

The Side Valve Times

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The Early Ford V8 Club Victoria Inc.



This very fine 39 Ford Deluxe has been in Kevin Murie's family for over 60 years.
Read Kevin's story on pages 14 and 15.

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

Minutes of the General Meeting convened at the Kingston Library, Warrigal Road, South Oakleigh on Friday 5th December 2008

MEETING OPENED: By the president at 8.10 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: As per the attendance register.

APOLOGIES TENDERED: Messrs: A Wilson, J Pierce, C Watson, J Mahoney, A Francis, N Nettleton, L Cousins, J Gladstone, M Hibbert.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

(7th November 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 B Felsovary. Seconded Mr J Watson. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARD:

Silverwater Resort, Phillip Island. Promotion Shannon's Auction, November 24th
Auto Ranch American Iron, Cruise Night 28-11-08
Steering Rebuilds Aust, Manual Federation, Pakenham Picnic 19-4-2009
Federation, Club Permit Review Federation/Vicroads, Special use permit Federation, Calendar of events
E.F.V8 Club of America, Board Meeting minutes
Kaniva Car & Bike Show, Lions Club, 14th Feb 2009

NEWSLETTERS NOVEMBER

E.F.V8 Club, SA
E.F.V8 Club, Qld
E.F.V8 Club, NSW
AOMC. Issue 102
Swan Hill Club
Classic M/Club Wagga

NEWSLETTERS DECEMBER:

Ford Model T Club of Vic

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARD:

P Hibbert to committee members, re supper charge
P Hibbert to Neville Kane and family.

REPORTS:

TREASURER:

The treasurer Mr Wane related on the financial matters and details for the preceding month.

Opening Balance \$14,449.79

Income Included

Annual subs inc new members,
Special effort, club merchandise,
Federation, Bendigo Swap Meet site
Total Income \$1,041.00

Expenditure Included

Bendigo Swap site, secretarial,
Public Officer, National venue booking,
merchandise, Federation expenses and subs
Total Expenditure \$738.70

Bank charges as per bank statement \$Nil

Balance at 30-11-2008 estimated \$14,752.09

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

MEMBERSHIP:

Subject to renewals we currently have 145 financial members.

FEDERATION REPORT:

No report.

AOMC

Mr Camier reported on the recent meeting he attended. Précised: Mr K Bradley TCIS Ins. was the guest speaker who related on the three different types of insurance for clubs, Public Liability, Officer and Volunteer Insurance. Club Permit Scheme: still awaiting final review, hopefully by mid December. Mr Iain Ross elected the newly installed president.

SOCIAL CO- ORDINATOR

Mr Broatch related the following events are forthcoming. Olive Hill Estate, Christmas function. RACV Rally January, Ballarat Swap, Begonia Festival, Family Fun Day Eltham Railway, Bright (Autumn Festival) and Pakenham Picnic. Country meeting Castlemaine.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Members on the sick list: Mr R Broatch commented that Mr Kevin Haslam has suffered a stroke and was currently undergoing the appropriate therapy, he is recovering slowly. Various members have been contacting Val and ascertaining Kevin's situation. Mr N Kane is undergoing treatment and the latest report is he is progressing slowly. E.F.V8 Times (USA): A copy of the V8 Times was offered to the members. Mr R Broatch made it known he desired same and made a donation of \$5 to the club.

Mr B Stephens auto parts: Members purchased the various parts that were available, the club is holding the monies for the parts sold.

Mr G Robertson, Christmas message: Mr G Robertson gave his annual Christmas message of peace and goodwill to the members.

BUY SWAP & SELL

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

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

Mr Hibbert is seeking an 8BA thin belt water pump pulley

Mr J Watson is seeking an 8BA motor

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

Mr A Francis seeking a 3.57 diff

SPECIAL EFFORT:

Heads 'n' Tails. Won by Mr J Stewart

Meeting Closed at 9.10 pm

SUPPER THEN ENJOYED.

Next Meeting

6th February 2009



WHO'S WHO
DO YOU RECOGNISE THIS CLUB MEMBER?
ANSWER PAGE 16

THE PRESIDENT'S 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

THE Annual General Meeting is the most important time of the year for any club. We are no different, this is a time to reflect and accentuate on the highlights of the past year.

For me it generates a great deal of pride to be able to do so, with the activities of this The Early Ford V8 Club of Victoria.

We have had an extremely active time with many activities attended both intra/inter State and The 11th Australian Early Ford V8 National Event conducted at Bendigo. This has been regarded as an outstanding success with the highest number of participants/ members and families attending.

The club membership is at an all time high and continues to grow. We are always looking to increase our membership, not merely for numbers but more importantly for the fellowship we offer and the

encouragement of our younger members. This steady increase is a direct reflection on you the members who enjoy the club and extol the virtues of a happy united fraternity.

The heart of any club is in its members and executive, as the President I cannot speak highly enough of both, the members and their willingness to participate and assist with our outings and the Committee of Management for their tireless energies in committing themselves for the welfare of the club.

To single out any individual would cause undue embarrassment, but I offer my heart felt gratitude and thanks not only to you the members and executive but also your wives/ partners.

Thank you one and all. For me it has been a privilege to represent you.

Harry Beckwith

REFLECTIONS

WE START 2009 BY LOOKING BACK AT SOME OF THE CLUB MEMBERS AND THEIR ACTIVITIES DURING 2008 JANUARY



LEFT: Ian and Meena Camier resplendent alongside their beautiful 36 sedan at the RACV Great Australian Rally.

BELOW LEFT: The second National Judging Day was spent amongst the fire trucks.

FEBRUARY

BELOW: Leon Cousins, John Provis, Harry Beckwith, Russell Cook, Alan Summergreene and Bob Felsovary had a most enjoyable day at the Picnic at Hanging Rock.

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REFLECTIONS

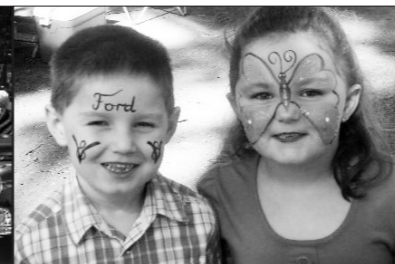


FEBRUARY

LEFT: The club tent was put to good use for the National Event planning during the Ballarat Swap Meet and Ray Broatch provided much needed sustenance.
BELOW: Some of the club members vehicles were trophy winners at the Ballarat Begonia Rally.



ABOVE: Nuts 'n' Bolts and another National Judging Day at Milton Park Automotives.



MARCH

ABOVE: The Eltham Miniature Railway Family Fun Day was a huge success for club members with children and grand children the great display of club vehicles caused many passers-by to stop and look with admiration.



APRIL

ABOVE LEFT: A group of club members and friends at Flemington for the Shannons American Motor show.
ABOVE RIGHT: Some members were lucky enough to be part of this line up for the RACV Western District Tour.
LEFT: Time for a National Judging Day at the Macedon Ranges club rooms.
RIGHT: A well looked after early Ford being admired at the Pakenham Picnic.



REFLECTIONS



JUNE THE UNFORGETTABLE



JULY

ABOVE: Club members were well represented among the trophy winners at the Swan Hill Sun Centre Rally.



AUGUST

LEFT: An outing to The Gamekeepers Secret Country Inn for the annual Tom Coulter luncheon.
RIGHT: A few hardy souls at the Marong Picnic.



SEPTEMBER

RIGHT: A good turnout of club members made their way to the Ford Discovery Centre, Geelong for the club's country meeting.



RIGHT: The last week in September saw some of the club members an route to Adelaide for the Bay to Birdwood. Along the way they stopped off at the Giant Koala for lunch and a fuel stop.



OCTOBER

BELOW: Some members and their early Fords had to queue up to enter Cora Lynn reserve for "The Last of the Chrome Bumpers".



NOVEMBER

LEFT: Many members made the annual trek to Bendigo for the National Swap Meet and the club site was put to good use to promote club activities.



DECEMBER

LEFT: Back to Olive Hill Estate for a wonderful Christmas Luncheon.

IT'S ON AGAIN IN 2009

Family Fun Day

Bring along your children, grandchildren and possibly even great grandchildren to this fantastic outing.

Come to a great family fun day being run by The Early Ford V8 Club of Victoria at Diamond Valley Miniature Railway.

This is a great opportunity to bring other family members. There will be rides on the miniature train, a sausage sizzle and lots of fun. *The Early Ford V8 Club* members and their families will have private use of a train on the day and their own train platform.

Cars will be parked out the front of Eltham Lower Park, look out for the club banner and club cars on the left hand side as you turn into park.

BYO rugs, sunshades, chairs, drinks, snacks (sausage sizzle will be provided).

WHEN: Sunday 1st March, 2009

WHERE: Eltham Lower Park
(Mel Map Ref: 21 H10)

Pine Creek Picnic Site – This area is immediately on your left as you enter the park gates. If you will be parking at the designated site at the front of the park (Early Ford V8's only) you can access the picnic site by crossing the train line where you are.

TIME : 10.30am – 2.30pm

COST: \$10.00 per person, \$5.00 for children under 10 years

WHY: It's a great day out for the whole family

RSVP as soon as possible as we need to cater for the sausage sizzle, train rides and car parking
Please return tear off slip below.

For any further information you can contact Greg or Melinda on 9712 0296 or e-mail mdebolfo@bigpond.com

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The Early Ford V8 Club of Victoria Family Fun Day Diamond Valley Miniature Railway

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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

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. For more information regarding accommodation or any other enquiries, contact Ray Broatch on 5977 5311 or 0418 359 542.

February 20th & 21st
FRIDAY & SATURDAY



BALLARAT SWAP MEET

Our tent will be on its regular site 1954 (just remember the 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 1st
SUNDAY



FAMILY FUN DAY

Diamond Valley Miniature Railway. (See promotion for this event opposite).

April 19th
SUNDAY



FEDERATION PAKENHAM PICNIC

Pakenham Racecourse, Racecourse Road, Pakenham, Melway Ref 317 G8. Time: 10am onwards. Hosted by The Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club Inc. The majority of members preferred the April run to be the Pakenham Picnic. Because of the new freeway it may well be easier to meet somewhere in Pakenham, so that we can enter as a club. The meeting place will be announced in the March/April newsletter. Members not wishing to be part of the club group can enter direct to the racecourse but unfortunately in that case we would not be able to park together. FREE entry for all vehicles 25 years and older. Red plates eligible. FREE raffle ticket for every eligible vehicle on display. Prizes include automotive related products. Hobby and craft displays for the ladies. Come along and enjoy an old fashioned country picnic. BYO picnic lunch. Light BBQ lunch available.

May 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th
FRI., SAT. & SUNDAY.
MONDAY optional leave
Sunday 3rd if preferred.



BRIGHT AUTUMN FESTIVAL 2009

For those wishing to travel in our convoy, we will be meeting on Friday morning at the Mobil Service Centre on the Hume Freeway at Tallarook around 10am for a 10.45am departure to Glenrowan for lunch. After spending about an hour in 'Kelly Country' we will head for Bright where on arrival you can find your accommodation and do your own thing. Saturday morning there is a huge market in the main streets of Bright, where a couple of hours can easily be spent. If the market does not appeal we have been invited to gather once again at Marty's Garage in Porepunkah to check out his latest project (34 Tudor). Marty is looking forward to seeing all our great cars again. Saturday afternoon the Grand Parade through Bright will take place. I'm sure it won't be quite as spectacular as it was last time when our cars were a big part of it, but it will be worth seeing. There is nothing planned for the remainder of the day, but hopefully we will all be together for dinner at the Star Hotel – this will be confirmed in the March/April newsletter. On Sunday morning we will make our way to Beechworth for a great day with the local 'Old Cranks Car Club' Drive Back in Time. The weather was not kind to us last time, but hopefully it will be better this time. After the car show and a good look around Beechworth we will make our own way back to Bright or head for home. Please let Ray Broatch or Jim Stewart know by 10th April if you intend to join us on this great long weekend. Remember . . . **BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION EARLY . . . it's a VERY busy time in Bright!** There will be limited accommodation brochures at the February meeting. Or contact www.brightvictoria.com.au for accommodation information. Or phone 1800 111 885.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

February 7th
SATURDAY

BERWICK SWAP MEET

Arkoona Park, Princes Highway, Berwick. Melway ref 11 H10. Gates open 6am.

February 8th
SUNDAY

PICNIC AT HANGING ROCK

Free activities and displays for the whole family. This event is now the largest of its type in Victoria attracting veteran, vintage and classic cars, hot rods, motorcycles, commercials and pedal powered vehicles. Gates open 8am.

For more information see the website mradmc.com.au

February 15th
SUNDAY

THE 18th ANNUAL KIWANIS ALL FORD DAY

Held at Deakin University Sports Grounds, Pigdons Road, Waurn Ponds, Geelong. The show caters for 1200-1300 show cars, plus trade sites and special displays.

For further details <http://www.allfordday.org/>

March 1st
Sunday

RACV CLASSIC SHOWCASE

National Steam Centre, 1200 Ferntree Gully Road, Scoresby. Celebrating 60 years of the Morris Minor and 40 years of British Leyland. Open to all vehicles manufactured in England and Europe. Details 9890 0524.

March 22nd
SUNDAY

AMERICAN CLASSICS

Lilydale Showground. Maroondah Hwy, Lilydale Melway 38 E4

March 21st to 27th
SEVEN DAYS

RACV 'FLY THE FLAG TOUR' 2009 . . . NORTH EASTERN TOUR

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April 5th
SUNDAY

SHANNONS AMERICAN MOTOR SHOW

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2008 Christmas at a glance

By Harry Beckwith

THE 2008 Christmas function was again conducted at beautiful Olive Hill Estate in Sunbury.

We were blessed with a fine but very windy day which found most members and partners making their way quickly indoors to partake of a few pre-dinner drinks. It was gratifying to join with so many of the club stalwarts and the newer members who had travelled from far and wide.

The relaxed atmosphere saw many of the folk engaged in group conversations. The menfolk being men, spent a lot of their time gathered around discussing the various aspects of Early Fords, some even ventured downstairs and back outside for closer inspection of the range of vehicles parked around the front of the restaurant. The open topped 1932 Ford Phaeton of Kevin Monk and his mate Colin driven down from New South Wales certainly attracted a huge amount of attention.

The noise level subsided a little while everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch of roast turkey breast or King Island porterhouse beef followed by walnut, apple and blueberry crumble with ice cream or lemon curd tart with whipped cream. I think everyone present will agree that the meal was well worth travelling for.

With our appetites well satisfied we enjoyed the frivolity of the raffling of Christmas hampers with some very lucky members going home carrying a fine selection of goodies.

Our host Spencer was pleased we returned again this year as it gave him another opportunity to gaze upon the twenty three Early Fords that members drove to the venue, splendidly presented in the grounds of his estate.

Special thanks go to Ray Broatch and Bob Felsovary for their efforts in making the day a huge success, also thank you to the folk who generously donated to the hampers.



*Jim Stewart presents
Graeme Watson with his prize
Christmas hamper.*



*Peter Ninnis and
Bob Felsovary
enjoying the day.*

*Mark Border, Jim Stewart
and Ray Broatch were
all smiles.*

Christmas 2008



39 FORD Deluxe 91A

In the family for more than 60 years

By Kevin Murie



THE car was bought by a forestry officer, J. B. Cameron, in Bairnsdale and registered in January 1940. He died at the wheel after parking it in his garage. My grandfather bought the car in 1945 and brought it to Melbourne.

The car was used to tow a caravan that was built by my grandfather. In the early days chains were not a requirement and on one occasion he said he was driving out in the country and happened to look in the rear vision mirror and realised that there was no caravan following him. So he did a u-turn and went back and found the van in a paddock. He promptly hooked it back onto the towbar and continued on the trip.

The last time I travelled in the car I was about 6 years of age, (I'm now 60). I remember my grandfather driving and my older brother and I



The time arrived for a new coat of paint.

were standing behind the front seat – so that we could see where we were going. The car was always garaged and in its later years of life (1960's), it was rarely used, because it was always difficult to start. All up, the car has done 110,000 miles.

After my grandparents died 30 years ago, their property was sold and my father and his brothers wanted to either take the car to the wreckers for scrap or leave it in the garage and let the new purchasers worry about disposing of it. They chose the latter however, so I asked if I could take the car. Not knowing much about cars, I went to Richmond Tech

and did an automotive machining hobby course and also a spray painting course. I took the motor into the Tech and working on it one night per week, it took 2 ½ years to recondition. The spray painting course continued for 3 years while I took panels and doors etc. in there to prepare and paint. I worked on the car for about 3 years until we "moved house" when the car was put on hold for about 14 years. The project was restarted from scratch again 7 years ago and in March 2009 the car should be on the road, with the help of Eric Crombie, Con Papas and more recently Alan Summergreene.

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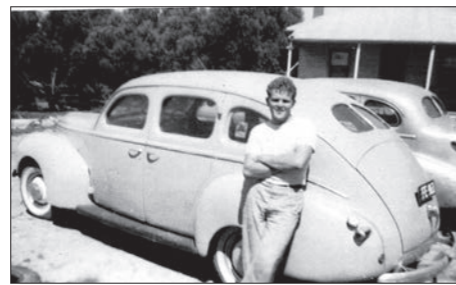


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**ANSWER:
WHO'S WHO**
WHERE HAVE THOSE YEARS GONE?




The top picture was taken in 1959 and shows a slightly younger Norm Raverty leaning against his '39 Mercury on returning from his honeymoon. Not much has changed in over 48 years! The second photo of Norm was taken just a couple of weeks ago and he's still leaning against a '39 Mercury.

OOPS!
 In the November/December issue of the Side Valve V8 Times Keith and Lyn Mackinlay were inadvertently left out of the list of club representatives present on the Bay to Birdwood Rally.

 **VALE: LLOYD DEER**

Member No. 75. Sadly passed away.

VALE: ALISON STEPHENS
 16-2-1942 – 26-12-2008
Wednesday 7 January 2009



The funeral of Alison Barbara Stephens wife of our immediate past president the late Bryan Stephens was conducted at Nelson Bros Funeral Home Mornington.

Allison succumbed to cancer after a long and courageous battle. Nine members and three wives attended to support Alison and Bryan's sons Michael and Peter and their families. They were both appreciative of our attendance. We offer our deepest sympathy in their time of grief.

V8 TIME IN 2009



**That was the theme for the:
9th SOUTHERN NEW ZEALAND
EARLY FORD V8 CLUB NATIONAL
AT ASHBURTON**

By Peter Hibbert



WHAT a warm and friendly welcome we received from the host members: The Southern Kiwi Regional Group #117.

Eight Australians, two Americans, four Canadians and many Kiwi's from both the North and South Islands with 65 glorious assorted early Ford vehicles for us to enjoy.

The Victorian club members present were Peter and Sandra Hibbert along with Mick and Val Wane.

The event was held from 29th December 2008 – 3rd January 2009 at the Ashburton Hotel, about one hours drive south of Christchurch.

Sandra and I arrived one day early, hired a car and

drove all day touring local areas of attraction. After that, we hardly needed the hire car until the event was over!

The New Zealand team followed a truly Kiwi theme and the activities included:

MONDAY 29 December – Registration, meet and greet and socialising.

TUESDAY 30 December – Tour to Longbeach that included skirting the beautiful Lake Hood and tour of an historic home, enjoying a generous boxed lunch, drive onto Hinds Domain for shopping and sightseeing. Early Ford field events, games evening, back to the Ashburton Hotel where supper was provided.

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WEDNESDAY 31 December – 56 Ladies toured in two buses to country shopping towns. The men (and some women) visited local garages including Bruce McIlroy's Bentley/Rolls Royce collection and service/parts facility. On to another home tour then to Hinds Hotel for a hot lunch. An interesting visit to Ashburton Airport Museum also featured. Further along, another garage worthy of a stop was Rob Ross' vehicle collection and workshop. Entertainment was then provided back at Ashburton Hotel with a BBQ dinner

New Year's Eve supper followed later that evening.

THURSDAY 1 January – Vehicle photo session at Ashburton Racecourse. Free time after the photo session. Early Fords twilight tour to interesting areas.

FRIDAY 2 January – Country tour to Geraldine driving through Pleasant Point that featured a Model 'T' Ford



Mick/Val Wane, Lionel/Dot Reeve from Tauranga, Peter/Sandra Hibbert during lunch at Ashburton Hotel.

railway ride. Onward to a seated lunch provided at Poplars Reception Centre, a beautiful shady outdoor setting for those wishing to be in the fresh air. Then the awards banquet in the evening with presentations. Here I took the opportunity to thank the host club for their kindness, hospitality and generosity and simultaneously invited all to attend the South Australian 12th Early Ford V8 Club National Event in June 2010.

Every registered attendee received a very thoughtful attendance certificate.

SATURDAY 3 January – Farewell breakfast at a minimal cost . . . we were rather sad to leave!

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... and the trip goes on

Mick and Val headed for the North Island to tour and visit close friends while Sandra and I had booked touring and accommodation within the South Island, so we set off in the rental car to take in the glorious sights.

We drove in the only rain experienced during our vacation from Ashburton to Dunedin to check into the hotel for three nights. The next day we decided to drive around the glorious blue transparent waterways following Portobello Road on the Otago Peninsula to Portobello. You have probably noticed an historic reference to Scottish town and family names. (This obviously pleased my lovely Scottish born wife!!)

Located on the Otago Peninsula are many historic homes and places of interest. We spent time visiting these attractions including the only NZ castle – Larnach where a fresh lunch was enjoyed. On the return journey, we stopped off at the Glenfalloch historic home and Olveston House. So much local history to be absorbed!

Other activities included a narrated tour of Dunedin on an English double decker bus and a conducted tour of the Cadbury chocolate factory. Here we climbed to the top of a silo where the tour guide pressed a button and we witnessed a waterfall of molten milk chocolate dropping five metres into a vat!!!

Next we drove to Queenstown for another three night stay amongst the unbelievable scenery of lakes, waterways and snow peaked mountains.

It is difficult to describe the beauty of this lush green land... HEAVEN??

A few of our activities in Queenstown included a visit to Birdlife Park, Shotover jet boats on the fast flowing river, a drive to Arrowtown to shop, a visit to the Maori Museum, a scenic ride in the mountain Skyline Gondola that features a 'luge' ride, then a steep long drive up to Coronet Peak where the BEST view of the district is to be had.

Our last two nights were spent back in Christchurch where we took a scenic circle city tram ride on an original 'W' class Melbourne tram. We also stopped at many other interesting attractions including the Otago Museum and Paua shell house, walked around Cathedral Square, visited historic buildings, harbour drives, aquarium and Kiwi house exhibition. We jumped in the hire car and drove to the Gondola base to ride the steep skyway that exits very high above the city. We also drove to Lyttelton and absorbed the wharf and inland lakes areas.

There was still so much to do but our time just ran out so we drove our hire car to Christchurch Airport and caught a Jetstar flight to Tullamarine after a long two hour delay.

Overall, a terrific experience that we can thoroughly recommend. *Peter & Sandy Hibbert.*



1934 Ford De-Luxe Tudor Sedan.



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FOR SALE

Parts for sale: 1949 ute parts, 1951 twin spinner parts. Contact Alan 0417 030 032, (03) 5449 7125.

FOR SALE

1948 Mercury Convertible. Immaculate condition, fully restored. Winner of 2 concourse trophies. Contact Laurie Rounds 0412 277 554.

(1) FOR SALE (2)

EARLY FORD V8 S/V FLAT HEAD ENGINE. 21 stud complete engine (bore size unknown) from flywheel to crank pulley, carby to sump cover. Was running but present condition unknown. Mounted on a robust steel stand. Need an engine crane with trailer or ute to load. \$350. OBO.

(3) FOR SALE

EARLY FORD ENGINE BLOCK. 3.047 bore, 24 stud complete with head studs and some parts. Condition unknown. \$150 OBO.

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(3) FOR SALE (3)

1934 Ford V8 Roadster, all original running gear except for 1939 Merc engine and 16" wheels, full rego (May 09) ph. (03) 5332 1475. Will consider trade.

FOR SALE

Best offer - Cusso parts
1 3/4 inch racing cam for early Ford (Not for 8BA)
1 Boot lid for Mercury 50's
1 Gear box for Customline
3 Starter motors
3 Tail shafts
4 Bell housings
2 Fly wheels
2 Petrol pump kits
1 55 Tail light lense (New \$20)
1 Piston 045 (New)
Complete distributor (New)
Contact Chris Seymour 5823 1511

FOR SALE

1947 Jailbar Ford V8 - 6 ton truck - Restorable. \$2500. Contact Des O'Dwyer, 1207 Numurkah Rd, Katunga, 3640 or phone - Home: (03) 5864 6349 Mobile: 0404 066 349.

FOR SALE

1932 Wire wheels x 6 \$300
1933 Grille - needs chrome \$1800
1933 Bumper needs chrome \$100
1933-34 V8 Radiator recored - never used \$1000
1933-34 Commercial head lights \$500
1934 Open car dash - deluxe \$300
1938-40 Rear stone pan \$100
1940-48 Front brakes NOS drums \$500
1948 Merc wheels x 5 \$700
NOS starter motors \$300
ph. Robert (03) 5332 1475.

FOR SALE

"Be a winner in your Spinner".
1 pair of 1949 repaired and rechromed front bumper overriders. Excellent condition. \$150. Rick 0414 626 353.

WANTED

1950 Ford ute parts: Front RH parker chrome piece, dashboard, door locks and window winders, hood ornament, chrome door and body pieces, front stabilizer bar, canopy bars, door and window rubbers, hand brake, steering wheel, left and right hand water pumps.
Contact Alan (03) 5449 7125, 0417 030 032.

WANTED

Windscreen frame 1936, 5 window coupe. No rust. Contact Martin 0458 272 445.

WANTED

Handbrake cable for 53 Ford. Contact Chris Seymour 5823 1511.

WANTED

1946-1948 Ford or Mercury oval rear window stainless steel moulding with joiner clip.
Any body parts available for 1947 Ford Tudor. All offers appreciated and responded to.
Contact: Peter Hibbert, Victoria. (03) 9800 1222. Mob. 0419 800 122. E-mail: phibbert@swiftdsl.com.au

(2) WANTED (2)

Early Ford V8 Hop Up Gear.
Seeking 4" Mercury Crank suitable for 59A engine. What else have you got? Anything considered.
Tony Richards 0417 341 001 or email Anthony.Richards@defence.gov.au

WANTED

Parts for 1937 Ford Coupe.
1. Bracket to hold front radius rod ball to the chassis.
2. Drag link with or without ball joints.
3. Set of original style shock absorbers (2 front and 2 rear).
Contact Rob Brooker 9307 1300 or 0410 699 425.

WANTED

1950 Custom (single spinner) Fordor body. Not too rusty and left rear door.
Contact Andrew (03) 5996 5192 evenings. Member 419.

WANTED

I am keen to purchase a 1934 Ford sedan with a side valve V8 engine, all in a reasonable original condition (not rodded). A 4 door sedan is preferred, however if a 2 door Tudor is available to my liking, I am prepared to pay a reasonable cash price for the right vehicle.
Contact: Ross Eastwood: (03) 9707 3379. Mob: 0418 551 658 E-mail: rossndi@primusonline.com.au

WANTED

1936 Ford Roadster parts.
1. Steering column, bracket to instrument panel and coincidental lock complete.
2. Set of horns.
3. Glove box lid.
4. 2 rear Houdaille lever type shock absorbers with arms, (through the chassis frame type).
Further: Any information on how many 36 roadsters were built in Australia.
Please contact Greg Purser in WA: Mob. 0417 917 557



TO ALL FINANCIAL CLUB MEMBERS

The Warrigal Road Library will soon be undergoing renovations. The Library Hall is to be used as builders storage. The club meetings from February 6th onwards will now be held at Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, 31b Marcus Road, Dingley. Melway Ref: 88-F-6. Ref: www.dvnc.com.au Please seek the web site for street location map if further details are required. It is approximately 10 minutes south east of our existing hall location. This will ease the Peninsula members travel time but extend time for others. Off-street parking, hot water provision, toilets etc are provided. It is hoped that after the renovations, the club can resume meeting at the Warrigal Road Hall. Peter Hibbert, Secretary, "THE EARLY FORD V8 CLUB VIC INC 1932-1954". Ph. 9800 1222. Mob. 041 9800 122. E-mail. phibbert@swiftdsl.com.au

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WERE YOU AT THE CHRISTMAS FUNCTION? DID YOU LEAVE WONDERING?

This short note was received by the editor a few weeks ago

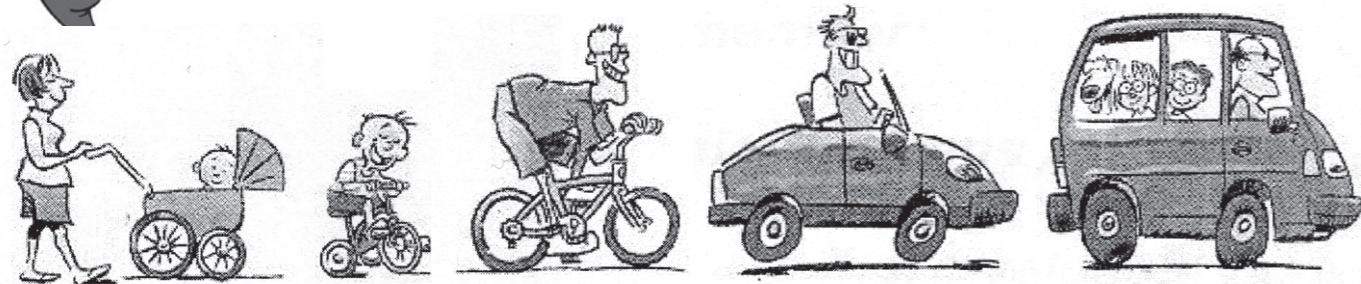


The 1932 Ford Phaeton performed admirably for Colin and I on our return trip from the Christmas festivities in Sunbury. We toured via Central NSW and at one stage the Phaeton developed a rattle in the passenger side rear wheel. An immediate inspection revealed the V8 hubcap had come loose in the wheel centre as one of the spring tensioning clips had broken. The removal of the hubcap rectified the situation and on we went to return to Sydney just in time for the family surfboards to be loaded and the Phaeton pointed towards the ocean. – Kevin Monk



JUST FOR A LAUGH

The Wheels of Life



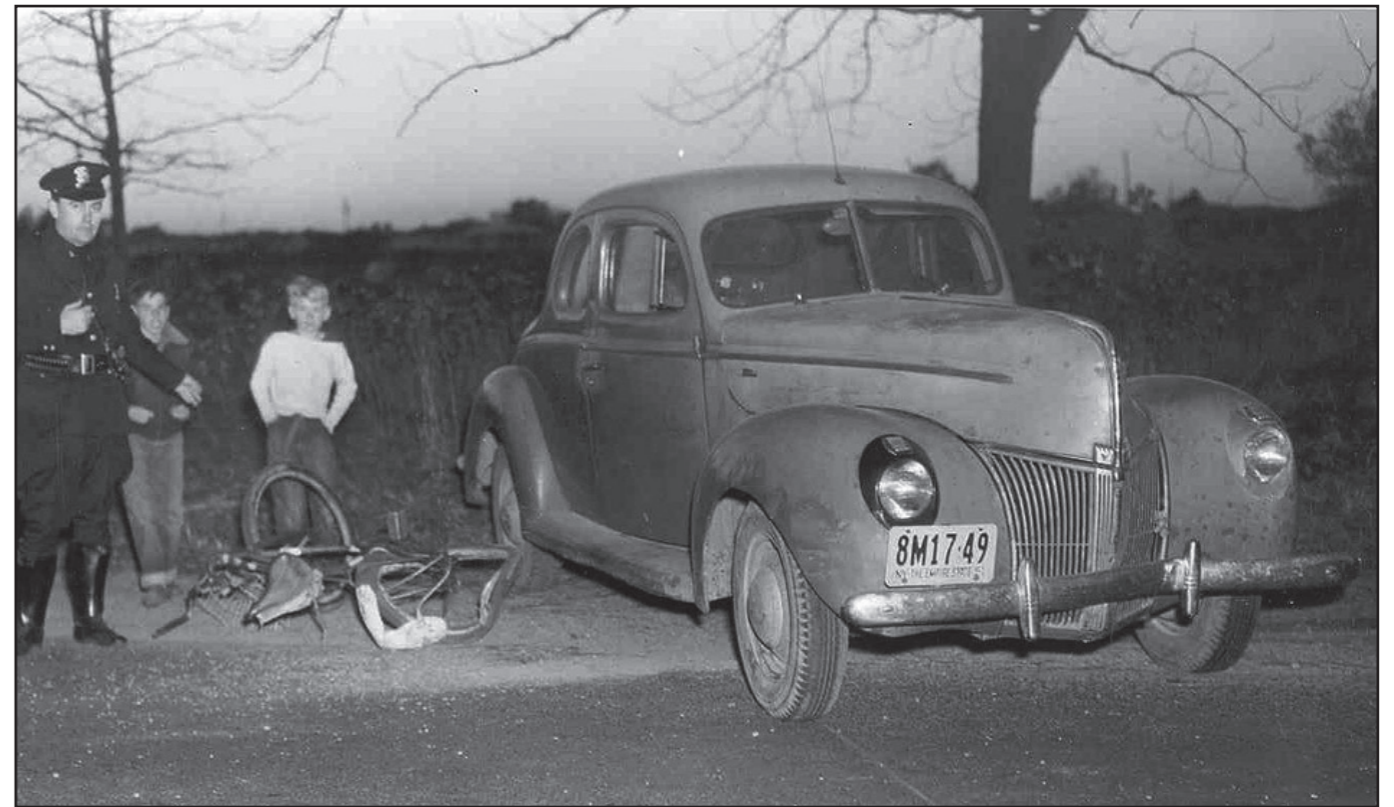
With this in mind, I bought myself a new scooter. I wanted something that was easy on gas and could zip me to the shops and about town. This seemed to fit my EVERY need.



Remember: Senior citizens are valuable
We are more valuable than any of the younger generation:
We have **silver** in our hair.
We have **gold** in our teeth.
We have **stones** in our kidneys.
We have **lead** in our feet, and
We are loaded with **natural gas**.



A FORD FINAL CRUNCH



I'm OK but the bike's stuffed!

MEMBERS –
ARTICLES ARE NEEDED FOR YOUR NEWSLETTER
 Dig out all those stories and photos of old Fords, technical, humorous or personal experiences and send them to:
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MARCH 14, 2009

Members please make an effort to attend club meetings. New faces and new ideas welcomed. Let's see more members and their early Fords at Club outings. Remember, you make the club.

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New Touring Sedans, with Built-in Trunk

NEW among the Ford body styles for this year are the TUDOR and FORDOR TOURING SEDANS. Their beauty, comfort, safety, V8-performance and economy make them popular, practical family cars. ... The built-in trunk accents the length of these Touring Sedans and solves the luggage problem. It locks securely and is rain-proof and dust-proof. The large opening makes it easy to get luggage in and out. ... The Ford Touring Sedans are upholstered in a choice of Bedford Cord or Wool Suede, with taupe color appointments to match. Everything is distinctively new and modern. ... Four especially important features are the V-8 engine, Center-Poise riding comfort, all steel body and Safety Glass throughout at no extra cost. V-8 power and smoothness mean more enjoyable motoring. Three years on the road in the service of a million and a half owners have proved that the Ford V-8 is the most economical Ford ever built.