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## A WORD FROM THE EDITOR - PAUL GILBERT



Back the Flu Virus heres a couple of remedies (Not guaranteed to work).

**G**randma fried onions and plastered them on your chest, gave you an enema and then you could only wish you could die. The cold didn't seem too bad after that. (I should think not!) The cure was much worse than the illness.

**G**randfather preferred bitters for a cold. Just the name made me cringe. It was black and kept in the fridge in a gallon jar. God only knows what was really in it." Note: this is from the person who also mentions to EAT Vicks Vapor Rub

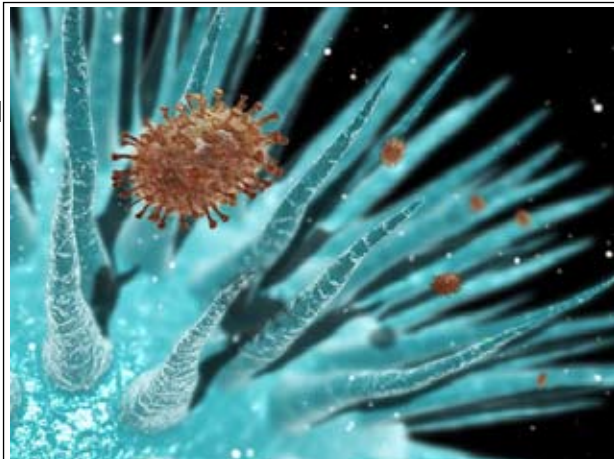
Cough, splutter. spit, cough - boy getting the flu is great if you want loose weight without trying.

She who must be obeyed assured me that I had little chance of fading away to nothing and was correct, I have put it back on.

Of course I had MAN FLU so any ladies reading this should be thankful they dont suffer from this flu version.

I havent been on any club events for over 5 weeks now. So that should change now and I am looking forward to some outings.

You may have noticed that the April issue is a bit late, so it is from now on referred to as Issue number. The reason is twofold. One, I have run out of contributions; Two I have run out of contributions. Thankfully some of the members have sent me some information. Thanks to Rex, Martin, Wilf and the Pres.



**W**et socks for sniffles to clear congestion when you have a cold, first warm your feet in hot water, then soak a thin pair of socks in cold water, wring them out and put them on. Put a pair of thick, dry socks over the wet ones and go to bed. According to 1,001 Home Remedies (Reader's Digest), the wet socks help draw blood to your feet, thereby boosting circulation, which helps clear congestion. Yeah, thanks, but no.

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Check out the **For Sale Section**. It will run for 1 issue. If you want it to stay for the next issue send me an email in the last week of the month to extend the ad to the next issue. .

**A Member Profile Section.** Who is the third volunteer?

## PRESIDENTS BLOG - MICHAEL SEYMOUR

Now the year is well and truly underway. Round 1 of the Zinc 100.7 Sprint series has been run and won. Congratulation to Brodie Bush for his first outright win.

The new batch of junior drivers did themselves proud with a very polished performance for a batch of first timers.

However, for me, the drive of the night was Brodie's old man, Allan. In his first event he managed 4th outright, with a great time of 41.9.

Look out all; I think he may just be looking for an outright win.

I think I will just look forward from here. We are now entering the "car show" period.

Sunday May 29th, cool wheels at Toomulla Beach, Sunday 12th June is Charters Towers swap meet, Sunday 19th June is All British Day, Saturday and Sunday July 2nd and 3rd is the Camp Quality Strand Cruise and car show, then we get a rest until September's Wings and Wheels in Ingham and the our own car show at the strand.

And of course, amongst all of this we have a few other events. An evening social drive on 28th of May, Round 3 of the Sprint series on 25th of June, and a Pubs of Townsville dinner on July 7th at the Centenary Hotel and then a breakfast meeting at the top of Mount Stuart.

So far, our start to the social drives have been a little on the quiet side. Toomulla Beach Cool Wheels is a good time to get the season going. As a club we have always been strongly represented at this event. We have won the prestigious club of the show 2 of the last 3 years, and it would be nice to give ourselves a chance to do it again,

especially now that we have a club house about to be built. (thanks George)

And on that topic, we will most likely call a working bee to assist George with this little project. Did I say little!

That's it from me for now, see you at the drive day on the 28th.

Zeds Rule (now that I have a couple of them working once again)

Michael



Paul Gilbert

## BATHURST MOTOR FESTIVAL – EASTER 2011

### ***Thanks to Martin for the contribution***

It was the afternoon on Thursday 21 April and my family and I were driving into Bathurst to compete at the Bathurst Motor Festival at Mt Panorama. As we were arriving we could see the iconic “Mt Panorama” embla-

zoned on the mountain and the excitement began to build.

This was the first time we had been to the mountain and it had been a long-time dream

to race at Australia’s most famous track.

On arriving we unloaded the race car and set up our campervan which we had hired for the weekend. Unfortunately it was too late to walk the track as it was already getting dark. My first look at the track would be the first practice session Friday morning.

I woke Friday morning after a sleepless night to find the mountain covered with fog. This delayed a start to the day by an hour and a half until it had cleared. While we waited, we had the opportunity to look around some of the facilities at the track and we couldn’t get over how big everything was. Eventually it was our turn to hit the track for our first of two qualifying sessions for the day. As I drove out of pit lane and started heading up mountain straight I had to pinch myself. I was also hoping that all those laps on Play Station would help me get around the track. It took a couple of laps to settle down and I just followed a couple of other cars to try and pick the right lines. I eventually passed a couple of slower cars and found some clear



track to try and set a baseline time. However coming around the left hander from McPhilly Park into Skyline, a car in front of me caught the kerb on the outside of the corner turning him around. He then slammed into the wall on the left hand side of the track. The driver was ok but he wrote off his brand new VT commodore. I had to slow and was able to get

passed without cutting a tyre despite all of the wreckage over the track. The session was red flagged and I returned to pit lane. The rest of that session was cancelled as it took quite a while for the recovery teams to clear the wreckage. My best time was a 2min 57sec, well off the pace but I knew I would get quicker over the weekend.

Our second qualifying session was in the afternoon and we decided to leave the car set-up as it was until we could get some more laps under my belt. This session went without incident. Throughout the session I just focussed on learning the track, assessing the car setup and setting a baseline lap time. I finished the session with a 2min 50sec. This time meant I qualified 20th out of 26 cars. I was reasonably happy with this, as I had knocked 7 seconds off my time. I was however not happy with the handling of the car in the faster corners. We decided to adjust the set-up for race 1 the next day. After racing had finished for the day I decided to go on a track walk with one of the more experience drivers. This proved to be an invaluable experience and I will be doing this prior to any event if possible.

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## BATHURST MOTOR FESTIVAL – EASTER 2011 CONT.

### **Thanks to Martin for the contribution**

Saturday morning saw us lining up for race 1.

From grid 20 I had to keep some brake on as the track sloped backwards. I got a good start and gained one spot before heading up the hill.

Throughout the race I worked on following the lines from the track walk and by the end of the race I was lapping in the 2min 44sec's and finished 14th. The set-up changes made high speed cornering better and the lines discussed during the track walk allowed me to flow the car better



across the top of the mountain and stay on the throttle longer.

Race 2 was on Sunday Morning and I made another good start taking 2 spots by turn 1. I was able to hang on to the top ten pack for a few laps but I made a couple of mistakes and slipped back a couple of spots. I was also having trouble keeping up with other cars down Conrod Straight. My car definitely seemed to be lacking straight line speed. I was quick across the top of the mountain but they would pull away on the straights. Because I was pushing so hard to keep up, my tyres started to go off which made going across the top very interesting. I had to back off slightly and had a great battle with a couple of other cars for the remainder of the race. I ended up finishing 16th but I took another 2 seconds of my time and was now lapping in the 2min 42sec's.

After the race we examined the tyres and

found I had flat spotted the front left. We swapped this to the rear and I adjusted the brake bias to the rear to help prevent the fronts locking. We also dropped our starting pressures for race 3 to hopefully stop the tyres going off so early in the race.

For Race 3 I had another good start and once again made a couple of positions. The changes we made had helped and I was up to 13th.



However once again I just couldn't defend on the straights. I dropped back to 15th and held this position for the rest of the race.

Overall I ended up 13th for the weekend and I hadn't bent the car. It was an unbelievable experience on an amazing track. While I felt that the track was not that physically demanding, it would bite you if you failed to show it the respect it deserves. This is particularly so across the top. However when you get it right it is very satisfying and extremely enjoyable. I will definitely be going back next year.

## ZINC 100.7 SPRINT SERIES ROUND 1

What a first round. 73 entrants, 2 failed to arrive after tow car issues. Hopefully the Cairns boys won't have any issues for round 2 and will get to enjoy the day rather than trying to fix a broken car.

The junior class was won by first timer Mitchell Bowman. He just managed to hold out the Bush girls; with Jessica just beating little sister Rebecca and Darcy Saxby not even a whisper behind in 4th. Brothers Zack and Josh Collard were 5th and 6th, Mathew Jones, Lauren Sutherland and Jacod van der Merwe filling the remaining places.

Class 2 saw the resumption of last year's battle between Graham Bush and Les Gibney. Les held Graham out by a whopping 7 one hundredth of a second, and Ryan Lacaze drove his Swift into 3rd. 4th was Janet Gibney, first timer Peter Collard was 5th, father and son Greg and Jack Dixon filling the last 2 places.

Class 3 was Scott Douglas versus Casey Thompson. Casey has now got the Mighty boys times down to 42.11 seconds, but it was not enough to beat Scotts Datsun 1200 Ute. Mark Hamilton was 3rd in his magnificent Fraser Clubman. 4th was Ben Thompson, (last

years winner of the Marque Reasonably Priced Race Car), Jason Stoekel 5th, Martin Arrowsmith 6th and Terry Smith in his slightly bent 240Z 7th. Sean Conroy was 8th and Jacqueline Watkins in her turbo charged Colt was 9th.

Class 4 was won by Kim Gething from Ben Littlefield and Paul Reinke grabbing his first podium. Jeff Phillips was 4th, Greg Greirson 5th in the highly modified 1200 Ute, Paulie Zagami 6th in the mighty supra and last years class winner Brodie Bush 7th in the Skyline.

Class 6 had Justing Gething scorched the rest of the class to match his brothers class win. Rob Tyrell put his VK into 2nd and Jeff Phillips 3rd in the Milo Ute. Cameron Rushton pushed his Monaro well into 4th with Hayden Nix grabbing 5th, just in front of Tim Cheetham in his magnificent V8 powered 240Z (no bias there of course), and Mathew Zagami piloted his Holden Ute into 7th.

Class 7 was totally dominated by the owner of the class Lindsay Brown. Daylight between him and 2nd place James Tarlington with Tracey-Lee Werrick grabbing 3rd. Sharon Bush took 4th with Michael Slattery in 5th.

And now for the 4\4WD class. Class winner and 1st outright was Brodie Bush, taking out 2 previous champions with Paul White 2nd and reigning champ Grant Cooper in 3rd. None saw the next runner coming. Alan Bush was 4th outright in his first competitive drive. 2 years ago he had never driven anything other than Landcruisers or trucks, and here he is charging around in an Evo 7 like he had been doing it for most of his life. No pressure Alan, but I think you may just win a round this year. Graeme McDonnell, Chris Lane and Lee Watkins followed with John Doolan taking out 8th in class.

That's it for now; it was a great day with many competitors. Now we look forward to round 2 with many questions yet to be answered.

Bring it on  
Michael

## THE GREAT SQUARE-RIGGERS EASTER CRUISE



ing look around the Healey 100, a really interesting and unique addition to our club.

The group dribbled down The Strand before letting Helen off at Jupiters; all of our cars driving to the hotel entrance to give hotel staff and the few guests who were

**Thanks to Wilf for the contribution**

Eight old Brits assembled in Howett St on Tuesday 26th April to take part in The Great Square-Riggers Easter Cruise.

The Square-Riggers were comprised of four MG TCs; Wilf's red car, Dave's crimson car, Eric in Yorky's cream car, Gordon in his cream car, and Yorky in his powder blue MG TD. In support, were Graham in his MGB, Phil in his newly restored Austin-Healey 100/4 and Michael in his MG Midget.



present a thrill.

This was followed by a photo session in front of the Entertainment Centre, then back down the Strand and a drive out to Pallarenda, before some of the group proceeded to Bushland Beach.



New club member Phil was made welcome and all had an admir-



## OBSERVATION RUN TO PALUMA ON 9TH APRIL 2011

### *Thanks to Rex for the contribution*

The observation run scheduled for Sunday 10th April was changed to Saturday the 9th to include a run up to Paluma for dinner at the restaurant.



We didn't want the observation part to be too involved as we thought members would want to get onto the highway and head up to Paluma so a few zig zags across the suburbs through to the new North Shore Boulevard and on to the highway with a few questions along the way. We did receive some complaints on the wording that foxed a couple of people and of course the question about something that wasn't there had one couple back tracking to find the answer.



I stopped at Crystal creek to see the cars on their way up and judging by the exhaust note of their RX8 as it zoom zoomed through the bends Guy and Cherie had a ball.



Seven cars in all participated with 16 members for dinner that went off well. It was a great opportunity to sample what we can expect for the "Christmas in July" run.



Make sure you bring your jumpers in July as it gets a little chilly up there.



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NOTE: Please make sure your details are correct.

### NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS

**The Office Bearers above are not the only role that can exist.  
If you have an interest in any of the club activities and have ideas or would like to help.  
Don't hesitate to call the appropriate person above.**

**THIS IS YOUR CLUB**

**BE ON THE LOOK OUT  
FROM POTENTIAL  
MEMBERS -  
CARRY A MEMBER-  
SHIP FORM WITH YOU**

## FOR SALE

### 1964 Morris Mini Van

1000cc  
RWC  
New battery  
4 New tyres  
Spent \$3000 in 2009 on engine  
rebuild to unleaded, brakes and  
steering.  
Fun Car and eye catching.  
\$8000 ono  
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\$12,500 neg.  
Very nice car. 5 speed gearbox,  
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spoked wire wheels, oil cooler, new  
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### 1971 Toyota Corolla KE20.

\$8,000  
The car is log booked and set up  
to compete in sport sedans, how-  
ever it is ideal for club and bitumen  
sprint racing. I bought the car in  
2005 and have driven it success-  
fully in the NQ Bitumen Sprint  
Series with several class wins and  
was 3rd Outright in 2009.  
It is powered by a Nissan CA18-  
Det with matching gearbox and  
has a roll cage, racing seat, 3"  
race harness and window net. Fuel  
Tank is a 40L aluminium race tank  
and speedflow fittings are used



throughout. The car also comes  
with a spare car. The spare car  
is a standard KE 20 which could  
be built into a race car or used as  
parts.  
Phone - 0403688950

## HOW TO SUBMIT AN ARTICLE - PAUL GILBERT

How about a story about your car/trip/visit around 200 words (This is not a lot). Put this in a msword file, txt or pdf files.

This could cover where you went/how you went/why you went.

Some photos would be great. These should be in a file format such as jpg(this is a standard format in any point and shoot camera) images should be no bigger than 1000 x 800 ppi and a file size of no larger than 200 kb (kilobytes). I can format them and crop if required.

Do not attach the images into a document send them separate to the written information.

If you have any problems doing this you can call me on my mobile 0421112161.

Here are couple photos I received from a member but no information other than the email caption -

Who needs an F1-11 for a dump and burn?



I can only assume that this was at the Bohle (could be wrong) a short bit of info about the car and driver would make the photos abit more interesting. Thanks for the shots Jeff



All British Day 2006  
1963 Triumph Herald (left) and 1963 Triumph Spitfire  
both owned by Paul Gilbert

## 2011 CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

- Sunday, 6 Drive Day \* Meet at Palleranda Loop 10.00am
- Sunday, 13 Drive Day \* Meet at Cluden Race course 10.00am
- Saturday, 19 Evening Social Drive
- Sunday, 20 Drive Day \* Meet at Bohle Pub 10.00am
- Sunday, 27 Drive Day \* Meet at Ross Dam 10.00am

### MARCH

- Tuesday, 1 Pubs of Townsville Upper Ross Hotel Pubs of Townsville Upper Ross Hotel
- Sunday, 6 Drive Day \* Meet at Palleranda Loop 10.00am
- Sunday, 13 Drive Day \* Meet at Cluden Race course 10.00am
- Saturday, 19 Evening Social Drive
- Sunday, 20 Drive Day \* Meet at Bohle Pub 10.00am
- Saturday, 26 Come and Try Race Day
- Sunday, 27 TCAC Hill Climb round 1 TCAC Hill Climb round 1  
Drive Day \* Meet at Ross Dam 10.00am

### APRIL

- Sunday, 3 Round 1 Mareeba Sprint Round 1 Mareeba Sprint  
Drive Day \* Meet at Palleranda Loop 10.00am
- Sunday, 10 Observation Run
- Saturday, 16 Zinc 100.7 Sprint Series Round 1
- Sunday, 17 Drive Day \* Meet at Cluden Race course 10.00am
- Sunday, 24 Drive Day \* Meet at Bohle Pub 10.00am
- Tuesday, 26 The Great MGTC and other Square Rigger's Strand Drive

## 2011 CALENDAR

### MAY

- Sunday, 1 Drive Day \* Meet at Ross Dam 10.00am
- Saturday, 7 20th Anniversary Dinner To be confirmed
- Sunday, 8 Drive Day \* Meet at Palleranda Loop 10.00am
- Saturday, 14 Zinc 100.7 Sprint series Round 2 and Social Run to Sprint event
- Sunday, 15 Drive Day \* Meet at Cluden Race course 10.00am
- Sunday, 22 Drive Day \* Meet at Bohle Pub 10.00am
- Saturday, 28 Evening Social Drive
- Sunday, 29 Northern Beaches Cool Wheels Car Show  
TCAC Hill Climb round 2

### JUNE

- Sunday, 5 Bluewater Ute, Car and Bike Show  
Drive Day \* Meet at Palleranda Loop 10.00am
- Saturday, 11 Towers Swap Meet
- Sunday, 12 Social Drive to Swap Meet
- Saturday, 18 Drive Day \* Meet at Cluden Race course 10.00am
- Sunday, 19 Round 2 Mareeba Sprint  
All British Meet
- Saturday, 25 Zinc 100.7 Sprint Series Round 3
- Sunday, 26 Drive Day \* Meet at Bohle Pub 10.00am

### JULY

- Saturday, 2 Camp Quality Strand Cruise
- Sunday, 3 Camp Quality Strand Car Show
- Thursday, 7 Centenary Hotel Pubs of Townsville Dinner
- Friday, 8 **TOWNSVILLE 400 V8 SUPERCARS**
- Saturday, 9 **TOWNSVILLE 400 V8 SUPERCARS**
- Sunday, 10 **TOWNSVILLE 400 V8 SUPERCARS**

## 2011 CALENDAR

### JULY cont.

- Saturday, 16 Drive Day \* Meet at Ross Dam 10.00am
- Sunday, 17 Mt Stuart Breakfast
- Saturday, 23 Zinc 100.7 Sprint Series Round 4
- Sunday, 24 TCAC Hill Climb round 3  
Drive Day \* Meet at Palleranda Loop 10.00am
- Saturday, 30 Christmas in July
- Sunday, 31 Drive Day \* Meet at Cluden Race course 10.00am

### AUGUST

- Saturday, 6 Drag Meet
- Sunday, 7 Round 3 Mareeba Sprint  
Drive Day \* Meet at Bohle Pub 10.00am
- Saturday, 13 Poker Run
- Sunday, 14 Drive Day \* Meet at Ross Dam 10.00am
- Saturday, 20 Zinc 100.7 Sprint Series Round 5
- Sunday, 21 Drive Day \* Meet at Palleranda Loop 10.00am
- Sunday, 28 Drive Day \* Meet at Cluden Race course 10.00am
- Monday, 29 Vic Park Hotel Pubs of Townsville

### SEPTEMBER

- Saturday, 3 Ingham Wings and Wheels
- Sunday, 4 Drive Day \* Meet at Bohle Pub 10.00am
- Saturday, 10 Drive Day \* Meet at Ross Dam 10.00am
- Sunday, 11 Strand Breakfast
- Saturday, 17 Marque Strand Car
- Sunday, 18 Drive Day \* Meet at Palleranda Loop 10.00am
- Saturday, 24 Zinc 100.7 Sprint Series Round 6

## 2011 CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

- Sunday, 2 TCAC Hill Climb round 4  
Drive Day \* Meet at Bohle Pub 10.00am
- Sunday, 9 Drive Day \* Meet at Ross Dam 10.00am
- Wed, 5 West End Hotel Pubs Of Townsville
- Saturday, 15 Zinc 100.7 Sprint Series Round 7
- Sunday, 16 Round 4 Mareeba Sprint  
Drive Day \* Meet at Palleranda Loop 10.00am
- Saturday, 22 Social Drive Northern Beaches Bushland Beach Hotel Lunch
- Sunday, 23 Drive Day \* Meet at Cluden Race course 10.00am
- Sunday, 30 Drive Day \* Meet at Bohle Pub 10.00am

### NOVEMBER

- Saturday, 5 Poker Run
- Sunday, 6 Drive Day \* Meet at Ross Dam 10.00am
- Sunday, 13 Drive Day \* Meet at Palleranda Loop 10.00am
- Saturday, 19 Social Drive To Club Christmas Party
- Sunday, 20 Drive Day \* Meet at Cluden Race course 10.00am
- Sunday, 27 Drive Day \* Meet at Bohle Pub 10.00am

### DECEMBER

- Sunday, 4 Drive Day \* Meet at Ross Dam 10.00am
- Sunday, 11 Drive Day \* Meet at Palleranda Loop 10.00am
- Wed, 14 Bohle Hotel Pub of Townsville Dinner
- Saturday, 17 Christmas Lights tour
- Sunday, 18 Drive Day Meet at Cluden Race course 10.00am

## 2012 CALENDAR

### JANUARY 2012

- Sunday, 1      Drive Day \*      Meet at Bohle Pub 10.00am
- Sunday, 8      Drive Day \*      Meet at Ross Dam 10.00am
- Sunday, 15     Drive Day \*      Meet at Palleranda Loop 10.00am
- Sunday, 22     Drive Day \*      Meet at Cluden Race course 10.00am
- Sunday, 29     Breakfast meeting to Set the Calendar for 2012

#### Drive Day\*

Participants will meet at nominated start point at 10.00am. This will enable 1 car to go on there own without having to contact others to go for a drive.

**Don't forget if you have a  
contribution send it to  
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This year the Marque NQ Club  
is in its twentieth year.

The original idea of the club was to have as large an assortment of types of vehicles and members as possible. Over 100 registered members are involved in the club centered around racing and road vehicles of all ages and description.

If you have been thinking about joining a club that is slightly laid back and more interested in you enjoying your vehicle than club meetings, then have a look at us for a chance to enjoy the varied members and vehicles, that have

**DID YOU KNOW**

**The colour of tyres**

The first car tires were white! One tire manufacturer wanted his tires to look more distinguished than other tires. He asked the Peekskill Chemical Company in Peekskill, New York, to see what they could do to make a tire that was a silver gray color.

Joseph Binney had founded the Peekskill Chemical Company in 1864 and specialized in producing black and red colors and paints. The red he created was used on barns all across the American countryside and was made with the same red iron oxide that the cavemen had used to make their red paint.

The Peekskill chemists succeeded in creating a darker color for the tire manufacturer. More importantly, they discovered that by adding carbon black as an ingredient to the rubber they not only got a darker tire, but one that lasted four to five times longer

than white ones!

And from there you know how this story ends, except for one little detail. The Peekskill Chemical Company later became known as Binney & Smith, the makers of Crayola Crayons!

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