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2023 Group C Champion
Brian Henderson



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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

Congratulations to all the HRCC Qld club members who made the trip to Phillip

Island in March for a magnificent race meeting. I was one of course and along with my trusty crew, wife and other Queenslanders was looking forward to using my well packed but rarely used coat across the weekend.

Unfortunately, the big fella upstairs had other ideas and we competed in 3 days at 32 degrees without even a hint of rain...so disappointing... at least collectively I think it was fair to say all of our cars were very well prepared for the hotter weather and reliability was great as was the racing.

All eyes now on our own Autumn Historic Meeting this 26 to 28 April at Morgan Park which is sure to be a lot of fun. Welcome back to the QMROA and John Miller who has stepped into the deep end with some very welcome back of house assistance from Mark Stockwell (thank you very much) to ensure this meeting is a success.

Not as many interstate entries as we would like which is unfortunate - trying to find the right carrot to get the Mexicans and the Cockroaches up here still proving illusive...maybe some anti clot pills so they don't get a nosebleed when they cross those borders north eh??

Seriously though we would love to see some more support from all of the interstate competitors and the HRCC Qld is interested and motivated to help make that happen so contact us.

I'm happy to advise you all that I have met John Tetley in person to discuss a return to Lakeside Park for a Family Day style event this year and getting a full Race Meeting on the calendar in 2025.

John and his team are very supportive of the idea and the HRCC Management Committee have also supported the opportunity so thank you to them and John Tetley for the opportunity to explore this for real.

I have also had some very good discussions with the QHTCA in regards to increasing our alignment for future events and calendars for the good of everyone involved.

Like the HRCC, the QHTCA is interested in sport, participation and fun so this is another opportunity for us all to help the sport we love grow.

Finally, I would like to thank the Warwick Police and the team at Black Trucks Warwick for being truly amazing at every level. One of my good friends and integral part of the HCR Team had his father experience a stroke while driving through Warwick in his classic MG Magnette.

The Police quickly recognised the problem during a routine stop of the vehicle due to slightly erratic driving and provided immediate 1st responder care. Hospital Emergency and then Care Flight followed to Brisbane. The MG Magnette was stopped outside of Blacks Toyota Warwick and the team carefully recovered the car and stored it in the New Car Showroom. It was noted the car had a flat tyre and the Black Toyota crew removed the wheel, replaced the tyre and refitted the wheel and refused to take anything for the service.

The team were genuinely invested and concerned for the welfare of our man who I can report is making a tremendous recovery - go well George.

We are all lucky to be surrounded by such good people in our lives - let's all make sure we can act with such style and compassion as the Black Trucks Team and the attending police.

Our Shannons Motorsport Festival July 5th to 7th meeting at Queensland Raceway this year will not be a traditional historic meeting and will be something different to anything we have done before. The event will have new categories in addition to our historic categories. With a special event format to cater for a broader participation group to join us - this will be an ideal venue and event to trial something out of the box. Make sure your headlights are working...

HISTORIC QUEENSLAND will be back at Morgan Park in October 17th to 20th so put in on your calendar as this will be a big one. It is a round of the Historic Sports Sedan Championship and those guys always put on a great show. Maybe a good one for the southerners too!!

Yours Sincerely,
Brian Henderson
President HRCC Qld

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

by John Carson

Dear Madam,

I am getting slower and slower of late and have only just caught up with my reading of your excellent March edition.

Apart from the always informative and wry historical observations by Rob Switzer it was good to finally see old stager Norm Singleton put pen to paper with a synopsis of his career.

Yes, Chris Fung has well illustrated the interesting statistical demographics and influence of social media re our club's Facebook presence plus Jim Waugh's sad passing was well chronicled.

However, my pick for article of the year has to go to Brian Henderson's story on Pumpkin, the almost totally disastrous track testing of the Team McEvans Group Sc Datsun 240 Z. The admittedly serious damage by a rogue WRX could so easily have been a lot worse, indeed catastrophic!

To then read of the miraculous save to get the orange Nissan Z car to Bathurst to compete, as it did, so well in the Group S support Races, before the 12 Hour was nothing short of HRCC membership inspired.

Mike McKelliget and Robin Evans are an indomitable team and two lovely guys ... I know, as I have had their much appreciated help when they once witnessed, up close and personal, my lowly mechanical ineptitude.

From the track tuning accident at QR on Wednesday 7th February to a RHS rebuild in six days and a 3am departure for Bathurst, that following Tuesday 6th February, everyone's work was nothing short of brilliant.

If this year's Nobel Prize Awards ceremony in Sweden included motorsport teamwork spirit and scientific application these guys would be on a flight to Stockholm, in early December.

Well done all.

John Carson

Sunday 14 April 2024



At The Shannons Historic Queensland July 2023 event at Qld Raceway, Michael McKelliget showed just how keen he was in a braking episode with Doug Barbour of NSW.

Alas, just out of picture, at left of image, was John Carson in his TR6 and Barbour is about to lap Carson.

However, Barbour hadn't appreciated how slow Carson really was in the totally stock 1970 TR6 ... hence some very late braking and some desperate avoidance action by McKelliget.

Pic by Peter Trapnell

~ WANTED ~

2024 HRCC CLUB MERCHANDISE SALES PERSON

Are you the person who is interested in showcasing the merchandise of the HRCC to competitors or spectators who attend race meetings here in South East Queensland? It is a great way of meeting club members and other race members from all over Australia who stop by the tent/trailer to enquire about our range of merchandise for sale.

To welcome our new merchandise person/persons, the club trailer has been painted, signage, overrider brakes fitted and new tyres, so it is now road ready. See Photos.

The trailer is kept in a storage shed at Sumner Park, close to the Centenary Highway so easy access on the way to either Queensland Raceway or Morgan Park. This could also be relocated to a site of your preference.

The trailer has a lean-to tent, tables, and all current merchandise. Chairs will be provided on the day at race events. A cash float is included, and a card machine will be provided.

Sales can be taken through the HRCC Newsletter, from the club website and other media that the club wish to use.

This year's meetings are to be held at Morgan Park, Warwick in April & October and Queensland Raceway, Willowbank in July.

MERCHANDISE

Be the person who selects the Merchandise items for resale and the choice is endless. The following items are in stock. Additions can be made through the present supplier or other suppliers.

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- ❖ Race Bags
- ❖ Jackets

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CANBERRA FESTIVAL OF SPEED REPORT

By Liam Redman

I was staying with my daughter on the 2/3 March and that I saw advertised on small signs on the side of the road. The event was held at the horse race track in Canberra promising static display and tightly controlled “parade laps” which used a resurfaced section of the course access road for this display. I visited Saturday afternoon which promised runs under lights on a balmy night.

On arrival and after paying admission, I was greeted by trade stands of every type to interest the motor enthusiast and display Australia’s rather small automotive manufacturing industry, featuring lightweight race cars using Honda mechanicals and Ford GT kit assembly companies.

Still, the display of open wheelers was not to be missed and the promotion of one young female to “crowd fund” her racing career was brave (wish I’d thought of it!)

The main attraction was a static display full of Ferraris and Lambos along with some custom cars featuring Ferrari engines. There are some clever people out there!!

Even the Minis outside looked better in the reflected glory. Then it was off to the food trucks to see how many German sausages and beer it took to fuel the spectators as the cars “paraded”.

The cars were released onto the 750m single lane course one at a time for only a couple of laps, but it did give the spectators an idea of what is possible. A few formula V’s and Fords added some interest for me but undoubtedly the stars for most people were the Ferraris and Lambos with lots of noise and spectacle.

It was great to see a large crowd was staying on after dark. I admired the driver’s bravery with some pushing the limits of their expensive cars on such a narrow and short track, but it did demonstrate what these cars are capable of in suburban streets where, let’s face it, most unofficial racing takes place.

It was a great afternoon/evening experience and there were lots to see, my photography skills are not really up to the task as it was obvious the owners had spent lots of effort to show off their pride and joy.

The idea is to make this event an annual occasion and from my point of view it was a success and should be included on our motorsport calendar.





27-28 APRIL 2024

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MEMBER INSIGHTS

by David Paterson

Q What is your most memorable race?

A I can't pick one, my first win was amazing, it was more than 20 years after my first race! My first time at Bathurst was terrifying! The time I made up 20 places in 8 laps at Bathurst was very exciting!

Q Ford or Holden?

A Both, neither. I'm into cars, not badges

Q Are you a cat person or dog person?

A Dog. I like cats, but I couldn't eat a whole one.

Q What is your favourite driving/cruising music?

A Classic rock and country, anything from Cold Chisel to Slim Dusty.

Q What would you do if you won the lotto?

A A bigger, newer, flasher shed, a bigger, newer, flasher truck and bigger, newer, flasher race cars.

Q What is the first event you competed in?

A SPARC track day at Lakeside in 1989.

Q What is the first car you owned?

A 1982 Toyota KE70 Corolla

Q Your favourite movie and why?

A Monty Python and the Holy Grail, so clever and so silly, all at once.

Q Marvel or DC Comics?

A Never been into comics.

Q What motivated you to get involved in Motorsport?

A I've been car mad, since I was a toddler and motorsport seems like the ultimate way to enjoy cars.

Q What other sports do you like or are involved in?

A Lost interest in other sports when I started competing in motorsport.

Q What do you like watching on TV?

A Outback truckers, Iron Resurrection and Kindig Customs.

Q What is the best part about competing?

A The camaraderie between competitors.

Q What is the one thing you do after a good race?

A Congratulate and thank my fellow competitors.

Q What do you do to calm the butterflies while you compete?

A I don't get butterflies anymore, haven't for years.

Q What age were you when you first started in motorsport?

A 19

Q What is your favourite track to compete?

A Bathurst

Q What is the best thing you have ever done?

A Race at Bathurst

Q What is the coolest sound?

A A V8 at full noise.

Q What was your favourite TV show growing up?

A The Dukes of Hazzard.

Q What do you do in your spare time?

A Work on my race car, watch TV and play on the simulator.

Q What would be your dream job?

A Race team transporter driver.

Q What would be the hardest thing to give up?

A Driving

Q What would be the easiest thing to give up?

A My job, if I could afford it.

Q Do you like pineapple on your pizza?

A Yes!!!

Q If you could travel to any place in the world, where would you go?

A Spa, Belgium

Q What is your dream vacation?

A Six months of travelling across Europe and taking part in all the major Historic race meetings.

Q What is the most interesting place you've ever been to?

A Recently went to Port Arthur for a day trip, fascinating and very sombre.

Q If you could invite three people to dinner, living or dead, who would you invite?

A My Mum and Dad and my sister.

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Management Committee Meeting Summary

Summary of the Management Committee Meeting held at VCCA Club Rooms,
1376 Old Cleveland Rd, Carindale
on
8 April 2024

Treasurer Report:

Operating costs are within expectation.

Merchandise Officer:

No one has come forward yet to take up this role. Advertising notice to remain in the Newsletter.

Autumn Historic Warwick May:

Discussion held on the organising of this event. Resolved that the timing system to be used at this event is Austiming. Noted that all carports are fully booked with a waiting list.

Perpetual Trophies:

Confirmed that the following perpetual trophy events will be run at AHW:
Glen Seaton Trophy for Grp A - Feature Race
John French Trophy for Grp C - Feature Race
Bill Campbell Trophy for Grp N-Feature Race
Lloyd Bax Trophy for A & C - Handicap Race

Shannons Motorsport Festival at QR July:

Discussions continuing with Phil Ross on how best to celebrate 60 years of Mustang.

Lakeside Park:

Committee is exploring the opportunity of going to Lakeside Park for a HRCC Family Day working towards inclusion in 2025 calendar.

2025 Calendar:

Discussion held with QHTCA on working together to eliminate conflicting calendars. QHTCA has indicated a desire to align with HRCC events into their 2025 calendar.

Regularity Trials Policy:

The 'HRCC Historic and Early Modern Regularity Policy 2024' document has been reviewed and approved.

Next Meeting: 13 May 2024

Committee Meeting minutes are available for members to view on request. Please contact the club secretary.



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INTER CLUB 2024 CHALLENGE



TENTATIVE CALENDAR DATES FOR 2024

Date	Event Type	Host Club	Venue
10 March	Autocross	Lotus Club Queensland	DTC Lakeside
11 May	Economy Run	Tesla Owners Australia	TBC
26 May	Motorkhana	HSCCQ	Willowbank
6 July	Sprint	Historic Racing Car Club (Qld) Inc	Queensland Raceway
14 July	Show 'n Shine	MX-5 Club of Queensland	Caboolture Aero Club
20 July	Super Sprint	Porsche Club Queensland	Morgan Park, Warwick
10 August	Regularity	BMW Club Queensland	Lakeside
1 September	Khanacross	HSCCQ	Willowbank
8 September	Hillclimb	MG Car Club of Qld	Mt Cotton
29 September	Navigation Run	MR2 Owners Club	TBC
27 October	Consistency Sprint	Qld 86 BRZ Club	TBC
14 December	Trophy Presentation	Inter-Club Challenge Queensland	TBC

The Inter-Club Challenge is a grassroots motorsport competition involving 12 Car Clubs and 12 different events in 2024.

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2024 HISTORIC MOTORSPORT EVENTS

Event	Dates	Venue
HSRCA - Canberra Festival of Speed	2-3 March	Thoroughbred Park
VHRR - Phillip Island Classic	7-10 March	Phillip Island Circuit
Motorsport Australia State Championship Race Meeting Rd1	15-17 March	Morgan Park Raceway
Motorsport Australia State Championship Race Meeting Rd 2	19-21 April	Queensland Raceway
SCCSA - All Historic Mallala	26-28 April	Mallala Motorsport Park
HRCC - Autumn Historic Warwick	27-28 April	Morgan Park Raceway
A7C - Historic Winton	25-26 May	Winton Motor Raceway
HSRCA - Sydney Classic	8-9 June	Sydney Motorsport Park
Motorsport Australia State Championship Race Meeting Rd 3	14-16 June	Morgan Park Raceway
HRCC - Shannons Motorsport Festival	5-7 July	Queensland Raceway
VHRR - Winton Festival of Speed	2 - 4 August	Winton Motor Raceway
Motorsport Australia State Championship Race Meeting Rd 4	9-11 August	Queensland Raceway
HLS - Historic Leyburn Sprints	17 - 18 August	Leyburn, Qld
GSCC - Historic Hillclimb	23-25 August	Mountainview Motorsport Complex
HRCC - Historic Queensland	17-20 October	Morgan Park Raceway
BF - Baskerville Historics	1-3 November	Baskerville Raceway, Tas
Motorsport Australia State Championship Race Meeting Rd 5	8-10 November	Morgan Park Raceway
VHRR - Historic Sandown	TBC November	Sandown Raceway
HSRCA - Summer Festival	30-1 December	Sydney Motorsport Park

Disclaimer: These dates are tentative and may change without notice. The Covid-19 pandemic or other matters may create a situation where events could be brought forward, postponed or cancelled.

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1972 GROUP N Torana GTR XU-1, Trailer and Tow Car Combo

This well-known Queensland Group Nc Torana was first developed by Greg Burrowes in 1994 and ran at HRCC's Historic Queensland in 1995, at Lakeside.

Thereafter David Malone competed the car until, in early 2014, keen Holden man David Streat purchased the GTR and it again became a regular Group N entrant at Lakeside, and especially Morgan Park. David currently competes another XU-1 and so in August 2023 John Carson took over ownership.

Meanwhile this one-careful-lady-owner 2012 Mitsubishi Challenger LS Diesel automatic has done under 177,000 kilometers, features dealer fitted towbar plus electric brakes and has never been off-road or on the beach.

Unfortunately, due to a December 2023 skiing accident in Canada John is now having to give up motorsport and the Torana, a PBL 2490 kg ATM trailer and the Mitsubishi Challenger are now available for purchase. The PBL ATM 2490 kg tandem trailer is fitted with a 12,500 lb electric winch.



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\$29,975.00

1970 GROUP Sb TRIUMPH TR6

This 1970 Australian private import, 150 bhp car, was first purchased by the present Brisbane owner in June 1971 at 9,500 miles and has now had five owners, the current owner being the second and fifth custodian.

Sold in 1980, the car had been re-found in Central Queensland, in 1990, and after restoration including the retro fitting of a factory overdrive and hardtop, was CAMS log booked Historic Group Sb in 1999. Since then, the TR6 has competed in a wide variety of motor sport events on the eastern seaboard, South Australian and WA circuits. Notably, this is a rare historic racer never having had its mechanical or suspension specification altered from factory original. Indeed, this car still runs lever arm, rear shock absorbers! The only non-standard body work additions are mandatory safety measures such as a Motorsport Australia registered 'bolt-in' roll hoop by Norm Singleton Automotive. Being 'un-stressed' this 50-year-old historic race car has only ever needed routine maintenance.

The car's last outing was the July 2023 HRCC National Historics at Qld Raceway, 24 years after the same driver/car combination ran together in their first ever race meet, at this very same circuit in 1999. Interestingly, the two old stagers performed faultlessly and times on the National Circuit and Clubman circuit, a generation later, were almost identical.

Body # 50802CP, Engine # CP 51494HE, Compliance Plate CP 51527, Queensland Concessional Registration # PTQ-818. Please note these plates have been personalised, are currently restricted use, and if staying with the vehicle are subject to state laws.

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\$34,950.00

1965 RAMBLER CLASSIC 660 CROSS COUNTRY WAGON

Built at AMI Port Melbourne, one of only 185 in 1965, this American/Australian beauty was discovered, unrestored, in Adelaide in 2009 and driven home to Brisbane by the current owner.

In 2010, all rust was removed and a full body structural restoration was completed by Pebble Beach award winning Sleeping Beauties, Brisbane.

A stunning duotone refinish resulted in a white turret overlaying a lower body in blue whilst internally the original red trim offsets the AMC tri-colour presentation. Over the years mechanical overhauls have returned this wagon to a high level of on-highway cruising ability.

In 2021/2 a complete engine overhaul was completed by Mark and Garry Hammond of Capalaba and the car was last displayed at the RACQ Motor Fest in June 2023.

Personalised plates, subject to state laws, are included in the sale.

Originally considered as an historic tow vehicle for a 1968 AMC AMX 390 the complete combo is also available with a tandem trailer to suit.

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\$79,975.00

2002 HSV GTO

A rare item, this HSV Coupe is a six-speed manual having travelled less than 35,000 K in its 22 years of one-person ownership.

It is Build # 385 and is one of only a very few in this colour, trim and driveline combination.

This HSV Racing Green tan trimmed (oatmeal) beauty has always been garaged and comes with its original HSV documentation, alloy presentation brief case, console tool kit and complete history file.

Personalised plates do not go with the car.
A reversing camera was fitted in 2023.

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\$35000.00

1968 Morris Mini Cooper S, Group U Log Booked Historic Sports Sedan

History:

Competition history from 1977, mainly raced Amaroo & Oran Parks

Restoration:

Completed to 1983 spec for COD purposes.
Livery: Rapid Transport

Mechanicals:

1380cc (new build by Ken Nelson) Russell Head, CAM. All the best components I could afford for reliability & performance. Diff: MED LSD ratio 3.9:1 Gearbox: Straight cut Remote Shift

Paint:

2 pack fresh total respray (2020 - GC Restorations)

Wheels:

Original set Mawer 13x8.5", 10x8", 13x8".
Custom made Mawer 13x9", 10x8"

Tyres:

Hoosier Radial Slicks front and rear, 2nd set Avon radial front

Brakes:

Morris Marina Callipers (front), Morris Mini drums (rear), Master Cyl Triumph Stag

Way more than asking spent on the car as built to race not reluctantly sell.

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