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JULY - SEPTEMBER 2022 CLUB NEWSLETTER

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the new Club Newsletter!

As you will notice the format has changed a bit from the previous version. As the new editor I have decided to downsize and simplify the newsletter, at least until I start getting some input from members. This is YOUR newsletter, and it is entirely up to yourselves how big and elaborate it again becomes.

I'm sure you have all seen the results of the elections held during the recent AGM, but just in case you missed them, the office holders for 2022/23 are as follows:

PRESIDENT:	David Healey	(Moved by)	(Seconded by)
VICE PRESIDENT:	Rob Breheny	Rob Breheny	Marg Mennen
SECRETARY:	Kevin Mulroney	Marg Mennen	Kevin Mulroney
TREASURER:	Marg Stocks	Rob Breheny	Les Cross
		Marg Stocks	Helen Tuo
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Marg Mennen	Kevin Shepherd	Helen Tuo
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Joe Faralla	Kevin Mulroney	Kevin Shepherd

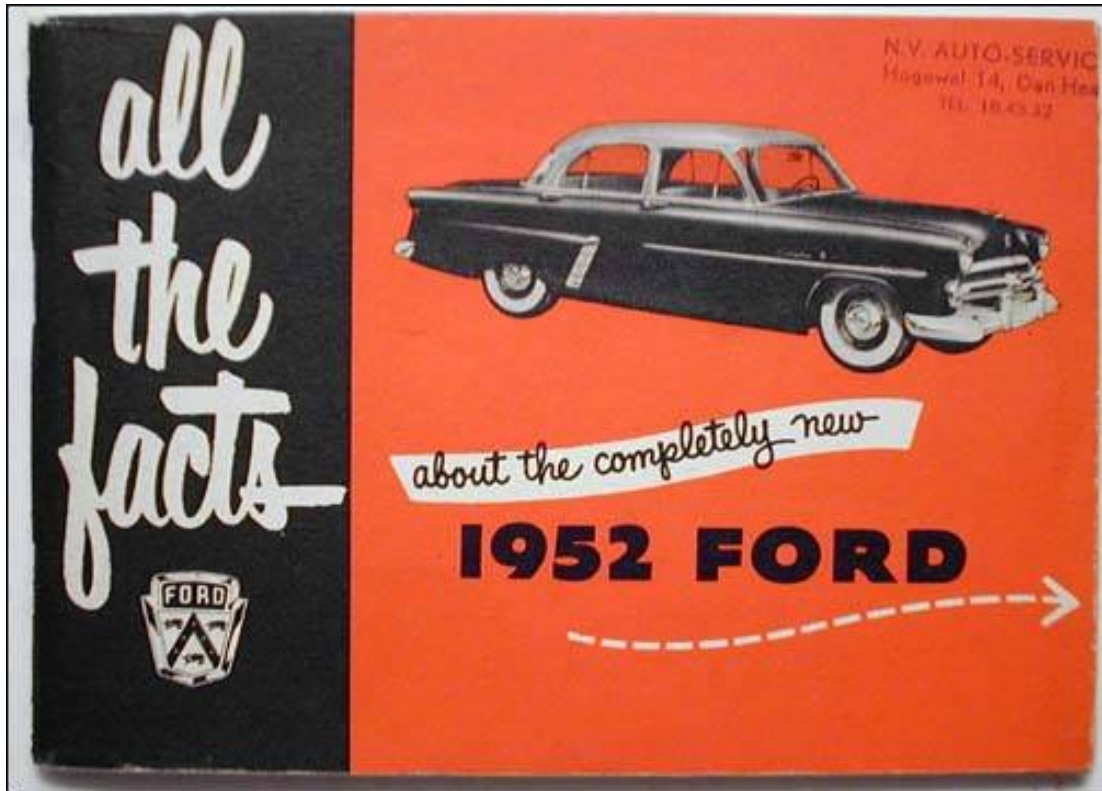
APPOINTED POSITIONS:

Assistant to the Treasurer	Michael Carter
Newsletter Editor:	David Healey
Advertising Co-ordinator:	Rob Breheny
Runs Co-ordinator :	Mick Breheny
Trophies Co-ordinator;	Ray Kilby
Merchandise Co-ordinator:	Rob Breheny
Webmaster:	Rob Brereton
Property Co-ordinator:	Mick Breheny
Trophies Co-ordinator:	Ray Kilby
Authorised Club Permit Officer	Les Cross
AOMC Representative	David Healey
Assistant AOMC Representative	Michael Carter

Authorised club permit officer: **Les Cross**

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A HUGE thank you to all outgoing office holders and congratulations to all new office holders!



FROM MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION - 1955 Ford Customline Sedan

By: admin | [Our Favorite Things](#) | May 5, 2009



Three-dimensional objects in the Society's collection come in all shapes and sizes. While most are small enough to display in a glass case, others take up more room. Such is the case with one of my favorites, a 1955 Ford Customline Sedan. The car is one of our most recent acquisitions, and currently is on display in the *Minnesota's Greatest Generation* exhibit. The Ford has a special use history, having belonged to three generations of a single family. While that story is told in one of our podcasts, in this space I'd like to focus on the car itself.

The Customline series was Ford's mid-line entry. It was fancier than the spartan Mainline, but not as well-equipped as the Fairlane model. Ford built more than 235,000 four door (or "Fordor," to use the company's clever spelling) Customlines in 1955, making it one of the most popular models. The 1955 cars are distinguished by their wrap-around windshields and "egg crate" grilles, as well as their optional seat belts and air conditioners - both Ford firsts that year.

This car is somewhat unique among our objects in being so well-documented, beyond the family's own recollections. The car's serial number, A5PG167947, yields all sorts of information once it is decoded. The "A" identifies the engine as a six-cylinder overhead cam with 101 horsepower. The "5" denotes the model year of 1955. The "P" designates the place of production as the Twin Cities Assembly Plant in St. Paul. The "G" identifies the body style, while the numerals indicate the car's consecutive unit number. Other codes reveal the car's body type, trim work, and color - "Mountain Green" in this case.

The sedan is equipped with a three-speed "Fordomatic" automatic transmission, an AM radio (added in the early 1970s but of the appropriate vintage), and Ford's "Magic Air" system, which allowed the cabin to heat up and the windows to defrost much faster - certainly handy in Minnesota. While the car does have seat belts, they are after-market add-ons, and not original Ford components. Other custom features installed by the owners include plastic seat covers, a Goldy Gopher window decal, and a loud klaxon affectionately described as an "oogah" horn.

All in all, it's a pretty special piece. The car was built in Minnesota and driven in Minnesota by the same family for three generations. It relates to transportation, manufacturing, and - in the context in which it is displayed now - post-war consumer culture. And did I mention that it has just 42,300 original miles?

Matt Anderson, Objects Curator

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INTERIM RUN SHEET

Watch for text or email updates!

Saturday 27th August AOMC meeting in Seymour,

We are able to take a small number of interested members along. Please advise Kevin by the 14th if you are interested in going.

Sunday 4th September: *Castlemaine Swap Meet and Trash N Treasure*, Autoplex, 35 Eddy St Castlemaine. Weather Permitting, shine and bring the Customline! Meet at Calder Park Services OUTBOUND, 8:00am. For 8:15 departure.

Sunday 18th September: *Club Committee General Meeting Day*, Epping RSL, 195 Harvest Home Road Epping, 11:00am sharp. ALL WELCOME. Please advise Kevin Mulroney by Thursday 16th If you intend to stay for lunch so that catering can be arranged.

Friday 30 September Rusty Springs 14 cars are booked into accommodation.

Sunday 2nd October *Euroa Show 'n Shine*. Please let Mick know if you will be attending on the day so that parking space can be saved for your car with the rest of the club.

Sunday 30th October *SA All Ford Day*, we will take 2 days to get to this event and 1 or 2 days to come home afterwards.

Weekend of 5/6th November *Yarrowonga and Bright Rod Runs*, members of our Club go separate ways to these two runs. Up to you which you choose.

At the AGM it was noted that while Mick Breheny is more than happy to continue in the position of Runs Coordinator, he would appreciate input from other members in the form of suggestions of venues for short runs. Bear in mind that when making suggestions for runs it will be necessary to consider whether there is sufficient safe parking for the club cars, how many people the venue can handle etc. It may also be necessary to arrange bookings once a venue is chosen, numbers attending identified etc.

ALL members are strongly encouraged to consider making submissions for locations and venues for events. Suggestions may be made via Kevin Mulroney on 0438 314 373 (secretary.customlineclub@gmail.com)

Already the following suggestions have been put forward:

Bacchus Marsh Picnic Area, Bacchus Marsh Rd, (just after crossing the bridge heading into town). Date TBA. This has been suggested as a location for a weekday picnic lunch get together. There are BBQs, picnic tables and shelters and toilets available as well as off street parking. This venue may only be suitable for a small group of cars as parking is restricted.

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Tooboorac Hotel. Date TBA. This has been suggested as a location for a weekday pub run.

Fat Bob's Bar and Grill 80A Cochoran Rd. Moorabbin. Date TBA. This has been suggested for a Saturday or Sunday Luncheon.

Frankston RSL 183 Cranbourne Rd Frankston This has been suggested for a Saturday, Sunday Luncheon.

Fonzies Diner 93 Canturbury Rd. Kilsyth This has been suggested for a Saturday, Sunday Luncheon.

Greendale Hotel 3 Greendale – Myrning Rd. Greendale. This has been suggested as a location for a weekday pub run.

Watch for text or email updates!



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Garage Scene

This is a new section for our newsletter, Members are encouraged to submit photos and text showing the latest developments with projects to do with their cars, garage or other Customline related items To kick things off:-

New Tufflift Hoist for my garage! I've finally bitten the bullet and purchased a new hoist for my garage!

The hoist was delivered by crane truck and was able to be dropped right into my garage. This made the subsequent install much easier as it meant I did not need to move the components far to get them to where they were to be stood up after unpacking.



This picture shows the columns after standing them up.

The columns still need to be accurately aligned and fastened down. At this stage I still had them fastened to the garage roof for security.

The columns are fastened down but I have yet to lift the Customline.

End of day 1, Installation of lifting arms as well as adjustments to the safety latches are required, and I have been a bit too busy to get back out to the garage since. Won't be long though!

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at

www.customlineclub.org.au

DON'T FORGET THAT THE CLUB HAS A FACEBOOK SITE TOO!

Club members are welcome to access any of these facilities at any time.

New Membership Enquiries are most welcome.

Anyone interested in joining the club should contact the secretary, Kevin Mulronev on 0438 314 373

email: secretary.customlineclub@gmail.com

Visitors are always most welcome at our meetings.

Meetings are held Bi-Monthly and are held at Epping RSL, 195 Harvest Home Road Epping, starting 11:00am sharp.

Next meeting: 18th September

Following meeting dates:

20th November 2022

4th December 2022 – Christmas Party

5th January 2023

18th March 2023

21st May 2023

AGM, 16 July 2023

(meeting dates are also listed in the run sheet)

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