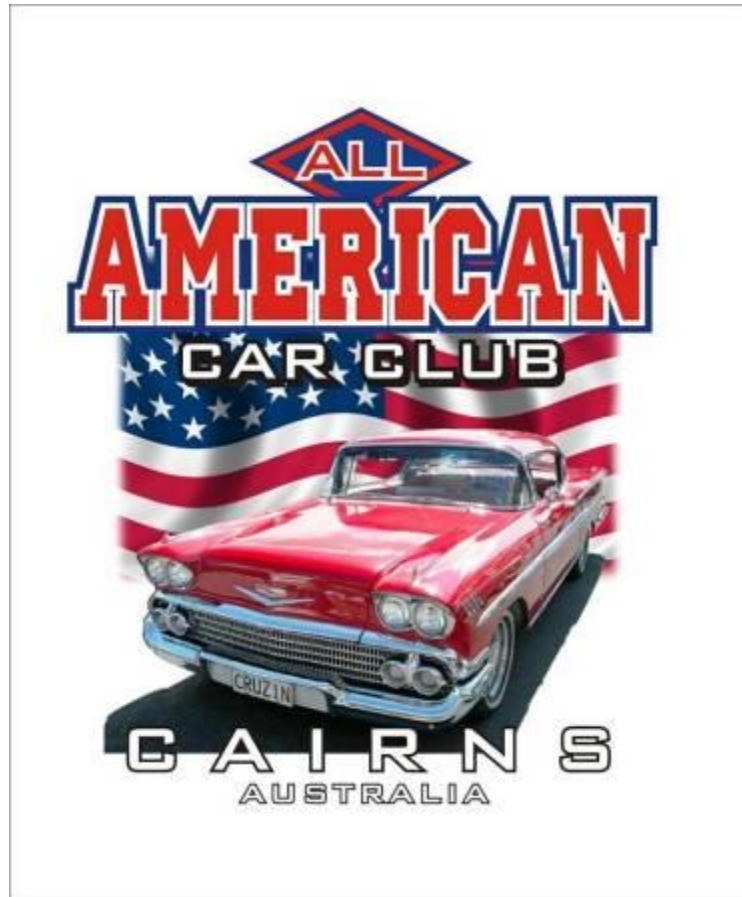


# CLUB TORQUE

All American Car Club of Cairns Newsletter



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**Club meetings are held at Yorkeys  
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 the best time of the year on the weather side and there are plenty of events to attend. The Kurrimine event went off well but as it clashed with the Atherton show and swap numbers were down a fair bit. There was about 30 cars at the show and shine the Sunday. Club members Marg and Murray got a trophy for best Ford and Taylor got a trophy for best Chev. The Saturday night party was great fun as usual and I was best dressed male as Colonel Sanders and Kristie was best dressed female as the woman from the 'Down Down prices are down' ads, Eddie and Jo and entourage were best dressed group dressed as M & M's.



From all reports The Atherton show and swap went off pretty well with the oval being full of cars and bikes.

The Swap Meet is only a couple of months away and we have plenty of posters and flyers available, if you have anywhere you can display them pick them up from me at the meeting on Sunday.

Please make an effort to get to the next meeting which will be the usual breakfast one, but it will be at the hall at Yorkeys Knob. Breakfast will be from 8am with the meeting at 9am. After the meeting stay around for a fun day with our members and members from the other clubs for our annual sports day. Our application to use Goomboora Park was declined but there is plenty of room at the Community Centre for our events.

Safe cruising and see you at the sports day meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> June

Bruce



## All American Car Club of Cairns – Meeting Minutes 27 May 2018

**Meeting Opened:** 10:10 am

**Attendees:** Per attendance register

**Apologies:** Marg & Murray, Cristy & Aaron, Caitlyn, Yumi, Drew

**Visitors:** Jacinta and Richard

**Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting:** Moved by Lee  
Seconded by Bob

**Business arising from last meeting:** Cars & Coffee – DFO access has improved.

- **Incoming correspondence:** Suncorp bank statement; Emails from Cairns & District Historic Vehicle Club (Bearing Chatter Newsletter), Northern Motoring Club event on 2 June on the Tablelands, Yorkeys Knob Community Centre requested a phone contact; failure to reach the Godbees regarding change of Club's postal address.
- **Outgoing Correspondence:** Emails to TOTS/Charters Towers/QHMC/FNQ Restorers/CDHVC; Arthur J. Gallagher, YKCC, Office of Fair Trading, Stovers, Grahams, Godbees, Warren Entsch as well as letters to Queensland Transport and Ellis Ramm regarding change of postal address.

### **Treasurers Report:**

- **Monies Incoming:** Nil.
- **Monies Outgoing:** Stationery for the printer & receipt books. Balance of account \$4800.00 approx.

**Newsletter Editors Report:** Members can submit photos, stories or items of interest to Kristie at:  
[kristiepartington@yahoo.com.au](mailto:kristiepartington@yahoo.com.au).

**Event Co-ordinators Report:** Lunch at the Grafton Hotel in Edmonton 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:** James  
**Secunder:** Kelvin

### **General Business:**

1. Discussion on availability of Goomboora Park for the Sports Day function, following Cairns Regional Council's changes. Motion proposed by John (seconded by Lee) that the Club attend as per usual. A show of hands from the floor resulted in the motion not being supported. The President proposed that the Secretary write to all CRC Councillors complaining about the new rules. In the interim, Bruce will contact the Yorkey's Knob Community Centre about extending our use of YKCC to include the Sports Day on 24 June.
2. The Innisfail Show is scheduled for Thursday & Friday 12 & 13 July – a car show with 20 cars on display is proposed with the Show Association paying up to \$3000.00 (ie \$150.00 per car) to the Car Clubs that support the event. Access will be controlled by fencing & security guard, with cars to be collected after 9:30/10:00pm on Friday night. No real interest was shown in supporting the event due to work commitments, unknown camping facilities and the need to co-ordinate transport to & from Cairns and other towns.
3. As per the Newsletter, Vic Fenech has a collection of Replicator Cars for sale and these can be viewed following the meeting. Any not sold today will be taken to the Cairns Swap Meet for sale.

**Next Meeting: 24 June 2018 – Breakfast for financial members, followed by monthly meeting & Sports Day.**  
An email will be sent advising of the venue, once it has been finalised.

**Lotto** –see Helen.

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

**Raffle:** \$50.00 Bunnings Voucher.



## Jim Wangers Retiring From Public Eye at 91

**T**he following message recently appeared in my Facebook feed for Jim Wangers and the GeeTO Tiger.

*Jim was diagnosed with dementia, possibly Alzheimer's disease, four years ago. Up until this past fall, he seemed to be getting along pretty well. Unfortunately, this horrible disease takes no prisoners, and that is no longer the case.*

*Jim is currently living in an assisted living facility.... He is getting wonderful care, his overall health is good (he still walks unassisted), and appears content.*

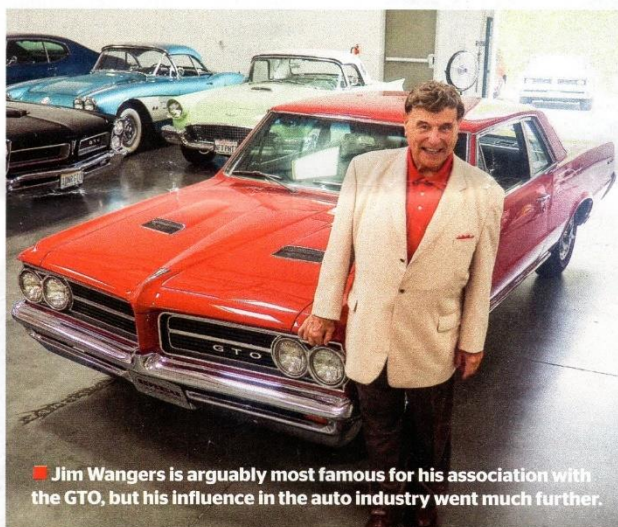
*I have had the honor to work for Jim for almost 20 years, and it is hard to see this hideous disease take such a toll on this great mind. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.*

*Jeanne Weiss*

Of course, his fame comes from being the Godfather of the GTO, but there's so much more to the man who devoted almost 60 years to the auto industry, car hobby, and philanthropy. A common misconception is that he was a designer or engineer at Pontiac; rather, his heyday was in the advertising industry. No matter what your brand allegiance, it's likely you owe a debt of gratitude to Jim Wangers.

### Chevrolet

Wangers joined Campbell-Ewald as a copywriter right when General Motors' low-priced brand was planning its 1955 campaign. Convincing his superiors that NASCAR's Speed Week would be a good opportunity to mine positive press for the new 180-horse Power Pack fell on deaf ears. Wangers was told that "Chevrolet is not into racing." Nonetheless, he went to Daytona on his own dime and documented the success



■ Jim Wangers is arguably most famous for his association with the GTO, but his influence in the auto industry went much further.

of independent Chevy racers. Reaction to his report was underwhelming, as his bosses continued to feel it was some outlaw racing thing.

Media spread the word about Daytona, yet enthusiasts discovered that dealerships were unprepared to cater to them. Through the chain of managers and zones, word got back to the central office, so Campbell-Ewald was forced to capitalize on this marketing opportunity. This time Wangers' report received proper consideration, and by February 1955 Chevrolet had become the Hot One.

### Pontiac

Wangers moved to MacManus, John & Adams in 1958 as an assistant account executive. The following year he was given permission to develop and test a traveling seminar for training dealerships in the world of high performance. Royal Pontiac in suburban Detroit became the guinea pig for knowing its way around an order form, stocking the right parts, and running a dealer-sponsored car at the drags—and so much more.

But with GM doubling down on a racing ban in 1963, it

seemed Pontiac's investment in racing had all been for naught.

Thus the 1964 GTO. "Truth was we were taking Pontiac performance off the race track, like the Corporation wanted, and putting it on the street, like the Corporation didn't want," wrote Wangers in his book *Glory Days*. The story has been told many times, but Wangers enjoyed a unique role as the unofficial spokesman for Pontiac, a man with one hand on the pulse of the street, another on the pulse of Pontiac courtesy of Chief Engineer John DeLorean.

### Oldsmobile

As told in *Hurst Equipped* by Mark Fletcher and Richard Truesdell, Hurst commissioned MJ&A (with Wangers, of course) to sell Pontiac on a big-inch supercar based on the 1968 Firebird. GM's general manager claimed Firebird sales didn't need help, so it was suggested to pay Oldsmobile a visit, as the Lansing company was bitter it didn't receive an F-Body cousin. The result was the 1968 Hurst/Olds. Two years later, Wangers (now consulting for Hurst) proposed a brightly colored small-block H/O as competitor to the

Plymouth Road Runner. Olds stole the idea and produced the Rallye 350.

### AMC

Wangers and Hurst's Dave Landrith presented AMC with an idea of bringing the 1964 GTO concept up to 1969 standards, which evolved into the 1969 SC/Rambler. Now at Hurst, Wangers followed it up in 1970 with the Rebel Machine.

### Mopar

The 1970 Chrysler 300H was another Hurst creation that received Wangers' magic touch. Several years later, while running Motortown with Landrith, they approached Chrysler with the 1976 Volaré Road Runner and Aspen R/T. Wangers brought Mopar more success with the 1981 Charger 2.2.

### Ford

Yes, even the Mustang received the Wangers' touch when Motortown developed the 1976 Cobra II.

### Other Notable Contributions

Wangers helped form the creation of Detroit Dragway in 1959 and brought the NHRA to town to host the Nationals.

He won the 1960 NHRA Top Stock Eliminator title driving a Royal-prepped Catalina.

Pontiac offered Hurst shifters as an over-the-counter option for 1961 on Wangers' urging. Other manufacturers followed suit.

But the Jim Wangers legend as we know it was dwarfed by the founding of Automotive Marketing Consultants Inc. in 1981, which filled a latent need for certified USAC testing/comparisons for advertisers.

Even when it seemed there was none, Wangers never forgot that horsepower and passion ruled Detroit. 



# *Photos from the Kurrimine Beach Hop Party Night and Car Show...*











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# ANGELEE'S QUEST

## WHEELS FOR ANGELEE SHOW AND SHINE

### SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 15th JULY 2018

9.00am to 2.00pm

VENUE: TO BE ADVISED

### STATIC CAR AND BIKE SHOW

CAR AND BIKE ENTRANTS ALL WE ASK IS A DONATION -  
YOUR TIME AND EFFORT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

**OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE \$15,000** by undertaking  
various fundraising events to get a wheelchair friendly  
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# Cyclone's



## Annual Show N Shine

**Sunday 29th July 2018**

**Jezzine Barracks from 9am till 3 pm**  
**20TH ANNIVERSARY**

- Pre Reg Day – Centenary Hotel - Saturday 16th JUNE 10:30am to 2:30pm (Limited to 250 entries)
- NO REGISTRATIONS ON THE DAY - •!!!!NO ENTRANT STICKER NO ENTRY!!!!
- \$25 – Cars \$20 – Bikes \$35 - Roped Individual Displays
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# Giggling Gertie's Gut Busters!

## **ABC WIFE:**

After being married for thirty years, a wife asked her husband to describe her.

He looked at her for a while, then said, "You're an alphabet wife ... A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K."

She asks ... "What the hell does that mean?"

He said, "Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Foxy, Gorgeous, and Hot".

She smiled happily and said ... "Oh, Darling ... that's so lovely, but what about I, J, K?"

He said, "I'm Just Kidding!"

The swelling in his eye is going down and the doctor is fairly optimistic about saving one of his testicles.

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## **Menopause Jewellery**

My husband, being unhappy with my mood swings, bought me a mood ring the other day so he would be able to monitor my moods.

We've discovered that when I'm in a good mood, it turns deep blue. When I'm in a bad mood, it leaves a big frickin' red mark on his forehead.

Maybe next time he'll buy me a diamond. Dumb Ass.

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## ***South African Parliament 22.04.18***

*Honourable Madisha: Half of people in this parliament are stupid!*

*Speaker: Hon. Madisha, please withdraw that statement.*

*Hon. Madisha: I withdraw that statement. Half of the people in this parliament are not stupid!*

*Speaker: Thank you. Let's proceed.*

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I changed my password to "incorrect" so whenever I forget it the computer will say,

"Your password is incorrect."



# EVENTS CALENDAR

## Upcoming Events:

SUN JUN 24<sup>TH</sup> MONTHLY MEETING TO BE HELD AT COMMUNITY HALL YORKEYS KNOB. COME ALONG EARLY AT 8.00am FOR BREAKFAST PROVIDED BY CLUB FOR FINANCIAL MEMBERS ONLY. MEETING STARTS AT AROUND 9.15am. FOLLOWED BY ANNUAL COMBINED CLUBS SPORTS DAY

WED JUL 4<sup>TH</sup> AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CRUISE. MEET AT HUNGRY JACKS DFO AT 5.30PM ONWARDS TO LEAVE AROUND 7.00PM FOR A CRUISE AROUND THE ESPLANADE.

FRI JUL 6<sup>TH</sup> 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

SUN JUL 8<sup>TH</sup> CARS & COFFEE, CAFFEINE & GASOLINE AT COFFEE HAVEN AT THE HUNGRY JACKS END (WHERE WE USED TO HAVE IT)

SUN JUL 15<sup>TH</sup> WHEELS FOR ANGELEE SHOW AND SHINE STARTING AT 9.00AM TO FINISH ABOUT 2.00PM WITH VENUE TBA. STATIC CAR & BIKE WITH ENTRANTS ASKED TO MAKE A DONATION, YOUR TIME AND EFFORT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. SEE FLYER IN NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFORMATION.

FRI 20<sup>TH</sup> - SUN 22<sup>ND</sup> JUL INGHAM AUTO FEST AT THE INGHAM SHOWGROUNDS. MULTI DAY EVENT INCLUDING SHOW N SHINE, GO TO WHOA, DYNO SHOOTOUT, BURNOUT COMP AND MUCH MORE. [www.autofest.com.au](http://www.autofest.com.au) SEE FLYER IN NEWSLETTER

SUN JUL 22<sup>ND</sup> RUN TO TOLGA PUB FOR LUNCH. MEET AT BUNNINGS CARPARK 10.15AM TO LEAVE 10.30AM.

SUN 29<sup>TH</sup> CYCLONES SHOW N SHINE TO BE HELD AT TOWNSVILLE'S JEZZINE BARRACKS. CARS ARE TO BE IN PLACE BETWEEN 7am TO 8.30am. SHOW RUNS FROM 9AM TO 3PM. MUST REGISTER BEFORE THE EVENT. FOR ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE PM THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE OR EMAIL- [cycloneberni@gmail.com](mailto:cycloneberni@gmail.com) SEE FLYER IN JUNE'S NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFORMATION.

SUN JUL 29<sup>TH</sup> MONTHLY MEETING TO BE HELD AT COMMUNITY HALL YORKEYS KNOB, CNR WATTLE & CUNNINGHAM ST AT 10:00am. RUN TO STRATFORD DELI FOR COFFEE

## DATE CLAIMERS

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

APR 7TH 2019? TOP OF THE STATE SWAP MEET & CAR BIKE SHOW

MAY 27TH 2018 – BENT RODS SHOW N SHINE & SWAP MEET

JUNE 8TH – 10TH 2018 - 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 GOOMBARRA PARK – LAST SUNDAY IN JUNE

JULY 4th - AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CRUISE

JULY 19<sup>TH</sup> TO 21<sup>ST</sup> 2019? INGHAM AUTO FEST

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

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