

Flathead Ford Funday

Sunday 31st July 2022

An early start this morning, 9.00 am at the Marion Wetlands that use to be the Oaklands Park driving centre years ago.

Graham and I represented the Early Ford V-8 Club joining quite a few Model A Club members and quite a few Ford 8 & 10 Club members.

After receiving run sheets we left the Wetlands and travelling by way of Marion, Brighton, Glenelg, Semaphore to the Clipper Ship The City of Adelaide in Port Adelaide.

Here was a welcome tea or coffee before sitting down to a talk about how the ship was rescued and about the volunteers that work on it then a short movie on how it was saved, a change of name back to its original name and then transported to Adelaide.

The City of Adelaide was built in 1864 and transported passengers to Adelaide until 1887. It is a composite clipper ship, the world's oldest one with the only other surviving composite ship the younger Cutty Sark which is in the UK. In 1893 it became an isolation hospital near Southampton then it was taken over by the Royal Navy with a change of name to HMS Carrick and was used as a drill ship on the River Clyde in Scotland.

It then sank in the River Clyde and finally moved onto a private slip in Irvine Scotland. A group of volunteers spent many years getting it back to South Australia and in 2013 HRH The Duke of Edinburgh renamed it back to its original name before its final journey to Adelaide.

After the movie we were all taken aboard the clipper taking in what it looked like originally and what work has been done to it.

Almost a quarter of a million Australians' heritage can be traced back to passengers and crew of the City of Adelaide.

To help with the renovations they hold dinners, small groups, weddings and even ghost tours. Jenson was asked how many rats and cats (stuffed toy animals not real ones) and he won a Piggy Bank and a Pen for his efforts.

Around 1 pm it was back for lunch and what a lovely lunch it was. A choice of soups, finger food and small cakes for dessert.

A most interesting day out and many thanks go to Jim and Bev and the Ford 8 & 10 Club for putting on another great Flathead Ford Funday.

It will be same time next year for another great day out



Ladies' Day Run
Sunday 21st August 2022

Early Sunday morning we arose to a very foggy morning, but never fear the BOM told us that it would be a fine day. (I hope) as today we are going to take the little Lady for her first run in a long while. After breakfast we set off at about 8.30 am as we have a long hilly way to travel to Balhannah. Upon getting there we met Trevor in his 37 Sedan then along came Alan & Colleen in the 47 pickup, not long after Graham & Shirley arrived in the 33 Roadster, Simon & Jacqui, Marcos and Casey in their 47 Deluxe and lastly Wayne & Rene in the 52 Customline arrived. It was close to 9.30 so off we started to travel to the Karkoo Nursery. By this time the weather had broken through the fog and some lovely sunshine was beginning to show. What a marvelous place this Nursery is, lots of plants, pots and garden ornaments everywhere also many gifts and beauty products also all for sale. On top of all this you can buy your Breakfast or Lunch or even just Coffee & a Snack. I can recommend the Decaf Coffee, just right. After a good look around and refreshments and some purchases were had we all re grouped and set off for Melbas Chocolate Factory. This is just up my alley I just cannot go past somethings & chocolate is one of them. I spent some of our hard earned money on lots of goodies, then it was a short walk up to the Woodside Cheese Wrights for a look and taste of their wonderful wares – again the money was depleted and 4 lovely cheeses were purchased.

Alongside the Cheese there is a Gin & Whiskey Distillery and guess what, they had his little tasting paddle which both Ian & I and Rene & Wayne had to have a taste. We chose the Gin and Rene chose the Whiskey; boy was this any good, so as you have guessed the bank was hit again. By this time Graham had decided to come looking for us as it was time to go to the Woodside Hotel for our lunch, but the owner of the Distillery was a Ford fan and the President of another Ford Club, so a short talk was had by us all.

At this time Alan & Colleen had to leave us as they had other plans for the afternoon, so we that were left headed to the Hotel for a very pleasant and enjoyable lunch at the Woodside. I would like to thank Shirley for organizing such a wonderful pleasant day, I am shore all who attended would agree this was a great day.

By the way the BOM was right no rain just a pleasant autumn day and the Little Lady behaved herself and ran like clockwork.



DRIVE IT DAY

Thursday 1st September 2022

Hardly a historic car was seen between Para Hills West and Lyndoch but reaching Lyndoch old cars were everywhere.



Arriving at Bethany we were lucky enough to have our own choice of parking as we knew the marshal.

The weather was good and a huge array of all sorts of makes and models were on offer to browse amongst.

The Early Ford V-8 Club members at Bethany were Ian and Carol '35 Phaeton, Trevor '37 Sedan, Alan

and Colleen Jailbar Pickup, Eric '47 Coupe, Gary XY Falcon, Gordon Cortina, Rob Denholm and Shirley and myself '39 Mercury.

An interesting Jailbar from Lewiston with Edelbrock equipped engine and partially restored bits took our attention but all efforts to entice the owner to our fold appeared fruitless. I left a card.

All in all it was the usual great day as usual. Looking forward to next year.