

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



June 2017



“HAULIN’ THE HUME” - HIGHWAY 31 ROAD RUN continued

It was a foggy start to the fourth bi-annual Haulin’ the Hume. More than 250 privately-owned historical commercial vehicles left from Hawkesbury Showground at Clarendon in the early morning and drove along The Northern Road taking in Luddenham, Bringelly and Narellan. The convoy then turned onto the old ‘Highway 31’ to take in Picton, Bargo, Yerrinbool, Mittagong and Berrima with the first scheduled stop at Goulburn before they finished in Yass. More vehicles joined the convoy along the way, the numbers swelling to 308 vehicles in total by lunch at Goulburn Showground.

Locals lined the route from Camden all the way to Yass, waved at the drivers as they passed by and snapped photos. As we got close to Yass there were groups of people every kilometre or two, in backs of utes or entrenched in deck chairs and clutching a camera.

It was quite a buzz to be part of the convoy for me this time as a driver. Four years ago I was the passenger, navigator and fireman...but that’s another story. This time I drove my everyday driver, a major set back with the engine of my restored truck prevented its appearance at HTH.

There’s no doubt that travelling the old Highway 31 is more scenic than the motorway. Berrima was a pretty place for a morning tea stop and several truckers had the same idea.

The first scheduled stop was lunchtime in the Goulburn Showgrounds, from 12 noon until 2.00pm. The procession of vehicles into the Showground was a slow and constant flow. On the menu there was choice...egg and bacon or bacon and egg sandwiches for \$4.00. A variety of drinks was also available for extra cost.



Haulin" The Hume Highway 31 Road Run continued...



Lunchtime at Goulburn



Waiting around for someone else to make you happy is the best way to be sad

Haulin' the Hume continued...

After lunch, from 2pm onwards, the convoy moved slowly southward. As there were still numerous conversations still to be completed there was no traffic jam at the exit gate. It was fairly smooth traveling into the Cullerin Range and onto Gunning.

The journey along Veterans Road and into Yass was interesting... It was like being at Bathurst 1000km race for trucks... Every kilometre along the route, on bends or hills, there were groups of people perched in the back of utes or sitting in deck-chairs, holding cameras with telephoto lenses. Those people without cameras waved and sucked on a mug of brew.

From about 3.30pm until dusk there was a constant stream of trucks that rumbled their way through the Yass township to their accommodation for the night. After a quick freshen up it was down to the pub for a cleansing ale before the big dinner and auction at the Soldiers Hall across the street.

Weatherwise it had been a perfect day for the run and the smiles all round proved it.

Many new friendships had formed during the day and old friendships rekindled. Conversations were started but it seems they never got finished. In the Soldiers Hall the chatter got louder and louder as more people entered. Even Bruce Gunter had difficulty being heard above the noise when making announcements... And he had the microphone! Everyone was happy and the conversations just continued. It was probably a good idea that a silent auction remained silent because the auction would have interrupted some very interesting "true lies".

The smorgasbord dinner was well catered and nobody missed out. There was plenty of delicious food to be had.

After the meal, proceedings had a more formal tone with a guest speaker and anecdotes about the run. There were also "house keeping" comments including requirements for the presentation of the Haulin' The Hume "Non Judgemental Awards" at Gasoline Alley the next day, Sunday.



As luck would have it, it rained on Sunday morning...probably appropriate considering that nobody wants to get a "Non Judgemental Award"... The Hard Luck Award went to Don Hughes whose 1975 White 4000 broke a front differential shortly after leaving Clarendon...A Hard Luck story closer to home... was Andy Nash's Fire truck ran out of gas at Breadalbane - Cullerin Range. Andy started with a full tank at Clarendon and should have had another 250kms of gas left to get him to Yass. The Australian mateship came into its own and several HTH trucks pulled over to offer assistance. The firetruck was half pushed half key-start in first gear onto a step deck trailer and taken to Yass to be refuelled as there was no gas at Gunning. Andy drove the truck back home, stopping at every gas station along the way. Investigation for the cause is ongoing...

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

Haulin' the Hume continued...

Winners of the "Non Judgemental Awards" were:

"Biggest Tear Arse" - Brian Smith; "Worst Gear Change" Andie McKenzie;

"Best Club" - the Flixible Clippers; "Longest Travelled" - A Flixible Clipper from Tasmania;

"Biggest Bull Shit Artist" - Pat Morris.

The general consensus was that the run was very successful, achieving all that it was set up to do...re-live memories of Highway 31, have fun and raise well needed funds for Autism Spectrum. FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS was raised. It will probably take 12 months for the organizers and participants to come back down to earth and get ready to plan the next run in 2019.

Erratum: Volume 6 Issue 2 of the Newsletter page 7, the money raised at the Friday evening barbecue was put into club funds.

SYDNEY CLASSIC AND ANTIQUE TRUCK SHOW



What a fantastic day the 28th May 2017 was for the seventh Sydney Classic and Antique Truck Show at the Museum of Fire, Penrith. It was the perfect fine autumn day!

There was something different this year's show. Firstly the number of trucks on display was considerably down on previous years. The stage was more centrally located away from the main entry, and it was much better...it was James Miller's work truck. The "Mulgoa Rumble" did not go ahead due to poor participation last year and the withdrawal of sponsors this year.

But having said that the show rides were well utilized by numerous young families. Market stores selling memorabilia, accessories, service manuals and restoration services did a brisk trade.

Radio controlled "Little Big Rigs" scale model trucks put on a wonderful display that showed off the skills and expertise of the big boys and the little boys with their toys. They had a network of model roadways which covered approx. 1000 m2, and included a fuel depot, a bridge and truck stop/rest area. ...Everything that would be encountered on the big highway.



He who limps is still walking...!!

S C A A T S continued....

Trevor Ellwood's claim to having the loudest vehicle has been snatched from his grasp by a "pip-squeak" go cart with an ear-shattering jet turbine engine. It was so loud that when it started, it disrupted conversations a kilometre away. Heaven help us if Trevor ever replaces his GM for a jet turbine engine...



The Museum of Fire put on demonstrations of some of their vintage fire trucks. Here we have a 1929 Dennis truck with 4 cylinder petrol engine which drove the pump. The firefighters are dressed in period uniform. The brass helmets worn by the fire fighters were still in use in 1969, and a lot of time was used polishing them.

The 2017 winner of the Bill Maddy Award was No.13, rego 75099H, a 1954 Albion Chieftain owned by Peter Berry. It took Peter two days to drive the Albion from Victoria to the show at the break neck speed of 37kph. ▶



You can never make your dreams come true by oversleeping

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***** Please Note: *****
Fees are due & payable by the end of June 2017

WSHTC AGM - SUNDAY 16 July at 10.00am

Putty Road Truck Drivers' Memorial - Milbrodale - May 2017

The overnight rain cleared to a fine day but the rain clouds still hovered threateningly until an hour before the memorial service was due to start. The atmosphere was not quite the sombre event it has been in past years, more a celebration of the cherished memories and tales of bygone days. This year was the seventh since the memorial was established as a mark of respect to honour the lives of those drivers who have lost their lives while performing their duties as professional drivers. An additional six plaques were added to the wall.

Eleven members and their vintage trucks represented WSHTC and provided a suitable guard of honour.



The secret to being happy is to have a good sense of humour and a dirty mind!!

THE WHITE STORY

3½ years ago, White Motor Corporation decided to invest in the future of Australia. Today White is part of the very fabric of Australian industry, through its productive contributions to farming, mining, construction and trucking.

The success of White in Australia, mirrors the worldwide achievements of White Motor Corporation. This pioneer of the transport industry in North America has achieved consistent world leader status through innovative drive and diversification, during the past 50 years.

White Motor Corporation (Australia) Pty. Ltd. is a strong and growing group, comprised of White Trucks, Euclid off-highway haulers and White Farm Equipment - all leaders in their field and all backed by the massive technological and manufacturing resources of White Motor Corporation based in Cleveland, Ohio.

Each division of White in Australia - Trucks, Farm Equipment and Euclid - has the sales and service support of a national distributor-dealer network.

During the past 12 months, White Trucks distributors alone have invested more than one million dollars in expanded sales and service facilities. White Motor Corporation responded to this million dollar vote of confidence by increasing production capacity and by establishing a major replacement parts warehouse. The company invested more than two million dollars in line items, to back-up dealer after-sales service.

White knows its way around the marketplace.

Euclid pioneered the concept of off-highway trucks in the 1930's and has remained leader in sales and engineering ever since.

The companies which have joined together under the White Farm Equipment banner include most of the famous names which developed the machinery to enable farmers to meet today's demand for food.

White trucks have played a key role in heavy duty transport since 1908 and they were one of the first to custom-build for specific job applications.

In trucking, advanced designs and proven engineering have established White as a leader in the heavy-duty segment of the North American market, with 15.2 percent of registrations on latest figures, and the fastest growing market share.

Australian truckers, from owner-drivers to national fleet operators, have recognised the value of White's custom-built approach. White now is a familiar sight on inter-state line hauls, city and suburban heavy duty delivery and on the outback road-train routes, **there are more White's on the road.**

On farms throughout Australia, White tractors and harvesters are assisting rural producers to remain viable by improving productivity. Led by the advanced four-wheel-drive, articulated Field Boss, a new generation of White Farm Equipment has emerged from the union of mechanical farming pioneers, Oliver, Minneapolis-Moline, Cockshutt and Arbos.

White Motor Corporation (Australia) Pty. Ltd. is aggressively confident.

The current range of White 4500, White 9500 and White Road Commander custom-built heavy-duty trucks which have established White on the Australian market, will be expanded to meet new market demands.

White has a stake in Australia's future and it has the products and services to help make that future great.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 25 June - Breakfast Run at 8.30am at the old checking station, Pacific Highway Berowra. Bring \$6.00, chair and cup/mug. Please let Bruce know for catering purposes 0428 545 328. *Membership fees can be paid this day.*

Sunday 16 July - WSHTC AGM at Andy Nash's Metropolitan Towing, 2/17 Sunblest Crescent, Mount Druitt. Lunch provided, bring chair and Cup/mug. Meet at 10.00am

Sunday 13 August - Breakfast Run at 8.30am at Mulgoa Park. Bring \$6.00, chair and cup/mug. Please let Bruce know for catering purposes 0428 545 328.

UPCOMING EVENTS continued

Sunday 20 August - Maroota Muster at Maroota Public School, Old Northern Road, Maroota

Sunday 10 September - Breakfast Run at 8.30am to "Canoelands Orchard", 27-29 Canoelands Road, Canoelands. There is plenty of parking, toilets, shelter sheds with table and seats. Bring \$6.00 and mug. Please let Bruce know for catering purposes 0428 545 328. *Directions* – Head along Old Northern Road towards Wiseman's Ferry. Canoelands Road is located on the right about 15 minutes past Glenorie Woolworths. Canoelands Orchard is around 3.5kms from the top of the road.

Saturday 16 - Sunday 17 September - The Clarendon Classic - Display features 100 years of the Fordson Tractor & 150 years of Lister, including The Model & Hobby Show, the Kenworth Klassic Truck Show, Tractor & vehicle trek on Sunday morning. Set up Friday, Welcome BBQ Friday Night, Saturday night dinner.

Saturday 14 - Sunday 15 October - 9.00am to 3.30pm "Oil, Steam & Kerosene" Family Fun Day at Campbelltown Steam & Machinery Museum, 86 Menangle Road, GILEAD. For details phone 0417 215 513

Sunday 28 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

Sunday 29 October - Newcastle Hunter Transport Awareness Day and Truck Show at Maitland Showground.

Saturday 11 November - Goulburn "Convoy for Kids". Meet At Pheasants Nest Servo at 7.00am (like last year) \$10 per truck entry. A great family Dy out and fundraising for local Goulburn kids with cancer and severe disabilities. There is a possible stop at "Truck Stop 31" on the way home.

Saturday 18 November - Bathurst Truck Show at Bathurst Showground. For further information contact Debbie 0407 489 634

Other Events of Interest

Saturday 8 - Sunday 9 July - Wauchope Yesteryear Truck and Machinery Show and swap meet at Wauchope Showground, Wauchope NSW. Free entry and camping to exhibitors. Set up Friday, rally all weekend. Saturday Night fully catered meal and unreserved auction with proceeds to charity. Further information contact Kirby Maxwell 0407 594 149

Saturday 5 August - Nyngan Ag Expo at Nyngan Showgrounds. Contact 0428 376 068

Saturday 18 - Sunday 19 November - 13th Annual Rally at Taralga Showground. Enquiries contact Jacqui Corby (02) 4840 2139

Sunday 15 October - "DamFest 2017" at Warragamba Recreation Reserve from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Free entry.

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