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September – October – November 2005
Newsletter

49 – 59 Ford Customline Car Club of Victoria Inc.

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V8 Fords built throughout the years 1949 to 1959”.**

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**Club Meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday
Bi-monthly, commencing at 11:30 am,
and followed by a sausage sizzle.**

The Next Meeting Dates are:
October 16th, December 18th.

**Our Meeting Place is at the
Sunbury R.S.L. Rooms
Corner of Barkly &
Macedon St. Sunbury.
Melways Ref: 382 F4.**

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The Club Newsletter.

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Membership.

Anyone interested in becoming a Club Member can do so in one of the following ways. Contact the Secretary and ask for a membership application form to be mailed to you. Come along to a General Meeting and introduce yourself to the Club Officials. Send an e-mail to the Editor and get an application by return e-mail.

**Visitors are always most welcome
to visit these meetings.**

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone.

It's now the start of another year with some new faces on the team, Wayne Paterson as Vice President, Frank Beale as Treasurer and Rob Brereton as the Newsletter Editor.

I would like to thank Richard Van Egmond on running the Club as President for the last twelve months and his wife Barb for doing the newsletter. And a special thanks to Ray Shalders on the effort he put into making our 30th Anniversary Reunion such a success.

October. On 23rd we are having another display day at Costanzo Suzuki, Hume Highway Campbellfield, so we need as many member's cars as possible to turn up on the day. Food and drinks will be supplied. Please contact Frank Beale on 94 to confirm your attendance.

November. 4th – 5th – 6th the Bright Rod Run is on and we have a lot of members attending so hope to see you there.

This year we hope to see more members on our runs and at our meetings. If anyone has suggestions for runs please let me or any one of the committee members know so we can include them in our plans. This year I intend reviving the Mount Franklin Run also.

“Condolences to June and Wayne on the sad loss of their son in law, David, after a long illness”.

That's all for now.
Your President
Ken Lee.

Cover Photo: 1949 Ford Custom Club Coup. Sold for \$1,595.00 US.
Rear Photo: Gilly's Wrecks. 1955 Ford Crown Victoria. Sold for \$2,305.00. US.

Now a Word from your new Newsletter Editor

Rob Brereton

Hi All.

I am probably as much surprised with the Newsletter Editors position as you all are.

When I attended the Annual general Meeting I was quite prepared to put my name down as an ordinary committee member, but as the voting-in of the Office Bearers progressed we came to the Newsletter Editors position, and of course everyone nominated me, something that I had not even considered that day or even in the time leading up to the meeting.



Well, I initially had hesitations about doing it and was not prepared to take the position, due to my continuing health problems, until I had spoken with Joan, as she was not at the meeting that day. That evening we discussed the situation and concluded that I should do it, so I contacted Barb, our outgoing Newsletter Editor and told her I would take on the position.

Of course I am sure Barb was delighted with the news, which will give her more time to attend to her own family's needs. I only hope I can continue in her footsteps to provide all the Club News to all members in the same excellent manner as she did.

You will have noticed on the inside front cover I have included a few short paragraphs regarding the way in which written materials and photographs can be submitted for inclusion into the newsletter. I have done this to try and make the process the easiest possible which I am hoping will encourage all members to think about sending in articles and pictures to be included in future issues of the newsletter.

For without these articles and pictures you will not have much to read when your next newsletter arrives, as it is not the Editors position to write the articles and news, but only to put all the received info into a format which we call a newsletter.

So if you are doing some repairs or modifications to your beloved Cussy then please take a little time to note what you have done, with a pic or two, and send it in so all members can learn from your experiences. It doesn't matter what it is you have done I am sure all members will be glad of the info as it may get them out of trouble or make their repairs easier in the future, and it also provides a great store of knowledge for future reference.

I will also be looking for members to do write ups of each run the club takes as these are very important as they make a permanent record of the Clubs activities. Especially true when you see photos going back to the beginning of the Club as was displayed at the recent 30th Birthday gathering.

OK, enough from me now, more in the future, Rob Brereton.

OK, JUST ONE MORE SMALL NOTE FROM THE EDITOR.

My intention is to produce four newsletters per year at this stage. I will be intending to have them delivered at the beginning of June, September, December, March, and back to June again. Therefore I will need some time for preparation of the newsletter, which will require material to be sent to me no later than the 15th of the month previous to its delivery.

If we can all keep this in mind when submitting material for publication it will help to make my job much easier and it gives everyone a deadline to work to.

Thanks for keeping this in mind. Rob Brereton.

Achievement Award

At the Annual General Meeting all financial members were eligible to vote for the member who has displayed great commitment and contributed to the Club over the past twelve months.

The trophy is awarded in the memory of Ernie Taylor who was always a faithful member displaying a great love for Customlines.

This year, after the vote was counted, the Achievement Award was presented to Richard Van Egmond, for his continued support for the Club. Well done Richard.



Customline Classifieds

FOR SALE:

Y Blocks	\$40.00 all each price.
Auto's	\$60.00
56-57 Grilles	\$40.00
57 Boot Emblem	\$40.00
56 Boot Emblem	\$20.00
55-57 Dash Assembly	\$50.00
15" Customline wheels	\$25.00
Master Cylinders Reco	\$10.00
Diff Assembly	\$60.00
Complete Stainless Strips to suit Mainline Ute	\$100.00
Radiators and More -- New and Used	

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Forthcoming Events

Official Club Runs in **BOLD**

October

**16th General Meeting at Sunbury RSL. Starts 11:30am.
Sausage sizzle to follow.**

**23rd Display Day at Costanzo Suzuki, Hume Hwy, Campbellfield.
Food & soft drinks supplied. Contact Frank Beale 94 for
further details & to confirm attendance.**

**23rd Graham Rose Swap Meet K.C.C. Dog Park.
(Mel 128 J12) 9am-2pm. \$5.00.**

30th All Makes Swap Meet Sandown Park.

November

**4th -5th -6th Northern Suburbs Rod Run, Bright. Most Members make
their own arrangements for this weekend.**

**27th Christmas Party at Lauriston Lakes.
See details provided on separate page.**

December

**18th General Meeting at Sunbury RSL. Starts 11:30am.
Sausage sizzle to follow.**



Happy Snaps



Girls just wanna have fun.



I'll have two beers.



Cars at Sunbury RSL Rooms.



Members cars at the Club Meeting



I spy with my little eye.....

Hey, are you following me?
I hope you are because you
are supposed to be.



Time for a quiet chat after the meeting.

As you can see this is the RSL Rooms at Sunbury where we
are now holding our meetings.

If you have any happy snaps of your car or members, then
please send them in and we can find a spot for them in our
Happy Snaps page.

Bowling at Mentone Bowl

Saturday 3rd September 2005

As usual an afternoon at Mentone Bowl is great fun. This year was no exception. Other years we have enjoyed the company of the Ford Fairlane Club. This year due to other commitments the two clubs could not join up for this event, so we went solo.

Not as many bowlers did not by any means lessen the fun and laughter. Rob Brereton thrashed all comers with strike after strike. I don't know where he got his energy and his eye, but whatever he is on, "I want some". I myself did no good at all, except for laugh.

Anyway after all that exercise we cruised down to the Royal Oak Hotel to recharge with dinner, drinks and a flutter on the pokies. There we caught up with Ken and Shirley Lee who could not make it to the bowl.

There are certain members who really do get into the spirit of playing the pokies, just amazing – I lost my \$10 in ten minutes.

After that it was back to Rob and Joan's for coffee and cake and to meet their beloved cats who kept us amused till the end of the evening.

Great Fun, Great Company, Great Day.

Regards Helen Tuo.

See the pics from this day on the following page.

The Good Times Keep Rolling On



In the car park.



The Girls foot fashion statement.



What's stuck to my shoe?



Don't forget to let go June.



Joan had a helping hand.



Helen, "Gees this thing is heavy".



We haven't even had a beer yet.



Fifty something, in the dark.



What are those guys doing.



Food to the left



There "are" people behind me.



Food to the right



On Saturday night the 17th September a large group of club members arrived at the OLD KEILOR HOTEL for a night of feasting, fun and enjoyment.

The Hotel is located on the old part of the Calder Highway which still runs through the township of Keilor. There has been for many years a bypass around Keilor which makes the town very quiet at night. It was also memorable for me to go back into Keilor as I have not passed through there since the bypass had been built. I recall very many trips through there with my parents on our way to visit relatives in Woodend.

Once we were inside and seated other members arrived shortly after making about 20 in all. A few drinks were consumed to wash away the dust of the trip while we all pondered over what was on the menu and then finally deciding to order our meals. While waiting for our meals we all caught up with members we might not have seen for a while, had a drink and a laugh with them and discussed what each had been doing.

Meals arrived so all quietened a bit as we stuffed our faces with food, washed it all down with another drink and continued chatting. I am sure all the blokes discussed Cussies of some description at some time of the night, well, what else would we talk about! What the ladies discussed, I will never know, although they seemed to be enjoying themselves.

A cake was produced for Ken's birthday so all had a bit and it was quite nice. Rob got a little excited at one stage and knocked over his beer which just happened to spill a bit over Shirley's slacks, (sorry Shirley) and "I was only on Light beer all night".



Eventually we had our fill of food and drink and some started to head for home, some other of us headed to the Pokies room. No great fortunes were won or lost that night on the Pokies but we all gained by each others companionship. Eventually we left the Pokies and a few of us called into Ken's place, where we had a look at the progress of his Thunderbird, chatted about some of his models, had a coffee, and eventually collected our wives and headed for home.

So when another social night is organised like this then don't miss the opportunity to come along, as we all enjoyed ourselves enormously, had some good food, a few drinks and plenty of laughter.

Rob Brereton.



Ford for 1949

The year of the big change - that was the story in 1949 for all three of the major auto makers, even though they had been beaten to the punch by the independents Packard, Hudson, and Studebaker. Ford's offering was a comparatively sleek, slab sided vehicle, with independent front suspension. For the first time, Ford broke away from its traditional transverse leaf suspension. The wheelbase remained 114 inches, and the engines remained the basic 100 hp flat head V-8 and the 95 hp flat head six. Lincoln and Mercury came out with similar stylings, the result being that all Ford products for the year bore a definite resemblance to each other. Only nine models were offered, four in the Standard series (which replaced the DeLuxe series), and five in the Custom series (which replaced the Super DeLuxe line).

Across the-border, Ford's Canadian division launched two new cars, the Meteor and the Monarch. The Meteor was a standard Ford with a different grill. It was sold by Lincoln-Mercury dealers in order to give them a wider range, and replaced the old Mercury 114, which had been a "dressed up" Ford made in 1947 and 1948. The Monarch was a standard Mercury with special trim, designed to give Ford dealers a wider market spread.



The Custom Tudor was a nicely styled family car priced at \$1,590. More than any other manufacturer, Ford this year adopted the squared off, slab-side concept of design.



Ford jumped the gun on announcing its 1949 styling by releasing this picture of the Custom Fordor in June of 1948. It was priced at \$1,640.



For the first time since Model A days, the Station Wagon received a totally new body. Available only as two-door, the new body featured much more metal and far less wood than previous wagons. Listed in the Custom range only, it sold for \$2,265, and was the highest priced of the line.



The Custom Convertible sold for \$1,950.

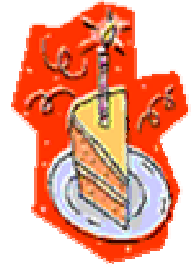


The Standard Tudor, \$1,500.

Except for minor trim differences, the Standard Fordor and the Custom Fordor were identical. The Standard version sold for \$1,550. Side trim indicates that the model shown below is the Custom Fordor.



Happy Birthday to You



*Best Wishes to these people
and all others celebrating
their Birthdays during these months*



October

13th Sarah Van Egmond

24th Sandra Kilby

29th Zoe Pierce

November

2nd Ian Hayward

6th Lee Tuo

18th Joan Brereton

19th Laurel Farnham

25th Brett Butt

26th Phil Butt

27th Kelly Butt

30th Les Horne

These will Crack U Up!

The Parrs were shown into the dentist's office, where Mr. Parr made it clear he was in a big hurry. "No expensive extras, Doctor", he ordered. "No gas or needles or any of that fancy stuff. Just pull the tooth and get it over with."

"I wish more of my patients were as stoic as you", said the dentist admiringly. "Now, which tooth is it"?

Mr. Parr turned to his wife and said.....

"Show him your tooth, Honey".

A noted psychiatrist was a guest at a blonde gathering, and his blonde hostess naturally broached the subject in which the doctor was most at ease. "Would you mind telling me, Doctor," she asked, "how you detect a mental deficiency in somebody who appears completely normal?"

"Nothing is easier," he replied. "You ask him a simple question which everyone should answer with no trouble. If he hesitates, that puts you on the track."

"What sort of question?"

"Well, you might ask him, 'Captain Cook made three trips around the world and died during one of them. Which one?'"

The blonde thought a moment, then said with a nervous laugh, "You wouldn't happen to have another example would you? I must confess I don't know much about history."

BRIGHT ROD RUN 2005

4th-5th-6th November 2005

Northern Suburbs Street Rod Club

Sunday - Show and Shine (ASRF classified vehicles only)

\$2000 CASH GIVE-AWAY

The Alpine
HOTEL



Australian
Street Rodding
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Name _____

Club _____

Postal address _____

Post Code _____

Phone Number _____

Mobile Number _____

Make Of Vehicle _____ Model _____

Year _____ Reg No _____

One Free T-Shirt per entry. Additional T-Shirts @ \$20.00 ea

Please circle sizes, and advise quantities

Children's: 6 8 10 12 14

Adults: S M L XL XXL XXXL XXXXL

Family \$75.00 (Couple and children under 18 years) \$ _____

Couples \$60.00 \$ _____

Single Adults \$47.00 \$ _____

Buddy Pass \$20.00 (with entrants only) \$ _____

Pre Entry Additional T-Shirts @ \$20.00 \$ _____

Total amount enclosed. \$ _____

Don't forget to include a S.S.A.E. if you want a receipt.

Payment to: Northern Suburbs Street Rod Club,

PO Box 274 Fawkner Vic 3060

How many attending the run?

Adults _____ Y/Adults _____ Children _____

Golf Classic on Friday Yes/No _____ Rookie Award Yes/No _____

Longest Distance _____ KMS Model Car Comp. Yes/No _____

Entries Close 15th October 2005

For more information contact Sam Gent 0418 390 453 or

info/tradestands contact Ray McDonald (03) 9465 0000

Bright Accommodation PH. 1800 500 117.

WEB. www.go.brightvic.com/brightrodrun

We hereby release the organizers N.S.S.R Club Inc, Alpine Shire and Bright Caravan Park props. of any liabilities to vehicles and participants, going to, whilst at, or going from, the 2005 Bright Rod Run.

Signature _____ Date _____

BRIGHT ROD RUN PROGRAM

Friday 4th

1.00pm Golf Competition.

4.00pm - 9.00pm Registration, Bright Caravan Park.

(Food vouchers/arm bands given out to entrants at registration)

8.00pm-Midnight. Sausage sizzle/drinks provided at H/quarters.

Saturday 5th

10.00-6.00pm Undercover Trade stands will be open.

9.00am-11.00am Registration at Headquarters.

11.00am Line up for cruises to Porpunkah for fun day of activities (wine tastings, food stalls, face painting, music, jumping castle, rocker cover racing and much more). Free to entrants.

1.00pm-2.00pm Engine Blow up.

8.00pm- Late Fun night of rock n roll dancing at The Alpine Hotel with vehicles cruising

Sunday 6th 8.00am-10.00am Breaky provided at Headquarters.

10.00am-2.00pm Main Show and Shine with a 1.30pm presentation with raffle draw. **Itinerary subject to change.**

Parking Under Club Scrutiny



Confucius Say:

Man who run in front of car bound to get tired.
Man who run behind car bound to get exhausted.



TOOL TIME

Some Definitions.

Vise Grips: They are most commonly used to round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

Timing Light: A stroboscopic instrument used for illuminating grease build-up.