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Our Club Meetings are held on the third
Sunday Bi-monthly, commencing at **11 am.**

The Next Meeting Dates are:

April 17th-2011:Committee/General Meeting

June 19th-2011:Committee/General Meeting

August 21st -2011: Annual General Meeting

**Our Meeting Place is at the
Sunbury RSL Rooms at the corner of
Barkly and Macedon St, Sunbury.
Melway Reference Map 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 PRESIDENT

February 21st - 2011

Hello members,

Happy New Year to all members and friends.

I would firstly like to take the opportunity to welcome our new members Kevin and Brenda Shepherd from Craigieburn, Vic. as well as Shannon and Lisa Flockhart from Camden South, NSW.

Our first run for 2011 was a lot of fun, with a great roll up of Customlines to the picnic at Edwards Park Lake, followed by a night of laughs at the Coburg Drive-In.

The Kaniva Show & Shine weekend was a great success, with the new Gazebo being put to good use and with the roll up of Customlines and other members cars we managed to win the best Club Display Trophy. We also had a couple of good nights cheer, not to mention seeing "ELVIS" perform and to enjoy Sunday morning breakfast with him. Rob Breheny did a great job organizing a Club raffle which was a tremendous effort for the Clubs funds.

We certainly have our annual trip, the "Great Escape" to look forward to, with 25 members heading to Tasmania on March 2nd. Mick has put together a great itinerary which includes a large car show event in Hobart amongst the other activities and runs. We will also be catching up with some of our interstate members over there.

As of February 1st 2011 the revised Club Permit Scheme has begun operation and I would like to thank Wayne Paterson, Ray Shalders and Ray Kilby for handling the special use voucher books on the Clubs behalf.

This old system is now obsolete, thankfully the new log book system has begun, so could those with special use voucher books please return the books to Les Cross or at a meeting at your convenience. Thanks again guys for your participation.

Keep on Cruising (in a Fifties Ford V8).

Jim Pierce

Your Club President.



from the editors desk: Yes, we have been

busy again putting together another issue of the Club Newsletter. Our Assistant Newsletter Editor Rob Brereton has been kept busy again, under my guidance, and together we hope we have produced another well presented newsletter. We have not included the Tassie Trip in this newsletter as there was not sufficient time available to get it edited and printed, so wait for the next issue, it is assured to please you. As we have stated before and once again we hope we have produced some interesting reading for you in this issue of the Club Newsletter.

Mick Breheny Newsletter Editor & Rob Brereton Assistant Newsletter Editor.

Congratulations.

Congratulations to Graeme & Pam Dahlstrom and to the new parents Nicole & Chad on the arrival of Josh Chad Blundell Stephenson, their new baby and grandson. They are all doing fine. The Club wishes them all the best for now and the future.

We would also like to wish Linda Faralla and Sandra Munro all the best as they recover from their recent injuries.

SEAT BELT LEGISLATION.

During 2010, Federal Legislators decided that children under a certain age needed to be restrained by a seat belt when travelling in a car. It was then up to each State of Australia to put the legislation in place, which they did. The result of this is that it affects everyone who carries children in a car **EVEN THEIR HISTORIC AND CLASSIC VEHICLES**. Fitting seat belts and child restraints to historic and classic vehicles presents a whole range of challenges. For further information on this matter please contact your local authorities. ED.

NEW MEMBERS

We have two new memberships to welcome into the Club this newsletter, so let's all congratulate, Kevin & Brenda-Lee Shepherd from Craigieburn who own two beautiful 56 Victorias. One is Blue and White and the other is Orange and White. Our other membership is

who are restoring a 1955 American Left Hand Drive 4 door sedan.



Photo and details have been removed by request.

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 (03) , between 7 to 9 pm. They are \$80.00 each and measure approx 1600mmx500mm.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



Best Wishes to all Celebrating their Birthdays during the next Three Months.

March:

3rd Stephen Wright
 3rd Ken Wylie
 9th Marilyn Bennett
 10th Tammy Carroll
 11th Rob Bruton
 17th Removed
 21st Kevin Mulrone
 25th Gary Gunn

April:

3rd Pam Dahlstrom
 4th Sandra Hibbert
 5th Connie Vella
 5th Phil Hird
 11th Margaret Stocks
 20th Beryl McKenzie
 20th Joe Vella
 20th Roslyn Evans
 30th Ray Kilby
 30th Removed

May:

1st Janet Hamilton
 2nd Jim Bryant
 19th James Evans
 23rd Alan McKenzie
 24th Bernie Lawson
 25th Daryl Fielder
 27th Debbie Breheny
 28th Melissa Gunn
 29th Jim Pierce

New New New for You....Club Merchandise

BE SEEN IN THE LATEST GEAR FROM OUR CLUB

MEN'S BIZCOOL™ Flash Polo...& Ladies Styles

P3010 Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 5XL

BIZ COOL™ 100% Breathable Polyester single jersey knit. Snag Resistant fabric. Knit collar with contrast tipping. Standard 3 button placket. Contrast twin stripe from shoulder to sleeve cuff. Contrast curved panel from underarm to the back of the polo. Side splits. Loose pocket included.

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MICK BREHENY, on 0418 , between 7:00 & 9:00

pm please. Or catch him at a Club meeting or run, where he will have order forms ready for you to fill in. **Payment is required at time of order.**

PicniC TEA & DRIVE IN NIGHT

Saturday 22-1-2011

Joan and I headed off in our Cussy this pleasant Saturday afternoon and made our way to Edwards Lake Park in Reservoir.

Jim Bryant was just backing out his driveway as we passed and we met him a couple of minutes later at the park where we found that Jim and Helen had already arrived, by then it was about 4:30pm. The parking was a bit of a problem, as it turned out to be a very popular picnic spot. Any way as people left we soon filled their spots with Cussies as the others arrived.

Soon we had Wayne & June, Bill & Margaret, Kevin & Jackie, Mick & Debbie, Graedon & Sandra, Les & Sue, Graeme & Pam and Ray & Sandra all set up with their chairs under the trees for a good old chat and a couple of drinks. Joan decided to feed the eels and the seagulls as she was not permitted to feed the ducks, that swam around the lake.

It was then time for the rest of us to have a feed so out came the food and more drinks. It was very pleasant sitting around under the trees having a picnic and a good old chinwag. A lot of the other picnickers commented on our great line up of cars, and YES they do look great all lined up together.

Some time later we headed of to the Coburg Drive In, although not all who were at the picnic, where we all lined up once again and settled it to watch the movie. Sue wanted the top of the Fairlane put up but Les being a bright spark gave her an umbrella instead.

Our Cussies were once again scrutinised by the Drive In crowd and there we even a couple of old Falcons in the next row. Our movie was the Green Hornet which was quite enjoyable and after it was finished about 11:30pm we all headed off for home. What a great way to enjoy our

Cussies and our fellow club members, so dont forget to make it to the next picnic afternoon with the Club at Hawkstowe Park on the 27th March.

Rob and Joan Brereton.



RACV Federation Picnic 26-1-2011

Although this event was not listed as an Official Club Run I am now glad that I was involved with it as it was a very enjoyable day, even though I did volunteer some of my time to help organise the parking of 460 vehicles.

I left home at 6:20am and met Mick and Rob Breheny in St Kilda Road at the Kings Domain Gardens where we parked our vehicles just after 7:00am, being some of the very early arrivals. All the fellow car enthusiasts who were at the RACV meeting, a couple of nights earlier, finally arrived and



we got ourselves organised, as planned, and headed off to meet the vehicles arriving from the outpost gatherings. It was just on 9:00am when the first vehicles arrived which we duly got parked.

There were a few hiccups along the way but all in all everything seemed



to go smoothly. I was rostered with Keith to organise the first vehicles parking at the northern end of the complex but Mick and Rob were at the other end checking vehicles as they entered to make sure everything was in order.

About 10:30am we were all done with the car parking so it was time for a rest. We set up our chairs and tables under the big leafy trees and the weather was quite pleasant although there was a heavy mist rain earlier. Some of the other guys being, Keith, Vin, Rob, Grover & Rick joined us as well while we fed ourselves and made tea and coffee on Robs little stove.



We all wandered off at different stages to look at all the other vehicles and take some pictures. Micks and My Cussies got a lot of looks and we promoted the Club where we could. Rob also had his Buick parked alongside ours as well. I found a 56 Blue Vanguard Ute exactly the same as my dad bought brand new (GNM-O15), when I was just 10 years old and I remember driving home from City Motors with him when he picked it up



I did not do the full rounds of all the cars, but some did and by this time it was lunch time so more food and coffee was consumed. At Midday there was a 21 gun salute from the Shrine, I jumped about 6ft into the air as the shock wave and booooo hit us, as we were not too far of the firing line. Now this was not a bunch of 303 rifles, this was a bloody big bazooka, I think my ears are still ringing.

During the afternoon there was heaps of entertainment in the gardens and a flyover by the Roulettes, which pleased the very big throng of spectators that had gathered during the day. The clock rolled on and about 3:00pm we headed of to organise the vehicle to leave the venue. This created some hiccups but generally all went well and you get to see all the cars drive past you. We were all finished by 4:30pm so it was time for us to head home as well. I thoroughly enjoyed my day with the RACV boys and will look forward to next year.

Rob Brereton.

KANIVA SHOW 'N SHINE

11TH TO 13TH FEBRUARY 2011

We started our trip by meeting at the Ballan/Maccas for a quick cuppa and then on our way. Travelling along the Western Highway our next stop was to fuel up at Ararat. Next stop was for lunch at Stawell at Chris-n-Di's Bakery, and after a delicious lunch and presenting the owner with a Club sticker everyone autographed the wall. Then back into the cars to do the last leg to the Kaniva Colonial Gardens Motel.



On arrival and settling into our rooms, the guys decided it was time to wash the Cussies ready for the next morning, while every one else settled down to a few drinks, nibbles, funny stories and plenty of laughs. A reasonably early night was had, as the boys had an early start the next morning. Saturday morning the boys and cars were out early to set up the display at the show. The girls



wandered around to the showgrounds about 9-00am to be met by the driver of a mini bus which was taking us to the Teatrick Lavender Estate for a morning tour of the gardens and where we

all tried the Lavender Tea and the lovely scones served with Lavender jam and cream. On the way we stopped at the local OP shop. Then it was back on the bus to get back to the show before the



judging of the cars.

The Club and its Members won the Best Club Display, second year in a row, (we have only attended 2 years)

and we will be returning to defend it next year. People's Choice runner up was Mick Breheny and Ladies Car, Marg Breheny.

Back to the Motel for nana naps and to get ready for Dinner at the hotel and a show with Elvis. Saturday night and off we went to the hotel for a yummy dinner with sweets, whilst listening to a group of nurses singing as a prelude to Elvis.

The KING had arrived, out he came in his glittering white costume. Judy had a seat on the dance floor so Elvis could sing to her, and he presented her with a present. One of the other ladies in our group was presented with a lei. Elvis sang for an hour then had a short break, then back on in a fantastic red costume and performed for another hour. It was a great night of entertainment, then we headed back to the motel for coffee and a chat then into bed.



Sunday morning again up bright and early to pack the cars, say good-bye to our hosts and head to Judy and Bernie's for breakfast before heading home. Elvis and his wife also attended the breakfast so he could have his photo taken with the cars. We headed off in Convoy from Bernie and Judy's stopping at Ararat for lunch and fuel. I left the convoy, about 25km before Ballan, but the rest of the group had another stop at Ballan.

Thanks must go to Rob Breheny for a very generous donation of car products for the raffle to raise funds for the Club. Also a special thank you to Paula and Paul, our hosts at the motel, for their generous donation of a nights accommodation and not forgetting Judy and Bernie for breakfast, arranging the Saturday night show, Mini Bus and morning tea for the ladies.



A great week end was had by all who attend, THANK YOU. Lorraine Carroll.

Kaniva Gallery



KANIVA SHOW BEST CLUB DISPLAY 2011

FISH & CHIP RUN TO ALTONA

26TH FEBRUARY 2011

Joan and I left home about 3:30pm to head for our meeting place at the Shell Westgate Servo. On our arrival the northern bunch had already arrived being, Kevin Mulroney, Kevin & Brenda Shepherd and Mick & Debbie Breheny. Norm & Linda Myers had also arrived with Rob & Margaret Breheny with Judy & Bernie Lawson, Brenda Shalders and Wayne & June Paterson arriving shortly after. After greeting everyone and a lot of chatter



it was time to head off to Altona, and we departed at about 4:45pm. As we entered Williamstown Rd Jim and Helen Pierce joined us for the cruise through Williamstown, which was fairly busy as it was a pleasant afternoon to be out, past the Titanic Restaurant, down around the Time Ball Tower and on around the foreshore road. Norm had a spot of bother with the Cussy but the second time we found the problem, a loose wire on the coil which was promptly fixed. By then we (three of us) were well behind the rest so we cruised the foreshore and I eventually took the lead and made up some ground and we arrived just after the rest. Those speed humps along the way are a real nuisance which gave the Cussy suspension a real work out, with groans and moans I have not heard before.



Once we had arrived at the end of the road and were all parked the chairs and tables were set up on the footpath and everyone settled in for a cool drink and a natter. Ray Shalders arrived about this time and the weather had cooled down a bit. It was not long before we got a light sprinkle of rain, so out came the hats and umbrellas. Most people would have headed for home about then but no us tuff souls, we stayed and enjoyed the rest of the day. The rain cleared and came back several times throughout the evening but did not deter us from staying.



Helen and Mick were eventually sent off to the Fish & Chip Shop with our orders and arrived back quite some time later with two big boxes of food. I must say the Fish & Chips were very nice and the pieces of flake were the biggest I had seen for a long time. Once all that was devoured the seagulls were treated to the scraps which they hastily devoured also. The only unpleasant bit was the smell of the rotting seaweed which littered the beach,

but it was bearable.

By this time the rain had returned and settled in a bit heavier so most of us decided it was time to head for home being about 8:30pm, with a few from the north heading to Maccas for a coffee. Joan and I had an uneventful trip home with a few more showers along the way and by the time we got home it was raining quite a bit. Once in the garage the Cussy got a chamcois off so now it is all clean again and ready for the next run.




Another enjoyable Club Run. Rob & Joan Brereton.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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



March 2011

27th 	<i>"Picnic Afternoon"</i> IT'S ON THE 27th - NOT THE 26th . Meet at Plenty Gorge Park's Hawkstowe Picnic Area, South Morang. Melway Reference Map 183 H8 at approx 2:00pm. We are having a Picnic Afternoon this day where we can just have a yak and a laugh, kick some tyres and generally have a relaxing afternoon and be home in time for tea. Don't forget to bring some afternoon tea. Enter the park by the first gate off Gordons Rd and then turn next right and follow the road down to the picnic area. Don't forget to DRIVE the Cussy .
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April 2011

3rd 	<i>"In the Drivers Seat"</i> Visually Impaired Peoples day at Sandown Motor Circuit. Please contact the Club Secretary Kevin Mulroney on phone (03) if you wish to attend this day. Starting time approx 9:30 to 10:00am. Don't forget to BRING the Cussy .
10th	AOMC American Motor Show Flemington Racecourse.
17th 	<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 we will start at 11 am. Tea & Coffee supplied. Sausage Sizzle after the meeting. Don't forget to DRIVE the Cussy .

May 2011

1st 	<i>"Mt Franklin Picnic Run"</i> Come along on our Run to Mt Franklin where we will Meet at the BP Ballan Outbound on the Western Highway at 9:30am for a sharp 10:00am departure. We will also stop off at the Daylesford Market for a short visit then we will proceed to Mt Franklin for a Picnic Lunch. Don't forget to DRIVE the Cussy .
15th 	<i>"National Motoring Heritage Day"</i> AOMC Cavalcade of Transport, Run to Yarra Glen for a Picnic Lunch at the Racecourse. Ring Mick for Travelling Details (03) , or travel your own way there. When you arrive at the Racecourse ask to be directed to the Cussy Club Parking Area. Don't forget to DRIVE the Cussy .
22nd	Pakenham Swap Meet at the Racecourse.

June 2011

4th 	<i>"Bowling Afternoon Mentone Bowl"</i> Corner of Nepean Hwy & Warrigal Rd, Mentone. Meeting there at 3:30 pm and then onto dinner at the <u>Royal Oak Hotel</u> 1375 Nepean Hwy Cheltenham at 6.00pm, after you have built up an appetite bowling.
19th 	<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, & we will start at 11 am. Tea & Coffee supplied. Sausage Sizzle after the meeting. Don't forget to DRIVE the Cussy .

If you have any suggestions about where we can go on a Run, then please contact our Run's Co-ordinator Mick Breheny, on (03) , as I am sure he would be most grateful for your input and suggestions.

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Do you ever get that "Tyred Feeling"



Do you know this "man"? If you do then you will be aware of what he is up to. Jackie wanted to leave him at Kaniva but he managed to get a lift home.



1-3-2011. MJB & RJB.