

THE MOTOMETER

October



**FRIENDS
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“The Voice of Friends of Vintage Motoring”

**“Timeless Stories, Technical Wisdom,
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WELCOME

Ross Gilbourne

Welcome to this exciting new chapter in Vintage/Veteran Motoring

Meet “Houston” – Our 1923 Ford Model T Tourer

Our 1923 Ford Model T Tourer, affectionately known as “Houston,” has quite a story — one that spans several owners, a heartfelt restoration, and many memorable outings.

The car was originally restored in the late 1960s by the late **Mr. Joe Holding** of Kapunda. Alongside a 1913 Model T Tourer, Joe rebuilt this vehicle using components from several local cars. Both vehicles were privately registered — this one under **SA RCS 765** — and later used as chauffeur-driven wedding cars, often seen in the Barossa Valley, likely based in Kapunda at the time.



Unfortunately, Joe fell ill and was forced to sell his prized T Fords. In **1980**, both the 1913 and 1923 models were purchased by **Mr. R. Nicholson** of Gawler East. Under his ownership, the cars appeared at many community events in the Barossa region, such as the **Tanunda Fair** and **Barossa Wine Festivals**, under special event permits.

In **June 2003**, I acquired the 1923 Model T from Mr. Nicholson and began another chapter in its life — with a renewed focus on preserving its originality and usability. While the original registration number was long lost and untraceable (even with attempts via the Registrar of Motor Vehicles), I sourced a **historic six-digit number plate** to commemorate our purchase date: **13/06/03**. That plate now serves as a reminder of the day we began our journey with “Houston.”

Why “Houston?” Well — like many T owners know — things don’t always go to plan. The name came from Kay, during one of those “character-building” moments, inspired by the Apollo 13 quote: *“Houston, we have a problem.”*

Some of those challenges included:

- ◆ A **cylinder head failure** during a **Bay to Birdwood** run — though Houston still made the full journey there and back!
- ◆ A **cracked crankshaft** during a pre-run fuel trip, which prompted a full engine rebuild. We fitted a **balanced crankshaft from Victoria**, which made a world of difference.



OCTOBER CLUB RUN – Monarto Zoo

On the morning of Saturday, the 11th of October, a group of the clubs members met at The Gully Hotel to depart for a day of adventure at Monarto organized by Dale. The atmosphere was great, everyone was very friendly and after some socializing, we hit the road.

The route made for a lovely weekend drive, allowing those who attended to take in the wonderful scenery we have through Inglewood, Gumeracha, Birdwood, Tungkillo and Palmer before reaching our destination.

Meeting at the hut near the Visitors Centre at Monarto, we made our way to the safari buses ready to experience what the zoo had to offer and might I say, it was well worth it. There were 6 stops – Cheetah, The Outpost, Black Rhino, The Waterhole, The Bomas and Windana.

The members chose to hop off the bus at Stop 2, the Outpost where we had a bite to eat and were able to view the animals the buses did not visit. We visited the Meerkats, Rhino, Elephants, Emu and Chimpanzees on foot before we got onto another bus for the best viewing of the remainder of the park.

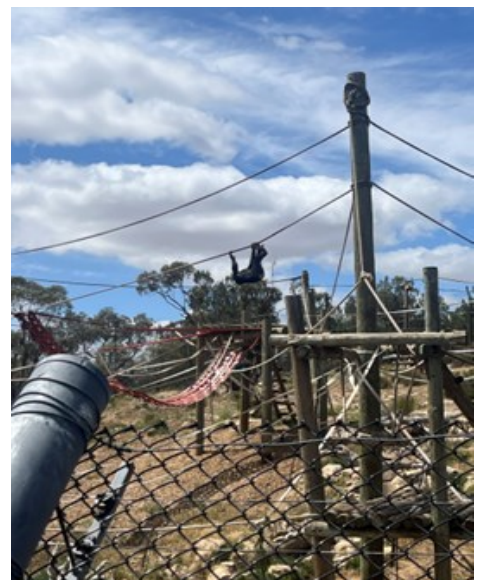
The bus we had hopped on was making a loud beeping sound for the majority of the tour however, luckily, there was a **diesel mechanic** on board that was able to confirm the bus would in fact make it through the safari so we didn't have to hop off and wait for another bus. We were able to have an enjoyable rest of the experience, viewing animals such as the giraffes, ostrich, lions, eland, hyena and painted dogs.

Once we had reached the end of the safari, we made a visit to the gift shop and main café for a bite to eat before departure and the club raffle.

Overall, it was a great day out for the members and we aren't actually sure whether the kids or the adults had more fun.

A big thank you again to Dale for putting this event together and to all the members that came along and made the day what it was. We look forward to seeing everyone at the next run.

Gino & Monica Giorgio



Monarto Zoo Run – A Great Day Out!

The weather forecast was looking good as Ian picked Kay and I up in the trusty Statesman. Kelly had a full car with the Rolls, we met up at the Tea Tree Gully Hotel. Adam arrived in his friend's Rolls, while Dale and Jarrad turned up in their MG. Lisette came in her Honda, and Gino—a new member—joined with his wife Monica. Other members came along in modern cars.



After a bit of chit-chat and a few words from our organiser, we hit the road. Our route took us through Chain of Ponds, which is looking quite full at the moment, then through Birdwood and Tungkillo to Palmer. From there, we turned right toward Murray Bridge and then left to Monarto Zoo.

Despite a dry winter, the countryside looked lush and green, which made for a very pleasant drive. All 36 of us arrived safely at the zoo. Since it had been a while since Kay and I had visited, we decided to explore on our own rather than stick with the main group. That said, we bumped into fellow members at various viewing points along the way.

After a bite to eat and a quick drink, we hopped on the zoo bus, which took us to our first location. The on-board commentary was informative, and it was refreshing to see the animals roaming in large paddocks instead of small cages. The weather stayed kind to us as we made four or five stops to view different animals.



Eventually, we all gathered at the main café for another drink and a final catch-up. Everyone seemed to have had a great time and agreed the visit was well worthwhile. Raffle tickets were sold, and our lucky new member Monica walked away with the prize!

It was wonderful to see so many members children and grandchildren joining with us on this run. This club truly is one for all generations.

After warm goodbyes, it was time to head home.

A big thank you to Dale, Kay, and Jarrad for organising a fantastic day out!

Tony & Kay Russell



Monarto Zoo

On our trip we all meet up at the tea tree gully hotel, I was excited to receive my friends of vintage motoring t-shirt and name badge along with some of the younger children.

I arrived coming in Kelly Russell's Rolls Royce and the seats were really comfortable.

and the drive to

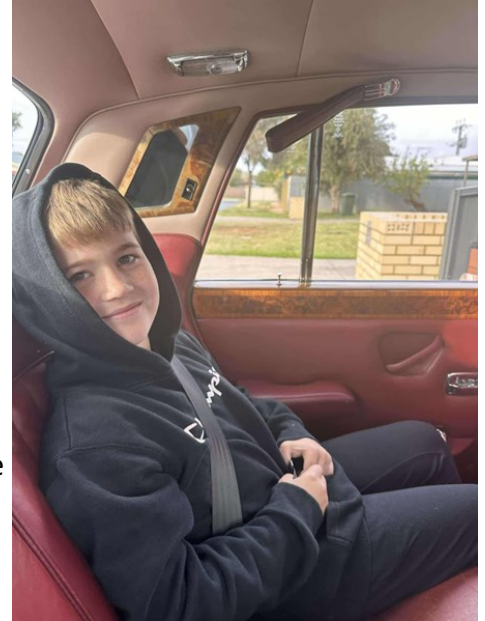
Monarto Zoo we followed Ian in the statesman it was a little nauseating on all the turns to Monarto. We all got our tickets and got on the bus there wasn't a spot for the pram so Jayden took the long way and walked all the way to the meerkats. The chimpanzees were sleeping and scratched each other's backs. They stood over the edge without breaking a sweat. The rhinos slept and rested at the back of their enclosure.

I enjoyed seeing the newest edition to the Monarto zoo the big elephants. The giraffes towering over the bus at 4.3 meters tall, and I learnt that cheetahs can sprint at 120km/h.

The best part was our tour bus was having some mechanical issues so we were lucky to have a diesel mechanic on the bus and told them to push through, we were excited as we were about to enter the lions. The bus did a few loops so we got to watch the adults come out to play.

It was such a great day, and I looked forward to the comfortable ride home back in the Rolls Royce.

From Oliver





Unfortunately, Trevor and I were unable to attend the October Club Run to Monarto Zoo, as we had a very important birthday to attend. Our Granddaughter Zoey turned 4, and her party was on the same day!

From all accounts, it sounds like the day at Monarto was amazing. I've heard quite a few entertaining stories, but one that really stood out involved Gino and his mechanical expertise.

Apparently, the bus they were travelling on started making a ticking noise. The driver asked if there were any mechanics on board, and Gino stepped up. He diagnosed a cooling issue but assured the driver that everything would be fine and to keep going.

Let's just say... I'm glad he was right — I can only imagine the scene if the bus had broken down in the lion enclosure!



PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND LOCATION



Sunday 9th November

**Meet OTR Boliver
(Krispy Kreme)**

11.00am

**Lunch will be at the St Kilda Hotel
(see menu next page)**

Admission to the Tram Museum

\$10.00 Adults

\$7.00 Concession & Child

Children under 5 Free

RSVP Bob Yates bobjy@bigpond.com



ST KILDA HOTEL

GROUP MENU

ENTREES

GARLIC BREAD 10

CHEESY GARLIC BREAD 12

CHICKEN WINGS buffalo sauce, ranch 15

CORN RIBS siracha mayo, cheese, lime 12

BOWL OF WEDGES with sour cream and sweet chilli 14

BOWL OF CHIPS tomato sauce 10

MAINS

CHICKEN SCHNITZEL 26
with chips and salad

BEEF SCHNITZEL 28
with chips and salad

PLANT BASED SCHNITZEL 24
with chips and salad

SALT AND PEPPER SQUID 28
with chips, salad, side of tartare and lemon

FISH & CHIPS IPC 20 / 2PC 26
with chips, salad, side of tartare and lemon

FRIED CHICKEN SANDWICH 24
adobo sauce, pickled onion, pickled carrot, chips

300g MSA STRIPLOIN 38
with chips and salad

BANGERS & MASH 24
pork · fennel sausages, butter mash, sauteed spinach, onion gravy

MUSHROOM RISOTTO 24
mushrooms, garlic, spinach, creamy sauce, crusty baguette (add chicken · 4)

SAUCES gravy, diane, mushroom, pepper · 2

TOPPINGS parmi · 3, kilpatrick · 5, surf · 9

ST.KILDA HOTEL

KIDS MENU \$13

(INCLUDES FRUIT BOX & ICECREAM)

Nuggets

chicken nuggets, chips, tomato sauce

Fish & Chips

battered fish, chips, tomato sauce

Cheeseburger

beef patty, cheese, tomato sauce, chips

Spaghetti

nap sauce, cheese

**CHOICE OF
JUICE OR SOFTDRINK**

**VANILLA ICE-CREAM WITH CHOC, CARAMEL OR
STRAWBERRY TOPPING**



Friends of Vintage Motoring Christmas Get Together

Date: Saturday, 13th December

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: 1355 Lower North East Rd., Houghton

Join us for a festive afternoon of fun, food, and good company!

Father Christmas will be visiting the children, followed by a
delicious **BBQ tea**.

Guests: Feel free to bring along an adult non-member

Cost: \$10.00 per non-member adult

Please BYO drinks.

Contributions:

We kindly ask members to contribute **either a salad or a sweet** to share.

Maxine will be in touch to confirm what you'd like to bring.

Looking forward to celebrating with you all!

RSVP for catering purposes:

kiar@bigpond.com



Upcoming Events

Friends of Vintage Motoring

**Sunday
9th
November**

**St Kilda Tram Museum
Lunch: St Kilda Hotel
Organiser: Bob & Rosa Yates
bobjy@bigpond.com
General Meeting**

**Saturday
13th
December**

**Kids Christmas Party
1355 Lower North East Rd Houghton
2.00pm
Organisers: Kelly & Maxine**

**Sunday
1st
February**

**Cummins House
Organisers: Mik & Marg Bojko
mikbojko@hotmail.com
General Meeting**

**Sunday
14th
March**

**Penfield Trains
Organisers: Ian & Kelly Russell
kiar@bigpond.com**

**Saturday
11th
April**

Save the date more info to come

GENERAL MEETING

Minutes

11/10/2024

Welcome	President Adam Welcomed all those present to The October Meeting of the Friends of Vintage Motoring	
Present:	Dale, Kay & Jarryd La Vars Sian, Nathan & Dylan Costi Bob & Rosa Yates , Adam & Garry Lin Warren Mik & Marg Bojko with guests Paul & Bev, Anthony & Ebony Russell Tony & Kay Russell Ian & Kelly Russell Jorja & Jayden Russell , Debbie Spackman, Erin & Oliver Lawes Monica & Giorgio Biaggino, Lisette Santin, Lino & Drew Santin	
Apologies:	Trevor & Maxine Martin, Jess & Adrian Czabania, Kieren & Ronette O'Neill	
Acceptance of Committee Minutes:	As published in the September Motometer and distributed by email	Moved: Dale Seconded: Rosa That the minutes as distributed by email be accepted Carried
Secretary's Report:	Reminder Minato Zoo Reminder Polo Shirt orders Applications for membership as per the below new members list	Moved: Kelly Seconded: Ian That Secretary's Report be accepted Carried
Treasurers Report:	Bob presented the Treasurers report As per the financial statement signed by the President	Moved: Tony Seconded: Gary That Treasurers Report be accepted Carried
New Membership:	Paul Moore Ross Gilbourne	Moved: Bob Seconded: Mik That the members listed be accepted Carried

Monthly Runs:	<p>8th November Run: Taillem Bend, - Classic/Modern car run.</p> <p>13th December Run: Christmas Party,</p> <p>1st February Run: Cummins House – Mik Bojko</p> <p>14th March Run: Penfield Trains – more details to follow.</p>	
Application to DPTI	<p>Members present were reminded that -</p> <p>DPTI new application to be forwarded on 14th December with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership growth. • Further meetings. • Events. • Future plans. 	
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Memorabilia	<p>Polo shirts were distributed to those that had pre ordered.</p> <p>Polo shirts - \$35.00</p> <p>Name Badges available - \$5.00</p> <p>Biros - \$2.00</p> <p>Key Rings - \$6.50</p> <p>Stickers - 2 for \$5.00</p>	
General Business:	<p>A \$2.00 lucky square was distributed for purchase with the winner being Monica</p> <p>All those present thanked Dale & Kay for organising such a wonderful run to Monarto.</p>	
Meeting Closed:	Adam thanked all those for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.	



Club Polo Shirts are now available

\$35.00 each

Please email Maxine to place your order

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SWAP MEETS & CAR SHOWS

**Sunday November 9th - Shannon's Yankalilla Classic
Motor Show**

**Sunday January 18th - Hahndorf Lions Swap Meet &
Toy Sale**

Sunday February 15th - Murray Bridge Swap Meet

Sunday February 22nd - All British Day

Sunday 15th March - Woodside Swap Meet

Sunday 22nd March - All Ford Day

**FIND TREASURES YOU NEVER
KNEW YOU NEEDED!**