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of 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 11:00 am.**

The Next Meeting Dates are:

June: 15th 2008 General Meeting
August: 17th 2008 Annual General Meeting
October: 12th 2008 General Meeting (not 19th)

**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 the Club's meetings.**



A Word From Our President

Hi Everyone.

We have had some good runs in the last few months and we have more good runs coming up in the next few months, so get your calendars out and mark those runs prominently once again.

I know that at the present time the cost of fuel is rather high which bears a burden for us and our gas guzzling beasts, so I would like to suggest that all members think about a theme of **"RUNS IN YOUR AREA"**. So if you have any suggestions for short runs in your local area, or surrounds, then please pass them onto our runs co-ordinator, Helen Tuo.

We reckon we are a pretty friendly and happy bunch of people, so if you enjoy friendship as well as Customlines, then come along and join us. As I have said before and will keep saying, I would love to see more of our members attending our runs and meetings.

At our last General Meeting on April 20th, a good few members turned up and also one of our newer members, Shane Owen. I would like to see more of our members at our next General Meeting on June 15th so come along, show us your support and enjoy our Club activities.

Now a reminder for you all that memberships are due for renewal by 1st July 2008, so please send your renewal form back ASAP. Also don't forget the Club's Annual General Meeting, where you can have your say on who runs the Club for the next year. So come along and show us your support for the Club on this day.

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

AUGUST AGM

The August Meeting for the Club is the Annual General Meeting, which is to be held on the third Sunday, the 17th August 2008. This allows the Club time to have the financial records audited and ready for presentation at the meeting. We would like 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 nominate your favourite members to be a committee member to help run the Club for the next year.

We would really love to have your support, so we hope to see you all there.

"SAUSAGE SIZZLE SUPPLIED". See the run sheet for location details.

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.

From the Editors Desk



Hi All. Well here I am again with another edition of our newsletter all signed, sealed and delivered. I hope I have found enough content to keep you all busy reading for a short while. We have a few good run reports this issue which helps make my job easier, so thanks to all those who contributed. Now don't forget to keep your newsletter handy for reference to when our next runs and meetings are on. If anyone wants adverts listed in the newsletter then just send them along to me via post or e-mail and I will get them into the next newsletter.

Your Editor. Rob Brereton.

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 there will be no increase in fees this year and we will endeavour to continue to provide quality services to our members. So 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.

Please return your renewal form to the Secretary ASAP. Thanks in advance.

e-MAIL ADDRESSES

For those members who have internet access, then e-mailing comes as part of the package. For those members who have supplied their e-mail addresses to the Club, they occasionally receive news and messages from the Club.

But, if your e-mail address has changed and you don't tell the Club then you cease to receive these messages, which has happened to a couple of members.

So, if your e-mail address has changed or you have just acquired a new e-mail address, then please contact the Club and let us know, so we can keep you informed with Club information whenever necessary.

Please send your message or reply to: cussyclub@optusnet.com.au.

Come on our run to Kerrisdale Mountain Railway and Museum

You are assured of a great day out with the Club once again.

Directions are as detailed here and please check the run sheet.

As most members will be travelling from different directions and meeting places along the way difficult, it has been decided that everyone is to make their own way there, meeting at Kerrisdale at 11am to 11:30am. Located on the Goulburn Valley Highway at Kerrisdale, equal-distance between the towns of Seymour and Yea, in the North East of Victoria in the beautiful Upper Goulburn Valley.

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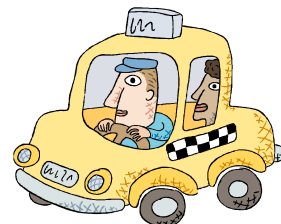
IN THE DRIVERS SEAT

For the Visually Impaired - At Sandown Motor Racing Circuit

30th MARCH 2008

It was a great start to a wonderful day at Sandown and we were represented there by Richard & Barbara Van Egmond, Phil & Cherie Butt, Ian Burgess, Ray and Sandra Kilby and Jill & Les Peterson.

The Warrandyte Lions clubs do a fantastic job of organising and putting on the day for the visually impaired people. The weather was just perfect and there were a lot of people lining up for the ride of their life in some of the well loved classic cars, motorbikes and vintage cars.

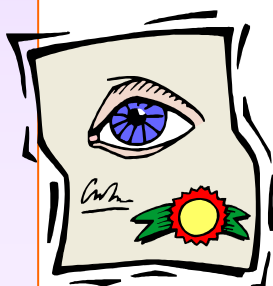


As usual we get to hear of the stories that some of the people tell us about their lives and circumstances that have ended in them losing their eye sight, which makes you very thankful to have your own eye sight.

There is always an abundance of freshly cooked sausages and hamburgers that are available to all for a small donation. There are also plenty of drinks to choose from and at a \$1 a can you can't complain.

Everyone seems to keeps busy, and our drivers do a great job, as do the others helping people in and out of cars etc. There is plenty of goodwill going around on the day which helps make someone else's life a little happier and each one seems to be very grateful.

Phil takes along some CD's that he knows are favourites of some of the people that he has come to know and so he plays the appropriate CD for each of them. Lisa for instance loves John Farnham so Phil always makes a point of having some of his CD's on board for Lisa to hear and enjoy. Thanks Phil, You make Lisa very Happy.



Mid afternoon the Lions club have a presentation to show their appreciation to all who have taken the time to participate in making other peoples lives a little happier and they present each one of the drivers with a Certificate.

Many thanks to all for such a great job and we hope to see you there again next year.

Sandra & Ray Kilby

1956 Ford Fairlane Victoria Coupe

Owner: Peter Hibbert

I am the 3rd Australian owner of the Victoria, the importer being the first, then sold to another, then to me in a weathered but running condition. It was registered on 'CH' plates and my family drove it 'as was' for about a year. It was a low mileage California Ford and evidenced by the minimal corrosion to the body and virtually none to the chassis and running gear. The body rust was confined to 65% of one side rocker, front fender lower trailing panel areas and the rear beaver panel at both ends. Nothing else of significance found.



The prime consideration was the Fairlane needed to be as complete and original as possible. It was equipped with 4-way electric front seat, heater, and radio with 2 Military bands, all instruments and exterior stainless trim. I then commenced the 3-1/2 year full 'body-off' restoration. *NOTHING* was overlooked. The chassis frame completely stripped, de greased, sand blasted and painted in 'Chassis Black'. The Thunderbird 292 'Y' block engine only needed a top end overhaul including the camshaft oiling improvement, a transmission overhaul and servicing, all brakes and chassis/running gear, radiator, heating system, all electrics (first year of 12 volt system), with all new or restored components. The engine was painted in factory colours.

I restored ALL fastenings to original factory finish, all seals and rubber components, new windscreen and side glass, all stainless window frames and trims highly polished and all chrome components repaired and triple re-chromed. The complete body was bead blasted, rust repaired using all steel pieces (NO FILLER), set on a rotisserie and fully painted in the factory original colours of Peacock Blue and Colonial White, red primer finish to the underbody and all interior/inner door/hood/boot surfaces fully finished in Colonial White.

The wheel arches/inner fender liners etc, finished in satin 'Chassis Black'. The front drum brakes were replaced in favour of Ford XW /XY discs C/W a vacuum booster piped and mounted at the original factory option position within the engine bay. A front anti-sway bar from a Tank Fairlane fitted along with all 4 gas filled shock absorbers. Refurbished and reset rear springs.



A transmission cooler was mounted between front chassis rails and piped to radiator. The Fairlane does a lot of slow speed cruising on events and has also proved to suffer no overheating, even during a 38 degree fast run. There are so many other restoration items I could mention but suffice to say that once starting, it is difficult to ignore anything that should be attended to. Unattended small items can 'take-the-shine' off the end result. I have fully restored many cars but this was the most satisfying. I believe every restoration serves to 'lift' ones standard to perfection.

Overall, it was a very rewarding experience ending with an understanding and full knowledge of every component and its function. Knowing that it is thoroughly restored is comforting and results in a safe reliable touring Ford.

Peter Hibbert, On behalf of: **"VICCY"**
1956 Ford Fairlane Victoria Hardtop Coupe.



ALL AMERICAN DAY

BY IAN HAYWARD



It was perfect weather for the day at Flemington Racecourse, on the 6th April 2008, to view all those 1000's of wonderful Yank Tanks. There were a wide variety of vendors and of course the 50's Rock & Roll live music to please everyone.

The highlight for me was meeting up with Terry Liversidge who owned my Red Star Model Cussy in 1985. He did all the super modifications to my Cussy which has given me happy beans for the last 10 years.

Attached (above) is a picture of me standing next to my Cussy, because some old codger from the band pinched my chair. I have to thank John Cobden for the picture and to mention there is also a picture of his 1956 4 Door Victoria (below) looking grand in the sunshine.



Unique Cars usually do a write up of the days happenings so look in the coming edition for the article. Ian Hayward.

Hayward's BBQ Run

Sunday 13th April 2008

Well, the day started out in Creswick looking like it might be a nice day, but then Creswick is a long way from Croydon, so Jim and I thought it would be wise to be good scouts and be prepared. As it turned out that was a wise decision.

Jim fired up the Cussie and we cruised casually to Nunawading, making it a 2 hour trip and arriving first at the big M, after a coffee, Ian Burgess arrived, then Wayne & June Paterson and closely followed by Rob & Joan Brereton.

Sitting chatting at a large table, which was shared by other customers, it became apparent that there was another person sitting next to Ian who I assumed was just a customer. June and Joan, asked if he was with Ian, he wasn't, so when questioned he said he had recently joined the club and everyone immediately introduced themselves, of course feeling rather bad for excluding him earlier. Then he stated that he had joined at the meeting that was held the week previous, to which we replied that we had no meeting that week, it was the following week. Then it was discovered he was waiting for a Muscle Car Club who were going to Lilydale Lake, but none had shown up or he was at the wrong Maccas. Out parked next to our cars was his lovely orange Dodge Challenger. With farewells done we made the short last stretch to Croydon, to be met by Ian sweeping the driveway.

Not long after we were joined by Jim Bryant, who in his best tongue in cheek manner stated that he was the eldest male there and the one with the best head of hair, much to the mirth of all the girls.

It was a really good day to catch up with all, especially Ian and Sue Hayward and their dog Alfred, and to see their new extension and back verandah. The weather was the only down point to the day as it got colder and colder as the day wore on, thank goodness for being prepared. After we were all chatted out it was time to say our goodbyes and head home.

Thank you to Ian & Sue for their hospitality and a lovely day.
See you all soon, Helen Tuo.

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From a guys point of view Ian has done a marvellous job in the back yard, fitting in his Dove aircraft and all the other bits and pieces he has found in his travels. Inside the Dove he has a computer set up with all the controls for flying all sorts of aircraft in a simulated situation, and with real sound as well.

He said he really enjoys showing kids his aircraft and telling them all about the one that crashed at Essendon Airport many years ago. I must say it is really a work of art in progress when you enter his property. Well done Ian.

Rob Brereton.



Here we are at the Hayward's place with our cars all nicely parked. Ian is standing beside his "Gold Mine". He's the only guy I know with a gold mine in his front yard, and he's proud of that.



We've all had a good chat and it's just about time to fire up the Barbie. I don't know what Jim was drinkin and his mate looks a little stoned, and don't forget the Drongo Academy out the back.



Don't look now Sue but there is a "Dove" in your back yard. Never mind Alfred will chase it off. And a flying Cussy through the trees, what will we see next, who knows, so don't close your eyes.



May be we will find a Hot Rod on the letterbox, or an old Mobilgas petrol pump encrusted with Ivy, and perhaps an old sign. Or we might find that Ford did make other sorts of "BOMBS".



Lancefield Pub Lunch Run Sunday 18th May 2008



Well, what a day for a run, wet and FREEZING cold, but off we went anyway in the trusty Customline, from Creswick to Lancefield, a leisurely hour and a half drive through Daylesford, Trentham and Woodend.

We were first there so after scouting out the town we parked outside the Lancefield Hotel where the others would see us and we then wandered over to the Antique Shop. It was three stories high packed with some amazing stuff, some priced a bit over the top and other's reasonably priced.

It was not long before looking up there were the Kilby's, Patterson's and Munro's perusing the wares as well. After perusing some more and myself making the only purchase from said establishment we wandered back to the Pub to find Ian the only one with any brains to be snugly sitting beside a heater keeping as warm as he could.

Lunch was followed by a walk down the street to see what else there was. The girls found a very nice ladies and accessories wear shop, into which of course we entered, leaving the boys to loiter in the street and freeze. We did discuss the merits of being warm and making them wait for us for a change.

By the time we left the shop it was decided it was best to head for home as it was only getting colder. Another hour and a half later we drove up the drive deciding it had been a good day despite the weather, and we are now looking forward to the next run.

Cheers, Helen and Jim.



CUSSY PARTS FOR SALE

FOR 1956 FORD VICTORIA - DASH PARTS.

2x 56 Victoria head light rims. \$50.00 pair.

Left and right bezels, dash to windscreen (inside). \$30.00 PAIR.

2x left dash to pillar bezels. \$30.00 pair

1x heater control, switch and cables. \$50.00 1x heater blank off. \$10.00

1x radio. \$120.00 1x speaker grille. \$15.00 1x radio blank off. \$10.00

1x stainless moulding from padded dash (instrument cluster). \$10.00

1955 - 1957 CUSTOMLINE PARTS.

1x 55 customline wind up clock. \$20.00 1x 56-57 electric clock. \$20.00

1x 57 bonnet emblem. \$50.00 1x 57 hub cap needs rechroming \$10.00

2x 57 boot emblems \$25.00 each 3x 56-58 horn rims \$5.00 each

Left and right dash to pillar bezels, suit 55-58. \$20.

Tank, 59 Fairlane, horn rim. \$20.00 57-58 intake manifold. \$25.00

272 exhaust manifolds. \$10.00 each 57 head light rim. \$10.00.

4x 57 hub caps, VGC. \$140.00.

OTHER PARTS FOR SALE.

4x XB Falcon Fairmont full wheel trims VGC. \$50.00

4x 1988-1990 Mazda 626 Road wheels and trims, tyres. \$50.00 lot.

4x Alloy road wheels and nuts PCW, suit late Corolla V.G.C.\$190.00.

PARTS WANTED.

Any stainless to suit front windscreen to suit 56-58 Cusso.

Any stainless trims to suit 57 Tri-tone.

PHONE WAYNE ON (03) 97

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MAINLINE BITS WANTED

1956 Left & Right hand parker lights and guard extensions.

4 barrel inlet manifold to suit Y Block.

1958 Mainline full stainless side strips.

Ring Shane Owen. Ph: 93

Model Behaviour

OK, so they are all Holdens, big deal, but they all look really good though.

They are all owned by car enthusiast Noel Daly.

Noel has over 170 diecast models in his collection which he has been working on for the past 30 years. Ed.





Happy Birthday to You



BEST WISHES TO THESE PEOPLE AND ALL OTHERS
CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS DURING THESE MONTHS.

June:

12th Don Macumber
16th June Paterson
16th Lorraine Carroll
23rd Tania Lineker
28th Ian Burgess

July:

5th Wayne Paterson
11th Craig Roper
11th Frank Beale
16th Terry Usher
19th Bev Mills
20th Andrea Macumber
28th Bernie Anstee
25th John Cobden
31st Silvana Usher

August:

5th Helen Tuo
7th Sandra Munro
11th Meredith O'Callaghan
11th Craig Roper
14th Chris O'Callaghan
19th Graedon Munro

Q: What's the difference between Apathy and Ignorance?

A: I don't know, and I don't care!

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time,
because then, you won't have a leg to stand on.

Smart Blonde Joke

A BLONDE walks into a bank in New York and asks to see the manager. She says she's going to Hong Kong on business for two weeks and needs to borrow \$5000. The manager says the bank will need some kind of security for the loan, so the blonde hands over the keys to a new Ferrari. The car is parked on the street in front of the bank, she has the title and everything checks out. The bank agrees to accept the car as collateral for the loan. The manager and the tellers all enjoy a good laugh at the blonde for using a \$200,000 Ferrari as collateral against a \$5000 loan. An employee of the bank then proceeds to drive the

Ferrari into the bank's underground garage and parks it there.

Two weeks later, the blonde returns, repays the \$5000 plus the interest, which comes to \$15.41. The manager says: "Miss, we are very happy to have had your business, and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are a little puzzled.

"While you were away, we checked you out and found that you are a millionairess.



"What puzzles us is, why would you bother to borrow \$5000?"

The blonde replies: "Where else in New York can I park my car for two weeks for only \$15.41 and expect it to be there when I return?"


FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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



June 2008

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| 1 st | Cranbourne Swap Meet. |
| 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  | <i>“General Meeting” RSL Hall Sunbury. See you all there.</i> <i>Cnr Barkly & Macedon Streets, Sunbury. Melways Ref 382-F4.</i> <i>Meeting starts at “11am”. Tea & Coffee supplied. Bring the Cussy.</i> |
| 29 th  | <i>“Kerrisdale Mountain Railway & Museum” run. Located on the Goulburn Valley Hwy at Kerrisdale, halfway between Seymour & Yea, Melways 2003 Edition No:30, Map 610-P7. They have a separate car park for Car Clubs & a kiosk available. The kiosk only sells snacks & drinks so it would be best to be prepared and bring your own lunch. No Eftpos facilities. \$15 entry for Museum & Train Ride. Make your own way there or arrange with others to meet along the way. See you all there about 11am to 11:30am, and don't forget to bring the Cussy.</i> |

July 2008

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| 6 th | American Classics on the Murray Motor Show in Mildura. |
| 13 th | Pakenham swap meet. |
| 20 th  | <i>Australian Classics at Flemington. Open to public at 10am.</i> <i>\$12 admission per adult. Make your own way there or arrange with others to meet along the way.</i> |

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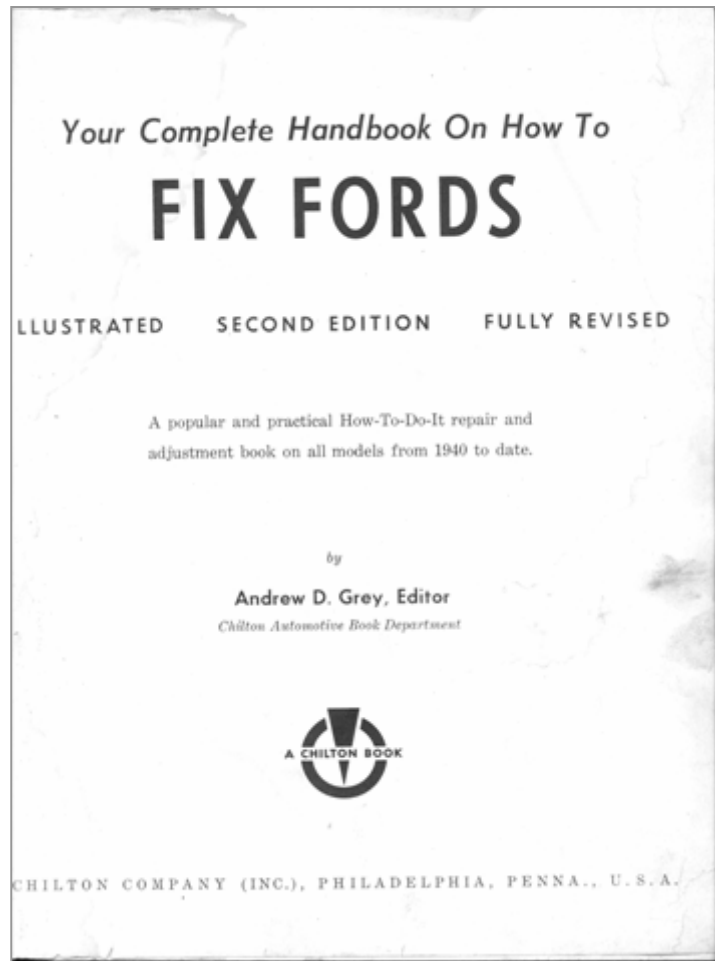
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| 10 th | Werribee Swap meet at Werribee Racecourse. |
| 17 th  | <i>“Annual General Meeting” RSL Hall Sunbury. Meeting starts at 11am.</i> <i>If you only attend one meeting this year, make it this one. See you all there. Cnr Barkly & Macedon Streets, Sunbury. Melways Ref 382-F4.</i> <i>Tea, coffee, and a BBQ Sausage Sizzle supplied after the meeting.</i> <i>So come along, show us your support, and Bring the Cussy.</i> |
| 31 st  | <i>Federation Picnic at Marong. Great Day near Bendigo.</i> <i>Make your own way there or arrange with others to meet along the way.</i> <i>See you all there.</i> |

We are always looking for places to go on our Runs, so if you know of a picnic spot where we can just meet and have a yak, or if you know of somewhere else that would suit, **“IN YOUR LOCAL AREA”**, or surrounds, then please let our run's co-ordinator, Helen Tuo know, as I am sure she would be grateful for your input.



Don't take Life Too Seriously:

*What happens if you get --
"half scared to death - TWICE"*



TOOL TIME

Some Definitions.

PHILLIPS HEAD SCREWDRIVER: This tool is used mainly to stab the tin foil seal on oil cans, which inevitably ends with you splashing oil all over your shirt. It can also be used, as the name applies, to round off Phillips head screws. This rounding process always works better after the can stabbing process.

PLIERS: This tool is used to help remove the rounded off Phillips head screws which was successfully conducted in the previous operation.

25-05-2008 RJB