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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 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)

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday 3rd July 2022

This is our "Memorial Run" where we pause to remember those of our members who are no longer with us. This has been organized this year by Neils & Aileen to Gardner's Falls in Maleny. Please come along and pay tribute to our past members and friends.

Wednesday 13th July 2022

Mid-Week. This is a delightful run organised by Charlie and Sandy, which will finish at a great (and inexpensive) Thai Restaurant in Dakabin which comes highly recommended. A little different, but well worth the run!

Sunday 7th August 2022

Still looking for a brave soul to put their hand up for this run! It cant be that hard to find two places with toilets to go to??

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PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE – JULY 2022

Well, what a month we've had! A great run to Toogoolawah (Even if I do say so myself) although it was a bit chilly in the "Courtyard" of the pub – but they did put the heaters on for us. Then a nice little jaunt to Dowse Lagoon mid-week, and I'm sure Charlie Provis will have great versions of both runs for you to enjoy.

I want to touch on a subject which I believe is gaining momentum here and overseas. I'm talking about the growing number of companies – here and abroad – popping up to convert classic cars to electric power. These people, and their customers are proclaiming how they'll help to save the world – which they won't! Historic/Classic cars account for minimal miles driven in total in Australia, and I suspect that the converted examples even less. They are just a way of virtue signalling by a few, when you consider the price tags attached to these vehicles.

The joy of owning and driving a classic is a combination of many things. It's the sound of the engine and the exhaust note, the feel of the wheel and the brakes, plus if you're lucky, the crackle of the old AM radio and the links it brings to your past, or your memories of days gone by. The engineering and the balance of the vehicle as a whole, cannot be replaced with the silence of an electric motor – and let's not forget the problems associated with lithium batteries, and the paucity of charging stations in remote areas.

This is my opinion only, and may not reflect the opinions of the members of CHACC so don't blame them! I have nothing against electric vehicles per se, but to put an electric motor in an E Type Jaguar is sacrilege – in my eyes!

Regards...Alex



How important are numbers?

If you're a "Number Plate" very important, if Shannon's recent auction results are anything to go by! An early Queensland number plate "Q 410" went for a bargain basement \$128,500.

The lucky buyer of "Q 156" had to pay a bit more, although his number plate was a little lower in number but higher in price at \$192,000. But the icing on the Queensland cherry at this auction was the number "226" at a miserly \$202,500.

The longest lockdown in the world must have affected the sanity of some Victorians! Their thirst for "heritage" number plates puts the Queensland misers to shame. The relatively minor demand for the Victorian plate "6-969" only fetched \$330,000. More desirable was the number "690" which went for \$541,000. But the number which put all others to shame was "14", which was snapped up for the eye-watering amount of... \$2,270,500! And no, that's not a misprint. But I guess if you have just bought something like a 1963 Ferrari 250 GTO for \$70,200,000, or a 1956 Aston Martin DBR 1 at \$22,550,000, a mere couple of million for a number plate to go with it is pretty cheap - yes?



JOKES

New Teslas don't come with a new car smell, They come with an Elon Musk.

My last relationship ended because I didn't open the car door for her,
Instead I just swam for the surface.

If you run in front of a car you'll get tired...
But if you run behind the car you'll get exhausted



Carol and Kim's "Step up to the plate" Run to Dowse Lagoon Brighton

Whoa.... What happened to our planned run to the Kentronics Company to see a collection of great classic cars? Well Zeus and his mates are still having an impact on our lives. Just like Covid there are consequences of every action. In this case our potential hosts are still up to "pussys bow" with the damage caused by flooding. We wish them well with the heartbreaking work and no doubt business hardship with the recovery.

The result from our perspective was a potential cancellation of the June mid-week run.

In my experience with car clubs, there are 2 types of people. The 1st group is composed of those that check their shoelaces when a problem arises, which needs a hands-up and a quick result. Thankfully we have representation from group #2 in the likes of Alex, John and the Carol/Kim team, all of whom have answered the call an embarrassing number of times.

This is not a *name and shame* session and there are others who deserve mention another time. This time C&K did the job by clearing off the dinner table, spreading out a map and producing a damned good run together with matching documentation...just like that!

The carpark at the Sundowner on Wednesday last was full with cars. The problem was that they weren't ours. At the start we had 6 cars only. That diminutive number shrank to 5 after Sally and Andy advised that they were not staying due to medical appointments. Our hopes, I know go with them for good results. They are a couple of troopers, who we know; need something very important to get in the way of participation.

Tongue in cheek, the event could be subtitled "Generals Day". We had John Westerhuis in his 1956 FE, Martin Dixon with a HZ Premier and C&K in the HR Ute. Sandy and I, in the Jag; had not met Martin before who also revealed under interrogation by the former; that he sports even more of Australia's own at home. One of the last Monaros and a Torana XU1 no less. Not to be outdone, I understand that the HZ is to be revitalized by a body work expert next week. Alex in the "B" joined us in the non-patriot corner.

The run was never going to get you into hock over the fuel used. It covered the track from Caboolture to Brighton, however with imaginative use of highway-dodging skills. Arrival was spot on 12 bells, so I will add "researched and impressive" to the accolades. The park was well equipped with a roofed table and electric barbecues no less. Great disabled access too.

As the run wasnot strongly attended, Carol decided not to penalize those who showed up by running "Sally's Hatt" on the day. Toosje and Peter, Jenny and Stan and Frank politely sent their apologies.

Cheers Charlie
June 18th 2022



The President's run to Toogoolawah June 5th 2022

Alex, who is not often short of a word or two, outdid himself in his briefing document. Turn by turn directions, absolutely gremlin free. It all fitted neatly into an A4 and just begged to be part of your luggage for the day. It's not in front of me so I don't know if any "youse-isms" snuck in, so let's not spoil the moment. I can report however that the town of Toogoolawah is a very pleasant destination and sports a bonza pub. Bonza eh? There's an adjective I rarely use, put it down to environmental influence whilst I warble on about this run. I don't often have Wikipedia tabbed when I scribble, (an outright lie), but the town's title had me intrigued. I can now tell you that the Aboriginal word described a crescent shaped tree in Bulimba, where the first Mayor had property. I'll bet the townsfolk were chuffed about that!



I digress and bet your forgiveness for my indulgence. We have, fellow members; been here before. Cast your mind back to when the committee was not merely an annual reshuffle of names and positions. New folk wandered into our midst, and before they understood the implications we threw a blue polo shirt around their shoulders and muttered softly in their ears about the benefits of club membership and how involvement was good for one's vital organs. Thus we gained a female President, a Secretary and a Club Photographer all of whom couldn't boast a bloodline going back 3 generations in the club. The last time we were enjoying a Toogoolwah feed, my friends; those people were present. Life moves on and so did they.

So much for history, so dry your eyes and concentrate. This day 21 Members in 12 cars enjoyed the fact that Alex had not only dusted off the "old" instructions but did the drive, in his "also white" Jag; to go over the route again. Not only did he make sure that roads still existed, but also avoided the perennial roadworks on the "Diagonal Highway". Big tick to Alex for the time well invested. To Kim and Carol, Maud and Quintin, Andy and Sally. Stan and Jenny and Barry that's 5 Modern's in a field of 12, that's better than the Libs did recently but we hope to see your "Garage Queens" soon. Peter and Cato, together with Ken and Barbara made sure we didn't miss the ponies. Alex was the only ragtop in his MGB. Holden's were well represented by Eldon and Joyce (F.B), Neils and Aileen (FC) with John (FE) closing off the marque. Sandy and Charlie in the other white Jag. The Goose Club was won by the Strettons, who were not there. Thus it will have jackpotted to \$50 when we see you on our run next month....subtle huh? The raffles saw Alex with a \$30 voucher (¼ tank of petrol), Joyce score Toosje's hand crocheted blanket and me with a pair of pliers.



The President's Lucky draw saw Barry get the choice of wrapped parcels, with Kim (2nd) and Sally (3rd) tossing a coin. Aileen, very deservedly, was rewarded with a very big package for her unswerving dedication to editorial duties, whilst overseas. The First Lady, Elaine sent her apologies.

Cheers till next time, Charlie



Congratulations to our members

These lucky people are celebrating this MONTH
July 2022 Birthday Wishes



John Westerhuis
Neville Brown
Gloria Groves
Carlene Mayfield

Joseph Jenner
Michael Fehlhaber
Ron De Bryun
Julie Walters



*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!!*

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Roundabouts

Britain to the roundabout rescue. In 1966 the British experimented with a rule that required vehicles entering a circular intersection to yield to those already in it. Capacity increased by 10 percent, and delays and crashes both decreased by 40 percent. It was a huge success, and the country soon implemented the rule nationwide. The modern roundabout was born



Over the next few decades, the British concept spread throughout the world, though some countries proved more skeptical than others. The United States, which had actively removed many of their old rotaries, was particularly resistant: A proposed three-leg roundabout in Ojai, California, would have been the country's first had it not been scrapped due to public outcry in 1988. It would be another two years before the United States got its first modern roundabout, when engineers constructed two in the planned community of Summerlin, Nevada. Despite some persistent American skepticism, the concept continued to gain traction, and by 2014 the country boasted 10,341 roundabouts



OTHER CLUB INVITATIONAL EVENTS & SWAP MEETS

2022

- 25TH June** Caboolture Show & Shine & Swap Meet, Caboolture Showgrounds. Hosted by Caboolture Regional Car Club.
www.crcc.com.au
- 3rd July** Cooroy Field & Heritage Day Johnson Park, Cooroy Contact 0409760502
- 17th July** All Ford Day @ Willowbank. Falcon GT Owners Club Qld.
- 21st-31st July** Warwick's Jumpers & Jazz in July. Ph: 0492979870
jumpersandjazzinjuly@gmail.com
- 30th July** Nambour Swap Meet @ Nambour Showgrounds. Enquiries 0472 596 973 www.scacc.org.au
- 27th-28th Aug** Roma Historical Motor Club 40th Anniversary Invitational Event. Email hello@rhmc.org.au
- 2nd-4th Sept.** Toowoomba Swap - Toowoomba Showgrounds. www.ddvvmc.com.au
- 10th Sept.** Gympie Swap at Gympie Showgrounds
www.gympiehistoricautoclub.com.au
- 11th Sept.** Chrysler Expo at Rocklea Showgrounds
www.chryslerownersclubqld.com
- 8th-9th Oct** LAMA Invitational Event Gatton. Contact 0407119059
- 16th Oct** Annual Cooroy Car Show Johnson Park Cooroy.
Contact 0409 760 502
- 6th Nov** Ipswich Muscle Car Club Swap Meet & Car display. Northern Suburbs Leagues Club, Pelican Street, North Ipswich
- 27th Nov** All Holden Day Out for a Cure, Redlands Showground.
Contact 0456085323 or www.fxfjholdenclub.com



Pasta Carbonara

- 400g egg tagliatelle
- 1 cup parmesan, finely grated (to serve)
- 1 large brown onion, finely chopped
- 1/3 cup continental parsley, chopped
- 300ml pure cream
- 2 tbs olive oil
- 3 eggs
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 250g pancetta, cut into strips



Cook pasta following packet directions until al dente. Drain well. Meanwhile, heat the oil in a large frying pan over medium heat. Add pancetta and onion. Cook for 8 minutes or until pancetta is golden. Add the garlic and cook for a further 2 minutes. Whisk cream and eggs in a bowl. Stir in parmesan and season with salt and pepper. Add pancetta mixture and cream mixture to hot pasta and toss to combine. Stir through parsley and serve immediately sprinkled with extra parmesan.



Fun with English Cars

Anthony is a young fellow that I met when he was an apprentice working on English cars. He now works for himself. I ring him when I run out of talent, time or the inclination to solve an issue with our 1996 Jaguar XJR.

Last Sunday we decided to wake the car from “under the sheets” and head out for lunch and a drive. That plan fell in a heap when horrible noises emanated from the fan/drive belts at the front of the engine. While age and arthritis are gradually diminishing the projects I will now tackle, there was simply no way I was going to ring Anthony to fix a simple fan belt noise!

We love our Jaguars for all sorts of reasons. Space, grace and pace is the motto. The first of these variables is an outright fallacy. I just spent two days under the XJR to solve the malady with whichever of its 3 belts was the issue

On our model there is a clearance of only 100mm from the ground before things get in the way. It's not just a case of wriggling under, even with your cheek on the concrete you don't get headroom. One needs to get really sneaky and drive onto a pair of those ABS racing ramps which gives you another 40mm. That's just enough to get the trolley jack in and under the front coil spring seat. Do it twice, slide the stands under the jacking point below the front doors and you are done. "So why didn't he use the front cross member", I hear you mutter. No, that part of the suspension is apparently only there to hold the wheels apart. Thou shall not sully the member with your silly hydraulic apparatus notes the workshop manual. Distortion will apparently occur, necessitating the removal of the engine to enable replacement. I kid you not, there is a sticker (not 26 years old) on our cross member, which makes me think that somebody has been down this path before and paid the (no doubt considerable) price.

Two of the belts have idler wheel adjusters that, at first glance, look like a 10mm Allen key, except that they have 4 sides...of course they do. A call to my mate Bill to “make a tool please”, fixed the issue and added to the long list of favours I may sadly never finish repaying.

The third belt, which drives the supercharger; has a tensioning system that is hidden under the alternator. It looks as though it had a previous life as a bicycle chain adjuster. Access, I reasoned, would be best accomplished with the radiator, air conditioning condenser and intercooler removed. That wasn't going to happen, but marked a point at which I needed a break and a beer.

Monday morning saw me standing on a brick, to get me just a bit higher to actually see the adjuster. With a wriggle, I could get my hand past an obstructing coolant hose, and reach the target. Mecca! The rest was a doddle. Change the belts and a tension wheel, that I wager didn't come in a green and white box; and life was good again.

I might not tell Anthony this story for reasons of foolish pride. May you never meet him and compromise my deceit.

Charlie 22/05/2022



Q: What do you get when dinosaurs crash their cars?

A: Tyrannosaurus wrecks.

Q: What do you do with old German cars?

A: You take 'em to the old Volk's home.

Q: What kind of car does Yoda drive?

A: A toyoda.



<p>SUGGESTED CHACC EVENTS & RUN DATES FOR 2022 <i>Any further queries, please phone Run Director Kim 0427876271</i></p>

3rd July 2022 Sunday	Memorial Run - BYO To be organized by Neils & Aileen. Gardener's Falls, Maleny.
13 th July 2022 Wednesday	Mid-week/month. Lunch @ Thai restaurant, Dakabin. Organised by Charlie & Sandy Provis
7 th August 2022 Sunday	NEED A VOLUNTEER _____
24 th August 2022 Wednesday	Mid-week Joint run with MVOC/Arthur Hall NOTE ONE WEEK LATER THAN USUAL!
11 th Sept 2022 Sunday	4th is Father's Day. NEED A VOLUNTEER _____
21 st Sept 2022 Wednesday	Mid-Week/month. BYO Glass House Mountains. Organized by Martin Dixon
9 th Oct 2022 Sunday	NEED A VOLUNTEER (note 3rd October is Long Weekend for Queen's birthday)
23rd Oct 2022 Sunday	Suggest this be our AGM
6th Nov 2022 Sunday	Leaving this free for member's wishing to go to Imbil Festival
16 th Nov 2022 Wednesday	Suggest this be our last run for 2022
27 th Nov 2022 Sunday	Suggest this be our Christmas Lunch

WE NEED SUGGESTIONS/VOLUNTEERS FOR THE LAST 3 MONTHS! Give the committee an idea and we'll do the rest, or organize one yourself - it's not hard! Especially the mid-week ones.

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