

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 **

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:

THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY

We have been invited to the Caboolture Historic Village.

Admission is by ticket only (Free to CHACC), and we will assemble at the carpark outside the main Village entrance gate at 8:00 AM. (NOT THE SUNDOWNER)

We have some extra tickets available which we can distribute to members on the day, but you need to advise our Rally Director you will be coming, if you do not have tickets.

SUNDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

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Classic and Historical Automobile Club of Caboolture Inc.

A SHORT DISCOURSE ON THE ANNUAL CHACC XMAS PARTY.

(Or...a good time was had by all!)

NB. (Disclaimer). This is not a run report – nor is it a truly accurate rundown of all the shenanigans which took place at the Ningi Community Hall between the hours of 6;30 pm and 11:00 pm. (as they say in police reports for legal reasons!)

However, as a description of the events which contributed to an extremely enjoyable evening by those who were lucky enough to attend, I will allow it to stand on its merits.

We were met at the door by a very Christmassy Widge offering glasses of champagne (and some other concoction) to start the evening off in the correct spirit – although it was clear that some of us had already imbibed some other kind of spirit before our arrival!



It is also worth mentioning that Widge and Elaine had done a superb job in decorating the tables with Xmas crackers, dips, lollies and poppers to add to the festive feel of the occasion. The Xmas tree on the stage certainly set the tone for the evening.

Anyhow, we all stood around for a while – renewing acquaintances, and generally just catching up on events, and all the while Widge was circulating with her concoctions and generally spreading good cheer. It wasn't long before most of us decided to rest our weary bones, made our way to a seat at the tables, and continued with the talking and drinking (responsibly of course!)

An interesting highlight on our table was a couple whom your correspondent had not seen before – but since we have had a few new members join I just thought they were one of them. Until they asked when the carols started – turns out that the hall had hosted a Xmas Carols festival the previous evening, and this poor couple had turned up on the wrong night. Needless to say we invited them to stay and have a drink – which they did, but then they slipped away while no one was watching.

About this time Widge Carol, Elaine and Sue surprised us all by putting on their Xmas show - a very boisterous rendition of “Jingle Bells” complete with a “one horse open sleigh”(see picture below)



At the part that goes “bells on bobtails ring”. we were blown away by the strategic placement of the bells - in the interests of modesty I will not mention where the bells were attached - but it

virtually brought the house down. A hearty “well done” to Widge for organizing the “entertainment” and all the other exhibitionists involved.



Amidst rumblings along the lines of “my stomach thinks my throat’s been cut”, thankfully the caterer announced that the buffet was on and the throng proceeded – in a more or less orderly fashion – to feed the inner man (or woman as the case may be). A well presented array of salads and meats was laid out for our gastronomic enjoyment, and we all partook heartily.



Here is a small sample of our members very early on in the evening. You will notice the politeness, the decorum and general good behaviour exhibited at this time.

Current libel and defamation laws prevent me from showing pictures taken later in the evening.

I am seeking legal advice on the pictures at the end of the newsletter



Suitably fed and watered, we were ambushed by Shirley Jefferay with her list of mistakes and slip ups which occurred during the monthly runs. As she proceeded around the hall targeting her unwary victims, each revelation was met with raucous laughter and jeers, accompanied by a totally suitable (and well thought out) token presented to the hapless individual.

Among the more memorable were:-

AN "OSCAR" AND OVERSIZE SUNGLASSES TO PAM FOR HER CAMEO ROLE IN THE ABC PRODUCTION "WIDE OPEN ROAD.



As you can see Pam was overwhelmed by her presentation, unfortunately we were still able to recognize her behind the "Hollywood" glasses.....

Fortunately we were spared the acceptance speech – we had only hired the hall for one night!!!

A "STUNT DRIVER" STICKER FOR ALF FOR HIS SPIRITED DRIVING (PASSING ON THE LEFT) DURING ONE OF OUR RUNS.



Alf originally protested that he was not worthy (Guilty) of receiving this prestigious award. However, Jenny managed to gain enough support to shame Alf into accepting.



A PAIR OF REALLY STRONG GLASSES FOR OUR PRESIDENT FOR BLUNDERING INTO THE LADIES' TOILET AT KENILWORTH — PLUS A DISGUISE IF HE WANTED TO DO IT REGULARLY!



*Who is this man...and why can't he read the "GENTS" sign despite the obvious aids he is using....
Or is it that he just never learned to read properly ??*

The irrepressible Widge had one more trick up her sleeve – a rendition of the “Twelve days of Christmas” involving the whole gang of us, complete with actions!! It started off reasonably quietly, after all, what can you do with “a partridge in a pear tree”. But unfortunately as the song wore on, and the refreshments kept flowing, and the voices got even louder, “8 maids a-milking” and “10 lords a-leaping” took on a somewhat liberal interpretation of the original lyrics much to the enjoyment of us all.

I cannot remember when sweets were served, but I do know they were tasty and eagerly snapped up by the members, many going back for seconds!

But all good things must come to an end, and in the true Christmas spirit we said our farewells, did a quick cleanup of the hall (A BIG thankyou to those who helped), and headed off home. We had been entertained, enjoyed ourselves, and cavorted in a manner which showed age is no barrier to having fun! Long may it continue!!

FUN TIMES

THE SENILITY PRAYER :

Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway,

The good fortune to run into the ones I do.

And the eyesight to tell the difference.



A blonde woman was speeding down the road in her little red sports car and was pulled over by a woman police officer who was also a blonde.

The blonde cop asked to see the blonde driver's license. She dug through her purse and was getting progressively more agitated.

"What does it look like?" she finally asked.

The policewoman replied, "It's square and it has your picture on it."

The driver finally found a square mirror in her purse, looked at it and handed it to the policewoman. "Here it is," she said.

The blonde officer looked at the mirror, then handed it back saying, "OK, you can go. I didn't realize you were a cop."

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A mother was working in the kitchen listening to her son playing with his new electric train in the living room.

She heard the train stop and her son said, "All of you sons of bitches who want off, get the hell off now, 'cause we're on a tight schedule!! And all of you sons of bitches who are getting on, get your asses in the train, 'cause we're going down the tracks."

The horrified mother went in and told her son, "We don't use that kind of language in this house!! Now I want you to go to your room and you are to stay there for TWO HOURS. When you come out, you may play with your train, but I want you to use nice language."

Two hours later, the son came out of the bedroom and resumed playing with his train. Soon the train stopped and the mother heard her son say, "All passengers who are disembarking the train, please remember to take all of your belongings with you. We thank you for riding with us today and hope your trip was a pleasant one. We hope you will ride with us again soon."

She hears the little boy continue, "For those of you just boarding, we ask you to stow all of your hand luggage under your seat. Remember, there is no smoking on the train. We hope you will have a pleasant and relaxing journey with us today."

As the mother began to smile, the child added, "For those of you who are pissed off about the TWO HOUR delay, please see the bitch in the kitchen."

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QUEENSLAND HISTORIC MOTORING COUNCIL NEWS

(from OHMC Management Committee Meeting 11th January 2012)

2012 RACQ HMC Rally: Hosted by Maryborough District Antique Motor Club. Annual rally on the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June 2012. Major sponsor, RACQ. Book your accommodation now as there are other unrelated events on in Maryborough that weekend http://www.qhmc.org.au/Event_Flyers/2012_RACQ_HMC_Rally_Flyer_Vintage.pdf

2013 QHMC Rally: Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club 50th anniversary week-long celebration in conjunction with the 2013 QHMC Rally in June 2013. Please lodge your expression of interest to attend with name, number attending, phone, address and email address to SCACC PO Box 363 Nambour 4562. http://www.scacc.org.au/forms/date%20claimer%202013_1.pdf

Invitation Runs & Events: QHMC has asked for club committees to provide QHMC with two dates for their club runs where other QHMC-affiliated clubs are welcome to attend so that all club members can obtain optimum enjoyment from their club vehicles.

Personal/Family-use days for SIV: Free SIV usage days would be simple to implement, but there may be difficulty in enforcing it without implementing a full logbook system. QHMC is opposed to a full logbook system and believes that 12 personal/family-use days should be achievable as an extension to the present SIV arrangements. Based on returns received from clubs, a minority of members in our clubs want change to enhance our current SIV guidelines and we must listen to everyone, even minorities. QHMC aims to provide an environment that suits all tastes. The item remains on the agenda without immediate plans for formal advocacy.

Seat Belts and Child Restraints: Queensland refused to follow the lead set by the National Transport Commission and the Australian Transport Council in not adopting the model Australian Road Rules in full <http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/T/TrantOpRURR09.pdf> The exemption provided in Australian Road Rules allowing the carriage of age 7 to under 16 year olds in pre-seat belt era vehicles not already retrofitted, is not available to any vehicle travelling in Queensland. QHMC clubs agree that surely it is reasonable for an exemption to the age 7 to under 16 age group to be allowed to all persons travelling in at least pre-1960 vehicles. QHMC has sent a follow-up submission to DTMR in order to strongly advocate for pre-1960 exemption. The Qld Minister for Transport has become involved. QHMC is waiting on a decision from her department.

QHMC is committed to achieving amendment to Qld legislation to mirror Australian Road Rules regarding exempting ages 7 to under 16 from using seat belts in vehicles not fitted with anchorage points and not aftermarket fitted since vehicle was manufactured. Until this goal is achieved, QHMC is working in co-operation with DTMR in order to achieve an environment where pre-seat belt era vehicles, whilst being used for club purposes as listed in the SIV guidelines, are lawfully exempted from the 7 to under 16 rule.

SIV Vehicle attendance at recognized historic vehicle events not listed in club calendar: Many historic vehicle events not organised by incorporated vehicle clubs do not fit SIV guidelines, especially if they do not benefit charities. QHMC believes that an additional guideline, "*attending publicly promoted events and activities aimed at the participation of historic vehicles,*" should be added to the SIV guidelines list. DTMR has declined to do so, thereby leaving countless SIV operators unknowingly exposed. QHMC is committed to continued advocacy on this issue in order to protect those hundreds or even thousands of SIV operators who in good faith attend historic vehicle events not listed on club calendars. In the meantime, if clubs add such events to their event calendar, you are covered

Web Links: In order to get clubs interacting better, clubs have been asked to provide two or three open invitational events over a six month period for inclusion on the QHMC Events Calendar. If your club would like some company on its runs, it should notify QHMC via the link on its website www.qhmc.org.au

QHMC Committee: QHMC secretary has resigned. No organisation can operate without a secretary. Clubs are requested to provide a nomination for secretary as soon as possible. Please send your nomination to the QHMC President president@qhmc.org.au

Robert Shannon Foundation awards: Clubs can now start to identify their nominations for the 2012 RSF awards. More information in coming months <http://www.qhmc.org.au/images/RSF%20Flyer.jpg>



Canberra 100 Rally: Next year, 2013 marks the year Canberra is 100 years old. AHMF and each state council are doing a national rally in Canberra. Rally runs are being sought from every State to arrive in Canberra on 18th October for the national rally. The overall event will be similar to the Shannons Rally in 2001. All Queensland clubs are encouraged to support the event. QHMC seeks a number of run coordinators to plan and lead the rally runs from Queensland to [Canberra in October 2013](http://www.qhmc.org.au/Event_Flyers/Canberra%20100%20Rally.pdf). Any takers?
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Invitational Rallies this Year: Beaudesert Club 35th anniversary tour 17-18 March; Easter in the Country, Roma 6-8 April (Roma Historical Motor Club. Tel 4622.2286); Nor'easter Hub Meet, Atherton 6-9 April (Cairns Club); Fuel consumption test invitation event Toowoomba (DDVVMC) 18-19 Aug; Auto Spectacular, Willowbank (Buick Club 0403.960584; Maclean Bridge at Lakeside (Triumph Club) 19-20 May; National Motoring Heritage Day (all clubs) 20th May; RACQ HMC Rally Maryborough 9-11 June; Autorama Rally Gold Coast 5-6 Nov. Details and links to entry forms appear on QHMC website www.qhmc.org.au on the 'calendar' page. Everyone welcome at these events.

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I CAN'T REMEMBER THE DRINK THAT WIDGE OFFERED ME AT THE DOOR, BUT I THINK IT HAS MADE MY EYES GO ALL FUNNY!!



WHY IS OUR EX-TREASURER SMILING THAT "MONA LISA" SMILE?? WHAT IS HE UP TO????





I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT ARTHUR HAD DONE WRONG HERE, OR WHY SHIRLEY HAD SINGLED HIM OUT, BUT ... FROM THE LOOKS OF THE PAPER ROLL HE RECEIVED, ANY FURTHER COMMENT BY ME WOULD BE SUPERFICIAL AT BEST, AND PROBABLY SMUTTY.



DOESN'T CYNTHIA LOOK LIKE SHE'S ENJOYING HERSELF.....

PROBABLY BECAUSE SHE'S ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE ROOM TO ELAINE AND CAROL!!





CHACC EVENT & RALLY DATES FOR 2012

Any further queries, please phone Rally Director Graham Beatson 32670363

Members will notice that a number of the mid week runs are still looking for organizers. Please contact the Rally Director, if you have a destination/place you would like to visit. Usually we look for shorter runs, and we can sort the details – all we need is an idea or suggestion.

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12 th February	Sunday	Fish & Chip Run
15 th February	Wednesday	Mid week run – Organised by Kim Bowers
4 th March	Sunday	Organised by Jenny and Alf D’Acunto
14 th March	Wednesday	Mid week run organized by Lindsay Bell
1 st April	Sunday	Organised by Andy & Sally Byrne
18 th April	Wednesday	Mid week run organized by Ron & Brenda Byrnes
6 th May	Sunday	Run to Cattle property organized by Graham Beatson
16 th May	Wednesday	Mid week run
3 rd June	Sunday	President’s Run – Alex Gallacher
13 th June	Wednesday	Mid week run
1 st July	Sunday	Organised by Alf & Jenny D’Acunto



OTHER CLUB INVITATIONAL EVENTS & SWAP MEETS

17-18 th March 2012	35 th Anniversary Tour Beaudesert & District Restored Auto Club Inc. Join us for a great weekend touring the beautiful Scenic Rim and learn about the history of the region while celebrating our club's 35 th anniversary.
9 th -11 th June 2012	RACQ Qld Historic Motoring Council Maryborough District Antique Motor Club Rally
June long w/end 2013	Date claimer Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club 50 th Anniversary

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