

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



February 2017

The Annual Hilton Sibthorpe Truck Show at Vineyard Hotel

The Vineyard Hotel holds a truck show every year in memory of Hilton Sibthorpe, a truck driver who died there many years ago. The story is displayed above the bar in the new section that replaced the original bar burnt down a several years ago. The money raised each year is donated to charity.

Despite the threatening grey clouds hovering above, there was a good range of trucks, including working, vintage and scale model trucks in attendance. There was also a few vintage cars on display for good measure. Down the back were a couple of really old relics from the past. A stall was selling model toy trucks and other memorabilia but didn't seem to be making many sales, probably because the crowd was small. Twelve WSHTC club members and their trucks were present. And from what I have heard everyone had a great time.



The Final Run for 2016 and The Big Christmas "Chat" Party

Sunday 11th December was the perfect day for the Club's Christmas Party and the final run for 2016. The weather was kind to us. There were a few clouds hovering around to keep the heat of the burning sun from making the day uncomfortable. But there were also millions of flies ever present to remind us that we weren't in the "city" and it was summer, after all!!

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The Final Run for 2016 and The Big Christmas "Chat" Party continued....
 Fifteen of our vintage trucks parked in a loose "formation" at Uncle Leo's Truck Stop, Casula by the required 8.00am. When Andy Nash and I arrived a discussion group had already set up sorting out which subjects were to be discussed during the run... Some members had a quick breakfast of raisin toast and a large mug of coffee to assist with the telling of true lies, bullshit and other matters affecting the state of the nation. Once all subjects for discussion at this stop were sorted we set off in convoy at 9.15am for the next stop and a new set of topics to discuss.



...you're giving a portion of your life that you will never get back

The Final Run for 2016 and The Big Christmas “Chat” Party continued....



Bargo was the next scheduled stop for a “leak and a look around”. Here we were met by Bob Irwin with his blue ACCO. Bob adequately contributed his share to the discussions of more true lies, matters of national interest and the flies. There was coffee available at one end of town for those thirsty people requiring another caffeine hit...



After another successful chat session, the convoy headed north to the Hole in the Wall, through Picton and up to Razorback for a stop at the Blockade memorial to reminisce and a “chat” for a while. There was a huge amount to be discussed and chatted about. It was all very serious stuff... matters of the April 1979 blockade and the taking of the obligatory photo in front of the



At the Razorback Memorial, reminiscing the



days travelling the old Hume Highway

memorial, etc., etc. The “chat-time” went for nearly an hour before hunger and the thought of Christmas lunch and a celebratory drink got the better of us. We headed down the hill, past a mobile speed camera through to the Oaks, past another speed camera, and arrived in the Oakdale Workers Club carpark at 12.20pm, just in time for a drink and a “quick chat” before lunch. In the carpark to meet us were David West with his Diamond-T and Ray De Stoop with his Chevrolet.



When it came time to sit down to lunch there were 46 people... Each one had a drink and a “long chat” to catch up on the events of the run.



The meal was excellent, the service was excellent and the camaraderie was excellent. It was an *excellent* day all round.

FIRST BREKKY RUN FOR 2017

Sunday 8th January was an excellent day for the club's first barbecue breakfast in the company of great friends and amongst some pretty awesome antique machinery, cars and trucks. The sun was shining, the temperature was warming up and the birds were arguing amongst themselves as to who would be the first to grab that stray morsel of human food that hit the ground. Its amazing to think that only eight days prior we traversed time... from last year to this year, very quickly. It took the same amount of time as it does for the spark from an engine's spark plug to ignite the fuel in the cylinder...just amazing how quick Anyway, just a little trivia for you.



New years greetings were exchanged as everyone arrived and met up with old friends. There was a constant procession of vehicles entering the car park. By the time everyone had arrived and all engines silent, the car park was full. There was a vast and varied range of classic, vintage and veteran cars and trucks, from the early 1920's to the 1980's. However there was one particular interesting vehicle riding on the tray of FA Mackie's Chevrolet... a steam powered buggy with no steering wheel, just a tiller. ▶



Andy Nash arrived in his newly restored Dodge tow truck, painted in the colours of Metropolitan Towing. It has all the bells and whistles including the kitchen... barbecue and fridge etc, completely hidden behind access panels within the body. It is a true a party truck...I guess it goes to show, considering who the owner is. ▶



A recent new member to the club, John Walker drove his 1929 Chevrolet ex-Tooths & Co soft drinks delivery truck from his home in Goulburn. Considering that the truck is original and still in its working clothes, it is in fairly good condition for an 88 year old truck. ▶



If you must make a mistake, make a new one each time

First Brekky for 2017 continued...

Come chow time there were about 50 to 60 hungry mouths ready for brekky. And as usual, Bruce Brown put on a pretty decent gourmet breakfast from the barbecue... sausages, eggs, hash browns, bacon and onions with fresh sliced tomato on a bread roll... And piping hot tea or coffee to wash it all down...Mmmmmm, just yummy!! Thanks Bruce, you done good, mate!!



There was a great deal of loud chatter before breakfast was ready and it didn't quieten any during breakfast either. It was very clear that there was definitely a lot to be said. Everyone enjoyed themselves and look forward to the next early morning get together.



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At a Committee meeting just prior to the breakfast, the issue of membership requirements and historical registration was raised. Some members are trying to cut corners on the attendance at events and expect to get registration for their vehicle without waiting the required full 12 month period. Members have been advised on numerous occasions what the rules are. If the rules are not adhered to by the club, and the RMS chooses to do an audit of registrations, then it is possible that the club will lose the authority to issue registrations. In this event all club registrations will be cancelled.

The following explains the requirements of membership and is given to all prospective members:-

REQUIREMENTS OF WSHTC MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Western Sydney Historical Truck Club Inc. is a privilege not a rite of passage. The Club exists because of active people with like-minded interests. They participate in events organised by or supported by the Club throughout the year.

If you want to register your vintage truck with historic registration with our Club, this can be done after a qualifying period of 12 months, as stated in the Club's constitution as set by the members. In order to qualify for registration you must attend a minimum of 4 events during the first year. After this, attendance at a minimum of 2 club events every year is required to keep your registration. At each event you must sign the attendance book.

The Club's ability to register trucks is governed by the rules for historic vehicles set by the RMS. You will be required to supply a pink slip from a private service station. If you do not abide by these rules your registration will not be approved by our registrar or will be cancelled. If your membership expires, your registration also expires.

If you would like to join the membership of the Western Sydney Historical Truck Club Inc. and be an active member, the initial fee is \$50.00 with an annual membership paid June 30 each following year.

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A head full of fears has no space for dreams

AUSTRALIA DAY at The Australiana Pioneer Village, WILBERFORCE 2017



January 26, every year is the most important day in the Nation's calendar. It's the anniversary of European settlement in Australia...Australia's birthday! At Wilberforce some of the exhibitors had set up the day before but most started trickling into the village from 7am to set up. By 9am the general public started arriving in their droves...Mum, Dad, the kids, aunts, uncles and grand-parents, promising to make it a great party celebration. The Australiana Village is not a re-creation of early buildings, but streets full of dwellings, shops etc, that have been relocated from their original sites around the Hawkesbury District.

Rose cottage is the focal point of the village. It is recognised as the oldest timber dwelling in Australia still standing on its original site.

The historic buildings were manned by volunteers dressed in period costume giving an atmosphere that takes the visitor back in time, providing a glimpse of life as it used to be in the 19th century. A sign on each building tells its story, previous use and original location.

The many picnic tables in the 28 acre village site were taken very early by family and club groups. There were shops and kids games and activities for everyone to enjoy, and food and drinks stalls were spread through out the Village. There was horse and dray rides and a small gauge train running as well.

Everyone had lots of fun and I am sure they will be back again, the same time next year.



You can't believe everything you hear - but you can repeat it

AUSTRALIA DAY at CAMDEN 2017

by Noelene and David West

It was overcast and humid but not very hot. Approximately twelve members from WSHTC and several more extras met at Camden Showground. Macarthur Lions Club in association with the Camden Show Society hosted the parade. There were many participants in the parade including the Australian Light Horse group, Police contingent, SES, NSW Ambulance Service, and several school marching groups - everyone enthusiastically waving their flags. There were approximately 300 cars from various clubs. Argyle Street was absolutely jam packed with local residents and visitors. A very successful day! Happy Australia Day!



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sunday 12 March - 9.30am, Lunch Run and "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. or go to the Haulin' the Hume Facebook page.

Saturday 20 May - Putty Road Truck Driver's Memorial and Reunion - memorial service at Garry E. Miller Park, Milbrodale at 1pm and reunion social night at Singleton Golf Club, Boundary Road, Singleton. For information phone Paul Crollick 0408 472 250; Shane Kent 0419 287 159 or Marie Warby 0414 631 206.

Saturday 27 - Sunday 28 May - The Seventh Annual Sydney Classic and Antique Truck Show at the Museum of Fire, 1 Museum Drive, Penrith. Arrival, set up, Mulgoa Rumble and evening meal Saturday. Show day Sunday. For further information and entry form refer to website: www.museumof fire.com.au or phone (02) 4731 3000. Write "WSHTC on the top of the entry form so we can stay together as a Club display unit.

Other Events of Interest

Monday 13 - Sunday 19 March- 38th Corowa Swim-In & Military Gathering.

Sunday 23 April - The 44th Annual General Motors Display Day at The Museum of Fire, Museum Drive, Penrith. Enquiries Ron Fraser 0432 897 757

Sunday 23 April -Oakville Fire Brigade's Family Fun Day and Car Show. Enquiries Ian 0407 774 348

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