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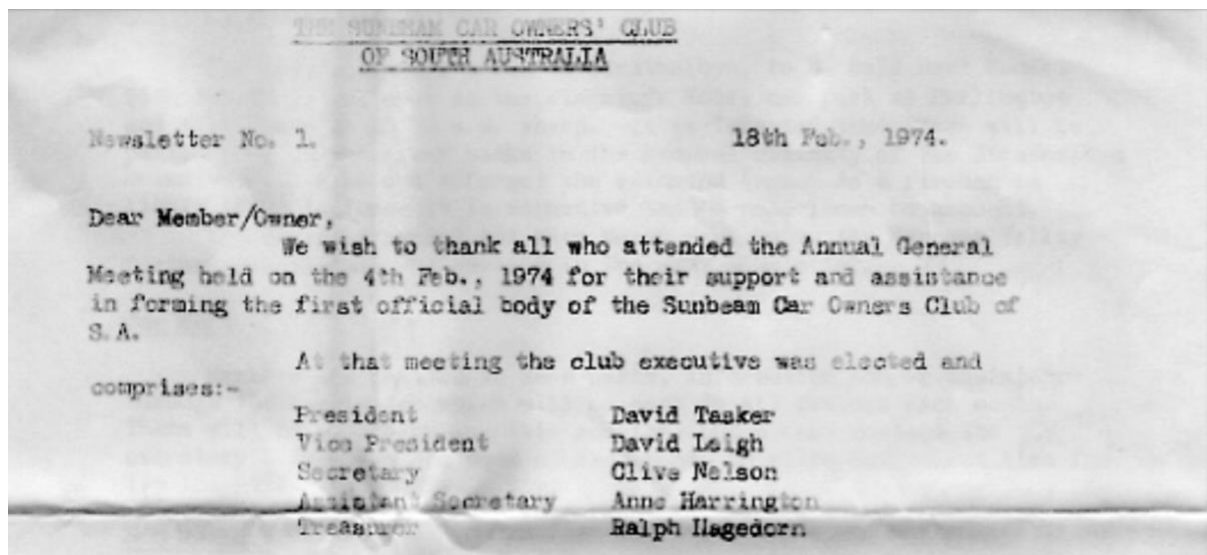


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In mid-1971 a few Alpine owners around North Adelaide began leaving notes under the windscreen wipers of Sunbeams that they encountered, asking the owners if they would like to join outings and get-togethers with other owners. It seems that people would gather for a meal, take a drive to a winery, or head off to Parra Wirra Park. As the numbers grew, the plans for officially forming a club took hold and so, on the 4th of February 1974, a group of interested owners met at the Wayville Institute (right) on Bartley Crescent to hold the inaugural AGM and to elect a committee.



We are fortunate to have a few newsletters from 1973 and the first official club newsletter from the 18th Feb 1974 (below). They are handwritten or typed and then copied on a wet copier 'Gestetner'. We have six of the ten or so newsletters from 1974 and a number of issues after that, all scanned and uploaded to our website. Unfortunately, we don't have the full set, so if you happen to have any early newsletters, we would love to scan them for the club's history. If you are logged in to www.sunbeamcarclubsa.org.au, you can hover the mouse over 'Newsletters' and then click on the Archive button that appears.



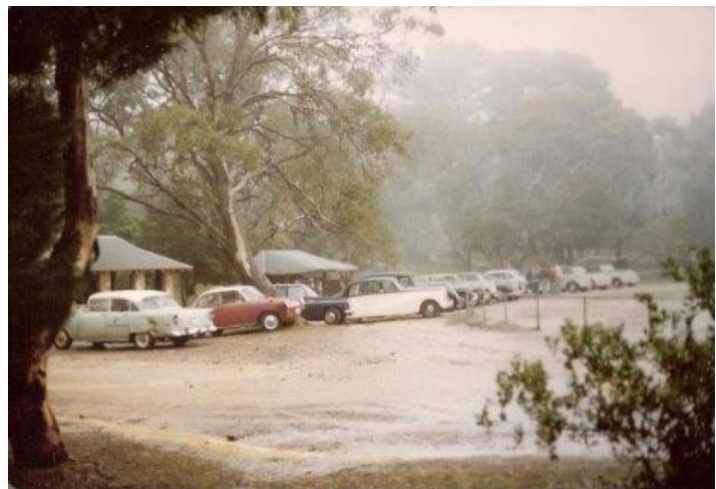
Newsletter No1. of the newly formed Sunbeam Car Owners' Club of South Australia

Thanks to the Founder's Trophy, most of us know that Ralph Hagedorn was one of the founding members of the club. We are, however, lucky to have three of those 1974 members amongst our membership today, being Rob Boyd, Andy Ford and Phil Keane. I've asked each of them to have a look for any very early club photos or documents they may still have. Hopefully we can gather some recollections for a bit of a retrospective view on the early days of the club.



One of the first outings as an official car club was to Belair National Park in June 1974 along with several other clubs including the Humber Club and Armstrong Siddeley Club. We are planning to recreate that event in September this year. The clubs met at the Unley Shopping Centre (left) for what looks like a rather wet run to Belair (below)*.

By November of 1974 the newsletter reported that the club had grown to 38 members. Adrian Pearce kindly gave me a notebook from 1974/75 that I believe belonged to Roly Thompson and from this and Chris and Ali Ford's notes for the 100th anniversary of the marque, I now have all 38 names. In September '74 it is recorded that Roly Thompson would be the official club photographer and would be producing an album of black and



white photos of members and their cars, with photos being available to club members. This is a nice reminder of the hassles we used to have bringing along a dedicated camera, taking the photos and hoping they would turn out OK, getting them developed and printed. Now it's all so easy – and we still forget to do it! And for those of us who remember Ralph Hagedorn and his antics on our outings, by June 1974 he is already known in the club as 'Wrong Way' Ralph due to his penchant for setting off leading the pack, only to take a wrong turn and having to turn the whole convoy around.

I do hope you will join in as many club activities as you can to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the club this year. If you have any very early photos, documents, mementos or memories, please let me know and I will capture them somehow for the club history.

Paul Heuer.

**Thanks to the Armstrong Siddeley Club for the photos from the Belair outing.*



SCOCSA 50th Anniversary – Part 2

The Sunbeam Car Owners' Club of South Australia officially turned 50 on the 4th of February 2024. This month we'll take a look at some of the early members and their cars.

Three brothers Phil, Pat and Maurice Keane became members during 1974. Phil Keane is still a member today, owning a gorgeous Old English White 1954 Alpine Mark 3 (right). Phil says the car is undergoing its 'final restoration' at the moment, so we'll have to get by with an older photo of it. Pat Keane, along with Clive Nelson, designed the club logo (above) that is still in use today.



Ralph Hagedorn was the inaugural treasurer of the club and was always ready to lend a hand working on other peoples' cars. Ralph and June helped to form the club in their Talbot 90, he completely restored a 1947 2-litre Talbot and had a Series 4 Alpine. He also helped neighbour Ron Durham to restore a Series 2 Rapier convertible. Ralph passed away in early 2017, but is still fondly remembered in the club, not least for one of his favourite sayings when a task was completed, "A Handsome Job" - as featured on our Founder's Trophy.



Andy Ford (above, left with wife Julie who owned an Alpine S1), is still an active member of the club today. He joined the club at its second meeting with his Mark II prototype Tiger and was the club's Competition Secretary for seven years. Andy regularly ran the Tiger in

competitive motorsport events around Australia, winning his class in the Grand Prix Rally for eight years in a row and finishing 3rd outright in 1989. More recently Andy has restored a super-rare Venezia. Andy's brother, Chris Ford, and Chris' wife Ali (above, right) were also stalwarts of the club, with, Ali being the club's only female President to date. Chris and Ali owned an immaculate Tiger, a blue Series IV Alpine, and of course, their widely-travelled 'everyday' red series IV Alpine 'RUF', which is now back on the road thanks to its new owner David Channing, a friend of Chris and Ali.



Rob Boyd (at left, with brother Malcolm) is also one of our foundation year members, owning a Talbot 90 in the early days and the late Series 5 Alpine we know today. Rob has held most, if not all, of the executive committee positions in the club at one time or another, and his longstanding contribution was recognised in 2018 with life membership.

It is thanks to people like these that the Sunbeam Car Owners Club of SA has survived and grown over the past 50 years.



SCOCSA 50th Anniversary – Part 3 The National Meetings

The Sunbeam Car Owners' Club of South Australia officially turned 50 on the 4th of February 2024. This month we look back at some past National Meetings, aka 'Rallies'.

The first National Meeting, or 'run' as it was simply known at the time, was in 1976 and took place at Nhill, in Victoria. Only the South Australian and Victorian clubs had formed at this point, so it was a meeting of just the two clubs. South Australia sent a contingent of seven cars, which is more than we seem to send to an interstate National Meet these days!

At Taillem Bend, Nhill run, 1976. Right to left: Clive Nelson, SV. Eric Mockford, SIII. John Mockford, SI. Sarah Brown, SI Alpines. Ralph Hagedorn, Mk II ST 90. Ken Davies, SIII Rapier. Keith Nelson, Hillman



Fast forward to 1983 and what I believe is the first National Rally held in South Australia at Renmark. Organised by Ken Woodman, Ralph Hagedorn and Rob Boyd, with help from other members, the reports said it was such a successful rally that there were too many people to all fit onto the paddle steamer for the Saturday dinner-dance, and that a contingent of children had to be baby-sat back at the hotel for the evening. Thirty-three cars attended in all and South Australia came away with the State Shield. Thanks to Andy Ford we have a nice collection of photos from the meeting. Part of the promotion for the weekend included photos of 'that slide' at Monash. Those were the days!



Rally HQ, Renmark Hotel



Concours line-up



Brenton Hill (Alpine S3)



Bill Henderson (Talbot 2-litre DHC)



Bob and Ros Phillips (Talbot 90 DHC)



Adrian and Rosemary Pearce (Alpine S2)



Ken and Joan Davies (Alpine S1, 'Tigress')



The trophy winners

After that, our photographic record of National Meetings gets quite patchy. We do have trophy results for most events as they were published in newsletters, but the photos have mostly stayed with the people who attended the events it seems. If you have photos from past rallies, I would like to copy them for the club records. If you wish, I can come to you and use a handheld scanner, so the photos never need leave your possession. Brian Haines and Andy Ford have kindly allowed me to scan photos from the Nationals they attended, so let's close this month's article with a selection of those.



1990, Mildura, Victorian Club pose for a local paper



1990, Mildura



1996, Swan Hill, two rally-goers compare the merits of Tiger and 2-litre.



1998, Glenelg, concours on Wigley Reserve



2002, Barossa Valley, SA contingent



2019, Hahndorf, display at National Motor Museum

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SCOCSA 50th Anniversary – Part 4 The Women of the SCOCSA

The Sunbeam Car Owners' Club of South Australia officially turned 50 on the 4th of February 2024. This month we'll focus on the women that have been a major part of our club.

I know that I really shouldn't single out gender nowadays, but if we are looking back 50 years it was something to have women take active roles in what was the male-oriented and very 'blokey' pastime of classic cars. One only needs to look at a few old classic car magazines and newsletters to see how women were treated in our pastime back then.

Over the years, women members of our club have made very significant contributions to the direction of the club and its day-to-day operations. For example, Anne Harrington, about whom I know almost nothing, was the club's inaugural Secretary and owned a Series IV Alpine. I can't hope to give credit to everyone, but here are a few of the women in our club.

Of course, we should start with our first and only female President; the late Ali Ford. At various times over the 35 years of her membership, Ali held the role of Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Social Secretary, and President, as well as serving on National Rally committees and drafting our club's Procedures Manual. Ali was also a regular event organiser, with a 'breakfast run' slotted in whenever things got a bit quiet. Ali's red Series IV Alpine 'RUF' was used extensively by her and husband Chris and, being a GT with no soft-top, they were caught in the rain on more than one occasion. Ali told the story of getting a call from customs to collect a mystery parcel which turned out to be a soft-top frame to add to her GT-spec car that Chris had sent while he was overseas.



Gill Ludlam has flown the flag of female Sunbeam ownership for about 25 years now, in addition to holding committee roles of Secretary and Assistant Secretary for 11 of those years. Gill worked for the Rootes Group advertising agency in London and decided 'I'll have one of those Alpines' that she promoted to dealerships. Her late husband, Brian, spotted an Alpine for sale in The Advertiser and Gill became the owner of a rough orange Alpine in 1981 which they used for several years before it

required an engine rebuild. As so often happens, this turned into a full restoration including

a respray in Monterey blue, which was mostly completed by early 2001. Sadly, Brian passed away in December of that year, but Gill kept the car and enjoys owning it very much. Her Series 2 Alpine is a regular at club gatherings here and interstate, with perhaps the highlight of Gill's ownership being a tour of Tasmania in 2006, and trips to Tamworth, Charleville, Beaudesert and many more. One day the Alpine will travel across the Nullarbor to Perth to be treasured by family there.

Another person whose contribution to the club cannot be overstated is Peggy Killen-Argent, who joined the club in 1990. Peggy, our official Social Secretary for many years, and avid event organiser beyond that, would often co-opt a helper and then set out an observation run, an 'alley rally', a picnic in a park, pub lunch, or any number of other events. Peggy was also our newsletter editor for a few years. Peggy and husband Brian no longer have a Sunbeam, but they still come along to outings every now and then.



Other women who have owned cars in the club include Julie Ford, Marina Herbst, Michelle Crawford, Julie Winwood, Madelena Bendo, Caroline Herbert, Kaye Easling, Joanne Lovell who was the club Vice President for two years and, more recently, Natasha Brooks, Donna Heuer and Linda Hunt. Sandy Ellis is also making a valuable contribution to the club as co-editor of our newsletter.

Finally, may I acknowledge the many women in the club who, when 'him in the shed' made the grand gesture of inviting the club around to see his latest acquisition, have organised every other aspect of the day, thus ensuring that our club has an active and friendly social scene to go with the cars we know and love. Thank you one and all.

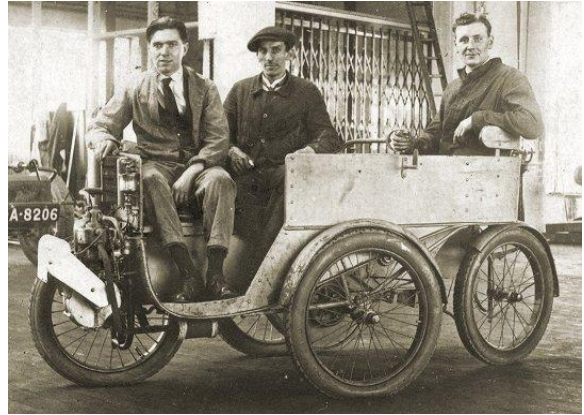
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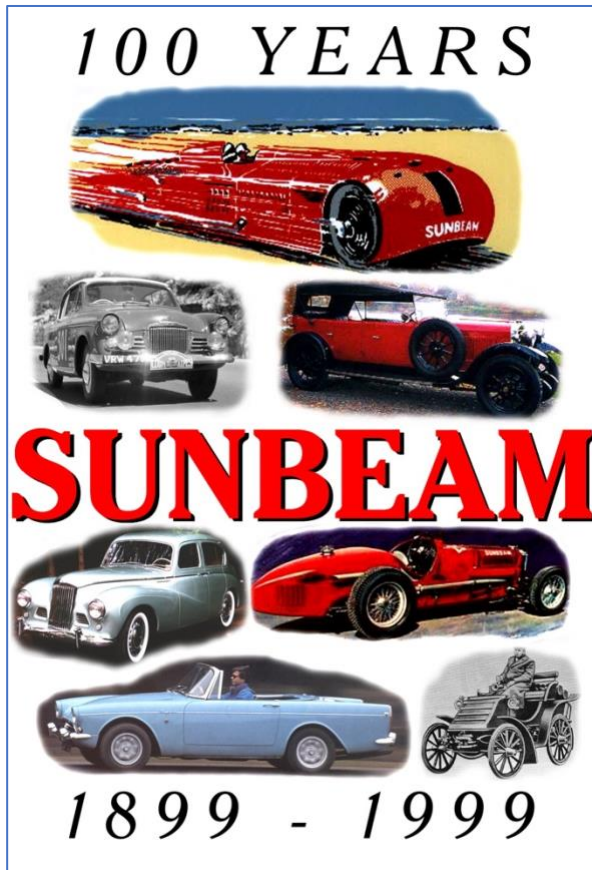
SCOCSA 50th Anniversary – Part 5 100 Years of Sunbeam

The Sunbeam Car Owners' Club of South Australia officially turned 50 on the 4th of February 2024. This month we'll focus on the club's celebration in 1999 of '100 years of Sunbeams'.

Sunbeam, already an established manufacturer of bicycles, released their first powered vehicle in 1899, a 'voiturette' (right). It was an odd device, even by the standards of the time, having a diamond-shaped wheelbase with a single wheel front and rear, but as the saying goes, "from humble beginnings...". Within 30 years the company would have a reputation for building high-performance cars and hold the world land speed record at over 200MPH with its '1000HP' car driven by Sir Henry Seagrave.



In 1999 our club decided to hold a 100th anniversary celebration for the Sunbeam car brand. We had t-shirts printed with a montage of Sunbeams (below), Ron Durham made some '100 years' clocks, and we invited members past and present on a run to the St Kilda Tramway Museum. Rob Boyd and Ali Ford conducted the cutting of the birthday cake (below, right) which was made by Margaret May, and we settled in to enjoy the afternoon at the museum and riding on the trams.



Going by the photos, the following were present at the tramway outing on the 14th of November 1999:

Dale & Diane Palamountain, Talbot 80
 Brian & Deanna Haines, Talbot 90
 Ken & Jan Woodman, Alpine Mk3
 Ron & Dawn Durham, Rapier S2
 Brian & Peggy Argent, Rapier S3
 Warwick & Jill Little, Alpine S1
 Peter Tavener, Alpine S2
 Brian & Margaret May, Alpine S3
 Bill Paay, Alpine S3
 Paul & Donna Heuer, Alpine S3
 Chris & Ali Ford, Alpine SIV
 Barry Banks, Alpine SIV
 Rob & Natalie Tavener, Alpine SV
 Rob Boyd, Alpine SV
 Andrew & Jayne Tindall, Tiger Mk1
 Warren & Judy Lewis, Tiger Mk1
 Rapier 4/5, SCK-743, owner unknown

Back then, Warren Lewis' well-known Tiger was still white and in its 'Classic Adelaide' livery at that time (bottom photo).



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 Further inquiries to Brian Haines

BYO picnic lunch (or contact Brian Haines if you wish to buy food at the museum)

The Club reserves the right to alter, abandon, cancel or postpone any event for any reason, prior to, or during an event



Paul Heuer



SCOCSA 50th Anniversary – Part 6 Clarrie the Hermit

The Sunbeam Car Owners' Club of South Australia officially turned 50 on the 4th of February 2024. This month we'll look at the man who decided life 'with' a Sunbeam just wasn't enough. He would live life *in* one.

In 1977 on a club run on Father's Day, our members discovered a Talbot 80 parked in a secluded location at Hindmarsh Falls. As they were looking over the car and Keith Nelson was claiming it for himself, the owner and, indeed, resident of the car made it very clear that the car was already spoken for. They had met Clarrie, the hermit of Hindmarsh Falls.

After lunch the discovery of the day was made. A Hermit was found living in a disused Sunbeam Talbot tucked out of sight down by the river. He was obviously there for some months and wasn't too keen on having his privacy disturbed especially by Keith and down on the bonnet of his car, thinking it was abandoned and crying "its mine, its mine", "I want the tail lights!" "I want the wheels." "I want the earth to swallow me up, the owners inside!" (That was the story I was told anyway.)

Over the years the condition of the Talbot deteriorated markedly, but Clarrie remained living there and turning away the odd tourist, journalist and good Samaritan coming to check on him. Newspaper articles popped up from time to time, mostly reporting on the 'discovery' of a hermit, each time showing the car in an increasingly dilapidated state. The articles did note



Clarrie's campsite in 1977

however that Clarrie had set up a self-sufficient campsite, gathering rainwater for drinking, showering and washing, ironing his clothes, and being able to cook meals thanks to groceries being regularly dropped off by one of the local businesses.

In 2004 it was reported that people were attempting to find alternative accommodation for Clarrie, but that does not seem to have happened as he continued living in the car.

In June 2009, after calling the Talbot home for nearly 40 years (yes you read that correctly) Clarrie passed away, aged 85 years. He did not die a pauper, leaving behind a fair estate, so one can only assume he chose to live in such seclusion for all those years.



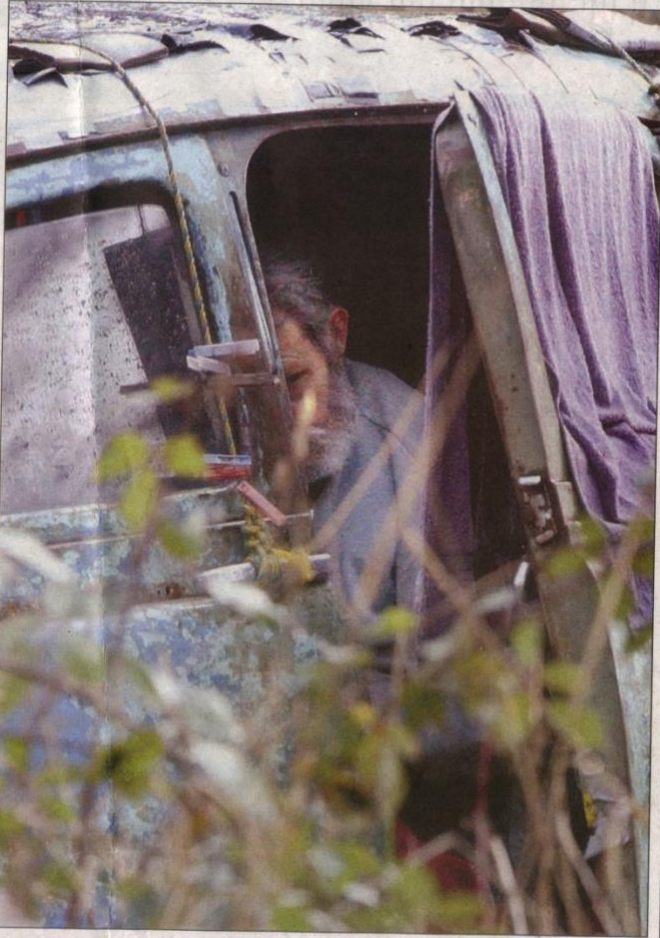
Talbot looking rather sorry in 2009

After Clarrie's death, the landowner wanted to have the Talbot moved off his property so he contacted the club to see if there was interest in the car. Keith Usher, Tim Hunt and Chris Newland went to see if anything could be salvaged from it. Sadly, the car was well past saving, but a small piece of the mudguard, complete with its Sunbeam badge was liberated from the surrounding rust to be transformed by John Goddard into our Ralph Hagedorn Founders Trophy for club member of the year (below).

As Tim Hunt opined at the time of Clarrie's passing; surely he was Australia's most committed Sunbeam owner.



After 34 years, it's time to find a real home



BUSH LIVING: Eighty-year-old Clarrie in his car and, inset, his scrub hideaway.

By Regional Editor
BRYAN LITTLELY

FOR more than 30 years, Clarrie has been happy to live in a rusting, leaky shell of a car tucked away in a small patch of scrub.

Now, the 80-year-old recluse admits he needs help to find a new home but is not sure where to turn to for it.

"I hope (to move) by the end of the year. I think I would like to live in Victor," the hermit, who lives near Victor Harbor, said.

"It's not easy (living here), not easy at all any more."

Clarrie, who reveals little about his life, has confronted the harshest of elements - blazing heat, bone-chilling cold, rain and storms - at his scrub hide-away south of Adelaide. He also has faced hoons and ill health over the years as well as becoming the subject of "urban legend" among the region's youth, perhaps because this quietly spoken, seemingly intelligent man's story of survival is such a step back in time, it is almost impossible to believe.

He collects rainwater in



OLD SHELTER: The Sunbeam Talbot Clarrie calls home.

cans perched on the bonnet and roof of the 1950s Sunbeam Talbot he lives in. It is covered in tarpaulins, towels and cardboard boxes to block the sun and breezes.

A rope strung between trees acts as a clothes line.

So trodden is the ground around Clarrie's campsite, it is like a concrete slab.

"I have to do my washing and chop wood," he says about chores he does to pass the long, lonely days. A sewing kit sits on the car's converted

dashboard and the little light that penetrates the interior highlights washing detergent, a fuel can and some packages of food.

Clarrie has left little room in the car's back seat for himself. It is probably full of trinkets - each with their special storage place and purpose - collected over the years to help him live his isolated life.

He shields himself from the cold with tattered blankets and slightly props open the car door with a stick to talk but rarely makes eye con-

tact. "It's been a long time since I shook someone's hand," he said, choosing not to clasp my outstretched hand. "I'd prefer not to now, if you don't mind."

Clarrie said he began living "in the area" in 1960 - but for what reason, he would not say.

However, he told *The Advertiser* he once was in partnership on a property.

In 1970, he set up camp in the car. He has cleared a small site around it and lights a fire when it is allowed.

A nearby store delivers food to him - saving him a 15km walk for supplies. But his everyday chores are getting to be too much.

About eight years ago, Victor Harbor Council staff approached Clarrie about finding alternative accommodation, however, he did not wish to leave his camp.

Now he believes a police sergeant is trying to find him a new home, perhaps in one of Victor Harbor's nursing homes. So would he enjoy the company of others in a home?

"It depends on what they're like," is Clarrie's response.



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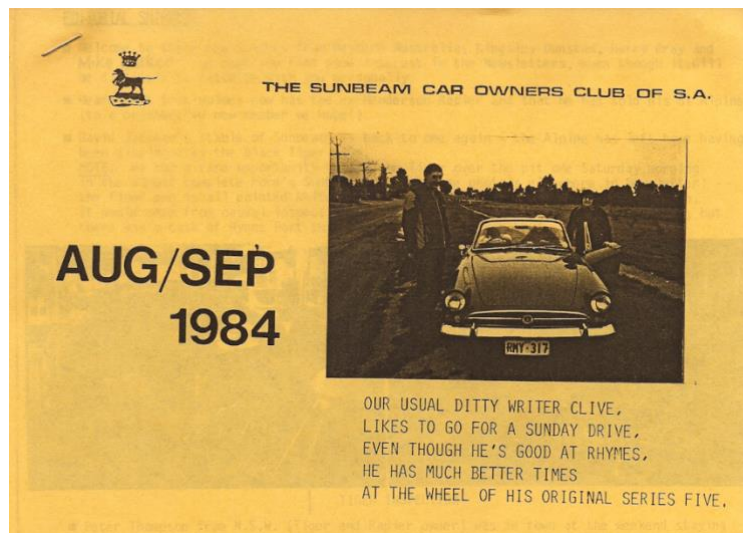
SCOCSA 50th Anniversary – Part 7 Newsletters over the years

The Sunbeam Car Owners' Club of South Australia officially turned 50 on the 4th of February 2024. This month we'll look at the main communication tool of the club; our newsletters.

If we look back every 10 years from September 2024, we can see how the newsletter has evolved, but also how some things are constant. Let's start at the beginning.

September 1974, 'Newsletter No. 8', a 'wet-copied', typed foolscap news-sheet lets the members of the recently formed Sunbeam Car Owners Club know about visiting Victorian Sunbeam members, a 1924 Sunbeam auctioned at Cleve, a Vintage and Veteran run to McLaren Vale, and a multi-club run to the Adelaide International Raceway at Virginia for the competition circuit sprint.

September 1984's newsletter is a multi-page affair of A4 pages stapled in the top corner, with a black and white photograph and a poem on the front cover. The photo is of Clive Nelson's Series V Alpine, now owned by Wayne Jackson. Chris Ford, Clive Nelson and Ralph Hagedorn are listed as the 'Newsletter Team'. Amongst the full page of news items is a welcome to new members Brian and Debbie McPharlin who joined a run to Clare in their recently purchased green Series 3 Alpine, which is now my car.



Adrian Pearce is our newsletter editor by September 1994 and the format is now a folded A5 booklet with a printed yellow cover. The main news item that month was a reprinted article from 'Country Life' on Michelle Crawford and her McLaren Vale nursery and tea rooms, 'The Flower Fields'. I believe Michelle still has her red series 1 Alpine.



September 2004 sees recently appointed editor Tim Hunt introducing a new format; back to A4 with a feature photo on the front page. Contents include a trip report by the Woodmans, a poem by Jill Little, and a review of the fastback 'Alpine GT'. As well as his trademark wit, Tim's time as editor included quite a few articles on Sunbeam's earlier models, which made for educational reading.



Chris Howes issued his second newsletter as editor in September 2014 with a new format, more use of colour, and an article by John Goddard on a run to Murray Bridge organised by Wayne and Lyn Jackson. In the period from 2004 to 2014 we changed from mostly printed and posted distribution to mostly emailed newsletters, as evidenced by Tim's comment that he would add a colour page from time to time, compared with Chris' regular use of colour.

A recurring theme over the years is members providing advice on car problems as shown by the September 2014 photo of Chris Howes' Alpine with Jason Scholz working on the motor while Chris, Brian Argent and Sabine Scholz look on.



That brings us right back to today and the September 2024 issue edited by Sandy Ellis that you are reading. All of these newsletters (and almost all of the ones in between) are available on the club website. Login, then hover the mouse over 'Newsletters' until the 'Archive' pop-up appears. Click on that and travel back in time!

Thanks to all of our newsletter editors over the years for keeping club members connected and recording the history of our club.

Paul Heuer



SCOCSA 50th Anniversary – Part 8 Our Day at the Grand Prix

The Sunbeam Car Owners' Club of South Australia officially turned 50 on the 4th of February 2024. This month we look back on the club's participation in the Formula One Grand Prix.

In 2012 Sunbeam was chosen as the marque to carry the Formula One Grand Prix drivers on their parade of the track in Melbourne. The Sunbeam Car Clubs from SA, NSW, and Victoria provided 27 cars and drivers, being 10 Tigers and 17 Alpines, with five cars from our club being chosen for the event.

Club members all stayed at a motel in Kew and one can imagine much cleaning and polishing occurred to ensure the cars looked their best. All of the cars also had to be inspected for oil leaks so as not to leave any oil on the track. Terry Sully of the Sunbeam and Talbot Club of Victoria led the coordination committee for the event.



The Grand Prix organisers selected six cars to carry the six past world champions at the race, with SA scoring three of the six spots! Rob Boyd's Series 5 Alpine carried Kimi Raikkonen, Andrew Tindall's Tiger Mk1 was chosen for Jenson Button, and Jason Scholz's Tiger Mk1 was chosen for Michael Schumacher. Jason tells me the colours of the cars were matched to the



traditional racing colours of the country of the leading drivers. After that it was a random draw as to driver allocations, with Chris Ford's Tiger Mk1 carrying the Red Bull second team driver and F1 rookie, Jean-Eric Vergne, and Andy Ford's Tiger MkII prototype taking Vitaly Petrov.

Chris Ford recounted their instructions for the lap, *"The speed of the parade lap varied from about 15kph to 30kph and the cheering from the crowds was quite amazing. We were told that our job was to watch the car in front, keep two car lengths distance and not look around, wave to the crowd or talk to the F1 driver."*



Video of the drivers parade lap is still available to view on YouTube via the following link:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=boLEVoenF8w>

What an incredible experience for the people involved and what great exposure for the Sunbeam marque.

Based on the March 2012 newsletter article by Chris Ford. Photos by Chris and Ali Ford.

Paul Heuer



SCOCSA 50th Anniversary – Part 9 Our Membership Today

The Sunbeam Car Owners' Club of South Australia officially turned 50 on the 4th of February 2024. In the final instalment of our 50th Anniversary series, I thought we should celebrate our current membership.

Our current membership stands at 89 members as both partners in a relationship have full membership rights in the club. Amongst us we own 54 Sunbeam cars, plus other classic car and motorcycles brands. We have been fortunate to attract several new members recently, so I thought I would list our membership in reverse-chronological joining order*. Here goes!

Peter Harrington, a foundation member of the club, has just re-joined!
Ian and Shirley Marchant, from the UK have just joined.

Ian and Anne Gear, members since 2024

Adrian and Tina McLachlan, members since 2024

Linda Hunt, member since 2024

Sandy and Bob Ellis, members since 2023

Peter Jabornicky, member since 2023

Natasha Brooks, member since 2022

David Channing, member since 2022

David and Trish Whittle, members since 2021

Simon John, member since 2020

Ian Strawhan and Suzy Grant, members since 2020

Malcolm Boyd and Wendy Guster, members since 2020

George Philippou and Charli Ashby members since 2020

Joanne and Neil Lovell, members since 2019

Don Sweet and Leeanne Bria, members since 2018

Marika and Bill Yeo, members since 2017

Fraser and Tamara Ludlow, members since 2017

Kevin Waddington, member since 2017

Peter Schirmer, member since 2017

Kaye and John Easling, members since 2015

John and Debbie Goddard, members since 2013

John and Anna Buchan, members since 2012

Chris Howes and Cathy Woods, members since 2012

Chris and Rosemary Tormay, members since 2008

Christopher Drage, member since 2006

Wayne and Lyn Jackson, members since 2006

Peter and Susan Fuss, members since 2005

Andrew Diotti, member since 2002

Tim and Jasmine Hunt, members since 2002

Warren and Judy Lewis, members since 1999

David and Robin Bradley, members since 1997

Donna and Paul Heuer, members since 1997

Paul and Anne-Marie Yeates, members since 1996

Steven Pearce, member since 1994

Gill Ludlam, member since 1994



Peggy gets a taste of the high life in the Bradley's 1927 20/60 as she heads off to the registration day lunch on August 19th.



Michelle Crawford, member since 1993
 Brian and Margaret May, members since 1991
 Rob and Natalie Tavener, members since 1991
 Andrew and Jayne Tindall, members since 1990
 Ron and Dawn Durham, members since 1990
 Brian Argent and Peggy Killen-Argent, members since 1990
 Warwick Little, member since 1990
 Keith and Astrid Usher, members since 1989
 Brian Haines, member since 1989
 Jason and Sabine Scholz, first joined 1986
 Brian and Debbie McPharlin, first joined 1984
 Reg and Elizabeth Phipps, members since 1981
 David and Margaret Bicknell, members since 1981
 Adrian and Rosemary Pearce, members since 1978
 Philip Keane, first joined in 1974
 Andrew and Julie Ford, members since 1974
 Rob and Denise Boyd, members since 1974



Thanks to everyone in that list for supporting our club, whether you are a 50th Anniversary member, one of the 1974 crew, or anywhere in between. I hope you can get out in your car over the summer and enjoy it.

This concludes the 50th Anniversary retrospective, but if you have club memories or photos from days gone by, please send them to Sandy Ellis (editor@sunbeamcarclub.org.au) for inclusion in a future newsletter.

Photos, top to bottom: David & Robin Bradley's 20/60 Tourer, ex-Brian Haines' Talbot 80, Neil & Joanne Lovell's Talbot 90, Ian and Anne Gear's Rapier S3A, Rob & Natalie Tavener's Alpine S5, Peter & Susan Fuss' Tiger Mk1. Below: Andy & Julie Ford's Venezia, Don Sweet and Leeanne Bria's Rapier Fastback.

Paul Heuer

** According to club records E&OE*

