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The newsletter of the Sprite Car Club of Qld Inc



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.



Happy Days Diner, Maryborough

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Meetings are held the second Friday of each month 8pm, normally at The Mustang Rooms, Jean Howie Drive, Morningside. and other locations as scheduled. Check the calendar for exact dates and locations.
<https://www.spritecarclub.com/about-us/>

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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.

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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.

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

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Newsletter contributions

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President's Report

Hello Members,

Hope you are all well. Wow, I can't believe we are in August now, the year seems to be going very quickly. The last couple of months we have had some very well attended runs and events that members have enjoyed together.

Leading into August we will be holding Sprite Expo 2024 at Pelican Park, Clontarf, Redcliffe. Members can arrive in their cars from 8am. The committee will be looking for volunteers on the day, if you are interested please speak to Miles (Vice President) once you have arrived and he will assign you to a volunteer job. There will be coffee, BBQ, raffle prizes and trophies available on the day. Hopefully the weather is fine for a great club day.

The other events in August will be the Gold Coast Chapter breakfast run organised by Deb Mitchell on the 25th and the midweek run organised by Mike Millard on the 29th. All members are invited to come along to these events, details to be sent out soon.

Heading into September the club event for the month will be The Sprite Car Club display at the All British Day, Tennyson. As we have done in previous years the club will pay the entry cost of \$20 to members that are coming along on the day and will display their car. This is always a huge event with everything British being on display. I look forward to seeing a great display from our club on the day.

The month of October brings the club's annual AGM Meeting, I encourage all members to come along so a successful AGM Meeting can be held. All positions will be vacated and up for nominations on the night. If you are thinking of nominating for a committee position you will need to be present on the night.

This month's general meeting is back at the Mustang Room club house, there will be no food available before the meeting but there will be coffee and nibbles/cake available after the meeting for members. If you are free on Friday night all members are invited to come along.

I look forward to catching up with you there or at the next club event.

Thanks

Mark Gillman
Club President



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Gold Coast Chapter Run - June 23

We met at the MG Clubrooms at Mudgeeraba and then followed Gary Stevens all over the place with some great stops included. Then we went to the Pancake Diner at Burleigh for lunch. We were placed in a cold and windy spot so some of us moved to the sun! Thanks Gary for a great day out.

Carole Cooke



Trevor came to say Hello



Deb and Sephora standing by Don's Valiant



Austin Healey Spectacular - July 7

A great turnout by the Sprite Club of Queensland at the Spectacular, held at the Austin Healey Clubrooms, Old Cleveland Road, Carindale, by the Austin Healey Owners Club of Queensland



SCCQ WIDE BAY (WET WEATHER) WANDER WEEKEND WRAP UP 5th - 8th July 2024.

Great idea Alex and John to make it a “W” themed event.

On the Friday evening we gathered around the pool at the Beach Motel (as it was too wet to go with the original plan of drinks on the beach). After a few drinks all decided on their choice of take away meals, and upon collection we all returned to the pool area to enjoy some spirited conversation, and get the rundown from Alex and John on the plan for the weekend. Like good boys and girls we were not too late to bed (a sign that we are all getting on in years), in preparation for a big day of activities on the Saturday.



An early 8.30am start saw us set off under gloomy skies for Maryborough, where a guided tour of the historical precinct had been arranged. Our guide, Lindsay, born and bred in Maryborough, took us through the amazing Town Hall and old Council Chamber, whilst also providing some great insights in the history of Maryborough and its people.



Following the Town Hall tour Lindsay took those who were willing (and able) on a City walk through the many interesting sights and buildings, which make up the rich history of the town. The tour concluded at the “Cistern Chapel” (Best looking Loos in Queensland), before we all gathered at the Aloysious Cafe for morning tea.



Maryborough Town Hall, walk to Queens Park, Queens Park and Cistern Chapel

Upon departing Maryborough we viewed some magnificent examples of Queensland Colonial homes then we settled in at Happy Days Diner, for lunch and photo opportunities. (See page 1) The Diner was tastefully decorated in 50's theme, and the food was good as well. (particularly, the old fashioned malted milks).





Teddington Weir



The afternoon events included a country drive to Teddington Weir (another great photo opportunity), followed by a Mary River crossing which provided a magnificent backdrop for our muddy Spridgets. After a quick toilet stop, we had a very wet run back Hervey Bay.

This was, of course, was not a problem, as all of the Spridgets were water tight, with windscreen wipers that were built to cope with monsoon rains. (Yeah).



Upon return to the Motel, we had a short time to refresh before gathering again poolside for a few pre-dinner drinks and then heading to our dinner reservation at "Santini". The quality of the food at "Santini" was certainly matched with the service, and the consensus from all was that it was a great night out and a fitting conclusion to a day full of great moments, (and more importantly no breakdowns).



Near Tiaro



Once again we assembled early on the Sunday morning (8.15am) for a morning drive along the Esplanade where we were joined by several members of the local MG Car Club. From the esplanade we headed out of Hervey Bay to River Head, for another photo opportunity and the all important "Coffee and Cake". Upon arrival in River Head, John discovered that his Bugeye was leaking fuel and the fuel pump was working overtime. After a short inspection all concluded that it must be a leak in the copper fuel line (so not much could be done), and John, in true Sprite Club spirit decided to carry on with the days activities, keeping a close eye on his fuel gauge, with a back up jerry can of fuel in the passenger seat.





From River Head we enjoyed a scenic drive back to Hervey Bay, stopping at the Hervey Bay Art Gallery, where a special area had been reserved for our Spridgets to be displayed. Unfortunately, Gary spoiled the otherwise spotlessly clean concrete concourse



with his trademark Oil Stain, so perhaps we won't be asked back to the Gallery again?

The gallery had some interesting exhibits, and we spent a good hour there before heading back to the hotel for lunch and a refresh, before heading on our Sunset cruise.

A slight hiccup in proceedings as the bus that was supposed to pick us up for the cruise didn't arrive as planned, however John and Alex were quickly on the phone and arranged for another bus to be despatched to ensure that we were at the harbour in time. The cruise commenced with a glass of bubbly and a brief introduction from the crew, who brought a sense of humour to the obligatory safety instructions, before providing some great commentary as we headed out towards K'gari (Fraser) to get the best views of the sun setting into the bay. The Skipper did well to avoid the frequent showers that were crossing the bay, and as we approached "Moon Point" one of a group of lads camping on the beach decided to hop on the roof of his ute and drop his dacks (guess this is why they call it Moon Point?) It was great to report that no one was sea sick on the cruise and all captured some amazing photographs of the birdlife and the setting sun.

Following the cruise we moved on to the "Asian Flavours" restaurant and another great meal with lively conversation. Having missed the bus (again) following dinner, we were ferried back to the hotel by Cheryl, who despite having to work early on the Monday morning, generously offered to make several trips to make sure that everyone got back to the Motel safely. (Thanks Cheryl).

On the Monday morning some of the group started heading home, but others stayed on for a visit to an excellent collection of motoring memorabilia followed by an excellent Chicken and Chorizo lunch, hosted by the Duttons'.

Overall a fantastic weekend away. Thanks Alex and Annie, John and Cheryl and all club members who attended and made this such a memorable time. There was even talk of making it a yearly event, so we hope to see even more members attending in 2025.



Gary Hawkins

Fitting End to Sprite Car Club Weekend

The Sprite Car Club of Queensland had a 4 day Wide Bay Weekend Wander recently in Hervey Bay and surrounds.

On the final day, some headed back early to Brisbane to beat any rush-hour traffic, but a few braver souls visited Richard and Vikki at Latitude 25 for a fitting end (or fattening end!) to the events with a Spanish Paella lunch served for 14 on the BBQ terrace.



There was also a quick tour of a neighbour's magnificent cars and motoring memorabilia, including a Jag XK150S coupe, one of the last Mini Cooper S cars made at Zetland, Sydney, a 2004 Holden Monaro CV8 (with less than 6,000 kms on the clock) and an autographed Mark Webber race suit and helmet.

The visitors were impressed with the facilities and size of garages at the Latitude 25 RV Lifestyle Village and some expressed interest in moving there one day!



Richard's 102 sqm garage houses a caravan, a boat, an MG Midget, Vikki's MBenz hatchback and Richard's Amarak SUV, with room for a workbench and storage shelving. With a 4m ceiling height, quite a few residents have installed a car hoist or a mezzanine floor.

The photos tell the story of the lunch visit

Richard Dutton



Queensland Mini Display Day - July 13

Held at the Austin Healey Clubrooms, Carindale
Winners were Peter Dix and Gary Crocker



Sunshine Coast Chapter

The Sunshine Coast have had good attendances at the meetings, except for June when we only had 6 in attendance. The grey nomads were off doing their thing and having more fun than us so good on them. In April we had 16 at the Glasshouse Tavern, I was away for the May meeting so unsure how many attended but I believe that there was a fair number and in July we had 16 at the Beerwah pub. It was good to see Alex rock up for that meeting and also some new members who fitted in very well. Quite a few of us went to the Hervey Bay weekend in early July and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We met new people, did plenty of runs that showed us quite a bit of the region, and also didn't starve or go thirsty either. Great work by Alex, John and Cheryl on organising the both weekend and participants and keeping us rounded up. It was like herding cats but they coped.

Our next dinner is on August 20th at the Beachmere Tavern.

See you there, Chris.



Gold Coast Chapter

Our June 19 meeting was held back at the Gem Hotel, out at Staplyton. It is a little nostalgic driving out along the Staplyton - Jacobs Well Rd towards the hotel as you pass the Yatala Drive In.....yes, it is still in operation after all these years. Come on... you all remember drive ins!! We had 13 members attend who all enjoyed the meals. It was exactly June last year that we were last there.

Gary

Gary and Lindsay were away in July so there were less at the Hope Island Tavern on July 17. We also had a great Chapter Run on June 23 when Gary took us all around the Gold Coast that we didn't know existed!

Carole





**Sprite Car Club
of Queensland Inc.**

SPRITE EXPO

11TH AUGUST 2024

PELICAN PARK, CLONTARF.

8AM TO 1PM

- ❖ **DISPLAY YOUR CAR \$5 ENTRY PER VEHICLE**
- ❖ **TROPHY PRESENTATION 12.30PM**
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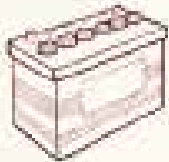
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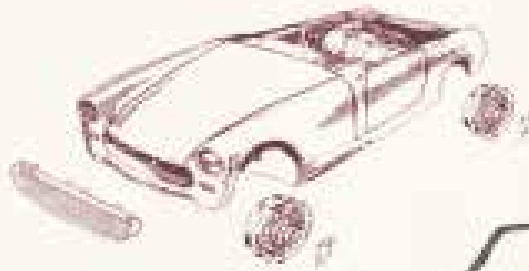
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JUNE MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting:	Sprite Car Club of Qld Mustang Club Room – Jean Howie Drive	Date:	14 th June 2024
Chairperson:	Mark Gillman	Minute Taker:	David Chapman
Present:	As per Attendance Book – 19 total members attended		
Apologies:	Mike Ovens		
Next Meeting Date:	10 th August 2024		
Minutes of Last Meeting	No matters arising. Minutes for January meeting accepted by Michael Dix.		

Topic	Information	By whom
President's Report	<p>Mark welcomed everyone.</p> <p>He said there were a couple of good runs earlier in the month. The dinner meetings have been well attended. Mark wants to discuss the Sprite Expo in General Business.</p>	Mark G
Treasurer's Report	<p>There was a big flurry of income in May with membership fees being paid. No expenses except for bank fees.</p> <p>If anyone requires any information regarding the club's financial position, please contact the treasurer.</p> <p>Accepted by Karen.</p>	Matt C
Secretary's Report	<p>Mail received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 x Bank Statements 2 x Goblin magazines 1 x cheque from K. Duddy 1 x email from Motorsport Australia re catch up 1 x Healey magazine 	David C
Membership	<p>2 members have paid twice. They have agreed to lay over to next year.</p> <p>30 memberships are still outstanding. Total membership is 102. We have lost 6 members. One has sold a car and 2 are in Cairns and decided not to join and 1 member has passed away.</p>	Keith G
Club Captain Report	Not applicable	
Sunshine Coast Chapter	<p>It was a top night. 16 members attended the Buringary Tavern. Next night out at The Big Fish 18th June.</p>	Neville

Topic	Information	By whom
Gold Coast Chapter	Only 5 attended the Hope Island Tavern. Next night out is at The Gem 19 th June	
Facebook / Email	No change. All good	
Website	All running good. There is one technical issue with Keith and Karen. Mike is going to sort out. Mike is just about ready to contact committee members regarding log on log off with in the website	Mike D
Regalia	Only sold 2 key rings to Neville.	Karen G
Newsletter	All good.	Carole C

GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business	<p>Karen suggested we change the Post Office box to Morningside as it is near the club house for ease of collecting mail. All agreed.</p> <p>David confirmed that the Tingalpa Tavern has been booked for the Christmas lunch with a private room.</p> <p>Mark expressed concern at the low numbers attending meetings and asked whether members can confirm their attendance via email/facebook prior to the meeting through Karen.</p> <p>Sprite Spectacular/Sprite Expo:</p> <p>Alex R. was concerned that this event would be the Sprite Expo in conjunction with the Austin Healey Club. Alex said 11 members cannot come that weekend because of a previous event organised by Alex. There are 3 committee members attending this event of Alex's. Alex would like to see the Sprite Expo run as our own premier event separately.</p> <p>Mark did advise the meeting that the majority of the committee voted to combine the Sprite Expo with the Healey's at the club house at Carindale. A motion was raised by Alex as follows:-</p> <p>Still go to the Healey Event but have the Sprite Expo separately this year.</p> <p>The majority attending the meeting voted to have the Sprite expo separately this year. This was seconded by Rod H.</p> <p>It was suggested that we call the event with the Healey Club "The Austin Healey Spectacular"</p>	Mark G
Raffle Drawn	No Raffles	
Meeting Closed	8.09 pm	

PLEASE NOTE:
 Certain financial information has not been disclosed as this newsletter is accessible to the public via the website. This information can be provided to club members by request to the Treasurer.

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

Signed

Coming Events

AUGUST

- 2-4th Morgan Park Sprints, round 3
- 9th Club Meeting, Mustang room, Jean Howie Drive Morningside
- 11th SPRITE EXPO, Pelican Park. Clontarf 8am-1pm
- 14th Gold Coast Dinner, Nerang RSL
- 16,17,18th Leyburn Sprints
- 20th Sunshine Coast Dinner, 6pm Beachmere Tavern
- 25th Deb Mitchell will be organising a run, details to follow
- 29th Midweek Run, details to be advised (Mike Millard organizer)

SEPTEMBER

- 13TH Club Dinner, venue to be advised
- 15th All British Day, Tennyson
- 17th Sunshine Coast Dinner, 6pm, Bribie Island Surf Club
- 18th Gold Coast Dinner, Hope Island Tavern
- 20-22nd Morgan Park Sprints, round 4
- 22nd Maleny Run, more details to follow. organiser Gary Hawkins
- 25th Midweek Run, details to follow. (Mike Millard organizer)
- 29th Distinguished Gentlemans Run, details to follow (Mike Dwyer organizer)

OCTOBER

- 11th Club Meeting and AGM, Mustang club room, Jean Howie Drive Morningside
- 15th Sunshine Coast Dinner, 6pm Burpengary Tavern
- 16th Gold Coast Dinner, Hope Island Tavern
- 23rd Midweek Run, details to follow. (Mike Millard organizer)



BRHCC INVITATION TO MALENY

September Club Run Details:

Date: Sunday 22nd September 2024



Meeting Point : Big Fish Tavern (Car Park) 459 Pumicestone Road Caboolture.

Meeting Time: 9.00am

After departing the Big Fish we will drive to the Blackall Range Car Club for coffee and to join up with BRHCC members for a scenic run of Maleny and surrounds.

Following the run we will return to BRHCC Clubhouse, where a simple BBQ lunch will be provided (thanks BRHCC). Verona Larkin will also give us a bit of a walk back in time through her racing days. Verona has some great yarns from the past and I'm sure this will be the highlight of the day.

Look forward to seeing some good support on this run, to show our appreciation to BRHCC for hosting us.

If you need additional information please don't hesitate to contact me.

Cheers,

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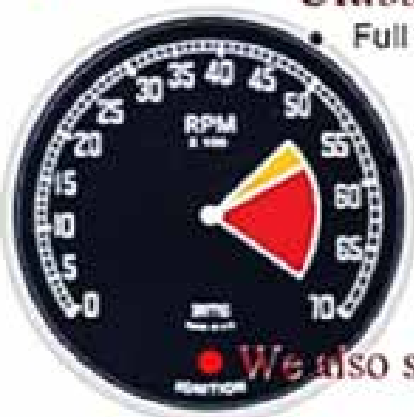
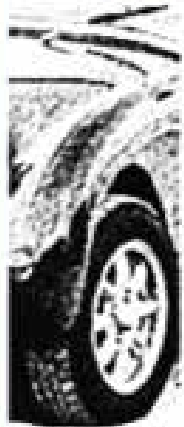


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BRISBANE

Coorparoo: 1st Saturday of each month, from 7:30am, Samios Foods, 37 Turbo Drive Coorparoo
Taigum: 3rd Saturday of each month, from 6:30am, Taigum Square, 217 Beams Rd, Taigum.
<https://www.carsandcoffeebrisbane.com/>

BRISBANE NORTH & NORTH WEST

North Lakes: 3rd Saturday of each month, 7-9am 21 Torres Cres North Lakes <https://motoringdiary.com.au/event/cars-and-coffee-north-lakes/>
Samford: 2nd Sunday of each month, from 7:30am, Shop 14, 19 Main Street, Samford Village
<https://www.bgsclassiccars.com.au/carsandcoffee>

SUNSHINE COAST

Coolum: 1st Saturday of each month, 7-10am at the German Bakehouse, 54 Junction Rd, Coolum Beach. (Also open next door for a \$5 entry fee is the private car collection of Frank Carroll and the Sir Henry Royce Foundation.) <https://www.facebook.com/carsandcoffeesunshinecoast/> <https://www.facebook.com/german-bakehousecoolumcafe/>

GOLD COAST

Monthly coffee catch is back at Ormeau on the LAST SUNDAY of the month. Plenty of carparking and a great coffee kiosk right there in the carpark in the middle of it all. The cafe has gone through a complete renovation with plenty of seating and shaded areas.

Currumbin: 1st Sunday of each month, 8-11am, 639 Currumbin Creek Rd, Currumbin <https://cartorque.co/car-shows/cars-and-coffee-currumbin-valley-qld-3535>

NORTHERN NSW

Byron Bay: 2nd Sunday of each month, 8:30-11:30, The Farm at Byron Bay, 11 Ewingsdale Rd, Ewingsdale (approx. 5 minutes drive from Byron Bay). There is a \$2 donation per car to cover costs. <http://byronbayspeedshop.com/cars-and-coffee-byron-bay/>

NOTE: Always check with the Club Website and/or Facebook page for any last-minute changes to the events or any new events which may not be included here. COVID 19 may have affected these events