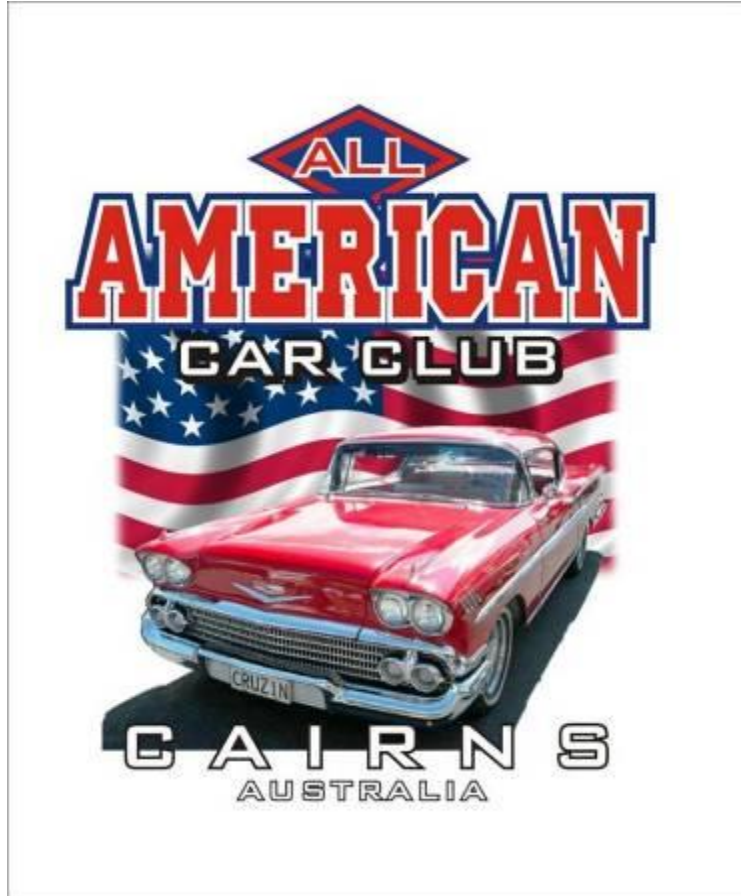


# CLUB TORQUE

All American Car Club of Cairns Newsletter



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month, commencing at 10.00am.**

**Membership Fees:** \$45.00  
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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

The lunch run following our last meeting to the Burger Barn was quite successful with a reasonable turn up of members who enjoyed good food and quick service.

The November meeting and Christmas party will be on of the last events for the year but remember that you can still organise Impromptu Runs to use your vehicle on SIV rego when there are no club events planned. You need a starting point and time and a destination and if you do not use Facebook give the details to a committee member to record.

The committee have spoken about a Christmas lights cruise on a Friday night prior to Christmas but it will depend upon sufficient decorated houses in a suitable area. You will get plenty of notice if we proceed with a lights cruise.

Hope you can all make it the Christmas Party which will follow the next monthly meeting. The party will be at the West Cairns Bowls Club with plenty of parking on the old green in front of the clubhouse. If you have any friends, family or acquaintances you would like to invite, bring them along it will be a fun event.

Checked out a formal last Wednesday and noticed a predominance of new vehicles being used with many up market European models and new American vehicles. Modern Mustangs outnumbered the classics by about 5 to 1 but it was good to see a few classics there.



Safe cruising and hope you can make it to the next meeting on Sunday 24th November.

Bruce

## All American Car Club of Cairns – Meeting Minutes 27 October 2019

**Meeting Opened:** 10:20 am

**Attendees:** Per attendance register

**Apologies:** Ann Power, Drew, Lorraine & Lance, Gordon & Brenda

**Visitors:** Nil

**Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting:** Moved by Trevor

Seconded by James

- **Inwards Correspondence:** Snail mail – Suncorp Bank statement; renewal of club membership Zanatta & Fraser; Emails – two from Queensland Historic Motoring Council: minutes of September 2019 meeting; notice of Military Jeep Club of Queensland Swap Meet on 17 to 20 October 2019; Office of Fair Trading – payment receipt.
- **Outward Correspondence:** Nil

### **Treasurers Report:**

- **Monies Incoming:** Club membership renewals
- **Monies Outgoing:** Cost of stationery for newsletter; cost of smoko for AGM; Renewal of insurance (Gallagher). Balance of account \$5100.00 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).

**Event Co-ordinators Report:** Lunch @ Burger Barn following today's meeting. **Xmas Party Sunday 24 November at West Cairns Bowls Club – RSVP by 18/11/2019 – Secret Santa \$10.00.** Full details on all planned events can be found later in Newsletter, as well as on the Club's website and on Facebook.

**Acceptance of Reports:** **Mover:** Bob  
**Secunder:** Kristie

**General Business:** 1. Bands for sale in support of Moya Moya Foundation. 2. New members (Barry Wilkins & Craig Streets) were welcomed to the club following a show of support. 3. When advertising cars for sale, it is advisable to cover any number plates, as people on Social Media are using that information to track down vehicles. 4. James proposed that the club donate \$250.00 to the Moya Moya Foundation – seconded by Geoff and endorsed by members through a show of hands.

**Next Meeting: 24 November 2019**

**Lotto** –see Helen

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

**Raffle:** Bunnings Gift voucher.

**Meeting Closed:** 10:45am



## Lunch Run to Burger Barn

Great run to [The Burger Barn](#) on Mulgrave Rd for lunch on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October. Great food and drinks and the service was fantastic. We will differently do another run there for sure.



Amanda & Caitlin shared the dessert burger





# Christmas Party!



**Where:** The West Cairns Bowls Club, Westcourt

**When:** Sunday 24 November.

**What:** Lunch & drinks to celebrate Christmas. We'll hand out the presents Santa has left, and have a jolly time.

**How Much:** Meals ordered from the menu

**Drinks:** Should be cold and at bar prices.

**Bring:** A Secret Santa for an anonymous adult the same gender as you to a maximum value of \$10. Please don't bring gifts for the wrong gender.

**Parking:** Yep, on the old bowling green out the front of clubhouse.

**Parents:** Bring a present for your own kids.

**RSVP:** Numbers will be required by November 19th for catering and seating purposes. You can RSVP to any committee member.

If you tell us you are coming & change your mind, please let us know. It's only courteous that we keep the venue updated with expected numbers.

## Google and Facebook number plates

From an article in Jalopnik written by Jason Torchinsky.

For years I've gone back and forth over the practice of obscuring license plates on photos on the internet. License plates are already publicly-viewable things, so what's the point in obscuring them, right? Well, now I think there actually is a good reason to obscure your license plates in photos because it appears that Google and Facebook are actually reading the plates in photos, and then making the actual license plate alphanumeric sequence searchable. I tested it. It works.

Starting with Google, the way this works is to search for the license plate number using Google Images. That's it.

In my testing, I started with my own cars that I know have had images of their license plates in Jalopnik articles. For my Nissan Pao, a search of my license plate number brings up an image of my car, from one of my articles, as the first result:

It's worth noting that the image search results aren't even trying to differentiate the search term as a license plate; the number sequence has just been tagged to the photo automatically after whatever hidden Google OCR system reads the license plate. This can mean that someone searching a similar sequence of characters could likely end up with a result for your car if enough of those characters match your license plate.

I tried again with the license number for the Yugo fellow Jalop Mike Ballaban gave me, and was greeted with an even more impressive display of results:

Woah, damn! Because this car has been photographed and written about a good bit, there's a lot of results here, and my name and other Jalopnik employees' names show up in those top links, too. Of course, I should mention that at no point did we tag the Yugo's license plate number to any of these photos—that's all behind-the-scenes Google black magic.

The license plate reader does not differentiate based on the national origin of plate—whatever that AI is doing, it seems to identify a car and a license plate, and then reads the characters and tags the image with them.

I also was able to learn that Volkswagen must be re-using plates on their press vehicles, because the VW California camper I just tested had a plate with the number HCA187 and that same plate shows up on a red camper from the previous year.

Since it treats all countries equally, sometimes you can use it to find a car's foreign license plate-twin, as I did with a V8-swapped Karmann Ghia I spotted on the road, which has an unexpected Eastern Bloc license plate-twin:

Now, many plates I searched for from other sources online didn't come up, but many did. It's safe to say that if there's a photo of your car online and the license plate is visible, it will be read and tagged to the photo.



I don't think there's really all that much you can do about it. There are some ways you can maintain a bit more privacy, though, if you don't want your cars, like mine, to pop up immediately when their license number is entered into a Google Image Search.

One way is to get an all-numeric license plate. Because numbers show up in so many contexts, an all-numeric plate search will likely be diluted by other results, making your car harder—if not impossible—to find.

Counterintuitively, the same goes for personalized license plates, too.

For example, I tried to search for a car's plate, which was a personalized plate that used a normal, English word with a number replacing a letter. An alternate version of the word was common enough that a search was flooded with other, unrelated examples, making any possible images of the Viper very difficult to find.

Anecdotal reports have suggested that Facebook and Instagram do this as well, and we may as well go ahead and accept this as true. If Google is doing it, there's little reason to assume others aren't.

I just checked a test I did on Facebook earlier today to see if they're reading and tagging license plates, and, yep, it appears they are:

So, people can type your license plate into Facebook and, if it's visible in any of your photos, it seems like it'll show up! Great for you budding stalkers out there!

The takeaway here is that you should just assume your license plate is known and tagged to pictures of your car. Even if you obscure your plate in every image you yourself post, there's no way to know what images your car and its license plate may be in the background of, meaning if it's not searchable yet, it likely will be.

I suppose the positive side is that if you see a hit and run or someone's blocking you in, it's a lot easier to find out who's being the jerk. On the negative side, it's just a reminder that privacy in so many ways is eroding away, and there's damn little we can do about it.

Oh well. It's not like I was being particularly sneaky in my Pao, anyway.

Submitted by Bruce Nancarrow

# *Giggling Gertie's Gut Busters!*

When everybody on earth was dead and waiting to enter Heaven, God appeared and said, "I want the men to make two lines: One line for the men who were true heads of their household, and the other line for the men who were dominated by their women." I want all the women to report to St. Peter." Soon, the women were gone, and there were two lines of men. The line of the men who were dominated by their wives was hundreds of miles long and in the line of men who truly were heads of their household, there was only ONE man. God said to the long line, "You men should be ashamed of yourselves; I created you to be the head of your household! You have been disobedient and have not fulfilled your purpose! Of all of you, only one obeyed. Learn from him." God turned to the one man, "How did you manage to be the only one in this line?" The man replied: "This is where my wife told me to stand."

## **The "Proper" way to call someone a Bastard**

A guy was getting ready to tee off on the first hole when a second golfer approached and asked if he could join him.

The first said that he usually played alone, but agreed to the twosome.

They were even after the first few holes. The second guy said, "We're about evenly matched, how about playing for five bucks a hole?"

The first guy said that he wasn't much for betting, but agreed to the terms.

The second guy won the remaining sixteen holes with ease.

As they were walking off number eighteen, the second guy was busy counting his \$80.

He confessed that he was the pro at a neighbouring course and liked to pick on suckers.

The first fellow revealed that he was the Parish Priest.

The pro was flustered and apologetic, offering to return the money.

The Priest said, "You won fair and square and I was foolish to bet with you. You keep your winnings."

The pro said, "Is there anything I can do to make it up to you?"

The Priest said, "Well, you could come to Mass on Sunday and make a donation.

And, if you want to bring your Mother and Father along, I'll marry them.



Confusions still unresolved...

1. At a movie theater, which arm rest is yours?
2. If people evolve from monkeys, why are monkeys still around?
3. Why is there a 'D' in fridge, but not in refrigerator?
4. Who knew what time it was when the first clock was made?

Vagaries of English Language!

Ever wonder why the word funeral starts with FUN?

Why isn't a Fireman called a Water-man?

How come Lipstick doesn't do what it says?

If money doesn't grow on trees, how come Banks have Branches?

If a Vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a Humanitarian eat?

How do you get off a non-stop Flight?

Why are goods sent by ship called CARGO and those sent by truck SHIPMENT?

Why do we put cups in the dishwasher and the dishes in the Cupboard?

Why do doctors 'practice' medicine? Are they having practice at the cost of the patients?

Why is it called 'Rush Hour' when traffic moves at its slowest then?

How come Noses run and Feet smell?

Why do they call it a TV 'set' when there is only one?

What are you vacating when you go on a vacation?

Did you know that if you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When", you get the answer to each of them.

Still to be Answered...

1. If poison expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
2. Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?
3. Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?
4. Why is the letter W in English called double U? Shouldn't it be called double V?
5. Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and It just takes 75-100 years to fully work.
6. Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.
7. The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims"
8. 100 years ago, everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.

### The Old Guy and the Hooker

An old man is walking along and passes a hooker standing at her door.

She asks him: "Granddad, why don't we give it a try?"

He replies: "No girl, that's no longer possible for me."

Says the hooker: "Come on, what have we got to lose, we can give it a try!"

So, he made up his mind and they both go inside.

They undress and he performs like a young buck, 5 times in a row.

"Oh, my goodness", says the hooker, breathless, "and you said that it was no longer possible for you?!"

Says the old guy: "Oh, the sex part is still going well, it's the paying that is no longer possible!"

# Salted Caramel Pumpkin Cheesecake



For the crust:

- 1 packet Arnott's Marie biscuits (230 grams)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 6 tablespoons (85 grams) unsalted butter, melted

For the filling:

- 24 ounces (680 grams) cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1 1/2 cups (300 grams) granulated sugar
- 15 ounces (425 grams) pureed pumpkin
- 1/4 cup (77 grams) salted caramel sauce
- 1/4 cup (57 grams) sour cream
- 3 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon of mixed spice
- 2 tablespoons of plain flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

For the topping:

- Whipped cream
- Salted caramel sauce

## Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 165°C. Spray a 9-inch springform pan with non-stick cooking spray.

### Make the crust:

In the bowl of a food processor, combine the graham crackers and cinnamon. Pulse until finely ground. You should have 1 3/4 cups (230 grams) graham cracker crumbs. Add the butter and pulse until moistened. Press into the bottom and halfway up the sides of the pan. Bake for 10 minutes. Place on a wire rack to cool. Maintain oven at 165°C.

### Make the cheesecake:

In the bowl of a food processor or electric mixer, beat the cream cheese, sugar, pumpkin puree, caramel, and sour cream until smooth. Add the eggs and yolk, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, flour, and vanilla and puree until just combined. Pour over crust and spread evenly. Bake for 1 hour, or until set and dry at the edges but slightly jiggly in the centre. Turn off the oven and allow to cool inside for 15 minutes before removing to a cooling rack to cool to room temperature (this helps prevent cracks).

Refrigerate for at least 6 hours, or overnight. The cheesecake can be refrigerated for up to 3 days. Top with whipped cream and caramel sauce before serving.

Submitted by James Fullerton

## Peeramon Pub Run. Sunday 17th.

Great weather made the run up the "hill" very enjoyable today, even had a great run with the traffic. Caught up with Peter and Nicola Baker and the 3 kids as well as Vicki, Taylor and Daniel all tableland members that can't make all our runs, but it's good to see them when they can.

The historical Peeramon Pub is the oldest pub on the tablelands, with friendly staff, good meals and the beer and wine was nice and cold too. The outlook over the surrounding countryside made this a most enjoyable lunch.

It was proposed and carried at the October meeting that the club donate to the Moya Moya Foundation. Today Bruce and James presented Nicola with a cheque for \$250. Nicola and the family were very grateful and thanked everyone for their support.

Thank you to all members that attended today, and also to some members of The Top of the State who joined us for lunch after having their meeting at Tinaroo.

See you all at our Christmas Party next week.

"Horsin Around"





# EVENTS CALENDAR



## MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

### Upcoming Events:

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

SUN NOV 24<sup>TH</sup> CAR CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE WEST CAIRNS BOWLS CLUB GATTON STREET. NUMBERS REQUIRED BY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER. SECRET SANTA \$10 PRESENT BUY FOR YOUR OWN GENDER. MEMBERS WITH KIDS BUY OWN PRESENTS FOR THEM. SEE FLYER IN NEWSLETTER.

SUN DEC 8<sup>TH</sup> CARS & COFFEE, CAFFEINE & GASOLINE AT COFFEE HAVEN DFO AT THE HUNGRY JACKS END (WHERE WE USED TO HAVE IT) MEET FROM 8.00am ONWARDS.

FRI DEC 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AACCC CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CRUISE. MEETING POINT TO BE ADVISED BUT IT WILL BE AROUND 6pm TO LEAVE ON DARK. DESTINATION ALSO TO BE ADVISED.

SUN DEC 22<sup>ND</sup> BREAKFAST RUN TO ELLIS BEACH. MEET AT THE BP SERVO SMITHFIELD FROM 7.30AM TO LEAVE AT 7.45AM.

SUN 29<sup>TH</sup> DEC PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO MONTHLY MEETING THIS MONTH.

### DATE CLAIMERS

DECEMBER 15TH 2019 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CRUISE

MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup> 2020 PADDY POWER MEMORIAL CRUISE

JUNE 6TH – 8TH 2020 - CHARTERS TOWERS CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET

JUNE 19TH – 21ST 2020? - KURRIMINE BCH WEEKEND WITH TOWNSVILLE

JUNE 13TH 2020? – CAR & BIKE SWAP MEET & SHOW. ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL

JUNE 28TH 2020 SPORTS DAY. LAST SUNDAY IN JUNE

JULY 4TH - AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CRUISE

JULY 19TH TO 21ST 2020? INGHAM AUTO FEST

JULY 26TH 2020? CYCLONES SHOW N SHINE. TOWNSVILLE STRAND PARK

AUGUST 9TH 2020 CAIRNS SWAP MEET & CAR, BIKE & TRUCK SHOW

AUGUST 23RD 2020? INNISFAIL CAR SHOW

SEPTEMBER 20TH 2020 AACCC 22ND BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER 29TH 2020 CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

TBA 2021? TOP OF THE STATE SWAP MEET & CAR BIKE SHOW

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