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Historic
Automobile Club
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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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 4th June 2023

Presidents Run

After the spate of "Pub Runs" this will be a
BYO. Looking at Ewen Maddock dam
details to follow via email.

Wednesday June 14th Mid-week

Need a volunteer

Sunday July 2nd 2023

Need a volunteer.

**Wednesday July 19th 2023
Mid Week.**

Organised by Martin Dixon and designated
a "Mystery Run". It will be a BYO and
guaranteed to be interesting and
enjoyable!!

**Sunday 6th August 2023
Organised by Ken McFarlane Off**
to the Brighton hotel, with a nice
little stop at North Pine Dam for
morning tea. Will be a great one!

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Classic and Historical Automobile Club of Caboolture Inc.

President's Prattle – June 2023

Whatever happened to the knob? This is not one of those “good old days” rants, but a serious look at the progress – or otherwise – of the way car makers have changed the way we activate various functions while driving our modern cars. We talk about progress, and innovation, but are we really moving forward?

A simple example; how many of you when driving a different car to your regular vehicle – maybe a hire car – have activated the windscreen wipers instead of the turn signal, which are on opposite sides of the steering column? I’m old enough to remember when the dipswitch was on the floor and activated with your foot! Then some bright spark decided to put it on the steering column some even incorporated into the only other stalk on the column...the indicator.

Back then, many highly skilled bio-mechanical and ergonomic specialist were employed to design and incorporate the various controls a driver need to drive their cars without too much confusion. A rotary knob for things that could be turned to increase or decrease a function like audio volume, aircon temperature and fan speed, or even flow direction. And there were subtle differences to those knobs, a raised vertical section on one, a knurled edge on another – easily distinguished by feel and position by the driver. A push-pull switch or two position toggle switch for lights or wipers each placed differently and with a different “feel” and due to their placement and tactile design, no need to take your eyes off the road.

Then came the “let’s put everything on (or around) the steering wheel” development. Wipers, washers, horn, high/low beam and flashers and the ever faithful – but rarely used – turn indicators. All different stalks, all activated by a push, a pull, or a flick up or down with a finger most without removing the hands from the wheel.

Now we all hailed this as progress! I won’t even start to discuss the cost of replacing any of these, either individually or as a complete sealed unit, but it was innovation, or so we were told! Now for the real killer...the touch screen; the so called electronic era. Everything you ever wanted, audio, with a multitude of programs, stations, speaker volume and balance, even your own choice of pre-recorded music via Spotify. How about climate – front and rear, face or feet (or a combination) fresh or recirculated, interior lighting, mobile phone, all your options on that device reproduced – GPS and road maps – even voice commands on how to get where you’re going - all at a touch of the magical screen. But we still had all those stalks on the steering column, with a few added cruise control, instrument display, driver aids, wiper speeds and intermittent delay, plus duplicates for phone answering, audio volume and on come- the horn.

No, I’m not against this proliferation of controls, and advances to make our driving more enjoyable and tailored to our personal wishes. But I object to a lot of this stuff being put on a touch screen!

A recent study by the UK showed that it could take up to twenty seconds, for you to take your eyes off the road and search for your favourite track on Spotify, or change the aircon settings while driving. That’s up to twenty seconds at 100 KPH, translated to almost 28 metres PER SECOND! So, even just a few seconds and you’re into the rear of the car in front who has had a panic stop.

As I said, I’m not against touch screens – I have one in my car, but I don’t use it while I’m driving. I wonder how many others are as disciplined?



Riddle: What English word retains the same pronunciation, even after you take away four of its five letters?

Answer: "Queue."



Mid-Week Club Run to Palmwoods Hotel

19th April 2023

Here we are again on a beautiful Wednesday mid-morning (don't you just love the sleep-in?), with the usual suspects looking forward to another run, even though it was a little chilly. As a result, the Prez brought his Jaguar, as did Andy & Sally, so no open tops at all! In fact it was only Bruce and Veronica Stanley in their HQ, Frank in the Corvette and Peter Davis in his Mustang to keep alive the "Classic" reputation of the Club. Everyone else had a modern.

But as usual I digress, so let's get back to the business of the day. Frank Tenney, in his usual fashion had devised a very interesting way to travel to our final destination. We headed off up the D'Agular H'way through Moodlu to Wamuran, then through some interesting country to Elimbah. From there we went through Beerburrum and onto the Bruce H'way via Steve Irwin Way to Glenview. Very relaxing. Then through to Nambour, past the Big Pineapple, and under that horrendous rail bridge in Palmwoods to the Pub.

But that was not the end of the excitement and drama -so to speak. Because the car park at the rear of the hotel is higher than the main part, it leads through an outdoor area to a longish stairway down to the Bistro and bars. No problem except Jenny V was on crutches (can't stop her from coming to a run) and Sally likes to go steady down the stairs. Mission accomplished for now!

An excellent and generous meal followed with the usual good humoured banter and general bonhomie until it was time to leave – but what about those damned stairs? Not to worry, the owners of the Pub had wisely installed an electric chair-type lift for just such a dilemma. Check out the pics of Sally and Jenny effortlessly ascending the staircase obstacle, while the rest of us used the manual apparatus, namely our legs, to achieve the same result.

Assembling after the challenge, we all agreed it was possibly the highlight of what was a very enjoyable and worthwhile run, with a great finish to round the trip off.

Well done Frank, and thanks!

Your faithful scribe.



Riddle: There are two monkeys on a tree and one jumps off. Why does the other monkey jump too?

Answer: Monkey see monkey do.

Riddle: A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him underwater for over 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But 5 minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How can this be?

Answer: The woman was a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it, and hung it up to dry.



Northern Districts Social Car Club & Classic & Historic Automobile Club of Caboolture

Combined Club Run to Club Tavern Sunday 21st May 2023

There was a rather eventful start to this particular run, and as always, let me explain. This run was developed by our esteemed (??) Prez, and because it was quite short one we planned for both clubs to be ready at Centenary Lakes at around 9:30 AM for a 10:00 AM departure. Great plan – right?

Unfortunately, at 10:00 AM the aforementioned Prez had not arrived with the run sheets, and when he eventually arrived (10 minutes after departure time) he made up an



excuse about his MG playing up and he had to return home to change cars. A likely story!

Anyway, now armed with the appropriate run sheets we set off on what surprisingly turned out to be a very interesting run. For a change our convoy turned left out of the netball area of the lakes to travel along the Esplanade and the cemetery to reach King St and then onward to Williams Rd. Once onto Williams Rd we followed it to the end, which was Markwell Rd. Passing through many pineapple plantations – no, not really through I should have said alongside - we finally reached Wamuran and headed off up Campbells Pocket Rd.

Travelling up Campbells Pocket we reached W. Lindsay Rd (why the “W” who was he?) and enjoyed a great drive back to Old North Rd. Luckily the “Road Closed due to Flooding” sign had disappeared and we were able to follow it through some great country scenery all the way to Caboolture River Road. It’s truly amazing that these type of large country properties are just a short hop from Morayfield with its supermarkets, other stores and restaurants! Anyway another nice drive into the just mentioned Morayfield and we are almost at our destination, the “Club Tavern” in Caboolture.

After parking the car, we made our way inside to be greeted by a really big reserved table, one end of which was overflowing with a plethora (it means a large or excessive amount of something) of raffle prizes thanks to Burson in Morayfield, & Stan and Jenny.. Jenny had also organized small plates of nibbles dotted around our tables, which was a great way to relax and enjoy a drink after our run. Meals were ordered, drinks bought, and everybody started to talk to everybody else, which was terrific, many lingering for a little longer just to enjoy a good natter with friends.

The raffle was run -again by Jenny – which raised \$190. I lost track of the winners as there was twenty of them so just “suck it up”.

Carol did run the CHACC “Goose Club” which was *lost* by Quintin & Maud, who usually attend our runs but were in New Zealand! ***That means \$130 for some lucky member on our next run.***

Your Faithful Correspondent.



Riddle: I have only two words but thousands of letters. What am I?

Answer: The post office.

Riddle: My thunder comes before the lightning. My lightning comes before the clouds. My rain dries all the land it touches. What am I?

Answer: A volcano.

Riddle: I come from a mine and am surrounded by wood. I help others to express themselves. What am I?

Answer: Pencil lead.



Sadly, we advise that Sandy Provis passed away on Wednesday, April 19th, 2023. CHACC members extend sincere condolences to Charlie and family.



"I wrote the attached and put it in a frame at the end of her bed to enable visitors and staff to know Sandy better. The exhausted, tiny body, with tearful eyes that belied comprehension, the form from which life was ebbing with each barely perceptible breath: that was not Sandy. The Sandy we know, had a complimentary ticket to heaven: pre booked years ago in recognition of the tireless, self sacrifices that made up every day of her time on this earth.Charlie"



At least the brain works

We don't say "operation" anymore. It's not that it was publicly declared obscene or offensive to any sector of the community, it was just like fins on cars and went out of fashion. The genteel word now is "procedure". Sandy should be writing this, not me because at last count; she had been on the table under the big white light 37 times for everything from babies to bunions. You might think that 37 is a big number, and you would be right; but Sandy wasn't born with everything working correctly.

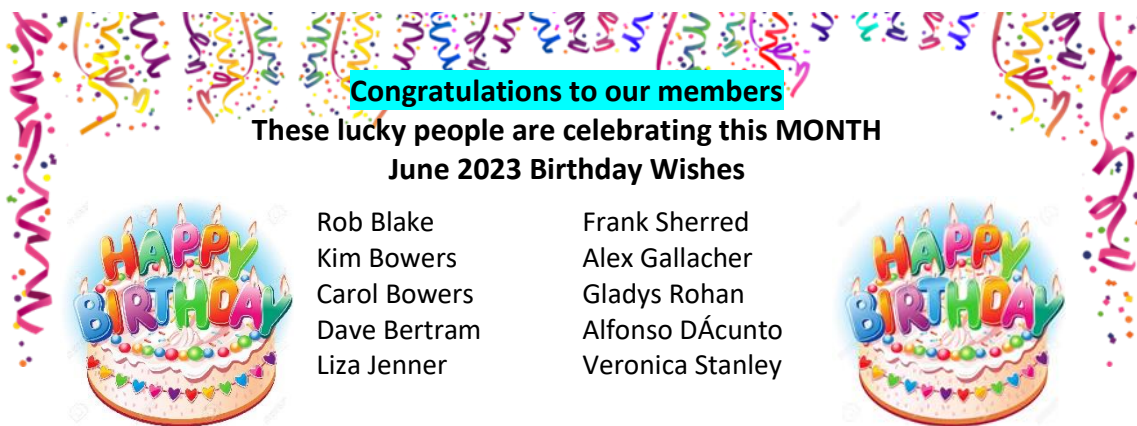
There was a design fault with the chassis which wouldn't stand up straight. The alignment problem caused compensating wear on most of the external moving bits. There is more metal in Sandy than a small Chinese car and we have paid the power bills of orthopedic surgeons, the length of the Australian east coast. Some of the "procedures" were painful and required long periods of recovery. Sandy didn't care about that and ticked the relevant box as Job done, shrugging her shoulders saying "At least the brain works" which became shortened over time to ALTBW in the Provis family. And so it went with feet, elbows, knees, hips and shoulders. There is always a conversation about another way to do a project. Usually, cost was the driver. Sandy has a toolbox of skills not normally found in one person. She left school as soon as possible after costing her also skilled parents a 2nd mortgage in the private school fees of Melbourne's Catholic Ladies College. Utilizing the opportunities of being indentured to the largest hairdresser in the City, she became multi-talented across all related disciplines. Her skill in the glamour industry coupled with classical training as a singer enabled Sandy to gain entry into the music industry firmly focussed on Jazz. Slim, unusually tall at 5 feet 10 inches in the old currency, with an outgoing personality and the skills to back it up, landed some plum opportunities. Styling the hair of the female singers in Louis Armstrong's ensemble when they were on tour in Victoria was one example. All of this when she was still a teenager.

Fast forward to the 1980s and with more than a whiff of eucalyptus, Australian swept through the tourism and fashion industries. There were screen prints of native animals, native trees and just plain natives. All were screen printed and almost none were made in Oz. Sandy ALTBW, used another 2 skills from the box to avoid competing on price. She used Artistic flair and Machine Sewing to produce "Applique" which in this case was satins, rabbit fur and leather to depict wearable Kangaroo, Koala, Cockatoo and other wildlife sewn onto women's clothing ranging from windcheaters to lycra swimwear. For about 2 years Sandy had the products, with retail tags in the \$100s walking out the door of the 5 star hotels from Tasmania to Port Douglas.

I could go on detailing her input into leatherwork on our classic motorcycles, and classic cars. Sandy is a big believer that quality stands out, makes money and wins prizes. Our 46 years together shows that you need to marry your best friend. If they are tall, attractive, talented and share an appreciation for English machinery that's a rare bonus.

So the next time you walk past room 4 and the door ajar shows a woman, no longer enjoying life much; think about what I have told you and say "G'day Sandy", it will make her day..





*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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OTHER CLUB INVITATIONAL EVENTS & SWAP MEETS

2023

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| 18TH June | RACQ Motorfest - Details to be advised |
| 16th July | All Ford Day Willowbank. Hosted by Falcon GT Owners Club QLD |
| 29TH July | Nambour Swap @ Nambour Showgrounds. Hosted by Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club. www.scacc.org.au/bookings.aspx |
| 12th August | Lismore Invitation Touring Event, Lismore. Hosted by Northern Rovers Veteran & Vintage Car Club |
| 9th September | Gympie Swap Meet (Saturday) Gympie Showgrounds, Exhibition Road, South Gympie,. Hosted by Gympie Historic Auto Club.
www.gympiehistoricautoclub.com.au/swap-meet-2/ |



*Just a suggestion for committee & members for our next Charity donation.
Look it up and research it.*

What is Hope in a Suitcase?

Hope in a Suitcase Australia is a non-profit organisation run by volunteers who are incredibly passionate about showing every child in the Foster Care system that they are loved and valued by their community.

We aim to do this by giving them a suitcase of their very own to ensure they have a safe and secure place in which to pack their belongings and take with them wherever their journey may lead.

The suitcases are filled with essential items such as toiletries, (sanitary items for the older girls), underwear, a set of pyjamas and a change of clothing. They also include something to cuddle for the younger children, a book to read, a journal or colouring-in books and pencils to encourage creativity and provide a distraction away from their turmoil.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are many ways in which you can help us provide suitcases of hope to precious children and young people across Australia.

- Donations of items to fill our suitcases -must be NEW not second hand]
- Donations to purchase suitcases or items needed
- Get your school, workplace, church or sporting club involved by sharing our vision and offering to be a donation collection point.
- Show your support on social media by liking & sharing our Facebook page.

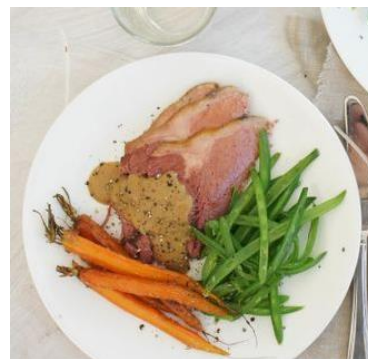


Slow Cooker Corned Beef with Mustard Sauce

2 kg corned beef
1 onion halved large peeled
6 whole cloves
1 tsp lemon juice
1 tsp white vinegar
1 tsp brown sugar
1 tsp golden syrup
2 bay leaves
1/2 cinnamon stick
6 peppercorns
1 carrot chopped
1 celery stick chopped

Mustard Sauce

1 tbs plain flour
2 tsp mustard
30 g butter
2 tbs white vinegar
1 egg



Place meat in cooker on lowest setting and just cover with cold water. Add all other ingredients, cover and cook for 4 hours. Do not remove lid. Quickly turn meat after 4 hours, replace lid and cook for a further 3-4 hours.

If serving hot, remove from liquid and leave to rest in a warm place for 20 minutes. Reserve liquid. Serve with mustard sauce and mashed potatoes. If serving cold turn off cooker, leave meat in liquid until cold, when cold, remove from liquid and refrigerate meat.

Mustard sauce: Place all ingredients and 2 tablespoons of liquid from which the meat has been cooked into a saucepan.

Stir continuously until thickened. Do not boil or overcook or the egg will scramble.



SUGGESTED CHACC EVENTS & RUN DATES FOR 2023

Any further queries, please phone Run Directors Ken 0417343027/ Christian 0410037303

4th June 23 Sunday	President's Run: Organised by Alex. After all the pub runs we have had recently I figured it was time for a good old-fashioned BYO in a nice park. Looking at Ewen Maddock Dam but not confirmed if I can think of somewhere else.
14th June 23 Wednesday	Mid-week/month. NEED A VOLUNTEER_____
2nd July 23 Sunday	BYO To be organised by Need a Volunteer _____
19th July 23 Wednesday	Mid-week/month. Organised by Martin Dixon Mystery run - Details later
6th Aug 23 Sunday	Organised by Ken McFarlane Off to the Brighton hotel, with a nice little stop at North Pine Dam for morning tea. Will be a good one!
16th Aug 23 Wednesday	Mid-week/month. This will be a joint run with MVOC and Arthur Hall. You all know That these runs are always very interesting and mostly finish at a great Pub! Not one to be missed if you want to go somewhere different for a change.
10th Sep 23 Sunday	Sept 3rd) is Father's Day. Organised by Phyllis & Don Streeton This will be our "Memorial Run". A very special run where we remember those members who have passed.
20th Sep 23 Wednesday	Mid-Week/month. NEED A VOLUNTEER_____
8th Oct 23 Sunday	NEED A VOLUNTEER (note 2 nd October is Long Weekend for Queen's bthday)_____
18th Oct 23 Wednesday	Mid-week/month. NEED A VOLUNTEER_____
5th Nov 23 Sunday	Leaving this free for member's wishing to go to Imbil Festival
12th Nov 23 Sunday	Suggest this be our last run for 2022 & maybe our AGM
26th Nov 23 Sunday	Suggest this be our Christmas Lunch

**As you can see there are still some gaps in our run days where we need volunteers. All we need is a few new destinations - we can do the rest - printing, run sheets, even directions if you're not sure.
The club needs your input!**

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