



RIVIERA OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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2nd ROA Australia Region Meet

We are very pleased to report that the 2nd ROA Australia Region Meet held in Griffith, New South Wales, was a very successful rally attracting around 50% of the ROA members across Australia.

Riviera people from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia gathered in the Riverina town of Griffith on Thursday, 6th September for a 3 day Meet touring around the area. Unfortunately Dave and Aileen Chaffey from Tasmania could not make the meet due to Aileen's health problems. However, Dave and Aileen emailed their best wishes for everyone to enjoy the Meet at Griffith. We missed their cheery faces. Hope you are recovering, Aileen.

A Queensland group of Brian Hall in his '78 with friend Ashley, Linda Hall in her '64 with friend Kay, John and Laurene Forster in their '65, Kay and Doug Hawkins in their '72, Geoff and Lynn Walker in their '68 and Ian and Nola Woodward in their '71, left early on Tuesday morning for the 2 day drive to Griffith. The convoy made an overnight stop at Coonabarabran where the fun started with a few drinks and nibbles followed by a delightful dinner.



Next morning, we all headed off for the day's drive to Griffith. Unfortunately strong winds and dust storms made driving less than pleasant but we all arrived safely after a short stop to inspect the Motor Museum in Forbes. A very good collection of cars - well worth the stop.

Thursday saw most of the ROA entrants arrive at our host hotel, the Kidman Wayside Inn. After checking in and collecting their goodie bag, everyone enjoyed some beer, pizzas and lots of chatting and yarning - catching up with old friends. A great night was had by all.

Our Friday run took us to nearby Leeton where we visited a fruit packing facility, the art deco Roxy Theatre and enjoyed lunch at the historic Hydro Inn. A cold and windy day, but everyone rugged up and enjoyed a visit to McWilliams winery on the way home. The Chairman, Mr. McWilliam, very kindly made his time available to speak with our group and being a fan of classic cars, also inspected some of our Rivas.



Saturday's run started with a visit to Riverina Grove - home of the 'bum hummers'. With the amount of olives, relishes, jams and the like - AND 'bum hummers' - purchased there were many packs of goodies loaded into the Rivs.

Morning tea was at a lavender farm where there was also a collection of vintage tractors and a couple of sports cars. It was here that there was an incident where keys were inadvertently locked in one of the cars. After everyone tried their keys unsuccessfully, 'good samaritan' Phil Green to the rescue and got the door open with no damage for a very grateful owner.

A visit to a small family winery completed our morning's activities before we headed off to the tiny village of Rankins Springs for a country style bar-b-q lunch at the pub. The verandah of the pub provided the perfect place for Barbara Gentilcore to take a group photo.



Our Show and Shine was held on Sunday morning and 27 great looking Rivieras lined up on the oval next to the Leagues Club. The local Griffith Custom and Classic Car Club also joined in with more than 25 classic cars also on show. The club also very generously provided morning tea for everyone and a car load of oranges - really great country hospitality and much appreciated by our ROA'ers. Tom Kunek mounted a very high steel pole to take a great photo of the field.



Sunday lunch was a home style lunch at the Pioneer Village - a fascinating example of life in bygone days.

Our Presentation Dinner on Sunday night was celebrated with an excellent meal at the Leagues Club. There was much amusement at the 'novelty awards' and much discussion trying to get the answers to some tricky competitions. Trophies were awarded to the People's Choice winners in various categories. Winners were -

1963 - 1965 Rob and Lyndal Croxford - in their very nice 1965

1966 - 1970 Phil and Mary Green - in their beautiful 1966

1971 - 1973 Colin and Dawn Castle - in Tony and Barbara Gentilcore's immaculate 1971

1974 - 1978 Bob and Jan Caleo - in their as new 1979.

The perpetual trophy (donated by Tim Harper) for People's Choice of the Show went to Bob and Jan Caleo - 1979.

The perpetual John Padgett Encouragement Award (donated by Phil Green) went to Tony and Barbara Gentilcore.

Congratulations to all the worthy winners.

We're looking forward to the next ROA Australia Region Meet in 2014 - hope you can join us then.

Brian and Linda

Special Thanks

As most members know, the ROA Australia Region is not funded by the ROA or from the Buick Car Club of Australia Inc. (Queensland) - there are no extra subscriptions to be in the Australia Region.

On this basis, events such as our Griffith Meet have to be self funded, but of course, some funds are needed up front for items such as deposits on venues, postage and printing, purchase of rally bag contents, purchase of event shirts etc.

We would like to especially thank Roger Rich and Barb Elton for their very generous donation of a huge hamper which was raffled and raised \$650. These funds have been banked into the ROA account and will be used as a 'kick off' for the next event in 2014.

As a result of an unexpected late donation from one of the venues at our 2010 Meet, there was a small balance in the account to start this Meet. After all accounts have been paid in relation to the event, we will advise the final balance in the account.

Brian and Linda

Shirts

We have 3 only shirts left from the Griffith Meet. Polo shirts with collar and pocket and Meet logo on the back. Sizes are - 1 x XXL, 2 x XL. If you would like one of these shirts please let us know and we will send to you. \$25 each plus postage.

USA Trip & ROA International Meet Monterey California June 2012

In June, Steve and I and our daughter, Lisa-Maree, who is currently living in Canada, spent 2 weeks in America. We started our trip in San Francisco, where we explored Fisherman's Wharf, Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, Haight Ashbury and many other places of interest. We left San Francisco on Sunday 3rd of June for Monterey to attend the Riviera Owners Association International Meet. We arrived at our hotel, the historic Casa Munras, early afternoon and after booking in we enjoyed lunch at the famous Old Fisherman's Wharf. There were a few early Riviera arrivals, with more arriving later that day and over the next day. Sunday night we had tea at the Esteban Restaurant at Casa Munras and met some friendly Riviera owners.



Car park at Casa Munras.

Monday morning we enjoyed breakfast at Dennys and ran into the friendly bunch we met the night before. As the weather was threatening to rain we all decided to hop on the free bus and headed down to Cannery Row. We all spent most of the morning exploring the Aquarium where we saw sharks, penguins, sea horses, jelly fish, just to name a few. We decided to try another restaurant at the Old Fishermans Wharf and enjoyed a tasty lunch with Richard, Jim, Danny and Dana..

The afternoons and evening were set aside for Riviera fellowship to discuss and chat about our common interest in Riviera's in a large hospitality room with complimentary refreshments. Afternoon sessions included technical questions & answers with a lot of knowledge and experience shared. The ROA had a good selection of ROA merchandise - t-shirts, caps, key rings etc. for sale with a couple of vendors also selling parts.

On Wednesday afternoon, convoy of Riviera's left for the drive through scenic Pebble Beach and 17 Mile Drive. We stopped at the Lone Cypress Tree, which is around 250 years old and represents the Pebble Beach Company, owner of Pebble Beach golf courses and many properties in this wealthy area. Steve had the pleasure of cruising in Richard's 1966 Riviera GS, with Danny showing the way to Clint Eastwoods house. Lisa-Maree and I went with Jim and Peggy-Sue in their beautiful 1972 GS Boat tail and we had a stop at the scenic Pebble Beach Golf Course Club and shops.



17 Mile cruise.



Serious Buick discussion happening.

Steve and Danny, Richard at the back.



Steve, Tanya & Lisa-Maree Course



Lisa-Maree & Tanya at Pebble Beach Golf



Buicks on display.

On the Thursday there were a total of 72 cars on show, including 61 Rivieras and five Toronados with a 1971 Boat tail winning the car of the show. Steve and I had a ride in a 1965 Riviera Grand Sport. Thursday night the ROA meet concluded with a presentation dinner, speeches and awards and plenty of laughter.



Buicks on display.



Presentation dinner.

Friday morning the Rivieras were loaded up ready to head back home, email addresses and phone numbers were exchanged with a promise to meet again at another ROA Meet. This was a fantastic experience for us, were we warmly welcomed by the friendliest people with a common interest and we explored Monterey with some wonderful people. The quality and variety of the Riviera's was outstanding with everyone happy to bring and share their treasured cars for everyone to see. We then continued with our trip spending 5 days in LA, visiting Universal Studios, walk of fame, the Hollywood sign, Queen Mary and many other places. Being a car enthusiast and owner of Chevrolets and a Buick, a trip to LA would not be complete without a visit to Classic Industries and Original Parts Group. Both these stores have huge warehouses with Original Parts Group having their own showroom of cars used in

the catalogues, out the back in the warehouse. We were lucky enough to get a close look at these cars and take photos. We were also told about the Petersen Automotive Museum in LA. The Petersen Automotive Museum one of the world's largest and most beautiful automotive museums, with over 150 cars ranging from race cars, classic cars, hot rods, motorcycles, movie cars and celebrity cars at any one time. Well worth a visit if in LA.



Petersen Automobile Museum



On our last day in LA, we dropped Lisa-Maree at the airport to catch her flight back to Calgary and with about 6 hours to kill, decided to see what else we could find. The GPS came up with Lairport Automotive Driving Museum not far from where we were. This museum was amazing, they have a rotating collection of 130 classic, antique and vintage automobiles on display. This museum is committed to the preservation and maintenance of these vehicles, including vehicles no longer being manufactured such as Studebaker, Packard, Stutz, and Nash AMC. Unfortunately we only got to spend an hour there due to the closing time but we did get photos of all the cars on display.



Lairport Automotive Driving Museum



We then headed towards the beach area and found an interesting collection of cars parked at Rubys Diner, Redondo Beach. Being summer, a Friday afternoon, the local car enthusiasts all bring their cars out from 4 to 8pm. There were all make of cars, original, restored, rat rods etc, the music was playing, people were looking at cars with many setting up chairs to watch the action as cars were cruising in. We spent a couple of hours taking in the scene, talking to people, looking at their cars before heading back to the airport for our flight home.



Redondo Beach

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Steve & Tanya Moore.

Thanks Steve and Tanya - great story.

Have a Laugh

Three Aussie blokes working up on an outback mobile phone tower: Mongrel, Coot and Bluey. As they start their descent, Coot slips, falls off the tower and is killed instantly. As the ambulance takes the body away, Bluey says, "Well, someone's gotta go and tell Coot's wife."

Mongrel says, "OK, I'm pretty good at that sensitive stuff, I'll do it."
Two hours later, he comes back carrying a case of beer.

Bluey says, "Where'd you get the grog, Mongrel?"
"Coot's wife gave it to me." Mongrel replies.

"That's unbelievable, you told the Missus her husband was dead and she gave you a case of beer?"

"Well, not exactly", Mongrel says. "When she answered the door, I said to her, "You must be Coot's widow." She said, 'You must be mistaken...I'm not a widow.'" Then I said, "I'll betcha a case of beer you are."

Aussies are good at that sensitive stuff!!

Suppliers and Repairers members have been happy with

If you have had a job well done from a repairer, then why not let others know about it. Send in details of your good experiences so they can be printed here.

Dan's Classic Auto Parts of Portland OR - www.dansclassic.com

Rob Croxford has had dealings with this firm and advises their prices are reasonable, their communication is terrific and they are very good to deal with.

BJ Panel Restoration and Fabrication,
Thornlands. Qld.
Bill - 0403 120 921
(panel beating, rust repairs, fibreglass repairs, modifications)
Bill works in conjunction with -
Carr Creation Auto Refinishing,
Graham Carr - 0411 588 272
Thornlands. Qld.
(spray painting specialists).

Annvid Auto Upholsterers,
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Tim Harper has advised the following -

Repeco now stock K & N filters for Riviervas.

The K&N E-1360 Aircleaner suits single carb Buick and Riviera applications from 1965-1967, see listing:

<http://www.knfilters.com/search/applications.aspx?Prod=E-1360>

Note: There was a Duel Quad filter, if you can't find listing try by Dimensions.

The K&N HP-2003 oil filter suits Nailheads and Riviervas up to 1978, check listing:

<http://www.knfilters.com/search/applications.aspx?Prod=HP-2003>

Go to www.knfilters.com and click on BUY you get a list of suppliers and installers for your Australian postcode.

Note: This is not in any way an endorsement of these businesses. It is just giving members leads to businesses that other members have had a good experience with.

Market Place

Please note: I will continue to leave For Sale and Wanted ads in unless you advise me otherwise.

For Sale

Front and rear bumpers for 1967 Riviera in quite good condition but would need a rechrome to be perfect, Asking \$ 400 each or \$ 700 for both.

Brian Hall 0429 722 884

For Sale

1972 Riviera - only 3rd owner - have replaced exhaust with stainless and all belts, hoses and tyres, overhauled the carby and dissy - 90,000 miles believed to be genuine. Ill health forces sale of this car. \$25,000 negotiable. Test drive any time. Car is located in Caboolture, Queensland. Dennis Jennings - 0417 291 290 email: wildsiderv@hotmail.com

For Sale

Parts for 1964 Riviera

Good door sill plates alum., horn, door window crank (vents), seat belt sleeves (black), door panel chrome that holds switches for window left and right, two L brackets that fit around headlight, inside door handle, centre cap with tri shield, windshield hoses and metal nozzles that fix under hood for spraying on windshield, cigarette lighter for console, trunk lock with key and inside latch, hood ornament, dimmer switch, choice vacuum pull off, head light

switch, distributor cap, front and back stainless wheel well trim, right hand chrome door trim bottom 375-298RT.

John Williams, Charleston, IL. jjwilliams@consolidated.net

Parting Out

1968 Riviera, complete car, was weekend driver before rear end smash.

Car is in USA but can be dismantled and parts posted to Australia or packed in my next container coming over for nominal shipping fee.

Ring Doug Hawkins. 0418 631 233 or 07 5543 6927

For Sale: 1 x 1968-69 n/s fender with small marker light, excellent cond., no rust or damage.

1 x 1966-67 headlight motor, good working order, includes one flexible coupling.

3 x 1968 rear side marker lights (tri shield design).

1 x 400-430-455 waterpump used or will trade on any 1965 parts.

Steve Moore 02 6884 9904 Email: riviera.1965@hotmail.com

For Sale Riviera Parts

66-67 hood lip chrome in one piece

66-70 3.07 open diff

66-67 Rear window exterior louvre (smooth and for vinyl tops.)

66-67 Riviera Tow Bar- very hard to find.

Tony Gentilcore. 0408 964 217 e-mail tonyg@mako.com.au

For Sale: Riviera parts

1966-67 door shells R,L, straight, no rust \$300 each

1966-69 door window glass R,L \$90 each

Electric window motor \$120

1966-67 air grille panel (base of windscreen) \$30

1969 RH front mudguard straight, no rust \$300

1969 rear window guides \$25

1969 sun visors (black) \$80 pr

1975 tail light assemblies \$90 each

NEW - Riviera script, the one with large R, early 60's ? \$80

1963-65 lower chin parking light assemblies VGC \$250 pr

1975 bonnet emblem (new) \$70

Riviera Sales brochures -

1963 - 8" x 10" colour 6 pages \$40

1966 - 10" x 10" colour 6 pages \$40

1968 - 10" x 10" colour 8 pages \$40

1995 - 5" x 10" colour 4 pages foldout \$20

Ron Noonan 02 9631 4763 Email: buickron1@bigpond.com

Articles Wanted

Our thanks to those members who have very kindly sent in stories or information for our Newsletter. Articles about you or your Riviera are always of interest to other members. Please help us put the next Newsletter together by sending us news of your Riv. How did you acquire your Riv? Got a story about your Riv? We'd love to hear from you and other members would love to read your story. We welcome Australian R.O.A. members stories and photographs. Please e-mail to us at :
brianhall.hall@gmail.com or post to : Brian & Linda Hall, P.O. Box 383 Cleveland Qld.4163

Membership

Please encourage any Riviera owners you meet to join the R.O.A.

It's simple, just log on to the R.O.A. web site :- www.rivowners.org

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