

PRE '31 AUTUMN TOUR ORANGE

Orange District Antique Motor Club hosted this year's Autumn Tour, which attracted over 120 entries from all three of the Eastern States.

The unfavourable weather forecast led a few (but only a small few) to either withdraw from the event or to attend in air-conditioned comfort. PAMC was represented by Bob and Anne Steel in the Model A, and myself and Norma in the Chev Superior. There were other Parkes vehicles, but representing other Clubs.

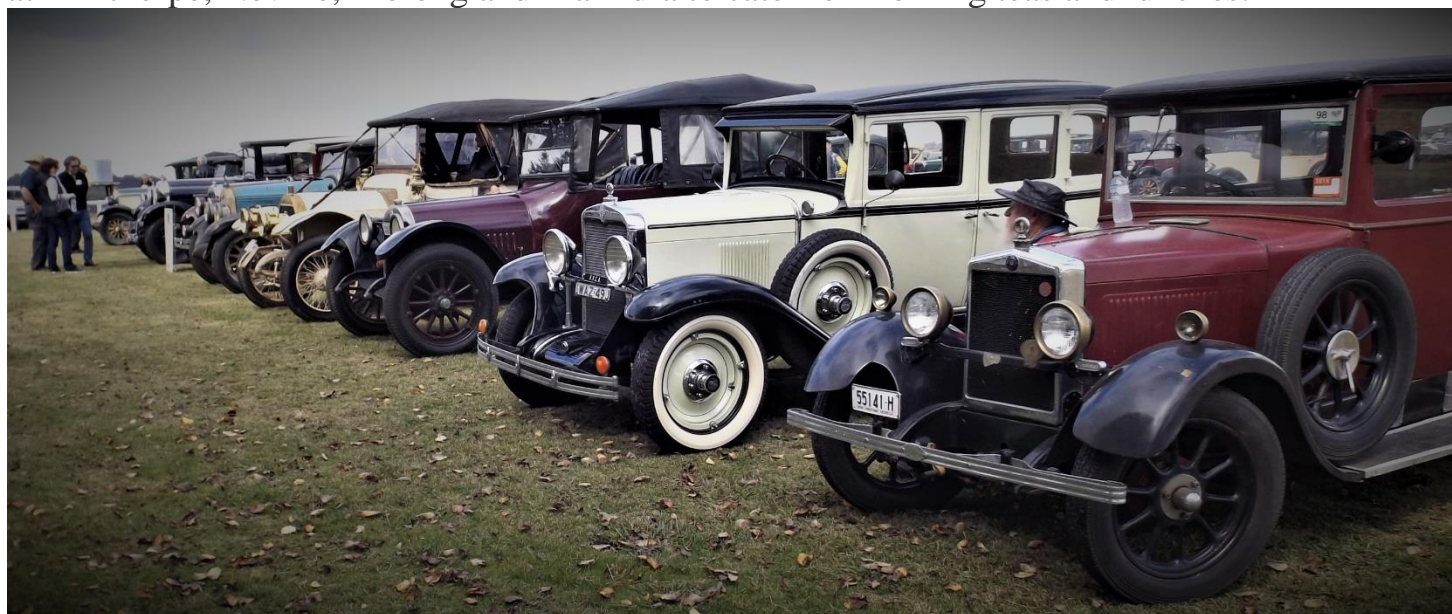
Thursday saw registration at ODAMC Club rooms, and a short run to Forest Reefs. Neither of the PAMC contingent took part in the shakedown run, because they arrived after it had started.

Friday started off at with morning tea at Millthorpe Museum, which would be a benchmark for Rural type museums. A wide range of locally relevant items, neatly displayed in good buildings with concrete floors. Interpretation signage was accurate, brief and readily understood.



From Millthorpe the long route went via Cadia Mine (at the entrance to which was one of the most highly rubberised burnout pads seen!) through Mandurama, Neville, Barry (source of my Christian name, as my father did his early schooling there) and lunch at Neville Showground.

The Rally Committee was very generous in its support of local communities, using local groups at Millthorpe, Neville, Molong and Manildra to cater for morning teas and lunches.





Friday was fine and generally sunny, a great day to be on low trafficked roads. **Saturday** saw a bit of a change in the weather, and with a few strong storms, the wind-up window brigade feeling snug and the others cool, damp and brave! Those with external contracting brakes on only the rear wheels were kept verrrry busy social distancing. **Morning tea** at Molong Showground was enhanced by a Jazz band playing Vintage and Veteran era music (*nostalgia*: I played a BBb Bass {*the big brass one in this jazz band*} in Tamworth a few days ago in the 1960's).



Then on to Manildra to fill the streets with good cars, lunch, and a couple of Vintage and Veteran Movie clips at the Amusu Theatre.



The Presentation Dinner was held on Saturday evening at the Canobolas Hotel, where the Rally awards went to:



Andrew Sharpe (Rally founder) Award:
Allen Blythe's 1912 Napier



Most Original:
Eliza Dorner's 1925 Buick



Best Veteran: Euan and Wlga Coutts' 1910 SCAT Best Vintage: Andrew and Jann Gill's 1929 Essex
(both these "people's choice" vehicles have previously graced the pages of Crank Torque, for good reason)

The Rally concluded with a great *traveller's breakfast* at ODAMC Club Rooms.

In all, a great Rally with an amazing number of wonderful people. A credit to ODAMC's Rally Director and Committee, and especially to the members who acted as marshals in some very wet and cold weather conditions.

The 2023 Autumn Tour for Pre 1931 vehicles will be held at Cowra from 4th to 6th May 2023.