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Father Christmas with charming little girl who wants a new doll: "I believe, I believe, I believe."

Father Christmas with charming big girl who wants 1956 Sunliner: "I believe, I believe, I believe."

This handsome lad received a gift from Father Christmas.

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On Sunday, December 6, 2009 we held our Christmas Party for the 49-59 Ford Customline Car Club of Victoria, Inc. The party was held at the Woodstock Community Hall, approx. 30 kilometres north of Melbourne, Australia. December is summer in the southern hemisphere so it was a beautiful summer day with a pleasant temperature of 20 C (70 F).

The Christmas Party was attended by 68 people comprising 53 adults, 15 children and 80,000 small black bush flies (these little flies stay out in the sun and did not come into the hall when we had our meal.) The people in attendance were made up of club members their children, grandchildren and friends.

There were plenty of activities for the day, Father Christmas arrived at 12 noon in the Wollert Country Fire Authority Fire truck with lights flashing and siren and horn blaring, with Father Christmas on board and 6 assistants to help him distribute the presents (he didn't have any reindeer, he gave each child a present and some lollies (candy).

One of the members (Les Cross) had donated the use of a Jumping Castle for the day and two lovely young ladies (Tennille and Rhiannan) bought along two ponies to give the kids pony rides through out the day.

There were two Piñata's for the kids to smash (they should have been a Chevy). There was also a money tree which was an old River Red Gum with chocolate wrapped in gold foil in the shape of sovereigns scattered underneath the tree. Lunch was served at 1 p.m. with a main course and a choice of 3 sweets. After lunch the raffle was drawn which consisted of about 12 Christmas Hampers and bottles of wine etc.

There were 11 Customlines on this run and they were all polished up and gleaming brightly in the bright Aussie sun and each one hoping to win one of the 12 trophies up for grabs on the day (you'll notice all these Cussy's have the steering wheel on the wrong side). They ranged from 1955 Sunliner, 1956 four door sedans, 1957 four door sedans, 1958 and 1959 four door sedans, 1959 Mainline Ute, and one 1950 Ford Custom Convertible.

There were 12 trophies for the day and 2nd place sashes.

Those who won trophies were:

Best 1950 - Jim Pierce, 1950 Convertible;
Best 1955 - Sandra Kilby, 1955 Sunliner;
Best 1956 - Phil Butt, 1956 Sedan;
2nd - Rob Brereton, Sedan;
Best 1957 - Mick Breheny, 1957 Sedan;
2nd - John Newman, Sedan;
Best 1958-59 - Kevin Mulroney, Sedan;
2nd - Less Cross, Sedan;
Best Mainline - Ray Kilby, 1959 Mainline Ute;
Biggest effort to attend - Peter Carroll (has been fighting cancer 5-1/2 years);
Best engine bay - Rob Brereton, 1956 Sedan;
Peoples Choice - Mick Breheny (peoples choice cost $1/vote);
Best Overall- Sandra Kilby, 1955Sunliner.

The party finished at about 3 pm, and we hope everyone had a good day.

We do not have the variety of cars that you have in the States. We only have poverty packs - only four Cussy's, no Sunliners (which were private imports in the old days.) We did make some two door cars ourselves by shifting the pillars and welding up the back doors and lengthening the front doors.
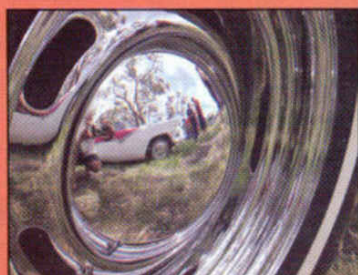
Regards, Ray and Sandra Kilby.
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Left to right: Ray Kilby, Mick Brehney and
Sandra Kilby, organizers.

Good reflection.

Aussie black and yellow 1957.

U.S. 1956 Customline

U.S. 1956 Fairlane in blue

U.S. 1955 Sunliner Tropical Rose & White

U.S. 1956 Customline

Aussie Black and Coral 1957 Customline

Aussie 1958

This blue four door sedan is striking
with a light blue thunderbolt

Aussie Mainline V-8

Notice the right side steering wheel
on this red Aussie Ford