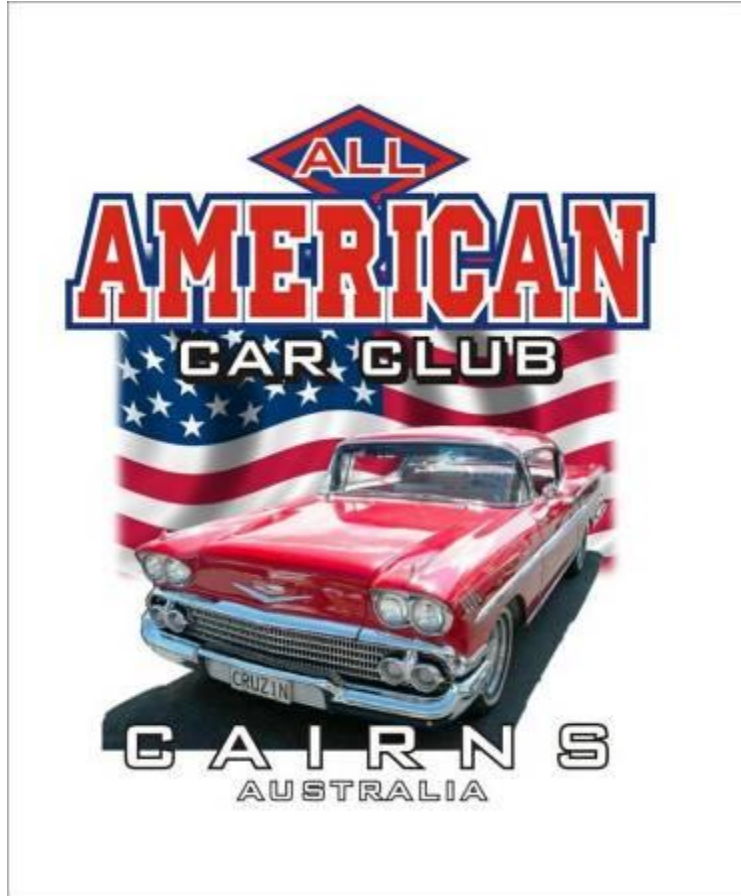


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All American Car Club of Cairns Newsletter



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Knob Community Hall, Wattle

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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.

Happy New Year members, hope it is a good one for all of you. We will have all the usual activities during the year and hope that there will be some new and interesting outings. Do not forget any member can organise an event for all members to participate in, just let the events co-ordinators know what you are up to. Participation in outings seems to have slipped over the past couple of years and any suggestions how participation can be increased will be appreciated by the committee.

I included a couple of pages of info from the QHMC in the newsletter regarding the Special Interest Vehicle Scheme and confirmation that TMR has now agreed to us having 'impromptu events' here in Qld. We have been doing this for a while now. My only concern with this is that some members may use their SIV registered vehicles on an impromptu basis rather than for club events. I hope this does not happen.

The Top of The State Hot Rod Club has obtained the use of the Meerawa Community Hall as a clubhouse for the next 12 months with a view to a further extension to the term. The hall is managed by the Cairns Regional Council and is 10klms south of Gordonvale just off the highway. They have invited all the Cairns car clubs to an open house on Sunday 17th Feb from 12pm. The event will be catered for and there will be snack food and meals available for lunch. They are interested in sharing the facility with the other clubs and are open to any suggestions on how it could be utilised. Go along and have a look and see if we are able to utilise the venue.

Cars & Coffee got off to a good start for 2019 with a good roll up. I would like to see this event grow like similar events have grown down south where you have to get in early for a park



Safe cruising and do not forget the meeting on 27th Jan. Bruce

All American Car Club of Cairns – Meeting Minutes 25 November 2018

Meeting Opened: 10:15 am

Attendees: Per attendance register

Apologies: Drew Nelson, Chris Grosetti

Visitors: Daniel

Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting: Moved by Trevor

Seconded by Geoff

Business arising from last meeting: Nil

- **Incoming correspondence:** Suncorp Bank statement; Arthur J. Gallagher Schedule of Cover for Insurance; email from Andrew Jacomos proposing the Club consider affiliating with CAMS, which would allow club members to seek CAMS licences to participate in events such as Targa GBR; email from Cairns & District Historic Vehicle Club attaching the Bearing Chatter Newsletter.
- **Outgoing Correspondence:** SIV Registration letter for Lee & Yumi for 69 Charger & 59 F100.

Treasurers Report:

- **Monies Incoming:** Annual membership subscriptions.
- **Monies Outgoing:** Purchase of Club Shirts; raffle, Stationery & Xmas Party bits & pieces;

Newsletter Editors Report: Members can submit photos, stories or items of interest to Kristie at: kristiepartington@yahoo.com.au.

Event Co-ordinators Report: Xmas Party at the Grafton Hotel following today's meeting. Full details on all planned events can be found later in Newsletter, as well as on the Club's website. Top of the State Friday night Kruise yet to find a new venue, following closure of the Mulgrave Road First Shot Coffee venue (its relocated to the corner of Brown & Scott streets).

Acceptance of Reports: **Mover:** Geoff
Seconder: Taylor

General Business: 1. CAMS affiliation – a vote is to be held at the meeting of 27 January 2019 for members to decide whether the Club should affiliate with CAMS.

Next Meeting: 27 January 2019

Lotto –see Helen.

T-Shirts & Caps: See John Partington

Raffle: Xmas hamper

Car Club Classifieds

FOR SALE:



1967 Ford Mustang Coupe

Price: \$40,000 negotiable

Contact Geoff on 0417 609 582

- Unregistered
- Queensland Compliant
- Right Hand Drive
- Colour – Candy Apple Red
- One Australian Owner
- Lots of Custom Extras



FOR SALE
Enquiries Murray 0418 989 753

Hedman Hedders
Fits all Windsor 289, 302 & 351 engines
\$550 ono



Ford Falcon wheels x5
13 inch 4 stud
Cooper Trendsetter white wall tyres
size 185/80R/13, 95% tread
Suit early Falcon
\$400 ono



13 inch Stainless Wire Wheel Hudcaps
Set of 4
3 eared spinner in centre with
1960s Ford badge
\$400 ono



1964 Ford Falcon 170 six cylinder complete running
engine with carburettor and distributor and 2
speed auto Ford gearbox
Taken out at 54,000 miles (replaced with 250 2V)
Engine and gearbox in good condition
\$1800 ono for both. Will separate



FOR SALE: 2012 Holden Cruze CD JH Series II CD Sedan 4dr Spts Auto 6sp 2.0DT [MY12]



This car is priced at \$9,990 neg. 61455 km on the clock only. Put your mind at ease with an included roadworthy certificate.

Transmission- 6 speed Sports Automatic

Body- 4 doors 5 seat Sedan

Engine- 4-cylinder Diesel Turbo Intercooled 2.0L

Registration Expiry- 7 Months - August 2019

Roadworthy/Safety Certificate- Yes

FEATURES FIRST CAR BUYERS WILL LOVE:

- USB audio input, Front & rear power windows
- Cruise control, Power steering
- Bluetooth connectivity, Front cup holders
- iPod connectivity, Storage compartment in centre console

SAFETY FEATURES

- Side airbags, Driver airbag, Passenger airbag

Seamless phone connectivity to your radio personalises your driving experience. Keep yourself at a safe distance with ABS brakes. Last but not least this Holden Cruze 2012 cd has remote central locking.

Fuel Consumption Combined 6.7 L/100km. It will also have 6 months rego & new tyres.

James 0417451676

Buying your kid a pony...

1967 Shelby G.T. 500 Super Snake. Images and article courtesy Hemmings & Mecum Auctions.

In 2013, a one-of-one built 1967 Shelby G.T. 500 Super Snake, powered by a 427-cu.in. V-8 liberated from Shelby's Ford GT40 Mk II program, sold for \$1.3 million to become the most expensive Mustang ever auctioned. On January 11 2019, the '67 Super Snake crossed the auction block at Mecum's Kissimmee, Florida, sale, retaining its title with a fee-inclusive selling price of \$2.2 million.

Had it not been for former Shelby American sales executive Don McCain, the '67 Super Snake may never have existed. McCain, then working at Mel Burns Ford in Long Beach, California, thought there might be a market for a Shelby Mustang with more grunt than the existing G.T. 500, which produced 355 hp and 420 lb-ft of torque, courtesy of Ford's Police Interceptor 428-cu.in. V-8. McCain suggested that Shelby drop in the 427 V-8, which in Cobra tune produced 425 hp and 480 lb-ft of torque, but Shelby himself went one better, asking chief engineer Fred Goodell to drop in a racing-spec 427 from the GT40 Mk II program instead.

There was further method to Shelby's madness: As Goodyear's West Coast distributor, Shelby American had been contracted to run a high-publicity tire test for the wingfoot brand's latest economy tire, the Thunderbolt. Shelby saw the highest-performance Mustang ever built as an ideal vehicle to test Goodyear's latest tire, even if it wasn't produced in a size appropriate for the Super Snake.

With the Super Snake wearing nitrogen-inflated 7.75-15 Thunderbolts (the skinniest tires ever mounted to a G.T. 500), Shelby himself reportedly took gathered journalists for 150-mph thrill rides around Goodyear's 5-mile test track in Texas. When he was done, he turned the car over to Goodell, who proceeded to rack up 500 miles at an average of 142 mph (and speeds as high as 170) with zero drama. At the test's conclusion, the Thunderbolt tires were found to have 97 percent of their original tread, despite their on-track punishment

Afterwards, the '67 Super Snake was shipped to Mel Burns Ford, but even McCain couldn't drum up the buyers needed to put the model into production. One obstacle was the car's cost, which was said to be in the area of \$8,000, or over \$1,000 more than a 427 Cobra (and nearly twice as much as \$4,195 Shelby G.T 500). Eventually, the Super Snake was shipped to Dallas, Texas, where it was purchased by a pair of Braniff International Airways pilots and modified with shorter 4.10:1 gears (instead of the original 2.73:1 gears) for drag racing.

The Super Snake passed through a string of owners over the years, but it wasn't until the early 2000s – under then-owner Richard Ellis – that the car received a light restoration to its appearance at the 1967 Goodyear tire test, down to a set of Goodyear Thunderbolt tires, possibly the last four in existence. In May 2013, it was purchased by the consignor at Mecum's Indianapolis sale, setting its earlier value record.





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QHMC Bulletin 2018-1 Special Interest Vehicle Scheme

21st November 2018

To: QHMC Club Delegates and Affiliated Clubs
Subject: Special Interest Vehicle Scheme

WA has a Historic Registration Scheme similar to ours which allows club runs and road testing. One refinement of their scheme is the "Impromptu Event", which allows an individual club member to initiate a Club Run at short notice. In WA they are also known as "Single Vehicle Events". Doug found out about this and made representations to Qld's TMR about it.

TMR has now agreed to us having "Impromptu Events" here in Qld.

They advise that "the Department of Transport and Main Roads is happy for Queensland incorporated car clubs to manage "impromptu events" on a case by case basis, as long as the event is added to the incorporated clubs newsletter, website or social media page." They acknowledge it can be for "one or more" vehicles. (The full email is reproduced at the end of this Bulletin.)

This will give many of the benefits of a Log Book scheme without the restrictions and administrative burdens Log Books create for the member, club officials and Government.

It is up to individual clubs whether they want to participate in the scheme or not, and how they implement it.

In WA, clubs effect this in 2 ways:

1. By the member sending an email to the club which then goes on the website, or
2. By filling in an on-line form, which results in it becoming a listed event automatically. The form can be set up so a password is needed to access it.

In WA they do not have the option of it being listed on the Club's Social Media page.

In deciding how to implement this, clubs need to take security into account, as thieves can target residences when they can find out the owner is away.

This can be addressed in a number of ways. 2 possibilities are:

1. Password-protected online form and Events Page on the club website. There are 2 problems with passwords:
 - a. People forget them, and
 - b. They can be passed on to others.
2. By creating a closed-group Facebook Page for the club, only accessible to financial members, on which they can establish events. This can be by a Facebook post. The Facebook page manager invites members to join the page once they tell him their Facebook ID. If they don't pay their subs they are removed from the Group.

3. Where members choose not to have Facebook or Internet access, despite the inconvenience to the club's webmaster/Facebook page manager, they could ring up to have an event listed.

This will also allow club members in remote locations to use their cars more often, as well as shift workers and fly-in fly-out workers who are unable to attend organised club runs.

Some clubs are voluntarily limiting the number of Impromptu Events a member can initiate for each SIVS registered vehicle to 60 or 90 days a year, so they can be said to be using their vehicles no more than owners in the Log Book schemes in other States. Obviously Transport and Main Roads will be watching this carefully so let's not give them reason to change their attitude.

It needs to be stressed again that SIVS-registered vehicles cannot be used for commuting to and from work, as a work vehicle, or for hire or reward. That would void their insurance if an accident occurs. There is increasing use of automatic number plate recognition in police cars, on overpasses etc., and it won't be long before a press of one button will reveal the usage of a particular number plate. Frequent repeated use on one stretch of road will be detectable and in the event of a claim, insurers will look, as always, for any way to avoid liability.

This is a great privilege – let's not abuse it.

Doug Young
QHMC TMR Rep

Trevor Beutel
President, QHMC

Email from TMR to Doug Young on 19 November 2018

Good Morning Doug,

Thank you for your email about Western Australia's concessional registration scheme for historic vehicles. Apologies for the delay in responding.

As you are aware, WA offers a registration concession to owners of Veteran, vintage, post vintage or invitational vehicles (referred to as a 404 concession). As part of the concession, WA places conditions to the vehicle licence, which restricts the use of the vehicle and this restricted use is reflected in the reduced registration fees and motor vehicle injury insurance premium payable. The restricted use that applies in WA is comparable to the conditions and restrictions that apply in Queensland.

As you have mentioned, the restricted vehicle use in WA includes impromptu events, which allows for vehicles participating in an impromptu event involving one or more vehicles may be acceptable provided the event is recorded in the clubs official run log. While the conditions and restrictions that apply in Queensland do not specially mention 'impromptu event', the Department of Transport and Main Roads is happy for Queensland incorporated car clubs to manage impromptu events on a case by case basis, as long as the event is added to the incorporated clubs newsletter, website or social media page.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Daniel Kaden
Manager (Registration Policy)
Transport Regulation Branch | Department of Transport and Main Roads

Malanda Mens Shed Card Show December 2018



Giggling Gertie's Gut Busters!

A man in Ireland calls his son in London the day before Christmas Eve and says, "I hate to ruin your day but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough".

"Dad, what on earth are you talking about?" the son screams. "You're acting ridiculous."

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer", the father says. "We're sick of each other and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Leeds and tell her".

Frantically, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone, "Like hell, they're getting divorced", she shouts, "I'll take care of this right away."

She calls Ireland immediately and screams at her father, "You are NOT getting divorced from mom. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Done! They're coming for Christmas and they're paying their own way."

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Married 50 years - Priceless!

After being married for 50 years, I took a careful look at my wife one day and said to her, "Fifty years ago we had a cheap house, a junk car, slept on a sofa bed and watched a 10-inch black and white TV, but I got to sleep every night with a hot 23-year-old girl."

"Now... We have an \$800,000 home, a \$65,000 car, a nice big bed and a large-screen TV, but I'm sleeping with a 73-year-old woman. It seems to me that you're not holding up your side of the bargain."

My wife is a very reasonable woman. She told me to go out and find a hot 23-year-old girl and she would make sure that I would once again be living in a cheap house, driving a junk car, sleeping on a sofa bed, and watching a 10-inch black and white TV.

Aren't older women great? They really know how to solve an old guy's problems.

Ode to a Bunning's onion

I am a Bunning's onion
My life was once quite grand,
I'd get to look at everything
As you held me in your hand.

Looking out the drivers window
Or at the people you would greet,
All these scenes unfolded
Up upon my sausage seat.

Sometimes I would be blinded
Smothered by that sauce so red,
Or a squeeze of yellow mustard
Soaked up by the fresh white bread.

But now my life's just not as good
As it used to be,
For my view is now constricted
By the snag on top of me.

And why you ask have things so
changed,
Why did my status drop?
It's all because some Gympie bloke
Trod on me and went flop!

So I'll fade into obscurity
Underneath some dodgy meat,
Now that Bunning's changed the way
We eat our weekend treat.

So please do not forget me
Now I'm down out of the way,
And now and then lift up that snag
And smile and say G'day!

I'll still be just as tasty
Cooked so caramel and rich,
I'm just not as important
Since becoming Bunning's Bitch!

Stevie replies, "Not too bad. How's the golf?"

Stevie: "I always find that when my swing goes wrong, I need to stop playing for a while and not think about it. Then the next time I play, it seems to be all right."

Stevie: "Yes, I've been playing for years."

Stevie: "Well, I get my caddie to stand in the middle of the fairway and call to me. I listen for the sound of his voice and play the ball towards him. Then, when I get to where the ball lands, the caddie moves to the green or farther down the fairway and again I play the ball towards his voice."

"Well", says Stevie, "I get my caddie to lean down in front of the hole and call to me with his head on the ground and I just play the ball towards his voice."

Stevie: "Well, actually -- I'm a scratch golfer."

Stevie: "Well, people don't take me seriously, so I only play for money. And I never play for less than \$10,000 a hole. Is that a problem?"

Stevie: "You pick a night."

[illegible]

- ◆ I read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to cause any trouble....but shouldn't that be an even number?
- ◆ I find it ironic that the colors red, white and blue stand for freedom, until they are flashing behind you.
- ◆ When wearing a bikini, women reveal 90% of their body. Men are so polite they only look at the covered parts.
- ◆ Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?
- ◆ America is a country which produces citizens who will cross the ocean to fight for democracy, but won't cross the street to vote.
- ◆ You know that tingly little feeling you get when you love someone? That's common sense leaving your body.
- ◆ My therapist says I have a preoccupation with vengeance. We'll see about that!
- ◆ I think my neighbour is stalking me as she's been Googling my name on her computer. I saw it through my telescope last night.
- ◆ Money talks ... but all mine ever says is good-bye.
- ◆ You're not fat, you're just easier to see.
- ◆ If you think nobody cares whether you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.
- ◆ I always wondered what the job application is like at Hooters. Do they just give you a bra and say, "Here, fill this out?"
- ◆ The location of your mailbox shows you how far away from your house you can go in a robe, before you start looking like a mental patient.

Now, don't you feel better knowing what an aphorism is?

EVENTS

SUN JAN 27th MONTHLY MEETING TO BE HELD AT COMMUNITY HALL YORKEYS KNOB, CNR WATTLE & CUNNINGHAM STs AT 10:00am. AFTER THE MEETING WE WILL HAVE A SAUSAGE SIZZLE, TEA, COFFEE & SOFTDRINKS ON SALE.

FRI 1ST FEB TOP OF THE STATE HOT ROD & CUSTOM CAR CLUB INC MONTHLY KROOZE NITE 6PM FIRST SHOT COFFEE AND GRILL CNR OF SCOTT & BROWN ST KROOZE FROM 7.30PM BE THERE AND KEEP THOSE WHEELS TURNING.

SUN FEB 10TH CARS & COFFEE, CAFFEINE & GASOLINE AT COFFEE HAVEN DFO AT THE HUNGRY JACKS END (WHERE WE USED TO HAVE IT) MEET FROM 8.00am ONWARDS.

SUN FEB 17th TOP OF THE STATE HOT ROD & CUSTOM CAR CLUB INC ARE HAVING AN OPEN DAY AT THEIR NEW CLUBHOUSE FROM 12pm. WITH ALL OTHER CAR CLUBS INVITED. THERE WILL BE HOT FOOD ON SALE FROM HOT DOGS TO FISH&CHIPS WITH DEAREST MEAL \$12. MEET AT GORDONVALE McDONALDS 11:15am TO LEAVE 11:30am.

SUN FEB 24th MONTHLY MEETING TO BE HELD AT COMMUNITY HALL YORKEYS KNOB, CNR WATTLE & CUNNINGHAM STs AT 10:00am. AFTER THE MEETING RUN TO BARRON RIVER HOTEL, STRATFORD.

DATE CLAIMERS

MARCH 17TH 2019 PADDY POWER MEMORIAL CRUISE

MAY 19TH 2019 TOP OF THE STATE SWAP MEET & CAR BIKE SHOW

MAY 27TH 2019 – BENT RODS SHOW N SHINE & SWAP MEET

JUNE 8TH – 10TH 2019 - CHARTERS TOWERS CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET

JUNE 14TH – 16TH 2019 - KURRIMINE BCH WEEKEND WITH TOWNSVILLE

JUNE 15TH 2019 – CAR & BIKE SWAP MEET & SHOW. ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL

JUNE 30TH 2019 SPORTS DAY AT COMMUNITY HALL YORKEYS KNOB. LAST SUNDAY IN JUNE

JULY 4TH - AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CRUISE

JULY 19TH TO 21ST 2019? INGHAM AUTO FEST

JULY 27TH 2019? CYCLONES SHOW N SHINE. TOWNSVILLE STRAND PARK

AUGUST 11TH 2019 CAIRNS SWAP MEET & CAR, BIKE & TRUCK SHOW

SEPTEMBER 1st 2019 INNISFAIL CAR SHOW

SEPTEMBER 15TH 2019 AACCC 21ST BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER 25TH 2019 CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 15TH 2019 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CRUISE

AT ANY STAGE ON THE DAY OF A RUN IF THE WEATHER LOOKS DOUBTFUL PLEASE CONTACT EITHER JAMES ON 0417451676 OR AMANDA ON 0409349103.

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