



The Early Ford V8 Club Victoria Inc.



Discover how Alan Summergreene became the proud owner of this beautiful 1950 Coupe. *Story on pages 22 – 23.*

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**THE EARLY FORD V8 CLUB OF VICTORIA INC
GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 2008**

Minutes of the General Meeting convened at the Kingston Library, Warrigal Road, South Oakleigh on Friday 7th November 2008

MEETING OPENED: By the president at 8.00pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: As per the attendance register (31 members, 2 guests).

VISITORS/GUESTS: Mrs A Robertson, Mr R Brooker.

APOLOGIES TENDERED: Messrs: G McCubbin, J Stewart, J Mahoney, C Watson, G Watson, I Watson, J Pierce, G Debolfo, A Cousins, A Wilson, A Summergreene, J Gladstone, M Hibbert and N Kane.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

(3rd October 2008). The minutes of the previous meeting not being published in The Side Valve V8 Times were read to the meeting by the president, at the completion they were taken as a true record of the meeting. Moved Mr T Richards. Seconded Mr J Provis. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARD:

AOMC. membership renewal and committee members.

City of Kingston. Library Hall renewal for meetings.

American Republic Gold Coast. Clothing promotion.

Shannon's Auctions. Sydney, October 19th.

Bunyip Country Music Festival. 22-2-2009.

Kiwanis Club All Ford Day. Waurn Ponds 15-02-2009.

Classic Volvo (Amazon Spares) Car Sale.

Andrew Field. Club raffles opinion.

AOMC. American Motoring Show. Flemington 5-4-2009.

AOMC (Iain Ross). 90-Day permit problems.

AOMC. Club subscription renewal.

Neville Kane (member). Thank you for the get well card and report on treatment.

E.F.V8 Club of America. Advising Mr P Hibbert re-elected as international representative for Australia.

The Bentinck of Woodend. Lunch invite, group bookings.

Restored Cars magazine. Featuring write up of 2008 National Event.

Macedon Ranges & District Motor Club. Hanging Rock 9-2-2009.

Mrs H Miller. Letter of thanks for MYOB update and assistance given.

Mr J Watson. Letter and cheque for site at Bendigo Swap Meet.

Mr N Nettleton. Written report on Federation meeting.

Mr N Smith. Letter re "Terms of Settlement".

NEWSLETTERS OCTOBER

E.F.V8 Club, SA

E.F.V8 Club, Qld

E.F.V8 Club, Vancouver

E.F.V8 Club, Northern NZ

NEWSLETTERS NOVEMBER

E.F.V8 Club NSW

E.F.V8 Club, Vancouver

Macedon Ranges & District Motor Club

West Gippsland Vehicle Club

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARD:

P Hibbert to AOMC. Advising E.F.V8 Club executive positions.

P Hibbert to Vic Roads. Club signatories for recording.

H Beckwith to N Smith. Response to "Terms of Settlement".

REPORTS:**TREASURER:**

The Treasurer Mr Wane related on the financial matters

and details for the preceding month

Opening Balance \$10,026.10

Income Included

Annual subscriptions inc new members

Video orders

Special effort

Advertising in newsletter

Auction proceeds (AGM)

J Watson (Bendigo Swap Meet site)

Total Income \$6,069.00

Expenditure Included

Secretarial, MYOB, Newsletter,

Postage, AOMC membership, Auction lots

Total Expenditure \$1,645.31

Bank Charges as per Bank Statement \$Nil

Unpresented cheque Oct \$364

Balance at 31-10-2008 estimated \$14,449.79

The opportunity was given to ask questions of the treasurer relating to his report. The treasurer then moved his report be accepted. Seconded. E Crombie. Carried.

MEMBERSHIP:

Mr Camier presented the following three applications for membership. Each application was presented separately.

Mr R Brooker – Bulla, Mr G Sheedy – Gheringhap, Mr G Bell

– Sebastopol. When the members were asked to approve, the applications were voted in the affirmative. We now have 131 financial members. We warmly welcome these gentlemen and families into the club and hope their association is a long and happy one.

SOCIAL SECRETARY:

Mr R Broatch. Ray advised the meeting being newly elected into this position that both he and Bob Felsovary were together completing this years calendar. He further commented that he wanted to get the members attending a number of functions en masse, where possible on a monthly basis, rather than small groups attending functions.

He highlighted November was the Bendigo Swap Meet, December the Christmas Luncheon. January 2009 – the RACV Rally, February 2009 – The Begonia Festival and the Ballarat Swap Meet, March 2009 – A return to the mini railway Eltham. He will draft a calendar of events for members to consider and he requested input for other interesting activities.

FEDERATION REPORT:

Mr N Nettleton had attended the recently held Federation meeting at Congupna and related the following matters. (The president is holding a detailed report if members wish to read the report), a précised version follows. Australian Business Directories are soliciting payments for listing in that magazine – this IS a hoax! Australia Day Rally, picnic day for 2009, Federation website, club vehicle survey, Bendigo swap meet, Berwick swap meet, National Motoring Day 2010, Federation Rally (40th Anniversary), Golden Oldies Rally, RACV Report. Red Plate Scheme: Norman spent some time discussing this matter. It would appear that motoring organisations are becoming involved i.e. hot rodders and CAMS. CAMS are pushing to be the umbrella organisation for the motoring clubs. This led to a detailed discussion wherein the following motion was put to the members: *We support the Federation/AOMC in their opposition to CAMS becoming the umbrella organisation for representing the historic motoring fraternity.* Moved N Nettleton. Seconded B Felsovary. The motion was put forward and motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The president raised the matter of appointments that had not been confirmed at the Annual General Meeting last month.

The following members were appointed to the nominated positions:

Club Scrutineer: Mr A Summergreene

Property Steward: Mr A Summergreene

Catering Officer: Mr K Dumble

Historian/Librarian: Mr P Hibbert

Public Officer: Mr H Beckwith

AOMC Delegate: Mr I Camier

Federation Delegate: Mr R Felsovary

2nd Delegate to AOMC and Federation: Mr N Nettleton

The catering officer appointment was created as Mr M Wane

relinquished the position after some years. This he had

done at his own expense. We thank Mick for his efforts and

personal expense. The members thanked Mick with a rousing

ovation. The president then stated that prior to Mick taking

this task, a donation for the refreshments was made and it

would be re-instituted. Henceforth a request for 50 cents per

member be made effective December 2008.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER BOXES:

Discussion transpired as to the raffle at the Christmas

luncheon. The hamper boxes arose and Mr R Broatch

volunteered to take charge of this task. Members are asked

(if desirous) to bring a donation(s) to place in the hamper.

Mr M Wane is organising the raffle tickets.

MEMBERS ON THE SICK LIST:

Mr N Nettleton related that he had been in contact with

Mr N Kane and he was travelling reasonably well and thanked

the members for their warm wishes in the get well card that

was forwarded to him.

Mr R Broatch commented that Mr Kevin Haslam has suffered

a stroke and was currently undergoing the appropriate

therapy. A get well card was passed around and the members

present signed the card with their personal comments. Ray

was intending to deliver the card to him within a short time.

BENDIGO SWAP MEET:

Questions were asked as to what the club was doing with the

second site, the president related the second site was kept

by the club on the understanding Mr John Watson hired the

site. The president will contact Mr Watson to ascertain his

views. He also stated that discussion would take place with

the Bendigo Swap Meet organisers. Resulting from these

enquiries the club would review the options. The passes for

the club site have been handed to the vice president who is

transporting club material.

Mr N SMITH

The president read to the members the recent letters from

Mr N Smith in reference to his 'Terms of Settlement' and the

response as the result of the management committee meeting.

The president stated that he read the letters to the members

for their information and that no discussion was to ensue.

**RESTORED CARS and V8 TIMES MAGAZINES
and 'CRUISING'**

It was pointed out that the club received good coverage in both magazines from our recently conducted 11th Australian National event. There has been coverage on Channel 31 with the Cruising show. The president has had a chat with Mr G Lemin who has offered to obtain a DVD of the show for the club. The magazines were shown and passed around for the members perusal.

BOOK REVIEW:

Both Mr George and Mrs Anne Robertson gave a brief precise of their forthcoming book and detailed various highlights. The book is going into publication in the immediate future but a specific date is to be determined.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Mr Eric Crombie gave an address on his recent journey along the original Route 66, which he undertook immediately after the E.F.V8 Grand National meeting at Dearborn. This was entertaining and gave an insight on the amount of change since it was originally constructed.

BUY SWAP OR SELL

Mr J Watson elaborated that he has obtained the last of the late Bryan Stephen's auto 'stuff' and enquired as to the disposition. After a short discussion it was agreed that the material would be conveyed to either or both the December (2008), February (2009) general meetings where a decision will be made, and if need be the residue can be taken to the swap meet at Ballarat. The president is to write a short note for inclusion in the club newsletter.

Mr G McCubbin is seeking 1940 Ford overrides (set of 4)

Mr R Broatch is looking for 1939 Australian oil bath air cleaner

Mr Hibbert is seeking 1941-1948 Ford Mercury rear window

stainless steel

Mr J Watson is seeking front and rear bumper irons to suit

1933/34 Ford

Mr A Davis is seeking a 1950 (Single Spinner) 4 Door Body

SPECIAL EFFORT:

Won by Mr G Robertson

SUPPER THEN ENJOYED.

Meeting Closed at 9.55 pm

Next Meeting

5th December 2008.

PLEASE NOTE HAVE YOU PAID YOUR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION?

**If not, you will have your club privileges and
newsletter suspended at Christmas 2008.**

PLEASE REMIT ASAP

JUNE 2008 11th NATIONAL EVENT

THE National Event Committee wish to express it's appreciation of your participation in this enjoyable and heralded Early Ford National Event.

Many complementary automobile magazine articles have been written by notable journalists that expressed the events success.

In preparation of a 'fresh' younger Committee being formed for the club's next National Event set for 2016, the Committee wish to advise of a 'MASTER FILE' containing valuable information, minutes of the 23 meetings and other valuable guidance notes to assist in conducting the next event.

A call for nominations should be no later than mid-year 2014.

The 2008 Committee consisted of 12 members and many willing assistants.

The 'MASTER FILE' will be held by the present nominated club Archivist. The person will be noted to page 2 of the current format of the newsletter.

Thanks again. Peter Hibbert. Club Archivist.

Chairman, 11th 2008 National Event Committee.

Secretary. The Early Ford V8 Club Vic Inc 1932-1954".

**TREASURERS' REPORTS AND CLUB MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE TO ANY FINANCIAL MEMBER
FOR VIEWING AT GENERAL MEETINGS BY CONSULTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE MEMBER.**



We're going back again

Book
NOW!!

Sunday
December 7th



Christmas Function

THE EARLY FORD V8 CLUB VIC Inc. CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER
OLIVE HILL ESTATE in Shepherds Lane, Sunbury (Melway Ref 383 C12)
is again the venue for this year's Christmas function.

A suggested menu: Main course: A choice of either King Island porterhouse beef OR roast turkey with cranberry sauce. Sides: Roasted herbed potatoes, Tuscany stuffed tomato and seasonal green vegetables.

Dessert: Warm apple and berry walnut crumble crunch, served with vanilla ice cream OR lemon curd tart. A magnificent creamy lemon tart, set in a sweet crumb base.

The cost for the two course meal, tea or coffee and the use of the facilities will be \$38 per head. The club will assist financially . . . \$15 per member couple or \$10 per single member. Drinks will be at your own expense.

Members wishing to attend MUST REGISTER with Bob Felsovary 9338 4358 for catering purposes and to receive the subsidy.

Enquiries, Bob Felsovary: 9338 4358. Olive Hill Estate www.olivehillestate.com
PLEASE BRING AN ITEM OR TWO FOR THE CHRISTMAS HAMPERS RAFFLE.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 5th, 2008
FRIDAY

EARLY FORD V8 CLUB VIC Inc. MONTHLY MEETING
Library Hall, 630 Warrigal Road, South Oakleigh. Meeting starts 8.00 pm.

December 7th, 2008
SUNDAY  Club Run

EARLY FORD V8 CLUB VIC Inc. CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER
OLIVE HILL ESTATE in Shepherds Lane, Sunbury (Melway Ref 383 C12).
This is again the venue for the 2008 Christmas function. (See page 6)

January 18th, 2009
SUNDAY  Club Run

THE RACV GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY
This annual event has grown to become Victoria's largest veteran, vintage and classic car rally with travel from Melbourne to the Mornington Peninsula. Sponsored by RACV, the rally is designed to promote the pleasures of classical motoring providing much needed funds to the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. Great prizes! All entrants receive a free rally bag. Dress the family in costume to suit your car and make this a festive occasion. There are 3 starting points for the rally: Melbourne, Stud Park, Rowville and Westernport Marina, Hastings. Entry forms are available.

January 26th, 2008
MONDAY

FEDERATION AUSTRALIA DAY VEHICLE DISPLAY
Kings Domain, Melbourne. Entries closed. Vehicles manufactured before 31st December, 1977. Entrants are encouraged to dress in costumes of their cars era. This year featuring renowned jazz musician James Morrison.

February 7th, 2009
SATURDAY

3rd MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CAR & BIKE SHOW
Wandin Park, Victoria Road, Wandin North, Melway ref 119 G7. Classic, Custom & Vintage cars, Hot Rods, Classic & Custom Bikes, Utes, Chev/F-Trucks. Gates open at 10am to general public. Prizes and presentations 4pm. \$5 entry for adults, children under 16 free. Live bands from 10am, food stalls. Prizes for best period dress and hairstyle.

February 14th & 15th
SATURDAY & SUNDAY

BALLARAT BEGONIA RALLY
This great rally is on again. Friday 13th evening is an optional get together at VCCC club rooms. It is a great rally so it would be good to see some new and old members. Entries close 1st February 2009. For more information regarding accommodation or any other enquiries, contact Ray Broatch on 5977 5311 or 0418 359 542.

 Club Run

February 15th, 2009
SUNDAY

THE 18th ANNUAL KIWANIS ALL FORD DAY
To be held at Deakin University Sports Grounds, Pigdons Road, Waurin Ponds, Geelong. The show caters for 1200-1300 show cars, plus trade sites and special displays. Trophies awarded in over 20 categories plus overall prize winners. For further details <http://www.allfordday.org/>

February 20th & 21st
FRIDAY & SATURDAY

BALLARAT SWAP MEET
Our tent will be on our regular site 1954 (just remember last Side Valve). Somewhere to have a bit of a rest, sit down, put your feet up. Family and friends are all welcome. Once again a great spot to catch up with country and new members, contact Ray Broatch 5977 5311 or 0418 359 542.

 Club Run

March 1st
SUNDAY  Club Run

FAMILY FUN DAY
Diamond Valley Miniature Railway. (See enclosed promotional flyer).

April

MYSTERY!!!
Details in next newsletter.

May 1st, 2nd & 3rd
FRI., SAT. & SUNDAY

BRIGHT AUTUMN FESTIVAL
This is another proven great weekend. Information about accommodation etc. will be available but you are responsible for your own bookings. As was done last time our guide and organizer in Bright will be non other than our man Jim Stewart. Enquiries Ray Broatch 5977 5311 or 0418 359 542.

 Club Run

I would appreciate any members who would be willing to organize an outing for the club, or just suggest one and I'll take it from there. Country members ideas are welcomed – Ray B



This very relaxed group enjoyed the sunshine.



A little champagne added to the enjoyment of the day.

Cora Lynn – The last of the chrome bumpers

Sunday October 5

STRUGGLING out of bed bright and early to be greeted by wonderful weather and the anticipation of an easy drive down the Princes Highway through Pakenham seemed like a great way to be spending the day.

This was the first real test of using my new Fathers Day gift (a GPS), it worked like a charm, getting me to Cora Lynn in record time with no wrong turns or stopping to squint at the Melway.

On arrival I discovered the queue to get into the event was a great deal longer than expected, so I took the easy option and parked in a street nearby and walked the last few hundred yards to the

entrance. As I was retrieving the necessary back pack containing lunch, water bottle and camera gear from the car I recognised a couple of familiar Early Ford V8 Club members in their vehicles slowly negotiating the long conga line towards the display area.

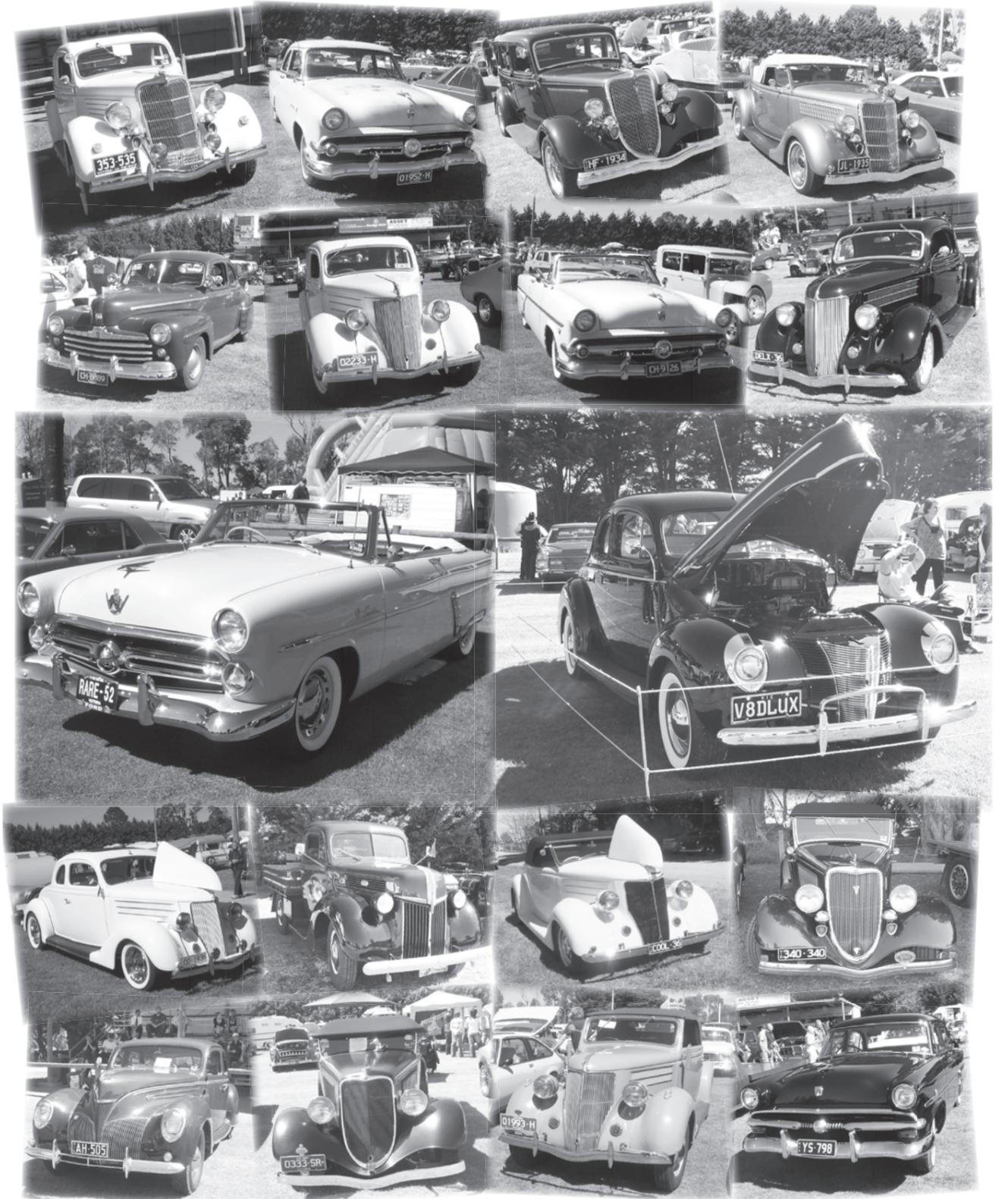
Once through the gate I was surprised by the large quantity of different makes and models on show and realised many people must have been up and about much earlier than me, polishing cars and preparing for this event. The oval was filled to capacity with all manor of vehicles gleaming in the bright sunshine.

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PLENTY OF EARLY FORDS ON DISPLAY

(NOT ALL WERE CLUB CARS OR SIDE VALVE BUT THEY WERE WELL WORTH A LOOK)



Cora Lynn - The last of the chrome bumpers

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Not knowing quite where to start, I headed off through the swap meet section seeking a bargain for my '36, but nothing attracted my attention so I decided on a pleasant stroll amongst the cars, stopping every few yards to chat with friends and fellow club members.

The first couple of hours passed far too quickly and I hadn't even walked around the perimeter of the oval so I knew I had to get a bit of a move on if I wanted to take advantage of what was on display. So, after heading into the club rooms for some sustenance (great toasted bacon and egg sandwiches), I quickened the pace, got some camera action happening, spent some time with an FE Holden group (my first car), stopped to enjoy a cold glass of champers and nibbles with club members Tony and Shirley Howard and finished up discussing the pros and cons of Chevy's versus Fords with an old school friend.

An outstanding highlight for me was the fine display of early vehicles towing appropriate style caravans. They were parked as a group along a



section of the oval. It was just like walking into a caravan park of the seventies or earlier. I felt as if I was re-living my years of towing a 20 footer all round Victoria with my battered old HD Premier.

There was so much to see and we had a good representation from the usual club members that attend our events. Next year when this event is held perhaps members should consider going in convoy which would enable them to park together and showcase our club. – Editor

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Rescued from Destruction

Driving a 1949 Mercury in Australia for 50 years

George & Ann Robertson

AN EXTRAORDINARY CAR BOOK OUT SOON

- "In 1950 the children screamed as the big, black, 1949 Mercury slammed into the Malayan Communist Guerrilla Roadblock. Smashing the grille, the Mercury powered over the barrier, with the engine screaming in low gear, to fly 'on' leaving the crack of rifles behind. It was improbable the Robertsons would ever own such a car, cost alone would prohibit it".

- "Necessary spare parts were stored in the garage, under their bed, in the wardrobe or study, and in the car boot."

Mercury 1 by Lawrence Rock, Portland.



- "I'd avoided a head-on crash, but if my excursion up the side of the cliff increased I could tip the 'Old Girl' over!"

CAR books abound, but 'Rescued from Destruction' is unique. A road-blazing book with over 300 colour photographs, specially featuring the 1947 and 1949 USA Ford Mercury V8.

For any car driving enthusiast it is a joy, prior to a drive, to check 'everything' is functioning within your old "most beautiful car ever built", sink into the driver's seat, belt up, start 'up', completely focus and move away along any route. The windscreen may be dirty, the rain pelting down and drumming on its metal body, or the sun blazing with the wind roaring through the open windows, the roadway could be rotten or marvelous, but the wondrous V8 rumble continues on.

George and Ann are a most unusual Australian couple. During their story about the Mercurys – a 1947 and two 1949 models – readers will gain glimpses of an extraordinary life: George, as a University of Melbourne Mechanical Engineering

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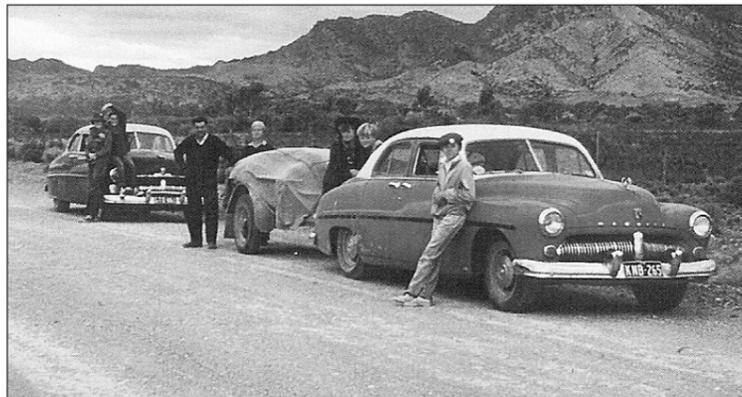
Ann relaxes in their first Mercury with Corgie Pip.



George contemplates Mt Feathertop while Pip looks on.



George building Mercury².



The two Mercurys in the Flinders Ranges.

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student, meeting Ann during 1950 in the UK and together gazing at photographs of “the most beautiful car ever built”, eventual marriage and children, oil refineries, battered Mercurys, finding a Christian lifestyle, journeys together to the USA and avoiding a stationary stance in advancing age.

Enthusiasts of any age will be encouraged to restore, maintain and drive their own ‘old’ pride and joy, whether the car becomes a Show Car, or a ‘Workhorse’ like ours.

There is much to learn:

- Car restoration and modification,
- Advanced driving techniques, including car trials and scampering around the Calder Racetrack near Melbourne,
- Amazing and hilarious adventures involving family outings, including interstate towing of horse floats and caravans,
- Group club tours.

Americans well know the 1949 to 1951 Mercury models – their famous icon for adventure seekers of any age – modified or standard. Australians are growing in enthusiasm.

- The 1947 Mercury was purchased in 1956, owned and driven for 3 years.
- The first 1949 Mercury was purchased in 1958 for £700 – owned and driven for 26 years.
- The second 1949 Mercury, was purchased in 1965 as a spare parts machine for £85 and has now been driven for almost 30 years.

Both 1949 Mercurys reflected their previous youthful owners by being painted red and white, but were really wrecker’s yard material. As a result of George’s engineering skills, the now blue and silver ‘workhorses’ prove that the Mercury was a magnificently designed car.

The authors found their 1949 Mercurys to be easy to drive and mechanically reliable with exceptional stability and balance and a roadholding ability to handle all the available standard

V8 engine power. Being so strongly constructed, drivers are greatly safeguarded should anything argue with them.

Much can be learnt from this book. It is an excellent textbook for classroom or individual analysis – even for those without a Mercury.

Readers will be enthralled and amused by the Robertson’s antics. How many other owners ‘stay’ with the same make of car for so long as an every day family car? An intriguing and inspiring story – possibly virtually unbelievable.

God has always protected George and Ann. Why? Sometimes the authors do not know, but God loves us all and has much wisdom to give to those who seek to follow Him.

Look after your old car. Enjoy your driving and thrill onlookers as they pine for simpler days.

Limited 1st edition copies available soon. Minimum price **\$50** (Christmas special) excluding packing and postage.

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Early caravan days with Mercury¹.



Mercury² pulling the modern Jayco van on route to Mildura in 2007.



Mercury².

BENDIGO NATIONAL SWAP MEET



JUST after 8am the club site was up and running with the video of our Early Fords playing continuously, the urn was set up, the banners on display, application forms were readily available along with the club business cards.

The video caused many of the passing public to stop, watch, and utter that time worn phrase many of us have heard before, "I had one of those in my younger days".

Members called in for a cuppa and dropped off their latest acquisitions for safe keeping while they hunted for more goodies. Our editor was there and photographed some of the visitors which included Brett Holloway (left centre) – Treasurer of the Federation.

In all the day was most pleasing. It was a pleasure to man the stand and meet the many members and friends who called in.

Please have some thought as to how we might improve the site for next year. – **Harry Beckwith**



A couple of "projects" sighted at the swap.



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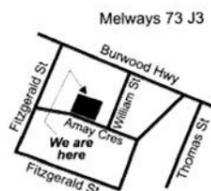
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BAY to BIRDWOOD

Sunday 28th September 2008



ON the last Sunday in September each year up to 1500 historic vehicles line up at 'the Bay', Adelaide Shores, and travel the 70 kilometre route finishing at the National Motor Museum at Birdwood.

The vehicles travel along metropolitan main roads and the outskirts of the city, past many waving and cheering spectators, until they reach the foothills, where the last 20 kilometres are a one way route through the scenic Adelaide Hills. Many spectators set up picnicking along the roadside, with barbecues and tents and comfy chairs, to watch Australia's greatest motoring show on wheels pass right in front of them, – two hours of motoring history driving by!

The 'Run', first held in 1980, is the largest, most continually staged historic motoring event for veteran,

vintage and classic vehicles held anywhere in the world, and grew out of an event developed to commemorate the issuing of the first driver's licence in South Australia to Dr William A Hargreaves in 1906.

Our club members who participated in this year's event were:

- Sandra and Peter Hibbert
- Jeanette and Bob Felsovary
- Margaret and Harry Gunther with grandson Damien
- Lynn Irwin and John Provis
- Ken Dumble, Tom Gibson and Bill Boyle
- Judy and Leon Cousins

... and we all met at Bacchus Marsh on the Thursday morning before to travel together to Adelaide.

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STORY AND PICTURES BY JUDY COUSINS

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Our convoy of early Fords was impressive, and, as always, gained many admiring looks wherever we travelled.

First stop for lunch and fuel was in Ballarat, and we thank Leon for the cook's tour of the side streets and shopping centre carpark, before we reached G C's Café, where we had yummy food and drinks!

Departing Ballarat through the Avenue of Honour, as always demands respectful thoughts of, and admiration for, those who gave their lives fighting for our country, and seemed especially appropriate as we travelled through there, in our old cars that were born in the era of World War II.

The drive to Horsham was very pretty with paddocks of green crops interspersed with colourful, brilliant yellow canola fields. We arrived in Horsham about 4pm, only to realise two cars were missing... Bob had to stop to fix a flat tyre, and Harry had stopped

to help him! They arrived shortly after, and on arrival at our motel John couldn't open his car boot, and needed a locksmith! Luckily, our motel was very near a tyre repairer, and Tom knew a locksmith in the town! Problems solved!!

It was just a short stroll to the local hotel where we had delicious meals that evening before walking back to our comfortable motel.

On Friday the trip from Horsham to Adelaide was broken by a stopover at Dadswells Bridge for icecreams and drinks and a photo shoot – see the HUGE koala dwarfing our Fords! Lunch and fuel stop was at Keith.

The approach to Adelaide was pretty driving down through the hills, and we even took time to view the scenery at length whilst we waited for Leon's car to cool off! ... the day was quite hot too!!



Our accommodation in Adelaide was at the Adelaide International on Anzac Highway, Glenelg, close to our starting point for 'the Run' on Sunday. After an hour or so to settle in, unpack, and spruce ourselves up, we parked our Fords for a well earned rest, safely tucked away behind bars!

We changed our mode of transport to a tram for a short trip to the terminus, which ends at the famous Glenelg Pier, just as the sun was setting. Thanks Lynn for organising our restaurant meal at 'The Promenade', the perfect venue overlooking the ocean! After dinner a stroll along the pier on a balmy spring evening was enjoyed by all...AND the yummy icecreams as we waited for the tram to take us 'home'!!

Saturday was our 'free' day and the weather was sunny and hot! We headed off in all directions!

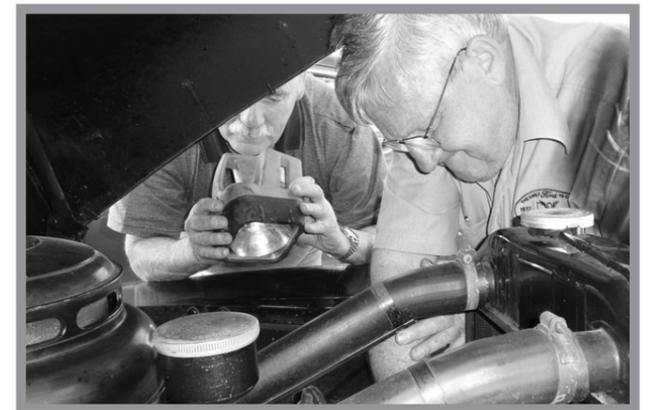
Sandra, Peter, Lynn, John, Judy and Leon chose

the 'tourist' option, and drove to Victor Harbor for a day of sightseeing, (thanks again Lynn for showing us a beautiful part of your lovely home state!), Jeanette and Bob went shopping, Margaret, Harry and Damien checked out the waterslides and visited relatives, Ken, Tom and Bill went into Adelaide to seek out a big screen to watch the grand final between the Cats and the Hawks... we all cheered on the Hawks having been encouraged to do so by our favourite resident Hawk supporter, Dammo!

Back in Adelaide on Saturday evening saw the spit and polish brigade sprucing up their Fords, (under gathering storm clouds) ready for the big event on the following day! Early night, early start on Sunday!

Sunday, RUN DAY!! Funday!!

The day dawned dark AND gloomy, the predicted cool change had arrived!! It was cold, and rain threatened!! ... 6.30am saw us heading to the



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starting point where 1250 vehicles of all shapes, makes, models, sizes, vintages (and conditions!) would assemble over the next couple of hours.

Breakfast with the Cars has become a tradition, and the perfect opportunity to mix and mingle with the entrants, and view their vehicles whilst enjoying a range of hearty breakfasts provided by local service organisations, washed down with great jazz, and a few spots of rain under the stormclouds!!

9am was departure time, the threatening clouds had dissipated and the sun was trying to shine.

The vehicles rolled out 2x2 in orderly and organised fashion as instructed, taking over an hour for all vehicles to leave. There were crowds of cheering, enthusiastic and interested spectators lining the entire 70km route to Birdwood. Lots of waving and tooting added to the excitement of the trip, and made the participation lots of fun! Overtaking on the one way

section along the last 20km through the hills, was a bit daunting, travelling on the wrong side of the road!!

The journey ended at Birdwood where we collected our participants badges and could wander among the hundreds of parked vehicles and soak up the wonderful atmosphere. We then had lunch in the lovely spring sunshine on the green beside the museum, before strolling through the Historic Motor Museum, admiring the hundreds of old cars, trucks and motorbikes on display.

After a wonderful day of nostalgia we began our homeward journey staying overnight in Murray Bridge before returning to Melbourne.

The Bay to Birdwood Run has now firmly established itself as an icon major event for both entrants and spectators alike, one of the world's great motoring spectacles and we look forward to a return to the Bay to Birdwood again in future years, and urge other club members to consider participating!!



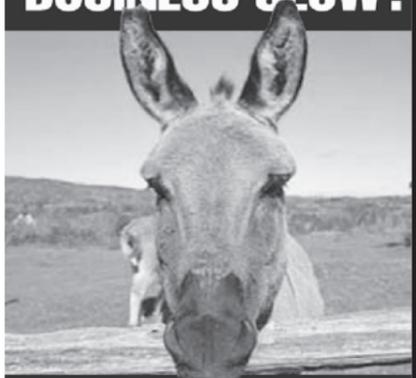
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

THIS being my second Christmas as editor I would like to say a big thank you to all the club members who have worked so tirelessly to contribute wonderful stories for The Side Valve V8 Times during the course of 2008. Without your valuable assistance my job as editor would have been extremely difficult.

Please continue your hard work next year to help me ensure this publication can continue to provide interesting, up-to-date, informative articles that will appeal to the wide variety of Early Ford enthusiasts we have within our club.

I wish you all a wonderful festive season, and may you be blessed with all the things that I have been blessed with – a loving supportive family, and a group of friends that is non-judgemental, caring and understanding. These are some of the greatest gifts that we can have and appreciate at Christmas.

Please continue your support for the committee who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to bring to fruition the various events throughout the year and also the loyal advertisers who so generously support the club and this newsletter.

Until we meet again in 2009, Merry Christmas and happy, safe motoring
 Andrew Field
 Editor
 The Side Valve V8 Times

CLUB MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE:
 Supper will be provided at meetings for the generous charge of 50 cents. Correct coin/s are requested to be placed in the receptacle at the meeting to pay for cups/tea/coffee/milk/sugar/spoons/biscuits etc.

NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Norman Clark, Malvern, Victoria 1933 Ford Phaeton	Graeme Bell Sebastopol, Victoria, 1938 Ford Coupe
Robert Brooker, Bulla, Victoria 1937 Ford Coupe	George Sheedy, Gheringhap, Victoria 1947 Super Fordor Sedan
Ross Eastwood Berwick, Victoria	

Technical tips

Noticeboard

Steel wool
 WHEN it is necessary to clamp a round steel part in a vice and you do not have a pair of pipe holders or soft metal inserts, the part can be held without damage if placed between pads of steel wool. Great pressure can be applied to the round steel without danger of stripping or defacing.

Let it sit and observe. When you see the solvent disappearing, you will know it is working. Do not force, let the liquid do the work. Once you are confident the solvent has penetrated try turning it, you may be surprised. *The Distributor, Orange County Model A Ford club, 2007.*

Dam it
 WHEN removing heads and studs that do not release easily, use "Plumbers Putty" or children's "Playdough". Take a small amount of product and roll it in the palm of your hand to create a worm. Place the worm around the stud, screw or nut that is raising difficulty in removal. Load the dam reservoir with your selected solvent.

Gasket shrink
 CORK and paper gaskets shrink as they get older. They can be restored to proper size by dipping in water and laying on a flat surface so it can absorb the water that clings to the surface. Do not leave in water more than a few seconds or it will absorb too much water and will expand too much. If this does happen you will have to let it dry and shrink back to the right size.

FOR MEMBERS INFORMATION

The family of our belated Immediate past President, Mr Bryan Stephens, have assembled his motoring 'Stuff' and requested the club dispose of it. The material is believed to comprise of auto parts and publications including club magazines etc. It will be available for viewing at the December and February general meetings – at these meetings discussion will take place regarding the disposition. It may be available to members at these times with the residue conveyed to the Ballarat Swap meet and sold.

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By Alan Summergreene

FRIDAY – July 2006

ON recommendation, a gentleman strolled into my workshop and introduced himself as David O'Connor, he then advised me that he was the owner of a 1950 coupe currently garaged in Mt. Evelyn.

David invited me to do an estimate on the repairs in order to put the vehicle back onto Australian roads.

When can you look at it, he asked. Perhaps next Friday, he suggested.

I was aware of this coupe being somewhere due to Brendan Shears involvement



in purchasing the same model coupe from John Simpson in NSW. John was an acquaintance of David's whilst they were living in the USA.

So, on the instigation of "when" to view, I suggested "right now". Down came the shutters on the workshop and off we went immediately to Mt. Evelyn full of excitement and anticipation.

David advised me that he had purchased the coupe in the USA whilst doing a PhD in 1977. He was in his early 20's at the time. As a matter of fact a 50' convertible was also available but the extra \$100 was not in his student budget.

He used the coupe for approximately 2 years before accepting a position in Germany and consequently sent it back to his parents property in Mt. Evelyn with the intention of following soon after.

However, love intervened in Germany, then marriage, children etc. So David remained in

Europe and the coupe on the Victorian farm for the next 28 years in dry storage.

When I inspected the condition of the vehicle I discovered that:

- The engine, not unexpectedly, was in working order,
- Body work good,
- Trim and upholstery very good but not correct for this model,
- Rear over riders and bumpers in need of re-chroming,

I estimated the price for the coupe and it was offered for sale at the current value including the repairs.

I jumped at the chance to purchase it and was more than pleased and proud to become the new owner. David was happy it had found a caring home.

David has since returned to Germany and the car is firmly ensconced in my possession.



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1926 - 2008**



By Greg Debolfo

I FIRST met Bill in 1985 when I was a 15 year old gangly first year panel beating apprentice in Preston. Bill brought his 1946 Ford ute in for a complete panel and paint job. I was lucky enough to work on his car. Bill would come into the panel shop regularly to check on the progress and was thrilled that a young kid was keen on his ute. A lifelong friendship was formed.

The ute left our panel shop and went to the trimmers. I asked Bill to keep me informed as to when the ute was registered and on the road, and asked him to bring the car back in so I could have a look. This was not a problem for Bill. At that stage in my life I did not even know what a Ford Side Valve V8 was, let alone be driven around in one. To have been chauffeured around Preston by an extremely proud Bill Cooper is something I will never forget. After the restoration Bill drove the ute to and from



work daily for years. It became very well recognised in the northern suburbs (known simply as Cooper's Ute).

As time went on Bill continued to run his family business "Cooper's Clothes Lines" as well as being an active club member for the Early Ford V8 Club. He would pick me up and take me to club functions. It was his passion for early Fords that helped influence me to buy my own 1948 ute. In my mind his greatest legacy was, 'encouraging young people to have a go and to enjoy yourself on the way'.

When Bill bought the 1948 Mercury in the late 80's I was enthralled. I finally became an E.F.V8 club member and treasure the times I had picking Bill and Wally Martin up at Heidelberg and going to club meetings. The conversation was always very entertaining.

In 1996 Melinda and I were privileged enough to have Bill drive his Mercury as our wedding car.

Bill's interests were not only Fords. He had broad interests including cycling, boating, camping and travel. Bill was inducted into the Victorian Cycling Hall of Fame. He was an extremely hard worker throughout his life - from fruit shops to hardware, which he started in 1946 and ran with his brothers, to the clothes line business which is still proudly run by his family today.

Bill is survived by his wife Marj, their three children Neil, Marion and Janet, his six adored grandchildren and one great grandson.

Bill's banter, cheeky sense of humour and all round good nature is sadly missed, not only by his family, but all those at the Early Ford V8 Club. I will never forget the enormous support and encouragement that Bill gave me. He was solely responsible for my interest and love for Side Valve V8 Fords.

A FORD CRUNCH



This once immaculate 38 standard belonged to club member Con Papas. One week after he sold the vehicle it was hit in the side by an HR Holden. The force of the impact managed to push the front seat out the other side.



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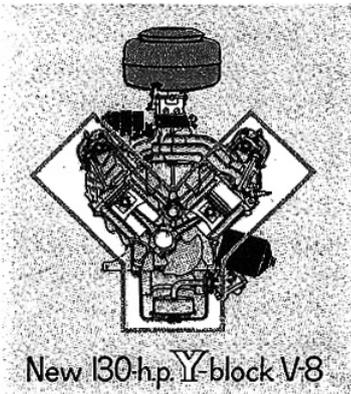
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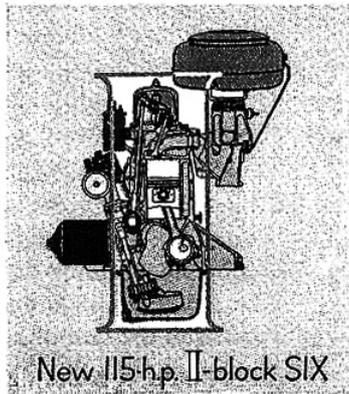
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