

TRAFALGAR HOLDEN MUSEUM

By Ian Maclean

When planning April's club run to the Holden Museum at Trafalgar it was decided that in addition to the clubroom starting point, we would also allow those members who live to the southeast of Melbourne to join the run at Longwarry Services.

By the designated departure time, only 4 members (plus an EJ wagon) were at the clubrooms. I put this low turnout down to the fact that it was a cold and drizzly morning. We set out in convoy with our FX leading the way and the EJ as tail end Charlie. As we proceeded further east, along the Monash, the sky darkened and the drizzle turned to rain. Initially it was not too bad, we were able to maintain a cruising speed of 90 ish with the vacuum wipers doing a sterling job. A demister would have been nice to have though! Hands could be seen in most vehicles zig zaging rags across windscreens to see the road ahead. Then the hail struck! What fun, where did the car in front get to? A gradual slow down brought the convoy safely to under 60k's for a few minutes and then the sky cleared and believe it or not the sun came out.

A short while later we pulled into Longwarry services to grab a cup of coffee in order to thaw out only to find that 3 times as many members had opted to start there in lieu of the clubhouse! Oh well, at least we now have a decent size convoy, so of we go, this time with Richard in the lead.

For the next 20 minutes or so the drive to Trafalgar, under a sunny Gippsland sky was somewhat easier than earlier. After negotiating the traffic lights and rail crossing we pulled into the Museum carpark just as the MX5 club were preparing to depart. This must be a popular destination for car clubs.

The display of classic Holden models, engine, gearbox and frontend components, a cutaway VE as well as a couple of older Holden assembled Buick and Chev models proved interesting but the rather quirky video about the Leongatha Holden dealer, less so. The museum even has a display of Frigidaire kitchen appliances from the 50's and 60's.

As we were gathering outside, another car club convoy pulled into the carpark, this time a varied assortment of classic and veteran vehicles. As their drivers alighted, some with walking sticks and wheeliewalkers, someone in our group was overheard saying that gee their members are even older than ours!

It was then off to Yarragon to lunch in the various cafes and pub. A wander through the craft and antique followed. I suspect though that it was the lolly shop that did the most business!

Another great, well attended EMHC run!

Those with earlies:

Peter and Cynthia Charman
Peter and Linda Corrigan
Alan and Jan Delzoppo
Michael Delzoppo
Trevor and Sue Dempsey (+EJ)
Jim Dyer
Richard Fox
Ray and Janet Howlett
Ian and Jane Maclean
Jeff White

Rod and Sharon Grummitt
Trevor and Sandra Read
(+ Late Model)
Andrew and Fe Staines
Mark and Janet Waghorn
Chris, Angus, Chloe and Olivia Fox

Those without:

John shore
Scott Woodbridge
Bob Pieme (EH)