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Ron McNally free as a bird



Enjoy your well earned holiday Ron and from all of the members of the CCCWA thank you for the tireless commitment you have shown to the club

PRESIDENTS REPORT BY DAVE KENT

PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR 2013/2014

Once again it seems all too soon that I sit down and prepare my report for the Annual General Meeting. The years are flying by.

It is with a tinge of sadness that I start by saying thanks to our hard working club secretary Ron McNally as this marks the end of his stint as Secretary of the club and I feel like I have had a limb amputated. Ron has served in the position for more years than I can remember and whilst his efficiency and wisdom will be missed all the membership would certainly understand Ron & Nola should have the chance to enjoy their start to retirement free of the clubs tentacles. Ron will of course be a regular around the club again when they return from their great Kimberley adventure. Good luck Ron and thank you for all your support over the years.

Thanks again to Eddie Terrell for his efforts in the production of the Snake-skin again this year. Great job Eddie and I hope you will continue with your efforts. Thank you to Tony Forder also for keeping the website updated throughout the year.

By far the biggest event on the club calendar this year was the switch of venues for the annual Show n Shine to Willetton as part of the Willetton Rotary Clubs community day. Thank you to Alan Golding for facilitating the move with the Rotary Club and his efforts in creating the excellent garage forecourt which served as the centrepiece for our display. The member turnout and the public response was proof that this was a sound decision.

I must confess that Jessie I and have been missing on a number of club runs this year due to ongoing commitments with the Mustang build but the feedback from members of successful and enjoyable runs was pleasing. Well done to Dragan Simic for marshalling the troops to organize the runs and to those members who took on the task of leading the runs. As I have said in the past we can never rest on our laurels and the committee is always open to new to ideas from the members for new and exciting runs and functions.

Financially as always the club is in a sound position allowing us to provide for some of the social aspects of the club without seeking increases to the membership fees. Of course I would be remiss if I did not thank Al Dewar for looking after the clubs finances throughout the year. Well done Al.

Finally thank you to the rest of the committee for stepping up to help whenever asked throughout the year and of course to Jessie for looking after the tea, coffee and biscuits at the meetings. Thank you also to the entire membership for your support throughout the year helping make the club the success that it is.

Lets all head into the new year intent on continuing to improve the club for the benefit of everyone.

Thank you

Dave Kent

President



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CLUB CALENDAR 2013/2014

Month	Club Runs		Club Meeting	Event	Depart Time	Information	Organiser
	Sat	Sun	Wed				
Sept	14			Super Southern Weekend Run	7:30AM	Armadale start for a Bush Breakfast	Dave Kent
Sept			18	Whoop Ass Wednesday	4:00 PM	Motorplex	Alan Dewar
Sept			25	Veteran Car Club (BBQ)	6:30 PM	BBQ and September General Meeting	Club
Oct	12	13		Lancelin Motor Museum		OR Goomalling Sprint - 19th Oct	Dragan Simic / Ron McNally
Oct	26			Go Karts Wanneroo	TBA	Club Kart Champion	Troy Kent
Oct			23	Veteran Car Club (BBQ)	6:30 PM	BBQ and October General Meeting	Club
Nov	9	10		Margaret River / Overnight	8:00 AM	Depart Pinjarra - 8:00AM	Ron McNally
Nov			13	Whoop Ass Wednesday	4:00 PM	Motorplex	Allan Dewar
Nov		Thurs 21st Nov		RAC Track Day	TBA	Club Outing	Ricky Virago
Nov			27	Veteran Car Club	6:30 PM	November General Meeting	Club
Dec		1		Christmas Function	TBA	Ron & Nola's Dawsville Resort	Ron McNally
Dec			14	Gidgiegannup Blast	TBA	Progressive Pickup to TBA	Dragan Simic / Ron McNally
Jan		12		Beach Breakfast Run	7:00 AM	Meet at a Restaraunt or BBQ (Yanchep) for Breakfast	Simon Glossop
Jan			22	Veteran Car Club (BBQ)	6:30 PM	BBQ and January General Meeting	Club
Feb	8			Big Al's	All Day	Big Al's Poker Run	Jessie Kent
Feb	22			Galaxy Drive In	6:00 PM	Galaxy Drive In - Movable Night	Simon Glossop
Feb			26	Dick and Leone Hogen-Esch	6:30 PM	Departing Hungry Jacks Baldivis - depart 7:00PM.	Ron McNally
Mar		8		Harry's Fish and Chip Run	10:00 AM	New Norcia for Lunch	Ricky Virago
Mar			19	Whoop Ass Wednesday	4:00 PM		Allan Dewar
Mar			26	Club Meeting	6:30 PM	BBQ and March General Meeting @ South Perth Foreshore	Club
Apr	12			Graham Sach Memorial Run	TBA	York Railway Carriages	Allan Dewar
Apr			23	Veteran Car Club (BBQ)	6:30 PM	BBQ and April General Meeting	Club
May		11		Dwellingup / Boddington	8:00	Meeting at Ye Olde Narrogin Inne at Armadale	Dragan Simic
May			28	Veteran Car Club (BBQ)	6:30 PM	BBQ and May General Meeting	Club
June	14			Stringy Bark	10:00 PM	Depart Burswood Car Park	Alan Dewar
June			TBA	Barbagello Tuning Day	TBA	Find club to play with	Ricky Virago
June			25	Veteran Car Club	6:30 PM	BBQ and June General Meeting	Club
July		13		Jarrahdale BBQ	12:00	Dave Johns (Confirmed)	Dave Kent
July			23	Veteran Car Club	7:30 PM	AGM Followed by the July General Meeting and supper	Club
Aug	9			Dyno Tuning Day	8:30AM	Andrew Finch / Allan Dewar	Andrew Finch / Allan Dewar
Aug			TBA	Belmont Indoor Karts		Club Kart Champion	Alan Dewar
Aug			27	Veteran Car Club (BBQ)	6:30 PM	BBQ and August General Meeting	Club

2014 STRINGYBARK RUN - BY AL DEWAR

2014 Stringybark Vineyard Run

The CCCWA annual Stringybark Vineyard run is always held every June. And every June we look nervously to the weather reports in the week leading up to the event and contemplate which car we'll be taking. This year was better than most with the forecast for the week leading up to the event being for clear skies but cold.

A tentative booking for 12 people had been made, with updated numbers to be advised closer to the date and final numbers phoned through to Stringybark as we departed Gingers roadhouse.

As club members replied to my first cry out for expressions of interest the numbers steadily climbed to 16 and stayed steady at that figure until the day.

The plan was to depart from Burswood at 10:30 and meet up with cars from the northern suburbs at Gingers for a short break and then push on to the vineyard arriving shortly before 12:00.



We departed Burswood with 5 cobras a Skyline and a Harley and had a trouble free drive on the run up Great Eastern Highway and on to the Great Eastern Highway Bypass. We turned left onto Roe Highway around to the east and north of Midland and then up Great Northern Highway to Gingers where we were to have a 15 minute stop to meet up with 2 more cobras and have a quick coffee. When the time came to depart, Dave & Jess's cobra

wouldn't start and 10 frustrating minutes of trying made no difference. Fortunately John and Jill lived nearby and were able to race home and pick up a box full of volts and return promptly to solve the problem. Then my engine flooded and wouldn't start. An isolator switch for just this sort of occasion cut the gas supply and a minute or two of cranking the engine flushed out the surplus BBQ fuel and eventually produced the right mixture to induce some ignition. The gas was switched back on and the engine fired up and we were ready to go.

Unlike previous years' events to Stringybark, the roads were dry and it was a great drive through the twists and turns of Chittering Valley to the vineyard arriving about 30 minutes later than planned. When we arrived the car park was already well occupied and didn't



2014 STRINGYBARK RUN - BY AL DEWAR

allow us to park all the cars together as we like to do and therefore the obligatory photo was out of the question. There was also an unexpected red cobra belonging to Aaron already waiting in the car park so he joined us for lunch taking the place of new members Mike & Cathy who had trouble getting the Daytona started and were unable to make it to Burswood.

We were also pleased to welcome to the club for their first club run, new members Nick and Maria who had just become the proud owners of Miles's old cobra. It was great that Miles was along with us on his Harley for this run and was able to have a good chat with them about the car.



Once inside the restaurant, which was warmed by an open log fire, we settled in to a hearty winters' meal followed by desserts and coffee. As there was no sign of rain this year, there was no need to scramble at the end of the meal and we took our time, eventually departing at about 4:00pm heading straight to the west to Muchea and back along Neaves Road to Wanneroo Road, and

eventually south onto the Mitchell freeway and home with club members peeling off along the way to their respective homes. All in all, it was a good day with the skys being sunny but a little cold but great cobra weather. We have followed the same route to the vineyard for the last five years so



I plan to take the 2015 run along a new, longer route. Stay tuned...

Al Dewar



'THE GREAT EXPECTATIONS OF A WINDING COUNTRY ROAD.' - BY HARRY MCCLYMANS

My plans for the Jarrahdale Run were to take my ute and follow at the rear of the convoy as 'Tail End Charlie' and the Cobra Club service vehicle with a multitude of tools and spares for every occasion. However - it didn't quite happen like that.....

A couple of days before the run I received a call from the run organizer Alan D, to ask if I was still going on the run?, to which I said, "Yes." Al then asked would I lead the show from the 'Narrows Bridge' down to Jarrahdale, again I said, "Yes." Then he dropped the hard question on me, would I like to take his new Cobra to lead the way to Dave and Regina's shed run

This question required an answer of much thought and deliberation, so in a heart beat I said, "Yes.", I could ponder the thoughts later, (surely I couldn't get caught speeding a second time in one of Al's Cobras).

Sunday morning at 10:00am I parked next the river near the Narrows Bridge, it was a beautiful, cold, sunny and cloudless winters day as members began arriving. We started as a small group with three Cobras, one Corvette, one Skyline and one station wagon with Vern and his girls. After a short chat about the cold and Al G's stainless work, we headed south on the Kwinana Freeway at 10:25am. It was easy keeping a small group together at 100kph on the freeway and we were soon at our turn off point Rowley



Road, where we were joined by Dick and Leone. From there we had many left and right turns to finally get to Southwest Highway in Byford, one more right turn and then one more left turn and we were on Nettleton Road for the long run to our destination. Dragan and Jean with Graham U, were on the corner at the service station while Graham was getting fuel, they followed sometime later and met us at dave and Regina's property.

When I checked the map for the route of the run I assumed someone had picked Nettleton Road for perfect Cobra cruising, as a smooth, winding bitumen road, with long sweeping bends, magnificent panoramic valley views and a few beautiful river crossings tossed in while cruising at 110kph.

I had a mental picture in my mind similar to the opening movie scene with a bright red Lamborghini 'Muirra' driving through the Italian Alps on perfectly smooth roads, whilst soft instrumental music played the background sound track in the film the 'Italian Job', (the original).

I was sadly awoken with a road designed by a committee, I think it might be a boundary road between two shires and they fight over whose is responsible to maintain the surface. The first section went on and on and on at only 60kph and was accompanied with the bangs and bounces of a one star bush road, this

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upgraded to 80kph for many kilometres, again with the same quality of the one star road grading.

Towards the end of Nettleton Road there was a very short section with a 100kph speed limit just before Jarrahdale Road. The scenery on that road offered no more than bush, scrub, a few paddocks and a bit more bush, certainly not a prime Cobra cruising road.

If at any time you are looking for a test road to find a rattle or a squeak in your Cobra, find another road, any road other than this one, it will just increase your rattles and squeaks.

We started arriving at our host's Dave and Regina's and within a short time we were all there. Those who came along, Harry Mc, Miles W, Vicki W, Eddie T with Adele and Natarsha, Alan and Ronnie G, Dick and Leonie H, Dragan and Jean S, Alan and Sally A, John T and daughter Terri, Graham U and Vern C with daughters Sophia and Christina.



Ladies discussing kitchen appliances



Regina had a table set up with tea and coffee with cake and biscuits on the patio next to the entry for Dave's 'Man Cave'.

THE MAN CAVE.

A large brick and steel shed with shelves and dust everywhere, many things hang from all the steel trusses and the roof beams, every square inch of wall space had something fixed to it or hanging from it, floor space was at a premium and I was told when something new arrives, everything is stacked higher or pushed closer together. Car parts, engines, signs, petrol bowsers, machinery, a large collection of flying model aeroplanes, with stuff, stuff and more stuff, you should have been there, it would have been a

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'pickers paradise'.

This includes 8 motor cars and several motor bikes, cars like his 1977 Ferrari 308GTS, 1966 Fastback Mustang, an Austin Healey 1965, his beautiful Cobra, a '63 Ford Anglia plus a few more, oh! and his next Cobra Project , I think he said it was for Regina. There was so much to see that it would be difficult to see it all, but I would like to try.

An excellent BBQ lunch was provided by Dave and Regina, with the usual sausages and hamburgers with fried onions, this was accompanied with a variety of salads, coleslaw, bread rolls and of course there was plenty for seconds. Round two were the desserts of cheesecake, apple pie with cream and my personal favourite was the sticky date pudding with hot caramel sauce and a spoonful of cream to top it off, before I had some apple pie, you really should have been there, all finished off with another round of tea and coffee.

We finished with more chit chat in the warmth of the sun, while a few others played 'Bocce' on the lawn by the pool, one Bocce player should get glasses as he said he didn't see the photographer standing in front of him, luckily the photographer got a picture of the steel ball heading directly in his direction before moving away. Around mid afternoon we made our way home in any direction you liked.

I would like to offer a special thanks to Dave and Regina on behalf of the Cobra Club members that attended. I would also like to thank Al for letting me lead the way in his Cobra.



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- BY HARRY MCCLYMANS

Can you see the Anglia?



Regina's Cobra



BIG JOHNS MAN CAVE CRUISE BY MILES

Big Johns man cave cruise

Well showing up at a cobra club cruise in a non cobra is always confronting, but I didn't expect to get pasted down by the local boys in blue!

I was clean this Time, no vette gear on blatant display so Harry Mac had me join the line with the other repro-bates under the narrows bridge! Just kidding guys, honest. With only a few early birds we wondered collectively if we would pick some up on the way, and sure enough, cars kept getting in line as we worked our way thru big Al Dewar's absolutely great route out through Jarrahdale. Tree hovered roads, green fields and the roads to ourselves it was an absolutely GREAT cruise to the rumoured 'Man cave' of man caves.

Funny thing, with Harry Mac in big ALS cobra, I've NEVER seen that red rocket go so fast, and the long continuous burnouts were awesome! Who would have ever thought you do that running on BBQ fuel? And the absolute precision drifting thru those tree lined corners was a testament to Harry macs years of experience, what a bloody legend

Along the way, cruising behind a ice white cobra with a beautiful blonde in the navigators seat, (this bloke always has a great blonde with him) I see a 'part' come off the left side and start to bounce and spin down the road..... Well traveling at the posted speed limit (always on club runs) and driving a real classic American muscle car, (an original I might add) I hit the binders, yelled something to myself about not pooing on my seat, and



keeping my eyes on the errant shiny star shaped part dinging and tingling across the centreline! Good, hope it stays there as I went past. Thinking I should stop as he may need that part, a left hand corner came up quickly.....and when his left rear stayed on the car, I thought, Ha! Their fake knock offs..... And by then Dick H. and Vern had found a place on the side of the road to stop and retrieve the errand spinner....

Well, then, adjusting the seating position and removing some leather from my rear crease, we arrived a stunning country property. Cruising up the winding drive past the little lake and river, under the overhanging trees, you can see why the owner is always so relaxed.

Once parked, hellos traded with the people that linked up along the route and the man cave tour was on.....well, what a diverse selection of manly things to play with and work on! I was immediately draw to the Austin Healy 3000 as I remember growing up in the long beach MG club, one of my folks best friend had one and boy a blast from the past! And THEN you see Tom selects Ferrari, a smick Shelby trans am mustang, and THEN you see the planes. Did I say planes, John has more planes than the Australian air force, and more types...THEN you see the bright yellow ford classic pick up. Then you see the motorcycle collection, and more parts and parts and old memorabilia that would fill a couple hogs breath restaurants and you really want to hear the stories.

BIG JOHNS MAN CAVE CRUISE BY MILES

But we were summoned to lunch and WOW, what a spread, burgers, snags, salad and desserts.....I'm thinking I hope we all have enough horsepower to get the extra personal weight back to the main road....



Oh yeah, Vern and Dick returned Johns shiny spinner thing and asked, 'did you hear anything?' and the answer was yes, I thought it was a rather loud cow bell somewhere

Well more great stories, more food and some liquid refreshments and it was a magic day! Great hosts, great friends sharing a yarn, and some great cars and I can't forget to mention Dragan's doo rag head gear for the frosty ride out. If he was normal height like Eddie T and myself his hair wouldn't blow in the wind!

Many thanks to big Al Dewar for putting the event and course together, and thanks to Harry Mac for finally getting the most out of the red rocket.

John and Regina for having us there and letting the crew bruise the grass with the bocce balls, Everyone had a most enjoyable day. For those who missed it, well you missed it.

Ps be careful following those kit cars, sometimes things fall off them....



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