

"CHRYSLER NEWS"

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"CHRYSLER NEWS" is the official Newsletter of 'The Chrysler Owners Club of Queensland Inc'
Established 1988 – Celebrating 35 Years of the COCQ Inc.



Vale John Staunton

PRESIDENTS PEN

Presidents message at the end of January 2024

Hi all, Happy New Year, welcome to this month's Presidents message.

I'm hoping everyone had a joyous Christmas and New Year and we are all ready to tackle whatever 2024 decides to throw at us!

We began our year with a special club run to Brian and Wendy Palmer's home at Cedar Vale, south of Brisbane. The area was hit hard with storms around Christmas and there was a bit of cleaning up to do. Thanks to all who came along, pitched in to tidy up and then enjoyed Brian and Wendy's company and a great barbeque lunch. I think this activity embodies the spirit of clubs and community and everyone leaves feeling satisfied. Thanks to Graham McLean for coming up with the suggestion.

By the time you're reading this we will have had our planned January club run to the Bayside Vehicle Restorers club run to Ormiston on Australia Day. I'm looking forward to celebrating Australia Day with a motoring event and praying for the weather to be a little kinder to us for the day. Future club runs are detailed within the pages of the magazine as usual. One particular note for the March club meeting, this will be held at the club run to Colmslie on Sunday the 24th of March and not at the club rooms on Wednesday evening.

One special event coming up is Chryslers on the Murray in Albury/Wodonga in March. Forward planning has begun and I would like to hear from anyone considering going down this year. It's imperative that we start early planning for accommodation as this is a very big event for the region. Last year we had 10 people attend from the club in 5 vehicles. If you think you may want to join us for the event (we have 7 definite starters so far in 4 vehicles) please call Dave Sutton or myself to register your interest.

We had a suggestion at January's meeting from member Robert Morris that we include a small swap session at club meetings (and perhaps even on club runs)? Members can bring along items to sell. Little bit and pieces of cars always start conversations anyway. Feel free to participate if you wish.

One final note, last year I had a name badge made, see the photo below. We think it's a good idea for club members to have name badges at events like Expo, it just adds a little professionalism. We will shortly ask people if they wish to have one made and the club will subsidise the cost so members will only have to pay around \$5.00 to have one.



Enjoy your Chryslers people, cheers for now.

Greg Holburt COCQ President.

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MEETINGS

3rd Wednesday of each month (except March, September & December).
Meetings commence at 7.30 pm approx at the Veteran & Vintage Car Club Rooms - 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale.

ABOUT THE CLUB

Formed in 1988, the aim of the Chrysler Owners Club of Queensland Inc is to encourage the restoration, preservation, modification* and use of most model Chryslers.

The Club caters for the following vehicles: Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge, DeSoto, Fargo, Imperial, Maxwell, Valiant, Jeep and other Chrysler Related vehicles. (* See the Club constitution for details.)

STEERING COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 2023- SEPTEMBER 2024



These people have been duly elected to the following positions & VOLUNTEER their time to support running of the Club.

President: Greg Holburt 0413 147 040
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Luke O'Neil 0408 980 408

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Expo Committee – All Club Members are welcome.

Meeting Delegates: ASMF: Michael Denman, QHMC Rep: Greg Holburt & David Sutton. VCCA: Bruce Robinson

CLUB MEETINGS & CLUB EVENTS

All COCQ Club meeting at the club rooms at Carindale starting on the third Wednesday of the month (except September & December) at 7.30 pm

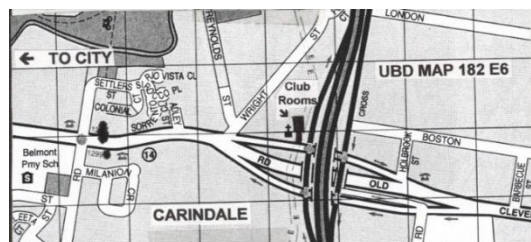
PARKING AT CLUBROOMS

Parking at the clubrooms should be in the lined parking bays ONLY. For safety reasons there should be no parking on the church side of the entry driveway or either side of the driveway in front of the hall.

In an overload situation parking should extend to the grassed areas below the septic transpiration area. On no account should cars park on the grassed areas around the hall.

Entrance: Is from Old Cleveland Rd OR via the new entrance from Wright Street. There is a gap in the fence from the Gateway Church carpark.

Exiting the grounds: There is a drive way open through the church carpark. Please ask at meeting to locate. Please keep noise to a bare minimum when entering and exiting the grounds



MINUTES FOR COCQ GENERAL MEETING 15/11/23

Meeting opened by Greg at 7.28pm. Meeting attended by 11 members & no apologies. Minutes from the November meeting accepted by Stephen and seconded by Bruce.

Inwards correspondence:

- . John Schuurman – details of Chrysler 100th anniversary tour
- . QHMC – log book system survey revealed on negative feedback.
- . Paul Hardman email – impromptu run query.
- . AMHF Survey. Results and these have been forwarded to COCQ members.
- . Mike Dickinson email – not renewing membership.
- . John Schuurman email – asking if we are planning to celebrate 100 years of Maxwell cars.
- . QHMC email . minutes of November meeting.
- . Susan Ward email – wanting value of AP6.
- . John Grafos email – wanting value of 1959 Desoto Firesweep.
- . QCA email – advising of the passing of former COCQ member John Staunton.
- . Roger Elliott email – looking for 300C mechanic on Gold Coast.
- . Dave Rayner email – Query on accessing library books.
- . VCCA notice of a tenants meeting Saturday 10 February.
- . Len Stark email – thanking club for sending him a calendar.
- . Simon Toy email - ditto
- . Jolie Lovegrove – wants to sell a 1967 Dodge Dart.
- . Stephen Rogan email – wanting to join the club and needing info on SV1.
- . Chris Powrie email – requesting advice on a 1981 CM.
- . Warwick Guy email – has 8-10 boxes of AP2 parts he wants to sell.

All of the above inwards correspondence has been answered where necessary.

Outwards correspondence:

Email was sent to John Staunton's partner passing on our condolences.

Newsletters received (electronically):

Qld R & S Club, Charger Club of WA (received weekly), Coffs Harbour Veteran & Vintage Club (Coffs Splutter), WP Chrysler family in Australia, Darling Downs Veteran & Vintage Club, Chrysler Restorers Victoria, Victoria Charger Club, AHMF "SpokeNhub Torque, Chryco Reporter, These were received electronically & have been emailed to financial members.

Magazines received by post:

Chrysler Restorers (NSW), Chrysler Restorers (Victoria) "Chryco Reporter", Chrysler Restorers of NZ (November & December), Chrysler Restorers (Tasmania) "Pentastar Post. These were available for viewing.

Treasurer's report: NAB account balance \$9328.60. Heritage account had income of \$960 in November & \$495.67 in December. Expenditure of \$6078.26 in November & \$478.30. Balance at the end of December was \$23853.19. Term deposit account balance \$31082.90.

Librarian's report: A reminder to members that we have a large number of manuals, parts catalogues etc. that can be accessed. You can see what we have on the club web site. There is now a bound hard copy of the library inventory available in the library cupboard. Four items returned from loan.

Internet report:

Greg will begin sending his monthly President's Pen report to Miniwebs for posting onto the website. Also, have some past newsletters made accessible on the club website.

Expo report:

No report presented.

Steve suggested we hold an early stand alone Expo meeting on a Saturday in early February for members interested.

Run Co-ordinators report:

February 25: Run to Dugandan Hotel with a stop at Moogerah Dam for smoko on the way. Meet at Ampol Goodna at 8am for an 8.30am departure.

March 24: BBQ & club meeting at Colmslie Beach Reserve. Members to meet at the club rooms at 9am for a 9.30am departure to Colmslie. **This is also the March Club Meeting.**

April: Possible weekend trip away to Lake Redbrook Holiday Retreat near Childers. Expressions of interest will be sought.

General business:

COCQ 18 month calendars have been posted to selected members.

VCCA tenants meeting at the club rooms on 10 February. Greg and David will attend.

Greg advised member name badges can be purchased for around \$5.00 each.

Suggestions for the 2024 Christmas party to be sought.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Refreshments served.

Next meeting Wednesday 21 February @ 7.30pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME. BRING YOUR IDEAS!!

On a run, do you carry your membership card and a recent Newsletter with you?

CAR SHOWS AND SWAP MEETS

All events/Rallies listed below are approved Chrysler Owners Club of Qld Inc outings for CLUB VEHICLES currently on Special Interested Vehicle Registration (SIV) (conditions Apply).

10-02-24 Urbenville Show and Shine. Urbanville Showgrounds, Clarence Way, Urbaneville, from 6.30 am

3 & 4-02-24 Toowoomba Swap, Toowoomba Showgrounds, Site bookings at ddvvc.com.au

08-03-24 Dalby Swap Meet, Dalby Showgrounds Nicholson St Dalby from 10am till 6pm

16, 16,17-03-24 Chryslers On The Murray, Gateway Lakes Woodonga

22-03-24 Adelaide Chrysler Festival, Lunch Cruise, Meet & Greet. More details to follow

23-03-24 Curra Swap, 10 David Drive, Ph 0407385299

13-04-24 Torbanlea Swap, at the Racecourse Ph 0407385299

07-04-24 Wnnum & District Swap, 50 Bognor St Tingalpa from 6.00 am

05-05-24 Lockyer Swap, Laidley Showgrounds, from 6.30 am

Further details for the above can be found on the S.E.Qld Swap Meets Facebook Page

For more events: [CarTorque Find a Car Show near You Website](#) [Unique Cars Events Website](#)

Find below, you should confirm opening hours, events approved by and for the members of the Chrysler Owners Club of Qld inc. sanctioned journeys for club vehicles on special interest vehicle registration to/from include:

- Wynnum, Manly, Lota fore shore parks, BBQ's, cafe's, restaurants on Friday nights and all-day Sat & Sun.
- Woody Point, Redcliffe, Scarborough fore shore parks, BBQ's, cafe's, Friday nights and all-day Sat & Sun.
- Rock'n'Roll Diner & T'away, 1/251 South Station Road Raceview on Friday night, Sat & Sun when open.
- *Emporium Rock n Roll Milk bar, Dayboro Rd. Petrie Any Thursday, Friday Night and all-day Sat & Sun.
- The Retro Diner, 195 Brisbane Street Ipswich on Friday nights and Sat & Sun during opening hours.
- Viney's Place, 3/40 Queen Street, Harrisville on Friday nights and Sat & Sun during opening hours.
- Rock and Roll Diner 21 Goggs Rd Cinnamon Park, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 8.00 am – 8.00pm
- Rare Times with Rare Spares at 14 Moss St Slacks Creek , 1st Thursday of each month, free to display.
- Joes Diner, 1084 Kingsford Smith Drive, Eagle Farm. First Saturday of every month 2.00 – 5.00pm
- **Boss Hoggs Steakhouse Mica St Carol Park. Any Opening time 32713715.
- Coffee and cars Turbo Drive Coorparoo from 6am 1st Saturday of each month.
- Coffee and cars 54 Junction Drive, Coolum 4573 from 7am 1st Saturday of each month.
- **Munch Inn Elizabeth Street, Acacia Ridge –Any Friday Night from 6.00pm onwards
- Breakfast with the cars, Tullawong State School 60-94 Smiths Road Caboo, 2nd Saturday of the month
- *Tivoli Drive in – 50 Coal Rd, Chuwar. Visit the web page www.Tivolidrivein.com or Facebook.
- *Yatala Drive in Theatre double feature night on the 1st & 3 rd. Saturday of Each Month. Exit 38 off the M1 - Ph Peter 0413 597 659
- Back to the Bush House, 2nd Friday of every month. Event by BCMC., Inc. 2929 Old Cleveland Rd Chandler 4155 from 5.00 pm
- Cars and Coffee, second Sunday of every month 1 South Street Jimboomba. (Jimboomba Sports Club)
- Victoria Point Shopping Centre, behind the Movie Theatre, 1st & 2nd Sunday of the month 7-10am 4-7pm.
- 2nd Sunday night of each month from 6 pm Yank Tanks, QLD Pimpama City Shopping, 102 Pimpama Jacobs Well Rd, Pimpama 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- 3rd Thursday each month, 6 pm Hot Cars & Hot Dogs, NAPA Auto Super Store. 60 Moss St, Slacks Creek
- 3rd Friday of each month, 5 pm Burleigh Autobarn Park Up, 197-207 Reedy Creek Road,

- 3rd Saturday of each Month, Dinner in the Bay (Cardigras) Bay Markets 681 Deception Bay Road, Deception Bay,
- **Town Square Redbank Plains, Redbank Plains & Keidges Road, 6-9pm last Saturday monthly.
- Cars and Coffee at Café Elle, last Saturday of every month 67 Robinson Rd Geebung
- Cars and Coffee at Kiwanda Café, last Saturday of every month 124 Distillery Rd Eagleby, 7.30-11am
- Last Sunday each month from 8.00 am, Superformance, 539 Redland Bat Road, Capalaba 4157.
- Breakfast & Cars, The Tin Cup Café Beenleigh Historical Village, last Sunday of every month 7–10.30am

“THE FORWARD LOOK”

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ: Whilst every care has been taken in preparing the list of events and activities listed on/in the “Forward Look”, the Editor and/or the COCQ inc take no responsibility whatsoever for the accuracy of the details listed and maybe subject to change. If in doubt & if possible, it is advised to contact the organisers of the event. If you wish or know of any motoring event that needs to be included in this event list (‘The Forward Look’) or have any details corrected, please phone or e-mail the Editor (listed inside front cover).

TRAVELLING NOTE FOR DAYS PRIOR AND POST ANY EVENT

For the purposes of Special Interest vehicle scheme registered vehicles.

- ✓ Travelling to and Returning from any of these events from the place of Vehicle garaging is approved and allowed.
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SHORT STORY FROM ROBERT MORRIS

At our club meeting this week I mentioned my friend in the USA, Tom Russo. who has 4 Australian Valiant cars. He will be in Brisbane in March, lets see if I can get him to come to our club meeting at Colmslie.

I am sure he would like to tell us about his 2 x Valiant AP6 Utes, his AP6 Valiant ambulance, the 2-door VG Valiant he has, and more interesting stories about A Model USA Vehicles. (see below pic taken recently at Carlisle).

He would make a good guest speaker who may also get more club members to come to the meeting that night to hear him and maybe see some more photos.



Australian A Bodies in the United States

MOPAR GARAGE - FOR SALE, WANTED & HELP PAGE

If you have any vehicle, or vehicle related parts to sell swap or give away this is the place to advertise. To advertise here email to secretary@chryslerownersclubqld.com

PLACING AN ADVERTISEMENT

Club Members are welcome to place an ad for free. If you have any parts for sale or wanting any parts please email secretary@chryslerownersclubqld.com no later than the 4th Friday monthly

Please supply item, cost, condition, and contact details. Your advertisement will remain until it is either sold or 4 months after 1st placement date. Subject to space. All advertisements are placed in good faith and the Club takes no responsibility what so ever or the accuracy of the details listed and are subject to change.

1964 AP5 Valiant Safari wagon

The above vehicle is offered for sale in the Brisbane area. The car is a 2-owner vehicle and is complete and in fairly solid condition. The odometer shows 107k miles. There is surface rust along the top of the guards, doors and inner guards but overall represents a solid opportunity for restoration. It has a three-speed manual gearbox and the 225 slant 6 engine. Survivor magazine suggests the car is worth up to \$10,500.00 in this condition. The car has been in the same family for almost 60 years and the owner would like to see it go to an enthusiast who would bring it back to life. There are a couple of photos attached for reference. Please call Greg Holburt 0413147040 or Dave Sutton 0434887445 if you are interested, more photos can be provided upon request.

If anyone is interested, the daughter of the late owner (who bought the car in 1967) is keen on selling it so a fair price could be negotiated.



1966 Chrysler 300 For Sale.

Is in amazing original survivor condition. LHD, 383 Mopar Big Block, with Petronix electronic Ignition, Dual Exhaust, Carter AFB carburetor, rebuilt 727 Auto, Power steering, Pwr brakes, A/C , and even very rare factory cruise control. Real leather interior ,6 body boot, hidden modern car stereo, New shocks front and back, fresh white wall tyres, professionally and legally lowered, but can be easily reversed back to original, Awesome real patina on Paint, body straight with exceptionally good chrome, no accident number matching car. Super rare American gentleman's sports car, drives amazing, a fantastic cruiser. currently on Qld club reg and will come with custom plates for Qld buyer only. Sorry, not interested in swaps, and will only be sold to a Mopar loving home car will only be sold to an enthusiast.

Price \$47500, contact John 0411 133 100



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest member and thanks for choosing Chrysler Owners Club of Queensland. The aim of the club is to encourage the restoration, preservation, modification* and use of most model Chryslers.

We are looking forward to seeing you and your Chrysler at one of our Monthly General Meetings, EXPO Meetings, Club or Impromptu Runs & Chrysler EXPO. We have many resources such as our Library, Friendly and Passionate Members who love to share their acquired knowledge and we have strong links & association to other clubs.

Our monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (except March 2023 and December) and commence at 7.30 pm at the Veteran & Vintage Car Club Rooms - 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale. This is your opportunity to have a direct say in the running of the club.

Typically from February through to August the organizing committee for the major event on our club calendar (being Chrysler EXPO) also meets on the same day and location as above from 6.30 pm. All members are encouraged and welcome to attend and actively participate.

Club Runs are typically organised to coincide towards the end of the month and are usually conducted just after the monthly general meeting. For suggestions on the destinations for club runs please make contact with one of our Run Co-ordinators either on a run, at a meeting or directly – see the contact details on page 3. It is advised that you carry your membership card and a copy of newsletter on the way to, during and from a Club run.

Impromptu runs can be arranged through the Website: [The Chrysler Owners Club QLD](#) and you will need to choose the “Submit an Impromptu Run” link under Quick Links. It is also advised that you should make this run available to other club members by posting the Impromptu Run details on our Facebook page. It is advised that you carry your membership card and a copy of the Impromptu Run document printed from the website.



1958 Chrysler 300D Projects for Sale by Club Member..

We have 2 x projects (disassembled) with the potential for you to make a good Show Car along with a daily driver, parts car or sell what is left over. The car shown is straight with only surface rust. It has a 392 Hemi – actual condition of motor is unknown.

The other motor is in great condition and is sitting on the chassis of the second car. All the parts for the second car are available. Be aware that the chassis is shot.

\$45,000 firm. Contact Greg Holburt (assisting the owner) by ringing 0413 147 040

CHRYSLER HELP LINE

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Increase your Smiles per Gallon by attending a club event.

The support group meets at the Club Room on the 3rd
Wednesday of each month.

CLUB RUN TO BVRC AUSTRALIA DAY EVENT, ORMISTON



CLUB WORKING BEE AT BRIAN & WENDY'S



VALE JOHN STAUNTON



Sadly John was taken from us December 7th 2023. We lost John at just 72, John was heavily involved with his family, friends and was a successful realtor in the Caboolture district. He was also a proud New Zealand Serviceman & Patriot who adopted Australia as his home. With a love of all things mechanical he was as much at home in his Chrysler, Ford or on a Tractor with the grandchildren on the farm.

Thanks to Julie Berry for permission to use John's Photos from Facebook.

NOSTALGIA RACING SEDANS



Some pics from the Carina Speedway at Bundaberg of Nostalgia Racing Sedans. This is from a meet on December 9th 2023. Thanks Garry Watham for sharing the pics of one of your other passions.

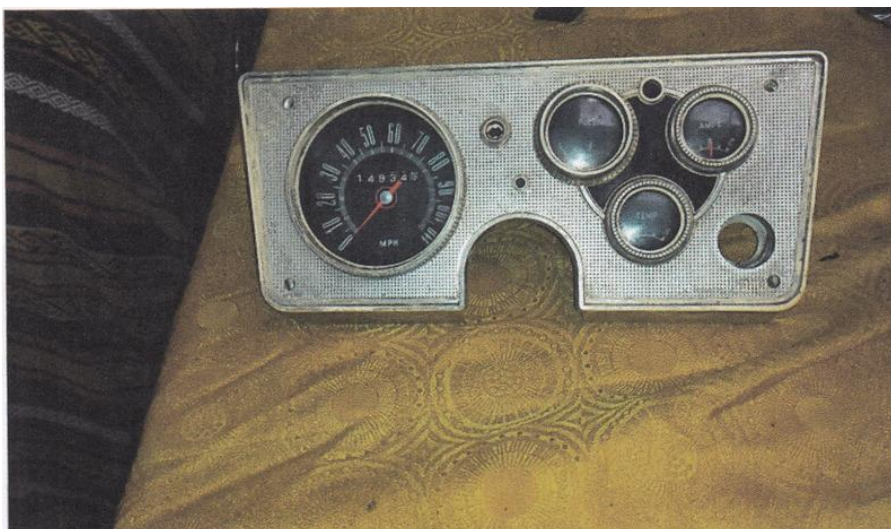
CHRYSLER TRIVIA #1

During early Valiant AP5 production, approximately November 1963, Chrysler Australia used imported instrument clusters on 730 vehicles, including the first three Safari station wagons. These clusters contained gauges manufactured by Stewart Warner in the US. All other AP5s used locally sourced VDO gauges.

Vehicles fitted with these Stewart Warner clusters are even rarer today being over 60 years old now. Does anyone recall ever seeing an AP5 with these gauges? They would stand out because they read “alternator”, “temperature” and “gasoline” whereas all other AP5s with the VDO gauges read “amps”, “temp”, and “fuel”, as did all other model Valiants.

The speedometer was a Stewart Warner part as well. The imported Stewart Warner clusters were effective from serial numbers:

Manual sedan AP5/2-2617 to 2839; Auto sedan AP5/4-2127 to 2423; Regal sedan AP5/4H-1632 to 1838 and the first three Safari station wagons both manual & auto (not Regal Safari).



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