



MINOR NOTES

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MORRIES AT MICK AND MERLENE'S FOR MORNING TEA

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



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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.

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

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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 – 2007

The Brisbane club meetings & runs are in bold and *Hervey Bay(HB) Runs in Italics*

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

- AUGUST 4TH - SUMMERLAND SPORTS CLASSIC CAR CLUB INC.
24TH ANNUAL STATIC CAR DISPLAY – Clyde
Campbell Car Park, Molesworth St, Lismore.
- AUGUST 12TH - JUST ROCK IPSWICH – Ipswich Showgrounds
- AUGUST 17TH - **CLUB MEETING**
- AUGUST 19TH - **MOUNT TAMBORINE RUN – Lunch at Eagle
Heights Resort - \$14 Approx. Meet at Garden City
Shopping Centre at 8.30am for 8.45am departure.
Pickup at BP Yatala Exit 38 at 9.30am. Morning Tea at
Cabbage Creek Point at 10am. Then scenic route to Mt
Tamborine via Jacobs Well, Norwell and Oxenford.**
- AUGUST 26TH - Jimboomba Auto Extravaganza Swap Meet and Vehicle
Show – MacLean Bridge in Tully Park North MacLean
- SEPTEMBER 9TH (HB) - *TIN CAN BAY – Rainbow Beach Seafood Run*
- SEPTEMBER 21ST - **CLUB MEETING as usual**
- SEPTEMBER 23RD - **RACQ All British Day - All British Classic Car
Club invites members, enthusiasts & classic British
cars, commercials & motorbikes to St Joseph's College
Sports Ground, Vivian St, Tennyson.
Admission: Display Cars \$15, spectators' carpark \$5,
walk-ins \$2. Proceeds to charities 8:30am-2pm
FIRST 450 CARS GET METAL SOUVENIR BADGE**
- SEPTEMBER 23RD - NOOSA CLASSIC – Noosa Heads Lions Park
- OCTOBER 19TH - **CLUB MEETING**
- OCTOBER 21ST - **BRISBANE SOUTHSIDE MORRIS MINOR CAR
CLUB INC. 14TH ANNUAL DISPLAY DAY –
ORMISTON STATE SCHOOL 10 AM.**
- NOVEMBER 16TH - **CLUB MEETING**
- NOVEMBER 18TH - **ISSI DAY – (CHARITY DAY) - JOHN WAGNERS
589 West St. Toowoomba Details TBA**
- DECEMBER 1ST -  **CHRISTMAS PARTY – TAMBORINE
MOUNTAIN**

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MORRIS MINOR CAR CLUB OF QLD INC.
HELD ON 20^H JULY 2007

Meeting opened at 8.10 p.m.

APOLOGIES: Brian & Margaret Cannon, Peter & Glenys Cross

NEW MEMBERS: Reginald Rayner – Murrumba Downs and John Preston – Deception Bay were proposed by Geoff Cross and seconded Phoebe Wright

Minutes of previous meeting held on the 15th June were taken as read and moved as a correct record by Karen Robinson and Seconded Bob Wright
Business arising from Minutes:- Noel Cannon asked about the Committee meeting for the National Rally held on 16th June. Paul responded to his question by giving an overview of what was discussed at that meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT presented by Gordon who moved that it be accepted seconded by Phoebe Wright

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

EVENT – KOOROOMBA VINEYARD & LAVENDER FARM
QLD COMBINED COUNCIL – AFFILIATION FEE PAYMENT ADVICE WITH RECEIPT FROM LAST YEAR
PUBLIC LIABILITY RENEWAL
NEW MEMBERSHIP – REGINAL RAYNER – MURRUMBA DOWNS
CHANGES IN ASSOCIATION LAWS FROM QLD GOVERNMENT
EVENTS AS PER CALENDAR
MORRIS MINOR TOURING CLUB – TOUR
MINUTES COMBINED COUNCIL
OTHER CLUB MAGAZINES

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

KEY RING & CAR STICKER TO PETER & KAYE RYAN – MERIDAN PLAINS
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO C SCHULZ – BURLEIGH HEADS

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: National Rally Venue Deposits Southbank \$990 – QVCC \$500, Raffle \$9.65, \$18.54 Receipt Book, Affiliation Fee \$75, Public Liability \$640.06. Gordon moved these accounts be paid seconded Bob Wright

ACTIVITIES REPORT: Xmas Lunch – Ricky said that he had made a booking at Eagle Heights Resort Tamborine for 2nd December and our run in August was going to the resort so we could check it out prior. Margaret mentioned the Hervey Bay members had requested the Xmas Lunch be on Saturday so as they could attend. Ricky was going to change the date to 1st December.

Jacobs Well Camping Weekend in September was also Monthly Meeting.

Also mentioned John Wagner's Display Day in November will be a gold coin donation which will go to Cerebral P. Paul H will be showing movies on the day.

DATING OFFICER REPORT: Bill spoke about the Department of Transport wanting to change Concessional Rego and that they were looking at what they do in S.A. Log books and can only use vehicle for 90 day in the year. Combined Council is having discussion in the next week with representative from Department of Transport. If the club members have any questions for Bill to take to this meeting. Bill also spoke about modifications to vehicle the

Department of Transport states that any modifications have to be Blue Plated before the vehicle is Registered.

REGALIA REPORT: We require some new shirts “L size” to source a new supplier.

LIBRARIAN REPORT: Paul has located 2 CD’s on Morris Minors – One is \$20 and recommendation is Committee should view this CD before making a decision to buy. Paul moved we spend \$10 to purchase the second CD for Library seconded John Lamers. Paul said there was another book on Ebay “How to restore a Morris Minor Van” he was going to purchase one for himself and when he brings it along to meeting then the members can make a decision if we want this book in our library.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Paul mentioned that we would be having another National Rally meeting within the next couple of months.

Geoff Cross had a photo of the National Rally Grille from Dubbo Nationals and the surround had been altered from a piece of ply to present day which does not show it to it’s best – it was tabled that our club would restore the Grille to how it was.

Gordon had read and spoke at length about “the Tax changes” on a non profit organization. Gordon read the changes in Association Law from Qld Govt and spoke on these changes. There was further discussion on Combined Council fighting fund to get Car Clubs on list of exemptions.

Bill Martin donated a box of condensers for Club Raffles for both Morris Minor motors and other brand of motors. The Members showed the generous gesture with a vote of thanks.

Meeting closed 9.45 p.m.



THE PRESIDENT / EDITOR’S REPORT

If you think this month’s magazine is a real pain to read I can assure you it has been a real pain to write. I’ve mysteriously pinched a nerve in my back causing spasms down my leg so this edition seems like a marathon edition with pieces being done when pain allows. Lucky I’m a Pom and I’m allowed to whinge.

The Hungry Dingo run was a success for some and hopefully the run up to Mount Tamborine will be as enjoyable and successful this Sunday.

Speaking of runs the Camping weekend at Jacobs Well has been cancelled as it clashed with the All British Day. Hence the club meeting will revert back to Friday at the clubrooms as usual. Hoping no one has been inconvenienced by this change.

Thanks go to Nat for volunteering Howard to write his splendid report on the Hungry Dingo run. It was much appreciated and it helps keep the readers more interested by giving another opinion.

See ya
Dennis (Double D)

PS Don’t worry about me, as this is just pay back for the many times I’ve been a pain to others. So if you are in that category – ENJOY.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Hazel Allen
Avis Eggins
Andrew Green
Jeanine Herbert
Jeannette King
Anne Turner



Barbara Chapple
Natalie Needham
Paul Brougham
Emily Jeffery
Greg McLeod
Gywn Wells

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.

Smile a while

A farmer got pulled over by a state trooper for speeding, and the trooper started to lecture the farmer about his speed, and in general began to throw his weight around to try to make the farmer uncomfortable.

Finally, the trooper got around to writing out the ticket, and as he was doing that he kept swatting at some flies that were buzzing around his head. The farmer said, "Having some problems with circle flies there, are ya?"

The trooper stopped writing the ticket and said "Well yeah, if that's what they are, I never heard of circle flies."

So the farmer says "Well, circle flies are common on farms. See, they're called circle flies because they're almost always found circling around the back end of a horse."

The trooper says, "Oh," and goes back to writing the ticket. Then after a minute he stops and says, "Hey...wait a minute, are you trying to call me a horses ass?"

The farmer says, "Oh no, officer. I have too much respect for law enforcement and police officers to even think about calling you a horses ass."

The trooper says, "Well, that's a good thing," and goes back to writing the ticket.

After a long pause, the farmer says, "Hard to fool them flies though."

TRIP REPORTS:**EMU EGGS, DINGO BALLS, CHICKEN WINGS, DUST AND SATELITE NAVIGATION**

The mob from the Toowoomba MM Group organised this run. The plan was for our mob to meet early at Wacol, travel to Mick and Merlene Mullers's for morning tea then onto the Hungry Dingo Cafe near Crows nest for lunch.

Some of us met for the 7.45 departure, some caught up along the way, others made their own way and yet others went to Toowoomba the day before and stayed overnight. Either way, we all met with the participating Toowoomba Group members at the Mullers. As usual Merlene put on a fantastic spread. (Mick would have us believe he did the baking, but we didn't buy that. The last time he cooked something it cost him a new engine!!) Our president did his best to ensure no food was left behind. In spite of his valiant efforts, Merlene had a few scones and slices to store away before we left for the Cabalah markets.



The markets offered us the opportunity to people watch and check out the local produce and the handy work of local artisans. A few even exchanged some of their 'hard earned' for bits and pieces which caught their fancy. Our dogs got to benefit from some reasonably priced pigs ears.

Having made our way from Cabalah in dribs and drabs, we all met up again in down town Crows Nest for a formation drive out to the Hungry Dingo Cafe. The drive took us 20 miles or thereabouts along the road to Blackbutt. A relatively comfortable drive along a little used road flanked by prickly pear, eucalypt trees and cattle grazing lazily in fenced up dry paddocks saw us arrive and be greeted by inquisitive emus peering out from their fenced enclosures. Karen and Bernie, the Toowoomba Groups newest members, travelled from Nanango to be waiting for us with their recently purchased 1000 4 door.



This Hungry Dingo Cafe is an interesting place. Lots of emus, a quaint, modern cafe built in a rustic style, located in the middle of nowhere. The hosts, Mum, Dad and the kids, welcomed us enthusiastically and set about filling our orders while we mingled, told stories of our favourite

subject and checked out the interesting array of emu bi-products. Things like lip balm, hand cream, clothes made of emu leather and eggs of course. Some arty soul took the time to carve a few eggs with stunning results. Did you know that one emu egg is the equivalent to approximately 14 good sized chook eggs?

Now, most of us ordered the hot platter for two. Small quiches made with emu egg, chicken wings, dingo balls and an assortment of other goodies all prepared locally filled the platters. Now, the dingo balls caused a bit of confusion with some among us. "If ya think I'm eatin dingo balls, ya can think again." Honestly, how could anyone think they would be anything other than meat balls, small rissoles in fact!!! Dingos are scarce in them there parts anyway.



Some ordered the dessert - home made cheese cake and hot chocolate cake. The chocky cake was as fresh as it gets – we waited for it to be made, and it was worth the wait.



Of course we had to take some happy snaps of the cars, so they were all lined up. While the shutter bugs were doing their best the talk turned to the trip back to Brisbane. I thought it would be a good idea to travel onto Blackbutt and down through the Brisbane Valley. Bernie and Karen put the kybosh on it by telling us they came that way and it was mostly gravel. Now, none of us, particularly the owner of 'Arthur', wanted to go that way and get our cars dusty.

Through consensus, we decided to travel back to Hampton, down to Esk and along the Brisbane Valley Highway to Brisbane.

Paul and Christine left early so they could call in on the antiques shop in Crows Nest, and then home in time to watch some of the Sunday arvo footie. The rest of us left in fits and starts, but by the time we got to Hampton we had us a convoy. We made it to Esk where we pulled up for a bit of a gasbag, to fuel up and to get the finches, magpies and galahs out of the cars. The only things that got out were the galahs. They got back in later and drove home.

We'd been in Esk for about 10 minutes or so when 'Arthur' pulled up all covered in dust. Luckily the hood had been put up after driving from Brisbane to the Hungry Dingo with it down. Cool too, wasn't it Christine???? Paul thought it was cool too, but for different reasons! Paul got out of the very dusty 'Arthur' cussin and rantin and ravin and bemoaning his very dusty car. I got the impression he doesn't like dust. I don't think he was too happy! Christine was bemused, I think.

They left the Hungry Dingo 15 to 20 minutes before us and arrived in Esk 10 minutes or so after us, and we didn't pass them along the way. How could this happen? Now, I don't go much for new fan-dangled technological bits and pieces. Not that I'm not a new age guy or anything, but I like to wait till these techno thing-o-mejigos have been a round a while and the bugs are ironed out. Then, when they have proven themselves worthy, I'll have a closer look at them. My point being, I think the sat nav thingies which are popping up everywhere aren't all they are cracked up to be. They have a ways to go before they replace signs and maps. Maybe after Paul has finished cleaning Arthur, he might be in a position to counter my views on this subject!

In all, there were 11 minors on this run. There were 6 from the Queensland club plus a plastic and 5 from the Toowoomba Group plus a plastic. I think all who attended enjoyed themselves. I know we did. Thanks to the Toowoomba Group for organising the run, and their company. Special thanks to Mick and Merlene for the morning tea. We all look forward to brushing shoulders with the Toowoomba mob again soon.

(Ed. Thanks to Howard Franklin for such a great report)

**** **LAST CHANCE** ****

Membership List

I am compiling an updated membership list and if you do not wish for your name to appear please advise me ASAP.

The list will display your name, partner's name, suburb/town, phone number and email if known.

THE MISADVENTURES OF 'ARTHUR'

After wining and dining with a *hungry dingo* at Crows Nest
It was at Esk with the call of nature, the convoy did rest

It was the *Keyman* who pulled to a stop, all hurt
For he and Christine had got lost on roads made of dirt

Christine had demanded the hood up a must
Which proved a blessing, as it kept out the dust

I am certain a tear he would have shed
Except for the dust turning to mud he would dread

With a bump and a bounce the Sat Nav., it fell to the floor
Which meant to get directions he had to knock on the occassional door

He made *that key* movement go to pausing
For the extra turbulence it was a causing

When he lifted the bonnet the shine of the chrome had all gone
To return to its pristine condition, will take an eon

That unexpected detour took its toll
For a search was required to get more petrol

He was heard to apologize to Arthur, the car
But this was drowned out by laughter from afar

With so much cleaning required it will help fill in the time
Till he gets the Nationals organized in 2009

Even after this misadventure he could grin
As his beloved Brisbane Broncos, they did win

**Before****After**

Sorry Paul I just couldn't miss the opportunity (Double D)

WANTED

Morris Minor 4 door to replace the one reluctantly being left behind in Wellington NZ after fifteen years. I'm moving to Brisbane and would like to find a Morry able to be driven daily to commute to work around town. Haven't time to restore another so need a reliable car. Please contact catherine@jona.co.nz

PROFESSIONAL HELP REQUIRED: I'm looking at buying a Morris ute that requires quite a bit of body work, some rust repair as well as a full paint job. Can you suggest any panel beaters/restorers that your members may have used with good results. I'm based on the northside of Brisbane so that would be my preference, but am more interested in someone who is familiar with the Morris and who has a reputation for good work. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated. David Gay - fordavidgay@yahoo.com.au

FOR SALE



1962 Morris Minor 2 door sedan, rego 587- HWC, excellent running condition, good tyres, original engine, new rear breaks, CD player, serviced every 6 months, red interior upholstery. Please contact Kerri (07) 5493 9219 - \$4000 Currimundi



1988 Cub Drifter wind up campervan, elec brakes, 3 way fridge, 2 burner cook top & grill, 240v & 12v light, 60 lt water tank, full annexe, shade tarp, ropes, peg & poles, good canvas & fly screens, approx 400 kg, reg 10-07, extra fold up table, small cupboard & towing mirrors. \$3200.00 ono. Ph 0414 624 041



1960 Morris Minor 2 door sedan – Camden Cream. Fully restored in 1996. Reliable car that has had little use lately and needs to go to a good home and get used. Is currently on Club rego until 10/1/08 in Qld. With Personalised plates 60 BMC. Finished in 2 pack paint, red interior, temp gauge, original 1000 motor, Major front brakes, still positive earth. \$8500



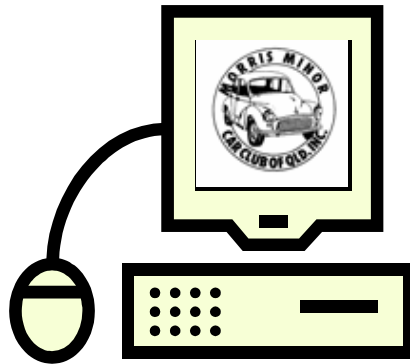
1960 Morris Minor Panel Van. This is the original Western Bakeries (Roma Qld.) Pie Van with 1960's pie warmer included. Fully restored from the new chassis up in 2000/2001. Is currently on Qld. Club rego until 25/3/07 Personalised plates Rego 60 BMC Rebuilt original 1000 motor, Major front brakes, Major wheels, radio. \$5500

Both cars (above) are located in Hervey Bay. Phone Mick on 0427 902 856 during working hours and 4125 4254 after hours. Prices are negotiable.

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

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