

THE PINJARRA FESTIVAL 2009

It was with some trepidation that the skies were viewed on Sunday 31 May 2009.

The Pinjarra Festival is an annual event on the Buick calendar, however the weather forecast was less than wonderful with heavy rain being heralded.

However at the Old Narrogin Inne at Armadale the following cars were marshalling for the run to Pinjarra, some 57 kilometres south.

Dennis & Gail McGavigan	1926 45X Master Tourer
Paul & Josie Dickson	1929 44 Roadster
John & Lorraine Padgett	1948 56S Sedanette
Stuart Syme, Mike Stonehouse & Anastasia	1950 Jetback Coupe
Harold Hitchcock	1951 8/50 Sedan
Jennifer Oversby & Tony	1956 Special
Scott, Sherren & Luke Barker	1957 43 Sedan
Colin & Carolyn Howe	1960 Electra
Les & June Woodruff	1965 Wildcat Convertible
Jim, Beryl & Reece Donis	1967 Riviera
Chris Blakeley & son	1968 Riviera
Alan & Lois Haime	1972 Boattail



The Padgett and McGavigan cars drove across from Mandurah and met the rest of the bunch at Pinjarra.

Traffic was somewhat chaotic as we approached the town but bollards were removed from a closed road and the Buicks were waved through to their gazetted spot. Another car club, Just Cruizin, were given a gravel patch but

the Buicks were angle parked on bitumen and looked great. Their members hung over a fence and just about drooled at our display, theirs being a tad ordinary.



A few drops of rain began to fall and the group set up camp under the back verandah of one of the old Edenvale Homestead buildings. A few showers came across during the day but there were lengthy fine patches.

All the things that make up a country fair were there..... music, food and produce, art exhibition, craft stuff, quilt exhibition, stationary engine displays, camel and horse rides for the kids, Cobb & Co coach rides and lots more. The camels in particular were eying off the Buicks as they strolled past our display.



Cups of tea and coffee were on the go and a stream of food seemed to appear from the various stalls including hot dogs, sausage sizzles, baked spuds, honeycomb and trays of cakes and biscuits.

The Harvey newspaper saw that the Buick Club were going to be on display and contacted President Alan Haime about providing them with an article. This was printed in their paper and a copy sent through to the club. Because of this article we enrolled a new member. The article can be viewed on the website



The benefit of these runs is that everyone can get together for a good yarn. Les and June Woodruff had been out of action for a while and Colin and Carolyn Howe haven't had a Buick for some time, but now have a new 1960 Electra to show off so it was great to catch up with these members again.

Late in the afternoon it was decided to hit the road and the Buicks pulled out and headed home. Everyone agreed it was a relaxing and entertaining day and a fairly decent distance for the Buicks to give them a good run.

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