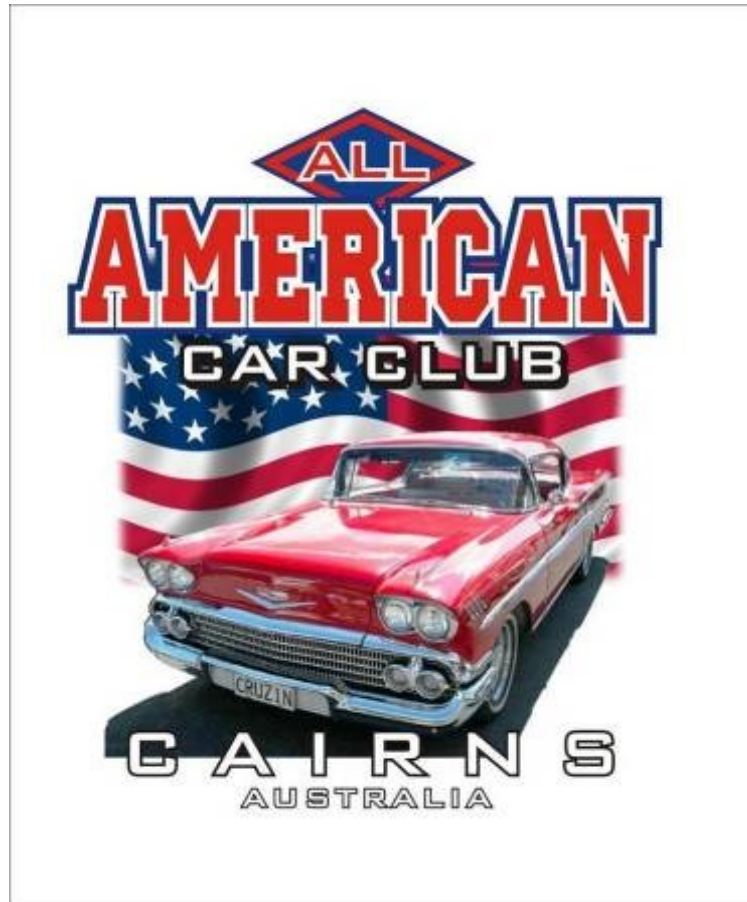


CLUB TORQUE

All American Car Club of Cairns Newsletter



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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 rally's and social events.*

Hi Members.

Well another AGM has come and gone and it good to see such a large turnout at the meeting. The previous committee was returned unopposed and we are all keen to see another successful club year.

A funny thing happened while I was in the US. Arron took a week off and asked if he could use the Crewman to tow his van on a short touring run around the tableland. I had no problem with that as it is much more practical than using the Catalina. I have had the Crewman since 2011 and just after I got it I reversed it into my car trailer while preparing to go to the Pontiac Nationals which resulted in a big ugly dent on the left side rear of the bed. I finally fixed the bed when I put a replacement one on earlier this year, not new but it looked a lot better. All was going well for Aaron until he had to reverse the van a little, was distracted by the kids and wouldn't you know it, the van jack knifed and the dent which I had got rid of reappeared. Apparently Arron was distraught thinking of the consequences. Turned out It was not a big problem as he got on to his friend and former club member Richard Teeling who is the whiz at paintless dent removal and apparently after about 3 hours of massage it is hard to see where the dent was. The point of this little tale is to let you know that Richard, who now runs a towing business in Cairns, wants to keep his hand in with the paintless dent removal and is available for this type of repair. He can be contacted through Arron if you have the need.

Another Bathurst 1000 has come and been won but I think I will remember it for the Pussy Wagon comment. I cannot understand why some people try to rewrite history and things that were once accepted are now unacceptable. I do not know the history of the term but I do know that the car featured in the stage play from 1971 and the movie from 1978 'Grease' was described as 'She's a real pussy wagon". Plenty of other suggestive terms are in the lyrics of Greased Lightning. The movie has always been a favourite of our family and millions of others.

Spent a bit of time in SEQ in the past couple of weeks and got up to the "Garterbelts and Gasoline" event at Mt Tamborine where we had a great time.



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

Bruce

All American Car Club of Cairns – Meeting Minutes 27 September 2015

Meeting Opened: 10:25 am

Attendees: Per attendance register

Apologies: Rob Healey, Steve Mackinnon.

Visitors: Gloria & Dave (67 Mustang), Warren (69 Camaro), Ollie (72 Corvette), Chris (TransAm)

Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting: Moved by Kelvin

Seconded by Robert

Business arising from last meeting: Nil

- **Incoming correspondence:** Bank statement; Certificate of Currency Federation of Historic Motoring Club Insurance - Arthur J. Gallagher; renewal of membership letter & cheque from M & L Graham; Shannon's Auction catalogue (September); Invoice for rental of Yorkey's Knob Community Hall; Yorkey's Knob Community Newsletter.
- **Outgoing Correspondence:** Nil

Treasurers Report:

- **Monies Incoming:** Raffle & Memberships; Overall we have shown a small profit over the last 12 months.
- **Monies Outgoing:** Cost of raffle, newsletter and printing; Insurance renewal; Dept. of Fair Trading.

Newsletter Editors Report: Reviewing method of printing Newsletter to reduce costs; will purchase a printer and produce the Newsletter in-house. Members can elect to receive their copy by email. Contributions on articles always welcome from members.

Events Co-ordinators Report: Tea/coffee & sausage sizzle following today's meetings; 2 October Meet & Greet @ Bike Stop Cafe with reduced offerings for meals; 11 October Cars & Coffee @ DFO – also Innisfail event on the same day; 25 October Monthly Meeting with cruise to Fishery Falls for lunch. People welcome to submit suggestions for other events for the period between 11 & 25 October. Refer later in Newsletter for other events.

Acceptance of Reports: Mover: Kelvin
Secunder: Bob

General Business:

Pop-Up Marquees: 4 purchased and will be kept in the Club's trailer; the old tarp to be sold – expression of interest in purchasing same has been received – Bruce to follow up.

Shirts: Two samples were circulated to allow members to inspect the proposed material offering; the examples also showed how designs are incorporated into the material, rather than being embroidered onto the shirt. Both long and short sleeve can be provided – pockets would be internal.

Gleam Machine Trophy: This is awarded to the member/s whom the Committee determines has a well presented vehicle and who participates in Club events – Marge & Murray Nix are the winners.

Christmas Party: Date will be 22 November 2015 at Holloways Beach (same venue as last year). Further details will be provided in the near future.

Next Meeting: 25 October 2015

Lotto - see Helen

T-Shirts & Caps: See Bob Aller/Aaron.

Raffle: 50/50 as per Board

Meeting Closed: 10:55 am

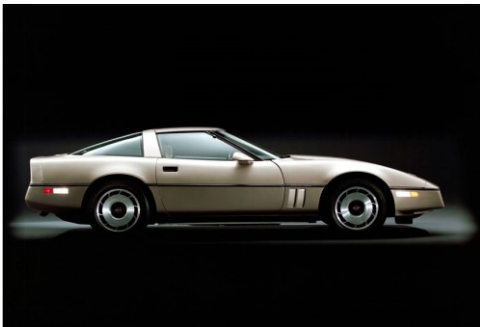
Current Committee members vacated the chair to allow John to conduct the Annual General Meeting and election of Office Bearers.

10 Little Known Facts about American Muscle Cars!

(at least according to popularmechanics.com)



1968 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 : The 197 Shelby Mustangs used Mercury Cougar tail lamps, but the 1968 models used lamps from the '66 Ford Thunderbird.



1984 Chevy Corvette : There is no production 1983 Corvette. Although 1982 was the last year for the third generation Corvette, Chevy decided to wait until the 1984 model year to launch the all-new car. Why? Some sources claim tighter emissions regulations necessitated more time for development. Other say that the quality glitches at the factory were the real reason. All we know is every 1983 Corvette prototype was destroyed, except one: a white car that now lives at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky.



1969 Dodge Charger Daytona : The Daytona's aerodynamic modifications over those of a standard Charger helped lower the coefficient of drag to 0.28 – an excellent figure even by today's standards. But did that huge rear wing really need to be so tall to maximize rear-end downforce? According to legend, no. The reason for the exaggerated height of the wing was so that the trunk lid on the production cars could pass underneath it and fully open.



1970 Oldsmobile 442 : Actor James Garner raced a beefed-up 1970 Olds 442 in the NORRA Mexico 1000 (a precursor to the Baja 1000), where it won second in class. The Goodyear Grabber, as it was known, was built by legendary Baja-race-vehicle guru Vic Hickey and sponsored by Goodyear tyres. The vehicle was recently restored and put up for sale.



1978 Pontiac Firebird Trans Am : The Pontiac's T-top roof, which first became an option in 1976, was as close as a buyer could get to a convertible Trans Am. These lift-out roof sections were initially made by Hurst and were known as the Hurst Hatch. The problem was, they leaked. This led Pontiac to develop its own T-tops within GM's Fisher body division and launch the option midway through the 1978 model year. So some '78 Firebirds have Hurst T-tops and others have the Fisher units. You can spot the difference because the Fisher glass roof panels are larger than the Hurst Hatch ones.



1969 Mustang Boss 429 : There were actually three different 429 engines installed in the Boss 429 between '69 and '70. The hardcore "S-Code" was installed in the early cars and filled with race-duty parts. But the S-Code had warranty problems, reportedly because of an incorrect assembly process. So the "T-Code" with lighter-duty parts was used in some cars. The later "A-Code" version of the 429, equipped with smog equipment and a new valve train, appeared toward the end of production.



1970 Chevy Chevelle LS6 : The Chevrolet Corvette has always been Chevy's top performance car. And up until the LS6, GM wouldn't allow any other Chevy to carry a horsepower rating higher than that of the Corvette. But somehow that stance was relaxed for 1970 – the highest horsepower engine you could get in a 1970 Corvette was a 390-hp LS5 454. An LS7 was planned with 465 hp, but it was never officially sold. So why no LS6? An LS6 Corvette was offered for 1971, but its potency slipped (at least officially) to 425 hp.



1969 Pontiac GTO Judge : The original TV commercial for the Judge featured the rock band Paul Revere and the Raiders singing about the GTO out on a dry lakebed. According to the book Pontiac Pizazz, by Jim Wangers and Art Fitzpatrick, the lead singer, Mark Lindsay, was a car guy and loved the Judge, so he wrote a song about it. Wangers claims this commercial is considered one of the earliest rock music videos.



1969 COPO Camaro : The aluminum ZL-1 427 V-8 in the 9560 COPO Camaro is essentially a race engine. Chevy originally developed this 427 motor for the Chaparral racing team to use in the Can Am series. There are no external emblems on a ZL-1 Camaro that let you know what's under the hood – only plain-vanilla Camaro badges.



1987 Buick GNX : Buick had quite a few of these engines left over when it stopped production of the GNX – so Pontiac picked up the turbo V-6s and put them in the 1989 20th Anniversary Trans Am. It was conservatively rated at just 250 hp, but true GM enthusiasts knew the potential that lay under the hood of that Trans Am.



Christmas Party!



Where: Holloways Beach - City Cobras AFL social club on Wisteria Street

When: Sunday 22 November from 11am.

What: Nibblies, 2 Course lunch with 3 meats, salads, veggies and desserts.

How Much: \$25.00 and adults and \$13 for kids under 13yrs.

Drinks: Available at bar prices from the social club bar.

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

Parking: Feel free to park your classic on the oval, or use the club car park.

Parents: Bring a present for your own kids.

RSVP: Numbers and payment are required by the 13th for catering purposes. Money can be paid directly to the club account or to a committee member. BSB:484799 Acct:034053753 If paying to the club account, please also email a committee member (see page 2) to let us know who and how many you are paying for.

EVENTS CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SUN 25TH OCT: MONTHLY MEETING TO BE HELD AT COMMUNITY HALL YORKEYS KNOB, CNR WATTLE & CUNNINGHAM STs AT 10:00am. RUN TO FISHERY FALLS PUB FOR LUNCH.

SUN NOV 8TH: CARS & COFFEE, CAFFEINE & GASOLINE AT DFO COFFEE CLUB.

SUN NOV 22ND: CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCH AT HOLLOWAYS BEACH. MEET FROM 11.00 AM ONWARDS. THE MEAL IS 2 COURSE WITH 3 MEATS, VEGIES & SALAD AND DESSERT. PRICES ARE \$25.00 FOR ADULTS & \$13 FOR UNDER 13. SECRET SANTA \$10 PRESENT BUY FOR YOUR OWN GENDER .MEMBERS WITH KIDS BUY OWN PRESENTS FOR THEM. SEE FLYER IN NEWSLETTER.

SUN 29TH: NOV MONTHLY MEETING TO BE HELD AT COMMUNITY HALL YORKEYS KNOB, CNR WATTLE & CUNNINGHAM STs AT 10:00am. COFFEE, TEA & CAKE AFTER MEETING.

DATE CLAIMERS:

NOVEMBER 22ND 2015 CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 20TH 2015 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CRUISE

MARCH 20TH 2016– PADDY POWER MEMORIAL CRUISE

MAY 2ND & 3RD 2015 – TOWNSVILLE ALL HOLDEN AND GM SHOW & SHINE AND SWAP MEET @ TOWNSVILLE SHOWGROUNDS.

MAY 13TH – 15TH 2016 (?) - KURRIMINE BCH WEEKEND WITH TOWNSVILLE

MAY 22ND 2016 (?) – BENT RODS CAR SHOW AT INGHAM

JUNE 3RD – 5TH 2016 (?) - CHARTERS TOWERS CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET

JUNE 11TH 2016 (?) – CAR & BIKE SWAP MEET & SHOW. ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL

JUNE 26TH 2016 SPORTS DAY – LASTSUNDAY IN JUNE TO BE CONFIRMED.

JULY 4th- AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CRUISE

AUGUST 14th 2016 - CAIRNS SWAP MEET & CAR, BIKE & TRUCK SHOW

AUGUST 20TH – 21ST 2016 – CAIRNS AUTO SPECTACULAR

OCTOBER 2016 INNISFAIL CAR SHOW

AT ANY STAGE ON THE DAY OF A RUN IF THE WEATHER LOOKS DOUBTFUL PLEASE CONTACT EITHER JAMES ON 0417451676 OR AMAMDA ON 0409349103 BEFORE HEADING OUT OF TOWN.

2015 Gleam Machine: Murray & Marj Nix - 1966 Mustang Fastback and 1969 Mach 1.



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