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Cover photo: on the road at last, June & Bob Thacker newly restored van.

President's Report

Hello Members,

I would like to thank all those who attended the run to Hell Town Hotrods near Gympie, we had 13 vans on display and it was a great sight, seeing our convoy cruzing up the highway. There was a lot of interesting things on display such as old petrol signs, some motorcycles and even a speedway midget. Thank you all.

Well members the year is nearly half done, time to actually decide our Christmas party and lock in a weekend too. We have a couple of ideas floating around, like an overnight at Kenilworth showgrounds or even up to Gympie. If members have any other suggestions please raise at this meeting. We are going to stay away from busy locations such as the gold coast or sunshine coast, as it is hard to get one night accommodation.

I have been talking with the members who turn up on our social runs and we have all decided due to winter and the sun going down early, that we will now be meeting at 3pm. This should allow us to conduct the cruze in sunlight and make the night not as long due to the cold. When we get closer to summer the time will change back, don't worry there will be plenty of notice.

The 42nd Van Nationals will be held in Port Fairy, Victoria for those interested in attending.

I would like to remind members that the club has a facebook page that they are able to access to post pictures of their vans or events they attend or interested in attending, so other members can see what's going on in our club or even attend that event too.

Thank you,

Todd.

From the Editor

Thank you to everyone who sent me material and for your assistance with production of Tailgate Chatter.

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Next Meeting

Sunday 5th June - Albany Creek Scout Den 10:00am Start Hope to see you all there.

My XD Van

10-1-2016 by Col Railton

I've been restoring over the last couple of yrs.

It started life as a twin to another identical standard GL with a tailgate option and country suspension pack. Both vans were purchased by a father and son at the same time from a dealer in western Sydney then driven back to their new homes in Dubbo NSW. Unfortunately Dad's van has long since gone to the great van gods in the sky.

This surviving van was owned by the son for around 30yrs spending all its life in the Dubbo area, which was fortunate as it had almost nil rust in the panels and none in any of the usual spots like the plenum or above the doors and windscreen etc. It appeared to have never done any heavy lifting either giving the rear a near perfect condition when I saved her.



It's was originally a lighter mustard yellow that made the van look worse than a sick child. The Country suspension pack also gave it more wheel arch clearance than your average 4x4 resulting in a look combined with razor blade thin tyres of something that looked to sickly and would fall over at the first moderately sharp corner.

After driving down to Dubbo and towing her home it spent about 18months at a mates home workshop in Beerwah getting the fresher and custom colour (GBL yellow mixed with SS yellow) you now see on her. He also moulded the rear Sundowner style wing and cut and grafted the front Phase 5 style air splitter to the front bar. A Phase 5 bonnet scoop tops the bonnet of nicely to complete the look for now.

She still has the original running gear 6cyl 3sp auto etc for now. I have updated the carby/manifold to a two barrel of a later XE and extractor and full twin system but will leave it with those for now. The plan is for a 351 4sp when \$\$'s allow. Rims and tyres are 14x7 with 235's up front and 14x8 with 265's on the rear.

Hopefully after I get my current personal problems sorted you will see me cruising with the club in her very shortly enjoying all of vanning pleasures again.

Well that's just a quick rundown of my van and her life and current status. Hope to catch you all up again very soon.





Bundaberg Early Holden Club All Holden Day

7th May 2016 by John Dolton

The weather was perfect for the All Holden Day in Bundaberg, in fact it was very warm. There was a good variety of Holdens on show.

The Sunstate contingent was small but enthusiastic and quite successful on the day.

Kim and I travelled up the day before in company with Howie in his HR Ute and apart from road work delays we had a good trip. Brent Broderick came up from Maryborough with his Mum, Barb.

Although very busy with their role in the Bundaberg club Bob and Sharon Reckenberg still took out first place in the HZ-WB ute /van modified class.

Brent Broderick won Best Commodore Van Trophy.

Howie took out best HD-HR ute/van modified for the 3rd year in a row.

Unfortunately the presentation of trophies was quite confusing and I really hope there is an improvement next year.

Congratulations to our members on their awards.







FE/FC Nationals, Toowoomba

25th-28th March by David Hampton

Here are some pictures from FE/FC nationals that were in over the 25-28 March. These pictures were taken at the show and shine that was held in Queenspark on the Saturday good turn out about 60-70 vehicles some from South Australia and WA.





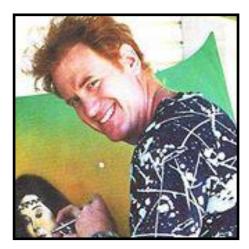




Devo's Long Working Holiday - Update!!!!!!

by Jim Corbett

Devo's is still doing well in Asia painting laser tag centres and stadiums and entrances to gaming parlours. The pictures show the entrances and change rooms as well as the gaming areas.



His latest project came to an abrupt holt in typical Devo fashion. While using all the OH&S equipment and harnesses available to him in Bangkok (none were available) the ladder moved and ops down came Devo hitting the ground 20 meters below and bounced once before stopping. Just like Humpy Dumpy he hit the ground with a thump with his shell in one piece , but lots of damage on the inside. He was taken to Synphaet Hospital and underwent lots of test and x-rays to find out that he had a lot of damage on the inside. His left leg and ankle and the left arm were bandaged up and his back

and neck were put into a brace for the next two months.

Chu's Face Book May Updates

Early in the month

His boss has sent his driver around to pick him and Chu up to take them for his check up at the hospital. He is now allowed to take the back and neck brace off but has to keep the bandage on his left ankle due to the fact it is not healing quick enough and his left arm is to be monitored for the next three months as well. But he is in good spirits as Chu is spoiling him during his recovery (good one Devo).

Later in the month.

Still recovering and going for checkups, he is back at work but this time he is using a new safety harness supplied by his boss Mr Eukrit as he is impressed with Devo's work and details in the figures. Mr Eukrit and his mother both are really impressed by his work and want his talents in the future. And as Chu said – I know you can do it honey! Aja aja fighting !!!!!

The next big step for Devo will be around 10th August when he will finally walk down the aisle to take the lovely Chu's hand in marriage.

Late Late Update

Verena was on face book this morning to find another update on their condition.

While getting a taxi to take Chu to the airport a tourist bus caused them to fall in the middle of the road in peak hour traffic. They think that Devo has broken his right shoulder in

two places and is seeing the bone specialist in the next couple of days. Devo's boss has arranged for Chu to get to the airport to fly home (as Chu puts it) ALONE AGAIN.

Chu is starting to believe in an old Malaysian saying "Darah pengantin itu manis" which means "The bride and grooms blood is sweeter."

Everyone at Sunstate Panel Van Club wishes you a speedy recovery and hopes you get back to normal real soon Pete!

ALL THE BEST TO YOU AND CHU FOR THE BIG DAY AS WELL.



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Saturday Night Fun Cruze

Saturday 12th March by Paul Page

Mathew and I pulled into the Seven Eleven servo just after 5:30pm. We were late due to heavy traffic. After much discussion, we headed for Victoria Point Kiosk with us in the lead. Being after sun set I turned on our interior blue lights so the other vans could see us. The food and company was excellent. We all agreed that we have to come again during day light hours. Too dark, that's why there's no photos of the vans.





New Zealand Van Nationals

After holding a successful Aussie Van Nationals at Bathurst last year we thought we would head across the ditch to check out the NZ 40th Nats, and just be a spectator, returning the courtesy of their members attending ours, and see some of New Zealand's finest vans.

Rocking up to the Nats venue at the Blenheim Race Course on the Thursday in our beat up motor home (that's another story), we drove through the unmanned gate into the Nats area and parked next to a few people sitting under a veranda spotting our friends Peter and Chrissy Fressard knowing then we were in the right place. After sorting out where to park the flying brick we wandered around the camp area and chatted to anyone and everyone, checking out their vans at the same time. Big vans make up the majority with medium and small vans less prevalent. It was interesting checking out the few vans that were virtually drag cars but were fully registered. Not a hope in hell they would be allowed here.























Entry to the NZ Nats was only \$90 each and we are still trying to work out how they make any money, because from Thursday night until Monday they supply almost every meal, even a feed at a pub a catered roast and lasagne meal. It was amazing and full credit to the girls and guys who put in every day to get everyone fed.

Friday came with a short cruise to the Omaka Air Museum where we found the car park full classic cars, mainly Zephyrs'. We spent half an hour looking at those before heading into the World War one museum. When paying at the counter the lady said it take about two hours to go through, well six hours later we emerged (no we didn't get lost). The exhibits were incredible, with the owner Peter Jackson of Lord Of The Rings fame going all out to set up some amazing life size dioramas.

Jackson has been a WW1 enthusiast most of his life and after the success of his movies has been able to set up three hangers full of WW1 planes and memorabilia that any museum would be proud to have. The central focus as you walk around the exhibits is real or full size flying replicas of planes showing the progressive development of flying machines throughout the war.



The Red Baron crash display was a frozen moment in time where the Aussie soldiers that shot him down on the 21-8-1918 were stripping his red Fokker tri plane for souvenirs, even taking his fur boots which are now in the Canberra War Memorial. The manikins are rated as the best in the world for looking real with Jackson making the most of his movie contacts to put the exhibits together. Even a crashed plane sitting in a tree you would swear was real.

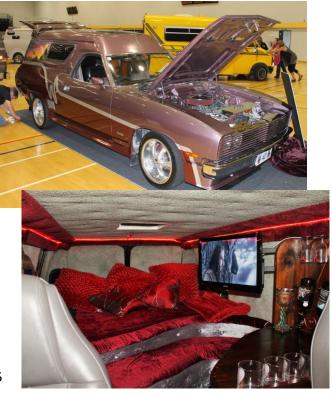




Friday night was AGM night for committee members of each club attending and for the rest a trivia session was organised in the hall next door. Peter Fres and myself sat in on the AGM with the two hour plus meeting interesting to compare hoe they run their association to Australia's various states. By the laughter in the next hall coming from the trivia room, I know where most of the committee members wanted to be. The NZ system is similar to how the Australian van scene wanted to be in the early eighties with a central body made up of representatives from all states. Unfortunately the states never had Councils set up at the same time so the governing body (Australian Street Van Association) never got off the ground properly. NZ is just North and South with the same road rules throughout. The Van Association of New Zealand (VANZ) is not a big organisation looking after only one club on the South Island and five or six on the North, but it seems to work well.

Saturday was show day. VANZ had booked an indoor stadium holding about fifty vans in Blenheim with the hosting club Vanz Unlimited (the only South Island Club) running the weekend. Strict rules in the stadium meant all vans had to be checked to remove any stones from tyres, drop sheets under all vehicles and no one could have their machines lifted on stands, so undercarriages could not be shown. Pete Fres and myself were asked to judge interiors and drive trains with one of the locals each, which was quite an honour, and with only about 40 vans it was not a big chore. We were there for the day anyway, so happy to help out. We heard that the in the end the results were very close with every van having good and bad areas. Last year's winner Jeff & Ali Berry with their Bedford van 'The Hollywood' taking out the top gong again. Unfortunately a few vans were excluded due to either not having their warrant sticker (road worthy) or VANZ membership sticker. They are very strict with these rules and you can't just rock up with your van on show day like in OZ. You have to be a member of VANZ and a Nats entrant to be judged. It was a shame because a couple of the excluded vans were very nice.







We saw this thing in the car park at the show and worked out it was an Ford XT ute or van. Weird.

After the show it was back to the camp grounds (still no one manning the entrance) for another feed and fancy dress night. The Kiwi's really get into their theme nights with this year being movie characters. It was a funny night.



Sunday was cruise day and with us tagging on behind the convoy in the block of flats headed to Picton on the windy scenic road. I felt like the bus driver at the end of the original Italian Job movie. Very windy and no room for error. Susie got the camera duties and snapped some beautiful scenery. Arriving in Picton we got our free pub meal and then wandered the town. Picton is where the ferry crosses to the North Island and back, and is apparently the most expensive crossing in the world, especially if you want to take cars across.

After a pleasant day out sightseeing we got back to the race track to await the presentations. This was preceded by another supplied feed (lasagne) and the van light show which us Aussies were asked to judge (we must have done a good job Saturday). By this time it was getting rather late, luckily their auction only took 15 minutes and then into handing out the impressive awards (I reckon they cut down a whole forest to make them). This year's winner was Jeff and Ali Berry's very tidy Bedford van 'The Hollywood', who also won last year. Anyhow, there were plenty of grinning winners, followed by party time.



Arising Monday morning to breakfast we said many goodbyes and hit the road again to see the rest of the Northern end of the South island.

We had a great time visiting the 40th NZ Van Nats and although the quantity and quality of the vans isn't quite as good as in OZ they really do know how to run a Van-In style Nats and can party with the best of them. Well done to VANZ and the Vanz Unlimited Van Club for a great Easter.

Cheers Russell & Susie



Crack a smile

A RETIRED gentleman went to the Centrelink office to apply for his age pension. The woman behind the counter asked him for his driver's licence to verify his age. He looked in his pockets and realized he had left his wallet at home.

He told the woman that he was very sorry but he seemed to have left his wallet at home and would have to go and fetch it, but the woman instead told him to unbutton his shirt.

A little surprised, he nonetheless opened his shirt, revealing curly silver hair.

The woman said: "That silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me," and processed his pension application.

When he returned home, the man told his wife about his experience at the Centrelink office.

He wife answered: "You should have dropped your pants. You might have got the disability pension too!"

AN OLD albatross is taking his son to a top fishing spot, when a military jet flies over the top of them so fast that the younger albatross tumbles and rolls through the air for a bit.

Once the pair regain their composure, the son says to his dad: "What kind of bird was that and why was it in such a hurry?"

"I don't know son," says the dad, "but I reckon if I had a burning ring of fire like him, I'd be flying that fast to try and cool it off too!" IT'S the summer of '57 and Bobby goes to pick up his date, Peggy Sue. When he goes to the front door, Peggy Sue's father answers and invites him in. He then asks Bobby what they are planning to do. Bobby replies politely that they will probably just go to the malt shop or to a drive-in-movie.

Peggy Sue's father responds: "Why don't you kids go out and screw? I hear all the kids are doing it."

Naturally this comes as quite a surprise to Bobby and he says: "Whaaaaaaaat?"

"Yeah," says Peggy Sue's father, "we know that Peggy Sue really likes to screw. Why, she'd screw all night if we let her!"

Bobby's eyes light up and he smiles from ear to ear. Immediately, he revises the plans for the evening.

A few minutes later, Peggy Sue comes downstairs in her little poodle skirt with her saddle shoes, and announces that she's ready to go. Almost breathless with anticipation, Bobby escorts his date out the front door while Dad says: "Have a good evening kids," with a wink at Bobby.

About 20 minutes later, a thoroughly dishevelled Peggy Sue rushes back into the house, slams the door behind her and screams at her father: "Dammit Daddy, it's called the Twist!"

Flash back time

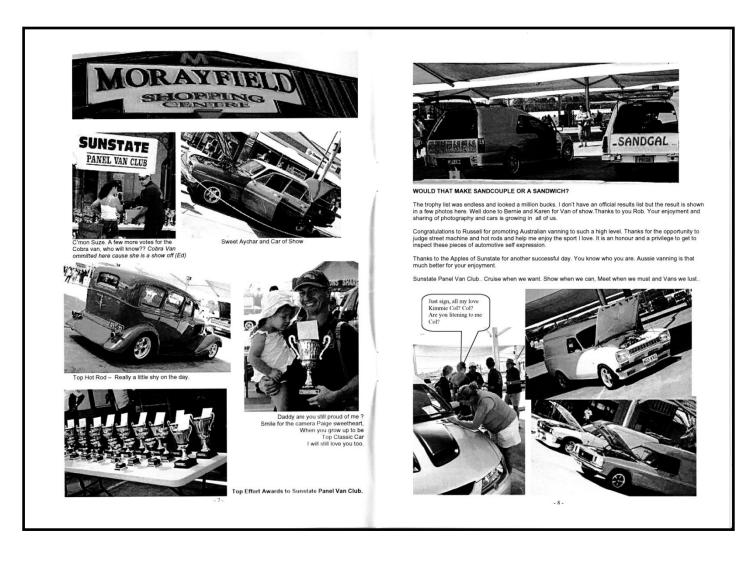
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Secretary: John Dolton, Treasurer: Kim Rielly (Dolton), Public Relations Officer: Bernie Lloyd-Jones, Datum Officer: Lawrie Pugsley.

Cover photo was of Paul & Sheryl Grant's 78 Holden Van "Phoenix" which took out the top Australian Van award for a second year. With photos of the Australian Top 10 vans.

A good story and photos on the Club Show at Morayfield Shopping Centre and an excellent story by Kim & John on their 2008 Van Nats Adventure.



UPCOMING EVENTS

All events/runs listed below are approved club outings for vehicles on club registration. Travelling to and returning from events and locations listed below and or any accommodation related to any of these events and locations is approved and allowed.

Note: due to the bi-monthly nature of this magazine, additional stationed events and locations may be added at any time via the Sunstate Panel Van Club Web page or Sunstate Panel Van Club correspondence. Also check out http://shownshine.info, http://www.uniquecarsandparts.com.au/event_calendar.php and http://www.pinky.com.au for more details.

2016 Sunstate Panel Van Club Inc Social Runs

| 11 June | Shell service cntr Gateway motorway, Nudgee at 3:00pm |
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| 9 July | Seven eleven servo Mt Gravatt-Capalaba road. |
| 13 August | Shell service cntr Gateway motorway, Nudgee. |

10 September Seven eleven servo Mt Gravatt-Capalaba road.

8 October Shell service cntr Gateway motorway, Nudgee.

12 November Seven eleven servo Mt Gravatt-Capalaba road.

10 December Shell service cntr Gateway motorway, Nudgee.

June 3-13 - Cooly Rocks On 2016, Coolangatta And Tweed Heads Beachfront, http://coolyrockson.mybigcommerce.com/

June 9 - 13 -Downunder Beachfest 2016 is set for. Caloundra, Sunshine Coast. Colin: 0437 081 805 - Brian: 0418 881 494. https://www.facebook.com/events/1646022125657145/

June 18 - Caboolture Regional Car Club Inc. are hosting their Annual Swap Meet & Show N Shine. Caboolture Showgrounds. 07 5495 3312 - 0419 331 213. http://www.crcc.com.au/

June 25 – 26 - Chrome & Clutter Retro Festival, Show N Shine 2016, Show N Shine - Saturday 25th. Retro Festival: Sat 25th - Sun 26th. Patrick Street, Laidley. 07 5465 1099.

July 3 - Childers Autofest 2016. Open to All Makes & Models, Hot Rods Classics, Cruisers, Trucks, Vans, Utes, Bikes, Lowriders, etc. All Welcome. Churchill Street, Childers. 0408 788 069. https://www.facebook.com/childersvehicleclub

July 3 - Ipswich Swap Meet, Ipswich North State School, North Ipswich, Paul (07) 3282, 4742http://www.streetmachine.org.au/activities/ipswich-swap-meet.html

- **July 3 -** All American Independence Day 2016, open to all American built vehicles, Lakeside Park Kurwongbah, 1800 7223 9297. http://www.qldraceways.com.au/all-american-independence-day
- **July 9** Rockin Jimmy's Car Show & Rock N Roll Event, St James Anglican Church 47 East St. Jimboomba, 0475 917 035. http://www.rockinjimmys.org.au/
- **July 10 -** RACQ Motorfest 2016, Eagle Farm Racecourse, Lancaster Road, Ascot. http://www.racq.com.au/motorfest
- **July 17** All American Car Show & Swap Meet 2016, Rocklea Showgrounds, Ian: 0418 782 768, Eric: 0409 055 824. https://www.facebook.com/All-American-Car-Show-790155421054657/
- **July 17** Centenary Rocks Carfest 2016, Rocks Riverside Park Counihan Road, Seventeen Mile Rocks, 0423 917 127. http://new.centenaryrocks.com/
- **July 17** Corvettes Down Under Classic Car Show 2016, Pelican Park, Hornibrook Esplanade, Clontarf, 0400 300 129. http://www.corvettesdownunder.com.au/index.php
- **July 17** All Ford Day, Willowbank Raceway, Willowbank, http://www.willowbankraceway.com.au/events/detail.aspx?EventGroupID=90
- **July 24** Original Gold Coast Swap, Mudgeeraba Showgrounds, Mudgeeraba, David 0428 279 291 or John 0412 958 839
- **July 30** Nambour Swap, Nambour Showgrounds, Nambour, 0498 009 396 or visit http://www.scacc.org.au/

Regular Events

(Note: some of these regular events have been have slight changes to location and dates, its recommend to confirm event location and time, prior to arrival to avoid disappointment)

Harry's Diner – 104 Newmarket Road Windsor On every Thursday & Friday nights.

Webbys Old School Muscle Car Big Breakfast- Hogs Breath Café Aspley from 07:00am to 09:30am held Fortnightly on Sunday Mornings, for more see Facebook.

Old Skool Cars & Street Machines, Westfield North Lakes on 1st Saturday of each Month, 05:30pm to 09:30am.

Old Petrie Town – Dayboro Road Kurwongbah On any Friday or Saturday night of the Month.

Auto 1 – 1 Capitol Place Kawana Every 3rd Friday night of the Month.

Lakeside Park – Lake Kurwongbah On any week-end when an event is on.

Willowbank Raceway – 1 Champions Way Willowbank On any Wednesday night for Test & Tune and on any week-end an event is on **Queensland Raceway** – Champions Way Willowbank On any week-end when an event is on.

Ettamogah Pub – 73 Frizzo Road Palmview On any week-end.

Victoria Point Kiosk & Café – 7 Masters Avenue Victoria Point On any week-end, bookings 3207-7214.

Munchie's Diner – Cnr Beaudesert Road & Elizabeth Street Acacia Ridge. On any Friday night of the Month.

Ricks Diner – Margaret Street Palmwoods Any week-end, Bookings 5445-0933.

Thunderbird Café – 1 Jones Street Mooloolah, Any week-end, bookings 0400-048-950.

Yatala Drive In Theatre – 100 Jacobs Well Rd Staplyton- On any week-end.

Nando's Social Night – K Mart Plaza, Corner Ruthven and Stenner Streets, Toowoomba, From 6pm last Saturday of month.

Brisbane Retro Cruise Night & Street Party Wellington Point, Queensland, Australia. Locked in for the 4th Friday of every month. For more info. visit https://www.facebook.com/events/725980614178417/

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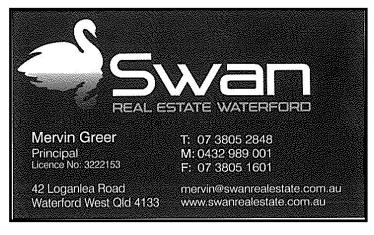
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