

## Mid North Coast Report

Well it has taken us a while to have another gathering of like minded individuals, but we finally managed it on the 4th September, when local and not so local members gathered at Kendall for lunch, we had a total of 11 people. A great surprise for us Allan & Bisa Wakeman making the journey from Maitland to join us, he is actively working on a "special" Morris Minor, others who joined us for the lunch were, George & Noel Perdisat, Bruce & Lesley Byron, Wilf & Margaret Slater, Colin & Rhonda and Andrew Stewart who brought his prize winning 1929 Morris Minor boat tail, a car he purchased when he was 13, sorry no picture of this one, so we had a total of 3 Morris Minors and the rest were moderns, apologies received from Greg & Cheryl Pickhard, Glen & Elaine Brown, Jumbo Periera.



September /October proved to be a busy period within our household; Rhonda was away on a cruise and yours truly jaunted all over the country side in the red Low Light. My first trip was to the National Rally in Queanbeyan, 21-23 September. I left home on the Thursday and I met up with George Pethard from Walcha at Heatherbrae where we lunched, he then travelled with me to Liverpool, parting company for the evening. I made a stop-over at Morris Minor World at Ingleburn; I currently am working through gearboxes on my shelves, before retiring for the evening.

Friday morning saw us gather at the service station south of the Crossroads; George, myself, Brian & Debbie Condon with their two cars, so a convoy of four went down the Hume Highway to Goulburn, where we stopped for a mandatory 2-hour break at the bakery on the southern end. There we caught

up with Bruce and Chris Pateman, as well as Glen & John Gannon. Now the convoy was getting bigger, we elected to drive straight to the Friday meeting point for the rally at the Hillclimb circuit, no practise runs for us but smiles all around as we greeted old friends from all over Australia.

These included some more from the NSW club, Glen & Elaine Brown from Hat Head, Les Whale, Tristan & Tracy Marsden with the 'Boys' from Muswellbrook as well as Trevor & Sue Goodhew. My what a change to 'Angry Ant' - Trevor had a vinyl overlay job done on it, it certainly stood out from the crowd. Check in at the caravan park, unpack and off to the dinner venue, a pleasant evening of catching up.



Up early Saturday to spruce up the cars for the main display in Queanbeyan Park, a lovely shaded venue and close to facilities. Judging was informal with a single people choice, Mayor's choice, Mayoress' choice, Paul Kelly Trophy the Minor Forum Trophy.

Personally, I would have preferred to see peoples' choice across a range of models rather

than a single car, as with the Victorian show last year, but that is only my opinion.

It was a great display of cars, with plenty of interesting vehicles on display. There were other club members attending on the Saturday, some I knew, others I did not. Scott Barraclough along with Les Whale were two that I know of that were doubling up on the weekend, doing both the National Rally and All British Day - well done to both of them and any other who managed that. Saturday evening was again a pleasant evening meal, with lots of socialising, then on the Sunday we assembled at the Hillclimb again. There were four different runs on prior to returning to the same venue for the farewells. I chose the country run, visiting a tulip farm and then lunching at Bungendore. Farewells said, I retired to the accommodation after having a quick look at the European car display at Pialligo Estate.



Monday I left Queanbeyan and headed down to Cootamundra to catch up with Col and Patricia Stewart, who unfortunately could not attend the rally due to health reasons. However, I did show them photos of the rally. On Wednesday I journey back to Kempsey.

Friday 5 October I was off to Werris Creek to help celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the memorial swimming pool's opening. Eric Stinger, our local MMCC member, was instrumental in getting the club an invite to this event, which included a street parade on the Saturday. Morris Minors that turned up on the day were Tristan Marsden, who brought along Trevor & the boys, Eric Stringer, Colin Trusler, Dave Smith, Jim Kline and another unknown from Tamworth. Dawn Fraser was the special guest and was paraded down the main street in Geoff Larkham's Mustang. Beauty queens from

the original opening were also driven along the street in open top cars. A pleasant day was spent helping the local community celebrate a major event for the them. I journeyed home on the Sunday after visiting Dave Smith in Tamworth, where I caught up with his current projects.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> was lunch at Kendall; alas I formed a convoy of one from Kempsey and dined alone at the Services Club - some days people have other thing to do, which is fair enough.



Friday 12 Oct - off to Sydney this time to catch up with Rhonda who returned early Saturday from her cruise, then onto the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner at Kareela Golf Club. Thanks to the committee for organising this a great evening and an opportunity for Rhonda and me to catch up with our Sydney-based club members, a lot of whom we had not seen for a couple of years. Home on the Monday, only to leave again on Wednesday 17, off to Bathurst for the Morgan Muster, but that's another story...

Colin Trusler

### Mid North Coast - coming events

Dec 4 Luncheon at Kendall Services Club,  
12.00 noon

Jan 8 Luncheon at Kendall Services Club,  
12.00 noon

Feb 12 Luncheon at Kendall Services Club,  
12.00 noon

May 3-5 - Hat Head Rally

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