

Coffs Splutter

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**COFFS HARBOUR VETERAN, VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CAR CLUB
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Alison and Andrew with their 1928 A Ford Ute at Tamworth Big Golden Guitar for the Hub Rally in 2014

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2023-2024

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Club Meetings: General Meetings are held at the Boambee Hall at 7.00 pm on the first Thursday of each month except for January when no meeting is normally held.

Club Fees: A joining fee of \$5.00 applies. Annual fees are \$45.00 for a Single Membership, \$50.00 for a Family Membership, \$15.00 for a Junior Membership and \$10.00 for Associate Membership. Fees are due on 1st January each year for the calendar year. However, as membership of an approved car club is an RMS requirement for Concessional Registration of vehicles, annual fees for members seeking registration of cars in the following year are payable at the Rego Day, normally the third Sunday in November. For members joining the Club after 30 June each year, half annual fees will apply.

Club Newsletter: A full-colour copy of the Club's newsletter "Coffs Splutter" is emailed to all members with a valid email address registered with the Club. For an annual fee of \$15.00 (payable to the Treasurer) a member may arrange to have a printed B/W copy delivered by Australia Post to an address of their choice.

All articles appearing in "Coffs Splutter" are the sole responsibility of the author(s) as to matters of fact and veracity.

1928 A Model Ford

In the last "Splutter" a photo showing a line of club cars at Taylors Arm in the late 1980's was included and mentioned that only one of the cars shown is still active in the club today. A few sharp-eyed members spotted that the car mentioned was the Editor's chariot of choice, our 1928 Model A Ford Ute. So, I thought I'd tell members a bit more about it, given its long association with our Club - which, of course, turns 50 years old this year!

It is an Australian bodied "Flare side light delivery" that was originally purchased by a Mr Worrell who used it around his farm in the Barradine (NSW) area. Its second owner was Mick O'Neill, a former member of the Club, who acquired the car in the mid-1970s and restored it over the next few years. He used it in rallies and club events until around 1988 when other interests took over and he stored the car in a shipping container until we acquired it. Mick was the publican of the Coramba Hotel and the car was displayed at the pub for a while. Life member Jack Brain rebuilt the motor for this car and he told me it was sold new by his family's business, Brain Motors in Coonabarabran.



The lineup of CHVVCC cars that won the Mal Mason "Restoration and Preservation" Shield at the 1981 CHMC Easter Rally, Newcastle – A Model second from right

In 2007, I heard from club members that it was for sale. I rang Mick, and Alison and I made arrangements to meet him and have a look at the car. A deal was soon done, and we excitedly picked it up the following weekend. I think Mick was pleased that car would be back in use with the club again.

Our car is one of the earlier Model A Fords, it has the red steering wheel (later cars had black steering wheels...the red pigment stains your hands when conditions are wet or humid...as I soon found out!), non-adjustable brake rods, non-adjustable valve lifters and a few other features that were refined on later cars. As an early commercial bodied vehicle, it actually has Model T running boards and rear guards (Ford using up old parts!)

The car took a bit of work to get back on the road after its extended layup, with radiator, wheel bearings, tyres, exhaust and virtually the entire ignition system being replaced. After a year or so back on the road, we noticed it was very sluggish on hills and I discovered a number of burnt out exhaust valves. This, of course, meant a set of new valves – a tricky job as each valve stem had to be ground to the correct clearance. With a new head gasket installed, I got it running just in time for the wedding of some good friends.

The Model A has been a great car for Alison and I. In our earlier years with the club, we used it extensively and have attended numerous rallies in places such as Armidale, Guyra, Tamworth, Hat Head / Kempsey and Forster Tuncurry. After the initial flurry of work, it has proven very reliable, and I don't think I have had to put a spanner on it (apart from routine maintenance) for the last 10 years. I did shout it a new condenser recently. In the last 10 years we have become increasingly involved with veteran cars so the Model A doesn't get as much use as it used to.

The Model A has the fuel tank in the cowl just in front of the dashboard. The fuel gauge comes from the tank directly into the instrument cluster on the dash. One trip to Armidale for a rally we filled up with fuel at Ebor and every time we went up a hill we could smell petrol strongly. Soon we had a small waterfall of petrol leaking through the dash! This is how we discovered the gasket behind the gauge was perished and leaking...One spark and we (and the car) would have been history! We continued to drive with a rag pressed against the fuel gauge until the level dropped in the tank and the leak stopped. We only filled the tank to halfway after that!

On one of our early club runs in the A, we were heading to Fred & Dot Arnolds place in Bonville for afternoon tea on a very hot day. Suddenly, there was a "clang, clang, clang" and I managed to pull over and switch off before a broken fan blade came away from the entire hub and bored a hole through something expensive. Slipping the fan belt off we nursed the car to Freds. We took the fan off and Keith Winkler and Bob Dixon eyed off Fred's welder. "You got any welding rods, Fred?" they asked... "No...just use a bit of fencing wire" was the reply. So, in the full

heat of the afternoon, Keith & Bob welded up the fan blade with wire while Fred (who was in his late 80's and had had to turn in his drivers licence) entertained the gathered members with a bit of circle work in the bottom paddock in his Hudson Wasp! The fan got us home but was quickly replaced with a new one.

As editor of "Coffs Splutter" I hope I have inspired (or at least coerced!) a few of you into putting some words together about your old car for the magazine. I am even happy for you to ring me and I'll take some notes down and work it up into a story. A few photos and... 'voila' ..we have an article! Happy motoring!

Andrew Winter



Pro tip: Don't hug your prospective purchase before pricing and payment negotiations have been finalised!



Left: Picking up the A Model from Mick's (our Pajero tow vehicle could now have been on historic rego for 10 years!).... Right: Using the sort of roads it was originally built for!

Run to Jetty Foreshores - 3rd February 2024

A fine and mostly overcast day was enjoyed by all. While recent weather had been diabolically hot and humid this day was warm but pleasant. Lots of good chats and catch ups were the order of the day.

A visitor from the last meeting, Allan Hambling and his son Alfie came along. Geoff treated them to a white-knuckle ride to the south wall and back in the London Cab. This was followed by a look at some of the finer points of these iconic vehicles.

Attendees were D and M Drury Rover, J and L Lansley plus dog Torana, G and L Maunder London Cab, G and L Kane Modern, G and M Davey Subaru Sherpa, L an C Stephens MGB, G DeGabriele Toyota Crown Super Sedan, H and M Murray FJ Holden Ute.

Hal "Diabolical" Murray



*Members enjoying the sunshine and
ambience of the Jetty Foreshores*



Line up of club cars: 2 British, 2 Aussie and 1 Japanese (or is it Nepalese Graham?!)

Coffee Run to The Secret Garden, Coffs Harbour - 15th February 2024

Another day in "Paradise" for a great run to the Secret Garden

Five cars met at the Airport – See Photos.

We proceeded to The Secret Garden at 9-30 where we met the others who had gone straight there. The service was great and so was the food from what I could see. It was John Lansley's 82nd Birthday, so we were able to help him celebrate.

Many serious discussions were had as usual. A good rollup and a very enjoyable day!

Leigh Stephens

Attendees and vehicles: Leigh Stephens – Mazda Miata, Jim and Wendy Fisher - Mercedes, John and Lorraine Lansley – Holden Torana, Geoff Maunder – Triumph TR4, Graeme Wright MGB GT, Graham and Marie Davey – NSU Prinz, Hal, Margaret and Greg Murray – Modern, Judy Riddel – Modern, Des and Maureen Drury – Rover P6, Max and Noelene Eggs – Rover P6, Bob and Ronis Dixon – Schneider



British Racing GreenGeoff in the TR4



Bronzed Aussie.... John and Lorraine in the Torana



French elegance...Bob and Ronis in the Schneider



The happy group enjoying good company, good food and good coffee!



Looking good for 82! Only minor restoration required! Happy Birthday John!!

Late Mail – Orara Valley Run

DEPART Showground 10:00 Sunday 24th March and drive through the Orara valley to the Coramba Fire Station. BYO Morning tea and then Lunch at the Bojarski’s. John will have a BBQ ready for those who wish to cook their lunch.

Following lunch John has organised a FUN Gymkhana in the back paddock for something different. We had a few of these MANY years ago and they were great days.

Come and enjoy a country drive and a fun social day out!



Lunch run to Woolgoolga Brewery Sunday - 18th February 2024

This was a dry and sunny morning! Only three cars gathered at the airport for the start as most people were northside types and others only joined for lunch. A sizable crowd met at Woolgoolga Lake reserve and sat in the shade for our morning tea. We were entertained by a man in a van who was covered in tattoos and performed his daily exercise with dumbbells and bar weights he brought out of his van. It was thought I had arranged entertainment for the morning. As usual passers by commented on the vehicles which brought back nostalgic memories for them.

Progressing then to the Brewery we had our lunch at a long table with a fan that sprayed water as well to keep us cool or just a bit wetter. The pizzas were delicious, but one pizza is plenty for two people!

It was pleasing to see four new faces at this event. Greg and Jo as well as Brad and Sharon seemed to enjoy the event and will hopefully swell our numbers for the runs. Greg says he is tentatively taking the old Chevrolet on longer excursions. So, after beer and pizzas folk were off for the afternoon. It seems like an excursion we will have to repeat.

Gerry DeGabrielle (Events Director)

Attendance:

Peter Bodiam and Nerida- Modern, Jim Fisher and Wendy-Modern, Gerry De Gabriele and Mary-Toyota Crown, Greg Taylor and Jo- Chevrolet Ute, John and Lorraine Lansley- Holden Torana, Graeme Kane and Lyn-Modern (but classic Ford), Graeme Wright-MG TF, Leigh and Carol Stephens- MGB, Brad Riley and Sharon -Jaguar 420, Geoff and Leonie Maunder-Triumph TR4, Max Eggins-Jeep



Woolgoolga Lake activities



Brewery car park action



Hungry members waiting for their Pizzas



Greg and Jo Taylor's vintage Chev ute looking great in the Woopi sunshine. Fantastic to see another old car hitting the road with the club!

Picnic run to Coffs Botanical Gardens - 2nd March

The hot weather was offset by the cooling fans in the cafe area, which provided space for a snack, coffee and chat. Many member took the opportunity to take a walk around the gardens, and returned just as showers began, and the meeting closed.

Jim Fisher

Meeting at the Airport Terminal: Jim Fisher - modern, Hal and Marg Murray - modern, John and Lorraine Lansley - modern, Barrie Milne – Wolseley, Des Drury - Rover

Meeting at Botanic Gardens: Judy Riddell - modern



Vale - Garry Diamond



Club members were shocked to learn of the passing of Garry Diamond late last year. Garry was a passionate motoring enthusiast who had a fantastic collection of beautiful cars. Garry and Liz, of course, hosted a club visit to their home at Yarrahapinni to view the collection last October.

Sincere condolences are extended to Liz and to Garry's family.

Minutes for the Meeting of the Coffs Harbour Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Club

Thursday 7th MARCH 2024

Meeting opened: 7.00 p.m.

Attendance: As per Attendance Book=29

Apologies: Leigh Stephens, Max Eggins, Graeme Wright, Graeme Kane, Grant Rigby, Peter, Beryl and Steven Heelis.

Guests: David Maunder, Alan and Alfie Hambling, Brad Riley, Vince Cicciari

Minutes of last meeting: The minutes, as printed in the magazine were accepted as representing a true and accurate record of the FEBRUARY 2024 meeting.

Moved: Barry Milne Seconded: Gerry DeGabriele Carried

Business arising from FEBRUARY 2024 Minutes: - Hub Rally meeting with management team (see general business).

Correspondence In:

- 13 Magazines
- Invites- Glenreagh Timberfest 30th July, Valley Rally 4th/5th May, Kurri Kurri Show and Shine 23/24th March, Coffs Harbour Show 26-28th April, Anzac Day Belligen, KMARC HAT HEAD RALLY 3RD-5TH MAY, Belligen Show 4/5th May, CHMC Easter Rally (Parkes),
- Card of appreciation from Liz Diamond
- PO Box renewal due

Correspondence Out:

- Return emails explaining we can't hire cars and car eligibility for membership etc.

Moved: Marg Murray Seconded: Hal Murray Carried

Treasurers Report:

Motion: Pay \$800 deposit to book showground for Rally.

Moved: G King Seconded: J Lansley Carried

The treasurer moved that her report be accepted, and all accounts/expenses be paid. (PO Box subscription, Rally deposits for showground, new keys).

Moved: J Ryan Seconded: Hal Murray Carried

Presentation by: Vince Cicciari-Vince gave an interesting account of riding his Honda CB175 in 1973 and again in 2023 from the east coast of Australia to the west coast of Australia and back. Both rider and bike arriving home still functioning on both trips.

Event Reports:

FEB

- Sat 3rd- Jetty Foreshores -Hal-Nice time had by all.
- Thurs 15th -Secret Garden -Leigh-Well attended.
- Sun 18th -Woopi Brewery- Gerry -20/23 members attended, a good run.

MAR

- Sat 2nd-Coffs Botanic Garden-Jim-eight hardy members attended despite the hot weather. Lovely walks.

Upcoming Events

MAR

- Sun 17th- Butter Factory/Graeme
- Thurs 2 1st- Coffee Run to Boat Shed/Leigh

APR

- Thurs 4th Club Meeting/Geoff
- Sat 6th Afternoon tea Mooney Beach/Gerry
- Thurs 18th Coffee Run to Beach House Whoopi/Hal
- Sun 21st- Run to Urunga for lunch at pub/ Graeme

General Business:

1. New Members: Nil
2. Hub Rally 2024 Committee- Geoff met with the committee which cancelled out the need for all management team to meet with Rally Committee. Brett reported that the Sat/Sun venue has been secured, finalising catering and entertainment for the Saturday night, firming up details of runs and that he is happy with the committee's progress. John Bojarski asked for interest in members trialling the runs for the rally. Twelve members showed interest so it will run on Sunday 24th March driving through Orara Valley to Coramba, BYO Everything BBQ at John's to follow. Geoff to email details to members.
3. Coffs Show-Geoff has contacted the Showground Committee, and he is hoping to tidy up the organisation so that its clearer to our members what is required on the day.
4. Bellingen Show-Geoff is in contact with the committee.
5. Moira and Kevin Franklin to organise Bellingen Anzac Day participation.
6. There was some discussion re events being close together i.e. Thursday Meeting and Saturday run. After some debate and analysis of possibilities it was decided to leave the runs unchanged.
7. Unpaid members reminders will be sent out by the secretary.

Vehicle Movements: Nil

Raffle Winners: Moira Franklin, Graeme King, Phil Bicknell

Next Meeting: Thursday 4th April 2024

Guest Speaker April: Dave Morrow

Supper for May: June Andersen, Phil Bicknell. Supper for June: Andy Taylor, William Legette

Meeting Closed at: 8:45 pm

Secretary – Marg Murray

Chairperson – Geoff Maunder

CLUB REGALIA

<i>Item</i>	<i>Price</i>
<i>CHVVCC Car Badge (2 holes)</i>	<i>\$15 ea.</i>
<i>Car Badge blue</i>	<i>\$ 5 ea.</i>
<i>CHVVCC Club Ribbon</i>	<i>\$10 ea</i>
<i>Name Badge</i>	<i>\$ 1 ea</i>
<i>CHVVCC Stickers</i>	<i>\$ 0.50 ea</i>

FOR SALE

My name is 'Noddy' and I am a 1959 NSU Prinz 2 (30E), with 'matching' numbers and an original service book. I was assembled in Victoria yet sold in Sydney in 1961. I have had three owners and now live on the NSW Mid North Coast. I have been an active 'car club' member for over 10 years and my owner has ensured I have always met the safety standards for club registration.

As a 65-year-old car regular maintenance and repair has been paramount, which has included front end refurbished; brake slave cylinders, hoses and pads replaced; front and rear shock absorbers replaced; new front and rear window rubbers, front seat belts fitted (Australian Standard); new carpet; car repainted; new white walled tyres.

My owner is asking \$13,990 for me.

Specifications:

- Engine: 583cc (30HP) rear mounted air cooled 4 stroke twin cylinders.
- Transmission: 4 speed synchro manual.
- Brakes: Hydraulic brakes all 4 wheels.
- Length: 3,150mm.

Phone: Graham Davey

0423749100 or 66588581



COFFS HARBOUR VETERAN, VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CAR CLUB

All runs depart from Coffs Airport, Aviation Drive, Coffs Harbour (100m south of Dakota Drive intersection – Note please use northern entrance off Hogbin Drive),

- 1st Saturday outings depart **1.30pm**. Please take afternoon tea.
- 3rd Sunday outings depart **9.30am**. Please take morning tea and lunch.
- 3rd Thursday coffee runs departs **9.30am**.

Please check individual run details for any variations.

If you are not meeting at the designated start or running late, please notify the run organiser. just in case there is a change to the run plan, or the club needs to provide café attendance numbers.

- Please drive with consideration to other road users (so we do not create queues behind us).
 - Leave a reasonable distance between vehicles.
 - When coming to a turn, ensure the car behind you is aware of the turnoff.
- **H registered vehicles must have the "Permit to Operate" in the vehicle at all times.**
- **H registered vehicles should carry a copy of this Approved Events page on all runs.**

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

CLUB APPROVED EVENTS. NO LOGBOOK ENTRY REQUIRED

MARCH 24		
Sunday 17 th	Butter Factory	Graeme 0408 245 113
Thursday 21 st	Coffee Run to Boat Shed café at Nambucca Heads	Leigh 0413 481 361
Sunday 24 th	Run through Orara Valley, BYO BBQ lunch at Bojarski's	See p. 7 for details
APRIL 24		
Thursday 4 th	Club Meeting	Geoff 0435 622 394
Saturday 6 th	Afternoon Tea at Mooney Beach	Gerry 0402 469 160
Thursday 18 th	Coffee run – Beach House Woopi	Hal 0448 883 244
Sunday 21 st	Run to Urunga for lunch at Pub	Graeme 0408 245 113
Saturday 27 th	Coffs Show / Grand Parade - Details TBC	TBC
MAY 24		
Thursday 2 nd	Club Meeting	Geoff 0435 622 394
Saturday 4 th	Afternoon Tea at Bongil Bongil	Leigh 0413 481 361
Thursday 16 th	Coffee run –Sandy Beach House Café	Jim 0481 131 551
Sunday 21 st	Run for lunch at BrushgrovePub	Hal 0448 883 244
JUNE 24		
Saturday 1 st	Afternoon tea at Red Rock	Gerry 0402 469 160
Thursday 6 th	Club Meeting	Geoff 0435 622 394
Sunday 16 th	Change over Dinner – details TBC	TBC
Thursday 20 th	Coffee run – Beachstone Café, Sapphire Beach	Jim 0481 131 551