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NEWSLETTER



The breakdown at West Wyalong.

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MEETINGS:

Held on the Third Thursday of each month at the Dr. Price Rooms, Little Street, Toowoomba. At 7.30 p.m.

FEES: \$20.00 per member per year.
\$10.00 Joining fee.

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GROUP CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Went on our first club run since our March trip to Tasmania. If you haven't heard previous to this we had a 'minor' problem on our way back from the Nationals in Tasmania. After four and a half weeks of trouble free motoring through N.S.W, Vic. And Tasmania the car decided to throw the top ring off the 3rd piston, 40 kms out of West Wyalong in N.S.W. Put the car on a truck, and hired a car to throw in the mountain of gear we had accumulated over the weeks. I do suggest you check your Ultra policy with RACQ before taking a long trip, not as good as they advertise.

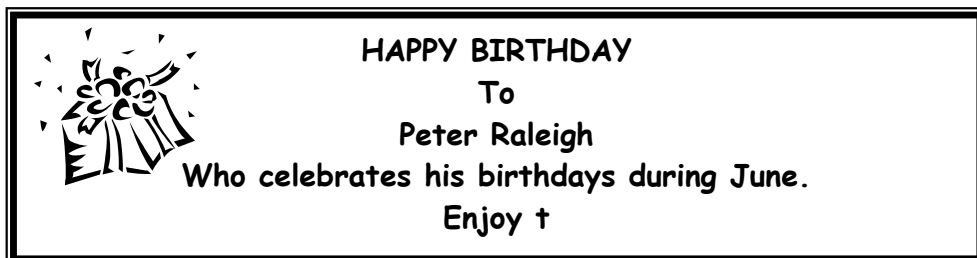
Over that, we decided to change the motor over rather than rebuilding the existing motor. So if anyone is looking for a good 1000 motor to do up, the bore wasn't marked from the above and the bottom end has had all new bearings etc. in recent times. I also have a 1½ carbies and manifold for sale which I didn't put back either on this exchange motor.

Back to the run - 6 cars took up the challenge. We met at Clifford Gardens Shopping Centre. The first part of the run was to Governor's Choice Winery at Athol, 20 km south of Westbrook. A few took the plunge and tasted the offerings. There wasn't much interest in this so we ventured on down the track to a new craft outlet. The girls had a good look around and chat while the rest of us had a yarn with the local farmer. From here we moved onto Mt. Tyson to 'White Mischief' at the old butter factory renovated into a café and lolly shop. Well you had to be there to believe the menu. All I can suggest is you take a doggie bag because you won't eat 'all' that is on your plate. That's about all I have to say about our lunch, from here we moved onto Oakey for dessert at 'Mals' local deli. I think J.W. had to top up with a kebab and a milk shake to take the taste of 'greens' from his palate after his scrumptious lunch.

We didn't venture onto the next winery, everybody seemed to had had enough for the day and each made their own way home.

I believe we had some good news and sad news this month. We've gained a new member in Patrick Murray and lost an existing member with the passing of 'Stumpy' Stevens on 25th May, 05. On behalf of our club, Jan and Dennis attended his funeral at Laidley last Friday. We all send our regards to Judy and all their family and friends on this sad occasion.

Mick Muller.



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS
MORRIS GROUP HELD ON THURSDAY 19th MAY, 2005. AT THE DR. PRICE
ROOMS, LITTLE STREET, TOOWOOMBA.

OPENED: Michael opened the meeting at 7.55 p.m. and welcomed Patrick Murray.
APOLOGY: Peter Raleigh – Peter has had a fall and is receiving treatment, best wishes for a speedy recovery.

MINUTES: Moved John, seconded Jim that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st April, 2005 as printed in the newsletter be accepted as read. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE; Inwards:

NSWMMC – re umbrellas.

CAR Inc. – Minutes

Email: CAR Inc. re Ipswich Group Display at the Boonah Show on 21st May.

Email: Minutes Early Nissan Group and Newsletter

BSSMMCC – Christmas in July function.

Minutes received via email from other CAR Inc. Group members.

Outwards: Newsletters to members and other clubs.

Letter to Other clubs re emailing newsletters.

Emails to CAR Inc. re audit.

Email from Duttons re advertising for club listing.

Moved Jan. seconded Ian Hamill that the correspondence be accepted. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The books are away being audited and Bill advised the current balance.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

BSSMMC – June long weekend at Crows Nest Caravan Park. It was agreed to attend the Sunday run (12th) with a sausage sizzle on Sunday night. Meet at Mullers at 8 a.m. BYO lunch.

Sunday 22nd August: Run to Jandowie. Ian Bywater agreed to organise this run including Dalby, Jandowie, Bell, Kaimkillenbun and Quinalow. Meet 9 a.m. at McDonalds, Bridge Street with lunch at a hotel in Jandowie. BYO morning tea.

29th May, 2005 – Run to Mt. Tyson as in Newsletter – meet Clifford Gardens at 9.30 a.m. BYO morning tea.

It was agreed to phone Toby and Lenore Marshall to advise that we were not now going to Hervey Bay on the June long weekend as was indicated at Christmas.

Patrick advised that he had a 1959, 1000 Morris Minor, red 4 door.

David advised of an old photocopier which was available for free but needed a bit of work doing.

Jim advised that Bruce Bloodworth had two MM's for sale – Lowlite \$2500 and a modified ute with stretch chassis \$2500. Also stickers – “this is a genuine 1000” \$20 each. Ph: 54256023.

Jim also advised of a 53 Minor saloon for sale at Young NSW – Contact Terry Booth Ph: 02 69762041.

Bill advised of replacing tyres and his steering rack needing new rubbers. His vehicle was admired at the Lifeline recycling shop!

CAR Inc. AGM 28th June, 2005.

Michael read an article re dissolving rust with molasses – it was agreed to include it in the next newsletter.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m. with supper.

Raffle won by John Wagner.

COMING EVENTS

11/12/13 th June	SSMMCC 20 th Anniversary - Crows Nest Caravan Park. Group run to Crows Nest on Sunday 12 th . Run around the Crows Nest area. Meet at Mullers, 12 Ward Street, Highfields at 8 a.m. BYO m/tea and lunch. Sausage Sizzle At Crows Nest with SSMMCC in the evening.
Thu 16 th June	Toowoomba & Downs Morris Group General Meeting
Sun 19 th June	Swap Meet - Mudgeeraba Showgrounds
25 th & 26 th June	RACQ Motoring f Yesteryear, Vivian St. Tennyson.
Tue 28 th June	CAR Inc. AGM, at Ipswich 7.30 p.m.
Thu 21 st July	Toowoomba & Downs Morris Group General Meeting
16-17 th July	Christmas in July to be organised by Ipswich Group. (See information this newsletter)
Thu 18 th August	Toowoomba & Downs Morris Group Annual General Meeting.
Sun 21 st August	Run to Jandowie and environs, organised by Ian Bywater. Meet McDonalds, Bridge Street, 9 a.m. BYO m/tea.
Thu 15 th September	Toowoomba & Downs Morris Group General Meeting.
Sun 18 th September	All British Day, Vivian Street, Tennyson.
Sun 16 th October	Brisbane Southside Morris Minor Car Club Inc. Annual Picnic Day and Display Day, Ormiston State School.
Thu 20 th October	Toowoomba & Downs Morris Group General Meeting.

FOR SALE:

Golf Umbrellas: Red, White and Blue
With a circular emblem that says Morris
Minor. These are available at \$22.00 each.

If you would like one or more, could you
Please bring your money to the next
Meeting and we will organise to send a
Group club order. They will be delivered
In late August.

**MORRIS CAR GROUP – IPSWICH
'CHRISTMAS IN JULY'**

DATE: 16th JULY 2005

**VENUE: SUNDOWNER MOTOR INN – IPSWICH
250 SOUTH STATION ROAD (PH: 32024622)**

COST: \$27.50 per person.

A TWO COURSE Christmas dinner will be enjoyed with a visit from Santa. A secret Santa along with raffles and a lucky door prize will also be held.

The Motel will provide a discounted room rate for your members, so they can enjoy a drink and stay overnight without having to worry about getting home. Please contact the Motel directly to reserve your rooms.

The following morning, a BBQ breakfast (gold coin donation) will ensure a speedy recovery from the night's events.

Numbers attending are needed by our June meeting, so that we can advise the Ipswich Group for catering.

FOR SALE

53 Morris Minor Saloon at Young NSW. Contact Terry Booth
Ph: 02 697 62041 at Junee.

Morris 1300 "Classic" - 30,000 miles/original log books & manuals - Automatic. Original A1 condition/garaged - colour Chrystal White, Upholstery A1 condition - as New.
Looking for devoted home
Phone Bruce on 0404 887 981.

Morris Minor Ute 1950 reupholstered doors and seats, datsun motor and 3 speed automatic gearbox. Selling 'as is' and asking \$1500 ono. Tony Hill: Ph: 0409598988.

Two MM's for sale - Lowlite \$2500 and a modified ute with stretch chassis \$2500.
Also stickers - "this is a genuine 1000" \$20 each. Bruce Bloodworth: Ph: 54256023.

ANNUAL FEES ARE NOW DUE !!!

\$20.00 per member for the coming year. Please arrange to have your fees forwarded to our Treasurer ASAP. Non payment of fees means that your newsletter will stop.

DISSOLVING RUST WITH MOLASSES.

I have been told that everyone has heard how molasses dissolves rust, so make a trip to the local pet food and grain store and get your molasses.

The formula is two litres of molasses in seven litres of water. Put this mixture in a plastic bucket or container and partly cover to help stop evaporation. Leave for about three weeks, down by the back fence (it pongs a bit) until it ferments. It should now have a skin on top which should be peeled off. Now you can immerse your rusty parts in this solution. Leave for about two weeks before removing them, by then all the rust should be dissolved, (use rubber gloves, long tongs, or tie pieces of wire to the parts before you start, as this mixture contains ACETIC ACID).

After removal, wash off the brown muck straight away with a stiff brush under hot running water. As soon as the parts are dry, treat them with rust converter and paint them as soon as possible, or if not painted, wire brush and oil them. This must be done immediately because surface rust will start to form as soon as the metal is dry, because it is so clean it has no protection.

Apparently the water and molasses mixture when left exposed to air, ferments and produces, among other things, Acetic Acid. This reacts with the oxygen in the rust and when iron oxide (rust) is all reduced the process stops, so steel or iron is not affected, but the surface of the metal is now virtually in original condition and subject to immediate attack by oxygen in the air and begins to rust, so must be protected.

The benefit of using molasses is that it dissolves that rock-hard rust that even wire brushes can't touch and carborundum cloth can't reach and by using arrangements of odd-shaped containers like old concrete troughs half full of dirt and lined with heavy plastic sheet, it is possible to derust larger objects that would not stand sand blasting. This mixture will still derust for quite some time, (six months or even more).

JOKES

A truck driver pulled up at a roadside café in the middle of the night for a meal. Halfway through, three wild-looking motorcyclists roared up - bearded, leather-jacketed, filthy - with swastikas on their chests and helmets.

They tried to goad the truckie into a fight. One poured pepper over his head, one stole his apple pie and the third deliberately upset his cup of coffee. The driver ignored them, paid his bill and left.

"That truckie isn't much of a fighter," one bikie said to the café at large.

"He doesn't seem much of a driver, either," said the waitress, "He just run his truck right over three motorcycles."

Patrick came home unexpectedly early in the afternoon and found his wife in bed with another man. He ignored them, walked past them to a chest of drawers, opened a drawer, took out a gun, cocked it and dramatically held it to his head.

"Don't be a fool, don't do it," yelled his wife.

"Shut up, woman," he replied. "You're next!"
