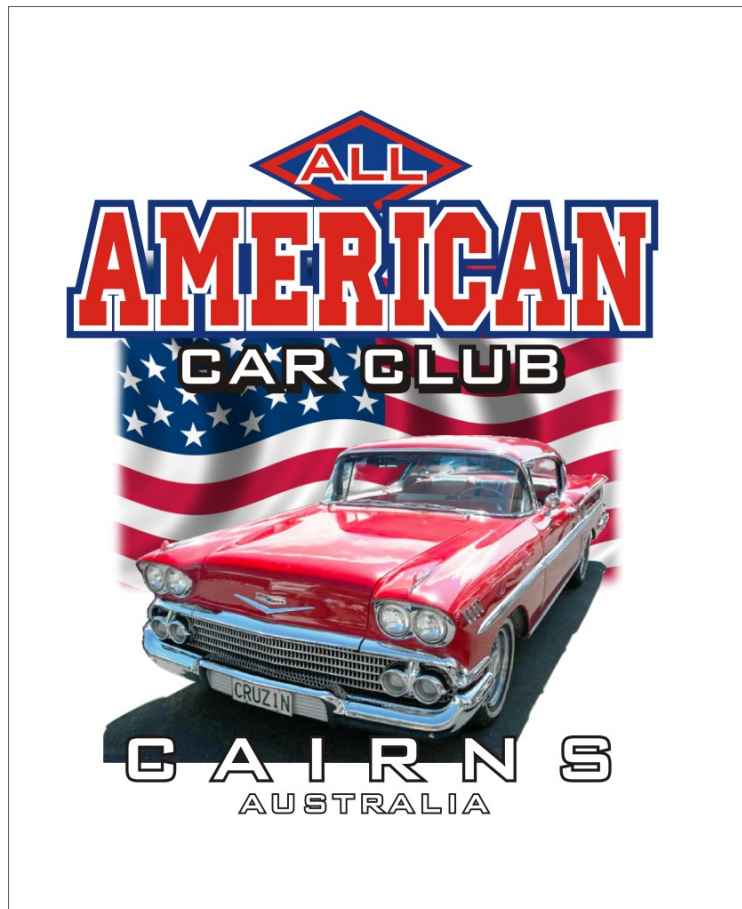


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All American Car Club of Cairns Newsletter



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Presidents Page

As 2011 kicks off, I am already excited and looking forward to an eventful year ahead. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, a Happy New Year and a well deserved break.

Your committee will endeavour to make our regular events an attractive prospect for you to attend this year. The events will include the Kurrimine Beach weekend, Charters Towers Swap Meet, Combined Club's Sports Day, 4th July Cruise, Cairns Swap Meet Car & Bike Show, Warbirds and Car Show, Cairns AutoSpectacular, V8 Supercars, Willies Car Show, AACCC Christmas Party.

These events along with some regular lunch and breakfast runs should make for an interesting year within our club. The abovementioned list is by no means the extent of what is on this year, who knows what is around the corner. If you have an idea of what you would like the club to do, please let myself know what your idea is and a plan on how to achieve this and I will try and implement your idea into our events.

On a personal note, I am very much looking forward to the Pontiac Nationals in Warwick this Easter and I will also be attending the All American Day at Lakeside Raceway in November.

If you have any events that you would like mentioned or that you or someone you know who will be attending this year, again, let me know and I can make mentioned of it in our newsletter. (Wintersun for example).

Safe cruzin' to you all, and remember

"when cruizn with the club, be responsible and keep up with the person behind you"

Cheers
Robert



Classic car theft sparks armed stand-off



Police have deployed a heavily armoured vehicle to storm a factory unit in the Perth suburb of Bayswater. Police believe a group of armed men who stole a classic car last night are inside.

Six men, armed with a gun and wearing balaclavas, invaded a house in Perth's southeastern suburb of Wattle Grove.

The men threatened the home owner with a gun and demanded he hand over the keys to his 1965 Mustang coupe. The vehicle is fitted with a GPS and officers were able to track the car to a factory unit in White Street in Bayswater.

There is a heavy police presence outside the unit and officers have blocked off both ends of the street.

A heavily armoured vehicle, called a Bearcat, has been deployed and officers from the Tactical Response unit are now searching a property across the street.

Courtesy ABC News 10 January 2011



The car is similar to this 1965 Mustang

An interview with Arron Pointing, your Club Treasurer.

Arron has kindly offered to be interviewed about his life-dreams and his love of American cars.

The interview was carried out between Arron and the AACCC secretary over the phone.

Name Arron Pointing

Age 35

Occupation Labourer. {I can lift heavy things}

Car/s now in possession 69 Firebird, 58 Chev, 79 International Scout, 1970 Holden Hg Station Wagon.

What was your first car ever owned and how much did it cost? Fj Holden Ute, Can't remember what year it was \$3,500 new chrome, Good condition, It was cool, heaps of chrome, shiny front end.

Do you have any nicknames? Bud or Holmes, From when I was in the states they called me Holmes, and Bud cause when I was younger they thought I looked like Bud Bundy from the TV show, Married with children.

How many cars in total have you owned? S#%t,,,, let me think 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 probably 10 or 11 could be more than that.

Have you ever crashed a car? Arr, yeah I did, wasn't my fault, I did crash me mates girl friends car, This guy pulled out in front of me so I hit the skids and did a 180 I ended up hitting him with the back of the car I was driving.

Speeding fines? Oh man you got no idea about 4 A4 pages worth, I lost my license about 4 or 5 times, never drink driving, all speeding. Even my P's took years to get because of the speeding fines.

What is the passion about American cars? I can't put it down to one thing, the styling and the horsepower to boot, It's never been replicated ever, the 50's 60's that is.

What's your all time favorite American car/s? Have to be a 65 GTO Tri Power- 58 Impala convertible-77 Trans-am

Would you ever sell your 69 Firebird? Ahh NO. It's the first American car I ever owned.

Any dislikes about the 69 Firebird? I couldn't change it. Ok maybe handle a bit better.

Describe the best feature in the 69 Firebird. The Pontiac Ram Air III motor, It's original. All documented, a high horse power thing. It's just a big motor and rumbles.

Do you let anyone drive it? Yeah,, with me in the passenger seat, and after an induction of course. I'm not saying it's the most powerful car in the club but I would let someone drive it, it scares me sometimes.

What is a typical working day for you? Lifting heavy things, That's about all I do all day, lift heavy bags onto the back of a trailer.

What do you do on your days off? Working on the cars, fishing.

Hobbies/sports? Caravaning, I don't play any, but I watch any the NRL.

What type of music is in your car stereo? Anything grunge from the 90's

Do you like any other countries cars? UMMM, the Bugatti Veyron, there only about 1.6 Mill I think. German engineering.

What is your definition of the most overrated car / make and why? I'd say the HSV Holden, too expensive for what ya get.

If you could design a car what would it look like & what would be the features? It would be a coupe, same features of a Cadillac, high horse power.

With the price of fuel going up do you see yourself ever driving a hybrid or electric vehicle in the future? Not a chance, {followed by a huge amount of laughter between Arron and secretary.}

What is your favorite drive destination? The tablelands.

If you could change the world what would you start with? Cheaper fuel, I'd say day to day life could chill down a little bit.

If you won a million dollars what would be the first thing you would buy and why? Pay off the mortgage first, and then buy my 1965 GTO Tri Power of course.



MOPAR (or no car)

All of the major car manufacturers built muscle cars in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Ford had the Mustang Mach 1, Chevy had the Camaro Z28 and Chrysler Corporation had the Plymouth 'Cuda and Dodge Challenger.

The Dodge Challenger was built with an engine compartment big enough to handle any Mopar engine of the day. When you coupled a small car like the Challenger with one of the biggest engines built by Chrysler, you had something that for some people might require a change of underwear after a real test drive.

Classic Muscle Car Dodge Charger R/T



Dodge Charger RT

Even though the Dodge Charger itself didn't start off as a "muscle car", the Dodge Charger RT became one of the largest muscle cars available in the 1970s.

However, it was the second generation Dodge Charger RT, built from 1968–1970, that became one of the favourites. Engine choices ranged from a 225cu.in. Slant Six with a single barrel carburetor, or a 318cu.in 2 barrel, a 383cu in. or 440cu.in. with a 2 or 4 barrel carburetor or a whopping 426 cu.in. Hemi engine. Transmissions ranged from 3-speed automatic to 3 or 4 speed manual. The cars rode on a 117-inch wheelbase.

In an effort to boost the Charger's muscle car image, a new high-performance package was added called the R/T, which stood for "Road/Track" and became the badge worn by Dodge's high performance cars.

Chrysler came up with a new ad campaign featuring a bee with an engine on its back. These cars were called the "Scat Pack" and included the Dodge Coronet R/T, Dodge Super Bee, Dart GTS and Charger R/T.

Dodge didn't change much on the 1969 Charger. The exterior changes did include a new grille and new longitudinal taillights. Dodge also came up with a new trim line, called the Special Edition or SE. A buyer ordering the SE package would get leather front seat inserts, a wood grain steering wheel and wood grain inserts on the instrument panel along with the option of a sunroof. A buyer could get this package alone or with the R/T package, thus making their car an R/T-SE.



The Dodge Charger was changed only slightly in 1970, however, this would be the last and rarest year of the 2nd generation Chargers. It featured a large wraparound chrome bumper, new electric headlight doors, which replaced the old vacuum, style and the Charger 500 and R/T models came with a new more attractive taillight panel. Interior changes included new high-back bucket seats and an all-new pistol grip shifter was introduced.

One of the most famous Dodge Chargers of all time was the car featured on the television series, *The Dukes of Hazzard*, which ran from 1979–1985. The "General Lee" as it was known had a Confederate flag painted on the roof and the words "GENERAL LEE" painted over each door. The number "01" was painted on both doors and when the horn was pressed, it played the first 12 notes from the Confederate States anthem "Dixie". At the height of the TV series, this Dodge Charger became one of the most recognized cars in the world and the show's popularity produced an increased interest in the car.



Robert Hall

WHY ARE CAR ENTHUSIASTS SO MISUNDERSTOOD???

Extract from article by Rick Seitz (ChevyHardcore.com)

I firmly believe that the automotive enthusiast is the most misunderstood creature on the planet. Think about it for a moment. Have you ever met someone, and after speaking to them for any length of time, you seem to be having a pleasant conversation, only until after they ask you what your hobbies are or what you do for a living, then they suddenly become disinterested in you?



Namely, I'm referring to the female sex. When you talk to a woman you hardly know, and tell her that your hobby is based around cars, they sometimes look at you like you have a social disorder.

Granted, there are females out there who are interested in cars just as much as any of the male gearheads. They race, they build, and they have the vocabulary down pat. But admit it, they are few and far between. Thus, trying to explain the difference of being an enthusiast and being a guy who changes oil at the local garage for ten bucks an hour to most girls, is like trying to explain the difference between cotton and polyester to a toddler.

Some people just don't get it. This isn't limited to just women, either. There are guys who react oddly when they ask you who won the game that day, and you have no idea what game they're referring to. Or when one of your non-car buddies that you haven't seen in a while calls wanting to catch up, but you tell them you can't make it because you're going to some sort of automotive gathering. It usually doesn't go over well.

This is because most people that look at a car can only see it for what it is. They see 3500-4000lbs of metal, glass, plastic, and rubber, and that's all they see.

People like us firmly believe that cars are living entities and are considered to be a form of self-expression, and sometimes maybe even a friend or a part of the family.

Further confusion ensues when some of us have more than one car that would be considered “special” or an “enthusiast’s car,” and casual onlookers see this as nothing more than someone demonstrating a form of being materialistic or egotistical.

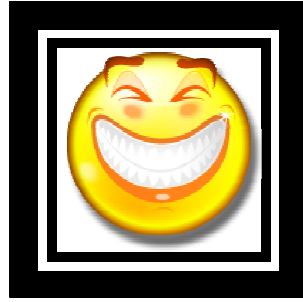
It’s a shame, as friendships and even relationships can fail because of this. I can’t even tell you how many times I’ve heard stories of women giving their husbands or boyfriends ultimatums of either selling the car or they were leaving them. It’s absolute madness.

I think the only way to cure this problem is to get your friends and family involved. Try taking them to the events; such as local car shows, swap meets and to the race track, and it’s not like it’s expensive to partake in most of the local activities.



Lord knows I’ve tried to get the people around me involved. I grew up in a family of gearheads, so that was simple enough. But trying to turn friends into car guys can be a little bit harder than it sounds.

Sometimes however, just sometimes, all it takes is a friendly conversation with someone who appreciates cars, and I had made a friend for life. I think that’s what the car hobby is all about, having fun and forming new friendships. So....are you REALLY misunderstood?



Dr Phil was conducting a therapy session with four young mothers and their small children.

“You all have obsessions”, he observed and said to the mothers.

To the first mother he said: “You are so obsessed with eating, you have even named your daughter Candy”

He turned to the second mother and said: “Your obsession is money, so much so, that you have named your daughter Penny”

He turns to the third mother and says: “ Your obsession is alcohol. This obsession is so severe, you named your child Brandy”

At this point, the fourth mother gets up and says to her son, “C’mon Richard, we’re going home”

How smart are you????

1. Do they have a 4th of July in England?
2. How many birthdays does the average man have?
3. Some months have 31 days, how many have 28?
4. In Baseball, how many outs are there in an innings?
5. Is it legal for a man in California to marry his widow’s sister?
6. Divide 30 by $\frac{1}{2}$ and add 10. What is the answer?
7. If there are 3 apples and you take away 2, how many do you have?
8. A doctor gives you three pills, telling you to take one every half hour. How many minutes would the pills last?
9. A farmer has 17 sheep and all but 9 die. How many are left?
10. How many animals of each sex did Moses take on the ark?
11. How many two cent stamps are there in a dozen?

Answers at the back

Freya was driving her Chevrolet Vega home in New Mexico when she saw an elderly Apache woman walking along the side of the road. She stopped the car and asked the woman if she would like a lift? With a silent nod, the woman climbed into the car. Freya tried in vain to make conversation with the Apache woman. The old Apache looked closely at everything she saw, studying every little detail, until she noticed a red gift bag on the seat next to Freya. 'What's in the bag?' asked the old woman.

'It's a bottle of whisky that I got for my husband.'

The Apache woman was silent for another minute or two. Then speaking with the quiet wisdom of an elder, she said, 'Good trade.'

Events

Events for February:

Wednesday 2nd February – Kel’s Burger Run, Ellis Beach. 5.30pm onwards.

Sunday 13th February – Lunch at the Havana Café Lake St Cairns. (Valentines Day run, meet 11am at Lily St North Cairns then cruise the Esplanade prior to arrival at the café for lunch, drinks etc. Parking will be available in Lake Street outside and adjacent to the café.

Sunday 20th February – Garradunga Pub – **(10km nth of Innisfail)** Garradunga Hotel was originally built in 1888. The property is famous for its **Resident Ghost** which is regularly seen. The hotel was voted by the ABC as the 9th most well known hotels in Australia and has great meals especially their steaks. Meet opposite the Hambeldon Hotel Edmonton at 10am then cruise on south from there.

<http://www.hotel-garradunga.websyte.com.au/site.cfm?/hotel-garradunga/1/>

Sunday 27th February – Monthly meeting, Yorkeys Knob.

AACCC Annual Event Calendar

Mid May – Kurrimine Beach weekend

End of June – Annual Combined Clubs Sports day.

Mid August – Cairns Swap Meet & Car Show

Mid September – Cairns Auto spectacular

End of October – Willies Car Show, Atherton

December – Christmas Lights cruise

Queen’s Birthday weekend – Charters Towers Car Show

4th July – American Independence Day cruise

End of August – Warbirds and Car Show, Mareeba

8TH September – AACCC birthday

Late November – AACCC Christmas Party

If at any stage on the day of a run/cruise, the weather looks doubtful (rain), please contact your Events Coordinator or check the website to ensure the run/cruise is still on.

Answers to quiz:

(1) Yes, it comes after the 3rd July

(3) All of them

(5) No, because he is dead

(7) 2, you took them remember

(9) 9

(11) There are 12 2 cent stamps in a dozen.

(2) Just one, and we celebrate it using birthday which means anniversary

(4) Three per side

(6) 30 divided by ½ equals 60!! (think about it)

(8) 60 mins. Start with the first pill, then 30 minutes later take the second etc

(10) Moses didn’t have an ark, Noah did.

