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Official Magazine of the
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Karrier Vehicles and Clubs in Queensland)
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I must say that September has been a really busy month with the 46th Sunbeam Nationals at Montville held on September 6-9 and then All British Day the following week at Tennyson on September 15. There are reports on both events later in the magazine for you to read in further detail.

The Sunbeam Nationals by all accounts were a great success with around 80 attendees and 32 cars on display for the Saturday morning concourse judging. The organising committee of Clyde Northcott, Gayle and Rob Heiner and Bob Otto organised a fantastic event and in the words of Ray Sanders the National President of the Sunbeam Owners Club of New Zealand: "The weekend event was run flawlessly with superb organization and documentation, great meals and beautiful country runs in the Sunshine Coast hinterland. We in NZ could learn from some of the organizational work that went into it."

Driving down the Postmans Track was great fun although the brakes in the Sunbeam Rapier were starting to smell by the time we reached to valley floor. And then we had to drive up the Obi Obi Road to Mapleton requiring a drop down to first gear at certain stages on the one lane up the mountain. It was great fun!!

There were many highlights over the weekend and two stood out to me: firstly, that we kept our attendees busy on driving their vehicles on drives around the Sunshine Coast hinterland. Other Nationals I have attended in the past leave too much spare time and you miss out on the fun of driving your vehicles around the local area. Secondly making the event a social event to renew friendships with interstate attendees we only really catch up with once a year.

I may be pre-empting the future of Nationals going forward however if the Club has an opportunity in the future to run Rootes Nationals for all Rootes vehicles, that would be my dream. I know that we all run separate Nationals for the Sunbeams annually and the Hillman and Humber every two years, is this a possibility next time when Queensland is due to host another Sunbeam and Humber Nationals?

I attended the All British Day at Tennyson on September 15 which was a great event and I would guess there were over 700 cars in attendance, although that is only my guess and not the official number for the day. The Club had 13 cars in attendance covering 6 Sunbeams, 4 Humber and 3 Hillmans and I noted another Hillman Super Minx Station wagon which is one very rare car in Australia and a red Series 5 Sunbeam Alpine a little further along.

The October run is being organised by Rob Heiner and he has promised us a scenic drive north of Brisbane so I would encourage to bring out your cars for the day, I am looking forward to it as always.

As noted last month, I held over Part 4 of My Classic Journey to this month as I continue my car ownership journey.

Enough from me, I will look forward to meeting many of you on the runs we have organised for you during the 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

Sunday 27th October. Sunshine Coast Hinterland Run

See details and map in this newsletter.

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
Oct	12th	Saturday	Glenwood Swap Meet	Cnr Pepper Rd & Arborten Rd, Glenwood (north of Gympie)	Glenwood Community	05:00
Oct	13 th	Sunday	Queensland Mini Muster	Rocklea Showgrounds	Mini Owners Club Qld	07:30
Oct	19 th	Saturday	Laidley Motorcycle Only Swap	Laidley Showgrounds, Cnr MacGregor Street and Cooper Street, Laidley, QLD		05:00
Oct	20th	Sunday	Kalbar Swap	Kalbar Showgrounds George St Kalbar		06:00
Oct	26th	Saturday	Torbanlea Swap	Torbanlea Race Course Torbanlea-Pialba Road. (Maryborough)		06:00
Oct	27 th	Sunday	Sunshine Coast	Meet at Wildhorse Mountain Southbound	RGCCQ	09:00
Nov	23 rd	Saturday	Christmas Party	Wynnum Manly Leagues Club 92 Wondall Road, Manly West.	RGCCQ	
Dec	4th	Wednesday	President's Mystery Run	Southern Area. Details coming soon!	RGCCQ	
Jan	26 th	Sunday	Australia Day Rally	Ormiston State School – Cleveland	Bayside Restorers	

➤ ITEMS IN BLUE: CLUB ORGANISED EVENTS

➤ ITEMS IN BLACK: EVENTS ORGANISED BY THIRD PARTIES

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

SEPTEMBER EVENT – Sunbeam National - Montville

Many days and nights of careful planning, checking, re-checking, admin and more checking by a dedicated committee made for a very successful event. What started as an idea 2 years ago quickly morphed into location selection, venue selection and then it was a year or more of filling in the gaps and praying for good weather. Unexpected road closures were probably the only last-minute headache and it proves the value of driving all the routes one last time before committing to print the 800 sheets that made up the event booklets. Phew!

The Nationals simply would not have happened without the hard work and invaluable experience of Rob and Gayle Heiner and Bob Otto and I can not thank them enough for everything they did. Feedback from many attendees included the line that “it all just seemed so effortless” and that proves to me that all the hard work paid off. I’ll let Gayle tell you how many hours she spent wrangling and producing the embroidered badges for the caps, making the laminated table mats, assembling the Welcome Packs, collating the judging results, keeping the Show n Shine running, talking me off the ledge a few times, and most of all doing all things possible to ensure we all had good food, quickly over the whole weekend. Rob’s networking skills made many things happen very easily and Bob’s work as Treasurer, even from a hospital bed was invaluable.

I would like to thank the following people and organisations for their assistance in make the event so successful:

Montville Café Bar and Grill – Shania, Marty and Ally and all the team. Excellent food, service, tolerance of all our requests and outstanding ability to think on the fly!

Montville Mountain Inn – John, Tanya and Emma. Putting up with all us crazy old-car folk.

Montville State School – Principal Adam and Business Manager Alice for making it so easy to use the school oval for our Show n Shine.

Montville Tourist Info Centre – All the team for supplying local knowledge and maps

Banana Bender Restaurant - All the team for arranging reserved parking and excellent meals

Kenilworth Pub - All the team for quick service and meals

On the Go Mobile Espresso – Dave Humphreys for making it SO easy to happen, and quickly filling 80+ people with whatever coffee and snacks they wanted.

Creative Passion – Bradley Stock for the Rally Montville logo and all its variants. Branding is everything!

Surfside Engraving – Joanne Vonhoff for the Rally Montville plaques.

Mud Crab Music – Jordan Small for providing an easy solution that worked as advertised.

Macs Labels – David McCristal for the stickers, and labels at short notice

Rainbow Lighting & Electrical (Keith), EOS Australia (QLD – Sharyn) for providing auction stock.

Miranda – my wonderful wife who provided so much real support and suffered for nearly 2 years before banning the N word in our house 😊

David Phillips – our club President for taking on the President’s role in the first place and supporting your club’s Sunbeam Nationals throughout, and performing MC and Auction Master duties at the dinners.

Neville Kennard – for quick provision of the necessary Club Insurance information.

David and Mark Buckton – judging and expert knowledge. Organised by Rob Heiner through his vast array of Sunshine Coast contacts.

Every single owner and partner who made the financial commitment and real effort to travel to Montville to support our club and enjoy our hospitality. Nationals are a wonderful event for making and meeting friends, sharing knowledge, laughing ‘til it hurts and enjoying our shared passion for these wonderful cars. And finally – thanks for sensational weather!

Clyde Northcott.

There is a large quantity of photos and videos available at the links below, until December 31st 2024.

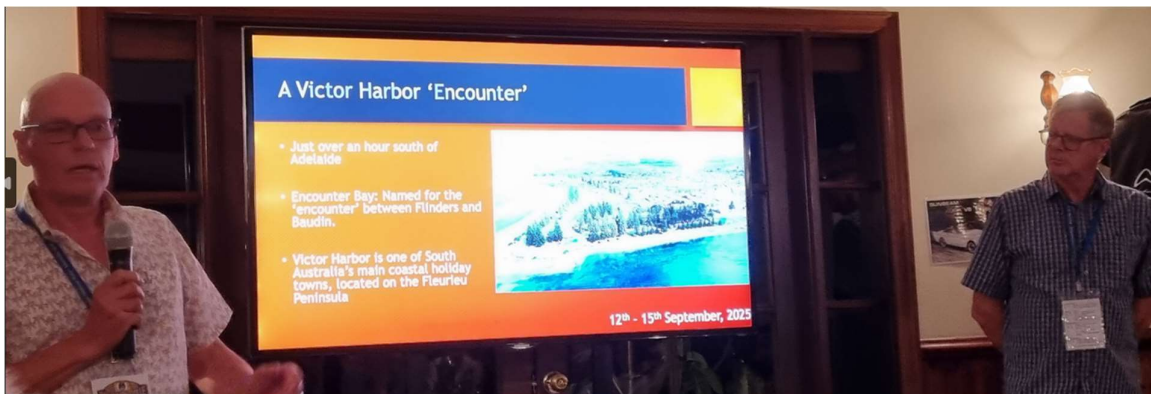
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The 2025 Sunbeam Nationals will be at Victor Harbor in South Australia from 12th to 15th September – hope to see you there!

My Classic Journey – Pt 4

After a break last month due to the Sunbeam Nationals and other commitments I can now continue on with my story!

After finishing my university study and moving to Sydney to commence my accounting career, I really did not have the funds or the time to commit to purchasing another classic car.

After moving back to Brisbane after our first child was born and to take up a career opportunity with Suncorp in the late 1980's I started to research into classic cars which I could put a baby capsule into. One Saturday I noticed an advertisement in the Courier Mail newspaper for an unregistered Series 2 Alpine which had a V8 transplant located on the Redcliffe Peninsula.

I did not know much about Sunbeams, so I called the contact with the Sunbeam Car Club of Queensland and spoke to Kevin Elliott about this car. Many of you would recall the Elliots who were actively involved with the Club during its heyday. Kevin gave me great advice and encouraged me to join up and encouraged me look for a more suitable car for a young family. Needless to say, the unregistered and non-certified Alpine went by the wayside, not sure where it ended up although I last heard many years ago it ended up at the Gold Coast.

Kevin and Lyle Elliott owned two cars at this point in time: a recently restored Series 2 Sunbeam Rapier convertible and a dark coloured Sunbeam Talbot 80 nicknamed the "Slug" given its lack of sporting performance. On Club runs we always allowed the Elliots a head start in the "Slug" as the joke was 0-100kms in five minutes!

As new members we attended the 1989 Christmas Party at Brian and Lyn Powell's residence in Balmoral where Brian had done a car swap with Gary Scott of an Alpine for a Rapier. The Rapier arrived early in the New Year however it was not the car for the Powells.

This Sunbeam Rapier was a Series 3A convertible which was originally sold new in Christchurch New Zealand in early 1963. It was brought over by its then New Zealand owner when he moved to the Gold Coast. Gary Scott then purchased the car, and some years later did the swap with Brian Powell.

The history of the car was significant to us in later years when we became more involved with the Sunbeam Car Club of New Zealand Christchurch branch. And more importantly Gary Scott was close friends with our daughter's husband parents and we used this car for her wedding in 2021.

We realised that this would be a more practical Sunbeam when you have a young family and decided that we would purchase this vehicle from the Powells. The vehicle already had a bolt hole in the rear metal seat frame which the Scott's used for putting a child's seat into. So, shock horror in regard to today's children's seat standards, we put a baby capsule in the back seat and our daughter came with us on many occasions on car club outings. It was a vehicle which came into our ownership with just over 94,000 original miles and 6 previous owners.

However, the car did need some work both mechanically and body wise which I will cover off in further detail next month as I am running out of space this time!

To Be Continued next month.

David Phillips.

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SEPTEMBER EVENT – All British Day - Tennyson

The annual All British Day has always been my favourite event in the year for a variety of reasons.

Namely it is open to only British vehicles and the venue is a very well laid out one with great organisation. In addition, unlike some large events it is not full of modern cars which are still available in the local dealerships. So, I did not see any of the new Chinese MGs which in my opinion are just cheap, poor quality cars using a famous marque badge in vain, but hey that is my humble opinion if that counts for something!

With this event falling one week after the Sunbeam Nationals and having two running Sunbeams to choose from (unusual for me I know), I decided to bring the Sunbeam Talbot Alpine for the thirty-minute drive to Tennyson.

The entry line up was not too long this year, and we were directed our allocated spot for Rootes cars between the Triumphs and Vauxhalls.

There were already several Rootes cars parked already including Ranald and Susan Grant's Series 4 Super Snipe which was joined shortly after by Robert Hall's Series 5A Super Snipe. Some years ago, a good friend and I were gifted a Series 2 Super Snipe which had been in the family since new which we fixed up for a road trip, but that story is for another day. I have great interest in the Super Snipes as I can never understand why they are not viewed in the same light as Jaguars, Armstrong Siddeleys and Rileys of the same era.

Alan Close's Series 2 Alpine and Steve and Jason Graham's Tiger were already in attendance as well.

Before long Bob and Claudette Otto joined us with their Hillman Hunter, not sure about everyone else but the Hunter shape and design is really growing on me since I have owned my Sunbeam Fastback Rapier. Our Vice President Adrian Grant rolled up in his very Regal Mark 2 Super Snipe and needed to check that he didn't bring the Queensland Governor along for the ride as well!

Lachlan Pierce brought his grandfather Lawrie Bennett in his immaculate Series 1 Humber Sceptre. While Lachlan's sister and her friend drove their Bentley R parking it down the back with other Rolls- Royces and Bentleys which came in numbers for the day.

Alistair Newton and his son arrived in their blue Sunbeam Alpine Series 5 full of enthusiasm for their car. Aaron and Kirsty Easterbrook in their recently acquired Sunbeam Alpine Series 4 arrived with many questions surrounding their recent purchase. While answering questions from these two enthusiastic owners another member from the Sunshine Coast, Matthew Parker dropped over to catch up.

After spending some hours talking to these enthusiastic members and owners (highlighting the benefits of joining the Club), I wandered off to view the other cars on display on the day. I came across a very original Hillman Minx Series 3C which has been owned for many years by Bob Jeffreys who came with his grandson James. In addition, there was a very rare Hillman Super Minx wagon (never sold officially in Australia) and the Duffield's Series Alpine.

What car grabbed my attention besides our Club cars? Well there was a Lagonda DHC which stood out a mile to me and was my people's choice. I would guess there were over 700 cars in attendance with great displays put on by the Minis, Triumphs, MGs (the real ones!) and Jaguars which stood out for me. Plus, I picked up a green Dinky model Hillman Imp from a vendor on the day which was a bonus. So, for next year this is an event you should not miss!

David Phillips.

Ed note: Judging results and other information from the day are available at:

<https://www.mgccq.org.au/all-british-day>





And the Winner Is...!

Congratulations to Tony and Denise Allen of the Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club for winning the Best Presented Rootes Group Car at the 46th Sunbeam Nationals. All Rootes Group cars were welcome at this event and Tony was a deserved winner with his 1966 Hillman Gazelle. Rob Heiner presented Tony and Denise with their trophy at the Sunshine Coast club rooms on the Wednesday straight after the Sunbeam National meeting.



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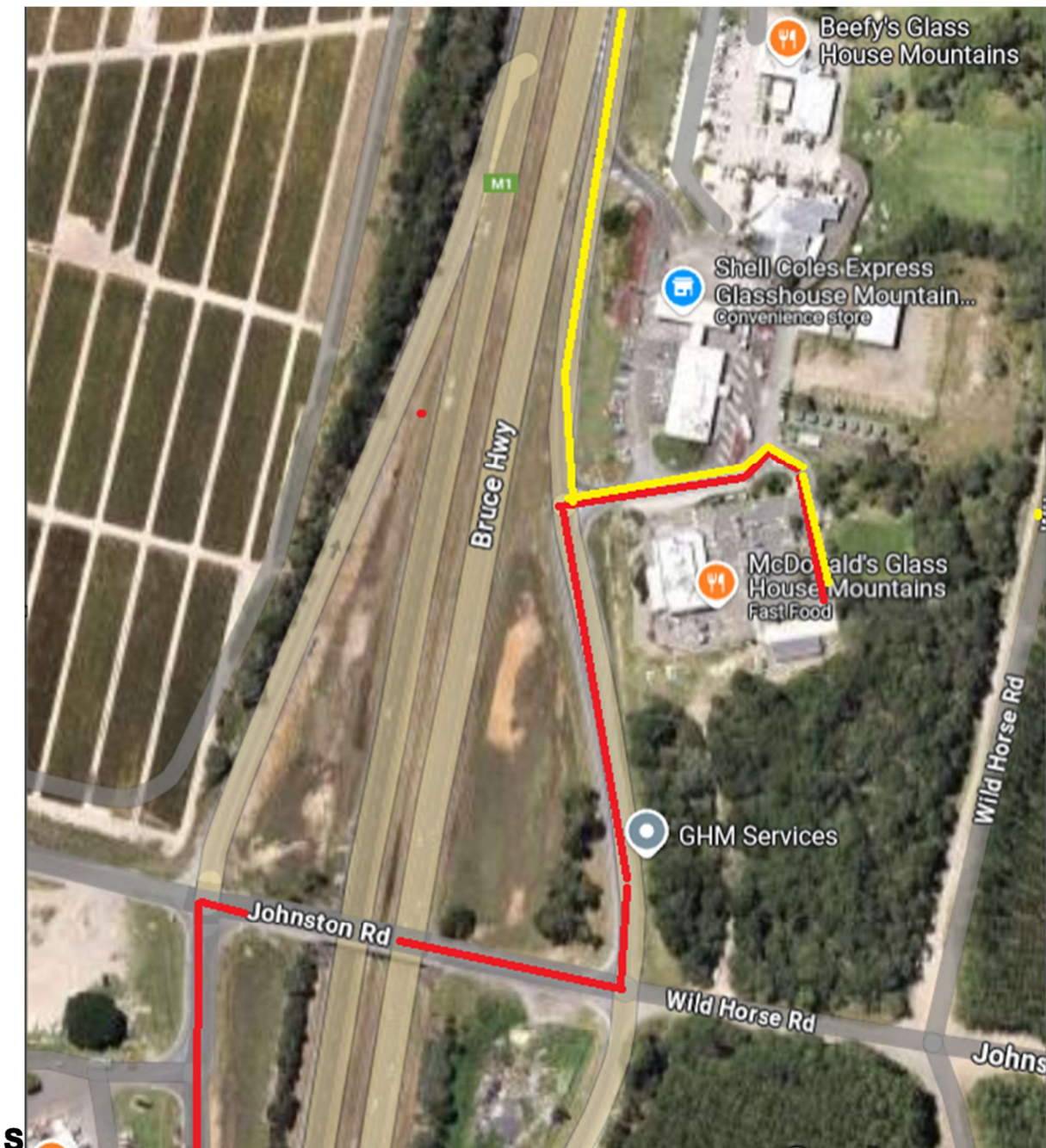
OCTOBER EVENT

NOTE: Date change to Sunday 27th

Sunday 27th October 2024

Meet at Wildhorse Mountain McDonalds at 09:00

Follow red line from south or yellow line from north. Toilets and fuel available at meeting place. Day will include a touring run into Hinterland with morning tea at Maleny and lunch at a car club member's house. Please bring something to share for lunch. More details to come in October.



ROOTES RAMBLINGS SEPTEMBER 2024

Well to me it seems like Spring has sprung into Summer and the weather on the whole is quite warm for this time of year. It will be interesting to see how it plays out by January and with a La Nina predicted as well, so perhaps hot and wet. It was certainly warm in Toowoomba for our weekend run in my other Club, The Qld Early Ford V8 Club 1932 - 1954. I had anticipated the usual cool nights and perhaps days and so packed all my Arctic clothing but lo and behold it was a very pleasant 25degrees during the days and not even a jumper at night. As a result, I could have left one complete bag at home!! Never mind it was very pleasant and we had a great weekend driving 300 miles and I averaged 18.6mpg in my '38 which I thought was pretty good...

The All British Day is for me a chance to see many makes and models which were the mainstay for transportation when I was young. Many may argue the case about which country produced the best cars but to me that is irrelevant as those cars are the ones we had to choose from. We all have likes and dislikes but it was interesting to see the skill and love that had been put into the various cars and reassuring to see them still on the road. The roll up this year seemed to me to be much bigger than it was two years ago when there were a few empty spaces but when I rolled in early as I thought at 8.15 in the Humber, the place was nearly full! Land Rovers were well represented and seem to be growing in popularity and this year there were a couple of ex-army Perentes there as well. There were Vanguard and Standards, Zephyrs and Consuls, MGs and Minis, Austins and Austin Healeys, Triumphs and Rootes cars, Jags and Rollers, Aston Martins and the list goes on. They all brought memories back to me as cars I saw drive past as I waited for my tram to come to take me to school. Probably about 500 plus cars and they are all on the road still!! The Rootes Club was well represented with a good variety of our makes which was very pleasing to see. After my tribulations with the Humber's head gasket I was pleased to see it handled the trip very easily, as it should, and wasn't worried about the idling time waiting at the gate to get in. I will keep my fingers crossed that she continues to perform as it should.

As expected, the Sunbeam National Rally was a great success due in no uncertain terms to the organisers Clyde Northcott, Gayle and Rob Heiner, Bob Otto and David and Lyn Phillips. The Southerners from their comments, obviously had a wonderful time and I am still very disappointed that I could not attend. I am very impressed by Norm Austin's trip home to Melbourne in 19 hours. Norm you and the car must both have good engines!!! It is a very beautiful part of the world in Montville and surrounds, and I am glad so many were able to experience it. Well done to you all.

EVs seem to be the never ending story and just lately there was a seminar down South involving various fire-fighting areas regarding the development of protocols for firstly extinguishing car and more commonly scooter, (now one fire per day), fires and explosions and secondly the transport of electric vehicles particularly in the big car carriers. As you will recall in the last twelve months there have been two ships sunk due to battery fires in the EV's. This will have a huge impact on insurance costs for the carriers and the final pricings for the buying public.

Because of their significantly lower prices, sales of these Chinese vehicles have dramatically risen and as a result tariffs in the USA and Europe have been increased to try and stop Chinese-made vehicles – especially EV's and new energy models – from impacting sales of locally-produced vehicles. Here in Australia, we have no tariff related measures as we have no domestic vehicle manufacturing so Chinese-made imports are thriving. The sales of Chinese made vehicles are a huge success story and sales have grown more quickly than from any other source in Australia's history. Ten years ago, Chinese vehicle imports were 4.2 per cent of those made in Australia (2522 units against 59,826 from Ford, Holden and Toyota combined), and 1.9 per cent and 1.3 per cent respectively of those sourced from Thailand (129,792) and Japan (194,583). In 2019 and with no locally produced vehicles we have an increase in volume to 3.5 per cent against vehicles made in Japan. Today, it is not just Chinese-branded vehicles that are sourced from China as we have some American and European branded vehicles – including those from BMW and Tesla – now being produced in the People's Republic to save on production costs, take advantage of supply chain

efficiencies and trade on the proximity to growing markets in neighbouring countries. The other side of the coin which needs discussion is that because of all the electronics in modern cars it is now possible to remotely take control of a car leaving the driver powerless to control it. With the actions of the Israelis and the pagers it is not a big leap to imagine the effects of something similar by a foreign power using EVs in particular to take control. Let us hope that this will never happen.

Now that the Humber is up and running, I am looking forward to more planned events and the run to the north coast hinterland organised by Rob Heiner will be excellent, followed by the Xmas party.

Enjoy your driving, regards Adrian.

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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



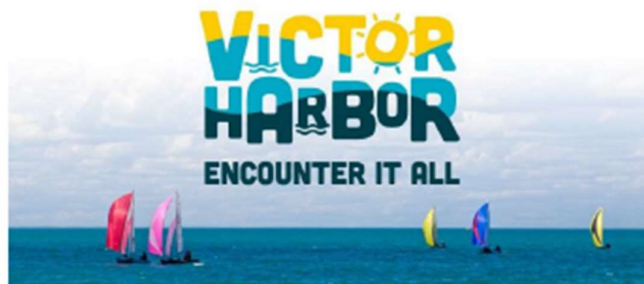
**A Victor Harbor Encounter
September 12th - 15th 2025**



Phone: 0417 458 736

E-mail: nationals25@sunbeamcarclubsa.org.au
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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>

From the Ed... Date Claimers For Your Calendar

See the page in this newsletter for the October run. Rob Heiner is organising a Northern Run starting at Wildhorse Mountain on the Bruce Highway 30k north of Caboolture then heading up into the Hinterland. It sounds like a fun day! There will be a Southern Run in December.

Also, Con's secured a date for the Christmas Party – Saturday 23rd November at Wynnum Manly Leagues Club, starting at 11:00.

Club Regalia

RGCC Car Window Sticker \$5

RGCC Polo Shirt (S-5XL) \$35

RGCC Key Rings \$12

RGCCQ Name Badges \$10

2016 Metal Rally Badge (2x) \$10

RGCCQ Cap \$20

RGCCQ Bucket Hat \$20

Postage and Packaging NOT included

Club members wishing to obtain any of the above items, please contact Lyn Phillips on 0402 423 800

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.

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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

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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
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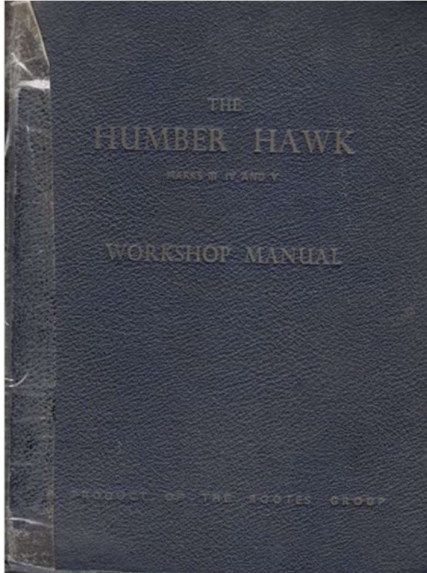


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FOR SALE Humber Hawk Workshop Manual



Dot at "Fine, Old and Funky" in Pomona has a workshop manual for Humber Hawk Mk 3, 4, 5 and 6 she is selling for \$45.

The shop is at 17 Factory street Pomona.

Contact Dot on 0413 115 388

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Useful Stuff – Lucas Fire Starter

From Clyde Northcott

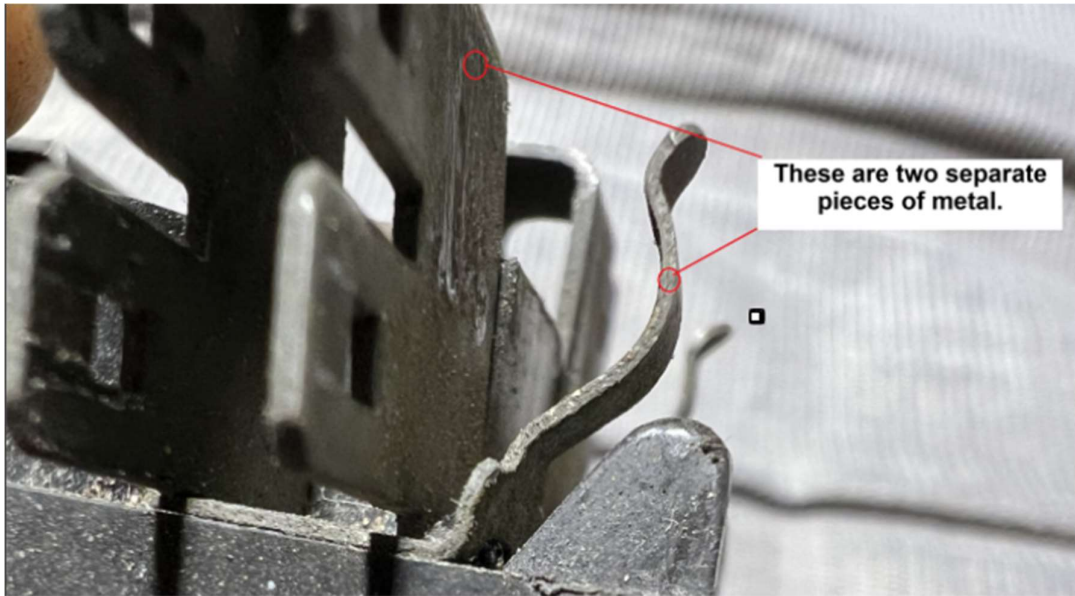
(Information provided is a guide only – always do your own research).

The Lucas two-way fuse block is, I'm sure, common across many of our cars and while it's a very good idea to upgrade this fuse block to a more modern multi-way blade fuse block with lower rated fuses, not everyone has done that, including me.

I was driving the Tiger to a mechanical appointment last week when it sputtered and died just as I pulled up to the workshop – lucky it did it there and not out on the truck-infested roads in that area. Total silence from the fuel pump which got me excited as dead fuel pumps and I have a history! We got the car inside the workshop and started investigating. Step 1: is there power at the pump? No. Step 2: check the glass fuses. They both looked ok, put them back in and the car fires right up. OK, I've seen this before where the solder inside the fuse fails and the fuse looks fine but actually isn't. Car stayed alive long enough for me to get in ready to move it onto the ramps when it dies again.

What happened? The fuses are each held in place by two tabs, and I now know that these tabs are not integrated with the connector block but are instead a separate piece which is held in place by two bent tabs on the underside of the assembly. It clearly works as its lasted 60+ years, but if the connection here should come loose, you'll suffer intermittent power outages. Since a loose electrical joint is a high-resistance point a hot-spot is created with the attendant risk of fire. I got home by moving the fuel pump wire from the "ignition-switched" fuse to the "always hot" fuse connector and during the drive home the tacho and ignition light would randomly come on and off – proving the loose connection diagnosis. So, this failure was more of an irritant than a disaster, but looking at the underside of the block when safely home it's clear that melting has started and I'm really glad I re-routed the fuel line away from this area some time ago. I've replaced the whole fuse block with a proven spare and cleaned up / tightened the original block ready for 2084.

Please see the following photos showing the cause and my fix.



These are two separate pieces of metal.



Push these tabs down firmly taking care to support the fuse block correctly. I'd recommend doing all four locations in the fuse block - it's a good chance to clean up all the connections at the same time.