

Hal's column: November 2013

Hello all,

Sorry for the delay in writing many things are happening.

Outback Trial:

The Outback Trial is on again next year this time starting in Parkes instead of the usual Forbes. Wonder if this has anything to do with Rally cars being broken into and things stolen in Forbes last year?

Sydney to London:

Organisers of the Sydney to London Rally in 2014 are looking for interested persons to help out with road closures in the Bathurst & Orange areas on the 12th of April 2014. I will be putting my hand up to get close to competing cars for photos. Mark Pickering & Dave Boddy are competing.

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Round Australia Trial photo displays:

My first display of 300 Trial photos was at the Pandora Gallery at Coolah in Central NSW. The display was well received and I was asked to extend it for a second month. The lady running the Coolah Post Office came to the gallery with 50 photos that her Dad took while competing in two REDeX trials. I was able to obtain copies of some of the photos, what a find!

Photo of part of the display at Coolah



The photos were also displayed in the Coffs Harbour Museum during the World Rally along with Jack Murrays “Grey Ghost” Ford & an Ampol Trial Citroen.

REDeX Peugeot:

I was informed that an Ex 1953 REDeX driver was living at Pappinbarra and as Faye & I had to travel to Coffs Harbour to retrieve our photos we called in but I must admit that 1953 was a long time ago and perhaps there was some mistake. Well what a surprise we received as the driver was Colin Graham originally from Wauchope where he had a Peugeot agency. Colin entered his 203 and drew car 108 which was right behind Radio personality Jack Davey’s Ford Customline and in front of Levy’s Ford Customline car 109.

Colin had with him his brother MacGregor Graham and also Terry Gilbert and they did very well finishing 47th with no controls missed.

Colin is now 95, runs his farm along with his wife Lin and has just restored his Fiat tractor. Colin also goes fishing over at Laurieton and does not look like slowing down yet.

Colin & Hal with Colin's Fiat tractor



Colin's Peugeot garage in Wauchope 1953



Colin's Peugeot, car 108 with Bill English's Austin A40 to the right.
Bill English was from Adamstown.



Question for this issue:

No one able to answer this one yet?

A 4 door sedan car with a twin cam engine that competed in the REDeX trials and also on our racing circuits in the 1950's. One competed in both the 1970 and the 1979 Round Oz events. Neither Camshaft was in the cylinder head

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