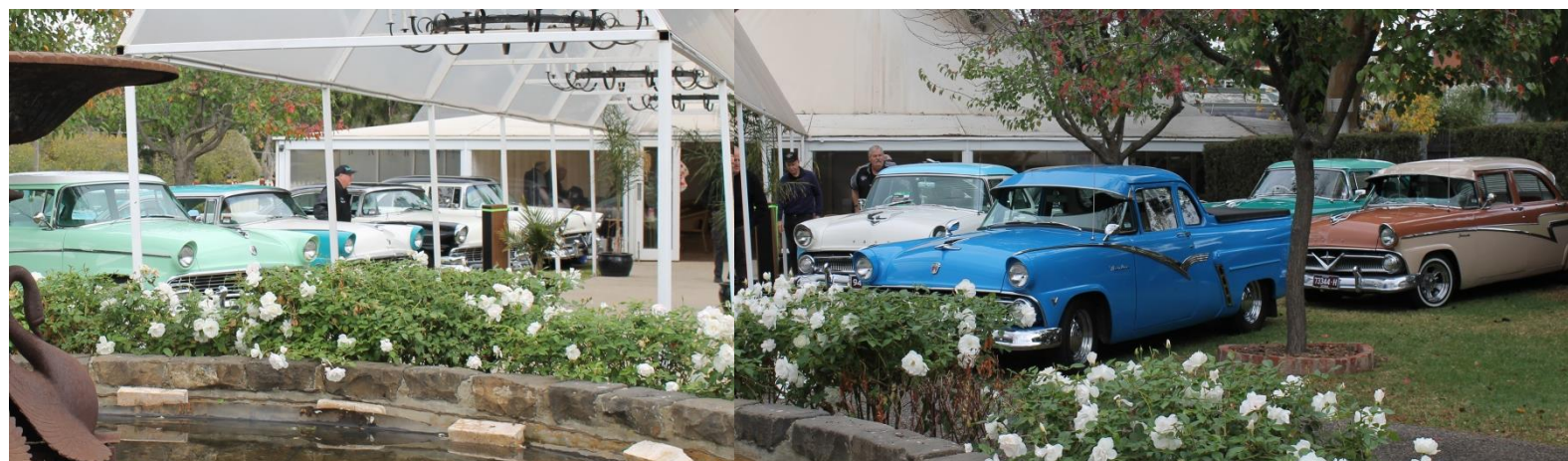


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**Our Club Meetings are held on the third
Sunday Bi-monthly, commencing at 11 am.**

The Next Meeting Dates are:

See Run Sheet for exact details as to Where & When

July 21st 2019: Comm/Gen/AGM Meet

September 15th 2019: Committee/General Meet

November 17th 2019: Committee/General Meet

December 2019: Annual Xmas Party. TBA.

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



A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hi Again Fellow Customliners.

Autumn has arrived with shorter days and cooler weather. The rain has held off though so at most of our events there has been little disruption to events as listed on our calendar.

Over the last couple of months we have had a fairly busy time, with runs or shows on nearly every weekend. I have to say that I have enjoyed getting out with you and catching up whenever I can, to talk about our shared interest. Highlights were wins with Best Club Display at numerous shows. Each of the trophies won reflects on the effort put in by each of the members who go to the trouble of bringing their Customlines out and displaying them and our success in this is a credit to everyone involved.

Having said that I am aware that not everyone in the Club is as focused on showing their car and so if you fall into that category please feel free to speak up and let us know what sort of activities you would like to see the Club doing.

This will be my last President's Report before I stand down at the AGM in July. I have really enjoyed my time in the driver's seat and I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Club for their support. While I am passing the Presidency on, I am of course going to remain an active member and I look forward to seeing you all out and about at Club events and meetings.

I am also looking forward to seeing the direction our next President will take us in and being able to enjoy the ride "from the back seat" for a change!

Don't forget that the Club's Annual General Meeting is coming up on 21st July. I look forward to seeing everyone who can get there. Please consider putting your hand up for a position on the committee, as I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as President.

Here is **"to many more enjoyable miles on the road"**.

PS. One last Note: Repeated from the last Newsletter.

Following last year's AGM there was an issue identified that people participating in voting or nominating while un-financial could cause a major problem. To resolve this, it was decided that Membership Renewals will be collected prior to the end of the financial year. Anyone who is un-financial as of the AGM will be ineligible to participate in the AGM, as per the Club Constitution. In order to make renewal payment and processing happen efficiently, we have sent out your Membership Renewal notice for 2019 via e-mail in early April and a reminder in early May and June. Please make an effort to get your renewal paid before the end of June 2019.

Dave Healey. Your Club President.



Happy Birthday to You

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

June:

13th Garry Westwood
16th June Paterson
16th Lorraine Carroll
16th Charles Edmonds
19th Norm Myers
19th Carol Cattach
21st Graeme Dahlstrom
27th Peter Cox
28th Les Peterson
30th John Young

July:

5th Wayne Paterson
16th Mark Wheatland
18th Peter Chettleburgh
21st Gayle Conneely
22nd Jessica O'Brien
26th Ria Gascoyne
27th Michael Bilsborow
28th Bernie Anstee
31st Lindsay Pollock

August:

4th Peter Goodwin
5th Helen Tuo
5th Greg Hamilton
5th Graeme Bushby
7th Sandra Munro
10th Sue Cross
12th Graeme Holt
13th Bill Stocks
16th Jeanette Auer
19th Graedon Munro
30th Sheryn Geitenbeek



From the Editors Desk

Hi All. Yet another Newsletter was successfully Edited and sent out via the Clubs E-mail News Bulletin Service. Once again I hope you had no problems reading the Newsletter. If you are having problems reading the Newsletter then please contact the Editor for a solution. Don't forget to keep a copy of the Run Sheet handy for quick reference. See you all on a Run or at a Meeting.

Rob Brereton Newsletter Editor and Mick Breheny Assistant Newsletter Editor.

Annual General Meeting - 21st July 2019

The July Meeting for the Club is the **Annual General Meeting** which is to be held on the third Sunday, the 21st July 2019 at the RSL Rooms Sunbury at 11:00 am. This allows the Club time to have the financial records audited and ready for presentation at the meeting. We would like to see as many members as possible, old and new, at this meeting to show us your support for the Club, so come along and enjoy the day.

"Lunch will probably be at the Black Horse Pub at Bulla".

Presidents Achievement Award

The Clubs annual "Achievement Award" has now been re-named the "49-59 Ford Customline Car Club Presidents Achievement Award". At the Annual General Meeting it will be awarded by the President to a Member who has showed great commitment and contributed to the Club over the last twelve months.

IT'S BOY TIME

At long last Joan and Rob Brereton have become Grandparents...

On the 24th May 2019 at 12:33am, Carter Robert Brereton, was born to Aimee & Shane at the Royal Hospital For Women, Randwick, Sydney. He weighed 4.2Kg.

Congratulations to all the family.

June and Wayne Paterson have also become Great-Grand Parents...

Angus David arrived on Monday May 27th, to parents Shelley and Aaron. He weighed 4.2Kg. Congratulations to all the family.

WHITTLESEA CRUISE NIGHT 1 MARCH 2019

We had a small splattering of rain during the night, just enough to dampen the dust, but otherwise it was very warm and the weather was good. I saw the Kilby's there and Joe had his car there also. There were many street rods, customs, classics and weird as well. There was plenty of food, as per usual and a good band supplying the music. This is a big turnout for a Friday night and all seemed to be having a good time. There were plenty of muscle cars to make the road rumble as well. **Graedon Munro.**



Yarra Glen Swap Meet & Car Show 10-March 2019

Sunday March 10th found us heading back to Yarra Glen for the Yarra Glen Swap Meet and Show N' Shine. Some members chose to travel directly to the event while a group from the west side met at Whittlesea to cruise over the range in convoy.

After an extremely pleasant run we made it to the racecourse and settled down for a very enjoyable morning. The weather was kinder than



Sunday 10th March 2019

YARRA GLEN RACECOURSE
(Enter off Armstrong Avenue Yarra Glen) (Melways 275C1)

Gates open: 6.30 am for Sellers (light permitting)
Buyers from 7.30am
& Display cars from 8.00-10am

Vintage car parts / Bric a brac
Chrome bumper display cars welcome

Display car admittance \$10 with 2 occupants, extra people in the car \$8 each. Driver only \$8.



wide number of brands on display, which helped to make a stroll around the Show N Shine very entertaining.

We received many interested enquiries about our cars from spectators visiting our site and numerous compliments on the quality of our vehicles which were all gratefully received. Eventually the time came to head home. A group of members headed back and stopped at Kinglake for coffee and cake, drawing more appreciative looks from members of the public.



All participating members voiced their agreement that the day was a huge success and that we will be very



happy to support this show again next year. Many thanks to the Vintage Drivers Club and the AOMC for another well run event. Thanks also to all



members who attended and helped make this run the success it was for our Club.

David Healey.

PS. The Black Twin Spinner belongs to Alan Ridley and he lives down Wonthaggi way. ED.



Shannons-AOMC American Motoring Show



Saturday 23 March 2019 – Acoonah Park, Berwick

Unfortunately due to extreme wet weather the whole day was a complete wash out and no Club Members attended. Ed.



New Member

We have one New Membership this Newsletter. So lets all welcome Peter Goodwin from Gillen, in Alice Springs, Northern Territory. Peter has a 1958 Star Model 4 Door Sedan (in primer) which is currently undergoing a restoration.

Peter has owned this vehicle for 30 years. We all hope you enjoy your time with the Club.

Mernda Fair & Car Show

31st March 2019

7:30am and the weather does not look all that great as we have had rain overnight and the forecast said there could be a shower or two during the day. The ground was fairly dry so we proceeded to get ready for our trip to the Mernda Fair. Leaving home at 9:20am we had a safe but busy run across the suburbs and arriving at the Fair at 10:35am. A few other members had already arrived and a couple more soon followed and we had a total of seven Cussies at the show. Not a bad effort for a dull day with rain expected.

Graeme was busy doing his MADRA stuff and helping the others put up the Gazebo's which gave some shelter, but



the breeze was quite cool at times.

Joan found herself on her own today but did a great job supporting the Club and doing her crosswords.

We had a couple of visitors today and they both had Black 51 Twin Spinners, one a US version (LHD) and one a home grown version (RHD). They attracted great interest from all the fair visitors as did the rest of our Cussies. Joan and I wandered

around the fair for some time having a bit of lunch and inspecting all the wares for sale. A couple of nice warm Jam Doughnuts each were the go also.

Just after lunch we had a very light spot of rain and a heavier shower later but not enough to



make you run for cover, we even seen the Sun shine through a couple of times. Graeme was busy sorting out the trophies for the day and eventually when they were presented the Cussy Club did OK. The Club took home the Best Club Display again, but there was not a lot of competition. Our visitors Lenny Welsh (Shepparton) and Rob Kable (Gippsland) took home the Fair Favourite and the Best Presented with their Twin "Black Twin Spinners". David Healey took the Ford Customline Tudor Most Original. Kevin Shepherd took the Ford Fairlane Victoria, Best Ford pre 1966. Other trophies were also presented. Others who attended were



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- PETTING ZOO
- FACE PAINTING
- CLASSIC CARS
- MARKET STALLS
- REPTILE SHOW
- ZORB BALLS
- SUPER SLIDE
- FOOD TRUCKS
- MAIN STAGE
- FEATURING MR. KNOT BOTTOM!
- & THE GAMM GAMM DEVILS

Paul Cattach and his grandson, Graeme Bushby and Rob & Joan Brereton.

We then soon started to pack up our camp and we all soon wandered off home. Joan and I ran



into some quite heavy, but fine rain, on the way home, which means the Cussy will need a good wash before the next outing. We had a pleasant day out with the Club again and hopefully it will be



better next year. See you all again soon. **Rob & Joan Brereton.**



Hoppers Xing Car Show 7th 04 2019

I left home about 7am to very pleasant weather and cruised around the Ring-road to Hoppers Crossing where I met up with Wayne Paterson & Kevin Shepherd. We then cruised off to the show venue and there we were greeted by the Stocks clan with three of the fleet.



Jim & Bec Camilleri arrived a short time later to make up a display of 7 Club cars which looked great.

Some discussion took place and a few laughs were had as we whiled away the time eating and drinking until auction, raffle & trophy time, were we won 2 of the raffle prizes. Bill won a front end alignment and I won a duffle-bag, so it was not a lost day.

A bit more chatter took place as everybody decided to leave at once and blocked the exit, we waited for them to clear as we packed our chairs back in our cars and said our "oohroo's" till next time and made our separate way's home.

Catch-ya on the next lap. Graeme Bushby.



Well Billy was up at 6-30 am, with the birds, to get ready to meet the other guys at 8-00am. He took 3 of our cars driven by himself, his brother Ron and our son Alan. He met up with Graeme Bushby, Wayne Paterson, Kev Shepherd and Jim and Bec Camilleri. It was a beautiful day but unfortunately not much shade.

They had a great turn out of lovely cars and good music and getting a couple of ladies dancing who kept some entertained for a while. Billy and Graeme had a win in the raffles. No trophies were collected but a good day with great company was had by all. **The Stocks Clan.**



WHY NITROGEN-FILLED TYRES PROVIDE LITTLE BENEFIT FOR THE AVERAGE MOTORIST

The following is an article taken from the RACV website and written by Nick Platt of the RACV. The Please Explain article in the April edition of Royal Auto (see below) created such interest we decided to explain why, for a racing team, nitrogen filled tyres are great, but for the average motorist there is little benefit.

The temperature, pressure and volume of gasses are all directly related. If you increase temperature but hold the same volume, pressure will increase proportionately. This relationship only holds true for relatively simple gasses whose molecules just bump into each other without combining. Nitrogen is this kind of gas, water vapour isn't. For an F1 team knowing exactly how the tyre will behave at the absolute limit is critical to shaving a fraction of a second off a lap, a variable amount of water vapour introduces uncertainty. Nitrogen behaves predictably and is supplied in a cylinder that contains no water vapour. Even by the standards of motorsports, the advantages are tiny. The average motorist doesn't need to corner at 200km/h so the role of water vapour is insignificant.

I've been advised to fill my tyres with nitrogen instead of air. What's the benefit? Unlike most "performance-enhancing" tips we come across, there is at least a modicum of truth in some of the claims around nitrogen. However unless you happen to run an F1 team, any benefit would be negligible and certainly not cost-effective.

Basically the only benefit of nitrogen is eliminating moisture in the tyre. Differing amounts of moisture in the air affect pressures in a tyre as it heats and cools. In elite motorsport, a predictable relationship between tyre temperature and pressure is critical.

Another claim made is that the small oxygen molecules leech out of tyres filled with air alone, so by using nitrogen the tyres retain their pressure longer. The problem is normal air is about 78% nitrogen anyway. So if, as claimed, oxygen in the air is leeching out while the nitrogen remains, over a number of re-inflations the effect will be to concentrate the nitrogen to something like 98% without spending a cent.

There are some other claims about how oxygen damages a tyre's interior. Even if this is so, it doesn't degrade the tyre at anything like the rate that driving does. This might help if you leave your car in a garage for 10 years but otherwise wouldn't be of much benefit. While filling your tyres with nitrogen isn't cost-effective, there is probably no technical detriment to it. The fact that there's a benefit in the racing context may be reason enough for some people to give it a try.

We also received the following letters to the editor from members - I read Nick Platt's reply to a query regarding nitrogen in tyres with a smile, and having had mine filled



with nitrogen since 2011, I cannot speak highly enough of the benefits. The pressure is always the same regardless of the temperature, and the company that supplied the nitrogen checks the pressure for free at any of their stores Australia-wide. I take it in every three months and very little nitrogen has had to be added since 2011. For me it's a winner.

Re Nick Platt's comment saying nitrogen in tyres had no cost benefit, I beg to differ. I run a nine-year-old Commodore, and since putting nitrogen in my tyres I have noticed a substantial fuel saving (on a long run), from about 8.5-9L/100km down to 7.4/7.5. Can't grumble about that.

Thank you for another interesting edition of our journal. The Please Explain on nitrogen and the reference to oxygen "leeching" out of tyres gave me a laugh. The image that came to my mind was of an aquatic blood-sucking worm doing something nefarious to my car tyres.

I think Nick Platt may have wished to write "leaching".

Sourced from the AOMC Newsletter Ed.

Lancefield Swap Meet & Car Show 14th April 2019

G'day all, I arrived at Lancefield at approx. 9am and the ground was already filled with cars so I had to park in the depths, there were Cussos everywhere.

I found Rob Breheny and Kevin Shepherd and discussed tactics and we were soon setup with some creature comforts. We all had a look around the swap-meet but there was nothing on offer. So I got the Camera out and started taking pics of all the Cussos. As a spot was vacated we moved our cars into line and soon had a Club line up. It was like musical cars shifting here, shifting there, but it whiled away the time. All those that attended enjoyed the day as the weather was very pleasant and the company as well. Catchya on the next lap.

Polish & Drive the Cusso. **Graeme Bushby.**

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entry
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1956 Ford Thunderbird

A 1956 Ford Thunderbird originally belonging to Marilyn Monroe came close to setting a new record price for the model at a recent California auction.

Monroe T-Bird sells for AU\$620K.

As previewed in JUST CARS #274, the car was bought new by 'Marilyn Monroe Productions' in December, 1955, and came highly specified with the 'power pack' 312ci V8, Fordomatic auto, power assistance for the steering and brakes, electric windows and power-operated seats. Finished in Raven Black with a complementary soft top and removable hardtop with the distinctive porthole windows, the car was reportedly driven personally by Monroe on a number of occasions before it was gifted by the Hollywood star to a colleague's son in 1962.



The car was restored by the consignor, but the 'touch points' were reportedly left unrestored before it came to the Julien's Auctions 'Icons & Idols: Hollywood' sale on 16-17 November: the first time the car had been offered at auction.

With a broad pre-auction estimate of US\$250,000 – US\$500,000, the restored Thunderbird came close to exceeding that mark when it sold for US\$490,000 (AU\$620,650 approx.).

The hammer price is the highest achieved by a Thunderbird of any type for some time, but the top price still belongs to the first production Thunderbird from 1955, which sold for US\$660,000 at a Barrett-Jackson auction in 2009. While hardly in the league of the Monroe T-Bird, other vehicle consignments from this auction included a modified 1946 Willys-Overland Jeep belonging to Roy Rogers that sold



for US\$38,400 (AU\$48,650 approx.) and a 2009 Nissan GT-R Premium Edition formerly belonging to Patrick Swayze that was passed in.



[For full results and further details, go to: juliensauctions.com](http://juliensauctions.com)

Sourced from the Internet Ed.

Kruze 4 Kids - Good Friday 19-04-2019

G-day All, I arrived at Kruze 4 Kids at 07.30am and met up with Cap't Dave who arrived at approx. the same time and we were ushered to our display area. We discussed how we were going to display the cars and where we would erect the Marquees

(many thanks to our friends at MADRA for the loan of the Marquees) and to Kevin Mulroney for the trailer to carry them as they would not fit in the car. We soon had shelter and setup the table and cooker with the kettle on the boil for a well earned cuppa. Much chatter took place as our display took shape with nine cars all

gleaming in the sunshine.

We had a look around the various stalls and bought our egg & bacon rolls and settled down for the day. The many visitors commented on the Cussos and several membership forms were handed out, with a couple of very promising prospective members. I received some news from Marg Stocks about a tragedy to one of Bill's prized

possessions and it was something that I did not want to hear, she dropped a model and broke it.



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It was a rare mainline model and 1 of only 100 made and the manufacturer is no longer in business so repairing/replacing it will be extremely difficult, but we will prevail somehow. All in all we had a great day and we packed up the marquees and I loaded my car and left at about 3pm and headed our separate ways.

Catch-ya on the next lap. Polish and drive the Cusso .

Graeme Bushby.

PS. This Run was in aid of the Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal and a good many dollars were raised and donated. **ED.**



"NOT" JELLS PARK BUT THE WHEELERS HILL PUB LUNCH - 28-04-2019

After a last minute text Joan and I headed off in the Cussy to the Wheelers Hill Pub for a get together lunch with other Club members. The picnic was cancelled due to it not being very good weather to be sitting in a park and we would have had no cover.



Instead we sat in the sun coming in the large windows of the pub, which was very bright and warm at times. Those attending were Rob & Joan, Les & Sue, Ray & Sandra, Jim &

Bec, Graeme, Kev Shep, Norm and our pres Dave. We got to the pub just after 11am and headed off home approx 2:15pm after a very nice lunch, and a couple of drinks, which filled the spot. Only a couple of brave souls took their Cussy to the pub, thanks Rob & Les. Bye now, see you on the next Run. Rob & Joan Brereton.



G'day Guys & Gals, Sunday 28th April was planned to be a day at Jells Park, but due to the weather and other factors it was decided to go to Wheelers Hill Hotel for lunch. I arrived at approx. 11:45 am and there was two Cusso's in the car park so I took some photos and headed inside to a sea of faces sitting around the table with drinks in hand. There was a lot of chatter and meals were ordered. After everyone had their meal and drinks we were asked by staff to move on as they had another large party to accommodate and we explained that we were told we could stay as long as we liked but they were insisting and took half of the tables and chairs and moved them. Would I go back there again,? "NO", but it was enjoyable while it lasted.

Catch-ya on the next lap. Polish and Drive the Cusso. Graeme Bushby.

PS. The Wheelers Hill Hotel was a post office and stopping point for farmers before a 6 to 8 hour drive to the city by horse to sell their goods. ... The house was located somewhere to the south of the Wheelers Hill Library. The Post Office opened on 1 January 1869 but was called Mulgrave until 1888.

FRED Gessner was applauded for his courage fending off three bushrangers who attempted to rob his pub at the turn of last century. The Wheelers Hill Hotel, where the fierce gun battle occurred more than 115 years ago remains trading today, along busy Ferntree Gully Road, just 30 kilometres from the Melbourne CBD. Gessner's bravery is still a topic of conversation over a few beers in the bar of the historic pub.

Fred must have been well and truly bushed by the time he arrived home to his pub on Wheelers Hill. The husband of publican, Jessie, Fred had been in Melbourne on business, and, after stepping from the train at Oakleigh – about halfway between Wheelers Hill and the city – he rode the remaining 15 kilometres home by horse. It was about 2am when he walked into his pub to greet his wife. The pair were about to retire for the night when Jessie heard a noise downstairs. "You had better go downstairs, Fred, and see what's the matter," she reportedly said. As a result Fred would find himself looking down the barrel of a bushranger's revolver, with a voice demanding him to "throw up your hands". Frank and Jessie ran the Mulgrave Post Office Hotel, at Wheelers Hill, at the time one of the best known pubs on the highway between Oakleigh and Fern Tree Gully.

Frederick William Gessner was born in about 1860 near Melbourne. He was the oldest of 15 children born to



German immigrant Friedreich Willihem Gessner and, his wife Caroline. The Mulgrave Post Office Hotel sat on the main route, from Mulgrave to the rail town of Oakleigh, at the corner of Ferntree Gully and Jells Roads.

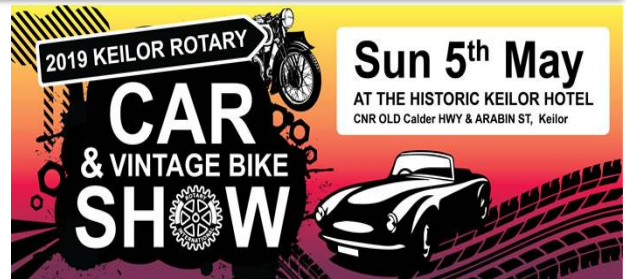
The building was established in 1869 by Mulgrave postmaster George Stott, when the mail was delivered from Oakleigh three times a week. In 1872 the post office was extended to include a general store and a hotel, although it seems it was not licensed to sell liquor. Four months after Stott's death in July 1875, his widow Ann licensed the six bedroom hotel in November.

This extract was taken from their web site and written by MICK ROBERTS.

Keilor Car Show N Shine

Held on a nice sunny day and we had eleven Cussy's in attendance. The Club took the Best Club Display trophy home once again and all the Cussy's looked

beautiful and glistened in the sunshine.



I think the numbers of other cars at the show was down this year, but everyone enjoyed walking around and looking at all the other vehicles that were on offer.

We had a great spot just inside the Marquee sitting around having lots of coffee, tea, cake and lots of talk and to catch up on what was happening. There was one other Trophy won on this day and that was by Rob Breheny for the Peoples Choice 2nd Place.

Cussy's and owners in attendance were, Rob & Marg Breheny, Mick Breheny, Kevin Mulroney, Graeme Bushby, Marg & Bill Stacks, Bob & Estelle Stocks, Les Stocks and Lorraine Carroll, Rob & Joan Brereton, David Healey, Kevin Shepherd & Brenda Lee Milton and Marg & Henk Mennen.

All in attendance seemed to have a great day.

**Keep Cruising,
Lorraine Carroll.**

Joan & I left home on this fine morning and arrived at the Keilor Hotel for the Show N Shine at about 9:45am. We made our entry and parked with other Club Cussy's in the garden area once again.

We made our greetings to all and found a seat in the Marquee. Coffee and tea was the go with a bit of cake as well. Wandering around the show all our vehicles looked marvellous on this day. Around lunch time Joan and I wandered off to look at all the other vehicles and to get a bite to eat, as we got a free sausage and a



drink in our entry fee. The sausage was quite tasty and the can of Solo washed it all down. There were quite a few stalls selling all sorts of goods and there were many buyers. There did not seem to be as many vehicles as last year as there were a few vacant spaces throughout the car park and there were no vehicles in the lower garden area, but there were a few great looking bikes to see.

We won the Best Club Display again which adds another trophy to the collection and Rob Breheny won a Trophy. Many photos were taken of our vehicles and many questions were asked as well. I think I had four or five people telling me that they have a Cussy in the garage at home or had owned one in the past, and they all loved our vehicles.

Much discussion followed during the afternoon about our Cussy's, which of course goes with the turf.

Mid afternoon we all packed up our gear and headed off home. A leisurely drive back through the suburbs seen us and the Cussy get home in one piece.

See you all next time.

Rob & Joan Brereton.



THE SECRETS OF THE GPS.

I have a little GPS, I've had it all my life, it's better than the normal ones, my GPS is my wife.

It gives me full instructions, especially how to drive, "It's sixty miles an hour", it says, "You're doing sixty five".

It tells me when to stop and start and when to use the brake and tells me that it's never ever safe to overtake.

It tells me when a light is red and when it goes to green, it seems to know instinctively just when to intervene.

It lists the vehicles just in front and all those to the rear and taking this into account it specifies my gear.

I'm sure no other driver has so helpful a device, for when we leave and lock the car, it still gives me its advice.

It fills me up with counselling, each journey's pretty fraught, so why don't I exchange it and get a quieter sort?

Ah well, you see, it cleans the house, makes sure I'm properly fed, it washes all my shirts and things and - lets me have a shed.

Despite all these advantages and my tendency to scoff, I do wish that once in a while,

I could turn the damned thing off !..... Thanks to Peter.

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At The Rubber Connection



Well here we are at the Biggest Morning Tea at The Rubber Connection again. This must be about the 5th or 6th I have been to. Every year I see cars I have never seen before and have a great time, this year being no exception!

This year's event was not a gazetted event in the run sheet so some of



you may have missed hearing about it, although I think between Rob Brereton and myself there were heaps of notifications. Weather is always a big factor with any event at his time of the year and there had been some pretty dire predictions of rainy weather in the lead up to this weekend. As it turned out the weather was kind to us and Saturday dawned sunny if not particularly warm, so I backed the Tudor out and headed down the freeway for the run to Dandenong. The cruise down is always enjoyable and the Yblock was purring – I love the unique sound of those twin exhausts, particularly resonating of the walls of the tunnel during the trip through the Burnley Tunnel!



On arriving I was ushered into the last available car parking spot, then, walked down to find the small but keen group from the Club. We talked among ourselves then I headed over to grab a few raffle tickets before the big draw started. Unfortunately, I must have used all my luck up with the parking spot, as I didn't get a look in with the draw, although I did see one lucky Club member walking toward his car with a parcel in his hands!

Heather, Jeff and their friends always put on a great day's entertainment, and so it was this year, with cool music helping to create a really smooth vibe. After the raffle came the auction, once again there were some great items up for grabs and nearly all sold for great prices.

I headed off towards home and missed the really big announcement – that Jim Camilleri had won Best Car! Well done Jim, a well deserved collect!

See you all there next year! **David Healey.**



Moorabbin Air Museum

26-05-2019



The weather was not looking too good but Sunday morning brought dry ground and a bit of sunshine although the breeze was quite cool. So off Joan and I headed for our short cruise to the Moorabbin Airport where we met up with a few other members and then headed into the Air Museum grounds and got parked, just on 10:00am.



Those attending were Dave Healey, Rob and Marg Breheny Kevin Shepherd, Norm Myers, Jim Camilleri and Rob and Joan Brereton. Introductions were made and the hangers were opened up for us to look around at all the aircraft inside and out. A wonderful collection of all sorts of planes were on display along with lots of ancillary bits and pieces.

Marg and Joan were well amused, for a while, in the flight simulator that was set up. I think they flew to Tassie and could not land so they continued on to Alaska. They did come down to earth eventually and then decided they should go and visit the DFO, which was not far away, so Rob Brereton drove Marg and Joan over there and dropped them off. The blokes continued looking around at the displays and tried to keep in the sun and out of the wind, although a nice



hot coffee helped a bit.

Time was getting on a bit so the BBQ was fired up to cook up some lunch. Toasted sandwiches and sizzled sausages were the go and were enjoyed by all. The ladies had their lunch at the DFO. More coffee and chatting took place while bus loads of visitors came and went during the day. Our Cussy's did also attract some attention by all the visitors and some took the liberty to inspect our vehicles from the inside, without asking.....grrrrrrrrrr.

OK, lunch was over, we were a bit cold as the sun had vanished and the wind kept up its cold chill. We cleaned up the BBQ, put all our belongings away and decided to head off for home just after 1:00pm. We drove around to the DFO again and picked up the girls who were right on cue.

Off down the road we all headed and got home in dry weather.

Another great run for the Club, although the weather could have been better.

See you all again soon. **Rob and Joan Brereton.**

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RUN SHEET

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






June 2019

7 th		<i>"Whittlesea Cruise Night"</i> FRIDAY Ring Dave for details: 0419 217 044 Whittlesea Main Street. 6:00PM - 9:00PM. POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
21 st		<i>"Wallan Cruise Night"</i> FRIDAY Ring Dave for details: 0419 217 044 Wellington Square Main Street Wallan. 6:00PM - 9:00PM. DRIVE the Cussy.
23 rd		<i>"Rats, Tatts & Pin Ups"</i> . Excelsior Hotel Thomastown. Ring David for more details. Don't forget to polish and drive the Cussy! (Weather permitting)
30 th		<i>"Fridge Swap Meet Ballarat"</i> 06:00am to 12:00midday. Might be worth cruising up to Ballarat for the day! Ring David for more details. Don't forget to polish and drive the Cussy! (Weather permitting)



July 2019

5 th		<i>"Whittlesea Cruise Night"</i> FRIDAY Ring Dave for details: 0419 217 044 Whittlesea Main Street. 6:00PM - 9:00PM. POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
19 th		<i>"Wallan Cruise Night"</i> FRIDAY Ring Dave for details. 0419 217 044 Wellington Square Main Street Wallan. 6:00 to 9:00 pm. DRIVE the Cussy.
21 st		<i>"Committee General Meeting/ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING"</i> 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. Tea and coffee will be provided. We will probably have lunch at the Black Horse Pub at Bulla. Don't forget to POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
28 th		<i>"Vaughan Springs Picnic"</i> Weather Permitting. "DON'T" Ring Dave. Call the new runs co-ordinator! Don't forget to polish and drive the Cussy!

August 2019

2 nd		<i>"Whittlesea Cruise Night"</i> FRIDAY "DON'T" Ring Dave. Call the new runs co-ordinator for details. Whittlesea Main Street. 6:00PM - 9:00PM. POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
4 th		<i>"Mirboo North Cruise"</i> Weather Permitting. Call the new runs co-ordinator for details. Don't forget to polish and drive the Cussy.
16 th		<i>"Wallan Cruise Night"</i> FRIDAY Ring the new runs co-ordinator for details. Wellington Square Main Street Wallan. 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Don't forget to polish and drive the Cussy.
24 th		<i>"Counter Tea Night"</i> Venue TBA! Call the new runs co-ordinator for details. Don't forget to polish and drive the Cussy.
25 th		<i>"Rats, Tatts & Pin Ups"</i> Meadow Inn Campbellfield. Call the new runs co-ordinator for more details. Don't forget to polish and drive the Cussy! (Weather permitting).

September 2019

6 th		<i>"Whittlesea Cruise Night"</i> FRIDAY Call the new runs co-ordinator for details. Whittlesea Main Street. 6:00PM-9:00PM. POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.
20 th		<i>"Wallan Cruise Night"</i> FRIDAY Call the new runs co-ordinator for details. Wellington Square Main Street Wallan. 6:00PM-9:00PM. POLISH & DRIVE the Cussy.

NOTE: Keep an eye out for a Text Message
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