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ON THE COVER

Neat little Nissan truck spotted at the All Japan Show by Hayden Muir recently



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<u>April 2022</u>

Saturday 1 st Club Meeting at <u>7:30p</u>

- Saturday 2nd Red Cliffs Centenary parade. Registration form available from Ian Cook (0428165355) if you would like to join this occasion. A concert will be on following the parade.
- Friday 15th The City Heart are again running the annual Good Friday Show & Shine.
 The event will be held in conjunction with the Easter Power Sports all motor related clubs in the area have been invited to attend.
 If you would like to take part please let me (Royston) know at the next meeting or
 Email royston.lloyd@bigpond.com
 Phone 0408257156 (text if you can so I won't lose details.)
 Sunday 24th Goulburn Valley Club passing through Mildura and are interested in meeting up for a meal. More details later.

Wednesday 27th Riverfront Picnic Tea. Hugh King Drive. 6pm. BYO everything you require.

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All Japan Car Show— Adelaide

I attended the All Japan Day in Adelaide last weekend with my wife Kirsty, daughter Isobel and her boyfriend Joel. We travelled down together, shoehorned into my 1977 Datsun 240k with a boot full of luggage. It was a huge event with a vast array of vehicles on display, not to mention the constant cruising of similar vehicles all day up and down Jetty Road. Once again we had the only Datsun 240k on display, but we had a chat with many people about our car that love the Granddaddy of the modern Skyline. Skyline owners especially. One such owner we first saw on the highway coming in towards Gawler on Friday afternoon. We spotted their purple Australian Skyline Silhouette sedan heading in the other direction and about 5 minutes later we had been chased down by them, to be filmed, waved at and honked at as we travelled along the glorious new Northern Expressway. A finer welcome to the city you wouldn't find!

We caught up with these young enthusiasts at the show on Sunday where they admitted to being extremely excited at seeing a 240k on the road. The conversation flowed and they admitted to having a slight Corolla addiction as well. There were also some Mildura and Red Cliffs locals at the show from the Miljuro club (Mildura Japanese and Euro) with an 80's Cressida and a rare Pulsar GTI-R rally weapon. Our car club member Reese and his partner were also there with this group of enthusiasts. One of the vehicles to catch my eye at the show was a very original Nissan/Datsun Caball truck, as the majority of these were worked into the ground. It was very neat, without rust, and had what was left of the original timber boards on the tray. I must admit my interest here as I have been working on getting my own '73 Nissan/Datsun C80 3.5 tonne truck back on the road, the ultimate Japanese classic car carrier!!

Other notable vehicles were the pair of R34 Skyline Nurburgring Editions (\$\$\$\$\$\$), a Mitsubishi 3000GT, and the many beautifully presented Supra's, RX7's, and other rotary powered rockets. One very interesting, but not necessarily beautiful, Nissan Cedric Brougham was noteworthy for its pillarless 4 door body, frameless door glass and two air-conditioning systems. I imagine this was a very expensive car in its day. Speaking of expensive, BP Ultimate was \$2.23 per litre in Adelaide......But, with the perfect weather and hundreds of cars in attendance, the day was a huge success and well worth attending. We may just have to go again.

Hayden Muir.









A Little Bit Of Humour!

After for filling up with fuel the other day I felt a bit sick in the stomach and sweaty. I must be suffering from Carowner Virus!

Jaycee Park Picnic

18 members attended the BBQ at Jaycee park, by all reports a good time was had by all.



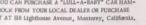








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Some more not so good ideas from the past!

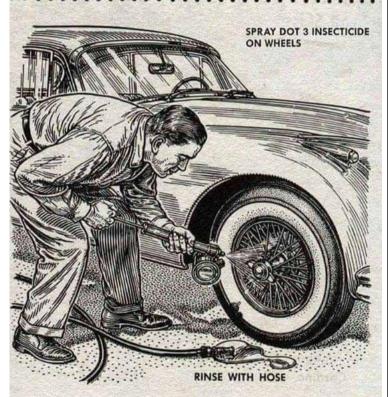
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Some items sent in by Rig, we think designed to depopulate the world either by injury or toxicity!

Nash Thought of the Children, too, in the World's Finest Travel Car!





Wheels can be thrown out of balance by a buildup of wheel ants. Protect your car's smooth ride with weekly applications of automotive grade insecticide.





A Message From Our Club Permit Officer

In the past couple of months or so, it has been reported to me, that there have been instances where club members have attended the workplace of Shane Downes, (Shane has stepped back from the day to day running of the business now—Ed) the Assistant Club Permit Officer, to get their renewal signed. When the club member is told that Shane is out on a job site, and will sign the renewal on his return, the club member becomes annoyed and wants the renewal signed straight away.

Of Course this cannot occur!

Remember that all the officers of the club are volunteers, and cannot be everywhere, for everyone, every time!

Also: There have been a few occurrences in the past month, where a Club member has reported to me that they have not received the renewal form for their Club Permit Vehicle. Those members have been required to attend a VicRoads office and have a renewal notice printed out for them.

- I remind members that it is your responsibility to ensure your vehicle permits are current.
- The driver of a vehicle, if detected, will be fined for driving an unregistered vehicle if the club permit has expired or the log book is not filled out and signed.

It is VicRoads policy that once a vehicle's Registration or Club Permit has expired by six months or more, then a full roadworthy certificate and registration/permit must be obtained.

So please do yourself a favour and check the currency of your permit/s. It could save you a lot of money or at very least a lot of messing about.

N.B. If your renewal notice does not arrive, go to a VicRoads office, have the notice for your vehicle printed out and arrange for me or the assistant registrar to sign the renewal form for you. Ken

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Members with vehicles on the Club Permit Scheme must remember to produce their vehicle log book (for the previous year) to the Club Permit Officer / Registrar when requesting club verification for the following permit period.

Rig's Tips



Asbestos is a dirty word in the world these days, and we are led to believe that anything containing the dreaded stuff will kill us if we play with it. Certainly, the blue variety is not good, particularly if the dust is inhaled. I remember talking to a bloke many years ago who worked in the bagging room at the big mine in WA, and he told me that at times you could not see the opposite wall as the dust was so thick. He went on to sing songs such as "Jake the Peg" & "Tie Me Kangaroo Down Sport", so it obviously didn't hurt him.

Unfortunately, the authorities don't discriminate between the various types of asbestos, so we all suffer. I remember reading an article years ago, written by one of the engineers at Ford in Geelong. He explained that brakes contain brown asbestos, which is nowhere near as deadly as the other variety, but it still pays to be careful when playing with old brake shoes.

Another terrible carcinogenic material we all play with is sump oil, or so we are told. I remember most workshops had a kero bath, in which all engine parts were washed to get rid of the oil. When it became black & too diluted to be efficient, it was changed. It was common for the mechanics to wash their hands in the bath and dip their fingers in when they suffered a cut or wound. Obviously, the healing qualities of the kero were more effective than the cancer-causing sump oil. In fact, kero was used for treating several inflictions in the early days, so has the ingredients in oil & kero changed, or have we become weaklings? But it still pays to be safe when working on our vehicles, so take the precautions necessary.

Rig

Can Anyone Guess What The Make Of This Old Engine Is? ... Continued!



Thanks to Roger Beatie, President of the Fiat Car Club of Victoria for further info on the Fiat engine pictured.

I thought I could add a little to the Identify the Motor question It certainly is from a Fiat but it is a fairly specific one. It comes from a Nuova 500 Gardiniera the small station wagon version of the Bambino. It is peculiar in having the cylinders laid over horizontal to provide a flat parcel floor.





LEFT: Volvo have always been trendsetters when it comes to automotive developments. Here is one idea that didn't get very far in development but I'm sure would have worked quite well!

Minutes From Page 11 continued.

Gerry East has his father's Hearst. It is a 1962 Fairlane Ranchwagon and has now returned to the family after 50 years.

6 couples attended Lake Cullulleraine campout.

Text message seems to be hit and miss, Christine to investigate using something else that is more reliable, could be a google security issue.

Raffle was drawn.

Meeting closed 8.20pm

Ford Flathead V8 Tractor

Bob Jones contributed this article on a vehicle with significant local provenance. This tractor is a modified WW2 army truck that was built by Jim Bailey of Dareton. The Baileys constructed a number of interesting pieces of machinery from WW2 surplus army trucks that aided in the development of Coomealla and Dareton. The tractor was transported back to Dareton by John Waters, after it had been owned by various vintage machinery enthusiasts in Morwell, Melbourne and Melton.

The tractor was brought back to it's original condition by Kevin Morrison who was assisted by members of Dareton Men in a Shed. The Bailey Tractor is powered by a 1939 V8 Ford side valve engine and Kevin being a Ford enthusiast was the perfect choice to carry out the repairs. The Bailey machinery can be viewed at Dareton Men in a Shed.





Minutes of MVVC meeting held 4/3/2022 at MVVC Clubrooms.

The meeting was opened by President Robert Rigby at 7:30pm.

Apologies

Apologies were received as per apologies book page 36 Moved by k Telford Seconded D Hill by Carried.

<u>Visitors & Prospective New Members</u> Trevor & Kerry Combe purchased Russel Witcombe Morris Minor.

<u>Minutes of the previous Meeting</u> As circulated in the Bulbhorn. Moved by P Roeszler Seconded by A Zinich Carried.

Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting. Nil

Correspondence Inwards

8 electronic newsletters 6 Newsletters Account from Australia Post for payment. Red Cliffs Centenary Generator for sale. Kerang show & shine 24/4

Correspondence Outwards:

Richard Munro thank you and congratulations.

Correspondence moved to be accepted. Moved A Downes Seconded M Stanbrook Carried.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

As circulated and read by Rod Gleeson. Moved by R Gleeson Seconded P Nancarrow <u>Carried.</u>

<u>Events Director Report:</u> New committee who hope to work around each other when they have holidays. Shane thanked Peter and previous committee for their excellent work in previous years.

16/3 Mid week run river front. 6pm at Jacee Park club bbq will be available. If that area is full will move to the other end of the riverfront.

27/3 10am at clubrooms for morning tea. Leave club rooms 10.30 after morning tea at clubrooms and finish at holden museum. BBQ lunch. Shane moved that club supply the meat for the bbq lunch for members. Ladies to supply a salad. Non member pay a gold coin. Carried. Afternoon tea will be pancakes. Discount for members to go through the museum, tea or coffee to be purchased at the museum. Christine will send a phone message for people to give Shane numbers, will require numbers for catering purposes.

2/4 Red Cliffs centennial. Need to fill out their car details tonight. Street parade at 2pm. Must be double vaxed. Ian encouraged everyone to attend.

Easter show and shine need names and numbers. Must be double vaccinated to attend.

24/4 Goulburn Valley car club will be in town and want to meet up.

<u>Editors Report:</u> George is in isolation with covid. He thanked everyone for their contributions and is looking for feedback on ways he can improve.

<u>Federation Report</u>: Ken and Skinner attended a zoom meeting. Bendigo swap still looking for volunteers, our club will get the money for working the gate. Border Force are still vigilant regarding asbestos in vehicles. Luxury tax on imported cars supports road maintenance. Next meeting will be in Colac in May. Golden oldies rally is going ahead in May.

<u>Victoria Permit Scheme Officers Report:</u> If you need registration renewals by Shane please leave at the shop and he will get back to you. If urgent please call either Ken or Shane.

New South Wales Registers Report. Nil to report.

<u>Librarian report</u>. Allan advised there are plenty or books available.

Building Report nil

<u>Welfare Report</u>. Keith Forster had a triple bypass but is progressing. Trevor Thomas is going to have his heart checked. Desley Rankin is in Murray House and is very settled. Heather Turner & Kevin Telford thanked everyone for their thoughts and attendance at Nola's Funeral.

<u>Property Report</u> Jan still has some name tags to be collected.

Historian Report nil to report.

<u>Publicity Report:</u> Roysten will assist with the Easter show and shine.

Reports were moved by G Skinner Seconded by D Blanch Carried.

General Business

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Phil moved that the offer from Kaye Matthews to purchase chairs for the clubrooms be accepted. Seconded S Downes. Carried.

Robert thanked the club members for their help on Monday at Nola Telfords funeral. Colleen, Kevin's daughter also thanked everyone for their assistance.

16th October will be the new date for the Bay to Birdwood. Will be all years.

Ballarat swap meet was very dusty. Will be moved next year. New site will be in grass.

Need to get some more keys for the clubrooms.

Members who have renewed their membership but haven't collected their cards, these are available at the meeting tonight. Continued pg 10.

From Australia to London by Model A Ford

There is an article in the Feb 2022 issue of Classic and Sportscar magazine from the UK that Ken Bennett has summarised for our reading pleasure.

The article is headed : "A for Adventure".

In November 1962 two newlyweds Jan and Wal Hunter from Perth WA and a friend set out from Melbourne in a 1928 Model A Ford sedan heading for London in the UK.

With all their gear the car weighed 39 cwt or 1950 kg whereas an empty A Model weighs 21 cwt or 1067 kg. They travelled across the Nullarbor to Perth where they replaced the troublesome tyres. The next set went all the way to London.

They went by Indian cargo boat from Perth to the southern tip of India and then by road in the Model A through Pakistan, Afghanistan, Turkey, Greece, Yugoslavia, Germany and on to London via France.

Apart from it's not so effective brakes they said that the car did a great job. It averaged 18 mpg across the Nullarbor and other longer stretches.

The main mechanical problems encountered were some of the welded wheel spokes cracking at the hub, water pump failure caused by an uprated new part using roller bearings instead of bronze bushes, and a keyway on the rear drive shaft breaking up.

In 1975 having moved back to Perth Jan and Wal sold the A Model with some other cars to purchase a Jaguar XK120 sports.

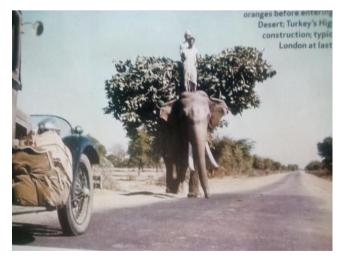
In 2001 their son Andrew tracked down the car to a farm in WA where it had been in a shed for 25 years and was able to purchase it.





Leaving Melbourne.

Camping on the Nullabor



Elephant in Western India



Buying oranges near the Baluchistan desert in South Pakistan. Still 5887 miles/km? to go!





One of 83 washed out bridges on the road from Kabul to Kandahar in Afghanistan.

Highway no 1 Turkey.



London at last.



Jan and Wal reunited with the A Model. Got to love a happy ending!



RIGHT: Another essential accessory for every car, and very cheap too!

Greeting's members, More Covid around but less restrictions on us as we start to live with the virus. Concerts & football matches seem to be an unhealthy place to be, as are probably all large gatherings. If members wish to wear a mask at meetings, runs, etc., please feel free to do so.

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We have at last got a few runs to look forward to in the next few months and it would be great to see some vehicles active again.

Speaking of runs, we have our bi-annual rally coming up next Easter, so a Rally Committee needs to elected to get the event organised. Planning needs to be pretty much completed so that entry forms are available at the Bendigo Swap or sooner. Let us hope that fuel prices come down before then! As this is an 'every two years' event, it is not a hugely onerous task, particularly if we have an enthusiastic committee, so think about putting your hand up and getting involved. Who knows what different runs and ideas may be proposed by new people?

The push to get us into EV's gathers pace, as the Queensland Government are now offering a \$3,000 subsidy to prospective owners. The proviso is that the vehicle must not cost more than \$58,000. This excludes all the Tesla models which have just had a price increase. (I have noticed several references to build quality of Tesla's in many motoring publications.) The Tesla 3, which is sold in Australia, now starts at \$63,900 and is built in China. Anyone wanting to get a cheap EV can buy some scuba gear and salvage one from 3,000m off the Azores coast, where a ship carrying several thousand Porsche made cars caught fire and sunk. One of the suggestions is that the fire was caused by an EV battery going up in flames, which spread to the rest of the cargo.

While on the subject of fires, EV batteries aren't the only culprit, as recently in Victoria, a catalytic converter on a vehicle started a grass fire, which spread and burned 15 others! None of these things happened when we drove old cars.

Rig



If you have a car on the Club Permit Scheme, It is your responsibility to ensure that your club permit/s are current. They are easily overlooked.

NO SMOKING

IN THE CLUB ROOMS OR ON THE GROUNDS TO COMPLY WITH REGULATIONS SET BY THE WENTWORTH SHIRE If you are able to provide transport for those members unable to drive themselves to meetings, or are a member who is unable to attend a meeting and would like other members to assist with transport, please contact Jan Collins on the Monday prior to the meeting.

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Club Run to the Holden Museum. March 27th.

A very successful run from the clubrooms to the Holden museum was held on March 27th. While I could not attend I did manage to drop in while the pancakes were cooking and snap a few photos of the day.









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