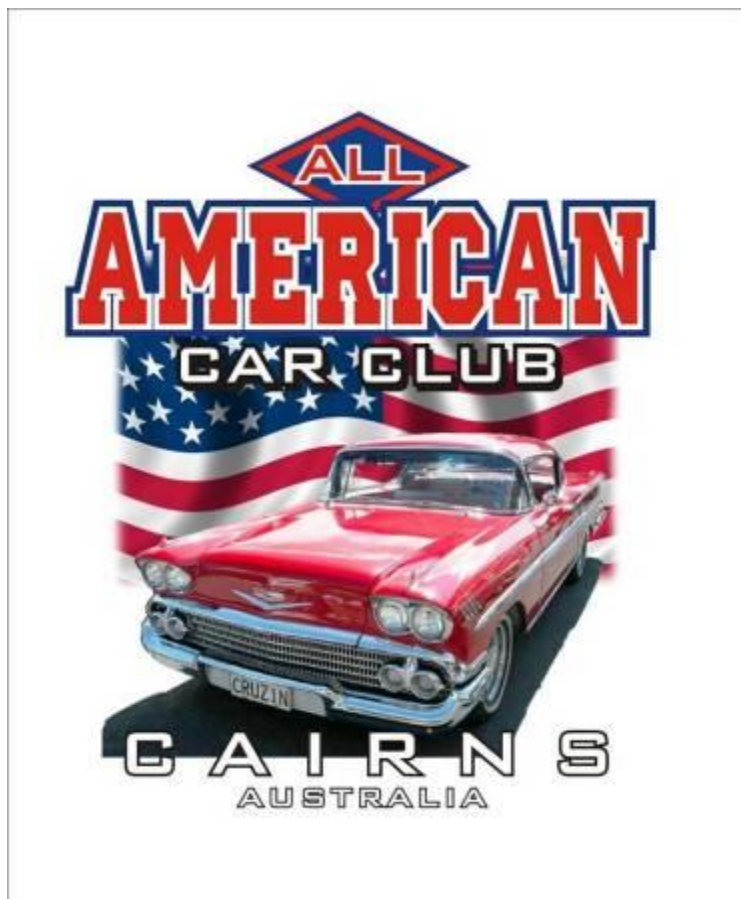


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All American Car Club of Cairns Newsletter



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Membership Fees: \$45.00
(due each September)

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Objects of the Club

*To promote ownership and appreciation of American motor vehicles.
To promote and provide owners and admirers with car shows, car rally's and social events.*

Note: Members are required to attend 3 meetings/events before eligible for Special Vehicle Registration and must repeat yearly to continue to qualify.

Hi Members

There will be no excuse to not get your car out and cruise as there are plenty of events coming up to get involved in. The weekend of our meeting there is the Bent Rods Show & Shine at Ingham on the 28th, the following weekend we have the Kurrimine Beach Hop which is shaping up to be a top event. The weekend after that is the Charters Towers Swap and Show and then on the 17th of June is the Atherton Swap and Car show.

Arrangements are well in place for this year's Cairns Swap Meet Car Bike & Truck Show on 13th August, I hope you are all able to attend and bring your cars and are also prepared to assist on the day. We will be outsourcing running of the gate but will still require members to assist with the set up on the Saturday, judging the car show, marshalling vehicles as well as the many other things needed to be done on the day.

Congratulations to member Joanne Henderson who won the Super Street section of the drags at the recent Northern Nats. Action pic here from Waz on the Phat Photography facebook page.



Talking about the Mazur household, what was Eddie up to here following the last meeting?



Next month's meeting will be the annual sports day with the other clubs. It will be a breakfast first followed by the meeting and then the sports events. If you have not participated before make the effort this time, we will be required to organise one event. Let us know if you have any ideas on a novelty sports event.

Safe cruising and see you at the meeting on Sunday 28th May.

Bruce

All American Car Club of Cairns – Meeting Minutes 30 April 2017

Meeting Opened: 10:15 am

Attendees: Per attendance register

Apologies: Rob Healey, Kevin Spies

Visitors: Nil

Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting: Moved by Julian
Seconded by Drew

Business arising from last meeting: Nil

- **Incoming correspondence:** Suncorp Bank statement; flyer for Rollingstone Rocks Festival – November 2017; flyer, brochures & entry forms for Charters Towers Motor Show – June 2017; Flyer for the Annual Atherton Car, Bike & Swap Meet – 17 June 2017; Shannons Auction Catalogue – 8 May; Warren Entsch Newsletter. Email from Qld Historic Motoring Council Minutes of Meeting of 23 March; further email from QHMC on the National Motoring Heritage Day on 21 May 2017; email from Jan Ayres inviting AACCC to provide cars for the Festival on Collins at the Botanical Gardens in September. Letter from Scott Martell seeking club registration for a Chevrolet truck.
- **Outgoing Correspondence:** Nil

Treasurers Report:

- **Monies Incoming:** Subscriptions
- **Monies Outgoing:** Post Office box rental; cost of stamps, purchase of club shirts, printing & club stickers for vehicles. Balance of account \$4000.00 approx.
- **Newsletter Editors Report:** Latest edition small in size due to lack of articles - members are invited to submit photos or items of interest to Kristie at: kristiepartington@yahoo.com.au.
- **Event Co-ordinators Report:** Tea, coffee, Anzac biscuits & cake will be provided following today's meeting. Indicative numbers for the brunch run to Blue Moon Grill Cafe on 21 May were sought. Full details on all planned events can be found later in Newsletter, as well as on the Club's website.

Acceptance of Reports: Mover: Kel
Secunder: Ross

General Business:

1. Pam gave a comprehensive report on her and Demelza's trip to NSW/Vic with visits to Silverton, Mildura, Broken Hill, Portland & Ballarat. KITT is very well known in southern states with both newspapers and television stations chasing them down to secure multiple interviews. Apparently the local constabulary were also enamoured of KITT, spending the best part of an hour looking at the car. KITT was also involved in fund-raising activities, with approx. \$20,000.00 raised for one boy on the central NSW coast. An appearance was made at the Pontiac Nationals.
2. Julian reported on the TOTS Swap Meet at Cannon Park, which was very successful, with \$4,000.00 raised for the Gordonvale Mens Shed. 61 cars were entered into the car show, with the Swap Meet 75% full – numbers down due to less than favourable weather.
3. Bruce spoke on the Pontiac Nationals event held in Warwick over Easter that was also attended by the Moores and the Partingtons. A visit was also paid to the Burdekin Auto-fest on the return journey.
4. Taylor Summerville has purchased a new Mustang.
5. Mark Whitehead has been unwell lately, with some time spent in the Townsville Hospital – fortunately things were not as serious as first thought and he is now at home.
6. Reese Pointing has been selected for the State Hockey Titles in the No. 1 team for Cairns – tickets are available for a Mothers' Day Hamper to raise funds to assist with costs.
7. As 2017 is the 20th Anniversary of the founding of this Club, suggestions are being sought from members as to how we should celebrate this milestone. Please contact any Committee member with your ideas.

Next Meeting: 28 May 2017

Lotto –see Helen

T-Shirts & Caps: See Paula who has some old style Ladies shirts for sale @ \$8 each.

Raffle: 50/50 Board

Meeting Closed: 10:45am

2017 Pontiac Nationals : By Bruce Nancarrow

The Pontiac Nationals have been held every 2 years since 1988 and I believe it is the largest regular gathering of Pontiacs outside of the US. They are held over the Easter weekend with different states alternating hosting the event. They were held at Warwick in 2011 and were there again this year and were hosted by the Queensland chapter of the Pontiac Car Club of Australia. In 2011 I trailered the 68 Firebird convertible and Kel trailered his 67 GTO convertible. It was our states turn again this year and we decided to drive our Bonneville's and tow our vintage vans. The last big road trip for the Bonneville's was when we purchased them in the US in 2012 when Helen and I did the trip from Victorville to St Charles in the 77 for the POCI convention and return to LA via Reno for Hot August nights. At that time Kel and Coral purchased the 60 Bonneville in Long Island and drove it back to LA via Chicago by the Lincoln highway and down to Reno then on to LA. On that trip we did approx. 5500 miles in the 77, Kel and Coral probably did close to 4000..

Since owning the 77 Bonneville I have had no issues and it has only required the usual maintenance such as grease and oil changes. Kel has reconditioned the 389 in the 60 and installed a tri power set up and gone for the dog dish hub cap look on 15inch wheels

It is 1177 road miles to Warwick and as time was not an issue we planned a leisurely trip over 5 days staying at free or low cost camp sites on the way. We cruised just on or under the limit and we averaged a speed of 46mph moving time because of slow traffic, road works, lower speed limits through built up areas and country towns etc. We travelled down the coast road and through the area recently impacted by Cyclone Debbie and saw evidence of the destruction. We ran into Keith Freeman from Townsville at Home Hill who drove his gold 66 GTO down to Warwick.

John and Paula came along as well in their Mustang and 1964 Gracemur caravan just for the fun of it. There was a section in the car show on Saturday for other makes where many locals showed a great variety of vehicles.

The Nationals got off to a start on Friday afternoon with registration followed by an evening meet and greet in a local park. Saturday was the Pontiac and Friends car show with over 100 Pontiacs and other local cars. Saturday afternoon there was an observation run while others did scenic runs around the country side. Saturday evening there was a dinner followed by entertainment. Sunday morning there was a parade around the local race track Morgan Park where there was also the Pontiac Challenge driving events for some that entered. Sunday afternoon there were again cruises to local scenic areas. Sunday evening was the awards dinner and the event concluded on Monday morning with a breakfast meeting and farewell.

Entrants came from most states and others also towed vans, the longest distance travelled was awarded to a convey from Victoria consisting of two 57's and a 58 all towing vans. .

We stayed a few extra days in Warwick and left on the Thursday following Easter and arrived home the following Monday. We planned the home trip to be in Ayr for the Burdekin Auto Festival on Sunday 23rd where we caught up with a few old friends including club member Ellis Ramm who had his restored VC valiant on display.

Overall we did 2465 miles on the trip without any problems to either the cars or the caravans.



Fueling up the Bonneville's at Marlborough



State President & Nationals organizer Chris Malones 61.



The blue one is Aust delivered RHD. Both are very fast cars.

The white one has a 347 stroked to 455 with tripower.



Keith Freemans 66 GTO. Drove down from Townsville nearly as far as us

Our 77 Bonneville and 59 Wilson Bondwood caravan



Kels 60 Bonneville and 63 Sunliner caravan

How we travelled to Nationals in 2011

Giggling Gertie's Gut-busting Jokes!

New United slogans:

'Come for the seating, stay for the beating'

"United Airlines. Putting the hospital in hospitality"

"Our prices are unbeatable. But not our customers"

"Board as doctors, leave as patients"

"Early boarding, late boarding, water boarding, all the same to us"

"We can't beat our competition, but we can beat you"

"You are now free to be thrown around the cabin"

Nobody ever said footballers were smart....

'I owe a lot to my parents, especially my mother and father.' (Shane Wakelin).

'Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein,' (Mick Malthouse).

'I am going to finish my degree on time, no matter how long it takes' (Peter Bell - Fremantle - on his University Law studies).

'You guys line up alphabetically by height.' and 'You guys pair up in groups of three, then line up in a circle.' (Barry Hall Sydney Captain at training).

Brock Maclean (Melbourne) on whether he had visited the Pyramids during his visit to Egypt: 'I can't really remember the names of the clubs that we went to.'

'He's a guy who gets up at six o'clock in the morning regardless of what time it is.' (Kevin Sheedy on James Hird).

Jonathan Brown, on Night Games vs Day Games: 'It's basically the same, just darker.'

Ron Barassi talking about Gary Cowton 'I told him, Son, what is it with you? Is it ignorance or apathy?' He said, 'Barass, I don't know and I don't care.'

Barry Hall (Sydney) when asked about the upcoming season: 'I want to kick 70 or 80 goals this season, whichever comes first.'

'We actually got the winning goal three minutes from the end, but then they scored.' (Ben Cousins).

'I've never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body.' (Luke Darcy).

'That kick was absolutely unique, except for the one before it, which was identical.' (Dermott Brereton).

'Sure there have been injuries and deaths in football - but none of them serious.' (Adrian Anderson).

'If history repeats itself, I should think we can expect the same.' (Andrew Demetriou).

'I would not say he (Chris Judd) is the best centerman in the AFL, but there are none better.' (Dermott Brereton).

Garry Lyon: 'Have you ever thought of writing your autobiography?' David Swartz: 'On what?'

'Well, either side could win it, or it could be a draw.' (Dermott Brereton).



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Saturday Morning: Mystery Poker Run Cruze
Saturday Afternoon: Ladies Charity Cruze
Saturday Night: Fancy Dress Party "Mardi Gras Theme"
Sunday: Show'n'Shine followed by a recovery**

Info: Contact the Following Car Clubs

All American Car Club Cairns: 0409 349 103

Townsville Rodders & Custom Car Club Inc: 0418 755 511

Top of the State Rod & Custom Car Club: 0407 741 442



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EVENTS CALENDAR

Upcoming Events:

SUN MAY 28th MONTHLY MEETING TO BE HELD AT COMMUNITY HALL YORKEYS KNOB, CNR WATTLE & CUNNINGHAM ST AT 10:00am. LUNCH RUN TO EDGE HILL TAVERN:

file:///C:/Users/windows%208/Downloads/qne_395_Menu.pdf

FRI 2nd – SUN 4th THE 20th ANNUAL KURRIMINE BEACH HOP BETWEEN CAIRNS & TOWNSVILLE CAR CLUBS AT THE KING REEF RESORT KURRIMINE BEACH. THE THEME THIS YEAR IS MARDI GARS. ALL CAR CLUBS WELCOME. SEE FLYER.

FRI JUN 9th – 11th THE 39th CHARTERS TOWERS CAR SHOW & SWAP MEET AT THE SHOWGROUNDS.

SUN JUN 11th CARS & COFFEE, CAFFEINE & GASOLINE AT COFFEE HAVEN AT THE HUNGRY JACKS END (WHERE WE USED TO HAVE IT)

SAT JUN 17th CAR & BIKE SWAP MEET & SHOW AT THE ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL.

SUN JUN 18th RUN TO THE GARRADUNGA HOTEL FOR LUNCH. THAT SUNDAY IS PIG ON THE SPIT. MEET ON THE SOUTHSIDE AT RAVIZZA PARK FROM 10.30am TO LEAVE AT 10.45am.

SUN JUN 25th MONTHLY MEETING TO BE HELD AT GOOMBARRA PARK. COME ALONG EARLY AT 8.00am FOR BREAKFAST PROVIDED BY CLUB FOR FINANCIAL MEMBERS ONLY. MEETING STARTS AT AROUND 9.15am. FOLLOWED BY ANNUAL COMBINED CLUBS SPORTS DAY.

DATE CLAIMERS

MAY 28th 2017 – BENT RODS SHOW N SHINE & SWAP MEET

JUNE 2ND – 4TH 2017- KURRIMINE BCH WEEKEND WITH TOWNSVILLE

JUNE 9TH – 11TH 2017 CHARTERS TOWERS CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET

JUNE 17TH 2017 – CAR & BIKE SWAP MEET & SHOW. ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL

JUNE 25TH 2017 SPORTS DAY AT GOOMBARRA PARK – LAST SUNDAY IN JUNE.

JULY 4th- AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CRUISE

JULY 30th CYCLONES SHOW N SHINE. TOWNSVILLE STRAND PARK

AUG 12th 2017 – TOWNSVILLE ALL HOLDEN AND GM SHOW & SHINE AND SWAP MEET AT TOWNSVILLE SHOWGROUNDS.

AUGUST 13th 2017 - CAIRNS SWAP MEET & CAR, BIKE & TRUCK SHOW

SEPTEMBER 3rd 2017 INNISFAIL CAR SHOW

NOVEMBER 26TH 2017 CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 17TH 2017 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CRUISE

MARCH 18TH 2018– PADDY POWER MEMORIAL CRUISE

APR 2018? TOP OF THE STATE SWAP MEET & CAR BIKE SHOW

APR 21ST – 22ND 2018 BURDEKIN AUTO FESTIVAL AT AYR SHOWGROUNDS

AT ANY STAGE ON THE DAY OF A RUN IF THE WEATHER LOOKS DOUBTFUL PLEASE CONTACT EITHER JAMES ON 0417451676 OR AMANDA ON 0409349103.

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