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# Australia Day Run

By Garry Pitt

Aussie Aussie Aussie...

Howdy Cobbers. For the last 3 years (since joining the club) I've enjoyed the grouse Australia Day run. Each year we have started off a bonza morning at the Bayside Restorers annual event at Ormiston School Oval on Brisbane's South East. Now this event is a real beaut and attracts around 500 cars covering a real mix of makes and models from the last 80 years of motoring. OK, enough Ocker.

This year the club turned out with around a dozen cars and after parking up, most went off wandering the rows and rows of cars on display. A huge breakfast is put on to cater for the 1000 or so people that attend and after everyone has had their fill, the paddock empties to go on one of the three organised cruises.

Cruise! You're talking Lotus here, we had other plans, a more spirited drive on some of the local twisty stuff, the long way 'round to the Lungren's place for lunch.

Being Lotus owners and the pride of the paddock, we couldn't just gracefully exit through the main gate, NO, we had to have some sort of mechanical issue and push Peter Yeoman's Seven out the gate, while trying to jump start it as we went past all the onlookers, - all class. No luck even when we hit the bitumen on the road outside. Eventually it kicked to life and we were off, unfortunately we were now split up into two groups.

After about 5km we came upon the back end of the first group, now themselves split into 2 groups, as, yet another Seven was stopped in the middle of the road with yet another electrical gremlin, hmmm. After getting Alan Conway's Seven off to the side of the road we worked on

tracing the reason for no starty starty and quickly isolated the coil as the most likely cause.

Most of the group took off to enjoy the rest of the run, while I drove Alan back to his place, which fortunately was quite close to where he had broken down to pick up a spare coil, spare (tow) car and his trailer. The group now certainly splintered into a number of groups, sorry I cannot really report on how that all went.

We regrouped at the Lungren's for lunch on their wide veranda overlooking their wonderful property, a great spot, with great people on a great Aussie Day. Big thanks to John and Diana for providing a great venue and organising lunch and the BBQ, much appreciated.

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The 2009 Australia Day Run or;

The 2009 Australia Seven Push

It wouldn't be a Lotus run if we didn't have Lotsa trouble, seriously.

Gotta love the lit'l buggers.



The "line up" at the Holden Driving Centre



# "Canefields Bash"

15-February, 2009 by Russ Carter

Here we are at the beginning of a New Year and what better way to kick off the social scene than with the now Annual, "Canefields Bash", through Jacob's Well to the Marina Village of Calypso Bay.

After a wet week it looked as though it was going to be a wet run on Sunday, but the Gods shone on us and the day broke to beautiful sunshine and the members turned out. Approximately 31 people with 16 cars met at Derek's Motorman Imports yard at Springwood at 8.30am for a 9.00am getaway.

(Elises, Esprit, Elans, Elite, Seven, Carlton, MX5, Lambo Espada and the latest Holden Caprice, Courtesy of Beecham Holden)

Our Social Committee – Wade & Derek had made arrangements with Gavin of the Marina's Convenience Store to stage a breakfast, and what a great breakfast it was. The BBQ was lit and the bacon, eggs, tomato & toast were soon cooking along with a continuous flow of cappuccinos – good tucker!

Chris Beecham had earlier tried to arrange for us to visit the Supercheap Racing Complex at Norwell but unfortunately this was in "lock down" due to their racing commitments. However, the facility is shared with

the Holden Driver Training Centre and we were given a guided tour of the Driving Complex – Garages, Skid pan, Track (with several layouts), Lecture Rooms and Restaurant, with the possibilities of the Club using the Complex at some time – very interesting, and thanks to one of the 'in house' instructors, Belinda, for showing us around.

Everybody enjoyed the run, the breakfast and the tour of the Driving Centre, but it would not have been a Lotus day without some trouble????.

It seems that Wade, in his Esprit, was enjoying the run when everything stopped! It turned out that the accelerator cable had decided to part from the pedal, therefore no power, but in true Lotus style Patrick put his surgical expertise into action and with a piece of fence wire and chewing gum (a likely story!) helped to get Wade back on the road again with full revs available – well done.

All thanks go to Derek and Wade for organizing the day, Chris Beecham for the Driving Centre tour, the members for turning out and making it another successful day, and last but not least, to Gavin and his Staff for the breakfast, we will be doing it again!





*Gavin bacon the brekky*



*Earnest discussions*



*Breakfast*



*Holden Driving Centre*



*Derek's Tour Bus*

