

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



October 2014

Yesteryear Truck & Machinery Show - Wauchope 2014

Travelogue and photos by Andy Nash



Friday - loaded up the Quarter Pounder, the Chev and the Small Fries trailer, had trouble with the trailer lights so didn't get away from Mt. Druitt until 11.30a.m. Saw Charlie Borg having lunch at BP Beresfield as we fuelled up. On to Coolongolook where Ann and I had lunch before arriving at Wauchope just before 5pm. Was directed where to unload everything by Kirby Maxwell before strolling into town for a great Chinese meal for Ann's birthday and then back to motel to thaw out as days were nice and sunny but nights were freezing.

Saturday morning saw us having breakfast at the showground and checking out all the market stalls and a great assortment of trucks and stationary engines. A grand parade at lunchtime saw the showground track full. There was approx. 80 trucks in attendance.



Jeffsan's Republic and Chev was well received getting a few awards. The highlight of the parade was Northcoast Towing with their heavy duty Coronado under lift tow truck towing their Mack under lift tow truck towing the Freightliner supra tilt tray with an escort vehicle in front.

Saturday night we had dinner supplied by Phil Cassell before the auction started with a few great laughs.



Sunday we checked out from motel before having brekkie at showground then another parade at 11am. Following the parade everyone packed up. We left at 1.30pm and drove straight home arriving at 6.30pm. It was another great week end with some top people.

BREAKFAST RUN @ THE TOP OF THE RAZORBACK - July 2014

For some of us who live in the north western side of the city the Breakfast Run to the top of the Razorback meant an early rise. Scheduled to start at 8.30am, I arrived with plenty of time to spare for what I thought



would be a 'first in line' position at the breaky table. I was wrong. The breakfast, consisting of gourmet sausages, bacon, and eggs was all cooked and ready to eat when I arrived. Celebrity chef, young Emily Dove was there, apron on, supervising her staff of many. A perfect job by our multi-talented catering team.



Trevor Supertrucker had arrived extra early. I mean the sun was still in bed when Trevor arrived. He started driving by, up and down the Razorback sussing out where he would park his red burbley vintage White rig, waking up the countryside in the process. He put on a special demonstration showing how to get your truck to scream up and down the Razorback without crashing the gears. It sounded wonderfully smoooooth!



Pat Vassallo brought his latest toy with him... a 1927 International S63 medium to heavy cab-chassis truck with magneto ignition, crank start tractor engine governed to 1100 rpm and with top speed of 16 mph. Someone reckoned Pat could increase the speed to 24 mph going down hill in angel gear.. It has no water pump or oil filter. When Pat got the truck it had a turntable on the back, suggesting that it might have been used as a semi-trailer.



There were many trucks, parked in a somewhat haphazard fashion in the parking lot...



I haven't gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy or grumpy, ...

The Sixth Dubbo Truck, Tractor & Machinery Show - 2014

Set up day was Friday 7 August 2014. When members of the Western Sydney Historical Truck Club arrived at the showground late in the afternoon they were welcomed by organisers and directed to their accommodation. Brad and company settled into their ground floor unit at the Showground Hilton. It was a luxurious, extra large room complete with triple bunks, central heating, kitchen facilities with microwave and fridge and an alfresco barbecue area on the balcony. --- absolutely five star glamping!

On the way to Dubbo, Charley Xerri's Bedford decided to stop at Orange and not go any further. An SOS call went out and Andy Nash took his tilt-tray back to Orange and picked up the stricken Bedford. This experience boosted Charley's fuel economy, something he could be very happy about. But by the time I arrived on Saturday morning the bush telegraph was buzzing with conflicting stories of the previous night's excitement.

There were trucks of all shapes, sizes, colours, capacities and "engine noise ratings" to be seen at the show. Trevor Supertrucker's red White was probably the loudest, although a CAT, when cranked up by the owner, gave the White a run for its money.

All the trucks on show were displayed in the big shed or out in the open area, inside the trotting track. They were spaced apart allowing for easy viewing access. There was certainly a vast age range in the trucks displayed, from the 1920's to the 1980's.

There were also two small trucks on display. A mini Mack 'Flintstone' semi with drop deck trailer and a Morris Minor 'Mini-Mack' bogie drive prime mover.



...been nasty, selfish or overindulgent. I'm grateful for that. ...



In one part the open area there were a few tractors, of varying makes from Chamberlains, Fergusons to McCormack-Deering. There was also a small group of stationary hit and miss engines, some sitting idly and some chuffing away.



What would a truck show be without the usual collection of stalls selling parts, books and manuals, bric-a-brac, food and drink? The Lions and Rotary Clubs were extremely busy around lunchtime, not to mention the coffee vans.



The ladies weren't forgotten either. A quilt show was housed in its own pavilion displaying a collection of different patchwork designs and techniques. There were some businesses from surrounding areas selling fabrics and sewing kits as well. The Royal Flying Doctor Service had a aircraft display outside in front of the building while ladies, inside were selling an assortment of bits and pieces to raise very needed funds to keep the Service flying.



Elsewhere there was the St Johns Ambulance tent, staff at the ready when needed and a Road Transport Information B-Double transporter. It was also interesting to note that when a truck reaches the end of its useful life and, perhaps beyond restoration, it can be recycled into something useful like a speedway truck providing excitement, enjoyment and entertainment. For those with a desire to see Dubbo from the air, a helicopter service provided ten minute flights on call.

This show was very well organised and supported by a great many collectors and enthusiasts of Antique trucks, tractors and machinery. It was also well patronised by the public, particularly families with small children. The sunny weather topped off a wonderful weekend...



... But in a few moments, God, I'm going to get out of bed....

Did you see Bruce Brown's Diamond Reo at Dubbo Show...?

For weeks before the show there was a lot of talk about Bruce Brown taking his Diamond Reo to Dubbo. He wouldn't show it to me the week before the show, when I called into see him. I thought this strange as he usually can't wait to tell you. Maybe he was going to pick it up on the way to Dubbo. Anyway long story short, I got to see Bruce's beloved Diamond Reo, at the showground, in all its glory. It had the usual signs of everyday wear and tear but all in all it was in good condition and well worth a photo!!



BREAKFAST RUN @ RIVERSTONE RAILWAY STATION



Despite the rain during the week before, there was a really good turn up — even if “Bruce the Chef” slept in and was a no-show. It was good to speak to some members who had useful information on restoration and specialist contacts. — particularly chrome plating.

CLARENDON CLASSIC RALLY - September 2014

I was strapped into the harness and attached to the pod. There was a jolt followed by an uplifting experience as I was rose up to the heavens. It was early in the day but the view below me was really one to enjoy. The exhibits and displays had been set up the day before. But there were a couple of late-comers still arriving.



There were quite a few new things to see this year. Paul Dove brought his recently restored blue Sentinel steam truck. He took it for circuits around the grounds like the other steam powered traction engines. "Sooty" had the loudest whistle ...my ears are still ringing! This year a steam train - "Thomas" look-a-like tank engine" hauled carriages including "Annabel" and "Clara" along the track from Clarendon station to Richmond and back. From the time of leaving the station "Thomas" blew his whistle and continued until he had passed the showground. The steam traction engines and Paul's Sentinel all joined in providing a musical performance.

And from then on I'm going to need a lot more help. Amen!!



A few people with an insane need for speed brought their classical antique race cars or boats. CRS Towing had their racing truck on display. Andy Nash had the "Quarter Pounder" at the show so I was wondering if there were plans to convert it into a racer...

This year's show was a celebration for Deutz and Dodge Brothers in Australia. There was a compact display of Deutz air cooled diesel engines, a Deutz truck and a Faun truck with Deutz engine.

As for the display of Dodge trucks and cars they were spread through the showground. There were some very well maintained trucks from the 1930's to the 1970's. There were some barn finds among them too. Towards the south-western corner of the grounds there were fine examples of Dodge cars and saloons.

Walking along the roadway was often hazardous, particularly when it came to the radio-controlled model trucks. The operators were clever in being able to manoeuvre the 1/14 scale rigs around pedestrians who paid no attention to where they were walking. The speed that some of those semi-trailers and road trains got up to was a very fast walking pace...scaled up to full size, probably 100 kmh.

There was the regular display of working stationary engines chuffing away, tractors and the small stalls selling everything from parts, technical books, brica-brac and food. It was a wonderful show with something for everyone to see and enjoy. It was similar to previous shows but different, which is why it is such a successful event. I'm looking forward to see what next year's show will bring.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

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.

Sunday 23 November - Club Christmas Party at Darrell Killicks place, Creek Street, Riverstone. A family day out kicking off from 11.00am.

Bring a plate of food to share. Please let Linda know what you are bringing so we don't double up... 9832 8743.

Sunday 30 November - Truck Show at Vineyard Hotel (formerly Tourmaline Hotel) from 10am.

Sunday 7 December - Mangrove Mountain Truck Show. Wiseman's Ferry Road, Mangrove Mountain. For further information contact Dallas Fabian 0417 285 047

Sunday 11 January - Breakfast run 8.30am at Warragamba Centre. Bring \$6, cup & chair. Please let Brad know for catering purposes. 0449 186 587

Monday 26 January - Australia Day at Camden. Call David West 4658 1649 for details

Monday 26 January - Australia Day at The Pioneer Village, Wilberforce - before 9.00am. Call Ron 45 763 423 or 0437 384 736

Friday 6 - Sunday 9 February - Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair at Oberon Rugby Leagues Club, Lowes Mount Road, Oberon.

February - Day Tour Bus trip to Albion Park Air Museum - **date to be advised**

Sunday 8 March - 9.30am Pre Haulin' the Hume test run for your trucks to iron out any bugs. Meet at the truck checking area, just past the roundabout on the Northern Road, Glenmore Park, past the M4 intersection. Bring lunch. Brad will supply tea & coffee facilities.

Saturday 14 - Sunday 15 March - Truck Muster at Maitland Showground. Let Brad know if you want to go. 0449 186 587

Saturday 21 March - The White Muster at Kyabram Showgrounds, Victoria

Saturday 11 - Sunday 12 April - Haulin' The Hume. Refer to www.wshtc.com.au for details

Saturday May 16 - Putty Road Truck Drivers Memorial and Reunion - memorial service at 1pm and reunion social night at Singleton Golf Club.

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

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WARNING - WARNING - WARNING !!

Please note that membership of the Western Sydney Historical Truck Club comes with specific obligations.

For a member to be eligible to get historic vehicle registration for his/her vehicle the member has to earn the right to get it!

In accordance with the Club's constitution a person must be a member for a 12 month period and take part in a minimum of two club organised events every year before registration will be considered.

Do not tell your mates any different as this may offend them when they are told "NO"

**The Club's registration protocol is continually under the scrutiny of the RMS.
Your co-operation would be appreciated.**

Member Profile - Paul Dove

Paul has been a member of WSHTC for the past 20 plus months. He lives with his wife, Karen, his "celebrity chef" daughter Emily (who, at the age of 5, cooks a mean snag at our breaky runs) and the family dog, Jemma.

His interests are steam engines, old trucks and vintage machinery of all types. His first job was as an apprentice fitter and machinist. But for reasons known only to Paul, he did not say where.

Paul spent his childhood growing up in Newcastle, NSW. and first became interested in trucks, when as a youngster, his father drove an old Bedford for Orchy Juice, Newcastle.

The first vehicle in Paul's collection is a 1924 Super Sentinel Steam Wagon - older restoration which he is currently having redone. Other trucks in Paul's collection include a 1971 - 1418 Benz tray truck, which is mostly restored, and a 1974 - 3070A International ACCO prime mover, which also is mostly restored. He also has a Fruehauf drop deck trailer to add to the mix.

Has he any plans for future additions to his collections? Well...he said "don't tell Karen." So I won't, because I don't know, he wouldn't say...

