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The Australian
Riviera
ROA AUSTRALIAN REGION

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL MEET 2015

ROA in the Land Down Under



Photo Barbara Gentilcore

Editorial



John Forster #13148

"I can't wait to see you there."

Tom promised us a great weekend away for the fourth Australian national event and he didn't disappoint!

33 Riviera owners and their cars out of a national membership of 48 across the nation. In addition a number of members who where unable to get their Rivs there also attended.

A fantastic effort by the members and by Tom and Anne Kunek who stage managed the event with great aplomb.

The state coordinators also assisted Tom and Anne with their first ever big event.

We couldn't let this go until the next planned Australian Riview so the three state coordinators agreed that we should put out a special edition that focused on the event. So here it is.

It is a collection of stories from members with each delivering their own differing perspectives but in the main this special edition of the Australia Riview captures the photos of the event and none more so



Linda Hall
#10723
Regional Co-ordinator

What a great ROA National meet we have just had here in Australia!

So much so that we have put it all down in a Special Edition of the Australian Riview.

Thank you to all our entrants, many of whom drove many miles to attend this meet. Special thanks go to John for assembling the stories and photos for this special edi-

tion and to Barbara Gentilcore who took a lot, possibly most, of the photos included here.

My personal thanks go again to Tom and Anne Kunek who stepped out of their comfort zone a little to produce what was roundly agreed to be a great meet.

Special tributes to my late husband and Regional Co-ordinator, Brian were both

appropriate.

A special monument had recently been completed celebrating the felled policeman's life with an amazing metal art work that almost defied description. Marvellous!

Read on in this edition to get some idea of what went on over the four days that we invaded Wagga Wagga and please enjoy the photos.

If, by the end of this magazine, you feel that you have missed something great by not attending then you are probably right and no doubt we will see you in early 2017 for the fifth biennial ROA Australian national event to be staged by our NSW regional coordinators, Tony and Barbara Gentilcore.

I can't wait to see you all there!



G'day from the National Co-Ordinator

touching and appreciated.

It has certainly whet my appetite for more of this great ROA fellowship. As Ray Knott says, the first time you come for the cars, the next time you come for the people.

Please enjoy this special edition as much as we all enjoyed taking part with Tom and Anne on this fantastic four days in Wagga.

Going Dizzy with Ignition Problems

As Anne and I were the meet coordinators for Wagga we were very nervous as we were the first to conduct a meet after three very successful meets by Brian and Linda.

We drove up to Wagga two days before the meet to make sure everything was ready only to have our Riviera breakdown with no ignition at Albury. This was not going to be an easy and quick fix. All was cool though as my Mum and Dad where travelling with us.

As the Meet had priority over the Riv we left our Riv at an Albury motel car park and continued the next day to Wagga.

On the first day of the meet instead of going to Temora with everyone else, my father and I went back to

Albury to see if we could fix the Ignition problem.

Lucky for us, Tony Gentilcore had a spare Dizzy in his boot which he kindly lent me. I am so grateful for Tony's generosity so that I could have my Riv attend this meet as it has on the three previous occasions.

Both Anne and myself hope you all enjoyed yourselves and hope you will come along to the next meet in two years time. We can't wait to see what Tony and Barb Gentilcore have in store for us all.

We would also like to thank everyone for their assistance and the people who offered to help. Just like the Riviera we are a special class of people.

Odd Spot:

1. Brian Crummy's 1965 GS White/White was a car that was entered in the 1996 ROA meet in Phoenix Arizona USA where it won 3rd place in the GS class.

2. John Slaters 1965 Midnight Aqua was the only Riv at the meet with totally original Paint and interior at the meet. It has about 45K miles on the odometer and is the best original 1st generation Riv I have ever seen anywhere. What is also unusual about John's Riv is that it was fitted with only one option: Air Con.

The attached photo shows a line of 1965 Riv's with John's beautiful Riv in the foreground.

Tom and Anne Kunek
ROA# 3845

"We would like to thank everybody for their assistance . . ."



Gary's Nationals



Meet Logo

“Registrations followed soon after . . .”

Day 1 Thursday 27th September

Jan and I got away from our home later than estimated and got to the Massys to pick up the 1968 Riviera that Greg had offered to loan us for the ROA meet. Arriving at 9.15am we quickly loaded our bags into the boot and set off with Greg and Geraldine driving their 1978 Riviera, which Greg recently bought from Linda Hall.

As we drove out of Campbelltown, south along the Hume Highway, we got a phone message to say Tony Gentilcore and Claus Gronau were behind us and would we meet them at “Trapper Bakery” opposite The Big Merino in Goulburn at 11.30. We agreed “Yes see you there.”

Sitting on 65mph the 68 Riv (and the 78) glided down the highway getting to Goulburn with ease, to meet up with the others. Walking out of the car park we spotted a hot rod Buick parked not far away, the owner was there so we talked about his car, a 1928 ute, they were on their way to Tumut for a

Hot Rod Show on the weekend.

Tony, Barbara, Claus and Wendy arrived at Trappers 10 minutes after us and we all sat and had some lunch together. Leaving ½ hour later, after topping up our cars petrol tanks, we continued down the Hume to turn off for Wagga Wagga, arriving around 3-ish. Booking into to our host motel, the Garden City Motel, then meeting other Riv owners as they rolled in.

Registrations followed soon after at 4pm with Linda Hall, Tom and Ann Kunek and Laurene and John Forster handing our registration packs and name tag lanyards, more cars arrived, now 30, only 4 missing. Dearlings, Wayne Benedetti and Curry's. 6 o'clock came and an informal supper of bratwurst sausages (bread) and Hungarian potato bake (made by Tom Kunek's mum) was eagerly devoured and washed down by wine and beers bought at the motel bar, some BYO too! After more conversations off to bed.

Day 2 Friday 28th September

Up at 7am to chamois off the cars before motel continental breakfast. Mustering outside the motel in Day Street at 9.10am for our run to the Aviation Museum in Temora. All Rivs in a line off up the Olympic Highway, Indian file past green pastures fields of brilliant yellow canola to Temora. Adrian and Paul

Dearling met the tour in their 1965 Riv GS at the air museum, after having an emergency stop in West Wyalong with a blown welsh plug fixed.

On arrival at the museum we split into 2 groups, some to the theatre to watch a 15 minute video and the other half to the maintenance hanger to be shown the 5 airworthy planes that the museum keeps operational:

- 1/ Tiger Moth Trainer Bi-plane DH 82A
- 2/ Spitfire Mk VIII “Grey Nurse”
- 3/ Cessna A37B Dragonfly
- 4/ CA-16 Wirraway Trainer
- 5/ English Electra Canberra Bomber.

Malcolm was our guide and as we stood on the maintenance hanger mezzanine overlooking these planes he explained the history of the museum and the fact that it was built on the site of No. 10 Elementary Flying Training School set up in 1941 by the RAAF to train WWII pilots, a total of 2400 pilots learning on 84 Tiger Moths (over 4 years) before they went onto bigger planes and the war in Europe. Next Malcolm took us to the display hanger and showed us the rest of the museums planes, some of them being the last of their kind, like the Gloucester F.8 Meteor. Our tour was followed by a lunch of soup, sandwiches, biscuits and tea or coffee that had been laid out fresh by caterers at the other end of the hanger.



Gary's Nationals

We thanked our hosts and caterers and headed back through the gift shop to our cars and into Temora for a free activities afternoon, some stopped at the Rural Museum others into main street to take photos of a statue to Paleface Adios, a famous horse in the sport of harness (trotting) racing in the 80's, and the local craft shops etc and then drive back to Wagga for dinner.

Dinner was at 6.30 in a famous old building called "The Riverine Club" some five blocks from our motel. We filed in through the oak doors of this beautiful old building – come "club" and entered the main bar with its stained glass windows, rural landscape picture frames, well trodden carpeted sagging floors and roaring fireplace. Entries came thick and fast as drinks were purchased and caught up with today's happenings. Dinner was called and we took our seats for a feast and a round of Tom Kunek's trivia questions, then dessert.

Day 3 Saturday 29th September

Like Friday morning, we awoke to a cool crisp morning of + 2 degrees outside Burr!, and plenty of fog. Clean those cars and make 'em shine, we're off to a Show and Shine. 9.10am line up in ascending age and drive the 2 blocks to the marshaling area in the Information Centre car park. First a 1963 through to 1984 including 10x 1965 first Generation Rivs. Some

of the ladies cleared out and took advantage of the closeness to Baylis Street shops. Peer judging took place as you looked at the cars and talked, 1st, 2nd and 3rd what ever takes your fancy, then put it in the box.

All done, we're off to Wagga Beach, a picnic area on the banks of the fast flowing brown Murrumbidgee River. Once again a feast of hot finger food, sandwiches and fresh fruit, well done – no complaints – for a great lunch catered for by The Riverine Club.

That afternoon the ladies organized a maxi-taxi and went off sightseeing and shopping for 2 hours ?? Yeah !! whilst us fellas car pooled and went off on a workshop visit organized by local member, Chris Wilson located in Gundagai. With Chris in the lead, Greg Massey and I jumped into his 68 Riv and followed along. S and K Auto Restorations is high up on the hills over looking south Gundagai, a nice view and nice big shed with lots floor space and

spray booth to do some excellent car resto's. Falcons, Monaros, Chevy Bel Air, 1953 Caddie, Mustang, F100, Tudor hot rod etc, all nicely prepared cars with great paint jobs. Shane was a great host and faced lots of questions from us Buick Riv-heads.

We got back before the ladies, the 2 hours had stretched out to 4 hours but they all had a great time with their drivers only too happy to take them all over Wagga. Firstly to Ameila's Antiques, a bric-a-brac shop, Lake Albert, Wagga Wagga lookout etc. followed by a stop at the Commercial Club for coffee, tea or a glass of wine on the way home. All the ladies got off the bus laughing and giggling after an enjoyable afternoon together without the fellas.

Dinner tonight was free choice either at the union Hotel, eight blocks away, or Indian, Mexican, or Italian. We walked to the Union Hotel, it was a cool night and a full moon and had a bistro meal with lots of fellow Riv owners.

*"All done,
we're off to
Wagga
Beach."*



Gary's Nationals



“Wantabadgery”

Day 4 Sunday 30th September

A foggy start again this morning saw us up and doing breakfast motel style, then line up before taking off on a rally in honour of Brian Hall - “Brian's Run”. The original plan was to visit Chris Wilson's 2400 acre "hobby farm", 33 kms from Wagga, but due to all the recent good rains, parking at Chris' was impossible. So Wantabadgery was our first stop, it's the nearest little township to Chris and, as he is a local, he managed to get the CWA and friends to put on a morning tea in the community hall with scones, jam and cream, biscuits and tea or coffee.

Wantabadgery is famous for the shoot-out and capture of bushranger Captain Moonlight and three of his gang by Gundagai police at McGlede's Hut. The township has created a monument to policeman Edward Mostyn Webb-Bowen who died three days after the battle from a bullet wound to the neck. A granite plaque and welded steel sculpture of Bowen on horseback is located outside the hall with a path of pavers of names of the locals who donated their time and effort into creating the monument.

Thank you's all round it

was time to continue on Brian's Run to Junee another 44 kms away and our planned visit to the old Train Roundhouse Museum through more beautiful country side. As we got to Junee we followed the tourist signs and pulled up outside the museum, we were met by some volunteering train buffs who took us in through the main entrance, shop and museum to this huge brick shedding, full circle roundhouse opened in 1947 to maintain steam and diesel locomotives, rail cars, carriages and XPT trains. Half of the roundhouse is still for commercial use, reconditioning and rebuilding locomotives utilizing the 100 foot central turntable. The museum part opened in 1994 by volunteers who show off the static displays like, a 1940 accident crane that is only 1 of 2 surviving of its kind, mail cars and The Fish and Chips train from the Blue Mountains run.

Saddle up! Its lunch time and we have tables reserved for us at Junee's Licorice and Chocolate Factory. PAYG, we or-

dered a huge beef burger and chips, great food, more chatting and a look around the old Junee Flour Mill licorice gift shop. Outside on our way to the car, a surprise, inside a shed, a hidden collection of old cars, 30 Fords, old Capri's and a Fargo truck just as they had been traded-in on new models by a local Ford dealership.

We all looked around town at the railway station and pubs like the Loftus Hotel opened in 1896 as part of The Heritage Walk, others like Greg and Geraldine detoured to 'Monte Cristo' homestead notably Australia's most Haunted House and came away very impressed with its architecture and history.

Homeward bound to get ready for awards dinner and be at the RSL by 6pm. A bus was organized by the ROA committee and 50 of us took the option of not driving (or walking) to the RSL. Dinner was great, succulent tender beef or lamb and delicious deserts. No complaints!



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Onto the presentations: Chris Wilson was thanked for his help in organizing local events and making it a great week-end.

Tom and Ann Kunek were presented with thank you presents and trophy by Linda Hall for running the weekend.

John and Laurene Forster were thanked for their enormous effort in organizing skills. We're glad Laurene lost that whistle! Linda was thanked for her huge effort in assisting Tom, John etc in running the whole show and her efforts behind the scenes. Laurene read out a eulogy written by John about Brian Hall's devotion to the ROA, Buicks and to the Qld club.

Tom Kunek got the hard luck award for his 65 distributor problems. Dave and Aileen Chaffey from Tassie came the furthest.

Phil Green was not allowed to win any car awards as he had won the last time. But he did clean-up the Brian Hall lucky card draw - some local wines.

1st place car went to Tony and Barbara Gentilcore's

1965 GS mild custom from NSW

2nd best car went to Greg and Geraldine Massey's 1978 Riv from NSW

3rd best car went to John and Jade Offer's 1967 pale blue Riv from Victoria

As Tony responded and thanked the ROA co-ordinator's for a wonderful weekend he announced he and Barbara are organising the 2017 ROA meet which is tipped to be on the East Coast in the first half of 2017.

A GREAT NIGHT – GREAT COMPANY -A GREAT WEEKEND

Day 5 Monday 31st September

Leaving our motel after breakfast at 9.30am we headed north along the Hume in convoy with Tony G, Greg M, Claus G, Dave Chaffey and Ron Noonan. Safely home by 2.30pm Greg's 68 Riv ran perfectly returning 16miles/gallon.

Gary and Jan Ferrett



Ten '65s—a record for the AUS National Event





Who's Who in Wagga Wagga

We had a fabulous display of Rivas at Wagga and the following pages capture them as they leave the show and shine event.

Thanks to Barbara Gentilcore for taking the photos with apologies for some slight cropping.

For the full photo go to the NSW Club website.



Ray and Susan McMaster 1973



Tom and Anne Kuneck 1965



Ray and Mary Cook 1972 GS



Phil and Mary Green 1966



Grahame and Terry Line 1964



Dave and Aileen Chaffey 1963





Ross and Jill Nye 1965



Troy and Marguerite Barker 1964



John Slater and Joe Di Francesco 1965



Dave and Lee Kidd 1965



Steve and Tanya Moore 1965



Jeff Gurr 1972



Brian and Mary Crummy 1965 Gran Sport



Norm and Mickey Bradford 1973 GS





Chris Wilson 1972



John and Jesse Somers 1972



Steve and Ester McCluskey 1966



John and Laurene Forster 1965



Tim Harper 1965



Peter and Sandra Kraschnefski 1968 GS



Ron and Beverley Noonan 1983



Claus and Wendy Gronau 1972





Dennis and Ester Healy 1984



Gary and Janice Ferrett 1968



Linda Hall 1978



John and Seija Rowell and Arja 1978



Adrian and Paul Dearling 1965 Gran Sport



John and Jade Offer 1967



Greg and Geraldine Massey 1978 LXXV



Tony and Barbara Gentilcore 1965 Gran Sport





“.. sadly no
Rivieras
though.”

My Trip to the Fourth ROA Aus Meet

I set off on Tuesday morning in the ‘new’ red ‘78 Riviera that Brian had bought on our last trip to the US last year. This was her first long trip in Australia. Just down the road, I met up with John and Seija Rowell and Seija’s sister Ariaah in their gold ‘78 Riviera. We had a pleasant run southwards stopping for a cuppa and lunch along the way to our overnight stop in Tamworth. Conveniently a pub was just next door to our accommodation so the four of us (John and his harem) enjoyed a drink before dinner and rest.

Next morning we headed off west to Coonabarabran before turning south again. The country was looking very green with beautiful fields of yellow canola in flower. The wattle was also out in bloom and provided a spectacular showing of brilliant yellows all along the way. Our over-

night stop was at West Wyalong.

Unfortunately rain came in overnight and our trip to Wagga Wagga next morning was very wet. We arrived about mid-day to a wet and cold Wagga Wagga. Phil and Mary Green and Norm and Mickey Bradford were already settled in so there were many welcome hugs. At this point I received a call from John Forster. One of our Queensland members had broken down in West Wyalong and needed a part freighted up to him. I caught up with Meet Organiser Tom, and Tom went off to get the part while I helped Anne to get things set up ready for registration.

By later that afternoon, everyone had arrived and there was much chatting over our casual evening meal of German sausages and Hungarian potato sal-

ad.

Friday we toured to the town of Temora where we visited an excellent aviation museum. This museum is very well set up and well worth a visit. Dinner that night was at the Riverine Club.

Saturday we had our Show and Shine in Wagga Wagga and although it was cold (very cold for us northerners) the rain held off and we had a great display of more than 30 beautiful Rivieras. ‘65s were in abundance with 10 attending the meet. We had three ‘78s in attendance also. A picnic lunch was enjoyed by all by the banks of the Murrumbidgee River.

Our run on Sunday was in honour of Brian - Brian’s Run to Junee. Brian would have been very happy to see so many Rivieras attend this Meet and he would have enjoyed the runs through the picturesque countryside. Local member Chris Wilson, is obviously a popular man around these parts as he organised a brilliant morning tea at the CWA Hall in the village of Wantabadgery. I think he got all his neighbours to come and help. We drove on to Junee where we had lunch at the Junee Liquorice and Chocolate Factory - lots of goodies to buy here. Many of us drove on to Gundagai to view a private restorer’s workshop - some very nice cars here - sadly no Rivieras though.



My Trip continued . .

A bus took us from our accommodation to the RSL for our Awards Dinner Sunday night. We all enjoyed a lovely meal and a lot of fun.

Monday morning saw us packing and saying farewell as some of us headed home, and some of us headed eastward making our way to the Buick Car Club East Coast Meet being held in Port Macquarie from Thursday. Tom and Anne did a wonderful job in organising this event and their effort and the degree of detail certainly resulted in a very successful event enjoyed by all. Thank you Tom and Anne.

The popularity of our ROA Australia National Meets is evidence that the Meets are enthusiastically welcomed by ROAers across Australia with in excess of 60% of the Australian membership attending. Our numbers grow every Meet.

It was a great time in Wagga Wagga - interesting places to visit, fine food, and most of all the fellowship of the wonderful family of Riviera friends. I am already looking forward to the next ROA Australia National Meet.

Linda Hall
ROA # 10723



A Line of Rivs invade Wagga





“the Riverine Club which is the oldest private club in country NSW.”

Organisers' Recap

#3845

The 4th Riviera Owners Association held its Australian National meet held in Wagga Wagga which is the largest town in the “Rivierina” region of New South Wales.

Most of us arrived on the Thursday night to register and to have meal of German Frankfurt sausages and Hungarian potato salad.

The first day we were off to Temora to see the war birds at the aviation museum and then lunch inside the aircraft hangar.

Friday dinner was at the Riverine Club which is the oldest private club in country NSW.

Saturday morning we had the Show and Shine next to the new car park located next to the Wagga visitors centre. After we all inspected and voted for our most liked Rivieras we took a short drive to the Murrumbidgee River BBQ area. After eating and relaxing by the river about 30 of us drive to Gundagai to inspect a large restoration workshop.

Sunday morning we set off from the front of our host motel in convoy to the

small village called Wantabadgery for morning tea.

It was a bit foggy when we set off but by the time we got to Wantabadgery it was beautiful weather.

The local farmers put on a splendid morning tea complete with freshly baked scones. After morning tea ROA member Chris Wilson who lives on his farm not far from Wantabadgery gave a talk about the local bushranger “Captain Moonlight” and the Police officer that he killed.

Next stop was Junee and a tour of the railway repair facilities & Roundhouse museum followed by lunch at the Junee Chocolate and Liqueur factory.

After lunch some of us visited the Monte Cristo Homestead which is Australia’s most haunted house.

Sunday Evening was our final meal together followed by some speeches and the Awards.

Congratulations to the 2015 Award Winners

1st Place – Tony & Barbara Gentilcore #10107 – NSW

– 1965GS

2nd Place – Greg & Geraldine Massey #12044 – NSW - 1978

3rd Place – John & Jade Offer # 12331 – Vic – 1966

Mickey Bradford #1412 - Awarded the lowest ROA # with her Riviera at Meet.

Dave and Aileen Chaffey #8617 – Longest distance Award. (including 460km ferry crossing Bass Strait)

Members had 3 fun filled days of country hospitality and rallies in the lovely green countryside.

The focus of the meet was Trains, Planes, Automobiles and chocolate!

33 beautiful Rivieras were in attendance with 66 Happy Enthusiasts.

We came from Tasmania, Victoria, Sth Australia, New South Wales and Queensland.

If it were not for 2 members to have been suddenly confronted with health issues the meet would have been the best attended.

The host motel was fully booked out so we were in Riviera heaven every time we stepped out of our rooms.

10 x 1965 Rivs were in attendance which is the Australian record for the most '65 on show.

Group photo taken by the banks of the Murrumbidgee river.



Photo by Tony Gentilcore

And the Winners Are!

This year the process for determining the trophy cars switched to a people's choice single vote.

This enabled the organisers to quickly determine the most popular cars with a single count.

The most popular car at the meet, and by that we note that participants were asked to nominate the car that they would most like to take home if they couldn't take their own car, was Tony and Barbara Gentilcore's 65 GS.

In second place was Greg and Geraldine Massey in their 78 LXV followed by John and Jade Offer in their 67.

A full display of cars attending the meet is included in this special edition of *The Australian Riview*.

Phil and Mary Green were top Riv last year and were therefore excluded from the count this year. Nevertheless, when it came to

the Regional Coordinator's pick their 66 Riv came through again to take Linda's choice trophy.

This left the John Paget Award to be announced.

This award is for contribution to the ROA cause in Australia over the previous year.

I was humbled to receive the John Paget award this year and it will be displayed with pride now that it is back home in Queensland.

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Some of the winners on the day.

The Casual Shots

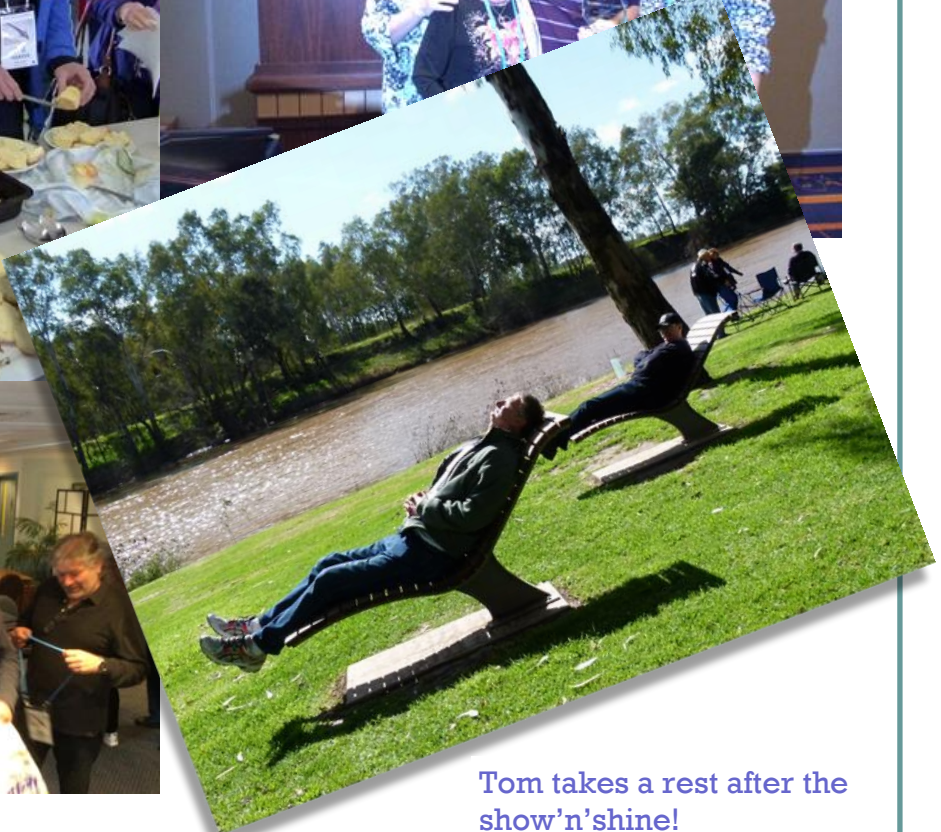
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Noted photographers and others managed to capture some of the other moments during the hectic weekend that was the ROA Australian National Meet in 2015.



More Shots



Tom takes a rest after the show'n'shine!



Brian's Run

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Sunday was selected by the organiser's to celebrate the man who many consider to be the driving force of the ROA in Australia, Brian Hall.

The cavalcade was led by four white 1965 Rivieras. A sight to be seen and the theme for the cover of this special edition of the Australian Riview.



This run set out from Wagga into the heart of the country and the small community of Wantabadgery. Brian heart remained with the rural communities of Australia after being born on a farm outside of Warwick. He always delighted in being able to bring some of the city wealth into the bush and expose some of the city folk to the bush communities.

“After the obligatory lazy lunch . . .”

A more ideal location than Wantabadgery would have been hard to find and I am sure this run would have pleased Brian immensely.

After morning tea here the Rivs set off to Junee, once a thriving railway town that had suffered losses over many years

and only a few years ago was turning into a ghost town. The construction of NSW's first privately operated correctional centre started a rebirth of Junee and when we visited it was once again a hub of activity.

A tour of the local railway museum rekindled memories for many of the grand days of the railways and the many actual displays of engines and cars was well received.

After the museum it was off to the liquorice and chocolate factory in Junee. This converted mill was created after the current tenants purchased the disused building from the local council for \$1.

It would appear to have been a good investment as on the day we visited it was packed with not only Riv owners but a multitude of tourists all enjoying the



experience and the food on offer.

After the obligatory lazy lunch the participants were able to take advantage of a range of option activities in the area and then make their way back to the host motel to ready themselves for the awards event on Sunday evening.

This issue's cover shot was taken on Brian's Run. 65's in the Morning Mist taken by Barbara Gentilcore.



Brian's Words

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A couple of members have asked me for the words that Laurene read out at the awards dinner after Brian's Run on the Sunday. Here it is in full.

Many of us here in the room tonight will remember Brian Hall and perhaps others do not and may wonder why the fuss.

May I elaborate to bring us all up to speed, so to speak.

Although Brian has been gone for a little while now his impact is still felt amongst us today.

When Tom asked me to put some words together for this event I looked at ways to celebrate Brian Hall not to sadden this great gathering. However and in the end, I remain saddened by Brian's passing and here are me reasons.

Brian was a driving force in the Buick community in Queensland for many years. He was one of us for twenty years and he will be long remembered.

Brian's passion for the Buick Riviera was his driver for starting and heading the Australian Regional Chapter of the Riviera Owners Association. To many, Brian was the ROA in Australia.

I am sure that the influence he was able to exert over the Australian Regional ROA was just the hallmark of the way he managed all aspects of his life, and that this influence was significant.

Laurene and I became firm friends of the Halls and to suggest that Brian had become a mentor of mine would be to understate the true relationship. He took us to the USA, along with his wife Linda, and brought us back with a '65 Riv in our luggage (albeit a 40 foot container). Something we have been grateful for ever since and possibly an indication of the lengths that Brian would go to in the cause of increasing ROA participation in Australia.

Personally, Brian was able to provide support and encouragement to me to undertake roles and projects that, perhaps, I would not have attempted normally.

More widely, his gift to the ROA in Australia is both tangible and intangible.

Sure, Brian got us all together, and that is certainly tangible, but more over he brought to this ROA region and esprit de corps that enabled members to be part, and to be proud, to belong to the ROA - that is the intangible, but more important legacy of Brian Hall.

May I propose a toast to Brian!



“ A toast to Brian!”



Some More of the Action in Photos



Getting Some Riv-ligion in Wagga

*Our Buicks that are our rides
Rivieras be thy name
Thy engines purr
Thy pistons pump
In Australia as they do in America
Give us this day our daily ride
And forgive us our superior make
as we forgive them their fords
Lead us not towards Cadil-lacs
But deliver us from Buick
A Riviera.*

Fumica Bianca (the White smoke) billowed over Wagga Wagga on Thursday 27th August summoning the faithful to the Riviera enclave.

The Mad Monks of Buick led by the ArchBuick Tom Kunek met in the Garden City Square and paid homage to Saint Carburettor. Many prostrated themselves to check the holy oil and polished many a holy relic in preparation for benediction.

ArchBuick Kunek and The Bishops of Buick Tony Gentilcore, John Forster and Buick Superior Linda Hall welcomed the faithful to a meet and greet and the traditional Frankfurt communion.

Pilgrimages were made to Temora, Gundagai and Junee to see (while not as revered as a Buick) other engines of some note.

At various times of day and night the apostles could be

seen in the Garden City Square paying penance for ill-fitting wheels, leaking panels, a gush of steering wheel fluid and the odd bird anointing, which saw many a room rubbish bin used as a holy water receptacle.

Our pilgrimage culminated in the anointing of the faithful on our final night, with Brother Gentilcore receiving benediction for his 1965 Riviera.

An irreverent time was had by all.



Terry Line





Another View from the White

#6061

The 4th ROA Australian National Meet was my first and a great experience of an ROA meet.

Although I arrived on my own I felt welcome and amongst friends from the start.

Welcome drinks with delicious frankfurts and potato salad broke the ice and got us all chatting.

The air museum at Temora was worth the drive and Dinner at the Riverine club was a walk back in time to another era - with great company.

It was a great surprise the next day when my wife Mary and son Will arrived.

Will loved the drive through the fog to Wantabadgery in the back seat of the Riv, watching all the cars in a long convoy.

He has a real appreciation for the Riviera and is hoping it might be his someday.....



“Great venue, great cars and a great group of people . .”

Great venue, great cars and a great group of People made it a great meet!

I now wish that I attended the first three meets. Already looking forward to the next meet in 2017

Brian Crummy
#6061



ROA Meet—My Experience by Seija Rowell

Our very first national Riviera Owners Association meet was in Wagga Wagga, from 27-30 August 2015. This National Meet was limited to Buick Riviera's built from 1963 to 1999 so our 1978 was almost in the middle!

As we had a long way to go from Redland Bay (Queensland) we left on Tuesday 25th with Linda Hall (in her beautiful strawberry Riv) and my sister Arja in our Buick Riviera.

We took our time to get there and had a leisurely scenic drive down. I never get tired of looking at our beautiful country as we drive down and John enjoys the driving so we make a good team.

The meet was very well organised and had a good variety of activities planned for all attending. There were activities to cater for everyone – museums, different clubs for eating pleasure and escapades for the guys and girls]

The Show and Shine at Wagga Wagga on the Saturday was the event that the boys naturally loved and got to show off and see everyone else's pride and joy.

In the afternoon the boys went to Gundagai and the girls all went off into town to check out the antique and op shops to hunt out the local bargains. This was a welcome break for the ladies to not have their ears filled with cars, motors and all things chrome! The ladies were very fortunate to get a wonderful

maxi taxi driver who was more than willing to show them the local sights and delights.

Sunday was an outing to the train museum to see the locomotives that were used in the local area and around Australia. This was a step back in time for me as it reminded me of the first train trips I ever took in Australia.

The lunch was at the chocolate factory where John got lost in the gift shop – he just can't help himself when it comes to fresh liquorice.

Then in what seemed like no time at all, the meet was coming to an end with the awards night on the Sunday, held at the Wagga RSL. It is not about who wins but the friendships



we create by the mutual interest in the Buick Riviera that is important.

So on Monday morning we farewelled our friends old and new until the next meet.

“Saturday was the event that the boys naturally loved . . .”



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Always on the Lookout for Staff

Chris Wilson, local Wanta-badgery farmer is always on the look out for qualified farm workers.

At the 2015 ROA National meet he was quick to interview this dog for an upcoming position in the sheep division of his farm.

Sadly for the dog his apparent lack of interest in Chris' line of questioning probably didn't help his application and he was ultimately eliminated from the sheep dog trial.

If you have an interested dog, contact Chris direct!

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