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49 – 59 Ford Customline Car Club of Victoria Inc.

**“Dedicated to the preservation, restoration and enjoyment of
V8 Fords built throughout the years 1949 to 1959”.**

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Or if you wish you can send an e-mail to the
Cussy Club at: cussyclub@optusnet.com.au

**Club Meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday,
Bi-monthly, commencing at 11:00 am.**

The Next Meeting Dates are:

April: 20th 2008 General Meeting

June: 15th 2008 General Meeting

August: 17th 2008 Annual General Meeting

**Our Meeting Place is at the
Sunbury R.S.L. Rooms
Corner of Barkly & Macedon St. Sunbury.
Melways Ref: 382 F 4.**

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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, or download an application form
from the Clubs web site.

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



A Word From Our President

Hi Everyone.

We are now well into the new year and I hope that you have all had a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year. Like me, I suppose you have all returned to work and by now the thoughts of Christmas are long gone. Just the other day I noticed hot cross buns in the supermarket, so that means Easter is not far away, what already!

Our run reports are a bit thin this issue as December is a quiet month for the Club with everyone getting ready for Christmas and the New Year. January is not much better although I did meet with Joe Vella and his family at Fleetwings on the Geelong Jukebox Rockers run day before they ventured off to Geelong. I am not sure if any other members attended that run.

February arrived with the Picnic at Hanging Rock and a week later with the All ford Day, which happened to fall on our February General Meeting day, although we did manage to get quite a few members at our meeting.

We do have a few good runs coming up in the next few months, so get your calendars out and mark those runs prominently. One special run at the end of March is the Visually Impaired Day held at the Sandown Motor Racing Circuit. This is a special day to help those visually impaired people enjoy something we take for granted. It is a very fulfilling day so I hope some of you can come along on this special day.

In April we are having another run to Ian & Sue Hayward's wonderful property for a BBQ lunch. If you have never been to their place you are really missing out on something unique. Ian has collected many items of interest over the years and especially his Dove airplane which takes pride of place in his back yard. Hope to see a lot of you there, you will enjoy the day.

Another good run will be the National Motoring Heritage Day Pub Run to Lancefield in May. Come along a bit earlier and browse the antique shops and then settle into a nice lunch with fellow Club Members.

My last few words are to ask all members to keep an eye out for interesting places to go to and visit for our future runs. Please pass these ideas onto our Runs Co-ordinator, Helen Tuo, so she can incorporate your ideas into our runs. Let's try to make her job a bit easier by passing on your suggestions.

*Safe Cruising, see ya all at the next Meeting or Run.
Your President. Wayne Paterson.*



"VISUALLY IMPAIRED DAY"

30th MARCH 2008

At Sandown Motor Racing Circuit . Come along and let Visually Impaired people feel your wonderful car and learn what it was like to take a ride in one of our 50's vehicles. We take them for a short drive around the car park and at lunch time we get to take them out onto the track for about half an hour, so they can really feel the rush we get each time we drive our cars. I hope to see some of you members there as this is a great cause, and lots of satisfaction from both sides. Don't forget to register when you arrive. Lunch, tea & coffee available. Please ring Richard Van Egmond on 53 , by the 16th of March if you intend to attend on this day. All the details in the run sheet.



"Run to Ian & Sue Hayward's". 13th April 2008.

For a BBQ Lunch. BYO Meat, Salads, Drinks, Chair & Table etc,. Tea & Coffee supplied. Still come if it is wet, as Ian has plenty of cover. If you have never been to the Hayward's then make this run a MUST. Ian has a wonderful collection of everything at his place and he has that special Dove airplane in his back yard. Details in the run sheet.



Our Public Liability Policy and the Loan of Club Property to Members.

As you can read from the letter produced at right, our Public Liability Insurer has extended our policy to cover the loan on Club Property to Members. This does not mean the Club Member is covered by the Clubs Insurance if a situation arises, it means that the Club is covered if the Clubs Property causes injury or damage to other parties. This extended cover is only applicable to immediate Club Members for their private use only. Any use of Club Property for fundraising, school or sports events will not be covered. There will be no charge for the loan of Club Property to members, the only proviso being that it is returned in the same condition as when it was loaned, and that means re-filling the gas bottle on the BBQ trailer. We will also ensure, to the best of our ability, that the property borrowed is in satisfactory working order at the time of the loan.

Your Committee.

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Mr R Brereton 49 - 59 Ford Customline Car Club of Victoria Inc 13 Isabella Street MOORABBIN VIC 3189	
COVER TYPE PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURED: 49 - 59 FORD CUSTOMLINE CAR CLUB OF VICTORIA INC POLICY #: 0003948LIA	
<p>Dear Rob,</p> <p>I refer to your letter of 8th February 2008 regarding the loan of Club property to Club Members.</p> <p>The insurer has agreed that provided the equipment loaned is the property of the Club and used by its members for their <u>private use only</u>, the policy will extend to cover the Club (but not the member) for that use.</p> <p>However, cover will <u>not</u> extend to cover situations where the member uses the Club equipment for non-private activities (eg. Fundraising activities, School or Sports Club functions or activities).</p> <p>Should you have any queries regarding the above, please feel free to contact me.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p> Janet Pawlak Account Broker </p>	

Wanted to Buy or Swap

One, rust free, left hand mudguard for a 54 Customline.

Either buy it from you, or swap for a brand new right hand guard that has never been on a car. I'm also looking for a 54 Radio, or at least the front panel for one.

Regards: Smiley & Marie Edmonds

Home: (03)

Mobile: 04

Email: smileymarie@

For Sale

1958 FORD CUSTOMLINE: *See Pictures Below*

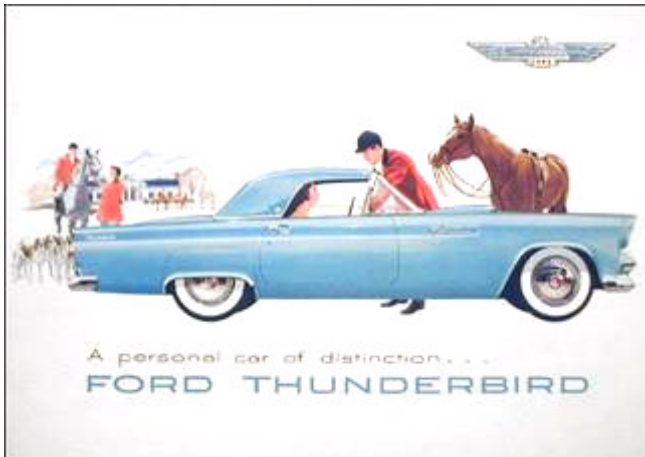
COLOUR	TRITONE
BODY	4 DOOR, 6 SEAT SEDAN
INT COLOUR	WHITE AND BLUE
TRANSMISSION	3 SPEED AUTOMATIC
DRIVE TYPE	REAR
ENGINE	8 CYCLINDER, PETROL CARB, 239L (5440cc)
REG PLATE	GYS 416 (ORIGINAL PLATE)
VEHICLE ID	3638561
BRIEF COMMENTS	STAR MODEL, 351 CI, C4 AUTO, FRONT END DISK BRAKE, ORIGINAL INTERIOR, NO RUST, STRAIGHT BODY.
LONG COMMENTS	STAR MODEL, ORIGINAL BODY/INTERIOR, NOTHING MISSING, GREAT CRUISER, 351/C4 AUTO, DISK BRAKE FRONT END, 15" ORIGINAL RIMS, WHITEWALLS, 4BI CARTER, NO RUST, CARPET, GARAGED, HARDLY DRIVEN, EXCELLENT CONDITION OVERALL
PRICE	\$25,000 ONO
CONTACT	RON WILSON Phone: 03



The Early Ford V8 Club will possibly be looking for fairly Original Customlines (possibly only 3) to display in the car parking area on the Saturday show day. If you are interested in taking part in this event then please contact the Early Ford V8 Club for details. There will be other Clubs invited to display also. Some Cussy Club members are planning to visit on the show day but are not taking part in the display. Might see some of you there. There will also be further info on this via our e-mail service. See runs sheet for more details.

Ford for 1955

A totally new car for the speed-sport fan, the young at heart, and the person who wanted something different, that was the Thunderbird, brought out late in 1954. The car was rumoured to be America's answer to the European domination of the sports car scene, but any thoughts along this line were just wishful thinking. Because of its large engine alone, it would have had to run against Ferraris and other such exotic machines. Ford itself referred to the vehicle as "a personal car" and left the sports car idea strictly to the individual owner's imagination.



Despite the attention gained by the T-Bird, the regular Ford line consisted of what were probably the best looking cars since 1940. The styling was clean, long, and low looking, and showed definite influences of the T-Bird, or vice-versa. Offered were a total of 15 models. The Crest line designation was dropped, and was replaced by the Fairlane, with six models plus station wagons in this range. Two V-8s were offered, one with 162 hp, the other with 182. Also available was the six, now at 120 hp.

In 1955 Ford again updated the range, something required if they were to continue to compete with Chevrolet. The underpinnings were pretty much taken from the '52 Ford's, however the wonderful "Mileage Maker" straight 6 engine was bumped up to 223 ci (3.7 litres) for 120 hp (89 kW) and the new-for-1954 Y-block V8 was now offered in two sizes: Standard Fords used a 272 ci (4.5 litre) version with 162 hp (121 kW), but the large 292 ci (4.8 litre) unit from the Thunderbird was also offered, boasting 193 hp (144 kW).

Apart from the engine changes, customers were sure to notice the new "Fairlane" top-line trim, while a new "Crown Victoria" style featured a chrome "basket handle" across the familiar (and continued) "Victoria" hardtop roof. The company now boasted three different rooflines, the tall two-pillar Mainline, Customline, and Fairlane, lower chrome-pillar Crown Victoria, and pillarless hardtop Victoria.

The "Skyliner" acrylic glass roof was still offered, this time only on the Crown Victoria model. For the first time, Ford customers could purchase their new cars with air conditioning. The system included a condenser unit in the

THE FINE CAR OF ITS FIELD

FORD

1955 FORD PRICE LIST

Model	Base Price	Options
FAIRLANE SEDAN	4,075	8,125
Std. Sedan	3,100	3,100
Deluxe	3,485	3,485
Hardtop	3,675	3,675
CUSTOMLINE SEDAN	4,175	8,225
Std.	3,200	3,200
Deluxe	3,585	3,585
SKYLARK SEDAN	4,275	8,325
Std. Sedan	3,300	3,300
Deluxe	3,685	3,685
SKYLARK	4,375	8,425
Std. Sedan	3,400	3,400
Deluxe	3,785	3,785
SKYLARK	4,475	8,525
Std. Sedan	3,500	3,500
Deluxe	3,885	3,885
SKYLARK	4,575	8,625
Std. Sedan	3,600	3,600
Deluxe	3,985	3,985
SKYLARK	4,675	8,725
Std. Sedan	3,700	3,700
Deluxe	4,085	4,085

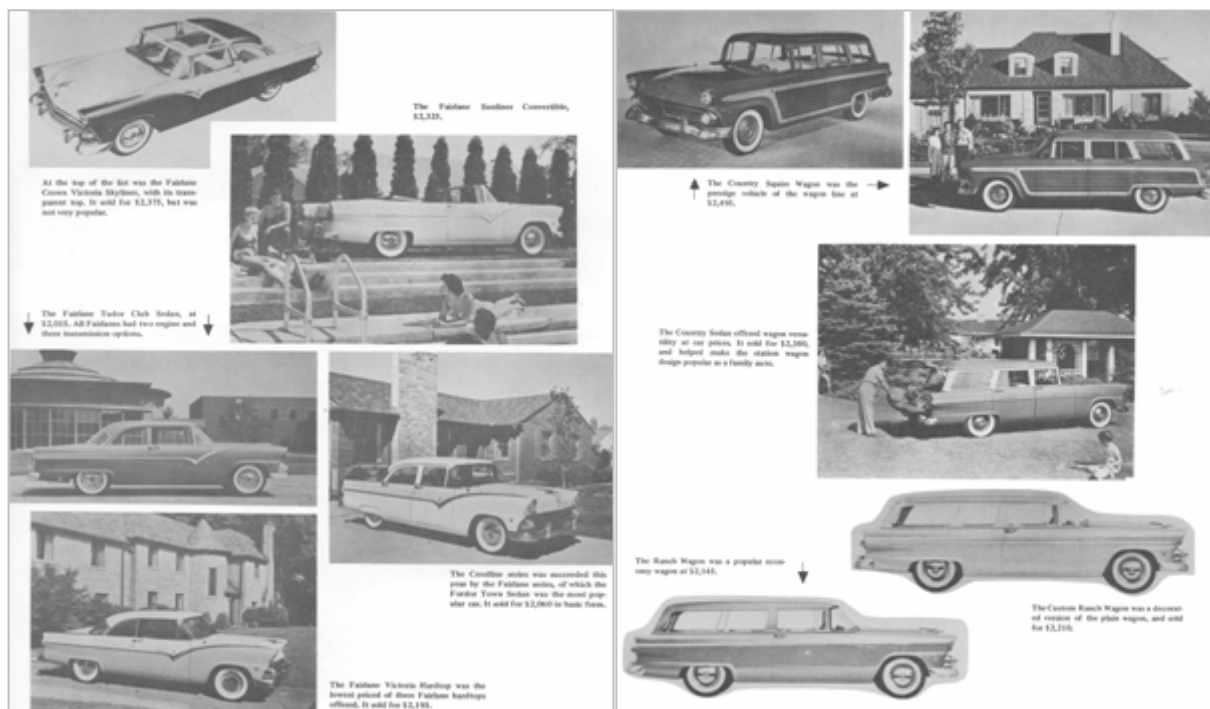
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 (1955)



trunk, plus a pair of air ducts in the trunk and clear tubes which run from the rear package shelf into the headliner, where one found the air ducts. The system was very costly and few units were sold.

The egg-crate grille featured on the 1955 cars was widened into a series of rectangles for 1956. For Australian's however, the line up was restricted to the four-door sedan, locally designed Mainline Utility and Station Wagon.

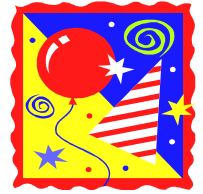
The Fords introduced for 1955 also featured the panoramic windshields found on Buick's, Oldsmobile's and Cadillac's the previous year. With the panoramic windshield the A-pillars have a vertical angle, this gives the driver more panoramic visibility. For the first time, Ford also offered seat belts as an option.



The Courier Sedan Delivery (left) retained its popularity and sold for \$1,725.00. Purchasers of the Customline Tudor had a choice two engines and three transmissions. With a 6 cylinder engine and standard transmission it sold for \$1,910.00. The Customline Fordor offered mid stream economy at \$1,945. The Mainline Business Coupe sold for \$1,710 & the Mainline Fordor for \$1,885



Happy Birthday to You



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

March:

1st Peter Fogarty
6th Gilbert Trigg
25th Sue Hayward

April:

4th Sandra Hibbert

5th Connie Vella
5th Phil Hird
15th Barb van Egmond
20th Beryle McKenzie
20th Joe Vella
21st Merv Macumber
30th Ray Kilby

May:

2nd Jim Bryant
23rd Alan McKenzie
29th Jim Pierce

From the Editors Desk



Hi All. I suppose you have all noticed this issue of the newsletter is a little thinner than past issues, for a couple of reasons. Mainly because my ongoing health problems have prevented me from spending as much time as I would have liked at the computer editing this issue. Also because December and January are very quiet months on the events calendar and I have had no reports for February either. Your Editor. Rob Brereton.

Cussy PARTS FOR SALE

1956 Ford Victoria Dash Parts.

2 x Bare Dash's. LHD. \$60.00 each.
1 x Bare Instrument Panel & Hood. LHD. \$40.00.
1 x Glove Box Door. \$10.00.
1 x Heater Control & Switch & Cables. \$50.00.
1 x Radio to suit 56 Victoria. \$120.00.
1 x Speaker Grille. \$5.00.
1 x Left Hand & 1 x Right Hand Vertical Inside Windscreen Bezels. \$10.00 the pair.
1 x Left Hand & 1 x Right Hand Dash to Pillar Bezel \$30.00 the pair.
4 x After Market SUN Gauges. These gauges measure 2&5/8" inches in diameter, and are mounted in a 1956 Victoria Instrument Hood, LHD. \$120.00 the lot, will not separate.

Gearbox Bits.

2 x Manual 3 speed gearboxes to suit 1955 to 1958 vehicles. Make one gearbox out of the two. \$145.00 the lot.
1 x Gear Linkage. Goes under the gearbox. \$60.00.

Contact Wayne Paterson: Phone: 97

After Hours.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Official Club Runs are in: "Bold Italics" with



indicated.

March 2008

6 th	Shannon's Rockabilly at the Drags. Nostalgia Drag racing to be held at Heathcote Park Raceway near Bendigo. 9.00am - 4.30pm. Info @ www.nostalgiadrags.com.au
16 th 	<u>"Werribee & District Collectable Vehicle Club's Annual Show 'n Shine."</u> <u>Mossfiel Reserve, Heaths Rd Hoppers Crossing, Mel Ref 206 F2. 9.00 am-3.00pm. Show cars \$10 per entry vehicle. General Admission \$2</u> <u>Trophy prizes, Market stalls, Food stalls. See you all there.</u>
30 th 	<u>"Visually Impaired Day"</u> At Sandown Race Track. 9.30 am, enter Circuit via bridge from the Dandenong Rd- Princes Hwy side, and drive into pit lane, hope to see you all there as this is a great cause, and lots of satisfaction. Don't forget to register when you arrive. Lunch, tea, coffee available. Please ring Richard Van Egmond on 53 , by the 16 th of March, if you intend to attend on this day.

April 2008

6 th 	<u>"Shannon's American Motor Show"</u> at Flemington Racecourse members car park. Gates open 8:30 am. Entry Display Car \$10. Food, Music, Trophies. Details ring 98090524. See you there.
5-6 th	Lakes Motor Fest. Held by the Lakes Entrance Rotary Club.
6 th	Austin7 Clubs Myrniong Historic Car Sprint. Korobeit Road Myrniong. 10 am-4 pm. \$5 admission.
13 th 	<u>"Run to Ian & Sue Hayward's"</u> . 18 Penrose Court Nth Croydon. For a BBQ Lunch. BYO Meat, Salads, Drinks etc, Chair & Table. Tea & Coffee supplied. Still come if it is wet, as Ian has plenty of cover. Meet at Maccas Nunawading cnr Springvale & Whitehorse Rd's at 11:00 am and we will depart at 11:30 am. If you have never been to the Hayward's then make this run a MUST.
20 th 	<u>"General Meeting"</u> RSL Hall Sunbury, See you all there. Cnr Barkly & Macedon Streets, Sunbury. Mel Ref (382-F4) Meeting starts at <u>11am</u> , Tea & coffee supplied. Bring the Cussy.

May 2008

4 th	Renegades Hotrod & Custom Club's annual Swap meet at Werribee Racecourse, Bulbans Rd Werribee (Mel Ref 205 F8). Gates open @ 8am. \$5 entry.
18 th 	<u>"National Motoring Heritage Day Pub Run to Lancefield"</u> . Lunch at the Lancefield Hotel, 2 High Street, Lancefield, at 12.00. There are some antique shops to nosey through. Please Phone Helen on 03 53 by <u>May 5th</u> to let me know if you are coming, as I need to book tables.
25 th	AOMC Delegates meeting.

June 2008

7 th	Early Ford V8 11th National Event in Bendigo. To be held at the Bendigo Exhibition Centre, Bendigo Showgrounds. This is a 4 day event but only open to public on the 7 th .
7- 9 th	Thunderbirds Rod & Custom Club of Vic. Country Cruise & Hotrod weekend at Lakes Entrance.
15 th 	<u>"General Meeting"</u> RSL Hall Sunbury. See you all there. Cnr Barkly & Macedon Streets, Sunbury. Melways Ref 382-F4. Meeting starts at <u>"11am"</u> . Tea & Coffee supplied. Bring the Cussy.



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TOOL TIME

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29-02-2008 RJB