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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.

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#### \*\* 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 them selves.

\* **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 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014

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Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2014 Mid-Week Run - BYO. Graham & Jan Beatson

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**BYO 29th GY Rally**, In memory of Peter Friar. Kim & Carol to organise this. Note this has been changed from 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday September to allow members to enjoy Father's Day with their families PRESIDENT Peter Rohan (07) 5428 6025

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## President's Report July 2014

Well, here we are into July and the year is half complete.

Gladys and I have sold our house and are currently moving into a retirement village at Rothwell. We moved out of our old house on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and commenced moving into our villa on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>.

Life has been a bit hectic and consequently my apologies to Lindsay for not being able to attend his function during this period of relocating. We will definitely attempt to attend his starting out day.

I also have my Morris 1100 up for sale as we no longer have a place to store it full time, so if anyone is interested, give me a ring. Whilst the car might be going, we intend to continue our association with the club.

I believe we may have sold the club's trailer and it would seem it is going to another car club. I am sure our secretary will enlighten us in due course.

Also discussion as to AGM breakfast venue was determined on this July run and further information will be forthcoming. Peter

## Notes from the Secretary: August 2014

- **GET WELL** wishes to Arthur Hinsbey (awarded our "Most Runs Attended" member in 2013). Arthur is currently undergoing Dialysis and we hope to see him back on runs when he is feeling better.
- At this stage although still not confirmed our **AGM** 'Do-Our-Own-Breakfast' will be at Brennan's Park, Bribie Island (as per our general meeting vote on the July run). Thanks to Pam McPherson for booking the venue however at time of deadline for this issue, it is not cemented in concrete will definitely confirm by September issue.

**CONDOLENCES** - It is with great sadness we report the passing of one of CHACC's Life Members – DONALD NEIL McLEOD on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2014. Don and Cynthia made many friends in our Club and enjoyed the outings up until recently when he wasn't able to attend. CHACC extend their deepest sympathy to Cynthia and family. At time of print for this newsletter, obviously funeral arrangements are not made. I will email those members on-line when date is known so that as many members that are available may wish to attend in their Club shirts. For non-email members, please phone me (54954683) if you would like to attend



Donald Neil Mcleod



## President's Trophy Run Report Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July2014

Baroom Pocket Dam via Maleny

Good rollup this morning for our monthly club run with 13 vehicles turning up. Another glorious winters day although it was a bit nippy at the start.

We got away from the Sundowner on time and continued on to the Bruce H/way then Steve Irwin Way to the Glasshouse Mountain village turn off. From here, we followed a route on the back roads before returning to the Maleny/ Landsborough Rd nearly at the top of the range.

From here, it was an easy run to Maleny then on to Baroom Pocket Dam rest area where we had the pick of our picnic area and undercover areas to lay out our Smorgasbord lunch.

There was no trivia quiz this run and you could just about hear the sigh of relief. This run was a poker run where each car was given 4 cards when they arrived at our destination, then had to give back 2 cards before finally given back 2 cards so each car had 4 cards again. The winner of this little exercise was Stan Vallance and would you believe he had a straight flush of Spades, Ace King, Queen and Jack! Well done!

Sally was out to increase or fines kitty with some members being pinged for driving "moderns' on the run and even clipping your President for non attendance at last month's run even though we had put in an apology!! Just can't win with that lady!

Prior to lunch we had our usual club meeting which will be in a separate report by our secretary.

Hopefully the run was enjoyed by all and hope to see you at the next monthly run. Peter



Well we have certainly been receiving some great weather for our runs, and today did not disappoint.

We had a good response of 24 members in a mixed bag of modern and classics to share the run through the beautiful Glasshouse hinterland. Thanks must go to Peter & Gladys for arranging this drive through the winding, and sometimes steep country roads, it was very enjoyable.

On rejoining Landsborough-Maleny Rd we continued into Maleny town, which is always busy with Markets and tourists. We all made the correct turn and proceeded to Lake Baroon for our meeting and lunch. Again the smorgasbord lunch was great (thanks everyone). Peter designated the run as a poker run which on drawing the cards was duly won by Stan & Jenny Valance.

Following Lunch the raffle was drawn, the winners being.... 1st...Kim& Carol Bowers 2nd...Cecile & Noel McEwan 3rd...Joyce & Eldon Till Thanks to all who attended, see you next Month. Graham



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#### General Meeting Minutes 6th July 2014 Baroon Pocket Dam via Maleny

Meeting Opened:	10.55am
Attendances:	24 member's 13 vehicles Peter welcomed members and thanked them for their attendance.
Apologies:	as per attendance sheet
New Member:	John George – 1934 dodge Utility (from Hamilton Qld)
JUNE Congratulations:	As there wasn't a general meeting on our June run, we didn't get to congratulate two special June occasions – Lew & Pat Vincent's 52 <sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary and Alex Gallacher's 70 <sup>th</sup> birthday.
JULY Birthdays:	Malcolm Ireland, Richard Jefferey, Gloria Groves, Gillian Smith, Vera Friar, Julie Walters and Neville Brown's 70 <sup>th</sup> birthday.
JULY Anniversary:	Congratulations also to Neville & Barbara on their 49 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and Ron & Brenda Byrnes on their 45 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.
Correspondence In:	Pam McPherson – thank you to those members attending the NSW Vanguard Club's morning tea at Bribie Island on May 17 <sup>th</sup> . This was very successful and those that attended found the hospitality shown by the NSW club fantastic. Cloth badges available to those who attended. See Pam. MVR – Registration on Club Trailer - months \$57.25 Various other Car Club newsletters – given to Rally Director.
Correspondence Out:	50 July SCN newsletters to hard copy recipients.
Treasurer's Report:	Presented by Alex – moved they be accepted, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Peter Rohan Accepted.
Rally Directors' Report:	Graham said our June run to Baruba Creek was successful and our hosts have in fact invited us back next year.
	<b>16<sup>th</sup> July</b> mid-week run Smorgasbord to the <b>Abbey</b> . This is being organised by Neville & Barbara Brown and we will be celebrating Neville's 70 <sup>th</sup> birthday. Need 15 members minimum to get \$7 discount entry. Bring a plate to share.
	26th July – Nambour Swap Meet – see Graham for details.
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> August</b> – Aussie Brakes Trophy run – being organised by Jenny & Alf D'Acunto. Down further from Somerset Dam the settlement of Somerset. BYO.
	<b>13</b> <sup>th</sup> <b>August</b> – Mid week run – still need a volunteer. Graham & Jan graciously put their hand up for this.



General Business:	<b>CHACC Trailer - Decided</b> to re-register to six months only. Also decided to sell. Many motions on the floor – final being Neville Brown would offer it to the Zephyr Club for \$300. Seconded Kim Bowers – carried.
	<b>AGM Breakfast - Many</b> suggestions put forward for venue. It was decided a 'do it yourself' BBQ breakie would be preferable to sitting on designated tables in a restaurant and not being able to communicate with anyone freely. Carol suggested any ideas to be put to our Social Director, Elaine Gallacher before next meeting. Andy Bryne moved a motion to look at Brennan Park at Bribie Island – seconded Pam McPherson. She will investigate possibility and get back to Secretary. (This venue was where the NSW Vanguard Club held their morning tea for us in May).
	<b>Angel Flight</b> - Lindsay updated the meeting on his & Valmay's forthcoming trek across Australia and back in his Model T. Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> July they will be at the official opening of Repco on Morayfield road. From Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> they will be at Morayfield Shopping Centre opposite Zellows for a week selling raffle tickets, etc. Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> July they have a display at Bunnings and will draw the raffle at 3.30pm. Hope to have the three Model T's and caravans that are making the trip there on the day. Send off is 31 <sup>st</sup> August at the Caboolture Lakes area and they would like to see as many of us as can make it there in their old cars. Home to make it home before Christmas.
	Treasurer - Alex informed the members he would like to draw \$500 from our Investment account to the cheque account – at least until new memberships started to flow in. Can always put it back later. Moved Alex, seconded Barbara Brown. Agreed.
Sergeant of Arms:	Sally proceeded to fine all and sundry for misdemeanours bring in \$17-85 for our 2014 nominated charity of the Caboolture branch of the Leukaemia Foundation. Well done Sally.
RAFFLE Results:	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize Kim Bowers 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize Cecilie McEwan 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize Joyce Till Thankyou to members for their generous contributions – we banked after costs \$32.
Poker Run Result:	Winner of Peter and Glady's Poker Run was Stan Vallance. <b>Congratulations –</b> along with Peter & Glady's gift they took home the President's Trophy.
Sixth Goose Club Draw:	Drawn by birthday boy Alex - financial members drawn out were John & Remy Hudson. As they were not present, the \$60 will jackpot to \$70 for our August run.

Meeting Closed @ 11.35 am



## Mid Week Run Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Many thanks to Barbara& Neville for arranging this very interesting run to the Abbey Museum at Caboolture. It was Neville's 70th and a mix of 15 members and 5 visitors turned up to help him celebrate and consume the food that was supplied by everyone who brought a plate along.

We were invited into the Chapel and given a talk on the extremely old stained glass windows and plaques by a very well informed staff member.

We then proceeded to the Museum and spent considerable time inspecting the many diverse artefacts depicting life from Stone Age to modern.

Since we had all worked up an appetite by now, the food mentioned was duly eaten, Neville cut his cake, and after some time spent discussing many topics people began heading home before the impending rain arrived.

Graham















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### OTHER CLUB INVITATIONAL EVENTS & SWAP MEETS 2014

26 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club NAMBOUR SWAP</b> – (always las Saturday in July) Go to <u>www.scacc.org.au</u> for up to date details or email <u>swap@scacc.org.au</u> Saturday in July) Go to <u>www.scacc.org.au</u> for up to date details or email <u>swap@scacc.org.au</u>		
31 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Jimboomba Swap meet &amp; Auto Extravaganza</b> , Maclean Bridge, Bimboomba. Enter off Greenbank Rod. \$5 Entry fee for adults and kids over 14.		
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Rocklea Swap Meet, Rocklea Showground. Contact 0412183804		
13 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Gympie Swap Meet &amp; Car Show</b> Gympie Showground, Exhibition Rd, Gympie. Starts at 6am – 2pm. Gates open at 3.30pm on Friday for vendors to set up and the Swap Meet runs all day Saturday. Outdoor sites are approximately 7 x 7 metres and are \$10 which includes single person entry. Undercover sites \$15. For more info call (07) 54822303 or 04708708321		

### **This Month's Car Quiz**

What is generally considered to be the first "pony car"? Feel free to phone 54940720 or email your answers to the editor at <u>editor@chacc.com</u>

### Last month's Quiz Answer

We have one winner this month and it is Alex

What year was the hit tune "In My Merry Oldsmobile"? Answer: 1905

## **Did You Know?**

An odometer records the distance that a vehicle travels.

A speedometer measures the speed of a moving vehicle.

A tachometer indicates the speed of rotation of the engine.

According to Encyclopedia Britannia, "About 15 BC, the Roman architect and engineer Vitruvius mounted a large wheel of known circumference in a small frame, in much the same fashion as the wheel is mounted on a wheelbarrow; when it was pushed along the ground by hand it automatically dropped a pebble into a container at each revolution, giving a measure of the distance traveled. It was, in effect, the first odometer."





## Recipe **Chilli Chutney**

- 1 Cup chopped and seeded red chillies (for a hotter chilli leave seeds)
- 1 Cup chopped green apples
- 1 Cup chopped onion
- 1 Cup raisins, chopped
- 1 Cup brown sugar
- 1 Cup brown vinegar
- 1 Tablespoon cornflour, (for thickening)



Place all ingredients in a saucepan and cook until tender. Thicken with cornflour if needed. Bottle while hot.

Will last for months in the fridge

## Classifieds





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# A CRACKING PACER



When the patriarch of the Henderson clan brought home this Valiant everyone scorned it. So why is it still in the family 40 years later?

Back in the autumn of 1971 Arthur Henderson's father, Herbert Henry Horne Henderson (yes, really), drove into his Brisbane driveway and shocked the neighborhood when he stepped out of a bright red Valiant Pacer.

This laired-up sporting sedan was a far cry from the Henderson family's faithful Vanguard station wagon. Mr. Henderson senior said he'd bought the Pacer, an unwanted raffle prize, for his daughter Joyce, but it was son Arthur who had an eye on it. "I still don't know why he bought it", says Arthur. Everyone said "Why in hell did you buy this?" Because he wasn't in the best of health, he'd just turned 70 – maybe he was just feeling a little bit younger.

But no-one was keen on riding with Herbert in the 185hp Pacer, one of the country's best-value performance cars at the time. Arthur's wife Melva went for one drive, came home, and said "never again". It was a full car load, including grandchildren. "Don't you dare let the kids go in that car – ever", Melva told Arthur. But no he never put a mark on it. I think it frightened the life out of him, Melva recalls. I drove it a bit back then,. It was the scariest thing with the shift on the floor and the power as touchy as. I was used to driving real old sluggers. Adds Arthur; "The old Hemi-6 was a good donk, no doubt about that. Still is". That 245ci six-cylinder engine runs a two-barrel carburetor; more high-performance options were also available in the day.

Herbert Henderson died toward the end of 1975 and the VG Valiant sat there in the shed at Eight Mile Plains, occasionally taken for a spin and re-registered in about 1984. The paint blistered around one side of the roof, but otherwise the car was in great shape.

Arthur, at the urging of his son Dale, took over the Valiant in 1985 with 15,000 miles on the odometer. Dale reconditioned the engine and gearbox, while Arthur bought back the original black-and-white number plates, PRT 639.

Some 10 years later, the Pacer was knocked around on a country road in southern Queensland. Another car had left a cloud of dust on a narrow S-bend, and the driver of an old Magna reckons he didn't see the Valiant, or the corner, in all the dust.

The still immaculate, if a little paint-faded, Pacer was collected on the driver's side front guard, and in a split second became far from immaculate. It was sent off to WB Bodyworks (now WB Motors) and Ray Chambers at Caloundra on the Sunshine coast. Ray replaced the guard, front bumper and front wheel, pulled out the six-cylinder engine and left not a wrinkle in the metal. "That's what I call an absolute craftsman", says Arthur.



Ray, who specialises in old Valiants and Holdens, also sourced new bonnet and body decals. A new coat of paint and gallons of Fisholene for the chassis followed. The red carpet and black seats are original. Body-wise and mechanically, the Pacer – now with 93,000 km on its reconditioned engine – has remained reliable, if thirsty.

Arthur & Dale have kept ignition and fuel systems all stock-standard, but it can get out of whack. It's normally running around at 22mpg (12.8l/100km. When everything is tuned up and in synch, it gets closer to 30mpg (9.5l/100km) according to Arthur.

This is a roomy car that starts easy and rides easy. The interior's not been touched since it left the Adelaide production line – the cabin is near flawless. There's the big dashboard, tachometer redlined at 5000rpm, thinnest steering wheel and high-backed bucked seats up front. Using the floor-mounted shift, there's plenty of torque in third, to loaf around with. Drop back to second for some action (and extra induction roar). There's a long stretch of road close by Arthur's island home. "There's people have to go slow and hold everybody up" says Arthur. "A couple I've come up to, pulled out, planted the foot and blasted past. They wonder what the hell happened.

Melva laughs that she would have ditched the car a while back, but she understood it was a special car with a rich history in the Henderson family. Today's family car is a Toyota Corolla with power brakes, power steering, powers everything, says Arthur. "You can drive the Corolla with one finger. Can't do that with this Valiant. If you were hurtling along, you had to keep your eyes up front, because they took a bit of stopping". The Hendersons used to drive it everywhere and a few would-be buyers have tracked it to its home on Bribie Island, leaving empty-handed. What's been part of the Henderson family for more than 40 years will stay part of the family, with Arthur and Melva planning to hand the Pacer over when the time comes. That is as soon as son Dale builds a new shed at his place outside Brisbane, to store it.



Members Lew & Pat Vincent forwarded these photos from the official opening of Repco's new store on Morayfield Road - Lindsay was there with his and the other two Model T Ford's promoting his Angel Flight fund raising.



### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BIRTHDAY BOYS**

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ARE CELEBRATING THIS WONDERFUL OCCASION **AUGUST BIRTHDAY WISHES** 



Geoff Smith John Hudson



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 !!

> PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS BUSINESSES AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT THEM AS WELL





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Joke: Mrs Big had a baby, Which was bigger?



Answer: The Baby. It was a little Bigger



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#### CHACC EVENT & RALLY DATES FOR 2013 Any further queries, please phone Rally Director Graham Beatson 33859898

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18 <sup>th</sup> September 2014	Wed	BYO Need a volunteer
5 <sup>th</sup> October 2014	Sun	As this is a long-weekend - We may just organise a get together for lunch And a chat - due to poor turn-out last October holiday run
15 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2014	Wed	Last mid-week Run for 2014 BYO Need a volunteer for this one.
26 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2014	Sun	<b>CHACC AGM Breakfast Venue to be advised</b> . Currently negotiating to have it at Brennan Park on Bribie Island, Will be a CHACC supplied breakfast with members pitching in to assistance, Will confirm in September newsletter.
1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 2014		Imbil Folk Festival
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2014	Sat	CHACC Christmas Lunch/Dinner to be decided by Social Director & Committee

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