

CATERING TO THE NEEDS OF ALL FORD VEHICLE ENTHUSIASTS

CAMTORQUE

PRESIDENTS RUN 2016

September 2016

The President's Run took us to the lovely town of Tanunda. We started at the Caltex service station on Port Wakefield Road, Bolivar Gardens where we enjoyed a hot cup of coffee and a chat before setting off. It was a beautiful day and the cruise to Tanunda went without any problems. We arrived at the town and went straight to Bowlands. Bowlands is a recreation facility catering for 10 pin bowling and putt putt golf with a café catering for pizza lovers as well as other foods and drinks. Our President and others on the run recommended Bowlands and the place did not fall short of expectations. The facility was clean and well organised and the food was of a high standard. Some members played a round of golf whilst doing battle with some large reptiles and a silver back gorilla. The rest had a go at the ten-pin bowling. I am sad to say no one came close to the perfect score of 300. What a success the event was and we will keep this destination in mind for future club runs. I would like to thank the members for coming; this makes the planning all worthwhile.

Article by Graham Farrell and Photos by Paul Howe



- 01 - Barrys sons car
- 02 Graham & Alice Cortina
- 03 - Graham & Davina's XP Falcon
- 04 - Glorias Falcon
- 05 - Group outside Bowl Land
- 06 - winners are grinners - Davina after bowling
- 07 - Gloria meets a resident at the mini golf

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Club Meetings

Our monthly club meetings, which start at **8:00pm** at the Northgate Community & Sports Club, Duncan Frazer Reserve, Rowe Avenue, Northfield.

September - Tues 13/09/16

October – Tues 11/10/2016

November – Tues 08/11/2016

December – Tues 13/12/2016

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Barry Hall, the Prez.



When Barry was 16, his grandfather bought him a car, a Prefect Ute Convertible. Two people only could fit in this fine example of an English motor car. It was not a hoon vehicle. You were lucky if you could lay a wheelie on gravel.

An Austin A40 Somerset Panel Van was his next pride of joy. The body roll was shocking, so he took his life into his own hands when he cornered. Five people could fit in this beauty. After about 4 years, a '56 Ford Zephyr replaced it. He regularly broke the back axle taking off at any speed. Wheelies on grass were a common past time. He rolled it out at Elizabeth in a paddock whilst drifting. He used to throw it into a corner and hang on!

Three years later the Ford Zephyr was replaced by an FC Holden with a Repco Gold Star engine. It was a slightly warmer than a standard engine, so there was lots of hooning done in this car. Another special feature was a Straight Line Impala Gear Shift. A shortened steering column improved the look and comfort for driving. Next to arrive in the carport was a '64 Ford Fairlane that was modified heavily. The engine was worked to a genuine 300HP on the dyno. A Ford Top-loader was fitted and as was a Ford 9 inch rear axle. It was customised and achieved 14.7 seconds at 95 mph down the quarter mile and was its best time at the AIR. It was known as the "Black Widow" and was entered in many Hot Rod Shows.

While the Fairlane was languishing under the carport, awaiting attention, an FJ Holden was receiving a lot of attention. It cost \$50 to buy and painted Electric Blue. Bucket seats were installed. The engine was balanced, blueprinted and a head off a dragster from AIR was bolted to the engine. A triple carby manifold and extractors were installed. Wide steel wheels were another fine addition. It was lowered so the rubbers on the front hit the suspension so it bottomed out all the time. It was Mary's car for work. (More about that in the future.) It used to go like#!###?!. To confirm this, doing 95 mph, he broke the crank.

A '46 Ford Deluxe Panel Van followed this. The motor and gearbox out of the Fairlane were transplanted into the panel van, going on to win many trophies at the Hot Rod Shows. Then the kids arrived and the Deluxe was no good for children! It went on to be replaced by a '27 Ford Model A that had been modified to be a Hot Rod. It towed a trailer, which carried kids' bikes and golf clubs. Being members of a couple of Hot Rod clubs we travelled everywhere in this car. We had many good times and the kids remember it well.

After these cars, we had an HQ Statesman, an HZ Statesman and a WB Statesman Caprice. A Ford Raider also spent time under the carport, followed by a Pajero, a Hyundai Elantra and a Suzuki Vitara.

During all this, 9 motorbikes spent some time in the shed, being his main form of transport to work.

Currently his pride and joy is a Mark 2 '67 Cortina 440, nicknamed Marilyn Monroe, after all, the car is a blonde.

Article Written by; Mary Hall

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or something of interest into
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IMPORTANT NOTES

In July, Andrew Ford resigned as President of the FOCC. In August FOCC meeting, Barry Hall was elected as President. At the same meeting, members elected Justin Carmody as Vice-President.

A reminder to all members; under section 6.1 of the FOCC Constitution, members are required to attend five or more Club meetings or events during the year. If you wish to renew your membership, you must abide by this constitutional rule. It has known that 100 plus members are not meeting the obligation and the committee will be checking all members attendance.

Barry Hall – FOCC President

IMPORTANT C.H.V.R.S. NOTICE

THIS NOTICE IS TO REMIND ALL F.O.C.C. MEMBERS, WHO ARE ON THE C.H.V.R.S., THAT THEIR VEHICLE(S) **MUST BE INSPECTED** BY AN AUTHORISED PERSON OF THE CLUB, AT LEAST ONCE EVERY THREE (3) YEARS, OTHERWISE, THEIR VEHICLE(S) WILL BE DEEMED TO BE **UNREGISTERED AND UNINSURED**. IF YOU ARE UNSURE WHETHER AN INSPECTION IS REQUIRED OR NOT, YOU CAN CONTACT ME BY EMAIL AND/OR PHONE, BOTH OF WHICH ARE LISTED ON OUR WEB SITE.

THE CLUB DATA BASE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE A HISTORY OF ALL F.O.C.C. MEMBERS PAST AND PRESENT, WHO ARE ON THE C.H.V.R.S., REGARDING THEIR LOG BOOK AND VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION HISTORY STATUS.

REMEMBER, IT IS THE VEHICLE OWNERS RESPONSIBILITY, WHO IS ON THE C.H.V.R.S. TO KEEP THEIR LOG BOOK(S) AND VEHICLE(S) INSPECTIONS UP TO DATE.

Financial members of the F.O.C.C. are reminded of the following requirements as per The New Code of Practice, effective 1st July 2012, when presenting their logbook(s) for resigning and/or the issuing of a new logbook(s).

Members have until **31st December 2016** to ensure that their Historic Registration remains active for the next clubs financial year.

In order to avoid any unnecessary delays, Authorised Officers and the Treasurer, will be available at the clubrooms from 7.00pm on the general meeting nights during October, November and December to address any Historic vehicle(s) requirements.

Mandatory Requirements

- (a) New F.O.C.C. membership renewal receipt.
- (b) Logbook(s).
- (c) Current registration papers.
- (d) Statutory declaration. (Unless you are a new member on Historic Registration)
- (e) Left Hand Drive vehicles – Certificate of Exemption.

Remember, it is your responsibility to ensure that the correct paperwork is presented or your log book **will not** be signed by any of the Authorized Officers.

The Statutory Declaration form **must** be completed in **full** and in a legible manner. Any lines not used should be “Zedded” off. Multiple vehicles can be used on the one form.

If the Statutory Declaration form is not completed correctly, it **will not** be accepted and your log book **will not** be signed. **Do not** send the Statutory Declaration form to the club secretary. It **must** be presented to one of the Authorised Officers when upgrading or replacing your log book(s).

REMEMBER If you do not have your log book signed by **31st December 2016**, then you will be driving **illegally** i.e. unregistered and uninsured. There are **heavy penalties** imposed if you are caught.

RON TEBBY
C.H.V.R.S COORDINATOR.

PRESIDENT'S PATTTER

I would like to thank Justin Carmody for volunteering to be Vice-President. As I have known Justin for a long time, I'm sure we'll work together very well. Welcome to the committee, Justin.

My inaugural President's Run, which I was forced to lead by Graham, started at the Caltex at Bolivar and ended at Bowl-Land at Tanunda. The weather was perfect but only nine members and three visitors took the opportunity to have a great day. Bowl-Land is a great place for families with mini golf, ten pin bowling and arcade games. Food and alcohol are served and the food was good.

I'm looking forward to the All Ford Day. The theme is "Do You Remember?" Mary and I are looking for '60s memorabilia. We've found an old thermos, an old basket and my 21st birthday present, a woollen picnic rug (Do you remember them?), will be out on display.. The clothes are no problem. We're still wearing them or trying to!!

Barry Hall, President.

Gordon's Miscellaneous Mumblings

I was never very keen on the "if you are driving either day or night put your headlights on either low beam during the day or what is suitable at night or in reduced visibility" but I did do it sometimes. Since becoming a country boy my attitude has changed and I am now a firm believer in the "lights on" mantra. It all depends on the natural lighting conditions of the day as to how well you can see opposite direction traffic. Dark coloured vehicles on dark coloured roads and possibly in the shade of trees or high ground can be hard to see particularly when they are some distance away and travelling towards you. That is of course important when you want to travel at 100 KPH and the driver in front of you is driving at 97 KPH. You are not allowed to go over the speed limit when passing a vehicle so with a 3 KPH difference you are on the wrong side of the road for a very long time. That galls on me a bit as when I was learning to drive there was no open road speed limit and you were taught to spend the minimal amount of time on the opposite side of the road when passing other traffic. In my experience, I am not allowed to use the excuse of "spending the minimal amount of time on the wrong side of the road when passing a vehicle" but it seems that the Police do not follow that rule when they pass me plodding along at the speed limit. So what is the message here; put your headlights on during the day time and do not exceed the speed limit set for where you are. Further to that there are some very long straight sections of road between Balaklava and Two Wells and at night with the opposite direction traffic you can be on "low beam" for long periods of time.

I have used a bit of "Air Traffic Control" speak in the above paragraphs. We always used "opposite direction traffic" as it was never the aircraft "coming the other way" which is how "you" would talk about a vehicle or boat.

I was recently caught up on two different roads in a slow to non-existent speed situation all caused by "rubber neckers" who did not get on with my aim anyhow of proceeding at the speed limit. In the first occasion some time before there had been an accident on the road concerning four vehicles and they were parked well off the road with no blue and red flashing lights in sight. There was a tailback of probably 4 Km as some of the "drivers" and I use the term loosely were too busy slowing down to look at the vehicles parked well off the road than getting on with it. On the other occasion, I was on a two laned road with a median strip down the centre of the road. On the other side of the road and median strip there were the remains of an accident with two sets of blue and red flashing lights. Once again some of the so called "drivers" were more interested in slowing down and looking for something interesting than getting on with it.

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All Ford Day Sunday 18th September 2016.

Not long now. I have lodged the Club/group entry form which the All Ford Day team will use to reconcile against the number of entries lodged by individual club members. If there are any problems they will contact me. I feel that everything will be fine and looking forward to the big day.

As I said at the last club meeting the theme for our club display is "Do You Remember." I would like to encourage each vehicle to display some items in or near their car that reflects the era the vehicle represents.

The two club marquees will be available for the day and I have organised some items to display and jolt memories for the visitors.

Exhibitors will be allowed onto Bonython Park from 07:30am with displays open to the public from 10:00am. It would be a big help if members could bring their cars in at approximately 08:00am which would facilitate the setting up process. Any help offered would be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work.

Many thanks to Stephen Bonython and Mary Hall, who have offered their services as Judges for the day. Should any further information come to hand I will do my best to keep you up to date.

October 2016

I asked at the last club meeting if I could leave October free of events as the All Ford Day and having two events scheduled for November require extra preparation time. Also my eldest daughter is getting married this month and my commitments for this are all consuming. Many thanks to Club members for their agreement with this proposal.

Ford Invitation Picnic Sunday 6th November 2016

The Early Ford V8 Club of America have invited us to their Ford Invitation Picnic to be held at the Lenswood Oval, Lenswood. Members have attended this function previously and it's a great day out. Proceeds from the day will be for the Cancer Care Centre. Please let me know of your attendance. See me at club meetings or ring 82400182 before the end of September.

Yankalilla Cruise Sunday 20th November 2016

Firstly please excuse the incorrect date shown on the internet page regarding this event. The cruise for 2016 will be held on Sunday 20th November 2016. Alice and I have been on two of these cruises and thoroughly enjoyed the whole day.

The cruise departs Castle Plaza (on South Road) at 10:00am. Vehicles travel along South Road then via the Southern Expressway to Aldinga, through Myponga and on to Yankalilla. The venue for the day is the picturesque Yankalilla Memorial Park oval. Activities on the oval start at 10:30am. There is no need to pre-register your vehicle for the cruise, just roll up on the day.

For all those who intend starting their cruise from Castle Plaza, you may pre-pay for entry to the event. If you pre-pay, you will be given a sticker that will get you fast tracked into the oval. Stickers are available at Castle Plaza @ \$15.00 per vehicle which covers all occupants. I suggest we meet up as a club at the Castle Plaza then proceed as a club to Yankalilla where we can set up on the oval and enjoy the day as a group.

Please have a look at the site on the internet and let me know if you are interested. There is more up to date information provided on their site and we will be notified of any changes.

Graham Farrell
Event Co-ordinator.



The Early Ford V-8 Club of America
SA REGIONAL GROUP 94 Inc.

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All Ford Clubs & Vehicles

to the

15th FORD INVITATION PICNIC

Sunday November 6th 2016

Lenswood Oval

From 11 am

Have a great day relaxing and socialising with other Ford Clubs.

No Trophies

No Plaques

No Worries

**This year's charity the
Cancer Care Centre**



**Sausage Sizzle, Drinks, Tea & Coffee, Cakes, etc
will be available**

**Any enquiries please ring:- Gary Fatchen 0409 503 300
Graham Tonkin 0401 314 563**

Other Events

Sunday September 25th
Vintage / Veteran Bay to
Birdwood. Have a good day out
to any FOCC members taking
part.

Sunday December 4th
Christmas Cruise to
Hahndorf. Dinner at the
Hahndorf Inn. Booking has
been made. Further
information as the event gets
closer.

Gosford Classic Car Museum

I recently had the opportunity to check out the newly established **Gosford Classic Car Museum**. It is claimed to be one of the 5 largest car museums in the world and the largest in Australia. The museum is housed at the site of a former Bunnings Warehouse building purchased in 2015.

One of the museum's first acquisitions was the Nash, AMC, Rambler Museum of Western Australia which consisted of 53 cars (including the Hudsons) previously owned by John Ivey. 95% of the total collection in the museum has been purchased in Australia. The only imported vehicles are the Soviet and Eastern European motorcars as well as some of the Ferraris. Nearly all the vehicles in the collection are for sale. From what little I know, I got the impression that the quality and thus the prices being asked, were at the upper end of the range for each type.

Currently there are approx 35 Ferraris in the museum including the F40, F50, Enzo and La Ferraris.

The museum also features approximately 25 Communist cars including a "Zil" stretch limo previously used by the politburo of the Communist Party (pre 1992)!

The museum is a very popular venue for eastern state car rallies. A bonus is that the newer and bigger Bunnings store is now just across the road! *Cheers.... Paul Howe*

Attached photos include: a 1951 Hudson Pacemaker; Russian "Zil"; Aussie Invader 111 in which Rosco McGlashon topped 1026km/h in 1996; a collection of Ferraris; a collection of Fords; Gloria with a Kombi; unrestored Lincoln; John Goss XC Falcon used at Bathurst in 1977 and 1979; early 50's sidevalve Ford Ute.



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