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PRESIDENT'S PONTIFICATION

Despite the cold start to the day, the White's turned on a perfect day for the romp in the park. Another eclectic array of historic vehicles performed feats set by the hosts under the supposed control of their drivers to the amusement of the onlookers and bewilderment of some of the competitors, who at

times seemed to lose their way and their coolant in one case. The event was won by Peter & Anne Manson who appeared not to cheat unlike the runners up. Some of us decided not to tally our scores to retain some element of our dignity and mental health if not credibility. A big thank you to Rob and Carol for their hospitality and organizing efforts.

There is some interest in the CENTENARIANS RALLY 2025 for motor vehicles over 100 years old with more becoming eligible each year. Members with younger vehicles are invited to participate in all or parts of the event in support of the oldies. In the meantime lodge your 4 club rally entries. This is an important event, having not hosted one for 8 years, but enjoyed those hosted by others, we need to promote the interaction between like minded regional clubs.

You can then be fully refreshed for the Swap..

Happy Safe Heritage Motoring ,
Ralph



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General Meeting Dates

Saturday 26th July 9.00 am

Thursday 28th August 7.00pm

<u>2024 GHAC Elected Office Bearers</u>			
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CLUB MERCHANDISE

GHAC club polo



The polo shirt is the Aussie Pacific Morris (army green and white)

It is short sleeve only in men's or ladies.
Mens (1317) - sizes S to 5XL
Ladies (2317) – sizes 6 to 26

GHAC club dress shirt



Regular Monthly events by other s

1st Saturday—Cars and coffee Sunshine Coast. 7am to 10am German Bakehouse Café, 54 Junction Drive Coolum Beach.

1st Saturday of every month, Cars ,Bikes, Coffee at Tramcars, 11 Hall Rd Glanmire. 8am to 11 am

2nd Sunday—Cooloola Cove Cars and Coffee. 8am to 10am Shopping Centre Cooloola Cove

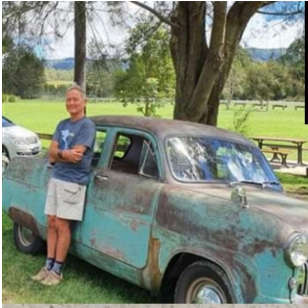
3rd Saturday– Moonlight at Matildas Traveston. 4pm to sunset (depending on season)

3rd Sunday—Cooroy Cruise—in. Maple St (opposite library and at rear of the shops). Hosted by Roadrunner Car Club

RALLIES

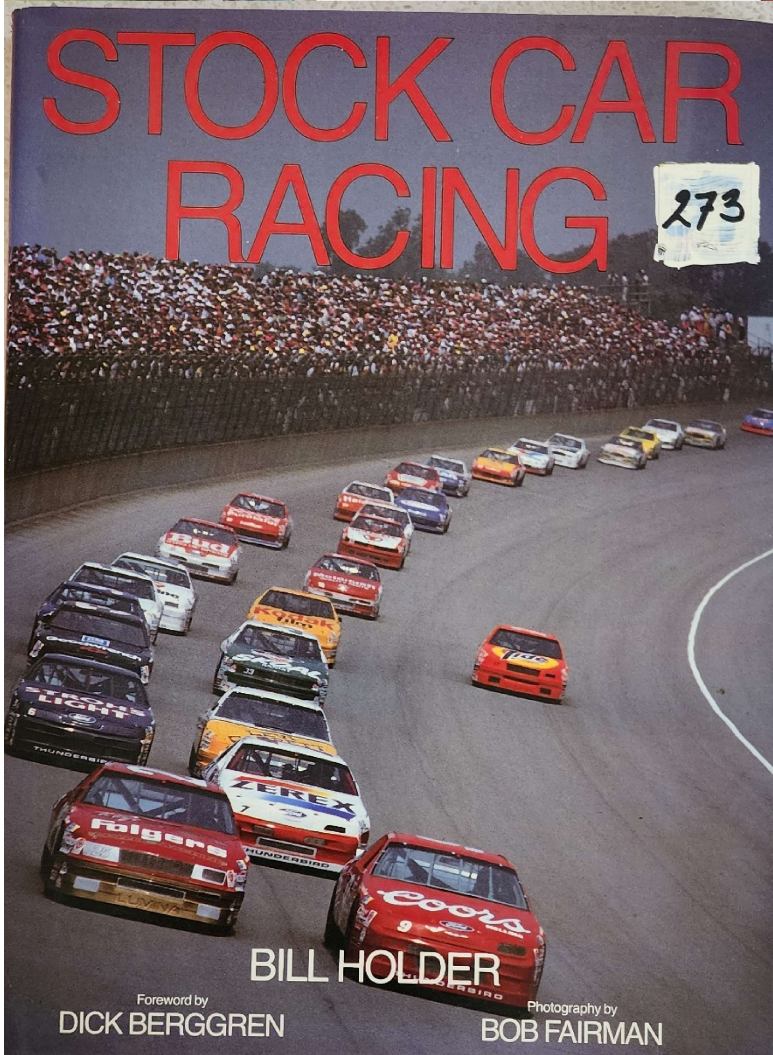
2025

Month	Time/Place	Event
July		
Friday 4th	4.30pm clubrooms	CANCELLED
Saturday 5th	8am clubrooms	Roddau Bros Farm—Static display.
Sunday 6th	Alternative day	(part of Rotary Heritage Makers Fair at showgrounds)
Sunday 20th	9am clubrooms	Tour in a Southerly direction. Take morning tea. Lunch at Mrs Browns Diner
August		
Saturday 2nd	9 am South State School	4 Club Rally. Registration, Meet & Greet and lunch before afternoon tour and visits. Dinner at Southside bowls Club. Members will need to book for this event.
Sunday 3rd	8.30 am South State school	Morning tour to points of interest, culminating in lunch and farewells at South State School.
September		
Monday 1st to Saturday 13th		Promotion for swap meet. Moving signage
Thursday 4th	James Nash SHS	School event to pavilion
Thursday 4th	5.pm Bunnings	Fathers Day event
Friday 5th	9.00 am Gympie Gold Mining & Historical Museum	CENTENARIANS RALLY for cars over 100 years old. Registration and activities in Gympie
Saturday 6th		Relaxed touring by back roads to Maryborough
Sunday 7th		Visits to places of Interest in Maryborough Sunday
Monday 8th		Return to Gympie for final dinner
Thursday 11th	9am Showgrounds	Marking out sites and set up
Friday 12th	9am Showgrounds	Final site set up and trader set up
Saturday 13th	5am Showgrounds	Trading day and clean up
Thursday 18th	Cooloola Christian College	Event at school
Thursday 25th	10am to 2 pm Cooinda Aged care	Cooinda Spring Fair
October		
Saturday 18th		VCCAQ Carindale Swap (English & European vehicles)



Book of the Month

BY: Paul van Horck - GHAC Librarian



STOCK CAR RACING

BILL HOLDER

In less than 50 years, stock car racing has gone from a very amateur and primitive affair to a multi-million dollar business, with big purses for the winners, national TV exposure for the sponsors, and a lot of excitement for the fans. The National Association for Stock Car Racing (NASCAR) held its first race in 1948, and though it remains the sport's most prestigious sanctioning body, many other organizations now supervise racing at all levels in different parts of the country. From the impressive superspeedways such as Daytona and short paved tracks such as Louisville all the way down to the hundreds of hometown tracks, stock car racing is an increasingly popular sport at both the all-star and grass-roots levels.

Just what makes this sport such a crowd-pleaser? There's the blur of colors and the roar of engines as the cars rush around the track at speeds of up to 200 miles per hour. There's the sense of danger, as cars freight-train nose to tail and jockey for position side by side at high speed, and one slip by one driver can cause the whole pack to spin into a major multi-car collision amid smoking tires and bent metal, with the possibility of serious injury or death. There's the tension of the pit stops, where skilled crews change tires and replenish fuel within seconds as cars come screaming into the tight, cramped pit area and zoom past nearby on the track. There's the raw beauty of the cars themselves, like passenger cars in so many ways but with the power and capabilities of real racing machines. And there's the glamour of the drivers, from the big-time names like Richard Petty and Bill Elliott down to the local heroes, who have the courage and skill to take these machines up to their full potential as they battle for the checkered flag. What wouldn't you give to be in command of a vehicle that's built for speed, and to be able to drive it as fast as it will go!

Over 100 full color photographs by Bob Fairman and a lively and informative text by Bill Holder capture all the excitement and color of one of America's favorite sports, for both pavement and dirt track racing fans.



1959 series 3 Vanguard, call Ted on 5482 9078.



1930

Model A Ford parts—those other than the chassis and body shell.
Gary Pate 0412468889 after 11/6

Kandanga Morning Tea



White's Motorkhana



The Sermon

POINT of INTEREST

In 1925, a Citroen 5CV, nicknamed "Bubsie," became the first car to circumnavigate Australia, driven by Nevill Westwood and Greg Davies. The re-enactment event started on June 9, 2025 at Landsdale Christian College – the sister school of Carmel Adventist College where Westwood originally attended – with event organisers planning routine stops at various states and territories until the end of January 2026. Unfortunately the current Citroen is likely to be on a trailer most of the time, according to media reports

AUSTRALIAN MADE CARS

NIELSON

A .Neilson, Rockhampton Qld established a coach building works in 1893 and exhibited what may have been a motor vehicle in 1904 at the Rockhampton Show. In 1905 he advertised that they could supply motor cars built to order, but no survivors have been found.

NOTA

Founded by Guy Buckingham in 1952, Nota Engineering Pty Ltd, Parramatta NSW produced sports and racing cars, Le Mans, F1, Chi-mera and space framed "Sportsman" kits to suit 4cylinder Ford, 6 cylinder Holden or Triumph power between 1960 and 1970. In 1971 came the 3' high FANG using Hillman Imp front end and rear mounted BMC A type engine, with 105 of these being sold. This evolved into the "marauder" coupe in 1973. The last NOTA was a bigger coupe sporting the 4.4litre Leyland V8, but it did not see the light of day, nor did the proposed Renault 16 substitute.



OHLMEYER

C.H.P. Ohlmeyer built a one off jigger powered by a water cooled single cylinder engine with 2 forward speeds but no reverse. There was no suspension and final drive to the rear axle was by chain. It was restored in the 1960's.



PALM

E.W. Brown Motors Pty Ltd Melbourne were motoring pioneers in Victoria and built EWB motor cycles prior to WW1. The Palm was assembled in Australia from Model T Ford parts with some modifications including vacuum tank and distinctive radiator. (*Note: this was also done in NZ by others*). The price was nearly twice that of the standard Ford T and Henry probably had no need to sue.

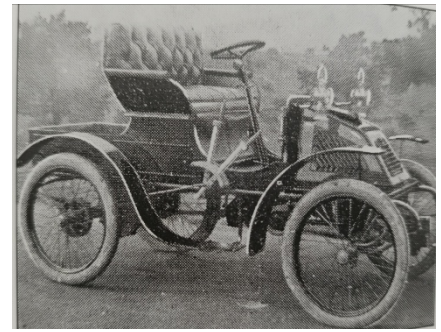
PELLANDINI

Pellandini Cars Pty Ltd offered a Gullwing coupe based on BMC Mini/1100 mechanicals from 1970 to 1974 when a roadster version appeared. State subsidized experiments were also conducted with a steam car using a 40hp double acting twin in the rear of a 2 seater similar to the later Pelland. The condenser was in the form of a rear wing.



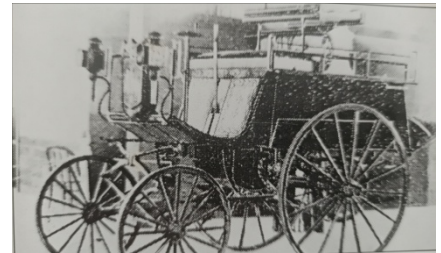
PHYZACKERLY

J. Phyzackerley Sydney NSW won a prize for a De Dion motor car which he had built for himself at the Agricultural Show in 1902 and later claimed to have made several more, but no evidence was provided.



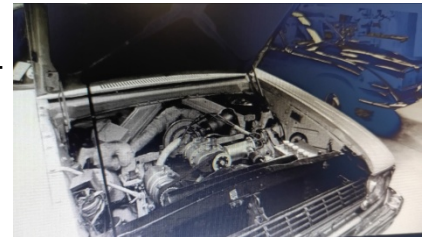
PIONEER

The Australian Horseless Carriage Syndicate, Melbourne Vic showed a car at the Bicycle exhibition in 1897, which is likely to be the first oil engine car in Australia. It was powered by a 10 hp horizontal engine with chain drive and steel shod wheels and a top speed of 10mph. The syndicate claimed to have several others under construction but again there is no evidence that any were sold, but it is likely that the small DeDion vehicles imported shortly after made the Pioneer unviable.



PRITCHARD

Pritchard Steam Power Pty Ltd, Caulfield, Vic. built several prototype vehicles, including a Ford Falcon fitted with their signature V type poppet valve steam engine and flash boiler which was designed to overcome some of the shortcomings of earlier steam cars. Arnold Pritchard died in 1968 succeeded by his son Ted, but the cars did not reach the production stage.



PUCKRIDGE

F.B. Puckridge, Port Lincoln, S.A. built a small car circa 1904 with tiller steering and a 2 3/4 hp engine with belt drive comprising many components from a tricycle for Dr A. Kinmount.



PURVIS EUREKA

Purvis Cars Pty Ltd, Dandenong Vic. from 1977, made a Eureka sports car based on VW components and a distinctive fiberglass coupe body. It was offered as a kit or as fully assembled vehicle with the cost and performance dependent on how much modification to the VW or later Subaru or even Mazda rotary engines required. Some 235 variants of the car were produced and the total output was 683 when production ceased in 1991.

