

## **GM DAY AT BASSENDEAN STEEL BLUE OVAL**

The Buick Owners Club of Western Australia attends this event on a biennial basis and 21 November 2010 came around hot on the heels of previous runs for the preceding two weeks.

Early Sunday morning saw a leaden sky and forecast of thunderstorms. However a good selection of Buicks and their owners turned up early on the day. We had our allotted space which was quite roomy.

John and Beryl Donis came very early and with some help set up their shade tent which was so welcoming on the hot thundery day. This was also waterproofed in case of heavy rain although we only received a few spots (just enough to put dusty spots on the cars).

This is an event when most members have a foot in another camp. Events Director Harold Hitchcock also has an Oldsmobile and he invited three Olds and their owners to come along and join us for the day. Alan Haime had brought along two Buicks and a Cadillac (with a for sale sign on), Joan and Nic Nicoli had brought along their 1964 LeSabre and also were displaying their Holden in the Holden Club area. Murray Lizatovich was seen on the grounds wearing a Corvette T-shirt (his Corvette is still at home but should be on the road soon).

It was nice to see new member Fred Manwaring with his 1930, this being the ex-Jeff Branch and previously John Padgett car.

Johnno and Kaye Cook were up from Kukerin for the day and as they have a 1954 Oldsmobile as well, were happy to chat to the Olds people. Greg Giblett from Bridgetown was another country member on the grounds.

The oval filled up, Holdens being the most numerous but there was a selection of Chevies including Corvettes on display.

A boot or a bonnet up on a car seems to draw attention and cameras and the Buicks certainly came in for their share of photography with some blokes lying down on the grass in front of the cars to get good grille shots.

All in all it was a relaxing day under the shade tent and people chatted, read, dozed and fielded questions.

Four o'clock came around and the oval started to empty. Despite the humidity and old spits of rain, the public came through in droves (no, this isn't a car) which shows that the cars can still attract a wide section of the population from oldies to young families with kids in pushers.

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