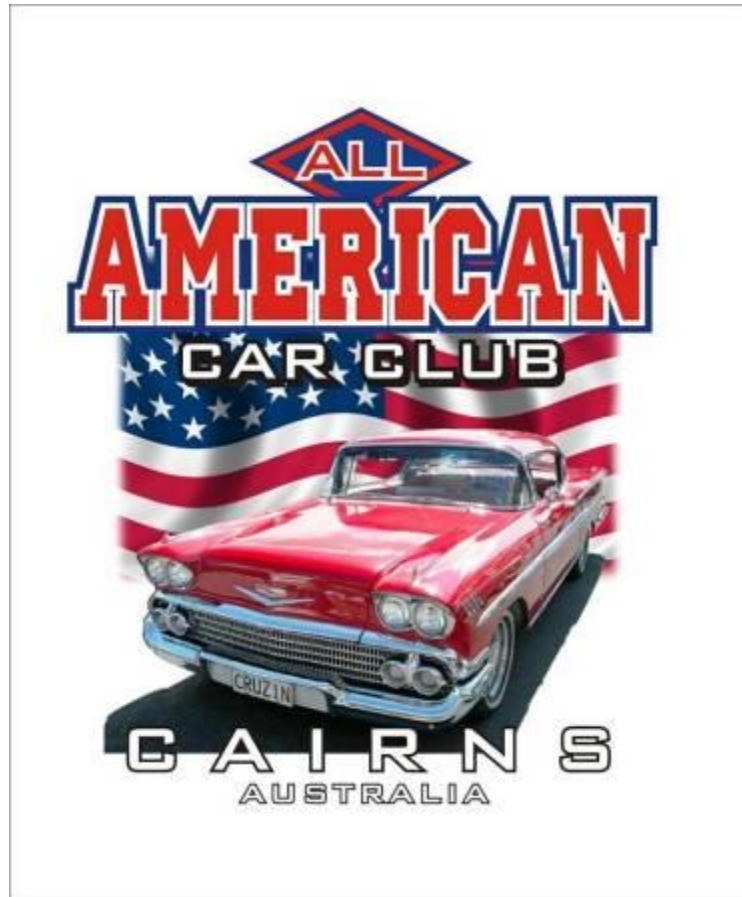


CLUB TORQUE

All American Car Club of Cairns Newsletter



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Knob Community Hall, Wattle
Street, on the last Sunday of every
month, commencing at 10.00am.**

Membership Fees: \$45.00
(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 rally's 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.

It is still too hot to be doing car things whether it is working on them or using them. Hopefully the heat and wet will soon be gone and we will be able to enjoy plenty of activities coming up.

Our next big cruise will be the Power Memorial Poker Run. We are again planning to head north, and the destination will be the Highlander Tavern at Julatten which has great food and facilities. This event is open to all members of the public and other clubs so get the word out to your mates and invite them to attend. Top of the State Hot Rodders will attend and have their monthly meeting at Julatten. It will be on Sunday March 18th.

Club member Chris 'Bandit' Grosetti has advised that he will have his food van in the pits at the drags at Springmount this year he will make his Springmount members specials available to all our club members. Look out for his pie and drink specials.



Planning is underway for this year's swap meet which will be held on August 12th. The first planning meeting will be held on February 21st and we will meet each month up until the event. If you are interested in assisting I can give you details of where and when we meet. This year we will also need some new sponsors as some of our older ones have ceased business, please ask anyone you have regular dealings with if they would like to be a sponsor.

Funny thing happened at the last club meeting, Ross Lloyd has been a member for about 20 years and he reckons that the raffle he won was his first. Congratulations Ross and thanks for your persistence.

Safe cruising and see you all at the meeting on 25th Feb.

Bruce

All American Car Club of Cairns – Meeting Minutes 28 January 2018

Meeting Opened: 10:15 am

Attendees: Per attendance register

Apologies: Nil

Visitors: Nil

Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting: Moved by Steve

Seconded by Trevor

Business arising from last meeting: Nil

- **Incoming correspondence:** Suncorp bank statements x 2; Xmas greetings from Australia Post;
- Emails from Cairns & District Historic Vehicle Club (December edition of Bearing Chatter); Asbestos Testing & Imported Vehicles; Kim McInernery offering vehicle tracking systems for \$299.00 versus RRP of \$800.00; Nick Carling looking for a Charger; Mark Fletcher from Classic Restos TV show looking to come north to film a couple of episodes of the show; minutes of meeting from Queensland Historic Motoring Council in Brisbane;
- **Outgoing Correspondence:** Nil

Treasurers Report:

- **Monies Incoming:** Nil
- **Monies Outgoing:** Flowers for John Springett funeral. Dunwoodys have finally cleared cheque for 20th birthday celebrations

Newsletter Editors Report: Krisitie reminded the meeting that members can submit photos or items of interest to her at: kristiepartington@yahoo.com.au.

Event Co-ordinators Report: Sausage sizzle following today's meeting. Full details on all planned events can be found later in Newsletter, as well as on the Club's website.

Acceptance of Reports: Mover: Geoff

Secunder: Bob

General Business: 1. Mens Shed Car Show Friday 26th January – 30 cars on display; very wet day; 2. As previously advised, John Sprigett died the day after December's Cars & Coffee; he was a great supporter of the club and got a lot of use out of his Mustang – which is now for sale. 3. Dennis advised that there is a '69 red Dodge Charger for sale in Cairns; also that Gridiron is played at the northern beaches, which is free to attend. 4. Geoff is off to the Toowoomba Swap Meet in February and will be away for some time.

Next Meeting: 25 February 2018

Lotto –see Helen.

T-Shirts & Caps: See John Partington

Raffle: \$50.00 Bunnings Gift Voucher



WE NEED YOU

Paddy Power Memorial Cruise & Poker Run 2018

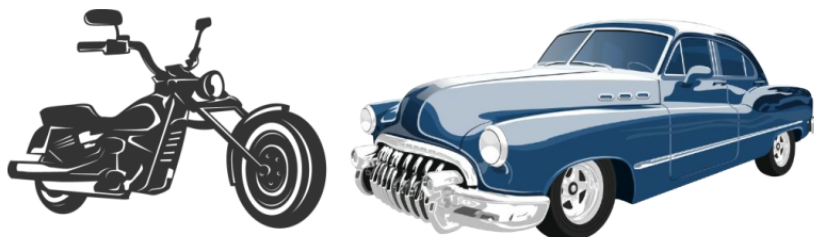
The annual Paddy Power memorial cruise & poker run is on the 18TH of March. On this memorial cruise we celebrate the life of one of our founding members, to coincide with St Patrick's Day.

The weather will hopefully be fine for the Sunday cruise. We hope you can all manage to join us. Get out your best green gear as there will be prizes for the best dressed Irishman and Irishwoman. The route will be similar to last year, we will still meet at the Bunnings carpark at Smithfield from 9.30am to leave around 10.00am.

All car clubs are welcomed & people can join in from the start or meet along the way as we start heading north towards Craiglie and stopping at Willie Pye Memorial Park for our third card and light refreshments then through to Mossman at Jack Street near Coronation Park for our fourth card or just make your way to the Highlander Tavern at Julatten for lunch.

James & Amanda ☘ ☘ ☘ ☘ ☘ ☘ ☘ ☘ ☘ ☘





CRUISE IN EVENT DATES FOR 2018

**FRIDAY 2ND MARCH
6-8.30PM
SPECIAL FOCUS
HOLDEN**

Hosted by The Atherton Men's Shed

EMAIL: atherton@mensshed.net

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**Sunday 6th May
12 midday – 2pm
Special Focus
FORD**

**Sunday 1st July
12 midday – 2pm
Special Focus
AMERICAN V8**

**Sunday 2nd Sep
12 midday – 2pm
Special Focus
EUROPEAN**

**Friday 2nd Nov
6pm – 8.30pm
Special Focus
ALL**

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TOP of the STATE



SWAP MEETING CAR & BIKE SHOW

CANNON PARK JOCKEY CLUB
(Race Course)

SUNDAY 8TH APRIL 2018
GATES OPEN 6AM SUNDAY

CAMPING AVAILABLE SATURDAY NIGHT \$5 PERSON
SATURDAY SET-UP FROM 2PM

SWAP SITES \$15. SHOW CAR/BIKE ENTRY \$10.
GENERAL ADMISSION \$5. SCHOOL CHILDREN FREE.

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Hidden Internet Treasure: Websites Every Muscle Car Fan Should Bookmark

Written by [Diego Rosenberg](#) on January 29, 2018 / [www.hotrod.com](#) website

When I was an adolescent automotive enthusiast, my learning curve was at the mercy of books and magazines, including the one you're reading. Older folks ("adults," I used to call them) had the benefit of trading information in club newsletters and at shows. Yet thanks to the advent of the Internet, the level of information available to everyone rose exponentially.

So when I scored a book deal with CarTech several years ago, all the information at my disposal was somewhat overwhelming because, let's be honest, there's a lot of bad information on the web, too. However, the following sites proved to be indispensable in assisting me in my research. They are worthy complements to your favorite muscle car magazine.



GM Heritage Center (www.gmheritagecenter.com)

This archive tucked in a Detroit suburb is the repository of anything related to what once was the world's largest automaker. There is an unbelievable collection of one-off and production General Motors vehicles but it's the GMHC Reference Collection, with more than 250,000 unique (and unpublished) historical documents, that holds secrets for researchers. However, from the comfort of your home you can enjoy access to extensive Vehicle Information Kits for Cadillac, Chevrolet, and Oldsmobile vehicles that will tell you everything you want to know about specific models, including internal documents and original literature. Sure, the GMHC has Buick items, but you may also want to investigate the Sloan Museum's Buick Automotive Gallery and Research Center (<http://sloanlongway.org/research/>).

Old Car Manual Project (www.oldmanualcarproject.com)

This site, along with Hans Tore Tangerud's Love to Accelerate (www.lov2xlr8.no) page, is chockfull of car brochures you wish you hadn't tossed. Sometimes dealer catalogs aren't the most accurate items for research due to running changes or product development that never materialized (like 427-powered Mustangs and Torinos), but nothing beats the pleasure of flipping through old car catalogs. Notable for the former is a large selection of Canadian brochures, while the latter's Norwegian origin means he has a few Euro-spec catalogs of American cars.

Hamtramck Historical (<http://www.hamtramck-historical.com/>)

Barry Washington's 1970 Hamtramck Registry studies the archaeology of Mopars built in Hamtramck and Los Angeles. It is also a goldmine of information thanks to the Virtual Library, which contains tons of dealership data books and more under-the-radar dealer items on all types of Mopars from the muscle car era and surrounding years, including product information bulletins, ordering information, salesman's pocket guides, and fleet buyer's data books. Detour to the Archives <http://www.hamtramck-historical.com/archives.shtml> and you'll find a vintage advertising page features advertising collateral that goes way beyond the stuff you'd find in magazines.

Automotive History Preservation Society (<http://wildaboutcarsonline.com/cgi-bin/globaltemplate.cgi?id=9>)

“Dedicated to the collection and digitization of printed automotive materials,” this site is actually a nonprofit that digitizes anything related to the cars we love. This includes press photos/releases/kits; factory published materials like marketing bulletins, performance supplements, training and education materials, vehicle service manuals, and guides; and the usual ads, brochures, and magazine articles. Items are sourced from manufacturers, publishers, and individuals like you (hint hint, and they will return your material, too). Everything is scanned at a very high resolution so you can view fullsize or download in PDF format. The Society also publishes the digital e-Zine *No Limits*, which features content from 250,000 pages of automotive history complemented with current articles on the hobby.

MustangTek (<http://mustangtek.com/>)

The general MustangTek site is for parts and casting decoding for FoMoCo engines and drivetrain, but visit the Library and you'll find six pages of unusual vintage Blue Oval goodness plus a large selection of buff books from the muscle car era. Page 1 features vintage publications like Ford and Shelby accessory catalogs, Autolite *Hi-Per Parts* and *Muscle Parts* catalogs, and *Ford Performance Tips from Ak Miller*. Page 2 focuses on sales publications, many targeted to dealerships: *Performance Activities Pit Kit*, *Get a Corner on Performance*, and the very rare and expensive *Performance...It's the Going Thing* binder. Tech publications fill page 3, including a full library of the *Ford Service Handbook*, *Ford Training Handbook*, and *Ford Shop Tips*. Pages 4 through 6 consist of *Car and Driver*, *Car Life*, *Hot Rod*, *Motor Trend*, *Speed and Supercar*, and more. This site is truly a hidden gem.

PaintRef.com (<http://paintref.com/paintref/index.shtml>)

This website is a paint database that allows you to cross-reference formulas from 1922 to the present. But for enthusiasts it's a virtual encyclopedia of more than 35,000 pages of paint chips. Paint names, codes, formulas among different manufacturers—it's all here! Is Oldsmobile's Rally Red the same as Chevy's Hugger Orange and Pontiac's Carousel Red? With PaintRef, you can compare and see it's a different color. In addition, there's also a large database of car brochures, some of which don't appear in the aforementioned sites above.

Giggling Gertie's Gut Busters!

Putting your affairs in order

The doctor, after an examination, sighed and said, 'I've got some bad news. You have terminal cancer, and you'd best put your affairs in order.'

The woman was shocked, but managed to compose herself and walk into the waiting room where her daughter had been waiting. 'Well, daughter, we women celebrate when things are good, and we celebrate when things don't go so well. In this case, things aren't well. I have terminal cancer. So, let's head to the club and have a champagne.'

After 3 or 4 champagnes, the two were feeling a little less sombre. There were some laughs and more champagnes. They were eventually approached by some of the woman's old friends, who were curious as to what the two were celebrating

The woman told her friends they were drinking to her impending end, 'I've been diagnosed with AIDS.' The friends were aghast, gave the woman their condolences and beat a hasty retreat.

After the friends left, the woman's daughter leaned over and whispered, 'Mum, I thought you said you were dying of cancer, and you just told your friends you were dying of AIDS! Why did you do that?'

'Because I don't want any of those bitches sleeping with your father after I'm gone.' And THAT, my friends, is what is called, 'Putting Your Affairs In Order.'

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN FEB 25th MONTHLY MEETING TO BE HELD AT COMMUNITY HALL YORKEYS KNOB, CNR WATTLE & CUNNINGHAM STs AT 10:00am. AFTER THE MEETING LUNCH RUN TO SPEEWAH TAVERN.

FRI MAR 2nd TOP OF THE STATE HOT ROD & CUSTOM CAR CLUB INC MONTHLY KROOZE NITE 6PM FIRST SHOT COFFEE AND GRILL 484 MULGRAVE RD OPPOSITE STOCKLANDS KROOZE FROM 7.30PM BE THERE AND KEEP THOSE WHEELS TURNING. ASRF SANCTIONED SA 108-03-2018

FRI 2nd MAR CRUISE-IN AT THE ATHERTON MEN'S SHED RAILWAY LANE STARTING FROM 6PM -8.30PM. ADMISSION IS FREE, FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE. PHONE- 0459790089 OR EMAIL atherton@mensshed.net FOR MORE INFORMATION. SPECIAL FOCUS HOLDEN. SEE FLYER IN NEWSLETTER.

SAT 3rd MAR STRICTLY ROCK & ROLL NIGHT AT THE PORTSMITH CLUB ON AULMULLER STREET FROM 7pm TO 11.30pm. FULLY LICENSED BAR AND MEALS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.    

SUN MAR 11TH CARS & COFFEE, CAFFEINE & GASOLINE AT COFFEE HAVEN AT THE HUNGRY JACKS END (WHERE WE USED TO HAVE IT).   

SUN 18th MAR PADDY POWER'S MEMORIAL CRUISE & POKER RUN. MEET AT THE BUNNINGS PARK CARPARK SMITHFIELD FROM 9.30AM TO LEAVE AROUND 10AM. FINISHING AT THE HIGHLANDER TAVERN JULATTEN.       

SUN MAR 25TH MONTHLY MEETING TO BE HELD AT COMMUNITY HALL YORKEYS KNOB, CNR WATTLE & CUNNINGHAM STs AT 10:00am. COFFEE RUN TO STRATFORD DELL.

DATE CLAIMERS

APR 8TH 2018 TOP OF THE STATE SWAP MEET & CAR BIKE SHOW

APR 21ST – 22ND 2018 BURDEKIN AUTO FESTIVAL AT AYR SHOWGROUNDS

MAY 27TH 2018 – BENT RODS SHOW N SHINE & SWAP MEET AT HERBERT RIVER JOCKEY CLUB

JUNE 1ST – 3RD 2018? - KURRIMINE BCH WEEKEND WITH TOWNSVILLE

JUNE 8TH – 10TH 2018 - CHARTERS TOWERS CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET

JUNE 16TH 2018 – CAR & BIKE SWAP MEET & SHOW. ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL

JUNE 24TH 2018 SPORTS DAY AT GOOMBARRA PARK – LAST SUNDAY IN JUNE.

JULY 4th - AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CRUISE

JULY 20TH TO 22ND INGHAM AUTO FEST

JULY 28th 2018 CYCLONES SHOW N SHINE. TOWNSVILLE STRAND PARK

AUGUST 12th 2018 CAIRNS SWAP MEET & CAR, BIKE & TRUCK SHOW

SEPTEMBER 2nd 2018 INNISFAIL CAR SHOW

SEPTEMBER 9TH 2018 AACCC 21ST BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER 15TH 2018 CAIRNS SHOW ASSOC CAR SHOW

NOVEMBER 25TH 2018 CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 23RD 2018 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CRUISE

MARCH 17TH 2019 PADDY POWER MEMORIAL CRUISE

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