

## Christmas BBQ

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. *Carol*



## Yesterday's Power Rally

### Milang

Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 2024

Friday I was picked up by Simon and family and we all headed down to our usual accommodation in Clayton Bay. Simon had the Ranger with the trailer full of stationary engines, Marcos was in his 1955 Ford Prefect and Jacqui was in her Tucson together with Hallie the dog. We made good time and arrived at the Milang Bakery for a late lunch before heading off to Clayton Bay.

Once settled in it was time for a coffee or two before heading off to the Finnis Café for dinner. This place allows dogs and is a lovely place for a meal with several choices for reasonable prices. Saturday saw us all off to the Milang Oval and despite the very hot weather there was quite a few vehicles on display and we caught up with the Bays and the McDonalds. I caught up with Lucinda, the Bay to Birdwood Chief Judge and Nigel, her husband who were both accepted by Hallie. Hallie was very choosy who she liked and who she barked at!

By 3 pm Jacqui and I had had enough of the hot weather (we had sat under a marquee all day) and headed off back to Clayton Bay. Simon and the boys weren't long after us and after rehydrating ourselves it was time for organising the BBQ dinner.

Sunday saw us all back to the oval in much cooler weather and a lot more vehicles on the oval as Sunday is always the day for judging the categories that are available.

The Seidels arrived around 1 pm after being at the Hahndorf Swap Meet that morning.

3 o'clock arrived and the raffle winners were announced and the trophy winners were announced. Marcos won the trophy with his Prefect in the British Class category and Ian and Carol won the trophy in their category.

So then it was time to start the packing up and returning to Clayton Bay for the last time. Dinner was pizzas and leftovers from the BBQ and relaxing.

Monday saw us all packed up by 8 o'clock and we headed for home.

A good relaxing weekend away despite the hot weather. **Shirley**



## Model A Ford Breakfast Report

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Sunday saw me up and ready at 6.00 am ready to be picked up by Simon and family on a cool morning to travel down to the clubrooms at 6.30 am.

Simon brought '47 June along and to travel in the back seat with Jenson was a different experience. Marcos and Casey came in Marcos' Prefect.

Once there, hellos and chit chat began then Ian and Carol in the '35 and Wayne and Rene in the Customline arrived.

A good roll up of 8 & 10 club members arrived and once the run sheets were handed out it was off for a leisurely drive up Marion Road, Fullarton Road, South Terrace, Anzac Highway and back to the clubrooms. No questions again this year.

Breakfast was cooked and ready to serve by now and once again quiz sheets were handed out. This year cryptic songs and car names to be found kept us guessing.

Soon the sun was heating up so everyone started sifting around keeping in the shade and more chit chat while trying to guess the quiz sheets.

Soon it was 10 am and winners were announced. Despite Martin's (Model A quiz master) attempts to stop the 8 & 10 members winning two tied in the song quiz.

However the Early Ford V-8 Club did better in the car name quiz with Simon and myself tying despite being on different tables and not knowing what the other one had put. Finally the raffle tickets were drawn and I won a box of chocolates.

Everyone had started to pack up and leave so we all left for home which was a good idea as the sun was heating up the day.

Once again a lovely early morning event and run organised by the Model A Ford Club.

**Shirley**

## Historic Motor Vehicle Gathering

Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> 2024

Well this morning it is St Patrick's Day, Ian & I decided we didn't want to drink green beer with a lot of loud Irishmen (no offence meant we like the Irish) so it was off to the Barrett Reserve at West Beach.

The weather was a little unsettled but came good in about an hour arriving we were directed to park with some other veteran cars just settled when we were asked to shift closer to the action of the day.

We settled in then made our good morning to Shirley who was the official announcer of the event then purchased a great cup of coffee and I bought a big biscuit for breakfast whilst Ian had spring rolls with sweet chilli sauce. About this time Simon & Jacqui arrived in June also Marcos in the Prefect, by this time quite a few cars had arrived so a second row was started.

A variety of fabulous makes and models had arrived at the event in total 71 cars attended and 5 motorcycles.

There was a competition for the most popular car, with 3 prizes and 2 prizes for the guests who entered.

The 1<sup>st</sup> a \$50 Bunnings voucher went to the 1912 Brush, 2<sup>nd</sup> a Bunnings \$20 voucher to the 1915 Gregoire, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> a Bunnings \$20 voucher went to a Volvo, not sure of the year.

The prizes for the people family passes to the National Railway Museum one to a lady and one to a gentleman, a very well-presented day was had by all, the venue was terrific with ample space for all.

Well situated good facilities great food and drinks available, the council had provided the officials and others with shade and chairs so what else could we ask for even the weather cooperated with light sunshine all day.

The only thing missing was more support from our club, never mind maybe next year. **Carol**

## A Run to Gumeracha

Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> 2024

Simon asked me if I would like the Mercury taken on this run. Sure. It hadn't had a decent run for a long time so it was washed and cleaned and I was picked up Sunday morning and off we went to the meeting place Carisbrooke Park for 9.30 am with a 10 am start. Wayne and Rene with Chris and Gail in the Customline were already there as well as Ian and Carol in the Phaeton with Neville and Maureen close behind us in the Ford Deluxe. A lovely morning with predicted fine weather as we waited for Alan and Colleen to arrive in the Jailbar truck. Once they arrived we set off going through One Tree Hill to Kersbrook where Mark was waiting for us to arrive in the '37 Ford sedan. Then it was on to Williamstown on good quiet roads with good scenery and then on to Gumeracha for lunch at the hotel.

We arrived early so a pre-lunch drink was on order a coffee, soft drink or beer. Margy arrived soon after and joined us. Once lunch had been ordered plenty of chit chat on lots of topics was had by all. It was decided to do something like this again at a different venue so the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June was set down for this. After thanking Ian and Carol for organising the run it was time to head off home another good drive and work out for the Mercury.

Those who went were: **Shirley**

Wayne & Rene Chris & Gail Ian & Carol

Neville & Maureen Simon & Jacqui & Jenson

Alan & Colleen Mark & Margy Shirley

## A Run to Woodside

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024

A cool but sunny day greeted us as we travelled to the meeting point Thorndon Park car park. I was in Simon's 1947 Ford V-8 sedan together with Jacqui and Jenson and when we arrived, Ian and Carol who were the organisers were there. Soon Alan and Colleen arrived followed by Graham & Linda in their 1938 Ford Club Coupe and Trevor in a modern.

After receiving a run sheet we all set off to Cudlee Creek for Morning Tea at the Cudlee Café. The drive was very scenic and I had not been along this road for many years and everyone said they enjoyed the drive.

Although the café was crowded it didn't take long for the coffees and cakes etc came out.

Around 11.15 am we set off for Woodside and the hotel where we met up with Mark and Margy and Wayne and Rene. Lunch orders were taken and social chit chat began and the start of a relaxing afternoon.

Around 2.30 pm we all started to leave for home after another enjoyable day out.

Many thanks to Ian and Carol again for organising a lovely day out.

As July and August are busy we will do one again in September before the busy rest of the year happens.

**Shirley**

*Lining up at Thornton Park*



## Independence Day Run & BBQ

Saturday July 6th 2024

This annual event once again started at Krispy Kremes around 9.30 am for a coffee and donut or two ready to leave around 10.30 am.

Ian & Carol Alan & Colleen Mark & Margy

Simon, Jacqui & Jenson Wayne & Rene Gary & Annie

Graham & Linda were all at the start.

Once the run sheets were given out it was off along Port Road, through Croydon, Regency Park, South Road, Grand Junction Road to Modbury finally arriving at Frank & Val's home where we caught up with Trevor who had been helping Frank and Val set up everything ready for the day. Frank thanked everyone for coming including Trevor for helping and Shirley for the run to their home. Val had a bag of small presents for the ladies as a lucky dip.

Soon it was time for the guys to do the BBQ which when cooked everyone helped themselves to sausages, onions and hamburgers and the choice of salads which everyone was asked to bring.

The weather had been kind to us and although we were outside in the carport it was still nice and cosy with the gas heaters on.

Thanks to Frank and Val for hosting the event and to all the helpers who helped. Another good day out with members.



## Flathead Ford Fun Day

Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup> 2024

An early start to be at the Model T Ford Clubrooms ready to leave at 9 am sharp saw Simon and I in the 33 Roadster with Jenson in the dicky seat.

It was a very cool morning but Jenson didn't seem to mind at least the sun was trying to make an effort.

A good roll up of Ford 8 & 10 members, a few Model A members and Ian & Carol, Alan & Colleen and Simon, Jacqui, the three boys and myself.

After run sheets were given out the destination was the ETSA Museum.

The run took us from Port Road through Croydon, Woodville, Findon through to Tapleys Hill Road, pass the airport to the museum.

Here we were split into two groups mainly ladies in one and men in the other being that appliances were the interest for the ladies and technical items for the men.

We were here for approx. 90 minutes with tour guides giving details. A lot of the ladies remembered appliances from their past and brought back memories and funny stories.

Included in the admittance cost was a book called the story of ETSA which was a great interest to those who came.

About midday the museum was thanked for the tours and then it was on to the Lockleys Hotel for lunch. Although it was very busy our table didn't have to wait for long for lunch to come although people on some tables were having to wait a fair while.

Time to go and after thanking their President Jim for a lovely day out and looking forward to what they can do for 2025 it was off to home.

## Drive It Day

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

I know it wasn't a Ford but it is the only historic car I can drive at the moment so it was off to Drive It Day with the S Series Valiant to Bethany.

We all met at the Saints Road shopping centre with Simon and family from the Ford Club and seven others from various clubs around 9.00 am.

All present and correct we set off to Bethany in the Barossa just after 9.15 am on a cold and very windy morning.

We made good time arriving there shortly after 10.30 am and found a good parking area. Plenty of vehicles had already arrived and many more came after us.

Those who arrived from the Ford club was Eric in his Coupe, Wayne and Rene with Chris and Gail in the Customline and Colleen and Alan in the truck.

After chatting with various people it was time for lunch with the group we came with. Even the sun decided to shine through the clouds to warm the day up.

It was a good turnout of vehicles considering it was Father's Day and weather was not the best. People started to leave soon afterwards and Simon and family and myself left around 2.00 pm for home.

A good drive up to Bethany and another good drive home.

After mastering the Valiant it is now time to drive the Mercury. Fingers crossed.

## 2024 Annual Run to Kapunda

Friday to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024

This year's annual run was to Kapunda organised by Ian and Carol.

Looking forward to a lovely weekend weather wise everyone made their own way to the Kapunda Caravan Park, a lovely park complete with a lake and fountain old and new cabins of various sizes and prices.

I came with grandson Jenson in a modern and arrived early afternoon with Ian and Carol, Peter and Corrine already there just before us.

Soon Wayne and Rene, Will and Judy, Rob and Cathy, Mark and Margy and Colleen and Alan arrived and once settled in it was off to the camp kitchen for soup and nibbles and a chance to do some catching up. Dinner was to do your own thing and everyone was advised the club breakfast would start the next morning.

Breakfast saw bacon, eggs, sausages, tomatoes, toast etc cooking well and many went back for seconds.

The day was a run to Eudunda which everyone joined in as the choice was either the run or look at what Kapunda had on offer. Eudunda was only a half hour trip but a lovely place to visit. A fabulous museum (a \$2 entry fee which what we saw should have been more) with lots of memorabilia and articles as well as rooms set out at the back into a cottage setting. Also the history of Colin Thiele.

Those that wanted a coffee and a bit to eat went to the local bakery which had an outdoor setting in the mild sunny weather.

A visit from Michael with his Ford and spoke to a few then a look at the silos' paintings before we all headed back to Kapunda for a rest before dinner and the ghost tour that evening. Gordon and Gill joined us for dinner. Dinner was for 6 pm followed by the ghost tour at 8 pm which was taken up by most of us. We were given a history of the hotel and Kapunda before heading up and down stairs to various rooms but none of us saw or felt any ghosts. The tour finished around 10 pm so we all headed back to the park for the night.

Breakfast was do your own thing and then it was time to pack up and most of us headed for home.

Another good annual run was enjoyed by all and thanks must go to Carol and Ian who left before we could all thank them. Thank you both so much for taking it on from Frank and Val.



## A Run to Finnis

### Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup> 2024

This month saw the run to Finnis which was organised by Wayne and Rene.

The morning started off very chilly at the Crafers Park n Ride in the Adelaide Hills. The sun was out but the wind was very cold. Those that turned up were Wayne and Rene with Chris and Gail in the Boulton's Customline, Ian and Carol in the Ford Phaeton, Alan and Colleen in the Pickup, Simon, Jacqui and Jenson in June '47 and Dale and I in the Mercury.

We all set off in convoy to Strathalbyn by way of Mylor (a comfort stop), Echunga and Macclesfield then on to Milang for another comfort stop.

Then it was on to Finnis by way of Clayton Bay all in all a lovely drive all the way down there. The Finnis Café is a lovely spot for a lunch or dinner and judging by the many people arriving for a meal a very popular spot. The meals were excellent and most arrived on time and were enjoyed by all.

Soon it was time to leave some staying on after we left and another good run home this time we went through Mount Barker through to Lobethal and Chain of Ponds to home.

Thank you Wayne and Rene for organising the day out and as the coming months are going to be full on with events etc we will look to starting runs again in the New Year.

## All Ford Day

Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup> 2024

All Ford Day was on once again this year. I haven't been to one for a while so going to Oakbank this year was a change from other venues.

The weather was cool but windy but a good drive was had by all the Tonkin family with me being in Marcos' Fairlane this year.

Simon had June 47 nicely cleaned and polished for the day.

Oakbank which usually has the Easter races is a very open area but not a lot of shade so it was good that it was not a hot day.

Not a lot happens so it is mainly a social day chit chatting with people whilst the judging categories are held during the day.

Marcos had his Prefect whilst mum drove his Fairlane.

Judging results were to start from 3 pm but after a very, very large raffle which must have had over 20 prizes the results were handed out.

Simon won his category.

Showing the sign of the times All Ford Day now generally has late model vehicles and very few Early Ford V8s, Model A Fords and Model T Fords.

But it was still a good day out.

## Ford Picnic

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

Our 22<sup>nd</sup> Ford Picnic was held once again at the Lenswood Oval with perfect weather.

The oval had been top dressed recently by the Council so everyone had to park on the grass area nearly which in one way is good as there is a lot of shade for cars and people.

Simon drove the '33 Roadster for me with Marcos bringing his Prefect and Casey driving his XR6.

A good attendance from our club with members from the Ford 8 & 10 Club, Model A Ford Club and the Falcon Car Club attending as well.

The usual sausage sizzle and big raffle was held as well as tea, coffee and biscuits and lemon meringues.

Gill had her 'guess how many lollies' jar with quite a few entering.

A big thank you to those members who donated items for the big raffle and to those who helped on the day.

It was good to see Peter from Meningie and Rob and Kathryn from Murray Bridge attending.



