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OZ DAY



Young Skippy looks happy. She ought to be, it's Australia day and she is in the ute run. Check out some of the highlights!



Above: Aussie icon, the Victa mower. "turns grass into lawn"

Right: Holdens may be Australia's own car but as you can see they are inherently unreliable, often seen with their bonnets open.



Left: Could this be a model T Holden?



Animals were popular!

Below: For a 100 years Australia rode on the sheep's back.

Below left: Fairly late model ute with severe sun damage to the paint and bodgy rust repairs. It looks old way beyond its age. But on a real close inspection, it is covered in one big sticker. Really well done!



Marques in the Park

In the centre of all bullshit spoken in Australia, Canberra, you could be excused for thinking it might be a bit desolate in the interesting cars dept. As it turns out there is mobs of good stuff and it all comes out for their Marques in the Park show. Basically there is a big park and for one day every year they park all kinds of really neat cars in it. Great idea!!



How good is this. A bloke has found a Goggomobile Dart in less than pristine condition and converted it into brand new. It still has the twin cylinder 293cc 2 stroke engine. Absolutely priceless!



Possibly at the other end of the size spectrum is the tankmobile Ford Fairlane Skyliner. Apart from the Continental rear end this car is a bit amazing because it is a hardtop and a convertible. Push the button and the boot opens and the hardtop folds up and it all gets tucked away and the cavernous boot closes. There is a box like enclosure in the middle of the boot just in case you want to put stuff in the boot at the same time you have the roof tucked away in there. Too cool!





*Remember when having a mobile phone in a car was a big deal?
This totally original Caddie has one.*



Morries were well represented . Some beaut original ones and some beaut customs too, but the one that really caught my eye was the yellow convertible. 10 years ago I was at the Wintersun nostalgia festival on the Gold Coast (unreal) where they had a flame completion during interval at the drive in theatre. All the cars lined up and took turns at shooting flames out the exhaust pipe. All pretty neat and they had to put the grass out a couple of times. Judging was by the enthusiasm of the spectator clapping. In the end the finals came down to a V8 powered HR Holden and a yellow Morris Minor convertible. Both of them would shoot so many flames out the exhaust that a fireball bigger than the car would detach itself and float off up into the sky. The HR was judged the winner but to me that Morrie was the coolest. I found out later that he was injecting straight LPG into the exhaust. I enquired and yes this was that very same Morris convertible. You can read about it at <http://canberramorrisminors.org/members-cars/yellow-convertible-kustom/how-it-was-built/>





Lots and lots of big fins and chrome and stuff to make everyone feel good.



*And it wasn't just American stuff
There were all sorts of Pommie,
European and Japanese brands re-
presented, but the only really old car
was the Fiat pictured below*



Ron's shed

You couldn't help your eyes locking onto the smicko Austin Healy 3000 sticking out of the shed. That was all you could see from outside but once inside and your eyes adjusted to the dimmer light it was a whole new world. Ron reckons its all about image. He has such a collection here you could change your image to whatever you fancy each day. He used to be a hotrodder but decided in a change of direction and sold off his rods. Don't worry, he is not short of some fun sets of wheels here. Apart from the Austin Healy, there are two magnificent Customlines. You can see the hotrod heritage coming out when you have a closer look at these cars. Exhausts exiting through carefully shaped ports in the rear bumper give something away but open the bonnet to find a 5 Litre injected V8 from a Tickford XR8. Although both these cars appear original Aussie models they are both American imports modified by Ron. Using the firewall from a ratty local car it is a relatively straightforward job to make it right hand drive. The added bonus is the numbers stamped on the firewall come across too. Makes life a lot easier. Actually they aren't Customlines, the coupe is a Victoria, the convertible a Sunliner. You can take your pick depending on your image for the day, or maybe a 1918 model T Ford might suit you better. It's the real thing, totally original and unrestored. There are more vehicles, but what really gives this shed the good vibes is the stuff!. Ron says he has always liked collecting , and he has taken it to a different level here. Trucks, signs, tools, engines, bigger engines and just loads of good stuff. It would take volumes to list it all. And when you get worn out from looking at it all, Ron has a bar with a keg . You can relax with a beer while you take it all in.





Naturally there is a current job in progress. Ron has an A model Ford truck. Ford made 3 varieties of this truck, a standard, medium and heavy duty. This one is a heavy duty and has two gearboxes and was designed for unmade roads. He has the original purchase receipt from when it was bought new. It will be a water truck in its latest reincarnation. And when that is finished, what then? Ron has shed after shed full of old stuff to do up and in between times there are always the likes of yours truly that will interrupt the work and have him fire up some of the magnificent stationery engines holding the floor down all over the place.

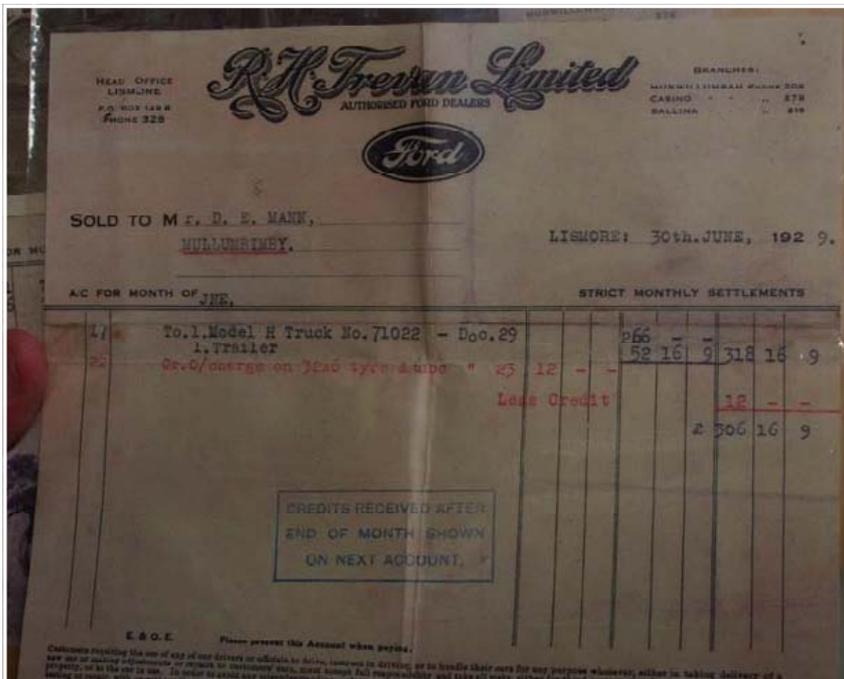


You shouldn't be surprised to find James Dean and Marilyn Munroe in a neat place like this. How many people do you know with a Mustang for a wall hanging. It was once a narrow version of the Mustang and had been a float on the back of a truck in a parade. It was just wide enough for one lady to sit in it and smile and wave to the crowd.. When it came up for sale Ron didn't want to fork out the money for the whole car, after all he only wanted one side. Lucky for his shed he found someone who would take half the car and half the bill.



Been a while since you saw a Neptune sign?





Ron's current project: the model A heavy duty truck. But how many owners of old vehicles have the receipt from when it was bought new. Ron obtained it from the original owners grandson. Note the price of 266 pounds full price in 1929. And the photos show it in use in its heyday. They did state the Heavy model was for unmade roads! And one assumes the trailer mentioned in the receipt is the same one in the photo. There are heaps more photos too. Its all just priceless!



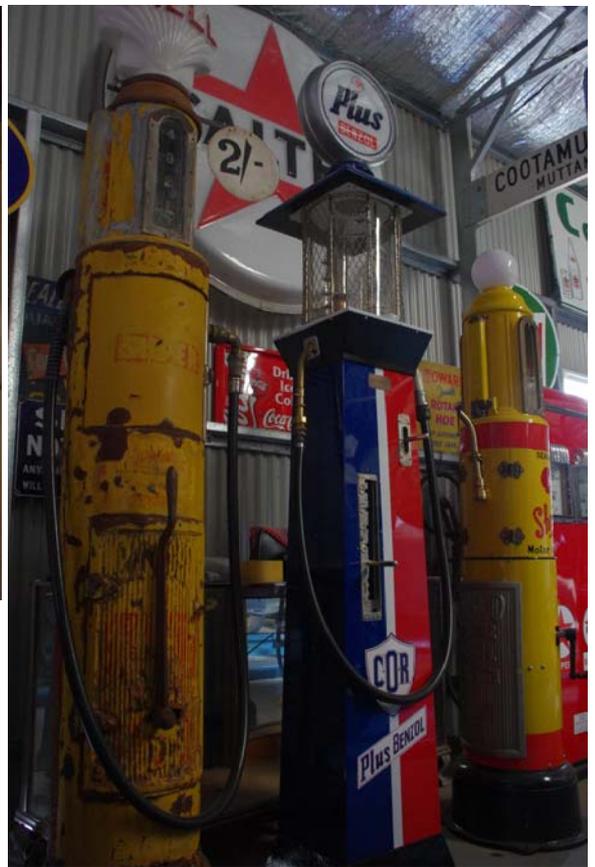
Another one of Ron's completed vehicles, a 1936 Ford truck.

Above right: This device folds and rolls over and cuts the end of a tin all in one go.

Naturally there are glass cases chock a block full of stuff that brings back good memories.



You wouldn't be surprised to see Elvis here would you? He appreciated good stuff too. I've been to his museum and its good too, but there is stuff here that Elvis missed out on.



Haven't seen petrol bowsers like these for a while? Its probably because they are in Ron's shed.

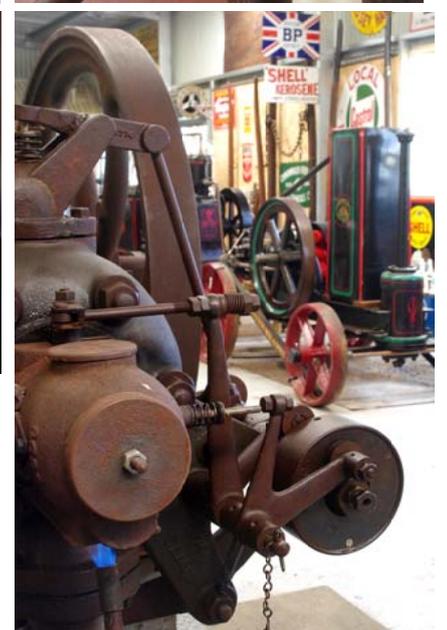


And how about a bit of graffiti on the floor? Blue Pennant kerosene and 44 gallons, unheard of these days.





This 16 HP Blackstone engine powered a grain silo. It came with a truckload of NOS spares. The fact that the spares never got used is testimony to the reliability of these magnificent machines. Check out the size of the valve compared with the size of a pen.



Another Blackstone engine, 14 HP. This one pumped water from the Lachlan River, it was seized solid as a rock when it came into Ron's possession. After many attempts to free it some-one suggested he loosen the big end and use the momentum of those flywheels to loosen it. He tried it and it worked a charm. A little play in the big end gave them enough momentum to do the trick. And when Ron offered to fire it up.... It doesn't get much better than this!



Furphy water carts? There is one of just about every type they made plus a lot of other brands that are new to me.



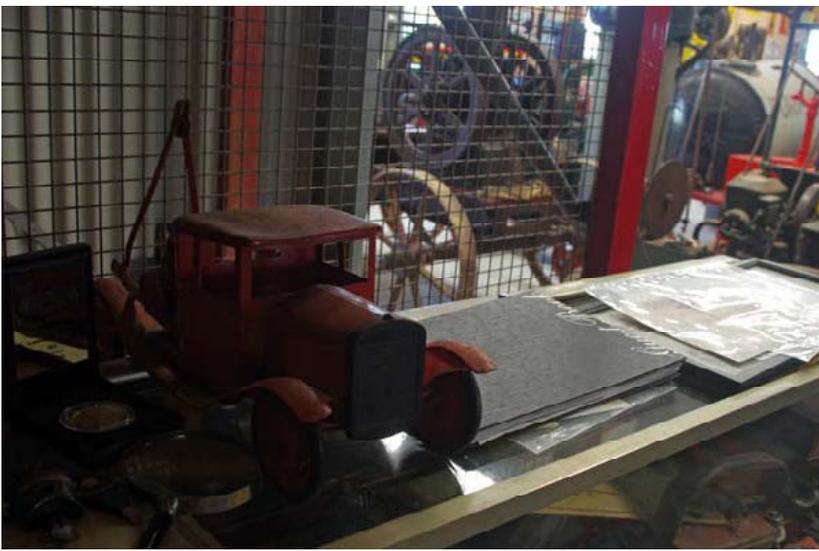
Model T Ton Truck Ford. Ron keeps it in this livery as this is exactly how they came from the factory.



1919 Model T Ford in good useable condition but as found and not restored at all. At car shows the model T gets more interest than the shiny flash cars. People seem to associate better with something that looks like it should be after 95 years.

The sights from Marilyn and James' viewpoint. There is another bay to the left. Plus smaller sheds. All full of neat stuff!

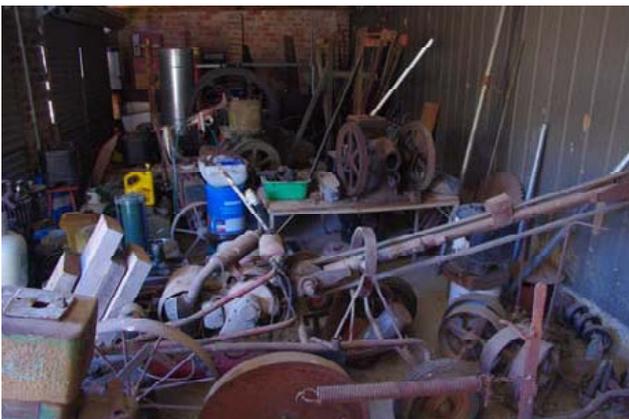




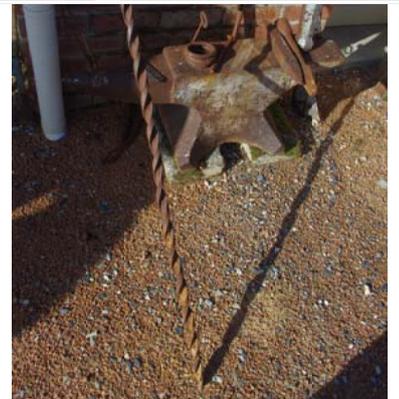
Every collection has models and toys. This White engine (right) made in Sydney is definitely an unusual one. And the original Victa mower will probably be still going for years to come. Remember BP Zoom?



All this stuff in the shed is pretty neat but take a step outside and there is heaps more, and then there are other sheds, it goes on and on. It just makes you feel good!



Right: And for the last thing in unusual neat stuff is this piece of military hardware. It is the equivalent of a star picket, but you don't want to make lots of noise donging in a picket when there are bad-dies around, this one is super quiet because you screw it in.



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The Satnav - by Pam Ayres

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A Satnav is a driver's friend,
it tells you where you are.
I have a little Satnav,
I've had it all my life
It's better than the normal ones,
My Satnav is my wife.
It gives me full instructions,
Especially how to drive
"It's sixty miles an hour", it says,
"You're doing sixty five".
It tells me when to stop and start,
And when to use the brake
And tells me that it's never ever,
Safe to overtake.
It tells me when a light is red,
And when it goes to green
It seems to know instinctively,
Just when to intervene.
It lists the vehicles just in front,
And all those to the rear
And taking this into account,
It specifies my gear.
I'm sure no other driver,
Has so helpful a device
For when we leave and lock the car,
It still gives its advice.
It fills me up with counselling,
Each journey's pretty fraught
So why don't I exchange it,
And get a quieter sort?
Ah well, you see, it cleans the house,
Makes sure I'm properly fed
It washes all my shirts and things,
And keeps me warm in bed!
Despite all these advantages,
And my tendency to scoff,
I only wish that now and then,
I could turn the bugger off.

WOTS ON THIS YEAR

Come along and enjoy!

On the 2nd Wed of every month there is a members meeting at the hangar 7.30 pm plus bbq beforehand. Also there is a working bee at the hangar the following Sunday.

19th Feb Fri Bombing of Darwin anniversary open day at the hangar.

20 Feb Sat Darwin Brass band will be performing in the hangar 1pm-3pm
Bring some old vehicles to show off!

2 May Mayday. Cruise to Adelaide river Historical Railway precinct .
Meet at hangar to *leave at 9AM*

8 May Aviation museum open cockpit day . Cook snags for Legacy. Show off your vehicles.

24-28 May Model A national rally rolls into Darwin. 93 A model Fords in town.

9 July Gangsters Ball at Berry Springs Dress up and dancing Ted 89886049

10 July MVEC vs Holden club cricket match at Batchelor



Stuff

At some of the rallies I have attended, they give you a sample bag of goodies from the sponsors. Most of the time it is promotions of products I am aware of but more recently there were a couple bits of seemingly ordinary stuff that opened my eyes a bit when I actually got round to using it. The first product is called "Rost Off Plus" made by a bunch called Wurst. <http://www.ppcco.com.au/wurth03.html> Just before getting out the oxy to attack some rusted in and twisted off bolts on my 1949 Jag, I gave them a squirt with the stuff. About 5 mins later I was able to unscrew the stubs of the bolts with a pair of pliers. I tried it again on a few other stuck bolts. It worked on all but one. It makes WD40 and CRC a bit redundant. Anything Auto are the distributor in Darwin. The other product next month.

Stuff on the net

How about a car that runs on compressed air! This article is a couple of years old.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6eGhjhx8O9M>

If you thought your V8 Commonwhore was fast, check out this electric car

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6eGhjhx8O9M>

And how about a Swincar. Whats a swincar? Check out the video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xW6bTE0XdWI>

A woman was sure that her husband was cheating on her, and having an affair with the Maid.
So she laid down a trap.

One evening she suddenly sent the Maid home for the weekend & didn't tell the husband.

That night when they went to bed, the husband gave the old story: "Excuse me my dear, my stomach aches", and went to the bathroom.

The wife promptly went into the Maid's bed. She switched the lights off. When he came in silently, he wasted no time or words but had his way with her....

When he finished and was still panting, the wife said: "You didn't expect to find me in this bed, did you?"

And then she switched on the light...

"No madam", said the Gardener...

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