

STEERING COLUMN NEWS



Classic and Historic
Automobile Club of
Caboolture Inc.
PO Box 514
Caboolture QLD 4510

**** Smorgasbord ****

When smorgasbord is mentioned for a club run lunch, all members bring a plate or two to place on a table to share with all other club members present.

**** BYO ****

When BYO is mentioned for a club run lunch, all members are to bring lunch for themselves.

December 2005

OUR AIMS

To bring together persons with a common interest to encourage the use, maintenance and preservation of motor vehicles of classic and historic classification without prejudice to make, model, method of manufacture or country of origin. As well as vehicles of special interest, this may, from time to time, be determined by the committee.

Web site: www.chacc.com

OUR NEXT CLUB RUNS

THURSDAY 12TH JANUARY

****Midweek Run****

Any members interested, meet at the Sundowner at 9.00am.
A destination will be decided upon at this time.

SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY

****Fish and Chip Run****

10am - Endeavour Esp. on the Scarborough waterfront
This is *not* an official club run – no meeting is held this day.

SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

****BYO Lunch****

Meet at the Sundowner at 9.00am. Our destination is one of the parks beside Lake Samsonvale (North Pine Dam). Although unconfirmed, the meeting will most likely be held at McGavin View. This park has excellent facilities including electric barbeques, swings and things for the kids.
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SUNDAY 5TH MARCH

****Smorgasbord****

Destination to be advised.
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TASMANIA TOUR 17th – 29th APRIL 2006

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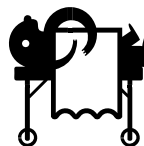
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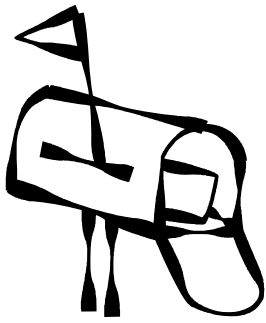
On My Death Bed ...

A man and his wife were sitting in their living room and he said to her, "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug."

His wife got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all of his beer, and said "Consider it done."



LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor,

I would to take this opportunity to wish the Committee and members of The Classic and Historic Automobile Club of Caboolture a safe and happy Christmas for 2005 and a happy and prosperous New Year for 2006.

I congratulate the members for the smooth and clearly defined election of new officers to the vacated positions of office at the AGM in November. It is a pleasure to see all positions filled with ease. The club is in good condition and still remains with a strong social atmosphere of our interest and hobby regarding historic motoring.

I do wish to remind members that a lot of work goes on behind the scenes to keep things going well and a lot of work has been done over the last five years (since Queensland Incorporation) and that the time spent by those behind the scenes, be they officers or ordinary members who spent their personal time and resources to make a successful club for all members to enjoy.

So if you have an idea for some activity that may be of interest to the members, a run, a display, a social night out or support for local fund raising activities for schools or charities; these have not been well attended recently. Be vocal at a meeting and put your ideas forward, put your hand up so other members can follow your lead. You can have the floor at the meeting and get a discussion going to state the case for the support of other members. You can put pen to paper or PC and place a letter to the editor through the Steering Column News, as it is ideal medium to put an idea forward. Display your pride and joy so people of the community can enjoy it as well.

I note that a Christmas Hamper for fund raising has not come up this year. If you have an idea to raise funds for the club, please take the opportunity to spend some time to lead. Also it is great fun to associate with other clubs on their activities and runs and remember, in 2007 we are arranging the Combined Council weekend of runs, with many clubs taking part.

I wish to thank the membership and nominators for their regard and support for making me an Honorary Life Member of CHACC. It is something to be proud off, the opinion of your peers.

See you in the New Year and Seasons Greetings to all.

Bill Randell



A little birdie told me that Gloria Groves has been in hospital recently. Our thoughts are with you Gloria and hope you have a speedy recovery.

LAKESIDE MOTOR RACING ENTHUSIASTS REPORT

Some of our members may not be aware that CHACC is a club level member of the Lakeside Motor Racing Enthusiasts Inc (LMRE) and has been so since the group was established some years ago. We also have some members who are individual members of LMRE. As CHACC's Publicity Officer, part of my duties is to attend LMRE meetings and events as the CHACC representative and report to CHACC when needed.



LMRE has been active since its formation, bringing the subject of the loss of motor sport at Lakeside to the attention of various state and federal politicians, motor sport personalities and the ratepayers via the media, as well as lobbying the Pine Rivers Shire Council (PRSC) directly. While offers of support have been forthcoming from those approached, other more important issues have clouded their support (health and water crisis for example).

LMRE was established after the PRSC in 2001, the villain of this story, [HISSss, BOOoo....], purchased Lakeside from the previous owner when the facility became financially unviable. The previous owner was led to believe by PRSC that motor racing would be allowed to continue and believes he was misled into selling under false pretences. The original reasoning PRSC used to justify to ratepayers the purchase of the facility was that run-off from the track into the nearby Kurwongbah water storage lake was contaminated with oil and fuel. This has since proved to be untrue. Since then, PRSC has resisted all attempts to reintroduce any motor sport to Lakeside and in fact, has stated on a number of occasions that the facility will never host any motor sports again. The facility was registered on the provisional heritage register on the 16th December 2002.

While the track was never and will never be suitable for events such as the V8 Supercars, it is more than acceptable for club level racing and sprints, learner and advanced driver training and track days. The site consists of the track (obviously), the pit area and buildings, control tower, runoff/safety areas and car parking areas. The track remains in good condition with expert opinion stating that very little cost or effort would be required to bring it up to acceptable motor sport standard. The buildings on the other hand, are deteriorating quickly but are salvageable, however, PRSC has done nothing nor has any plans to do any work on the facility. An "unofficial" care taker/ranger lives next door. Attempts by LMRE to use the facility to host meetings and supporters days (with no cars involved) have failed with permission being denied on each occasion. LMRE on each attempt has put their request in writing well in advance and has the council required public liability insurance in place.

While the facility was under a provisional heritage listing, on the 7th October 2005, a "sweetheart" deal between PRSC and the Heritage Council has seen this limited protection lifted from the facility and has given the PRSC full control of the facility with the hope of attracting interest and business proposals. Recently, a bike day was organised by a local push bike club using the track, the riders attending were outnumbered by LMRE members by about 5 to 1, and the day was only saved by LMRE members bringing their own bikes!

I believe that the track was used by local Ford dealers on the 26th November as a low key track day to show-off the new Falcon with PRSC permission and I'm guessing, a suitable fee.

Reading all this, I'm sure you have the feeling that there may be some bias being displayed by PRSC. The PRSC Mayor, CR Chapman, has been most elusive on the subject and does not respond to LMRE requests for information or meetings to discuss the situation. Debate on the subject during council meetings has been suppressed by the Mayor and her supporters, even though ratepayers' funds are being used to protect the PRSC and Lakeside from outside scrutiny.

Most recently, on the 1st November 2005, PRSC has officially called for Expressions of Interest from persons or organisations interested in operating the facility and LMRE will be interested in the expressions and watching the result of PRSC decision closely. LMRE is most anxious to assist with expressions of interest that align with its working charter and wish those applying to PRSC all the best.

LMRE has a web site with the latest information at www.lakesideraceway.com.au. I'm sure it will interest you and the history and photos of the facility are well worth seeing. If you are a motor racing fan (and who isn't?), I'm sure you can see the value of keeping and operating Lakeside as a motor sport facility. The uses for the facility are many; learner driver training (currently the closest facility of this type is Willowbank), advanced driver training (currently the closest facility of this type is Mt Cotton), club level show and shines, club level motor racing (currently held at Warwick, Gatton), sprint racing (e.g. Leyburn sprints) and track/testing days (currently held at Willowbank at prohibitive cost). The possibility of getting illegal street racing off the streets and onto the track, making all our lives safer is yet another positive use of the facility. What about a company assembling kit cars or restoring classic race cars based in pit lane and using the track for testing and customer training?? Just think about the possibilities!!??



I attended the last LMRE meeting for this year last Monday night (5/12/2005). The main topic of conversation and of general business was the Expression of Interest document issued by the PRSC. Also the other thing that came out of the meeting was that the PRSC don't believe that LMRE has any support!

In reaction to this, LMRE has produced a survey document to gauge support for the return of Lakeside to motor sport and driver training use. The survey form asks about suburban "Hooning" and is an important instrument designed to show PRSC that there are people both in Pine Rivers and surrounding areas concerned that hooning is a dangerous problem and see Lakeside as a possible outlet for this problem which can be supervised and controlled.

Included with this issue of SCN is a survey that I would like to put to our members and ask that they fill it in and return it ASAP to either myself or to Nicole O'Keane (editor) at a club run. LMRE see this as an important way to show PRSC that there is lots of support out there for a venue for all types of motoring events and maybe, just maybe, we reduce the risks on the public roads.

I've been asked by CHACC members, "Well, what do we get for our \$50/year club level membership in LMRE?" Well, I guess that we don't GET much, but there is much to LOSE if we don't act like genuine motor enthusiasts. A facility like this would cost tens of millions to replace if lost from its current location. I guess at some stage the talk stops and we have to put our money where our mouth is. I would highly recommend joining LMRE to you at only \$10/year for individual members.

I welcome any feedback or your comments (both positive and negative) and look forward to one day, all of us enjoying Lakeside as originally intended when the track opened in 1961.

Liam Redman
Publicity Officer



Pine Rivers Festival

"Rods, Rock 'n' Roll"

Pine Rivers Park
Saturday 27 May 2006
1pm - 8pm

50's/60's/70's car display (must be pre-registered)

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Best dressed character
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Thursday, January 26 2006

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Admission: Adults \$8.80 Concession \$6.60
Children under 14 free if accompanied by an adult.

Enquiries 07 5495 4581



ADULTS XMAS PARTY

Well another year over almost!

Thanks to all the members who attended this years Xmas Party held at the Bongaree Bowls club. A good time was had by all that attended and the karaoke was good fun. Thanks to Karl who always manages to make us laugh with his wonderful talents and can sing up a storm in his own unique way. Thanks Karl!

The food and service were great - this is certainly a good venue. Thanks again to Les, our Karaoke guy, for providing the music and entertainment. Elvis made a guest appearance and entertained us all!

To all members who attended, thanks for coming and I hope you enjoyed yourselves. If anyone has any ideas for the Xmas Party next year, please put them forward. We would love to hear any new ideas.

Denise.



KIDS XMAS PARTY



The kids Xmas Party was held at the Ningi Hall again this year.

We, unfortunately, had a very poor attendance with only a few members attended with their children/grandchildren. But the ones who did attend had a good time.

Treasure hunts were organised for the children, with musical chairs, pass the parcel and other games. The children all enjoyed themselves and it was a pleasure to see the kids having so much fun.

A smorgasbord lunch was supplied by those attending and members enjoyed themselves. Santa made an appearance and the kids loved it. A BIG THANKS goes out to Peter Rohan for stepping in as Santa - a role I think he thoroughly enjoyed!!

It would certainly have been nice to have had more members attending this event but we managed to enjoy ourselves anyway.

Denise

Those attending the Kids Xmas Party were:

Phyllis Streeton and friend Mary and her two grandchildren
Cynthia and Don McLeod
Margaret Randell
Peter and Gladys Rohan and their two grandchildren
Gary and Alison Kropp and their two children
Neville and Robyn Mole and their daughter
Gloria Groves
Joan Humphreys
Denise Douglas
Julie Walters
Murray Walters and his daughter

Apologies were received from the following:

John Pritchard & Nicole O'Keane
John & Donna Embleton
Les Arnold
Ron Walters
Graeme Douglas
Cara Skinner

ADULTS XMAS PARTY

Hall Hire	150.00
Meals	1160.00
Music	250.00
Lucky Door Prizes	<u>76.90</u>
	1636.90
Members contribution	<u>570.00</u>
Total Cost	<u>\$1066.90</u>

KIDS XMAS PARTY

Hall Hire	33.00
Game Prizes, Lollies, Balloons & Drinks	<u>75.95</u>
Total Cost	<u>\$108.95</u>

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

This is my final column for the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year. I have enjoyed our runs this year and look forward to many more next year.



Thanks to the committee members - ALL OF YOU - who have worked hard throughout this year. You know who you are! Without your hard work our club would not be so successful.

Let's make 2006 a year to remember for CHACCI!

Fond regards to you all.

Denise.

IF MY BODY WERE A CAR.....

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull, but that's not the worst of it...

My fenders are too wide to be considered stylish. They were once as sleek as a little MG, now they look more like an old Buick. My seat cushions have split open at the seams. My seats are sagging. Seat belts? I gave up all belts when Krispy Crèmes opened a shop in my neighbourhood!

Airbags? Forget it. The only bags I have these days are under my eyes. Not counting the saddlebags, of course. I have soooooo many miles on my odometer. Sure, I've been many places and seen many things, but when's the last time an appraiser factored life experiences against depreciation?

My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close. My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather.

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins. It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently. But here's the worst of it.....

..... almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter, either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!

Contributed by: Malcolm and Lenna McLeod

C.H.A.C.C. RUNS and SOCIAL CALENDAR FOR 2006

Contact Jan & Rob Blake (Rally Directors) on 07 5497 4710

Place these dates in your diary!

THURSDAY 12 JANUARY

**** MIDWEEK RUN ****

Any members interested, meet at the Sundowner at 9.00am. A destination will be decided upon at this time.

SUNDAY 22nd JANUARY

**** FISH 'N CHIP RUN ****

10am - Endeavour Esp. on the Scarborough waterfront. Either buy fish and chips at the famous Morgan's Seafood or bring your own lunch. This is a **social event only and NOT an official run** - no meeting is held on this run.

SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

**** BYO ****

Meet at the Sundowner at 9.00am for a drive to one of the lovely parks beside Lake Samsonvale (North Pine Dam). At this stage, most likely McGavin View. Michelle Johansson Ph: 3882 3789

SUNDAY 5TH MARCH

**** SMORGASBORD ****

Brian Lewis Ph: 3880 0376

SUNDAY 2nd APRIL

**** SAUSAGE SIZZLE ****

Graeme & Denise Douglas Ph: 3408 9084

17th - 29th APRIL

TASMANIA TOUR

Mal and Lenna McLeod Ph: 3881 1378

SUNDAY 7TH MAY

PRESIDENTS RUN

**** SMORGASBORD ****

John Pritchard Ph: 3205 9276

20TH AND 21ST MAY

CAMP GREENUP

- to be confirmed

SUNDAY 4TH JUNE

AUSSIE BRAKES RUN

**** SAUSAGE SIZZLE ****

Bill Randell Ph: 5538 6875

SUNDAY 2ND JULY

**** BYO ****

Gael Krueger & Alan Burnett Ph: 3285 2567

SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST

MEMORIAL RUN

**** SMORGASBORD ****

Liam & Sharon Redmond Ph: 5433 0962

SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

GY RALLY

**** BYO ****

Craig & Julie Bloomfield Ph: 5495 6965
and Graeme & Denise Douglas
Ph: 3408 9084

SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER

**** SAUSAGE SIZZLE ****

Peter Hobart & Lynne Burgess Ph: 5428 7181

1ST WEEKEND IN NOVEMBER

IMBIL WEEKEND

- to be confirmed

SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

AGM BREAKFAST MEETING

- Venue to be confirmed

SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

ADULTS XMAS PARTY

- Venue to be confirmed

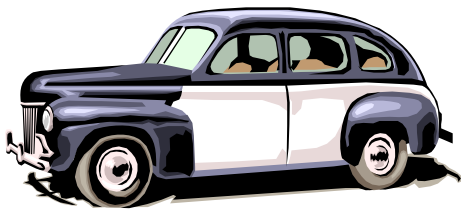
SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER

KIDS XMAS PARTY

**** SMORGASBORD ****

- Venue to be confirmed

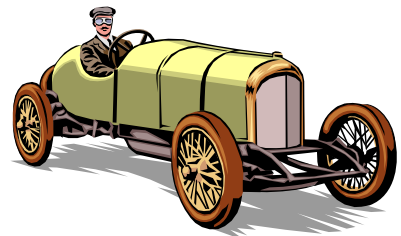
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Wishing all members a very
Merry Christmas and a safe and
happy new year!

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas and in the Garage,
There wasn't a trace of a Ford or a Dodge.
The presents were wrapped, and the lights were all lit,
So I figured I'd mess with the Bugeye for a bit.

I popped the T handle, and lifted the hood,
When a deep voice behind me said "looks pretty good"
Well as you can imagine, I turned mighty quick,
And there, by the workbench, stood good ol' Saint Nick!

We stood there a bit, not too sure what to say,
Then he said, "don't suppose you'd trade for my sleigh?
I said " No way Santa" and started to grin,
"But if you've got time we could go for a spin!"



His round mouth, all tied up like a bow,
Turned to a smile, and he said "hey lets GO!"
So as not to disturb the neighbour's retreat,
We pushed ol' Bugeye quietly into the street.

Then taking our places to drift down the hill,
I turned on the key, and I let the clutch spill.
The sound that erupted took him by surprise,
But he liked it a lot, by the look in his eyes.

With Minilites a cryin' and the AH aglow,
We headed out to where all the Brit folks go.
And Santa's grin widened, approaching his ears,
With every shift up, as I went through the gears.

Then he yelled, "Can't recall when I felt so alive!"
So I backed of the gas and Said "You wanna drive?"
Ol' Santa was stunned when I gave him the keys,
When he walked past the headlights he shook at the knees!

Then the Bugeye exploded with sound!
Santa let off the clutch, and the tires shook the ground!
Power shift to second, again into third!
I sat there watching, at a loss for a word,
Then I heard him exclaim as we blasted from sight,
"Merry Christmas to all, it's a hell of a night!!!"

Contributed by: Liam and Sharon Redman