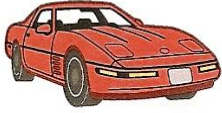


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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I regret that there will be no September issue of the club newsletter. Helen and I are off on another one of our overseas jaunts, once again to visit son Mike and family in the US of A. We are undertaking a couple of side-trips in a rental car as I enjoy so much driving 1000 odd miles on the wrong side of the road! Of course it wouldn't be a USA trip if we did not visit Sin City (Las Vegas) - for the seventh time - and I certainly hope the Classic Car Museum is still open with it's US\$300 million of vehicles. Tales of driving in USA in the October issue.

Wilf Hardy.



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- AUGUST** - Sunday 22nd. Drive Day.
Saturday 28th. *Zinc* 100.7 Bitumen Sprint Series - Round 5. - **Sun City Raceway.**
- SEPTEMBER** - Saturday 11th. Poker Run.
Sunday 12th. Mareeba Bitumen Sprint Series.
Saturday 18th. *Zinc* 100.7 Bitumen Sprint Series - Round 6. - **Sun City Raceway.**
Thursday 30th. Tavern dinner.
- OCTOBER** - Sunday 3rd. Drive Day.
Saturday 16th. *Zinc* 100.7 Bitumen Sprint Series - Round 7. - V8 Track
Sunday 24th. Drive Day.
- NOVEMBER** - Sunday 7th. Cruise for a Cause.
Sunday 14th. Drive Day.
- Mareeba Bitumen Sprint Series.
Saturday 20th. Christmas Party and Trophy Presentation, NQ Club Denham St. City.
Sunday 28th. Drive Day.
- DECEMBER** - Sunday 11th. Christmas Lights Cruise.
Thursday 16th. Tavern Dinner.



The Brakemart logo features a stylized eye graphic with a starburst effect. The text 'BRAKEMART' is in a large, bold, red font with a black outline. Below it, 'New & Remanufactured Brake Parts' is in a smaller, black font. The address '22 Punari St., Currajong 4812.' is in a black font. The text 'Quality Brakes for all Street & Performance Cars' is in a bold, black font. The phone number 'PHONE (07) 4725 2111' and fax number 'FAX (07) 4725 1408' are in a black font. The website 'WEBSITE: www.brakemart.com.au' is in a black font.

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The RJ Panel & Paint logo features a red 'RJ' in a white box. The text 'PANEL & PAINT' and 'PLASTICS-A-PLenty' are in a bold, red font. Below it, 'ALL PANEL BEATING', 'CUSTOM REPAIRS', and 'TOUCH-UPS' are in a yellow font. The address '42 CAMUGLIA ST MT LOUISA' is in a black font. The phone number '0412 288 484' is in a large, bold, red font. The text 'Specialising in all RUST REPAIRS' is in a blue font, and 'Plastic Welding • Motorcycle Fairings • Bumper Bars' is in a smaller, blue font.

PRESIDENT'S BLOG

Well, things have continued at their frantic pace over the last 4 weeks and finally it may start to slow down to a run, rather than the out and out sprint it has been for the last few months.

Round 4 of the Zinc 100.7 Sprint series was held and won by Grant Cooper, narrowly beating Paul White. And to add to the excitement, if not for a witches hat penalty Grant would have set a new lap record. Oh well, there is still more rounds to come. Class 1 saw Cody Ryder win from Darcy Saxby with Mat Jones continuing his strong performances for a 3rd in the junior class. Class 2 saw Les Gibney and Graham Bush continue to battle out for class honours, but both are now looking nervously over their shoulders as Janet Gibney is now the fastest female, bettering Michele Seymour's quickest lap from many years ago, and finished 3rd in class. Casey Thompson has continued to dominate class 3, but the big mover was Jason Stoeckel who took second in class with Datsun 1600 driver Darren Marshall in 3rd. Class 4 belongs to Brodie Bush at the moment, but Kim Gething and Ben Littlefield are very close but unable to catch. This is proving to be the closest class at the moment. Class 5 last event was all WRX's, but the Evos have struck back with all 3 podium spots with Grant Cooper, Paul White and Graeme McDonnell taking 1,2 and 3. Class 6 had Donn Greirson return in the Torana to knock Rob Tyrell off top spot for the first time in a while. Class 7 had a first time winner, Michael Slattery driving a burrowed Gibney 1200 ute, beating a broken Leon Addison. In all, a great days racing with fun had by all.

This was followed by our Pubs of Townsville dinner that I was unable to attend. According to Graham, it was another great pub, 20 odd Marquers went along to enjoy the evening and all are looking forward to the Vic next time.

Rockhampton then held their first bitumen sprint on the 24th and 25th of July. 6 of our members went down and 3 of them won their class. Paul White won his class and was 3rd outright, Brodie Bush and Graham Bush both won their classes, with Skimmo finishing 3rd in class after breaching the gearbox in his Zed. (seems to be an issue with his Zed, I seem to remember it being broken once before). A great result for our club.

The following weekend was Christmas in July. Unfortunately it was the usual crowd, which is not an issue but it would be nice to see a few new faces come along for a great social evening. The food was great, and the company was better. I believe next year we are talking about driving up as a group via Harvey's Range Road. I can't wait.

We had a day run on the 22nd, attended by 10 cars with 2 new club members coming along. Blair Warry (1978 911 Porsche) and Vince Donavan (1946 Ford Coupe) joined us for the drive and if yours truly had not stuffed up one of the directions, it would have been a good day. I will say that Yorky was in fine voice as he told us the tale of the destruction of the MG PA. His telling was quite funny, but I do not think the actual incident was as jovial as his telling. He did however have Eric drive his new MG TC, purchased with the insurance money. I think he made Eric drive it because it had no indicators, meaning Eric was in trouble if the police got them and not Yorky. Nice one Yorky.

LOOKING AHEAD.

Next up we have round 5 of the Zinc 100.7 Sprint series. Series has been very well attended, so get your forms in. Unfortunately for me, Michele and I will be in Brisbane for the weekend and will miss the show. Enjoy.

Following this, we have the Les and Janet Poker run. I believe the Gibneys, along with the Cattles and Travis are setting up our first ever poker run. It will be held Saturday night, September 11th, starting around 6.00 to 6.30pm. Well, I hope this is enough warning for you. I won't mention that all of these events are listed in our club calendar, on our web page and printed every month in our club magazine by Wilf. Maybe we need to do the next few years so you can match your busy schedule to ours (Ha). But seriously, let's get a big group together for this. Poker runs are a fun night, we get to drive our cars around the town doing it and we also get to finish off with a few quiet drinks.

That's it from me. We have had good attendances at events recently but not great. Please try to make our social events. A lot of people put in a lot of hard work to make these events happen, and it is always nice to thank them by attending the event. See you at the poker run.

Zeds Rule

Michael

REPORT ON CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT PALUMA

Just a short report on Paluma last weekend for the newsletter. The people who attended the Christmas in July at Paluma weekend were: Michael and Michelle Seymour, Denise and Warren Skimmings, Mal and Sandra Burgess, Les and Janet Gibney, Pat and Kerry Driscoll and Alan and Jo Chaunute. It was a wonderful weekend full of good food fun and laughter. We had pre-dinner nibbles supplied by Alan and Jo and once again also a beautiful birthday cake as it was Alan's birthday a few days later, followed by a beautiful Xmas meal and secret Santa. Breakfast was spent together, afterwards we set out on a leisurely drive back home all doing our own thing.

Sandra

UPDATE ON LYN & YORKY WILLIAMS

Yorky will be rebuilding the MG PA himself, following Shannons writing-off the damaged car. The car certainly looks repairable and should be an interesting project. Lyn has recovered well from her injuries, with most of the bruising now faded. Worryingly, Yorky suffered a serious infection in his leg wound, but thankfully was all healed up when he took part in our navigation trial drive day on Sunday 22nd August driving his MG TD whilst Eric drove his newly acquired MG TC.

RIGHT: YORKY'S NEWLY ACQUIRED TC



VAUGHAN THOMAS

Members will recall Vaughan campaigning his little Austin Healey Sprite *The Primrose Princess* in the club sprint series before he and Jenny moved to NSW. Vaughan and Jenny travelled up for the V8 Supercars and Vaughan drove Wilf's MG TC to all of the lead-up events. Just prior to their planned return

home to NSW, Vaughan suffered a very bad fall down a partially completed flight of stairs in a home under renovation. He suffered a very badly torn shin needing many stitches and very extensive bruising, which delayed his return home. Without doubt, all members will wish Vaughan a speedy recovery.

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THE ROCKY ROAD TRIP

Almost straight after the V8ø here in Townsville, I was packed and ready for another road trip. I had entered to race my Z in the inaugural Rocky Street Sprint on the 24th and 25th July but had agreed to go a week early. This was to put my toy in the big Rockhampton Car Show to help promote the Sprint on the following weekend.

The logistics of this were complicated by our own club sprint on the same dates as the Rockhampton Show. An agreement was reached on our home front that I would leave on Wednesday the 14th with the Z on the trailer behind the Cruiser. Denise would then fly to Rocky the following week after running the event here.

The Cruiser was set up in camping mode [i.e. the back seats removed and the double bed installed inside the wagon]. I broke the drive down to Rocky at the O'Connell River Caravan Park [22km south of Proserpine]. One of our regular visitors to the All British Day in his lovely MGA coupe, Robert, owns the park. I can highly recommend a stop-over at this surprisingly pretty spot.

Moving on the next morning, our home for the next twelve days was the Cool Waters Caravan Park at Kinka Beach near Yeppoon. This park is full of Victorian grey nomads like many at this time of year. I set up house with the ðannexö off the back of the Cruiser all fitted out with the comforts of home. Tables, chairs, frig and all the cooking gear including the toaster. Itø just not the same without my cereal and marmalade on toast for breaky each morning.

THIS 1957 BUICK PILLAR-LESS 4 DOOR STATION WAGON DREW A LOT OF ATTENTION AT THE CAR SHOW

The car show was very well organised and set up in the local Stockland Shopping Center undercover car park. There were 130 cars on show, most of which I had not seen



before. I spent the two days talking cars with new friends and helping the local Shannons guy with his stand. On the following Tuesday Denise flew into Rocky to join me.

We did the usual sightseeing around the area and took lots of photos. On the Wednesday night we attended a function at Peter Championø Brock Museum. It was a presentation dinner recognising all the local Central Queensland motor sport heroes. The dinner was held in the museum for 120 guests and the main speaker was Kevin Bartlett. It was a very pleasant evening. We were seated on Peter Championø table next to Tony D'Alberty [V8 Supercar driver] and his girlfriend. It was refreshing to hear from him how much he liked Townsville and our race track.

Off into town to scrutiny on Friday. The track is laid out around the Showground. Starting just inside and moving onto the residential streets around the outside of the complex. It is about 1 km long and very well set up. There were 106 final entries and racing was scheduled to start at 8am on the Saturday morning. There were six Marque members entered. Paul White in his Evo 6.5, Graham Bush in his Datsun 1200 ute, Brodie Bush in his Skyline, Brendan Bush in his Silvia, Tony Keys in his Mazda MX6 and myself in my 240Z.

My drama came before the first run with a shifter problem in my Z's gearbox. I could select first or second gear whilst stationary but I could not change on the move. The only thing I could do to be able to compete was lock it into second gear. I would start in that gear, smoking up the clutch plate off the line and stay in that gear. At least that way I would get a drive.

RAY VANDERSEE IN HIS VERY FAST SKELTA MANUFACTURED BY HIM IN TOOWOOMBA

Tony Keys' event finished early after the third run on Saturday. Whilst driving back into the pits his car stopped. Inspecting for a reason, it was found that the timing belt had broken and caused probable valve damage against the pistons. The car was loaded on the trailer. Tony stayed around for the rest of the event helping other people as is his way. Thanks mate.



DARREN DUFFIELD'S TURBO ROTARY POWERED HILL CLIMB SPECIAL WITH THE FAMILIAR BLUE 240Z LINED UP BEHIND

Young Brendan Bush whittled away at his times and had a good weekend. He took about eight seconds off his first run to finish with a creditable fastest time of 51.36; out of the trophies, but well done with his limited experience.

Up towards the top of the time sheets was Paul White. He was battling for outright honors along with Darren Duffield from Brisbane in a turbo rotary powered hill climb special and Ray Vandersee from Toowoomba in his Skelta. These three heroes were the only ones into the

38 second bracket. Paul did an exceptional job in pushing these guys as they are recognized throughout Australia as being as quick as the best with top results in National level events to their credit.

Graham Bush was a class above the rest in his group and won his class by over two seconds.

STEVEN BELL IN HIS COSWORTH BDA ESCORT IN A VERY FAST CHICANE

Brodie Bush pushed hard all weekend and was rewarded with a first in class trophy. Unfortunately on run nine he found his limit and put the Skyline into the wall. He still finished up with his trophy and a bent car to sort out.

My event was better than expected with my mechanical problems. With Ray Vandersee and another Skelta in my group it was going to be mission impossible to get better than third in class. However I got a reasonable launch on the last run and ran a good enough time to seal third in class. We all got twelve runs for the weekend. The event was very well run and the track was a lot better than it looked on paper.



The short trophy results for our club for the weekend are as follows: Paul White 38.61secs.[1st in class and 3rd outright], Graham Bush 45.67 [1st in class and 36th outright], Brodie Bush 43.82 [1st in class and 20th outright] and myself with a 43.38 [3rd in class and 15th outright]. It shows that the events we run here are right up to the mark and we are as quick as any in equivalent machinery. Don't miss this event next year.

Skimmo.

Cruise for a Cause

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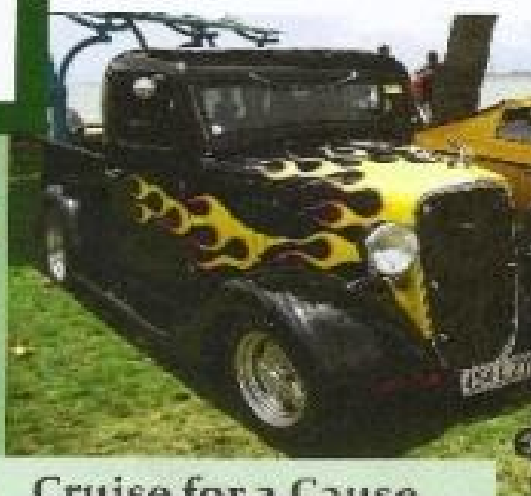
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NAVIGATION TRIAL DRIVE DAY

All I can say is that if our illustrious President had navigated the bomber streams to Germany in WW2, Berlin would have been safe! After taking so much trouble to produce the driving instructions and printing off many copies for participants, he got one turn wrong and *everyone* was confused. In fact, if a certain four old cars had not known the destination, they may have been still driving all over Townsville looking. **RIGHT - OH, BOY!**

But it certainly was fun and appreciated by many who saw us driving around town. Some ten cars assembled at the BP Cluden and it was very pleasing to meet two new members:

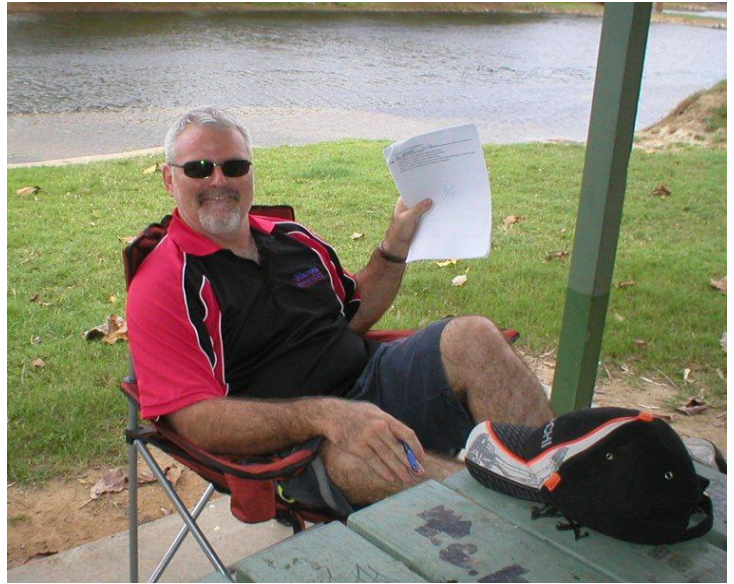
Vince in his marvellous '46 Ford Businessman's Coupe and Blair in his '78 Porche 911. Yorky was there, thankfully whole again and driving his powder blue MG TD, while Eric drove his newly acquired red MG TC. Les and Janet had another of their cars out for a run, Skimmo and Denise were in the 240Z, Travis had his Chrysler Valiant out for a run with the kids, Rex & partner were in their beautiful MX 5, whilst Wilf had the TR2 out for the day.



ABOVE: LES & JANET'S FORD COUPE.

RIGHT: REX'S MX5 & WILF'S TR2

BELOW: PICNIC IN THE PARK



After the drive, a picnic lunch was enjoyed at a secluded and little known park on the river near the Weir School.



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