

The Commercial Restorer

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Happy 90th Birthday to Roy Thompson
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HCVAQ 33rd Anniversary 1991 - 2024

Next Club Meeting

Wednesday 1st May 2024 at 7:30pm

Salisbury Senior Citizens Hall,
87a Cripps Street Salisbury QLD 4107

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The Historic Commercial Vehicle Association Qld Inc was formed in May 1991 with the object to preserve Commercial Vehicles, either in original or restored to authentic condition, with a rolling date of twenty-five years or older. It is also an objective to display our commercial vehicles as well as enjoying club outings, friendship and to collect literature associated with commercial vehicles. The ownership of a commercial vehicle is not necessary for club membership.

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Ron Toy

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President's Report



Hi All,

Welcome everyone to our April Magazine. I hope this Mag finds you all well. A pretty quiet month on the club front with only one event attended which was the visit to the Mt. Gravatt Men's Shed. It was well attended and it was good to see some new faces on the run.

Member Allan Waller has been a member of the men's shed for years so thank you Allan for organising the run and morning tea.

The run to Cooroy Coastal Car Club was cancelled due to the wet weather. The bayside swap last week-end at Ormiston was fine until around 9am when it started to rain. It emptied the oval in about 30 mins so that's the end of that swap for 12 months.

The inaugural Wynnum Swap Meet is on Sunday the 7th April at Bognor Road at Wynnum so we'll see how that goes.

This Saturday we have a run to the National Service Precinct at Wacol. It promises to be a great run and later in the month, on the 23rd. April, we have a run to member Paul O'Toole's stand at the Rocklea Markets. It should be an interesting run. The particulars for both these runs are in the magazine. See you all there.

Stay well and Safe driving,

Cheers

President Graham.



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This web page contains all of the current QHMC information and documents.

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HCVAQ 351st GENERAL MEETING MINUTES: 6th March, 2024

The meeting opened at 7-32pm and welcomed by Vice President Ron Carroll

Those present are recorded in the attendance book.

Apology received from Graham Kircher

Minutes of the February meeting was moved as correct by Secretary, seconded by Ash O'Neill.

Minutes were taken as read by members present.

Correspondence, Australia Post PO Box account for next 12 months and reciprocal magazines.

Ash presented the financial report and moved they be accepted & seconded by Ernie Taylor. Ash reported the Office of Fair Trading have forwarded new rules for clubs and our Treasurer advised members present of the contents and on his advice the members present moved we accept the formula presented. These new rules will be added to the constitution. Moved by Ash O'Neill, seconded by Ron Carroll. All in favour.

Applications for membership were received from David Bowman of Warwick and Terry Kennett of Macgregor. Ron Carroll moved their applications be accepted; seconded by Ash O'Neill.

COMING EVENTS: Ormiston Swap; 6th April, visit to National Service Heritage Precinct at Wacol. Tuesday, 23rd April visiting O'Toole's Produce at Rocklea Markets. All members attending will need to advise the Secretary of their intention as we have to compile a list with email addresses for the Market complex. We plan to arrange a bus so as to transport the group together. Hi viz vests will be required and the club will have these on hand if you do not have one.

REMEMBER: ANZAC Day on the 25th.

QHMC REPORT: Cheryl advised the Citroen Club will be providing a Guest Speaker for the next meeting and there will be an update on towing.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Cheryl advised Magda Blessing thanked the club for an ongoing supply of stamped envelopes.

Due to the demand for Christmas lunch venues, Ash asked if the club would like he and Cheryl to arrange this years venue. All attending the meeting supported them and there are tentative arrangements for this years function to be held at the Beaudesert RSL. Options were for Saturday Dinner or Sunday Lunch. Looking at late November hoping not to clash with other dates.

Being no further business, the meeting closed at 8-30pm.

Next meeting, 3rd April.

Graham Bristow
SECRETARY

Ron Carroll
Vice PRESIDENT

Annual Membership Renewal

Membership fees are now overdue and \$30.00 penalty rejoining fee will now apply. Membership fee renewal fee is \$50.00. **New Membership to the club now requires written application for committee's consideration.**

Roy Thompson's 90th Birthday - continued

Thanks to Donna Summer

At the recent HCVAQ Christmas Party in Caloundra, we threatened Roy we would come to Lismore to celebrate his 90th birthday. We got inside information via our club secretary Graham Bistrow as he had arranged to stay at Roy's. As a result we now had the information required - name of the restaurant and phone number.

We contacted the restaurant for the address which left the lady in laughter. We were surprised it was at Suffolk Park near Bryon Bay not Lismore. There was only one booking for the day under the name of Louise and no mention it was for a 90th birthday. Much relief when Roy & Helen arrived at the venue. We later realised Louise was their friend who booked the lunch venue. A lovely lunch was had by all and we did surprise Roy. After lunch Roy lead the way back to Lismore via a scenic drive. The devastation still exists from the floods in Lismore. Very hard to believe the caravan park we stayed in was 16.6 metres under water in the middle of town.

We had the pleasure of having drinks at Pommy Roy's Pub on Friday afternoon. We did meet the new owner of the Dennis. Happy to know it has gone to a good home which is close by so Roy can visit. A great few days were had by all.

A special thanks to Roy for lending his car to us and Helen for her hospitality.



Vehicles previously owned by Roy Thompson



Historic Truck Brands

MERCEDES-BENZ - CONTINUED

1945



The immediate post-war era was marked by rebuilding the trucking industry. In the mid-fifties, however, new laws favoured rail transport at the expense of the trucking industry.

1946



The Unimog, universally-applicable motorised implement, was also developed at this time.

During the Second World War, Albert Friedrich, who was in charge of aircraft engine development at Daimler - Benz AG for many years, came up with the idea of building a vehicle that could boost productivity in farming.

These severe weight and dimension restrictions meant that Mercedes-Benz had to develop duplicate truck line-ups: one for export and one for the restricted German market. These restrictions were eased only in 1960.

1949



In 1949 the L3250/L3500 was the first new development in the post-war era. These bonneted trucks quickly became domestic and globally successful export models.

1954



Cab-over-engine versions of most of the trucks were available from 1954. For example, LP4500 (1954) and LP315 (1955).

However, there was only a single model which existed only as a cab-over-engine version, the 'Millipede' (LP 333).

1959



Loathe to depart entirely from the bonneted-truck market, in 1959 Mercedes-Benz' designers launched a semi-forward control series. Typified by the medium-duty L322, this design became the worldwide signature of robust and durable trucks from Mercedes-Benz, in hundreds of variants spanning all weight categories. In Australia, the 1418 became an iconic truck model.

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MERCEDES-BENZ - CONTINUED

1963



But for European long-distance haulage, from the mid-1960s, the age of the bonneted truck was finally over, thanks to strict overall length regulations on rigid and combination vehicles. Thus began the era of strictly functionally-designed Mercedes-Benz trucks with angular cabs, typified by the LP1620.

1973



The 'New Generation' model series, featuring a complete overhaul in terms of engineering and appearance, was presented in Wörth in 1973. Its modular design covered the medium- and heavy-duty weight classes.

1989



The enhanced successors – NG 80 from 1980 and SK and MK series from 1989 – were also based on the original 1973 version.

1996



In 1996 the completely new Actros heavy-duty truck was presented. It came up with especially economic and environmentally friendly engines and a broad range of innovations. The Actros initiated a generation change in the truck programme and paved the way for the following decade.

Historic Truck Brands

MERCEDES-BENZ - CONTINUED

1998



This path was continued in light and medium duty trucks by the Atego that was launched in 1998, complemented by the waste-industry vocational Econic.

2006



In 2004 Mercedes-Benz presented the eco-friendly diesel technology BlueTec, which reduced emissions of the Actros. In 2005, the light and medium duty model series Atego and Axor followed.

2016



Today, the range of Actros, Atego, Antos, Arocs, Econic, Zetros and Unimog constitute the comprehensive model range of Mercedes-Benz trucks.

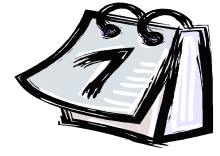
WHAT IS THIS??? Submitted by Ron Carroll



Please let Ron know if you can identify this object.



Coming Events



Impromptu Events:

DTMR has now agreed having "Impromptu Events" here in Qld. They advise that "the Department of Transport and Main Roads is happy for Queensland incorporated car clubs to manage "impromptu events" on a case by case basis, as long as the event is added to the incorporated clubs newsletter, website or social media page." They acknowledge it can be for "one or more" vehicles. It is up to individual clubs whether they want to participate in the scheme or not, and how they implement it. New SIVS registration scheme provided. Remember SIVS registration now requires CURRENT Club Membership.

OTHER EVENTS BEING PLANNED. We urgently need your help for event suggestions. We do have a few on the planning board but your suggestions will help. We will still do the planning. Graham K & Graham B.

CLUB MEETING DATES: 1st May 2024 5th June 2024 3rd July 2024
Committee meetings will precede the meetings of May, August and November.

APRIL 2024

Saturday, 6th: Visiting the National Service Heritage Precinct at Wacol. There is a museum worth a look for the New Guinea Volunteer Rifles 1939-1943 and the Papua New Guinea Volunteer Rifles 1951-1973. Address 907 Boundary Rd, Wacol; UBD map217 P4 followed by a lunch at Banjos Bakery at Darra, 2596 Ipswich Road located in a service station complex. Entry fee, \$5-00 ea.

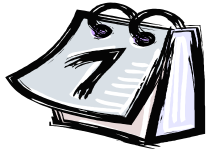
Tuesday, 23rd: Visiting O'Toole's Produce at the Rocklea Markets. We need to meet at 8-30 am. We are required to have a hi-viz vest but if you don't have one, please advise as the club has a supply. Transport arrangements will be advised. Members wishing to attend must advise Graham Bristow, number attending with telephone number and email address by 15th April. Covered shoes must be worn.

Thursday 25th April: ANZAC Day.

MAY 2024

Monday 6th: May Day Parade; details TBA.

Friday 17th - Monday 20th: We have received an invitation from the Bundaberg Vintage Vehicle Club the event being the National Riley Rally. On the Sunday we will visit attractions around Bundaberg returning south on the Monday. We will need an indication of numbers so as motel accommodation can be booked. Please advise Steve Harvey.



Coming Events



JUNE 2024

Date to be advised; we are planning a trip to the Caboolture Historical Village.

JULY 2024

Friday 19th - Sunday 21st: In conjunction with the **Centenary of Biloela**, the Callide Dawson Machinery Preservation Club Inc will be hosting the **10th Biennial Qld Heritage Rally**.

AUGUST 2024

Saturday 10th - Sunday 11th: **The Golden Oldies Truck Show and Bus Muster** will be held at Dubbo Show Grounds.

Saturday, 17th: 75th Anniversary of the Grand Prix at the Leyburn Sprints. Further details to come.

Sad News from Gary and Leona Tesch.

Some very sad news from Leona and I. My dearest Mum Doreen passed away peacefully in the Bowen Hospital at 6:15 pm yesterday afternoon (Easter Sunday). She was 99 years old, and was born on 13th June 1924.

We will be having a private cremation service for Mum in Bowen, and later, in early May perhaps, a celebration of her life at the Redlands RSL pending function room/catering availability etc.



We are sure all club members would want to send their sympathy to Gary, Leona and their family at this sad time. Love knows no boundaries, even those that divide Heaven and Earth. So whenever you feel sad, just remember, your hearts are always connected together.

With our Deepest Sympathy



Wanted



Wanted Dodge 671 complete truck or parts to help with my restoration of one that I have. Thanks for your help, Richard Bonomi 0428 628 551.

WANTED

Rear wheel traverse brake cylinder for a 1940s O type Bedford truck.
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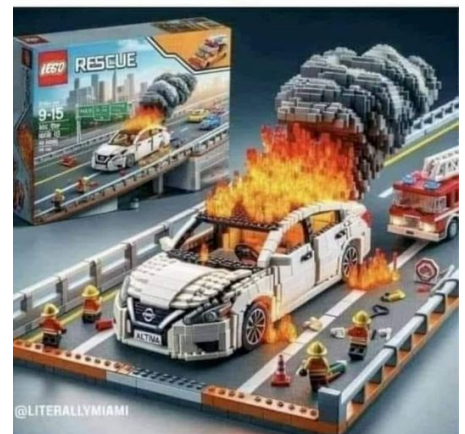
JUST FOR LAUGHS - thanks to Allan Waller



Don't be afraid to get old. I may be an 'Old Codger' aged in the early 80s, But I have modified my Electric Scooter

Apprentice Mechanics

Lego moving with the times with new electric car models 😊





Any Old Iron

FOR SALE: Manual for a 1937 Maple Leaf truck - if interested please contact Ross Harris on 0423.855113 offers considered.



FOR SALE: 1956 Commer Superpoise B 2524 25cwt. Same family since 1957 until sometime after 2000. Last registration 2000. Sold to a family friend for restoration but was never commenced. Sold to me 2018. Repairs to date are: Minor rust repairs. There is no structural rust that I am aware of. There is still minor rust and surface rust repairs to be done. New rear wheel brake cylinders. Fuel pump kit. Radiator clean and test. Recondition water pump and new thermostat. Bench seat re-upholstered. New front windscreen rubbers. New battery. Original work shop manual, parts list and maintenance handbook. I have 5 boxes of original parts that belong to this comer. The mudguards are loosely assembled for photo's. Engine is 4 cylinder overhead valve 2,266cc and very sound. (Humber Hawk). Gearbox 4 speed. I am unable to finish this project due to past couple of years of ill health and now lack of space. I have years of paperwork history and receipts for this Commer. It starts off the choke, drives and stops. Price \$7,900.

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