

BIG AL'S POKER FUN RUN

The annual Big Al's Poker Fun Run was held on February 8. The first cars started to assemble at 10 am at Burswood Park and continued all day with some still arriving at the official departure time of 4 pm.

The public and the car owners were in full swing enjoying the atmosphere of fun and vast majority of cars. Not only was the crowd varied but so were the vehicles. There were hotrods, unrestored classics and even two vintage cars. Many of the people dressed in period clothing for the year of their car.

There was one couple with a 1950s Chev who had set up a drive-in scene. They had an original speaker and pole beside the car with the speaker attached to the window. Inside was a tray of typical drive-in food sitting on the steering wheel. This certainly brought back some old memories for me.

The general mood of the crowd was very relaxed, particularly on such a hot Saturday. The music provided by the organisers was brilliant and blended well with the period of the vehicles. The main fun for us was walking around looking at the cars and talking to their proud owners.

The Buick contingent consisted of Alan and Ros Hunt, Scott and Luke Barker, Alan Haime, Barry Ryle and Paul and Josie Dickson. This cosy group had a "shady" spot underneath a huge tree close to the river, keeping us cool for most of the day. A couple of us were interviewed by Access-31 television to be shown on their "Cruizin" programme.

At 4 pm the Run started and the atmosphere generated by the cars and the public watching was fantastic, something we will long remember. It was very exciting seeing approximately 700 cars going around the streets of Perth in all directions. Our run sheet consisted of five check points where a card was given to each car providing the participants with their poker hand.

We all ended up at the East Fremantle football ground. It was a well earned drink by the time we reached there.

As darkness fell some left early, some danced the night away, but it was obvious that a relaxed and fun day had been had by all who were there.

Paul Dickson & Scott Barker (WA Buicks)



