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Newsletter of the

C.ex Coffs Sports, Touring and Classic Car Club

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October Events

- * 2nd **Tuesday** Monthly Meeting at Cex Coffs * 3rd Coffee at Tree Tops Dorrigo
- * 14th Corindi Beach Festival * 20th Breakfast at Jetty Foreshores
- * 27th Ladies Oily Fun and Morning Tea
- * 31st Coffee at Bluebottles Woolgoolga

November Events

- * 4th **Sunday** Monthly Meeting **at Cex Woolgoolga**
- * 11th C.ex Coffs Car Display * 18th Combined Run to Little Bay
- * 25th Christmas Lunch (following a short morning tea run)

More than just a car club

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Meetings are held at the Coffs Ex-Services Club at 7.30 pm on the first Monday of each month (Feb –Dec). A Club Newsletter is emailed to each financial member soon after each meeting (none in January).
All correspondence to the Secretary PO Box 2438 Coffs Harbour 2450.

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President's Message October 2018



Another month gone and some memorable events enjoyed and now the prospect of some more to come next month with our November meeting/display/lunch at Woolgoolga on November 4th closely followed by our car show at the C.ex Coffs

A week later and then our Christmas party on November 25th, all very capably organized by our committees. Then there are many other activities, details of which you will see elsewhere in Idle Torque.

Personally the highlight of last month's events was the "bring your own coffee" run to Morgo Park, Urunga where we had a pleasant morning socializing under a shady tree.

We had organized the four Morris Minors in the club to attend which we managed to park together for a photo shoot, see attached pic. We used to have a great rivalry in the club to see if the MX5s would out number MGBs but both of these marques seem to have diminished a little of late and are in danger of being outnumbered by the Morrisies and the growing number of Benz SLKs. Closely following now are the 370Zs and Porsches, changing times indeed but demonstrating the varying passions we have for our particular favourite marques.

Have a good month with us and remember "we are more than just a car club"

Regards, Dick Willis



Monthly Meeting of the C.ex Coffs Sports, Touring and Classic Car

Held at: C.ex Club, Coffs Harbour

Date: 2nd October 2018

Pre-Meeting Entertainment -

Meeting Commenced: 7.30pm

Chairperson: Dick Willis

Present: 49 Members as per attendance book plus partners

Apologies: Pat O'Carroll, Judy & Russ Phemister, John Stephens, Sandra Guymmer, Leo Goodfellow, Phil Carmichael, Tony Bennett, Helen Denham, Warren & Michael McLennan, Glen Wood, John Reid, Mark Edmonds, Kevin Quinn, Terry Nutland.

Visitors: Ben Hampson

New Members: Nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chairperson moved that the minutes as printed are accepted as true and correct.

Moved: Peter Titmus Seconded: Gary Wallace

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE IN: Bob Fairclough in Pat O'Carroll's absence.

1. 7 X Car Club Newsletters
2. 2 X Info sheets from Rare Spares
3. 2 X Updates and the Presidents Report from the NSW Southern Motoring Assoc
4. Notice of AGM from the BCU
5. Invoice from Hi Tech Storage for storage space
6. 2 X Newsletters from the Birdwood Motor Museum
7. Certificate of Appreciation from the Raleigh Urunga Masonic Village
8. Request from C.ex Management to set the Monthly Meeting calendar dates and venues for 2019.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

1. Various emails have been sent to the Cex concerning arrangements for the Car Show in November.

The Secretary moved that the correspondence be received and adopted.

Seconded: Dave Norton

TREASURERS REPORT: Kevin Ingersole

Members viewed a Power Point Presentation depicting the clubs' financial position and transactions for the past month.

The annual Audit report was also displayed, and the results conveyed to the members.

The Treasurer moved that the accounts as presented are accepted as true and correct.

Seconded: Mike Gosbell

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Dick Willis advised all members that the Cex AGM and election of board of Directors is taking place in Oct. There were some how to vote slips available at the meeting which members were encouraged to collect and lodge.
2. Autobarn discount cards are now available by contacting the President or Secretary. Members are encouraged to patronise their business which is a valued club sponsor.
3. Dave Norton spoke about the carpark layout for Classic Cars at C.ex on November 11th, with room for around 80 cars. Set up on the morning will be from 7.30 -8.00am on, with a British theme and there are lots of BMC vehicles, but Dave would like to see a few more Jaguars and other British marques.
4. Grant George is handling the promotions for the event and at this time, there are 64 entries. A well-known "senior legend" will be attending with his collection of Trophies and memorabilia from his racing days with the BMC Works Team. Display Posters will be ready to distribute by next week, if anyone knows of a prominent business/place to display a poster, please let Grant know. Many of our club sponsors and other business' have been very generous in donating lucky door prizes etc and with the enthusiasm shown by members and sponsors, the event is sure to become more successful over time.
5. Dick has a limited supply of "Do Not Touch" cards available for those members displaying vehicles.
6. Members were reminded that the 2018 Christmas Party will be held at the Rainbow Room, C.ex Coffs Harbour on Sunday November 25th. Payment can be processed by EFT to the club account or direct to the Treasurer. If you wish to attend, please book in /pay ASAP.

Monthly Meeting of the C.ex Coffs Sports, Touring and Classic Car

EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT- Judy Phemister, Tony Bennett, Ian Flood, Chris Bridgen. John Stephens.

1. Grant George advised members of a static Car Display at the Jacaranda Festival on Saturday November 3rd from 9.00am. Vehicles can also participate in the Grand Parade later in the afternoon at a cost of \$5.00, however numbers are limited. Details will be provided to the Events Committee.

2. Ian Flood gave a brief talk on the many upcoming events for October, including Corindi Beach Festival on October 14th, Breakfast at the Jetty, Coffs Harbour on Saturday October 20th, Ladies only morning at Bonville Creek on Saturday October 27th and a Coffee Run to Bluebottles Woolgoolga on Wednesday October 31st.

3. Peter Titmus advised that the planned Annual Ladies Day in November will be held at Surf St Café, Emerald Beach on Wednesday November 12th, **not** at Novotel as in past years.

Watch for details listed inside and on the back page of Idle Torque and book in early.

EDITORS REPORT: Michael Guymer

This month will be another large edition of the newsletter, with lots of good articles and should be ready at the end of the week.

WELFARE OFFICERS REPORT: Bill Denham

Several members out of action this month due to health issues, including Leo Goodfellow, Pat O`Carroll and Charlie Smith, good to see Charlie well again and at the meeting. Helen Denham is also doing well and exceeding expectations. Best wishes to all and members are most welcome to give Leo a call while he is confined to home.

REGISTRARS REPORT: Peter Titmus, Albert Johnson, Leo Goodfellow and Pat O`Carroll.

Peter Titmus advised that recent minutes from the Southern Motoring Group indicate there is a proposal to form a lobby group to liaise with politicians at a Federal level in order to protect the interests of approximately 700 clubs involved in the Historic Registration Scheme. There are issues of concern, including the Border Force involvement in the removal of Asbestos from all imported vehicles, and the Luxury Car Tax on vehicles, which has restricted the number of high quality "Classics" coming into the country.

Discussions are also being held regarding the option of having D Plates available in colours other than Green, to enable the plates to somewhat match the vehicle colour, or the option of having Personalised Plates instead.

A Log Book entry at the start of each day for any person driving the vehicle, is acceptable.

PUBLICITY REPORT: nil

MEMBERS SPOT:

John Fogarty gave an interesting talk on his and his twin brothers employment as an apprentice Fitter/Machinist at the BMC Factory in Sydney. Most employees owned BMC vehicles and disposed of their Holdens & Fords after they commenced employment. During his time there, he met Dick Willis, Charlie Smith and many other BMC top drivers from Australia and Europe. Due to time constrictions, his talk was cut short but members are welcome to continue the discussion at any time.

Bill Denham advised he is currently planning a club run to Lightning Ridge in March 2019, with overnight stays at Moree, Lightning Ridge and Inverell. There will be various optional Tours available in each town and accommodation costs average around \$130 per night. Details are in this month`s edition of Idle Torque and numbers will be restricted.

RAFFLE WINNERS: Co-ordinators, Bob Rushbrook and Cynthia Darrington.

Brian Reston x 2, John Fogarty, Glen Stanford.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.45 pm.

POST MEETING ENTERTAINMENT: After a slight Technical Issue was overcome, the following were viewed by members:

- DVD of recent runs to Pimlico Museum and Morning tea at Urunga, prepared by Judy Phemister.
- Slide show of Photos taken of Pointon`s Museum, Wellington NZ, with commentary by Peter Titmus.
- Slideshow of Photos taken at Leyburn Sprints QLD, prepared by Michael Guymer.
- DVD of Classic Cars at C.ex 2016, prepared by Michael Guymer.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

Bohdon Andrews – Wood. Bohdon resides at Sawtell and has a Yellow 1972 VW Kombi.

Please make him welcome if you see him at an event or out and about in your area.

RUN REPORTS

COFFEE AT BIG BANANA 5TH SEPTEMBER

34 people in 19 cars, 4 of which had H plates, made the run on a day where heavy showers ruled. Welcome to new members, Bohdan, Olivia and Luke Wood, who attended in their VW Kombi. We hope to see you on future runs.

The venue at Big Banana is a top one and worthy of a future visit. Food, coffee and service were all first class as was the venue.

A visit on a fine day would give the opportunity to enjoy many of the attractions which are on hand.
Bill Denham



Photos by Judy Phemister



RUN TO PIMLICO COLLECTORS BARN AND LUNCH 9TH SEPTEMBER

What a fabulous day for the 2½ hour run up to Pimlico to see the collection that one couple have put together since first picking up a few shells on the beach while on their honeymoon over 50 years ago. A stop at Ulmarra for morning tea, then on to Pimlico for a lunch prepared by the family, before exploring the stunning grounds and the massive collection. 22 of our members were blown away by what they saw and our donation of a Grevillia to plant as well as a one of our car club caps was greatly appreciated.

Judy Phemister



Photos by Judy Phemister



BYO MORNING TEA AT MORGO PARK URUNGA 19TH SEPTEMBER

A record number of members and cars made the most of the day with a run to Morgo Park at Urunga. 50 members and a great turnout of 13 H plated cars, including 4 Morris Minors, 2 Stags, 2 MGB's and our newest members with their VW combi. Conversations flowed and it was a great opportunity to chat to some of the newer members. As the wind picked up we all packed up and headed for home after a pleasant run.

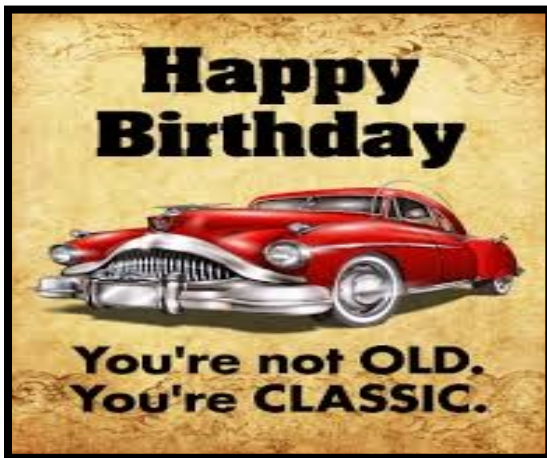
Judy Phemister



Photos by Judy Phemister



Hope they remember where they parked them



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

*2nd John Reid
3rd Pat O'Carroll
3rd Mark Edmonds
6th Judy Phemister
10th Helen Denham
13th Bob Rushbrook
15th Gary Wallace
19th Steve Woods
26th Albert Johnson*

If you are not mentioned it means we do not have your birth date (day/month). So please let Bill Denham know and he will add you to the list.



IF YOU DON'T RSVP BY THE REQUIRED DATE YOU RISK MISSING OUT

Event Name	CORINDI BEACH FESTIVAL
When	Sunday 14 th October
Where	Yarrawarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre – Red Rock
Depart	RepcO Homebase 9am
Expect	We will display our cars together in a roped off area and then you are free to wander the 60 plus stalls, enjoy a BYO morning tea or purchase from one of the many stalls. The festival runs from 9am – 3pm, however, you are free to stay as long as you can.
Bring	Chairs, Morning tea / lunch or money to purchase.
RSVP	By Sunday 7 th October
Contact	Judy Phemister 0407937327 or email judenruss72@gmail.com
Brief Comments	This is the second year the Corindi Beach Community have run this event. They are expecting a great variety of stalls and entertainment. It will be another opportunity to showcase our club.

CORINDI BEACH COMMUNITY DAY
Bush2Beach
Sunday 14 October 2018
9am to 3pm
Yarrawarra on Red Rock Road

In conjunction with Woolgoolga Athletics
 Corindi Fun Run / Walk

Bush Tucker walk, Crocodile Encounters - pat a croc, Brentyn Lugnan
 Gumbaynggirr Artist, Honey Bee Hive demonstration, Make it, Bake it, Grow
 it & Farm it Markets, Car Boot, Community stalls and information, Bush
 Tucker food, Wellbeing and massage, CEX Sports & Touring Classic Car Club,
 Old Tractor display, Music, food and much, much more

Event Name	BREAKFAST AT COFFS JETTY FORESHORES
When	Saturday 20th October
Where	Jetty Foreshore. Turn right at the roundabout over railway line and we will be set up at the first parking area past the actual walkway to the jetty. NOT the parking area straight after the roundabout.
Depart	8.30am start and meet in the grass park area next to car parking.
Expect	Bacon and egg rolls provided by the club at a cost of \$5 per roll. There will be a coffee van nearby and amenities block.
Bring	Money for breakfast and BYO coffee, chairs and other goodies as required.
RSVP	Saturday 13th October. Numbers are essential in order to organise food purchases.
Contact	Tony Bennet on 0400 919 120 or email tbennett1957@hotmail.com
Brief Comments	There is plenty of parking aside from the chosen car park but if you are on time our vehicles will be able to park together.

Event Name	LADIES OILY FUN MORNING TEA
When	Saturday 27th October
Where	11 Moller Drive Sawtell
Depart	Meet there
Expect	A fun informative morning tea as well as make and take featuring essential oils in a beautiful setting on Boambee Creek.
Bring	Yourselves and \$10 to cover morning tea and two take home items. (extra items to make and take are \$5 each)
RSVP	Saturday 20 th October
Contact	Judy Phemister 0407937327 or email judenruss72@gmail.com
Brief Comments	Something a little different for the ladies to enjoy with treats to sample and take home

Event Name	COFFEE RUN TO BLUEBOTTLES, WOOLGOOLGA
When	Wednesday 31 st October 2018
Where	Bluebottles, Woolgoolga
Depart	9.30 am, Repco, Homebase
Expect	Coffee plus Scone OR Muffin
Bring	\$9-10 pp
RSVP	By Sunday 28 th October
Contact	Chris Bridgen chrisbridgen@bigpond.com
Brief Comments (if necessary)	

Event Name	NOVEMBER 2018- MONTHLY LUNCH MEETING Please note this replaces the Monday 5th November meeting and includes lunch at the club, and an opportunity to display your vehicle
When	SUNDAY 4th NOVEMBER Meeting commences at <u>11.00am "SHARP"</u>
Where	C.ex Boundary St, Woolgoolga
Depart	Meet at the Woolgoolga C.ex Club at 10.00 am if you intend to display your vehicle
Expect	Order Lunch from 12.30pm at Walter's Bistro after the meeting
Bring	Money for lunch from \$9.90 - \$13.90 p.p if staying. Choosing from the Lunchtime Bistro Menu, or the full menu at extra cost
RSVP	Required for those staying for lunch by Thursday November 1st 2018 Please advise number attending for catering purposes.
Contact	John Stephens, jbs@ozemail.com.au or 6653 7331/0418 372 319
Brief Comments	<u>Please Note:</u> This meeting is in conjunction with a monthly run and we encourage members to drive and display their Classic or H / D Plated vehicle. Lunch at the club is optional Please also bring your Club window sash if you have one Parking and display of " <u>Classic Cars</u> " is arranged to be in the Carpark at the rear entrance of the club, adjacent to the Conference room where the meeting will be held. Entrance to the Carpark is via Ganderton Street, Woolgoolga. The Lunchtime menu ranges from \$9.90 to \$13.90 pp (please advise number attending at RSVP)

CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
RAINBOW ROOM C.E.X CLUB

12pm FOR MEAL AT 12.30 pm
(there will be a morning tea run organised prior to lunch)

COST \$25 / HEAD

TO BE PAID INTO CAR CLUB ACCOUNT

BCU Coffs Harbour BSB 533-000 Account number 100652729

(Please note your deposit with your CEX membership number and the first 3 letters of your surname)

OR TO THE TREASURER

PAYMENT REQUIRED NO LATER THAN 22nd OCTOBER 2018

Contact Judy Phemister AFTER you have paid.
Phone 0407937327 or email judenruss72@gmail.com

The Classic Cars @ C.ex Coffs

The Classic Cars @ C.ex Coffs Show is the cornerstone event of the C.ex Coffs Sports Touring and Classic Car Club calendar. In recent years enthusiastic members have proudly displayed their unique cars, from Australia, Europe, Great Britain, the United States and the Far East, to many motoring enthusiasts from across the Mid North Coast. This year will be no exception. Several members have acquired classic vehicles during the last twelve months that will compliment the already established array of classics. The celebrated marque for 2018 is:

“The Glorious Years of The British Motor Corporation”

with a special display centered on the iconic Mini that certainly remodeled motoring throughout the world. Over the years, the popularity continues to grow for these famous little cars. Members that successfully competed in these cars during the 60s and 70s will be present to relay their experiences and stories. Learn first hand from these living legends. Other models will include Austin, Morris, Wolseley, Riley and MG.

As a C.ex Coffs ST & CCC member, you are most welcome to participate but you will need to be prompt to secure one of the eighty (80) limited spaces. (Note: The marshalling of cars into positions commences at 08:00am)

If you are not currently a classic car owner, by all means come along and enjoy the show. You may consider joining the C.ex Coffs Sports Touring and Classic Car Club – there is lots going on with enthusiastic people. There will be plenty of catering on hand with comfortable areas to enjoy a break throughout the day. Motoring related trade stands will be there to offer advice.

C.ex Coffs Club
Castle Street Car Park (northern end of the club)
Sunday 11th November
10:00am to 2:30pm

Note: In commemorating Remembrance Day, CC@CC participants will be observing two minutes silence at 11:00am

Contact Dave Norton - (Vice President)
Mobile: 0448 789 903
Email: nortoz@bigpond.com





Proposed Tour to Lightning Ridge

Departs - Maccas South Friday 22nd March 2019

Moree

Albert Motel 0267 511 040. Maureen. Cut off for reserved rooms 8/2/2019.
\$130 Queen, \$140 Twin 15 rooms reserved. Card number taken.

Lightning Ridge

23rd and 24th March

Wallangulla Motel 0268 290 542. Rata Jackson. Cut off for reserved rooms 22/2/2019. 15 rooms booked.
Room only \$120, Queen options for Dinner and breakfast.

Inverell

25th March

Club Motel 0267 210 800. Noel. Cut off for reserved rooms.
22/2/2019. 15 rooms booked \$130. Has kitchenette.
BBQ area for last night Happy Hour

Tours

Expensive and will be booked later. Discounts apply for groups. Will be optional.

Moree

A town tour can be arranged, for those interested.
Artesian pools can be visited etc.

Lightning Ridge

All day tour to "outback" areas include Bus, M/T, Lunch and A/T and any admission charges, \$110pp for 20 people. Shorter and cheaper tours available.

Inverell

Walk or check out buildings etc. Transport Museum opens at 10am.
Admission. A. \$12, S. \$10 Entry plus M/T \$20pp, Light lunch \$22pp BBQ lunch \$28pp

Please advise Bill Denham on 0407219985 or e-mail billdenham@bigpond.com ASAP if interested.
If there is sufficient interest the tour will go ahead.

Note: All tours are optional, details of tours available from Bill. Final details will be confirmed later.

Ford Mustang still owned by original lady owner

Ford announced last month that the 10 millionth Mustang rolled off the production line, which made some people wonder: what happened to the very first Mustang ever sold?

With production beginning in Dearborn, Michigan, on March 9th, 1964, the new car was introduced to the public on April 17th, 1964 at the New York World's Fair. But Gail Wise, our special Friday Lady for today, managed to buy one on the 15th that month, making it the very first one sold to the public by a Ford dealer who clearly didn't make much of the strict embargo.

Gail's Mustang was a Skylight Blue convertible and she was 22 at the time. Gail: "When I was young and single, I enjoyed driving that car. The highways were brand new. We had no traffic and you could fly. The first time I saw that Mustang, I thought it was so sporty, with bucket seats and a transmission on the floor. Usually sports cars were expensive, but I could afford this car." Then she got married and the Mustang was used for everyday family transport. Gail: "We could fit three kids in the back seat, and I'd hold the youngest on my lap."

But after some fifteen years the car needed restoration and Gail's husband Tom decided to park it in the garage with just 68,000 miles on the clock. Another 37 years passed when Tom retired and finally found the time to work on the car. It's only then that they found out it was a special car. Gail: "We didn't know it was anything special. But we kept everything, the new car invoice, the registered owner's manual." It is believed to be worth about 100 times as much as the \$3,447.50 price Gail paid for it back in 1964. But then she is not going to sell it...



Built by British Classic Motoring Specialists RBW



You can read the full storey by using this link

<https://uk.motor1.com/news/267125/electric-mgb-recreation/>

But Grant George reckons some of the benefits are;

- More money to spend on our partners 🏠
- Less downtime with repairs 🔧
- Less skinned knuckles and swearing 📱 😞
- Eradicate regular floor cleaning practices
- Create extra storage space for displaying trophies by reducing consumables eg not having to store twelve (12) litre drums of Gasket Goo, ammo boxes full of Gasket Sets, bulk bags full of Kitty Litter, not to mention palletised Rags in a Bag 🏆 🏆 🏆
- More time on the road participating in C.exST&CCC events 🚗 🚗 🚗 🚗 🚗

Thanks Grant for sending this article (Editor)

This interview was undertaken by Patrick Quinn, South Pacific Editor of Vintage Racecar-Roadcar Magazine and originally published in the February 2017 issue of Vintage Racecar – Roadcar. It is reprinted in Idle Torque with the permission of the publisher of Vintage Racecar – Roadcar. www.vintageracecar.com

A CONVERSATION WITH RICK MARKS

fantastic, but in the end I decided that it was beyond my capabilities so I never did it.

VR: What about the Fords? Currently you have what I would describe as seven Ford products.

RM: I got into Fords in the mid-'70s when I bought a ZC Fairlane 351, which was a beaut car being a Falcon GT in a Fairlane body and also quite rare. After that I had a whole range of V8-powered Fords including Falcon GTs until probably when I started with Mustangs. That was in 1979 when I was sprinting the Tiger and I met a guy who had a workshop close to me and we developed a friendship. He was into Mustangs and I caught the bug, deciding that I had to have one.

Once I got started in Mustangs, I found out that the ultimate was the Shelby so I had to have one of those. I bought my first Shelby in 1982 which was a '68 GT500 Big Block Fastback and now I believe I have the ultimate Shelby which is a '65 GT350—the first of the breed. I was lucky enough to get that car in 1993 when it only had 33,000 original miles on it and now it's done just over 40,000 today. I would have thought it's one of the lowest mileage '65 Shelbys in the world. The other two are the red '66 GT350s, or the twins as I call them. One being red with white stripes, manual and non-Hertz and the other red with gold stripes, automatic Hertz rent-a-racer. A concept that I have always found interesting and quite rare, being one of just 48 built, and reputedly one of only 12 in red and gold left.

No Mustang collection is complete without a first series car. I have a March 1964 built coupe which is the second oldest Mustang in Australia. It is fitted with the Ford 260 V8 and has factory air conditioning, power steering and drum brakes! Recently, I purchased a 2016 Mustang GT S550 convertible. These cars were built RHD by Ford USA and have been very well received in Australia.

VR: Where did the Falcon Futura convertible come from, because they

were never sold new in Australia?

RM: Back in the '70s my wife had a Falcon with a six-cylinder Pursuit engine and two-speed automatic, which she loved. There was a bloke who I was at school with that I met up with many years later who was into early Falcons and had this '63 Falcon Futura convertible in white with turquoise trim and white soft top. It was a one owner car from Long Beach, California, from new through to 2006 when my friend imported it to Australia. He also had just restored a Falcon Sprint V8 convertible so I asked him to

sell me the Futura which he did in 2013. It's a lovely car and I still have it. It's done over 200,000 miles, but you wouldn't know it. I also have a 2008 Falcon GT-P from Ford Performance Vehicles that I bought new that I have used as an everyday car, tow car, family car etc.

VR: You have had a real Shelby AC Cobra as well as a Bizzarrini. How did they fit in?

RM: Yes I have always wanted a "real" Cobra, and after having Shelby Mustangs, I felt that the ultimate Shelby had to be a



Studebakers have been another Marks favorite, including this 1964 Commander that ran at Bathurst.



Marks' 1963 Ford Falcon convertible has over 200,000 miles...though you'd never know it.

Cobra. I never thought I would be able to afford a real one so I bought a Robnell Cobra that was made in Australia. It was a beautifully built car and I reckon the best replica going. That was in 1995 and I had that for nearly ten years when I had the opportunity to get a genuine '63 AC 289 Mk 1.

This was really the pinnacle of anything I ever wanted. I got it, but it meant trading in the Robnell and selling five other cars including the Bizzarrini. I had it for six years and then was approached by a pretty serious collector and sold it. Soon as it left on the truck I regretted it. That was in 2010 and probably just from the financial aspect it has doubled in value.

The Bizzarrini was probably a different story as, honestly, I didn't even know what they were. Ian Cummins had it for sale on consignment in Sydney and I just loved the look of it, plus it was kind of being within the realms of what I liked. It was an exotic Italian sports car with a Corvette 327 V8 engine, but with the styling by Giotto Bizzarrini who also designed the Ferrari 250GTO. It was a rare '67 GT America with a fiberglass body, but there were only ten built. Again it was a beaut car and the only reason I sold it was for the Cobra.

VR: What about Ferraris? I see that over the years five have passed through your garage, but you don't have one now.

RM: I had the Ferrari experience for quite a number of years, and as with the Cobra, it was the pinnacle I wanted to achieve when I was quite a bit younger. In 1987, I was able to buy a 246 GT Dino for Au\$38,000 and probably what I should have done was put it in the back of the garage and leave it. I decided that it needed some work, but while I did a lot of thinking about the car I didn't do much with it. In the end I sold it and went to a 308 GTB which was a much nicer car to drive. So I had three of those and did get another 246 GT Dino which was a lot more expensive than the first one, but that

went too when I had the opportunity to get the '65 Shelby GT350.

That's how it's always been, as I've never had a lot of money or a huge income as I worked for a bank for 35 years so when something comes up that I would really like to have, others have to go to provide the funds. With two kids, mortgage and the racing as well, that was the only way things could be done. What's important was that I

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had very good friends who would help me as far as a workshop was concerned and, of course, how amazingly understanding my wife Joy has been over the past 40 years and what she has put up with.

Looking back, I wish I had many of the cars that I sold, but that just hasn't been possible. I think what I have now is a pretty good collection, perhaps not as good as it could have been, but all are nice cars and have a

certain amount of rarity about them.

VR: You live in suburban Sydney, where do you keep the cars?

RM: You could say that has been a bit of a challenge. We have been in our home for 30 years, but right at the beginning I built a decent size garage that I am able to fit ten cars in. We have always said that we have the smallest house in the street with the biggest garage. Of course cars like the Coopers and Lotus are quite small so that helps. Then a few years back I bought a factory unit about ten minutes away from home and that's where the V8 performance collection is, the three Shelybs and three Tigers, as well as the Caterham Super 7. I can't fit any more in.

VR: Looking at the list of the cars you have now, do you think it's complete?

RM: I'm pretty happy with what I have and if anything I will be thinning it out. Soon I will be of an age that it's probably time to start culling the fleet down a bit. I have some triples being the Shelybs, Tigers and Coopers so perhaps one of each of them may go.

There is nothing else I really want, of course there are plenty of things I would love to have, but most are outside the realms of what I could now realistically afford and manage.



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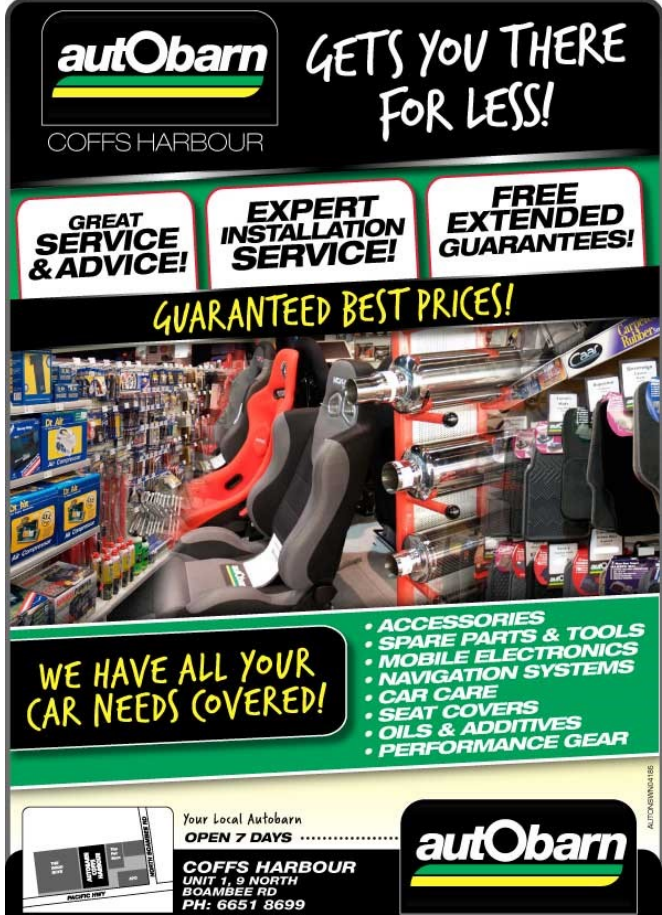
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DATE	DAY	EVENTS	CONTACT	RSVP
OCTOBER				
2nd	TUESDAY	MONTHLY MEETING <u>TUESDAY</u> due to Public Holiday Monday		
3rd	Wednesday	Coffee at Tree Tops Dorrigo	Tony Bennett	26 th Sep
14th	Sunday	Corindi Beach Festival	Judy Phemister	Sun 7th
20th	Saturday	Breakfast at Jetty foreshores	Tony Bennett	Sat 13th
27th	Saturday	Ladies Oily Fun and Morning Tea	Judy Phemister	Sat 20th
31st	Wednesday	Coffee at Bluebottles Woolgoolga	Chris Bridgen	Sun 28th
NOVEMBER				
4th	SUNDAY	MONTHLY MEETING AT <u>WOOLGOOLGA</u> (AND LUNCH)	John Stephens	28th Oct
11th	Sunday	C.EX COFFS Car Display	Dave Norton	
18th	Sunday	Combined run to Little Bay South West Rocks	Judy Phemister	Sun 11th
25th	Sunday	Morning Tea and short run followed by Christmas Party lunch at C.EX COFFS	Judy Phemister	2nd Oct
DECEMBER				
2nd	Sunday	Gungala Markets and Golden Dog for lunch	Judy Phemister	25th Nov
3rd	Monday	MONTHLY MEETING		
12th	Wednesday	Coffee at Surf Street Cafe Emerald Beach	Peter Titmus	5th

WHERE and when WE START THE RUNS

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