

Transmission

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Official Magazine of the

ROOTES GROUP CAR CLUB QLD Inc

(Incl Humber, Hillman, Sunbeam, Singer, Commer &
Karrier Vehicles and Clubs in Queensland)

Just one of the many benefits of membership

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas with your family and New Year was not too busy!

We spent our Christmas in Brisbane this year as we have two new grandchildren born eight days apart in late 2024, so we have been a little pre-occupied with these new arrivals. To add to the mix our three children are located in Sydney and Adelaide as well as Brisbane. So, we had two quick trips to visit Sydney and Adelaide both pre and post-Christmas.

When we were in Adelaide, we arranged to catch up with the President of the South Australian Sunbeam Car Club Paul Heuer and some of his committee for brunch. He brought us up to date on how the South Australian Nationals are progressing which you would have seen in our newsletter of late. The event is in September at Victor Harbour, and we will definitely be driving our Sunbeam Rapier down and back; really looking forward to the drive and of course the Nationals.

When I was in Adelaide, I noticed a pair of NOS Sunbeam Rapier/ADL Hillman headlight rims and chrome finishers for sale in their original Lucas boxes. These would have to be over sixty years old, so they came back to Brisbane for my Rapier. The seller purchased them as part of a job lot at clearance sale, he did not know much about Rootes vehicles but had a few Valiants he was in the process of restoring.

We are in the process of sending out by email a document which will replace the plastic membership cards you have received upon renewing your membership in prior years. I would suggest you print out a copy of this document and keep it in your glovebox for safekeeping. The information will confirm that you are a member of the Club if in the unlikely situation you are requested to produce evidence of entitlement for concessional registration. To be honest in the thirty-five years of driving my Rootes vehicles I have never been requested to produce this information.

We have had a good response from members in renewing their membership for 2025 so thank you to all who have done this. When making payments to the Club please remember to put your name in the reference or narrative field as we had a couple of renewals who we are unable to identify the payer, and please use the Suncorp account details as shown in this and previous newsletters.

We are holding the **AGM on 16th March** - the details of which are in the Newsletter this month. I would strongly encourage you to attend and would really value your input on how the Club can meet your expectations going forward in 2025.

I will be taking our annual month off in February to attend the Sunbeam and the Humber car club Nationals on the North Island of New Zealand which are two weeks apart. In the middle we will be attending the annual Americana event in New Plymouth as the National President of the NZ Sunbeam Car Club will be attending with his beautiful Studebaker Hawk. So unfortunately, we will miss the February run however we will be back for the AGM.

Enough from me, I will look forward to meeting many of you at my mystery run and the AGM next year, and if you have any suggestions, comments or questions please feel free to contact me directly at elizabethkindy@westnet.com.au.

David Phillips.

Don't Forget: Next Event

Fish 'n' Chips Brunch Saturday 22 February

See details and map in this newsletter.

Don't Forget: Membership Renewals Due 1st January

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Do you have an idea for a run or event? Please contact the Events Co-ordinator! Thank you.

Month	Date	Day	Event / Address	Address	Sponsor	Start
Feb	1st 2nd	Saturday Sunday	Toowoomba Swap	Toowoomba Showgrounds	Darling Downs VVMC	
Feb	7th 8th	Friday Saturday	Dalby Swap	Dalby Showgrounds Nicholson St, Dalby		
Feb	22 nd	Saturday	Fish n Chips Brunch	Frank Doyle Park Allpass Parade, Shorncliffe	RGCCQ	09:00
Mar	16 th	Sunday	AGM 09:30 Lunch 12:00	Arana Leagues Club 247 Dawson Parade, Keperra	RGCCQ	09:30
Mar	23rd	Sunday	Ormiston Swap	Ormiston State School Wellington Road, Ormiston	Bayside Restorers	06:00
Apr	TBA	TBA	President's Mystery Run	Southside Brisbane	RGCCQ	
May	16 th 19 th	Friday to Monday	Humber National Meeting	Parkes NSW	Humber Car Club of Australia	
May	18th	Sunday	David Hack Classic	Toowoomba Airport	RGCCQ	
June	4th *	Wednesday	Ipswich Car Club Combined Run	Meet at Cameron Park, Booval	RGCCQ	09:00
July	TBA	TBA	Winter Overnighter	Stanthorpe Region – Multi-day event	RGCCQ	
Aug	TBA	Saturday	Rootes Roundup	Highvale	RGCCQ	
Sept	12 th 15 th	Friday to Monday	Sunbeam National Meeting	Victor Harbor, South Australia	Sunbeam Owners Club SA	
Sept	14th *	Sunday	All British Day	St Joseph's School Tennyson	RGCCQ	
Oct	TBA	TBA	Northern Run	North Brisbane / Sunshine Coast	RGCCQ	
Nov	TBA	TBA	Christmas Party	Somewhere nice and cool 📍	RGCCQ	
Dec	Nil	Nil	No Event			

➤ ITEMS IN BLUE: CLUB ORGANISED EVENTS

➤ ITEMS IN BLACK: EVENTS ORGANISED BY THIRD PARTIES

* Date to be confirmed.

REGULAR CAR MEETS AROUND BRISBANE

This is NOT a complete list. If you can recommend another, let us know so we can add it to our list.

Old Petrie Town, Petrie-Fri nights, Sat and Sun morning, every week.

1st Saturday of month 7.30 am - Cars and Coffee -Samios Foods Turbo Drive Coorparoo

1st Sunday of month 7.00 am - Greg's Cars and Coffee-Victoria Point Shops

2nd Sat of month 7.30 am - Coffee, Crunch and Chrome - Joes Diner - Kingsford Smith Dr. Eagle Farm

2nd Sunday of month 7.00 am Cars and Coffee - Spokes Café, Samford Village

Last Saturday of month 8.00 am Cars and Coffee - Ormeau, 270 Lars Rd.

Last Sunday of month 8.00 am Breakfast and Cars, Beenleigh Historic Village

2nd Sunday of month 10.00 am Waterloo Bay Hotel -Berrima St Wynnum

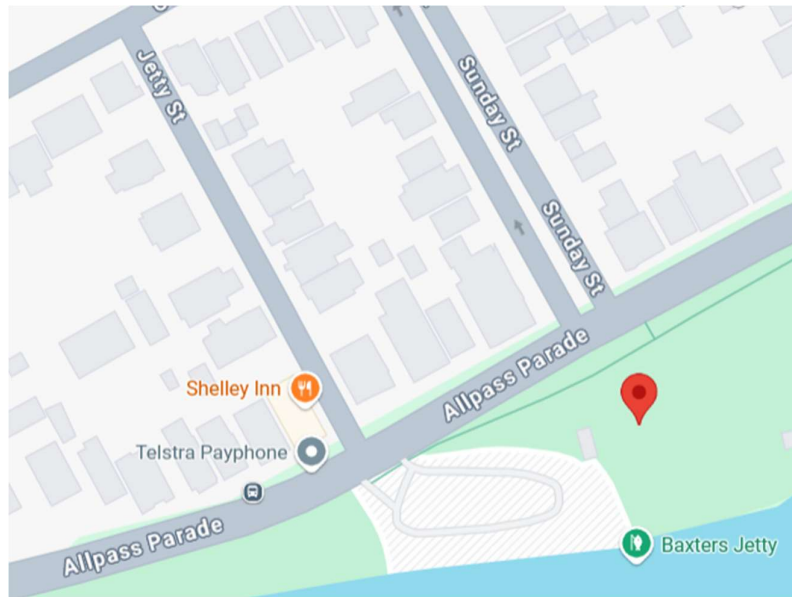
Wednesdays 5-8pm - Morayfield Cars and Pizza, Shops at Uhlmann Ave, Burpengary East

FEBRUARY EVENT – FISH n CHIPS BRUNCH AT SHORNCLIFFE

09:00 Saturday 22nd February

Frank Doyle Park, Corner Jetty Street and Allpass Parade.

Bring a chair – excellent food available from The Shelly Inn (see map) then sit under the trees in the park by the water. See the full menu at <https://bopple.app/5347/menu>



My Classic Journey – Pt 6

The owner of the Sunbeam Talbot Alpine upon retiring to Culburra Beach commenced his restoration. As many of you know who have restored cars over the years, he made the first and a costly mistake in the restoration process.

In his haste to start he enthusiastically pulled parts off and stored them in boxes and bags randomly. He did not sort and label them so the problem we ultimately encountered was we were uncertain what they were, and some parts were stored in other locations around his property and were mislaid.

After stripping the car fairly quickly and then arranging for it to be assessed by a local panel beater he then suffered a massive stroke which stopped the restoration dead in the water so to speak.

He decided that the car restoration was really beyond him with his current health situation, and he reluctantly put the car up for sale.

Back in the 1990's there was no internet, EBAY or Facebook/Messenger so each month most car enthusiasts would purchase Unique Cars to see what gems would come up Australia. It was a great way to see cars for sale interstate and a great talking point on car runs as well.

I remember when I saw the advert as I was in discussions with another Alpine for sale which was sitting out in the open over a red soil cutting in the Kingscliff hinterland. Unfortunately, this blue Alpine was slowly but surely rusting away and would blend into the red soil beautifully!

I remember opening the driver's door and looking at the rust holes all through the body, Fred Flintstone would have loved this car. In fact, it was far worse than the Jensen Interceptor I viewed all those years ago in England.

I would have to had taken a second mortgage to restore this vehicle or though re-bodying would have been a better option if I could find a rust-free body. I even spoke to an owner in the USA who had several good bodies but then the Alpine came up in Unique Cars.

The Alpine looked good in the photos the owner sent me, so I took the plunge and did what I have never done before and purchased it without viewing it first.

When the Sunbeam Talbot Alpine arrived in Brisbane the rust in the body was more severe than we thought. It was so severe that instead of fixing the rust in the floor another floor was welded on and later another floor was added. When we sandblasted it off the chassis the returned body looked like Swiss cheese with more rust holes than we could see structural metal.

At this point in time, I just parked it with my body shop to decide after some deliberations what I would do with the vehicle.

After much discussion with my wife and body shop, we decided to face the situation and commence body restoration. This process took almost five years and eventually the body shop lost interest, so I moved it to another restorer who finished the body and paint for us.

The other issue I had to face was the previous owner had moved and some parts that were meant to be with the vehicle were there. If they were Talbot 90 specific that was not an issue as I could source them locally or from England. The Alpine specific parts I needed were the detachable side screens and the Hood front rail and securing clips. I managed to locate the screens from another Alpine owner - the late Bill Ewing in Wynnum North. He owned a sky-blue Alpine which he shipped over to England to participate in historic rallies over there. He also had a great collection of other historic vehicles including a lovely preiwar Aston Martin. After he passed on the Alpine was sold to the Sleeping Beauties owner Wolf Grodd who has undertaken many fantastic restorations on Mercedes Benz locally for owners all around the world.

To Be Continued.

David Phillips.

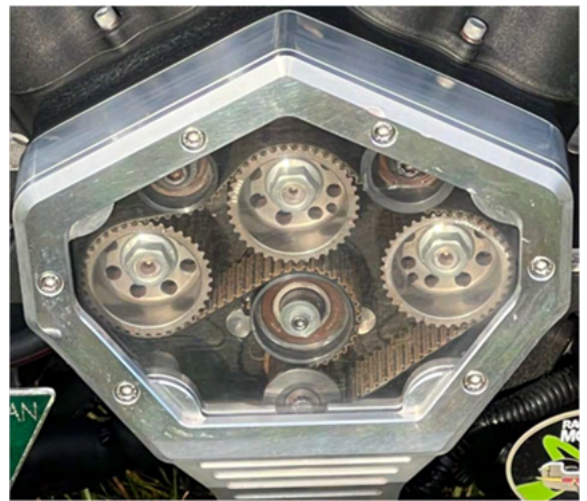
WANTED

14" Steel Wheel (yes, just one) to suit Alpine / Tiger / Rapier. Contact Editor via email please.

R.G.C.C.Q. JANUARY EVENT

Australia Day Show 'n' Shine - Cleveland

This time of year guarantees hot weather, so I'm glad they open the gates at Ormiston State School around 06:30. This year I left home at 5 and had the roads almost to myself in the cool morning air – bliss! As you get closer to the venue you start lining up at the lights with other classics which of course makes the drive even more enjoyable. At 06:15 I was in the second row of cars and it already felt like it was going to be another successful year for the organisers. It clearly was: by mid-morning both fields were full of interesting and varied motors. This is a very good and well-run event with the very popular raffle proceeds going to a worthwhile charity. Highly recommended 👍 👍



If you squint this could be an Alpine dashboard. (Datsun Fairlady)



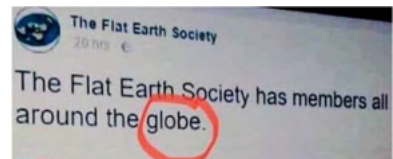


My teacher told me not to worry about spelling because in the future there will be autocorrect And for that I am eternally grapefruit.

Look how instinctively, the mother croc carries the baby in its mouth. Nature is beautiful.



Be grateful that no matter how much chocolate you eat, your earrings will still fit.



Your Membership Dues for 2025 were due on January 1st 2025. No price increase from 2024.

We've enjoyed having you on board with us for 2024 and look forward to continuing our association throughout 2025. As always, club fees for the year are due in January and once again we have managed to keep them down to just \$45 for the year – excellent value for money. No further reminders are sent, so please act on this form.

It is our duty to remind Members who are on S.I.V.S Concessional Registration that Department of Transport and Main Roads conditions state “to retain the concession you should be a financial member of an incorporated car club”. If you operate outside of these conditions of the SIV Scheme, you may face a fine of \$176 or risk having your concession eligibility reassessed. As well as incurring financial penalties for operating outside of the scheme, you may face serious insurance implications if you are involved in an incident causing damage to your or other vehicles or property, or injury to yourself or others whilst not being compliant with registration requirements due to lapsed membership.

PAYMENT (Note – the Club has changed the Bank Account Details. Please check the account details below before processing your EFT payment, and update the Club's details in your Saved Payee list if necessary).

Cheques/money orders payable to ROOTES GROUP CAR CLUB QLD Inc can be sent to:
RGCC Qld Inc
C/- P O Box 504
Cannon Hill, QLD 4170

Alternatively, you may make a counter deposit or electronic transfer at any bank to:
ROOTES GROUP CAR CLUB QLD Inc
BSB 484 799 (Suncorp) **ACCOUNT: 481 960 636**

(Please reference the deposit with your name and also send us an email when payment is made to make the Treasurer's life a little easier! (secretary@rgccqld.org.au))

CHANGES/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If there have been any changes since your last contact with us (for example: additional vehicles to be included in your membership, change of address, registration numbers, contact details, email address, etc), or if you now have information such as chassis numbers or engine numbers that you weren't able to provide at the time of joining please include those updates here. (Or, in the case of paying electronically please include a note in your advice email.) The Club is required to keep a record of SIV's registered cars for TMR. Please assist us by detailing any SIV's registered cars you may have.

A friendly reminder: If you own a Classic Car on SIV rego, then you must be a financial member of an Official Club. Failure to do so means your car is unregistered, uninsured if driven in QLD.



ROOTES RAMBLINGS JANUARY 2025

Well Xmas has come and gone and I hope for all of you it was a happy time spent with family and friends and a very Happy New Year to you all for 2025. As usual the hot cross buns were on sale in early January so I expect that means Easter is just around the corner!! For me the cars have had a bit of a rest over the holidays and probably are quite relieved that they don't have to go out in the heat we are having. Now, however, it's time to get them ready to go and as usual Australia Day is the first run for many Clubs. It's always amazing to me to see just how much the battery drops over the Xmas break so in readiness for Australia Day I put it on the charger, checked the car's vitals and then started it up just in case it had forgotten what it will be expected to do!!!! I imagine the 26th will be hot as it usually is so be ready with the aircon!!! In my case opening the sunroof about an inch gives a wonderful breeze which travels over my head rather than into my eyes and is pulled out by the rear quarter vents – great system. Oh, yes and don't forget to check your tyres and the spare.

This year there will be some great runs to participate in and perhaps a couple where we actually drive to a couple of places on our run rather than just staying at the same spot. Don't forget to save some dates for the Nationals in May as I'm sure this is going to be a very good event.

I dug the Humber out of its Xmas hibernation the other day after first pumping up the battery, put some fresh petrol in the tank as I left it only $\frac{3}{4}$ full for just this reason and went for a very brisk drive up to Mt Nebo, (about half an hour). I had a pleasant look out from a couple of the Lookouts on the way and came home in the cool of the evening – very refreshing! One must always stick to the speed limits on this road as it is always very well patrolled especially on the weekends. It is just good fun to get in our old cars and go for a drive (remember only up to 30kms radius for a test drive!), particularly just after the sun goes down.

I haven't had any feedback apart from the Committee, on the Constitution and that was only a minor wording change so if you have any comments please let me know very soon as we want to ratify the Constitution at the AGM in March.

Another day another recall, Hyundai have recalled over 4700 cars over a fault with the fuel control valve which causes the engine to stall. It is the wording of these recalls which always catches my eye as they try to lessen usually the fact that if it doesn't get fixed you are very likely going to have a serious accident. To give them their due they did add this in but most don't. Here it is so you may judge for yourself. The fault may cause –“a sudden loss of motive power whilst driving increases the risk of an accident causing serious injury or death to vehicle occupants and other road users.” Imagine if you are doing 100kph on the highway in the middle lane and suddenly you are not!!!!!! I daresay it would cause some consternation to those immediately behind you!! At least they have done something as some manufacturers in the past have just hoped it will all go away.

On something completely different, I have a very faithful little Victa mower which was given to me as it also had lost its motive power but a clever fellow who lives in Stanthorpe and happened to be visiting fixed the cracked float and it has been running ever since. I think it must have had a hard life before me as it manages to make the oil disappear and which I have to top up on a regular basis. However, I forgive it this little sin as it is quite light and is an extremely good vacuum cleaner of the lawn. Now the other day it decided not to start even after some coaxing and so I had to revert to the Honda to do the job, so as soon as I finished, I took the sparkplug out of the Victa hoping this was the cause. Well, it certainly was. I have never seen a sparkplug in anything that was so completely filled with oily gunk. After giving the poor thing a good clean, I put it back in and away it went first pull. The lesson here for this mower is perhaps I need to check the plug more than rarely to assist the faithful little thing. Oh, that other mechanical issues were so easy to fix!!!!!!

I hope you had a wonderful Australia Day with family and celebrated the fact that we live in a wonderful country of which we should all be very proud.

Enjoy your driving,

Regards, Adrian

Club Regalia – Stock up For 2025!

Your club has a good collection of Regalia items for sale – perfect indulgences!

Prices as shown, freight extra. Come along to an event and save on freight!

Contact your Club Regalia Officer Lyn Phillips by email at admin@woolishop.com.au or on 0402 423 800



Polo Shirt with pocket – Sizes L (4 available), XL (1 available), 2XL (2 available)

Made from “Podium Cool” fibre especially designed to absorb body perspiration into the fabric surface where it is evaporated leaving the wearer fresh and cool. Limited availability means wearers will enjoy exclusivity!

Price: \$25.00 each or 2 for \$40.00

Note – sensational male model not included.

**My wife asked if she
could have a little
peace and quiet
while she cooked dinner...**

**So I took the battery out
of the smoke alarm!**



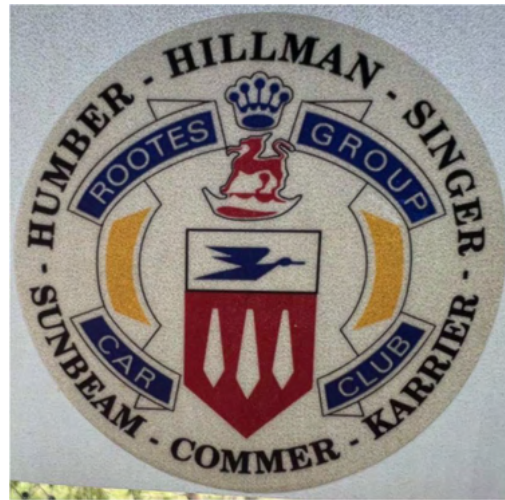
Bucket Hat (5 available) and **Baseball Cap** (8 available)

One size fits most – most of us who don't want skin cancer that is. Price: \$15.00 each or 2 for \$20.00

Window Transfers.

Self-adhesive “stickers” designed to affix to the inside of a window – whether that's your shed door, car window or trophy cabinet. Wear your Rootes addiction with pride!

16 Available – 80mm diameter. Price: 2 for \$8.00



28 Available – 86 mm Square. Price: 2 for \$8.00



High Quality **leather key ring** with enamelled plaque and brass ring. 12 Available. Price: \$10 each.



Heavy (100 grams each or 10 per kilo!), quality **plaques**. Both sides of a single item shown below. Perfect badge bar or shed art – also proven to work as a coaster. 6 Available. Price: \$5 each or 4 for \$15.00



Enamel badge – 80mm W x 52mm H. 1 only, \$5.



Sticker – 72 mm diameter. 6 Available 2 for \$8.00





HUMBER NATIONAL RALLY 2025

HOSTED BY HUMBER CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA INC.

CO-HOSTED BY PARKES ANTIQUE MOTOR CLUB

FRI 16TH - MON 19TH MAY 2025



ENTRY FORM

Entries close 21 March 2025

Please use **BLOCK LETTERS** with blue or black pen

SECTION 1 - ENTRANT DETAILS

Surname:		Given Name:	
Postal Address:			
		State:	Postcode:
Phone:	Email:		
Car Club Membership:			

SECTION 2 - VEHICLE DETAILS

Make:		Model:	
Body Style:	Year:	Registration No:	

SECTION 3 - PASSENGER DETAILS

PASSENGER NAMES

(For Name Badges. Please include age where passenger is **15 years or under**)

1.	3.
2.	4.

PASSENGER SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS (SPECIFY)

1.	3.
2.	4.

REGISTRATION & ENTRY FEE

REGISTRATION \$ 50.00
PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES \$160 per person x _____ = \$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE \$ _____

Entry Fee includes all admissions, Welcome, Rally Dinners Saturday and Sunday, Farewell (Refer to Program in Section 4 for specific inclusions and any extra out-of-pocket expenses)

Please pay via direct deposit (no cheques):

BSB: 032 183 A/C Number: 192258 A/C Name: Humber Car Club of Australia

Please reference the deposit with your initial and surname (e.g. A Jones) + Rally

Receipts will be sent to entrant's email address.

ENTRANT DECLARATION:

Please tick

- The vehicle entered has current Conditional Historic Registration or Full Registration and Comprehensive or Third Party Liability Insurance as at the dates of the Rally.
- I am a financial member of the above stated Club.
- I will be able to produce evidence of current Club Membership, Registration and Vehicle Insurance at Rally Registration.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:**

SUBMISSION OF ENTRY FORM

Jotform Link (preferred)

<https://form.jotform.com/242181901158049>

Or by email your entry to: pjwright18@bigpond.com

If you need to post: Peter Wright,
9 Windmill Drive
MOORE CREEK NSW 2340

SECTION 4 – PROGRAM AND INCLUDED COSTINGS

PROGRAM	ACTIVITY All activities are included in the entry fee unless costed otherwise	DETAILS	COST INCLUDED OR AT PARTICIPANT EXPENSE
Friday 16 th 2.00 pm	Parkes Visitor Information Centre Access to “King’s Castle”, Moat Cottage and Motor Museum Registration in Parkes Antique Motor Club Rooms		Cost Included
4.00 pm	Afternoon Tea and Official welcome	Catered by Parkes Antique Motor Club	Cost Included
6.30 pm	Dinner at Participant choice and expense.	Group booking will be made at Cambridge Hotel	Own expense
Saturday 17 th 9.00 am	Vehicle Display and Judging. “Graceland Gates” Co-hosted by Parkes Antique Motor Club	Judging by Parkes Antique Motor Club	
12.30 pm	Entry to Henry Parkes Museum and Morning Tea included. Lunch at Participant choice and expense.	Catered by Henry Parkes Museum Select your own venue	Cost Included Cost Included Own Expense
2.00 pm	Visit to HARS Parkes Aviation Museum	Guided Tour. Afternoon Tea by HARS Parkes	Cost Included
6.30 pm	Dinner and Quiz Night at Parkes Services Club	Advise any special dietary requirements. 2 Course buffet meals, tea and coffee included. Bar will be open.	Cost included Own Expense
Sunday 18 th 9.00 am	Drive to Peak Hill Gold Mine Guided Tour of Mine	Included	Cost Included
11.45 am	Light Morning Tea at Commercial Park, Peak Hill	Provided by HCCA	
	CSIRO Parkes Observatory “The Dish” Note: Closes at 4.00 pm. “3D” Video an Extra	Included	Cost Included Own Expense
	Free afternoon to visit sites of Parkes	Participant Expense Lunch can be purchased at the café at your own expense.	Own Expense
6.30 pm	Rally Dinner Quiz Night, Presentation and Banner Handover	Advise any special dietary requirements. 2 Course alternate drop meal, tea and coffee included. Bar will be open.	Cost Included Own Expense
Monday 19 th Farewell		Included Included	Included Included

SUNBEAM 46TH NATIONAL IMAGES LIBRARY

There is a large quantity of photos and videos available at the links below, until January 31st 2025.

Photos:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1w5-bMbg-xfR5kSkq_vpgzr17fHS41Zru?usp=drive_link

Videos:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Yse4FhwTpkYF_tNWJPGOSKM4Qph-FvJw?usp=drive_link

The 2025 Sunbeam Nationals will be at Victor Harbor in South Australia from 12th to 15th September – hope to see you there!

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Club meetings are usually held on the 3rd Sunday afternoon of each alternate month. We're in this to enjoy ourselves, so meetings are fun and we enjoy a Nog 'n Natter beforehand. Friends and prospective members are ALWAYS welcome.

The next scheduled Committee meeting is at a date to be advised.



47th Sunbeam National Meeting 2025



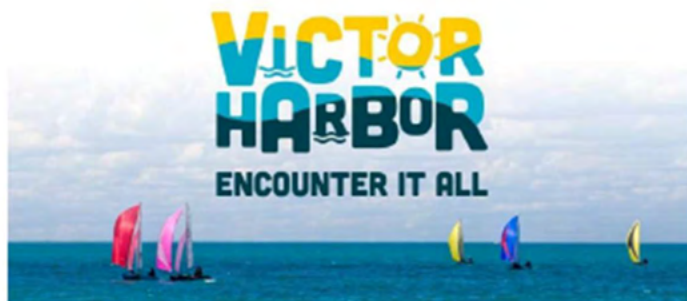
A Victor Harbor Encounter
September 12th - 15th 2025



Phone: 0417 458 736

E-mail: nationals25@sunbeamcarclubsa.org.au
web: <http://www.sunbeamcarclubsa.org.au/NationalsSA>
register: Post to PO Box 112, Glenside SA 5065,
or email to nationals25@sunbeamcarclubsa.org.au





We look forward to your company at the 2025 Sunbeam Nationals in Victor Harbor, South Australia

The Sunbeam Car Owners Club of South Australia is delighted to host the 2025 Nationals and has selected the Fleurieu Peninsula city of Victor Harbor as the venue for the annual gathering.

Victor Harbor enjoys fine daily weather and pleasant evenings in spring, perfect for motoring and outdoor activities. These are very good reasons for selecting September 12th – 15th for our annual gathering.

Our program is designed to include only a few of the best experiences that the Fleurieu can offer, with an opportunity to extend your stay and participate in other features of the area.

We have found a comfortable balance in our program to provide you with time to indulge your motoring passion, mixed with a level of organised social activities but with free time to follow individual interests. You can choose your own level of culinary experiences to fit with your preferences and budget in comfortable and affordable accommodation.

It is now time for you to make your bookings and pay your deposits. You can do this by completing the Registration Form in this publication and posting it to us, or you can email it to us. You can then electronically pay your registration deposit or fees in full. Please note that cheques can no longer be accepted.

You will also need to book your accommodation directly with the McCracken Country Club.

Please refer to important booking details in the "Accommodation Booking" section.

On behalf of the Sunbeam Car Owners Club of SA Inc and the 2025 Nationals organising committee, we look forward to your company at Victor Harbor.

Paul Heuer
National Meeting 2025 Chairman



We thank The Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs SA Inc for their support.

47th Sunbeam National Meeting – Victor Harbor – 12th -15th September 2025

Name preferred for your name tag

Booking in the name of		
Address		
	postcode	
'phone	preferred daytime	mobile
email		
Club		
Names of other persons attending (name preferred for their name tag)	1.	2.
	3.	4.
Driver/Vehicle Details	Driver	
	Make	Model/Year
	Colour	Reg'n
Do you wish to enter your Sunbeam for judging? If yes, indicate which category.		
	Pre-War	Series Alpine
	Mark Alpine	Tiger
	Talbot	Rapier
	Post 1968 (include model)	
Do you have any dietary requirements?		
Do you have any disability or other special access needs?		
Office use only	Date entered to database _____	Deposit rec. _____ Balance rec. _____

Complete and post this registration to PO Box 112, Glenside SA 5065.
 EFT your payment of \$280pp in full, or deposit of \$100pp to BSB 805 005, Account 100257162 (Sunbeam Car Owners Club of SA Inc) Please include your name and state as the transfer reference.
DEPOSITS REQUIRED BY 1st MARCH 2025, FINAL PAYMENTS BY 1st AUGUST 2025
PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT PAYMENT BY CHEQUE
 Arrangements for other payment instalments can be made on request.
 You can also scan and then email your registration to nationals25@sunbeamcarclubsa.org.au
 A copy of this Registration Package and form can be found at <http://www.sunbeamcarclubsa.org.au/Nationals-SA>

Club Regalia

See the special promotion in this newsletter. Get in quick – or miss out 😊

Impromptu Events / COVID

Financial / Current Members – create your own impromptu event.

Lead others to a favourite spot of your choosing and enjoy their company in their classic cars.

Remember to carry a copy of the impromptu event approval with you when driving to and from any event.

It is also wise to carry a printed copy of the invitation / newsletter excerpt / webpage of any event you are travelling to and from in case you are pulled over for any reason.

The Management Committee recommend the following advice be offered to our members who may be contemplating taking part in Club activities in the future:

The Club's website has an Application Form that when fully completed is automatically sent to the Events Manager.

His job will then require resending the Application as an email to ALL members.

Accordingly, the Application will require a start time and those members wishing to take part in the Event will need to phone the Applicant to obtain the requisite details.

It is anticipated that these Impromptu Events will often take place during mid-week outside of the regular Club events.

You will be asked to obtain the names of attendees and for them to sign an attendance sheet.

See this on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/World-of-Rootes-Group-Cars> (Over 3000 photos)

See this on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Rootes-Group-Buy-or-Sell-Cars-and-or-Parts>

WEARING OF SEAT BELTS—CLASSIC VEHICLES

The government camera scheme to detect wearing of seatbelts has been clarified by the Transport Main Roads with respect to wearing them whilst in a Classic car built prior to 1969 (when seat-belts were not installed when manufactured). A representative of the TMR has stated that all photos taken are cross-referenced with the vehicle registration details and if the vehicle is prior to 1969 and NO belts were fitted, NO FURTHER ACTION WOULD OCCUR—THE PHOTO WOULD BE DISMISSED.

However, if a photo was inadvertently processed and a summons was issued, contact TMR and they will deal with it in your favour.

DISCLAIMER

Readers of this magazine are advised to use caution in following any technical or other advice that may be given in any article, as the Club and committee cannot accept responsibility for its accuracy or reliability. The views expressed by correspondents do not necessarily represent the views of the Club

Don't Forget: Next Event

Fish 'n' Chips Brunch Saturday 22 February

See details and map in this newsletter.

Don't Forget: Membership Renewals Due 1st January

HUMBER HOSPITALITY

A service offered by all Australian Humber car clubs, including ours.

A volunteer service of "tea and sympathy" (followed by help where possible) for members experiencing vehicle breakdowns while travelling interstate.

Please use this service responsibly and call for assistance only where you and / or the Automobile Road Service are unable to rectify the problem.

(ACT) Rod Calvert. Farrer. Phone: 02 6286 4035

(NSW) Bruce Carpenter. Maryland (Newcastle). Phone 0414 619 108

(NSW) Jack Harris. 218 Duff Street, Broken Hill 2880. Phone 08 8088 5843

(NSW) Roger Foote, Eastwood (Sydney). Phone 0448 HUMBER

(NSW) Denis Boyle. 51 Shelleys Lane, Thirlmere (SW Sydney). Phone 02 4683 0643 / 0478 047 690

(NSW) Alan Lindsay "Winamie" 595 Rocky Range Road Delegate (SE NSW). Phone 0428 588 083

(QLD) Lawrie and Jean Bennett. Carina (E Brisbane). Phone 07 3398 5062

(QLD) Adrian Grant. The Gap (W Brisbane). Phone 07 3300 3955 or 0434 383 055

(QLD) Max Webster. 576 Drayton Connection Rd, Finnie (Toowoomba). Phone 0418 716 268

(VIC) Bob Kennedy. Glenlyon (near Daylesford). Phone 03 5348 7692

(VIC) Keith Willimott. Watsonia (NE Melbourne). Phone 03 9435 6354

(WA) Brian and Rosemary Phillips. Gooseberry Hill (E Perth). Phone 08 9293 2674

(SA) Eric Austin. 14 Lindsay St, Highbury. (NE Adelaide). Phone 08 8337 6337

(SA) Winston Bryant. Blakeview. (near Gawler). Phone 0403 024 385

MEMBERS OFFERING SERVICES

Some of our club's members offer services that may assist you with your Rootes classic.

Their contact details are listed here free of charge as a club service as part of their own club membership.

(Any errors or omissions please let us know, and we'll fix next issue..)

- **John Harris (Rootes Rochedale)** can assist with Rootes parts and mechanical services. Phone number (07) 3341 5555 email: rootesro@outlook.com
- **CARB TECH:** Paul White at Redcliffe 0417 713 662 can service most makes of carburettors on Classic Cars
- **Frank Schoenberger:** manufactures most rubber products for Rootes Cars. www.rootesautoparts.com
- **Michael Pyne:** has a Tilt truck towing business 0438 717 665 email: mvptow@gmail.com



MEMBERS: CREATE YOUR OWN IMPROMPTU EVENT

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REMEMBER TO CARRY A COPY OF THE IMPROMPTU EVENT WITH YOU WHEN DRIVING TO AND FROM ANY EVENT

For Sale. 1938 Sunbeam Talbot 3 Litre Tourer

This car is one of five remaining in the world and is the only one in Australia, currently located at Paracombe (north east Adelaide S.A). Excellent provenance available including confirmation of build from Rootes UK, including shipment details. Chassis Number: 8684. This rare car is for sale. It is a chassis up restoration, but is only partially complete. Due to illness, I am unable to complete the body work. Tony Smith. 0429 700 059.

Already completed items include:

- Chassis stripped, repaired where necessary, sand blasted and painted
- Differential rebuilt (all bearings replaced)
- Gearbox rebuilt (all bearings replaced)
- Brakes restored (shoes all replaced)
- Master cylinder replaced
- All brake lines replaced
- Engine rebuilt installed and test run (runs like a dream)
- As body frame is coach built, all wood replaced where necessary
- Some body panels refitted to frame

All original parts are available to complete the restoration. Hundreds of photos of strip down are available for reference, they have been invaluable during the work so far. In addition, there is a workshop manual, original sales documentation and other supporting information.

Car has not been registered since 1977 (last registration sticker from Victoria, is still on the windscreen). I acquired the car in October 2005 and have been working on it, on and off, since then.

I would like to cover what I have spent on the vehicle, not interested in making a profit. I just hope that it goes to someone who is dedicated enough to complete the restoration. Just out of interest the last sale I have tracked the same model sold in U.K. for equivalent of \$A150,000. My asking price to cover costs so far is \$A20,000.

Following are some photos which might give people some idea of the vehicle.



Car as originally purchased



Chassis Number



Engine Left Side



Engine Right Side



Left Front



Interior Front



Interior Rear



Left Rear



Rear with Boot Lid



Right Drivers Door

Useful Stuff – Galvanic Corrosion

Information provided by John Harris. Next month – conclusions.
 (Information provided is a guide only – always do your own research).

4. TEST RESULTS

TEST NO. 1

COOLANT Melbourne water

METAL SPECIMEN	SURFACE AREA OF SPECIMEN (cm ²)	MEAN LOSS IN MASS OF SPECIMEN (mg)
Cast Iron	5.0	589
Mild Steel	4.5	219
Aluminium Alloy	5.0	72
Copper	4.5	1
Brass	4.5	Less than 1
Solder	5.0	98

Initial pH 6.5

Final pH 6.7

Appearance of coolant on conclusion of test :
 Copious amounts of corrosion product present

TEST NO. 2

COOLANT Melbourne water with "NATRA" Corrosion Inhibitor

METAL SPECIMEN	SURFACE AREA OF SPECIMEN (cm ²)	MEAN LOSS IN MASS OF SPECIMEN (mg)
Cast Iron	5.0	Negligible
Mild Steel	4.5	2
Alluminium Alloy	5.0	Less than 1
Copper	4.5	5
Brass	4.5	6
Solder	5.0	Negligible

Initial pH 9.0

Final pH 8.9

Appearance of coolant on conclusion of test:
 Clear and free from rust and suspended matter.

TEST NO. 3

COOLANT Melbourne water with "STOP 33" Corrosion Inhibitor

METAL SPECIMEN	SURFACE AREA OF SPECIMEN (cm ²)	MEAN LOSS IN MASS OF SPECIMEN (mg)
Cast Iron	5.0	5
Mild Steel	4.5	1
Aluminium Alloy	5.0	Negligible
Copper	4.5	6
Brass	4.5	6
Solder	5.0	2

Initial pH 9.0

Final pH 9.0

Appearance of coolant on conclusion of test:

Clear and free from rust and suspended matter.

TEST NO. 4

COOLANT Melbourne water with "ALFLOC 2000" Corrosion Inhibitor

METAL SPECIMEN	SURFACE AREA OF SPECIMEN (cm ²)	MEAN LOSS IN MASS OF SPECIMEN (mg)
Cast Iron	5.0	1
Mild Steel	4.5	2
Aluminium Alloy	5.0	2
Copper	4.5	5
Brass	4.5	6
Solder	5.0	25

Initial pH 10.5

Final pH 9.7

Appearance of coolant on conclusion of test:

Very slight turbidity but free from iron rust

TEST NO. 5

COOLANT Melbourne water with "ALFLOC 2001" Corrosion Inhibitor

METAL SPECIMEN	SURFACE AREA OF SPECIMEN (cm ²)	MEAN LOSS IN MASS OF SPECIMEN (mg)
Cast Iron	5.0	Negligible
Mild Steel	4.5	Negligible
Aluminium Alloy	5.0	Negligible
Copper	4.5	9
Brass	4.5	7
Solder	5.0	12

Initial pH 11.3

Final pH 10.5

Appearance of coolant on conclusion of test : Clear

TEST NO. 6

COOLANT Melbourne water with "CASTROL" antifreeze

METAL SPECIMEN	SURFACE AREA OF SPECIMEN (cm ²)	MEAN LOSS IN MASS OF SPECIMEN (mg)
Cast Iron	5.0	Negligible
Mild Steel	4.5	1
Aluminium Alloy	5.0	5
Copper	4.5	3
Brass	4.5	4
Solder	5.0	3

Initial pH 7.7

Final pH 7.0

Appearance of coolant on conclusion of test : Clear

TEST NO. 7

COOLANT Melbourne water with "POWER PLUS" antifreeze

METAL SPECIMEN	SURFACE AREA OF SPECIMEN (cm ²)	MEAN LOSS IN MASS OF SPECIMEN (mg)
Cast Iron	5.0	1
Mild Steel	4.5	3
Aluminium Alloy	5.0	4
Copper	4.5	5
Brass	4.5	4
Solder	5.0	3

Initial pH 7.8

Final pH 7.2

Appearance of coolant on completion of test : Clear

TEST NO. 8

COOLANT "Perth/Brisbane" Corrosive water

METAL SPECIMEN	SURFACE AREA OF SPECIMEN (cm ²)	MEAN LOSS IN MASS OF SPECIMEN (mg)
Cast Iron	5.0	613
Mild Steel	4.5	740
Aluminium Alloy	5.0	171
Copper	4.5	18
Brass	4.5	78
Solder	5.0	205

Initial pH 6.5

Final pH 6.2

Appearance of coolant on completion of test : Copious amounts of corrosion product present.

TEST NO. 9

COOLANT "Perth/Brisbane" Corrosive water with "NATRA" Corrosion Inhibitor

METAL SPECIMEN	SURFACE AREA OF SPECIMEN (cm ²)	MEAN LOSS IN MASS OF SPECIMEN (mg)
Cast Iron	5.0	Negligible
Mild Steel	4.5	2
Aluminium Alloy	5.0	132 severe pitting
Copper	4.5	7
Brass	4.5	10
Solder	5.0	24

Initial pH 9.0

Final pH 8.9

Appearance of coolant on conclusion of test : Iron rust absent, but some turbidity evident

TEST NO. 10

COOLANT "Perth/Brisbane" Corrosive water with "STOP 33" Corrosion Inhibitor

METAL SPECIMEN	SURFACE AREA OF SPECIMEN (cm ²)	MEAN LOSS IN MASS OF SPECIMEN (mg)
Cast Iron	5.0	4
Mild Steel	4.5	1
Aluminium Alloy	5.0	72 severe pitting
Copper	4.5	9
Brass	4.5	9
Solder	5.0	33

Initial pH 9.8

Final pH 9.6

Appearance of coolant on conclusion of test : Iron rust absent, but solution turbid.

TEST NO. 11

COOLANT "Perth/Brisbane" Corrosive water with "ALFLOC 2000" Corrosion Inhibitor

METAL SPECIMEN	SURFACE AREA OF SPECIMEN (cm ²)	MEAN LOSS IN MASS OF SPECIMEN (mg)
Cast Iron	5.0	17
Mild Steel	4.5	4
Aluminium Alloy	5.0	24
Copper	4.5	16
Brass	4.5	14
Solder	5.0	17

Initial pH 10.5

Final pH 9.5

Appearance of coolant at conclusion of tests: Slightly turbid, but very little iron rust present.

TEST NO. 12

COOLANT "Perth/Brisbane" Corrosive water with "ALFLOC 2001" Corrosion Inhibitor

METAL SPECIMEN	SURFACE AREA OF SPECIMEN (cm ²)	MEAN LOSS IN MASS OF SPECIMEN (mg)
Cast Iron	5.0	Negligible
Mild Steel	4.5	Negligible
Aluminium Alloy	5.0	Negligible
Copper	4.5	9
Brass	4.5	7
Solder	5.0	12

Initial pH 11.0

Final pH 10.7

Appearance of coolant at conclusion of test : Clear

TEST NO. 13

COOLANT "Perth/Brisbane" Corrosive water with "CASTROL" Antifreeze.

METAL SPECIMEN	SURFACE AREA OF SPECIMEN (cm ²)	MEAN LOSS IN MASS OF SPECIMEN (mg)
Cast Iron	5.0	14
Mild Steel	4.5	10
Aluminium Alloy	5.0	22 severe pitting
Copper	4.5	16
Brass	4.5	16
Solder	5.0	10

Initial pH 7.4

Final pH 6.8

Appearance of coolant on conclusion of test : Some slight turbidity, very little iron rust present.

TEST NO. 14

COOLANT "Perth/Brisbane" Corrosive water with "POWER PLUS" Antifreeze.

METAL SPECIMEN	SURFACE AREA OF SPECIMEN (cm ²)	MEAN LOSS IN MASS OF SPECIMEN (mg)
Cast Iron	5.0	126
Mild Steel	4.5	115
Aluminium Alloy	5.0	51 severe pitting
Copper	4.5	6
Brass	4.5	11
Solder	5.0	15

Initial pH 7.4

Final pH 6.9

Appearance of coolant on conclusion of test : Marked turbidity with iron rust evident.