

## Milang's Yesterday's Power Rally Weekend

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> to Mon 20<sup>th</sup> 2025

Thursday I was packed and ready to go (in the S Series) when Simon and Jacqui arrived in June around 11 am with my passenger Jenson together with Casey and his girlfriend Matilda in his Ford with a trailer full of stationary engines etc.

Setting off from home all was good until going through Redwood Park roadworks closed the road and we were detoured through the streets. However not enough detour road signs were out and soon Jenson and I were lost and going the wrong way.

Noticing we were going north and not south I quickly changed directions and Jenson was on the phone to Jacqui for directions as we did not have GPS in a 1962 Valiant!

Soon we were back on track and headed for Chain of Ponds which in a non-power steering car is, I guess is good for the arm muscles.

We caught up with Simon and Casey at Hahndorf so all headed off to Strathalbyn. Here we filled up with petrol and headed off to Milang for lunch at the bakery, where Simon said to me "where is the petrol cap?" Good one old cars I left it at Strathalbyn so back I went while the others went on to Clayton Bay where we were staying.

Finally I got to Clayton Bay and unloaded the car and settled in for the stay.

Friday saw us all off to Goolwa to catch the Cockle train to Victor and then return to Goolwa. Lucky for us the steam train RX224 was running that day.

That afternoon Simon and the boys took the trailer full of engines down to the Milang Oval to set up for the weekend.

Friday night saw us off to the Finnis Café for dinner which is always a nice place for a meal. Marcos arrived late Friday night with the Prefect as he had trade school that day and didn't leave home until after 7 pm.

Saturday was the first day of the event so June, the Prefect and the Valiant went down to the Milang Oval for the day which was a very hot day luckily we had shelter as the oval only have trees on the outskirts of the oval.

We caught up with Mike and Mary from the MAPS club who stayed with us for most of the day. Also Ian and Carol arrived too.

Peter was also here with his Genota.

Saturday night we all stayed in with a BBQ which was good as I got either sunburn or windburn despite staying under shelter.

Sunday back to the Milang Oval where the weather was a bit better due to more cloud cover.

Simon and Jacqui won trophies in the Post Vintage category and the Ford feature category.

Sunday night we tried out the Pier 28 restaurant in Clayton Bay which was very nice – it is always busy there.

Monday saw us all packed and ready to go by 9 am so off we went only stopping at Strathalbyn for petrol. I made sure the petrol cap was on this time.

After unpacking and washing it was time to relax before heading off to the January General Meeting that night.

There was talk of this event moving to March in the future. Time will tell if this happens as March is a very big month for events.

Always a great weekend this one.

## Model A Ford Breakfast Run

Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup> 2025

Ian and I awoke early as we had to be at the Glandore Clubrooms by 7.30 am for the annual Breakfast Run. Well we just made it by 7.30 am on the dot.

By this time there was a good turn up of vehicles old and new. This included Shirley's 1933 Roadster, Simon's June '47 and Marcos' Prefect. Of course our '35 was out of action so we were in the modern and there were many other older vehicles.

We waited for the other members of our club to turn up but by the time it was ready for the run no one else had turned up.

A short run was had around the surrounding suburbs and a very intensive (30 questions) questionnaire was given to all the car navigators.

Off we went following along behind others whilst driving we tried to answer the questions. I think we got about 20 answered but not sure if they were correct or not. At least we didn't get lost thanks to Marcos.

Once back at the clubrooms a very grand breakfast was awaiting us, cereal, juice, coffee, tea, bacon, tomatoes, eggs on toast and pancakes with lemon and maple syrup.

The questionnaire was again won by Jim and Bev from the Ford 8 & 10 Club. The raffle was drawn won by two people.

We would like to thank the organisers for a great morning run.

It was a great pity more of our members did not attend, their loss as a great time was had by Shirley, Dale, Simon, Jacqui, Marcos, Ian and myself.

The clubs attending were the Model T Ford Club, the Ford 8 & 10 Club, the Early Ford V-8 Club and the organisers the Model A Ford Club.

**Carol**

## A Run to Mannum Report

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025

On Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> a beautiful sunny morning, 7 cars and 15 occupants met at the "gravel pit" just out of Birdwood preparing to drive to Mannum.

A leisurely cruise through the Palmer hills with country views followed and were enjoyed by all.

Arriving at Mannum in good time, there was opportunity to look at the cars, chat or take a stroll down the street to check out the local shops.

Lunch was enjoyed at the Mannum Club.

Those participating:

Wayne & Rene Boulton and 2 close friends in the 1952 Customline

Trevor in his 1937 sedan

New members Andrew and Tracy Simounds in their 1947 sedan

Gary and Annie Fatchen in the 1948 Pickup

Graham and Linda Bilsborow in their 1938 Coupe

Mark and Margy Seidel in the 1937 Sedan

Steve and Debbie Harris in the 1937 Roadster

Gordon and Gill Cowley were also there in their modern car

After lunch some members spent some more time down the street and then made their way home. Good to see the V-8s out and about.

A great day was enjoyed by all.

**Mark and Margy**

## Independence Day Run & BBQ

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025

On a cool but pleasant morning we gathered at the Krispy Kremes in Croydon around 9.30 am for a coffee or two and a doughnut or two. Despite what was said about the weather it was cool but a rain free morning and after run sheets were handed out we all set off around 10.30 am for a drive from Croydon through to the outskirts of Port Adelaide along the beach front to Outer Harbor and back through Port Adelaide then straight along Grand Junction Road to the home of Frank and Val's for lunch.

Minestrone soup was on hand to warm us all followed by hamburgers and sausages with rolls and salads a great variety to choose from.

The afternoon was spent on various subjects of talk and afternoon tea with a variety of desserts and tea and coffee.

Frank and Val were thanked for having us and around 4.00 pm we all started to leave for home.

Those that came were

Mark & Margy

Wayne and Rene

Chris and Gail

Graham & Linda

Andrew & Tracy

Ian and Carol

Gary & Annie

Shirley

Thank you Frank and Val for another lovely day and your hospitality.



## Flathead Fun Day

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025

On a cold but pleasant morning the members of the Ford 8 & 10 Club, the Model A Ford Club, the Model T Ford Club and the Early Ford V-8 Club met at the Model T Ford clubrooms for this year's Flathead Ford Fun Day organised by the Ford 8 & 10 Club. Most members were in moderns but a few 8 & 10 cars were there.

We all signed in on the attendance sheet before collecting a run sheet for the day.

The run travelled from Croydon to Grange Road, to Henley Beach Road, to Marion Road, Greenhill Road, to Glynburn Road, to Lower North East Road, to Darley Road, to Wright Road and Bridge Road, to Churchill Road and so on until Ocean Steamers Road and to the home of the clipper ship The City of Adelaide.

Here we were treated to a hot coffee or tea followed by a short slideshow about how the ship was rescued and travelled to Adelaide.

This was followed by lunch which consisted of 4 different delicious soups, followed by plates of sandwiches and then small cakes and tea and coffee.

Everyone was split into small groups for a tour of the clipper ship by volunteer guides.

Those that came were

Ian and Carol

Simon, Jacqui and Jenson

Shirley

Thank you Jim and Bev for organising another Flathead Ford

Old Car Day  
Monday 1st September 2025  
**Bethany Reserve**  
**Bethany**

For the first day of Spring the weather started off miserable and wet. I didn't drive a car this year but went with some friends who picked me up around 8.45 am.

We met up with another couple at the car park at the bottom of Carisbrooke Park, waited to see if any more showed up then it was off to Bethany.

By the time we got through Munno Para the weather had improved and out came the sun.

We had a good run to Bethany arriving there around 10.00 am and found a nice place to park. Plenty of chit chat and then it was lunchtime.

A large variety of vehicles came for the day from Model A Fords to Mercedes Benz models.

The sun continued to shine throughout the day and I managed to catch up with Rob and Kathryn from Murray Bridge in their 1936 Sedan.

Although I didn't see Eric he was there in his 1947 Coupe.

People started leaving around 2 pm so we packed up everything and left and I arrived home in good time.

## 2025 Annual Run

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August

We all started to arrive at Tanunda Caravan Park from 1 pm ready to check in and start the Annual Run weekend.

Trevor handed out run sheets for the weekend and we set off for the Tanunda Museum which was a very interesting place to visit but although he had been told it would close at 4 pm they closed earlier so it was a short visit.

I had travelled up in a modern so Trevor invited me to go in his car for the weekend.

Friday night was do your own thing so Ian, Carol and I had dinner in their cabin and was later joined by Trevor for dessert which was a slice of lemon meringue pie.

Saturday the club had put on a hearty breakfast organised by Carol then we all met up in the caravan park car park. Here we were joined by Allan and Carol McGough and Graham, Linda and Michael Bilsborow who had all come up just for the day then we all set off around 10 am for a trip to the Greenock Aviation Museum.

There was plenty to see and Lincoln, the owner, fired up a couple of plane engines for the guys and some of the ladies visited the craft shop.

Then it was on to the Greenock Hotel for lunch which was fully booked out but the meals came out quickly and were enjoyed by all. Then it was off to the Jam Factory at Seppeltsfield. No jams here but lots of art and craft items.

Dinner was at the Tanunda Community Club but a phone call had to be made to Jim as he was missing. He had had a grandpa nap and quickly turned up for a meal.

Then it was back to the caravan park and the camp kitchen where the rest of the lemon meringue pie was eaten and Trevor was presented with a thank you gift for organisation the weekend.

Sunday we assembled at the car park again and set off for the Barossa Chocolate Factory which is a fairly new business in Tanunda. Here was a large selection of chocolate items to choose from and also morning tea, coffee and ice cream if you wanted it.

Then it was off to Maggie Beer's Farm Shop for a look and then most of us went back to Tanunda for lunch in a café.

After a long out of the way drive because of an event being held that day in Tanunda we reached Luhr's Cottage in Light Pass which was a cottage built in the mid 1800's. This is an interesting little cottage. From here it was a drive to Mengler Hill Lookout for an overview of the Barossa Valley.

Back to the caravan park where some went to the camp kitchen for dinner and others went off to the 50's Diner or other places for dinner.

Thanks to Trevor for putting on a terrific weekend for us all.

Those that went were

Steve & Deb

Wayne & Rene

Chris & Gail

Peter & Corrine

Jim

Ian & Carol

Mark & Margy

Trevor

Allan & Carol

Graham, Linda & Michael.

Shirley



### A Run to Freeling Sunday 28th September 2025.

A run to Freeling was organised to get runs back now that Spring has arrived with warmer weather to come. However the day started off miserable and wet but as we were not meeting until 11 am the day started getting brighter by the minute.

I met up with Simon and family around 10 with the Valiant and we started off around 10 30 with Jacqui driving the Anglia its first run since getting an engine restoration. We met up with Wayne & Rene and Ian & Carol just outside Gawler ready to leave about 11.30.

After leaving the traffic behind around Gawler we all headed off to Freeling and with the sun coming out it was a good drive and we all safely arrived in Freeling with Mark & Margy two minutes behind us in the Compact Fairlane.

We were originally going to the Gungellan Hotel but it was recommended to go to the Freeling Hotel.

What a lovely friendly hotel with an excellent menu to choose from. The food arrived hot and was enjoyed by all. Especially Jenson who managed to eat his hamburger – it was BIG.

The owner chatted with all of us for a while and after some teasing the young lad who served and collected the plates who was wearing a Freeling Surf Club tee shirt was time to leave with some staying a little longer to look around Freeling.

### A Run to Meadows Sunday 26th October 2025.

We met at O'Halloran Hill on South Road by the weighbridge at 10.30 am.

Joining Rene and I in the Customline were Chris and Gail, next to arrive were Andrew & Tracy in the '47 Sedan and soon joined by Ian and Carol with their '35 Phaeton.

Departure time was 11 o'clock but when Mark and Margy hadn't arrived by 10 past we started to worry. Not so much about them but being late for lunch at the Meadows pub.

After a couple of phone calls it was decided to meet them there so no dramas.

The forecast was for showers but the weather gods were on our side and we had a mostly sunny and mild day. Mark and Margy did join us for lunch with their Fairlane.

Quite an extensive menu with good size servings was enjoyed by all. We had one table in a room to ourselves and were able to relax and enjoy each other's company with no interruptions.

After lunch we were free to make our own way home.

Thank you to all who attended.

I hope you enjoyed the day and look forward to doing something similar again soon.

### 23rd Ford Picnic Sunday 2nd November 2025

After 22 years of doing the picnic at Lenswood it was decided this year to move to another oval this being the Paracombe Oval. Also to do away with the BYO, big raffle, etc etc.

What a difference a day can make.

For the first time in 23 years the rain decided to come and spoil the day. After several clubs advising they would be coming, only the 8 & 10 Club came. Only five V-8 cars turned up.

The hall had a lovely kitchen with tables and chairs so most of us settled there as the rain and the thunder came every now and again.

Everyone there enjoyed themselves and it was good just to relax and talk to people in one place instead of around an oval as previous years. Despite the lack of numbers the 8 & 10 Club said they enjoyed the day.

Trevor was there in his '37, Andrew & Tracy in their '47 Sedan, Wayne in his Customline, Mark in his '37 Sedan and I came in the '33 Roadster with Dale. Simon, Jacqui and Jenson came in the Anglia.

