

Run Report - Yarra Glen and Sugarloaf Reservoir

By Club Captain Tony Bullen

What a great day to get the classics out on the road; sun shining, not too hot, and great people to spend the day with. Couldn't ask for more!

The countryside and the places we visited were great. Chocolate, coffee, ice-cream, and scones at the Chocolaterie, and then back to Sugarloaf for a picnic lunch.

Later, back to Yarra Glen for a look around the shops and arvo tea. We had a short stop at the memorial lookout at Kangaroo Ground; the view was fantastic and well worth the stop (see pics of the three club cars with Elaine's modern at the rear).

As usual, I tried not to lose any one but on this trip, I wouldn't say I lost anyone, but misplaced them temporarily. Fortunately, we all had our phones so only misplaced for five minutes! I might try the hand-held CB sets on the next trip. They only have a two kilometre range but that would be enough to keep us on track and hopefully, stop misplacements.

As this was our last road trip for the year I would like to thank all the members who came along to the outings. I had great fun and good company, and I hope you did to. I have lots of trips in the planning stage for next year so it will be great to see you at them in your classic or modern car.

To those who are joining us for Christmas lunch, I will see you at 12 mid-day, Galli winery on 9th December. To those that can't make it, I wish you a very happy and safe festive season. We will catch up in the New Year.

Members in attendance to Yarra Glen and Sugarloaf Reservoir:

- Billy Flaherty (Morris Minor Tourer)
- Geoff Meehan (Leyland Mini)
- Tony Bullen and Stephen Whitworth (Morris Oxford)
- Elaine Booker and Joyce Farsaci (Modern)

Editor's comment: a great day and a great trip. The vista from the look-out en-route was breathtaking (see below). To see mountains that are part of the Great Dividing Range as well as the metro areas of Melbourne in a few footsteps was simply awesome, an oft over-used term but in this instance totally apt. Further comment, the time spent in Tony and Geoff's cars on the trip was priceless and I encourage more members without heritage vehicles to simply come along and hitch a ride; it's inspiring.

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'Young David' shows how to work a crowd at Motorclassica 2018

By our on-the-spot correspondent Graeme Williamson

On a fine, sunny and warm Thursday morning, I dusted off the Cooper ready for the drive to Melbourne to meet up with the other members representing our club in the 2018 Motorclassica Club Sandwich at the Exhibition Buildings.

Basically a Club Sandwich is not three pieces of bread with different fillings, but a gathering of different car club clubs displaying their vehicles outside the Motorclassica.

Our club entry was scheduled for around 1.50pm on Thursday 11th October. I'd arranged to meet with Bevan (Oxford), Geoff Meehan (Mini Clubman), David Hamilton (Austin A30 wagon) and Tim Christie (in Elaine Booker's Minor) at the north end of the gardens in Carlton St between 1.00 and 1.30 pm.

A little after 1pm Geoff arrived and shortly after that, the flash of a blue Oxford at the bottom end of Carlton St, indicated Bevan had arrived. Like all prearranged meetings, not everything goes to plan. A little after 1.30, the phones were out revealing that David was waiting for us in Rathdowne St and Tim was circling looking for Carlton St.

At our designated time we entered the Exhibition Building car park, following behind the Fiat car club. As can be expected with too many Indians and not enough chiefs on duty, the Motorclassica staff guiding us in, had different opinions as to where our display position was. After three relocations we finally settled in a lovely shaded, semi dust free spot with our five cars facing directly towards the Exhibition Building (see below).



After securing our vehicles, the five of us walked the short distance to Parliament Station, where Bevan and Geoff caught their trains home. Tim, David and myself settled in to the nearest pub for a refreshing ale.

After changing into our cocktail clobber we all met back at the exhibition building just before 6pm. Tim was quickly transformed into "Corporate Tim" in jacket and tie, I was in my black cocktail suit and David was resplendent in T-shirt and dusted off jacket and jeans with matching sneakers. As this was a semi formal occasion, he turned his baseball cap around and now wore it with the peak to the front. We were ready!!

So with a few shots of Dutch courage and a deep breath in we went. I was fully expecting the usher to ask David to find a tie when I heard, "G 'Day Mate... Don't I know you???"

It was David with his hand out to the bloke at the entrance door, "Yeah I did a job for you or your sister a few years back.....blah... blah blah, this is Graeme and Tim, we're with the Morris Car Club ..Blah bah blah. ...!" and on it went.

Needless to say no entry was refused. We didn't even need to show our tickets for a shindig costing Mercedes Australia around \$120 per head,

Soon a waiter arrived with a tray of drinks offering refreshments.



"Jason! You old bugger, haven't seen you for years what are you doing here!"Yep you guessed it. David was on first name best buddy terms with the barman, Needless to say we didn't want for drinks during the evening either. Tim and I were just shaking our heads in disbelief.

Then it was over to meet a socialite couple (see above), who David knew through whatever. This Chap was displaying one of his 27 cars in the Motorclassica and regaled us with anecdotes of his cars owned, costs and repairs, and his associations with his good friends like Lindsay Fox. What an eye opener!

I've had 35 years in teaching and 15 or so years as a school principal. Tim is well experienced with the ins and outs of the corporate world through Shire Councils etc and we both knew a bit about networking but I must say we were taught a lesson by young David on this evening. Its not what you know but who you know and the gift of the gab. Thanks David ... we had a ball!

I wandered back to my hotel around 9 leaving Tim and David, pretty well oiled, still chatting.

Friday morning I returned to dust off the cars and chat with members of the public about our club and the cars on display. On the Saturday morning I met up with our Club Captain Tony Bullen and on the Sunday I met with Stephen Whitworth. Later on Sunday morning David, Tim, Geoff and Bevan returned to view the Motorclassica Display and to get ready for our departure at 4pm

All in all it was a great weekend. Very interesting, in many respects with some brilliant cars on display. Well worth the time if you can afford it next year. My thanks to Tony Bullen for his organisation and Tim, David, Geoff and Bevan for their excellent company, that ensured a successful and enjoyable weekend.

Andrew Read raises the MCCV flag in Maffra

A few weeks back Club Captain Tony sent out a message giving members the opportunity to give their cars a holiday in Maffra as part of the Gippsland Vehicle Collection. Andrew Read took up the offer with three of his cars pictured below.

The facility provides Gippsland with an outstanding rotating display of interesting vehicles: cars, motorbikes, machinery, historic vehicles, carriages, trucks and auto memorabilia.

The motor museum in "The Maffra Shed" is located on the Sale Road in Maffra. The massive Shed is an old vegetable de-hydrating factory built during WW2 and is owned by Murray Goulburn Co-Op.

The open-trussed building of around 2200 Square Metres is well worthy of a visit. Features such as Audio-Visual facilities, BBQs and meeting areas are provided for the use of community groups and car-clubs visiting the museum as part of their weekend leisure events.

The facility has a constantly changing range of vehicles to ensure a fresh and exciting display for visitors several times a year.

The items on display depict motoring and transport from horse drawn carriages up to modern racers. Maffra has long been a strong motoring centre and boasts a local hill-climb track run by the 'Maffra & District Car Club', and a Motocross track run by the Maffra Sale Motorcycle Club. Gippsland Vehicle Collection is located at 1a Sale Road, Maffra Victoria 3860.



President's message



It's been another busy month but we'll have a few quiet club months ahead to rest up and to catch up with family and friends.

Motorclassica was well presented by our club this year with a great display. There were certainly many inquiries about our club and a lot of Morris stories shared with the punters. For the 2019 event we will be looking for members that didn't show their vehicle to place their Morris or B.M.C cars on the display.

Thank you to Bevan, Graeme, Elaine, Geoff and David for putting your cars on show for this year's Club sandwich.

Graeme's account of the event in this edition of Bull's-Eye gives you a sense of how good the event was.

Also, a big thanks to the members that made the trip to Bendigo for last weekend's swap meet. The event was as great as ever and there were several stunning examples of pre-WW2, Delage vehicles on show. Also a feature, were some terrific 'barn-find' vehicles.

I am also proud to say that the MCCV also had a full-page article featuring Ian Smith's beautiful Morris and the story of its restoration. The magazine is sent internationally so the MCCV has also benefited from Ian's efforts.

Finally, thank you Andrew Read for you for the photos of the Morris car club display at the Gippsland Car Collection located in Maffra. See you all soon, hopefully at the Christmas lunch next month but I don't please have a safe and relaxing Christmas break.

Yours in Morris historical motoring

Tim Christie

Events, meetings & things to know

Month	Meeting Date & Place	Club Event
December	No meeting this month	<p>December 9</p> <p>Club Christmas Function Galli Winery Restaurant 1507 Melton Hwy, Plumpton VIC 3335</p>
January	No meeting this month	No club event this month
February	<p>February 5</p> <p>Pascoe Vale RSL Dinner from 6.30 onwards Meeting 8pm</p>	<p>February 17</p> <p>Family Fun Day 10.15 - 4pm Diamond Valley Miniature Railway Meeting Time 10.15am. Place 570 Main RD Eltham Bring food, bevridges, chairs, and picnic rugs.</p>
March	<p>March 5</p> <p>Pascoe Vale RSL Dinner from 6.30 onwards Meeting 8pm</p>	<p>March 16</p> <p>Bungal Outing Meeting point: BP/McDonalds 9.30 for a 10am departure</p>

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Delage was a French luxury automobile and race car company founded in 1905 by Louis Delage in Levallois-Perret near Paris; it was acquired by Delahaye in 1935 and ceased operation in 1953.



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The Bendigo Swap Meet is one of Australia's largest swap meets held every year since 1975 in Bendigo. Supporting the vehicle restoration movement all around the country.

By agreement with the Federation of Veteran Vintage & Classic Vehicle Clubs Inc. the management and organisation was delegated to the Veteran Vintage & Classic Club Bendigo Inc. The Swap Meet has been conducted annually for over 40 years.

This partnership has worked since then to the benefit of both organisations well as as numerous car clubs and countless vehicle restorers.

The Vintage Veteran Classic Club Bendigo has excellent club rooms and mechanical facilities enabling it to play host to many other car club events and rallies.

The Federation now supports 96 clubs with trophy donations and grants for equipment, 3 picnic displays and quarterly meetings all of which are fully funded from the Swap Income.

The Swap now has over 1,700 sites and attracts in excess of 15,000 people over the weekend. It is known worldwide within the historic vehicle movement.

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