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VALE – JOHN HUNT:

We sadly note the passing of our esteemed member and Club Patron John Hunt. John was a great ambassador for the Club and a wonderful friend to us all, he will be sadly missed. To Audrey we extend our Deepest Sympathy. M.C.

ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14:

A year has gone and I thank the Committee and members for their support and advice. The Committee had planned a programme of interesting Guest Speakers, Events and Outings for the year.

Presentation Lunch at Port Broughton was friendly and enjoyable. Awards were received by John Birrell – Most Attendance, David Kent – Patron's Award, Kapunda Chapter – Editor's Award, John & Fran Birrell – Vintage Vehicle, Brian & Eleanore Beyer – Post Vintage Vehicle, Barry Treloar – Classic Vehicle,

Meetings have been well attended with speakers covering many interesting subjects. Identification Night where many interesting items were displayed. Haydn Madigan from Pt. Pirie R.S.L. spoke about "Huey" the helicopter. A film on "The Cattle Carters" and Road Trains en-route to Darwin by David Kent. Pam and Marian gave a presentation on their trip to India.

In January, many members enjoyed a meal at Blythe before viewing a film "Brassed Off". February, thanks to Graham and Family and good weather at Clare, we enjoyed a great night, saw a film on the "Spalding Races", also an excellent presentation of the restoration of the 1934 Diamond T Bus and Brian Beyer demonstrated his collection of lights.

Kip and Lynne Newbold provided an interesting presentation on trip to America and "Route 66". Gary Butterfield told of the Finke Race and showed many action shots of cars and bikes. A film night was presented by June Cowan of her trip to Kilimanjaro. June meeting, Graham Goode's photo presentation from the Commercial Vehicles Club included a variety of trucks, tractors and farm machinery, also many rare cars on display at the Carrick Hill Car Show and at the Mallala Raceway a unique way of transporting the cars.

December President's Run members enjoyed morning tea and hospitality at John and Audrey Hunt's home in Jamestown. Christmas Lunch was enjoyed at the Caltowie Historic Hotel, then members travelled back to Jamestown for the Christmas Street Parade.

Members should be congratulated on their efforts for "Power of the Past" at Mount Barker, NARC members won trophies for "Best Club Display", David Dunstan for "Best Motorbike" and Craig Thomas and Radish for "Best Stationary Engine".

March Swap Meet at Clare was again a successful event, even though it rained and some sellers left early. Thank you to the Committee and Members for their hard work, you all did a great job.

Kelvin and Pam Stringer had a good attendance for their Shed Day at Mundoora, plenty of machinery to look around and a good afternoon tea was enjoyed by all.

NARC Members have participated and displayed vehicles at Bowman Park Fun Day, Hobbies Alive and Walter Duncan's Rose Garden at Clare, Ivan Venning's Open Day at Crystal Brook, the opening of the Smitham's Pavilion at Balaklava Museum, Old Car Day at Bethany, Australia Day at Greenock, Crystal Brook, Melrose, Jamestown and Clare Shows, Gladstone Country Fair, Bay to Birdwood, Laura Folk Fair, and Booleroo Steam & Traction Rally.

NARC has welcomed a number of new members this year, I hope they enjoy the Club's activities and we see them at many events.

I have attended many Kapunda Chapter events at which I was always most welcome, Thank you.

My sincere thanks must go to Secretary Pat Fiedler, Treasurer Merv Robinson, Dean and Sue Manderson for the Con Rod, Graham Goode for his help and advice and the work you all do for the Club. To the Committee and Members thank you all for your support and friendship throughout the year, also to our Advertising Sponsors who help support the Con Rod.

I wish the incoming Committee every success in the year ahead.

Moranne Coombs.

NARC Calendar 2014

- August** **14th** Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club. 8 pm Mystery objects Identification Night. John Birrell will show a movie about 2 Aussie pilots who went to Switzerland in 2010 to take delivery of a Pilatus PC12 aircraft for the RFDS. Particularly a look at the factory and some of their flight back to Australia.
- 28th** Buick Car Club visit to Clare at Goode Restorations 10.30am Eastern States members travelling to the National Buick rally in Western Australia are visiting Goode Restorations. NARC members are welcome to come and look at these fine vehicles. Goode Restorations is providing morning tea.
- September** **7th** Port Pirie RSL to view the Huey.
 10.30 am Meet at Graham & Marie Burgess' home (and shed) for morning tea. Port Pirie
 11.00 am Visit Port Pirie RSL, The Terrace. Special Attraction - the Iriquois "Huey" helicopter housed in the new building extension to the museum.
 12:00 noon Return to Burgess's for BBQ lunch to be provided by the Club
 1.00 pm Visit Port Pirie National Trust museum, Ellen Street.
 NB Times are approximate - included so any latecomers have some idea where to find the rest of us!
 For catering purposes, please advise by Wednesday, 3rd Sep.
 Phone 8632 4293 or 0407 793 876, or email gramarb@internode.on.net
- 11th** Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club. 8pm John Birrell will present a talk about Maralinga then and now.
- 28th** Bay To Birdwood - Vehicles manufactured before 1956
 Back to old route (slightly changed) but without one way traffic in the hills.
- October** **1st** Con-Rod .. deadline for article submission.
- 6th** Jamestown Show Cars needed for display
- 9th** Meeting Pt Broughton Golf Club 8 pm – Dodge photo presentation.
- 11 & 12th** Burra to Morgan Run - Graham Goode and Craig Thomas organizers
 Entry forms on website in Downloads section.
- 18th** Clare Show
- November** **1st** Clare Fly In and opening of the Clare Airport Conference Centre.
 Cars needed for display.
- 6th** Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club 8 pm
 Merv Robinson to talk about the Bangalor fires
- December** **7th** President's Run Clare area.
- 9th** Con-Rod .. deadline for article submission

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- January** 8th Blyth Cinema Night Tea provided at 6.00pm
Numbers to Pat by 5th Jan. 8821 1075
- February** 4th Con-Rod - deadline for article submission
12th Meeting at Goode Restorations, New Road, Clare 8 pm – Workshop night
- March** 7th & 8th Power of the Past – Mt. Barker
12th Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club. 8 pm
15th Clare Swap Meet
- April** 29th Booleroo Steam & Traction Rally⁴
1st Con-Rod - deadline for article submission
9th Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club, 8 pm
Merv Robinson talk on Tri-State Tractor Rally
12th Vehicle inspection day at Yakka. BYO lunch. Tour of town.
- May** 3rd Bus trip to Adelaide
14th Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club, 8 pm Film Night
24th Cavalcade of cars Moonta
- June** 3rd Con-Rod - deadline for article submission
6th - 8th Club Campout weekend.
11th Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club, 8 pm
- July** 9th Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club, 8 pm **AGM**
- August** 6th Con-Rod - deadline for article submission
13th Meeting Pt. Broughton Golf Club. 8 pm Mystery objects Identification Night.

If any member can supply a guest speaker, a talk or member profile please contact the secretary or a committee member. Thank you.


Swap Meets

- August 17th Willunga at Lions Reserve, Binney Road Sellers-7.00am, Buyers 8am, \$5
Graham 0429 902 007
- September 15th Gawler Sport & Community Centre Nixon Terrace 6-30 Sellers \$20 ..
buyers \$5 Indoor sites \$30 Mike Williams 8523 1233 0407 605 354
Email swapmeet@gawlercarclub.com

- October 5th** Motorcycle Only, Balhanah Oval, strictly NO car or bric-a-brac related sites. camping available Saturday night All entry 7.00 am Sites \$15 Entry \$5 Peter Yates after 6.00 pm 8255 8856
- 19th** Strathalbyn, Harness Racing Club Milne Road sellers 5.30am \$15 camping \$5 buyers 6.30am \$5, Richard 0423 524 481 Dean 8552 1042 Box 610, Victor Harbor, 5211 deidresolly@hotmail.com
- November 14th** Bendigo
- January 19th** Hahndorf, Hahndorf Oval. Traders: \$15.00 6am Buyers: \$5.00 8am, Children Free 0429 959 009
- February 2nd** Auto Jumble Lockleys Primary School Oval May Terr Lockleys, 6.30am for Sellers & Buyers Admission \$4.00 per person Brian Teakle; 8443 7181
- February 16th** Murray Bridge at Showgrounds \$5. Children free Gates open 6am John Whimpress. 0428 132 889. www.rotarynews.info/club3767

Other Events of Interest

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- September 1st** ***Drive It Day (or Old Car Day)*** You are encouraged to take your historic vehicles out so that the public can see them. Take them to work, take them shopping, go for a drive, organise a run. The Gawler Veteran Vintage & Classic Vehicle Club invite you to join them at Bethany Reserve; Bethany Road, Bethany at around 12.30pm on Monday September 1st 2014. It is all very informal, BYO lunch. Toilets and a large shelter are available, but we suggest that you bring chairs. Join in with the Kapunda Chapter. see their Calendar for details
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- 13 & 14th** Pt Augusta Vehicle Restorers Club Rally. – The Flinders Odyssey. Quorn, Rawnsley Park, Angorichina overnight, Parachilna and Hawker. Details 0439 801 135 goanna@ganna.biz
- 20 & 21st** Victor Harbor Rock N Roll Festival Warland Reserve Victor Harbour More Info rocknrollfestival.com.au
- 28th** BAY TO BIRDWOOD vehicles manufactured before 1 January 1956 - See more at: <http://www.baytobirdwood.com.au>
- October 11 & 12th** Burra to Morgan Run for veteran and vintage vehicles. All historic vehicles also welcome. NARC organising. Graham Goode 8842 3731, Craig Thomas 8662 6203 Entry form on Narc.org.au website in downloads.
- 12th** Bowman Park Fun Day via Crystal Brook, 10.30am-3.30pm. Family outing with entertainment for all. Games, rides, market\craft stalls, displays, old building \ garden walks, music\dancers, BBQ, soft drinks and ice creams. Ideal park setting for a picnic day. Please come along and put your car on show and be a part of this growing event.
- January 19th** All Holden Day 9am to 4pm Wigley Reserve Glenelg \$10 per car, spectators free Non trophy event. Dave 0417 765 877

For more information on most of above... www.bevenyoung.com.au swap meets

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CHAPTER CALENDAR

All meetings Lutheran Hall, South Terrace, Kapunda

Aug. 22nd. General meeting 7.30pm.

August 24th. S.A.L.A. arts festival.

Sept 1st.. Old Car Day Bethany. 10.30am Meet at Hill St (Town Hall) to travel to Bethany

Sept 26th General Meeting 7.30pm

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 .

KAPUNDA CHAPTER "DOINGS"

SEDAN SWAP MEET JUNE 15th .(via RRTJ as told by Sec. Malcolm!).

Mick had arranged to collect me en route @ 5.am (he had a truckload) but I cunningly assured him an extra hour in bed would be more beneficial and that 6am would be fine (he duly arrived @ 5.30 or 0530 hours on his army-trained watch and we managed to squeeze in as part of the THIRD lap of the oval!).The joy of fine weather was somewhat tempered by the Murray Flats' breeze and this "Meet" is growing enormously year by year. I'll know better next time and be waiting for the "Indians to come over the hill" as Mick so colourfully describes being somewhere early!

Much bartering and parts changing hands was obvious (particularly from the 50s) with a smattering of Ford "T" and Dodge parts 'tho' nothing obvious for "real" cars.(Sub Ed's note: here we must assume Malcolm means Oaklands I gather!).We left with load lightened somewhat having sighted several "Chapter" members searching hopefully (Glen & his Essex mudguards still looking to be united apparently!).

VISIT TO 'TOPLINE RESTORATIONS' @ KAPUNDA 28 th .JUNE

(Again via RRTJ as told by Mal J)

A pleasing no. of starters gathered in the "usual" street for the shortest run of the year to the local Industrial Area where a new business (as above) is already making a mark in the restoration "game". Owner Ashley Crook gave us a demo. of metal finishing and we viewed a good line-up of cars from the Holden "stable" primarily with a Torana, 2 Monaros (the National Monaro rally is happening in the Barossa in October) and a few sedans (some from interstate) patiently awaiting attention. The owner (a 2nd place-getter in the "Australian Apprentice of the Year") finishes everything the "proper" way without bog and sets himself a high standard.



Ashley beating a panel

We wish him every success in his new endeavour .

The morning was rounded off with a most enjoyable lunch @ the "Main Street Diner" in Kapunda – another new business which deserves our support and best wishes.

GUNGELLAN HOTEL VISIT 13 th .JULY(A.K.A. "XMAS in JULY"!) @ FREELING

Here again Malcolm J., was involved but this time as the organiser/liason for our most enjoyable visit to a venue that for most was a perfect distance for a Sunday drive with lunch.

This Freeling hotel of long - standing has of course grown in reputation, following the "McLeod's Daughters" series shot locally only a few years ago Mein Host(ess) Helen with her so-efficient assistants looked after our twenty-plus very well indeed and the prices, service and food quality were all one could wish for in a group situation. She has only been there 2 years and apparently knew Malc., from an earlier time when involved with the Tarlee Hotel.



We left thoroughly satisfied with all aspects and can thoroughly recommend this venue when travelling through, Freeling being just a minute or two off the main "drag".

KAPUNDA CHAPTER -ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 25/7/14

The time had come to coerce some into carrying on or to “volunteer” someone else into taking on the positions without which (unfortunately at times) no Club can function successfully. We think this is probably the only occasion on which our AGM has been attended by the parent club’s President and we appreciate Moranne’s continued support and company.

Firstly after some chair-shifting it was most pleasing to re-welcome Robert into the ‘High Chair’ and thank him for a job well done and pledge support for the coming “fun times” (which of course is as it should be, otherwise what are some of us doing with our “twilight years”?!).

Consequently as our long-term Treasurer Brian O., is heading north to warmer climes at Gladstone in Queensland (not much to beat at present!) we thank him for his valuable 5 years or so of service and fellowship and welcome Irene Woodcock to take over the “bean-counting” (thanks indeed – volunteers are like Essex mudguards ,eh Glen?!).

We recognise also Rob Stapley for his stint as “Events Co-ordinator”- a no doubt at times frustrating and seemingly thankless task as Club members (being in the main, human) are sometimes quick to complain or find fault and remarkably short on alternative suggestions. This must change and until this post is filled (and indeed ever thereafter in fact) all are encouraged to come up with ideas for venues and appropriate destinations (below is a list of organised outings for the next two months given to me-thanks largely to Robert, Dale & Di P.). Particularly so as we have our 25th Anniversary coming up in November and it should be recognised with something imaginative and special. In the meantime thankyou Robert.

A thanks, in fact, to everyone who has filled a position, suggested something or organised anything (no matter how seemingly minor) for as the old saying goes “many hands.....”. Well you know the rest!

I’m also stepping down from the Sub-editor’s role and thank all who have contributed to help get this publication out when I wasn’t in attendance at certain functions and want, particularly, to acknowledge Editor Dean’s patience with one whose technological skills are growing, but ever-so-slowly! We thank Dale P., for filling this particular “hole” and wish him well whilst comforting Dean with the thought that I am (in all modesty, Dale won’t mind me saying I’m sure) somewhat more advanced than is Dale as regards this aspect of the modern age! No doubt he will receive appropriate support from Di and others (including yours truly of course), meanwhile I hope you’ve enjoyed some of my ravings and attempts to put a different slant on happenings, without letting the truth get in the way too much!

Finally we would like to thank Graham Burgess (Log Books etc., Officer) for making the effort to be present at our AGM, settle a query or two and allow us to put a face to one of those whose position is so important to the smooth running of such a spread-out Club (quite a drive home to Pt. Pirie for him of course).

Ooroo 4 now & Thanks 4 Reading- The “Thunda from Down Unda Kapunda” signing off !!!!

ANNUAL REPORT – CONDITIONAL REGISTRATION SCHEME.

By now, most members will be aware that David Kent and I exchanged roles during the latter part of the year, and that I am now the first point of contact for the issue of log books, keeper of the statutory declarations and endorsement of log books and registration papers.

The records show that 140 Club members own a total of 214 vehicles currently registered under the scheme.

As at 4th July, log books, registration papers and statutory declarations pertaining to 173 of these vehicles had been presented for endorsement and returned to their owners, ie. Just over 80%.

Most of the paperwork has been forwarded to me with a stamped, addressed envelope for its return and for that I am thankful.

A total of 1,105 days use was recorded for these 173 vehicles, ie. an average of just over 6 days a year (with several staying in the shed the whole time and recording none).

105 new log books were issued during the year and the details of all except the last 8 have been forwarded to Brian Davy, keeper of the records for the Historic Motoring Clubs of SA (inc.)

Graham Burgess, writing under the exalted title of
Conditional Registration Scheme Authorised Person.

OUR NEW DISTRICT LAWN MOWER MAN

I was being driven around Port Pirie late Saturday afternoon 26th July, trying to obtain a 7 pin female trailer connection plug and as most places were closed or near closed, I had no success. I had just built a new towbar and fitted it to a second hand Mercedes we bought at a Wilmington auction recently. In particular we wanted to give it a run on the Sunday morning with a trailer to Smithfield some 200kms away.

However we turned up from The Terrace into Kingston Road, Port Pirie and noticed these strange events. Whilst the entire northern side of Kingston Road which is a continuous concrete path going past the school and the attached oval, there was this light structured gentleman with grey hair and grey beard pushing a lawnmower and we assumed mowing the **concrete path**. Rather a strange look....

If this what the pressure of being the Conditional Registrar of NARC does to you, it is certainly not for me.

Barry Treloar

DIANNE'S KITCHEN

Sadly, or happily, depending on your point of view, Dianne's Austin A30 Countryman is about to be converted into a bit of domestic paraphernalia. How is this possible you might ask?

Well, Dale has decided to downsize and this means selling his Historic Garage in Eudunda. The problem is that A30s have been breeding in there for many years, so all the baby Austins have to go! This must be accomplished before the property can be sold.

So this brings me back to Dianne's A30. Dale said this must also go, it doesn't take up much space, but Dale was adamant! Dianne wasn't convinced and responded indignantly, "If it must go, it's my car and I need a new kitchen, so my car, my kitchen!!!! I think she has convinced Dale?

When the kitchen is installed I hope Dale places a plaque on the new cupboards to commemorate the many great times spent in this wonderful little car.

Brian Haines

'The Old Holden Dealer Building' Yacka SA.

Saving and Preserving Our Holden History. by Steve Hyde.

I had no idea that a Holden dealer would have been operating in such a small town as Yacka, until I went in search and to my surprise I read a very faded sign on an old garage, 'Yacka Motors Holden Sales & Service'. Wow I had come across real (GMH) history. Overall the building was sound but over time, white ants, water, trees & their roots, birds and the wind and rain had taken their toll. After fifty plus years of being unused this building was showing its age, having been built in 1925/6 as Yacka's only garage at that time. A besser block newer section was added on during the 1940's, prior to the release of the new Holden car. According to the local residents this garage was the life of the town, next to the Hotel, that is! The only other issue for me was, it's not For Sale.

Time went by and after a lot of thought we contacted a well known local real estate agent to inquire as to whom the owner was and if they may be interested in selling. Making quite sure to advise them that the building would not be bulldozed, modernised or vandalized in any form, but would retain the appearance it had during it's hey days of the 40's 50's & 60's. It was to be only used for the display and the promotion of early Holden's, including family gatherings, with the showing of their cars at the same time. News came back that the owners were the Goss family and that the garage had been in their family for all of that time, under (H. A. Goss) and were willing to sell. I was very pleased! Contracts signed, waiting period over, the old Yacka garage was ours.

From the start this was going to be a long term project allowing myself only one or two days a week to do the work required. Craig Goss removed all his stored gear from the shed and cleared the block (many thanks). Now I could start gutting the inside, dirt, rubbish, wiring, piping (air & water) broken windows, timber offices, shelving, trees and their massive roots were removed. Next came the stripping of all the rotten and white ant infected timber, enough, that we had a huge bonfire. Main posts that needed replacing were done with second hand ones, fitted with specially made steel saddles set in concrete footings. Three RHS steel main support posts replaced the original timber ones for strength and fire prevention. New glass & skylights, new plumbing and rewired. Only major work to be done is the rusty iron sheets on the roof. Half the block has been divided off, setting out for stalls etc. Landscaping started early and over twenty trees and shrubs have been planted so far. Galvanized fence posts are in place, new fascia boards, gutters & down pipes fitted.



Before work commenced



Progress to date

During clearing and levelling out the back a discovery was made in relation to the old garage's history, (then Goss's Motor Garage). A very large 'PLUME' fuel sign was uncovered, easily identified in a earlier photograph taken of the original building in the 1940's (supplied by the Yacka History Group) showing the sign on the left front door. It is now bolted to the side wall with other old signs. Repainting the original 'Mobiloil' sign is well under way having had its first new coat. Rendering over the weathered besser blocks more painting - some timber work - dress up inside - gravel to be placed around and ColourBond fences are all still to do. That's enough for this year!!

Please feel free to call in when I am there and have a chat. There is a new timber seat fitted to the front of the building for this purpose. As they did in the 'olden' days when you would talk to folk passing by!

Still looking for more information on local cars sold from Yacka Motors! I have made contact with many locals but not yet met up with them all. This will happen as soon as I am happy with my progress.

Our cars to date for display are. A 1952 48/215 (FX) sedan, half restored by Alan Fidge and a 1954 (FJ) special sedan, from Brinkworth.

Also a 1954 (FJ) special sedan (modified). Robyn and my self are the 3rd owners of this car, owning it for the past 32 years. Now undergoing total restoration! Chrome - trimming & electrics to do!!

This is just a short article on what we are doing to help preserve our motoring history in a small rural country town.

PS. Next year is 2015, the old garage will be 90 years old. This will be a good time to hold an open day!!!



1954 FJ as found 100% complete



1952 48/215 FX partially restored



1954 FJ after painting

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