

The Side Valve Times

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The Early Ford V8 Club Victoria Inc.



Frank Beale restored this magnificent "Good Old Aussie Ute"
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Meetings are held on the first Friday of each month (except January) at 8pm sharp, in the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, 31b Marcus Road, Dingley.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009

THE CLUB'S MISSION: To bring together persons interested in the original restoration and preservation of all Ford V8 Side Valve vehicles, passenger, commercial, etc., built between the years 1932 and 1954.

Also to create a friendly and harmonious atmosphere for the total enjoyment of our common interest.

MEMBERSHIP FEES: \$45.00 pa (Includes home delivery of the bi-monthly club newsletter)

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CLUB MEETING DATES FOR 2009:

FEBRUARY 6, MARCH 6, APRIL 3, MAY 8 (note new date for May meeting), JUNE 5
 JULY 3, AUGUST 7, SEPTEMBER 13 (Sunday – Country meeting),
 OCTOBER 2 (AGM), NOVEMBER 6, DECEMBER 4.

Members and partners PLEASE wear your name badges at Club meetings and social outings.



Early Ford V8 Club of America
 Regional Group No 151

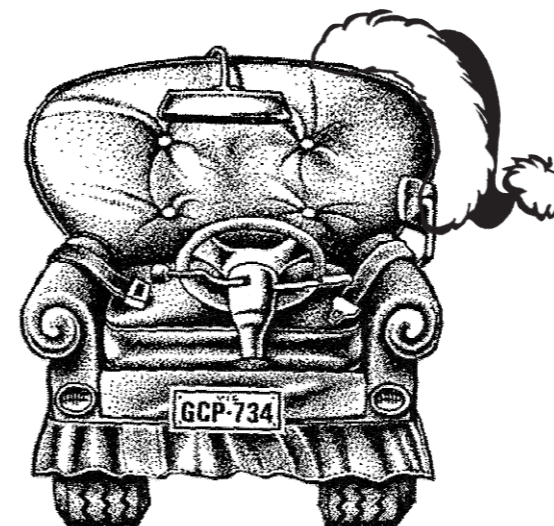
CLUB APPAREL & SOUVENIRS

The undermentioned items of club apparel and souvenirs can now be obtained by contacting Mr Harry Beckwith, 11 Ross Court, Sunbury, 3429. Phone: (03) 9744 4886 Mobile: 0419 003 649. E-mail: hjbeck@bigpond.net.au

Club Badges	\$6.00	Key Rings	\$6.00
Bumper Badges	\$25 plus P&P	Windscreen Stickers	FREE (Club Cars)
Polo Neck Shirts	\$25.00	Caps	\$10.00 (New Style)
Hat Badges (Cloth)	\$5.00	Club Jackets	P.O.A. (Harry B.)

Blue 'Chambray' Club Shirts are available (short or long sleeve), but must be ordered in groups of five \$30-\$35 each

NOTE: These items (except club jackets) are normally on sale at our club meetings. (Unless out of stock).



**From
 The
 Driver's
 Seat ...**

THE Annual General Meeting has been convened – the new executive has been elected, in many instances 're-elected to positions previously held. The Treasurer Mr 'Mick' Wane presented his last financial report and highlighted the sound financial position the club currently holds. The club offers to Mick our sincere thanks for the outstanding contribution he has given.

We now approach the festive season – the period when there is never enough time for the commitments thrust upon us, but undaunted we make every endeavour to succeed. This year the club Christmas function is to be held at The Tangled Maze near Creswick. Our Social Coordinator Mr Ray Broatch has included information in the club magazine, we encourage as many members and their families as possible to attend and partake of the festivities being offered while enjoying each others company.

The coming year has many exciting events to participate in, the major one on the calendar being The 12th Early Ford V8 National being convened in the Barossa Valley by the South Australian Regional Group. By now many club members will have already planned the required work load to prepare their beloved Fords.

In the early months of 2010 we will be conducting various workshops/judging days for the members who desire to raise the standard of their cars and or improve their own personal judging skills/knowledge.

This being the final publication for the year I would like to take this opportunity as President along with the Executive to extend to all members and their families all the very best wishes and hopes for both the festive season and the new year ahead for good health and prosperity.

Yours in Fording
 (Naturally in a Side Valve V8)
 Harry Beckwith
 President



‘The return to conservatism means that the people have satisfied themselves that they are on the right track. They believe that they will reach the desired social and economic goal by progressing along the tested and proved path rather than turning again into the wilderness.’

Henry Ford

**Book your place at the Club's
 Christmas Function NOW!!!
 Call Ray
 0418 359 542**

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT FOR 2008/2009



Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Annual General Meeting is the most important time of the year for any club, it allows us to reflect and accentuate the highlights of the past year, and for me it generates a great deal of pride to be able to do so as the President of your club – The Early Ford V8 Club of Victoria.

We have had an extremely busy time. The activities attended have been highlighted by the Social Coordinator and many members have enjoyed the social aspects with family and friends. Some have been tinged with sadness while attending funerals of club members and/or family members, and as the extended family, the club also grieves the loss and we do extend our heartfelt condolences.

The club membership is at an all time high and continues to grow. We are always seeking to increase our membership base not merely for the numbers but more importantly for the fellowship we offer and the encouragement of our younger members. The steady increase is a direct reflection on the members who enjoy their club and are extolling the virtues of a happy, united fraternity, driving our beloved Early Fords at every opportunity.

The heart of any club is in its members and the executive. As President I cannot speak highly enough of both in their willingness to participate and assist. Your Committee of Management has been tireless in committing themselves to the welfare and promotion of the club. There are a number of matters being considered that I anticipate will project the club profile further in the year ahead.

In closing I do wish to take this opportunity to extend my sincerest heartfelt gratitude and thanks not only to you the members and executive but also I ask for you to relay this to your wives and partners.

Thank you one and all.

For me it has been a privilege and a pleasure to represent you.

Harry Beckwith
Club President

THE EARLY FORD V8 CLUB OF VICTORIA INC GENERAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 2009
Minutes of the General Meeting convened at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, Marcus Road, Dingley on Friday 6th November 2009

MEETING OPENED: By the President at 8.05 pm. A warm welcome was extended.

MEMBERS PRESENT: As per the attendance register (28)

APOLOGIES TENDERED: Messrs: A Wilson, J Stewart, F Beale, N Nettleton, L Cousins, J Pierce, G De Bolfo, T Barnes, K Moir, W Martin, K Haslam and M Hibbert.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: (2nd October 2009). The minutes of the previous meeting convened at Dingley on 2nd October were read by the President and accepted as a true account of the meeting. Moved E Crombie. Seconded J Provis.

BUSINESS ARISING: None raised

CORRESPONDENCE INWARD:

- John Hughes, Historic Special Vehicle Rally, 28-10-2010 proposal
- Shannon's Spring Auction, Sydney, 12th October 2009
- Historic Commercial Vehicle Club Aust, seeking to share club rooms
- Historic Commercial Vehicle Club Aust, meeting room offer
- Historic Commercial Vehicle Club Aust, 28th Truck display, November 22nd
- Retro Utes Magazine, launching bi-monthly magazine
- Aust. Motorsport Insurance Brokers, free one month P/L cover
- Vintage Auto Images, sale of period auto photos
- Old Skool Hot Summer Cruise/BBQ, Horsham 15-12-09
- Aust. Major Sport Insurance Brokers, certificates
- Harry Beckwith, minutes of October General Meeting
- John Spence (member)
- Gary Smith, 49 Ford for sale \$12,000
- Allen & Unwin, book offer. 'My other wife is a car'
- Federation 40 Year Tour, 26 June – 4 July. Bendigo
- Federation, calendar of events 2010
- Classic M/Club Wagga Wagga, 2010 Bush Easter Rally

Bob Felsovary, child restraint rule changes
Early Ford V8 Club of America, National Board Meeting minutes

NEWSLETTERS: SEPTEMBER

Classic M/Club Wagga Wagga

NEWSLETTERS: OCTOBER

- Swan Hill Vintage/Classic Vehicle Club
- Classic M/Club Wagga Wagga
- Ford Model T Club of Vic
- The Early Ford V8 Club SA
- The Early Ford V8 Club Vancouver
- The Early Ford V8 Club Qld
- The Early Ford V8 Club NSW

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARD:

- The Early Ford V8 Qld, Publishing Victorian members details
- Bob Felsovary, club membership response to Committee of Management positions
- Jerry Windle, Early Ford V8 Club (USA), SA RG listing info required
- TCIS Insurance, notification of non renewal

REPORTS:

TREASURER:

The Acting Treasurer related on the financial matters and details for the preceding month

Opening Balance	\$7,754.40
Income Included	
Annual Subs inc new members, special effort, spanner purchases, advertising (newsletter)	
Total Income	\$3,983.00
Expenditure Included	
Cheques drawn, secretarial, name badges, swap meet sites, AOMC affiliation fees	
Total expenditure	\$ 1,861.33
Bank charges as per bank statement	\$ Nil
Balance at 31-10- 2009 estimated	\$ 9,876.07

The opportunity was given to ask questions of the Acting Treasurer relating to his report, there being none he then moved that his report be accepted. Seconded J Watson.

MEMBERSHIP:

Mr Camier related that he had a number of applications for membership. Each application was dealt with individually.

Mr Jack Van Rynswoud
Mr John Pratt

The members present voted unanimously for these gentlemen to join the club. We offer our congratulations and hope their stay is a long and happy one. Our membership now stands at 124 financial members.

SOCIAL CO- ORDINATOR

Mr Ray Broatch commented that the Cora Lynn show was well attended, we had 14 club cars in one group with 20 club cars in total. He suggested that we attend next year earlier and have the breakfast on site. The Bendigo swap meet is next weekend. The Club Christmas Function – a list was circulated for names and numbers, Ray will require final numbers for catering purposes in the immediate future.

WELFARE:

Mr John Provis, commented on the recent passing of Adrian Ryan. Jim Murphy is recovering and doing well and when contacted had recently completed a 14km run. Wall Martin has obtained an Early Ford to play with. Kevin Haslam is still progressing well but for the moment his recovery has plateaued. The President reported that Graeme Watson has been diagnosed with early signs of bowel problems.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

WEB SITE / WEB MASTER:

The President related that he had discussions with Rick Lynch who has agreed to assume control of the club web site, John Gladstone will forward all the details he has in his possession and assist Rick.

MEETING VENUE:

This matter was raised and the results of the survey were revealed. By a slight majority it was realised that the new venue was preferred. Please refer to the newsletters detailing the information required. The venue is situated at 32 Richmond St, Blackburn South.

BENDIGO SWAP MEET:

We have four members assisting with gate duties, discussion took place as to who would be attending.

GEORGE ROBERTSON:

George related on the recent tour both he and Ann completed with their Mercury and caravan. He mentioned the museums at Parkes/Forbes were worth a visit, the people they met and the comments they made.

JEFF COEHLO:

John Watson related that at the recent RACV City to Cape run Jeff won the trophy for Best 1950's vehicle. Our congratulations go to Jeff

NEIL SMITH:

The President related that he had received notification that the legal matter involving Mr N Athorn and Mr Bret Holloway -v- Neil Smith had been resolved. The matter was mediated between the parties concerned. This was held on Wednesday the 4th of November. The resolution of mediation is to the effect that

Mr Smith is to resign from The Early Ford V8 Club of Victoria within 48 hours, he is not to join any club (car or otherwise) affiliated with the Federation. The matter of legal costs also went against him.

GRAEME McCUBBIN:

Graeme addressed the meeting relating that he on behalf of the members wanted to thank the President for the time and patience he displayed in his dealings with Mr Neil Smith in trying to bring the matter to a resolution. The President thanked Graeme and the members for their kind thoughts, and mentioned that all he was aiming to do was make every attempt to put the matter to rest.

VICTORIAN ROAD RULES (CHANGES):

The members were advised of the changes to the new state road rules and how they will affect the old car brigade specifically with the seat belt changes. A copy of all the rules was available for perusal, also the Vicroads website was recommended to obtain further information.

BUY SWAP & SELL:

- J Stewart is seeking the rear gravel tray to suit a 1939 Mercury
- I Camier is seeking a Stromberg carby main jet tool to suit his 1936 Ford
- A roller door 5.1 x 2.4 is available, refer to Mr R Broatch
- A Wilson is seeking a 1940 -1948 16" wheel (spare wheel)
- A Davis is seeking a set of 16" tyres
- A Summergreene wants a No. Plate (Duo Light) for an early Mercury
- R Broatch has a 4 wheel car trailer for sale \$2,500
- R Eastwood had a 6v fuel pump for sale (quickly snapped up)

Meeting Closed at 9.15 pm

Next Meeting, 4th December 2009

NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Doug Carter

- Kylsyth, Victoria
- 1948 Coup Ute
- 1956 Customline
- 1946 Club Coupe

Bill Williams

- Koo Wee Rup, Victoria
- 1954 Customline

John Pratt

- Legana, Tasmania
- 1949 Ford Utility

Jack Van Rynswoud

- Bell Bowrie, Queensland
- 1941 Ford Utility



See the temperature gauge on the manifold under the air filter? Do you know what it's for? Turn to page 26 to find out

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From Chris Nicholes at Marrar

ALONE AND UNLOVED - But still out there!



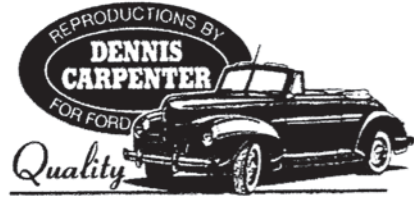
THIS 1946 Mercury Hearse is sitting in a paddock alone and unloved about 75 km from my home.

I have made a couple of enquiries about purchasing it, to no avail.

It has no engine and the front is in excellent condition.

I hope the vandals don't find it and wreck the grille like what happened to another Mercury I found years ago.

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FROM THE EDITOR



'All people smile in the same language at Christmas'

OK, so where did the year go?

I hope you're all ready for the festive season since it's only a few weeks away!

2009 is the year I officially left the work force behind and began enjoying all the benefits of becoming a "retiree"! Cheaper public transport, blood pressure and cholesterol lowering tablets, senior's meals at hotels and living on a pension. What fun and why am I still so busy?

Hopefully you have all gained as much pleasure from the newsletters published over the past 12 months as I have had working with the dedicated team of committee members and regular contributors who helped me present the interesting and informative stories.

New advertisers are coming on board for 2010, please support them so I am able to continue providing a bright and colourful club magazine.

Finally, I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and happy safe motoring during 2010.

Andrew Field
Editor
The Side Valve V8 Times

PASSING OF A FORD STALWART

It is with great sadness that I pass on the news that Adrian Ryan has passed away .

Adrian worked for the Ford Motor Company and was instrumental in the Building of the Ford Discovery Centre at Geelong.

He was a true gentleman in every sense of the word and will be sadly missed.



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New Child Restraint Rules for Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicles

I REFER to your query on behalf of the Federation's members regarding seat belts and child restraint requirements for vehicles that pre-date seat belt fitting requirements.

I confirm that the current exemption for installing seat belts in 'veteran/vintage/classic' vehicles has not changed. However, these vehicles are not exempted from the new child restraint rules nor the rules for children less than 7 years sitting in the front seat.

Only passengers aged 7 years or more will continue to be exempt from wearing a seat belt in a seating position that is not required to have a seat belt fitted in a veteran/vintage/classic vehicle.

As such, a person wishing to transport a child under the age of seven years must ensure the child is in an approved, properly fitted, age appropriate child restraint. This may result in the need to install anchorage points or seat belts to secure the appropriate child restraint or booster seat, or to transport the child in a different vehicle.

John Lewis
Manager Registration Policy
Registration and Licensing Operations

LEGAL MATTER RESOLVED

The legal matter of Messrs Neil Athorn & Bret Holloway (Federation members) -v- Neil Smith was resolved by mediation on Wednesday 4 November, 2009. The resolution is as follows:

Within 48 hours of this date the defendant (Mr Smith) will do all things necessary to resign as a member of The Early Ford V8 Club Vic Inc and will not at any time whatsoever thereafter apply for membership of the said club or any club which is a member of the Federation of Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicles Club inc (The Federation).

Harry Beckwith
President / Public Officer

FROM THE WELFARE OFFICER

Just a short note to let all the members know that Neville has had a hernia operation and has come home a bit sore and sorry for himself. He has to be confined to barracks for at least one week, no driving, no lifting, no nothing. Then to take it easy for another 5/6 weeks. His spirits are good as he has a wonderful sense of humour. . . I am well also.

Yours in motoring,
Margaret Kane.

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 2010



As a result of the recent member survey:

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW VENUE FOR CLUB MEETINGS

The Avenue Neighbourhood House Inc.

32 Richmond Street, Blackburn

Melway Ref: 61-G-4/5
(very close to freeway)

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION?

If not, you will have your club privileges and newsletter suspended at Christmas 2009.

PLEASE REMIT ASAP

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ADVERTISE IN
The Side Valve Times



Wild Trout Downunder: Specialists in B&B accommodation, Harris Tweed clothing and traditional folk music.

Our meeting place for the Christmas break up is at McDonalds, Coburns Rd. Melton. 9am to leave by 9.30am.

We will travel on the Western Highway to the 1st Ballan exit (just after coming out Pykes Reservoir dip) then follow through to Ballan township. We will then re-group outside Cross Road Trading (Cnr. Daylesford-Ballan Road) where we will be met by the Ballarat members who will lead us on the old Western Highway Road to Gordon to visit Wild Trout Downunder and Gordon Hat Shoppe (time permitting). From Gordon the Ballarat members will lead us on a scenic drive via Moorabool Reservoir, Mollonghip and on to our lunch venue at Tangles at Springmount. Members may if they wish drive direct to the venue.



Gordon Hat Shoppe: Superfine fur felt hats, traditional Harris Tweed hats and caps, women's capes and berets.

Christmas Function

DECEMBER 6



Cnr of Midland Hwy & Smokeytown Road Creswick (5km from Creswick towards Daylesford)



The cost of the meal will be \$25 per head. Children \$25 per head will be given FREE admission to both mini golf and the maze. The club will assist financially . . . \$15 per member. All confirmed booking numbers must be paid for.

Christmas Luncheon Menu

Champagne and orange on arrival.

Apertiff Platter: Delicious selection of hot and cold Christmas treats.

Main: Traditional Christmas Dinner – Delicious roast turkey breast, tender roast beef, baked ham, roast vegetables, fresh beans and sweet potato with brandied glaze.

Desserts: Tangles Christmas Pudding – Moist festive fruits soaked in aged brandy, steamed to perfection and served with brandy sauce.

Coffee & Christmas Truffles.

Fully Licenced: Drinks will be at your own expense.

PLEASE BRING AN ITEM OR TWO ALONG FOR THE CHRISTMAS HAMPERS RAFFLE.

BOOK NOW!! Contact Ray Broatch 0418 359 542
Bookings close Friday, November 27



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

December 4th FRIDAY Club Run

THE EARLY FORD V8 CLUB VIC Inc. MONTHLY MEETING
Held at Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, Marcus Road, Dingley. Meeting starts 8pm.

December 6th SUNDAY Club Run

THE EARLY FORD V8 CLUB VIC Inc. CHRISTMAS FUNCTION
See promotion for this event opposite.

January 17th, 2010 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 three starting points for the rally: Melbourne, Stud Park, Rowville and Westernport Marina, Hastings. Entry forms are available. \$35 Entry fee.

February 19th - 21st FRIDAY, SATURDAY SUNDAY Club Run

BALLARAT BEGONIA RALLY
This great rally is on again. Friday 19th evening is an optional get together at the VCCC club rooms. It is a great rally so it would be good to see some new and old members. For more information regarding accommodation and booking forms, contact Ray Broatch on 5977 5311 or 0418 359 542.

February 26th & 27th FRIDAY, SATURDAY Club Run

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.

March SUNDAY Club Run

FAMILY FUN DAY
Diamond Valley Miniature Railway. More information in future newsletters.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

January 26th, 2008 TUESDAY

FEDERATION AUSTRALIA DAY VEHICLE DISPLAY
Kings Domain, Melbourne. Entries close 30th November. Entry fee \$20 per vehicle. Vehicles manufactured before 31st December, 1977. Entrants are encouraged to dress in costumes of their cars era.

February 6th SATURDAY

BERWICK SWAP MEET
Arkoonah Park, Princes Highway, Berwick. Melway ref 11 H10. Gates open 6am.

June 26th - July 4th, 2010 SATURDAY - SUNDAY

FEDERATION FORTY YEAR TOUR
A touring rally based in Bendigo. "Mixing the Old with the Gold". The tour will take a week motoring in some great country surrounding Bendigo, including Castlemaine, Kyneton, Daylesford, Maryborough and lots more. Open to cars, commercials, tractors, motorcycles at least 40 years old. Generously supported by RACV. All enquiries contact Kevin Holloway 0418 519 148.



YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Due to increased business pressures Ray Broatch will be stepping down as the club's Social Coordinator effective as of February 2010. The committee is calling for nominations from members willing to spend some time in this interesting position. If you feel you are up to the task please apply.

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of Wangaratta Inc.**

By Jim Stewart

40th ANNIVERSARY SPRING RALLY 2009

'RED' was the theme colour for this 'RUBY' Anniversary Rally, although people and cars of all colours were most welcome.

After a bit of confusion at the chosen Friday morning meeting place (the new Shell Service Station at Donnybrook), five member cars set off for Wangaratta, their occupants looking forward to a great weekend of fun and friendship . . . and we were not disappointed!

A lunch stop at Euroa Bakery was a good chance to have a chat and catch up on all the news.

On arrival at our Motel, we met our sixth member car (Lyn, Keith and Nat Mackinlay) and settled in before driving to Wang Airfield for registration, refreshments and a 'getting-to-know-you session' with our hosts and other visitors, followed by a light evening meal of soup and sandwiches.

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*The Early Fords lined up
at the Wangaratta Airport.*

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To our surprise, during the meal a fancy prop-jet aircraft landed and taxied up to the front of the building, where our Premier Mr. Brumby and his entourage stepped out and walked through to a waiting car – apparently he was opening a new Performing Arts Centre in Wangaratta, which was, by all accounts quite a spectacle, with music, fireworks, etc. Most people were then keen (particularly the Victorians) to return to their motels to watch the Football.

Saturday morning all 122 entrants gathered again at the Airport and were ushered into their respective

category group, before having morning tea and a look at the many different cars. Around 10.30 we left in convoy for a pleasant 75km drive to Corowa R.S.L. (via Rutherglen) where a very tasty lunch was provided. The afternoon was then free, with several options open . . . 'Federation Museum' (extremely interesting), Max's Motor Museum (we did not make it to this one, but heard good reports), or perhaps the self guided historical tour of Corowa.

The Saturday evening Dinner Dance at the Airport was a sea of RED and looked really spectacular. A bush band was playing, and during the course of the night there were many lucky Rally Nos. drawn out for prizes.



Club members meet prior to departing for Wangaratta Airport.



The happy group enjoy a tasty lunch at the Corowa RSL.

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Graeme and Pam McCubbin won the Shannon's choice trophy for this immaculate 1940 Sloper.

A fine line up of trophies.



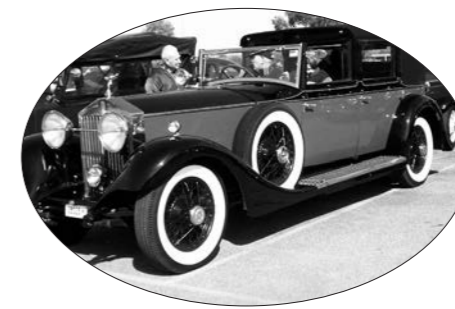
A very good two-course meal was enjoyed by all. The venue at the Airport would be the envy of any country town, with full kitchen facilities, dance floor and a great view of the sometimes busy runway.

Sunday morning saw us again assembled at the Airport, before the short run to Milawa, where we visited the Cheese Factory, the Mustard Shop and Brown Bros. Winery for tastings. After a good look around we headed back to the Airport to enjoy a spit-roast lunch and the presentation of trophies, etc. The trophies were very attractive clocks mounted in a wooden frame. Our Pam & Graeme McCubbin took out the Shannon's Choice Trophy with their immaculate 1940 Sloper – a well deserved win.

Our club cars numbered six, and were as follows: Harry Beckwith 1946 Monarch, John Provis 1935 Coupe, Eileen and Ray Broatch 1947 Mercury Sedan, Lyn, Keith and Natalie Mackinlay 1932 Sedan, Pam & Graeme McCubbin 1940 Sloper, Lorraine & Jim Stewart 1939 Mercury Sedan.



Nice "T".



1930 Rolls Royce - 1st in class.



Nice "A".



1932 Chev - 1st prize in our class



Rolls Royce and Austin 7 (mother and daughter?)



Nice '51

Ford

A fine display of old Fords at Wangaratta

Colour centrefold courtesy of John Provis





“Restorer’s Dream”

By Frank Beale

THIS vehicle, like all Ford utilities built up to 1959, although based on the American sedans of the time was designed and built in Australia.

My interest in Twin Spinners began in 1980 when I first met Alex Szman, owner of a beautiful sedan faithfully restored to its original condition.

Shortly after I met Alex he told me that he needed to rid himself of some vehicles in his possession as his fleet was fast outgrowing the space to store them. He mentioned a twin spinner ute which was “absolutely complete” and would be an ideal restoration project, and suggested that this was an opportunity too good to pass up. Well, I must have been awfully gullible, as I agreed with him and it wasn’t long before we had made the necessary arrangements to have the “Restorer’s Dream” delivered to my garage.

The big day came with Alex arriving at Eltham with a trailer load of what he described as a Ford Ute. What in fact I saw was a trailer load of rusted, twisted, dented pieces of what could be loosely described as car parts, many of which were unrecognisable, including the cabin and various body panels.

The next weekend the second trailer load arrived, this time including the chassis (all disassembled of course) and what appeared to be an engine with some ancillaries, thrown in for good measure. The next couple of years was spent searching for parts and trying to restore those components that were not available as replacements.

This was pretty much a part time process fitting it in around normal work times and leisure activities, and at times it seemed as though it just wasn’t worth the trouble.

Well the project was abandoned for some years, lying forgotten in a panel shop until 1992, at which time work was resumed on a part time basis, spread over weekends and late nights in the garage.



Around this time I purchased another ’51 ute wreck from Ron McNay, an elderly gentlemen from Lara near Geelong, a man obsessed with collecting old cars having in his backyard collection some sixty odd vehicles in various states of disrepair.

I might add that I only wanted to purchase a few much needed parts but Ron insisted I had to take all or nothing, so I paid him one hundred dollars cash, loaded the wreck onto a trailer and took it home to add to my collection of bits and pieces.

Having been employed in the Auto Spare Parts business for over thirty four years, I was able to obtain a copy of a genuine Ford Spare Parts Catalogue, without which the restoration would have been much more difficult and time consuming. With the exception of the outer tail-gate panel, every exterior panel of the ute is original and restored.

Also original is all chrome-work, lamps, wheels, dash panel and instruments, chassis including engine, gearbox, differential and all engine ancillaries such as carburettor, fuel pump, water pumps, starter motor, generator and fan assembly.

The engine was totally rebuilt using many genuine Ford parts as well as various reproduction components.

As I had always planned to keep the vehicle totally original throughout the restoration process, I decided to paint it in the original colour, namely Venetian Red. However after we had painted a couple of panels I changed my mind and decided on a totally different red that was not a Ford colour but looked much better than the original.

Later on in the resto I felt guilty about the colour so decided to go back to the original, but further research uncovered some interesting facts, not the least being that this particular vehicle was built in 1952 at the end of production of the “Twin Spinner” and featured a few changes that were to be incorporated into the all new Mainline.

Included among these were the use of a central tailgate handle in place of the 49-51 side handles, internal door arm-rests used for the first time on the utility, a darker wood-grain interior colour on the dash panel and window cappings and the introduction of new exterior paint colours including the red eventually used on my vehicle.

Using the formula from an original Spartan catalogue, we found that very little change was needed to replicate the 1952 colour, so once again we were back to the original specifications.

The interior is a faithful reproduction of the original leather trim in the correct colour combination and the imitation wood grain is also an exact copy although painted on instead of the original transfer.

The only item not true to Utility specs is the fitting of carpet, which was an option in sedan only. This was due to the fact that the rubber mat originally used was not available for RHD vehicles as a reproduction part.

The load area is made up of a timber called Black-butt which is as close to the original as possible in both colour and grain.

Tyres are the correct size and a similar style and tread pattern as those factory fitted.

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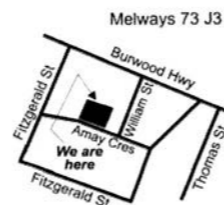
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All serviceable chassis parts have been replaced and/or reconditioned. New genuine accessories fitted include clock, radio, exterior visor, fog lamps, vanity mirror, night-driving visor and licence plate frames.

After market accessories of the day include wheel trim rings, W/S washers and Smith's heater.

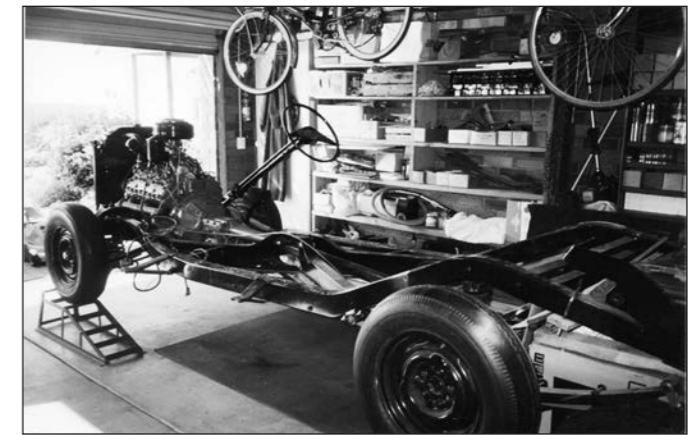
In October of 2005 the ute was finally completed and registered, using the rego number that was first used on my Father's car, a 1951 Jowett Javelin.

I carried out all the mechanical work myself, except for the engine rebuild which was done by a professional engine rebuilder.

I also did the final assembly at home in the garage. One of the most difficult stages was the dash-board fitting and the wiring installation. The body was rebuilt by Classic Mustangs and Rodstop while the painting was done by Auto Trade Body Works, both of these shops are located in the Melbourne suburb of Thomastown. I have made every effort to replicate the vehicle as it would have been delivered from the factory at that time, hence the absence of extra chrome and glossy paint in many areas only serves to emphasise the originality of this particular vehicle.

Little is known of this vehicle's history as far as the owner's name and dealer location is concerned however it is believed to have been sold by a Sydney dealer as the dealer's phone number, BX 4817 is very likely a NSW number. This number has been hand-written in the back of the owner's manual.

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Harry's not trying to sell them! He just won them as a prize for his beautiful 1946 Convertible.

THE 5TH CORA LYNN COUNTRY CAR SHOW MARKET/SWAP 2009 SUNDAY OCTOBER 4

IT was 8.30am and a little chilly as the convoy of fourteen smart looking Early Fords complete with drivers, passengers and one dog headed off from outside Autobarn, Pakenham to Cora Lynn to be part of this wonderful day.

On arrival we were ushered onto the football ground and directed to neatly park as a group in amongst the huge array of vehicles on display.

It wasn't long before hunger pains sent some of us into the football club rooms for the "Poet's Breakfast" where for \$10 we were served a delicious helping of bacon, eggs, sausages, baked beans and toast washed down with copious cups of tea and coffee.

While eating we were entertained by a variety of poets from around the area narrating their favourite sonnets. Some of them were very funny and it was well worth the effort to sit and listen to these experienced masters of recitation.

Once our appetites were satisfied it was out onto the oval for a few hours to mingle amongst the cars and socialise with fellow club members and friends. We all seemed to have a common desire to admire and learn about each others vehicles and the efforts that have gone into preparing them for events such as this.

Along with the amazing display of older cars there were trucks, motorbikes, cars with caravans attached and even a swap meet for those searching for that illusive part.

A picnic lunch in amongst the boots of the cars followed. It was a little "squeezy" but I'm sure we all enjoyed the experience.



The day ended about 3.30pm when most people departed for home.

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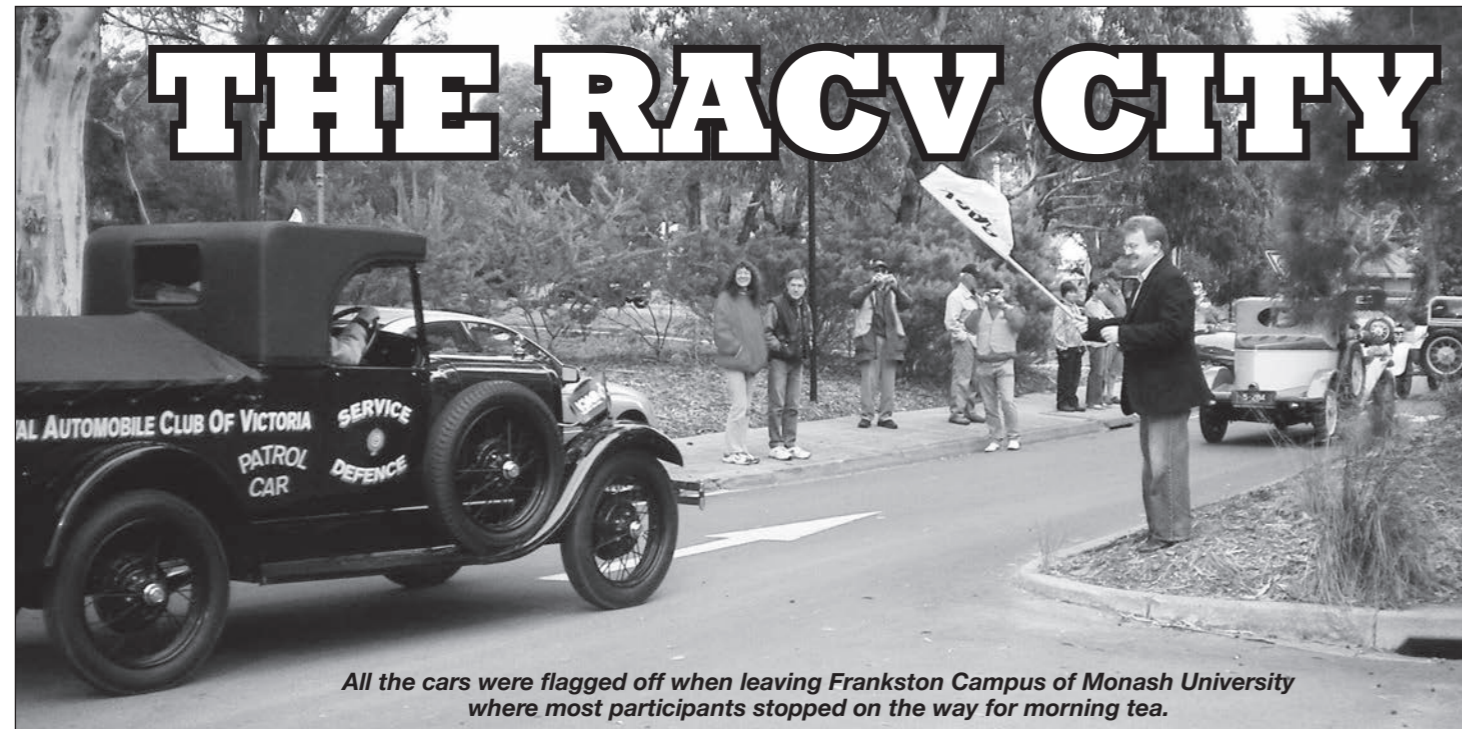


A finished result. Not bad eh!



A picnic amongst the car boots, but a little "squeezy".





All the cars were flagged off when leaving Frankston Campus of Monash University where most participants stopped on the way for morning tea.

THE RACV CITY



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This Melbourne to Mornington rally organised by the AOMC took place on Sunday, 25 October.

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Trophies were awarded at the end of the day with congratulations going to EFV8 club member Jeff Coelho (left) for winning "Best 50's vehicle".

All in all it was a great day out amongst the bunkers and greens!



Above left: Club members enjoyed the early morning coffee. Above right: The Cape Schanck Resort dining room was packed to capacity. Left: Tony and Shirley Howards '36. Right: John Provis '35 coupe and Peter and Sandra Hibberts "Vicky".



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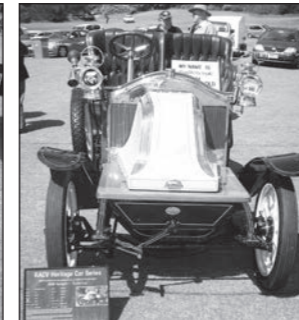
Only for show I hope!



Keeps the rain out?



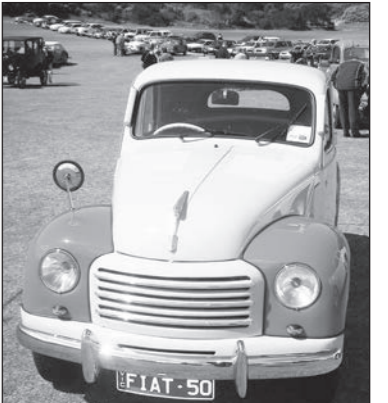
About to depart the scene.



100 Years old this year.



Ready for take off.

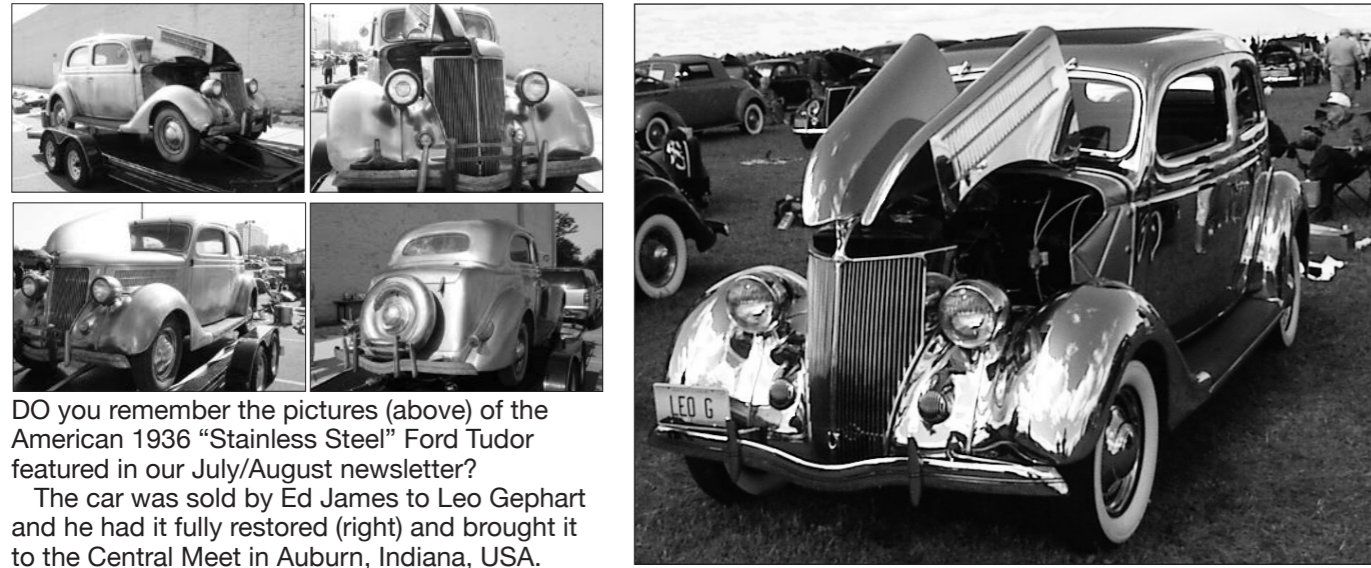


Noddy stuck around.



The Rovers were out in force to grab prime position.

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DO you remember the pictures (above) of the American 1936 "Stainless Steel" Ford Tudor featured in our July/August newsletter? The car was sold by Ed James to Leo Gephart and he had it fully restored (right) and brought it to the Central Meet in Auburn, Indiana, USA.

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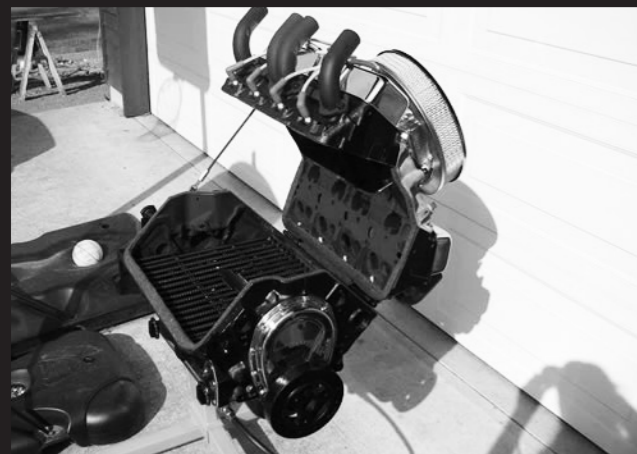
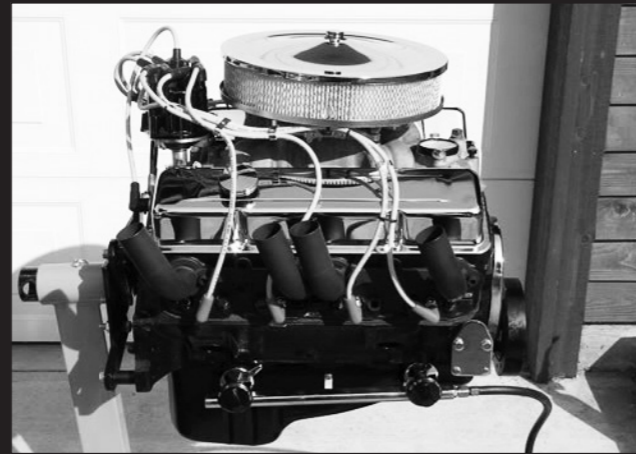
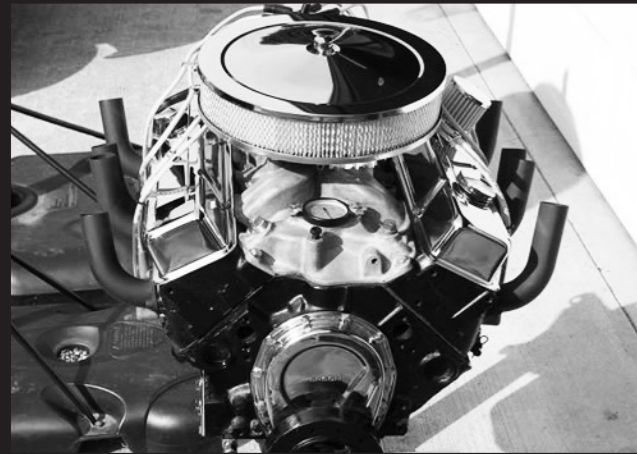
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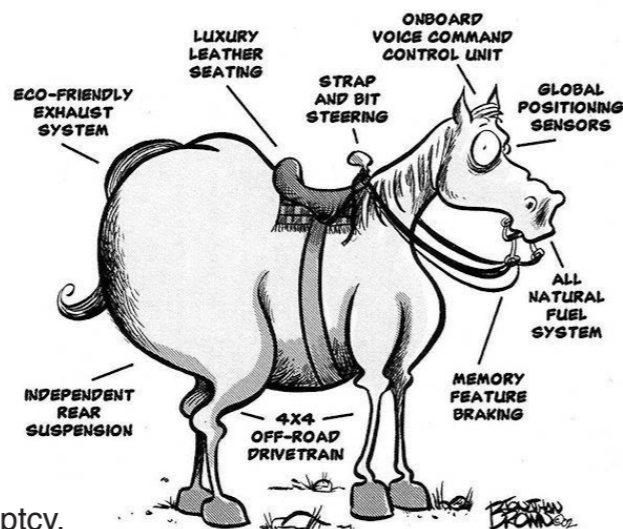


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