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37th SUNBEAM NATIONAL MEETING

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REPORT

Success depends on exemplary planning, an enjoyable program and people who are willing to give positive advice, their time and a helping hand. The 37th Sunbeam National Meeting held in Brisbane over the Queen's Birthday weekend proved extremely successful in every way. The program was established in early 2012 and was carried out to perfection. Over the last couple of years, members of the organising committee of the Sunbeam Owners Club of Queensland certainly rallied together to ensure that our visitors from the southern states as well as our own members would have a great time of fellowship, entertainment and Sunbeam touring.

Neil Scope organised the Brisbane International Hotel at Virginia for our accommodation and the day out on the Brisbane River with a visit to Southbank. Kevin and Lyle Elliott booked coaches, hired the Baby Boomer Party Band for the Saturday night and completed the welcome packs and ran the raffles. Mike Jazowy collected the majority of items for the successful raffles. Clyde and Miranda Northcott were responsible for the printing of the documents. Steven and Linda Graham put their hands up to decorate the Alexander Room and organise prizes for the best 'mad hat' on the Saturday night. Steve was the unofficial photographer and many of his excellent images are part of this report. Peter Prasser sourced gear for the car wash area and acted as Minute Secretary at the Presidents' Meeting. Alan and Stefanie Close produced the excellent welcome packs and gathered items for the raffles. Bob Otto, supported by Claudette collected funds and paid the bills. Not an easy task. Rod Graydon planned the scenic bayside tour on the Sunday afternoon. Those who went really enjoyed the experience. We were very fortunate to have Roland Thompson as our MC for the duration. Doesn't he do a marvellous job? Bob Clarke put in a tremendous effort in rounding up judges and organising the judging on the Sunday morning. My sincere thanks to all concerned.

All the the staff at the hotel, particularly Louise, Arron, Simon, Julie, Mary and Alan were always friendly and helpful. Their efforts did not go unnoticed and we are very grateful.

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Friday: Most Sunbeamers had arrived by registration time, booked into the hotel and were given their welcome packs. The ' Happy Hour ' was followed by the Welcome Dinner and everyone had a chance to catch up with old friends or make new acquaintances. A really enjoyable evening.



Saturday: After breakfast, a day out and about was enjoyed by everyone. Some took advantage of the coach to Bretts Wharf where we embarked on the Citycat into the city. After a coffee, Neil and Dorothy led a group into the Botanical Gardens and over the Goodwill Bridge into Southbank. Others walked up the mall and checked out the shops while a few went the whole distance up the river. After a very pleasant time we returned by coach to the hotel. Quite a few decided a run to Maleny in their Sunbeams would show the visitors another beautiful part of South East Queensland. After purchasing a few 'mad hats', this happy group returned to prepare for the 'Mad Hatters Party'.

What a wonderful evening! The food, the fantastic display of hats and the music of the Baby Boomer Party Band was the highlight of the weekend. Roland was at his finest and he was assisted by Margaret Hobson who was the designated judge. Mal 'Elton John' Clark was declared winner with Steve 'Davy Crockett' Graham, the runner-up of the males. Gwen Young and Val Evans couldn't be separated in the ladies competition and Roland splurged out on a bottle of wine for each lass. Thankyou everyone for your efforts.



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THE CONCOURS- THE BIG EVENT

Sunday: As it had rained most of Saturday night, it appeared that it would be difficult to judge the Sunbeams. Everyone had to chamois off their wet vehicles but to our delight, it stopped raining. Judging took place and we were fortunate to have an excellent group of cars. There were Talbots, Tigers, Alpines, Rapiers, Fastbacks and a Lotus. Russell Maddock brought up his Imp Sports from the Gold Coast.









Positive comments were made of the lunch organised by the club and it was time to have a drive around the Northern Bayside suburbs. Rod Graydon led the charge. Reports were very favourable and a stop at the Bee Gee's display at Redcliffe was popular. We were joined by Tony Williams in his Humber Sceptre and Neville Kennard driving his Rapier II.





The Swap and the Presidents' Meeting were held and it was time for the Presentation Dinner, another beautiful meal. Awards were presented to the various winners and the judges were presented with a token of appreciation. I thanked everyone, particularly our visitors for participating in a very enjoyable weekend and wished them well on their return journey.

Bruce Prasser





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