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Newsletter for
Members of the Tractor

Restoration and Appreciation Club

Sunraysia Inc.



JANUARY MEETING.

Meeting Sunday 11:00am 9th January 2022, hot morning this is probably one of the reasons for a motion to start at 10:00am for future meetings, also it frees up the afternoon for other activities.

The motion was carried by all present.

We heard some other club events are on and also others have had to CANCEL.

Hence a program for TRACS activities has been started (see further over in news letter).

The program has been proposed on our club activities to try promoting things for members, keeping as many involved as possible tractor trek/truck/car rally, Red Cliffs 100th.

Details are sketchy so keep in touch or become involved in the planning.

Simple activities to make preparations for or cancell on short notice if covid restrictions change.

NEXT MEETING 10:00AM SUNDAY 13th FEBRUARY at Wilga Rd Red Cliffs.

Note :- Bring an umbrella or Gazebo if you have one for some extra shade.



Feeling Rundown and Flat !

Old Fordson seen on Truck Run to Balranald May 2019.

Procedure for getting Vehicles on Club Permit Scheme

Before you can get any vehicle on our club permit scheme you will have to have attended three meetings or three activities or a combination of these. We expect the permit to be part of being an active participating club member, not a means of cheap rego. The vehicle must be at least 25 years old.

Phil:- Apology the Vic Permit Vehicle Age is 25 years it did not go to 30 years as proposed.

These are the steps (Victorian Scheme)

NOTE :- NSW is still 30 years.

-Get the permit application from Vic Roads (either on line or their office) and fill out as much as possible.

-Contact one of our Scrutineers who will come and inspect the vehicle as to its suitability to go onto the Club Permit Scheme and to meet our clubs expectations.

If it is pre 1949 or a tractor they can also do roadworthy.

Our Scrutineers are Ken Creighton, Bryan Hamilton and Bob Fox.

-Then take the paperwork to Phil Newton or Alan Whyte to sign on behalf of the Club. At this stage you should have taken 6 photos (back, front, left side, right side, dash and compliance plate.)

-Now you will need to organise a full roadworthy with a Vic Roads provider. AS this only lasts 28 days I suggest you do this step last.(pre 1949 & Tractors done by our scrutineers)

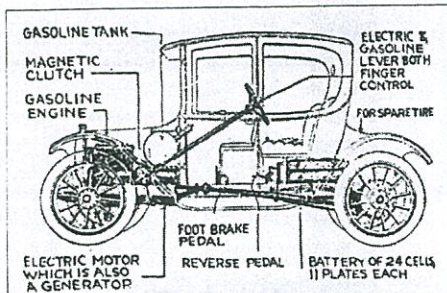
-You can now take everything into Vic Roads for processing.

-Once you have the permit you need to take a photo of the permit that goes inside the booklet and get all the 7 photos to Phil Newton ASAP. Phil is the registrar and has to keep details of all vehicles under TRACS name.

For NSW Alan McKenzie is the Scrutineer, but contact Geoff Lane for full details.

Should any Club members decide to sell or de-register a vehicle please let Phil know so he can take off the Clubs register.

REMEMBER If you are not financial your Permit is not valid.



WOODS GAS ELECTRIC CAR

With electric and hybrid cars fashionable these days, they are certainly not new and have been around for over 120 years. The one we are looking at here is a 1916 model.

This information comes from a Dykes Automobile Encyclopedia of the 1920s in their chapter on Miscellaneous Cars. It told us the Woods was a dual power car consisting of a small gasoline engine and electric motor-generator combined into one unit as illustrated, and mounted on three-point suspension. The movement of a finger lever on the steering wheel connects the engine to the electric motor-generator, which cranks the engine and develops power, which is transmitted through the armature shaft of the electric motor and propeller shaft direct to the rear axle. It goes on to say anything above 6 miles an hour, dynamic braking may be affected by retarding the electric lever. This causes the electric motor to run as an electric generator, driven by the gasoline motor or by the momentum of the car. The power thus generated is used for charging the battery.

Unfortunately time was not right for the Woods car, as the organization was inexperienced in trying to compete with the gasoline carmakers at their own game. Not a cheap car, the price was increased from US\$2,650 to US\$2,950. Repairing the dual power drive system under warranty (it had faults), took time and money. The firm could produce only 628 cars in 1918, despite orders of 1,300 and by the end of 1918, the Woods Motor Vehicle Company had disappeared from the automotive scene.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Vol. 3 CHICAGO, JULY, 1913 No. 7



So big and important was the electric car industry in the USA in the mid-teens of the last century, it had its own magazine devoted to these cars. This issue looks somewhat like a Woods car.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

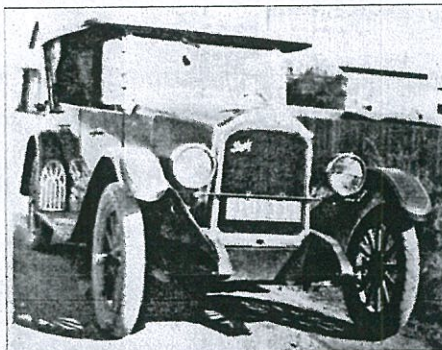
News, Views & Gossip on happenings and interesting gadgets relating to older and newer vehicles from around the world.

PHILLIP LAWTON'S FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

Phillip Lawton of Blewitt Springs in South Australia sent in these car images that his family owned in the 1930s and 1940s. They are typical of the vehicles used in Australia's rural areas of that time period.



This one shows his father, William, with a group of boys over filling a 1919 Essex tourer. Phillip's father is sitting on the seat back behind the steering wheel.



Phillip's grandfather's 1927 Rugby touring car.



His mother, Clare, and her twin sister, with his Dad's 1930 Model A Ford Roadster in 1944, the only Ford he ever owned.



Phillip's father's 1928 Essex ute, with his mother, Clare, at the wheel.



Phillip's mother in her 1937 Dodge two door sedan.

VALE GEORGE GEE

Sadly, we note the passing of George Gee, who died at age 97 on February 15, 2020. George had been a subscriber of Restored Cars since day one. Over the years, he took hundreds of photographs of cars in his area around Brisbane and would send them to us from time to time. In recent times, Trevor Poulsen digitally copied his old 35mm negatives, many of which we have been using in recent issues. George may now be gone, but he is not forgotten and we will be seeing more of his period photographs in future issues of Restored Cars

CORRECTIONS

Last issue, RC #259, we had Doug Walters of Pennsylvania email us with a correction on the board racing feature. Doug went on to tell us the Altoona track was in Pennsylvania, not North Carolina.

In RC #258, page 61, the car we identified as a 1931-1932 Dodge was actually a 1932 Plymouth sedan, possibly still using a local body and fitted with what appears to be a non-standard front bumper.

On page 62 of the same issue, a reader also pointed out the model aircraft engine was a rotary model, not a radial. The rotary model has the cylinders turn on the fixed crankshaft and the radial works more as a conventional engine, with fixed cylinders on a rotating crank.

T.R.A.C.S. Trek February / March 2022

Darling /Annabranh /Lakes and Creek Systems

We will announce the exact departure date for the trek at the February meeting. This depends on the water flows in the system.

The water has returned to the Darling/ Annabranh/Lakes and Creek systems. The last trek we did through this system there was no water. This time the system has an abundance of water, this could be a once in a lifetime chance to witness this.

The trek will travel up the Annabranh and the associated lake system. Go across to the Darling then on to Menindee where we will spend time looking at the full lake system there.

We then travel East to the Talyawalka and Teryawynia creeks and their lake systems, it has been many years since water was last there.

We hope to inspect the Mineral Sands mine out of Pooncarie, along with a machinery collection or two.

The full trek will be around eight days duration, if you only wish to do part of the trek, there are good roads from Pooncarie and Menindee to allow for those members wishing to do this. The trek is suitable for all vehicle types.

Trekkers will need to be fully prepared for bush camping for the duration of the trip. Facilities are available at Pooncarie and Menindee and at least one Station property.

Fuel is available at both Pooncarie and Menindee, if needed we may organise a fuel drop point at one of the properties we intend to call in on.

Make sure you have your vehicle ready and carry a suitable stock of spare parts.

Alan Whyte and John Ablett have done huge amounts of work to get access to some of the points of interest we intend to call at, this will be a very interesting trek.

To register your interest in being on the trek, call Danny Lee 0427 147321, Alan Whyte 0428 528136 or John Ablett 0428 502136.

T.R.A.C.S. notes with regret the passing of long time member Hamish Stringer. Hamish was 81 years old at the time of his death. A clever man with a gift for anything mechanical.

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TRACS PROGRAM 2022.

Note:- At the meeting on Sunday 9th January the decision for starting meetings earlier was made, from the next meeting on February 13 -2- 2022 we will start at 10:00 AM.
Meetings will be at Wilga Rd for now due to covid.

FEB. 13th 10:00AM meeting.

MAR. 13th 10:00AM meeting.

LATE March Possible tractor trek (Menindee ?? Anna Branch ??).

APRIL 10th 10:00AM meeting.

April 1st to 4th Red Cliffs 100 year celebrations, events, displays more information February meeting.

MAY 8th 10:00AM meeting.

National Motoring Day Car Trial ? ?

JUNE 12th 10:00AM meeting.

JULY 10th 10:00AM meeting.

AUG. 14th 10:00AM meeting.

Australian Made Day

SEPT. 11th 10:00AM meeting.

OCT. 9th 10:00AM meeting.

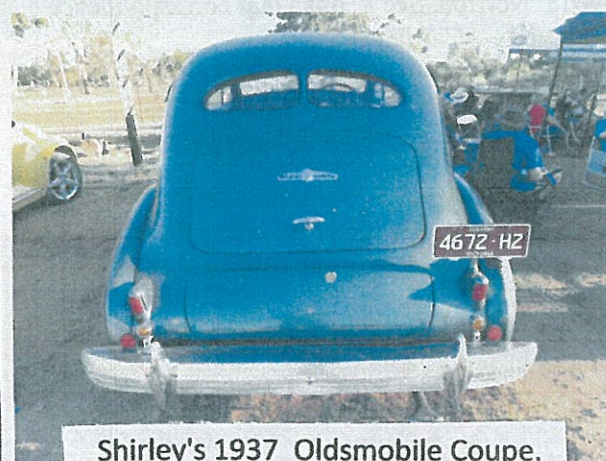
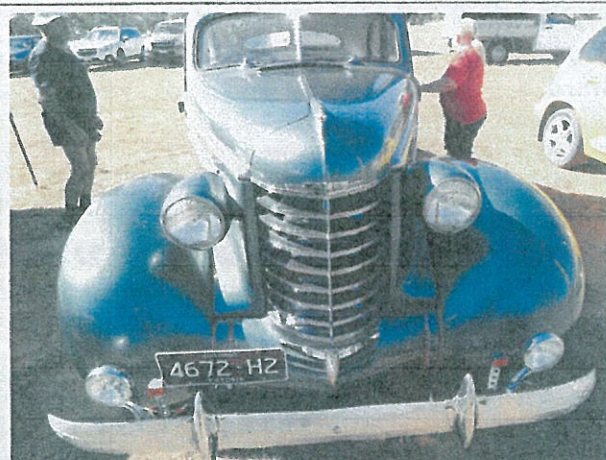
Tractor Pull Truck Show

NOV.12th 10:00AM meeting.

Christmas Gathering BBQ.

DEC. 11th 10:00AM meeting.

There are other club events planned and listed but it is too hard to program and be certain they will be on.
Any or all planning could change with very little notice.



Shirley's 1937 Oldsmobile Coupe.

FOR SALE.

Oxy Acetelene set, gauges, hoses tips etc.
Hand sulphur blower.
American Automobile Association Badge.
Offers considered.
Contact:- David Gordon 0419483004.

TRACTOR RESTORATION & APPRECIATION CLUB SUNRAYSIA

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Minutes of Meeting 9th Jan 2022 at Wilga Road



MEETING OPENED: 11.00am

President welcomed members and visitors

Apologies: T. McGhie, G. Chislett, T. Mon...

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Outwards

Nil

Inward

- 1 New Cheque book
- 2 Bendigo Bank Statements
- 3 Notice cancellation Geelong Truck show
- 4 Notice Clunes Historic Vehicles 13th March
- 5 Notice Broadford Truck display 5&6/2/22
- 6 HCVC Monitor Nov & Dec
- 7 Trafalga Truck restorers Dec Newsletter
- 8 Notice of Quambatook Working day 29/1/22
- 9 Deniliquin Collectors Club Nov Newsletter
- 10 Notice of Red Cliffs Centenary 1-4/4/22

Moved P Newton, Sec I Hinks that correspondence be accepted. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING:

Red Cliffs centenary. Previously agreed to go, Details to follow.

TREASURERS REPORT

6 months to end of Dec. Tabled

B/Fwd	35 410.00
Receipts	3 241.15
Expenses	5 220.64
C/Fwd	33 430.51

Moved M O'Callaghan that report be accepted
Sec D Gordon Carried

(k) Other Business cont.

Discussed getting TRACS sign done for top of irrigator from Jamesville. Will get quotes.

General Business

(a) Acceptance of New Members

Max Midgley Mov D Beard
Sec J Porker

Carried

(b) Clearing Sales

Nil

(c) Restoration Activities

Bob Fox still going with FE
D Lee working on trekking trailer modifications
(not sure whether version 5 or 6)

(d) New Purchases

Nil disclosed.

(e) Newsletter Co-ordinator

Geoff would be grateful for any articles

(f) Tracs Assett (Wilga Rd)

Application is with Lands Dept but could be some time before looked at.

(g) TRACS Website

All OK

(h) NSW Registrar

Nil

(i) Vic Registrar

Lots of renewals.
Renewal applications can now be done by Alan Whyte in place of Ken. Ken is still Scrutineer.

(j) Future Club Events

Next Trek to see water in Menindee, Darling and Ana Branch likely end Feb. Trekkers organising.
Red Cliffs Centenary 1-4th April. Static display
Details to follow.

Car Trial suggested by Jack D.. Dean Bennet will work on it. Possibly May.

Car/Truck trip to Nulawil Pioneer museum
Suggested when it cools down.

(k) Any Other Business

At Christmas BBQ David Hinks Memorial Clubman trophy was awarded to M O'Callaghan.

Life Memberships awarded to R Carter, B Lampard and Ken Creighton.

Possibility of moving our bank accts from main Bendigo branch to a Community Branch. (either Merbein or Wentworth), discussed.

A McKenzie moved that we investigate possibility of doing this. Sec I Hinks. Carried.

Future meeting venues discussed. Still too many restrictions on using Guide Hall. Finally decided to continue at Wilga Rd in short term but at 10.00 on second Sunday of month.

Next Meeting 13th Feb 10.00am at Wilga Rd

Meeting Closed 12.05