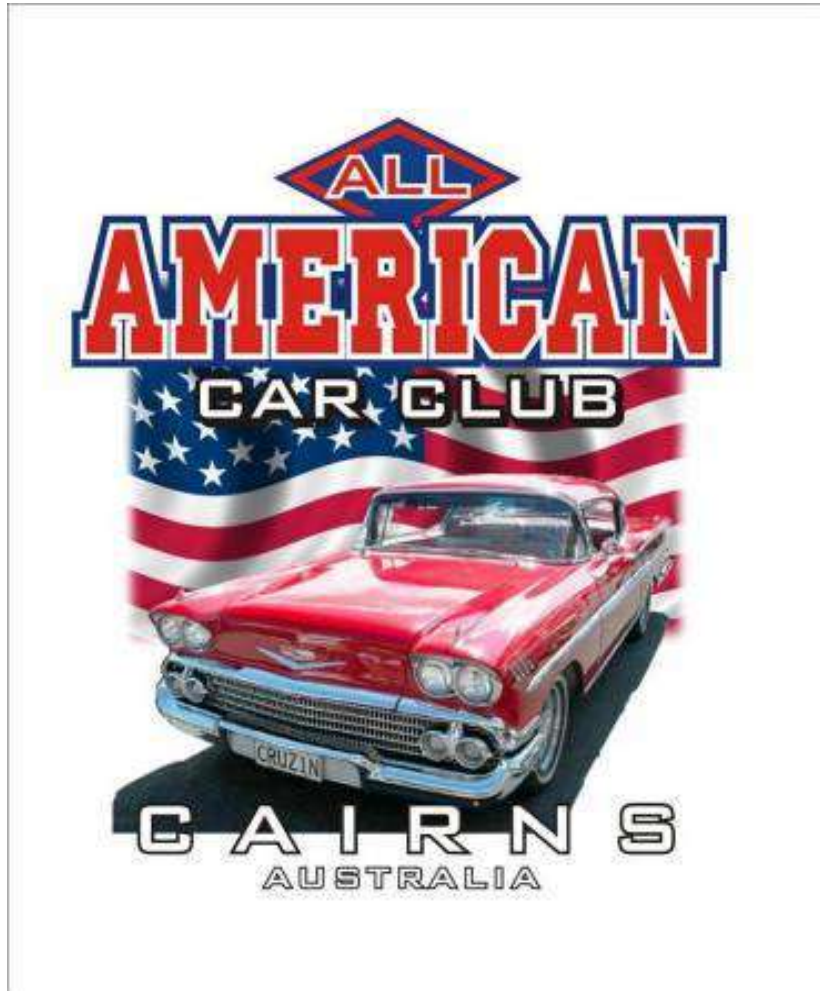


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(Due each September)

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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 rallies 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,

Times flying as we near the end of April.

What can I say rain, rain and more rain. Finally, a beautiful sunny Sunday for a drive to TOTS club meeting with not many attending. I think everybody was out and about doing something else with the good weather.

What have the club been up to: well James, Bruce and the swap meet crew are underway with planning this year's Swap Meet. Most sponsors are locked in, but they are always looking for more to help put on the day. Sipping Duck are back again as 1 of the coffee vans. Rotary as always are catering the food and will operate the second coffee van.

If any members would like to go along to help, the committee meets at West Cairns Bowls Club the second Tuesday each month start at 4.15 pm to 6.00pm. Come along with any ideas you may have.



Next AACCC Cars and Coffee DFO May 10th (MOTHERS DAY) at Cafe Eatz DFO Westcourt from 8.30am.

Planning for Paddies run is underway with THE NEW DATE is 28th JUNE and let's hope the weather is Sunny.

Let's all come along on Sunday and enjoy good company.

**Well, That's it for now
See you on Sunday
Regards,
Barefoot & No Fuel Dave**

**KEEP THE WHEELS TURNING AND BURNING FOSSIL FUELS
The yanks are using plenty in their planes and ships.
It also has got ALBO working for once finding fuel for us mob.**

All American Car Club of Cairns Meeting Minutes 29/03/26

Meeting Opened – 10:10am

Apologies – Barry Wilkins, Chris Curtis, Bruce Morrison, Rol Nancarrow, Chris & Karen Thomas, Mike & Annie Wilmott, Jeff Dieben, Mike Bowman

Visitors – Andy (Fat Bastards), Trevor (Corvette)

**Acceptance of minutes from previous meeting – Trevor Brooks
Seconded – Scott Partington**

Business arising from last meeting – Purchase of Square

Incoming Correspondence – Nil

Outgoing correspondence – Rego letter Marcus 1962 Thunderbird

**Treasurers report –
\$3500 bank balance
Suncorp issues still ongoing**

**Newsletter Report –
If anything for the newsletter, please send it through.**

**Event Coordinator – Lunch run to Red Beret
5 th April FCBB Cars & Coffee Innisfail, from 9am TJ Diners Innisfail
12 th April Cars & Coffee DFO Cairns
26 th April Monthly meeting
Date claimers in newsletter**

**Acceptance of reports – Kristie Partington
Seconded – Bruce Nancarrow**

**General Business –
Paddy Power postponement, potential new date 24 th May. Date clash with car show in Port Douglas for Carnivale.
28 th June locked in. Rebooking in with vendors, keeping the Southside route.
Go Karts club challenge, can we put to the clubs?
DFO Cairns Cars & Coffee – food court remaining as meeting place
19 th April Poker Run FBCC
4 th July – meeting place will be DFO Cairns carpark
First swap meet meeting of the year held, no changes to committee, trying to streamline forms and judging. Need
more volunteers for on the day, Razorbacks doing the gate and Yasmin doing the raffle.**

Next Meeting – 26 th April

**Lotto – See Paula
Raffle – Easter basket won by Scott P
T Shirts – See Bruce**

Meeting Closed – 10:42am

Giggling Gerties Jokes

A man drove his car into a tree... and found out how Mercedes bends.

- **I couldn't work out how to fasten my seatbelt... Then it clicked.**
- **I ran my Subi into a lake. Now it's a Scubaru.**
- **My car is exhausted. It needs a brake.**
- **My car had to go to therapy. It had too many issues with control.**
- **I wanted to be a mechanic, but I couldn't handle the torque.**
- **Parking tickets are so annoying. They really drive me up the wall.**
- **My convertible is always down in the dumps. It has a real top-down view on life.**
- **The tire business is a wheel success. It's just rolling in profits.**
- **Car engines are like musicians. They need a good tune-up.**
- **Rearview mirrors always aspire to reflect on their past.**
- **Sometimes, I feel like my car has a real drive to succeed. It just keeps moving.**
- **I'm tire-d of all these boring jokes. Let's rev up some car puns instead.**
- **My car's air conditioning is on the fritz. It's a real blow to my summer plans.**
- **I tried to fix my car's flat tire myself. It was a real balancing act.**
- **I took my car in for an oil change. Now it's feeling slick.**
- **What's a car's favorite meal? Brake-fast.**
- **A car's favorite bug is a beetle.**
- **A car's favorite sport is soc-car.**
- **Car puns really grind my gears.**
- **I'm wheely excited to see you!**
- **Shift happens.**
- **Torque to the hand.**
- **Laughing my axle off.**
- **Brake it till you make it.**
- **What does a Volkswagen run on? Beetlejuice.**

ALL AMERICAN CAR CLUB OF CAIRNS INC I.A.18484

WE ARE PLEASED TO SHARE OUR UPDATED **2026** EVENT CALENDAR, AS REQUESTED BY MEMBERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES. ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED TO THE WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

Monthly Meetings are the last Sunday of the Month which are held at community hall Yorkey's knob, 58 Wattle St & Cnr Cunningham St's at 10:00am.

Upcoming Dates for DFO Car Meet Shows:

- Sunday 8th February 9'00 AM to 12'00pm
- Sunday 14th June 9'00am to 12'00pm
- Sunday 8th November 9'00am to 12'00pm

Upcoming Dates for the our Original AACCC Cars & Coffee at Urban Habit DFO where you can come and go as you please from 8.30am onwards. Suitable for SIV cars

- January 11th
- February 8th
- March 8th
- April 12th
- May 10th
- June 14th
- July 12th
- September 13th
- October 11th
- November 8th
- December 13th



Upcoming Date for Paddy Power Memorial Cruise and Poker Run March 15th

Run destination to be advised. 🍀 🍀 🍀 🍀 🍀 🍀 🍀 🍀 🍀 🍀

Upcoming Date for CAIRNS SWAP MEET CAR, BIKE & TRUCK SHOW 2026 is 9TH August at the Cairns Showgrounds off Scott St entrance:

Upcoming Date for Car Club's 29th Birthday is September 8th

Upcoming Date for Car Club's AGM is 27th September your 2026/2027 Membership fees are now due

Upcoming Date for Car Club's Christmas party is 29th November 2026



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NEWSLETTER No 27

APRIL 2026

******IMPORTANT******

PLEASE LET YOUR MEMBERS KNOW

Be Aware TMR QLD could follow

Hi All Car Club vehicle registrars and inspectors.

I have just received the NSW RMS notice in a general email, 5 clubs were participating and in attendance of a local a car show in Silverwater (Sydney) recently, and this is what was found and obviously earned a good revenue from those who were FINED as a result of cars NOT complying to HRVS and CVS schemes in NSW.

BE Warned this will be an ongoing function of the NSW RMS vehicle inspection squad

Conditionally registered vehicles from five car clubs were recently inspected at Silverwater.

These inspections are part of a series of compliance events directed at historic and classic vehicles, with more planned throughout 2026, explained Leigh Grant, Senior Manager – Vehicle Operations.

"I want to thank vehicle owners and clubs that have cooperated in conducting this ongoing operation. We have seen some well maintained, safe and compliant vehicles, however there are some concerning vehicle safety issues arising from our inspections," said Leigh.

"We remind clubs and owners of the importance of complying with Transport's lawful directions regarding vehicle inspections. For the clubs and vehicle owners who have not complied, Transport will be exercising its powers."

Transport directed **85** owners to present their vehicles for inspection to assess vehicle safety and confirm eligibility for historic and classic registration.

Key outcomes included:

- **46 vehicles inspected**
- **25 vehicle defect notices issued**
- **16 vehicles identified with major defects, including six deemed unsafe to drive from the inspection site**
- **19 vehicles deemed ineligible for the Historic or Classic Vehicle Scheme.**

Enforcement action is underway to cancel the registration of 39 vehicles that failed to comply with the inspection direction, including a vehicle registered to the responsible person of one club.

Two club officials who are also Authorised Examiners within the Authorised Inspection Scheme (AIS) have been referred for action against their AIS accreditation. The Motor Vehicle Tradesperson Certificate of one person was expired and the Motor Vehicle Repairer Licence of the other was also expired. As the first line of compliance, recognised clubs play a vital role in the historic and classic vehicle scheme. It is essential that the integrity of the scheme is protected.

Knowing that Qld TMR often follows what NSW RMS have done, be prepared for the cars that you look at and that they are roadworthy.

IMPROMPTU EVENTS

Members of car clubs in Qld have a wonderful opportunity to go on car runs, an opportunity far better than in other states. You can go anywhere, including the whole of Australia, at any time for any length of time. No log books, registration and even a run with one vehicle. But there are rules to be complied with and these are quite simple:

First. An invitation has go out to the wider club membership to attend an event. This invitation can be by newsletter, posting on a website or on social media. This invitation extends to all club members.

Second. The Club has to maintain a Register of Impromptu Events. The Register should contain relevant information on the proposed run- what it is, the destination, date, start /end times and any other relevant information.

Three. You should carry with you, your Club membership card and a copy of the event details (this could mean carrying your mobile phone with you).

Simple A great scheme and it should be used and respected.



WATCH THIS SPACE

COASTAL SHOW & SHINE MOTOR SHOW



**SUNDAY MAY 24 - 2026
REYNOLDS PARK - PORT DOUGLAS**

**Peoples Choice Awards
Car - Bike - Unique Vehicle
Free Entry for spectators
Gold coin donation to vote**



To Enter - find vehicle registration forms at
www.carnivale.com.au



47TH ANNUAL
CHARTERS TOWERS
Motor Show
and Swap Meet



JUNE
5TH-7TH
2026

JUNE

13

Atherton Car Bike Show
2026

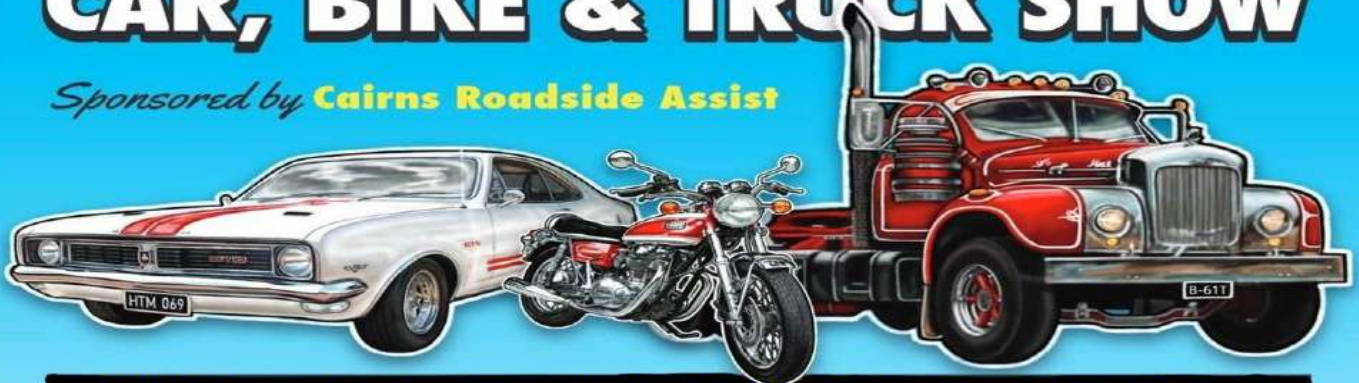
SAVE THE
DATE

📍 Atherton Show Grounds



Presents...
Cairns Swap Meet
CAR, BIKE & TRUCK SHOW

Sponsored by Cairns Roadside Assist



SUNDAY 9 TH AUGUST 2026

CAIRNS SHOWGROUNDS (Scott St. Entrance)

Gates Open 6am - Trophy Presentation 1pm

ADMISSION: \$5 per head (Children under 17 free)

Show Vehicles: \$5 | Swap Sites: \$15 | Car Show entries close at 9am on the day

TOWNSVILLE COMBINED MOTOR CLUBS

SWAP MEET

CONDUCTED BY THE TOWNSVILLE RESTORED MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC

MOTOR AND MACHINERY ONLY

(NO BRIC-A-BRAC, FISHING GEAR, PLANTS, GARDEN TOOLS etc)



TOWNSVILLE SHOWGROUNDS
KINGS ROAD ENTRANCE



SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST 2026

7:30am - 12:00pm

King's Road Gates Open 6:30am

SWAP SITES (10m x 5m) \$15
(site **ONLY** cost, **NOT** including vendor entry)

Pre-booking of sites encouraged

ENTRY FEES: **ALL** adults \$5
Children Under 15 Free

FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE ONSITE

ONSITE CAMPING \$20 per night per site
(SOME WITH POWER)

**DISPLAYS OF VINTAGE, VETERAN AND
CLASSIC CARS, HOT RODS, MOTORCYCLES
AND STATIONARY ENGINES**



CLEAN OUT YOUR SHED, GARAGE OR
WORKSHOP AND BRING IT ALONG
YOUR JUNK MAY BE WHAT SOMEONE HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR - FOR YEARS!

BATTERY & METAL RECYCLING AVAILABLE ONSITE

ALL ENQUIRES ring BILL 0413 266 989



EVENTS CALENDAR-HAPPY EASTER

Upcoming Events:

SUN 26TH APR MONTHLY MEETING TO BE HELD AT COMMUNITY HALL YORKEYS KNOW, CNR WATTLE & CUNNINGHAM STREET, AT 10:00AM. RUN TO TEN06 AFTER MEETING

SUN 3RD MAY FBCC COFFEE & CARS INNISFAIL FROM 9.00AM AT TJ'S DINNER 198 EDITH ST INNISFAIL

SUN 10TH MAY ORIGINAL AACCC CARS & COFFEE FROM 8.30AM ONWARDS AT CAFÉ EATZ DFO, WESTCOURT 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷 ALL WELCOME AND SUITABLE FOR VEHICLES ON SIV REGO AS ORGANISED BY AN INCORPORATED CAR CLUB. NO SHORT NOTICE RUNS REQUIRED.

SUN 31ST MAY MONTHLY MEETING TO BE HELD AT COMMUNITY HALL YORKEYS KNOW, CNR WATTLE & CUNNINGHAM STREET, AT 10:00AM. RUN TO TBA

DATE CLAIMERS

JUNE 5TH - 7TH 2026 CHARTERS TOWERS CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET

JUNE 13TH 2026? ATHERTON CAR & BIKE SHOW AT THE ATHERTON SHOWGROUNDS

JUNE 14TH 2026 CLASSIC CAR SHOW UPSTAIRS AT THE NORTHERN END DFO

JUNE 28TH 2026 PADDY POWER MEMORIAL CRUISE

JULY 4TH - AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CRUISE

AUGUST 1ST – 3RD 2026? - KURRIMINE BCH WEEKEND WITH TOWNSVILLE TBA

AUGUST 9TH 2026 CAIRNS SWAP MEET & CAR, BIKE & TRUCK SHOW

AUGUST 15TH – 16TH BURDEKIN MOTOR MADNESS

SEPTEMBER 8TH 2026 ALL AMERICAN CAR CLUB CAIRNS 29TH BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER 27TH 2026 ALL AMERICAN CAR CLUB AGM

NOVEMBER 8TH 2026 CLASSIC CAR SHOW UPSTAIRS AT THE NORTHERN END

NOVEMBER 29TH 2026 CAR CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 20TH 2025 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CRUISE

AT ANY STAGE ON THE DAY OF A RUN IF THE WEATHER LOOKS DOUBTFUL,
PLEASE CONTACT **JAMES 0417451676** BEFORE HEADING OUT OF TOWN

If undeliverable please return to 56 Golden Grove Dr, Bentley Park, 4869, Qld

