

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



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“Give Back to the RFS” Show and Shine, Picton



When we arrived, we were directed to park our trucks on the main road, in front of the of factory unit complex . Cars and bikes were parked inside the complex and in the bordering street on the other side of the units. The Picton RFS had their truck in the centre of the complex with a non stop stream of kids being allowed to sit in and climb over the truck. The show was well attended with about 8 trucks from our club and some others making a total of about 12 trucks. There was a great variety of hotrods, cars and bikes including a steam car. I would guess there were about 80 vehicles with a lot of money spent on them to make them into the show pieces that we saw on the day. The day was extremely hot with little shade and we were all grateful the show was over just after lunch. We also respectfully had one minute’s silence for the fallen firefighters before the trophies were handed out by the RFS. Rob Starcic won 1st and 2nd trophys for the Kenworth and the Peterbuilt.



Rob also purchased a lot of raffle tickets and won a beauty package which we all told him he really needed!



From memory, the money raised was about \$12000 and was split between the Picton and Buxton RFS Brigades. I think it was a great turn-out for a great cause and thanks to those who made the effort in the heat to be there.

More About the 40 year Razorback Blockade Memorial...

In the previous Newsletter - Volume 9, Issue 1, we reported on the unveiling of the 40th Anniversary of the Razorback Blockade Memorial. We sent a copy of the newsletter to Spencer Watling, one of the original instigators of the blockade who was present at the unveiling and, below is his response....

WESTERN SYDNEY HISTORICAL TRUCK CLUB INC

Dear Members,

We wish to thank you for sending us your January Newsletter.

We were so pleased to read your great article on the 1979 Razorback Truck Blockade.

It was indeed a very hard time back then for truckies, hounded for road tax fines & put in prison for basically "trying to make a decent living"

We didn't make the decision lightly to block the road, as we had been to many meetings with the Govt., TWU & others but accomplished nothing !!!!!!!!

So it all "came to a head" at Ted's house on the Sunday & we decided "enough is enough"

There were several men attending the meeting, but it narrowed down to the 5 instigators. ...Ted, Colin, Barry, Jack & myself, we agreed to meet on Razorback the next day.

which we did...5.00 pm 2nd April 1979...the rest is history.

We are proud of our memorial on Razorback, & now the Council has upgraded our site. on which we had buried a truck, installed our rock with plaques & our signage back in 2000.

So your article was really appreciated.

Our thanks also to Dave West for his support & letting us know about this Newsletter.

Yours Sincerely

Spencer Watling



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS - All membership renewal fees must be paid by June 30. Please note that if you have not paid your membership fees by June 30, 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. No payments for membership will be processed at the

They walk among us, they breed and they vote....

The pedestrian light on the corner beeps when it's safe to cross the street.

I was crossing with an 'intellectually challenged' co-worker of mine.

She asked if I knew what the beeper was for.

I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red.

Appalled, she responded, "What on earth are blind people doing driving?!"

She is a government employee...

"No-one can make you inferior without your consent"

Trucks Across the Highlands

by Janelle Cant

On Saturday 29th February we attended the annual Trucks Across the Highlands Convoy for Kids.

This is a local event that raises funds for the BDCU Children's Foundation. The run started from the Bunnings warehouse in Braemar and ran through, Mittagong, Bowral, Moss Vale and finished with a static display at the Moss Vale Showgrounds.

There were some awesome trucks, both old and new. A sizeable crowd was out in force in each of the towns to cheer on the trucks as they passed through.

Western Sydney member Tolsy had four trucks in the run ◀ and the little boss had his first outing in a truck convoy! A good turn out all round with plenty of activities at the showground for the kids and parents alike. Giant slides, face painting, music and food all made for a relaxed day.

It was great to see Marty from 98.1, who organises the Illawarra Convoy each year, adding his support to this event. These days are fun for both participants and crowd alike and all for a good cause. And the kids get to have a ball. What better way to spend a Saturday .



***Remember to fill out your log book before taking your truck out on the road !!**

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Club Merchandise...

Merchandise must be paid for at the time of ordering from David West. You can pay cash or EFT directly into the club's bank account -

BSB 032371 Account 396047. Please include your name and member ID number as a reference.

When making an EFT payment please advise Treasurer Brian Hodges of the payment, either by a text message to his mobile 0408 275 754, or emailed to fjhodges@bigpond.com ...Brian will supply you with a receipt which you must show to David when you collect your order. If you don't have a receipt from Brian, then you cannot claim your merchandise.

David has a supply of shirts that were ordered up to 12 months ago. If you have ordered a shirt, but not received it yet, please contact David on 0409 724 647.

Make sure you have a receipt of payment to claim your shirt. If you do not have a receipt, contact Brian on 0408 275 754

The following club merchandise is available for purchase:

- Polo Shirts - \$35.00 each - sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL
- Jackets - \$60.00 each - sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL
- Windscreen Stickers - \$4.00 each
- Baseball caps - \$15.00 each
- Number plate frames - \$15.00 per pair
- Name badges - \$10.00 each
- 10th Anniversary mugs - \$20.00 each

LOCKHART TRUCK SHOW - 2020

As you would know... Before a long trip, you check the engine oil, the coolant level, the tyre pressures and top up the fuel. You'd give the 'Ol girl' a bit of a spruce up, making sure the windscreen is crystal clean and, then you stand back to admire your pride and joy. It's at this time I need to wear my sunglasses, the dazzling glare from the guards is blinding, even though the truck is parked in the shade (the garage).

On the first day of the epic trek southwards, having all requirements packed onboard, I reversed the truck out. There was a very dark smudge ahead of me. Maybe the sunglasses needed to be cleaned but I realized that I wasn't wearing them. That dark grey smudge was a heavy dark cloud with rain that followed me all the way to Yass.

Along the M31 I battled the spray from the wheels of big trucks, semi-trailers and B-Doubles as they flew past me but managed to arrive at Yass unharmed and in one piece.

The next day was to take me to Lockhart. The weather was fine the whole way. The 81mm of rain the previous night was evident along the road into town with roadside culverts and adjacent fields covered with occasional lakes and patches of green....a welcome sight compared to last year.

I pulled up at the Showground around mid afternoon. The WSHTC contingent were in or around the caravans, telling tall stories or helping out the organizers, or drinking...

While in the middle of telling a story, the person speaking stopped mid sentence and stared at something behind me. Everyone followed his gaze. On a trailer was a 1935 ▶ Indiana, one of the only two in Australia. It has been in restoration for 20 years to date. The truck had belonged to the wife's uncle. Anyway it was a stunning looking truck. It also won the award for the "Oldest Truck" in the show.

As the sun threatened to slip behind the horizon, thoughts turned towards what to have for dinner and where to eat it. Fortunately, the decision was made to eat 'alfresco' because the day was still warm with a light breeze blowing. And, low and behold there was the famous alfresco ▶ restaurant "Chez Brown" in our midst. We ordered take-away Chinese and, Kaye Brown and Noelene West picked it up plus a few other necessities. We had a wonderful evening.

Saturday, 7th was Show Day, the weather was perfect...

sunny and warm with an occasional cool breeze. There were 34 trucks on show and, despite the muddy conditions of previous days every truck looked its shiny best...



A road map will tell us everything we want to know except how to fold it up again.

Lockhart Truck Show continued...



except for the award winning “Best Farm Truck”. A Toyota, - the same model as ▶ Bruce Brown’s truck...identical in every detail prior to when Bruce spruce up his truck. Not lost on the judges was the fact that the farm truck was the only truck on normal registration, everyone else had historic rego!



The feature truck was Kenworth and there were four at the show. Each one won awards too! The small KW, second from the right above took out the “Best Mini Truck Award.



Awards won by WSHTC members are as follows -

“Runner Up Best Mini Truck” was Bob ◀ Irwin’s Quarter Pounder.

“People’s Choice Award” was won by ▶ Geoff Hunt’s 1943 Jail-bar Ford . The Runners-Up for “Peoples Choice Award” were Mal Brown’s - Peterbuilt and Bruce Brown’s - Toyota. The award for the

“Furthest Driven Truck” was won by Mike Dodds’ - International.



Bruce Brown conducted his now famous 50/50 with the winner, Alan Fulham from Temora pocketing \$158.50 and the remaining \$158.50 going to the show funds.

The funds raised at the Lockhart Truck Show go to sponsoring a local child, male or female, to go to see the Royal Easter Show or a regional Agricultural Show in a major town or city.

“Work hard but Don’t forget to Live !!”

When God made Truckies !

by Barry Shaw



When the Lord was creating truck drivers, he was into his sixth day of overtime when an angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one." And the Lord said, "Have you read the spec on this order?"

A truck driver has to be able to drive 10-12 or more hours per day, through any type of weather, on any type of road. Know the highway traffic laws of six states and two territories, he has to be ready to unload 40 tonnes of cargo after driving through the night and sleep in areas of the cities and towns that the police refuse to patrol.

He has to be able to live in his truck 24 hours a day, seven days a week for weeks on end, offer first aid and motorist assistance to his fellow travellers, meet just in time schedules and still maintain an even and controlled composure when all around him appear to have gone mad.

He has to be in top physical condition at all times, running on black coffee and half eaten meals, he has to have six pairs of hands."

The Angel shook her head slowly and said "six pairs of hands...no way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems" said the Lord. "It's the three pairs of eyes a driver has to have." That on the standard model?" asked the Angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees the herd of cattle in the scrub three miles away, another here in the side of his head for the blind spots that motorists love to hide in and another pair of eyes here in front that can look reassuringly at the bleeding victim of a drunk driver that crashed into his FUPS bumper at 110km/h and say, "you'll be alright ma'am," when he knows it isn't so."

"Lord" said the Angel, touching his sleeve, "rest and work on this tomorrow." The Angel circled the model of the truck driver very slowly, "Can it think?" she asked.

"You bet" said the Lord. "It can tell you the elements of every HAZMAT load invented, recite Australian road rules and requirements for each state in its sleep; deliver, pick up, be a father, offer timely advice to strangers, search for missing children, defend a woman's or children's rights, gets eight hours of good rest on the street and raise a family of LAW-respecting citizens, without ever going home... and still keeps its sense of humour.

The driver also has phenomenal personal control. He can deal with delivery and pick up areas created from scenes painted in hell, coax a loader to actually work for his money, comfort an accident victim's family and then read in the daily newspaper how truck drivers are nothing more than killers on wheels and have no respect for the rights of others while using the nations highways, which are mostly paid for by truck taxes."

Finally, the Angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek of the driver. "There's a leak" she pronounced "I told you that you were trying to put too much into this model. What's the tear for?" she asked.

"It's for bottled up emotion for fallen comrades, for commitment to that funny piece of cloth called the flag, for justice and, for the family without its father."

You're a genius" said the Angel

The Lord looked sombre and said "I didn't put it there !!"



UPCOMING EVENTS

The following events are subject to change due to the current Coronavirus health situation. Please contact Michael Vella 0404 011 813 for the latest status of events

Saturday 4 - Sunday 5 April - Vintage Truck & Machinery Show at Glen Innes Showgrounds.
For information, Steven 0427 321 168

God created man, God did not create Religion... Man created religion!

UPCOMING EVENTS continued

Saturday 16 May - Putty Road Truck Drivers Memorial and 10th Anniversary Reunion. Memorial service at Garry E. Miller Park, Milbrodale at 1.00pm and reunion social night at The Hotel/Motel, Maitland Road, Singleton. For further information phone Paul Crollick 0408 472 250; Shane Kent 0419 287 159; Marie Warby 0414 631 206

Sunday 17 May - Brekky Run at Campbelltown Steam & Machinery Museum - Oil, Steam & Kerosene Field Days. 86 Menangle Road, Gilead. Bring \$6.00, chair, cup/mug. Please contact Bruce 0428 545 328 or Andy 0416 869 464

Sunday 24 May - 8.00am Breakfast Run in memory of Allan Doherty at "Dandaloo Hotel," 336 Kanahooka Road, Dapto. Car, bike and truck show from 10.00am onwards. Heaps of parking for trucks. Meet at the parking bay on the Hume Hwy, Menangle @ 7.00am. If you're going, please phone Andy Nash, 0418 277 271.

Saturday 30 - Sunday 31 May - The 10th 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 to 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 display unit.

Saturday 6 - Sunday 7 June - Long Weekend @ Gundagai. Australian Road Transport Heritage Centre fund raising dinner, Sylvia's Gap Convoy and, Show & Shine. More info. See website - arthc.com.au, facebook page or phone (02)6067 2106

Saturday 27 June - Tamworth "Show n' Shine" Truck Show at the Equine Centre. Entry cost \$25.00 per truck. Set up Friday. All trucks will be displayed undercover and will be locked up overnight. Dinner dance and auction at the Leagues Club Saturday night. Accommodation at the Mecure Hotel attached to the Leagues Club. For further info contact Michael Vella 0404 011 813

Sunday 28 June - Lunch Run to Halfway Truckstop on the Putty Road. There will be a barbecue and coffee for sale from the venue. Meet @ 9.00am, at the service station near MacDonalds cnr of Richmond Road and the Northern Road, near Parklea Sand & Soil yard. For further info contact Michael Vella 0404 011 813. **This is the perfect opportunity to pay your membership fees which can be paid to Brian Hodges.**

Saturday 11 - Sunday 12 July - Yesteryear Truck and Machinery Show at Wauchope Showground, Wauchope. Enquiries mob. 0456 911670, email; wytmc.inc@hotmail.com

Sunday 19 July - Breakfast Run to Yanderra Pie Shop, 21 Remembrance Drive, Yanderra. Meet at Uncle Leo's Truck Stop, Casula @ 8.00am and drive via The Razorback. Home-made pies, cakes and bacon & egg rolls can be purchased on the day along with coffee, tea and milkshakes. For further info contact Michael Vella 0404 011 813

Sunday 26 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 10.00 am sharp.

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