the lenses in the same style as the one on the bike's headlight.

The body was then painted and pin-striped (more hours of masking) and fitted to the chassis. This was an exercise in itself – Tilbrook bodies are suspended on the chassis by four horizontal coil springs under a lot of tension. I roped the chassis to a column in the shed, attached it by the two rear springs to the body, then parked the ute in front as the anchor for a block and tackle to pull the body up to a point where the front springs could be fitted. I was fortunate enough to have had a couple of original 'Tilbrook / Adelaide' transfers for the front and rear of the body, one given to me by Darkie, and the other by David Grace, but given the likely deterioration of the adhesive over time, I decided it would be better to have them scanned and new 'stick-on' decals made. With a few coats of clear over the top, and lots of rubbing down in-between, they ended up feeling fairly flat and looked the part.

After doing all that, it was time to refit the sidecar to the bike – one problem I knew was coming was that the left-hand outward swinging kickstart lever would interfere with one of the sidecar mounts, the solution being to make a new lever with a kink in it, and with the open end of the lever facing forward rather than to the rear. While the original was in polished aluminium and had started to crack, I decided it would be easier to make the new one in stainless steel and polish it.



Rewiring the bike presented a few problems too - the new loom I bought from Germany used different coloured wires to the original scheme used by BMW, none of which were labelled, and the diagram that came with it was of course in German. With the aid of Dr. Google's translating service I eventually worked it all out.

First start-up of the bike was on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021, and the first ride up and down the back street was on 11<sup>th</sup>.

Graham Burgess



## Minutes of last two meetings

### MEETING – Thursday 10th February 2022 at Clare.

President welcomed 57 Members and visitors, 12 Apologies.

Agreed Minutes of previous Meeting be Accepted.

Correspondence was read and Received.

Financial Report was presented and Accepted.

Car Restraints; Federation advised all children under 7 years MUST be constrained. Over 7 years are OK, but if vehicle has seat belts they must be worn. Federation now celebrating 50 years and membership of 162 clubs.

#### General Business:

Membership Application received and Accepted.

Presentation Lunch was an enjoyable event and Blyth Tea & Film Night with one session went well.

Trevor Naismith spoke about Clare Valley Cruise and Show'n'Shine in March. Showed the lay-out of the oval for displaying vehicles in categories. Help required on the day, no tent pegs on oval.

Kelvin Stringer reported on Milang Tractor Pull, he was congratulated on his efforts. Shane Carty and Nick Correll will compete at Murray Bridge. Mundoorra Tractor Pull is on 20th-21st August.

John Birrell advised All British Day has been cancelled.

Next Meeting – Thursday 10th March at Port Pirie.

Guest Speakers Ann Hammat and Deb Sims had travelled over 2,600K in the Mystery Box Rally with a 1996 Mercedes and won Award for "Best Team" Money was raised with Raffles, Open Garden and Fashion Parade. Due to Covid they were unable to enter Victoria and New South Wales, they travelled a long way to get to Queensland. They showed maps of the Run, many photos of events and outfits. They eventually reached Rockhampton and Bundaberg and thanked the Club for support.

Jim Puust gave a history of Wurth, a German Co., which started in Australia in the 1900's. He displayed a large collection of goods they provide and explained their use.

President closed Meeting at 9.30pm.

### MEETING – Thursday 10th March 2022 at Port Pirie

President welcomed 45 Members and 15 Apologies.

Agreed Minutes of previous Meeting be Accepted.

Correspondence was read and Received.

Financial Report was presented and Accepted.

Registrar advised Club has a number of new members.

Federation Minutes now being emailed to Clubs. Federation Meeting time now changed at 2.00pm.

Check Federation Wed site for Events.

Editor advised photos and stories always required.

#### General Business:

Membership Application received and Accepted.

Trevor Naismith advised on the progress of the Clare Valley Cruise and Show'n'Shine.

Pikes Winery is donating to Cancer Council and their Restaurant will be open for people in the Valley.

Help required Sunday morning for parking, entries still being received.

MOVED "That Club to match donation to Cancer Council" Motion was Carried.

Graham Goode advised a new roster to be prepared. Club has been asked to help with sale of a Late Member's Estate. MOVED "An hourly rate of \$25 be charged" Motion was Carried.

Black & White Historic Number plates were discussed re being reclaimed by Government.

Federation to be contacted re ruling.

Next Meeting – Thursday, 7th April at Port Broughton.

Guest Speaker Graham Burgess spoke about the early History of Port Pirie Lead Smelters, he showed Maps from 1884 of the railway system to Peterborough, and from Broken Hill to Port in S.A.

Graham had many photos throughout the years, showed 4 various castings and explained their workings. Also Flying Foxes, Chimneys, Viaduct and the workshops.

President closed Meeting at 9.30pm.

# BALAKLAVA MUSEUM Inc



The members of Balaklava Museum Inc. are pleased to invite you to our celebration of the 2022 SA History Festival.

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**Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022**

at

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and

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**Saturday and Sunday: 10.00am-4.00pm**

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**9/03/2022**

We are also planning to have a series of Blacksmithing Days on the second Sunday of each month, May-September (May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11), 10am-4pm at Urlwin Park, 34a Short Tce, Balaklava.

Long time member of NARC, Greg Mahon died on the 23rd March. He joined the club in 1986. Although we did not see a lot of him, he brought a motor bike to the first Show and Shine. He was an expert on veteran T Fords.

I had a good talk to him as we looked at Ian Denton's 12 T. I have a 13 T Ford and he was able to point me in the right direction re what I needed. He was 63. Too young.  
Merv Robinson



# MUD and DUST

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