

# Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



August 2015

## ***“Haulin’ The Hume” Run - Clarendon to Yass ~ 11-12 April 2015***



The Haulin’ the Hume Promotional Trailer

This time around and without transport I was unable to participate in the third “Haulin’ The Hume” run along Highway 31 to Yass. But I was at the starting point on the Friday afternoon to watch some of the trucks arrive at the Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon. Trucks had started arriving early in the day. Some had travelled from Victoria and some from outback New South Wales. I couldn’t help but notice the “Haulin’ the Hume” trailer with it’s magnificent signage...truly a beautiful piece of art and a credit to the organising team.

Two of the early travellers had settled in to watch the incoming parade from their ‘balcony suite’ on the back of their vintage truck. They appeared to be quite comfortable with drink in hand.



The view is better from the balcony suite





“Haulin’ The Hume continued...

**Report by Bruce Gunter** - UPDATE 2nd MAY.....

Give Yourself a Round of Applause

Well finally, after spending some time sorting funds with the amazingly patient Linda Farlow, I am proud to announce just how much we have raised. The expenses are up there but the donations, sponsorship and support have allowed us to contact ASPECT with a figure that none of us had expected. After donating \$8000.00 to Aspect in 2011, \$14,000.00 (\$10k to Aspect and \$4k to a special needs school in Yass) in 2013, we were pretty stoked to tally up the result of 2015's effort.

So thanks to everyone involved, we will be making a donation of \$25,000.00 to Aspect and also \$5000.00 to a special needs group in Goulburn, so a total of \$30,000.00. No wonder my boy is smiling!!

Apart from the money raised through entries, meals and sales of items, we had some brilliant people behind us - Jon Hope & Western Filters, Electrolux, Bernie Learson & Premier 1, Matt and Leanne Stephenson from MLS Truck Repairs, SX Trailers, Adrian Scott from Elite compliance, Sloanebuilt Trailers, Shannons Insurance, Chappo and Turnout from Northwest Trucks, Froggy's Tyres at Penrith, Bingo Group, Dave Lynch & Mack Trucks Sydney, Xpress Transport Solutions, Michael Cefai, John & Tracey Rehe, West-Trans Equipment, Bryan Webb & Goulburn Council, Peter Harvey & Yass Council, Lions Clubs, Rotary Club and Goulburn Workers Club, Steve Muscat and Tim Brodie from the Sydney Antique Machinery Club and Phil Cassels from The Pioneers who fed us on the Saturday night. Phew!!! It was a huge group effort!

Then of course there was the amazing talents of Peter from Surefire Signs in Chipping Norton who did the sign writing on the trailer along with all of our banners, stickers etc, Rob & Michelle Zavone from Vintage Truck and Commercials Magazine who have always supported us behind the scenes as well as allowing their very talented employee Adam to spend countless hours on our art design until I was happy with it all (I'm very painful) and Melissa Ann who works for Fairfax and assisted in getting some brilliant newspaper articles leading up to the event that resulted in so many people knowing what was going on and the phenomenal photo coverage that has graced the “Haulin’ the Hume” Facebook page.

Last but not least, I once again need to thank the committee of Haulin' who are all members of the Western Sydney Historical Truck Club - Brad, Westy, Ron, Steve, Richard, Darrell, Lynchy, Chappo, Turnout, Linda and John. This is not a one man show and without these guys, it simply wouldn't have happened. And of course there's my brilliant wife Rachel, I don't know how she deals with the kids AND me but she does it with style.

We will be doing it all again in 2017 so by this time next year I'll be working on a date. On behalf of the countless parents who have children with Autism, me included, and also the staff and teachers from Aspect who work tirelessly to help these kids with their futures, thank you for making this a show to remember.



The Organising Committee





## ***The Second Breakfast Run for 2015***



Sunday 3 May was a fabulous day for our second 'Breaky' meeting for the year. After the roasting the weatherman got after his poor effort for our first breaky run he let it rain everywhere else except at Warragamba. And like our first run the 'kitchen' was undercover... just in case!!

There were 50 members plus family and/or friends who enjoyed the breakfast delicacies cooked by 'Executive Chef' Bruce Brown and his team of volunteer helpers. This was the best roll up for a breakfast meeting ever held. Although there were no special announcements, six trucking enthusiasts were welcomed as new members of the club.

Not that I'm keeping tally in terms of the success of the day but the last person to leave, left at 1.00pm. This seems to suggest to me it was "three thumbs up" in the success ratings.



## ***The Sixth Putty Road Truck Drivers Memorial Service at the Garry E. Miller Park, Milbrodale, NSW***



Saturday May 16 was an overcast and sombre day, similar to the mood of those gathered for the remembrance service for the truck drivers who lost their lives on the infamous Putty Road, only metres away. There seemed to be less people attending and less vintage trucks standing guard this year, but there was a good crowd and the memories live on!

As in previous services there were additional plaques added to the memorial wall. Friends and families spent a moment or two in silence in front of the wall contemplating what was and what is now. The service was a moving and reflective tribute. Guest speaker, Sonny Warby, spoke of old truckie mates who remain in his memory of his days on the Putty Road. The garden in front of the memorial wall has been lovingly maintained, and looks splendid this year. Wreaths were laid at the foot of the wall while the lone piper, Ian Inness, played his tribute to the drivers no longer with us.



*It doesn't matter if the glass is half empty or half full....*



## The 5TH Annual Sydney Classic And Antique Truck Show

The fifth annual Sydney Classic & Antique Truck Show 2015 at the Museum of Fire, Penrith was a great success in spite of the cold and damp weather. The Mulgoa Rumble was supported again by many trucks. I rode shotgun with Andy Nash in his Chev tow truck. We were tail gated by Bruce Brown in his recently painted Rice Burner. When Andy & I received an "NRMA callout" to tow away a broken down vehicle, Bruce blew past us like he had just won a race. -Haha. We found out later that he wanted to get back to his 5-star "Rice Burner Hotel" at Penrith Heights, to freshen up before dinner.

Phil Cassells cooked up his usual treat. Over fourteen enormous pots of chicken & vegie soup went very quickly because the cold night air chilled everyone to the bone.

There were 170 entries registered prior to the rain which fell overnight on Saturday. Come Sunday morning there was a stream of late arrivals coming through the gate, and at opening time there was a very fine display to be seen. Most of the trucks on display had supported SCAATS in previous years but there were a few vehicles that I hadn't previously seen...



There was "All-Go-Removals - Warilla" a 1924 Dodge Semi-trailer with timber framed prime mover body and trailer, both with timber spoked wheels, and on the back of the trailer - several period metal trunks. It was not exactly a large vehicle, no longer than about 7 metres but it was a semi-trailer complete with turntable.

The Loftus Tram Museum displayed two of its unusual vehicles. I have it on sound authority that it took two and a half hours (5:30am - 8:00am) from Loftus to Penrith to get the vehicles to the show. Firstly there was a 1952 Bedford Over-Head Repairs Tower Wagon. It worked on

the Sydney network maintaining and repairing the over-head power lines. The truck would be parked along side the path of working tram line, the tower hoisted and swivelled to allow repairs to be done. The ladder tower could be swivelled sideways to allow a tram to pass and then resume its work afterwards. It was sold to the Melbourne tram authority in February 1961 and painted in the Melbourne colours of cream with black lines. The truck was sold in 1980 and driven back to the Tram Museum at Loftus and repainted to its original green colour scheme.



The second vehicle was a four wheel drive 1942 AEC Matador Gun tug. It was used at the Brookvale depot as a recovery vehicle. It is still used at the museum to move vehicles around but also for display purposes. There was live entertainment on stage throughout the day. After the ventriloquist act there was the more formal part of the proceedings. There were awards for participants of the Mulgoa Rumble for the most number of circuits travelled.



Next, the winner of the Bill Maddy Memorial Award for the "most authentic truck" was awarded to Charley Grima's International Eagle. The truck looked like it had just come out of the workshop. Not a mark on it... It was immaculate!!

*...Be thankful that you have a glass and grateful that there's something in it*





The Western Sydney Historical Truck Club was awarded two awards. The first award was the "Keith Cini Award" sponsored by the Pioneer Timber Cutters for our club's involvement, participation and help in organising with the SCAATS show. The second was a Certificate of Appreciation awarded

by the Museum of Fire for our involvement in the SCAATS show. A big thank you to all of our members who participated en masse at the show.

### **LUNCHTIME MYSTERY RUN - GLENMORE PARK TO NEPEAN DAM**

There were 40 people in 19 vintage vehicles (trucks and cars) and half a dozen every day driver vehicles who lined up at the truck parking area in The Northern Road, Glenmore Park. At 10.00am everyone was eager and ready to take part in the Club's first lunch run for 2015. Bruce Brown gave everyone a run sheet of instructions and directions. It also included a list of points of interest that would be seen along the way. The plan was for everyone to follow Bruce Brown's lightning fast Toyota. A sound idea in theory but it didn't work all that well in practice. The club's photographer was caught behind slow traffic behind the field of trucks. Some quick thinking and incredible driving got some photos of the old girls chugging up the hill to the top of The Razorback.

As we sped past the Thirlmere Train museum there were 5 trucks parked for a 'wee-stop'. By the time they were back on the road we would have been a few k's in front of them. But surprise, surprise when we arrived at the Nepean Dam for lunch the same 5 trucks had already arrived ahead of us...so much for sticking to the scheduled route, eh boys!! Haha. Generally speaking the run was very successful in terms of the picturesque route travelled and the support by the members. Some of the newer members

made it a family day out and brought along the grandparents and the kids.



## ***Alice Springs Transport Hall of Fame ~ 2015.....***

### **Tuesday 25 to Monday 31 August 2015 - Alice Springs Transport Hall of Fame Reunion**

Dutchy has drawn up the following itinerary for those wanting to travel in convoy to Alice Springs in August for the Alice Springs Hall of Fame Reunion.

Tuesday, 18 August - 7.30am leave Clarendon via the Great Western highway to Nyngan (571km).

Wednesday, 19 August - Nyngan to Broken Hill. (584km).

Thursday, 20 August -. Broken Hill to Pimba (SA). This will be the toughest stretch. (571km)

Friday, 21 August - Pimba to Cooperpedy. (417km).

Saturday 22 August – Cooperpedy to Kulgera. (just inside Northern Territory) (410km)

Sunday, 23 August – Kulgera to Alice Springs. (300km)

This will give us enough time to set up on arrival, allowing a rest day on Monday to look around checking on other trucks, shopping and stocking up or fixing any little problems.

Those interested in going will get a more comprehensive itinerary with planned coffee, lunch and overnight stops with daily distances. There will also be a list of things to take with you. Although only a guideline it can be very helpful. Overnight stops will definitely be fuel stops along with other fuel stops throughout the trip.

Depending on the number of participating vehicles, the convoy maybe split into groups of 5 vehicles, so that normal road traffic (particularly road trains) will not be greatly affected by our convoy.

Persons interested in this convoy please contact Dutchy (by email – [dutchtruckie@hotmail.com](mailto:dutchtruckie@hotmail.com)), snail mail – JH Oldenmenger 36 Bennett Road, Londonderry 2753, or phone 0425 253 253 with the following information:

-Your name; -Contact details; -Type of vehicle you're taking; -Average tour speed of your vehicle; -Number of people on board including the driver; -If you have any spaces for a passenger, as some people may want to come along without a vehicle

Please note: you must book with the Road Transport Hall of Fame for camping or sleep in the truck space. This can be done through their website - [info@roadtransporthall.com](mailto:info@roadtransporthall.com) or [www.roadtransporthall.com](http://www.roadtransporthall.com) or snail mail to The Road Transport Hall of Fame, 2 Norris Bell Ave, Alice Springs, NT 0870.

Please do not leave your expression of interest until the last minute. This makes it very difficult to organise as road houses may need to cater for extra supplies and Dutchy needs to organise some of the overnight facilities.

CALL DUTCHY on 0425 253 253 if you are even thinking of going.

***Money Matters... Membership renewal fees are due***

***Please pay your fees NOW !!!***

***Non payment will automatically cancel your membership***



## **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 several club organised events 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 - Bruce Brown**

Bruce grew up in The Oaks area, near Camden with three brothers and one sister. He was the second eldest of the five.

He started earning his keep as an apprentice carpenter and later Bruce drove trucks for a living. He drove coal trucks from 1966 through until 1980 then worked in a coal washery for 15 years but still drove trucks as a second job. In 1995 Bruce drove a dredge for 3 years and also started his own trucking business. He had three trucks at one time and found that the bigger the truck the bigger the headache. He now has one small truck and the 1970 Toyota 6000 (RICE BURNER), currently in its working clothes. He also has a couple of jeeps. One of which is always seen riding on the rear of the Toyota when Bruce travels to shows.



Being a graduate of the University of Life, Bruce is always coming up with an idea to benefit others. For example, he loves to use the jeep to give kids a ride and at the same time raise funds for charity.

Bruce has been a member of WSHTC since 2011. He is married to Kaye, and they have four sons. When asked if he has any future plans to expand his collection, Kaye said NO!!

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### ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

**Sunday 16 August** - Council of Motor Clubs present "The Shannons Sydney Classic" display day at Sydney Motor Sport Park (formerly Eastern Creek Raceway). Gates open to public at 10am. General Admission \$20.00, free entry for kids under 12years. Free parking.

**Sunday 23 August - Berkshire Park Motor Show**, Sixth Road, Berkshire Park. Registration and staging - 7.00am until 10.00am. All proceeds go to the Berkshire Rural Fire Brigade. For information visit [www.facebook.com/berkshireparkmotorshow](http://www.facebook.com/berkshireparkmotorshow). Note - strictly NO animals.

**UPCOMING EVENTS** *continued*

**Tuesday 25 - Monday 31 August - Alice Springs Transport Hall of Fame Reunion** - For further information Phone Liz Martin (08) 8952 7161 bus. Hours or info@roadtransporthall.com

**Saturday 19 - Sunday 20 September - 2015 Clarendon Classic Machinery Rally** at the Hawkesbury Showground, Racecourse Road, Clarendon. (near Clarendon Railway Station)  
Two features for 2015

1. Anything from International Harvester (IHC). Trucks, Tractors, Stationary engines, etc.
2. Anything originally made by Sydney based makers.

Free entry for exhibitors. Regular entry Adults \$7.00, \$3.00 children

A great family weekend.

See [www.SydneyAntiqueMachineryClub.com.au](http://www.SydneyAntiqueMachineryClub.com.au) or phone Steve 0418 453 203 or Michael 0410 688 542 for further information.

**Saturday 17- Sunday 18 October** - Steam Club weekend - Campbelltown Steam Museum, Menangle Park Road, Menangle Park.

**Sunday 25 October** - Run to Cleary Bros Museum, Port Kembla. Meet 9am at Sporties Club car park, Heathcote Road (across the road from the Holsworthy Army Barracks). Barbecue sausage sizzle lunch provided. Please let Brad know for catering purposes 0449 186 587

**Sunday 8 November** Pioneer Wood Cutters Road Run. 8am at Uncle Leos Bargo to the Oaks for lunch.

**Saturday 14 November - CONVOY FOR KIDS Goulburn Carnival.** Meet at Pheasants' Nest Servo at 7am. \$10 per truck entry. A great family day out of fun and fund raising for local Goulburn kids with cancer and severe disabilities. Afternoon tea at 'Truck Stop 31' on the way home.

**Saturday 28 November - CHRISTMAS PARTY - Campbelltown Steam Museum, Menangle Park Road, Menangle Park.** Festivities start from 5pm. Cost \$25 per person. Further information call Andy Nash on (02) 9625 6555 or 0418 277 271

**Sunday 29 November** - 8am Truck Show at Vineyard Hotel (formerly Tourmaline hotel) Windsor Road, Vineyard.

**Sunday 6 December** - Mangrove Mountain Truck Show. Camp over night, if you want film night  
Details Dallas Fabien 0417 285 047

**Sunday 10 January** - Breaky run 8.30am at Warragamba Centre. Bring \$6, cup & chair. Please let Brad know by Friday for catering purposes 0449 186 587

**Tuesday 26 January** - at Camden - Call Dave West 46581649 for details

- at The Pioneer Village, Wilberforce - Call Ron Ross 4576 2423 or 0437 384 736

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