

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



November 2016

October 1 - The Inaugural Run of "Pacin' The Pacific"

Travelog by Andy Nash and Photos by Daniel Thornton

I left home 4am. 1st October and met up with fellow members Dave Homburg and Col Lovett (Snow) at marshalling area behind BP Beresfield. We picked up entry numbers, had brekky and after safety briefing at 7.30am we were ready to roll at 8am. We headed north on the Pacific Highway turned left at Heatherbrae, thru the old roads and re-entered Pacific to Bucketts Way noticing a lot of highway patrol cars, either because of the long weekend or they were there to support our trucks. We travelled into Stroud to join the town for their market day. Side streets were blocked off enabling us to park safely. After morning tea and sampling the locals cakes, and with police assistance, we entered the main road and proceeded back to Booral turned left and proceeded to Bullahdelah. We travelled around O'Sullivan's Gap through some very narrow winding roads and now I know why its nick named the steps and stairs but beautiful area. We travelled back along highway to Coolongolook where we turned left onto old road competing with some rally cars also utilising old road. we stopped at Taree Service Centre for lunch which was very crowded as you would expect for a long week end. Back onto highway to Coopernook turning off using old road into moorlands then back onto freeway. we turned off at Kew past Kirby Maxwell's back to freeway and into a side road being used for pushbike trials along the way. We then got on Oxley Hwy taking us into Wauchope showground. dinner was at 6pm. with the highlights of the day on a video being played while a few stories for told before we retired for the night. Breakfast was served at 8am. Dinner and breakfast cost only \$20 for both. Great value and a good feed. With a few more stories were told we then had some "slowest truck races" with my fire truck coming up 2nd to a Mack. We all then headed home. It was a great run and we were made extremely welcome by a top bunch of people.



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**Western District Truck Club
5th November 2016.
Grenfell Truck and Transport Show**

Travelog by Noelene West

The Grenfell Truck and Transport Show venue was at Cowra Showground due to excessive rainfall in and around the Grenfell area. Saturday morning the sun was shining but it was very windy. We rolled up to the Showground at about 8.00 am. About 15 trucks were already there, local and from the surrounding townships....



Laugh like no-one is listening... Sing as if no-one can hear...

Grenfell Truck and Transport Show continued.....



Fortunately Bruce Brown had erected his outdoor tent which was very much in use all day until the wind eased about two in the afternoon. All up about 35 vehicles were there. This included buses, fire engines, mobile homes, semi-trailers with old vehicles on their backs and of course the Quarter Pounder. Western Sydney Historical Truck Club was well represented. A very good show for their first attempt and in memory of Bob Taylor. Hopefully next year more clubs will be invited – local car, tractor and machinery, and motor bike clubs to participate. An excellent day with proceeds being donated to charity. Well done and thanks to MJ Taylor and the Western Districts Truck Club.



Dance as if no-one is watching... Dream like there are no responsibilities...

“Oil, Steam and Kerosene” Family Day - Menangle Park

Travelog and Photos by Andy Nash

Bruce had the barbeque and billy on boil by 8am at Campbelltown Steam and Machinery Club at Menangle for their weekend field days. After being fed and watered on Bruce's fine cuisine we all had a look at stall holders and exhibits including remote control model boats on the dam, steam train rides, tractor wagon rides, blacksmith demos, steam boilers, stationary engines, military and archery displays. the highlight for Bruce was the grand parade when he begged me to let him drive my chev. I think he liked it so much because I heard him getting quotes for blue paint so he can fit in better with the rest of us. It was another good day enjoyed by all and thanks to those who made it there on short notice.



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.

Visit to Cleary Bros Family Museum, Port Kembla

Photos by Bruce Brown

From all accounts Sunday 9 October was going to be a perfect day. It was perfect for a run in a vintage truck down the highway. And, in particular to enjoy a family day out at Cleary Bros Family Museum of restored earth moving equipment, trucks, cars and motor bikes... A true legacy of the Cleary



Family's contribution over many years to the history of Port Kembla. Even lunch was provided including a real coffee for those who love the real thing. It was a very popular event in the club's calendar with a few comments posted on the club's FaceBook page that confirm this.

For example:

From Bruce Brown ...“34 WSHTC members signed the attendance book at Cleary Bros today many thanks to Dennis Cleary, Rob Patten and the Cleary Bros crew who helped put on a unforgettable day with their display of trucks and earth moving machinery great day was had by all.”...



AND...

From John Meyers ...“A good variety of everything thing there beautifully restored old cars trucks machinery & scaled down model trucks as good as the real thing & proceeds going to a good cause congrats to all who organised it.”



Member Profile - David West

David spent his youth in Menangle Park, Campbelltown. He liked the Macarthur area so much that he has not strayed beyond its boundaries. David's first job was working as a hardware store sales assistant. He is interested in old machinery, vintage cars and trucks, and gold fossicking. At the age of 14 he became interested in trucks when helping a local milk carter.

David's first truck is a fully restored 1940 Diamond-T. Other trucks in his collection include a 1934 Diamond-T, currently under restoration, and a 1938 Ford that is in the middle of restoration. The decision to expand his collection are dependant upon him winning Lotto!!

David has been a member since 2009. He is married to Nolene and they have three married daughters.



Portland Spring Fair and Swap Meet ...

Over the weekend of October 23-24 the Spring had sprung out of Portland. It was at the mercy of dark threatening clouds overhead and a soggy showground
 It is said that a picture is as good as a thousand words and without the one thousand words...I'll let the picture tell the story...



CONVOY FOR KIDS - GOULBURN



It rained on the run down from Sydney to Pheasants Nest. When the word got out that Bobby Irwin wasn't coming along because he didn't want mud on his boots...The rain stopped and cleared away to a fine sunny day...

I travelled in the good company of Andy Nash. The radio was on Channel 40 and I listened with amusement to the banter of two fools speaking in a foreign tongue, talking nonsense and trying to disrupt the trucker channel. In time, someone told them off and they soon got the message...Peace at last !!

There was a good roll up of WSHTC members at the meeting place at Sutton Forest and more joined our ranks at the start of the convoy, on the north side of Goulburn.

A certain Club member who shall remain nameless, Trevor and, who owns a red WHITE and likes it to be in the lime light all the time complained about not seeing photos of his truck in the "last 3 newsletters. I won't tell what I told him. But as you can see I got his best side disappearing into the fog. But I digress....



"Life is either a daring adventure or nothing" - Helen Keller

Convoy For Kids continued...



By the time it was our turn to join the very long line of trucks ahead of us in the convoy, we travelled about 200 metres and stopped. We were stopped for a few minutes. Actually I think it might have stopped a few more... Anyway we did eventually make into the City of Goulburn. The crowd was spread fairly thinly along the main street and didn't seem to be as large as in previous years. Some of the kids egged the drivers on to blow their deafening horns, other kids had their hands over their ears and I am sure I saw a few people jumped at an unexpected blast.

I have a theory that the reason the convoy travelled so slowly was the blasting of air horns acted like an air brake...I digressed again !

The temperature at the showground was a warm 24 degrees with a cloudless sky and no mud! There was a large crowd at the showground along with a record breaking 196 convoy trucks. For the privilege of being the lead truck in the convoy, a record \$21,000 was paid. The kids were well catered for with a lot more amusement rides to choose from.

The Chocolate wheel, Guessing competition and Auction raised valuable funds for kids with cancer and kids with sever disabilities in the Goulburn area. There were a few awards to various truck owners and some of them are WSHTC members. The Jason Sasse award for Best Cat Powered Truck went to David Migan. Shane Cassidy won the award for "The Oldest Working Truck" and David West won "The Best Vintage Truck". It was a superb day all round and raised about \$50,000 at the time of printing.

Posing for



And...Running away from the camera ??



Once you figure out what respect tastes like, it tastes better than attention!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 11 December - 1.00pm Club Christmas Party at Oakdale Worker's Club, Burragarang 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

Sunday 8 January - Brekky run 8.30am at Warragamba Centre. Bring \$6.00, cup & chair. Please let Bruce Brown know for catering purposes 0428 545 328

Tuesday 26 January - Australia Day 2017 .

- at Camden - Call Dave West 4658 1649 for details

- at The Pioneer Village, Wilberforce - Call Ron Ross 4576 3423

Saturday 28 - Sunday 29 January - Allora Heritage Weekend @ Allora Showgrounds, New England Hwy, Queensland. For more info Contact (07)4666 3554, Swap-meet Lyle 0409 766

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

Saturday 4 March - "Lockhart Vintage Verandah Fest" at Lockhart Showground. Meal Saturday night \$15, cost includes free entertainment and breakfast Sunday morning. Camping available by donation. For more information contact Peter Smith 0458 224 808

Monday 13 - Sunday 19 March- 38th Corowa Swim-In & Military Gathering. Featuring International and Carrier 2

Sunday 13 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 and drinks.

Saturday 18 - Sunday 19 March - White Muster at Kyabram, Kyabram, Victoria

Sunday 19 March - 4Th Annual Truck & Tractor Show @ Harden-Murrumburra Showground, Harden. Featuring International trucks and Ferguson tractors. Free entry to exhibitors. Set-up Saturday 18th. Camping \$15 per night. Free barbecue for entrants staying overnight on Saturday. For further information contact Kevin Sharp (02)6386 5136 or 0413 027 932

Sunday 19 March - Brekky run at Blacktown City Show at Blacktown Showground, Richmond Road, Blacktown. For members not going to Kyabram, this is a great family event with kiddie rides, farm animals, puppet show. Free entry for drivers and passengers of historic trucks displayed in the show. Set up time from 7.30am...Stay for the usual breakfast get together or stay for the whole day...

Saturday 8 - 9 Sunday April - "Haulin' The Hume" departing from Clarendon Showgrounds in Richmond and heading south to Yass. Entry Fee \$30.00 per vehicle. For entry forms, accommodation and other information contact Ron Ross 0487 005 718 Richard Cant 0416 755 570. Get your entry in quick or you will miss out.

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