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## NEWSLETTER MARCH 2024

### Club Runs:

- **Wednesday**—Springwood at Wannon
- **Sunday**—FEDERATION MORTLAKE PICNIC



The Hamilton Cemetery Trust are here to provide quality cemetery facilities for our communities. With respect, compassion and integrity; they provide us with and maintain our cemeteries. Giving us all a safe, inclusive, and accessible final resting place for our loved ones.



Russell Altman showing our members around his property.


## Committee 2023/24

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<b>WELFARE OFFICERS</b>	Please contact if you know of an illness, death or any special occasion.	<b>CLUB LIBRARIAN</b> Caroline Belcher	(03) 55734517
<b>NEW MEMBER CONTACT</b>	President/Secretary/ Treasurer		

# 2024 CLUB CALENDAR

## Meetings, club runs and events

**Clubrooms are situated at the Pastoral Museum in Hiller Lane Hamilton  
Meetings 3rd Thursday of the month@7:30pm Bring some supper to share.  
Club runs are held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY and then the FOURTH SUNDAY of each month.**

<b>Sunday 10th– Monday 11th March</b>	Harrow Billy Cart Races. Competitors check-in 8.30am on Saturday and events are on Sunday and Monday.
<b>Wednesday 13th March</b>	Thanks to Rob Brody for this one. Please meet at the club rooms with a chair and your packed lunch at 9.30am prepared for departure at 10.00am for Mercer’s Springwood property at the Wannan. An interesting day is promised.
<b>Thursday 14th March</b>	<b>General Meeting.</b> Brian Jenkins from the Hamilton Cemetery Trust will be our guest speaker.
<b>Saturday 16th March</b>	Condah Show’n’Shine <b>THIS EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED.</b> There will possibly be an event in November.
<b>Sunday 24th March</b>	<b>Federation Mortlake Picnic.</b> Meet at the club rooms at 9.30am for a 10 am departure. On arrival look for our club designated parking area and park accordingly. Food can be purchased or you may bring your own. Gate prizes and raffles will be part of the day.
<b>Friday 29th– Sunday 31st March</b>	
<b>Saturday 6th-Sunday 7th April</b>	Smokey River Rally at Hotspur recreation reserve. \$10 entry, cash only.
<b>Wednesday 10th April</b>	Providore Poultry Farm at Allansford. Meet at the clubrooms at 12.30 for a 1pm departure. \$15 a head includes afternoon tea and tour. Please let Pam know a week before if you are coming on 0419 145 452
<b>Sunday 21st April</b>	AROUND THE GARAGES! Hosted by Warrnambool District Historic Vehicles Club. Meet at the clubrooms 7am for a 7.30am departure to the Allansford clubrooms. \$10 per head for the day. Let Pam know if you are coming one week prior on 0419 145 452.
<b>Thursday 18th April</b>	<b>Note the change of date.</b> A week early. <b>General Meeting.</b> Guest speaker Trevor Boyd on selling cars in America.
<b>Thursday 25th April</b>	ANZAC Day. Our club usually provides some cars for the ANZAC parade enabling veterans unable to March to still be involved.
<b>Sunday 28th April</b>	FAMILY FUN DAY AND SHOW US YOUR CARS. A different program this year; so stay tuned as Dennis P and Rod P are organising some exciting events for all. We will also be celebrating the Ralph’s Dodges 100th Birthday. Please all come and make this a terrific day. A BBQ lunch will be available.

## SOCIAL FRIDAYS

To give members an opportunity to meet socially in a welcoming and relaxed environment, our Clubrooms will be open on the second and fourth Fridays of each month, commencing on the 22nd March 2024.

The rooms will be open from 10.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on these days.

Tea and coffee facilities are available together with the barbecue, microwave etc. BYO morning tea, lunch etc.

Everyone is encouraged to attend with their Club cars for a few minutes or a few hours to share their passion with other members and have access to our extensive Club Library (a much under- utilised facility)

We have quite a few Veteran and Vintage cars in the club and see these days as an opportunity to give these vehicles an airing and anticipate that some short runs to suit them may be arranged in the future.

We also intend to show some automotive related videos from time to time and encourage anyone with suitable material to make it available for everyone's entertainment.

**Come along on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. All Welcome!**





**"SAVE THE DATE 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024"**

**"It's on Again" Mortlake Picnic**



**Federation's Mortlake Picnic  
Celebrating 20 Years  
Join us in a Special Celebration on  
24<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

*To be held in the grounds of Tea Tree Park at Mortlake*

*Catering on the day by the local Lions Club, CWI and Coffee with the GVO. "Lakes and Clusters Band" will once again be in Attendance. Great Prize Pool Draw for Members*

*Come along and enjoy our Genuine Old Time Picnic Day in the Beautiful Gardens of Tea Tree Park, Plenty of Shade to sit back and relax under while you catch up with friends.*

*Enquiries: John Kervatt: Phone 0415559086*



**Save the Date**

THE  
**BROKEN HILL  
VETERAN AND VINTAGE CAR CLUB  
INC.**



**2024  
Bushman's Rally**

EASTER WEEKEND - 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH TO 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2024



Weathered Ferris will be available closer to the event.

David Stallini, Rally Director      Phone: 0488 521 758  
Gmail: [ds@bvcvcc.com](mailto:ds@bvcvcc.com)

Our first club event for 2024 had a good turn out of members all keen for a feast of pancakes to start the day. The day continued on a relaxed note with everyone enjoying a very social day of gentle cruising, site seeing, history and of course a few gustational delights.

We hope future runs and activities prove as popular. Don't forget to keep your calendar open for the June Rally; which the rally committee have put a lot of work into.

Our first general meeting for the year was also well attended and Les Toohey presented a most interesting talk and slide show on salt racing at Lake Gairdner in South Australia. As those in attendance enjoyed this presentation so much, we may get Les back again to share some more of his adventures.

With the weather as unpredictable as it has been, don't forget to update your fire plan, stay fire ready and keep safe.

To all those unwell or experiencing some troubles in their life, try to stay positive and reach out to someone. We hope things improve for you soon.

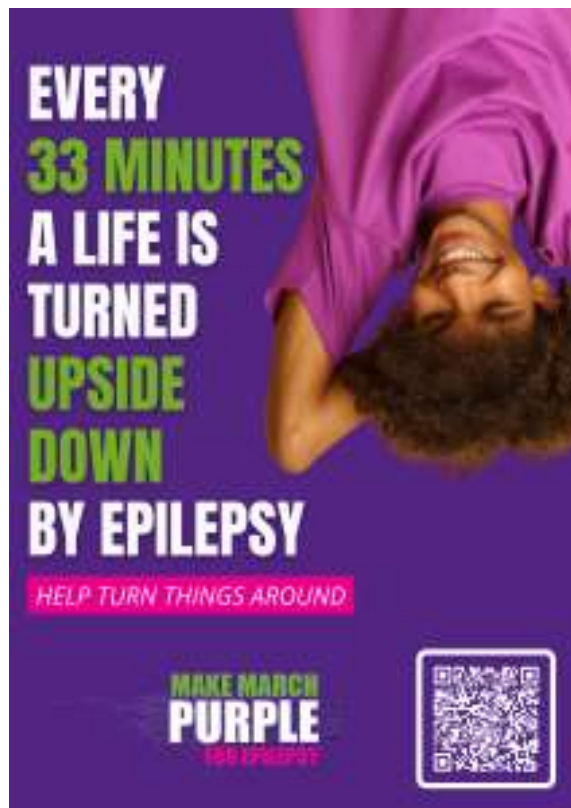
Cheers to all.

Pam.

## Health, Wellbeing & Welfare

To all members, families and friends we hope you are doing well during this time. Please remember to reach out to anyone of us if you are struggling or need an ear to listen. Our condolences are extended to Jan, Melissa, Sara, Jason and their families

This Month is Make March Purple; raising awareness for Epilepsy.



Safe Travels to everyone. May your rubber stay on the road.



## General Minutes 15.2.2023

<b>Meeting Opened</b>	7.40 pm
<b>Members Attending</b>	Pam Pollock, Graeme Ralph, Betty Ralph, Jenny Corcoran, Colin Warfe, Penelope King, Mark Rye, Lorraine Rye, Wal Brinkmann, Eunice Brinkmann, Noel Schneider, Chris Watt, Helen Moore, Bob Mulley, David Hayes, Geoff Roberts, Richard Neaves, Norm Gravestocks, Dougald Christie, Michael Woodward, Peter Wilson, Lorraine Wilson, Peter Steer, John Barke, Ron Ainger, Bev Ainger, Peter Cay, Rodger Garland, Les Toohey.
<b>Apologies</b>	Denis Polack, Robert Brody, Robert Fraser, Bob Martin, Jo Reid, Warrick Hansted, Brian Simkin, It was moved Gus Kuilboer, , seconded Michael Woodward that the apologies be accepted, Carried
<b>Minutes of Previous</b>	Moved Lorraine Wilson, seconded Peter Wilson that the minutes of the December 2023 meeting as published be confirmed. Carried.
<b>Business Arising</b>	None
<b>Treasurers Report</b>	Peter Dowdle Presented a statement detailing the financial position of the club as at 31 <sup>st</sup> January n2024. Moved Peter Dpwdle, seconded Betty Ralph that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Carried
<b>New Membership Applications</b>	Peter and Wendy Radley with 1949 Austin A40 Tourer. Referred to Committee.
<b>Correspondence</b>	IN: Newsletters. Australia Post: Post: Office Box renewal Federation; Payment for supplying volunteers for Bendigo Swap. Westpac: Term Deposit Statement. . Vintage Motor Cycle Club of Victoria; Notice of Scoresby Annual Motor Cycle Swap 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 Flyer: Historic Winton and Car Show 25 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 ,, Bendigo Swap 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 Ballarat Club: Condolence to club regarding Doug Palmer.
<b>Club Captains Report</b>	Past Events: Pam reported on the Pleasant President's run to Mt Eccles and the social success of Christmas Dinner at the Hamilton Racecourse. She also reported on the success of the Valentines Day outing which included pancake breakfast, lunch in the Ralph's garden with a history talk and cottage preservation project followed by an inspection of the Mt Baimbridge Road Grace Fellowship Church site conducted by Rodger Garland, and Devonshire afternoon tea at Pam's. It was a good start to the year!  Coming events: Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February: Russell Altman's Garage Stawell.  Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2024. 20 <sup>th</sup> Annual Mortlake Picnic.  Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March Mercer's "Springwood' property for BYO lunch.

<b>Building Committee</b>	Graeme Ralph reported that there were no suitable materials available from the house being demolished in Cox Street (e.g. lining boards) It is anticipated that work on the workshop and office will commence again in March.
<b>Federation Report</b>	Graeme Ralph reported on the Federation meeting held in Carisbrook on 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024. Bendigo Swap again ran well with a slight downturn. The 2024 Swap will be on November 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> . Volunteers will again be called for,  The Marong Picnic will be on 25 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 and the Golden Oldies Rally will commence from there and tour Maryborough, Daylesford and Ballarat areas.  Various other picnics will be supported throughout the state with the 20 <sup>th</sup> Mortlake picnic being held on Sun-
<b>News-letter</b>	More items of interest are always welcome. Many thanks to past contributors.
<b>Rally</b>	The Rally Committee is hard at work and anticipates that entry forms will be available in March.
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	Get Well Cards to: Reg Jenkins  John Barber  Carol Baudinette  David Falkenberg  Sympathy Cards To: Jan Palmer  Melissa and Brendan Walsh and Family  Sara Palmer and Family
<b>General Business</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> October the Bass Coast Historic Vehicle Club will be visiting. More details to come.  Newsletter: If you know of anyone not receiving their newsletter, please let the Editor know.  Monthly Runs: We are getting a lot of offers to arrange these outings, so please keep your ideas coming and we can plan well ahead.  Richard Neaves asked if a visit to the Hamilton fire bombing service at the aerodrome, Pam advised that John Wilken was unable to get a convenient date arranged but anticipated that it will be on our programme later in
<b>Meeting</b>	
<b>Next</b>	THURSDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2024. Guest Speaker Brian Jenkins, Chairman Hamilton Cemetery Trust.
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Les Toohey entertained us with an illustrated talk on the Salt Lake speed trials at Lake Gairdner in South Australia, This is our equivalent of Bonneville in the USA and attracts competitors from around the world.

# Federation Report

The February Federation meeting was held at Carisbrook and hosted by the Maryborough District Historic Vehicle Club,

Upcoming events for 2024 were outlined:

Mortlake Picnic is on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March. This is the 20<sup>th</sup> Mortlake picnic and has local Council support. There will be musical entertainment, on site catering, raffle prizes and a great social atmosphere.

**Wunghnu Vehicle, Machinery and Collectable Display** will be an Easter picnic on the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Included will be a celebration of 100 years of Farmall tractors.

**Other Picnics** supported by Federation are **Scoresby** on 5<sup>th</sup> May, **Murrabit (Kerang)** on 19<sup>th</sup> May. 19<sup>th</sup> May is also **National Motoring Heritage Day** and clubs are urged to promote our movement to the general public, Marong Picnic is on 25<sup>th</sup> August and the Golden Oldies Tour for vehicles 1930 and earlier starts at this event,

**The Golden Oldies Tour** includes 2 nights in Maryborough, two in Daylesford and 3 in Ballarat. This promises to be a great Vintage Vehicle event. The limit is 60 and 35 entries have been received so far.

Peter Mac Hospital Fundraiser: This worthy cause has the full support of Federation and member clubs have been allocated collection tins.

**Bendigo Swap** This major event will continue in 2024 on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November. Volunteers will again be called for. Bendigo Club and Federation will continue to manage this event and make any adjustments deemed necessary taking into account the age profile of attendees and volunteers.

**Australian Historic Motoring Federation (AHMF)** continue to promote the Robert Shannon Trust which provides financial assistance to a selected nominee under 25 years old to help with their vehicle restoration.

**Operating Heritage Australia** is working with Canberra University regarding fossil fuels or alternatives to keep Historic vehicles operating in the future.

**Incorporation Rules Update:** The model rules for an incorporated body such as ours have been reviewed and we need to be aware of the content of these rules.



## Club Runs

### Tyrendarra Show 10.2.2024

What a little gem! We may make this a club event next year. I was very surprised when coming up to the venue at the number of vehicles parked along the road and in the reserve. The equestrian vehicles around the oval were a sight to see; there were people and horses every where. The entry fee was very reasonable and there was something for everyone. The Show 'N' Shine event was well represented and worth more than a quick glance. Craft and flowers were a delight. The equestrian events drew a very large crowd, there was shearing and music; you name it, they had it. A day well worth the pleasant drive down to attend.



### Wednesday 14.2.2024

Yummy pancakes, historic buildings, food (of course), great company, short pleasant drives, horticulture, landscaping and scenic views from Mount Baimbridge Hill all contributed to a relaxing and pleasant day. The weather played its part with the sun coming out from behind the clouds.





### Sunday 25.2.2024

Our visit to Russell Altman's garages and workshop near Stawell was again well attended and provided something for all. The ladies enjoyed a pleasant stroll around the shady garden with Rose who provided a history from its beginnings and through its transformation. It was a very relaxing and cool place to have our lunch. Russell took those brave enough to venture out in the heat of the day for a wander through his acreage of cars, trucks, shed, steel, collectables and much much more. He had Champs galore in all states of repair or perhaps disrepair. His storage sheds and workshops were a wonder to behold; with boxes up boxes and neatly stored and labeled with new and used Champ parts inside. Any part required can be found quickly (by those who know). At first glance you would not think this possible; there were push bikes parked everywhere for staff to get around, but none of our contingent took the challenge to board one. The highlight for his staff was the air conditioned smoko room, it appeared this was the most favourite part of the whole complex. A quiet amazing place; the general comment being that much more time was required to look at everything. We were told this was nothing as there was a place down the road that would put Russell's to shame it was so big; and would take at least a week to get around.

Stuart McDonald won fashion of the day with his color coordinated legs matching his vehicle. A great day was finished off with an ice cream on the way home at the famous Halls Gap Ice Creamery.









The Vintage and Classic Car Club of Ballarat conducted the 51<sup>st</sup> Begonia Rally from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024. We drove the 1985 BMW 320i and joined with 95 other Historic Vehicles for this annual event.

Activities began with registrations at the Ballarat Clubrooms in Humffray Street South, Ballarat where we learned that the club has literally outgrown the old clubrooms that have served the club well for many years. A new larger building is to be built on the site in the near future.

On Saturday morning we assembled at the Brown Hill Hall in Humffray Street North for morning tea before taking a rambling route via Blampied, Basalt, Franklinford and Yandoit to Srangways near Newstead to the home of Doug and Kerry Hansford where lunch was served. We were then able to view their extensive collection of horse drawn vehicles that Doug has been collecting since the age of 11. The vehicles including gigs, buggies and coaches of various sizes are well displayed alongside many household items, artwork and memorabilia.

Returning to Ballarat via Smeaton and Creswick we freshened up and were driven to the Alfredton Sports Centre for the Rally dinner, where the guest speaker was replaced by some rather entertaining music and dancing. (The speaker was to talk about a motor cycling adventure from Alaska to the southern tip of South America, but he had been waylaid by COVID!) Nevertheless, we enjoyed a superb two-course meal, the music and great company.

Sunday morning our assembly point was at Eureka Park, conveniently opposite our motel. We took another rambling route on back roads to Ballan, then back to Gordon before heading south via Mount Egerton and Yendon to the little settlement of Lal Lal.

Lal Lal is on the Ballarat to Geelong railway with an impressive bluestone station out of service and a pub no longer serving beer. Morning tea was served at the little local hall. An intended visit to the Lal Lal falls on the west branch of the Moorabool River was foregone due to lack of water and a larger than expected crowd!

During the gold rush era, locally mined iron ore was processed in a blast furnace operating at Lal Lal supplying pig iron to Ballarat foundries

We moved on to the lunch venue at Scotsburn Park which is the home of Ballarat Club President Andy Burns where his private museum houses an impressive collection of tractors, cars, stationary engines, signage and other memorabilia. Andy had organised a village of portable gazebos to protect the diners from a rather intense sun.

The raffle was drawn, trophies awarded. By popular vote a 1968 E Type Jaguar was judged the most desirable vehicle. With farewells said, we were on the road after a very well run rally with a great variety of cars, some nice scenic drives, impressive collections and really good company.

Graeme and Betty Ralph



1912 Overland



Horsedrawn Buggy



Big Chief Engine



3 Litre Rover



Hart Parr



E Type Jaguar



International Motor Buggy



1948 Dodge

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So we left off last month with the case of the re-appearance of Holden no.2 peaking the curiosity of Leading Senior Constable Jordan BROWN. There have been documented cases from over the world where long-lost automotive treasures have been re-discovered but there is usually some-one with the knowledge of the location of these vehicles but keep their locations quiet due to loyalty, self-interest e.t.c.

The sudden appearance of No.2 – long thought to have been broken up and destroyed even took the Holden experts by surprise. For a lot of those experts the re-appearance was taken with some disbelief and having the natural curiosity and suspicion of not only an experienced police officer but also a member attached to the Vehicle Crime Squad also caught the attention of LSC BROWN. The seller of the vehicle had come to the notice of police in 2015 for another matter but had also been found to have changed his name from Damon Cavaleri to Donnelly after twice being convicted of deception offences in 2008. The 2008 case being based on online marketplace fraud.

Whilst perusing the online stories and photographs LSC Brown noticed a picture of the vehicle's identification plate that just didn't seem right. LSC Brown contacted the purchaser of the vehicle and expressed his concerns regarding its authenticity – suspecting even at that stage, that the Holden was an earlier model being dressed-up as Holden No.2. The new owner handed over paperwork that Donnelly had provided at the time of the purchase allegedly showing the provenance of his claim including redacted VicRoads records of previous owners. According to Donnelly, he had purchased the vehicle in 2009 from the deceased estate of Drouin man and long-term Holden mechanic Gabriel "Victor" Brusco. Donnelly claimed the redacted name from the records was Mr Brusco's and that Brusco had brought the vehicle directly from Holden in 1951. Based on this story Donnelly was able to have the original registration JP.481 re-issued and the vehicle became legally recognised as Prototype 2.

Being able to access original VicRoads records, LSC BROWN found that records showed the actual purchaser in 1951 was Holden employee Albert Kleye. A further search of records held by the AOMC, revealed that Prototype No.2 had been registered in 1953 to a Maurice Wood with new registration GAB694. Tracking down Mr Wood's three sons, LSC Brown found the whereabouts of P-2 had been lost around 1956 when the Wood family sold the car. Donnelly's alleged provenance had started to unravel. **(Below: Fake Age Patina on vehicle)**



Probably with a growing feeling of foreboding the owner of the vehicle agreed to hand it over to Forensic Investigators. In stepped Forensic officer Nigel Alves. Nigel would of researched known

original construction methods of the various Prototypes to cross reference against no.2.

During extensive examination, LSC BROWN's initial concern was founded when it was discovered that the vehicle's Identification Plates and engine had been re-manufactured. An X had been cast into the engine block which usually denotes a Prototype. Further detailed examination found that the crucial identification welds on the body had been added by Donnelly and held no purpose on the body.

With mounting evidence further inquiries found the vehicle was a c-1951 Holden FX that Donnelly had purchased in Altona in

**(Right – stripped interior showing body welds which proved fake)**





2009. After 2 years of exhaustive examination and overwhelming evidence, Donnelly was brought in for questioning in 2017. Of course as most fraudsters do, he denied all allegations stating it was his father that purchased the car and put it back together from bits.

By this stage the previous enthusiastic/pessimistic Forum sites of 2010 were starting to post the end results of the "discovery" of No.2. A post from 2023 reads:

Certainly, I'm not an expert by any means, I am a mechanic by trade and have completed several award winning concourse Holden restorations however.

The doors and glass weren't from an early car, the job on the front guards (bogged up to look square) was pretty shite but would probably (and sadly did) fool some. The floor welding was interesting and was selective where it was carried out. Ultimately metallurgy proved that it was done with materials that weren't likely to have been used in 1940's era. I was very interested in the 2 speed diff, I had read about them in books from a young age and it was great to see one with my own eyes. There was very obvious, deliberate, mud and dirt under the car to make it look aged/original. There was spray tar EVERYWHERE!! That was a dead giveaway.

Ultimately, it was a car that had some very rare old parts, if he had offered it as a 'replica' it wouldn't have flown either but he wouldn't be in prison.

I believe that this was the second vehicle that this person had rebirthed.



After a number of Covid delays, Damon Donnelly appeared before court and was found guilty of Fraud related offences and sentenced to 18 months in jail. Donnelly was also ordered to repay \$247,000 to the purchaser of the vehicle. Donnelly appealed the sentence but it was upheld by the higher court.

**(Damon Donnelly in his newly manufactured Prototype No.2 c2011)**

We can thank the likes of LSC Brown and experts such as Forensic officer Nigel Alves for correcting history and stopping the perpetuation of fake items. It also shows

that provenance paperwork cannot be trusted and if it sounds too good to be true – it generally is.

I would especially like to thank the editor of Police Life, Roslyn Jaguar, for permission to re-produce sections of the excellent article 'Hunting Holdens True History' by Jesse Wray-McCann and permissions supplied from Sgt Jordan Brown & Forensic Officer Nigel Alves to discuss the case and forensic procedures.

Another great reference to this story is contained in The Automotive Historian (Automotive Historians Australia) February 2023 Newsletter.

I hope everyone has a safe March - a busy period ahead with the Yarra Valley Swap meet, Veteran Car Club 1-2 Cyl Rally in Echuca and Kalorama (Celebrating the Vintage years). Should have lots to write about.

Cheers & Happy Motoring, Jason



# Studebaker Starlight Coupé

*'Raymond Loewy was hired to shape these futuristic Studebakers.'*

THE STUDEBAKER company was founded on making wagons and carts in the latter part of the 19th century, and was massively boosted by the demand for its wheelbarrows during the Californian gold rush. It made its first, electric, car in 1902 and rapidly developed into one of the largest car makers in America. But only in 1947 did Studebaker force its rivals to sit up and take notice.

Its innovative models, in two- and four-door Commander, Champion and Regal guises, were America's first totally new car design since 1941.

Their modern, forward-leaning looks, sleek lines and wraparound rear windows made contemporary vehicles seem geriatric by comparison. They benefited from some impressive outside influence: leading product designer Raymond Loewy was hired to shape these futuristic Studebakers. Underneath, though, things were trustworthy and reliable, based around Studebaker's all-iron straight-six engines.

If these cars were radical then the 1950 models, with their space-age 'bullet' nose styling – a massive circular 'grille' with a prominent chrome point bursting out of the centre and flanked by two chrome-surrounded air-intakes – were sensational. They helped Studebaker sell a record 320,884 cars that year.

From there, though, steady decline set in as the high wages the company paid and the location of its factories in Indiana and Ontario conspired to reduce

The 1946 Studebakers led the world with their up-to-the-minute design.



the company to a marginal force in the American motor industry's pecking order. The last Studebaker was made in 1966, and cars like this 1950 Champion Starlight coupé only live on in the hands of keen collectors.



This article was sourced from "Cars That Time Forgot" by Giles Chapman; printed in the UK in 1997 by Parragon

## Fiona MacLeod & Darryl McBeth

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A couple more pictures from Russell Altman's:



### Note from the Editor:

Thank you for supporting the newsletter; I hope you all are receiving it in the format that you wish. If your or anyone you know are not receiving the newsletter; please let me know and I'll get that fixed up.

Thank you

Bianca Higgins



## Naracoorte Swap Meet

PO Box 807

Naracoorte,

South Australia, 5271

The Naracoorte Historic Vehicle Club invites members of your Club/Society/Association to attend the **41st Naracoorte Swap Meet** to be held on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th May 2024.

Location: Showgrounds, Smith Street, Naracoorte, South Australia.

Outdoor sites will be allocated on arrival and cost \$25, including driver. No pre-bookings are necessary. Gates open 12 Noon until 9pm on Friday 3rd May for site holders and from 6.30am Saturday.

A limited number of indoor sites are available on Saturday only, at \$45. Trestles can be hired. Also, a limited number of powered outdoor sites for \$30 for both days. Enquiries to Marilyn on 0428 662 008.

Public entry is \$5.00.

Trading for outdoor sites: Saturday 7am – 5pm. Sunday 7am – 12 Noon.

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For reasons of public safety, **dogs will not be allowed** on the grounds.

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