



LOCKYER VALLEY RUN APRIL 2012

We finally had a beautiful day for the April event to the Lockyer Valley. It was great to catch up with Roland Thompson and several members of his family driving the Talbots. Brian and Joanne Powell arrived in their Beemer, not Beamer. Ross and Jan Baillie gave their green Tiger a good run while Steve and Linda Graham enjoyed their journey in their Series V GT. Peter and Jane Prasser drove their Humber Vogue Sports. Of course Bob and Claudette Otto, the event co-ordinators showed the way in their Tiger. Please read about the day in the newsletter.



Roland and "The Boys"



Steve and Linda



Brian and Joanne



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The sun was shining, the temperature perfect and 22 Sunbeamers really enjoyed the Lockyer Valley run organised by Bob and Claudette Otto.

We met at the Plainlands Hotel on the Warrego Highway and were escorted to Lockrose by the Ottos. We were welcomed by Neil McLeod, a retired marine engineer who with his wife, Gwen has established the Lockrose Heritage Museum at their property which is near the old Lowood Racetrack. While the area was devastated by the 2011 floods, the McLeods live in a very picturesque setting. Neil is a true motor enthusiast who still constructs and races his own machines.



We had some time to investigate Neil's collection of cars and memorabilia. There was something there for everyone. Soon after, Gwen produced the best morning tea. The scones, jam and cream were really delicious. Later, while Neil showed us some of his exploits in the motor racing game, Gwen directed interested members around the grounds where many beautiful trees and plants beautified the surroundings.



We farewelled the McLeods and drove to a Laidley hotel for a pub lunch. Yummy!

The Ottos invited everyone to their home on the hill where afternoon tea was served. Many thanks to Bob and Claudette for their well-organised day. A day to remember.

Bruce Prasser







HOW IT ALL BEGAN

There is an old saying, "That from a small acorn, a great oak grows." That about sums up, my view on how our great Club began.

It was May 1982, that two men, who both owned Sunbeams met for the first time at a business function. Neil Scope owned a lovely Series III GT Alpine, while Nick Newbury owned an equally rare, (for Queensland anyway) Series I Tiger.

A discussion on the possibility of starting a Sunbeam Club ensued, and an ad was placed in that Saturday's Courier Mail to that effect. The response was very good, and a meeting of all interested people was arranged, to take place at Slaughter Falls Mt Cootha on Sunday 6th June 1982. A significant date in world history, as well as our own.

The Sunday dawned crisp, but fine and a large number of enthusiasts, with their cars, arrived at the Park. Neil and Nick addressed the throng, welcoming them for attending, and discussions ensued as to how the Club could be implemented. A steering committee was elected, and our first two events were proposed. Names and addresses collected, along with types of cars owned or being restored, and a small charge was levied to cover postage and or advertising.

The first event was organised for Sunday 18th June at a park near Shore St at Cleveland. The day was well attended and a great day of car related events of skill were conducted throughout the day. There were many friendships forged on that day, some of which still exist 30 years down the track.

Quite a number of members present on that first day, are still members today. These include, Hazel and Neil Scope, Brian Powell, Bob Jensen, Mike Jazowy, Alan and Robyn Close, and Lyle and Kevin Elliott. If I have omitted anyone, I apologise, but it was thirty years ago.

This is a general overview of the way in which this still great club, had its beginning, and we all owe these people a big thank you for having such great vision, all those years ago.

Kevin Elliott

