

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



January 2024

The Clarendon Classic - Part Two



The smoke in the atmosphere from the previous weeks of hazard reduction burns was replaced by the haze of steam powered stationary and traction engines. Of course, steam powered machines run almost silently, except when a traction engine starts to move off or somebody walks in front of it, it blasts its ear-shattering whistle which can be heard several kilometres away.

It was encouraging though to see a few young people with the same passion as their fathers and grandfathers participating in the same field or technology... Steam engines need solid fuel to operate such as wood or coal.

This young boy wearing an orange shirt had collected split wood from the bulk supply. With one stick of wood in each hand, he closes the gate and proceeds to his steam engine. It took him a long time to get enough wood to keep it going. But he was enjoying himself.



◀ Here Phil Cassels teaches his 12 year old grandson, Lucas, the safety aspects of using a chainsaw.



The noisiest activity was the tractor pull, And, it was a popular spectator event. Many tractors had modified engines and oversize exhausts pipes without mufflers. Quite a deafening experience.

"If you don't like where you are, Move. You're not a tree!"



Just along the drive from the WSHTC shed was this ◀ display of vintage buses.

And, Opposite the buses were some vintage and classic cars from the Magic Metal Motoring Club. ▶



It wouldn't be the Clarendon Classic without the "Little Big Rigs" radio controlled models. I watched this loader and dump truck for about 12 minutes as the loader filled the dump truck which, when full took its load and dumped it onto a large pile 4 metres away. ▼



Military clubs put on an excellent display of equipment ▼



Not to be out done, the Museum of Fire had their fleet of restored fire fighting equipment on hand. ▶



"Sometimes you win, sometimes you learn."

Clarendon Classic continued -



Circuit race cars ▲ radial engine running ►

Model-T ford ▲ Steam traction engines▼ agricultural equipment ▼



The Kenworth Klassic

Reportedly, there were well over 500 Kenworths in the Kenworth Klassic. This is a record for the Klassic. Below rows of Kenworths have been photographed instead of individual trucks due to space restrictions.



I tell myself "Stop stressing, Take a deep breath. Everything will be okay".

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Attendance at Events... When attending an event sanctioned by the WSHTC make sure you sign the attendance book! Our insurance covers you when you can prove your attendance at an event should any mishap occur.

If you attend a sanctioned event and there is no attendance book present, you must send an email with the event details, including your name, date and location to wshctrucks01@gmail.com to be covered by the club's insurance. If you do not email the details then you will not be insured.

■ **Requirements for Historic Registration:**

For vehicles previously registered on historical plates, you will need the following:

1. RMS Conditional Registration Renewal form (sent to you by RMS prior to renewal);
2. "Historic Vehicle Declaration" form, duly filled out with you and your trucks details, (Do not fill out the club registrar's part)
3. "Pink Slip" available from a local mechanics garage.

For vehicles NOT previously registered on historic plates, you will need to fill out a registration application form plus you will need item 2. and item 3. above.

**Send all originals plus a copy of each to Steve Pardey,
246 Spinks Road, Glossodia 2756**

Steve will return the originals to you after he has completed his part of the process so that you can then go to the RMS to complete the historic registration of your vehicle.

If you have any queries, contact Steve on 0412 646 280

Breakfast Run - Oil, Steam and Kerosene Family Day - Campbelltown Steam & Machinery Museum, Menangle

Sunday 15 October

by Michael Dodds



After a four year hiatus, the Campbelltown Steam & Machinery Museum threw open its shed doors to the public. The last time WSHTC had breakfast here, we parked our trucks on the hardstand near the toilets, but this time we were relegated to the outer field. But, it was the perfect place to display our toys. Peter Mills, from the Steam & Machinery Museum had organised a warm spring weather with a cloudless sky. There were a few trucks that we had not seen before, which made for an interesting spectacle.



It was great to see some more members knuckling in and helping out at the catering trailer. Thankyou to all.



Did you see the Lady Woodward working the waters in the creek across the road? She is a very fast ferry for an



electric model, only two foot long and full of paying passengers!

“Puffing Billy” eventually puffed into Central Station to take waiting passengers on the 40mile loop run, stopping at the Petticoat Junction Fashion Underwear Emporium, Madame Lash’s beauty salon, Mr Ed’s Talking Horse Shoe Barn, Shiver Me Timbers Furniture Store, and Donaldson’s Dairy where Hairy McClairy, the famous canine customer service director works, before returning to Central.

You, may have heard of “Puff the Magic Dragon,” well he and Billy are distant cousins. “Magic Dragon” operates on a different line in someone else's imagination.

Bruce Brown conducted his now famous fifty-fifty and raised a total of \$460. Lucky Bob Miler claimed \$230 and \$230 was donated to the steam museum. The Club was represented by 38 members including a few new faces all sharing a few stories over a cuppa and munching on a sausage and egg sanga.

“What did the digital clock say to the grandfather clock?... See! No hands!”

Combined Inter-Club Get-Together with the Pioneer Timber Cutters at Luddenham Showground

Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 November

by Bruce Brown

You gotta admit it's pretty damn frustrating when the phone/internet service you have previously been able to upload a story and photos without dramas turns bad. However when the weather turns very bad so does the internet service. And that's what Bruce Brown experienced on Saturday 5 November. The following is what Bruce could get posted.

I tried four times to post pictures of the inter club get together but with our 19th century mobile phone technology here at home it didn't happen - it was a good twilight meeting with Jimmy providing top entertainment for the evening along with ample food and drinks for everyone - the rain dampened the evening a little but the Luddenham Show Ground had plenty of under cover seating & tables - the inclement weather probably frightened a few off as the numbers were down - WSHTC had roughly 40 sign the attendance book which was great.



"Be somebody who makes everybody feel like somebody"

CONVOY FOR KIDS - GOULBURN

Saturday 11 November

by Michael Dodds

Weatherwise, Saturday 11th November was the perfect day for the running of the Convoy for Kids - Goulburn. There were lines of trucks parked up from the Golden Gateway Service Centre, along the Hume Highway and Common Street, which extended up and over the hill and, out of sight. The paddock behind the service centre also had a large group of trucks waiting for the signal to go. After the usual instructions on the convoy rules, etc, the auction for the privilege of being the Lead Truck was held. The bidding was fast and furious raising \$8500.00.

At 10.00am the word was given to "start your engines". A few moments later a solitary military jet aircraft roared from the north, over the trucks and banked to the west over the city before disappearing. The signal had been given that the convoy was on its way.

Along the convoy route groups of people - children, parents, grand-parents, and carers collected on both sides of the road to cheer-on the convoy. Those in the know, including mum, dad and kids of all ages signalled the convoy drivers to sound their horns. Some of the younger kids just put their hands over their ears. It was just like the convoy I remember when I last drove my little red Inter on the convoy about five years ago. At the showground, all the WSHTC trucks were parked together, near the carnival rides. There were a few new faces and trucks I had not seen before.

On stage, cartoon characters, Bluey and ►► Bingo entertained the kids with singing, dancing and audience participation bouncing large balls.

A petting zoo was suitably located under a large tree to keep animals and small children cool and out of the sun. ►►

The Rapid Relief Team provided food and drinks for a donation. Their service was quick, professional and with a smile. There were other vendors too, selling their various wares.

WSHTC was represented by ten members with trucks, family and friends. The vibe of the day was all about the kids and raising funds for the local school for children with disabilities. By all accounts, it was a most successful day. Congratulations to the organising committee for putting on such a successful family orientated fun day. No doubt we will return again next year.



"An apology without change is just manipulation."

Welcome Aboard to

New Members:

Since the last newsletter we welcome the following new members to our group of 'Cool Kids' and Crazy 'Old Truck' Enthusiasts.

Garry McKinlay Rodney McKinlay

Paul Herrmann Alex Hickman

When going on a non-club sanctioned event,

Remember to fill out your log book before taking your truck out on the road...

PAYMENTS BY CHEQUE

Please note that as from 20 September 2023 payment by cheque will NOT be accepted. This is forced by the bank.

Payment may be made by CASH or EFT directly into the club's bank account

Payments at Events...

Breakfast meal tickets will be sold up to 9.00am. All other payments, will be collected from 9.00am - 10.00am. After the 1 hour collection period expires, all further cash payments should be placed in an envelope (supplied on the table) and sealed and, with your name, membership number and what the payment relates to written on the front. It can then be handed to the Treasurer, President or Secretary.

The Treasurer will issue you with a receipt at the next event or post it with your next newsletter.

CONSTITUTION: The new Constitution is now available for all members to download from the home page of the club's website - www.wshtc.com.au

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Moving house?

Email your updated contact address details to wshtctrucks01@gmail.com or text message to 0417 068 144

■ Club Merchandise...

The following club merchandise is available for purchase:

Polo Shirts - \$40.00 ea - sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL

Multi-coloured shirts - \$90.00 ea - limited sizes in stock ⊗

Jackets - \$60.00 ea - sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL

Windscreen Stickers \$4.00 ea Baseball caps \$15.00 ea Name badges \$10.00 ea

Number plate frames - \$15.00 per pair 10th Anniversary mugs - \$10.00 ea

Navy blue, long-sleeve jumpers with the club logo embroidered on the left front are available and can be supplied at \$45.00 each. ⊗

Merchandise must be paid for at the time of ordering from David West. You can pay cash or EFT directly into the club's bank account -

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club Inc. BSB 032371 Account 396047.

Please include your name and member ID number as a reference.

When making an EFT payment please advise Treasurer Garry Schroder of the payment,

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

1. BREAKFAST RUNS - There are currently 4-6 volunteers who regularly help out at breakfast runs. There is an urgent need for more volunteers to help lighten the load. If you can help please contact coordinator Bruce Brown on 0428 545 328.

2. NEWSLETTER STORIES - Many times I have seen groups of members gathered around one person who is telling a story. Everyone is guilty of telling a story at some time. Remember when the teacher caught you doing something you shouldn't have. So you made up a story to get out of the punishment... So... when you next participate in an event, make a few notes, write about what you did, what you experienced, what you enjoyed about the event, the people you met and what the weather was like. Write a story as you would tell it to someone. And please take a few photos too.

***DID YOU KNOW?** The CMC has 238 clubs with 40,000 members - that's a big voice with the issues of the Historical Vehicle Movement for the Government to consider.*



CHRISTMAS PARTY at Oakdale Workers Club



Sunday 3 December

story by Andy Nash

Several of us met at Uncle Leos Casula about 8.00am. After a shot of caffeine to wake us up and usual story telling we headed south down the freeway. We turned off at Picton Rd and headed into Picton, turned onto Remembrance Drive and up over Razorback. We stopped at the Razorback memorial site and enjoyed morning tea of coffee, cold drinks and muffins. We had about 7 trucks at Razorback including some new members.



We then headed into Camden and Burraborang Road to Oakdale Workers Cub to meet up with all the other members. Our Christmas get together was

attended by 74 members who all enjoyed lunch of alternate steak or chicken followed by apple strudel or traditional chocolate pudding. Special thanks to Kathleen for organising the surprise lucky door prize which was won by Janelle Cant. The staff at Oakdale decorated the tables and supplied bon-bons which was a nice gesture. I think all who attended enjoyed the day. It was great that the event was catered allowing everyone to sit back and enjoy the day with a bunch of like minded people. Overall, I feel it was a wonderful day and thanks to all who organised the lunch and thanks to everyone who came to share some Christmas cheer with us all.



“Only those who care about you can hear you when you’re quiet”

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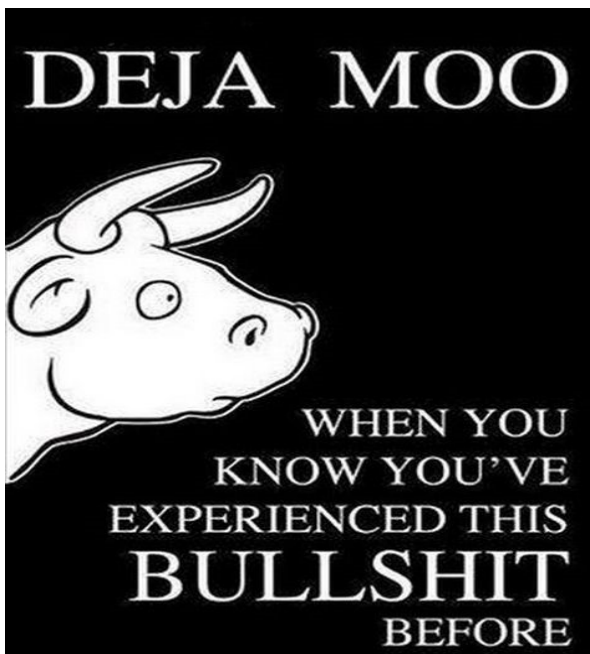


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Listen and silent are spelled with the same letters. Think about that.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 26 January - Australia Day as in previous years...

- At the Australia Pioneer Village, Willberforce - contact Ron Ross (02) 41576 3423
- At Camden - contact David West 0409 724 647

Friday 9 - Sunday 11 February - 2024 Gnoo Blas Classic - at Sir Jack Brabham Park, Orange. Gates open 8.00am. 3 huge days. Refer to <http://gnooblaas.com> for further information.

Saturday 17 - Sunday 18 February 2024 Walcha Antique Machinery & Truck Show - Walcha

Saturday 24 February - ARTHC Tractor Pull & Swap Meet at Gundagai Racecourse and Showground, Cnr Tor Street and Jack Moses Ave, Gundagai, Setup on Friday 23rd.

Saturday 3 March - Lockhart Truck Show, Lockhart Showground, 111 Federal Street, Lockhart. Enquiries - Peter Smith 0485 422 808 after 7.00 pm

Sunday 10 March - Breakfast run at Blacktown City Centenary Show held at Blacktown Showground, Blacktown. Bring your vintage toy and family. Stay for brekky only or stay for the whole day. Please contact Andy 0416 868 464 for catering purposes.

Sunday 10 March - Harden's 10th Truck and tractor Show - Murrumburrah Harden Show ground, Woolrych Street. Exhibitors free entry. Camp on site \$25.00 per night. For further information contact Kevin Sharp on mob. 0413 027 932, email: lintwood40@hotmail.com

Saturday 6 April - "Crawlin' The Hume" - Campbellfield to Albury. For more information contact Rob French on 0409 380 090.

Sunday 7 April - Breakfast Run destination at "Andrew Campbell Reserve", William Lawson Road, off Reservoir Road - **Prospect Reservoir**, Prospect. Bring \$10.00, mug, and chair. Please contact Andy 0416 868 464 or Bruce 0428 545 328 for catering purposes.

Saturday 18 May - Putty Road Truck Drivers Memorial Service at Garry E. Miller Park, Milbrodale at 1.00pm. For further information contact Marie Warby on Messenger; mobile 0414 621 206 or 45 785 492 or email: warbysm@gmail.com

Saturday 18 - Sunday 19 May - "Oil, Steam & Kerosene Family Fun Days" at 86 Menangle Road, Menangle Park. Enquiries: 0417 215 513; email: csmm.info@gmail.com

Sunday 30 June - Lunch run - details to be advised

Sunday 14 July - AGM - Venue and details to be advised

Saturday 10 - Sunday 11 August - Golden Oldies Truck, Tractor & Quilt Show - Dubbo, incorporating the inaugural Bus Muster. For further information contact John Mancer 0428 143 644 or Michael 0439 435 335



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