

SUNBEAM NATIONAL MEETING 2015

LOXTON – SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Thirteen Queenslanders arrived at Loxton on Friday, 18 September to participate in the 39th Sunbeam National Meeting. We now understood why the SA Committee chose those dates. The weather was perfect with clear skies with temperatures in the mid twenties. Loxton is a prosperous town with very good facilities on the banks of the Murray River in Riverland. The hotel is centrally situated and provided the participants with comfort and excellent venues for the welcome and farewell dinners. It was an absolute pleasure to meet up with many old friends from the other states.

Day 1: Dorothy and I had toured South Australia for nearly a week visiting the Clare Valley, Quorn, Wilpena Pound and Burra. We were met by Chris Howes who showed me around and members of the Registration welcoming party. An impressive start. Sunbeam members from Queensland, NSW and Victoria as well as our hosts arrived, sorted out their accommodation and immediately set to work to wash and clean their beauties. The buffet dinner was excellent. President, Wayne Jackson welcomed everyone to Loxton.



Some of the 15 Tigers at the carwash



Dorothy posing with Ben Osvath and his V6

Day 2: A beautiful day. Over thirty Sunbeams were ready for inspection with around fifty percent to be judged by local club members. Visiting Sunbeamers from the USA gave authentication certificates to the owners of Aussie Tigers. Many people from Loxton wandered around, had a good look and seemed very satisfied that such an event was being held in their town.



Ready for judging



David Phillips's Rapier



Roland's Mark Alpine between Warren Lewis's

Tiger and Martin Clarke's Talbot



Ross Baillie's much travelled Tiger

In the afternoon everyone motored to Renmark for a Murray River cruise on the paddle steamer, P S Industry. A very enjoyable experience.





Neil would love to be Captain!



PS Industry on the Murray

On the Saturday night we dined at the Loxton Club where we danced to the tunes of the Hustlers.

Day 3: After a hearty breakfast, the swap and the Presidents' meeting we drove to Wilkadene Brewery for a taste of the variety of ales. After a picnic lunch we headed back to Loxton for the presentation Dinner.



Wilkadene



Roland and David with some local juice

Warren Lewis acted as MC and awards were presented to the various winners. I'm pleased to report that Roland, Ross and David each collected an award and Queensland were runners-up to South Australia for the interstate contest. Well done. Results can be read in the newsletter.

Day 4: We said our goodbyes after breakfast. While most headed back home some stayed for the Bay to Birdwood which was to be conducted the next weekend. Dorothy and I headed for Adelaide where we boarded a plane for Perth. That's another story.

Thanks South Australia, a wonderful Sunbeam weekend.

