

NATIONAL PRESIDENTS REPORT....



Another Nat's is over..... Time for some rest.... Well sort of....

The Nat's by all accounts went off really well, with many people commenting to me of what a good time they had... The Sprints on the Sunday looked like it wasn't going ahead because of the wet track. It eventually dried out and the sprints went ahead. It would have been the first time in 21 years we would have had to cancel because of weather. I managed to enjoy more of the Nat's this time around. Special thanks go to Dave Milton, Steve McPhee, Daniella Zucetto & Terina Burn for your efforts over the weekend.

There are so many people to thank for their efforts over the Easter weekend I am going to probably leave someone's name out. Alan & Jill Thompson from the Cootamundra Car Club, Peter Noonan from the Southern Comfort Inn, Glenn Mogg, Ray Grech (\$1000 Sponsor), Shannon's Insurance, Dave Clee from usgmsp.com, Graham Osley (incoming National President), Frank Karbe (Time keeper at the sprints), Terry Bell (Sprints), Cootamundra Council, Riding for the Disabled (BBQ), Chris Malone & the members from the Queensland chapter (Hall Banners & Auction), Ray Coomber (Bruncro Transport), Laurie Waters (Classic Chev Centre), Narellan Auto Dismantlers, Narellan Smash Repairs, Cootamundra Caravan Park, The Gardens Motel, The Heritage Motel, Gail Douglas (Photographer), Wendy (Cootamundra Tourist Info) & many more that their name escapes me.... THANK YOU !!!

Ray Grech who's face appears somewhere in this magazine (he is the one with the sunnies behind the video camera) also sponsored, from his own pocket, \$1000 to help along the Nationals. A great effort that is very much appreciated by all. Ray & his son John were out and about over the weekend taking video & photos at every opportunity. The photos & video will be available shortly. They were also responsible for the video tribute displayed on the Saturday & Sunday night.

This Nats looks like it has come out ahead. With around \$3000 left over. This includes the start up money of \$2000. Even up to the week before the Nat's I didn't think we were going to break even. A final Break Down will be made available to any member on request as I don't have the final figures at the time of writing.

At the Presentation Night we inducted a new "Life Member", Lew Jonas from Gundagai.

Lew is a valued member of the Pontiac Car Club. He has an almost inexhaustible knowledge for all things mechanical & will help out when and where he can.

Lew had recently sold his 1938 Silver Streak but has still been active within the club.

A big thank you to Dave Clee from usgmsp.com for the \$500 gift voucher presented to me at the end of the night... It is comforting to know that people appreciate the time & effort that you put into the club. I really wanted to step back from everything in the lead up to the Nat's, but as I was being kept up to date on the preparations I got more involved. Something that I would not have done if I wasn't happy to do it. Most of the Sunday before the Presentation was spent with laptops on the picnic table at the caravan park putting together the presentation slides & tallying up the judging scores. Although I had Larry McGrath, Geoff Swavley & Terina Burn helping, it was still a big job. The job finished, I managed to button up my shirt before I entered the RSL. Cutting it fine, sort of... Many of you were waiting, very patiently for the AGM & the meals to start, I must apologise for my tardiness.

It was decided at the AGM that membership will increase \$5 across the board for new & existing memberships bringing a 1 year membership to \$50. South Australian chapter membership goes to \$55 (up from \$50). The S.A. Chapter uses the extra funds to pay for various member activities throughout the year. Membership was increased due to rising costs associated with running the club. Magazine printing & postage making up the bulk of the costs.

There was discussion that the magazine go to a 4 edition year. This was put forward as one way of keeping costs down. As for many members, the magazine is their only regular contact with what goes on in the club. It was because of this as well as the fact that notification of events would have to be printed further ahead and the extra pages & weight of the magazine for posting etc that it was decided to keep the bi monthly magazine as it is.

A copy of the complete minutes will be made available on the pcca.org.au website soon.

Your New National President is Graham Osley (S.A.), National Vice President is Adrienne Gardiner (S.A.) & Marianne Cuttill has remained on as National Secretary Treasurer. As there was no opposition to these appointments, the nominees were appointed to said positions unopposed. These new appointees will take up their positions on the 1st of July 2009 for a 2 year period.



**Past , Present & Future
National Presidents**

This will be my last report as National President before G.O. takes over the reigns. I would like to welcome both Graham & Adrienne to their roles with the National Board & to welcome Marianne back for another term.

Thank You.....

**Stewart Griffiths
Outgoing National President**