

The 2010 National Humber Rally - Easter—Ballarat

from your intrepid Rally Conveners: Anne & Colin Anderson.

Hi! Now we've recovered, more or less, we've been asked to reflect on the weekend we spent at Ballarat. Naturally we reiterate all the good things you've probably heard about already!! Seriously though - it was an excellent weekend from our point of view but we did not organise it alone. The work was shared by six of us - John Washbourne & Judy Lewis and Merv & Maree Sherlock accepted the challenge to help and between us we made it happen. Colin and I felt the weekend went extremely well because the participants had come prepared to enjoy themselves and we were able to relax when we realised that people were doing just that!! That's not to say that there weren't a couple of hitches here and there - but hey, we pressed on regardless!



The Friday BBQ was great with everybody arriving in time to eat. The weather was a trifle chilly and a tad drizzly, but we all managed to fit under the Rotunda in the Gardens and started the 'meet and greet' that comes with catching up with participants we've met at previous rallies or meeting new friends for the first time. We all had a hearty meal with plenty of tea and/or coffee to help us keep warm. Some of the group went on to attend a Ghost Tour of the City of Ballarat which apparently was much enjoyed.

Saturday morning saw us back at Windmill Drive in Wendouree Gardens for the Display and Pride of Ownership judging. Again, the weather was chilly and drizzly and we were all rugged up to keep warm, but by lunch time the sun had chased away the clouds and the weather for the rest of the weekend was perfect. There were around 44 Humbers on display and much interest was shown by participants and members of the public alike. One particular attraction was the 1913 Humberette loaned for the display by a member of the Ballarat Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Club. Saturday evening we went to dinner at Sovereign Hill followed by the "Blood on the Southern Cross" sound and light show.

Sunday morning - up bright and early and back to Wendouree Gardens to receive instructions for the Mystery & Observation Run and by 10 a.m. all who were participating had disappeared into the sunshine on one or other of the two routes to find their way to a mystery destination using the instructions handed to them. A "tail-end Charlie" followed each group and some fun was observed along the way on both routes! As far as we know there are no divorces as a result.

Sunday night - the culmination of the weekend with our Presentation Dinner and awards given to the winners of the Pride of Ownership contest. The winners were:

Pre 1932
1933-1945
1946-1957

John Washbourne & Judy Lewis (Vic)
Les & Bev Lindorff (Vic)
Steve & Connie Boros (SA)

1927 14/40 Sedan
1935 Snipe 80 (Ruskin Body)
1957 Mark IVA Super Snipe



1957-1970's
People's Choice

Don Steele (NSW)
Ken & Noelene Loone (Vic)

1966 Series 5A Super Snipe
1949 Pullman



Shannon's Trophy
Perpetual Trophy

Fred Pieterston (Vic)
Bruce Carpenter & Sandra Steggle (NSW)

1960 Super Snipe Estate
1966 Vogue.



The five trophies were designed and made from Huon Pine by Wilson Bunton and are a unique memento of the Rally for the winners

Easter Monday morning saw us having our farewell breakfast at Ballarat Beechworth Bakery - a very enjoyable morning.

There will soon be available a DVD of the weekend, details elsewhere in The Humberette.

The next Rally will be at Tamworth, NSW at Easter 2012, with the NSW Humber Car Club the Host Club, and we look forward to as many as possible of the Victorian members supporting them.

Hopefully the weekend's experience at Ballarat will inspire Club members to become more active with the Club and to get really involved with future activities. We need fresh input and enthusiasm and we invite you to step up to the plate; make suggestions for activities/outings/speakers; consider joining the Committee; take some responsibility for the Club and help it to be a viable and enjoyable entity for the future. Let's work together and keep Humbering on.

Regards, Anne & Colin



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