

Transmission

AUGUST 2025



Official Magazine of the

ROOTES

GROUP CAR CLUB QLD Inc

(Incl Humber, Hillman, Sunbeam, Singer, Commer & Karrier Vehicles and Clubs in Queensland)

Just one of the many benefits of membership

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As with last month August has been a busy month for us as we prepare the Sunbeam Rapier for the southern trip to the Sunbeam Nationals in Victor Harbor in South Australia.

The August Event was the annual Rootes Roundup which again was held at Highvale in the Samford Valley. Rather than do separate report I will cover it in my Presidents Report with photos of the cars in attendance to follow in the magazine later.

The weather for the day was fantastic and after setting up the first to arrive was Des Cobham in his Series 2 Humber Vogue after battling the traffic coming up the M1 from the Gold Coast. Shortly after John Harris drove his Series 3A Sunbeam Rapier in followed by two Series 1 Alpines owned by the late Bob Jensen and still owned in the family which were great to see again after many years.

Gayle and Robert Heiner drove their Series 4 Sunbeam Alpine from the Sunshine Coast and Russell Maddock arrived in his Sunbeam Imp from the Gold Coast.

Bob and Claudette Otto arrived in their modern after their Hillman Hunter was not keen to start and also Con and Lemona Krallis to drop to in on their way for a Saturday drive.

A member Alan Ereaut dropped in for a chat. Alan owns a Humber Vogue Sports which you would know was only sold in in Australia, a very rare car these days.

Finally, Rootes royalty in Lawrie and Jean Bennett arrived in their beautiful Series 1 Humber Sceptre chauffeured once again by Lachlan Pierce.

Much conversation happened and we even had an unofficial Committee Meeting to discuss several matters and to ask for feedback in particular regarding further events for 2026, thank you for everyone's input.

It was then time for all attendees to vote for the following:

Best Presented Humber
Best Presented Sunbeam
Best Presented Rootes Car

The winners were:

Best Presented Humber	Lawrie and Jean Bennett - Series 1 Humber Sceptre
Best Presented Sunbeam	David and Lyn Phillips - Series 3AC Sunbeam Rapier
Best Presented Rootes Car	Russell Maddock - Sunbeam Imp

A big thank you to all who attended the day and to my wife Lyn who set up the facilities at Edward Loudon Park.

There are two events in September namely the Sunbeam Nationals on September 12-15 in Victor Harbour South Australia and All British Day on September 21 held the St Joseph's School grounds at Tennyson. We will be leaving on September 4 to drive with Ray and Gill Sanders from New Zealand in our Sunbeam Rapier so I will report next month on how the Nationals went. There are 100 attendees making the journey to South Australia with ourselves and Clyde Northcott in his Sunbeam Tiger being the Queensland attendees, so fingers crossed our cars will be well behaved!

Enough from me, if you have any suggestions, comments or questions please feel free to contact me directly at elizabethkindy@westnet.com.au

David Phillips.

Don't Forget: Next Event

All British Day, St Joseph's Tennyson

09:00 Sunday 21st September.

R.G.C.C.Q.

AUGUST EVENT

Rootes Roundup at Highvale





UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Do you have an idea for a run or event? Please contact the Events Co-ordinator! Thank you.

Month	Date	Day	Event / Address	Address	Sponsor	Start
Sept	12 th 15 th	Friday to Monday	Sunbeam National Meeting	Victor Harbor, South Australia	Sunbeam Owners Club SA	
Sept	21st	Sunday	All British Day	St Joseph's School Tennyson	RGCCQ	09:00
Oct	1st	Wednesday	Northern Run	North Brisbane / Sunshine Coast	RGCCQ	09:00
Oct	5 th	Sunday	Samford Valley Classic Car Show	40 Showgrounds Drive, Highvale	Riley Club	09:00
Nov	TBA	TBA	Christmas Party	Somewhere nice and cool 📍	RGCCQ	
Dec	Nil	Nil	No Event			

➤ ITEMS IN BLUE: CLUB ORGANISED EVENTS

➤ ITEMS IN BLACK: EVENTS ORGANISED BY THIRD PARTIES

REGULAR CAR MEETS AROUND BRISBANE

This is NOT a complete list. If you can recommend another, let us know so we can add it to our list.

Old Petrie Town, Petrie - Fri nights, Sat and Sun morning, every week.

1st Saturday of month 7.30 am - Cars and Coffee - Samios Foods Turbo Drive Coorparoo

1st Sunday of month 7.00 am - Greg's Cars and Coffee-Victoria Point Shops

2nd Sat of month 7.30 am - Coffee, Crunch and Chrome - Joes Diner - Kingsford Smith Dr. Eagle Farm

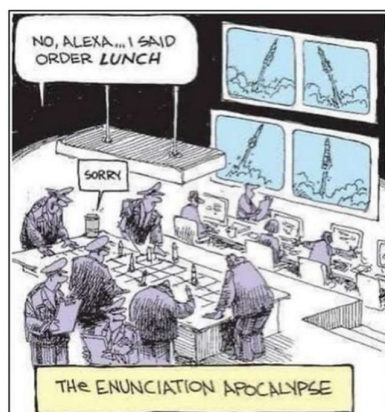
2nd Sunday of month 7.00 am Cars and Coffee - Spokes Café, Samford Village

Last Saturday of month 8.00 am Cars and Coffee - Ormeau, 270 Lars Rd.

Last Sunday of month 8.00 am Breakfast and Cars - Beenleigh Historic Village

2nd Sunday of month 10.00 am Waterloo Bay Hotel - Berrima St Wynnum

Wednesdays 5-8pm - Morayfield Cars and Pizza, Shops at Uhlmann Ave, Burpengary East



Them:
What's the dumbest thing
you've ever done?

Me:
It's awfully bold of you to
assume that I've peaked

**A husband and wife
had been
arguing all day. They
pass a herd of
jackasses. The wife
says
"relatives of yours?"
Husband says,
"yep in laws."**

R.G.C.C.Q.

OCTOBER EVENT

Mid-Week Northern Run

Wednesday 1st October 2025

Meet at BP Service Centre Caboolture Northbound

09:00 Departure

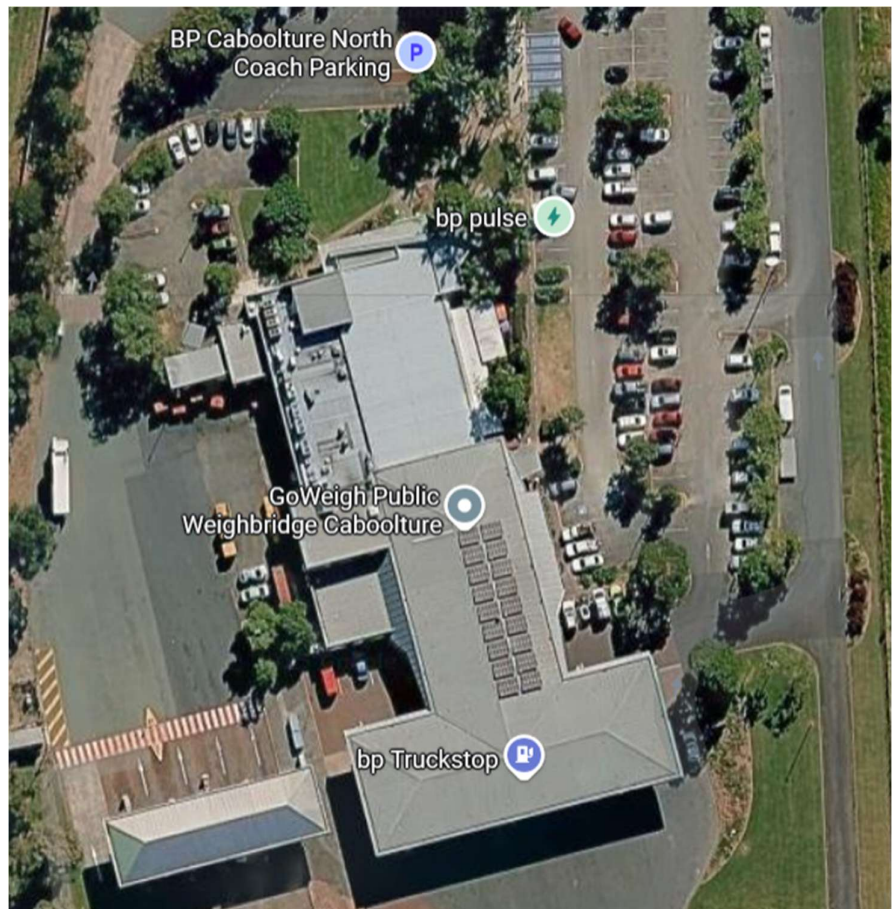
Our group will depart the BP at 9.00 a.m. for a run directly to the Maleny Clubhouse for morning tea provided by the Blackall Range Horseless Carriage Club. After our morning tea we will go on a touring run organised by the Maleny club and then return to their clubrooms for a shared lunch.

After the successful event last year, the Austin club will again be joining us. Also, this year the Sprite club will be attending the event. Rootes members come along and make this Northern Run even more successful this year.

What to bring:

A SHARED LUNCH - To be placed on the table for all to share. Camp chair.

Rob Heiner: 0408 351 249



ROOTES RAMBLINGS AUGUST 2025

The last 2 months have all passed in a blur for me with time in hospital and recovery. I do not want to do that again and there is still a way to go. A big thank you to David Phillips and all the Committee for keeping everything just rolling along. I would also like to thank so many of you for your phone calls and messages of support, it was greatly appreciated – thank you.

On electrical matters, we weren't but we are now, I read an article just recently on the road test of a Lexus SUV. I was amused to see that in "M" (manual) mode the car's eight virtual gears can be shifted up and down via the paddles on the steering wheel. The car then replicates rev changes with accompanying engine noises and a tachometer shows the virtual rpm. Only trouble is, this is an electric car and so there are no gears or engine noises. Perhaps some people enjoy these fake gears and sounds but surely if you move from one technology to another you don't cling to the past. When we shifted from horses and carts we didn't make cars that sounded like horses and as we say, "You can't beat the sound of a good V8"!!!

Another electrical noise rearing its head is the cost to the tax payer of the waiving of the Fringe Benefit Tax by the government on EVs which makes them cheaper to lease than their ICE equivalents. Treasury has estimated that in the first four years up to this year the scheme will have cost \$1.15bn with a further year to go. That means each one of us is donating money towards the uptake of these electric vehicles. One has to wonder that if they are so good why do they need incentives to sell especially as at present they pay no road tax! Finally there are some rumblings to rectify this and it appears that electric trucks will be the trial horses for the scheme. As you know we are paying 51.6c on every litre of fuel as a "road tax" and the EVs which are 3-400 kilograms heavier than their ICE counterparts, are harder on our roads and wear the tyres more quickly, pay nothing. It will be interesting to see if this affects sales when it is introduced. Enough electrical stuff, just ask the English cars!!

If you were born in the 1870s, no names, because I don't want Bob Otto being congratulated on almost being a centenarian!!!! (I'm sure he told me that.) but an article, which I have paraphrased, came across my desk which will bring back some memories for him! This came from a 1962 Sydney paper, concerning petrol prices, and you wonder if anything has really changed. *"The Australian companies intend to raise the octane rating of their super grade petrols from 93 to 98. It will still be called Super and will retail at 3/8d a gallon, (roughly 9c/litre). This is in response to the American companies, Amoco and Phillips increasing market surge with their newer style petrol stations. Critics of the Australian companies say that due to the falling price of crude, the cost should already have dropped by 1d a gallon!! The companies say they have constantly raised the quality of their fuel from the post war figure of 72octane and have given the public the benefit of stable prices. They have also made available petrol with a 100 octane for 4/3 d a gallon for the owners of high performance cars."*!! Doesn't that sound like the same old story today? As a matter of interest in 2008 oil was \$180 a barrel, (157l) and we paid \$1.42 at the pump. In 2022, oil was only \$125 a barrel but we paid \$2.22 at the pump! Many would ask are they fleecing us and if they are, is it a golden fleece??!!!

I was very disappointed to miss our day at Highvale as I have had a perfect record since the start but never mind there is always next year and I know I couldn't have lasted the day. It was good to hear that there was a good roll up and thanks to David for doing the organising.

Hopefully some of my car issues are being resolved. The TR7 is now back together after having the head shaved to remove some old irregularities and it seems to be going with renewed vigour. Not sure why the head was not perfect after its first complete restoration at the beginning – such is life. I haven't been able to get out in the Humber as the clutch is a bit much for my knee at the moment but I am really looking forward to getting it out and stretching its legs. Those invitational runs with the Ipswich Club are great for terrific scenery and a chance to get some good miles under the old girl. If you haven't been on one you should come along, they are a great day out.

At the end of the month I will be going on my Early Ford V8 Club's Spring Tour down to Grafton and surrounds for a week. These are great runs and we have them every second year. Not only do they give the car some good long runs but the socializing in the afternoon is very enjoyable. It is very important to keep up your 'hydration' as you all should know!! We also get to see great scenery and wonderful places. I'll write a brief report next month.

In the meantime, enjoy your driving,

Regards, Adrian

Samford Valley Classic Car Show

Sponsored by the Riley Motor Club Queensland



All proceeds to support the Samford Rural Fire Brigade.

Sunday 5th October at Samford Showgrounds 40 Showgrounds Drive, Highvale.

Display vehicles in from 9am,

Public from 10am to 2pm.

Bring your classic cars, trucks or motorcycles and spend a few hours with fellow enthusiasts.

Food & drinks available on site. Display vehicle **\$5 donation** per car inc. passengers to S.R.F.B.

Visitors **\$5 donation** per car inc. passengers to S.R.F.B.

Walk-in visitors **\$5 per head.**

ALL PROCEEDS TO SAMFORD

CASH ONLY

RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Contact Michael 0407 759 634 or Trevor 0407 717 853



FOR SALE

<https://www.carsales.com.au/cars/details/hillman-imp-1964/sse-ad-18983878/>



We'd rather it went to a Rootes enthusiast, preferably Qld based. I'd throw in the plate (64MKI) for a RGCCQ member! Mike Marsh.

FOR SALE

Sunbeam Talbot 90. 1952. Has been in garage since 1977.

Price. \$4000.00 or offers. Another Sunbeam Talbot 90 is included for spare parts.

Phone Rob Heiner 0408 351 249. Located in Cooroy, Qld



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Hi Club Members,

Denise and I have bitten off more than we can chew and have run out of space. We have 7 cars, 1 at least, must go ... possibly 2.

The 3 cars pictured are the ones we would like to offer for sale. We can't make up our minds which one to sell as we like them all.

If you are interested in any of them, please give Tony Allen a call on [0419604601](tel:0419604601).



ROOTES GROUP CAR CLUB OF QUEENSLAND INC



2025 MEMBERSHIP

Postal: Please fill out this form and forward with your cheque or money order payable to: ROOTES GROUP CAR CLUB QLD Inc. Send to RGCCQ Inc C/- PO Box 504, Cannon Hill QLD 4170

Online: Please fill out this form, pay by EFT and email the completed form to rgccqld@gmail.com. Please include your surname in the transaction field.

Suncorp Internet Banking (Rootes Group Business Premium)

BSB 484 799 Account 481 960 636

This will renew your membership and update any changes to your address, cars, etc.

Name:

Address:

Email address:

Phone No. Mobile No.

Please list all your Rootes Group vehicles.

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I enclose a cheque / money order for Standard Membership \$45.00 ☐

Club Regalia – Stock up For 2025 and beyond!

Your club has a good collection of Regalia items for sale – perfect indulgences!
Prices as shown, freight extra. Come along to an event and save on freight!
Contact your Club Regalia Officer Clyde Northcott by email at korbenstrategic@bigpond.com

Polo Shirt with pocket –



Sizes L (4 available), XL (1 available).

Made from “Podium Cool” fibre especially designed to absorb body perspiration into the fabric surface where it is evaporated leaving the wearer fresh and cool. Limited availability means wearers will enjoy exclusivity! Price: \$25.00 each or 2 for \$40.00

Note – sensational male model not included



Bucket Hat (5 available) Baseball Cap (8 available)

One size fits most – most who don't want skin cancer.

Price: \$15.00 each or 2 for \$20.00



Window Transfers.

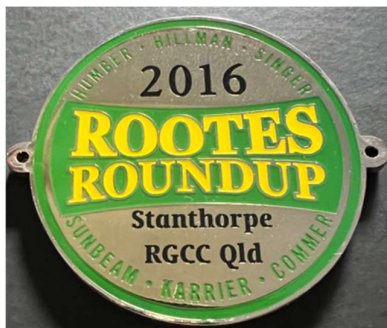
Self-adhesive “stickers” designed to affix to the inside of a window – whether that's your shed door, car window or trophy cabinet.
Wear your Rootes addiction with pride!

16 Available – 80mm diameter. Price: 2 for \$8.00

28 Available – 86 mm Square. Price: 2 for \$8.00



High Quality **leather key ring** with enamelled plaque and brass ring. 12 Available. Price: \$10 each. Heavy (100 grams each or 10 per kilo!), quality **plaques**. Both sides of a single item shown below. Perfect badge bar or shed art – also proven to work as a coaster. 5 Available. Price: \$5 each or 4 for \$15.00



Enamel badge – 80mm W x 52mm H. 1 only, \$5.

Sticker – 72 mm diameter. 6 Available 2 for \$8.00

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Club meetings are usually held as published in the Events Calendar. Friends and prospective members are ALWAYS welcome. The next scheduled Committee meeting is at a date to be advised.

MEMBERS: CREATE YOUR OWN IMPROMPTU EVENT

LEAD OTHERS TO A FAVOURITE SPOT OF YOUR CHOOSING. ENJOY THEIR COMPANY
IN THE CLASSIC CARS

REMEMBER TO CARRY A COPY OF THE IMPROMPTU EVENT WITH YOU WHEN
DRIVING TO AND FROM ANY EVENT

Club Regalia

See the special promotion in this newsletter. Get in quick – or miss out 😊

Impromptu Events / COVID

Financial / Current Members – create your own impromptu event.

Lead others to a favourite spot of your choosing and enjoy their company in their classic cars.

Remember to carry a copy of the impromptu event approval with you when driving to and from any event.

It is also wise to carry a printed copy of the invitation / newsletter excerpt / webpage of any event you are travelling to and from in case you are pulled over for any reason.

The Management Committee recommend the following advice be offered to our members who may be contemplating taking part in Club activities in the future:

The Club's website has an Application Form that when fully completed is automatically sent to the Events Manager.

His job will then require resending the Application as an email to ALL members.

Accordingly, the Application will require a start time and those members wishing to take part in the Event will need to phone the Applicant to obtain the requisite details.

It is anticipated that these Impromptu Events will often take place during mid-week outside of the regular Club events.

You will be asked to obtain the names of attendees and for them to sign an attendance sheet.

See this on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/World-of-Rootes-Group-Cars> (Over 3000 photos)

See this on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Rootes-Group-Buy-or-Sell-Cars-and-or-Parts>

WEARING OF SEAT BELTS—CLASSIC VEHICLES

The government camera scheme to detect wearing of seatbelts has been clarified by the Transport Main Roads with respect to wearing them whilst in a Classic car built prior to 1969 (when seat-belts were not installed when manufactured). A representative of the TMR has stated that all photos taken are cross-referenced with the vehicle registration details and if the vehicle is prior to 1969 and NO belts were fitted, NO FURTHER ACTION WOULD OCCUR—THE PHOTO WOULD BE DISMISSED.

However, if a photo was inadvertently processed and a summons was issued, contact TMR and they will deal with it in your favour.

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HUMBER HOSPITALITY

A service offered by all Australian Humber car clubs, including ours.

A volunteer service of "tea and sympathy" (followed by help where possible) for members experiencing vehicle breakdowns while travelling interstate.

Please use this service responsibly and call for assistance only where you and / or the Automobile Road Service are unable to rectify the problem.

(ACT) Rod Calvert. Farrer. Phone: 02 6286 4035

(NSW) Bruce Carpenter. Maryland (Newcastle). Phone 0414 619 108

(NSW) Jack Harris. 218 Duff Street, Broken Hill 2880. Phone 08 8088 5843

(NSW) Roger Foote, Eastwood (Sydney). Phone 0448 HUMBER

(NSW) Denis Boyle. 51 Shelleys Lane, Thirlmere (SW Sydney). Phone 02 4683 0643 / 0478 047 690

(NSW) Alan Lindsay "Winamie" 595 Rocky Range Road Delegate (SE NSW). Phone 0428 588 083

(QLD) Lawrie and Jean Bennett. Carina (E Brisbane). Phone 07 3398 5062

(QLD) Adrian Grant. The Gap (W Brisbane). Phone 07 3300 3955 or 0434 383 055

(QLD) Max Webster. 576 Drayton Connection Rd, Finnie (Toowoomba). Phone 0418 716 268

(VIC) Bob Kennedy. Glenlyon (near Daylesford). Phone 03 5348 7692

(VIC) Keith Willimott. Watsonia (NE Melbourne). Phone 03 9435 6354

(WA) Brian and Rosemary Phillips. Gooseberry Hill (E Perth). Phone 08 9293 2674

(SA) Winston Bryant. Blakeview. (near Gawler). Phone 0403 024 385

MEMBERS OFFERING SERVICES

Some of our club's members offer services that may assist you with your Rootes classic.

Their contact details are listed here free of charge as a club service as part of their own club membership.

(Any errors or omissions please let us know, and we'll fix next issue..)

- **John Harris (Rootes Rochedale)** can assist with Rootes parts and mechanical services.
Phone number (07) 3341 5555
email: rootesro@outlook.com
- **CARB TECH:** Paul White at Redcliffe 0417 713 662 can service most makes of carburettors on Classic Cars
- **Frank Schoenberger:** manufactures most rubber products for Rootes Cars.
www.rootesautoparts.com
- **Michael Pyne:** has a Tilt truck towing business
0438 717 665 email: mvptow@gmail.com



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