WEST COAST SUMMER TWILIGHT RUN

After a spate of very hot days, we were lucky to have a relatively balmy evening for the run from Fremantle up the coast to the Galaxy Drive-In movies at Kingsley.

Feelers had been put out by the fairly recently formed Cadillac La Salle Club about joining us on the run. This was thought by members to be a good idea (anything American was thought to be a good idea).

At 6.30 pm it was time to leave from the wharf area at Fremantle and the following Buicks and members lined up for chocks away:

Ian & Margaret Baxter 1946 8/40 Special Alan & Ros Hunt and family 1955 Century Jennifer Oversby & Tony 1956 Buick Scott & Sherren Barker & family 1957 43 Sedan Barry & Dorothy Ryle 1965 Riviera Peter & Bev Nicholson 1968 Riviera Tony, Marny& Constance Howe 1971 Riviera John & Kay Cook 1971 Riviera

Alan & Lois Haime & niece Lauren 1965 Cadillac Convertible

(to make our visitors feel at home)

Harold & Gail Hitchcock 1937 Oldsmobile.

John & Geraldine McLean attended as visitors. John was heavily involved in the VCC and Shannon's Insurance but now works from the Motor Museum at Whiteman Park. John brought along his Rover but stressed it did have a Buick engine.

Other visitors were Nick Zammit with his 1970 Buick and also new member Mick Jarvis driving Nick's Ford Thunderbird. All in all a pretty good mix of vehicles.

The Cadillac contingent compromised about ten vehicles, mostly convertibles to take advantage of the lovely evening, with one black Cadillac hearse which looked a bit sinister. Talking to some of the Cadillac ladies at the drive-in, they commented on how much they had enjoyed the run and also that they don't usually get such numbers on their runs. I think the secret is to add some interest to the run so that it is not just another ho-hum run.

The run up the coast was the usual relaxing scenic run with loads of windsurfers off Cottesloe and the beaches all looking wonderful in the pink twilight. We certainly gave all the onlookers a chance to see some stunning cars with lots of thumbs up from appreciative viewers.

One of the few benefits of daylight saving was the hour longer of light to have our picnic tea in the two back rows of the drive-in. Chairs and tables were set out and all too soon the movie started. Those with normal, ordinary cars at the drive-in pulled out their cameras and there was much clicking going on.

It was a very successful and social run. Total number of cars in the run was 22. Great to catch up with members after the Christmas break and also to touch base with the Cadillac owners.

L M Haime (WA Buicks)











