

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



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LOCKHART NATIONAL HISTORIC TRUCK & COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SHOW

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With The Truck and van all loaded up we left home at 9.45 am on a cloudy, humid and slightly raining Friday. Just after “the hole in the wall” the truck started to become unwell. Decision time! Not wanting to break the poor old girl we returned home and hooked the van up to the car. - disappointing but... off again in clearing weather at 11.45 am. Ran into torrential rain just before Marulan. If we had been in the truck we would have been drowned. Sometimes things are meant to be!

We arrived in Lockhart at about 5.30 pm with friends John and Gail Kirkpatrick. Peter and Jo Hand were already there. Bruce Brown and Bob Irwin had arrived earlier with one other (Bruce Brown will know his name).

There were not as many participants this year but there were about 45-50 trucks, some cars, a tractor and the 1903 high wheeler. Peter Smith, the organiser of the event was happy with those numbers but disappointed that there were not more people through the gate. There were quite a few other events being held in the area so we guessed that was why the numbers were down.

Set up camp and enjoyed happy hour which actually was more like three hours. Lots of true lies and jokes were shared!!! Late dinner and bed.

Early Saturday morning Bruce did his usual early wake up trick - this year it was a police siren and loud hailer!! Dave and John marshalled the trucks and cars and Bruce drove the water truck. We met up with friends from Queensland. After morning tea we took a trip into town to check the street markets and museum, had lovely lunch at the Commercial Hotel and then returned to the show ground. Spent the afternoon chatting. A storm arrived about 4.30 and lasted about half an hour. Brought a welcome change from the heat!



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Dinner was great, provided by the organisers, for \$10.00 per head. Rissoles and sausages (beautifully cooked by Bruce), and lovely fresh salads. Dessert to die for-- pavlova, bread and butter pudding, fresh fruit, trifle, lamingtons, chocolate sponge pudding. Yummo! Tea, coffee and soft drinks. Entertainment (mostly country and western music) was provided by friends of Peter Smith.

Sunday - Woke up to a sunny clear morning with a nice breeze. After the complimentary breakfast we packed up and left about 9.30.

BREAKY RUN @ RIVERSTONE BOWLING CLUB CAR PARK

Sunday 17 April was a grey overcast day, very much the same as the last time we had breakfast here. There was a good roll up with 9 trucks and 20 plus adults and children. There was a lot of the typical breakfast chit-chat happening while Bruce Brown played the role of “Chef”. The topic of discussion changed at one point ... “What do you do after you have finished restoring your “Pride ‘n Joy”?

Well Geoff Martin provided an answer when he arrived with his Blue Leyland prime mover laden with a much smaller blue truck riding piggy back behind the cabin. The answer to the question was obvious - “You build a smaller truck for your grand children”.

Look out Andy Nash you now have some serious competition in who’s got the cutest small truck.



Vale Chris Pezzutti 27 September 1966 – 10 February 2016 by Brian Hodges

It was with much sadness to learn that Chris had passed away while at work. It was at work where he kept his beautifully restored 1984 Kenworth prime mover and used it for his everyday work. He kept it in brand new condition. He carted containers from the rail to Chullora. He was a strong supporter of the WSHTC, attending most events with his son Jack by his side. He would always offer his assistance to fellow club members whenever needed. He was the main instigator in securing our “Haulin’ The Hume” trailer.

Chris is survived by his wife Narelle, their children Jessica, Ryan and Jack, and his brother Paul.

The funeral service was held at Regina Coeli Church, Beverly Hills on 18 February where there was a large crowd gathered including several club members and their old trucks. After the service we travelled to Alford's Springs Road, south of the bridge and assembled in a guard of honour and sounded our horns as a tribute to our dear mate, as the procession passed by en route to where the family had arranged a private service. We then proceeded to the family home for the wake where we were greeted by other family and friends with food and drinks. We thanked them for their hospitality.



But....Miracles are by appointment only !!

THE PUTTY ROAD TRUCK DRIVERS MEMORIAL SERVICE - Saturday 21 May 2016

Mother Nature did everything in her power to brighten everyone's spirits considering that it was the third Saturday in May. She put on partly cloudy, fine and beautiful autumn weather. This day, every year, is reserved to respect and honour the memories of the truck drivers who lost their lives on the infamous Putty Road, whilst performing their duties as professional drivers and, also to those in the transport industry who have now passed on, who used to traverse this road in their daily lives.

There were 18 trucks present that provided a silent guard of honour. Food and drink was provided and served by the families of the Milbrodale School. Marie Warby's team of wonderful helpers sold memorabilia to help raise funds for the upkeep and maintenance of the memorial.

Paul Crollick started the proceedings. There were prayers and songs and a guest speaker. The guest speaker was Rod Hannifey. His subject was about educating the general public and the media about what the Transport Industry was about, what it did for the community and the regulations governing the industry. The most important issues are the interpretation of the new regulations and the accuracy of reporting by the media, without all the sensationalism that gives the wrong impression when something goes wrong. He has given many talks and interviews which has had a positive impact. Rod spoke clearly, concisely and to the point.

At the wreath laying ceremony Greg Queenan played his bag pipes. John Taylor, brother of the late Bob Taylor, a past member of WSHTC, laid the official wreath that he had made especially for the memorial. There were many other wreaths laid in memory of loved ones no longer with us. It was the most sombre moment of the day.

In Paul Crollick's closing comments he thanked the many supporters of the event – piper Greg Queenan, the Milbrodale School, Goodwins Transport for providing the stage, Pillons for providing the Transport Information Vehicle (TIV), and WSHTC for the vintage trucks and physical support.



Life can be understood backwards, but must be lived forwards.

The Sixth Annual Sydney Classic and Antique Truck Show at the Museum of Fire, Penrith ~28 - 29 May 2016

The Saturday was a wet miserable day, as forecast. Sunday started cold and dry but developed into a warm and sunny perfect autumn day.



There were a total of 170 vehicles on display. Old vintage trucks, younger classic trucks and a few old and classic cars to add variety. Some trucks caught a piggy-back ride to the show. Some were resto projects in waiting and some just came for the ride. The “Aggressor”, a famous hydroplane powered by a Rolls Royce V12, 27 litre merlin engine was also there. The owner started the engine at one point which caused a crowd to gather around to check it out.



Some trucks had the particular interest of some children who took the opportunity of sitting in the driver’s seat. With their imagination in overdrive they took their particular vehicle for a drive. One young boy was so keen to drive he didn’t want to get out when told by his father.



After touring the rows upon rows of old trucks many young families headed for the numerous carnival amusement rides. The entertainment started at 9am with Tailgate – for the

children of all ages. They were followed by Susan Jon Rose who sang some classic songs most beautifully. Beatle Magic was next and they took us back to the 1960’s singing Beatles songs.

The entertainment was interrupted for the presentation of awards....



The Keith Cini Award, sponsored by the Pioneer Wood Cutters awarded to the person or group who put in the most involvement, participation and assistance into the organising of the Sydney Classic And Antique Truck Show was presented to Andy Nash.



The "People's Choice Award"....which we were told was rigged!! In other words it was "not selected by the people". It was decided by an arm picking out a random ticket from a bucket with the entry number of the truck on it. The winner was by Dave Handley owner of an International AL112, for no other reason other than he had been to all 6 of the SCAATS shows.... so persistence does pay off some-times...

The "Best Truck of Show Award" was also rigged because it was auctioned to the highest bidder and was won by Morris from RedLea for \$95.00

The Bill Maddy Award for the "Most Authentic Truck" was presented by Bill's daughter Carolyn to Graham Myers for his Chevrolet military ambulance. As it turned out the ambulance had come the longest distance to get to the show, coming from Tamworth. Graham said that he had researched all possible avenues during the truck's restoration including the War Memorial in Canberra so he could put the correct detail into the vehicle for display, even down to the size of personnel who would have used the ambulance. Graham was quite surprised and a little emotional upon receiving the award because the engine bent a valve on the way to the show and nearly didn't make it. ▼ ►



Supporters of SCAATS were also presented Certificates of Appreciation by Mark White from the Museum of Fire and organiser of SCAATS. Mike Dodds accepted the award on behalf of WSHTC. ▼



This year's show was such a wonderful experience for everyone. I look forward to next year when I hope to drive and display my fully restored old truck at the show.



Being defeated is often a temporary condition....



Member Profile - Brian Hodges

Brian grew up in Glenorie and worked initially as a farm hand. He has lived and worked in the Hills District all his life. Brian is married to Janette and has one daughter. He is interested in FX-FJ Holdens, old trucks, golf and is currently a member of the Rural Fire Service. He has always had an interest in old trucks and still has his first one. It is an unrestored 1948 Austin which Brian bought in 1969 from Lamings Motors, Parramatta Rd, Ashfield. He also has a beautifully restored 1965 B61 MACK with a restored 1977 McGrath Flat top trailer '38. Another one of his toys is a 1954 BSA Gold flash motor cycle with race trim. Does Brian has no plans for future additions to his collection. He has nearly 30 FX-FJ Holdens as well as the trucks already mentioned AND, HE WANTS TO STAY MARRIED!! Brian joined the WSHTC in 2012



...Giving up is what makes it permanent!

5 June 2016 ~ Mystery Run Day - Glenmore Park to ???

And what a mystery run it was....!!!

The weather forecast from previous days was that tornado strength winds with flooding rain would impact the east coast of Australia. Early on the Saturday there was severe damage north of Sydney.

The weather warning on Saturday night was 'not to travel unless it was absolutely necessary'. The organizers postponed the mystery run for another date to be advised. So we'll just have to wait patiently to find out where the 3 question marks are located...

Sunday 26 June -

Breakfast Run at Warragamba

It was a perfect day for an icy get together. The radio jock informed listeners that in the west of Sydney the temperature was 2 degrees. Richmond registered minus 1.2 degrees but like the rest of the west, the day warmed up to a cosy 15 degrees. If you could call 15 degrees cosy! Once the ice was evicted from wind-screens, seventeen vintage trucks made their way to our regular breakfast spot at Warragamba. Bruce Brown, ably assisted by Bob Irwin served up wonderful breaky very quickly. A bacon roll and barbecued egg in a slice of bread was very welcome. But a hot cup of tea or coffee was most favoured to help defrost the hands and toes. Everyone had their best cheerful face on and greeted friends with the same wintry phrase "It's a bit nippy this morning!" before moving on to find a patch of warming sun out of the wind. All jokes about the weather aside it was a very enjoyable morning with friends.



Membership Fees are due NOW !!



Working Bee on the Club's Trailer Sunday 26 June

After the breakfast at Warragamba a group of members went to Trevor's place to continue work on the Club's trailer. The team comprised Bruce, Dave, Joe, Bob, Gerry, Geoff, Mike, Brad and Linda.... And of

course Trevor. The tasks planned, were to do the preparatory work required to install the 8 bunk beds and kitchen and to finish off the handrails to the stairs. There was a lot of work done and with very little "unladylike" words being uttered. Although there is still a lot work still to be done, it was an excellent finish to a fabulous Sunday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 17 July - WSHTC Club AGM at Andy' Nash's Metropolitan Towing, 2/17 Sunblest Crescent, Mount Druitt. Lunch Provided, Bring Cup and chair. Meet at 10am

Saturday 13 August - The 7th Dubbo Truck and Tractor Show. Commemorating Ford. To participate or for further information contact Jon 0428 143 644 or Brian 0417 291 053 or www.goldenenoldiestruckclub.com

Sunday 28 August - Breakfast Run at 8.30am Mulgoa Park. Bring \$6.00, chair and cup.

Saturday 17 to Sunday 18 September - The Clarendon Classic - Display features everything "European", including The Model and Hobby Show; tractor & Vehicle Trek on Sunday morning. Set up Friday, Welcome Barbecue Friday night, Saturday Night Dinner in club grounds.

Sunday 25 September - Mystery Lunch Run. Meet at the truck parking bay The Northern Road, Glenmore Park @ 10.00am. BYO picnic lunch

Saturday 1 October - Sunday 2 October - "Pacing the Pacific" inaugural run of the Wauchope Yesteryear Truck and Machinery Club starting at the BP Beresford travelling sections of the old Pacific Highway to Wauchope Showgrounds. \$45.00 entry fee. For more information and details Contact Kirby Maxwell 0407 594 149 or Syd Ramsay 0427 594 743

Sunday 9 October - Open Invitation to visit Cleary Bros family Museum. 39 Five Islands Road, Port Kembla. 9.30am to 2.00pm. Refreshments available for purchase. Proceeds will be donated to charity. For further details contact Rob Paton 0411 531 982

Sunday 22 October - Portland Spring Fair and Swap Meet. Kremer Park Showground, Cnr of Laurie and Lime Streets. For details phone 0429 001 918 or 0467 590 648.

Saturday 12 November - Goulburn Convoy for Kids. Meet at Pheasants Nest Servo at 7am (like last year). \$10 per truck entry. A great family day out of fun and fund raising for local Goulburn kids with cancer and severe disabilities. There is a possible stop at 'Truck Stop 31' on the way home, time permitting

Saturday 19- Sunday 20 November - Bathurst Truck Show, Bathurst Showground. Exhibitors must pre-register. For further information contact Debbie 0407 489 634 or Haylie 0438 316 150

Sunday 27 November - 8.00am Truck Show at Vineyard Hotel (formerly Tourmaline Hotel) Windsor Road, Vineyard.

Sunday 4 December - Mangrove Mountain Truck Show. Camp overnight, if you want film night. Details: Dallas Fabien 0417 285 047.

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