

## RALLY WEST 2007

Recently Western Australia hosted a National Rally that took entries for vehicles up to 1940.

Buicks were well represented, led by Delys & Stuart Syme in their 1930 sedan, Nola & Newton Powell in their 1925 tourer, Josie & Paul Dickson in their 1929 roadster, Grace & Ian Steinert in their 1938 sedan, Lourdes & Barry Gard in their 1926 tourer and lastly Margaret & Ian Baxter in their 1946 sedan (official car).

Also from the Buick Club were Ruth & John Knight from Queensland driving a 1930 Chrysler roadster, Bev & Peter Nicholson in a 1917 Cadillac limousine and Sue & John Bell in their 1932 Chevrolet sedan.

The event commenced in Albany and toured through the South West of Western Australia over an 8 day period.

Excitement was provided by Newton Powell's Buick on our visit to the Berry Farm in Margaret River when it decided it did not like where it was parked and reversed in an arc to finally come to rest with its rear end against a small tree. Luckily the Buick was not damaged and the tree although it has lost some bark, saved the Buick and other vehicles from further damage.

One of the other places of interest was Gnomesville which was also visited on the National 2004 post tour.

Unfortunately, vandals have been in action damaging a large quantity of the gnomes including "Hewick" the Buick who was placed there during the 2004 tour. Fortunately he has survived the trauma and although a little worse for wear stands forlornly in a new location.



It was also great catching up to Ruth & John Knight and we look forward to seeing them again on the Queensland Nationals in 2008.

The event was thought to be a great success and culminated with a dinner at the Hyatt Hotel in Perth.

*Peter Nicholson, WA Buicks*