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SPRITE ON

The newsletter of the Sprite Car Club of Qld Inc



Peter saw a little mark, couldn't help himself, had to clean it. *Get well Peter.*

The Sprite Car Club of Queensland Inc is open to and welcomes owners & drivers of all vehicles. Our marque is Austin Healey Sprites, MG Midgets and all of their derivatives.

Club Information

Website

<https://www.spritecarclub.com/> Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1737942263157816/>

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Meetings

Club Meetings are held on the 2nd Friday of each month at The Mustang Rooms, Jean Howie Drive, Morningside.
The formal meeting starts at 8pm but you are welcome to arrive anytime after 7pm for a sausage sizzle and a chat.
Sausage sizzle and refreshments are available subject to the Covid safe plan. Contact the President for more details.

Membership

Joining Fee:

New members pay a joining fee of \$100.00 paid pro rata depending on the date of joining. This fee includes the joining fee, annual membership fee for all family members residing at the same address up to May, and 2 name badges.

Types of membership -

Full membership is for current owners of Sprites &/or Midgets.

Associate membership is for all others.

Annual membership:

Continuing members pay an annual membership fee which is currently \$72.00 and is payable in May of each year. This fee includes all family members who reside at the same address.

Club Banking

Details for direct deposits for membership fees, payments for events, purchase of regalia, etc: BSB: 034 002

Account Number: 613033

Account name: Sprite Car Club of Qld Inc

NOTE: Please use your surname, initial and reason for payment as the reference when making a payment.

Advertising

Members may place "For Sale" or "Wanted" ads in the Classifieds section at no charge. Classified ads will be removed automatically after a 3-month period, unless the editor is notified to either delete or extend the advertising period. Ads should be emailed to the newsletter editor. Contact the newsletter editor for further information.

For paid commercial advertising please contact the Treasurer.

Newsletter contributions

The cut-off date for contributions for the next newsletter is the 6th of each month but check with the editor for late inclusion possibilities.

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PLEASE NOTE:

The committee are having some problems with the club yahoo email accounts. If you send an email to any of these accounts please contact the member and tell them so they can confirm receipt. - Ed

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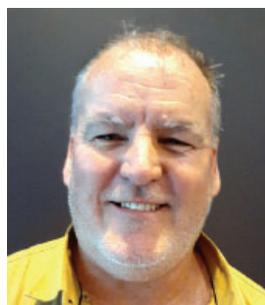
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President's Report

Hello Club Members,

I hope everyone is doing well after the terrible weather we have had this last couple of weeks, if covid was not bad enough we now get a record amount of rain in 3 days that floods Brisbane & surrounds. Lets hope the weather clears so that we can enjoy ours cars more.

Last month we kicked off the first club run for the year with Gary's Twilight Run, what a great turn out from club members. From memory I think there was a total of 18 members, it was a good run for club cars with a great venue for dinner afterwards.

Coming up on Saturday March 12 we have Rod's run starting at 10am at Café Lagardo (Lifestyle Centre – 225 Mt Glorious Road, Samford Valley) and finishing at The Gap Tavern for lunch, hopefully it will not rain & there is a good turnout of members to support him. Please note that if you do intend on going along, let Rod know so he can book the correct numbers and no members are left out.

This month on March 24, we have the start of Mike Millard's midweek runs, the first one for the year. It will start at 9.45am at The Botanic Gardens, then on to see 2 classic car collections, ending up at a café for lunch, sounds like a great day planned ahead. All members are invited to go along if you can make it.

This month's general meeting is on March 11. All members are invited to come along for our normal BBQ from 7pm - meeting starts at 8pm. The North Coast Chapter Meeting is on March 15 at Bribie Island Surf Club, Gold Coast Chapter meeting is on March 17 at The Dog & Parrot Robina - both are always great nights to attend.

Very important news for all club members, this year's Sprite Expo will be held on May 29 at Pelican Park at Clontarf. The committee had to change the date from May 22 as the park is already booked for an event. It would be great to see as many members there as possible to promote our great club and show off our cars. We will be inviting the Austin Healey, Morris & Mini car clubs along and other invited British cars on the day. There will be a coffee van attending on the day, with lunch available from cafes & takeaways, across the road from the park. There will also be trophies awarded on the day as well as plenty of raffle prizes, everyone please mark the date, I look forward to all members making the day a great success.

If any member would like to organise a run or event for club members please contact Club Captain Gary Hawkins or myself for any assistance.

Thanks Mark Gillman
Club President



FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting: Sprite Car Club of Qld

Mustang Club Room – Jean Howie Drive

Date: 11th February 2022

Chairperson: Mark Gillman

Minute Taker: David Chapman

Present: As per Attendance Book – 17 total members attended meeting plus Keith and Karen who unfortunately had to leave as Karen was feeling unwell.

Apologies: Mike Owens, Peter Fallows, Peter Grouse, Alex Robertson

Next Meeting Date: 1 1th March 2022

Minutes of Last Meeting No matters arising. Minutes for January meeting accepted by Michael Dix.

President's Report

Mark welcomed everyone.

The meeting started with a one minute silence for our past president Troy Mansfield who passed away at the young age of 50. Troy had approx. 160 people attended his funeral service. It was a lovely farewell to Troy and it was also lovely to see his beloved Sprite parked outside where the service took place. Mark G

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer detailed the financial status of the club to everyone who attended the meeting. This included income and expenses for the month and balances of the General account, Challenge account, Term Deposit account and Petty Cash. If anyone requires any information regarding the club's financial position, please contact the Treasurer..

Treasurer's report accepted by Nev and Rod. Matt C

Secretary's Report

Mail received January:-

4 x Bank Statements

1 x Goblin magazine

A request from Matt of Motorsport Australia, is visiting Brisbane next week to catch up with anyone who is interested in motor sport. His phone number is 0420 759 024.

David C also advised the meeting that we have received further legal advice as requested on the club's constitution at the committee meeting re clause 16 and clause 19. This information has been passed on to the president.

No further correspondence. David C

Sunshine Coast Chapter

10 club members attended the meeting at the Beerwah Hotel.

Next meeting at the Morayfield Tavern on Tuesday 15/2/22.

Gold Coast Chapter 8 members attended the meeting at Hope Island Tavern. It was a good night. Next meeting at the Dublin Docks at Harbour Town on Thursday 17/2/22.

Mark Gillman wants to talk to Gary re a club run on the Gold Coast

Club Captain Report

Mid-Week Run Report Gary Hawkins reported a good run on Saturday from Lota down to the Port and back. Stopping for a bite to eat at Brew Dog at Murarrie.

4 Bug Eyes attended including members in other vehicles and Mike in his MG.

Next run to be organised by Rod C. on the 12/3/22 where we will be meeting west of Samford at Lifestyle Centre. The run goes through Mt. Glorious, White Cedar Falls and back through Mt. Nebo and back to the Gap Tavern for a meal. Please let Rod know if you are attending so he can finalise numbers for the restaurant. Gary H

Membership

Keith reported no change. Karen & Keith G.

Web / Forum

Current website coming along. You might see a warning message when you enter the website. Mike D said to ignore this message. The new website is progressing well and the demo test site is currently being built. Mike is going to check the library at the Mustang Club so that he can upload information to the website. Mike also asked the meeting whether they wanted a section called "Lending Library" where members can offer tools etc. on a loan basis. Mike D

Newsletter

Carole's partner Peter, has recently had a hip replacement and she is helping him recover. Please email her with anything you would like to add to the next newsletter. Carole C

GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

The Sprite Expo date has been confirmed for 29th May 2022 at Pelican Park Clontarf. There will only be only one Entry and Exit point to the display area and section 3, as on the map used at the Sprite Expo 2019, is now a 'no go' zone. See attached map.

Mark G to book the coffee van. Mark talked about maybe offering a morning tea at the Expo. There are cafes across from Pelican Park also.

Nev M mentioned that Greg Holden is now the president of the NSW Sprite Club. At the meeting a request was made if we can obtain a copy of their monthly magazine. Mark G to contact them and find out.

We invited 2 members to get up and talk about themselves and their cars: -

Terry Burton attended the meeting. He has a '62 Mark 2 Sprite. All original with 950 motor and a rib cage gear box. He has had the car for 18 months. It is red in colour. He is putting in the diff this weekend. Terry has been a member for approx. 6 months. The reason he bought his Sprite is he wanted a British sports car of a similar vintage to his age.

Max Walker is a good friend of Terry's. He has a '71 MG Midget. Bought it approx. 6 months ago from Maryborough. He drove it 4 times and cracked the head. It has a 1275 motor and he is replacing it with another head. Hopefully it should be on the road again very soon.

Regalia:

All club members who ordered the new shirts received them at the meeting. Thanks Karen a job well done. Mark G

Facebook/Emails

Scott C reported there were 82 active members.

Popular time was Sat at 6pm.

Emails and all correspondence going out consistently. Also, to advertisers and other clubs. With the last email run there were no returns. Scott C

Raffle Drawn

First prize: Rod H –Car Care bucket

Second prize: Mike D - Wine and chocolates

Third prize: Max W – Wine and chocolates

Meeting Closed 8.41 pm

“I have sighted this document and believe it is a true and accurate record of the meeting”.

Signed:



PELICAN PARK - Bookable Event Site

Hornibrook Esplanade, Clontarf



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 29TH MA.
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Sunshine Coast Report

Sunny Coast dinner meeting was held on Feb 15th at the Morayfield Tavern. It was only our second time at the Tavern and the meals were great. It's also not too busy on a Tuesday evening, which makes conversation easy. We had a very nice evening of chat and car trivia and discussion on upcoming runs. The nasty weather had not kicked in so all was pleasant on the weather front. We noted that Rod's run was coming up in March so that may not last, famous last words. Next meeting is on March 15th, at the Bribie Island Surf Club. See you there.

Chris

Gold Coast Report

Gold Coast Meeting Thursday February 17th. Our monthly meeting was held at the Dublin Docks Tavern in Biggera Waters.

With some members away and some on the sick list we had 9 members attend. Our usual table was taken on the outside deck with good service and good food and luckily very pleasant weather without rain! Our next meeting is at the Dog and Parrot hotel in Robina on March 17th.



Gary Stevens.



Coffee at Taigum for Von Siegfried (Michael Dix) 19th February
Terry Burton has his Sprite out on the road 20th February



NEW Summer Shirts

With the hot Queensland Sun and the importance of Sun Protection, we have added some Long Sleeved Shirts to our Regalia Collection.

These shirts have UPF 30 sun protection. The Polo shirts are the same as the Life Guards wear.

The Mens and Ladies button up shirts can be ordered individually, but the Polo shirts, I need an order of at least 5.

If you would like a shirt, please contact me on 0412 658 415.

If you want the sizing measurements please contact me.

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Karen

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2022 Club Runs

So far we have the following run dates penciled in.

WEEKEND RUNS

Saturday 12th March (Rod Constable's Run)
Sunday 30th April (Alex Robertson's Run)
Sunday 29th May (Sprite Expo)
Sunday 12th June (Gary Hawkins Run)
Sunday 3rd July (Michael Dix's Run)
Remainder of year has not be settled yet.

Of course, all are subject to confirmation closer to the dates, but hopefully that is enough to help members make plans.

MIDWEEK RUNS (Mike Millard)

Thursday 24th March
Thursday 28th April
Thursday 26th May
Thursday 23rd June
Thursday 28th July
Thursday 25th August
Thursday 22nd September
Thursday 27th October
Sunday SCCQ Xmas Party
4th December

THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES AND REPORTS IS THE **SIXTH** OF THE MONTH SO THE NEWSLETTER IS OUT BEFORE THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING - WITH THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING INCLUDED



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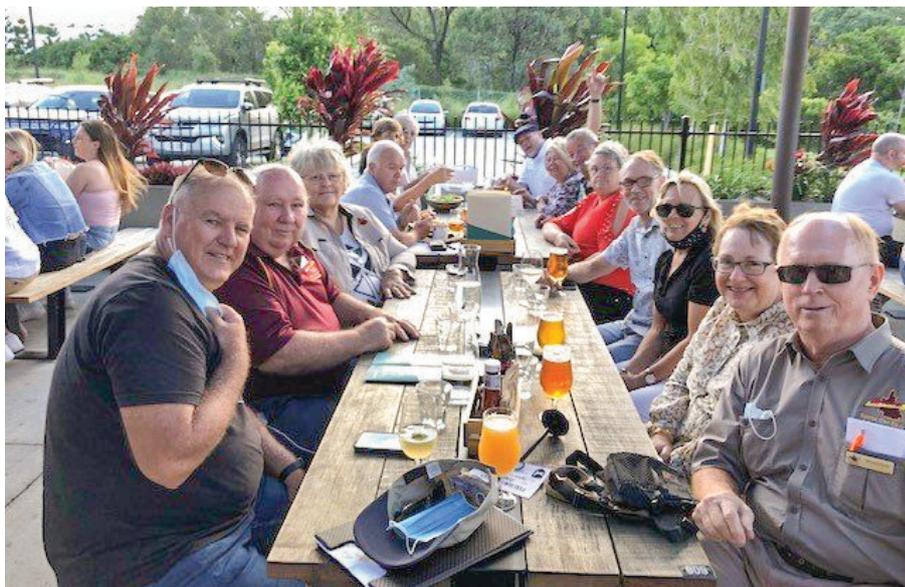
5th Feb 2022 Twilight Run.

With showers and windy weather in the morning, at one stage it looked as though the first run of 2022 would be getting off to a soggy start. However, in the afternoon the clouds cleared for a glorious summer afternoon (albeit a bit windy), and we all assembled at the designated meeting point on the Lota foreshore. With four Bugeyes', one MG"Y" a couple of Pseudo Spridgets and a few daily drives, we set off along the waterfront through Manly and up to Wynnum, before then heading out along the Port of Brisbane road until we could go no further. Having viewed the sights we returned along the Port road, heading for our Dinner and Drinks location (Brew Dog Murrarie) and this is where we added a little twist, taking a detour across the Gateway bridge and back again, making a healthy contribution to the coffers of the Queensland Motorways. (Sorry about that!)

Upon arrival at Brew Dog, space was limited as the place was pretty full (they must have got word that we were coming), so we all squeezed together making a table of 16 people, with a few others inside. Despite the crowds, the service was prompt and everyone enjoyed a tasty meal with a craft beer or two to wash it down. As the evening progressed everyone headed off homeward bound, and from all reports made it home safely. Unfortunately, upon leaving Brew Dog, my Bugeye started emitting a steady stream of blue smoke. After a patch up repair job, we managed to stem the plumes of smoke and nursed the car home with Nev Mansfield riding shotgun, just in case we came to a screaming halt. (Thanks Nev, it was reassuring to have you chaperoning Bron & I home).

Thanks to all those who supported the run. Great to see such good numbers, let's see if we can get an even better role up to Rod Constable's run on the 12th March.

Gary Hawkins



Macs Bridge Sports and Classic Car Festival - Sunday May 22nd at the Belmont Rifle Range

Just to let you know that the website for the above event has now been updated. You can pre-enter the event by downloading the entry forms from the website or you can enter on the day.

The website is www.macleansbridge.com and you follow the links to Macs bridge. Planning is well under way, and we would love to see you there,

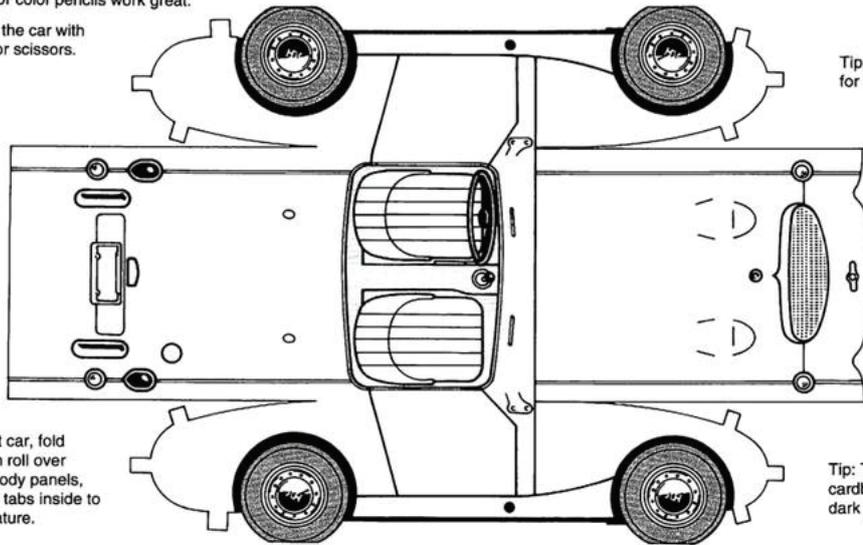
Cheers from Murray Clark and The Committee.



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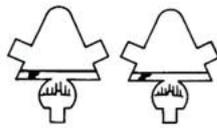


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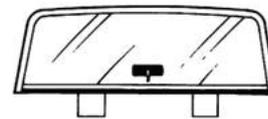
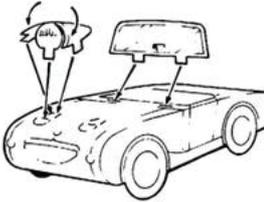


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Tip: Tape completed model to
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