

BROOKTON OLD TIME MOTOR SHOW 2008

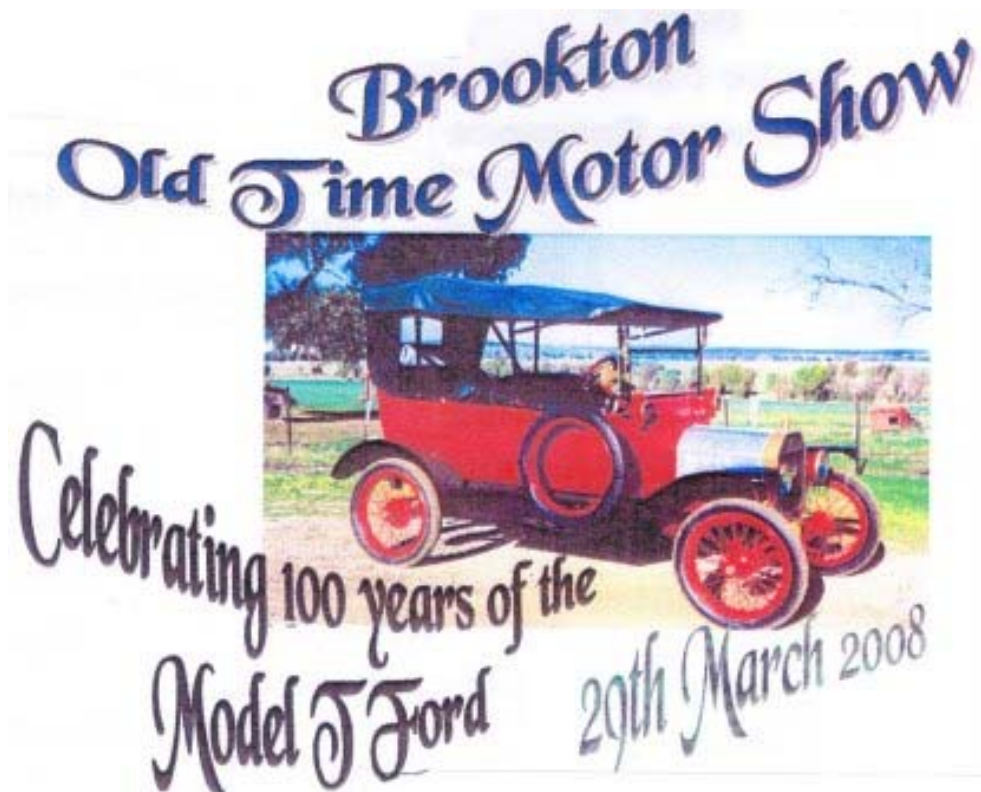
This event comes around every two years and is a firm fixture on the WA Buick events calendar.

Some cars met at Karragullen and others made their own way to Brookton. John Padgett was waiting alongside his 1948 Buick, newly restored and looking fabulous. This car was ex-South Africa and was shipped across in 2005. This is obviously a viable option for imports when you live on our side of the pond.

Cars were pouring in to the showgrounds and luckily John had bagged sufficient room for our Buicks. Cars on display included:

Jeff and Sandy Branch	1934 Sedan
Phil & Kerry Taylor	1947 8/40 Sedan
John Padgett	1948 56S Sedanette
Stuart Syme & Jim Donis	1950 Jetback Coupe
Scott, Sherren, Sara & Luke Barker	1957 43 Sedan
Tony & Marny Howe	1971 Boattail
Alan & Lois Haime	1972 Boattail
Harold & Gail Hitchcock	1938 Oldsmobile.

Scott Barker had thoughtfully provided a wonderful pop up pergola and although it was a mild day, it was still nice to shelter from the sun. The Buick banner was erected and chairs and tables set out under our camp.



The weather was perfect and the group settled in, drifting away to inspect all the other cars on display and to watch various events such as tractor pulling, military vehicles, stationery engine displays and a wonderful display of old Fords celebrating 100 years of the Model T. The brasswork was positively twinkling in the sunlight on the Model Ts.

Visitors to the Buick tent included John Bell from Bunbury, Adrian and Jenni Leete, Don McDermid, Vic and Margaret Hayes from Mt Barker and Doddy Davies from Bridgetown. Finally Les Woodruff came to visit, he had upstaged everybody else by flying in from Jandakot! This beats trying to find parking.

During the day we approached by many browsers, old timers and hopefully two couples who would like to join the club. When we told one couple who were planning to buy a boattail, that some of us were intending to spend the night at York, they commented that this was the sort of club they wanted to belong to!

In front of the Buick display were a few Nash Ramblers. One in particular the Matador, which was a dark blue and had great lines, was a stand out car. I was assured by the Buick blokes that "you couldn't give one away". However, if anyone is giving one away, I wouldn't mind having it.

The Grand Parade took off about 3.30 p.m. and was particularly colourful with inclusions like penny farthing bikes, military vehicles, Cadillac convertibles playing Dixie on their horns and a swag of other vehicles.

Hometime came around and the Haime, Hitchcock, Howe, Syme and Taylor cars drove across to York for the evening. The drive was very peaceful with late afternoon light turning the paddocks golden. This certainly beat battling the traffic back to Perth on the Brookton Highway.

The Buicks were the only cars on the road to York, except for a police traffic car which came up quickly behind us. We immediately checked our speedo but were okay. He then tore up behind Tony Howe but obvious he was okay too and the last we saw of him was disappearing over a hill. A collective sigh of relief here.

All cars were parked safely behind the Castle Hotel at York and the group settled in the courtyard area at the rear of the hotel. A few nice cold draught beers were very welcome. It was nice to relax and not to have to drive anywhere.

Dinner was had at the hotel restaurant and the group returned to the courtyard about 9 pm. It was a particularly lovely night without a breath of wind. We seemed to be the only table occupied in the courtyard, with everyone talking at once and much hilarity. Suddenly it was after midnight and it was deemed time to go to bed.

Because of the restoration to normal time after daylight saving, we all had an extra hour to sleep in!

Cafe Bugatti saw us all lined up for bacon and eggs and coffee at breakfast. The hotel does do a complimentary continental brekkie but sometimes the restorative effects of bacon and eggs are needed.

By the time we had checked out, dusted down cars and had further chats it was about 11 am and the cars headed to Perth by various routes.

We were all in agreement that it had been a great weekend with little fuss but a lot of enjoyment.

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