

THE R & S SERIES



VALIANT CAR CLUB

OF S.A. INC.

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The first club run for our President's current project came to a halt with a separated oil line hose on Sunday but with towing help from Derek and an always prepared Patrick the hose was reinstalled and with replacement oil was quickly under way. Note Tim managed to keep his white shirt clean with the help of Patrick doing the under car bit.

***Next Meeting 28th of June 2017
Payneham Community Centre 7.45 PM***

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President's Report for June 2017



Well the bride and I are off shortly for a cruise but before I have hurriedly put together a June newsletter. The club has not been particularly busy with club events/runs mainly due to the efforts involved with the National Rally but we did help Patrick and Geoff celebrate their 80th birthdays in May and June.

Several members attended the Kernewek-Lowender at Moonta and Kadina in May and a birthday run to Denise and Vince Isola home with lunch after at the Flagstaff Hotel and this was good to catch up with many.

I have managed to just about finish the "R" project and while there was an embarrassing breakdown on it's first outing this was quickly rectified.

I have not seen any planned events listed for June/July but I am sure our Secretary is working hard on something towards the end of June and towards the middle of July.

Many thanks to all elected office holders and to those who assist with post meeting drinks and food. Many thanks also for the printing of the newsletter to our vice president David Hurst which saves the club considerable expense through the course of the year.

The annual general meeting will be at our August meeting so if any members are considering an elected position please feel free to submit a nomination form.

The soon to arrive National Rally will require at times many members help from selling raffle tickets, drinks, traffic control, placement of direction signs and the collection of these after use during runs so I hope that members will jump in to assist the rally committee of David, Liz, Richard, Denise, Vince and myself.

Don't forget membership fees and statutory declarations prior to the end of June.

Tim and Joanne Schapel

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Coming Events

June 11th

Run to Denise and Vince Isola's house for morning tea and a celebration of Patrick Mutlow's and Geoff Chase's 80th birthdays followed by a short run to a hotel for lunch. Be at Vince and Denise's place at 4 Grigg Court Clarence Gardens at 9.30 to 10.00AM

June 28th

Monthly meeting at Payneham Community Centre starting at 7.45PM

July 26th

Monthly meeting at Payneham Community Centre starting at 7.45PM

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Membership Fees

Our membership fees are due prior the 30th of June and once again the club has managed to keep these at \$30.00 which has to be the best value in the state so please do not let the club or yourself down. We have managed to keep these fees this low mainly through the efforts of our club Vice President David Hurst who provides all the printing in colour of our newsletter without charge.

For those with vehicles on concessional registration we still do not know what is



R & Series Valiant Car Club of S.A. Inc.
Minutes of General Meeting – 24 May 2017

Meeting Opened : 7.45PM President welcomed all attendees.

Members : Geoff Chase, Cynthia Chase, Tim Schapel, Joanne Schapel, Derek Birkin, Paul Musolino, Ian Bowden, Bob Goddard, Ross Betts, Ray Betts, Donald Feast, Shiela Feast, Peter Bourne, Patrick Mutlow, Allan Pike, Richard Greig, Liz Greig, Vince Isola, Denise Isola, Peter Kotz, Ian Murphy

Apologies : Les Johnson, John Harvey, Joy Birkin, David Hurst,

Visitors : Margaret Stark, Pam Burk, John Hunter

Minutes of Previous General Meeting :

As the minute of the March meeting were not read at the last meeting they were read by Denise Isola. Derek Birkin noted that the last National Rally was in 2001, not 1991 as stated. Derek then proposed they be accepted. Richard Greig seconded.

The minutes from the April meeting were then read by Tim Schapel and proposed they be accepted. Peter Kotz seconded.

Both months minutes were accepted by the members.

Business Arising from Minutes :

Tim noted that the Rally Committee would be meeting this coming Sunday 28 May and would be discussing the change of venue due to the sale of Clem Smith's Racetrack and closure of the museum.

Trophy wooden base mounts prepared by Ray Betts were shown. (see General Business)

Correspondence:

Tim noted correspondence from:

Prostate Cancer Foundation asking for donation. Noted a good cause.

CAMS asking club to consider joining. Tim said our club has been previously asked and we would not be joining.

Letter from the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure regarding changes to Registration of Historic Vehicles. As was previously discussed all drivers on Historic Registration should still retain their log books and sign a Statutory Declaration as this is still to be determined by the State Government.

QLD and WA magazines.

Strathalbyn Swap meet on 1 Oct 2017.

List of spare parts Dean Shown has for sale. List circulated and Vin Isola said to speak with him about Dean's contact details if interested. A copy of the list will be included in the next newsletter.

Tim proposed the correspondence be accepted. Seconded by Ray Betts.

Financial Statement :

Vin gave summary of financial position.

Expenses: \$242.00 Hall Hire

Credits: \$4.82 Interest

No change to Term Deposit

Vin proposed the statement be accepted. Seconded by Alan Pike.

General Business

Anthony Pearson from Classic and Vintage Bulbs will speak at next meeting about Halogen and LED globes for older cars.

The trophy mounts prepared by Ray Betts were shown. The members agreed that the timber be

Tim said that a few changes/additional details about the National Rally will be e-mailed/mailed to participants. Derek Birkin asked why changes were being made to the original programme. Liz Greig said the programme had not changed except as necessary for closure of Clem Smith's track – noted this was always subject to confirmation due to the health of Clem Smith. In addition some interstate participants were interested in runs for Free Days. This will be discussed and actioned by the National Rally Committee.

Sheila Feast to have birthday next Monday.

Geoff Chase and Patrick Mutlow are both having milestone 80th Birthdays in May/June and birthday cake has been provided at the end of meeting to celebrate this.

Bob Goddard spoke about some his observations of media statements regarding safety seats and fuel economy.

Michael Barker to donate one of his new books to the club as prize or raffle.

Teck Talk

Geoff Chase brought in some grills and other items for the members to look at the end of the meeting including some American brochures about the S Series.

Tim spoke about Sika Flex used around car windows.

Reflections from the Past

Joy Birkin was unable to attend so there was no item this month.

Lucky Squares: Won by Ian Murphy. Meeting closed at 8.50pm. Next Meeting 22nd June 2017.

Some thoughts to consider as technology moves on.

Did you think back in 1998 that 3 years later you would never take pictures on film again?

In 1998 Kodak had 170,000 employees and sold 85 % photo paper world-wide. Within just a few years their business model disappeared and they went bankrupt. What happened to Kodak will happen in a lot of industries in the next 10 years and, most people won't see it coming.

Yet digital cameras were invented in 1975. The first ones only had 10,000 pixels, but followed Moore's law. So as with all exponential technologies, it was a disappointment for a time, before it became way superior and became mainstream in only a few short years. It will now happen again with Artificial Intelligence, health, autonomous and electric cars, education, 3D printing, agriculture and jobs. Welcome to the 4th Industrial Revolution. Welcome to the Exponential Age.

Software will disrupt most traditional industries in the next 5-10 years.

Uber is just a software tool, they don't own any cars, and are now the biggest taxi company in the world.

Some more thoughts of the future which is not too far distant.

Facebook now has a pattern recognition software that can recognize faces better than humans. In 2030 computers will become more intelligent than humans. (NEVER says Albert)

Autonomous cars: In 2018 the first self driving cars will appear for the public. Around 2020 the complete industry will start to be disrupted. You won't want to own a car anymore. You will call a car with your phone, it will show up at your location and drive you to your destination. You will not need to park it, you only pay for the driven distance and can be productive while being driven. **[This does not take in the factor of individual pleasure of having a private car and driving the same, both for privacy and pleasure-ED]**

It will change the cities, because we will need 90-95% less cars for that. We can transform former parking spaces into parks. Electric cars will become mainstream about 2020. Cities will be less noisy because all new cars will run on electricity.

Electricity will become incredibly cheap and clean. Solar production has been on an exponential curve for 30 years, but you can now see the burgeoning impact.

Last year, more solar energy was installed worldwide than fossil. Energy companies are desperately trying to limit access to the grid to prevent competition from home solar installations, but that can't last. Technology will take care of that strategy.

With cheap electricity comes cheap and abundant water. Desalination of salt water now only needs 2KWh per cubic meter at 0.35 cents). We don't have scarce water in most places, we only have scarce drinking water. Imagine what will be possible if anyone can have as much clean water as he wants, for nearly no cost.

3D printing: The price of the cheapest 3D printer came down from \$18,000 to \$400 within 10 years. In the same time, it became 100 times faster. All major shoe companies have already started 3D printing shoes.

In China they have already 3D printed and built a complete 6 story office building. By 2027 10% of everything that's being produced will be 3D printed.

Work: 70-80% of jobs will disappear in the next 20 years. There will be a lot of new jobs, but it is not clear if there will be enough new jobs in such

STINCKEY GOES FOR A RUN

By your Yorke Peninsular Correspondent

The 2017 Kernewek Lowender Cavalcade of cars attracted 520 cars and great weather. Derek and I decided to enter the event this year, rather than watch from the sidelines. Peter and Pam decided they would join the fun as well, and so we entered our S Series Valiants and towed classic caravans –with the added feature of a surfboard on the roof rack for us.

Our 1962 Carapark Zestline van is 12'9". Throughout the time of owning this van, it has had a unique odour of it's own. We suspected the culprit to be the cow hair in the seat padding, or maybe the old annex, and we tried all manner of suggested cures to rid the van of this smell. When we sleep in it for a weekend outing, we are reminded of this van for quite a while, as the aroma of the van, clings to anything that resided in the van with us. So..... we have decided to accept the van as it is, and as many old vans have nick names, we decided to have a sticker made. Our little van is now officially called 'Stinckey'.

We had arranged to meet Peter and Pam at 6.30am at Moonta. We met in the dark, and after a quick photo shoot –with all lights blazing-we were ready to head off, but alas Peter's car decided not to start. Too many lights on at once, and an over enthusiastic photographer! A quick jumpstart and we were on our way.

We arrived at the Wallaroo marshalling yards just before 7am. Our arrival was heralded with an amazing pink sunrise reflected in the clouds. The marshals were a little disorganised, so for a few minutes it was marshalling chaos – a lesson to be remembered for our rally.

Once in line, we got busy and set up for our cooked breakfast of bacon, sausages and eggs. The aroma of the hot cooked meal, soon brought 2 club members visiting –Geoff and Andrew. I also gave out a rally entry form to a lady from Paralowie,



The happy crew having breakfast left and the large line up of vehicles for the run.



Then it was off on the cavalcade. The set route, wound its way from Wallaroo, to Moonta, to Port Hughes, with the final destination Kadina. As the weather was fine, people had positioned themselves along the route, and had set up picnics tables etc. They were in a real party mood, waving, giving thumbs up as we passed by, as well as holding signs up for the cars to toot their horns – of course we obliged! Comments were called out from the spectators, such as ,”Look at the old Val”, what a cute van”, Happy Holidays”, to even, “are you going surfing”. What fun! The smiles and laughs that we entrants gave the crowds was so heart- warming, but I do put some of the happiness down to my ‘happy clappers’ that I used. For members that have been to watch a few parades with me, you will know what I mean, as I think I persuaded all of you to have a go at the ‘happy clappers’ at some stage. Of course the loudest voices we heard from the sidelines came from our own members who had also made the journey to the Copper coast for the day – Peter and Trudi, Michael and Sue and Tim and Joanne. This brought club members numbers on the day to thirteen.

Once safely parked on the oval, we headed to the football club rooms, as after doing his research, Peter told us there was a roast meal being served for a mere \$12. Andrew joined us as well. Rock and roll music was being played with a group of rock and roll dancers to watch.

Once back at the caravan, I was stunned as to how much interest was being shown in our cars and caravans, so there were plenty of people to talk to and observe. A lady came by with her little dog in a pusher – he hasn’t been well – and she had dyed the hair on its ears purple! I did think I could spice up this write up a bit by asking one of our members to attempt the climbing wall, while I watched and photographed them for your pleasure, but I had no takers. Peter did wonder whether it would be the same effect I wanted, if he paid to put the balls in the clowns mouth, but I said I didn’t think so . Oh well, I did try! Joanne and Tim came by, with Joanne pleading for an ice cream. Tim wandered off to fulfil her wishes, but came back empty handed. He said the line was too long. I hope you got one from somewhere Joanne!

By 3.30pm, most entrants were preparing to depart. After a few good byes, we all headed our own way home.

What a great day we had – the day we



went to Kadina!
Your roving reporter –Joy Birkin

Pam in her Cornish period dress while right the visiting members line up at Moonta and below right Geoff and Cynthia Chase’s 1964 Barracuda



Special Birthdays

It is not often in a small club such as ours that two members reach the great milestone of 80 years of age at approximately the same time but that is what has happened to foundation member Geoff Chase and long time member Patrick Mutlow in the months of May and June 2017.

To help them celebrate the occasion the club decided to present a birthday cake at our May meeting and to arrange a morning tea and lunch on the Sunday of the Queen's Birthday long week end.

Quite a number of members arrived at Vince and Denise Isola's house at Clarence Gardens to be greeted with hot scones cake and coffee/tea to spend a very enjoyable morning in general discussions and birthday wishes while also having much discussions on vehicles naturally.

Joy and Derek's grandson Christopher also attended and presented the much older gathering some of the finer details of Fidgets, much to their amusement.

During our May club meeting Geoff and Patrick joined forces to extinguish a symbolic 80 candles before we all tasted the cake and wished them well.



On the Sunday run we had a total of 17 members and friends attend and while Geoff and Cynthia had to leave early the remainder agreed to continue the celebrations with lunch at the Flagstaff Hotel.

We decided to leave at about 12.30 only to have our club president encounter a breakdown in his first club run with his completed "R" Series just a short distance from Vince and Denise's house when the supply oil line hose parted company with the oil pump leaving 4 litres of oil over about 60 metres of a nearby road.

Many of the group stopped and after a short discussion it was decided that Derek would tow the car back to Vince's house and Patrick, always prepared donned his overalls, crawled under the car, replaced the hose and secured the clamp. Meanwhile the rest of the group proceeded to the Flagstaff Hotel and after Tim and Patrick visited a nearby garage and procured 4 litres of oil were soon following.

A very pleasant lunch was enjoyed by Derek, Christopher and Joy, Ros and Ray, Denise



The grouping at Denise and Vince'

A few more pages from the write up of the 2002 National Rally here in SA

CATEGORY WINNERS



1st Modified
Entrant No. 20, Scot & Kesanya Baker



2nd Modified
Entrant 19, Jim Mitchel & Pauline Craig



3rd Modified
Entrant 8, Mark Kunach



1st Authentic
Entrant 43 No, Michael Barker



2nd Authentic
Entrant No. 48, Patrick Mutlow



3rd Authentic
Entrant No. 7, John & Sue Pulo



Sponsors Choice
Entrant No. 63, Cliff Smith



Longest Distance Travelled, Entrant No. 4, Ken Spurling (1755miles)

**Best Hard Luck, Entrant No. 15, Terry Baker & Trish Tyson (They didn't even make the rally)
(They broke down at Burke)**



A matching pair top left, interesting suspension adaption above, Coca-Cola always had pretty transport left and below a delivery which many of us would like now.



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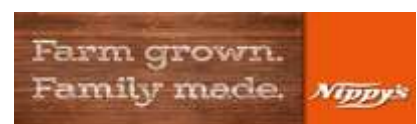
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