

Trolley Flash

December 2008

Membership Newsletter of
Australian Electric Transport Museum (SA) Inc
Operators of Tramway Museum, St Kilda, SA
ABN 29 440 648 854
PO Box 213 Salisbury SA 5108
Phone: 08 8280 8188 Fax: 08 8280 8528
Web: www.trammuseumadelaide.com.au



Photo by Kevin Collins

President's Report *from Colin Seymour*

100 Years of Electric Trams

This event will be celebrated at the Museum on **Sunday 8 March 2009**. Transport Minister, Patrick Conlon will be our official guest. Put it in your diary now.

No. 1's 100th birthday

A very busy and overall successful Special Day was held on Sunday 30 November 2008 to celebrate No. 1's 100th birthday. No. 1 ran its first trial run along North Terrace on 30 November 1908. In fact, Treasurer, Barry Fox banked over \$6,000!

Our four 'A' cars – 1, 15, 14 & 21 (ex 10) were on display on Road 10 out the front of the Northern Depot.



Paul Shillabeer

Operations started with the first tram leaving at 10.00am with a 15 minute service running until the speeches started at 1.30pm using cars 42, 192, 282 and 360. Restaurant tram 378 ran its first public trip. Car 360 ran a shuttle service from the beach end of the yard while the speeches and re-creation photos took place.

Our special guests included:

- Gillian Aldridge, Mayor of Salisbury
- Dr Duncan McFetridge, Shadow Minister for Transport
- Other Salisbury councillors & staff
- Brenton Ragless, Channel 9 weekday weather man

- John Evans, SA Tourism Commission
- James Hall, Executive Manager Trams, TransAdelaide
- Mark Williams, Manager Rail Policy and Investment, Dept for Transport, Energy & Infrastructure
- Brian Samuels, Department of Environmental Heritage
- David Chantrell, author of the recent book about Duncan & Fraser Ltd, the Adelaide company which built tram No. 1.
- Paul & Mrs Bradbrook, Former Owners of tram 14
- Mrs McNeilly and Bruce & Pam Manhire, Former Owners of trams 15 & 118
- Representatives from other South Australian heritage rail societies
- Representatives from other Australian tramway museums
- Representatives from Torrens Transit and Southlink.
- Representatives of the Bowman family who ran the Bowmans bus service to the north eastern suburbs until 1974
- Members of the Vintage and Veteran Motorcycle Club of SA and the Veteran Car Club of SA came to help us relive the past.
- Adelaide Model Rail Operators who set up the excellent model tram layout



The sausage sizzle was again a huge hit. In fact extra supplies of meat and soft drinks had to be obtained.

The second-hand book stall brought in nearly \$800.

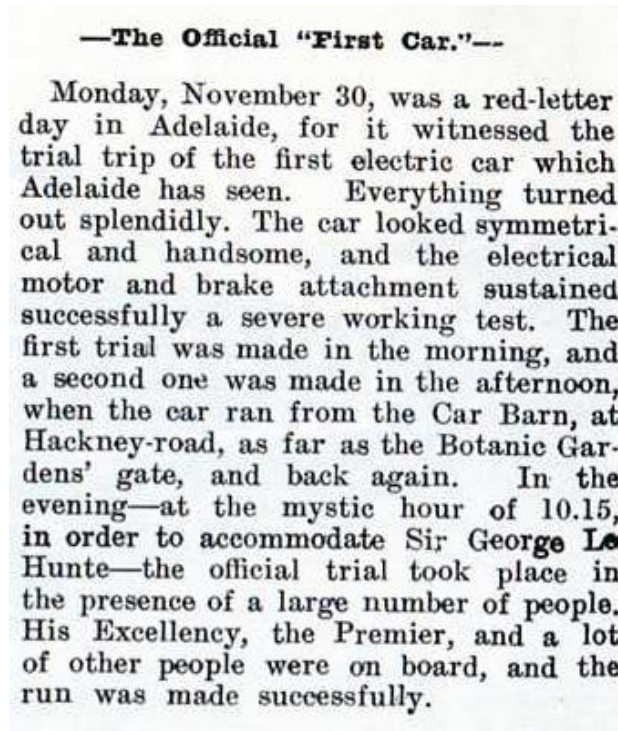
The aim of the day was to re-create the trial run (see next page) with a few concessions to allow for more vintage vehicles.

John Radcliffe



The Critic newspaper (later absorbed by The Advertiser) published a special 40 page souvenir booklet to commemorate the trial run and the official opening on 9 March 1909.

The booklet describes the trial run:



A version of this wonderful Critic publication is still available for sale at the Museum for \$5.00.

It is interesting to note that we sent Rob Elliot of the Veteran Motorcycle Club a copy of the ‘At Last’ photo and he identified the motor cycle as a 1903 Kelecom which he owns and brought to the Museum for the re-enactment, with himself dressed to suit.

At 2.30 pm after the photos were taken, Salisbury Mayor, Gillian Aldridge rode in the front cabin of Tram No. 1 for its re-enactment journey. Member, John Morphett, grandson of Sir William Goodman, General Manager of the tramways from 1908 until

1950, also rode up the front. Dr Duncan McFetridge rode in the front cabin of Tram No. 1 for its return journey.

Tram rides continued until 7.00pm with No. 1 running several trips. Some members enjoying refreshments until late in the evening.

Now, we ready ourselves for 8 March 2009.



No. 1 gets ready for its re-enactment journey with vintage cycles and cars to its left.

Paul Shillabeer



Mayor, Gillian Aldridge, Driver Mike Bosworth (in period costume), John Morphett (grandson of Sir William Goodman) and John Pennack with the engineer’s dustcoat and hat.

John Radcliffe



The two types of trams which opened the system in March 1909 – open crossbench 42 and combination car 1.

Paul Shillabeer



Some of the large crowd on the day.

Kevin Collins

Archives Assistance Needed

Members may recall that to retain our full accreditation with the History Trust we needed to lift our game in two main areas:

- Museum Displays
- Archives Recording

Significant progress has been made with Displays, however we still need more work on Archives.

Christopher Steele has been laboriously sorting out archives items and Chris Summers has commenced entering data into the Mosaic archives system on the computer.

However, both these gentlemen need help. In particular we need someone who can summarise the archives on the shelves onto History Trust archives paper input sheets. Chris Summers will then take the data from the paper sheets and enter it into the Mosaic system.

If you would like to assist, contact Colin Seymour on 8251 4512, 0437 799 917 or cgseymour@bigpond.com

New Office Chairs



As mentioned in September Flash, we finally have a respectable set of 10 Museum Lounge office chairs.
David Williams

Operations Report from Mark Jordan

Training Day

It was pleasing to see a good turnout of members for the Training Day on 25 October 2008. I am sure that

we all gained something, especially dealing with some of the idiosyncrasies of Restaurant tram 378. Thanks to Mike Bosworth, John Pennack and Colin Seymour for their input on this day.

30 November Roster

All those rostered on our Special Day would have appreciated the time spent by Ron White to arrive at the finished document.

Medicals for Drivers and Conductors

Members due for a medical will receive their documentation during December.

Driver Requirements

Drivers are reminded that they must refer to any Special Operations Restriction Notice on the Notice Board when signing on. Similarly, drivers must complete Traffic Report Form SM002 on each operating day.

Public Relations

In order to gain visitor feedback of their experience at our Museum, a new form has been created for visitors to complete if they wish. It will be kept on the front Gallery counter. It is good to have a perspective of the Museum from a visitor's point of view.

Gallery Quick Reference Guide

A Quick Reference Guide has been developed for Gallery operators. This will be especially handy for those not normally in the Gallery or for those who have not been rostered in the Gallery for a while. One page of the Guide is a Cash Register Quick Reference and the other page describes General Gallery & Kiosk Procedures.

New 'Next Tram' sign

A new A frame portable 'Next Tram' sign was used for the first time on our 30 November Special Day. It allows up to four tram nos. and departure times to be shown at the same time.

Rolling Stock from Mike Bosworth

E Type Tram No 118

Now that the Bib and Bub cars, although incomplete, have completed their trial runs on the 21E trucks, work is now concentrating on Adelaide's E type 118.

Jack Pennack has installed a replica panel, manufactured by Husnjack Joinery, in the upper portion of the bulkhead separating the driver's compartment from the crossbench section.

Following some thorough checking of the 22E truck dimensions, by Bruce Lock, it was found there are small but significant differences between the 22E trucks used on Adelaide's type D & E trams and the 22E trucks destined to be used under 118. As a

result much of the truck's turntable guide rails mounted under the body have had to be modified, rebuilt or relocated.

A GE 201 motor purchased from Bendigo Tramways has arrived at St Kilda and is being prepared for use under 118.

Cast bronze motor suspension bearings are receiving their final machining by Ian Seymour. Andrew Hall's father, Maurie, visited the museum on the 7th November and gave valuable advice on determining the condition of the motor bearings in each of the traction motors to be used under 118.

R1 Class Tram No 1971

The trolley pole at the tram's museum end has been replaced temporarily with a longer trolley pole in an effort to prevent fraying of the trolley rope as the pole is raised or lowered from its hook.

Displays from David Williams

A new portable display showing the history of No. 1 is now stationed in the Northern Depot. A large blow up display of the 'At Last' photo provided an excellent backdrop to the speeches on 30 November.

Publications from Roger Wheaton

I am developing a New Publications Email List to send out details of any new item I have ordered to encourage members to buy locally through the Museum. If you would like to be on this list, please contact me by email: rogertw@txc.net.au

Again, another reminder to let me know of any new publication you have seen or are aware of.



Mike Crabb and Kevin Collins hard at work on the barbeque.

John Radcliffe

Uniform Available from Kym Smith

I have left a surplus coat, cap and ties in the Members' Lounge for anyone interested.

Jacket is about size 42-44 or 2xl. \$20 donation

Cap is size 56. \$20 donation.

2 ties, both elastic ring neck. \$5 each donation.

Payment to Treasurer, Barry Fox.

From the Past December 2008 to February 2009

130 years ago

12 February 1879 - Adelaide, Unley & Mitcham Tramway Co. Ltd. opened a horse line to Mitcham.

80 years ago

16 February 1929 - Adelaide Railway Station loop extended.

70 years ago

5 February 1939 - City - Somerton bus service commenced. Port Adelaide - Kilkenny bus service via Rosewater and Cheltenham commenced.

50 years ago

1 February 1959 - A safety zone pylon was collected from Adelaide City Council and delivered to Museum.

28 February 1959 - On the evening of Saturday 28 February 1959, FI car 282 was driven to Glenelg at about 10pm and left to stand overnight in Moseley Square, with an appropriate guard. It was jacked up the following morning and loaded onto a jinker, its trucks being separately craned onto another truck. It was then taken to St Kilda, and was unloaded onto the first steel railed track built by the Museum (present Road 3).

40 years ago

December 1968 - BHP electric locomotive E1 delivered to Museum. C 173 arrived on the same day.

30 years ago

December 1978 - Public access to the Tram Depot was reversed to allow public access to Roads 5 & 6 instead of Roads 3 & 4. This allowed cars to be parked adjacent to workshop for maintenance.

December 1978 - Two Brussels 21E trucks arrived for eventual use under "B" and "C" cars.

December 1978 - W2 294 withdrawn for refurbishment.

February 1979 - Re-roofing of main depot completed.

20 years ago

December 1988 - AEC Regal iv bus 623 which was donated to Museum in 1973 arrived on site after refurbishment at Regency Park Workshops.

10 years ago

13 December 1998 - D 192 returned to traffic after a repaint and minor overhaul - bringing the number of cars repainted or refurbished since 1994 to 7.

December 1998 - A 1/10 size model of a dropcentre tram arrived from TransAdelaide for display at St Kilda.

December 1998 - Refurbishment of H 360 commenced.



The Boys - Ian, Pete, Jack, Chris & Mike.

Kevin Collins