

Well that's pretty much it isn't it, another year done and dusted!! Where does the time go??

I hope everyone has enjoyed another year with the club, we have had a broad range of cruises/events this year which should've catered to everyone's taste at one point or another.

There was a total of 22 cruises/events this year, 3 show 'n shines (All Ford Day, Heart Kids and Waikerie), Bogan Bingo (can anyone say mullet?), A holly jolly Christmas Party and many more memorable cruises. With the experimental introduction of the "mini" cruises in winter this year, designed to be a half day cruise rather than a full day. I think with some tinkering for next winter we will be onto a real winner. At the end of the day, I think that's what it's all about, covering our bases trying to cater to as many members as possible. I would like to thank the events committee for all their efforts this year! If you have any ideas for any cruises or events please let the events committee know, there might be something you would like to see/do that hasn't been thought of yet!

Now that we are into the busy end of the year I am sure we are all running around trying to cram in as much as possible prior to Christmas, I hope that you don't overdo it and take some time for yourselves.

Moving onto 2025 I'm looking forward to another year of great cruises, starting off with the Presidents cruise of course, and more social events for our members to enjoy. Don't forget it's about us getting together with our fantastic cars and of course, having fun!

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, see you in 2025!



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GENERAL MEMBERS MEETINGS

SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH – 7:30PM

BE SOCIAL – Corner of Fosters Road & Hilltop Drive, Oakden

HILLS TO BEACH CRUISE

Monday 7th October – Hosted by Dennis Smith

We had 6 cars and 10 people gather at Windy Point Lookout carpark for the commencement of our Hills to Beach Cruise. Heading up to Belair we then drove south past Belair National Park and some challenging back streets of Hawthorndene, which was bit of a headache for some our front bumpers – hopefully no one received any scrapes. We then headed up to the back of Blackwood Golf Course trying to avoid a nasty pothole I managed to hit on the practice run. Then it was back down the hill doing numerous left, right, left, right turns onto roads I have no idea of the names of (as I'm a northerner born and bred). We finally ended up at Christies Beach and then followed the scenic views along the coast to Moana. From there it was a quick skip around to Maslins Beach (the northern end, as we are not that type of club...!)



When we finally arrived at Frank Hilton Reserve at Maslins we were joined by a few of our younger members of our club, and the weather was perfect for a picnic lunch and testing our plane flying skills, some good and some not so good, and apologies to all of those that got accidentally hit by a plane. Although polystyrene doesn't hurt that much.

ALL FORD DAY WEEKEND

Saturday 26th / Sunday 27th October

Well what a weekend!!!

I thought instead of me running through what we did over the weekend I would do this year's write up as one big thankyou broken down into sections.



I'm sure by now, most if not all of our members know how big a job it is for our club to set up and run All Ford Day so firstly I would like to sincerely thank the AFD Committee and everyone else involved in the lead up to the event and on the weekend itself, even though we are a small club we really do keep showing up to get this event over the line each year. I'm pretty sure all the entrants and spectators appreciate us still going to the effort as it is the biggest Ford show in the state.



I know I have mentioned this numerous times but for me personally I think this year's show was the quickest and easiest that I have been involved in. A big contributor to this I'm sure would've been C.R Kennedy Geospatial Solutions for bringing their GPS system to map all of the display areas etc. This saved a huge amount of time and even eliminated the need for a second line marker! Big, big thanks goes to Sean for getting them organised!



I must say that Tony and Lee excelled once again with catering to make sure we had enough food to get us through the weekend, thanks guys!

Our own club display was a little leaner than usual but the lower number of helpers did not hinder the effort that we put in to make sure everything was taken care of on the day including marshalling entrants to their areas, judging, attending the gate and helping out where ever needed.

We were lucky enough to have some trophy recipients within our club ranks which are highlighted below, the club was also very elated to receive Best Club Display, for me personally this was a special one as I think it represents what we are about as a club.

Another special moment for me was to acknowledge a very special friend to our club and he goes by the name of "Big John". On behalf of the club I presented John with a club shirt and made him our first and only interstate "member". He just loves the club and what we do here and will always go to extreme lengths to make sure he is involved in some way to help run the event every year, thanks John!

In what has become a bit of a tradition on the Sunday evening is that we come together to have dinner and reflect on how the weekend went (It's probably more so to tell each other how tired we all are!!). This year was no different with us all meeting at the German Arms for a lovely meal followed by the trek home (for most of us). Who knows, next year may look a little different so I will be looking forward to that!!



Congratulations goes to;

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| Paul Minett | Mustang |
| Sue Hadwen | FG GT |
| Brenton Watkins | Highly Modified |
| Mark Kraft | Best Ute |
| Aaron & Sue Hadwen | Best Car in Show (voted by sponsor) |
| FPV & XR Car Club | Best Club display (voted by sponsor) |

On a side note the All Ford Day committee have recently presented the following charities with donations totalling \$3200.00. As always the Balhannah Scout Group were grateful for the opportunity to raise funds for their Troops, taking 100% of their profits as All Ford Day donate their site to them.



\$500



\$900



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\$900



Numerous "purple" donation food bins were full of donated food



HIGH TEA / POWER CRUISE

Sunday 10th November

The boy's perspective

We met at Paul and Trudy's house. The girls settled down to serious drinking and the boys headed for the hills. Five cars headed up to the foothills for some fun.

Our drive took us through Wattle Park and Beaumont up to Mount Osmond. A few 100 metres up the Freeway, we peeled off to climb Old Mount Barker Road to Eagle on the Hill. From there down into Crafers and back on the Freeway towards Bridgewater. At Bridgewater we headed through the back roads to Balhannah, Hahndorf and onto The Prancing Pony in Totness, for satay wings and schnitzel.

After that we headed to Little Hampton, Oakbank and Lenswood. The GPS then informed us we have 14 kilometres of uninterrupted curves and G forces all the way to Norton Summit.

Finishing with a drive down the old Norton Summit Road, through our one and only traffic light for the cruise, and back up Penfold Road back to Paul and Trudy's house. By this time the girls had scoffed most of the food and we ate the left over crumbs.



The girl's perspective

How to have a cruise when you are not having a cruise? Let the girls enjoy a High Tea instead! We said goodbye to the boys and sent them off for one of those gut wrenching twists and turn cruises, which some of the girls were very happy to miss. Lee (and her partners in cakes, cream and crime) excelled themselves in the fantastic high tea spread, it was an Alice in Wonderland theme (which Lee had been planning (and collecting) for a few years). Every detail was meticulously planned, there were little toadstools, Alice in wonderland cake stands, beautiful dainty cups and saucers, champagne, and the blue vials of "Drink Me" were there (if you were game) fabulous food and the list goes on – too much to mention really. It was so wonderful to be able to sit around the table and catch up. When the boys came back, they settled in to eat up the remaining food and joined in with the entertaining conversation.



A great cruise and event with wonderful people.



PATRITTI WINE CRUISE

Sunday 24th November – Hosted by Chris and Juanita Field

It was a beautiful summer's day and we started the cruise at a different location for us this time, Firlie Plaza. Heading south east into the Adelaide Hills we enjoyed some great scenery along the way, and delighted in seeing some big houses up through Mount Osmond. On to the M1 for a couple of minutes as we headed through Crafers, Bridgewater and into Upper Sturt area and onwards through Coromandel Valley, Hawthorndene and Belair.



It was good to see nobody was following their run sheet as we did go rogue for 15 minutes as we missed a turn, but ended up at the same place in Upper Sturt. Stopping at our coffee and bakery stop, Becks Bakehouse in Somerton Park. After some refreshments and Tony buying 50% of the whole bakery, we headed off again to Patritti Wines in Dover Gardens.

Once we arrived we found parks easily in their huge carpark, and then found a great table in the shade with a lovely breeze. Today Fat Boy Pizza were doing the catering for the day and there was some light entertainment. We all got stuck into the great wine menu, with a couple of the boys trying the local beers. Their Sparkling Shiraz was fantastic.

After enjoying the pizzas we sat back and relaxed. A Great day was had by all. This place is a real hidden secret, one to come back to another time for sure.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 7th December – Hosted by Chris & Juanita Field

This year's festivities were organised by the events team at the Modbury Bowling Club, where we took over the club and rearranged the furniture to create a more festive environment.

A big thanks goes out to Lee for the lovely decorating of the tables, Christmas trees, candles and even a blow up Santa made the space a Christmas wonderland.



The menu consisted of soup to start, an alternate drop main of roast pork & roast turkey and then an alternate drop trifle & Christmas pudding for sweets. Everyone enjoyed the meal, especially the pork crackling that was almost forgotten. Thanks to the bowling club for the very reasonably priced drinks to accompany the meal. The three course meal for \$35 was made even more affordable with the club subsidising \$20 per financial member.

After dinner we had our regular Kris Kringle gift game. This year we mixed it up a bit with a left/right story to exchange the lovely table full of gifts, good to see the gifts were more sensible this year. Next it was time for the President to award the trophies followed by the club Christmas gift of a travel mug (with the club logo engraved into the side) for each member. This proved to be very popular.



After the festivities, some of us partook in lawn bowls. Fun times! and maybe some awards for next year. Congratulations to Trudy, closest to the Jack – pity it was on the wrong green, congratulations to Dennis, quite a few closest to the jack, pity only one was a legal bowl. A special congratulations to Rhiannon and Ricky who got close to the Jack on a number of occasions, an excellent effort given they couldn't see the Jack!

It was then time to pack up and leave after a wonderful time was had by all.



Good Remembering
Where's Batman
You can't park there mate
Making me dizzy
It's not a bath bomb
CC or CC
Flyer Queen
Where are you all?

Dennis Smith
Paul Minett
Patrick Kerton
Tony Barbaro
Lee Barbaro
Trudy Minett
Rhiannon Barbaro
Ben DeWit

Hills to Beach Cruise
Gotham Cruise
Every Cruise
Seaside Cruise
Winter Warmer
Trudy's 60th Cruise
All Tonys Cruises
Gotham Cruise



Skeleton goes into a bar and orders a beer and a mop

What's blue and not very heavy?
Light Blue

Dogs can't operate MRI machinery
but Catscan

Why can't you trust stairs?
Because they're always up to something

Why do birds fly south in the winter?
It's too far to walk

Did you hear about the restaurant serving
Christmas lunch on the moon?
Great food, no atmosphere

What do you call a boomerang that
doesn't come back
A stick



FISH, CHIPS AND SENIC CRUISE

Wednesday 18th December – Hosted by Paul and Trudy Minett

We met at the Largs Bay Fish and Chip shop for dinner. Welcomed prospective members Trevor and Steph. Trudy partook in her favourite Dutch treat, croquettes. We headed along the esplanade, to Fort Largs and then up Port Road to Adelaide City Centre. Passing through Victoria Square to see the Christmas Tree. We wound our way up Old Belair Road to Windy Point for our first scenic view over Adelaide. Trudy had provided drinks and ice creams for the stop which were appreciated by all. From there we came down Belair Road and headed to the *100 Year Anzac lookout* for our second view over Adelaide.

Finally, we drove up to Skye for our last view looking over Adelaide. It was great to meet Trevor and Steph, thanks to Chris and Juanita for sweeping. Have a great Christmas everyone. See you next year.



Falcon is coming in 2025

Paul Minett

By now most of you would have seen on Google or You Tube that a new Falcon is coming to show room near you. It must be true because there are pictures to prove it.



What do they say. If it looks too good to be true, it probably is. While sitting having breakfast with Trudy's cousin Fred in the Netherlands, between bites of his toast, he punched into his phone the following.

Apple green 2020 Mustang number plate FORD on a racetrack. Then he added beating a red Ferrari and within seconds he showed me these



He then changed it to Apple Green 2020 Mustang on a beach with a girl on the bonnet in a bikini. Then he added four-wheel drive with surf boards on the roof. Without putting down his toast, he showed me these.



If you're waiting to drive the new A.I. Falcon don't hold your breath. Artificial Intelligence is in its infancy, but it's here to stay. Enjoy the benefits, try not to be fooled. Perhaps I can make a few mods to my car for next All Ford Day.



TORQUING POINTS



Big month for Brenton Watkins, taking home three awards at Auto Expo and then Kindig's (Dave Kindig from Kindig Customs / Bitchin Rides) favourite car at the V8 Nation display at Valo.

MILESTONE BIRTHDAY



Congratulations to Tony who recently celebrated his 60th Birthday



Congratulations to the Moseley Family on the recent wedding of Declan and Mikhayla



Peter Wadham has some lessons to teach after his granddaughter Caitlin got her "L" plates

UPCOMING CRUISES

Mark these dates in your calendar, lots of exciting cruises coming up. More details about each cruise to come out before each event!

Saturday 11th January

Presidents Cruise

Saturday 25th January

Murray River Cruise

Sunday 2nd February

Heart Kids Show 'n Shine

Sunday 16th February

Semaphore Fort Cruise



Lego is the world's largest tire producer, manufacturing over 318 million miniature rubber tires annually. This production far exceeds that of traditional tire companies like Bridgestone or Goodyear.

DON'T FORGET!

No general members meeting in January, they will resume in February



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From the Editor

Thank you for reading the latest edition of the FPV & XR Car Club of SA's Newsletter, Just Cruising. This will be my last newsletter as I'm taking a break from the editor role next year. Thank you for the last few years, I hope you have thoroughly enjoyed reading the newsletters as I have had much fun putting them together. Wishing you all a magical Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

If you have any articles, photos, advertisements you would like to see in the newsletter, please email them to info@fpvxrclub.com.au.

Many thanks

Robyn Moseley, Editor

Our Reason for Being

The FPV & XR Car Club SA is committed to providing a quality family orientated social club for those who enjoy driving their FPV, XR, Tickford, Ford Performance and specific Ford Heritage Vehicles, making new friends and having fun. The club welcomes all friendly like-minded people with similar interests.

