

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



July 2014

More on Australia Day 2014 Celebrations...Pioneer Village, Wilberforce



As the membership of WSHTC expands it provides the opportunity for club members to support many events scheduled on the same day. Australia Day is a huge national day with activities programmed all over Australia. The previous newsletter covered celebrations at Camden. In this issue we cover festivities held at the Pioneer Village, Wilberforce.



Despite it raining most of the day it didn't dampen the spirit at the Pioneer Village. "Residents" of the village were dressed in period costume that lent an air of authenticity to the celebrations of early Australia. Apart from the historical exhibits in the buildings there were many fine examples of farming equipment, non motorized and motorized transport from various clubs including the vintage trucks of our members.



May 17 - The Putty Road Truck Drivers Memorial Service



The third Saturday in May every year is earmarked by the families, friends and transport fraternity to remember those truck drivers who lost their lives along the infamous Putty Road while doing their job as professional drivers. This year marks the fifth year that the memorial service has been held at the Garry E Miller Park at Milbrodale, 27 kms south of Singleton. It is always a sombre occasion and tears are shed by those gathered as they remember their

missing mates, husbands, fathers, brothers, sons.

The service kicked off with the usual introduction and welcome. This was followed with a couple of ballads, speeches and prayers.

The guest speaker was Kelly Dickson, storyteller, poet and song writer to Slim Dusty. Kelly gave a very passionate speech about the unfairness and thoughtlessness of regulations imposed on the transport industry, by the bureaucrats in government.



John "The Ferret" Moran, patron of the Putty Road Memorial sent his apologies but had sent a special poem just for the day, which was read out in his absence. What was supposed to be a short poem, told of John's journey from Sydney to Brisbane in minute detail. It was wonderful story.



Today's memorial service was the second one I have attended. It was similar to the previous and yet different. This time there were several vintage trucks parked silently side by side in a guard of honour. And at the end of the service, some of them raised their voices quite loudly in a chorus of horns blasting across the valley...a moving tribute to the truck drivers no longer with us.



...Working hard for something we love is called PASSION

Sunday 18 May - Menangle Steam Museum

story and photos by Noelene West



The weather was perfect not too hot – not too cold – we have been there under both very cold and very hot conditions.

The take-away food there was excellent – both from the Air League Group (hamburgers, sausage sandwiches, egg & bacon rolls) and the ladies working in the train where you can buy fresh sandwiches, yummy cakes, muffins and scones covered in jam and cream.

The spectators were varied from the very old (using their canes and walkers), the mid-oldies, young couples with their young children and teenagers. A great cross section of people.

There were a greater number of cars there this time as it was National Heritage Day for older cars – some very interesting vehicles including the 1901 steam car. Of course there were plenty of stationary steam engines and the very large steam vehicles.

The train ride and the tractor ride worked non-stop all day. The kids and their parents enjoyed them immensely. And of course Bruce was there with his jeep and he found a couple of kids to take in the Grand Parade.

You will notice there a couple of pictures of modern trucks – one in the background of the photo of Bruce's jeep in the parade. It was fascinating to sit there watching a 1901 vehicle driven by steam and the other old vehicles in the parade with the freeway in the background. A blend of very old and new!!!

All in all it was a very enjoyable day!



Don't change so people will like you...

May 25 - Breakfast Run @ Mulgoa Park



Unlike the last breakfast run, we didn't have the expertise of 5 year old 'Chef' Emily to cook a gourmet breakfast for us. Instead, rumour had it that Bruce Brown was volunteered to the job after trying to make a reservation with 'conditions'. It was also rumoured that Bruce might cremate the snags and over cook the eggs in his "Riceburner". There was a lot of concern voiced about Bruce's cooking ability.

However when I arrived at about 8:15am Master Chef Bruce had on his apron and the barbecue all set up ready to cook up a treat. There was also an excellent roll up of vintage trucks parked side by side. Members huddled in groups and chatted amongst themselves while Bruce did a great job with his tongs. As time marched on more trucks arrived with hungry passengers who added their voice to the already noisy group. It was a very successful day, enjoyed by all. And there were no cremations either...well done Bruce.



...Be yourself and the right people will love the real you

Sydney Classic and Antique Truck Show - 14-15 June 2014

For the four days before the show the weather forecast was for showers and so my truck did not get an outing this year. But as it turned out the weekend was fine and cloudy.

When I arrived about 8:30 I was greeted by an Albion delivery truck and a model T Ford van both painted in period Arnott's Biscuits livery. Tucked in behind them was a trolley bus. Dave West's Diamond T was parked next to the stage area and Andy's Chev Tow truck a few meters further away. There was a small number of other trucks as well. After a while Andy arrived with the Bedford and shortly after there was a traffic jam at the entry gate. All up there were 150 trucks.

There were some very interesting classics that hadn't been on show before... A long bonneted Diamond-T heavy haulage tow truck which had been imported from France took its place beside the equally large 8-wheel drive Faun.

The Police Service had a display of past service highway patrol pursuit vehicles including a FC model Holden sedan and a Valiant Charger.

The crowd numbers were exceptionally good despite the threat of rain - 6000 came through the gate. A jet turbine powered model rail dragster attracted a huge crowd when its owner powered up the turbine which, incidentally could be heard 400 metres away.



For those lucky enough to partake in the Saturday evening banquet the menu was amazing... Clearly all low calorie and if you squint your eyes a little — weight reducing too!! Thanks to Phil & Karen Cassells and the Pioneer Timber Cutters support team for a wonderful spread.



*Travel as much as you can, as far as you can, as long as you can...
Life's not meant to be lived in one place*

Sydney Classic and Antique Truck Show contd...

This years winner of the Bill Maddy Memorial Award for the Most Authentic truck was a 1932 Model B Ford 1 ton table top owned by Bruce McCulloch from Newcastle. Bill Maddy's wife, Anne presented the award to Bruce commenting that Bill would have been thrilled the Award went to a Ford.



Once again, this year Vocational training was made available to young & enthusiastic future truck drivers. Peter Milton provided the Blue Mountains Retro Tours 'Ex-Naval Officers Bus' for young drivers to gain experience at the wheel of a real bus. One participant showed his friendly bus driver's etiquette by welcoming everyone aboard.



And a few photos of members trucks: L to R — Trevor Supertrucker's Red White; Steve Pardey's Blue Bedford and Richard Cant's White White.

Sydney Classic and Antique Truck Show contd...



And just for something a little different Bruce Brown ran a Lucky Draw raffle for members only. Just for being at the show you received one ticket. If you had your truck on display as well you got two tickets in the draw. At the end of the weekend the draw was made and the lucky ticket holder was Charlie Cherry. The prize was a drawer saved from a cupboard that went out for the council clean-up last month. Fixed to the front of the drawer was a gold painted horse shoe for luck. But there's more, inside the drawer there was a voucher for window and door rubbers valued at \$50.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE INVITED FROM MEMBERS WILLING TO TAKE PART IN A WEEKEND RUN -

The itinerary is still in the planning process... but the run will be held in the warmer months.

The plan is to set off early Saturday morning in convoy from a chosen place. ...There will be many and varied stops scheduled along the route.

Overnight accommodation on Saturday night will be at a motel.

Please advise Brad of your interest and intention to take part—

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...All you can do is change the way you react to it

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 27 July - 8.30am Breakfast Run. In the picnic area @ the top of the Razorback. Bring chair, cup & \$6.00. Please let Brad know for catering.

Saturday 9 August - Sixth Dubbo Truck & Tractor Show. Dubbo Showground, Dubbo. Enquiries: Brian 0418 226 751 or John 0428 143 644. www.goldenoldiestruckclub.com.

Sunday 24 August - 8.30am Breakfast Run @ Riverstone Railway Station dirt car park 9b (beside the Bowling Club) Bring chair, cup & \$6.00 Please let Brad know for catering.

Sunday 17 August - CMC Display day @ Eastern Creek. For details contact Kathleen Toovey

Saturday 20 - Sunday 21 September - "Clarendon Classic Rally". 100 years Dodge Brothers, 150 years Deutz and everything British in Australia. From 8am Hawkesbury Showground, Racecourse Road, Clarendon.

Saturday 18 October - 9:00am - Riverina Truck Show and Kids Convoy. Wagga Wagga Showground. Phone Lloyd for further details 0435 491195

Saturday 25 - Sunday 26 October - Portland Spring Fair - Truck Show and SWAP Meet. Kremer Park Portland Showground. Entrance Lime St. Gates open from 6:00am. Extra information at www.MyPortland.com.au phone Barbara 0467 590648 or Garry 0263554134/0412 417868

Saturday 8 November - **CONVOY FOR KIDS - Goulburn**. Meet at Pheasants Nest at 8.00am. A great family day out of fun and fund raising for kids charities.

FOR SALE Two 700 x 16, 6 plit nylon Olympic Trojan all-purpose lug light truck tyre with tubes and rust bands, 60% rubber. \$50 the pair. Phone Terry Newson 0429 911363

BUCKET HATS WITH CLUB LOGO - for sale to members only - \$15 each

WANTED: Stories and photos of Members restoration projects for inclusion in the newsletter and the WSHTC website. Tell us the story of when and where you found your project and the journey taken to restore it back to life.

*All contributions for publishing in the next Newsletter can be mailed to
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