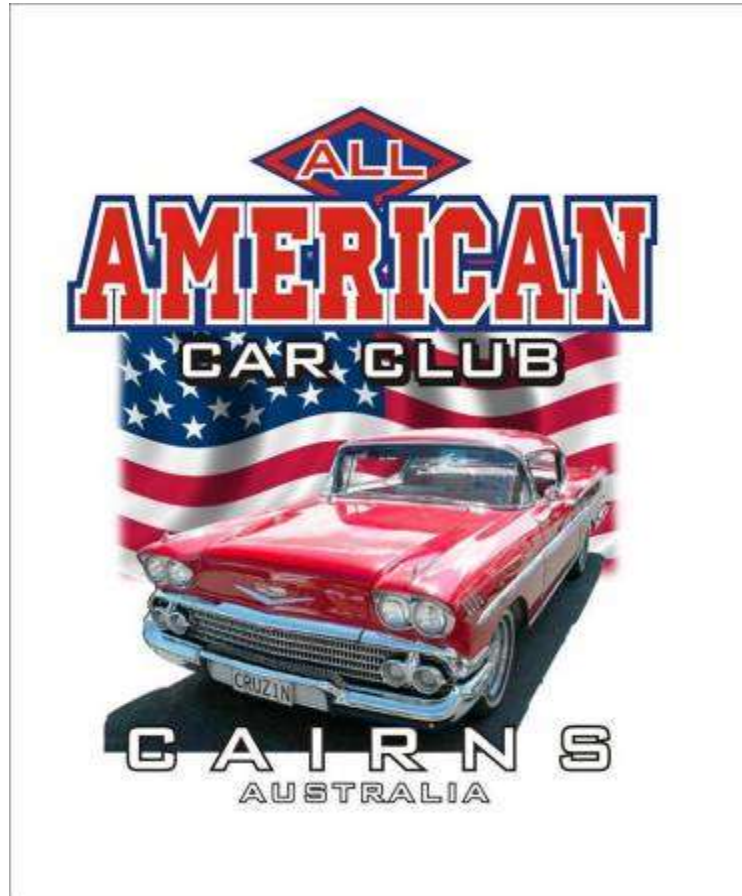


# CLUB TORQUE

All American Car Club of Cairns Newsletter



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month, commencing at 10.00am.

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(Due each September)

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**Objects of the Club**

*To promote ownership and appreciation of American motor vehicles.  
To promote and provide owners and admirers with car shows, car rallies and social events.*

**Note:** Members are required to attend 3 meetings/events before eligible for Special Vehicle Registration and must repeat yearly to continue to qualify.

**Hi Members,**

Things are ticking over OK on the club front with the club attracting new members from people getting into the hobby. New member Tony West was excited to have his 31 A Model Ford delivered just before Easter. I had a look at it over Easter and consider it would be hard to find a better one. Hopefully Tony will have it on the road shortly.



The change of venue for Cars & Coffee to Urban Habit at the DFO proved very popular with a good turnout with quite a few first timers at the event. It was good to see first timers Chris and Karen turn up in the 67 Firebird and Jamie and Miyuki in the 66 Dodge Charger.



The removal of the mandates is good news for the Swap Meet and the organisation of the event can proceed. Our Auto Electrician sponsor has ceased business so we are looking for a new sponsor in this industry as well as any other new sponsors.

A sausage sizzle will follow the April meeting and maybe some two up for those interested as ANZAC day is the day following.

Safe cruising and see you at the meeting on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

**Bruce**

## All American Car Club of Cairns – Meeting Minutes 27 March 2022

**Meeting Opened:** 10:10 am

**Attendees:** Per attendance register

**Apologies:** Kristie, James & Amanda, Rob Healey, Kel & Coral.

**Visitors:** Nil

**Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting:** Moved Bob

Seconded Geoff

**Business arising from last meeting:** Nil

- **Incoming correspondence:** SNAIL: Suncorp bank statement. EMAIL: QHMC draft minutes of February meeting, agenda for March meeting & list of correspondence; information regarding water affected or flood damaged historic vehicles & antique machinery.
- **Outgoing correspondence:** Nil

**Treasurers Report:**

- **Monies Incoming:** Nil
- **Monies Outgoing:** Xmas function cheque has still not been presented by the venue; Balance of account \$6100.00 approx.

**Newsletter Editors Report:** Members are welcome to submit photos or articles (including cars for sale. Etc.) - email to Caitlin at: [cfullo15@gmail.com](mailto:cfullo15@gmail.com). Member Profile forms have not been returned. which is disappointing - Caitlin will directly approach members to assist them to volunteer.

**Event Co-ordinators Report:** Lunch run to Parkview Hotel Gordonvale following today's meeting. Bob has spoken to the operators of Urban Habitat at DFO, who are keen for us to hold the April Cars & Coffee there – plenty of parking directly outside the venue. Next month's meeting will be followed by a lunch run to 1006 Cafe at Yorkey's Knob, just down the road from the Community Hall. There is a vacant block available for parking. Full details on all planned events can be found later in the Newsletter, as well as on the Club's website and on Facebook.

**Acceptance of Reports:** Mover: Bob

Secunder: Trevor

**General Business:** 1. The Festival of the Knob is on June 11<sup>th</sup>, but this clashes with the Atherton Swap Meet, so it is unlikely the Club will have a presence. 2. Tony's Model A is in Brisbane awaiting transport to Cairns. 3. A member of the public dropped in a selection of hardcover books (covering the early years of Ford/General Motors/Chrysler/etc,) - these were auctioned off, with funds going to the Club. 4.

**Graham & Helen's Mustang is in Cairns but not yet been through RWC & registration. 5. Cairns Swap Meet – an organising Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 30 March – see Bruce if you wish to attend. Major issue for consideration is the need for all patrons to be vaccinated. 6. James & Amanda's 57 Pontiac hasn't left Canada yet but is containerized.**

**Next Meeting: 24 April 2022**

**Lotto: See Paula**

**T-Shirts & Caps: See John**

**Raffle: Money Board**

**Meeting Closed: 10:40 am**

**Raffle winner: Jesse & Caitlin**

CLUB PROFILE: Barry Wilkins

1. What are 3 things left on your bucket list? **No bucket list**
2. If you could have 1 super power, what would it be? **X-ray Vision**
3. If you take just 1 thing with you to a deserted Island, what would you choose?  
**Sunscreen**
4. What's something we would never guess about you? **Nothing**
5. What is your most unusual talent? **No**
6. What's the most awkward thing that happens to you on a regular basis? **Stupid People**
7. What's the funniest thing you did as a kid? **Just being a kid having fun**
8. Do you like pineapple on your pizza? **No**
9. What's something that people think makes them look cool, but actually makes them look ridiculous? **Old people trying to look young**
10. What is the most interesting place you've ever been to? **Cracker Marrowbone Creek**



# *Giggling Gerties Jokes*

I was at the supermarket with my service dog. The lady in front of me at the checkout had about \$200 worth of toilet paper in her shopping trolley.

With an attitude she asked me what type of dog I had.

I told her it was my service dog.

Then she got real snakey and said, "I knew that. What type of service?"

I said he was a BLD. By now he was licking her face and hands being super friendly.

She said, "what is a BLD?" I told her it stood for Butt Licking Dog.

She said "Butt Licking Dog?" I said, "yeah, he has been trained to lick my butt clean because I can't seem to be able to find toilet paper because of hoarders."

The cashier completely lost it.

Yesterday I had a flat tyre on the motorway.

So, I eased my car over to the shoulder of the road, carefully got out of the car and opened the boot.

I took out 2 cardboard men, unfolded them and stood them at the rear of my car facing oncoming traffic.

They looked so life like you wouldn't believe it! They were in trench coats exposing their nude bodies to the approaching drivers.

To my surprise, cars started slowing down looking at my lifelike men which made it safer for me to work at the side of the road.

And of course, traffic started backing up. Everybody was tooting their horns and waving like crazy.

It wasn't long before a police officer pulled up behind me. He got out of his car and started walking toward me.

I could tell he was not a happy camper! What's going on here? My car has a flat tyre, I said calmly.

Well, he asked, what are those obscene cardboard men doing here by the road? I couldn't believe that he didn't know - so I told him, "Hellooo! those are my emergency flashers!"

Murphy showed up at Mass one Sunday, and the priest almost fell down when he saw him. Murphy had never been seen in church in his life. After Mass, the priest caught up with Murphy and said, 'Murphy, I am so glad ya decided to come to Mass, what made ya come?' Murphy said, 'I got to be honest with you Father. A while back I misplaced me hat and I really, really love that hat. I know that McGlynn had a hat just like me hat, and I knew that McGlynn came to church every Sunday. I also knew that McGlynn had to take off his hat during Mass and figured he would leave it in the back of church. So, I was going to leave after Communion and steal McGlynn's hat.' The priest said, 'Well, Murphy, I notice that ya didn't steal McGlynn's hat. What changed your mind?'

Murphy said, 'Well, after I heard your sermon on the 10 Commandments, I decided that I didn't need to steal McGlynn's hat after all.'

The priest gave Murphy a big smile and said; 'After I talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Steal' ya decided you would rather do without your hat than burn in Hell, right?' Murphy slowly shook his head and said, 'No, Father, after ya talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery' I remembered where I left me hat.'

A man who just died is delivered to the mortuary wearing an expensive, expertly tailored black suit. The mortician asks the deceased's wife how she would like the body dressed. He points out that the man does look good in the black suit he is already wearing.

The widow, however, says that she always thought her husband looked his best in blue, and that she wants him in a blue suit. She gives the mortician a blank check and says, "I don't care what it costs, but please have my husband in a blue suit for the viewing."

The woman returns the next day for the wake. To her delight, she finds her husband dressed in a gorgeous blue suit with a subtle chalk stripe; the suit fits him perfectly.

She says to the mortician, "Whatever this cost, I'm very satisfied. You did an excellent job and I'm very grateful. How much did you spend?"

To her astonishment, the mortician presents her with the blank check.

"There's no charge," he says.

"No, really, I must compensate you for the cost of that exquisite blue suit!" she says.

"Honestly, ma'am," the mortician says, "it cost nothing. You see, a deceased gentleman of about your husband's size was brought in shortly after you left yesterday, and he was wearing an attractive blue suit. I asked his wife if she minded him going to his grave wearing a black suit instead, and she said it made no difference as long as he looked nice.

"Then it was just a matter of switching the heads"

[Rob Healey](#)



**A couple of days ago I took the Corvette for a drive after a long break and it was brilliant. Cars like this have oodles of character and the Corvette makes me smile every time I drive it.**

**At first everything felt strange. The feel of the sensitive steering and throttle, the extremely snug fit of the contoured seat which you sit in rather than on, the digital dash with readout for oil pressure, oil & coolant temperatures, even battery voltage, are all part of what makes this car special.**

**It reminded me of my very first drive nearly 20 years ago. I'd forgotten how low it is, sitting there at the lights looking up at the shopping cars, utes and trucks around me.**

**The deep rumble of the 5.7 litre V8 is definitely a strong part of the cars character, as is the fantastic torque at low revs and the exhaust howl at full throttle.**

**Driving in city traffic at 60kph the engine is almost idling and my foot hovers near the brake pedal more often than it's on the throttle.**

**Within minutes I was part of the car again and enjoying DRIVING as opposed to sitting behind the wheel of the average family sedan, where perhaps less than 100% of my mind is focused on driving.**



**Not everyone cares about the character of a car. Some people may only be interested in getting from A to B and are indifferent to their car's personality, and that's fine, but I suggest they're missing out on an enjoyable part of car ownership.**

**For me the character is created by the sounds, the smell, the dashboard, the look, the feel of the car and its handling which includes steering, ride, cornering, gear ratios and power. These attributes create the personality of the vehicle, something that I've always valued.**

**Even the Kia SUV we hired last year had some personality, although you can keep the lane change assist which I thought was a defect!**

**I reckon that all cars have character, but it's more subtle than it used to be. Perhaps the decline began in the late 60's, when drivers began to be better insulated from the sounds of the engine, exhaust, wind and road.**

**There's a well-known saying that goes,**

**"If you don't look back at your car after you park it, you've bought the wrong car!"**

FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

# HOT DOGS & HOT RODS

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Only \$10!

**1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**  
BETWEEN 12 & 2  
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# EVENTS CALENDAR

## Upcoming Events:

SUN 24<sup>TH</sup> APR MONTHLY MEETING TO BE HELD AT COMMUNITY HALL YORKEYS KNOB, CNR WATTLE & CUNNINGHAM STs AT 10:00am. SAUSAGE SIZZLE AFTER MEETING.

SUN 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH TOLGA HOTEL FOR HOT DOGS & HOT RODS. See Flyer

SUN MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> CARS & COFFEE, CAFFEINE & GASOLINE DESTANATION URBAN HABIT AT DFO. MEET FROM 8.30am ONWARDS. COME AND GO AS YOU PLEASE ☺🔧🔍

SUN 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY MONTHLY MEETING TO BE HELD AT COMMUNITY HALL YORKEYS KNOB, CNR WATTLE & CUNNINGHAM STs AT 10:00am. AFTER MEETING RUN TO BE ADVISED

## DATE CLAIMERS

JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> 2022 - CHARTERS TOWERS CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET

JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> 2022 – CAR & BIKE SWAP MEET & SHOW. ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL

JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> – 21<sup>ST</sup> 2022? - KURRIMINE BCH WEEKEND WITH TOWNSVILLE

JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> 2022? SPORTS DAY. LAST SUNDAY IN JUNE

JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> - AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CRUISE

JULY 19<sup>TH</sup> TO 21<sup>ST</sup> 2022? INGHAM AUTO FEST

AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> 2022 CAIRNS SWAP MEET & CAR, BIKE & TRUCK SHOW

AUGUST 25<sup>th</sup> 2022 INNISFAIL CAR SHOW

SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 2022 AACCC 25<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> 2022 ALL AMERICAN CAR CLUB AGM

SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> 2022 CYCLONES SHOW N SHINE. TOWNSVILLE STRAND PARK?

NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> 2022 CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> 2022? CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CRUISE

MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> 2022 PADDY POWER MEMORIAL CRUISE

AT ANY STAGE ON THE DAY OF A RUN IF THE WEATHER LOOKS DOUBTFUL,  
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