

Ford Flathead Fun Day Sunday 30th July 2023

We appear to frequent Krispy Kremes at Croydon quite often these days. The beginning of July saw us meeting there for the Independence Day Run and the end of July we met there for the Flathead Ford Fun Day.

Krispy Kremes' car park was alive with Model A Fords, Prefects of all models and Ford V-8s.

We left around 9.30 am for a fairly long and interesting drive out to the National Military Museum at Edinburgh Park. Our route took in many of the North and North Eastern suburbs.

A tour of the museum by a well-informed military expert called Jeff who explained every aspect of vehicle workings and operation and communications in minute details, also in a language that was well understood. So good to hear such a dedicated volunteer.

A BBQ lunch by the Museum members was well received as was good company and conversation after which it was back into the museum for more guidance from our knowledgeable army expert. What a great job he did. Our thanks to Jim and Bev of the 8 & 10 Club for their organisation of the Ford Flathead Fun Day, this being the third interesting event.

We hope there is many more.



Drive It Day Friday September 1st 2023 Bethany Reserve Bethany

Thinking we were early on arrival at Bethany many, many vehicles already parked made our early look rather late.

A good drive to Bethany through the Barossa as it always is.

We missed our usual parking place as our normal friendly parking marshal was not in attendance and that area was given over to the trucks.

But the area we were parked into ended up being very shady and plenty of room for everyone to sit around and have lunch and chit chat.

Many acquaintances were there and when walking around looking at various vehicles more time was spent talking to others.

It was a lovely day which probably brought out so many interesting vehicles and people.

From the Early Ford V-8 Club we had Wayne and Rene and Chris & Gail in the '53 Customline, Ian & Carol in the .35 Phaeton, Rob Denholm in the '36 Sedan, Eric Smith in the '37 Coupe and Shirley and myself in the '33 Roadster.

Dave Harding in his '36 Coupe and a strange '35 Coupe from up north made up the Ford V-8s.

After lunch and further examinations of historic vehicles and discussion, the lovely Bethany Oval precinct started rather bare so unfortunately it was time for home.

Thank you to the Gawler Club for once again their organisation, and good company and conversation from V-8 club members and other acquaintances.

2023 Ford Picnic

Lenswood Oval
Sunday 5th November 2023

This year's event started on a beautiful spring day perfect for a leisurely drive through the Hills for a relaxing picnic day.

Ian and Carol were already there setting up the BBQ trailer etc so we joined in with setting up the raffle prizes and lemon meringues before enjoying a tea or coffee before other club members arrived.

Numbers were down this year, there are so many other events on the same day nowadays but then plenty of choices for car people to make.

The BBQ was fired up around 11.30 am and so there were many people taking advantage of a sausage or two as well as cool drinks and cakes.

The raffle was drawn around 2 pm and various members from various clubs won the total of 10 prizes.

People started packing up to leave soon after but those that went said they enjoyed themselves.

An extra leisurely drive home due to an accident that closed a road meant that we had to go past Lobethal to Birdwood and home that way.

Thank you to the helpers that day.





Arthur Clisby Memorial Picnic Day Sunday 24th September 2023

Following our enjoyable Drive It Day at Bethany with Chris and Gail Wakefield a fortnight before, Rene and myself asked them to accompany us again to the Arthur Clisby Picnic Day.

Had only been to one before at Wirrina and while the drive there and back was enjoyable the facilities were mundane.

So this trip we went prepared with everything. Chris and Gail have one of those gas canister type BBQs about the size of a small suitcase and fits in the boot of the Customline with fold up chairs, table and eskys. We are able to make our own steak sandwich in about 10 minutes provided it's not windy and no fire bans.

We all live in the Adelaide Hills so it's a half hour leisurely drive through some beautiful country and we arrived about 10 am. Being relatively early we had our choice of parking spots at the Macclesfield Oval.

Originally we were to spread out around the oval but due to the unseasonably warm weather most of the entrants chose the shade of the trees at the southern end of the oval grounds.

It turns out this picnic day was catered for extremely well. The sporting clubs had pies, pasties, bread rolls and sandwiches, the Lions Club had a BBQ and the footy clubrooms had full bar facilities available.

I didn't count the cars but heard there were over 100 in attendance.

The successful outdoor activities are dependent on the weather and we were fortunate enough to have it so calm and warm in September in the Adelaide Hills and I think that helped to make the day so successful.

Congratulations to the organisers.

I hope they enjoyed it as much as we all did.

Christmas BBQ Saturday 2nd December 2023

Ian and I after loading all the goodies in the car we headed off to pick up Gary & Anne and Steve on the way to Trevor's at about 1.30 pm.

Arriving at Trevor's house around 3 pm there were already present Alan and Colleen in the 37 Pickup and Graham and Linda in their 38 Coupe.

Later Wayne. Rene, Chris and Gail turned up in the 53 Customline and Neville and Maureen minus Thomas in their 3-window Coupe and Trevor of course.

We set up and all had a lovely afternoon chatting, whilst there a koala decided to visit. The boys naturally had a good look at Trevor's collection of cars.

Then at about 4.45 pm we started the BBQ and had a great meal of hamburgers, sausages and a great selection of salads then for dessert some lovely Christmas Star biscuits, cupcakes and fruit mince pies were shared by all. It was a lovely afternoon, relaxed and great to catch up. A pity more members didn't take the opportunity to enjoy our members' chatter and company.

The only regrets were that due to ill health the Tonkins were unfortunately unable to make it. But they were sorely missed and our thoughts were with them all.

