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## 1. From the President



What great weather we are having – my sister-in-law from Manchester U.K. whilst appreciating it, can't understand why I say "wish it would rain".

Some interesting and diverse articles this time, especially with the Margaret Dunning Award being presented to Robyn Griffin of Queensland – a very worthy winner – plus the wet drive-in cinema excursion and a great drive to Wellington Court House.

On the personal side it was sad that Margaret and I missed out on the Rolling Stones concert – but looking forward to October. A surprise and pleasure to meet Colleen and David after the Rocky Horror Stage Show, a great laugh at the Mrs. Browns Boys show – so funny we hardly noticed the F word and looking forward to the Glenn Miller Orchestra on 16th July.

Easter is just upon us followed by Anzac Day. A day to remember our very brave service members but also a relaxing time in real estate – WOW! – some days off.

Enjoy every day.

Derek

**EASTER BUNNY'S  
PREFERRED RIDE**



*"lest we forget"*

*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We shall remember them"*



### 3. Drive-in Cinema



It's raining.... Stop raining! I just washed the #@\$%!&@ car.... But the show had to go on! And so we gathered at the entrance of JAYCAR, under the canopy sheltered from the rain, nibbling on chocolate, dressed in our finest Saturday night Lounge clothes ready to be wowed by the big screen – the promise of great action and romance and bromance.

As it was raining there was no line up, but the Cadillac's looked great entering through the 1960's retro architecture of the ticket booths. With Pepe in the lead we found suitable parks which were Cadillac friendly and huddled in the night chill to chat about the upcoming movie, our days, our cars and our lack of FM stereos – I luckily had a portable transmitter and Ross needed to relocate to another position with the “old school pole and speaker”. However our chat was short lived as the heavens (not Pat and Harold) opened up and we scattered like mice to our cars! The first movie “Need for Speed” proved to be better in the trailer; although some of the cars were hot!, some of the racing action was questionable ... but I may need to test drive a Mustang. (Derek are you sure this is your next “Works” car?)

Despite the rain and the OK plot of the first movie; we seemed to have enjoyed the evening at Mainline drive-ins, after all it's about the company, the cars and showing how we Cadillac owners roll .... Even in the rain!

Majority of members only stayed for the first movie; Brad and entourage stayed for “300 Rise of an Empire”. Final count was 5 Cadillacs, 3 daily drives and 1 President and First Lady just for the meet and greet.

Nick Rossi



GUESS WHO



## 4. Vacancies

We still need another Events Officer to help with the workload of our Committee – the more people the easier the workload.

We also have a requirement for a Public Officer on our committee, Bob Williams has been in the job for the last couple of years but his position in various clubs and family commitments meant the workload was getting a bit heavy, so he's asked if somebody else could do it please. Thanks Bob for all your help and see you on the next cruise.

The Public Officer position acts as the central contact person for the association. If any notice or other document is to be served on us it will be served on the Public Officer. The Public Officer will also be a member of the Core (central) Committee.

NOTE: both these positions would, I know, be very successfully filled by some of our lady members – I know so because most of my office are ladies and they tend to have great ideas and amazing organisational skills.

We have so much fun at our committee meetings and the food is pretty good too!



## 5. Port Pirie

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Ok folks , we meet we leave Grumpys Hahndorf Monday 31st 11 am , Michael and Karin Agostino , Peter Williams , Ross Delaine , Murray Delaine , John Lucas and enthusiasts, Tina and I riding shotgun with Ross.

A leisurely overcast ride through the back blocks of Adelaide foothills, through undulating hillside and ranges, no stops no hiccups, and settle in at Burra 2 ish. We all hit the local water holes meeting up with the superb 57 ride of Tony and Janet Jansen at the Commercial hotel. Ate and beered , stayed for an hour , along came the travelling band of Cadillacs, Milton of CCCTN ( the organiser of this crazy trip) unseen, took a wrong turn and Peter Williams goes out on the search. We all eventually converge, do the chinwag for 40 minutes, and then off into the sunset towards Pirie led by Janet and Tony Jansen .....in their 57 coupe. A group of 11.

Arriving at Pirie we spot our young Pat and Harold Heaven in their 65 coupe. So from this point on we bunk in our huts and tents, we then pub it for a great local feed at the Sportsman's bar. Later that balmy night Tina and I snuck over to Tony and Janet's house and checked out their wild rockabilly muso's, juke up, Elvis trimmed , wardrobe optioned shed, toured their amazing yard and project ride selection. Great people, nice wine.

Tuesday sleep in till 7.30 wander for hours, meet at Pirie Padarc club grounds for a cup o tea, put on very well by their members. A car show of about 30 odd local classic interesting cars, including what should be the local cop, in his Chevrolet speedster, and 18 Cadillacs actually were in one spot at one time.

That died off so a visit to a local hotel, there isn't a lot of woohoo in Pirie on a Tuesday arvo, Ross scores a bundle, and shouts a beer, then back to Padarc for an evening feed. Good cheap country cook up, put on again by the local Padarc ladies and motor heads.

We leave Milton, his lovely wife and his band of merry men and Cadillacs to hit the sack for their early departure across the Nullarbor stretch,

Ross kicks his 500 ci eldorea into go mode and we whoosh off into the darkness and head for the wild life of Adelaide!

A credit and thanks to those who supplied effort in supporting Milton, his wife, his cause and venture , they were all very appreciative of those involved.

Some folk are just plain crazy.

For the record 500 C.I. \$176.00, 364 miles. Cheap as chips (not).

Lynton Smith

## 6. How Much Did You Know?

In The Playmates song "Beep Beep" when the singer thinks the driver of the "little Nash Rambler" wants to pass, what does he decide to show the approaching driver that a Cadillac is? **NOT A CAR TO SCORN.** Released in 1958, "Beep Beep" spent 12 weeks in the Billboard top 40. Due to BBC regulations against brand names being used in songs, "Nash Rambler" and "Cadillac" were replaced with "bubble car" and "limousine" in Europe.

In the ZZ Top song "I'm Bad, I'm Nationwide", how does the singer describe the ride in his "new Cadillac"? **EASIN' DOWN THE HIGHWAY.** From the 1979 "Deguello" release, which reached the 1984 Billboard 200 at 183, "Im Bad Im Nationwide" included the lyrics "movin down the road in my V-8 ford" and "rollin down the road in some cold blue steel".

Bruce Springsteen sings of going to the "Cadillac Ranch". Where is the Cadillac Ranch, with its ten vintage Cadillacs buried nose down in the dirt? **ARAMILLO, TEXAS.** The Cadillac Ranch erected in 1974 is located along historic Route 66 on land owned by Stanley Marsh III. It is comprised of Cadillacs produced from 1949-1963, set in the ground at the same angle as the great pyramids in Egypt.

In 2002 Cadillac began an advertising campaign using a classic rock song. What tune did GM use to encourage us to "Break Through"? **LED ZEPPELIN—"ROCK AND ROLL"**. From Led Zeppelin's forth album, "Rock and Roll", reached number 47 on the Billboard Hot 100 Singles Chart in 1972. GM tried to get the rights to "Break on Through to the Other Side", but the offer was turned down. I believe these ads debuted during the 2002 "Super Bowl".

Bruce Springsteen also sings of a "Pink Cadillac". Who does he sing about waving to? **THE GIRLS.** Originally written in 1982, "Pink Cadillac" was first released as the "B-side" of "Dancing in the Dark" from the "Born in the U.S.A." album.



That's what I call a Mobile Phone!



One for the ladies?



Can't get much greener than this.



## 7. Wellington Report

What a great day for a cruise—25°C and a good long drive to clean out the cobwebs from the carbie.

We met at 9.30am at Foodland, Frewville with 12 cars all polished and shining with the convertibles with their hoods down.

Elvis Presley (Geoff Asher) joined us in his black 1976 Cadillac Eldorado although he was convinced that with the hood down it would blow his around—or rather his wig off.

6 members were to drive up from the South so we departed at 10am sharp and headed for the freeway. We travelled 106km to the Mt. Barker turn off, then through Wistow and Langhorne Creek Winery area to the quiet little town of Wellington on the Murray—a very enjoyable country run.

There were 39 of us at the Old Courthouse Café and Museum. This is an excellent venue with modernised facilities overlooking the river and local ferry.

There are 6 very appealing and modern units for hire, all with large rooms and high ceilings—well worth inspecting if you're looking for a weekend away.

A visit to the museum and then the BBQ lunch was provided by our hosts Tim, Jenny, Nick and Georgie, this was followed by coffee and cake and then the always enjoyable circulating and chatting.

A special thanks to Lindo and to the local club member Graham Jenkinson for doing all the groundwork in organising this run—it helps to be local.

Departure was either by the short route of over the ferry and the longer route. It was interesting to see the face of the ferry driver as a few Cadillacs "squeezed on" and then another great run home—hood down, sliding roof open, windows down—PERFECT.

However it must be admitted that the pleasure of the day eventually got to the President—who, very fortunately only received a warning notice rather than a \$400 fine for going a little fast overtaking a truck—"but officer it was downhill".

I think the interest in the car and the "detailed" information that I gave helped a bit PHEW!!



Nicely modernised inside



Elvis & Johnny Cash/The Big O impressing a visitor from Finland



Time to talk



Way to go Elvis

## 8. Goin' Cruzin''

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A reminder of the rules of travelling in convoy when we go cruising.

- Please leave 2-3 car lengths between you and the car in front to allow "normal traffic" to get in if required.

It is evident that 45mph (70k) is a happy speed for most members when driving on country roads and 50-55 mph (80-90k) on the freeway.

So for those members who wish to go a little faster – please let the cruise organisers know and we'll see you there.

## 9. Little Gems

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*You know you're getting old when by the time your last birthday candle is lit the first candle has burnt out.*

**If you keep your feet firmly on the ground. You'll have trouble putting on your pants.**

To succeed you need three things:

- A wishbone
- A backbone and
- A funny bone

*Reba McEntire—Country Music song writer*

The nice part about living in a small town is that when I don't know what I'm doing—someone else does.

## 10. Cars for Sale

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**1949 Cadillac**

**Model 6207X CBC**

**Sedanette 62 series, has Rare Power Windows & Seat option**

**Paint: Cypress Green**

**Trim Code 42 ( Tan & Brown interior In seat covers as shown)**

**Numbers Matching Engine & Frame**

**New Tires/Powder Coated Wheels/ Repo Hubcaps & Trim Rings**

**New Exhaust System**

**Elect. Fuel Pump**

**Later 4 Barrel Carb, orig. Manifold and air cleaner goes with the car**

The car is very original and nearly all of these have been chopped and ruined, to find a true survivor in Australia let alone the USA is very hard. The body is very good and has been a very dry car.

In storage since 1973 (34 yrs.) and returned to service in 2007 has been collector driven since that time. This is a complete driver level car with many new & reconditioned parts. It runs well and is appreciated as a survivor, true mileage unknown.

Asking price is \$43,500.00 . Call John Cooper on 0418827666





## 11. Holden Visit

Ian Robertson gave me a call to say that an American Cadillac member, namely Ron Zahn would be going to the National Conference in Busselton W.A. before journeying on to Adelaide and that while in Adelaide would like to visit the Holden Factory.

I therefore wrote to Holden requesting a visit but was informed that factory tours had been discontinued .... as did Ron who got the same story.

One thing you learn in real estate is persistence, so I wrote back to say we were disappointed as our American visitor had always wanted to look through the factory and I added that o thought it would have been great public relations to have some Cadillacs lined up at the front of the offices.

To cut a very long story short, it worked and on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April a tour of the General Assembly plant and Body Shop took place from 10am to 12.30pm. the participating members were

- Ian Robertson – 1940 series 62 coupe.
- Ross Delaine – 1974 Eldo el deora
- John Lucas – 1955 series 62
- John Cooper – 1959 Deville Coupe
- Harold & Pat Heaven – 1964 series 62
- Dominic Farina – 1961 Deville
- Michael Agostino – 1976 Eldorado Convertible
- Lynton Smith & Pat Staltari – 1970 Deville

*To any member who didn't get the opportunity – SORRY. I only got the email on Monday morning (14<sup>th</sup>) to say it was approved for the visit on Wednesday (16<sup>th</sup>), and Holden thought 8-9 cars would be sufficient as they didn't want a large group.*

Derek





## 12. Next Committee Meeting

Our next Committee Meeting is on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May and normally “starts” at 10.30am and finishes with nibbles provided by the attendees at approx 12.30-1pm.

As you know, everybody is invited to attend and your opinions are appreciated when the committee makes decisions.

Last time Dominic Farina very kindly offered his home for us to have the Committee Meeting (45°) so hopefully this one will be a little cooler.

If any member would like to offer their home for this meeting it will be very much appreciated.

If you have any questions/queries/how to/what to....., please give me a call or email me

Regards,

Derek

0438 826 251 or 8265 0777

OH! And if you ring 8265 0777 please have your house ready for sale!! (Only joking)

## 13. Log Book Day

A very important day to get your log book renewed because **IT HAS TO BE DONE BEFORE THE END OF JUNE**. It also provides the opportunity to have your car checked (once every 3 years), so have your statutory declaration form signed and with you.

**LATE NEWS—Date for rego day at old netball courts  
opposite Coca Cola 22nd June.**

# ST PATRICKS DAY PARADE



Rob Modugno's 65 , Ian Robertsons 65 and Lynton Smith's 73

## 14. Margaret Dunning Award

All states were asked to nominate a female member who met the following conditions:

### Process & Criteria for Selection

Each State Committee can nominate a female member and provide supporting information for selection including

- a). Active Membership of the state club,
- b). Ownership and/or driving of Cadillac/LaSalle vehicle/s, and
- c). Promotion of the interests of the Cadillac LaSalle Club at a state and/or national level.

The Award will be determined by the SA Club. The SA Committee will announce a winner at the National Rally. Past winners will participate in the evaluation process and eventually will be the sole determinants of the winners in the same way as the Ken Moss Award is determined. After the 2014 Western Australian Muster the responsibility for the Award and funds held by the South Australian Club for the Award will be handed over to the National Committee.

A committee of your members namely Ian Robertson, Tracy Phillips, Neville Butcher, Pat Heaven (previous winner) Janet Hazeldene (previous winner) and Derek Lynch met to discuss the 5 nominations and decided that Robyn Griffin of Queensland was a most deserving winner.

The trophy was presented to Robyn at the National conference in Busselton W.A. by Ian Robertson – much to the delight of a very surprised Robyn. – a most well deserved winner.



**Thanks Colleen for organising the Award Plate (above)**

**Ian presenting the award to Robyn Griffin (right)**





## Sponsors for the Quiz Nite

The following companies have donated prizes for our Quiz Nite



Chateau Dorrien Winery - David has been very generous and donated some gorgeous wines for the quiz night. For a boutique winery he has been very generous. If you're in the area please pop in and support our local wine industry or you can buy on-line at

[www.chateaudorrien.com.au](http://www.chateaudorrien.com.au)

## CommonwealthBank



Commonwealth Bank - Modbury Branch. Gina and her team have been extremely generous and have donated some handy prizes for the quiz night. If you are looking to open a bank account, apply for a credit card or home loan, even life insurance or insurance for the prize possession in the shed or insurance for the shed it's self, please contact Gina LaBella at Modbury Commonwealth Bank - 7210 0391



*Some people have indicated that they'd like to do dance lesson's either to learn or have fun. Michelle Robinson's Quick Steps School of Dance is a reputable and affordable dance school on Pultney Street. Your first lesson is complimentary, she does individual and group classes. Please contact her on 0403 593 321 or 8121 3399 for bookings or check out her website: [www.quickstep.com.au](http://www.quickstep.com.au)*

## 15. EVENTS CALENDAR

### APRIL

Sunday 13th April

#### **Rock'n'Roll Rendezvous at the National Motor Museum**

For more info visit [rock'n'roll.rondezvvous.com.au](http://rock'n'roll.rondezvvous.com.au)  
(unofficial club event)

### MAY

Sunday 18th May

#### **Committee Meeting**

All members invited

Venue TBA

#### **RIVERLAND WEEKEND SLEEPOUT—CANCELLED**

Organisers—Lynton & Tina

### JUNE

Sunday 22nd June

#### **LOG BOOK DAY & PICNIC**

Venue—Old Netball courts opposite Coca Cola

Organisers—Derek & Authorizing Committee

### JULY

Sunday 13th July

#### **A.G.**

Venue—Meadows Hotel

Organisers—Peter & Honey

### AUGUST

Saturday 2nd August

#### **QUIZ NITE 2**

Back by popular demand .... Our 1st Quiz Nite was a huge success.

This family friendly event .... don't miss it! Tickets available now.

Organiser—Samantha

Sunday 17th August

#### **Committee Meeting**

All members invited

Venue—TBA

### SEPTEMBER

Sunday 14th September

#### **Cruise to Lobethal**

Visit Melba's Chocolate Factory and the Cheese shop next door.

Lunch at Lobethal Bierhaus & tour thru their micro brewery.

Organiser—Lindo

Sunday 28th September

#### **Bay to Birdwood** (unofficial event)

For more information visit [www.baytobirdwood.com.au](http://www.baytobirdwood.com.au)

### OCTOBER

#### **Visit Hindmarsh Island Airfield**

Organiser—Derek

### NOVEMBER

Sunday 9th November

#### **Gumeracha Show & Shine**

Organiser—Tracy

Sunday 16th November

#### **Committee Meeting**

All members invited

Venue—TBA

### DECEMBER

#### **XMAS PICNIC AT MARBLE HILL**

Organiser—Nick

Uraidla Hot Rodders Picnic at Uraidla

(unofficial Club Event)

Date & organiser TBA

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