

TASMANIAN 2012 BUICK MEET

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Be at Spirit of Tasmania in Melbourne at 4.30 pm Thursday 3/5/2012 to board for Tasmania (bulk booking has been negotiated for Spirit)

arriving 6.30 am in DEVONPORT Friday 4/5/2012.

Breakfast, free, is available at the Edgewater hotel just near the ferry terminal - we will be there to direct you.

Day 1 Friday 4th

Drive to Hobart after breakfast, via Bass and Midlands highways, through old historic towns.

9.30 am leave Edgewater hotel, head to Ashmores Cheese factory, raspberry farm then onto Campbelltown via Longford for morning tea (if you need it, nothing planned) then on to the midlands highway, some 100 km arriving approx. 10.30 am at Campbelltown for a 30 minute stop.

At approx. 11.30 pm head to the historic town of Ross, numerous convict built buildings and the famous sandstone Ross bridge. Ross is some 15 km south of Campbelltown, lunch at Ross, available eating places are 2 bakeries, Man 'O' Ross hotel and other colonial restaurants. Vendors will be advised of the Buick club's intentions so that catering will suffice.

Leave Ross 2.00 pm, head further south to Oatlands 38 km 2.30 pm and the working stone flour mill (\$10-00 entry fee) and old stone convict built buildings. Stay about 1hr, meander through town and take in the bygone era.

Depart Oatlands, south to Hobart (80 km), call into Kempton 32 km south, more old stone buildings etc at Kempton, then on to Hobart arriving at accommodation at 4.30 pm.

Welcoming drinks, finger food, tea, coffee, drinks at bar prices at host hotel, Wrest Point, in the Derwent room at 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm.

Dinner that night at the coffee shop at Wrest Point carvery or the waterfront restaurant, etc. You may wish to join their Federal Rewards Club (free) which will allow you reduced costs at various locations throughout Wrest Point.

Day 2 Saturday 5th

Virtually a day to get over the trip on the boat etc, but a car display, from 8.30am to 3 pm on the Parliament House lawns at Salamanca Place right next to the Salamanca market (Buicks on display will attract a lot of shoppers from the market), the cars will be judged by Shannon's Insurance, and participating members of the Buick Club. Two trophies will be presented at the National dinner by Shannons, and the usual best of decade trophy, from teens to seventies, for each section, with a runner up trophy in each section also.

All trophies will be presented at the National dinner on the Monday 7th.

Cars can be left most of the day allowing you the opportunity to browse the market (great for the ladies) and the Hobart CBD shopping is just up the street. Other sites of interest are Constitution Dock, Maritime Museum and the Hobart Museum, Mount Wellington Harley bike ride to the top of Mount Wellington with a magnificent view over Hobart and surrounding terrain as far as the east coast if the day is clear, or just fill in the day individually wandering around the docks

Other points of interest are a boat trip to the new, different, art gallery Mona at Berriedale with displays from all over the world, the Penitentiary Chapel in Campbell Street (on city fringe) built in 1830 ties in with the holding cell and court rooms, historic Battery Point (walking distance from the market) with its old stone houses and buildings, antique shops and a museum and narrow streets all converging to the waterfront.

Dinner that night on the Cartella (100 year old ferry) for a 3 hr. harbour cruise picked up from the casino jetty on site. See the city and surrounds from the picturesque river Derwent. Costs will be \$71-00 pp inclusive with dinner (heard it's really good) and cruise. We need to

get 80 members to maintain this price.

Day 3 Sunday 6th

A trip through the Huon valley down to Geeveston to the Tahune Airwalk, morning tea at Geeveston bowls club (cost \$8.00 pp). Tahune

Airwalk group cost is \$ 20.00 pp.

Meander among the tops of the eucalyptus giants, lunch is available at the tree walk cafe, barbecue, or a packed lunch consisting of a selection of gourmet club sandwiches, savouries and pastries, tea and coffee from \$9.50, \$13.50, \$17.50 per person. Refer www.adventureforests.com.

Those folks who have been before and have already seen the Tahune Airwalk, an alternative drive to Southport, through Dover to Ida Bay Railway at Lune River is suggested Ride on 1940s Malcolm Moore locomotives, passenger carriages built in 1890's, track finishes at Deep Hole and Elliotts beach where there is shelter and barbecue facilities. Train cost is \$20.00 pp, lunch at Ida Bay Railway with a packed Hamper \$15.00 pp. The trip on the train takes about 2 hours.

Return trip home, back through Dover, Franklin, turn off at Huonville and go through Cygnet and up alongside the D'Entrecasteaux channel, back to Hobart. Booking response needed for tree walk and railway.

Dinner that night (the 5th) at Mures on the wharf at Victoria Dock - downstairs at Mures prices start from \$12.00.

Day 4 Monday 7th

Drive to National Park north of Hobart via new Norfolk and Cadbury Chocolate Factory for a tour, then some 20 km drive along the river to

New Norfolk. The autumn colours on the river bank will be nice with lunch at the New Norfolk historic Bush Inn, the oldest hotel in Australia.

Back to Hobart via the left bank of the Derwent river and down to a American car collection at a private residence south of Hobart at Sandford of Robbie and rosemary Goodwin @ arriving back to the casino by 4 pm.

National Buick dinner that night at Wrest Point, the host hotel.

Day 5 Tuesday 8th

We head for the Tasman Peninsular via old road through to Richmond, Sorell, Copping, Dunalley and down to Eaglehawk Neck with morning tea at Richmond, bakery or restaurants. Points of interest: stone bridge, old gaol, craft shops and antique wares, model Hobart Town set in

1820's, then off to Port Arthur via scenic tour of Tasman Arch etc. then onto Taranna for barbecue lunch by the Rotary Club at a cost \$15.00 pp.

Leave Taranna and a short drive to Port Arthur ruins, Isle of dead we will still be in time to browse the ruins if desired, or back to Pirates Bay to Tasman Arch, blowhole etc, walk to waterfall bay, or drive out from port Arthur to Safety Cove and the remarkable cave or a scenic walk is available if you have already been to this area (a walk program will be supplied).

Overnight Port Arthur. Dinner at the Port Arthur Comfort Inn overlooking the ruins and a ghost tour is available at \$20-00 pp.

Day 6 Wednesday 9th

Morning: Still at peninsula, if desired the activities available are coastal trip Tasman Adventure cruises, 3 hour cruise includes morning or afternoon tea \$50.00 pp.

See the magnificent Tasmanian coastline of the southern ocean and Tasman Island in a high speed purpose built vessel, nothing between there and Antarctica. If you prefer walking there is along the coastal cliffs to Waterfall Bay or many other rain forest walks. Transport by coach (1940 Chevy Maple leaf side loading bus and a modern coach as well) will be arranged for members to be taken to the walking tracks and wharves for their nautical departure.

Afternoon: We have also arranged a ladies scenic round coach tour of the peninsula with Peninsula coaches to Nubeena and out to the convict ruins at the coal mines on the edge of serene Norfolk Bay with a stop for afternoon tea, all this for a gold coin donation to cover fuel for the bus compliments of Roger Self (one time Buick owner).

Alternative scenic coastal boat ride, ladies and gents, or tuna charter trip for blokes, it should be the height of the blue fin tuna season, and tuna are caught from 20 kg and over 100 kg on a rod, all gear supplied. The fish are caught reasonably close to shore sometimes right under the cliffs or around the Hippolyte rock and the ladies, if they like fishing, can sign up as well. We will need numbers to book charter vessels if anybody is interested. A reminder that we are in the open ocean but it is sheltered in under the shore.

Another option is to just take in the peninsula through the walking tracks to Waterfall Bay and other areas if you have already seen Port

Arthur. We will need early bookings for numbers to organise these activities (depends on booking response).

Dinner: Barbecue that night at Fox & Hounds \$25.00 pp. (again need response)

Day 7 Thursday 10th

Leave the peninsular and head for the east coast with morning tea at the Fruit Farm at Sorell. On to Orford via Buckland with the church which has a very valuable stain glass window sent by boat in the early days to Tasmania. Rumour has it the window was destined for somewhere in Europe but it came here by mistake.

Lunch at Orford pub, then through Triabunna and on to Swansea for the night, approx. 84 kms..

Accommodation at the Swansea Motor Inn or, alternatively, the caravan park: see accommodation list. Dinner venue: Bark Mill Tavern, happy hour drinks prices and meals at bar prices, or RSL Bistro for dinner.

Day 8 Friday 11th

Up Early for those who wish to spend half the day in Coles Bay, go for a walk up the Hazards Mountain and look down on Wineglass Bay or walk the round trip along the pristine beach at Wineglass Bay and back along the Hazards beach to Coles Bay, or just relax and take in the beauty of Tasmania's east coast around Coles Bay. There is a park fee to go into Freycinet Park. \$24 per vehicle - 8 persons allowed.

Morning tea and lunch will be available at the Iluka Tavern at Coles Bay, lunch is sandwiches etc from \$10-00 to toast \$18-00.

Leave Coles Bay about 1.30 pm, drive to Bicheno - see the motor bike museum (70 bikes on display \$9-00 pp entry), visit the gulch or just have a wander around and depart approx. 3 pm. A choice of driving the St. Mary's pass or veteran vehicles can go to the coast road to St. Helens, a nice drive along the coast through Four Mile Creek and on to St. Helens.

At St. Helens Graeme takes over to complete the tour for the next 9 days

Alternative to Burnie 19th & 20th Post Vintage Car Club "Picnic at Ross" car, trucks, motor bikes from all over the State.

You are invited to the Ross PVCC picnic on the 20th. Stay at Country Club Casino south of Launceston on nights 19th & 20th Villas \$ 129.00 or

2 bedroom \$168.00 or Casino \$164.00 deluxe standard room. The picnic last year attracted 600 cars all types not too many Buicks. A special area will be put aside for the Buicks. Ross is only \$ 70 klm south of the casino, stay the night before and the night after then a leisurely trip

back to Devonport to the ferry on the 21st plenty of attractions and small towns on the way. Email Dave @ tunachaf@bigpond.net.au if you

are interested - Casino is on Federal booking sheet (see accommodation sheet for link).

All accommodation costs and activities quotes have been negotiated on member 's behalf and choices pasted on the web site and in magazines as well as a more detailed accommodation itinerary: for the actual Nationals, it would be convenient if we were all at the one venue in Hobart .

All destinations are firm but some of the activities may be subject to change hinging on responses from members.

If you click on the videos on the Buick Nationals website you will get a feeling of what is in store for the 2012 Buick Nationals Tassie style.

Cheers Dave Chaffey