

JUST CRUISING



A message from the President

Well here we are, almost at the end of 2022 already!

After a year of getting back to “some kind of normal” and most of the covid restrictions in the rear vision mirror we were privy to some wonderful events and cruises this year. We have had some of the most diverse and thoroughly enjoyable cruises and after 10 years in the club we went on roads this year that I’ve never done before, now that’s a feat in itself. A big thanks goes to the events team, and the members who have organised and participated in these cruises, it’s what makes us one of the best clubs in SA!

Shout out to our AFD committee and members who helped out at Oakbank this year, even though there was terrible weather we all made the most of it and it was still a very enjoyable time. Fingers crossed it will be perfect next year!

If there was one thing I would like to see improve in 2023 it would be members attendances at meetings, these meetings are a great way to find out what is being planned and also your chance to have a say on numerous things, dinner and socialising with fellow members is just a bonus. Also for anyone that is on the fence about hosting their own cruise, please know that the committee is more than happy to help with anything you need to know about all aspects of hosting one. It can be a very rewarding experience and don’t worry if something goes wrong there’s a good chance you could get a trophy at the end of the year as a constant reminder, see there’s no down side really is there? Getting helpers for fundraising events is very important also, the committee that we have are fantastic but they are not an unlimited resource, so any help we can get from general members is very appreciated as fundraising pays for all of our insurances and also in the way of fully paying for or subsidised meals, new club equipment and so forth.

Anyway I would like to wish all members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year, we will see you out cruising in 2023!! Don’t forget, no meeting in January, you all get a month off!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Brett Moseley'.

Brett Moseley
President

**October, November,
December 2022**

**General Meetings
7:30pm
Every 2nd Wednesday
of the Month
THE OAKDEN CENTRAL
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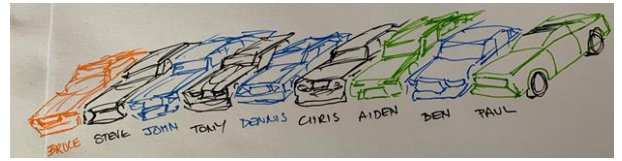


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Vales Cruise - Sunday 16th October

Hosted Paul and Trudy Minett

The Vales cruise was an award-winning drivers cruise, you had to be there to see it! Nine cars met at OTR



Glen Osmond Road (or did they). We headed up the freeway to Crafers and weaved our way towards Bridgewater on our way to Hahndorf. We missed a turn and totally missed Bridgewater but with some quick thinking (to avoid a U turn trophy) we went through Balhannah and Verdun to get back on track. From Hahndorf lots of twists and bends lead us through Mylor, Cherry Gardens, Clarendon and McLaren Flat. We lost a few cars heading into McLaren Vale, but only for a few minutes. We ended up at Bracegirdle's for a burger and chocolate. Question, if a car cruise happens and no one takes a photo, did it really happen?

All Ford Day - Sunday 30th October

All Ford Day Team

For the 2022 All Ford Day SA event we celebrated 90 years of the mighty Ford V8 and returned to Oakbank Racecourse after the successful 2021 event. With the borders now open we were able to welcome back our interstate entrants and we had over 475 pre-entrants which was set to be our biggest event in recent years. Unfortunately, the weather predictions were not favourable in the lead up to the event. However, due to the number of interstate entrants we had to push to proceed with the event as planned.



We had great support from the club over the weekend with many staying up in Hahndorf to assist. The day started off with decent weather but with predictions set to change we had a number of entrants choose to stay home. We managed to get through judging before the rain started to fall. After 2 hours of heavy rain fall (11mm at the event), we decided to hold the trophy ceremony early so we could let everyone head home. The grounds proved a little difficult for some to navigate leaving, with multiple vehicles requiring tows.



Luckily, we had Alex's team of volunteers at the ready with 4x4's and tow ropes to assist spectators and entrants get home safely. Even with the weather we were still able to make good profits and ensured that we could still donate over \$4000 to our charities. A significant milestone this year was the retirement of the Model A club. After having been one of the original clubs that established All Ford Day SA event over 40 years ago this was the last year with the Model A club participating. Next year we will be the sole organising club with Alex's team of volunteers supporting on behalf of charity organisations.



In 2023 we hope to return to Oakbank Racecourse but with better weather!



All Ford Day

Sunday 30th October

After a heavily restricted 2021 All Ford Day we were all looking forward to being “free” for 2022.

The usual crew stayed up at Hahndorf for the weekend, which makes it so much easier logistically, plus we wouldn't give up an opportunity to socially interact with our car club family. Thanks to Tony and Lee for lunch and all the delicious goodies on Saturday while we set up and to Cassie for organising dinners every night while up in Hahndorf. In the week leading up to the event we all had one eye on the weather forecast as there was some precipitation forecasted and we were all hopeful that the weather would push back even just one day.

It was all hands on deck Saturday for set up, the weather was quite nice and sunny which made it easier for the work that was at hand. The line marking crew did have their work cut out for them though due to quite a bit of rain that had fallen in the weeks leading up to the event some quick design changes were put in place and wallah all sorted. It does help that we have a huge space to work with and the team did a great job to still make it look well laid out.

We did have one club member get bogged as soon as he drove in....little did we know this was unfortunately a sign of things to come.

It was the usual early morning start on Sunday and because the new location gives us the ability to put most things in place the day before, this gives me personally more time to concentrate on getting the club display organised. This did pose its own set of challenges this year, trying to dodge some “soft” spots in our display area. Eventually I had it somewhat sorted as it was my plan to create a rainbow colour scheme at the front given the great range of colours that I had at my disposal, was this another sign?

Once the gates opened to entrants there was the usual steady stream coming in, we did have a record number of entrants register but unfortunately there were quite a few that had decided to stay home but nonetheless there were cars as far as you could see which was fantastic!





We were also lucky enough to have CH7's Bruce Abernathy come by and do some filming for their show "The Car Club" which was televised a week or so after the show. We were lucky enough to have a couple of members cars featured and an interview from our adopted interstate member "Big John" or "Mike" as they had him named on the show. John was the perfect person to speak about the day as you will struggle to find someone that shares his level of passion for All Ford Day and the car scene in general.

While all of this was going on, the judges were feverously racing around judging the cars while keeping one eye of the clouds that were starting roll in.

For quite a while the clouds were going around us and we were all thinking "yay" maybe it would miss us or it won't be as much rain as some people were saying? No sooner as the judging was finished the heavens opened and there was a good 2-3 hours of constant rain! Given that the ground was a bit soft underfoot to begin with it didn't take long for us to have 6 inches of water underfoot in some areas!



The decision was made to do the trophy presentations early so entrants could leave if they wished. We had quite a few members win their categories with Brenton picking up the coveted Blue Ribbon for plastic bumper! We were also awarded Best Club Display which the club has not won since 2015.

Big John (now renamed "Slim John") also won his category and for him to travel from Melbourne through a lot of rain and still bring it back to showroom quality was fantastic. He also won a major prize in the raffle which he had kindly donated to the club for our upcoming quiz night.



The real fun started after the trophy presentation. I was very thankful for Alex and his crew as they ended up using their 4WD's as recovery vehicles for the numerous cars that ultimately got bogged. Thankfully the entrants mostly saw the funny side of this and all in all they were appreciative that the event still went ahead. After a very eventful day most of us met back in Hahndorf for a well deserved meal and drink to reflect on everything that happened during the day.



In closing I would like to thank everyone again that had a hand in helping in the lead up, on the weekend and also following the event. There is no other show in SA like this for the Ford brand and I am very proud to say our club is a pivotal part of it going ahead each and every year.

Thankyou, Prez



All Ford Day Thank You BBQ and 20th Anniversary Celebrations Sunday 13th November

It's not very often that we have a combination cruise/event but the timing was perfect for this one with the club officially turning 20 years old in October this year.

A quick location change was needed due to the impending weather (flash backs to All Ford Day) and we were lucky enough to secure the Clubrooms at Argana Park. This ended up being a great choice with their facilities being perfect for preparing all the food and the cooking of the BBQ. A big thankyou to Tony and Lee along with their helpers for putting on a great lunch. Thanks also to Sean and Kim for providing a slide show of new and old club photos, some great memories and definitely provided a few laughs that's for sure!!

We had some special guests on the day, after a chance meeting in Aldi with a couple of "founding members", Terry and Christine it felt like it was meant to be. We kept in contact and it evolved into having 7 original members come along to the celebrations. It added a lovely touch to the day and was great for the current members to meet the group that started the club 20 years ago. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves, had some laughs looking through history books and let us all in on some insights on starting the club. We were lucky enough to have originals Brian and Terry coupled with our very own Mr Peter Wadham get up and do a small speech, this gave us a small insight into how the club was formed and how things were done back in the day. After talking with them it was great to hear that the core values that they wanted instilled originally were still evident today.

We switched hats and it was over to the AFD thankyou's. This year we invited Alex and his crew to the lunch also. It was great to include them as it's not just our members that we have to thank. They were also an integral part in the lead up to the day, set up the Saturday and the running of the event on the Sunday, without them we would probably still be getting bogged cars out.

Alex was nice enough to say some words also and he was full of praise of the efforts from our AFD committee along with the members that helped over the course of the weekend.



Celebrating 20 years
2002-2022



Christmas Party

Saturday 27th November

Hosted by Robyn Moseley

I think all that attended would agree that we all had a great night. The Kathleen Room at the Alberton Hotel was a fantastic venue for our Christmas Party, all set up in the most festive of ways. With a TV available and some great work by Sean and Kim we were reminded about the past years cruises with a slide show on the big screen.

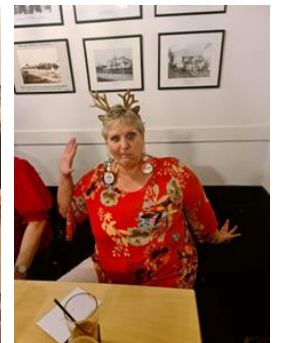
It was great to see everyone got into the festive spirit and we noticed Lowes was a popular choice for shirts for the men. Earrings, headbands, Santa hats (even animated ones) were also a popular accessory.

Crackers were cracked, jokes were shared (as bad as they were) and Christmas hats were donned. Dinner was served with lots of choices decisions had to be made, compliments to the chef as everything was delicious and the servings were huge.

The gift exchange game was a hoot! So many laughs, I think everyone got into the Christmas spirit and the stealing presents from others was a hit! Some enjoyed their gifts more than others, I did notice Marlene liked hers the most though! But from Meat Aprons to Car Wash, Cheeseboards and Remote Controlled Poop there was something for everyone.

Onto another Christmas party regular of late, Trophies. We decided to let everyone in on the trophy name and let you guess who it was awarded too.....most of them were no brainers and again we were reminded of all of the wonderful things that have happened throughout the past year. A list of the trophies and winners are listed further on in the newsletter.

Finishing the evening off, members were presented with their gift from the club this year, a cooler bag and pen. Thanks to all of those who came along and celebrated, we were missing a few familiar faces and a few out sick and they were dearly missed.



Gilberts Motor Museum

Sunday 11th December

Hosted by Dennis Smith

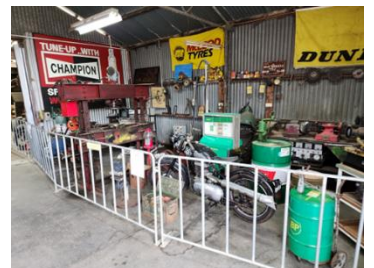
As typical for virtually all my cruises this year, and after about 2 weeks of no rain we finally had some light showers – not enough to water our gardens but just enough to get our cars a tad dirty.

A dozen members and eight of our machines gathered at the Tower Hotel carpark at Magill, and from there we headed up Norton Summit Road carefully manoeuvring our way around the numerous cyclists enjoying their Sunday morning fitness ride. Once past Norton Summit and Uraidla the cyclist thinned out and I think I still managed to find a couple of roads we've yet to travel, on the way to Hahndorf. From there we drove straight through to Strathalbyn via Echunga and Macclesfield. As we were approaching Strathalbyn the skies were darkening, and it was getting a bit obvious a picnic was now not going to happen – as per usual.

Once in Gilberts Motor Museum, they had a nice variety of cars and bikes of all types and makes, plenty of memorabilia and an amazing diorama of the 1993 Adelaide F1 track, complete with all the miniature trees around the track in their correct location!! It was certainly worth a visit, and they've done a great job in only 3 years since opening.

Luckily the Robin Hood Hotel just up the road could fit us in at short notice for lunch, so we managed to escape the cold grey skies for a meal, drink, and a chat. After lunch I officially called the cruise to a close, and that was that.

Thanks to everyone that came along, and thanks to the Gilberts Motor Museum and the Robin Hood Hotel. I think we all had an enjoyable day out.



Christmas Lights Cruise Saturday 17th December Hosted by Chris and Juanita Field



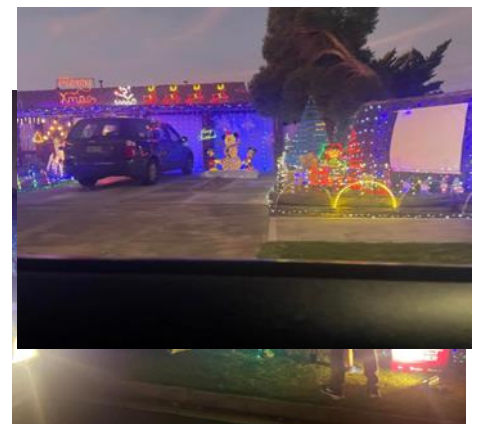
Starting with a lovely dinner at Fasta Pasta, this year's cruise had to overcome a few hurdles:

1. Pat nearly losing us two participants when he spilt his drink, luckily he & Trudy didn't get sticky ("Sticky? Not in the Mustang!")
2. The sun taking longer to set, delaying the start by half hour as it was too light
3. Not having the opportunity to do a dry run of the complete cruise together – this one had its ups (we got to see some unexpected bonus lights displays) and its downs (where the only error in the route was when the lead driver ignored the navigator as he knew best)
4. With all the Saturday night traffic and more twists & turns, we managed to stay together pretty well



Despite the above, everyone enjoyed some spectacular lights displays (see the Facebook posts), not least of which was the overall winner of the display competition in West Beach and Ninth Street, St Peters (pity about the cars parked on the street blocking some of the views as we drove past).

We finished the evening at Macca's for coffee and cake/pie/ice cream/sundae where Chris & Juanita were informed that this cruise took the record for 81 round-a-bouts, the most of any cruise in Pete & Helen's 17 years with the club. (I don't think we quite hit 81 but it was a lot of round-a-bouts!)



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2022 TROPHY WINNERS

A bit of a tradition over the last few years, presentation of trophies for all the dumb stuff members have done over the past year....here's a list of this year's winners – sorry to those who haven't got theirs yet, you will get them next time you're on a run!

Biggest U Turn EVER – Winter Warmer Cruise – Pat & Cassie Kerton

Did Someone Say Meat? – Sandown 500 Trip – Aaron Hadwen

Blues & Twos – Sandown 500 Trip – Sean Malone

Cloudy with a Chance of Rain – Every Cruise He does – Dennis Smith

Was there even a Cruise? – Vales Cruise – Paul & Trudy Minett

Bogged Down – All Ford Day – Gain Diener

Thickest Thick Shake – Murray Bridge Cruise – Jerome Cook

Food Thief – Sandown 500 Trip – Sue Hadwen

Bowling King Pin – GBP Cruise – Mark Winter

No Phones at the Table – Murray Bridge Cruise – Helen Wadham

A Bit Deflated – Wine Not Cruise – Pat Kerton

Invisible Car – Presidents Cruise – Brett Moseley

JOKES CHRISTMAS EDITION



What do you get if you
cross a bell with a skunk?

Jingle Smells

Why did Santa's
helper see the
doctor?

Because he had a low
"elf" esteem!

What do you
call a cat in the
desert?

Sandy Claws

What do you get when
you cross a snowman
with a vampire?

Frostbite

What do they sing at a
snowman's birthday party?

Freeze a jolly good fellow!

Who tells the best Christmas jokes?

Reindeers, they sleigh every time

What happened to the
man who stole an Advent
Calendar?

He got 25 days!



2022 ALL FORD DAY TROPHY WINNERS



Congratulations to the winners at this years All Ford Day – John Moyle, Brenton Watkins, Juanita Field, Sue Hadwen, Aaron Hadwen and Robyn Moseley.

Club took out Best Club Display also which is a great achievement.





Congratulations to Brenton who took home high tech body and paint, high tech engine bay and the overall trophy for a high tech street machine at the recent Extreme Auto Expo.



Well the much anticipated EL made its debut at Decembers roll racing event, with the first actual drive being up to the event and it performed well, making it to the third round of eliminations before throwing a belt. Well done to Connor for doing the build!

Tourquing Points



Happy Birthday Aaron who recently celebrated his 60th



Lucky Chaz is going to be driving a ford next year, Roving Robyn might have switched teams!



Friend of the Club John Calleja took out his category also at the recent All Ford Day.

Aurora all ready for judging at All Ford Day and what a difference a year makes, she can actually run around and help line mark now!



Congratulations to Pat and Cassie Kerton and Brett and Robyn Moseley Presented their 10 years Membership and Service. certificates at the last meeting.



Thanks to those who came along to the recent bunnings Xmas party. Not sure if anyone took up the offer for Pete?



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From the Editor

Thank you for reading the October, November, December edition of the FPV & XR Car Club of SA's Newsletter, Just Cruising. If you have any articles, photos, advertisements you would like to see in the newsletter, please email them to me at info@fpvxclub.com.au and I will get them into the newsletter as soon as possible.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Many thanks

Robyn Moseley, Editor

Our Reason for Being



The FPV & XR Car Club SA is committed to providing a quality family orientated social club for those who enjoy driving their FPV, XR, Tickford, Ford Performance and specific Ford Heritage Vehicles, making new friends and having fun. The club welcomes all friendly like-minded people with similar interests.

Upcoming Events



Presidents
Cruise
Sunday 8th
January



Autobarn
BBQ and
Display
Saturday
21st January



Heartkids
Show 'n
Shine

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday February 11th

QUIZ NIGHT – ARGARNA PARK – 7PM
GET YOUR TEAM TOGETHER NOW,
TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON

-Don't forget to RSVP! -

YES OR NO

- All cruises are subject to change -