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The Club holds a General Meeting each month and the August meeting is preceded by the AGM.

Ten (10) General Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at C.ex Coffs at 7.30pm, except for October when the meeting is held on the first Tuesday of the month, due to the public holiday.

Two (2) other General Meetings are then held, one at Cex Urunga (usually in June) and one at C.ex Woolgoolga (usually in November). These meetings are held on a Sunday morning with a car display and followed by a luncheon.

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President's Message February 2020



Some members may wonder what actually goes on in that "Mens Shed" of mine so the following may give you some insight to the problems faced by your intrepid President/Enthusiast. Although I am meant to be on light duties for most of February, the show must go on. And please, for you more expert members, don't laugh too much at my taking so long to solve problems you might have fixed in a flash.

About a month ago the Morris Minor developed an engine miss under power, although it started and idled OK. I naturally suspected fuel so I had the carby apart and cleaned out a couple of times, changed spark plugs numerous times, tried another distributor cap and leads and some other items too, all to no avail, the miss persisted. I had discounted the ignition coil as it looked brand new but last week, in desperation as it was the only thing I hadn't changed, I fitted an old coil I had in my stock of spares and bingo, miss gone. Now it would seem that someone previously, in their wisdom, had fitted a new 8 volt coil which should be fitted in conjunction with a ballastr esistor which the Morrie doesn't have, so while the 8 volts might have been enough for the engine at idle, clearly under load it wasn't enough. One to remember for future reference.

In March we are going to Phillip Island again with the Nota Major so some pre-event preparation to avoid trouble at the race meeting seemed to be in order. Firstly the electric fuel pump was ticking quite loudly all the time as if the tank was out of fuel but adding some fuel didn't stop it so more checking found that one of the hoses from the tank to the pump was sucking air, not enough for it to leak fuel but obviously the pump could identify an easier source of supply than from the tank. Tightening the offending hose clip solved that one.

I had been concerned for some time that cracks had developed in the inner liners of my nice alloy front brake drums so I ordered some new ones from the UK but being fully cast iron they weighed 7 kg each and the freight from the UK cost more than the drums. They have now gone to a machinist to go on a weight reduction programme.

As we are not now permitted to use leaded petrol in racing I am now using Powerplus 102 NE, at \$5.50 per litre! This requires a slightly different air fuel ratio to the previous fuel so later this week we are off to the dyno to sort it out and then, hopefully Phillip Island here we come.

DICK WILLIS



Thanks to the anonymous person who sent me this photo of a much younger Dick Willis working on his first car. EDITOR

FEBRUAY BIRTHDAYS

02/02	Robyn Reynolds
10/02	Robert Partridge
12/02	George Perkins
15/02	Toby Tyson
17/02	Ken Stanley
19/02	David Lee
20/02	David Kennedy
20/02	Bob Hauville

If you would like to be added to our member's birthday list, please let the Newsletter Editor know your birth date (day/month only required)

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

Held at: C.ex Club, Coffs Harbour Date: Monday 3 February 2020 Meeting Commenced: 7.30pm Chairperson: Dick Willis

Present: 31 Members as per attendance book plus partners

Apologies: Michael and Sandy Guymer, Bob Fairclough, Gary Martin, Thomas Hoffman, John Reid, Tony Bennett, Ian Flood,

Charlie Smith, Bob Wood, Cynthia Darrington, Andre Baiada

Visitors: NIL New Members: Nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

Moved: Dave Norton Seconded: Peter Thomson

BUSINESS ARISING:

A proposal has been received from Tony Goninan for the introduction of a membership card, this will be dealt with by Dick Willis in General Business.

CORRESPONDENCE IN: Pat O'Carroll

- 1. 7 X Newsletters from other car clubs.
- 2. 3 Product updates from Rare Spares
- 3. The National Motoring Museum advised they were having a Bush Fire Benefit concert on Feb 9.
- 4. A flyer was received from the Taylors Arms Sports Committee advising us of their plans for a Show and Shine at Easter 2020.
- 5. We received advise from the Southern Motoring Assoc that they were donating \$1000.00 in total to three Bush Fire appeals.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

NII

The Secretary moved that the correspondence be received and adopted.

Seconded: Mike Gosbell

TREASURERS REPORT: Kevin Ingersole

Members viewed a Power Point Presentation depicting the clubs' financial position.

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

Seconded: Judy Phemister

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 1. Dick Willis discussed the proposal to introduce a Membership card. It has been decided to discuss this with the C.ex management.
- 2. It has been decided not to pursue the proposal to have multiyear and family memberships.

WELFARE OFFICERS REPORT: Mike Gosbell

Mike reported John Stephens was not well.

EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT- Judy Phemister, Tony Bennett.

Judy Phemister recapped recent events. She also covered coming events in Feb and highlighted a new event in March.

Watch for details listed inside Idle Torque and book in early.

EDITORS REPORT: Michael Guymer

No report as Michel is on leave however, he has sent a message saying the Idle Torque will be out as normal.

REGISTRARS REPORT: Bob Fairclough, Albert Johnson, Tony Goninan.

Albert Johnson reported

- ♦ 3 new club plates have been issued
- ♦ 1 D plate and 2 H plates have been renewed
- ♦ The RMS has now run out of the H plate sequence and J plates will now be issued.
- Albert asked members to get on to renewals early and not to leave it until the last minute.
- ♦ There are some members who have not completed their 5 events for the year and a prompt will be placed in the next Idle Torque.

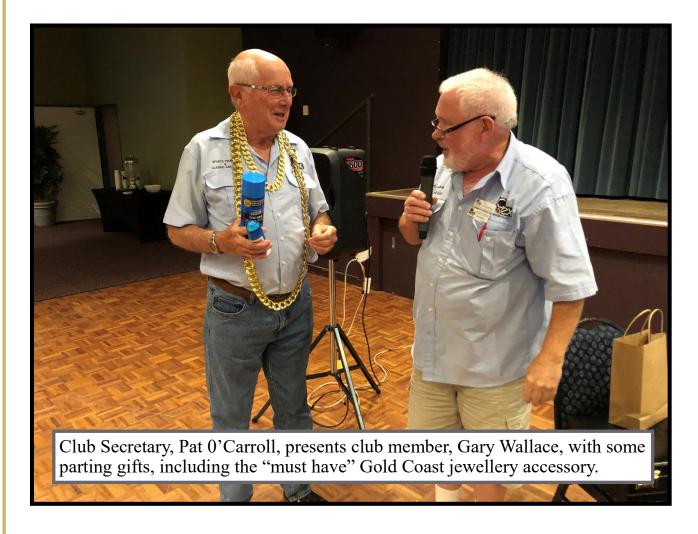
MEMBERS SPOT:

- Grant George spoke of his recent good experience with the NRMA when his Porsche had a "failed to proceed" on his way back from Melbourne.
- Pat O'Carroll presented Gary Wallace with several farewell items as he and Kerry move to the Gold Coast soon.
- Dave Norton related the story of a misfortune he and the Benz recently suffered on a run. He concluded the story by thanking the members for their assistance on the day and reminded us its "MORE THAN JUST A CAR CLUB"
- Dick Willis spoke about an event Charlie Smith is attending in Orange. Charlie is going to attend the 60th anniversary
- ♦ of the ATCC originally held in 1960. He was a competitor in the event.
- Dick Willis mentioned a recent press report of a man being booked by Police for using a mobile phone while riding a horse.
- Judy Phemister informed the members of a new State Government transport scheme where holders of pension cards received a \$250 transport subsidy.
- Tony Goninan spoke of the recent Summer Beach Hop held at the Jetty. He reported it was well attended and he thought it was disappointing our club was not better represented.
- Penny Norton commented on a great exhibition featuring Elton John which is currently on at the Cartoon Gallery.

RAFFLE WINNERS: Co-ordinator,

Peter Thomson, Dave Norton, Kevin Ingersole, Pat O'Carroll, Ian Ward and Graeme Bassett. It was noted that all proceeds from tonight's raffle would be donated a Bush Fire Appeal.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.20 pm.



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MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

This month we say farewell to two long term club members, Gary Wallace and Phil Carmichael.

Gary and Kerry are retiring to Hope Island in sunny QLD. Gary is a past President of our car club and was renowned for turning out all his cars in spectacular fashion. These included a Mazda MX5 (when MX5's were king in the club), VW Beetle, Porsche Boxster, BMW and his current car, a Mercedes SLK.

Phil has moved to Lisarow on the Central Coast to be closer to his son Scotty and his daughter in law. He spent some time as a member of the Events Committee and organised many popular coffee runs. Phil owned a lovely "cams-prepared" Dolomite Sprint and was also an MX5 enthusiast, enjoying many club runs in his red NA model. But his true allegiance is without a doubt to Ford and the famous number 17. Phil's current stable is home to an XR8 Falcon (blue of course) which will be going to Lisarow with him.

Gary and Phil are also both past recipients of the Club Member of the Year award in recognition of their contribution to the car club and they will certainly be missed. We all wish them well and hope to keep in touch, maybe even arrange an overnighter to their respective areas sometime in the future.

EDITOR







Picture opposite shows Gary and Phil, along with several other club members, enjoying a day out at a Grafton hill climb event.

JANUARY RUN REPORTS

BLUEBERRY PLANT TOUR AND COFFEE AT SECRET GARDEN CAFÉ 8TH JANUARY 2020

A group of around 30 members and 4 H plated cars turned out for the Blueberry Factory Tour. It was a surprise when entering the factory to see just how the old Bunnings building had been transformed and the level of activity going on behind closed doors. We were fortunate to have a great "guide" who walked us through the entire building and explained in great detail the whole operation. A free punnet of blueberries for each visitor followed by coffee at the Secret Garden Café capped off a **berry** informative and **berry** enjoyable morning. **MICHAEL GUYMER**







David and Daphne Lee struggled with some of the basic OH&S procedures.











SCOTTS HEAD BOWLO LUNCH AND NAMBUCCA MORNING TEA 19TH JANUARY 2020

After a dubious start, due to a massive downpour on Saturday night and a prediction of rain, we set off to Nambucca for morning tea and then a nice (dry) drive to Club Scott at Scotts Head. 30 members and 2 visitors enjoyed great food and company during the day, the rain held off and new member Pat was able to learn a bit about the history of the club and got to meet a few members and chat about his car and previous club.

All in all another successful run.

RUSS PHEMISTER





COFFEE RUN TO ANCHORS WHARF URUNGA 22ND JANUARY 2020



A great roll up of 40 enjoyed a drive down to Anchors Wharf Cafe at Urunga, escaping the heat of the day with lovely views of the Kalang River, a couple of dolphins heading upstream for entertainment, the XPT rolling across the bridge, a great variety of beverages, bacon and egg rolls and delicious fresh home baked scones. There was a couple of car issues that involved some ingenious mechanical tools (a feather) and the good old NRMA to get our drivers (who shall remain nameless) out of trouble. All in all another great event.

JUDY PHEMISTER







3 MONTHLY CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS

DATE	DAY	EVENTS	CONTACT	RSVP
		FEBRUARY 2020		
3rd	Monday	MONTHLY MEETING		
5th	Wednesday	Bellingen Butter Factory - Coffee Run	Tony Bennett	Sun 2nd
19th	Wednesday	Nambucca Boat Shed - Coffee Run	Kath Gosbell	Sun 16th
23rd	Sunday	Ulmarra Hotel - Lunch	Albert Johnson	Sun 16th
		MARCH 2020		
2nd	Monday	MONTHLY MEETING		
14th	Saturday	Grafton - Remember Cottage Museum	Judy Phemister	Sat 7th
18th	Wednesday	Raleigh Winery - Coffee Run	Graham Proctor	Sun 15th
29th	Sunday	Presidents Day - Boambee Bay Reserve	Dick and Judy	Sun 22nd
		APRIL 2020		
4th	Saturday	Ladies Lunch	Judy Phemister	Sun 29th
6th	Monday	MONTHLY MEETING		
8th	Wednesday	Emerald Beach Surf Street Café - Coffee Run	Judy Phemister	Sun 5th
19th	Sunday	Lawrence Hotel - Lunch run	Warwick Thompson	Sun 12th
29th	Wednesday	Darlington Park - Morning Tea / Brunch	Lesley Sagaris	Sun 26th

If you attend a Club Run in a H/D plated car it is YOUR responsibility to ensure you are entered in the Runs Book

Members with H/D plates must attend five (5) club runs per year (August to July) in their H/D plated vehicle for the club to sanction the renewal of their H/D plates. Members with multiple H/D plated cars may attend the five (5) runs in any of their H/D plated vehicles. New members must attend four (4) club runs or club events before applications for H/D plates will be considered for approval by C.ex Coffs Sports, Touring & Classic Car Club.

Note; Club monthly meetings do not count as runs or events for this purpose

Date	Invitation Events	Contact
12/4/20 From 9am	EASTER 2020 AT TAYLORS ARM Show and Shine displays by Rusty Iron Group featuring a Tractor Trek from Macksville to Taylors Arm, C.ex Coffs Sports Touring & Classic Car Club, Hastings Auto Restorers and other restoration groups and private collectors at Taylors Arm Reserve. Keppy's Coffee Trailer, Medlow Public School P & C - tea/coffee/cake and cold drinks, Taylors Arm Reserve Committee - egg & bacon roll breakfast and BBQ, nachos, stuffed hot spuds for lunch. Market stalls. Local produce stall.100 club. Easter egg hunt, face painting and petting zoo for the kids.	As this is an "invitation event" it doesn't necessarily need any contact details however, Judy will talk about it at the March and April meetings and stay in contact with the organiser.

Invitation Events:

NB These events are not organised through the clubs Events Committee but are recognised as official club runs. Members attending these events in H/D registered vehicles do not need their logbooks filled out **but** do require proof that they are attending an official "invitation club event". This can be done by carrying a hard copy of the event advertised in Idle Torque or an electronic copy on a device. The simpler option is to simply fill out your logbook (after all the majority of us do not use 60 days), which takes out any doubt that you are complying with the logbook trial regulations.

EVENT NAME	NAMBUCCA HEADS BOAT SHED CAFÉ COFFEE RUN
When	Wednesday 19th February 2020
Where	Boat Shed Café Cnr. Nelson & Riverside Drs. Nambucca Heads
Depart	McDonalds South at 9.30am or you may meet at the venue if that is more convenient
Expect	Good coffee, good food and good company
Bring	Money for morning tea
RSVP	Kath Gosbell
Contact	Tel: 6651 8141 Mob: 0428 518 141 <u>michaelgosbell2@bigpond.com</u>
Brief Comments	A popular place for our car club



EVENT NAME	ULMARRA HOTEL LUNCH RUN	
When	Sunday 23 rd February	
Where	Morning Tea at Glenreagh Park (Sherwood Creek Rd) Glenreagh Lunch at Ulmarra Hotel	
Depart	Repco 9.30am	
Expect	Depart from Repco at Homebase – head back towards Bray Street and onto Coramba Road. Drive to Glenreagh, turning right at Sherwood Creek Road and sharp left into the park for a BYO morning tea. We then follow Orara Way towards Grafton, back onto the Pacific Highway to Ulmarra for lunch at the hotel along the river.	
Bring	Morning Tea, chairs, \$\$\$ for lunch	
RSVP	Sunday 16 th February	
Contact	Albert Johnson - 0418 968 004 or email albertwgjohnson@gmail.com	
Brief Comments	A good run north for the cars and a great lunch spot. Members north of Coffs might like to join us at Glenreagh for morning tea or meet up at Ulmarra. Please let Albert know so we are not waiting for you.	

EVENT NAME	"REMEMBER WHEN" COTTAGE MUSEUM SOUTH GRAFTON
When	Saturday 14th March
Where	Morning tea at Coramba Recreation Field Run to South Grafton to Remember When Cottage Museum
Depart	Repco Homebase 9.30am
Expect	Depart Homebase and drive to Coramba via Bray St and Coramba Road. Turn right into the Coramba Recreation ground where will have a BYO morning tea stop. Continue up Orara Way to South Grafton turning left onto the Gwydir Highway to Waterview Heights, approx. 10 minutes, turn right onto Rogan Bridge Road then left onto Eatonsville Road. At number 22 you will find the 100-year-old Cottage. The Cottage has been lovingly restored to preserve the history of the Clarence Valley. There are photographs, artworks, documents, tools and a retro room full crazy items and fashions. Have a stroll around the gardens and walkways, feed the friendly goats, play quoits, marbles, horse throw and more. We will have lunch here before heading home.
Bring	Morning tea, chairs, \$20/person to cover entry and lunch
RSVP	Saturday 7 th March
Contact	Judy Phemister – <u>judenruss72@gmail.com</u> or phone 0407 937 327
Brief Comments	A new and interesting place :)

Who remembers these adverts??









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EDITOR'S MAIL BOX

I received a "report" that Club Member Terry Nutland was on his way pick up fellow Club Member Leo Goodfellow for the January car club meeting when a kangaroo thought it would be a good idea to thumb a lift in the front seat of the Terry's Jag.

Now you would have thought Terry might have been "hopping" mad but I understand the Jag only suffered a few scratches and the Kangaroo agreed to give up his seat for Leo.

EDITOR

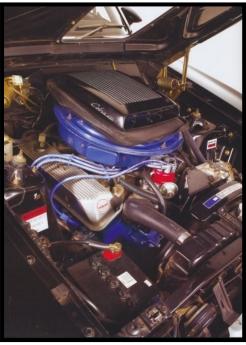






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3 diff centres (see pic below), rear axle assembly incl diff centre and axles. Brake drums and hubs, 2 front, 2 rear. 3 starter motors.

1 generator, 3 Stromberg carbs.

3 motors, 2 with heads, I without crankshaft. 3 cylinder heads and rocker covers.

Box 1 of engine parts, 3 sets of rocker gear, pushrods, cam followers, remote oil filter, harmonic balancer, camshaft and gear (modified) sideplate. Manifold.

Box 2 of engine parts, various bolts, 2 oil pumps, distributor, set of pistons and rods, etc. Box of Holden special tools, set of FJ hubcaps fair condition Work shop manual.

Located Coffs Harbour, won't separate items, bring a trailer! \$2500.00

Dick Willis 0427 400158. willisrg@smartchat.net.au



Also For Sale

Brand new set of rear suspension air bags for rear coil sprung 4WD. Bought for my Ford Territory but not used, fitted stronger springs instead. Ideal for caravanners etc.

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Dick Willis: 0427 400 158.

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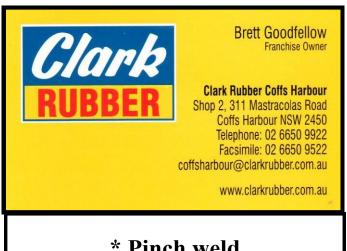
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