

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



November 2015

WAUCHOPE TRUCK SHOW ~ 11 - 12 JULY 2015

Travelogue by Andy Nash Photos by Andy Nash and Bruce Brown

At 11am on Friday 10 July, Ann and I left Mount. Druitt with the UD tiltray loaded with the Bedford and the little red car in the trailer. Our first stop was Beresfield where we had lunch. We then continued onto Wauchope arriving at 4.30pm. Bruce Brown and Bob Irwin had already arrived and set up camp at the show-ground. After catching up with organiser Kirby Maxwell we unloaded the truck and had dinner at the show-ground, courtesy of the lions club. There was a light shower of rain in the evening so we headed off to our nice warm hotel room.

Early Saturday morning, the sun appeared and the day remained fine all day. We found Peter Hand had arrived over night with his dodge and caravan in tow. We enjoyed the main parade. Bruce was interviewed for Truckstop TV.

Bruce and Bob left Saturday night before the dinner put on by the Ladies Auxillary in the main hall. The meal was great and so was the company. The dinner was followed by the trophy presentation. Bruce won best "Truck Not Listed" for his Toyota. Peter won an award for his Dodge while I got a first for the Bedford. So overall Western Sydney cleaned up and was well represented. Sunday turned out to be a nice day but just a bit windy. The stallholders at the swap meet had a trying time to save their tents and wares from blowing away. After the main parade at 11a.m. we then loaded up. About 1pm we headed for home arriving home 6p.m. . our club members there were Andy Nash, Bruce Brown, Peter Hand, Bob Irwin, Charlie Xerri and Michael Kennedy. It was another great weekend with a great bunch of people showing off our pride and joys



God put me on Earth to accomplish a certain number of things...

Right now I'm so far behind, I will never die !!

Breakfast Run to Mulgoa Park - Sunday 26 July



This was yet another very successful and well supported breakfast run! Apart from the 40 to 50 hungry breakfast goers lined up waiting to be served at the barbecue there were about 20 member's vintage trucks also lined up like a guard of honour, leading to the shelter shed where the kitchen was in full swing. It was indeed, a very special event because our very own young celebrity executive chef, Emily Dove was in attendance, not just supervising but also hands-on showing how it is all done. She was certainly in her element serving customers with such finesse, putting the older chefs to shame. Well done Emily!!



Like all of our breaky meetings there was some formalities to catch up on such as upcoming events... Also, Bruce Brown, who left early from the Wauchope weekend, was presented with his award for "Truck Not Listed", by Andy Nash

Member Profile - Bob Taylor

Born in Sydney in 1948, the family including Bob's sister and two brothers, moved to Nyngan when Bob was 5. His dad worked on a farm and his mum was a cook.

Bob didn't like school and didn't go very much. When he did he only drew cartoons. He went to live with his Aunt Vera and Uncle Bob at Northmead aged 12 in the hope that he would go to school. Because of Uncle Bob, he managed a full 12 months at school.

When the family moved to Canley Vale Bob occasionally worked at his parent's service station. Over his lifetime Bob always had lots of different jobs including- truck driver, bull-dozer operator, earth mover/scrapper operator, crane driver, mechanic, boat builder, motor vehicle/bus builder and truck owner-driver contractor/subcontractor. He also worked with his dad at Bourke and his brother at Cobar. Bob's earliest memory of trucks was driving with his brother John over to Perth in a Commer Knocker. He has driven all types of truck configurations from rigid, semi-trailer and B-Double. During his working career Bob bought a number of trucks including a VB Kombi Van, J1 Bedford, AA160 table top and AEC prime mover. In 2013 he retired and got married. His dream was to collect old trucks and show them. He bought Atkinson's. He wanted one of each with a Cummins, GM and Gardiner. In time his dream was realised and the collection completed. A week later he was diagnosed with lung cancer....



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Of course I don't look busy...I did it right the first time!

Member Profile - Bob Taylor continued

The following are some of Bob's experiences on the road....

About the time Bob was 18 he worked for Dave Patman who sub contracted for Fridgemobile. He drove RFW & Transtar Cab over trucks. On one particular run driving north to Brisbane he pulled into Murrurundi pub for a quiet beer. The local police officer saw him on the opposite side of the bar and asked him where was Tommy. The truck was the one Tommy usually drove.

"Tommy is sick" Bob said.

"By the way, do you have a licence to drive that truck?" The officer said.

"Not exactly, maybe not." Bob replied

"You better stop in and see me so I can write you one out, as I can see you can drive, you got it this far". The officer then said

So Bob continued to Brisbane and coming back it was night time so he did not to to the police station. But a week later his Dad drove him up to Murrurundi so he could get his Trailer licence. - which is HC.

Bob's funniest story is about when he had a load of cows for Greenways Dairy's, near Newcastle. At this time Bob was waiting at a set of traffic lights when one of the cows let go all over a brand new Mercedes Benz. The Benz driver followed Bob until he pulled over at the Rubber Duck Cafe on the Princes Highway. After Bob pulled up, the Benz driver stepped out of the car, all dressed up to suit and approached Bob.

"Look what your cows did to my car. It's going to take me weeks to clean it" the driver said, in disgust.

"Well what do you want me to do about it?" asked Bob.

"Just look at my car." The driver said

"Well tell me which cow done it as I cannot go crook on all of them." Bob said

The driver just stood there in disgust.

"Well if you cannot tell me which one I will have to go crook on them all" Bob said. So he got a stick climbed up the side of the cattle crate and said "Listen here, girls which one let go over this man's car? Come on! talk up or I will have to go crook on you all. "Nothing... So Bob continued "No cow will own up to the deed so I have no choice. I'll have to go crook on you all"

By this time the Benz driver was in his car shaking his head thinking Bob was a complete loony. The people from the Rubber Duck were out to see what was going on. They were rolling around in laughter.

Clarendon Classic Machinery Rally - September 2015



The 2015 Clarendon Classic was always going to be a huge event, even bigger than last year. As in previous Clarendon Classic Machinery Rallies there were celebrated features on show. 2015 was the year that featured anything made by the International Harvester Company, anything made by Sydney based makers and military vehicles to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War 1.

Never abandon your dream !!

2015 Clarendon Classic Machinery Rally continued...

The International Harvester Company was formed from the merger of the McCormick Harvesting Machinery Company and the Deering Harvester Company in 1902. Both companies had had a profound influence in agricultural America since the mid 1800's to the turn of the century. Their trademarks were easily identifiable and were also highly respected. The merger achieved instant recognition for the IHC brand. Its primary customers in the early 1900's were farmers and it was logical that the company's first motorized vehicles were intended for use by this element of the American workforce.

The "Highwheeler Auto Wagon" was built to carry cargo and two or three passengers. Later, a second seat was optioned so it could serve as a carriage. It was sold as the "Auto Buggy" as shown here in this rare and well restored example. It had a 20 hp opposed two cylinder air cooled engine mounted under the floor.



1909 Highwheeler "Auto Buggy"

IHC built vehicles to suit the needs of their customers and had quite an extensive model range



1934-36 model C30

▼1927 model SL34

▲1929 Six Speed Special

▲1925-27 model 63

▲1931-32 model A1-A2



▲There were many examples of the numerous models made, on show ▼



Don't waste a moment of your life trying to be normal !!

TRUCKS ACROSS THE HIGHLANDS - October 2015

About 80 to 90 trucks including six vintage trucks lined up behind Bunnings at Braemar in the Southern Highlands. The drivers and supporters cued up for a hearty free breakfast of barbecued sausage, egg and bacon on a freshly baked bread roll. Coffee and hot chocolate was available from the coffee van, at a small cost. Before the convoy set off an auction for the Lead Truck raised \$4000 and a Kenworth jacket raised \$160 for the cause. About 10am the trucks moved out onto the highway and travelled in two convoys through the townships of Mittagong, Bowral and Moss Vale. There were numerous groups of people along the roadside to waving and cheering the convoy as it slowly wound it way to Moss Vale showground. The trucks responded with the sounds of blasting horns echoing through the townships. WSHTC was represented by Bob Irwin, Andy Nash and Mike Dodds



Day Run to Cleary Bros Museum, Port Kembla - 25 October 2015

It was a perfectly fine, sunny day for a run down to Cleary Bros to see their stunning museum. The '48 Bedford tow truck just cruised effortlessly down the freeway at 120 kph...on the back of Andy's tiltray.

We were slightly ahead of schedule so our little convoy of 6 vintage trucks detoured through the town to Bunnings before looping back. We arrived a few minutes in front of the main convoy of about 20 trucks. Once at Cleary Bros we were free to walk through the museum. There were several restored tracked machines, motor bikes, cars and a K6 International dump truck on display in the main shed. Two of the tracked machines were started up so we could hear how good they ran. All the machines have been restored to fully operational standard. The restoration work symbolizes the dedication and workmanship of the apprentices and staff at Cleary Bros. In the entrance of the office building there is a 1927 Caterpillar fifteen which no doubt has special significance to the Cleary family. It was a really enjoyable day with vehicles and members from Berrima Car Club, Sydney Antique Machinery Club, Campbelltown Steam Machinery Club and of course, WSHTC.



CONVOY FOR KIDS - Goulburn Carnival - November 2015

Discounting the grey, overcast and often misty weather conditions it was a wonderful day for the 2015 running of the Convoy For Kids - Goulburn. The weather certainly did not dampen the enthusiasm of the day.

As in previous Convoy For Kids, the main street was lined with people eager to catch a glimpse of the convoy of modern and vintage trucks that rumbled by and sounding their horns. There were 123 trucks in total that participated.



We had a good showing of trucks from WSHTC including the "Haulin' the Hume" semi trailer.

One of our latest members, Dean Johnson drove his recently restored US army GMC truck. It was a nail biting exercise just to get the truck registered for the convoy. The plates only arrived on Friday. And like many of our members he is passionate about restoration journey that his pride and joy has taken him. Interested to hear his story just ask him.

At the showground there were numerous stalls offering a wide selection of items for sale. The most popular was the coffee at the "Rescue Relief Treatment" tent. Although the line of thirsty customers was quite long, the girls and boys did a sterling job keeping up with the demand in a speedy and efficient manner.

A new item of entertainment and most popular amongst the kids was a "climbing wall" in the shape of a tree trunk. Four participants could climb at the same time. Even through lunch time there were at least two climbers scaling the wall all the time. The line of waiting and eager climbers never shortened the whole day.



One of the traditions of the Convoy for Kids Carnival is the competition to tow the Lead Truck of the convoy in the quickest amount of time. There are three competitions - The men's , the women's and the favourite - the children. There is never any prize awarded because the children always win on handicap.



Every year there are several awards made to owners of the participating trucks. Again this year, WSHTC was well represented. The award for "Oldest Working Truck" was won by Bernie Learson and his Kenworth (pictured left) and the award for "Best Restored Truck" was won by Bruce Gunter and his Commer Knocker. (pictured right)



Those of us who know Bruce Brown and his "Rice Burner" Toyota will also know that he has a 1941 military jeep that he uses to raise money for the cause. The first thing Bruce does when he parks the truck is to unshackle the jeep and drive kids - big and small around the showground, asking the adults for donations as he drives. Before leaving the showground he had collected in excess of \$250. A photograph taken, at the handing over of the money to the treasurer was subsequently uploaded to the Club's Facebook page. A little while later, via Facebook we received another \$50 pledge to add to the total - thanks to Herbie Bugs.



On the homeward journey several of our members called into Truck Stop 31 for a coffee and to see the wall of photos of trucks that have participated in the "Haulin' The Hume". It was here the "NO-GO Gremlin" struck again preventing Steve's Louisville from starting. With the assistance of those assembled and one good shove the Louisville was underway again, much to a very relieved Steve.



It was a very successful day, raising \$38,000 for disadvantaged and disabled children of the Goulburn area. Everyone who participated thoroughly enjoyed a wonderful day. And to top it off the president of the Convoy For Kids committee, Bryan Webb expressed the appreciation of the organising committee to the WSHTC for the support we have given the Convoy for Kids over the years.

ATTENDANCE BOOK AT CLUB EVENTS

It is a requirement of membership of the Western Sydney Historical Club that all members attend a minimum of two club events per year.

There will be an attendance book at all club organised events.

At all events members must sign the attendance book so that their attendance can be recorded.

This is required for insurance and RMS records. Your cooperation is appreciated

**The best feeling is when someone appreciates everything about you
that someone else took for granted**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 6 December - Mangrove Mountain Truck Show. Camp over night, if you want film night
Details Dallas Fabien 0417 285 047

Sunday 10 January - Breaky run 8.30am at Warragamba Centre. Bring \$6, cup & chair. Please
let Brad know by Friday for catering purposes 0449 186 587

Saturday 13 - Sunday 14 February - Gnoo Blas Classic Car and Bike Show at Orange.
For further information and entry forms check out website gnooblas.com or contact Dennis
Gregory on 6362 2840 or mob. 0417 445 426

Tuesday 26 January - Australia Day - .at Camden - Call Dave West 46581649 for details
- at The Pioneer Village, Wilberforce - Call Ron Ross 4576 2423 or 0437 384 736

Saturday 13 February - Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair at Oberon Rugby Leagues Club,
Lowes Road, Oberon. Free entry to exhibitors. Street Parade at 10.00am

Sunday 21 February - Working-Bee re: Club trailer. Contact Brad Dwyer for equipment required
and place 0449 186 587

Saturday 12 March - Lockhart National Historic Truck & Commercial Vehicle Show. Camping
on site, toilet & shower facilities and powered sites available. For further information contact
Peter Smith ~ (02) 6920 6246

Saturday 19 - Sunday 20 March - The White Muster at Kyabram Showgrounds, Victoria.

Sunday 27 March - Breakfast run 8.30am, at Riverstone Bowling Club dirt car park. Bring \$6.00.
chair & cup. Please let Brad know for catering purposes 0449 186 587

Saturday 16 - Sunday 17 April - Crawlin' the Hume. Download entry form from HCVC website
or the FaceBook page. or Contact Rob French 0409 380 090 or Roger Marchetti 4028 581 729 or
Trevor Davis 0419 506 516.

*As this will be our last newsletter for 2015 we take this opportunity to wish all our readers a safe
and happy Christmas and look forward to bringing you all the gossip in 2016*

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