



# **MINOR NOTES**

April 2006



**The Cross's Combination  
at the  
Maleny Weekend**

**MORRIS MINOR  
CAR CLUB OF QLD. INC.**

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## **MEETINGS**

Unless otherwise advised in the club Magazine as a combined meeting/outing, meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month (except December) at St Ignatius Catholic Primary School, Grove Street, Toowong (driveway entry opposite Coram Lane off Sherwood Road) at 7.45 pm. Visitors and prospective members are most welcome.

## **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Annual Fees are – Single \$30.00, Family \$35.00 & Pensioners \$25.00. Contact club for membership forms.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

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## **WEBSITE**

[www.morrisdownunder.com/qld](http://www.morrisdownunder.com/qld) - Membership available via site.

## **AIM OF THE CLUB**

The aim of the Club is to foster the preservation and active use of all models of the Morris Minor produced between 1948 & 1971, providing a forum for the exchange of general information and technical advice and conducting a variety of motoring and social activities. Membership of the Club shall be open to any person who is interested in pursuing the aim of the Club.

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**CLUB CALENDAR – 2006**

**The club meetings & runs are in bold.**

Any runs other than Club designated, the Secretary has the entry forms and contact details if you are participating.

- APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>** - **CLUB MEETING**
- APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>** - **HINZE DAM RUN – MEET AT GARDEN CITY CAR PARK CNR KESSELS AND LOGAN RD 9.00am. RUN DOWN HIGHWAY TO RICKY’S, 23 The Esplanade, Coombabah (access via Hansford Rd.) UBD Map 8 Gold Coast Section, FOR MORNING TEA THEN ONTO HINZE DAM FOR LUNCH. BYO LUNCH – wood bar-b-q available.**
- APR 29/30<sup>TH</sup> - TWEED VALLEY VEH RESTORERS CLUB  
23<sup>RD</sup> INVITATION RALLY – MURWILLUMBAH RACECOURSE
- APR 30<sup>TH</sup> - DAVID HACK CLASSIC MEET– AEROTEC HANGAR SPITFIRE ST, TOOWOOMBA 9 AM
- MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> - OAKLEY ROTARY CLUB – 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL Show N Shine OAKLEY SHOWGROUNDS
- MAY 6/7<sup>TH</sup> - RESTORED VEHICLE ASSOC DALBY – ANNUAL WEEK-END OF MOTORING – PIONEER PARK DALBY
- MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> - **CLUB MEETING FOLLOWED BY A G M**
- MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> - **WOODFORD STORYBROOK HERB & COTTAGE GARDEN 71 Peterson Rd Woodford – Stroll the 3 acres of herb & cottage gardens to build up appetite for alfresco dining. LUNCH approx cost \$15 ie: quiche+dessert+tea/coffee BYO own drinks - Times & direction TBA. Steam train on this day.**
- JUNE 10/12<sup>TH</sup> - **PROPOSED CAMPING WEEKEND – HERVEY BAY SEE PAGE 4 FOR SUGGESTED ITINERY–BEING DISCUSSED AT APRIL MEETING AND OUTING**
- JUNE 10/12<sup>TH</sup> - GYMPIE HISTORIC AUTO CLUB – Qld Combined Council Of Historic Vehicle Clubs 2006 Rally
- JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup> - **CLUB MEETING**
- JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> - **RACQ MOTORING OF YESTERYEAR - RNA SHOWGROUNDS – DISPLAY FEE \$20 – CONVOYS FROM ALL CORNERS OF BRISBANE – TBA**
- JULY 21<sup>ST</sup> - **CLUB MEETING**
- JULY ????
- **XMAS IN JULY – PROPOSED – ADVISE IF INTERESTED – WILL BE DISCUSSED AT APRIL MEETING AND OUTING**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MORRIS MINOR CAR CLUB OF QLD INC.  
HELD ON 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2006 at MALENY SHOWGROUNDS**

Meeting opened at 4.20 p.m.

**APOLOGIES:** Arnold and Avis Eggins, Margaret & Brian Cannon, Noel & Beverley Cannon, Jim & Hazel Allen, Keith & Jill Fowlie, Heather & Les Jarman, Gwyn & Ken Wells, Bill & Lois Walters.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Amy Thomas Toowoomba proposed by Geoff Cross and seconded Bob Wright

The President welcomed everyone to our away from home meeting and thanked Graham & Pam Sands for organising the venue.

Also a big thank you to Michael & Bev McGinty and Graham & Pam Sands for their donations for the raffle prizes which we will have a little later.

**VISITORS:** Dennis & Jan Smith (Toowoomba) – Mel & Beryl (Glasshouse) Welcome along to our meeting.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of Previous meeting held on the 17 February 2006 were taken as read and moved as a correct record by Graham Sands and seconded Peter Cross  
Business arising from Minutes:- Nil

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Presented by Gordon who moved that it be accepted seconded Graham Chapple

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:** \$50 Postage, \$60 P O Box Renewal  
Moved Gordon seconded Bob Wright that these accounts be paid.

**CORRESPONDENCE INWARD:**

**OTHER CLUB MAGAZINES**

VARIOUS EVENTS FOR THE COMING YEAR – PUBLISHED IN THE CALENDAR

MINUTES COMBINED COUNCIL

NEW M/SHIP AMY THOMAS

SOUTHSIDE MM CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUST POST RENEWAL OF PO BOX

ITINERY OF EVENTS ETC WITH MAP OF THE NEXT NATIONALS - PERTH

LETTER FROM SOUTHSIDE RE THEIR ANNUAL STATIC DISPLAY DAY 15<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER

LETTER FROM MT GRAVATT SHOWGROUNDS TRUST RE EASTER 2009 NATIONAL RALLY

LETTER FROM SOUTHBANK RE EASTER 2009 NATIONAL RALLY

**CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARD:**

MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRY LETTERS SENT TO I JAMIESON & A DIXON

CONCESSIONAL REGO FORM SENT TO PAM PALMER

LETTER FROM PAUL HAMER TO MT GRAVATT SHOWGROUNDS TRUST  
RE NATIONAL RALLY EASTER 2009

LETTER TO ST IGNATIUS RE MEETING DATES

**CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARD:**

**ACTIVITIES:**

**April – Hinze Dam Run** – Stop at Coombabah for morning tea (BYO)

**May - Woodford Herb Garden** for lunch

**LIBARIAN REPORT:** Paul said that he had all the books if anybody would like to borrow them.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Paul spoke on the concept of 2009 Rally Brisbane – he has approval from Southbank. He has been to Mt Gravatt Showgrounds and spoke about the outcome of discussions and written confirmation and prices with them.

Paul spoke about the movie night.

Dennis thanked the ladies for Afternoon Tea prior to the meeting.

Graham Sands said that he has arranged for Pioneer Cottage to be opened at 9.30 am tomorrow and to BYO morning tea.

The President hoped the everybody was enjoying the weekend so far and thanked Graham & Pam Sands for the run which we did this afternoon.

There is a multi draw raffle and Paul has brought along his home theatre to show us some movies and photos of Tassie Nationals. This will all take place after the BBQ dinner. Thanks again to everybody for making the effort.

Meeting closed 4.40 p.m.

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## **THE PRESIDENT / EDITOR'S REPORT**

The club's title might be about Morris Minors, but the club is about people who enjoy this quirky little motor car and this was highlighted by the Maleny Morry Weekend last month.

It was tremendous to be able to partake in the gathering of such friendly folk and a lot of credit must go to Graham & Pam Sands for their outstanding effort in organizing the event. Credit must once again go to Paul and Christine for their Morry Mobile Movie Show. They traveled up to Maleny, set up, showed the programs, dismantled and packed up and traveled back to Brisbane that evening just for the enjoyment of the country members who didn't get a chance to attend the previous movie night. Thanks once again for such an outstanding effort.

It was also great to see several country members at the meeting. At least you have had a chance to help in the running of our club.

This month's run is down to Hinze Dam (the one with water in it) on the Gold Coast and it looks like it should be another enjoyable outing.

Remember that next month's meeting is followed by the AGM and there is still time to nominate for a position – they all become vacant and you are more than welcome to participate in the running of your club.

See ya

Dennis (Double D)

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## **MEMBERS DETAILS**

Place the member list in a convenient place for later reference and also ensure your own personal information is correct.

If not please contact me with changes.

Thanks Dennis

*Camping Weekend 10, 11, 12 June, Hervey Bay  
Queens Birthday weekend*

Saturday

A weekend camping at Burrum Heads Council Caravan Park right on the foreshore at Burrum Heads.

The weekend could start with a visit to Howard and Van Cootens Drapery in Steley Street at Howard.

For lunch, the pub at Howard if there on time.

Something was mentioned about this at Maleny. Some of the women were interested in having a look around this Drapery. You will possibly be surprised with what you will find.

The council caravan park is only a thought at the moment, but we will make some enquiries as to availability of camping spots later in the week after the club meeting if we could have a rough idea of numbers for sites that may be needed. The Burrum Heads pub put on a good meal of a night or we could organise a BBQ at the Caravan Park

Sunday

A morning run to Urangan and to the Koala markets. Morning tea could be provided Approx \$4 per head at the markets. Cars can also be put on display here for a few hours.

The Hervey Bay museum is well worth a look as is the kanaka memorial at the cemetery. Just a bit of local history

There is a lot to do to keep the body and mind occupied or you may just want to sit and relax for the day

Monday

Brunch on the beach... Bacon and Eggs etc could be organised, or BYO

We would need an idea of numbers for the weekend if things needed to be booked.

We will be making a call to Howard in advance to make sure what times the Drapery is open or can be opened

An alternative to Burrum Heads is a Caravan Park in Hervey Bay.

Would appreciate any input on these thoughts for a weekend on the Fraser Coast.

Ken and Gwyn Wells... 07 41255242

Les and Heather Jarman... 07 41241546

Mick and Bev McGinty... 07 41254254

Keith and Jill Fowlie... 07 41242214

**Contact the above with suggestions or for information about the weekend but  
INFORM Ricky (07 5577 5334) if you are going to attend.**

## Smile awhile

If like me in a previous unenlightened era you owned an older British car, you would probably be familiar with Lucas electrical equipment, but for those who have never had this/these experience/experiences we offer the following brief overview:

Lucas motto : "Get home before dark"

Joseph Lucas, often referred to as "The Prince of Darkness", denies having invented darkness, but admits to sudden unexpected periods of darkness!

Lucas: The inventor of the first intermittent wiper. (Now it goes, now it doesn't)

Lucas: The inventor of the first self dimming headlight switch.\

Happy Customer: "I've had a Lucas pacemaker for 12 months and I've never had any prob....."

If Lucas made guns, Wars wouldn't start either. It's not true that Lucas in 1947 tried to get Parliament to repeal Ohm's Law. They withdrew their efforts when they met too much resistance. The work experience kid responsible for Quality Assurance at Lucas, phoned and advised the Engineering chap, that they had trouble with his design shorting out, so he made the wires longer!

Why do the English drink warm beer? .... Lucas made refrigerators too!

Did you hear the one about the chap who peeked into a Rover and asked the owner, "How can you tell one switch from another at night, since they all look the same?" he replied that "It doesn't matter which one you use, nothing happens anyway!"

Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone. Thomas Edison invented the light bulb. Joseph Lucas invented the short circuit. And then there is the theory attributed to Joseph Lucas that electricity flowing through any wiring circuit is actually smoke waiting to break free at the earliest opportunity .... But need I go on? You will have got the picture by now, and realize how lucky we are to have Ducellier, or Paris Rhone electrical equipment in our Pugs, or at least the products of Robert Bosch.

Taken from "Pugtorque" in BACKFIRE March 2006 (Supplied by Graham Sands)

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### AUNT MOGGIE

- Which committee member with a van has taken to economizing by hitching rides on the back of tilt trays – not once but twice. Firstly with a breakage of an accelerator cable then followed by a clutch cable – heavy footed, obviously?  
He was heard to utter some TOYOTAish language "BUGGER!" and "OH WHAT A FEELING!" as both incidents happened during peak hour.  
The BLUE van is all HEALED now and back nipping at other's WHEELS.
- Jeff Watson who has supported Morris Minors during his many years as a journalist and Television presenter has indicated to Paul Hamer he will be assisting with the 2009 National Rally, all Paul has to do now is to get Ray Newell to come along. Keep working on it Paul.

**TRIP REPORTS:****Maleny Showground Camping Weekend 24-26 February 2006**

A big thank you to the club members & visitors that came up to our 2<sup>nd</sup> camping weekend.

Friday saw quite a few roll up and in between drizzly rain set up their camp. We had some doubts about the weather being in our favour but after having a word with the man upstairs and making lots of promises we were blessed with great weather and excellent company.

On Saturday morning most wandered into town to hit the shops and galleries and best of all we had an ice cream from the famous Award Winning Colin James Fine Foods. We had to stop one member having a second one. After lunch when a few more campers arrived we went on a run along the ridge to Bellthorpe with beautiful weather and views across to Brisbane and Woodford. We then descended down the very steep and winding Bellthorpe Range, hoping the vehicles behind had brakes that were in good order, then via Woodford-Maleny Rd onto Commissioners Flat Rd to Peachester for another ice-cream at the local store then back to Maleny Showgrounds for the Club Meeting, BBQ dinner and movies. Thanks to Paul Hamer for the wonderful film show.

Sunday saw a quick run to Maleny's Pioneer Cottage for a look around and a stationary engine display, as well as morning tea. Special thanks to locals Peter and Shirley Marsh for organizing the morning. One member even had his own morning paper delivered compliments of Maleny Newsagency. (*Firstly I thought it was because I was a really nice person, then maybe a Presidential perk or even an Editor's privilege but then I realized it's because there is a really nice person at the Newsagency. Thanks Pam. Ed.*)

Thanking you all for a great weekend and maybe we could do it all again next year.

Pamela & Graham Sands

(*Thanks for the report and roughing it with the rest of us when you could have been snuggled up in your own comfy bed at home 2 minutes up the road. Ed.*)



Saturday Afternoon Convoy



Pleasant Scenery



Some Competition??



Getting a good seat



Sitting in the BACK ROW



Some under cover work



THE WORKERS



Sunday – Pioneer Cottage



Sunday Morning Tea



Must be called Morris – No horsepower

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## BIRTHDAY WISHES – APRIL

KEITH FOWLIE

HOWARD FRANKLIN

LES JARMAN

ROSS MCFARLANE

BILL MARTIN

DARYL NORTON



CAMPBELL WILLIAMS

**BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE LISTED ABOVE**

If we have missed your Birthday, maybe it's not on file – so could you please inform us so we can acknowledge your special day.



**MORRIS MINOR CAR CLUB  
OF QUEENSLAND INC.**

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## NOMINATION FOR POSITION

I hereby apply for the position of:

Tick appropriate box

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| <b>PRESIDENT</b>               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>VICE – PRESIDENT</b>        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>TREASURER</b>               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>SECRETARY</b>               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>EDITOR</b>                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>REGALIA OFFICER</b>         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR</b>     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>LIBRARIAN</b>               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>DATING OFFICER</b>          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>NATIONAL DELEGATE</b>       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>COMBINED CLUBS DELEGATE</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>CATERING OFFICER</b>        | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Nominee

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Proposer

Date:            /            / 2006

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**Must be lodged one (1) month prior to Annual General Meeting.  
You could return it with your Annual Subscription to save postage.**

**FOR SALE**

**1963 Morris Major Elite** White with green flash. Good Condition. Has spare motor and gearbox and another complete spare car which is ideal for spares \$1300 the lot John or Trish 5543 3224 or 0414 293 664 Woodhill/Jimboomba

**MUST BE SOLD - WILLING TO NEGOTIATE – NO REASONABLE OFFER REFUSED**

**1955 Morris Minor 2 Door**, Nissan A14, four speed, Morris Major diff. and Morris Major brakes, engine fully rebuilt about 200 miles ago, new clutch, brakes done Jan 2004. Female owner since 1983 and done approx. 72000 miles but must sadly sell due inability to change gears now. 467-ATE \$4000 Ph 5441 5732 or 0408 415 732

**1953 Morris Minor** - It was virtually a one-owner machine, if very original and runs well. Re-conditioned gearbox. I bought it for my son to learn to drive in. It was road worthied - having only some suspension issues and chassis rust - and I did have it registered until the end of last year. I feel the little beauty will die a slow death if it continues to sit idle (apart from the drives up and down my street to keep it ticking over) under the tarpaulin in my yard.

Darryl Whitecross 0401 999 515 Email: [whitecross@powerup.com.au](mailto:whitecross@powerup.com.au)

**1958 Morris Minor 1000**, 4 door, partly dismantled. 1000 motor, ready for restoration \$500 Phone Geoff 3849 8440

**1954 Morris Minor Sedan**, Light green with dark green upholstery, registered until June 2006 Completely renovated since Sept. 2002. over \$13000 has been spent on body, uphol. and parts \$7500 ono D.R. Godley 4162 1356 Kingaroy

**1959 Morris Minor 4 door** was registered until DEC last year. Blue (faded). It runs well and has only had some indicator lights added to the tail.

Mechanically runs well but one spoke missing in first gear so goes click,click,click until change to second gear. Has no holes in the floor but would need some lining as removed rotting carpet when bought it - planning to restore but never got around. The leather on the doors is still ok. I have the original Nuffield warranty card – Morris 1000 purchased June 1959 in Laidley. Have the original receipt - 17 pounds 19.6 pence (or whatever it was then). It still has the old plates. Only be asking \$500 if it went to a good home. John O'Neill 0405814822 Bardon

**1954 Morris Minor**, pale green, partly restored, for more info ring Jay 0402 859 906 – Talli Gold Coast hinterland

**Morris Minor Manuals**

1. Haynes Morris Minor & 1000 Purchase and Restoration Guide - as new cond. Retail \$54.95 - sell \$30.00.
2. Morris Minor Series MM and II Workshop Manual - well used but complete - 1976 reprint - sell \$20.00. John Broughton, Nambour. 5441-6895 Email: [broughtons@powerup.com.au](mailto:broughtons@powerup.com.au)

**Car Trailer - tandem**, with loading boards and cover frame, no canvas. Very good electric winch - remote control. Two spare wheels. \$2500 Jim (02) 6624 1008

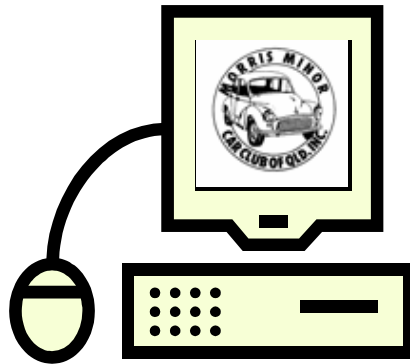
**2 AM CB radios** Excellent working condition \$35 each Bill 5499 9621 Maleny

**1954 Morris Minor 4 Door** Olive Green. Been parked 6 years but was a daily driver. Original motor and gearbox, good upholstery, brakes need work. Good restorer \$500 ono Simon 5435 2272 or 0401 648 042 Maleny

INOTE: Please notify Editor if your sale is successful to avoid future enquires.

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POWERED  
BY **Jelly**



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