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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 18th 2018: Committee/General Meet

May 20th 2018: Committee/General Meet

July 15th 2018: Committee/General Meet & AGM

September 16th 2018: Committee/General Meet

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

**Our Meeting Place is at the
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The Club Newsletter.

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Contact the Secretary and ask for a membership application form to be mailed to you.

Come along to a General Meeting or Club Run and introduce yourself to the Club Officials.

Download an application form from the Clubs web site. Fill it in, sign it and send it back to the address shown on the form.

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



A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello Fellow Cussy Lovers. Here we are well into the Summer season and the best time of the year for getting our Cussies out and about! We have had a great December, January and February, with the Christmas party making a great hit even though the weather was not very kind. We are booked in again, for this year's party and as we were able to get the jump on the FJ Club, and will have the bowling club pavilion back again according to Rob. The Whittlesea Cruise Nights are on again, first Friday of each month and now that we have made them an official Club Run we have enjoyed good numbers at each one, where the weather has allowed. Speaking of weather, the annual Picnic and Drive-In night was a serious wash out due to heavy rain. I'm hoping that we may make it there on a more informal basis before the nights grow too cold.

We held a Club meeting at the Northern Car Show at Pascoe Vale on 21st January. As this was a run that fell on a Club day it was decided to move the venue to the show. I have to say that I'm still not personally happy with this format as it was difficult to hold the meeting together with the distraction of people walking in and around the cars, as well as other distractions. It was proposed that this would be a one off for the year and I was willing to accept it even though this was voted against at a meeting some time ago. We had a fine roll up of Cussies and were lucky enough to win the Best Club Display!

We had a great day at the AOMC - Shannon's Australia Day car show at Yarra Glen. The drive started in gloom with light drizzle falling, as well as low cloud and thick fog. I believe Rob Breheny had a white stick attached to the front of the Vicky on the way through the hills but eventually it cleared into a hot steamy day! We set up our display and then sat down to sweat it out. Our labour was rewarded with a Best Club Display trophy. The Cussies did look spectacular, as always! Those of us who made the drive out to Kaniva enjoyed a great weekend that was topped off with success, 6 trophies being collected by the group. The Club won the Best Club Display, the Stocks clan collected three, Kyle collected one for his stunning LS Monaro (OK, I know it isn't a Cussie but he was there with the rest of us and always puts in a hard day's work on our stand whenever we have a function!), and I was lucky enough to collect one as well. Also, a big thank-you to Rob and Mick's sister Judy, Bernie and the pit crew for their hospitality in preparing a fine breakfast for us all on Sunday morning!

I'm preparing to attend my first Wallan Cruise-in Friday night and eagerly anticipating the upcoming Fish n Chip/BBQ night at Altona. I have not yet decided on what cuisine I will opt for myself, but there has been a lot of discussion about the merits of the inclusion of the BBQ. I look forward to reading the reports of the outcome later in this newsletter. Hopefully a few gourmands will put pen to paper!

Last but by no means least, I would like to welcome new members who have joined the club over the last months. Please make the most of your membership, the Club benefits from your interest. I look forward to checking out your Customline. Here is to many more pleasurable miles of cruising the highways and byways in our Fantastic Ford Customlines... Keep those Cussy's Cruisin!!

Dave Healey. Your Club President.



Happy Birthday to You

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

March:

3rd Ken Wylie
9th Jimmy Stocks
10th Belinda Wheatland
11th Rob Bruton
20th Jane Hodson
21st Kevin Mulroney

April:

1st John Ashford
3rd Pam Dahlstrom
3rd Colleen Wagstaff

4th Sandra Hibbert
5th Raelene Healey
7th Julian Gietenbeek
8th Samuel Stocks
10th Chris Healey
11th Margaret Stocks
13th Bob Stocks
16th Sammy Micallef
19th Matt De Palma
20th Beryle McKenzie
21st Denise Evans (Cox)

23rd Rebecca Camilleri
30th Ray Kilby

May:

1st Janet Hamilton
15th Jan Young
21st John O'Hanlon
22nd Brian Drechsler
23rd Alan McKenzie
27th Debbie Breheny
28th Michael Conneely



From the Editors Desk



Hi All. Yes that time has arrived again with this issue of our wonderful Cussy Club Newsletter reaching your letterboxes once again. Please keep up the good work of sending in reports and pictures as it really does make my job easier.

Rob Brereton Newsletter Editor and Mick Breheny Assistant Newsletter Editor.

Our New Member

We have three new memberships this newsletter. So let's all welcome **Julian & Sheryn Geitenbeek** from Mount Martha who have a Dark Blue & White 58 Star Model, **Graeme & Jacquie Bushby** from Mernda who have a Blue & White 59 Cussy (ex Bill Stocks) and **Chris & Raelene Healey** (yes, Daves brother), who have a Red & White 56 Victoria. We hope you all enjoy your time with the Club. Last newsletter we had **Ian & Jane Waters** and we now have a pic of their Tan & White 58 Star Model. We also have a pic of **Bill & Marg Stock's** new Green 58 Star Model and **Gretta Taylor's** restored 57 Mainline.



PICNIC & DRIVE IN RUN 13-1-2018

Well, here we are, Picnic/Drive-In Run day and it is raining like mad! Seeing that no one turned up anyway the run was cancelled. No actual surprise, third year in a row that it has rained. I had been looking forward to this event and was pretty disappointed. Never mind, perhaps we can call a text run on a night that looks like being a winner over the coming couple of months.

Your President Dave Healey.

A CENTURY LATER, FORD'S RIVER ROUGE PLANT REMAINS A MONUMENT TO INDUSTRY

Springwells was aptly named. Situated along the Rouge River just southwest of Detroit's city limits, the farming community operated around plenty of marshes. Few would peg it as prime real estate for one of the world's most influential factories, but Henry Ford had a vision, one that he turned into reality 100 years ago with the River Rouge complex.

It wasn't just the marshlands and pastures prone to flooding that led others to scoff at Ford's idea. The Rouge River was wide but shallow, unsuitable for all but the smallest boats. And besides, Ford already had more capacity to build Model T's than most observers figured he needed at his Highland Park assembly plant and at various other assembly plants distributed around the world.

But Ford, who in the mid-Teens still depended on others, to supply him with castings, aimed to bring every aspect of producing an automobile together in one location, it wasn't a new concept. Ford, with all aspects of Model T assembly under one roof already, and he was, in fact, looking to expand on the Highland Park plant. So, in July 1915, he settled on Springwells, bought several hundred acres of farmland, and called on Albert Kahn to design a foundry for the site.



According to the Michigan State University Library, production began at the site on January 4, 1918, but according to Cabadas, the blast furnaces were still under construction in mid-January when Ford agreed to build 100 antisubmarine boats for the Navy.

Ford followed in 1919 with Fordson tractors and Model T parts that would be sent to Highland Park for final assembly.

Not until 1927, with the introduction of the Model A, did a Ford automobile roll off an assembly line at the Rouge complex. Even then, and even with thousands of tons of coal, iron ore, limestone, and other raw materials flowing into the complex, Ford didn't fully realize his goal of complete self-sufficiency.

The complex not only cast its own iron and pressed its own steel for car parts, it also generated all its own power, made its own cement, repaired all its own locomotives and train cars, and hosted a hospital and trade school.

At its peak, the complex of factories and assembly plants covered more than 1,200 acres. It also employed upwards of 100,000 people, which made it a large target for unionization efforts. Starting in the 1950s, Ford began moving select operations away from the Rouge complex, driven by a realization that vertical integration had failed, according to Cabadas. The assembly plant at the complex—which had been responsible for the first Thunderbirds and multiple generations of Mustangs—lasted until 2004, when demolition began to make way for a new truck assembly plant. By then, Ford had begun a \$2 billion package of renovations aimed at modernizing the complex.

Today, tours of the complex—which was added to the National Register of Historic Places in June 1978—are once again available through The Henry Ford. **Sourced from the Internet. Ed.**

Northern Car Show

Cole Reserve Pascoe Vale 21-1-2018

We had a good turnout today, 11 Cussies turned up. The Committee Meeting went well. The usual jocularly went on. There was a great show of cars and bikes. The Cussy Club won Best Club Display. We also had two winners with their Customlines, Bill Stocks and Graham Bushby, the prize was for Best in Show. Other OZ Made winners were joint winners Kevin Mulroney and Jim Camilleri, both of us were very happy, a good day had by all. **Kev Mulroney.**



I arrived at the Venue in Cumberland Rd Pascoe Vale at about 8.30am and there stood those magnificent men with their immaculate machines. (talk about polish and drive the Cusso, Wow). We all stood and watched as the cavalcade of cars rolled in and we commented on certain models and then another Cusso came sneaking in and "OOH" that looks nice. LOL. By about 10 am we had about a dozen cars and all were highly polished and looking good and receiving a lot of attention from on-lookers. A very disorderly meeting took place at 11am, chaired by Captain Dave Healey and there was a lot of arguing over bloody FISH and CHIPS, Hotdogs and Hamburgers. "Oh" what have I got involved in.



The Captain welcomed all new members warmly and closed the meeting. The Judges were prowling around and looking very closely at the CUSSO's and then disappeared. It was about 1pm when they announced Trophy winners. Kevin Mulroney with his STAR model and Jim Camilleri with his 57 Cusso won best OZ made Category and The 49 - 59 Ford Customline Car Club won best Club display.

All in all it was a great day and everyone enjoyed it. Good stuff Guys and Girls.
Graeme Bushby, who also supplied most of the photos.



Aussie Classic Car Show

SHARE THE PASSION "Cruise to Yarra Glen"

Friday 26th January 2018

Yarra Glen Racecourse, Armstrong Avenue, Yarra Glen

I arrived at Yarra Glen and wandered around chatting with stallholders and then went looking for the Customlines and found them in the backblocks, with their owners all sitting on their backsides. If you can't beat them, you join them, so I sat down too. Managing Director Mick Breheny called me over and delegated me (being a new member) as the event reporter for the Club Mag.

So with Camera in hand I proceeded to take pictures of the crime scene, (CUSSO's). The judges were prowling around and spoke to Captain Dave and then left the scene.

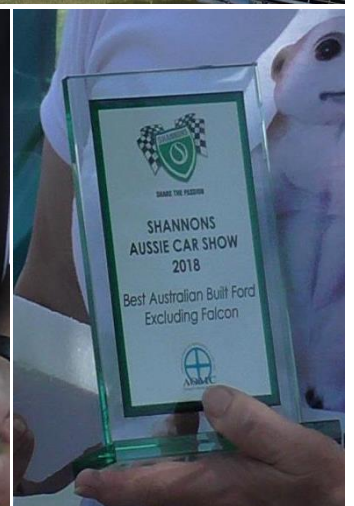


The Trophies were as follows. Best Cub Display, 49 -59 Ford Customline Car Club and accepted by Captain Dave and Best Australian built Ford (excluding Falcon) was the 57 Mainline accepted by Greta Edmonds.

We packed up the Club gear and hightailed it out of there.

Graeme Bushby.

All photos were also supplied by new member Graeme Bushby.



Kaniva Car & Bike Show ***2nd to 4th February 2018***

Friday 2nd February saw a contingent gathering at the Rockbank fuel/Maccas for the trip to Kaniva. The weather was sensational and all vehicles cruised out, reaching Kaniva without any mishaps at around 6 PM.



We had a few drinks and Fish n' Chips, courtesy of the Stocks Clan for tea, then off to bed after another quick drink, (It is the desert!), ready for an early start Saturday morning.

Up and off early to the Kaniva Show/Sports ground and into setting up the display. We were the first car club there and Mick quickly organised us to get the Marquee, Banners, Flags, etc, out and up. The display looked awesome with the Cussies placed to their best advantage. A gentle breeze blew all day and the temperature was extremely pleasant, with the sun shining down and making the chrome-work gleam!

Eventually the awards ceremony started and we were lucky enough to pick up Best Club Display as well as a number of other trophies for the cars. All in all a thoroughly satisfying result for a great day.

Up early again Sunday morning for the short drive over to Judy and Bernie's place where we were treated to an amazing cooked breakfast. They were assisted by a small contingent of the local ladies, Brenda, Cathy, Thelma and Lois. Their hospitality was amazing, it was a fantastic morning.

Back into the Cussies for the run back down to Melbourne, a tad warmer today but still a great day for driving.

I'd like to thank Judy, Bernie, Brenda, Cathy, Thelma and Lois as well as Mick for the effort he put into organising the trip and also to say thanks to everyone who attended for making the effort to make it a really great weekend.

I had been a bit apprehensive about the distance and the potential for extreme heat with possible cooling dramas being a result.

That was not an issue and I really enjoyed the weekend!

Your President Dave Healey.

On Friday the 2nd February My day started by packing my gear in the Cusso. I left home about 10.15am and headed to Rockbank and fuelled up the Cusso. Not long after another Cusso turned up and he fuelled up and we went and paid. We went to the food dept and we fuelled ourselves. At about 12.45pm a convoy of Cusso's arrived and proceeded to drain the pumps. The drivers and passengers then proceeded to empty the food dept. At about 1.30pm it was time to Rock & Roll. Seven Cusso's pulled out of Rockbank BP and we were on the move. Kaniva here we come. We cruised to Stawell and picked up another Cusso and there were eight in the convoy. We arrived in Kaniva and booked in to the motel. After we refreshed the outside it was time to refresh the inside (it was a very warm day) before dehydration took hold.

After a good nights sleep we went to the show venue on 3/2/18 and proceeded to build a city. Unless you were there it was hard to describe the teamwork put in by Mick Breheny and his braves. WOW, absolutely marvellous and all the comments from the public were centred on the Cusso's. We won 6 trophy's including Best Club Display and three Raffle prizes, not bad "EH". We pulled down the city and left the ground and went back to the Motel for refreshment. After that we went to the local and had a very nice roast dinner washed down by a couple of coldies. Sunday 4/2/18 started like any other Sunday and checked out of the Motel late because the office didn't open till 8am. We had a good old country style brekkie at a locals place, eggs and bacon cooked on the BBQ, 2 helpings, and washed down with coffee, I was ready for the drive home. Managing Director Mick Breheny said we leave at 9am sharp, it was more like 9.30am. I left followed by Captain Dave and we cruised away and the main bunch had to play catch-up but we were caught in Horsham and Dave took a wrong turn and I decided to fuel up followed by Dave and we got into a discussion with a member from the past. After a 20 minute stop we were back on the road Rockin & Rollin to a pre-arranged stop at Ararat and I managed to stop but Captain Dave kept going. I fuelled up the Cusso and myself and had a yap and left. The convoy caught me up minus Rob and Mick Breheny who decide to do some cross country driving. Maybe they thought they had 4 wheel drives. But they got home OK as did all of us. Thanks for a great weekend and I can't wait for the next Cruise.

Graeme Bushby. Pictures also supplied by Graeme.

Kaniva Show Pictures



ALL DAY

Deakin University, Waurn Ponds, Geelong.

18-2-2018

A few weeks ago Sue and I had an invite from a friend who belongs to the Victorian Falcon GT club to attend the All Ford Day at Geelong. The only stipulation was that to enter a vehicle it must be a Ford (no brainer).

The only thing was which vehicle to take. Our beloved 1956 Mainline Ute was the obvious choice however at the last minute friends decided to travel with us and though plenty of room in the back, these days the authorities tend to frown on anyone not having a seat belt, unlike when

we grew up on the farm, so the next choice was to go in our replica Gallaher XR GT Falcon.

We had a great trip from Shepparton to Geelong with lots of



appreciative folk waving and smiling to us as we travelled. We arrived safe and sound Saturday as Sunday was an early start.

Up at 6:00 AM and off to the event only to see that everyone else had the same agenda, so waiting, waiting, car by car, we finally made it into the Uni grounds. A few entrants pulled over to let their vehicles cool down, thanks for the new XY GT radiator fitted as we didn't go over 185 F. Parking was well organized with a colour coding on the entry sticker for all pre-registered.

Some vehicles were parked according to either club or category, but a lot of the rest were parked individually, depending on how they were registered. Next thing, after parking our car, let's go for a walk to see and admire all the various Ford vehicles. 800 preregistered, over 200 registered on the day, and probably half as many just turned up it was hard to pick which vehicle to stop and admire as to spend even 5 minutes at each car we would still be there now. Regardless of your preference for your Fords there was all models, home grown or imported, with plenty of restored, modified and replicas as well.

Of course I did spend more time looking at and admiring the range of 49 to 59 Customline and Mainline vehicles displayed, and there were lots, but overall it was hard to take it all in as there were so many vehicles.

End of the day and cars starting to filter out of the grounds, I decided to leave before the rush. Back at our digs and my mobile rings, our friend from the GT club says, "where are you? You've



won Runner Up, Best XR/XT category". What a buzz, first time at the All Ford Day and come home with a prize even though we did not expect anything. We found out later it was actually First Place.

On a scale of 1 to 10, the All Ford Day has to be one of the best organized and run events we have been to, and I would recommend any club member who has not experienced this great day to place it on your "must do" list.

Regards, Lindsay & Sue Pollock.

BBQ RUN TO DAVE'S PLACE

SATURDAY THE 24TH FEBRUARY

Saturday morning started off hot and humid. By 1:30 the rain had started, but only a few small showers. Then a text message redirected us all to go to Dave Healey's place in Attwood. So all our goodies were loaded into our Falcon Wagon and we left home about 3:30.

We had a good run and eventually found our way to Dave's place. The Mennen's, Cross's and Graeme Bushby had arrived in their Cussy's and not to forget Dave's 56 in the back yard. Others present were Rob & Mick Breheny families, Lorraine Carroll, Mulroneys, not forgetting the Brereton's and of course our host Dave Healey.



Greetings all round and a drink or two was the go and the weather stayed dry although it had cooled down somewhat. Plenty of nibbles were spread on the table and the next thing Rob had started the BBQ. Burgers, Sausages and Hot Dogs were on the go and everyone got stuck in. That was all washed down by another drink as we discussed some of Dave's Cussy spares hanging around his garage, and what a great space for a get together.

Time had passed and Rob fired up the BBQ for another round and most had seconds. Full credit to Rob for supplying and cooking all the goodies and all cooked to perfection.

That was all washed down with another drink or two and mixed with plenty of merriment. The girls especially enjoyed themselves breaking into fits of laughter at times.

The weather was still dry but the breeze was very cool so the garage door was closed and everyone was more comfortable. The time passed and about 9:00pm members started to head off home. Joan and I had a good run home and enjoyed the day immensely. Full marks to Dave for opening up his place to us, thanks Dave. **Rob & Joan Brereton.**



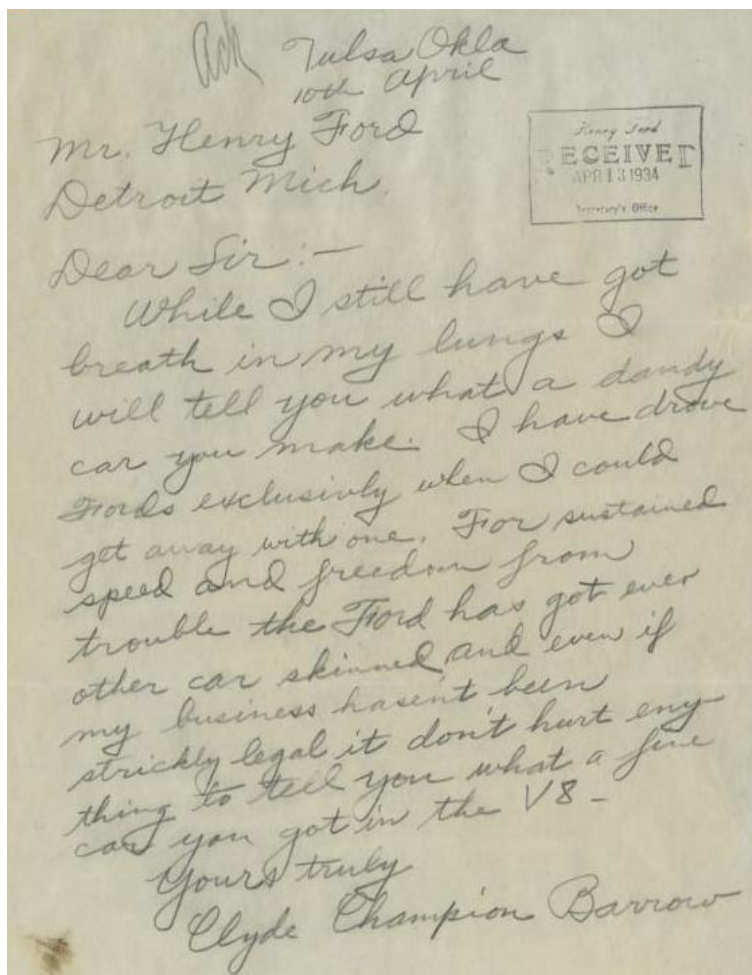
Whittlesea Cruise Nights: Is a great event and one I have made a decision to get to as often as possible! This month's one was as good as all the rest with the only complaint being that Dave's Coffee Shop was closed and so seating in the street (and a good coffee) was problematic! We had a good roll up of Club cars and the night enjoyed good support from the community and other car owners. I was happy to bring my brother Chris along and introduce him to the members who were present, as a prospective member and as well, Graeme Bushby, who has also expressed his intention of joining at the next meeting, was present. Good to see some new blood entering the club! As always the Cussies impressed and drew many admiring glances as well as a number of enquiries. Anyone who lives locally and is able to get away for the evening is sure to enjoy a visit to this run. The Coffee shop is rapidly becoming a second home to many members of our Club and even has a corner set up in tribute to Billy Patton who was a true regular here. Check it out when you make it here next month!

David Healey.

Wallan Cruise Nights: Well, Friday evening rolled around and it was time to roll up the highway to Wallan for the monthly Wallan Cruise Night. I had struggled to get away from work so was a bit late pulling the Tudor out of the shed and was not too happy about that! I arrived in Wallan around 6 PM and after a bit of a look around the car park managed to locate the Cussie Club contingent. There were not too many of us, Graedon, Graeme, Kevin Mulroney and myself making a total of four members. We settled in and actually had a great evening talking amongst ourselves, with other car owners and also many members of the public who expressed great appreciation for the cars on show. As this was the first time I have been able to attend I was happily surprised by how relaxed and friendly the atmosphere at this gathering was, and would recommend it to all. It is a relatively new event but I think it will develop into a strong event on the cruising calendar. David Healey

A Letter from Clyde Barrow to Henry Ford. Praising the Ford V-8 Car, 1934.

On April 13, 1934, the Ford Motor Company received this unusual product testimonial. In it notorious bank robber Clyde Barrow, of Bonny & Clyde Fame, extolled the virtues of Ford V8's



as getaway cars. Handwriting analysts have questioned authenticity of the letter, but it is the sort of thing the publicity-seeking Barrow might have written.

This letter hand written on paper by Clyde Barrow reads as:

Tulsa, Okla 10th April

Mr Henry Ford

Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:--

While I have still got breath in my lungs I will tell you what a dandy car you make. I have drove Fords exclusively when I could get away with one. For sustained speed and freedom from trouble the Ford has got every other car skinned and even if my business hasn't been strictly legal it didn't hurt anything to tell you what a fine car you got in the V8 -

Yours truly

Clyde Champion Barrow.

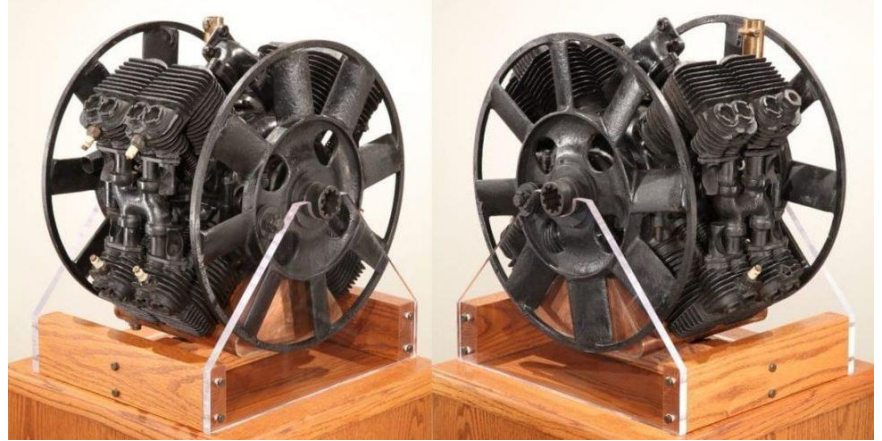
Sourced from "The Henry Ford" Museum files. Ed

Henry Ford's X-8 Engine

Photos courtesy "The Henry Ford".

One of Henry Ford's odder inventions—and one that certainly challenges the notion he only ever wanted to build Model T's into perpetuity—will get its moment in the spotlight next year as the subject of a talk in the Gilmore Museum lecture series, which for 2018 will include more automotive topics than in years past.

Ford's interests in the X-shape engine, which essentially uses two 90-degree V-4's turned on their side and mated on a common crankshaft, dated to about 1920, when he filed for his first patent on the design, noting its compactness, relatively high power-to-weight ratio, and suitability for air-cooling as its advantages. Indeed, according to The Henry Ford's page on the X-8 in its collections, pictured above, it measures just 17-inches wide, 17-inches tall, and 14-inches deep.



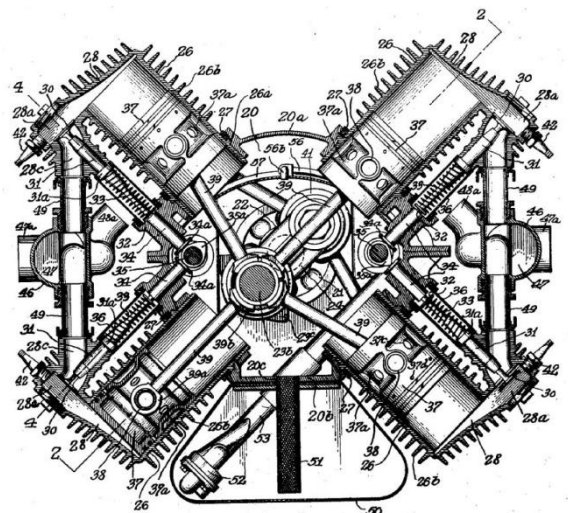
The L-head example above, however, is far from the only X-8 engine configuration Ford experimented with. As pointed out in a 1973 *Special Interest Autos* article, it was one of seven experimental X-8 engines—and 58 experimental engines total—once left to sit in a sugar beet mill building on the Greenfield Village campus. While records for the experimental engines were incomplete, the seven X-8 engines include both air-cooled and water-cooled L-heads as well as at least one aluminum air-cooled overhead-camshaft version.



Ford might have conceived the X-8 concept, but he trusted development of the engine to Eugene Farkas, who worked on it for the next six or seven years, until it became evident to those surrounding Ford—and eventually to Ford himself—that the X-8 would never replace the Model T's four-cylinder engine (due in no small part to reports that the lower spark plugs fouled often). Ford instead turned his attention to developing an inexpensive V-8 and abandoned the X-8 altogether.

Auto historian Don LaCombe will expand on the X-8's history late next month as part of the 2018 Gilmore lecture series. For more information, visit GilmoreCarMuseum.org.

Sourced from the Internet. Ed.



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RUN SHEET

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





March 2018

2nd		<u>"Whittlesea Cruise Night"</u> Friday Night Main Street Whittlesea. Ring Mick Breheny for more details. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
11th		<u>"Yarra Glen Swap Meet & Car Show"</u> Full Club Display Ring Mick Breheny for more details. DISPLAY CARS should enter via the gate marked with a GREEN flashing light. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
16th		<u>"Wallan Cruise Night"</u> This is a Friday Night from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Ring Mick for more details. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
18th		<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 at 11 am. After the meeting we will have a sausage sizzle for lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
25th		<u>"Mernda Car Show"</u> Mernda Recreation Reserve, Schotters Rd, Mernda. For more details Ring Mick. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
30th		<u>"Kruze4Kids"</u> This is Good Friday and this event is for the Royal Childrens Hospital. 10am to 4pm at Langama Park 109 Mitchells Lane Sunbury. Meet you there. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.

April 2018

6th		<u>"Whittlesea Cruise Night"</u> Friday Night Main Street Whittlesea. Ring Mick for more details. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
15th		<u>"Lancefield Car & Collectable Swap Meet"</u> Ring Mick for more details. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
20th		<u>"Wallan Cruise Night"</u> This is a Friday Night from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Ring Mick for more details. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
22nd		<u>"Route 66 Australia Vehicle Swap Meet"</u> 261 Feehans Rd, Wildwood. 10 Minutes out of Sunbury. GATES OPEN 8.00am Till 6.00pm \$5 PER PERSON ENTRY. Ring Mick for more details. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.

May 2018

4th		<u>"Whittlesea Cruise Night"</u> Friday Night Main Street Whittlesea. Ring Mick for more details. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
6th		<u>"Keilor Car Show N' Shine"</u> For more details ring Mick Breheny. Don't forget to Polish & DRIVE the Cussy.
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June 2018

1st		<u>"Whittlesea Cruise Night"</u> Friday Night Main Street Whittlesea. Ring Mick for more details. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
4th		<u>"Cooly Rocks On"</u> Monday 4 th to 15 th June or so. 50's & 60's Nostalgia Festival. If you wish to attend this event then please contact Mick Breheny.
15th		<u>"Wallan Cruise Night"</u> This is a Friday Night from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Ring Mick for more details. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.

NOTE: If the weather is not right watch for a text run to a pub.

Please contact our Run's Co-ordinator Mick Breheny for full Run Details.

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