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AND A BUNCH OF "BEST CLUB DISPLAY" TROPHIES**

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enjoyment of V8 Fords built throughout
the years 1949 to 1959".**

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

The Next Meeting Dates are:

March 12th (at Moama) 2015: Comm/Gen Meeting

May 17th 2015: Committee/General Meeting

July 19th 2015: Comm/General Meeting/AGM

September 20th 2015: Committee/General Meeting

All Club Runs are as per the Club "Run Sheet"

**Our Meeting Place is at the
Sunbury RSL Rooms at the corner of
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The Club Newsletter.

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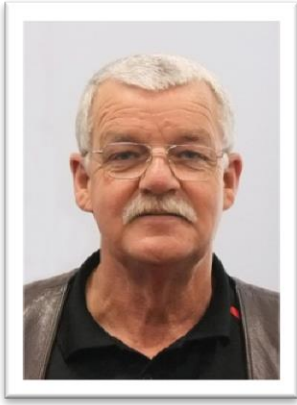
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**Visitors are always most welcome
to attend the Club's meetings.**



A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello Cussy Lovers.

This is my first report for 2015 and I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new members and look forward to seeing you and your cars at all our events.

We already have had some really good runs, but unfortunately the Picnic and Drive In run was cancelled due to the bad weather.

Our first meeting was well attended and was followed by a lovely lunch at the Black Stallion Hotel.

The Kaniva Car Show was another success for us with the Best Club Display again, this being the sixth year in a row. Well done everyone and although it was very hot it was a great day. Judy and Bernie again put on a lovely breakfast and a very big thank you to them.

The All Ford Day at Geelong was a resounding success for us. We took out the Best Club Display against 32 other clubs. Les Cross won a trophy for his Sunliner, well done Les! It was the biggest display we have had since I have been in the club. We might need a bigger tent, you could not have swung a cat in there. Let's aim to make more days as big as this one! and a big thank you to everyone who came along.

We met up with the Adelaide F.P.V Club and really enjoyed their company they are a great group of people, especially Peter (very happy man).

The Fish & Chip Run to Altona was a great night too. The weather held out and just as we hopped in our cars for home the heavens opened up and down it came.

When Marg and I got home, we had no power and couldn't open the electric gate.

The Echuca - Ararat Run is next and I am really looking forward to it as I am sure you all are too. Our next meeting will be held in Echuca at the home of John and Jan Young, we thank you both for having us.

Let's Keep on Cruising in the Cussys!

Rob Breheny

Your Club President.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

BEST WISHES TO ALL CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS DURING THE NEXT THREE MONTHS.

March:

3rd Stephen Wright
3rd Ken Wylie
10th Belinda Wheatland
11th Rob Bruton
21st Kevin Mulroney
29th Graeme Richards

April:

1st John Ashford

2nd Sue Maynard
3rd Pam Dahlstrom
4th Sandra Hibbert
5th Connie Vella
11th Margaret Stocks
20th Beryle McKenzie
20th Joe Vella
23rd Rebecca Camilleri
25th Margo Westwood
30th Ray Kilby

May:

1st Janet Hamilton
12th Trevor Christie
15th Jan Young
21st John O'Hanlon
23rd Alan McKenzie
27th Debbie Breheny
28th Michael Conneely
29th Jim Pierce



From the Editors Desk



Hi Everyone. Well here we are again with the next issue of the Club Newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading the 16 pages of Reports and Articles of what we have been up to the last three months. And, Yes, Mick has once again filled the Run Sheet with interesting places to go for the next few months, so keep the Run Sheet page handy for quick reference.

Rob Brereton Newsletter Editor & Mick Breheny Assistant Newsletter Editor.

Our New Members:

We now have a picture of Graeme & Jane Richards 56 Customline, (at right), they joined us back in June 2013 but have just recently finished the Cussy, and it looks great.

We also have Three New Memberships this newsletter and they are: Sammy & Alice Micallef from Point Cook who have a Blue 57 Sedan which is to be re-built, Trevor Christie from Officer who has a 56 Mainline Ute and Jimmy Stocks from West Melton who has a Brown 49 Ford Piolt and an Ice Green Left Hand Drive 54 Customline. We will possibly have some more info on Micallef's and Christie's vehicles in the next newsletter.



March General Meeting Note:

The March General Meeting **"will not"** be at Sunbury as most of the Club Members will be away on the Echuca – Ararat Run, so at the last meeting it was decided to have the Meeting on the **12th-March-2015 at Moama**, whilst on the Run. If you wish you can still attend this meeting but you will probably have further to travel. The following meeting, in May, will be back at Sunbury.



THE BEST BLONDE JOKE OF THE YEAR - SO FAR

A man was in his front yard mowing the grass when his attractive blonde female neighbour came out of the house and went straight to the mailbox. She opened it then slammed it shut and stormed back in the house. A little later she came out of her house again went to the mail box and again, opened it and slammed it shut again. Angrily, back into the house she went. As the man was getting ready to edge the lawn, she came out again, marched to the mail box, opened it and then slammed it closed harder than ever. Puzzled by her actions the man asked her, 'Is something wrong?'

To which she replied, 'There certainly is!'

She told him - my stupid computer keeps telling me, **"YOU'VE GOT MAIL"!**.....

New New, New for You....Club Merchandise

BE SEEN IN THE LATEST GEAR FROM OUR CLUB

For all Inquiries and Orders Please Contact: **ROB BREHENY**, on (03) between 7:00 & 8:30 pm please. Or catch him at a Club meeting or run, where he will have order forms ready for you to fill in, or download one from the Club web site.

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Contrast panels with piping detail and side splits.

Concealed placket and jet pocket. Classic Fit.

INCLUDES CLUB LOGO EMBROIDED ON RIGHT.

Sizes **GARMENT HALF CHEST(CM)**

S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	5XL
54.5	57.5	61.0	64.5	68.0	72.5	80.5

Measurements are approximate and are for reference only

Price to Members: \$45.00. Includes Club Logo.



Ladies Nitro Shirt Style Code S10122

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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. They are **\$80.00 each** and measure approx 1600mm x 500mm.



FEDERATION - RACV PICNIC DAY

DOMAIN GARDENS 26-1-2015

Yes, 6:00am it is raining again like crazy at Moorabbin, although the roads were dry from St Kilda to the City. Another year has passed and we have represented the Club again at this day, although it is not an Official Club Run, with four of our Club vehicles being, Rob Breheny with his 56 Vicky, Kevin Shepherd with his 56 Vicky, Mick Breheny with his 57 Sedan and me, Rob Brereton with my 56 Sedan. We all arrived, including the other 20 or so Marshals, to volunteer our services, at the Domain Gardens at about 7:30 am, got our cars parked, did the chamois job, another waste of time and waited till we had to provide our Marshal Duties for the morning session to get over 400 cars parked within the gardens. Not such an easy task sometimes, as some entrants find it difficult to co-operate with the Marshals. A few showers persisted but we did not get too wet, which changed to fine weather later in the morning. The first wet day in 38 years, I was told.

An hour or so later all was done and we could sit back and rest or wander off and have a look at all the vehicles displayed, amongst all the other attractions.



At Mid-day we were once again rocked to our socks as the cannon at the Shrine let out 21 thunderous "BOOOOMMMMMSSSS" and a shock wave that hit you in the chest and I think my ears are still ringing.

Lunch was over so more looking and chatting until about 3:15 pm when we were all called upon again to get all those vehicles out of the gardens, amongst thousands of people and to do it all without anyone getting run over. Well that exercise went reasonably well and we returned to our vehicles, had a drink and a chat with fellow Marshals and headed home at about 4:30 pm. The weather was pleasant during the afternoon and we all had a good time, so we will probably be doing this again next year.

Rob Brereton, with Rob Breheny, Kevin Shepherd, Mick Breheny & Others.



KANIVA CAR SHOW

6TH - 7TH - 8TH - Feb 2015

With some trepidation, hoping the weekend weather would not be a repeat of last year, Jim and I set off towards Kaniva in the Sunliner. Cruised comfortably to Horsham where we stopped for a stretch and of course drew conversations from passing car enthusiasts.



Arrived at Kaniva with no dramas, followed closely by Jim Stocks in his beautiful Ford Pilot. Not long afterwards, Rob and Margaret Breheny and Kevin Sheppard with Lorraine Carroll passed us heading down to Bernie and Judy's. Mick and Debbie arrived towing the famous trailer on its inaugural run. Looks Great, Job Well Done Billy Patton, (And helpers).

Bob Stocks arrived in his Mazda, Bill and Margaret Stocks would be arriving in the evening.

This year is our last with hosts Paul and Paula, as they are moving to a new

Motel in Barham. A big thanks to them both for all their hospitality over the last few years.

The usual takeaway from the Kaniva Roadhouse was on the menu Friday night, as was the late night session for some, I elected for an early night.

Saturday morning saw the boys up early and off to set up at the show. Marg, Debbie and myself had a bit of a sleep in and then wandered down town for a cuppa and met up with Marg B, Lorraine and Judy in the op shop, where we all found a bargain or two.

Judy was then our taxi down to the show. Luckily there was a bit of cloud cover which kept the heat down a bit.

Again we won the "Best Club Display", Bob Stocks won best in his class for his Mazda. Both Jim Pierce and Bob Stocks also won prizes in the Raffle.

The sky clouded over and the wind came up so we decided to start packing up, it was at this time we had an incident and injury, luckily we didn't have to claim insurance.

The last gazebo was being unpegged when a big gust threatened to send the Gazebo and Margaret Stocks flying. Her hero Mick Breheny rushed to her aid, only to trip on a peg, he learnt that bellies are bouncy, he went down and bounced right back up again, (much to his relief), but did sustain an injury to his toe, as the accompanying photo confirms. The story has a happy ending though, as Margaret was saved from a flight over the cars.

At the end of the day we headed down to the Club Hotel for a meal and to recover from the day's heat.



Most of us retired early, for an early start down at the lovely Bernie and Judy's for a beautiful breakfast, before the trip home.

Another great weekend cruise.

Jim and Helen Pierce.

ALL FORD DAY GEELONG

15TH FEBRUARY 2015

Saturday 14/2/15:

The weekend started with the Mulroneys and the Breheny's departing Wallan at about 11:30 am something. We hit the freeway to meet the other Breheny's on the ring road. We travelled on to the roadhouse near Little River where we met Les and Sue Cross. Had coffee n' lunch then off to Geelong to the Big 4 Caravan park at Belmont where we all settled in, once the clown in the van moved out of the way as the car behind him was getting very hot.

Three of us went to Deakin Uni to do the set up for our display, on our return to the park we were greeted by Kevin, Brenda, Billy, Les and Maureen. We then gave Brenda Lee a card as it was her birthday (number unknown). After a drink or two and a clean up of the cars, pizza, chips and Lasagne take away was ordered, one hour later it arrived (RSL stuffed the booking for tea their loss).

We ate in the camp kitchen with a lot of jocularly going on, some were a bit rough on two very sensitive members, WHO DO HAVE FEELINGS, if your are not sure ask Kevin or Kevin.

Apparently we were a bit noisy, so the kitchen was closed and all went to bed, we have an early start Sunday morn, as we intend to win at least the best club display. We have a contingent from SA who think they can challenge us (not with the set up we have), only disappointment coming their way.

Sunday 15/02/15:

I woke before the alarm (which was set for 6:05am) and out of bed readying myself for a big day, then my phone rang, "twice" would you believe, it was some doubting person thinking I had slept in, the cheek of him. Cereal for brekky, coffee made and off we went, Kevin S, Rob B, Les C, Bill P, Mick (the phone person) and myself, in convoy to the Uni. A bag of ice

later we were there, the set up began, no pressure from any one, it ran as smooth as silk, (silk made from a sows ear that is). My star model was the first car parked, then it started, we needed to get our neighbours F series moved out of our site (the cheek of them). Gazebo erected, flags of all description up, more positioning of cars, the display complete, coffee time? "no", Rob B and myself had to judge the AU XR Tickford series, one tough job, so many beautifully prepared cars, a credit to their owners. Decision made the winner was awarded 32 points, runner up scored 28 on a count back. Our display I believed was the best (as proved later in the day). "YES ANOTHER WELL DESERVED WIN", presented to the president by Allan Moffat, Jim Richards and John Bowe and YES, Rob did do his little dance. Lots of credit to Mick Breheny, without him I don't think we would be so successful, thanks Mick, I'm happy to work with ya, as are all of us. FPV XR Club SA were the first to congratulate us on our win, they were humble in defeat. Les Cross was awarded runner up for best Customline, well done Les.

All done pack up complete, see ya next time. Some of us went back to the big 4 park for a well earned drink and rest before a BBQ with the FPV XR Club, a great finish to a great weekend. One downer, Jackie picked up a head cold which stopped her from shopping with Deb and Sue (I think this saved me a lot of money).

Mick, Debbie, Jackie and I were treated to a BBQ tea by the FPV XR Club of SA, nice bunch of people like us, down to earth.

Poor Mick had a little trouble with dessert, just a little sticky.

Thanks to all for an enjoyable weekend.

As observed by Kevin Mulroney.

ALL FORD DAY GEELONG GALLERY



FISH & CHIP RUN - ALTONA

Saturday 28th February 2015

It's 3:30pm and Joan and I are off in the Cussy to meet other members at the United Westgate Outbound for our Fish & Chip Run to Altona. We arrived there just after 4:00pm and greeted all who had arrived. About 4:15 we headed off in convoy to our destination.

The traffic over the West Gate Bridge was not too bad and we then headed down Millers Rd to Altona. Right into Queen St and eventually we arrived at the park. In the gate and parked our Cussies around the trees, set up the Gazebo's, chairs and tables, then it was time for a

drink as it was quite warm. Lots of chatting went on and inspecting of vehicles, mainly by the blokes, and we even had three visitors turn up, two Cussies and a Mustang. Our vehicles totalled twelve and the three visitors made fifteen in all, which was a

great turn up.

Everyone filled in the attendance book and the menu list for the Fish & Chips, the money was collected and a few lucky guys headed off with the order about 6:15pm. That

gave us more time to look and chat and to quench our thirsts. Our fish & chips eventually arrived to everyone's delight and quite a few commented on how nice the fish was and the fact that there were plenty of chips, of which the seagulls got the left overs.

By this time the sky was starting to look quite black so some packing up started and just as everyone got the last of their chairs loaded it started to rain, and rain it did. The northern crew headed for Maccas on the Ring Road for a coffee but Joan and I headed straight home in the other direction. Well the Cussy got quite a bath on the way home and a good clean off in the garage when it got home.

Thanks again to all who attended. It was a great day out once again.

Rob & Joan Brereton.



THE EARLY FORD TIMELINE

1903 The Ford Motor Company is incorporated.

With 12 investors and 1,000 shares, the company had spent almost all of its \$28,000 cash investment by the time it sold the first Ford Model A on July 23, 1903. But by October 1, 1903 Ford Motor Company had turned a profit of \$37,000.

1904 Ford Motor Company of Canada is founded.

Ford's first international plant was built in Walkerville (now Windsor), Ontario, right across the Detroit River from Ford's existing facilities. The company was a separate organization with its own set of shareholders. It was created to sell vehicles not just in Canada, but also all across the then-current British Empire.

1907 Ford introduces the scripted typeface of its trademark.

Childe Harold Wills designed the Ford logo. He used his grandfather's stencil set, which was based on the style of writing taught in schools when Ford and Wills were children. However, the Ford oval would not be featured on a car until the 1927 Model A.

1908 Ford opens its first overseas sales branch in Paris.

1913 Ford introduces the integrated moving assembly line to auto production.

Ford's innovation eventually reduced the Model T's chassis assembly line from 12.5 to 1.5 hours, and in doing so precipitated a revolution in manufacturing. The accelerating speed with which Ford could produce cars helped him continue to lower the price of the Model T.

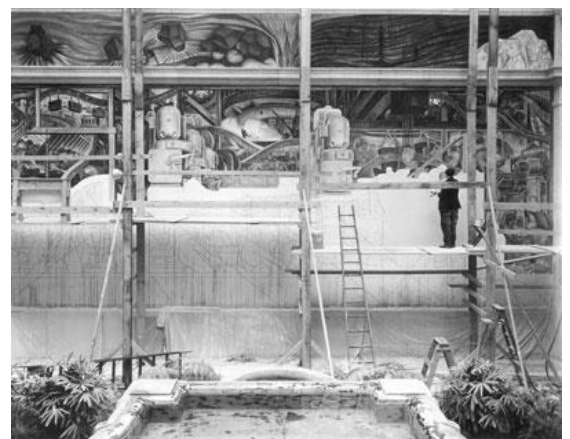
1917 Ford begins construction of the River Rouge Complex.

It would become the largest integrated factory in the world by the following decade. Throughout its history, the self-contained Rouge Complex has contained a wide array of industries necessary to produce cars, including steel mills, a tire factory, a glass factory, a power plant and a reception depot for coal, iron ore, rubber and lumber. In the 1930s the complex employed over 100,000 workers. Today the River Rouge Complex continues to evolve to meet the needs of modern manufacturing processes.

1919 Edsel Ford succeeds Henry Ford as president of the company.

On the same day, Henry Ford put a plan in place to buy out his investors and make himself, Clara Ford, and Edsel the sole owners of the business. Edsel's interest in aesthetic automotive design brought a new dimension to Ford Motor Company, pushing the company to begin producing cars that were beautiful as well as practical. Edsel was also an extremely important art benefactor in Detroit, and one of the best-known paintings he commissioned was Diego Rivera's Detroit Industry mural, (at right). His aesthetic legacy lives on in the original Lincoln Continental.

Info taken from the Ford Motor Company Timeline. Ed.





MICK BREHENY'S NEW CUSSY TRAILER

It all started with Bill

Stocks giving me half a Customline, if U could call it that. A pile of rust on a 6x4 trailer was more like it. I thought this is easy so I put it on my son in-laws rotisserie and that is where it sat. About 6 months went by and every-body that looked at it said you must be kidding, well that was till I said to Billy Patton, "What do you think Billy", and he said "why not". So on to Paul's tandem trailer and off to Billy's place where the project started, a lot of cutting, grinding and thinking "what the ###@#ing hell are we doing?" "But it was full steam ahead". Billy and I went for a drive to Pick-A-Part to find two new lower quarter panels, who would think the quarter of a Mitsubishi ute would fit a Customline? So now we have a trailer full of rusty metal and a Cussy trailer taking shape. Billy spent hrs replacing rusty panels with new steel.



Sandblasting was interesting, the more I sand blasted the more Bill had to replace.

Then it was ready for Rob to tar paint the bottom. A lot of people helped with some hard to get parts and donations and lots and lots of time. The axle, shockers, springs and wheels are in and it is looking like someone does love it. Now the doors, I said to Bill "I went to Canberra to get these doors and they are pretty good", he said "did you take your seeing eye dog?" Well OK, he had to replace the bottom of one but the other one was OK. It wasn't too long and we were putting a (little) bit of bog on Ha-Ha. You sand, sand, sand and it starts to look like something, so now the back half of the Cussy trailer is looking like a Cussy.

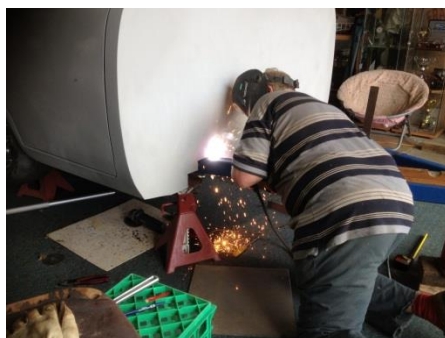


Part 2: Off to the Rubber Connection today with Rob to buy the jewellery. Jeff & Heather were happy to see us & they gave me a good price. Bill, Robert and I are in deep discussion about the top of the trailer, but I think Joe & Peter or some other brainiac will come up with some idea. The brainiac group come up with one great idea, they thought it was OK to Supa-glue me to the chair!!! Ha Ha very funny. I will get them back, so be afraid U blokes!!!

Bill is having a well earned rest on Xmas Day, & Boxing Day saw Bill putting on the final coat of fill



and it looks great. The high fill and under coat makes the trailer all come together, now two days of blocking will have it ready for the last under coat. It's off to my place today to fit the draw bar. Loading was OK until it wanted to roll into the garage door. A stop at the Wallan coffee shop was mandatory. There was a lot of debate about the angle the draw bar should be fitted at, and I won!!



It all worked out by the end of the day, even though Billy set fire to the carpet and the gas bottles while he was welding and grinding!!! When we had finished we hooked the trailer up to the ute to tow her back to Bills, and she towed great. Bill and I have made the decision on the top of the trailer. Bill will make the steel frame then it is off to Tony Gills to get the leather part made. New Year's eve saw Rob, Bill, and myself fitting the boot, it took 4 hours but the gaps are good.

Part 3: Rob & Bill put in 2 big days in 35 degree heat to make the front top frame. The water channel was a big job on its own but it all worked out in the end. Fitting the front steps was a good idea until we worked out that the front panel had a big woof in it, and it took 2 days of filling and rubbing back. Rob & Bill had two days off so I went to Bills and had a good clean up, because Bill is going to paint the trailer where it is, so we will make a paint booth, hmm.... Today was the last of the welding so it was time to wipe down with prepsol. Bill put the undercoat on, bloody undercoat shows all of those little spots that U think U have fixed. Bill and Rob then had to sand and block for the rest of the day. Sticking down the top panel was OK, we sticker flexed it so there were no screws showing. Saturday saw Bill, Rob & myself fitting the top, when Joe arrived well he was a good help, because it wasn't too long and it was all done. A final bit of spot putty and Bill will be happy to paint. My grandson Kyle was horrified when Billy started to drill the holes for the trim. Kyle said, "all this work and your drilling holes in my pops trailer"?!!!

Well the paint day has come, and as I drove up Bills street I could see smoke coming from the carport. I thought shit, the house is on fire, or worse still, the trailer is on fire!!

Wrong on both. Bills painting the yellow on the trailer and as I stopped, I thought oops, I am in Debs black car so I made a hasty retreat down the street and walked back. Seeing the yellow paint on the trailer, I was so happy I could have pole vaulted over it!! Well, maybe my expectation outweighed my capabilities!! Monday or Tuesday may see black paint on the trailer, I will be very excited!!

Part 4: Well Bill rang me at 9.30 Monday night to tell me the black is on the trailer. So over I go on Tuesday and she has a great shine on her. I got the last of the bumper brackets from Andrew from Broadford. Sunday saw Bill Rob & I at the Whittlesea coffee shop at 7.30 am, at



8.30 we were into it, and what a day it was.

The wire loom was first then the lights were next to go on, then the blinkers & bumper. It was all going well till we worked out we did not have enough clips for the trim. A quick call to Kevin and he was on his way with clips in hand. We started fitting the trim at the back drivers side and it went on OK. Then we were at the front right corner and things changed, but Bill to the rescue.

So now the front well, there was sika flex every where but it all cleaned up OK. So to the back left side, the quarter panel was OK, then the *@##ken door, 3 hrs later it was on!!!

Then Bill & Rob fitted the locks in the top. The safety chains went on and it was time to turn on the lights. Rob & I put the plug in, hmm.. we should have put on a pair of glasses because it was wired wrongly, but Bill fixed it, so all the lights work fine now. 7.30 pm and we are done, and she looks fantastic!!!



I got the trailer rego done today, Bill had to work so I went over about 5.30 pm and hooked the trailer up to take it to Clark Rubber in the morning to get the seals on the boot and the lid, but guess what?! Bill is not happy with the boot, so back in the car port and he will rub it back and repaint it, at 7.00 pm the boot got rubbed back and painted.

Tuesday saw Bill and myself at Peter Mac for Bill to have some tests. Rob has the trailer at his place to check the wheel bearings, fit the number plate, boot key lock and emblem.

We got back to Robs to find he had the trailer on the hoist, he was in his element tightening this and that, so it's off to Clark Rubber to fit the seals. Gino did a good deal for me and I got out of there with some \$ in my pocket. Rob and I put the last of the nick nacks on, the front sticker went on thanks to Bernard from the Sticka Guru. He did a deal for me and it looks great.

I would like to sincerely thank all the people who donated bits and very hard to get things, thanks Bill Stocks, Wayne Paterson, Jim Pierce, Peter & Jenn & Jayke for the coffee and cake and good advice. To Joe and Kevin thank U all for your help and input, to Dave from the Whittlesea coffee shop thanks for staying open late for the Gang to have coffee. To my brother Rob thanks for your many hrs of help and your \$\$ donations, U did a great job & to Billy, without him none of this would have happened.

Bill, I can never repay U for the love and passion U put in to the project, that every body said could NOT be done & when people at car shows ask me who built the trailer, I will be proud to say "my mate Bill Patton".

I have a lot of friends Bill, but let me tell U I am proud to call U my mate, Thanks Bill.

Mick Breheny. (Read the full report & see more pictures on the Club web site)




SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW



RUN SHEET

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




March 2015

	10th to 16th	<u>“Echuca- Arrarat Run”</u> Ring Mick for all the details. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
	12th	<u>“Committee General Meeting”</u> Our Meeting Date is the 12th March and will be held at Moama whilst most members will be on the Echuca – Ararat Run. You can still attend this meeting if you wish but you will probably have further to travel. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
	22nd	<u>“Trackside Car Show Kilmore Race Track”</u> The Club is having a Run to the Kilmore Racing Club Show n' Shine on this day. We can first meet at the North Bound Shell at Donnybrook, or you can drive directly there to arrive by 9:00am and enter at the 1st gate off East Street. There “will not” be any entry fee for this show, it's “FREE”. The Club will be on “Full Display”. If you wish to attend then please ring Mick ASAP. Hope to see you all there. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.

April 2015

	3rd	<u>“Kruze4Kids Sunbury”</u> This is Good Friday and this event is for the Royal Children's Hospital. 10am to 4pm at Langama Park 190 Mitchells Lane Sunbury. \$10 entry fee. Meet you there, more details later. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
	5TH	APRIL 5TH IS EASTER SUNDAY
	19th	<u>“AOMC American Motor Show”</u> Shannon's and the AOMC are presenting the 2015 American Motoring Show, at the Mornington Racecourse Car-park. Melway Map 146 Ref A3. Display cars from 9am to 11am. Spectators from 10 am. Display cars (driver + passengers) - \$15. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.

May 2015

	3rd	<u>“Keilor Rotary Car Show”</u> At the Keilor Hotel. The Club will be on “Full Club Display” for this great show. Great Prizes and Trophies. Mick will have more details to follow. Don't forget to Polish & DRIVE the Cussy.
	???	<u>“National Motoring Heritage Day”</u> The AOMC are once again holding this special day at a Time and Place yet to be decided. There will be more details to follow when we find out where and when it will be. Don't forget to Polish & DRIVE the Cussy.
	17th	<u>“Committee General Meeting”</u> Our Meeting Place is at the Sunbury RSL Rooms at the corner of Barkly and Macedon St. Sunbury. Mel Ref: 382 F4. We will start the meeting this day at 11 am. After the meeting we will have a sausage sizzle. Tea and coffee will be provided. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.

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Phone Mick's Mobile: 0418 & before 8:30 pm.

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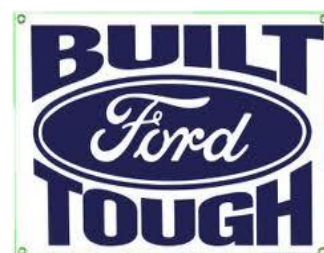



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