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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Up Coming Events

**9th December Christmas Function
Harris Bend Restaurant, Bicton, 12.30pm**

**13th January Sunset Cruise to Two Rocks
departing 5.30pm**

24th January Club meeting 6.30pm

**February 10th Valentines Day Run
departing 5.30pm**

Dunsborough Run 14/15th October 2006

What a weekend!

Our weekend started with a bit of a chill in the air, beanie and gloves were the order of the day but as the morning went on, the beanie and gloves came off.

Three cobras met at Armadale - Rob, Malcolm & Jenny and Tony and myself, and we headed for Pinjarra to meet up with Nola & Ron and Dick & Leonie for that very special breakfast you can only get in Pinjarra.

From there, we headed through Collie & Balingup where we stopped for a bite of lunch. The scenery was just beautiful and it was the perfect time of the year - everything green and lush.

We eventually arrived in Dunsborough at around 3pm, booked into a motel and then got ready with bottles & nibbles in hand for pre dinner drinks outside the pool area under a nice gazebo.

The evening came on all too quickly, it was getting quite cold, so decided it was time to get ready to find a place to get some dinner - we seemed to be eating constantly! It was the last day of the school holidays, so thought nothing of just walking in to some nice restaurant and getting a table for nine of us - WRONG!! We tried three or four places and thought - Pizza could be on the menu, but Nola found us a nice seafood restaurant that could seat us.

I don't think I've laughed so much in a long time - Not wanting to mention any names - but will anyway - Malcolm kept us entertained. It started when he needed to go outside for a loo break that he got his first finger caught in the restaurant's concertina doors. He said he was actually giving someone THE finger as he went outside but somehow got the first finger caught. Well, his finger got blacker by the minute and was apparently very sore. Malcolm, if you weren't having a couple of drinks, it would have been a lot worse! I think you probably mentioned the word "finger" and "hurt" five thousand times - but it was very funny - Sorry.. I hope it's on the mend.

We were all up bright and early, for a weekend away that is, and had a lovely breakfast close by the motel. We started heading for home at about 10am and the drive through Capel, Donnybrook, Wellington Mill was just spectacular - it really did take your breath away. We stopped in at Gnomesville and took a leisurely stroll through the bushland - thought we should have some Cobra gnomes set up in there - maybe next time - and then headed through the Ferguson Valley and on to Harvey for morning tea/brunch.

It was a truly great weekend. Thanks all for making it a very special time away and getting to know everyone a little better made it all the more special.

Roll on the next one!!

Pat Varis

Toodyay Run 11th November

With a meeting at Gingers Roadhouse at 8am the weather looked good from our bedroom window so we made the decision that we were going in the cobra not the mini. Everything looked good until we were approaching Roe Hwy. I could see that it was very black and it was starting to rain but we said not to worry it will pass and fortunately for us it did. We were the first to arrive so I went in to get a nice warm coffee for Dave and I. We were soon joined by Leanne and Paul May followed by the flying scotsman Dave Manson, George and Anne Relf, Malcolm and Jenny Hawke, Murray Neindorf, Peter and Lianne in their big block powered Cobra and Harry Macin the trusty Benz. After a brief chat we decided to take off into the morning sun and headed to bindoon for a nice cuppa and a cake from that nice bakery shop. The weather was very good to us with the rain holding off. Dave the flying scotsman had taken the lead as he was our run co-ordinator but surprisingly when we stopped at bindoon for our coffee some of the guys said that we were going to slow and that Dave should go faster, but I said to Dave that it was fine for the first time I could see all of that lovely country side. As we were waiting for our coffees someone noticed that there was a martian bleeding to death under Murray's Cobra. We called him over and he said that it was fine as he had topped up the radiator and it was just the excess, so with a quick look under the bonnet just to confirm the diagnosis we all went back to our chat. After coffee we took off for Toodyay and this time Dave did give it a bit of a squirt to keep the boys happy. When we got to the Coca Cola Café in Toodyay to my surprise they were having a garage sale, so off I went with lianne for a nose and I found a real bargain I found 7 sizzling hot plates for just \$5.00 the lot, so in the boot they went. Anyway why the all men stood in the car park talking Cobra stuff I went in to order my lunch and Harry was already in there, surprise, surprise and I told him about the garage sale and all of a sudden he was gone returning with a soap dispenser and a wall hand dryer for his shed. Good one Harry. By the way he rang me that night to tell me that he had already washed and dried his hands and that the dryer even blows hot air. Anyway everyone finally came in for lunch and had a good chat why we filled our bellies. As usual it was very nice food. With the worms silenced we decided to head off home. It was a very good day and congratulations to Dave Manson for organizing the run. It would be good to have some of the other members do the same as it just adds variety to the runs. Well done Dave.

Club	Runs	Club Meeting	Meet at	Depart at
Saturday	Sunday	Wednesday		
July		26	Ye Old Narrogin Inne	8:30 AM
August	14		Gingers Roadhouse to York	8:30
August		23	Veteran Car Club	7:30 PM
September	8, 9 & 10		Targa West Weekend	TBA
September		27	Veteran Car Club	6:30 PM
October	14		Dunsorough	8:00 AM
October	15	25	Veteran Car Club	7:30 PM
November	11		?New Norcia / Mogumber	8:30 AM
November		22	Veteran Car Club	6:30 PM
December	10		South	9:00 AM
December		-----	Veteran Car Club	-----
January	13		City/North	5:30 PM
January		24	Veteran Car Club	6:30 PM
February	10		City / South	5:30 PM
February		28	Veteran Car Club	6:30 PM
February				
March	11		North	5:30 PM
March			Whiteman Park	
March		28	Veteran Car Club	7:30 PM
April	14		South	8:00 AM
April	21	22	Wandering	8:00 AM
April		25	Veteran Car Club	6:30 PM
May			North	9:00 AM
May		23	Veteran Car Club	7:30 PM
June	9		South	8:30 AM
June		27	Veteran Car Club	7:30 PM
July			North	8:30 AM
July	8		Go Karts	
July		25 (AGM)	Veteran Car Club	7:00 PM
August	11		South	8:30 AM
August		22	Veteran Car Club	7:30 PM

Targa West 10 & 11 Sept
 Fathers Day 3rd Sept
 Mothers Day 14th May
 Super V8's
 Collie Race Day
 HSV Club Days



SHINY COBRAS ALL IN A ROW



TONY & PAT ON THE PROWL



GENTLEMEN START YOUR ENGINES



LOOKING REPLENDANT IN THE SPRING SUNLIGHT



TONY & PAT ON THE PROWL AGAIN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

THEY'RE NEVER FINISHED

I have owned my little piece of the Shelby dream for a number of years now, pressured into purchasing a licensed car by she who must be obeyed as she wasn't going to wait for umpteen years whilst I built the "bloody thing" so she could go cruising in it.

After driving our new toy home on a damp May day we parked it in the carport and admired our purchase, happy that after much searching we had finally found exactly what we wanted. Well almost!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We just needed to get rid of those "commoner" rego plates and get something that says "I'm a cobra" and I know just the thing **SNAKEBITE**.

A few short months later we join some of the boys in the club for a run to Narrogin to have a look at Rev Heads weekend and, dip me in honey and throw me to the lesbians I'm in heaven, the missus is off buying flash new rocker covers and matching air cleaner for our new baby.

Another run to Mandurah a short time later and she's into the local auto shop (yes Roy it was Supercheap) walking out some time later with a shiny wood rim steering wheel "coz its flash eh!!"

In a very short space of time it really starts. Firstly, gee those fake side pipes look okay but big 4" buggers that bellow "MG ON STEROIDS" would be better.

Not long after this the old points style distributor starts giving me the proverbials with its constant need for attention. Ok I sez I'll just do one of those cheapy aftermarket electronic conversions. Well that was the plan when I left home for the auto shop but somehow I ended up with the super u beaut Crane voltage sensing XR3000 module and Hi Po PS90 coil to match.

Next thing I'm looking at the Toyota rear end with its basic drum brakes and saying with a little bit of machining here and a little bit fitting skill there I can fit a nice set of disc brakes on its bum. Well before I know it we've gone the hole flamin hog and adapted the front for ventilated rotors as well , all a la Ford no bloody Holden crap here, and to hell with the expense we might as well have cross drilled and slotted wiz bang ones.

Then it was, that 302 cu in motor scared the crap out of me when we first acquired the car but I think it's a bit tame now. "More Power". So in slots a new 351 Clevo with a slightly more than stock camshaft and improved inlet manifold. Ah that's better!!!!!!!!!!

Okay things are lookin good she's got the go, she got the whoa, she sounds like a Nascar. Hang on did I say looking good. That reminds me I never did think much of those bloody trailer tail lights. Yeah go on all you purists I know the real ones did actually come out with em. So its on the ol dog n bone to pommy land and hey presto some of them spoofy little round Lucas glass ones are on the door step. And while we're at it those shitty black bullet mirrors are well passed their use by date so we better have some, geez I need my glasses now, chrome ones.

Uh oh next problem. All this extra horsepower doesn't agree with those piddly little TA's on the rear. The fact that they are hard as hell is irrelevant. Of course if we're going by new rubber its gotta be bigger, coz bigger is better. What!!!!!!!!!!!! we'll need different rims. Never mind I was getting bored with them anyway.

Well the new wheels and tyres are not even on the bugger yet and there's talk of a paint job. Come on be fair it has been on the road for sixteen years now and a bit of tasteful make up is always good for the more mature lady. (No the car you idiots I don't want to become a gelding just yet!!)

Lets not forget there is always the opportunity to improve a cars handling so perhaps I had better investigate options in the quest for greater control of the ol tiller.

So there you have it even once you have finally got your pride and joy, whether you've given birth to it or gone for an adoption like us, it's like women and plastic surgery there's always some little bit that you reckon could do with a bit of work.

Dave Kent



**Dont forget
February 10th
Valentines run
Dave & Jessie's
Fancy Dress**





FOR SALE

Two Windsor Chrome rocker covers with
“Powered by Ford” inscribed on them. \$20.00
For further information please contact Ron
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*If you have anything for sale
or a special occasion
Let me know by dropping me an
email and I will put it in the mag.*

A blonde walks into a bank in London and asks to see the manager. She says she's going to Hong Kong on business for two weeks and needs to borrow £5,000. The manager says the bank will need some kind of security for the loan, so the blonde hands over the keys to a new Ferrari.

The car is parked on the street in front of the bank, she has the title and everything checks out. The bank agrees to accept the car as collateral for the loan.

The manager and the tellers all enjoy a good laugh at the blonde for using a £200,000 Ferrari as collateral against a \$5,000 loan.

An employee of the bank then proceeds to drive the Ferrari into the bank's underground garage and parks it there.

Two weeks later, the blonde returns, repays the £5,000 and the interest, which comes to £15.41.

The manager says, "Miss, we are very happy to have had your business, and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out and found that you are a millionairess. What puzzles us is, why would you bother to borrow £5,000?"

The blonde replies..."Where else in London can I park my car for two weeks for only £15.41 and expect it to be there when I return?"

A SMART BLONDE JOKE AT LAST !

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