

# WESTERN SYDNEY HISTORICAL TRUCK CLUB



August 2012

## RECENT EVENTS

### **Sydney Classic And Antique Truck Show - 17 June 2012 ....**

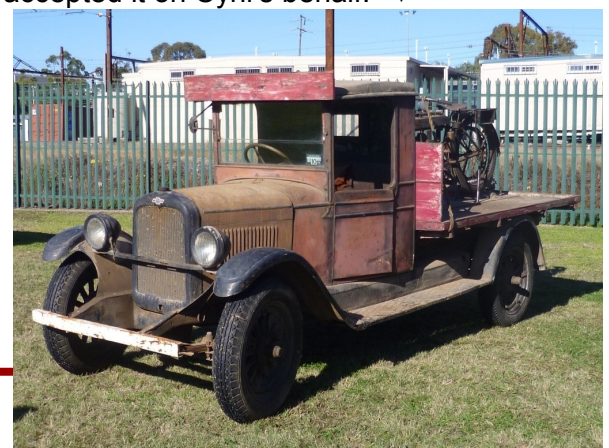


I awoke on Saturday morning to the sound of rain beating down on the roof. Breakfast revealed a grey, icy cold and very miserable day for the set up of SCAATS - 2012. The first activity for participating trucks was the Mulgoa Rumble. It started at the Regatta Centre and along to Tench Reserve, (just beyond the M4) and return. An 18 km round trip which could be done as many times as you wanted. Drivers received an entry in the prize draw for each trip completed. By the 3pm cut off time Steve Purdey's "Blue Bedford Express" had completed 3 trips with my "Restoration in Progress" on the back!! It was a lot of fun despite the wet weather. We then headed to the Museum of Fire to park our trucks in readiness for the next day.

*Sunday...the big day.* The overnight rain gave away to a beautiful sunny day, and just as well!! Before breakfast many owners were seen giving their treasures the chamois treatment and last minute spit and polish. There were many trucks of all shapes and sizes, some ancient and some not so old. Old friendships were renewed, stories swapped and deals done for parts, accessories etc...

The numbers of participating trucks and the visiting public would have been far greater had Mother Nature not rained the days before leading up to the show!!

*The highlight of the day* was the presentation of the **Bill Maddy Memorial Trophy** for the "most authentic" which went to Cyril Robinson for his 1926 Chevrolet truck. Bill's wife, Anne presented the trophy to Adrian Wearn who accepted it on Cyril's behalf. ▼



RECENT EVENTS cont'd

**AGM Notes:**

- 1) Brad declared the position president vacant but was re-elected unopposed because he had done such a great job in the past and those present thought it would be a tough job to follow in his shoes.
- 2). Change to constitution - The minimum number of club events that a member must attend per year to retain membership and registration status for their vehicle is reduced from four (4) to two (2) events.
- 3). Planning for "Haulin' the Hume - 2013" is well underway. The organising committee comprises 7 club members, led by Bruce Gunter. Vintage Truck & Commercials magazine has come on board as a partner for the project providing free advertising.
- 4). A letter received from Ann Maddy thanked the Club for its support at Bill's funeral and included payment for Bill's son, Paul to become a member of the club and registration for Bill's International AR130 with WSHTC, so our connection with Bill still continues.
- 5). New members inducted were Patrick Vassallo and his young son Nick, (junior member) our youngest at 8 years old... Nick probably knows more about trucks than any of us oldies. While some of us have been carefully restoring a vintage treasure over a period of time, Nick has built many highly detailed model trucks. After his induction, Nick presented Brad with a model he had made of Brad's "loosely built" Ford Louisville prime mover, including the signage, hinged bonnet and the '903' engine....



**BBQ Lunch Run - 29 July:**

The "Lunch Run Convoy" left "The Ponderosa" round about 10.30am and headed south toward Picton. By the time we reached the top of the Razorback car park Mother Nature was blowing a very icy cold wind. After waiting 10 minutes for the slower trucks to catch up it was nice to return to the warmth of the truck to continue to our destination - Nepean River Reserve, Menangle Park. Everyone enjoyed the proverbial "long lunch"....a very successful event...all problems with the world were solved and at the end of the day everyone involved was looking forward to our next run...

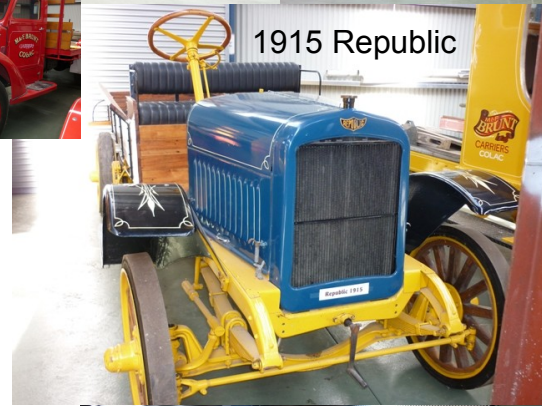


# Hidden Transport Treasures Exposed

Three years ago my search for a parts truck, spare parts and the like took me to Colac, Victoria. I went there to meet Merv Brunt, a former truck driver, business owner and keen restorer of old trucks. Merv has been interested in trucks all his life, even before he started driving them at 17.



Merv and his late wife, Faye, set up M & F Brunt Carriers, and ran a fleet of 25 trucks. They sold up after Merv's stroke 16 years ago. The stroke put his right hand out of action which meant he couldn't restore his trucks alone. Former mechanic John Paterson spends a few days a week bringing the rusted relics back to life.



1915 Republic

Fast forward to 2012, at the age of 77 his collection has grown to 37 fully restored vintage trucks including rare International models. His range includes a long list of British and American trucks manufactured in the early 1900's: AEC, Albion, Bean, Bedford, Brockway, Diamond T, Federal, Indiana, International, Leyland, Mapleleaf, Morris Commercial, Republic and Thornycroft.



Rare 1915 International trucks (left) 1920 model (right)

Each truck has its own story. There is a 1915 Republic with no cabin, chain drive and solid rubber tyres (used at the Melbourne wharves and markets until the 1930s) and two Internationals with 'coal scuttle' bonnets and gas head lights.



Merv has restored eight Brockways. His red 1935 model went to the 2010 Alice Springs Reunion, raising \$75,000 for local hospice Anam Cara House.



Merv has big plans to turn his Clark Street warehouse which houses the trucks into a museum by years end. So if you're down near Colac it is well worth the time to call into see Merv's collection. 43 Clarke Street, Colac, Victoria. Tel (03) 5231 5782



Thanks to David West for updated details, courtesy "The Weekly Times"



**DUBBO VINTAGE TRUCK & TRACTOR SHOW**

Saturday 11th - Sunday 12th August 2012 at Dubbo Showground.

Vintage trucks & tractors, Classic cars & motor bikes, stationary engines, memorabilia & quilt show.

*To participate, register your truck with Brad Dwyer - mobile **0449186 587** or email [wshtc@rocketmail.com](mailto:wshtc@rocketmail.com)*

**WE WILL BE LEAVING FRIDAY 10th at 6am from the Glenbrook Information bay**

Saturday 25th - Sunday 26th August - Grenfell Show. Speak to Brad for details

Saturday 15th - Sunday 16th September - Clarendon Classic Rally, Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon..

Sunday 7th October - 8.30 am Breaky Run at Warragamba Centre. Please let Brad know for catering purposes.

Saturday 20th - Sunday 21st October - Menangle Steam Club Fest

**HAULIN' THE HUME - 2013**

27 - 28 April 2013

\$30 entry fee per vehicle over 30 years old.

Entries close at 250 vehicles or on 15 Feb 2013.

For those who just want to go along for the ride to experience the nostalgia of the event but without having to do the driving, the owners of Forrest Coachlines are providing a 60 seat coach for \$40 per seat. The coach will pick up from and return passengers to Beech Road Industrial Estate opposite "Uncle Leo's" in Casula. Accommodation will be booked for coach passengers at the one motel venue.

If you are interested and need further information contact Ron, Darrell or Bruce.

Information available from: -

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**31 HAULIN' THE HUME**  
 OLD HUME HIGHWAY ROAD RUN - APRIL 27TH & 28TH 2013

It is with great pleasure that the Western Sydney Historical Truck Club will host Haulin' the Hume for 2013. Join us again for a nostalgic trip where we will retrace as much of The Old Hume Highway as possible out of Sydney and relive some of the sounds, sights and smells of the pre-emissions era.

We will depart from the Beech Road Industrial Estate opposite 'Uncle Leo's' in Casula, and follow Highway 31 down through Camden, up over Razorback, through the 'hole in the wall' at Picton, and cover the picturesque drive through to Yerrinbool, Mittagong, Berrima, Goulburn, The Cullerin Range and then into Gunning for lunch. We will then head for Yass where the day will finish with dinner and a 'modern slide show' of some old road transport photos along with stories of life on the road.

**Entries close at 250 vehicles entered or on February 15th, 2013**

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Full information is available through the above contacts. We can email or post entry forms to you or you can download them from [www.wshtc.com.au](http://www.wshtc.com.au)

Entry fee \$30.00 per vehicle. Vehicles must be over 30 years old

Everyone with a love of Australian Road Transport History is welcome

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Photos courtesy of Garry Schroder

**BUYING, SELLING, INFORMATION REQUIRED**

**Wanted**

Set of 6 truck rims with or without tyres, 700 x 20 or 750 x 20. Phone Ron 0437 384736

**For Sale**



1978 International C1610, Perkins 6354, motor in running order, steel tray with timber deck 17'6" long, two speed diff. Very good restorer. \$1750 ono. Must go.



Set of 7 wheels (5 stud) with tyres 750 x 17, \$25 each or \$150 the lot.

phone **Paul 0418 168396**

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PO Box 369, Plumpton 2761, or emailed to [wshtc@rocketmail.com](mailto:wshtc@rocketmail.com) before 21 September 2012