# STEERING COLUMN NEWS



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#### 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.

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.

\* **BBQ/Sausage Sizzle** \* We provide food 'n' salads Gold coin donation required

All Sunday Runs are: Meet @ Sundowner Motel just off the Bribie turnoff in Caboolture (8 Aerodrome Road), **8.30am** for a **9am** departure. Don't forget to bring your morning tea!

All Mid-week Runs are: Meet @ Sundowner Motel (as above) **10.00am** for a **10.30am** departure (no morning tea stop)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September Note Date Change because 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday is Father's day.

Organised by Don & Phyllis Streeton. This is a run to the Springwood Hotel where they have a magnificent Buffet Lunch for \$12.50. So save up and prepare your stomach for a feast!

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September Mid-week/month. BYO Organised by Kim & Carol

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October** Run yet to be finalised – details in next SCN. PRESIDENT Kim Bowers 0427876271

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## **PRESIDENT's PROEM August 2019**

Thank you to those members who have paid their renewals already and 85% of them for completing the form so our Secretary can keep our vehicles registrar up to date.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all members for generously contributing to Sally's Hat and our monthly raffles. A special mention to Karen & Nigel Griffin for their abundant donation of raffle prizes and a voucher on our Jimna run. Also Barbara Fisher for her donation to CHACC which is too special for our monthly raffle prizes – it will be 1<sup>st</sup> prize @ our Christmas lunch raffle.

Bunnings Family Fun day on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August was a great success. They had 22 exhibition stall holders and a great band. Thank you to CHACC member's for attending, we managed 10 vehicles with Bobby Pritchard and a visitor making up the total.

For our members currently undergoing treatment and 'out of action', we wish you only the best outcomes and hope to see you up and about in the near future. Hope to see as many members as can make it on our remaining runs this year. Also get your names into me or Scotty for our AGM Breakfast this year to be held at the Glass House Mountains Bowls Club as they need numbers prior.

PS: Also a big **thank you to Alex** for getting this September issue out as our Editor Aileen and Neils are currently touring Far North Queensland and probably out of internet connection in some places.

## SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES AUGUST 2019

By the time this arrives in your inbox there will only be a few days of winter left on the calendar, spring will be with us and with it some beautiful Queensland weather to enjoy whilst out on a morning drive in your classic. There are a couple of run dates available during October so if you want to take us on a drive to a destination of your choice contact Alex with a date claimer

Membership renewal time is approaching and the forms are included with this month's copy of SCN. Membership renewal is due by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019. Also attached is the nomination form for committee members for 2020, have a look at it and decide who you would like to nominate for a particular position. You can of course nominate yourself if you're interested in taking up a particular club position for the next year. Under the CHACC constitution the position of President will become available, it's the easiest position to hold, just ask Kim. AGM is on 27<sup>th</sup> October so please put your thinking cap on.

During August Alex took us on a drive to the lookout tower at Jimna with a morning tea stop at Kilcoy on the way, it was a great drive out in the country with mother nature giving us fine weather for the journey.

Looking forward to catching up with you on our first run of Spring.





## Snow Sefton - Pioneer of Airstrip Racing at Strathpine

From 11th August 1946, the abandoned World War 2 Strathpine No.2 Airstrip (now Spitfire Avenue) hosted Queensland's first post-war motor racing. The first event was called the Victory Speed Carnival. The track was made by Snow Sefton (1911 - 1991) and fellow enthusiasts by 'borrowing' the Pine Rivers Shire Council's road making machinery. They worked like beavers all weekend, returned the equipment before dark on Sunday night, then wired the depot's fence back up. (Most of the councillors were farmers who lived out of town and wouldn't have heard the racket!)

For the first few years, the track was straight up and down the airstrip. Empty 44-gallon drums were placed down the centre of the runway and hay bales were laid out to mark the turns. This made a total lap distance of 1.4 miles.

In 1953, a loop through the trees at the southern end of the track was made, near what is now Buckby Street. The loop re-joined the track on the eastern side and was sealed with sump oil. It wasn't properly sealed until 1955 when a matching chicane was added on the airstrip itself. Immediately after the chequered flag fell for the last time on the 11th of October 1959, the surrounding area was subdivided for residential development.



Snow Sefton, proprietor of the Lawnton Garage for more than 30 years, provided support and competed at races around Brisbane in the post-war period in various vehicles. One of his most famous cars, the "Strathpine Special" was a war surplus Jeep, powered by a side-valve Ford V8. It operated in either front or four wheel drive modes. 2WD for circuit racing and 4WD for hill climb events which were held locally at White's Hill.

Snow was always the crowd favourite at the Exhibition Speedway every Saturday night in Brisbane with his black and white 1936 Ford (the No.36). Snow's sponsorship deal for the 1936 Ford is a classic story in itself and involved some of Brisbane's biggest Holden dealers! He was also famous for thrilling country crowds with his stunt driving at shows all over Queensland up until the early 1960s.



'Strathpine Special' Late 1940s Gympie Road, Strathpine



'Strathpine Special' 1955 Gympie Road, Lawnton

Sources: 'Pioneering the Pine' by Leith F. Barter ISBN 0 9577523 4 2 Memories from Bob Pritchard (Friend of Snow Sefton)



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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS**

# THESE LUCKY PEOPLE ARE CELEBRATING THIS MONTHASeptember 2019 Birthday Wishes



Jenny D'Acunto

Jan Westerhuis

Aldona Scott



Brett James

We congratulate all of the above members on celebrating their respective birthdays If I have missed anyone I apologise, unless like me you want to forget all about it!!

## For those who like a laugh

A group of CHACC members were discussing their medical problems at the morning tea stop on the last run. No names - no pack drill.

'Do you realise,' said one, 'My arm is so weak I can hardly hold this coffee cup.'

'Yes, I know.' replied the second, 'My cataracts are so bad I can't see to pour the coffee.'

'I can't turn my head,' said the third, 'because of the arthritis in my neck.'

'My blood pressure pills make my dizzy,' commented the fourth, adding, 'I guess that's the price we pay for getting old.'

'Well, it's not all bad.' piped up the first, 'We should be thankful that we can still drive.'

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A woman was sitting on a lawn sunning and reading, when she was startled by a car crashing through the hedge and coming to rest on her lawn. She helped the elderly driver out and sat him on a lawn chair. "My goodness," she exclaimed, "you are quite old to be driving!" "Yes", he replied, "I am old enough that I don't need a licence."

"What....NO Licence" she responded "Nope!" he confirmed "The last time I went to my doctor he examined me, and asked if I had a driving licence". I told I did have one and handed it to him. He took scissors out of a drawer, cut the licence into pieces, threw them in the wastebasket and said, 'You won't be needing this anymore.' So, I thanked him and left."



## CHACC EVENTS & RUN DATES FOR 2019 Any further queries, please phone Run Director Alex 0417247292

8 <sup>th</sup> Sept Sunday	<b>Counter Lunch</b> - Organised by Don & Phyllis Streeton to the Springwood Hotel. Morning Tea TBA.
18 <sup>th</sup> Sept Wednesday	BYO - Mid-Week/month. Organised by Kim & Carol
6 <sup>th</sup> Oct Sunday	Note Need a Volunteer
23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct Wednesday	BYO - Mid-Week/month. Need a Volunteer
27 <sup>th</sup> Oct Sunday	Confirmed date for AGM Breakfast. Venue will be at Glass House Mountains Bowls Club. Is an 8:00AM brekky so early start from the Sundowner by <b>7.30am</b> . A great breakfast – don't miss it but need Numbers.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov Sunday	Imbil Folk Festival. Will organise run if sufficient interest
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov Saturday	Date confirmed for CHACC Christmas Lunch

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## OTHER CLUB INVITATIONAL EVENTS & SWAP MEETS 2019

22nd September 22nd September	All British Day, St. Josephs College, Vivian St, Tennyson. Info. <u>allbritishday@gmail.com</u> Roadrunner Car Club Swap Meet, Johnson Park, Cooroy.	
29th September	Bay to Birdwood Classic. Contact National Motor Museum Ph 08 85684000	
Every Friday Night	Regular Car Runs and Meet-ups Old Petrie cruise night Old Petrie Town Historic Village Dayboro Rd, Whiteside.	
Every Friday Night	Munch Inn Car Meet 6:00pm Munch Inn Cnr Beaudesert Rd & Elizabeth St, Acacia Ridge	
FirstSaturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Old SkoolCars 'n Street Machines Show & Shine 5:30pm -9:00pm Alex Barr Oval Tuckeroo Dr, Caboolture AHMF National Motoring Festival Albury Wodonga http://qhmc.org.au/event-3495538	
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## **Club** Run Sunday August 2019 Jimna Fire Tower & Hole in the Wall Cafe

Well here we are again at the start of another club run, on a beautiful sunny day, and with the prospect of an interesting (if distant) destination.

It was great to see Sally and Andy Byrne roll up - we all know

the struggles they are going through with their health. Coincidentally, it is exactly 14 years since they joined CHACC in August 2005 (thanks to "Eagle Eye Scotty for the tip). David Alsbury took the safe option and came in the Toyota, and Scotty and Aldona obviously decided a trip up the windy mountain roads necessitated the E Type. Frank Tenney drove the Buick, although the Corvette with the top down woulda been more acceptable (to me anyway). I do like to see the magnificent Mustang piloted by Ken McFarlane, and Eldon & Joyce in their FB Holden always brings back good memories. Good to see Peter Rohan coming along too, and we miss Gladys.

So off we went using a roundabout way to get onto the D'Agular Highway through Bellmere and Old North Road to come out at Wamuran. A fairly uneventful run

straight through to Kilcoy, where our morning tea stop at Stan and Jenny's establishment on William Street confused some members?

Jenny had outdone herself by cooking up a large batch of mini sausage rolls and other delicacies, whilst Stan had busied himself by setting up tables and chairs on the pavement out front. Alf & Jenny D'Acunto met us there, along with Steve



in his Fairlane. A good group to partake of a magnificent spread much appreciated by everyone there. It was just like dining "al fresco" at an outdoor café.



After the feast we headed up the Kilcoy-Murgon Road towards Jimna, and the famous Fire Tower passing Sheep Station Creek (not in it!!) and a

terrific winding British sports car track through Conondale National Park.





Scotty and I were both chided for being a little late arriving at Jimna, but we would have got there a lot quicker if we hadn't got stuck behind Davin Alsbury in the Crown. Not designed for the type of twisty roads the E Type and MG would revel in!



The "Hole in the Wall Café , ably staffed by Karen and Nigel Griffin (and Linda) provided us with a delicious variety of food and we were able to relax and enjoy this repast in the comfort of the Jimna Community Hall seated at proper tables and chairs. Nigel & Karen had also prepared a scrumptious fruit platter which was an

awesome way to finish off our meals.

Before leaving, Karen and Nigel loaded us up with enough gifts and other goodies to last us for a long time on our runs - it's a shame that their duties at the café keep them away from our regular runs, they are great company.

Off we drove to the Fire Tower, and although it has been fenced in (for safety

reasons) it is still a remarkable structure, the tallest man-made wooden tower in the Southern Hemisphere. Check out the pictures as well as the one David included from a previous visit when it was still open to the public.







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## CLASSIC & HISTORIC AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF CABOOLTURE

Minutes of General Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Venue: Date:	Jimna Publi 4 August 20	
Presidents	Welcome:	President welcomed all those in attendance.
Present:		As per attendance sheet
Apologies:		As per attendance sheet
Birthday thi	s month:	Cynthia McLeod, Ian Hanna, Bernie Tobin, Garry Walsh
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New Membe	ers:	Quintin and Maud Buckley, Official Welcome to CHACC

**Minutes of Last General Meeting:** As per Steering Column News Moved by Secretary as a true and accurate Record. Seconded: John Westerhuis **Business arising from the minutes:** 

• No volunteers for positions on Committee received



### Correspondence In:

- Various other Club Newsletters- Available here for members or ask Alex
- Member application from Quinton & Maud Buckley
- Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club magazine Auto Antics
- David Burrell in relation to Retro Autos magazine
- Lockyer Antique Motor Association in relation to Annual Invitational Run 12 & 13 October 2019
- LifeFlight foundation receipt
- Raymond (Andy) Byrne in relation to annual fee payment
- John and Denise Baker in relation to annual fee payment
- Karen and Nigel Griffin in relation to annual fee payment
- Completed Renewal form from Andy Byrne
- QHMC Membership Renewal process
- QHMC Meeting Minutes and log in information
- Retro Autos August 2019 Magazine
- Terry Young MP Government Grants
- Suncorp CHACC bank statements

#### Correspondence Out:

- Hard copies monthly Steering Column News
- Kim & Carol Bowers reply in relation to Buckley's membership
- Max and Julie Hogg re pro rata membership
- Martin and Lynne Dixon re pro rata membership

Secretary moved that inwards be received and outwards endorsed. Seconded: Alex Gallacher

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer to present current financials.

Treasurer moved that they be accepted as true and accurate. Seconded: Aldona Scott **Run Directors Report:** Volunteers required to set runs.

Alex advised he would be setting the 8 September run Venue to remain the same. Bunnings Morayfield 14 August 2019 vehicles to be displayed. Advise Alex if you will be attending.

Kym inquired from Alex if there was date set for the Tyres Galore Run.

**General Business:** Carol Bowers to forward Attendance Sheet from 17 July run to secretary

Thanks to Club Members Nigel and Karen Griffin for the donation of Gifts and Fruit platter

Sally's Hat:\$34.00Raffle Winners:Frank Tenney, David Alsbury, Sally Byrne. Proceeds \$30.00Lucky Door Prize Winner for Run was Aldona ScottGoose Club:Pat Vincent not present – Jackpot now \$20.00

Meeting Closed: 12.55

