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CLUB OF THE YORKE PENINSULA"*

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**SPOILT FOR CHOICE- A TALE OF TWO
ASTON MARTINS**

LEFT-

A DECADE AGO,

**MAPS MEMBER GIFFORD CHAPMAN WAS
SPOILT FOR CHOICE-**

**THE ASTON MARTIN DB4 OR THE
EARLIER DB2/4**

RIGHT-
**THE CAR HE CHOSE TO KEEP AND TO
PAINSTAKINGLY RESTORE**



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GENERAL MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, **EXCEPT JANUARY**. 8PM AT THE CHATT CENTRE, ROBERT ST. MAITLAND. VISITORS & GUESTS WELCOME

Historic Rego in the UK

When the UK government introduces zero rated “ Road Fund Tax” (rego to you) back in 1994, it was going be for a rolling 25 year old category. By 1997, the system changed becoming vehicles actually made before 1st January 1973. After some minor back flips, the scheme will now be back to a rolling category.

The UK equivalent of our Federation produce a detailed report in 2011 underlining the value of the classic car movement-

- 7.75 Billion A\$ overall annual value
- 1.8 Billion A\$ export value
- 28,000 people employed
- Historic vehicles covering less than 0.24% of the UK’s total traffic miles
- 31% of owners had incomes of under A\$40 per annum.

♦ Just over two thirds of the “historic” vehicles were valued at under A\$40K each.

♦ 4.5 million person attendances at UK Federation club events.

As regards one of Britain’s most famous swap meets (called autojumbles over there), in 2013 a report stated that the Beaulieu International Autojumble brought nearly A\$5 million into the local area, employed 220 direct temporary workers and saw 11,000 person nights of accommodation.

I’ve no reason to see why, in Australia, similar pro rata benefits to the economy are not created by our interest in our historic vehicles
Mike O

PRESIDENTS PRATTLE

None this month as he's away!, so you'll have to put up with the Editor's comments!

A MAPS WEDDING!

I can assure you that when Barbara Muirhead and Ivan Whitelaw exchanged their wedding vows at Moonta on Saturday, 5th July, there was no talk about the benefits of joint MAPS membership! Just under 50 people attended, with members of Ivan's family making up a sizable and youthful group. Ivan's son gave his father away and Barbara's sister Sherida was matron of honour. MAPS, the RROC and PADARC all had members present. The meal and service was excellent.

We wish them well on their honeymoon cruise . I told Ivan to make sure he filled his log book in!



HARDER TIMES FOR OTHERS

As we get older, our health becomes more of an issue, plus we lose relatives and friends, Doris and Barry Tapscott have had a bad month, losing a brother and sister within a week or so. This has seen them making two long trips to Melbourne. However, we hope to see them and others who have been various health problems at the Handover Lunch .

A TIMELY REMINDER

Handover Lunch- Sunday, 17th August at the Yorke Valley Hotel from noon.

Bookings to Bronte on 88 253 008 with your choice of fish, chicken or steak, or at the August General Meeting. Final deadline is August 10th

AGM OUTCOME

No big surprises at the AGM! Page 2 of this newsletter shows that the committee and officers are very similar to that of the previous year. Changes are that Lyn Clerke has taken a well deserved rest from the committee and Erica Andrews was successfully appointed for the committee. There is still a vacancy for a further committee member .

Perhaps it should be mentioned that a number of those appointed have indicated that they will serve for another year. That's a reminder that in under a year from now, new blood will be needed on the committee.

SUBS PAYMENTS

These are nearly complete for the 2014-15 membership year. Where members have yet to pay subs and get their log books processed, they have until Friday 15th August 2014 to submit these.

In order to ensure that we have a correct and up to date list of members with phone numbers and contact details, renewal forms were sent out.

Unfortunately some members chose not to complete these, so we may not have your up to date email address, or preferred method of newsletter delivery.

As regards CHRS log books, we have only two members who have not paid their subs and got their log books processed. The Club is obliged to inform the authorities of these in the next few weeks.

NEW MEMBER ATTENDANCE REMINDER

All new members please remember that it is a rule of the Club that you attend a number of events/meetings in order for your membership and hence Conditional Historic Registration via MAPS to continue. The committee is monitoring the situation with regard to a number of members not fulfilling these conditions.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS

An email from one of our members raises the point that many of us have been friends for years, but the writer wondered if adding a fun "Who I am" corner would enable new members to put names to faces and learn something about each member. This is a fairly common feature of other clubs' magazines. If you would like to get involved in making this a regular item in the MAPS Review, just let me know and the member who suggested this will help create a profile for you, or someone you wish to nominate.

The Sunday Mail does something similar called The First Person.

TALKING OF MEMBERS

Welcome to Rex Kakoschke from Sandilands with a 1955 BMW motorcycle.

Also, on membership matters, we will shortly be able to provide a list of members and their vehicles. If you wish to be left off this list, please let the editor know ASAP. Currently only one member has asked to be omitted. Care will be taken as regards revealing all the details, or allowing the list to go outside the club. Any issues, please contact the editor.

Thanks
Mike Osborne

LAST MONTH'S MYSTERY CAR

So what was the small sports car pictured below and in the June newsletter with a clue that the body was built mainly of plywood and a later model used a Volvo V6 power unit ?

Well done to Robert Koehne of the Humber Club of SA for a very quick correct answer that the car was an early Marcos.

Some of you will have heard of the Mini Marcos and perhaps the V6 Volvo powered sports coupe.

Marcos was founded in North Wales, in 1959 by Jem Marsh and Frank Costin. Costin had earlier worked on the De Havilland Mosquito fighter-bombers and any one who has seen them can see how he got the idea to use plywood for the chassis. The company moved to a converted mill in Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire in 1963 and in 1971 to a £125,000 purpose-built factory at nearby Westbury.

As with many specialised car builders, the company suffered at the hands of legislation and financial pressures. Finally after more comebacks that Frank Sinatra, the company closed in 2007, but not before a race car facility in Holland had been set up. A lot of the TVR design team were employed at that time. However, TVR's history is worthy a separate article!

The car in the pictured had a tuned Ford 105E engine and getting into the car was like taking a seat in a coffin- well it was made of wood too!

Mike O



DUNLOP DEPARTS

The home of Dunlop, perhaps one of the most famous tyre manufacture was at Fort Dunlop, near Birmingham, England. Now owned by Sumitomo of Japan, the factory will be closed, with land being used for further expansion of the Jaguar Land Rover plant.

Dunlop Motorsport, a Sumitomo/Goodyear combination will be more abroad with the loss of 240 UK jobs. Sound familiar?

THE OLD GREEN FX.

In 1971 some of my friends drove FJ. Holden's. Likewise – I had to comply to feel excepted I guess. So I bought a blue 1954 Jay with genuine leather seats and extra chrome bits, it must have been a Special although there was nothing special about it after 17 years of hard driving. A friend called Danny had a green 1950 FX. A reliable bomb kept going by his mechanical nous. He was quite a character small in build yet big on wit .He pre-dominantly wore overalls in the winter and a crocheted black T shirt in the summer (all the fashion at the time) with wrap- around sunglasses that almost needed surgical removal to get them off his head. We hooned around Moonta Bay that Summer until inevitably he was picked up by the local young zealous copper who threw the book at him for an un-roadworthy car. One item on the list was too much travel in the foot brake pedal, which became hard 1/2 inch from the floor. The cop reckoned the brakes were worn out and sneered that it would cost a fortune to reshoe them. Danny cheekily said . “ Al right Old Bean , I'll have it fixed by tomorrow. “ Danny was too shrewd to believe that it was anything major and in no time had full brake pedal pressure just by adjusting the linkage on the pedal. True to his word the defect sticker was withdrawn the next day , much to the chagrin of the PC.

The old green FX was overloaded with mates with Danny at the wheel plugging along an up-hill back track to a girlfriends farmhouse one night ,when the old bomb gave a splutter of protest in top gear. Danny with his elbow resting on the open window sill, slid his hand down the door skin and gave her pat of encouragement and said. “ Come on Gertie. “ Old Gertie seemed to respond to the gentle encouragement without further tardiness and despite not going back into second gear, just pulled away effortlessly with low down torque that was admired in cars of those days.

Gertie was full as usual, 3 in the front and 3 in the back as we headed to Pt. Wakefield one Saturday to scour the wrecking yard for some precious FJ. Parts. The day before we had spent at the beach. Unfortunately I got badly sunburnt legs and they were still inflamed the next day as I sat dismally by the back window with a wet towel over my red legs next to Christine and Jacqueline. Presently we came across a flock of sheep being shepherded along the road to an adjoining paddock . Now if you know anything about how to separate a mob of sheep, the way to divide them quickly is to drive into the flock at a slow steady pace tooting the horn without stopping. This way they will split like Moses parting the Red Sea . Danny knew this too but somehow the expert shepherd did not. “ Slow Down “ he bellowed menacingly. Well I was miffed sore and irritable, So I stuck my head out of the window and yelled back.” Get ***** . “

The girls thought it was funny and it made me feel better too.

Bronte.

AN ARTIST'S IMPRESSION OF THE EDITOR'S TR4A.

Gawler Club member, Bruce Williams, is a handy sort chap in many ways. He knocks bush statues from bits of scrap and does a wide range of paintings. Recently he was kind enough to give me the painting featured below. Thanks Bruce



STEVE MURPHY'S NEW HOBBY

A while ago Steve Murphy obtained a rather unusual oil dispenser from Tasmania. Since then, his interest in such items has grown, so he now has the start of a nice little collection. Perhaps there will be enough on display for a MAPS visit there soon!

CLEANING THINGS UP

An SYP member gave me some brief details of a chemical with the name Citra Solve. It seems this is a remarkably good rust releasing agent and will free up items such as neglected diesel injection pumps. I did a little research and found that Citra Solve is a big US business, but it appears an Aussie firm called CYNDAN Chemical Solutions is the stockist in Australia. Web site is-

<http://cyndan.com.au/en/>.

A one litre container of a degreaser is about \$26, but 400gram aerosols of the product our member mentioned are \$22- but you have to buy 6.

Don't forget that the old recipe for removal of rust in a solution of molasses and water is a cheap tried and tested method.

With regards to degreasers, I don't know how many of you have noted the difference between the solvent based aerosols and those with an alkaline content. The same affects the same sort of degreasers in cans for brushing on. The solvent based degreasers are better in my opinion and are the sort of product used in parts washing tanks. With the alkaline based products, you have to take care with alloy items. I used a gun from the air compressor to spray large areas of the engine or chassis. You must use a mask!. If you use the alkaline based product, it corrodes the gun and your parts washing tank.

No liability taken by the editor or the club for any of this information, supplied in good faith. Make sure you read the labels on any of these

NEW OCTOBER WEEKEND EVENT AT STANSBURY

I am sure that many will share our disappointment in learning that the traditional Edithburgh Gala Day and Show and Shine will not be held on the October long weekend this year. In view of the interest in the display of vintage and classic vehicles demonstrated at previous similar events, the Stansbury Progress Association has decided to hold a display of historic vehicles and machinery in conjunction with the Stansbury Seaside Markets to be held on the Saturday of the October long weekend, (i.e. 4th October 2014).

The event will differ from that previously held at Edithburgh in that it will have a more historic focus. It will concentrate on motor cars, trucks, tractors, motorcycles and machinery of an historic nature associated with yesteryear or the development of the district. While restored vehicles and items will of course be welcome and appreciated, we will be accepting exhibits in an, "as is", condition. The event will therefore be known as a "Dusty and Rusty", rather than a "Show and Shine".

There will be no charge to exhibitors and we are keen to see old farm vehicles and equipment from the district. Where transporting unregistered exhibits is an issue, we are prepared to explore with the exhibitor options to facilitate its display at the event.

The event will open at 8:30 AM and conclude at approximately 2:30 PM but late arrivals will be welcome.

We would be very pleased to have members participate in this event and we look forward to hearing from you with an estimate as to the numbers and perhaps the range of exhibits that they may wish to display.

Please feel free to contact Don McPhee on PH 0437 382 173 for any further particulars.

MEMOREE HOUSE VISIT

Graham Klingberg writes-

The format for the day, is for us to all meet at the Federation Square, Graves St. Kadina (Opposite the Police Station) ready to depart at 11-30 am, to head around to the venue, (12 Lyon St. Kadina) where we will have a light BYO lunch, prior to the guided tour, which will be followed by the Devonshire tea, supplied by Clair and Alan.

Clair will have the urn on for tea and coffee with our lunch.

Cost is \$10-00 / person for the tours & the Devonshire tea.

Memoree House is on the corner of Lyon & Gawler St's, Kadina.

Gawler St. is 2 streets east of Graves St, where we are meeting that morning.

Numbers/names for those attending to Graham Klingberg

UNVEILING OF THE HEART OF MAITLAND MURAL

In partnership with the Maitland Progress Association, MAPS contributed \$5000 towards the creation of a motoring mural in the Heart of Maitland area, near our base, the Chatt Centre. The mural makes reference to the Club's benefactor, Rex Fox and to MAPS. The first stage of this will be unveiled on Sunday, 14th September, time to be advised. This is a week after the St Kilda trip.

At a later stage, other photographs will be added, subject to funds.

The Maitland Progress Association is looking for our members to bring along a good selection of their cars. We might even see one of the ex Rex motorcycles on display, after restoration.

Mike O

Minutes of the General Meeting held on the 3rd of July 2014 at the Chatt Centre, Maitland at 8.00pm

1. Welcome and Opening: The Chairman opened the meeting at 8.00pm and welcomed all to the July meeting and declared the HSW procedures. He also welcomed visitor Rex Kakoschke to the meeting.
2. Members present: as per attendance register.
3. Apologies: as per attendance register.
4. Confirmation of June meeting minutes: The Secretary moved that the minutes of the June Meeting be accepted, seconded by G.Klingberg and carried.
5. Business arising:
 - a. Flags have arrived
 - b. Penrite's offer explained and accepted
6. Treasurers report: J.Correll presented her report which was tabled then moved that it be accepted, seconded by D.Penhall and carried.
7. Correspondence:
 - a. The Con Rod
 - b. Trico
 - c. Australia Post
 - d. SMASA
 - e. Gordon Crowley's response to FHMC June meeting
 - f. Copper Coast Show and Shine
 - g. Four Clubs Tour Bordertown in August
 - h. S.A. Drive it Day by FHMC
 - i. FJ Holden for sale
 - j. October long weekend Sea Side Market @ Stansbury
 - k. Willunga & Districts Lion Swap Meet on 17th August
 - l. B2B entries now open
 - m. Gumeracha Show & Shine on 9th Nov
8. Business arising:
 - c. Postal system in for a change
9. Events report:

B.Giesecke reminded the members of the next few events;

July 17th at Wauraltee, meet at the club rooms at 10.00am then convoy to morning tea.

August 3rd at Memoree House, Kadina _ meet opposite the police station at 11.00am – convoy to Memoree House

August 17th Hand over Lunch at the Yorke Valley
10. General Business:
 - a. Return of trophies for engraving - all returned
 - b. RAA organized for a visit next year to discuss the future of oldies
 - c. Joining Facebook discussed - M.Osborne to proceed
11. Meeting closed: The chairman closed the meeting at 8.25 pm so that the AGM could commence.

EDITOR'S SUNBEAM TALBOT UPDATE

Got the correct 16 inch wheels painted and fitted with new tyres. Thank you Richard Duns. With the price of paint these days, it would have been cheaper to let a professional do all the job! Still, they look good and just waiting for the new trims. In the search for various bits, I was grateful for the assistance provided by David Robinson of the Humber Club, as well as continuing help from Tim Hunt of the Sunbeam Car Owners Club of SA. Incidentally, if anyone wants a 1967 Humber Super Snipe V, automatic, a 91 year gentleman from Brighton has his car for sale. I am also grateful to Ken Sparkes who runs a Talbot and Alpine restoration and parts business in the UK. -

A1 Classic & Vintage Restorations.

<http://kensparkes-sunbeamalpine.co.uk/id8.html>

Closer to home, I was able to find some vital parts common to both the Humber Hawk and the Sunbeam amongst the spares treasure trove at the Whitelaw home in Snowtown .

Now I am waiting on some steering parts from the Sunbeam Talbot Spares business in Barnsley, UK

Mike

PS Thanks to Cory at Copper Coast Electrical, Port Road, Kadina for solving the lack of charge from the Bristol's new alternator

MAPS EVENTS CALENDAR 2014 .

GENERAL MEETINGS- 8pm FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH EXCEPT JANUARY

VENUE- CHATT CENTRE, MAITLAND. Light refreshments served

July 20th	Run to Waurultee Hall from Maitland.		Morning tea \$5. Meet at Chatt Centre - 10 AM
Aug 3rd NEW	Memoree House Kadina	Graham Klingberg	Meet at the Federation Square, Graves St. Kadina (Opposite the Police Station) ready to depart at 11-30 am,
AUGUST 15TH	LAST DAY TO PAY YOUR SUBS		SORRY-NO FURTHER REMINDERS
August 17th	Handover Lunch at Yorke Valley Hotel, Maitland		Choice of Chicken, Fish, Steak. Name to Lyn Clerke (away for a while) Away for or Bronte Giesecke 88253 008 by August 10th, or at August meeting
Sept 1st	Old Car Day Drive to Bethany	Mike Osborne	Details of meeting
Sept 7th	St Kilda Visit	Trevor Bean	
Sept 14th NEW	Rex Fox Memorial Meet Up at the Chatt Centre, Maitland. More details to follow	Mike Osborne	Unveiling of the commemorative mural, funded by MAPS, in conjunction with the Maitland Progress Assn
October 4th NEW	"Dusty & Rusty" - vehicle display at Stansbury	Don McPhee	
Oct 19th NEW	Visit Clem Smith's Museum at Mallala		
Nov 1st/2nd	Campout at Tanunda Tourist Caravan Park	Pls advise Trevor Clerke of your booking	10 ensuite cabins and 14 PS reserved. Book Your Own More details on www.tanundacaravantouristpark.com.au Phone- 8563 2784
Nov 30th	MAPS Christmas Luncheon		YP Veteran Centre, Kadina. \$18 per head
Dec 4th	Brief Christmas wind up meeting followed by BBQ supper		

INVITATION EVENTS 2014

These are events which might appeal to members. If you see or hear of similar events, please let the editor know and they can be added to the list. The Federation's web site is the place to look for many more. <http://www.fhmcsa.org.au/>

2014

Aug	9/10th	NARC 40th Event. Venues- Crystal Brook and Clare
Aug	30/31st	Bordertown Four Clubs Rally- Editor & Secretary have full details
Sept	1st	Old Car Day at Bethany
Sept	13/14th	Port Augusta Vehicle Restorers Club 2014 Rally in the Flinders
Sept 22nd to Oct. 3rd		Motorfest 2014 Program. Contact Mike Osborne for details
Sept	28th	Bay to Birdwood Run
Oct	10-12th	Burra to Morgan Run, organised by NARC . Secretary has entry forms
Nov	9th	Rootes Group Day, organised by the Singer Car Club

2015 April 27 to May 9th Federation's Meet the Clubs Outback Odessy. Editor has one info pack

May	17th	Cavalcade of Cars, Copper Coast
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SWAP MEETS - go to <http://www.bevenyoung.com.au/car.htm>

FOR SALE

1953/4 HOLDEN FJ SPECIAL SEDAN Rego-EGO XBC307 Original Skipper Blue, leather upholstery, mechanically very good. Recent valve grind and head faced. Brakes reconditioned with new shoes and cylinders. On CHRS Some spare parts included. Good reliable car and only for sale due to major work required on other car. Price in the \$10K to \$13K range. Contact Fred Chapman, Mallala. SA on 08 8527 4049, or 0434 493 167

RESTING IN PEACE

This was one of several Chrysler Royals resting at a YP farm, but were a source of good parts and a project.

TO

FROM; MAITLAND AUTO PRESERVATION SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 86, MAITLAND S.A.5573.



Who can tell me which classic Australian sitcom this came from?

“Volkswagen!! That’s not a car. It’s a two story Victa! Bloody stupid Germans forgot to put the blades on. Almost forgot to put the motor in it and had to shove it in the boot on the way out of the factory door!!”

Also

How do you fit 100 people into a Morris Minor?

Answers in next month’s edition!!

(From our new Humour Column Contributor!)