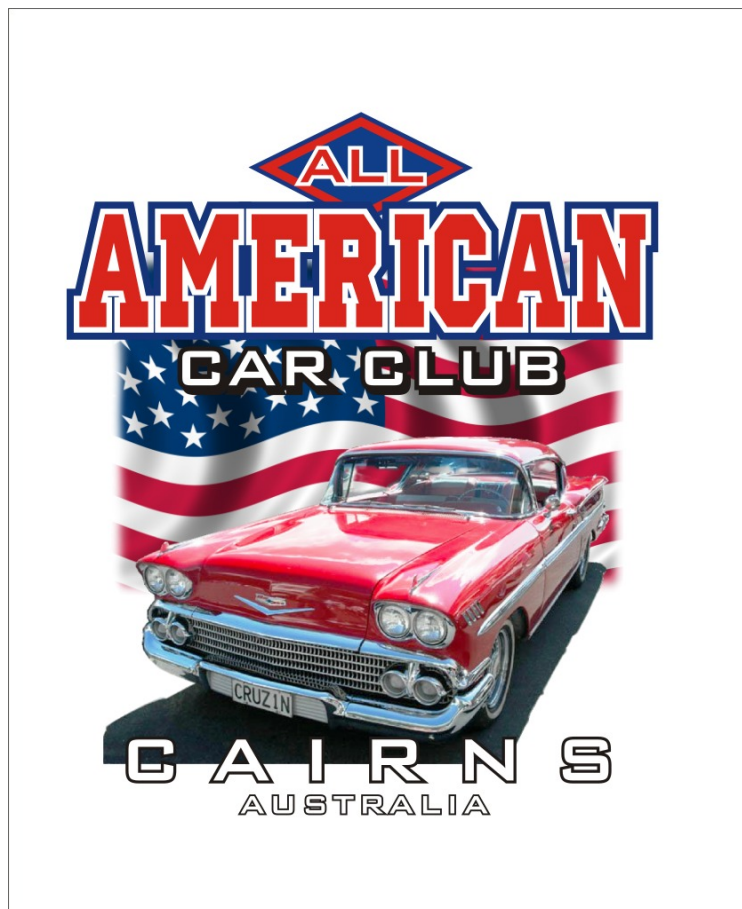


# CLUB TORQUE

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.**

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(due each September)

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## President's Page

This could possibly be the clubs last "hard copy" of your newsletter. There are fewer and fewer people wanting to help run this club and subsequently some cutbacks have to be made. The newsletter is one of them. However, there will still be a newsletter available to view and this will be posted on our website. This new style of newsletter will be in PDF format. I will send the link to the newsletter each month to all members who receive my emails.

We are now coming to the end of the year, and soon the wet season will be upon us. This means the club will slow down a little and there will be less runs and activities to what we have been doing during the cooler months.

Your committee has been voted in with some new additions to the team, namely Wayne Brocklebank is your new Newsletter Editor and Kel Moore is your new Property Officer. Your new committee will be acting in the best interest of the club. We don't intend to re invent the wheel, but there may be some changes along the way. Any feedback, whether positive or negative will be listened to and acted upon as circumstances permit.

The attendance by members at our monthly meetings for the past year has been very good. Thank you to those that keep attending the meetings. Your support for the club is indeed appreciated.

If you have any suggestions for a cruise etc or what you would like the club to do in the next 12 months, please contact James or Cristy and let them know so they can consider them in upcoming events.

Safe cruzin' to you all, and remember.....

***"when cruzin' with the club, be responsible and keep up with the person behind you"***

Cheers

Robert Hall

# All American Car Club of Cairns Inc.

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held at: Yorkeys Knob Community Hall – Wattle Street, Yorkeys Knob. 25<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Meeting open: 11.30am

The President declared the meeting open and advised that only financial members are entitled to vote at this AGM.

Apologies: (per Monthly Meeting)

Visitors: Nil

Minutes of AGM 26<sup>th</sup> September 2010 tabled.

Moved: Kelvin Moore

Second: Bruce Nancarrow

Business from those minutes: Nil

Presidents Report: The year in review – 2010/2011

Secretary's Report: Nil

Treasurers Report: Nil

Constitutional changes: Nil

Election of officers: Nominations were invited for a delegate to take the chair and act as the Returning Officer for the election of the AACCC Committee.

Nomination: Kelvin Moore

Seconded: Robert Hall

The current committee members then stood down.

Written nominations received: Nil

Nominations were then sought from the floor.

### **President**

Nominations: Robert Hall

Accepted: Yes

Elected: Yes

Unopposed: Yes

### **Vice President**

Nominations: Trevor Brookes

Accepted: Yes

Elected: Yes

Unopposed: Yes

**Secretary**

Nominations: Bob Cane

Accepted: Yes

Elected: Yes

Unopposed: Yes

**Treasurer**

Nominations: Aaron Pointing

Accepted: Yes

Elected: Yes

Unopposed: Yes

**Events Co-ordinator**

Nominations: James Fullerton

Accepted: Yes

Elected: Yes

Unopposed: Yes

**Newsletter Editor**

Nominations: Wayne Brocklebank

Accepted: Yes

Elected: Yes

Unopposed: Yes

**Webmaster**

Nominations: Rob Healey

Accepted: Yes

Elected: Yes

Unopposed: Yes

**Property Officer**

Nominations: Kelvin Moore

Accepted: Yes

Elected: Yes

Unopposed: Yes

**Cristy Pointing agreed to assist James Fullerton in the role of Events Co-ordinator.**

Elected President then opened the meeting for General Business.

AACCC Committee: (as above)

Motion Carried

With no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

## Minutes from the Meeting: 25<sup>TH</sup> September 2011

**Meeting Opened:** 10.19am  
**Attendees:** Per attendance register  
**Apologies:** John McAllister, Joy Foster, Cristina Simpson, Vivian McKilvrie, Bruce Morrison, George & Shirley Gong, Anthony Menico, Hans Tatari

**Visitors:** Nil

**Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting:** Moved By: Rob Healey  
Second By: James Fullerton

**Business arising from last meeting:** New members accepted by the committee: Ronald Vis & Debbie Lane (75 Corvette) & Trevor & Elizabeth Phillips (Jeep)

### Secretary's Report

- **Incoming Correspondence:** Suncorp account summary, Bearing Chatter Newsletter, QHMC Newsletter, Top of the State Newsletter, member application forms.
- **Outgoing Correspondence:** Club rego letter to Ronald Vis

### Treasurers Report

- **Monies incoming:** Membership renewals (\$1296.00)
- **Monies Outgoing:** Newsletter, postage, stationery, petty cash (\$342.33)

**Newsletter Editors Report:** Nil

**Events Co-ordinators Reports:** Per Newsletter and Website.  
Any ideas for runs etc, to Cristy or James. All suggestions welcome.

**Acceptance of Reports:** **Mover:** Trevor Brookes  
**Seconder:** Kelvin Moore

### General Business

The Gleam Machine Trophy was awarded to Demelza Stone and her 1983 Trans Am. Thank you emails from Cairns Auto Spectacular organisers and Carnival on Collins organisers for our attendance and support.

Further reminder regard the individual purchase of "garage shirts" and have the club logo embroidered on them. The shirts should cost around \$36.00 from Uniform Link and to get the logo embroidered by Total Embroidery should cost a further \$6.00

Christmas party is being organised for the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at the Holloways Beach Football Club, Wisteria Street Holloways Beach. At this stage, costs \$20 per person for a 2 course meal. (roast & dessert). Further details will be forthcoming.

AGM will be held following this meeting, members reminded only financial members are entitled to vote.

The floor was asked if there were any items of interest to discuss.

### Cristy has Lotto

**T-Shirts & Caps available for sale from Aaron**

**Meeting Closed:** 10.45am

## News

There's been plenty of discussion about the newsletter becoming an online publication only, except by special request from those members without online access to the Club's website. The online version is very attractive in full colour and the cost savings are very significant. It also means we can link to unlimited content and photos, all for free!!!

The cost savings for the club are also very significant.

All suggestions for the future content, links, features and direction are very welcome.

Please contact Wayne Brocklebank on 0450091301 or [waynewayne78@live.com.au/](mailto:waynewayne78@live.com.au)

## Features

I'm considering having a few more off-beat stories as well as the regular articles on American muscle and classics. Please let me know what you think

I know it's a bit off topic, but I can't help reporting the recent sale of the world's oldest car.

### **WORLD'S OLDEST RUNNING MOTOR CAR BRINGS A REMARKABLE \$4,620,000 AT RM'S HERSHEY, PENNSYLVANIA SALE**

#### **Hershey**

**Historic 1884 De Dion Bouton et Trepardoux Dos-a-Dos Steam Runabout more than doubles its estimate at RM's Hershey auction, selling for a record \$4,620,000.**

HERSHEY, Pennsylvania (October 7, 2011) – The world's oldest running motor car, a historic 1884 De Dion Bouton et Trepardoux Dos-a-Dos Steam Runabout, entered the history books tonight, selling for an impressive \$4.62 million before a packed house at RM Auctions' Hershey, Pennsylvania sale. The impressive sale price more than doubled its original pre-sale estimate and represents a new world record for an early motor car sold at auction.

Commissioned by French entrepreneur, Count de Dion and named 'La Marquise' after his mother, the 127 year old vehicle drew a standing ovation from the audience as it drove onto RM's Hershey auction stage. Attracting a starting bid of \$500,000 and immediately jumping to \$1,000,000, bidding moved swiftly to applause from the crowd, with the gavel eventually falling at an extraordinary \$4,200,000. The final sales price of \$4,620,000 includes 10% buyers' premium.

"We were honored to have been entrusted with the sale of this most important motor car from the renowned collection of the late Mr. John O'Quinn. The world's leading automotive collectors recognized the incredibly rare opportunity the sale represented, as was reflected in the spirited bidding and impressive result," said Rob Myers, Chairman & Founder, RM Auctions following the sale.

The new owner joins an elite list of just five collectors to have claimed ownership of La Marquise over its well-documented history. In addition to being the world's oldest running motor car, La Marquise's impressive provenance includes participation in the first automobile race in 1887, where it reached a top speed of 37 mph on the straights, along with a double award at the famed 1997 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. In addition, La Marquise has also successfully completed four London to Brighton runs in the UK.



## **100 Years of Chevrolet**

DETROIT – Nearly 125,000 Chevrolet fans have spoken, naming the 1969 Camaro the "Best Chevy of All Time."

As part of Chevrolet's Centennial celebration, fans were asked to vote for their favorite vehicle from Chevrolet's 100-year history. During the four-round, elimination bracket, the 1969 Camaro garnered 25,058 of the 124,368 votes cast, edging out the 1970 Chevelle SS in the final round.

Tom Peters, Chevrolet Design director, believes the '69 Camaro is not only one of the best vehicles in Chevrolet's history but one of the best vehicles ever. He is a little biased, however, having owned the same 1969 Camaro for nearly 20 years.

"I can vividly remember seeing one for the first time as a kid," Peters said. "The intent of the Camaro was instantly understood, even to a 14-year old like me, because it possessed a very powerful personality and an elegant, simple design. The Camaro was so cool because it offered this great style, high performance, and yet was attainable for someone just getting out of school.

"Today, the '69 Camaro has become one of the best examples of timeless design in the industry," Peters said. "Like the very best designs, the Camaro is much more than just a machine because it evokes powerful emotions in people of all ages. That's why we looked to the '69 for inspiration when designing the fifth-generation Camaro, and why the '69 Camaro is an example of the timeless vehicles Chevrolet will strive to deliver for the next 100 years."



For details of all the sixteen finalists and voting results, click on the following link.

<http://www.chevrolet.com/100-years/best-chevy-of-all-time-winner/>

## **Cuba Legalizes the Private Sale and Ownership of Cars**

Following the 1959 Cuban Revolution, the United States implemented a blockade of Cuba banning all trade including motor cars. This 52 years of isolation and the unavailability of new cars except for a Russian built models meant that Cuba remains to this day in a pre-1959 American time-warp. The streets of Havana and other cities remain dominated by these ingeniously maintained American classics.

From Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Cuba legalized the sale and purchase of automobiles for all citizens on Wednesday, another major step in the communist run island's economic transformation and one that the public has been clamoring for during decades.

The government announced the move in April, but sales have been on hold until the measure was published into law in the Official Gazette.

Under the law, which takes effect Oct. 1, buyers and sellers must each pay a 4 percent tax, and buyers must make a sworn declaration that the money used for the purchase was obtained legally.

Unrestricted sales had previously been limited to cars built before the 1959 revolution, one of the reasons Cuba's streets are about the only place on the planet one routinely finds a multitude of finned American classics from the 1950s such as Chevrolets Bel Airs and Chrysler Imperials, all in various states of disrepair.

Doctors, athletes, artists and others sent abroad on official business were allowed to bring cars back or purchase a boxy, Russian-made Lada or Moskvich from the state. Some senior workers were given company cars, though gas usage is strictly monitored to make sure they are only driven for work reasons.

The new law will allow the sale of cars from all models and years, and it legalizes ownership of more than one car, although tax rates go up slightly.

"It is a very positive step," said Rolando Perez, a Havana resident who was standing in line to get a license to go into business for himself. "They should have done it a long time ago."

The purchase of new cars will be easier than in the past, but still extremely limited. Buyers will have to go to a small number of state-owned dealerships and demonstrate they made the money to buy the car through salary earned in an approved field, as opposed to from remittances sent from relatives abroad.

That would seem to limit such purchases to the same doctors, athletes and others who had been eligible to import cars following official travel abroad.

The 40-page Gazette also says that Cubans who leave the island for good can transfer ownership of their car to a relative or sell it outright. Previously, the state could seize the automobiles of those who emigrated.

While most car sales have been illegal without government permission since the early 1960s, used automobiles have been widely traded in a booming black market for years. Buyers would hand over large amounts of cash under what amounted to handshake agreements, with title not changing hands.

Many cars are generations removed from the original title holder, meaning ownership will have to be untangled once the new regulations take effect.

Because they could be legally traded among Cubans, old cars can fetch prices many times what their value would be off the island, often thousands more than modern cars. Several people involved in such trades told The Associated Press they did not expect prices to be greatly affected by the new law until the government starts to import new cars for wider distribution, and it was not clear when or if that will happen since few Cubans will be able to qualify.

Most islanders make just \$20 a month, although doctors and others serving abroad can make much more. Most of it is saved for them in state-managed bank accounts they get access to once they complete their missions. A small number of successful new business owners may also be able to parlay their profits into a new set of wheels, though it was not clear whether they would qualify to purchase new cars.

Cuban President Raul Castro has instituted a series of free-market reforms designed to rescue the island from economic ruin. Cuba has legalized some private enterprise, and allowed citizens to rent out rooms and hire employees.

The government has also announced it plans to legalize the sale and purchase of real estate by the end of 2011

A few pictures from the streets of Havana







Cuba is the best holiday destination for car enthusiasts and those who just want to experience something completely different. A truly unique combination of great people, great food, untouched Spanish architecture, Cuban music and cold war history. It is also one of the safest destinations in all of Latin America and the Caribbean.

And for those Cubans wanting to leave, the American car is still the answer.



## **Events for November**

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup> November** – Breakfast Run. The club will have a breakfast run to Villa Romano, The Esplanade. Meet at Villa Romano at around 8am. Those wishing to go for a cruise after may do so.

**20th November** – AACCC Christmas Party at Holloways Beach Sporting Complex from around 11am. Good parking at the venue. There will be a choice of Christmas roasts and dessert at a cost of \$20 per person and \$8 for children. Other menu choices also available. It is proposed to have secret Santa....further details to be discussed at Kurrimine Beach Monthly Meeting

***There will be no monthly meeting in December.***

**28th to 30th October** – Kurrimine Beach weekend at the King Reef Resort. Meet and greet on Friday evening 28th of October. Mystery run on Saturday morning. Saturday night's party theme is Halloween. Sunday is the car show & shine. Accommodation

Kurrimine Beach King Reef – 4065 6144

Kurrimine Beach Motel – 4065 6311

Kurrimine Beach Holiday Park – 1300 725 525

**Sun 30th October** – Monthly meeting to be held at Kurrimine Beach at 10:00am underneath a shady tree.

**Sun 30th October** – Willie Parker's car show at the Atherton International Club.

## **AACCC Annual Event Calendar**

December – Christmas Lights cruise. Details to be announced.

**If at any stage on the day of a run/cruise, the weather looks doubtful (rain), please contact your Events Co-ordinators, Cristy - 0410 099 053 or James - 0417 451 676, or check the website to ensure the run/cruise is still on.**

# Club Torque is going electronic!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

From next month (November newsletter) members will be able to access the monthly newsletter online and we will not be sending out the paper copies to members. However, we will have some copies available at each meeting, printed in colour, for those members still wanting to have their paper copy (numbers will be limited).

## This is how it will work:

If you are on the clubs email list, you will receive an email each month with a copy of the monthly events along with a link that you can click on. This link will take you straight to the monthly newsletter that is on the club's website. It is up to you how you would like to read it, you can either read it on the computer or print it out and read it.

If you are not on the clubs email list, the newsletter will be ready to view on the club website - <http://americancarclub Cairns.com/> the weekend before the club meeting.

If you would like to get on the club's email list, please give your email address to a Committee member.



# NOTES

