

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



October 2018

Dubbo Truck, Tractor and Quilt Show - August 2018

There is certainly no underestimating the effect of the drought facing our farmers in the west of NSW. All along the highway from Lithgow to Dubbo, the paddocks are a ghostly grey, every second tree is devoid of leaves and lacking life. Even the wild life is affected, numerous dead kangaroos line the roadway like milestone markers.



The weather at Dubbo was mostly sunny and at times very windy and dusty. The wind was so strong it took me three attempts to cross the road just to get to the showground entry. Inside the centre track there were rows and rows of vintage and not so vintage trucks, a dozen or so of tractors and a handful of stationary engines that hissed and farted all day long. Inside the



'big' shed there were a just few 'selected' trucks on display such as Garry Schroeder's International prime mover.

A smaller shed stabled automobile stallions of a bygone era in the early 20th century...pre 1930's.

These cars were very special, all having signs to admire but instructing admirers not to touch.

I am sure there were "No Touchy Police" hovering around close by waiting to zap the naughty person with their cattle prods!



Next door in the Centenary Building, there were 144 exquisitely made patchwork quilts on display. Most of the quilts were made by locals but some quilts were made by quilters from far and wide. It was a very fine exhibition.



The crowd was a mix of all ages. Truckies gathered around the trucks to discuss to pros and cons of technical matters. Elderly couples gathered in the quilts shed, of course. The younger couples wandered arm in arm from one exhibit to the next while sucking on a take away drink. Families with small children seemed to move the fastest between stalls and things that interested “dad” but slowed right down when passing a food stall. Adequate time had to be spent on each available choice so the kids got what they desired. By lunchtime long queues extended from the food and beverage stalls and remained there for at least an hour or two.



Just like the crowds, I wandered from one exhibit to the next... searching for the WSHTC members campsite. After stumbling around for about an hour, trying not to be blown over by the ferocious wind, or blinded by the dust, I managed to find the campsite. It was located between two sheds as it had been in previous shows, up near the railway line. They looked like they were well settled in for the duration...

Unfortunately there were a few mishaps over the weekend and it would be remiss if I didn't make a mention of them. Firstly, the barbecue trailer was so excited about travelling to Dubbo that it bent the coupling on the drawbar in an attempt to overtake the tow vehicle... Secondly, home-ward bound Brad Dwyer's "Effie" broken down north of Orange, was fixed and continued on. Then near Lapstone a minibus exiting a fuel station pulled out in front of Brad leaving him with no time or space to avoid the collision. "Effie," who has suffered cancer for a while just crumpled and passed away without a whimper.

Despite the mishaps, the general consensus was that it was a great show and everyone had a wonderful time and look forward to the next Dubbo Show in 2020.

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“He who limps is still walking...”

Clarendon Classic & Kenworth Klassic- September 2018

Set up day was Friday, 14 September. The weather was fine and sunny with a few clouds drifting around. Exhibitors were out in force, ready for the action when the gates opened on the Saturday. Saturday's weather was similar to the previous day but with higher temperatures and a savage north-west wind that created a dust storm in the afternoon, Everyone and everything was covered with a thick layer of red dust. So much for washing and polishing the pride and joy! The Pratt & Whitney radial engine, a regular exhibit which is started up throughout the day had to be repositioned in order to minimise the spread of dust in people's faces and eyes.



A huge number of show goers walked the showgrounds on both Saturday and Sunday. This year the displays of stationary engines, tractors, old trucks, military vehicles, vintage motor bikes and boats seemed bigger than ever. A whole street was devoted to stalls selling books, manuals, accessories, bric-a-brac and junk.



There was something new this year that had all the kids lined up for a ride. A scale model railway with steam locomotives driven by oversize little boys who have yet to grow up. It was a successful drawcard that had constant queues the whole weekend.



When it came for me to gather photos for the newsletter I realised that walking around was going to take a long time...unless I could get someone to drive me. As it happened Andy Nash had brought his 1959 Nash Metropolitan along with his other vintage toys. The car was made in Great Britain and exported to USA. It is a small car, slightly larger than a peddle car with two front seats and luggage shelf behind. There is no boot but there is a storage space where the boot should be. It can only be accessed via a panel above and behind the luggage self. Andy was happy to play taxi driver and tour guide. Sarah Vella came along for the ride as backseat commentator



and pointed out her father's truck in the Kenworth Klassic. The WSHTC was represented by 70 members, a good role up.

“Be there for others but never leave yourself behind”

Clarendon Classic & Kenworth Klassic continued...

Some pics of the club member's trucks



One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say

Combined Brekky meeting with the Pioneer Timber Cutters



The combined breakfast meeting with the Pioneer Timber cutters held at the Australiana Village, Wilberforce was a magnificent day. The last time I was at the Pioneer village was Australia Day 2018, and it too was a wonderful day. What set the 29 July apart was everyone was on time and lined up at the gates waiting for them to open. Maybe everyone was hungry for breakfast and heard about Bruce’s barbecued delights or maybe it was the new barbecue trailer? Ahead of me, in the line was the Club’s barbecue trailer. By the time I had parked my little red truck, the trailer was set up, just showing how easy and versatile it is to set up.

Bruce Lynda, Barry, Jeff had everything under control and put together an excellent breakfast feast of eggs, sausages, hash browns tomato and onions.

The Run to Gunning

by Phil Longhurst

Gunning was the destination for a club run on October 7th. Around 10 trucks participated in the wet conditions. The main route we took was the old highway 31 through Razorback, Picton, Bargo, Yanderra, and Yerrinbool. But some went via Mittagong on to Goulburn Breadalbane through the Cullerans on to Gunning. It is good to report that everyone behaved... The lunch stop was at the “Old Hume Hyway Café”, and our thanks go to the great staff who provided us with wonderful hospitality. It was an awesome day with great people to travel with. We hope to do it again.



Paddy reads in the handyman book the following: “If you put a house brick in the toilet system the displacement reduces the water usage” (good idea). So Paddy puts a house brick in the fuel tank of his car....

Sometimes, the person who is always there for everyone else, needs someone with them

Menangle Park Brekky Run - 14 October

There was continuous torrential rain overnight from 2am until daybreak. At 7am traffic on the motorway was light and misty rain kept the ground wet. But as usual when travelling from one suburb to another the weather can change, as if someone turn a switch. Such was the case when changing from the M7 to the M31 motorway. The rain stopped despite the dark clouds remaining overhead. Meanwhile at the Campbelltown Steam Museum there was a flurry of activity getting ready for the family day of fun. The big boys were stoking the boilers of their stationary or traction engines. The kids with push bikes challenged each other to a race. Some kids were lucky to drive a tractor or modified lawn mower around a set circuit. One young girl put 200k's on her tractor and she looked like she was having a heap of fun doing it. Members of the WSHTC lined up their trucks together near the barbecue trailer. The generator was going, the urn full of water and the gas on under the cooking plates. It was all systems go in the club's mobile kitchen. The marquee had been raised and was positioned beside the trailer with table and chairs positioned. Our outdoor dining room was ready.

In lieu of 'Chef Extraordinaire' Bruce Brown, the breakfast was prepared by the culinary team of Barry Hodges and Bob Irwin, assisted by Emily Dove. By the end of our brekky break there were various steam exhibitions ready to experience. The steam train took passengers around the property. Traction engines took passengers along soggy roads around the site. While this was happening a stationary engine, connected by leather belt to a circular saw cut up timber branches to provide fuel for the steam requirements of the museum.

Post brekky activity was to walk around, looking at everything there was to see. One spectacle was Bitza race car... made from bits of this and bits of that. The body seemed to have some panels from an old Austin and other fibreglass panels. Probably had a straight six engine...

A little later, when wandering back to where our trucks were parked 3 likely looking lads wearing helmets started up modified ex-lawnmowers. In turn, they ran 200m circuits. And then they lined up beside each other, engines running.

A young lad had a black and white checker flag. He raised the flag. The decibels rose considerably. The flag fell and the three machines sped off spinning wheels and roaring around that circuit several times until a part fell off one of them. The others stopped and took off their helmets to reveal that these "lads" were not young boys but were in their 40's to 50's. I guess boys never grow up regardless of age...

Considering the weather conditions it was an excellent role up of members and trucks, and fun.



"Being both soft and strong is a combination very few have mastered"

A Note from the Secretary

Over the past year I have been asked if it is possible to pay membership on a multiple year basis. At present membership is only available for a single year due to the administration required for attendance records, historic truck rego, etc.

Recently at the Clarendon Classic there were three people claiming to be members who had paid on a multiple year basis, before I took over as secretary. There is no record of this. These people's details had been deleted from the membership file as the attendance records showed they hadn't attended any events, and there was no record of a fee having been being paid.

Members are reminded they must sign the attendance book at events, as they must attend a minimum two events each year to retain truck rego, and pay your membership on time.

If you are a member and don't have your membership number yet please phone Brian Hodges 0408 275 754.

Christmas Party

The WSHTC Christmas party is on Sunday 18 November at 1.00pm at the Oakdale Workers' Club, Burraborang Road, Oakdale. The meal @ \$10 per member and \$20 per non member. Booking and payment is required to secure your meal voucher, and must be paid by 11/11/19 at the absolute latest.

Payments can be made by EFT and Brian Hodges must be advised of your payment.

Cash payments can be made on Saturday 10, at "Convoy for Kids Goulburn".

If you don't prepay for your meal, then you will have to pay the caterer on the day to get a meal.

Name Badges ordered at the AGM are now available for \$10, from Treasurer, Brian Hodges.

Members without a name badge who want one can order one from Brian

PLEASE NOTE:

1. The club's postal address is **PO BOX 3140, ROUSE HILL 2155**
2. The Club's email address is wshtctrucks01@gmail.com
3. Payments can be made by EFT directly into the club's bank account - **BSB 032371 Account 396047.**

Please include your name and *member ID number as a reference.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 10 November - CONVOY FOR KIDS GOULBURN. Meet at Pheasants Nest Servo at 7.00am (like last year) \$10.00 entry per truck. A great family day out and fundraising for local Goulburn kids with cancer and severe disabilities.

Sunday 18 November - 1.00pm Club Christmas Party at Oakdale Worker's Club, Burratorang Road, Oakdale. Roast Meal and dessert @ \$10.00 per head for members and \$20.00 for non members. Booking and payment is required to secured your meal voucher, and must be paid a minimum of two weeks before the event.

For members interested in a run on the day prior to the party, starting at 8.00am from Uncle Leo's to Bargo, The Razorback and on to Oakdale...register your interest with Andy 0418 277 271 or Darrell 0412 050 224.

Sunday 25 November - The Annual Hilton Sibthorpe memorial Truck Show at the Vineyard Hotel formerly (The Tourmaline Hotel) Windsor Road, Vineyard.

Sunday 6 January 2019 - Breakfast Run at 8.30am to Warragamba Centre. Bring \$6.00, cup and chair. Please contact Bruce 0428 545 358 or Andy 0418 277 271 for catering purposes.

Saturday 26 January - Australia Day 2019

- at Camden - contact Dave West (02) 4658 1649

- at The Pioneer Village, Wilberforce - Contact Ron Ross (02) 45763423

Sunday 10 February "Blow the Gunk Out" Lunch run to Bargo. BYO lunch food. Assemble at 8.30-9.00 at Uncle Leo's at the Crossroads, Casula. Travel south down the Freeway towards Mittagong (possible stop at Pheasants Nest Servo (optional). Motor onto the top of Skyline (Catherine Hill). Deviate off to "left ramp". Turn left and follow the Old Hume Highway back through Alpine, Yerrinbool, Yanderra to T Intersection at Remembrance Drive. Turn left towards Bargo (possible photo shoot outside Bimbo's)? Just after Avon Dam rail bridge turn left into Tyler's Road to the Bargo Sports Ground Trotting Track. Park down below the trotting track (not on it) or in Tyler's Road. Time for lunch - the club's bbq trailer will be there to cook your lunch. Tea, coffee and cold drinks will be available.

Friday 15, Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 March - The Oberon Heritage and Collectors Club Show (formerly the 'Highlands Steam and Vintage Fair') at the Oberon Showground, 1 Ross Street, Oberon. Free entry to exhibitors. Event set up, the tractor trek, and car and truck road runs (entrants only), on Friday. Street parade Saturday at 10.00am.

Saturday 16 - Sunday 17 March - The 8th Australian WHITE Truck Muster at Kyabram Showgrounds. For further information and registration forms call Ray 0407 311 007 or Michelle 0408 723 757 or go to www.facebook.com/whitetruckmuster

Sunday 17 March - Harden Truck and Tractor Show at Murrumburrah Harden Showground, Woolrych St, Murrumburrah. For Information call Kevin Sharp (02) 63865136 mob. 0413 027 932

Saturday 30th - Sunday 31 March - Haulin' The Hume. Leaving from the Equestrian Centre in Camden. Entry forms should be available in the coming weeks

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