



MINOR NOTES

July 2005



A REAL PEARL

Owners: Matt and Linda Pearl – Southside Morris Minor Club

**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 3rd 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

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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 – 2005

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.

- JULY 15TH** - **CLUB MEETING**
- JULY 16TH** - **MORRIS CAR GROUP - IPSWICH
'XMAS IN JULY'**
- JULY 30TH - NAMBOUR SWAP
- JULY 30TH - BRISBANE SOUTHSIDE MORRIS MINOR CLUB
XMAS IN JULY – DARTS CLUB, LOTA – 6.30pm.
ph.VAL 3207 3425 before 19TH JULY
- AUGUST 6TH & 7TH - SUMMERLAND SPORTS & CLASSIC CAR CLUB
22ND ANNUAL STATIC CAR DISPLAY – LISMORE
- AUGUST 19TH** - **CLUB MEETING**
- AUGUST 21ST** - **SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND FILM DAY**
At Paul Hamers Place, 56 Wilkins St West, Fairfield
Time to be advised.
- SEPTEMBER 16TH** - **CLUB MEETING**
- SEPTEMBER 17TH - SWAP MEET – GYMPIE SHOWGROUNDS
- SEPTEMBER 17TH/18TH - FESTIVAL OF SPEED ON TWEED
Murwillumbah Showgrounds
- SEPTEMBER 18TH - **ALL BRITISH DAY, VIVIAN STREET, TENNYSON**
- SEPTEMBER 25TH - HISTORIC COMMERCIAL VEHICLE DISPLAY,
CLEVELAND SHOWGROUNDS
- OCTOBER 2ND - NOOSA BEACH CLASSIC CAR CLUB – CAR SHOW
- OCTOBER 16TH** - **BRISBANE SOUTHSIDE MORRIS MINOR CAR
CLUB – ANNUAL PICNIC & DISPLAY DAY**
- OCTOBER 21ST** - **CLUB MEETING**
- OCTOBER 30TH - MARYBOROUGH DIST> ANTIQUE MOTOR CLUB
COMMEMORATIVE RALLY
- NOVEMBER 6TH - 2005 BRISBANE TOPLESS CAR RUN
- NOVEMBER 18TH** - **CLUB MEETING**

WHAT ARE WE DOING FOR CHRISTMAS??

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MORRIS MINOR CAR CLUB OF QLD INC.
HELD ON 17TH JUNE 2005.**

Meeting opened at 8.10 p.m.

APOLOGIES: Brian & Margaret Cannon

MINUTES:

Minutes of Previous meeting held on the 20th May were taken as read and moved as a correct record by Paul Hamer and seconded Bev Cannon

Business arising from Minutes: Nil

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurers report presented by Gordon who moved that it be accepted seconded Bob Wright
ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: Raffle \$9.25, Postage \$50, Auditor \$50, Office of Fair Trading \$35.10. Moved Gordon and Seconded Phoebe Wright that these accounts be paid.

Noel Cannon inquired if we needed to have the amount in the cheque account or could we move some out into the Term Deposit account. Gordon felt we should leave the amount there for the present.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARD:

Other club magazines

Various events for the coming year which are in the calendar

Invitation from Brisbane Southside MM club 'Xmas in July' 30th July - Darts Club Lota

Annual return of assoc

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Letter & m/ship forms sent to: S Dorney - Shailer Park, C Williams - Indooroopilly

Keyring etc sent to Leslie & Aileen Power

ACTIVITIES: Ricky commented that everybody who ventured out on the run to Colleges Crossing had a good time.

June Run - Motoring of yesteryear.

Paul Hamer has offered his home to put on a video day - ie Morris Minors across America or Morris Minor 50th Anniversary Videos.

Camping Weekend - November - Maroochy Palms - we could also go see the Barra Farm and have a fish.

DATING OFFICER REPORT:

Bill mentioned he was invited over to NZ for a transport conference and the main discussion was on emissions from vehicles. Lighting on old vehicles, and noise from exhaust pipes.

LIBRARIAN REPORT:

Paul to chase up the outstanding books

Tai - Morris Minor the World Supreme Small Car - Liam Scanlan - NZ Morris Minor - Alan

Jeffery - Repco Service Manual

GENERAL BUSINESS:

2009 Rally - Paul asked if the Secretary could forward a copy of the draft letter to the other Qld Morris Clubs with reference to looking at the venue (Southbank) on 10th July to see if this could be the most likely venue for holding the Rally.

Gordon moved that he ordered 8 extra coats to be put into regalia seconded by Geoff Cross

The subject of regalia and looking for something new. The secretary to get some prices together to bring to next meeting.

Caps

Calico bags

Umbrellas

Fridge Magnets

Cooler bags.

No further business the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m

THE PRESIDENT / EDITOR'S REPORT

A word of caution – Please hold this magazine with both hands as it is so light that it might just blow away. “Why is it so???”

If you want to read an interesting magazine some interesting articles to put in it would be nice. I think the role of editor is to compile the articles for the magazine, not write them. Besides I have run out of my Morries to write about.

With such a large membership there must be some other stories out there.

They don't have to be lengthy – ‘a picture is worth a thousand words’

While you're putting some thought into your story also think where you would enjoy the Christmas function later this year – we need suggestions NOW.

Sorry to be so GRUMPY but I am a POM from way back, and I only want the best for the club.

See Ya

Dennis (Double D)

BIRTHDAY WISHES JULY

MARGARET CROSS

GLENYS CROSS

KERRIE DIAZ

ARNOLD EGGINS

ERIC HERBERT

MARGARET ROGERS



BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE LISTED ABOVE



Classic fifties styling is enhanced and some Japanese internals help it keep up with the traffic

Although it's not the main reason Matt and Linda Pearl bought their Morris Minor ute for restoration, Matt's theory on car restoration will ring a bell with many restorers.

That theory was that you will run out of car before money to restore with a Morris ute, while with a car such as a Jaguar you will run out of money before car.

In reality the primary reason they elected to restore a Morry was love.

"I have always had a soft spot for Morris," said Matt.

"I had my first Morris at age 16 and when Linda and I first started going out I had a Morris Minor ute, then two more after that."

The utes were all restored to some degree. When kids came along the fetish with the diminutive Morris had to be put on hold.

Three years ago, with the children well and truly grown up, the couple went to Toowoomba to see a flower show and came back proud owners of a 1957 Morris Minor ute, just ripe for restoration.

"As happened there was a car show next to the flower show and we got talking to one of the entrants and asked if there were any Morry utes for sale around Toowoomba.

"The bloke knew of one for sale and that's how we came by her."

The car was stripped, sand blasted and put back together using a lot of new parts, that are still available from England.

Small amounts of rust were removed.

However, the running gear was totally changed. The car now sports a Datsun 1400cc unleaded engine out of a Datsun Sunny, run through a Toyota Celica five-speed transmission and into a Morris Major diff to handle the extra grunt.

Morris Major brakes are also in use while the front wheels are 5.5 inch x 14 inch and the rear wheel 6 inch x 14 inch.

The car simply purrs.

With apologies to Morris the manufacturer in looks, panel fit and mechanically the Matt and Linda's car is probably better than new.

The car was finished in Porsche colour, Guards Red, inspired by the use of the same colour on an XU1 Torana owned by Matt's brother.

It's a stunning colour that can appear almost orange in bright sunlight.

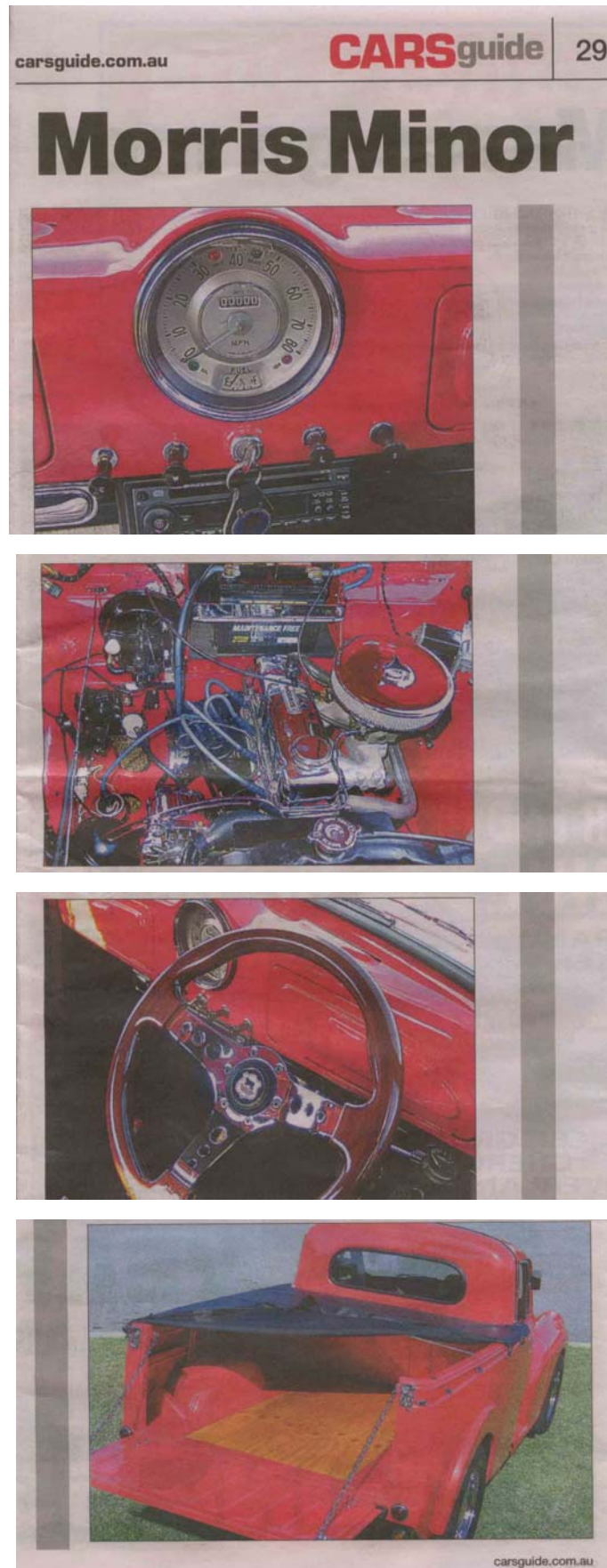
Along with the new chrome all-round, new rubbers and chrome wheels, the restoration has created a car that is a head-turner in any company.

Certainly the judges at the 12th Morris Nationals in Hobart earlier this year thought so, awarding the car with the MMU 57 number plate first place in the Overall Custom section and second in the Best Commercial category.

.More than 180 Morris cars from through-out Australia attended the nationals, so the wins were no mean feat.

On top of that Matt and Linda took a few weeks off to drive to Tassie and back via Ferry out of Sydney, clocking up 6000 trouble-free kilometers in the car that took 15 months to restore.

The car is for use in promotions and Linda and Mat may be contacted on 5594 9790.



Taken from Cars Guide - Gold Coast Sun Wednesday June 15 2005 – Retyped due to reproduction.

TRIP REPORTS:**RACQ MOTORING OF YESTERYEAR**

Sunday 26th June 2005

Sunday morning, started out early to drive to St Joseph's College Oval Tennyson, where all the vehicles from all over Queensland were assembling. We wanted to get a good position, hence the early start. The Morrie was very well represented.

It started out with a very carnival atmosphere which continued all day with wandering minstrels and a visit from the Care Flight Helicopter.

There was a great assembly of motor vehicles Packards, Jaguars, Dodges just to name a few. We had a great time looking around and chatting to this one and that one, we lost all concept of time, and we also forgot the camera to take those much needed shots.

Thanks to Geoff and Peter Cross for this report.


ARE YOU A FINANCIAL MEMBER?????**IF NOT, ENJOY YOUR LAST
'MINOR NOTES'**

Membership fees were due March 31st

*If you have accidentally overlooked payment you have
one month to remedy the situation.*

Please don't hesitate we enjoy your friendship.

FOR SALE

1957 Morris Minor 1000, 4 door, fully PROFESSIONALLY restored incl new paint (ivory color), swivel pins, dampers, rubbers, roof lining, upholstery and brakes fully overhauled, VGC, \$5000, Sinnamon Park, ph 3376 1712 (AH), 3218 3764 (BH, M to Wed), 3864 9172 (BH Thurs ,Fri).

1955 Morris Minor, 4 door Colour Blue, Good Tyres, Owned 4 years John Paul 0403 610 610 \$2000

Morris Minor 1000, 2 door stored last 10 years under cover, Ideal restoration White \$1850 Ph 07 55399557 or 0422956385

1958 Morris Minor 1000, 4 door, blue, wide wheels plus original wheels Ph Sue 3392 8303

1955 Morris Minor. 4 door, 1.3L Toyota Corolla and 5 speed gearbox. This car is in immaculate condition and is well maintained. It has been fully restored. The charm and character of a vintage car with the power and reliability of a new car. The car has a fully restored interior in immaculate condition. Disk brakes, extractors, mag wheels, wood grain steering wheel many other features. The engine has very low kilometres and is very reliable. Perfect as a weekend/show car or a daily driver. Currently registered and selling with RWC. Very regretful sale.\$7250 Scott, 0423 410 126



1954 Morris Minor ,4 door which I purchased about five years ago. I have had her completely restored by professionals, both in the engine, mechanics and the body work. There is not a bit of rust in her and she has just been (September 2004) painted two pack black enamel by a professional painter at Redcliffe. The engine has been completely overhauled and also she has all new rubbers around the windows and doors and boot area. I have had new seat belts fitted in the front. Also I have had the side flag direction lights installed. I have spent over \$9,000.00 on her but that often happens when you are not able to do the work your self. I have all invoices and receipts for all the work done.

The car has only had two owners, and I have the hand book and early photo's of the car from the previous owner.

The car is housed at Hamilton Brisbane and naturally she is registered. The personalised number plates are AMM – 54. \$7500 ono Ariana Hollis contact at amd04@optusnet.com.au

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



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