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BLACKALL RANGE
HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB

May / June 2019 GAZZETTE

NEXT MEETING: 8 May 2019, 9am,
after breakfast at 8am
at BRHCC clubrooms
at 7 Bryce Lane, off McCarthys Rd Maleny

16 June 2019, Sun, 9am-3pm: **sign-on day**
with BBQ lunch at clubhouse

31 May 1 June 2019 Maleny Show

Mary Valley Rattler

by Helen Druett, photos by Graeme Laurie

At 9am, on a very inclement morning, Des Donnan led 54 very excited members from the clubhouse on our trip on The Mary Valley Rattler.

It was lovely to see fields beautifully green again after recent rains as we meandered through Kenilworth, Imbil and Kandanga to arrive at Amamoor a little later than anticipated due to the wet weather.



On arrival at Amamoor, a group of travellers made a bee-line for the toilets only to find a long queue to use the facilities. A certain person said it was because there were so many 'old' people on the train [Graham Bailey, we have looong memories].

Some others drifted across the road for coffee and meat pies [Alan Laurie, we're not looking at you, much].



The wafting smell of meat pie within our carriage prompted Helen to move that our next club meeting we alter the rules and regulations stating that if a member was considering purchasing a pie at any time whilst on one of our runs, that they be impelled to buy one for every member in attendance on said run or consider not purchasing one at all and suffer like the rest of us.

We left Amamoor Station at exactly 11am, passing through Dagan on our 90-minute trip to Tozer Street Gympie.

Steam Locomotive 927 pulled six carriages and a club car. We were in Carriages 527 and 526.

We were so pleased that the brakes worked when a cow was found to be on the tracks a few kilometres before Gympie and we had to stop in a hurry.



Our Carriage Attendant, Graham had a wealth of information about the history of the Rattler, mentioning that as Gympie was the end of the line in the past that the station had been built across the tracks at Gympie, not beside as is the case today with the modern station.

He also pointed out the silo on the side of the tracks, deposited there by one of the floods in the Valley, which held the sand used on the tracks to provide traction in the wet.

They still do not know where the silo came from. It must have been one hell of a flood.

There was also a running commentary over the loud speaker giving snippets of interesting information, but as there was so much conversation going on in the carriage it was very hard to hear much of this commentary.

On arrival at Gympie those that did not bring their own, made a bee-line for the Café to get some lunch. I have to hand it to the ladies who manned the café because everyone was fed in about half an hour. Now when you are talking about nearly 2100 people, that's some effort!

I spoke to the Carriage Attendant of the Club Car and asked what that entailed, as it had 1st Class stencilled on the carriage. We were

informed that it seated 16 people only. The seats were comfortable-looking lounge chairs with a small round table between them. All these guests were served a Kenilworth Cheese platter and a drink of their choice, with purchases of further refreshments encouraged. This would be an extremely enjoyable method of travel, as long as one did not over imbibe, though this does not come cheap, at \$110 per person. We think that you'd want a lot of cheese or alcohol for that!!

We returned on the Rattler to Amamoor at around 2.30pm and went our different ways. A great day!



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Phillip Is Motorcycling

by Bob Gray

Recently I rode with the local Ulysses Branch down to the World Superbike meeting at Phillip Island racetrack in Victoria. We didn't just ride down the highway; instead we followed all those spectacular back roads across the Great Dividing Range, the Snowy Mountains and the Victorian High Country.

A brilliant trip in a car, so much better on a bike . . .

Here are some of the highlights –

*The Crown Hotel Grafton on the banks of the mighty Clarence River. Sitting in the sun having a beer after a hard day's riding is pretty special.

*Across the Range via the Waterfall Way, with a stop to look at the huge collection of (mainly) steam engines and rolling stock at Dorriggo.

*A quiet overnight stop at a B&B in Walcha, followed by a quick run down Thunderbolt's Way, a legendary bike road, into Gloucester, Singleton, along the famous Putty Road and over the awesome Blue Mountains to our next stop at Lithgow.

This was a long and difficult day, as the temperature never got below 41°C! Things cooled down the next day as we neared Cooma and our overnight stay at the Alpine Hotel.

*Then it was my favourite part of the trip – across the awesome Snowy Mountains. 7°C today. I even turned on the heated handgrips!

*Along the Snowy Mountains Highway with its big sweeping corners across the open plains. It makes you feel like you're on top of the world.

A short run then to Phillip Island and our rented house in Cowes which we shared with a bunch of other members.

The racing was exciting over three days, and the sight of those top bikes doing 300kmh down the main straight was breathtaking.

I ran into Chris Vermeulen in Cowes one day. He lives in Mountain View Road Maleny and was a star in World Superbikes and Moto GP a few years back. Also struck an old workmate from 20 years ago – small world.

Then all too soon the show was over, and we all went our own way home. For me, it was via Canberra and Sydney to visit family. In total the trip covered about 6,000 km and three weeks later I was pleased to see the green hills of home after riding through vast areas of drought.

How lucky are we.



*Adaminaby, Kiandra, Cabramurra (nearly 5,000 ft in elevation), then a steep winding road down past the hydro-electricity power station to Khancoban, and on to the lovely town of Corryong for a well-earned morning tea break.

Gee that was a GREAT run.

*Then the Victorian High Country around Mansfield (where they filmed The Man from Snowy River)



Sunday Breakfast

by Mike Druett (with a satisfied smile)

4 March 2019 at Montville

The Club's breakfast was a success. The Edge Restaurant wait staff were right on the ball. Once again the meals were a delight to look at and very tasty. If you've not been to breakfast there then you are missing out on a great repast. The prices are at the top of the range that I'm willing to pay for a breakfast, but the value is there.

For the first time I ordered the waffle. Boy, talk about a sugar fix. When I left the restaurant I was buzzing so much that I was half way down the Razorback before I remembered to turn the car's engine on.



Mens Shed Opening

by John King

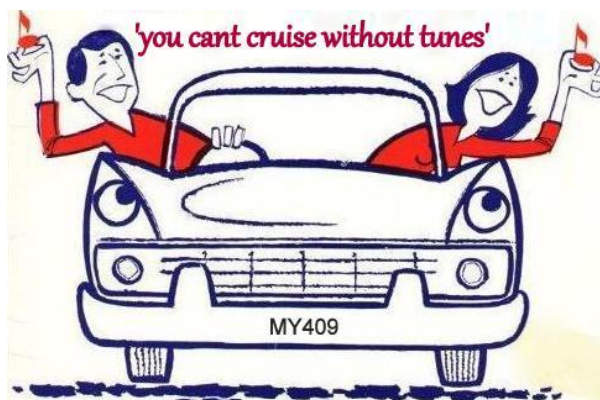
Mary and I attended the official opening of the NEW Mens Shed building.

Quite a crowd turned up, boosted by members of other Mens Sheds. The usual bucket load of Pollies turned up and we patiently waited in the heat for the speech-i-fying to finish. There were plenty of mutual friends of the car club and the Mens Shed in attendance to chat with before and after the official ceremony.



Good on ya to our neighbours in The Mens Shed.

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Easter Sunday Run

by Bob Gray

A small group gathered at the clubhouse under leaden skies to enjoy a 'picnic' run around the Range. Off we went following Bloo in the Model A Ford through the gloom, along back roads most of us had never seen before.

Down Hovard Road and Brandenburg Road along the gravel to Mooloolah, through spectacular rainforests and rugged terrain. Morning tea at the park in Mooloolah, a quick stop at the duck pond at Palmwoods, then up the old Palmwoods-Montville Road to Des and Edna's home at Flaxton for an early lunch.

Here we sheltered from the passing showers on the covered balcony and admired the view. Lunch was accompanied by glasses of wine and much pleasant conversation well into the afternoon.

So a dreary day was turned into an enjoyable experience, and special thanks must firstly go to Bloo for a great run and to the Donnans for offering us shelter from the rain!



Bloo and his A Ford

Antarctic Escapades



March Sunday run took us on an imaginary journey to the southern end of the world. For a whole morning BRHCC member Bloo Campbell shared his pictures and adventures of this remote and very cold environment.

The descriptions of the unusual living conditions and the use of the vehicles made a very interesting presentation which a lot of our members enjoyed.

Bloo is already preparing for his next visit to Antarctica!

Guess Who? send your answer/s to Dave brhccinc@gmail.com



March Edition winner was Darryl Banner. The handsome lad second from the left is Dave Carmichael, who said 'as to the bike, well it was 48 years ago and Shorty had de-badged it.'

Follow-up -

Thanks to research from the Townsville Motorcycle Restorers Club they give the following information:

The bike is actually an F.B. Mondial, designed by Lino Tonti, who went on to become one of Ducati's famous designers. The common 'wog' headlight, probably an Italian version of Joe Lucas, was seen on a lot of bikes of the era.

Mike Hailwood actually started his career on Mondials, they had a good record in the smaller classes.

Profile

My First Car – by Alan Laurie

In 1956 I was working with my father and brother on a dairy farm at Churston Grange, Moss Vale. After working for 15 months with no pay my Dad said he would buy me a car.

I said, ‘you bloody ripper!’

So, I went to LC Giddings & Sons, car dealers in Moss Vale and found a 1927 Willys Overland Whippet. I told Dad that I had found my car. He inspected it, said it was OK and he bought it for ten pounds.

It had a flathead 4-cylinder motor with 3-speed gearbox, band breaks on the rear and drum brakes on the front. It was a 4-seater sedan with a soft top and had headlights, horn, etc. There was a fuel gauge in the rear tank.



Representation of Alan’s Whippet

So we drove it to the farm and I was only allowed to use it for work on the farm, eg moving cattle from paddock to another, shifting an electric fence, doing fence repairs, etc –

because I was only ten years old.

Dad paid me one pound per fortnight for fuel, for working on the dairy from daylight to dark every day. My brother Paul (then aged thirteen) was getting paid and I was not. I have never forgotten that.

Much later I was working on another farm when I was about 11 or 12 years old and I would drive the Whippet about 5 miles to work. The Whippet was never registered while I owned it and was only driven on very quiet roads.

After about 3 or 4 years I sold the Whippet, still in excellent running condition.

BRHCC Clubhouse Report:

Phase 1 of the exterior of the clubhouse rejuvenation will commence on Wednesday 19 June. This will be cleaning down in preparation for undercoating. Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 June will also be cleaning down.

Scaffolding, etc will be provided thanks to Derek, Trevor and Ross.

Volunteers for each of these days needed please, work starts at 9am



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Members of other Clubs are always welcome to join us on our regular runs as well as special events, eg our upcoming Rattler Run, Museum Run, etc

Following on as we did last year, each Run needs a day manager to lead the runs, so please select your run and advise our **Events Director Mike Druett** Mob 0466 990 591

BRHCC EVENTS:

brhcc.events@gmail.com

** BRHCC meetings held at the clubhouse, every second Wednesday of each month, 9am; breakfast at 8am, (no official meetings in Jan and Dec) **

** Friendly breakfasts for club members and friends each 1st Sunday of the month, **

** Cuppa and Chat every Wednesday morning from 9am at our Clubhouse, except on the monthly Wednesday Run morning. **

All BRHCC club runs leave from our clubhouse at 7 Bryce Lane at 9.30am, except when advised otherwise. Runs may be changed at late notice.

8 May 2019, Wed: meeting 9am, brekkie 8am, both at clubhouse

19 May 2019, Sun: club run to Caboolture Historical Village, \$15 pp; byo morning tea and lunch

22 May 2019, Wed: 10am visit by MGCC to our clubhouse

31 May, 1 June 2019: Maleny Show at Maleny Showgrounds

2 June 2019, Sun: breakfast

5 June 2019, Wed: club run

12 June 2019, Wed: meeting 9am, brekkie 8am, both at clubhouse

15 June 2019, Sat: open day at Maleny Pioneer Village, our special cars to be reversed into place before 10am along picket fence in front of Priscilla Cottage. Visit by His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland and Mrs de Jersey to open *Glenferna*.

16 June 2019, Sun, 9am-3pm: **sign-on day** with BBQ lunch at clubhouse

3 July 2019, Wed: club run

7 July 2019, Sun: breakfast

7 July 2019, Sun, 7am-1pm: Muscle on the Mountain, Maleny Showgrounds; \$5 pp all goes to promote men's health; get there early to park as there were almost a thousand vehicles in 2018

10 July 2019, Wed: meeting 9am, brekkie 8am, both at clubhouse

14 July 2019, Sun, 10am-3pm: RACQ Motorfest, Eaglefarm Race Course, info Mike or Dave

21 July 2019, Sun: club run

14 Aug 2019, Wed: BRHCC **AGM** at clubhouse

11 Aug 2019, Sun, combined Riley, QVVA and BRHCC run to Fort Lytton

18 Aug 2019, Sun: club run to Witta Oval for social **cricket** match with MG Car Club

9, 10, 11 Nov 2019: all Remembrance Day events

14 Dec 2019, Sat: Xmas party

No BRHCC meeting in December or January. No breakfast event in January.

OTHER EVENTS: [all care taken for info, your responsibility to check]

South Coast Restoration Soc Inc free OPEN DAY 10am-3pm every second Sunday of each month; 193 Rifle Range Rd PIMPAMA Q 4209 (take exit 49 from M1); www.southcoastrestorationsocietyinc.org.au

Combined Coastal Car Club Inc admin@combinedcoastalcarclub.com.au www.combinedcoastalcarclub.com.au hold the following regular events

Every Wednesday 6-8pm, mid-week cruise to Mellum Munchies Landsborough

Every Thursday 6pm, Rick's Garage and Diner 14 Margaret St Palmwoods

Every Saturday 9am, coffee and pie run Mellum Munchies Landsborough

First Friday every month 6-9pm, Noosa Classic Steel Pitstop (partner with Autobarn Noosa) Noosa Civic

First Sunday every month 8-10am, Poison Kandy shop 10 Palmview Aussie World Complex

First Saturday each month is veteran, vintage, historic, classic and sports cars gathering for coffee at German Bakehouse, 54 Junction Dve Coolum Beach, 7-9am

Old Skool Club from Caboolture hold a Show and Shine the first Saturday of every month at Caboolture Showground from 4pm. They regularly have in excess of 300 cars turn up. These events are on our calendar of 'approved runs and events' so if you wish to get your club car out and on show this event is recommended.

11, 12 May 2019: Restored Vehicle Assoc Rally at Dalby; entries close 5 May;

walnbev@bigpond.com.au 0428622736

18,19 May 2019, Sat, Sun: Annual Motokhana Rally, Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club; entry forms on BRHCC email 16.4.19

26 May 2019, Sun: 2019 Mac's Bridge Sport and Classic Car Festival, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd Belmont; Geoff 0413 734 977 murrayclark1@bigpond.com.au

8,9,10 June 2019, Sat-Mon: Annual Rally Rockhampton, closing date for entry 24 May; entry forms on BRHCC email dated 16.4.19

15 June 2019, Sat: Caboolture Show Shine and Swap

20, 21 Jul 2019, Sat, Sun; Allora 150th Anniversary celebrations

June 2019: Petrie Steam Festival

14 July 2019, Sun, 10am-3pm: Brisbane RACQ Motorfest, Eaglefarm Race Course

17, 18 Aug 2019: Historic Leyburn Sprints; www.leyburnmotorsprints.com.au

24, 25 Aug 2019: Grafton Motorfest

22 Sept 2019, Sun: All British Day, St Josephs College Vivian St Tennyson

allbritishday@gmail.com

14-26 Sept 2019: VCCA 2019 National Veteran Vehicle Rally at Bundaberg

29 Sept 2019, Sun: Bay to Birdwood Classic; contact National Motor Museum 08 8568 4000

29 Sept-5 Oct 2019: Ford Model T Rally in Maryborough; bookings and info

www.shannons.com.au/club/carclubs/maryborough-district-antique-motor-club

16, 17 Nov 2019: Bendigo Swap; info@bendigowap.com.au site bookings 0427 446 660

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Blackall Range Horseless Carriage Club Inc.

In order to promote harmony and fellowship the Club objectives are:

1. To encourage the preservation, restoration and operation of motor vehicles in the categories of:
Veteran (up to 31st December 1919), Vintage (up to 31ST December 1930),
Historic (up to 31st December 1939), Classic (all vehicles of special interest, no age specified);
2. to encourage interchange of technical knowledge between members;
3. to foster expertise and skills required for restoration;
4. to display and create interest in our vehicles;
5. to cooperate with various charitable and civic organizations in fund-raising activities;
6. to publish a newsletter on Club activities and technical information.

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