

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



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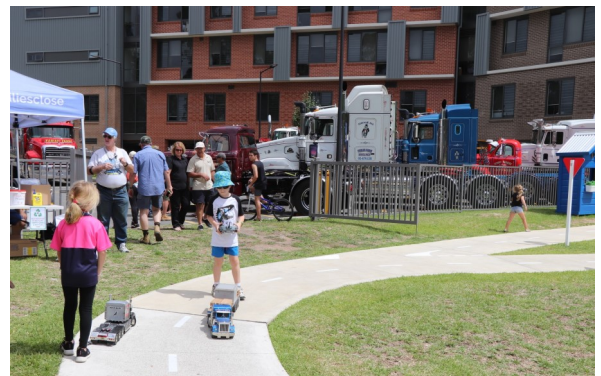
Private Truck Show for Sick Kids with Cancer

Dallas Fabian wanted to help Ronald MacDonald House to thank them for the help he and his family received when his son was sick. So on Sunday 24 February, members from WSHTC, Pioneer Timber Cutters, Hunter Valley Classic Commercial Vehicle Club and Little Big Rigs arrived at Ronald MacDonald House Westmead to put on a vintage truck show and raise some money at the same time. The Rotary Club of Holroyd put on a sausage sizzle and also provided delicious cup cakes and cold drinks.

The biggest attraction for some of the kids were the ► radio controlled model trucks which they got to drive around a special concrete paved roadway. The kids drove exceptionally well, obeying all the usual road rules.

One small boy who was interested by the fire truck sirens decided he wanted to be a fire chief for the day and tried on Andy's helmet. ►

After shaking my storm stick, the rain moved away leaving a beautiful sunny day and every one enjoyed a great day out in aid of sick children.





Lockhart Truck Show - 2019



At an average speed between 60 to 70 kph I took two days for the run from Sydney to Lockhart. The run both days was hot. When I arrived on Friday afternoon, Lockhart was hot but not like the 42 degrees of last year. The countryside was so dry, the grass, if you could call it grass, crunched underfoot. I met up with other Western Sydney Club members Bruce & Kaye Brown, David & Noelene West, Peter & Jo Hand and Bob Irwin. Their choice of accommodation was air-conditioned caravan. After everyone had parked and settled in, it was getting late and time for a beverage or two followed by dinner.



As the sun started its descent below the horizon the heat of the day waned and then at sundown a sudden gust of strong wind cooled things down to a more pleasant and comfortable temperature. My accommodation for the next two nights was sleeping on the tray of my truck under the stars. Fortunately the cool breeze blew all night and, it didn't rain.



Saturday, show day, was fine and sunny with the temperature reaching mid to late 30's by day's end. Geoff & Pat McNiff travelled across from Temora, where they now live, for the Show.



There was a fine display of trucks, classic cars and a handful of pre-1930's exquisitely restored cars.

The feature truck was the International. There were awards for the oldest International and the International that had travelled the farthest. Although there were a number of inters present, there were only two lined up for judging. A local 1936 C30-model was the oldest and my 1937 D15-model had travelled the furthest - 560 kms. ▶



There were also several market stalls with their goods on display as in previous years. There was also an interesting museum exhibition of old dairy industry memorabilia. Saturday evening, a barbecue dinner was organised for us, comprising sausages with a choice of many delicious salads followed by fabulous desserts, and tea & coffee.

Unfortunately, for organizers the numbers at the show were significantly down which was probably a direct result of the drought and a lack of money to spend. But we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and look forward to the next truck show at Lockhart.

How you leave others feeling after an experience with you becomes your trademark. ²



It had a different name and a different location in the same town. Formerly known as the Oberon Steamfest, the Heritage and Collectors Show was held at Oberon Showground, a showground with a difference. It was built on the side of a hill. It comprised a series of terraces on which the various exhibits could be shown off without being hidden behind those in front. At the bottom were the trucks, tractors and farm equipment. The next level up was a fine display of vintage, classic and sports cars. On the third terrace, a couple of stationery engines rattled and hissed all day long. Further to the right was a small display of antique horse-drawn buggies, all in excellent restored condition. The oldest was built in 1890 and the youngest in 1910. Each buggy was built for a particular purpose. One was a doctor's buggy and another was a lady's buggy with fine polished cedar timberwork and comfortable upholstered seating. Further up the hill, a cooper made buckets from timber and steel



rings, much the same way he would make a wine barrel. ►► In the big green shed one could buy a meal and a drink or browse the tables of arts and crafts for sale. Outside a coffee van dispensed real coffee for the coffee connoisseurs. And after your coffee, if nature called, you would have to climb further up the hill to the conveniences... Why is it that the best views are always from the loo on the top of the hill? But there was more... Parked amongst the tractors were some rather interesting exhibits. One was an International R190, which was part way through its restoration. It had a truly unique fuel tank tied on with rope. Not quite sure whether it passes design standards or safety requirements. ►► A couple of tractors away were early 20th century sheep shearing machines and a log saw, all powered by stationary engines. The shearing machines still work as evidenced by the 10 sheep which had been shorn by the time I left the show. The weather had changed too, from the last show. It was cold, wet and miserable but not as far as the farmers were concerned. They desperately need the rain to survive, so we do not complain. The show was small but quite different and I look forward to the next show.



Sometimes it's better to just remain silent and smile

The 8th WHITE Truck Muster 2019 - KYABRAM,

by David & Noelene West

March 16th and 17th were the show days, but there were plenty of early arrivals and setting up of displays in the week before. Weather wise it was perfect. It was a little warm and dusty due to the ongoing drought which kept the water cart gainfully employed all week end.

White trucks and associated vehicle products were well represented. There were trucks, tractors, bulldozers, lawn mowers and sewing machines all on display.

Several sheds had displays of house, farm, shed and craft bric-a-brac from by-gone days. There were some newer products for wood turning, models, jewellery, meccano sets, oil bottles and tins, butter churns, ice cream making machines, salt & pepper shakers, cooking utensils and knitting displays. Outside there was wood turning, log splitters, sheep shearing, traction steam engines and a replica steam car. Also large display of stationary engines, petrol, steam, electric and belt driven, with a variety of implements being operated by them. In the show ground arena a varied line up of all makes of trucks, trailers, stationary engines was excellent.

Plenty of food, drinks and ice cream and souvenirs available. Also spare parts and old engines. Classic cars, hot rods and lawn mowers were also on display. Vehicle numbers were 79 White trucks and associated products and, 63 other makes of trucks.

Saturday night was the dinner, and guest speaker Alan Shearer put on a slide show display and commentary which was very good. The auction was conducted very efficiently by Leigh Rankin, from Rankin

Transport, Katunga. It was well patronised and very successful. Many thanks to Ray and Michelle Grima for an outstanding effort for a very successful 2019 8th White Truck Muster.



Haulin' The Hume - HIGHWAY 31 ROAD RUN - 2019



Friday was arrive and set-up day. The weather was overcast and tried to rain with just the odd couple of drops falling now and then. It fined up for the run up to the Razorback. At 2.00pm Trevor Ellwood led about 40 trucks and about a dozen cars up to the memorial to commemorate the 40th anniversary since the 1979 blockade. Apparently some trucks had gone up earlier which increased the tally to about 60 plus trucks. With the parking area full, both sides of the road took the overflow almost causing another blockade.



While serving me at dinnertime, Lynda Hayward instructed me and other WSHTC members to sound our horns when we passed her place as we left Bargo on the Saturday... or else we would be in a whole lot of strife. I complied with a 10 second blast! It started to rain lightly around dinner-time then in the early hours of morning it bucketed down. "Dodging puddles" was the breakfast-time sport, not just for pedestrians but the trucks too. A couple of trucks got bogged and had to be towed out. Early Saturday morning there seemed to be a mad panic to start the HTH run the minute breakfast had finished. It seemed funny, such a mass exodus when there was no race. I found out why about 10 miles down the road... when there were many trucks pulled over and the drivers, armed with cameras captured the following trucks, mine included. This happened many times throughout the day.

...they help you enjoy being the best version of yourself

Another thing I found amusing was that the faster trucks had to slow down in built up areas to the same speed I was travelling which gave me time to catch up.

Lunch time stop was at the Goulburn Showground. We were met by a ferociously strong and very cold wind. Warm jacket was required. Thank goodness I packed mine! Lunch comprised a sausage and onion sandwich. Cold drinks were on offer but the favoured choice was hot coffee.

The journey after lunch took us through the Cullerin range into Gunning, a rather picturesque and green countryside, a far cry from the grey plains out west. Then along Veterans Road, back on the motorway and into Yass.



The dinner function was held at the Soldiers Memorial Hall where Bruce Gunter reported that while moneys raised for 2019 was yet to be finalised, to date \$100,000 had been raised and distributed since the Haulin

The Hume began in 2011. 285 trucks had participated in the rally this time. Bruce thanked the many people who helped to make the run operate smoothly and successfully.

It was good to see many kids had accompanied their fathers/grandfathers and in some instances wives or girl friends as well. It was a wonderful run with heaps of smiles on faces and no frowns. Even Albert, my co-driver, met up with some old work colleagues which made his weekend extra



special and most enjoyable.

Special thanks to Bruce & Kaye Brown, Lynda Haywood, Jeff Clissold, Bob Irwin, David West, Geoff Martin and Michael Vella for the hard work in assisting with marshalling and cooking at the beginning of Haulin' The Hume under adverse weather conditions.



I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions

Breakfast Run at Blacktown City Show at Blacktown Showground



Sunday 24 March had a very interesting start for the breakfast run. Firstly the centre of the showground had been tarred over for a staff parking area for businesses of Westfield due to safety issues with the Westfields car-park. The trotting track which circled the centre was where the utes and trucks were to park. The area outside the trotting track was where the show rides and stalls were...



I arrived just ahead of Ron Ross. At Kent Street entry I was directed to turn left then right around the track. Assuming that Ron and I received the same instructions, we both took a wrong turn. I followed the outer road, right around the showground and through show ride alley while Ron finished up in the staff carpark.



Eventually Ron and I made it in time for breakfast, where we were supposed to be. Nine members enjoyed a lavish feast of sausages, eggs, bacon, toast or bread roll and tea or coffee prepared by chefs Lynda Hayward and Jeff Clissold. Before, during and after breakfast there were several different and separate conversations which solved the all worlds problems... It goes to show we are a very talented group of vintage truckers...



One of our shy members who entered his truck in the "Ute Muster" had great success, winning first place in the "Best Vintage/Classic Ute" section.

ARTHC Tractor Pull & Swap Meet - Gundagai Showground

by Jo Miller

If dust, loud noise and heat are your thing, then the ARTHCs annual tractor pull event at Gundagai showground is the place to be. This year didn't disappoint, with a huge variety of events on offer with something for everyone. The heavy horse event drew a good crowd and it's great to see these spectacular horses in all their glory. For those lacking a little excitement in their lives, the sit on lawn mower races had hearts and minds racing. If only my lawn mower went that fast... The swap meet and markets stalls provided ample opportunity for bargain hunters to score the deal of the century. The ARTHC sure know how to pull a crowd (both alive and dead it seems) with special guests Elvis and his sidekick "mini Elvis" making an appearance and adding to the variety of the day.

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ARTHC Tractor Pull & Swap Meet cont'd

The tractor pull was a huge success with entrants coming from near and far just to pull a sledge full of water, as far as it could go. The truck show and shine exceeded expectations, with over 60 trucks on display. WSHTC was once again well represented, and dived head first into the prize pool; Michael Vella won Best Trailer, and Jeff Hunt won Best Vintage Truck.

As usual, the WSHTC members pitched in to help set up the day and their efforts were greatly appreciated. Finally, the raffle for the spectacular quilt, hand crafted by Kaye Brown was won...and rebought by the ARTHC to be auctioned at the Sylvias Gap long weekend event in June!! It's the gift that keeps on giving. All in all, it was a successful day. We now set our sights on the long weekend in June so keep the 8th and 9th of June 2019 free.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 14 April - Hunter Valley Steamfest Show 'n' Shine. Entry fee \$10.00 per vehicle. Proceeds donated to Firstchance, a non profit organisation operating Early Childhood intervention & school ages programs. Further information contact Ron Alexander mob. 0400 908 043

Saturday 27 - Sunday 28 April Cootamundra & District Machinery Restoration Society Rally. Vintage trucks, tractors & machinery and also "Buy or Swap" old machinery & antiques items. More info phone Lyell mob 0427 426 664 or Brian (02) 6942 2446, mob 0428 696 545.

Saturday 4 - Sunday 5 May "Super Trucks Races" run to Goulburn. Please advise Michael Vella

Saturday 19 May - Putty Road Truck Drivers Memorial and Reunion - memorial service at Garry E. Miller Park, Milbrodale at 1.00pm and reunion social night at Singleton Golf Club, Boundary Road, Singleton. For further information phone Paul Crollick 0408 472 250; Shane Kent 0419 287 159; Marie Warby 0414 631 206

Sunday 20 May - Brekky Run at Campbelltown Steam & Machinery Museum, "Oil, Steam & Kerosene" Family Day at 86 Menangle Road, Gilead. Bring \$6.00, chair and cup/mug. Please contact Bruce 0428 545 358 or Andy 0416 869 464 for catering purposes.

Saturday 1 - Sunday 2 June - The Sydney Classic and Antique Truck Show at the Museum of Fire, 1 Museum Drive, Penrith. Arrival, set up and evening meal Saturday. Show day Sunday. For further information and entry form refer website: www.museumoffire.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.

Sunday 30 June - Breakfast Run at Mulgoa Park, Mulgoa. Bring \$6.00, chair and cup/mug. Please contact Bruce 0428 545 358 or Andy 0416 869 464 for catering purposes.

Sunday 30 June - All membership fees are due and payable today. Please note that if you have not paid your membership fees by 30 June, you cannot have your say on how the club is run and your vote will not be counted at the AGM. Also your truck rego will be cancelled if you don't pay on time.

Saturday 21 July - WSHTC AGM at Andy Nash's Metropolitan Towing, 2/17 Sunblest Crescent, Mount Druitt. Lunch will be provided. Bring chair and cup/mug. Meeting starts at 10.00am sharp.

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