



# BARTREAD



NEWSLETTER OF THE WARTIME VEHICLE  
CONSERVATION GROUP, South Australia .

## EDITORIAL



Greetings and welcome to issue 23 of your Club magazine, Bartread. It's been a busy time once again with Club members being involved in a number of events and vehicle runs. The Bay to Birdwood Run, the Club vehicle display at Birdwood, and the inaugural military day run to The National Motor Museum at (you guessed it) Birdwood, have given rise to your Editor's recent experiences of déjà vu ! On a more sombre note, the last Remembrance Day Ceremony to be held at The Repatriation General Hospital saw a large number of members and their vehicles turn out to participate in this important event. All this and more features in this edition, so sit back and enjoy the read.

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ITEMS FOR SALE, including items wanted. PLEASE EMAIL DETAILS OF ITEMS FOR SALE TO THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR, INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS

"No newsletter editor is at all hours wise - except following a few shandys"

## \*\* IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS \*\*

The Annual WVCG Christmas luncheon was held at the Avoca Hotel in Clarence Gardens on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of December. The RSL took ownership of this hotel in March 2015, and as one might expect, members and their partners were treated to a fine meal. All who attended would surely agree, a great time had by all !!

The WVCG Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a merry and safe Christmas !



## 2016 BAY TO BIRDWOOD RUN

The Bay to Birdwood is the largest, continually held motoring event for veteran, vintage and classic vehicles held anywhere in the world. Boasting broad appeal, hundreds of cars and thousands of entrants and visitors make this truly iconic community event happen each year. The Bay to Birdwood is held on the last Sunday in September each year and consists of two events run in alternative years – the Bay to Birdwood Classic and the Bay to Birdwood Run. The event is organized by the Bay to Birdwood Run Committee Inc, recognizing the key stakeholders, the Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs and The National Motor Museum. (Part of History SA)



This year's event was conducted along a different route to that of past years, in order to avoid major road works on Hackney Road.



This year's event was attended by several members, including Mick Jenner, who filed this report :

“ My son Ben and I left Mount Barker at 0630 with the weather looking a little threatening, but on the way down to the Bay we only experienced some light drizzle. After a Maccas breakfast we joined the “commercial” group at the start point, then went for a wonder amongst the other vehicles. Entries came from all over the country . some were astonishing. With Ben driving, we set off at 0900 under leaden skies, but thankfully not raining. This year the route had been changed due to road works around Hackney road. Road signs indicating the route to be taken noticeably absent causing a little confusion for some interstate entrants. Due to the lack of police presence, there were significant holdups along Cross Road at Marion Road and Portrush Road intersections. It is not good for historic vehicles to be sitting at idle for extended periods, and riding the clutch.

The weather improved as we went along with the sun finally breaking through as we climbed into the foothills. Crowds seemed a little down on previous years. This year, the one way section terminated at Houghton, so for the remaining section to Birdwood passing was not possible causing long lines of vehicles travelling slowly behind older vehicles struggling up the slopes.

We arrived at Birdwood under bright sunshine, and after a wonder through the vehicle exhibits, bought lunch, then set off back to home at Mount Barker. A good day out really, despite some minor difficulties on-route. Son Ben really enjoyed driving the Jeep, something he has been wanting to do for some time. “

Below appear some photos taken from Mick Jenner's Jeep on the day ....



Vehicles parked on the grounds of the National Motor Museum following the Run.



## MILITARY DAY RUN TO THE BIRDWOOD MOTOR MUSEUM

The inaugural Military Day Run to the National Motor Museum at Birdwood was held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Fine and warm weather conditions on the day saw a good turn out of WVCG military vehicles, as well as a contingent of cadets from the Legion of Frontiersmen Australia.

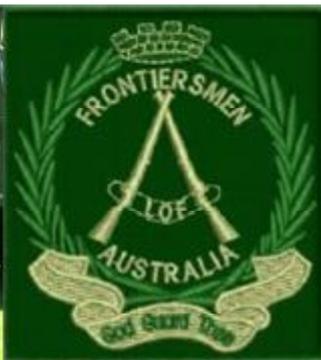
Members were treated to an expertly cooked, club sponsored BBQ lunch, which was very well received, especially by the Legion cadets present. All who attended would agree that this event was a most enjoyable way to spend a Saturday afternoon.



It was great to see John Jenner's FFR Land Rover at long last, fully decked out with all of it's radio equipment in the rear.



Rick's Greyhound certainly commanded the attention of assembled onlookers as it paraded around the grounds of the Birdwood Mill. A most impressive vehicle in anyone's language !



The Legion Cadet Unit is a self funded, co-ed, military cadet unit which caters for children aged 9 to 18 years of age. These cadets receive Nationally accredited first aid training and self defence training from qualified instructors. Other activities include overnight camps, practicing field exercises, radio

Communications, rifle drill, and navigation. Training is designed to help cadets develop self discipline, a sense of pride, and to give them a direction in life to enable the successful achievement of career and life goals in the future.

The Legion of Frontiersmen is a worldwide organization with a long history dating back to before WW1.



The superb grounds of the National Motor Museum at Birdwood certainly do offer a wonderful venue for this type of display. It is hoped that this annual event will continue to grow, with planned future representation from military re-enacting groups and vehicles from the National Military Vehicle Museum (The Military Vehicle Preservation Society of South Australia) We therefore eagerly look forward to next year's event.



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

The annual Remembrance Day Ceremony, held at The Repatriation General Hospital, Daw Park, was especially significant this year because it was the last to be held at this venue, due to the Hospital's planned closure in 2017. This event was also a celebration of the proud history of the beloved "Repat" and its service to the veteran community, since 1942. Members of the South Australian Government, local Dignitaries, members of the RSL, community groups, and of course, WVCG members turned out on what was a hot Friday morning to mark this important occasion.



A good representation of WVCG military vehicles (seven in total) were on display, including two 25 PDR artillery pieces, which provided a magnificent backdrop to the official ceremony. During the official minute's silence, the RAAF provided a flyover of a PC3 Orion aircraft from the Edinburgh Base, not only to mark the occasion, but to say thank you for the excellent care provided by the Repat to its Veterans over the many years since opening in 1942.



The Catafalque Party was provided by the Legion Cadets, who did a sterling job ! Also in attendance was the Marion City Band. A musical prelude was provided by the Southern Adelaide Palliative Services Choir, which was quite moving .





WVCG member Pedr Horley and his group of military re-enactors were late arrivals following official duties elsewhere. They look remarkably cool, considering the temperature was hovering at around 35 degrees ! Ah, such dedication, on ya lads , keep up the good work !



A couple of overworked and underpaid committee members taking a well deserved break in the shade !!



## THE WVCG CHRISTMAS DINNER



The annual WVCG Christmas Luncheon was held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at the Avoca hotel in Clarence Gardens. This hotel is owned by the RSL, and as you might expect, the quality of service provided to its members and their families is first class.

WVCG members and their partners were treated to an excellent meal in the Hotel's dining room, and following a few convivial refreshments, there was indeed much good banter to be had !

It would be fair to say that all who attended had a most enjoyable afternoon, and no one left the event hungry or thirsty !

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year - The Editor ...

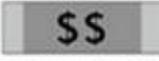


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MILITARY HUMOUR

**Newest USAF Ribbons**  
( DATED JANUARY 2006 )

 <b>NEVER LEFT THE U.S.A. Ribbon</b> For 20 years of continental service	 <b>EVERYBODY WENT TO GERMANY EXCEPT ME Ribbon</b> Numeral denotes the number of years you have been asking for an overseas assignment	 <b>NEVER SERVED OVERSEAS Ribbon</b> Globe device added for each overseas tour you wussel out of	 <b>MY WIFE'S UNCLE KNEW SOMEONE WHO SERVED DURING WORLD WAR II Ribbon</b>
 <b>MY UNCLE SPENT WORLD WAR II HIDING IN A SMALL CAVE NEAR DARTMOUTH Ribbon</b>	 <b>GOT DIVORCED AGAIN Ribbon</b> Device added for each divorce	 <b>DADDY IS A GENERAL Ribbon</b>	 <b>HEADQUARTERS TOUR Ribbon</b> Skull device added for each life-sucking three-year headquarters tour
 <b>CAPTAIN FOR LIFE Ribbon</b> Device added for every four years	 <b>SENIOR AIRMAN FOR LIFE Ribbon</b> Device added for every four years	 <b>D.U.I. AND STILL IN SERVICE Ribbon</b> Martini device added for each D.U.I. conviction	 <b>NEVER BEEN DEPLOYED Ribbon</b> Smiley device for each five-year deployment-free period
 <b>ALWAYS BEEN DEPLOYED Ribbon</b> Device added for every two deployments	 <b>I'M NOT MOVING RIBBON Ribbon</b> Device awarded for each threat of retirement if given a PCS	 <b>EIGHT TO FOUR Ribbon</b> Shows up to work late, does minimum work, leaves early	 <b>FRIEND OF THE CAREER MANAGER Ribbon</b> Palm tree device for each cushy PCS assignment
 <b>GOT MY LAST BOSS PROMOTED Ribbon</b> Numeral denotes number of superiors promoted because of your hard work	 <b>NEVER EARNED A RIBBON Ribbon</b>		

**Hand Signals**

 I Think I Saw Something	 Did You Mean Me? (confirmation requested)	 Looks Clear - No Need To Be Quiet
 Speak Up	 Im Having A Hard Time Seeing Very Far Without My Glasses	 Aim for The Ass
 I Can't Reach This Pocket (assistance requested)	 I Have Been Hit (showing approximate size of hole)	 Something's Wrong With My Gun (repeat gesture to add "again" to indicate frustration)

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## PAGES FROM THE PAST

This is a relatively new section of our Magazine, in which the Editor would like to include photographs and articles of interest, specifically relating to club members or those we might know. Events past, places that have changed or anything of an interesting historical nature would also be fine. Articles do not need to relate to military vehicles, but if they do, that's just Jim-Dandy ! The Editor would sincerely welcome any contributions to this section from members. So dust off those old photo albums, and let's see what we can come up with ...

Kevin Tipler provided these interesting images of when "Jeeps Were Jeeps" – enjoy !



**MA**  
1941

**MB**  
1942-45

**M38**  
1950-53

**M38A1**  
1953-59



San Francisco 1941



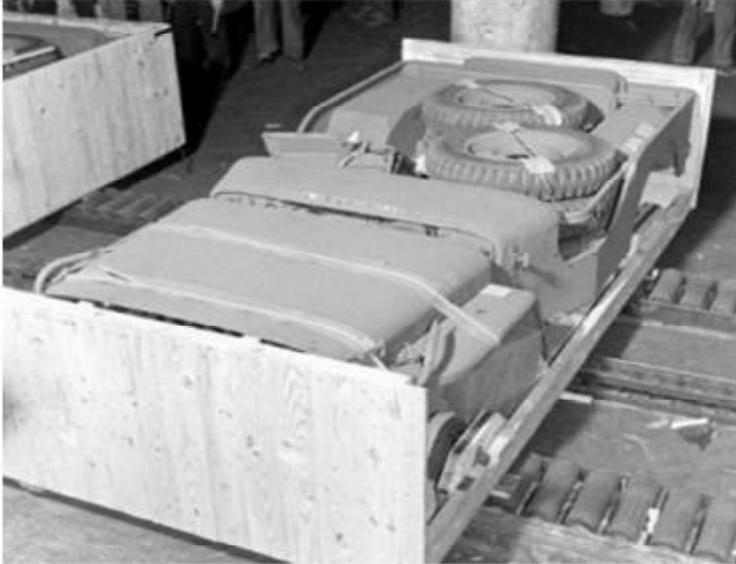
Casablanca 1943



Marlene Dietrich



## PAGES FROM THE PAST



And you thought Ikea were the first to come up with flat pack technology – think again !



\*\*\* FOR SALE \*\*\*



For sale by the National Military Vehicle Museum – Something for the Christmas stocking ?



Mick Jenner is currently exploring our options regarding new Club name badges for members – Watch this space !!



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Items still remaining are as follows :

- Howard green jumper, size 95 – 105, in good used condition
- Service dress uniform, with trousers, size "39 portly", suit smaller person
- Battle dress trousers, size 82, in good condition
- Khaki service jumper, small men's size, well used
- Set of army greens, suit small man, well used, but still OK
- Black webbing parade belt (no brass)

# THE BACK PAGE

Want something different for your daily drive ?



The Rhino XT, for all intents and purposes, is built on a Jeep Wrangler Unlimited platform and drivetrain (3.6L V6 285hp engine mated to a 5-speed automatic transmission), but that's about the extent of its relationship with the Jeep model. The team at USSV, including designers and engineers developed The XT. The latest model from USSV features flared fenders, hardened tow hooks, a hard-top removable roof, and a performance roll cage built to withstand the toughest tumble. It's also loaded up with 35-inch off-road tires sitting on 20-inch aluminum rims, and a turbocharged 3.6L V6 engine. The interior is also top of the line, with custom leather seats and an Alpine sound and navigation system. If you have \$75k to spend on a car, scrap the Range and go with the Rhino.



1957 Porsche 597 'Jagdwagen'

Sale price: \$317,700 inc. premium

Proposed in answer to a request from the German army, the 597, or Jagdwagen ("hunting car"), was passed over in favour of the DKW Munga. Without the support of the army, it was never built in any great numbers – 71 were built, of which 49, like this one, were sold for civilian use.

The Jagdwagen was powered by the Porsche 356's air-cooled, flat-four engine which was in the rear of the car. Later, 1.6-litre models were good for a top speed of 99km/h on the flat, or could climb gradients up to 65 per cent thanks to the short wheelbase.

This 1945 DUKW sold recently for \$124,600 US.

This particular vehicle was the last of its type to be retired from service, and was sold directly by The Ministry of Defence in the UK. Sadly, the original engine had been removed many years previously and replaced by a 5.9 litre Cummins Diesel.

An interesting vehicle none the less !





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