Chrome Bumper Day by Richard

The Melbourne Chapter organised a Chrome Bumper Day to coincide with the 40th Anniversary of their club. The day was down in Williamstown and although it looked like it was going to rain the weather held off. The day brought out about 200 cars so there was plenty to see during the day. There was around 60 FX and FJ's inside the shed.

A car of interest was a September 1951 Guinea Gold FX barn find that was parked next to me. The story goes that the current owner was at Shannons looking to see the cars in the next auction and this was brought in on the back of the trailer for an appraisel with the view to be in an auction. The deal was done with the car remaining on the trailer. It had been last registered in 1976 and to get it roadworthy the only requirements were replacing wheel cylinders and the engine mounts. It was sold through a Buick dealer and had a number of buick accessories fitted. Its good to know that these sort of cars are still out there.

During the day the club organised a "Belle of the Bay" "beauty" contest which kept many of us amused. There were a few larger models with not too much on, we were worried at one stage when we couldn't find Ray Daggers that he may have been seduced by one of the ladies. The winner was on the left.



At the end of the day there were several awards. In our club the winners needed to be called Ray. Ray Eaton won best Street Driven car and Ray Daggers won best 1950's car. Well done guys.

Members With Earlies

Ray & Val Daggers
Ray & Di Eaton
George Failla
Chris, Jane, Chloe & Livy Fox
Richard Fox & Alison
Bruce Graham
Rod Martin
Neville Mawer
Rob Ottone

Members without

Greg Bubner Trevor Dempsey & family Ray & Janey Howlett Brenton Scheir



Freeman's Targa car about and the barn find below













