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**49-59-Ford Customline Car Club of Victoria Inc.
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Or if you wish you can send an e-mail to the
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Our Club Meetings are held on the third
Sunday Bi-monthly, commencing at **11 am.**

The Next Meeting Dates are:

October 17th -2010:Committee/General Meeting

December 5th - 2010 Annual Christmas Party

February 20th-2011:Committee/General Meeting

**Our Meeting Place is at the Sunbury
RSL Rooms at the corner of
Barkly and Macedon St. Sunbury.
Melway Reference 382 F4.**

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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, 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 NEW PRESIDENT

Hello members,

The AGM is now behind us for another year, with all the positions being filled. This is a great show of confidence in the way the past committee has managed to keep really good attendances at our meetings and runs. So once again I offer my thanks on behalf of the members for your efforts in the past year.

I am very proud to be in the Presidents chair of such a successful club and I welcome the new committee into their positions for the coming year.

I will take this opportunity to congratulate Mick Breheny on receiving the 2009 Ernie Taylor achievement award, and also congratulations to Helen Tuo for this year's trophy. Thanks also to Helen for the many years she has served our club as run co-ordinator, as she has now retired from that position.

We have enjoyed our runs in the past couple of months, especially to the Cuckoo Restaurant with a great showing of fifties cars. Also a fun afternoon at the Mentone Bowl, carrying on into the evening for tea at the Royal Oak Hotel. A few of us are going to Mildura in a couple of days for the Wintersun event and will be away for a while, which has prompted me to get this report off to the Editor early.

I get really excited when I see new members and pictures of their cars on the Web site. A fantastic and endless job, so well done by our Web Master. Our web site is a real credit and asset to our club. Thanks very much to Rob Brereton for his tireless effort. As well as his input to the Newsletter, I believe he is going to assist the new Editor Mick in this task. Well done Rob and thank you.

It was a refreshing site to see the beaut white Star model with green trim belonging to new members Norm and Linda Myers at their first meeting, I'm sure you will have a lot of fun with your new investment in the future.

Finally, it is good to know the Christmas party is being organised and I urge you to come along to our runs, meetings and events and join in the fun of our interesting hobby which is what it is all about.

Safe and happy cruising.
(in a Fifties Ford V8 of course.)

Jim Pierce

Your Club President.

YOUR NEW COMMITTEE for 2010-2011



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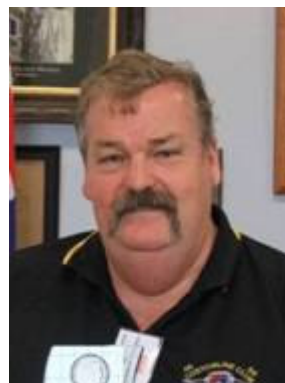
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At Left we have our
Club Permit Officer
Les Cross.

To the right we have
our two Committee
Members
Rob Breheny
and Helen Tuo.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

At the 2010 Annual General Meeting the members present voted for the member who had displayed great commitment and contributed to the Club over the last twelve months. The Trophy was awarded in the memory of Ernie Taylor who was always a faithful member displaying a great love for Customlines and the Club.

This year the Trophy was awarded to Helen Tuo for her outstanding effort as Runs Co-ordinator, and for her continued efforts to improve the Club throughout the past twelve months.



*Well done Helen, and keep up the good work,
From all at the Customline Club.*



From The Editors Desk: Well that time has come around again so quickly and here we are with another issue of the Cussy Club Newsletter. This issue has once again been produced, printed and delivered to you by our crack team of three, and again printed by Nina Eason from Eason Secretarial and Business Services. Nina is producing our Newsletters on a very good quality paper and in the booklet form, which is showing off our photos to their best ability. This issue is once again another team effort, and yes Rob Brereton is still doing most of the work again. So once more we hope that we have created some interesting reading for you in this issue of the Club Newsletter.
Mick Breheny, Newsletter Editor & Rob Brereton, Assistant Newsletter Editor.

Our New Members



We have four new members to welcome into the Club this newsletter, so let's all congratulate, Daryl & Janet Fielder from Narre Warren South who have a Blue & White 58 Sedan and a 64 Compact



Fairlane. James & Roslyn Evans from Albion who have a Blue 52 Sedan which is being restored. Wayne Carroll from Melton South who has a Blue 57 Sedan. Wayne's car belonged to his father Peter, who passed away a short while ago. Wayne's mum Lorraine has still kept their original Club membership current. We also have Norm & Linda Myers from Clematis who have a White & Green Tri Colour 58 Star Model.



DON'T FORGET OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Included with your Newsletter is your flyer for this year's Club Christmas Party. Please send back the reply slip, with your payments ASAP, so we won't forget to cater for you and your family. This year it is to be held at the Beveridge Recreation Reserve Hall where we will be having a fully catered Spit Roast. All details as per the attached Flyer and Runs Sheet. Please return forms to Mick Breheny by the 18th November, so the committee can organize this function. Hope to see you all there again this year. Jim Pierce. President.

Club Banner Windscreen Shade

Are you interested in purchasing a Club Banner which you can hang on your wall, or even use as a sun shade on the windscreen of your car on hot days, which is also a great way to advertise the Club. The picture at right is actual size, (on the car that is) and they look great. Made of durable vinyl it should last you for years. If you would like to purchase one then please contact Mick Breheny on _____, between 7 to 9 pm. They are \$80.00 each and measure approx 1600mmx500mm.



MENTIONED BOWLING

**SATURDAY
26TH JUNE
2010**



Jim and I enjoy the bowling sessions we have annually with the Customline Club and also the Ballan Vintage Club. So we set off, not in a Cussie, but the Statesman, being a Saturday arvo and night we thought the modern would be the way to go.

We were the first to arrive, and began to think we were it when on mass the others arrived, of course we were all in the modern versions of transport, but that's ok.



It was decided that it would be boys verses girls, and with a first time player on the girls team, I guess we would do well as beginners luck always plays a helping hand. It certainly did not let

us down this time. Debbie Breheny topped the individual score, pretty good for a novice.



Even though the boys total score was just a smidgen higher, (Girls 350 & Boys 378) us girls recon we were the winners. There were a couple of injuries sustained in the game, as Jim broke a thumb nail and Sandra Kilby broke 2 fingernails, and she bowled on bravely.



Then it was time to wander off to the Royal Oak for tea, a lovely meal enjoyed by all except as always one person has a disaster, yes Rob Brereton was the unlucky one this time to get that unwanted fungi on his steak. Don't worry Rob you've had your turn, next time it will be someone else.



Anyway after a lot of good conversation and laughs Jim and I (and the rest) had to head off reasonably early for the long trek home.

Another enjoyable event with the Cussie Club. Helen.



CUCKOO LUNCH RUN

SUNDAY 25th JULY 2010

Well here we are again with another run report. This run to the Cuckoo was the third time with the Cussie Club, I always enjoy it as obviously do other members as the attendance is always good and the feed back from new members who attended was also very good.



Jim decided that it was too far for us to take a Cussie so he whimped out and took the



(ahem) Statesman. It was freeway all the way to our meeting spot at McDonalds Wantirna, we were the first to arrive followed by the Patterson, Munro, Breheny, Dahlstrom, Cross and Butt families. Then of course there was the question "where's your car"? I let him answer that one.

Then followed the cruise up to Olinda, it is a lovely place to visit but there is no way I would ever consider living there.

To narrow, to closed in for me.



As usual the Cuckoo offered great food and entertainment, and with lots of good company, laughs and conversation



which we all enjoyed and left there with full tummies ready to sleep when we got home.

Helen Tuo.

Annual General Meeting

8th - August - 2010



Well here we are with another Annual General Meeting over and done with, which is probably a great relief to many members, as there is quite a bit of preparation that goes into this day.

It was absolutely wonderful to see so many members turning up to our AGM, as usually this is the day they all dread. But not this day, as we had 33 members attending and 1 visitor, whose names are listed in the Attendance Register. In my

time with the Club I don't think I can recall any other meeting with as many members attending. It is very hard to get everyone in the pictures at the same time, as above.



It was great to see that Helen Tuo received the Ernie Taylor Achievement award this year and Mick Breheny was also presented with his replacement trophy for his last years achievements. Mick has also done a great deal this last twelve months and he should be proud of his achievements as well.



After the elections Jim Pierce took the chair as our new President, with the Secretaries position being filled by Kevin Mulroney. Once again Jackie Mulroney stepped forward to hold the Treasurer's position for another year. Our two Committee Members positions were filled by Helen Tuo and Rob Breheny, another new comer to the committee. Hopefully some new faces will bring some new ideas to the Club. The new faces on the committee for the coming year are pictured on page four, so please give these new committee members your full support and help make their jobs easier during the next year.



I am sure everyone who attended our AGM can be proud to be a member of our Club and this was certainly displayed today. It is also great to see new members turning up on these days, with us voting in another two new members this meeting. This gives us a good indication that we must be doing something right to keep the Club advancing.

To all the Committee for the year past I am sure that you are well rewarded for your efforts as this is indicated by the efficient running of the Club. To all the new committee members I wish them all the best in their new adventures.

Proud to be a Cussy Club Member. Rob Brereton.



WINTERSUN

AUGUST 13,14,15-2010

Jim and I headed off on Friday morning to Mildura in the Galaxie, it was not the best weather but with lots off anticipation of better to come. We had an uneventful cruise, except for Jim becoming a little worried about the petrol situation after Ouyen, luckily there was petrol at Speed, we quite possibly would have made it all the way but its best not to have to find out.

Ray and Sandra Kilby had booked us into cabins at the Apex tourist park, which we found without to much trouble. A fantastic place to stay, peace and quiet right on the river, well done Ray! Not long after checking in, Ray and Sandra Kilby, Les and Maureen Horne, and friends Jeff, Betty, John and Dawn also turned up, all of them having arrived the day before. Ray's Star model Mainline ute always stands out, an immaculate vehicle. Les and Maureen would have won the hard luck award, having tyre trouble on the way up and then spending most of Saturday waiting for ALL of their tyres to be replaced. Maureen decided she needed a shopping spree to make up for the tyres, which she did.



After aperitifs on the deck we headed off to the Wentworth Club where we were well fed with a great smorgasbord and entertained with a great Rock 'n Roll band, At The Hop.



Saturday saw a couple of venues for show and shines and more Rock 'n Roll artists around town. I must say that this weekend is a mecca for the Rock 'n Roll clubs, of which there were lots from far and wide. Saturday night we went on a river cruise for dinner and a show, which once again was great with the entertainment on board being Liessa Kerris (singing Connie Francis) and Vicky O'Keefe, (singing both her fathers and her own songs), she is also a great entertainer like her Dad.

Sunday was another show 'n shine on the river edge and all day rock 'n roll at the new Music Bowl, where we met up with familiar faces and old friends from the Customline fraternity. The weather was rather blustery and cold but dancing kept the cold at bay. That night we all met up for a Chinese dinner, and we all agreed that we had a great weekend, very relaxing and lots of fun. As we were all heading off in different directions Monday morning we said our goodbyes then and there.



Jim and I had an un-eventful cruise home, feeling very pleased that we went to Wintersun. Regards Helen Tuo.



Judy Lawson has informed us that the Cancer Council from Kaniva have drawn their raffle and it was won by Kelvin Moore's (Monaro Museum) wife.

1955 VICKY RESTO



55 Vicky the story so far. By Terry Usher.

In summer 2007 I decided that the old girl was looking her age, with cancer eating away around the base of her tired old body, and she was blowing a bit of smoke as well. It was time she went into rehab for a full body off resto.



I had never done one of these before so I did a lot of research but at the same time I am pretty handy with a mig and panel tools so I set to work. One of the problems I had was where to put all the parts, but I found places for them at home in my garden shed, as I needed my garage clear for the big job ahead. I also filled up my dad's bungalow with bits and pieces. When I had stripped her down to her bare bones I realised I had created a monster. I started by stripping the chassis down to bare steel with wire wheels on my angle grinder, I think I went through at least a dozen of them.

I resprayed the chassis and

rebuilt the suspension to original specs, ball joints, bushes etc new original brakes, new brake components and lines, the steering mechanism was good so I re packed, cleaned and repainted it.



Once the chassis was done I sent out the motor (272ci) and had it completely restored by Welco Engineering. I had the 3 speed auto rebuilt and the diff was in good order. Hundreds of hours later the chassis was completed so I looked at the body and wondered where do I start. I sent it off to the blasters and had everything plastic bead blasted, it came back great but it also showed up all the rust. With that I set to work cutting and welding, 9 months later I was done I then fitted it back onto the chassis and started the filling and sanding process for another three months.

Vicky was ready to go to the paint shop so to save money I decided to hire a trailer and tow it myself. Well what a disaster, not having much towing experience, in short the trailer got huge speed wobbles and jack knifed on the Eastern Freeway, both me and the trailer ended up facing the oncoming traffic. I managed to limp to the panel shop without too much damage to my car, the trailer or Vicky, (never towing again). In the mean time I had everything re chromed which came back gleaming. I purchased an



almost unlimited amount of spares from everywhere from the Rubber Connection to endless suppliers from the US including a complete new interior, badges, rubbers, clips, lenses, etc, etc

Three months later I got a call from the painter, "your car is ready for pick up". I organised a flat bed truck to bring her home safely! She looks great, so now I'm ready to start putting her back together.





To be continued..... Terry Usher.


FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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



September 2010

12 th 	<i>"Shepparton Swap Meet"</i> Make your own way there if you are going, or make arrangements with others. Don't forget to <i>DRIVE the Cussy</i> .
19 th 	<i>"SUNDAY Lunch at Keilor Hotel"</i> Meet at Midday. Old Calder Highway Keilor. Ring Mick on 0418 341 667 buy Sep 12 th for bookings. Don't forget to <i>DRIVE the Cussy</i> .


October 2010

3 rd 	<i>"EUROA SHOW & SHINE"</i> We will be starting this run by travelling to Albury on Friday 1 st and we will stay at the Blazing Stump motel in Wodonga (ring Mick ASAP for motel bookings) and having dinner at the pub next door to the motel at 7pm. If you intend going to Wodonga then we will meet at BP Maccas on the Hume Fwy Wallan at 11.00 am Friday morning. On Saturday the 2 nd we will meet up with Alan & Beryle McKenzie and John & Pat Newman. On Sunday the 3 rd we will travel back to the Euroa Show 'n Shine to meet other members who have travelled from Melbourne. If you are "not" going to Wodonga, but only to Euroa then meet at BP Maccas Hume Fwy Wallan on Sunday Morning the 3 rd at 8:30am. Don't forget to <i>DRIVE the Cussy</i>
17 th 	<i>"Committee/General Meeting"</i> Our Meeting Place is at the Sunbury RSL Rooms at the corner of Barkly and Macedon St. Sunbury. Melway Reference 382 F4, and remember that we will start at 11 am sharp. Tea & Coffee supplied. Don't forget to <i>DRIVE the Cussy</i> .
23 rd	Camperdown Rockabilly. Please ring Mick for details.

November 2010

5 th to 8 th 	<i>"Bright Rod Run"</i> 5 th - 6 th - 7 th 8 th Saturday 6 th , BBQ dinner BYO at Bright caravan park. Sunday 7 th , Dinner at Porpunkah Pub. See you all there or make arrangements with others. Don't forget to <i>DRIVE the Cussy</i> .
13-14 th	Bendigo Swap Meet.
21 st 	<i>"Wallan Show 'n Shine"</i> Wallan shops opposite the Pub. Lunch at the Blue Denim restaurant up stairs. Please ring Mick for more details. Trophies and prizes. Don't forget to <i>DRIVE the Cussy</i> .

December 2010

5 th 	<i>"Annual Cussy Club Xmas Party"</i> Come along to our Christmas Party this year to be held at the Beveridge Recreation Reserve Hall, Lithgow Street Beveridge. Check the attached Flyer for details and don't forget to send back the Reply Slip by the 18 th Nov. Trophies awarded. And don't forget to Polish & <i>DRIVE the Cussy</i> .
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