BLACKALL RANGE
HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB

July / Aug 2026 GAZZETTE

NEXT MEETING: Sat 9 Aug 2026, 9am,
at BRHCC clubrooms AGM
at 7 Bryce Lane, off McCarthys Rd Maleny

and then Wed 9 Sept 2022

Sunday 9 August 2026 BRHCC AGM

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Sign-On Day, the Past is our Future

Sun 21 June 2026



Rod's VW motor



Graham's 1971 Capri motor



Gayle's 1967 Cortina motor









Neil's 1968 mustang





Arthur's 1977 Moke



Mark's 1953 Bently



Boys and girl talking Mustangs beside Ben's Model T



Neil's 1964 VW

Soft Tops and No Tops, all making the most of the sunny day, and none of the cars got bogged in the very moist ground.



Reds and blues and many other colours, and motors and motors and motors. Big ones and little ones, a representation of history on wheels.

Among the last generation of combustion? I think we have time yet if we are allowed.

left – a big beauty of a red Falcon next to Reg's Lovely MG TF



Robyn, John G and Denis H





The nose of the President's Healey



G'day to BRHCC new members, Goodonya to renewing members.

2026 AGM is on Sunday 9 August, and only paid-up members able to vote.

Paid-up membership of a car club is required by holders of vehicle Special Registrations.

This Show'n'Shine feature article shows how much BRHCC members enjoy polishing and driving their beauties, talking about their cars, talking to other enthusiasts, and enjoying a cuppa and treat.

The AGM is a time of reflection and looking to the future. New Volunteers for the Committee are asked to make their interest known to the current committee and also anyone who would like to assist any of the committee holders.

Whether you enjoy driving or just the building of the works of auto art there are books and people that can help or just share knowledge in the club. The comradery of sharing a cuppa and a bickie in a time of need.



Belinda's Blue 1967 Mustang



Rob's 1968 Mustang fastback

Winners:

FIRST – Rod's
1963 VW Beetle

SECOND – Griff's
1966 Volvo P 1800 S

THIRD – Belinda's
1967 Ford Mustang

All Wonderful!!



Ben B's 1927 Rolls



Graeme's 1972 Triumph



Ben B's 1927 Rolls



Griff's 1966 P1800S Volvo

What a good lot of people and their wonderful cars
– and we know that some cars were left home because the old cars wanted to sleep in.

to Brisbane Motor Museum

by Bob

Recently our Club had an outing to the Brisbane Motor Museum in Brisbane (thank you Gary). I took a video of the visit, and in addition to the current display I recorded the Museum's record of past exhibitions. It shows how lucky we are to see the evolution of the car during an exciting era, when individual style and innovation took place.

I'm afraid we are now entering a period of functionality, where the car is becoming strictly a method of getting from A to B. The Museum has displayed our kind of cars, which unfortunately will gradually fade into distant memory as "sensible" cars develop.

So it's important that our outing is recorded for history.

The video is available for loan in DVD form at the clubhouse, but please return it after use. Over the years I have also videoed many Club activities, which are available on a USB stick if anyone is interested.

MG Visit to BRHCC

by Gary

On 20 May 2026, after what seemed like an endless number of rainy days, we were blessed with some gorgeous sunshine for the planned visit of the Sunshine Coast MG Car Club at our clubhouse.

From around 9.30am the MGs started to roll in and by 10.00am we had a large contingent of MGs, along with a good representation of classic cars from our own Club members. Verona did a good job in ensuring the cars were parked in an orderly fashion, whilst also being mindful of the fact that the ground was pretty soft underfoot, as we wanted to avoid having a bunch of classic cars bogged on the grassed area at the back of the clubhouse.



The fist point of order was, of course, morning cuppa, and once again our group of dedicated ladies put on a fantastic spread. With many members and visitors also contributing a plate of food to the table, we had an abundance of food and plenty of variety – Thanks to all those who supported the morning tea, and also those that brought their cars to display alongside the MGs.



Visit to Barb and Marton's Shed

by Marton

We were on the receiving end of a BRHCC run to our home and shed.







Shining cars lit up the street and driveway and a coupla dozen new friends to have over for a chat and a cuppa and explore my shed and collections.

We did have enough coffee cups, just. And cakes and bikkies galore were generously supplied by our visitors. Thank you All.

Barb enjoyed the chats and showing around our gardens.

I gleaned lots of information from the comments of the many learned and interesting shed visitors.

We cranked up the "Macca Cracka" which is always a bit of fun from grandkids to oldies, and all those in between.

A big thankyou for assisting with clearing the decks, so we could join you for lunch at the local Golf Club.

Barb and I had a wonderful morning and will now start downsizing … slowly.



… and by Gary



On a sunny Winter morning 24 Club members assembled at the clubhouse for a run down to Barb and Marton's place.

Rather than take the main route via Landsborough, we headed off via Mount Mellum, then along Old Gympie Road, before taking a left along Clark's Road to Beerwah.



The scenery through Mount Mellum and then travelling through the farms along Clark's Road was a treat and surprisingly, several members said that they had never been along this route before.



Upon arrival at Marton and Barb's, Marton provided a guided tour of his shed, an eclectic arrangement of everything, ranging from vintage wheels and hubcaps to retro electrical items and an extensive collection of bottle openers.

It must be said that there was something to interest everyone in Marton's shed.

After our shed tour, we gathered around for morning tea, where conversation was lively and the endless cups of coffee kept everyone going.

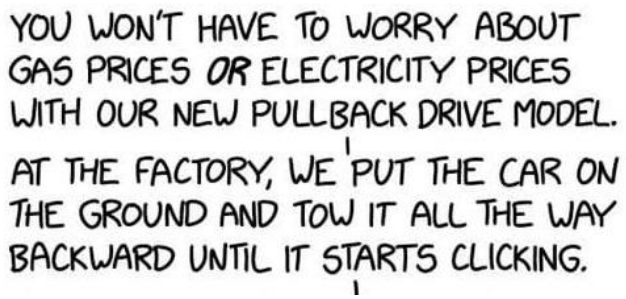


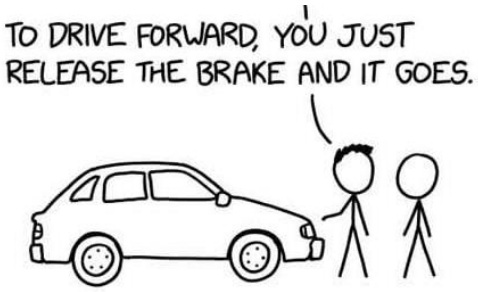
Barb took some interested gardeners around the grounds and before we knew it was lunch time, and we were getting into the cars again for a short drive to the Beerwah Golf Club for lunch.

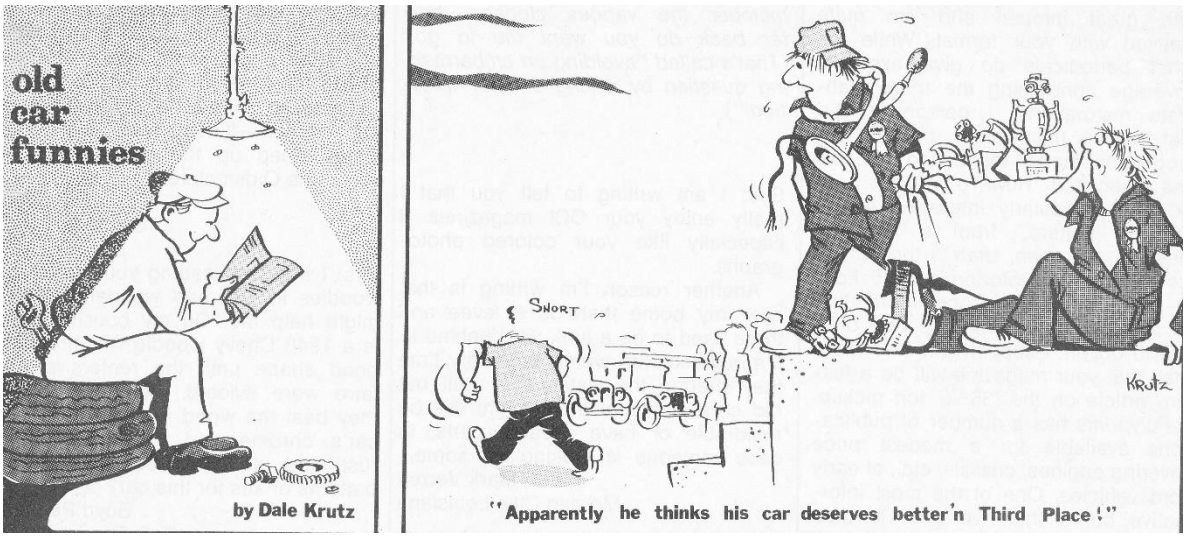
The food and service at the Golf Club was excellent, and the conversation continued into the early afternoon.



Special thanks to Marton and Barb for hosting us, from all reports a great day was had by all.







Early Races

by Reg

Here's a photo of me in my first race. As I didn't know if I would be any good at actual racing, I entered the 'Standard Class' so I wouldn't have to do any major modifications to my beloved bike. In fact no major, visible changes were allowed.



So, after checking everything was in order and wiring up anything that could work loose and fall off, I set off for Cadwell Park Race Track.

It was a very long way from Somerset, where I lived at the time. ("Long Way" only by Brit standards you understand).

You can see how standard the bike was in the photo. Lucky to have a few photos as I didn't have a bunch of Mates with me, I was always 'on me tod'.

First thing you might notice is the bright orange jacket. That was compulsory for the first year, as I was a beginner, and might take some unexpected lines or corners, or just be going too slow.

Up front, right in my line of vision is the famous 5" speedo. I actually had to buy one of these as the 'Vincent Rapide' wasn't fitted with one … only the 'Black Shadow'. I was crazy to leave it on, as it cost a small fortune, and would be seriously damaged in any accident I might (probably) have as a novice.

Then, behind the front Race Number is the headlight, minus the glass of course. The standard exhaust pipes, with the heavy silencer, went around the track with me, as did the pair of prop (kick) stands underneath. The heavy silencer was spoiling the wonderful sound of an unrestricted Vincent Twin.

Even the rear stand, held by a thumb screw, was still in place, as was my rear registration numberplate. Between my feet was a very heavy battery, there solely to operate the lights, which, with magneto ignition, I wouldn't be using!

With the standard straight handlebars I shouldn't have been able to get into a real 'Racing Tuck' … but I was a lot younger in those days. I have just noticed something else. Up next to the speedo, just behind it in fact, is the bulb of an old-fashioned manual hooter! I remember, the horn had stopped working and we must have an "Audible warning of approach", well on the road we do.

I really was riding my bike standard. I could see from the other bikes that the rules weren't quite that strict, but I hadn't had to spend long hours in the shed changing everything. It was fast enough, and I did manage to win.

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Darian, one of the world's greatest hypochondriacs, bumped into his doctor one day at the supermarket. "Doc," Darian exclaimed, "I've been meaning to tell you, remember those voices I kept on hearing in my head? I haven't heard them in over a week."
"Wow! What wonderful news Darian! I'm so happy for you!" said his doctor.
"Wonderful?" asked a dismal looking Darian. "There's nothing wonderful about it. I'm afraid my hearing is starting to go now!..."

a visit to Europe

by John



<< And last but not least, my brother in Bulgaria and his transport vehicle. Mladen is a village in the municipality of Sevlievo, in Gabrovo Province, in northern central Bulgaria.

vv The Mayor's transport below, a relic from the Communist era. We had morning tea at the Community Centre. The people of Mladen were a wonderful and welcoming people and had done up the Centre and are now restoring the movie theatre in the background. Only one spoke English and he had spent many years near where I grew up in Florida. He and our niece translated for us.



Then I stopped at the BMW factory museum in Berlin. I will say that I was a little disappointed as there were so few old bikes on display.





There were a few of their future bikes on display, the electric ones.







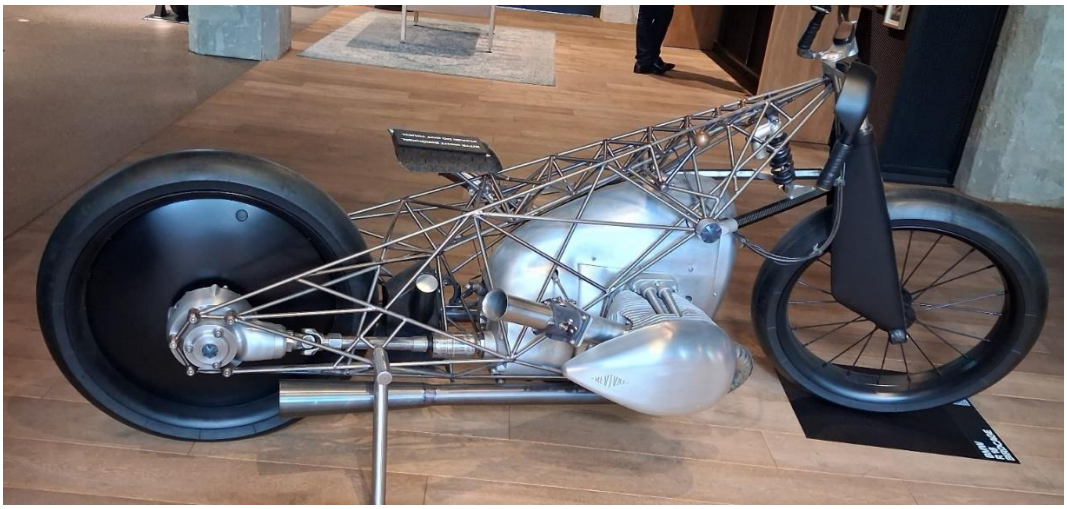






This one was my favourite one.

A minimalist drag bike with a very large, I think it was a 2.5 L, engine.



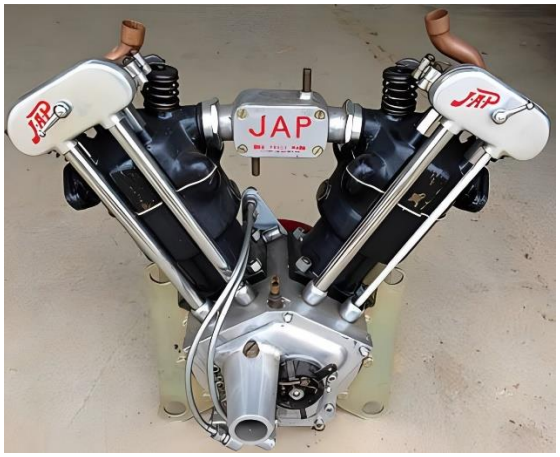
I will say that I did like the three cylinder engine below, it would make a good old school bobber chopper.

The BMW W3 engine patented in 2014.





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Editor found this picture on FBook and copied it. The JAP is one very famous racing engine used in Cycle Car and motor cycle racing. The JAP was used in Morgan from 1909 until even as late as 1950's. The car picture is from Pre War car and is a 1933 model Morgan 3 wheeler.

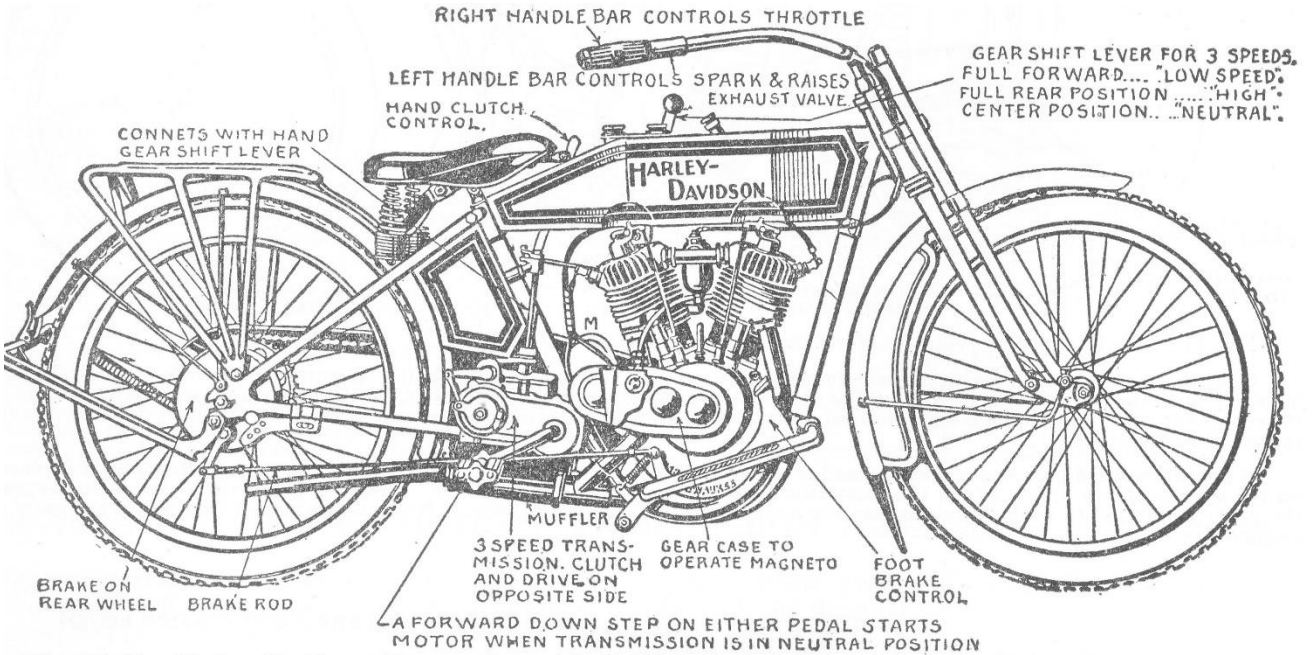


Fig. 15. The **Harley Davidson,** three-speed, model "11F" motorcycle. Note 3 speed transmission. Note lettering ı illustration. To start the three-speed model engine, shift the gears into "neutral" position and have the clutch "in"; start ıe engine by the pedal. After the engine is started, release the clutch. To start the machine, place the gears in mesh, starting f on "low," and gradually applying the clutch. The model "11F" is an earlier model. For description of later models see Specifications" (page 1068) and write manufacturers for description.



Maleny Show 1929

BRHCC Merchandise

Polo shirt	45.00	Bucket hat	25.00
Stencil shirt	55.00	Cap	20.00
Ice-cool shirt	60.00	Car badge (metal)	25.00
Chambray shirt	55.00	Stickers, large	5.00
Name badge	15.00	Stickers, small	3.00
Key fob	10.00	Rego plate stickers, pr	3.00

orders via Bernice,
ph 07 5499 9295

All merchandise available for purchase are stored in the Clubrooms, and you can purchase via the President, Secretary or Treasurer.

Events

BRHCC EVENTS:

** BRHCC meetings held at the clubhouse, every second Wednesday of each month, 9am; (no official meetings in Jan and Dec) **

** Friendly breakfasts for club members and friends each 1st Sunday of the month, **

** Cuppa and Chat Wednesday and Sunday mornings from 9am at our Clubhouse, except on the monthly Run mornings. **

All car Runs and to and from our BRHCC clubhouse will be considered 'sanctioned events'

All BRHCC club runs leave from our clubhouse at 7 Bryce Lane at 9.00am, except when advised otherwise. **Events may be changed at late notice**. **Events at venues must be rsvp to Gary**

Events Co-ordinator: Gary 0435 767 365 brhcc.events@gmail.com

26 July 2026, Sun: car run

2 Aug 2026, Sun: brekkie
9 Aug 2026, Sun 9am: meeting + **AGM**
19 Aug 2026, Wed: car run

6 Sept 2026, Sun: brekkie
9 Sept 2026, Wed, 9am: meeting
20 Sept 2026, car run to Doug and Jenny's place

29 Nov 2026, Sun: BRHCC xmas party

OTHER EVENTS: [all care taken for info, your responsibility to check]

1st Sat each month, 7-10am: Cars & Coffee at German Bakehouse 54 Junction Dve Coolum Beach
1st Sun each month, 7.30am: Landsborough Bakery and Cars; display at train station parking lot
2nd Sun each month, 8-10am: Cooloola Cove Cars and Coffee; Cooloola shopping centre carpark
3rd Sat each month, 4pm-sunset: Puma/Matilda Service Centre Kybong (the new servo)
3rd Sun each month: cars and coffee at Ricks Garage/Bakery, Palmwoods
www.cardigras.com.au events. Cost to display vehicle is $5; register at website; events all year

Third Sunday each month is a car display, with hot coffee and fresh cakes,
at the **Witta Recreation Oval**; arrive about 7.30am. Free entry.
Turn off Maleny-Kenilworth Rd into Witta Rd and enter oval for parking via Cooke Rd
or sometimes at The Nest Café at Witta

25 July 2026, Sat, 6am-noon: Nambour Swap Meet, Showgrounds; adults $5

9 August 2026, Sun: Annual Buick Club Car Show; Old Petrie Town

22 Aug 2026, Sat, 7am-2pm: Chinchilla Auto Show, School Grounds; $5 pp, $10 family;
Owen 4669 1444

5 Sept 2026, Sat, 9am-2pm: Stanthorpe Monster Car Show and Swap, Stanthorpe Historic Vehicle club; showgrounds; swap site $10, entry $5 pp

12 Sept 2026, Sat: GHAC Swap

17 Oct 2026, Sat: Gympie Gold Rush Parade

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Blackall Range Horseless Carriage Club Inc.

In order to promote harmony and fellowship the Club objectives are:

1. To encourage the preservation, restoration and operation of motor vehicles in the categories of:
   Veteran *(up to 31st December 1919);*
   Vintage *(up to 31st December 1930);*
   Historic *(up to 31st December 1939)*;
   Classic *(all vehicles of special interest, no age specified)*; Contemporary
2. to encourage interchange of technical knowledge between members;
3. to foster expertise and skills required for the restoration of vehicles;
4. to display and endeavour to create interest in our vehicles;
5 to conduct social activities towards the furtherance of the objectives of the Club;
6. to participate in special events and social activities on an inter-club level;
5. to cooperate with various charitable and civic organizations in fund-raising activities;
6. to publish a newsletter on Club activities, items of interest, technical information etc as it becomes available

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