

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



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The 7th Dubbo Truck and Tractor Show

Travelog by Noelene West and photos by Bruce Brown

Dubbo - the Golden Oldies Truck Club Inc celebrated its 10th Anniversary of the Vintage Truck, Tractors and Quilt show at the Dubbo showground and was held on Friday 12th (set up day) and Saturday 13th August 2016 (open day).

The theme for the truck display was for "FORD" manufactured vehicles and there were varieties of T-Models up to the latest models. A large variety of trucks, cars, motor bikes, tractors, traction engines, trailers, motor homes and quilts were all well represented.

WSHTC, the Pioneer Timber Cutters, ATHSA, and visitors from all States attended. The RFDS had an ambulance display which was excellent.

The Dubbo area had received a lot of rain in the last month but thankfully it stopped in time and a perfect two days of early spring weather was certainly appreciated.

It was estimated that there were 600-800 vehicles and maybe 8,000-10,000 people. Food stalls and business outlets did a brisk trade.

A Grand Parade in the showground was very good and it was an excellent family day for everyone.



"Noelene says: We set off on Thursday morning - sans the red truck - she is in the shed for gear box repairs. Hopefully she will be at Clarendon. Anyway I digress.

Dubbo Truck and Tractor Show continued...



A good drive to Dubbo and the weather was kind. Set up the van in the Dubbo show ground as arranged and awaited the arrival of Jerry Phillips who arrived about an hour later. We had dinner in our van and an early night.



The boss was up early - still frost on the ground. Bruce Brown and Bob Irvin had arrived about 6.30 am and other members arrived during the day with Darrell Killick arriving about 11.30 Friday night. Spent the day just mooching about, eating and chatting. We had dinner that night with some of the members in the marquee organised by Brad.

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Saturday was spent checking out the above mentioned displays and food stalls, the Dubbo Railway Group also had their display open for the day and was a great treat for the kids (both big and little), and watching the grand parade. Again, like



Campbelltown Steam Museum, there was a large variety of people there, young, old, in-betweeners and also dogs (not the Mack kind!) out for the day with their owners.

We had dinner in the marquee on Saturday night. We had chicken, steak and sausages supplied by the club and prepared by MJ and ably cooked by Ron Ross with some assistance from the Wests. MJ also brought lamingtons and a slice - yum, yum! A couple of after dinner speakers regaled us with tales of their earlier driving experiences, both entertaining and amusing.



There were several (!) in depth discussions about different trucks, tyres, rims, brakes or lack of, motors, gear boxes etc etc – another language to me but the amount of knowledge these guys carry around in their heads never ceases to amaze me. The usual couple of joke tellers also contributed, to what, was a very pleasant night.



On Sunday the early birds had breakfast in the marquee and everyone packed and left in dribs and drabs. Some had gone on Saturday night. Dubbo - what can one say - a great week end as the comments and photos on face book can testify.”

This event is getting better every year. It must boost the local economy and certainly worth a visit. There are a lot of tourist attractions in the Dubbo as well.

Well done to the organisers and members of the Dubbo Golden Oldies.

See you in two years!



... and the wisdom to know the difference !

Breaky Run at Mulgoa Park – Sunday 28 August...



For the previous few weeks it had been cold, wet and miserable but Sunday 28 was different. Yes, it was still cold in the early morning but the day developed into a sunny, warm 20 degree winter day. It felt like Spring was on its way...

The car park was lined with a wide range of vintage vehicles, not just all trucks. There were Prime-movers, (one with a trailer), rigid trucks and cars including an Austin Seven. There was also a steam powered traction engine - a full size model of a miniature. It was like looking back in time.

Our numbers swelled with a few members from the Pioneer Wood Cutters joining us for breakfast. While Bruce Brown, in his usual professional style, cooked the breakfast for the 30 plus hungry mouths, there was a crescendo of chit-chat amongst those waiting.

President Andy made several announcements including that Brad Dwyer had resigned his position as Secretary and Registrar. These positions would be filled by Mike Dodds - Secretary and Steve Pardey - Registrar. Ron Ross filled the position of Safety Officer vacated by Steve.



THE CLARENDON CLASSIC and THE KENWORTH KLASSIC - 2016



There is always one important issue that impacts on an outdoor event... the weather. In the past it has not been much of a problem for the committee of the Clarendon Classic. But this year the weather patterns have one day sunny and windy, two days partly cloudy and mostly fine, and the next day rain and heaps of it. For the week prior to the 2016 Classic the weather forecast changed the position of that rainy day every day to the following day.... But as it turned out Friday, Saturday

were just fine and Sunday was cloudy with light drizzle! All things considered the weather was pretty good and it brought out lots of people –adults and families alike to experience the spectacle. We had 66 members sign the attendance book which was an excellent rollup

The scale of the show seemed to have increased double the size of previous years. There was more of everything to see and do than ever before. We even had the barking of dogs and screaming of owners associated with the dog agility trials, a very big show indeed.

Don't waste a moment of your life trying to be normal



There were more vintage motor bikes on display with a strong contingent of speedway cars adjacent.

The vintage and classic boats were a little further on. The centre of attraction, complete with steam powered engine was a hand-made classic boat constructed from Huon Pine. It is fine example of the shipwright skills from the Wooden Boat Centre, Franklin, Tasmania.



In the stationary engines area about half were stationary, as in 'just decorating' the paddock. But there were some very interesting working examples of Man's ingenuity which dated back to the beginning early 20th century - the machines, not Man... the machines were of different sizes and capacities for all manner of purposes.



The stationary engine area was in the middle of two roads as it always has been. On one road there was a good show of tractors. In amongst them there was a collection of David Brown classics which, from the front looked more like cars –sporting sweeping mudguards over the front wheels. The tractor pull area was surrounded by various makes of tractors. It was not such a crowd puller this time around. On the other road opposite the stationary machines were the stall holders selling manuals, old parts and workshop tools. Food stalls were distributed all over the showground. Radio controlled trucks had a small display. One young chap took the advantage of a free ride.



As I walked along the road towards the grandstand, rows upon rows of vintage cars, trucks and military vehicles stood silent, bursting with a history to tell. Some had been meticulously restored to exquisite detail and others looked like they had just come home, from a rugged day at the office, still in their working clothes.



Where there is no enemy within, the enemies outside can not hurt you.

I continued on to the big shed where I found model trains doing circuits around various gauge tracks and, craft and cake stalls.



The Clarendon Classic wouldn't be the classic without steam powered machinery... There were 5 traction engines hooked up to various machines as they would have been in the late 19th century working on farms. One of traction engines and Paul Love's Super Sentinel steam wagon took people for rides around the showground from time to time. The Lachlan Valley Steam train which carried fare paying passengers

between Clarendon Station and Richmond Station blew its whistle every time it raced past the showground. The traction engines and the Sentinel would reciprocate, blasting their whistles in unison make conversation impossible... but it was a lot of fun to see and hear!

If riding a steam train wasn't your thing you could always catch the vintage bus outside the gate!

This year's Clarendon Classic also included the inaugural "Kenworth Klassic" with in excess of 280 plus Kenworths parked on the lot. –All classic working trucks but with a small number of vintage classics as well. For a first time Kenworth rally it was an excellent turnout. Congrats to Bruce Gunter and his team for a well organised event.

From what I have seen and the reports I have received the whole weekend was a rip roaring success. I can't wait to see what 2017 brings.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY - 11 DECEMBER - OAKDALE WORKER'S CLUB

If you want to participate in a run leaving at 8.00am from Uncle Leo's, Casula to Bargo and onto the Christmas Party venue, contact Andy Nash or Darrell Killick to register your interest and for further details.

The cost for the 3 course lunch is \$20.00 per head. A deposit of \$10.00 per head must be paid to secure your reservation.

The best feeling is when someone appreciates everything about you that someone else took for granted.

September 25 - Mystery Lunch Run, third time lucky



There is always a sense of apprehension and a certain amount of intrigue associated with a mystery run organised by Bruce Brown. You never know what to expect. This was the third attempt for 2016. The previous two attempts were cancelled because of heavy rain, water across the roads and the road wash-away. So what's different this time around? Well maybe not much....It did rain over night! But the day cleared to a beautiful Sunday, just ripe for a picnic.



I mentioned apprehension...We only had 5 members line up at the start at Glenmore Park truck parking area. In previous mystery runs we had double that figure. I was a bit apprehensive whether we would have a decent run. But anyway... while we were waiting for the 10am start, Trevor Ellwood was driving past and called in to say 'have a good day', etc., as you do!. I asked him where his truck was and was he taking part in the run.....

SuperTrucker Trevor, who only ever drives his prime-mover with a trailer on behind was justifiably apprehensive about the thought of getting his rig stuck and not being able to get it out. So he wished us well and went on his way to "the paddock". Once underway we travelled to Camden and we made a quick stop (an element of intrigue) to pick up a young hitch-hiker, Matthew, Bruce's grandson. We turned onto the Hume Highway and travelled south about 20minutes before pulling over for a comfort stop. The parking area was full of cars and trucks. Fortunately there was just enough space to park our convoy. The toilets were in great demand and there were long queues waiting. We met up with Col (Snow), Andrew and Kayden Lovett in their recently restored White in TRN livery. A very smart and neat looking unit. Phil Longhurst and his Kenworth also joined our ranks. After the horses were watered and those needing a coffee fuelled up, we continued southward. A few K's down the highway we turned off at Picton Road exit and stopped again, More intrigue and two more trucks joined our convoy. Paul, Karen and Emily Dove in their International Acco 3070 and Bob Irwin with his famous 'king-size sleeper' Blue Acco. BUT... there's more intrigue! We had lost the rear half of our convoy. As luck would have it Murphy's Law stepped in and destroyed a tyre on Ray Heslop's Chev. Everyone in the convoy behind the Chev pitched in to help change the tyre. They rolled into Cataract Dam car park (our lunch destination) about ten minutes after the advance party. We finished up with 11 trucks and 18 people including 13 members. It was a most enjoyable day shared with good friends over interesting conversation and third time lucky fine weather. Thanks to Bruce for a fabulous mystery lunch run filled with apprehension and lots of intrigue...



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Saturday 15 - Sunday 16 October - "Oil, steam and Kerosene" Family Fun Day. 9.00am to 3.30pm. Campbelltown Steam & Machinery Museum, 86 Menangle Road, Menangle Park. For further details contact 0417 215 513

Saturday 22 - Sunday 23 October - Portland Spring Fair and Swap Meet. Kremer Park Show-ground, Cnr of Laurie and Lime Streets. For details phone 0429 001 918 or 0467 590 648.

Saturday 22 October - Newcastle & Hunter Region Truck Show. Maitland Showground. For further information and entry online www.newcastletruckshow.com.au

Saturday 5 November - Grenfell Truck & Transport Show. 9am-3pm @ Custom Truck Painting, 70 Young Road, Cowra. For info MJ Taylor 63432419 or 0417 296 258; wdtclub@gmail.com

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

Friday 18 to Sunday 20 November - Southern Tablelands Vintage Farm Machinery Show at Taralga Showground. - For further information - Jacqui Corby (02)4840 2139; thegrange1@activ8.net.au

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

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.

Sunday 11 December - 1.00pm Club Christmas Party at Oakdale Worker's Club, Burragorang Road, Oakdale. 3 course meal \$20.00 per head.. A deposit of \$10 per head is required to secure your reservation.

For members interested in a run on the day prior to the party, starting at 8.00am from Uncle Leo's to Bargo and back to Oakdale... contact Andy or Darrell to register your interest

Tuesday 26 January - Australia Day - .at Camden - Call Dave West 0409 724 641 for details - at The Pioneer Village, Wilberforce - Call Ron Ross 4576 3423

Saturday 11 February - The Highlands Steam and Vintage Fair at Oberon Rugby Leagues Club, Lowes Road, Oberon. Free entry to exhibitors. Street parade at 10.00am

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