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49 – 59 Ford Customline Car Club of Victoria Inc.

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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:

**June 18th General Meeting
August 20th Annual General Meeting
October 15th General Meeting**

**Our Meeting Place is at the
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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

The Club has been busy over the last few months with runs and attending Show N' Shine events, which included, the All Ford Day at Geelong, the Visually Impaired Day at Sandown, the Liberator Show N' Shine, the Lara Show N' Shine (we even had Wayne there in his wheelchair), and the Mt Franklin Run.

Although most of our runs have not attracted large numbers of members, which is probably due to the ever increasing cost of petrol, the few that have attended each run are still proving that there is still good enthusiasm amongst Club members. Several members have won significant trophies at these various events, so well done to all those members.

We have planned several more runs for the next few months as listed on the Run's Sheet, with a special re-visit to the Cuckoo Restaurant again, as the last visit was well attended. A weekend or day run to the Avoca "Heroes In Hot Rods 2006", and a return visit to the Swiss Mountain Hotel for a very satisfying lunch. See further Notes for Details.

Annual General Meeting

Of Major importance to the Club is the Annual General Meeting, which is to be held on the third Sunday in August, being the 20th August 2006, this allows the Club time to have the financial records audited and ready for presentation at the meeting.

We hope to see as many members as possible, old and new, at this meeting to show us your support for the Club. If you can only attend one meeting a year, please try and make it this one. This is where you can even nominate yourself or vote in your favourite members to run the Club for the next year.

The Meeting will be held at the RSL Hall at Sunbury, on the corner of Barkly and Macedon Streets. Melway map Ref: 382 F4. Don't forget the starting time is 11:30am & there will be a sausage sizzle after the meeting, with tea and coffee supplied.

Annual Membership Renewals

The next important issue is the Club's Annual Membership Renewals. Each year at this time the Club supplies a Membership Renewal Form with your Newsletter for you to fill in and send back as soon as possible to ensure your continued and uninterrupted membership of the Club.

The Club Committee has ascertained that due to the rising costs of everything, eg. Insurance, Trophies, Stationery, Postage, General running, etc; it is impossible for the Club to move forward without a small increase in the Fees for the coming year. This small increase will ensure the Club has enough financial backing to cover these ever increasing costs, and to continue to provide quality services to our members

Please fill in all the details on the form as member's information does change from year to year and the Club needs to keep this information up to date to ensure you receive your Newsletter or any other info at your correct address.

**Safe and Happy Cruisin.
Your President, Ken Lee.**

Achievement Award

At the Annual General Meeting all financial members will be eligible to vote for the member who has displayed great commitment to and contributed to the Club over the last twelve months. The Trophy is awarded in the memory of Ernie Taylor who was always a faithful member displaying a great love for Customlines and the Club. You must be in attendance at the AGM to be eligible to vote. The time, place and date are as above.

Apologies

In the last newsletter it wrongly reported that Joe and Connie Vella were new members. They are not, in fact they have been members of the Club for many years. Their renewal got mixed up with the new members list and the mistake was not found until the newsletter was delivered. The Club hopes Joe & Connie will have many more years with us.

Congratulations.

To Barb & Richard Van Egmond on the arrival of their granddaughter - a beautiful 6lb 13 oz girl, Charlotte Louise, born on May 15th. In Barb's words, "we are ecstatic - it's the same feeling as having your own children minus the pain!". Also congratulations to the proud parents Kelly & Justin, and the very best of wishes to the three of you.

CUCKOO RESTAURANT RUN

The Club has arranged a Run to the Cuckoo Restaurant in the Dandenong Ranges at Olinda. A table has already been booked for 20 people, so if you wish to attend then get in quick as the seats will fill fast. The date of the Run/Lunch is the 25th June 2006, but please remember, it is necessary to have your booking phoned into Ken Lee (9 AH) by the 9th of June, as a \$5 per head booking fee has to be paid by the Club on the 10th June, to secure your seat.

Please also remember that if you book and cannot attend and you cannot find a replacement then you will still be required to pay the \$5 booking fee. It is a Smorgasbord style lunch with the meal being \$33.90, and drinks at bar prices. Your \$5.00 booking fee will be deducted when you pay your food bill on the day, but don't forget you owe the club that \$5.00. The last visit there was a great day and enjoyed by all. If you need to ring the Cuckoo for any reason the phone is 9751 1003.

Members travelling from the West will first meet at the Shell Westgate, (on the city side of the Westgate Bridge), City Bound, at 9:00am and depart at 9:30am. Then travelling through the city to the Eastern Freeway where they will make a second stop at McDonalds Nunawading.

Members from the East can meet at McDonalds Nunawading, corner of Whitehorse Rd and Springvale Rd at 10:00am and we will depart as soon as the Western group arrive, (approx 10:30am), so don't turn up at 10:30 wishing to have a big breakfast as you may still be there while the rest are having a wonderful lunch.

If you wish to go straight to the Cuckoo without meeting the others then please ring Ken and tell him. The Cuckoo Restaurant is located at 508 Mount Dandenong Tourist Road Olinda. Melways Reference is 66 H6. There is ample parking to the left of the Restaurant when you arrive.

**SO DON'T FORGET, RING KEN BY THE 9TH JUNE TO BOOK
AND DON'T FORGET TO BRING THE CUSSY.**

GEAR GRINDERS ROD & CUSTOM

Presents, at AVOCA, "Heroes In Hot Rods 2006" weekend, from Friday 30th June to Sunday 2nd July. Friday is the Meet & Greet BBQ. Saturday is for Registration, cruisin to Art Galleries, Wineries and a Rock N' Roll Dance at night. Sunday is for Registration, an Observation Run and a Show N' Shine from 12 to 2 pm. You can get more info by contacting Gear Grinders on 5465-3411 or 5461-1228, or e-mail geargrinders@hotmail.com for a registration form.

The Club is making a run to this event on the Sunday, and we will meet at McDonalds Deer Park, the usual, at 8:30 am for a 9:00 am departure. We will cruise up the Western Highway, past Ballarat, then onto the Sunraysia Highway and onto Avoca.

Swiss Mountain Hotel Run

The Club is also organising another lunch run to the Swiss Mountain Hotel, Blampied, just west of Daylesford. Our last visit there was also a very enjoyable day. The date of the Run/Lunch is the 6th August 2006, but please remember, it is necessary to have your booking phoned into Ken Lee (93 AH) by the 16th July to secure your seat.

The meeting place will be at McDonalds, Deer Park, the usual, so, be there by 10:00 am for a 10:30 am departure. We will cruise up the Western Highway, turn off and head for Daylesford and arrive at the Pub about 11:45 am.

So don't forget to book with Ken for this one also.

"CLUB PERMIT" (PLATE) VEHICLES

Would all the Club Members who have vehicles on "Club Permit" (Red CH & H Plates) please take note that all "Permit Renewals", "New Permit Applications" and any related queries are to be directed through one of the three "Club Plates Authorised Permit Officers" listed here, Ken Lee – Wayne Paterson – Harry Beckwith. Their phone numbers are available under the Committee Members List on page 2 of the newsletter.

Please also note that any Member who has one or more vehicles on "Club Permit" (Plates), each such vehicle must attend at least two Club runs per financial year, according to our constitution. Exemptions from this condition for "Club Permit" vehicles must be made to the Committee, in writing, sixty days prior to the due date of the "Club Permit" renewal.

Now a point of Clarification:

The "Club Permit" is the Red CH or H Number Plate that is issued to that particular vehicle to "Permit" it to be used on a road or highway.

It "IS NOT" a "Registration" of that vehicle in the normal sense of Vehicle Registration. "IT IS" a "Permit" to use an "UNREGISTERED" vehicle, on a road or highway.

The Club Plate "Special Use Voucher", is a voucher issued for the purpose of using that "Club Permit" vehicle on a day or trip that is not a Club or sanctioned event.

There will be more news on this matter at a later date and also more news of the new proposed 90 day permit scheme for motoring clubs.

19-2-2006 ALL FORD DAY



DEAKIN UNIVERSITY – GEELONG.

An early start was the order of the day, arriving at Geelong about 8.30am after a leisurely drive from Melbourne. This was the first decent run of our recently completed restoration of the 1956 Ford Fairlane 4 door Victoria. There was a time when we thought it wasn't going to happen, well at least not on full rego anyway, (if you buy an imported car that hasn't been registered in Aust. before, make sure you have either the import papers or the customs papers).

Anyway, we had made it to Geelong the Mecca of Fords and we were so happy about that. It was good to see Barb and Richard van Egmond again and meet Peter Ninnis and see his beautiful 61 Fairlane. Peter won the RACV trophy, great effort Peter. The weather was great, and the best part was there were hundreds of Fords to look at. How good is that!

After lunch we had a look around, and then decided to start the return trip, eager to drive my Ford again. The trip home went well and no problems at all with the Vicky, other than the fact that it's a thirsty bugger. Must be that 4 Barrel carby, I'm sure it's not my driving.

Shortly after arriving home, we had a call from Richard to say that we should have stayed around as we had won the runner up award for best Customline - Victoria.

Bugger, oh well that will teach us for leaving when we did. It was really great to pick up an award. Many thanks Richard, for forwarding it on to me. It would be really great to see lots of Fords from the 49 59 Customline Club there next year, so mark it on your calendar early.

John and Dawn Cobden.

Geelong All Ford Day 2006



Customline Club display on the lawns at Deakin University Geelong.



John & Dawn Cobden, with their prize winning 56 Fordor Victoria.



Peter Ninnis, with his prize winning 61 Fairlane.

AND WE HAVE A SECOND ALL FORD DAY REPORT FROM THE VAN EGMONDS

We arrived at Deakin Uni grounds at approximately 9.00 AM. Access to the grounds was quick with little waiting. We must have arrived at just the right time because apparently later on there was a bit of a traffic jam. We parked at our designated section which was up the front near the jumping castle.

Peter Ninnis (a Club friend from Swan Hill), accompanied us in his 1961 Tank Fairlane. We were joined soon after by Allan and Bev McKenzie in their 1955 Sunliner, and then by John and Dawn Cobden in their 1956 four door pillarless Victoria. John was very proud to have his car on its first Cussy Club run. It truly looked magnificent.

His efforts in restoring the car were rewarded by taking out the Runner Up Trophy for best Customline. Unfortunately John and Dawn had only just departed from the grounds when the award was announced, so Richard accepted the trophy on their behalf.

Allan's decorative memorabilia - especially the coke glasses mounted on a tray on the front door - attracted quite a bit of attention. At one stage there were several people almost in his boot as they checked out its contents!

Allan won the Best Non-Category Vehicle for his efforts.

Peter Ninnis also took out awards – R.A.C.V. Selection and best Fairlane-Galaxy.

If you look on the All Ford Day website you will see some photos. Also, a photo of the rear end of our 1954 sedan.

Although our contingent was small in number, an enjoyable day of chatting and car viewing was had by all.

Barb & Richard Van Egmond.

Official Kiwanis All Ford Day Winners Major Trophy

RACV Trophy, Sponsor: RACV. Winner Peter Ninnis, 1961 Fairlane White & Yellow

Category Trophies

Best Fairlane/Galaxy/LTD.

Sponsor: Sphinx. Winner: Peter Ninnis, 1961 Fairlane White-Yellow CH 9290

Best Customline.

Sponsor: Allsport Trophies. Winner: Jason Taranto, 1956 Victoria Green CH 7076

Runner-up: John Cobden, 1956 Victoria Blue-White COBBOS

Best Non-Category Vehicle.

Sponsor: Airconditioning Showroom Sales. Runner-up: Beryl & Alan McKenzie, 1955 Sunliner Blue-white SUN055

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ALL FORD DAY



Allan McKenzie's Sunliner above, right and collecting prize below.



Above is Richard's rear end, of his 54 Sedan that is.



At left we have a local papers report of the All Ford Day.

At bottom right we have Jeff Cilia, one of our newer members, displaying his Red tilt front 49 convertible.

Hopefully we will have a bigger display next year.

RUN REPORT

VISUALLY IMPAIRED DAY

AT SANDOWN ON SUNDAY MARCH 5TH 2006

Well it is that time of the year again, this year the event was brought forward because of the Commonwealth Games. It was a bit of a shame that there were a few less visually impaired participants this year. That did not though lessen the fun of those who were taking part.

The Customline Club had a good turnout of members, as usual the cars did not spend much time parked, the drivers having to grab a bite to eat and away again. The most popular car of the day was the Sylvester car; all the kids were very excited and keen to be going for a run around the track with Sylvester and Ian Hayward. Incidentally, Sylvester was strapped to the roof of Ian's car; I hope he (Sylvester) did not get sun burnt.



Even with all the driving, everyone managed to have time for the usual chin wag and catch up. Most enjoyable, to see old faces again both club members and participants of the day.

Jim and I had to leave early as I had to go to work, but I heard from other members that the whole day was a busy one, weather included. So a big thanks to those members who attended this great event.

Report by Helen Tuo.

Pictures by Barb Van Egmond.

CRAIGIEBURN FESTIVAL 2006

Show N' Shine

The Craigieburn Festival for 2006 attracted a good crowd of people and cars but had to compete with the FPV family day down the road. One of our members, Frank Beale, attended the Craigieburn show and surprised himself by winning a trophy.

Frank was lucky enough to win the Craigieburn Festivals, Scout Car & Bike Show, "MOST ORIGINAL" Trophy, donated by Craigieburn Cellers.

Frank's 1951 DeLuxe Twin Spinner is as originally restored as they come and still features the 239 cubic inch side valve V8.



As you can see from these pics the work that's gone into this vehicle reveals the perfectionism of the owner.

Well done Frank.



Just a small compilation of Ford pics which have been found by hunting around on the internet.



SHOW N' SHINE AT THE LIBERATOR HANGER

Run jointly by the
WERRIBEE & DISTRICT COLLECTABLE VEHICLE CLUB
and the
B24 LIBERATOR BOMBER RESTORATION FUND
SUNDAY 19 March 2006

The weather was fine and cool with a bit of sun shining when Joan and I left home at 8:50 am. I did not aim to be at the hanger gates by 10:00am as I detoured via the Paterson's place to drop off Joan, say hello to Wayne and June and get on my way again. Wayne was not up to getting out that weekend but he is recovering well. I arrived at the Liberator hanger just after 11am to find that the place was pretty well full of cars etc. By this time it was starting to warm up a bit and looked like being a good day.

They directed me into the grounds and I parked next to Joe & Connie Vella in their Cussy. John Cobden in his 56 Fordor Vicky was parked four cars over and Jeff Cilia in his red 49 Convertible was parked further away. There were a few other Customlines there that day but I hadn't seen them before.

I spoke to Jim Bryant & Barbara just before I put in my registration but by the time I had returned I could not find them again. I then caught up with John Cobden and his mate Jim, they both had an interest in the Liberator and in the cars, just as I had. The three of us spent quite some time looking at and discussing the Liberator, its parts, and

the progress the Fund had made on restoring another great Classic.

After some lunch it was back outside to wander around the rest of the cars, see what had been done to them, talk with their owners, and decide on who to vote for. In the meantime the breeze sprung up from the south and covered the cars around where I was parked with a very light coating of red dust.

The trophy presentation was next on the agenda and they had plenty of categories to cover. John Cobden was chosen as "1st PLACE CLASSIC" (56 to 65), and blow me down a couple of minutes later he won the "RACV Choice Award". John was overjoyed at his wins and found it hard to believe.

Shortly after, everyone started to head for home as did we. John and Jim followed me back to Wayne's place so Wayne, June & Joan could have a look at the prize winning car. Most impressed they were so we all celebrated with a cuppa and some cake. A short while later we all left for home to finish off a most enjoyable and thrilling day.

Report & Pictures by Rob Brereton.



LIBERATOR SHOW n' SHINE LINEUP



Here is the B24 Liberator being restored at the Werribee hanger. A great "Classic", no plastic.



Some people have too much time on their hands, but a great job anyway.



John Cobden's, 1956 Fordor Victoria.



John Cobden showing off his two trophies won on the day. "Well done Cobbo".



Joe Vella's Starry, and Rob Brereton's 56.



Jeff Cilia and his "Cool 49" tilt front convertible.

LARA SHOW N' SHINE

2-4-2006

Well I think some people must have forgotten to turn the clocks back, as Rob and Joan waited at the Fleetwings meeting place for a half hour, but no one else came, so they left and headed for Hoppers and picked up June and myself and not forgetting my wheelchair.

A short journey down the highway and we arrived at the Lara sports ground where we met up with Jim Pierce in his green Single Spinner Coupe. There was plenty to see and do, a lot of nice cars on display for judging, and juke box rockers strutting there stuff with the band.

The state emergency crew were cutting up wrecks for demo purposes, and there were guys throwing bales of hay, to great heights, with pitchforks.

It was nice to see at the end of the day Jim Pierce receive a trophy for Runner Up in Best American category, good on you Jimmy, that extra hour in bed most certainly paid off. Time now to pack the wheelchair in Rob's boot and head for home.

Cheers for now, Wayne and June Paterson.



P.S. Thanks to Rob and Joan for their physical support with the chair.

Lara Show N' Shine Highlights



At Lara at Last.



Joan, June, Jim & Wayne.



Who's got the best wheels?



Now that's a flathead.



**Nice one Jimmy.
Runner Up Best American.**



Faster Jim, Faaasssterrrr.



FJ Ute & Panel Trailer.



A J for U & Me.



Bloody Holden's everywhere.



"Holy Hudson", Batman.



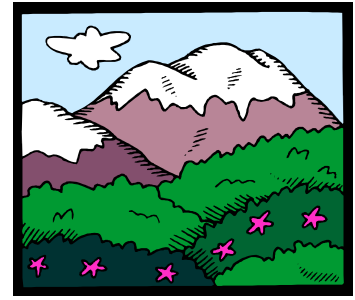
**Yes, it's a nice Chev.
Pictures by The Editor.**



What am I connected to ??

RUN TO MT FRANKLIN DAYLESFORD

by Phil Butt --- 9th April 2006.



We awoke to the sounds of rain on our roof and I thought "oh no" not one of those days, so we reluctantly forced ourselves outa' bed. We packed the car, more than usual because Brett & Claire were coming with us. Off we went, rain, then less rain, then it started to clear up, I thought bewdy' a nice day, this will be better than I thought.



Then it happened, just as we were Cruisin' down the S/E Frwy, things started to slow down. Then I saw it, No Tunnel Access or over the West-Gate Bridge. Don't worry though they still beeped us at the Toll Points. We found out latter that there was some kinda' Fun Run on for something I knew nothing about. So the long and short of it was I had to weave my way through the city to get to Racecourse Rd. By this time we weren't going to make the meeting point at Deer Park Maka's, so we drove straight up to Daylesford.



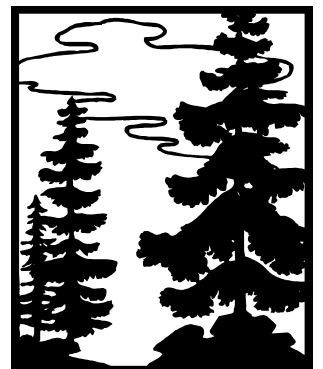
We stopped at the local market as did Richard & Barbara, as we saw their car. Not much there so off to the Mountain or "The Old Volcano". When we got there Ken & Shirley Lee, Jim Pierce, Richard & Barbra Van Egmond and a new face of Craig and his father, "who I think used to be in our club quite a few years back", they were in Craig's nice blue & white '57' Customline.

Later some of us went back to Ken & Shirley's for a Cuppa and a bit (or2) of cake till we all started to go our own ways back home, and a great day with the sun out and the Autumn Leaves all changing colour.

So we hope to see some more of our members who we haven't seen for a while on a run over to the Eastern side to change the scenery for a bit.

So Happy and Safe Cruisin.

Till Next Time, Phil.



Happy Birthday to You



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

June

1st Pieter Jacobs
16th June Paterson
12th Don Macumber
28th Brian Mallison

July

5th Wayne Paterson
11th Frank Beale
19th Bev Mills



23rd Linda Silver
25th John Cobden
28th Bernard Anstee

August

5th Helen Tuo
7th Sandra Munro
14th Chris O'Callaghan
19th Graedon Munro
23rd Gary Hallett

You're Gunna Love These Too

Jack decided to go skiing with his buddy, Bob. They loaded up Jack's station-wagon and headed north. After driving for a few hours, they got caught in a terrible blizzard. They pulled into a nearby farmhouse and asked the attractive lady of the house if they could spend the night.

"I'm recently widowed," she explained, "and I'm afraid the neighbours will talk if I let you stay in my house." "Not to worry," Jack said, "we'll be happy to sleep in the barn." Nine months later, Jack got a letter from the widow's attorney. He called up his friend Bob and said, "Bob, do you remember that good-looking widow at the farm we stayed at?" "Yes, I do."

"Did you happen to get up in the middle of the night and go up to the house and have sex with her?" "Yes, I have to admit that I did." "Did you happen to use my name instead of telling her your name?" Bob's face turns red and he said, "Yeah, I'm afraid I did."

"Well, thanks! She just died and left me everything!"

Three friends die in an auto accident and they go to an orientation in heaven. They are all asked "When you are in your casket and friends and family are mourning you, what would you like to hear them say about you? The first guy says, "I would like to hear them say that I was a great doctor of my time, and a great family man."

The second guy says, "I would like to hear that I was a wonderful husband and school teacher which made a huge difference in our children of tomorrow."

The last guy replies, "I would like to hear them say"

"Look, He's Moving"!

A beggar walks up to a well dressed woman on Collins Street and says: "Please, mam... could you please spare me some change, I haven't eaten in four days".

The woman looks at the beggar and says:.....

"God, I wish I had your willpower".

CUSTOMLINE CLUB FROM THE PAST

PART 2

Can you put Faces & Names to these Cars below?

Where was this display? Were you there? -----

That was the Question asked in the last newsletter, below is the answer.

Hello Rob, Gary Hallett here.

The photo (in the last n/let) on the inside back cover was taken in March 1988 at the All Ford Day display, they use to be held at the Broadmeadows Ford Factory in those days.

The cars in the photo (from R to Left) #1 is a all white 57 sedan, owned by myself, #2 is a Green/white 56 sedan owned by Graham - TEX - Nevin, #3 is a all black 57 sedan owned by Adrian Rossi, #4 is a tri-colour 57 sedan owned by the late Ray Bottin (member from the 49-62 Ford Club of NSW), #5 is a cream 56 sedan owned by Veronica Schapel, #6 is a Champagne pink Star ute owned by myself.

The Customline Club was in full swing that day, with over 35 cars in attendance.....more than any other club. Above the GT and Mustang clubs we won the Trophy for Best Car Club Display that year. Ray Bottin and Allan & Lyn Morgan, members of the NSW club came down for the weekend and stayed with members of our club.

That photo was from a series we sent to various car magazines about that time. It

all came about a few years earlier when the Customline Club was in its dark days of just a dozen or so members. When the club was about 10 years old, the first generation of members had mostly lost interest or dropped out of the club to the point where in 1985/86 only 11 members remained.

I remember a committee meeting at the time discussing if the club should be resolved/closed down and what money was in the bank given to a charity. I was on the committee and still thought the club had some potential, Pat Muldoon had become President and also voted to keep it going.

I rounded up a few friends with Customlines in the eastern suburbs to join, one being Jim McCurdy who had owned Cusso's since 1961 and came with a wealth of experience.

I realised at the time if the club was to survive it needed more members and money. So starting in 1986, I began an advertising campaign in all the car magazines (that provided FREE Club ads!).

I wanted our notices to be seen above all the others on the page, so I included lots of photos of Customlines at various runs/meetings etc. Gradually

people started joining up...and many of these people mentioned they didn't know of such a club and were very happy to find us! Also about this time the Footscray Fruit market swap meet was just about to start for the very first time and they provided the club with free sites to promote the club, and attract new members etc.

Slowly but surely in the period 1986-1988 we went from 11 members to 140! Some of these blokes who joined at this time were to go onto office positions in the 1990's and keep the club going up to what it is today.

I have more photos of that Ford Day in 1988, as well as the club display at the 1st Footscray swap meet, and other runs/club functions of the time if you need some for the newsletter. I actually took on the newsletter job myself for a few years and kept a stock of interesting things for it.

Ford Day 1988. The engine-bay shot is Club member Mario Muscats 58 Star model with a 400 Cleveland.

Regards Gary Hallett

ALL FORD DAY ... 1988



The pictures above and the report were supplied by Gary Hallett.

vanity number plates

Here are a few more Vanity Number Plates for you to ponder over.
May be you have a few of your own, if you do then send them to the editor.

XQZMOI
WE WE DR
TZVECL

Miss Piggy's perhaps? --- "Excuzemoi".

On a Urologist's plate.

On an Ophthalmologist's car - it's the 20/20
line on the eye chart.

TOOFDR
TIN CAN
T IT UP

On a Dentist's car. "Tooth Doctor", get it?

On a Toyota.

On a golfer's car.

If you shouldn't drink and drive, then why do bars have car parks????

Happy Snaps

Some More Blasts from the Past

HOWDY PARDNERS

Who said Elvis was dead!

He's alive and well and living in the northern outskirts of Melbourne with Ray and Sandra.

How do I know this?
Well of course Sue told me

Pictures supplied by the Editor.



WELL DONE HELEN

Were you there when Helen received her Achievement Award?

It was presented to her by Jenny Taylor with the able assistance of Ken Lee.

At the Club's Rock N' Roll dance in October 2002.

Now who wants to own a Customline just like this one.

If I recall I think it was the Yellow one with the dead battery and the Blue one lending some charge.

(Yellow (--) left, Blue (+) right).

It's always the Yellow one's that let you down, I think it's got something to do with the Lemon flavour they put in the paint.

Names and identities have been withheld to protect the innocent.



Ed.



Forthcoming Events

Official Club Runs are in: “*Bold Italics*” with  indicated.



June 2006

10-11 th	Sat – Sun. Alexandra Truck, Ute & Rod Show.
18 TH 	<i>“General Meeting”, RSL Hall Sunbury. “Bring the Cussy”, we need your support. Meeting Starts 11:30 am. Sausage Sizzle after. Location details bottom of Page 2. See you there.</i>
25 th  See Note	<i>Run to the “Cuckoo Restaurant” in the Dandenong Ranges at Olinda. It is necessary to have your booking phoned into Ken Lee (93 17 8406 AH) by the 9th of June. Western members will meet at Shell Westgate, at 9:00am and depart at 9:30am. Eastern members can meet at McDonalds Nunawading, corner of Whitehorse Rd and Springvale Rd at 10:00am and we will depart as soon as the Western group arrive and head for the Cuckoo.</i>

July 2006

2 nd  See Note	<i>“Gear Grinders Rod & Custom”, Presents, at AVOCA, “Heroes In Hot Rods 2006” week end, Friday 30th June to Sunday 2nd July. Sunday Show N’ Shine from 12 to 2 pm. Meet at McDonalds Deer Park, the usual, at 8:30 am for a 9:00 am departure. We will cruise up the Western Highway, past Ballarat, then onto the Sunraysia Highway and onto Avoca.</i>
16 th	All Makes Swap Meet. Venue - Sandown Park Racecourse, Grandstand Reserve. (Site & General enquiries) 03 9890 0524
29 th	Annual AOMC Seminar. Venue - Veneto Club, Bulleen Rd, Bulleen (Melway 32D9). AOMC Office 03 9555 0133.

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6 th  See Note	<i>Run to “Swiss Mountain Hotel”, Blampied, just west of Daylesford. It is necessary to have your booking phoned into Ken Lee (93 17 8406 AH) by the 16th July to secure your seat. Meeting place will be at McDonalds, Deer Park, the usual, so, be there by 10:00 am for a 10:30 am departure. We will cruise up the Western Highway, turn off and head for Daylesford and arrive at the Pub about 11:45 am.</i>
20 th 	<i>“Annual General Meeting”, RSL Hall Sunbury. “Bring the Cussy”, we need your support. Meeting Starts 11:30 am. Sausage Sizzle after. Location details bottom of Page 2. See you there.</i>
27 th	All Makes Automotive Swap Meet & Super Chevy Sunday. Sandown racecourse grandstand reserve. Melbourne’s biggest swap meet and Victoria’s biggest display of Chev’s. Buyers and lookers \$6, from 8.30 am. Site and general enquiries: 03 9890 0524
28 th	AOMC DELEGATES’ MEETING. Venue – East Malvern RSL, Stanley Grose Drive, East Malvern. AOMC Office 03 9555 0133.

We are still looking for someone to be our full time “Run’s Co-ordinator”, so if you feel that you would like to help then please contact one of the Club Officials.

Also, we are always looking for interesting places to go on our runs, so if you find somewhere interesting then please let us know.

Confucius Say:
**“When everything is
coming your way,
you are probably
in the wrong lane”.**



OK, who can give me the best info on this vehicle, especially the tail lights.
Send details to the editor, Rob Brereton.

TOOL TIME

Some Definitions.

TROUBLE LIGHT: The mechanic's own tanning tool. Sometimes called a drop light, it is a good source of vitamin D, "the sunshine vitamin", which is not otherwise found under cars at night. Health benefits aside, its main purpose is to consume 100 watt light bulbs at about the same rate that 105mm howitzer shells might be used during, say, the first few hours of the Battle of the Bulge. More often dark than light, its name is somewhat misleading.

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