



Coffs Splutter



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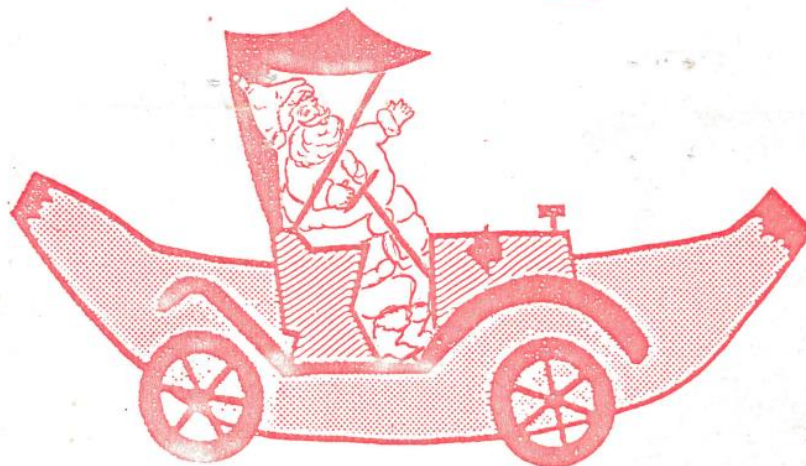
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For the final newsletter before the club's 50th year, here are a selection of Christmas themed "Coffs Splutter" covers from the early days of the club

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2023-2024

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Club Meetings: General Meetings are held at the Boambee Hall at 7.00 pm on the first Thursday of each month except for January when no meeting is normally held.

Club Fees: A joining fee of \$5.00 applies. Annual fees are \$45.00 for a Single Membership, \$50.00 for a Family Membership, \$15.00 for a Junior Membership and \$10.00 for Associate Membership. Fees are due on 1st January each year for the calendar year. However, as membership of an approved car club is an RMS requirement for Concessional Registration of vehicles, annual fees for members seeking registration of cars in the following year are payable at the Rego Day, normally the third Sunday in November. For members joining the Club after 30 June each year, half annual fees will apply.

Club Newsletter: A full-colour copy of the Club's newsletter "Coffs Splutter" is emailed to all members with a valid email address registered with the Club. For an annual fee of \$15.00 (payable to the Treasurer) a member may arrange to have a printed B/W copy delivered by Australia Post to an address of their choice.

All articles appearing in "Coffs Splutter" are the sole responsibility of the author(s) as to matters of fact and veracity.

1954 Holden Ute Restoration, by Hal Murray

This Ute was acquired in March 2000 when we lived in Broken Hill. The car had been stripped down and looked like someone had begun restoration. It had rust in all the places where FJs rust and was missing quite a few parts, notably an engine and gearbox. I had spare engines and gearboxes. I was told it came off a sheep station where it had an exceptionally tough life, even the dents had dents in them.



Many of the missing parts I had as spares for the sedan most of the rest were sourced while we lived in Broken Hill.

Serious restoration began in 2014 in Coffs Harbour. Graeme Kane helped with many operations that need extra muscle and brainpower to remove and install.

The front suspension came off first this helped with access to rusted cross members.

The following four photos show the repair of the driver's side floor, cross member and side box section. The left photo shows much of the floor cut away, not only to remove rust but also to get access to subframe members. The right photo shows a large section of the cross member cut out.



The entire box section that runs down the side of the car inside the sill was then cut out.

Next photo on the left shows the replacement subframe cross member and sill box section welded in. A floor was fabricated by hand to fit then welded in as shown on the right.



This repair is typical of numerous rust repairs. Rusted material was cut away to solid metal. Replacement panels were either purchased, cut from wrecks or hand made.

The vent region on all FJ's rust as the drainage is poor. This Ute was no exception. A large part of this panel was cut out and replaced with section cut from a wreck at O'Leary where it rarely rains. The replacement section was in excellent condition.



All metal surfaces were sanded back to bare metal using strip and sand discs. These are exceptionally effective at removing not only old paint but surface rust as well. A panel that at first glance looks ordinary often comes up great. The left photo shows the inside of the doors after sanding. The surfaces are then treated with rust dissolver, primed then painted.



The tailgate was difficult as all I had was a rusted inner panel. The panel was acceptable save for the bottom 10 cm. Enough of the bottom was present to enable accurate fabrication of replacement metal. New replacement outer skins are available, one was purchased and attached.

A MIG welder using 0.6 mm wire was used for all welding. Kitchen sponge cut into 2 cm strips and soaked with water were placed about 1 cm either side of joints where shrinkage and distortion due to welding might be an issue. This dramatically reduces warping and shrinkage.

I had acquired a grey motor which I was told it had been running well. The head was removed, the bore looked good, no lip. The head was given a valve grind (by hand) and new valve seals were installed. All Welch plugs were replaced along with gaskets and seals. Then it was cleaned up and painted. The next photo shows faithful assistant Graeme Kane assisting with the engine installation. The engine runs fine, pulls strongly, and does not smoke.



When the front end was removed a patch of original paint in very good condition was exposed. This paint was matched and is the colour I painted the ute. Acrylic paint was used.

The seat upholstery and headlining were completed professionally by a local upholsterer.

New hardwood boards were installed in the back. Pretty well all rubbers, seals and bearings were replaced. All work done to the ute was completed by my able assistant and myself. The only things we did not do were the upholstery, windscreen installation and king pin re-bushing.



Saturday Run to Bongil Bongil Picnic Area 2/12/23

Despite the surprise nature of the outing as it had been missed from the schedule and the patchy weather, we had a great turnout. People were happy and the festive season seems to have been taken up. We chatted about the weather, health matters (always a lot to say here), the forest and our upcoming Christmas lunch. It emphasises how the club is much more about our members than about the cars! After a few hours bookended by a shower or two we went off home with some early Christmas glow. Thanks to all the members that turned up.

Attendance:

Leigh and Carol - Mazda MX5, Jim and Wendy - Mercedes SL, John and Lorraine - Holden Torana, Geoff and Leonie - Wolseley, Gerry - Toyota Crown, Graeme and Lynne and Grandson Aiden - Modern, Peter and Nerida - Ford Capri, Bob and Ronis - Modern, Ian and Carol - Modern

Report & photos by Gerry DeGabriele.



The line up of club vehicles looking particularly nice in the bushland setting of Bongil Bongil National Park.



Above & below: The club was able to nab the main picnic shelter for the afternoon

Coffee Run to RFS Fire Control Centre, Thursday 16th November

After meeting at the usual place at Aviation drive at Coffs Harbour Airport we drove to the Rural Fire Service Control Centre a few minutes away. We felt privileged to be invited into the Communications room in the Control Centre and be warmly welcomed by Operational Officer, Colin Howett and members of the Support Group.

Colin guided us through the amazing interactive map of NSW from which he could get detailed up to date information so quickly. It was so impressive to see this standard of communications which enables the Control Centre to be able to render assistance wherever needed.

The members of the Support Group explained the very important work done by these volunteers. The main areas they volunteer for, are Catering Logistics, Community Engagement and Fundraising and managing the information which comes into the Control Centre. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers, including our CHVCCCC member, Tony Carr.

After a most interesting visit inside, Colin then took us outside to have an inspection of the fire trucks. Lorraine Lansley led the questions from our group so we learnt about every little container and compartment on the trucks. Well done Lorraine.

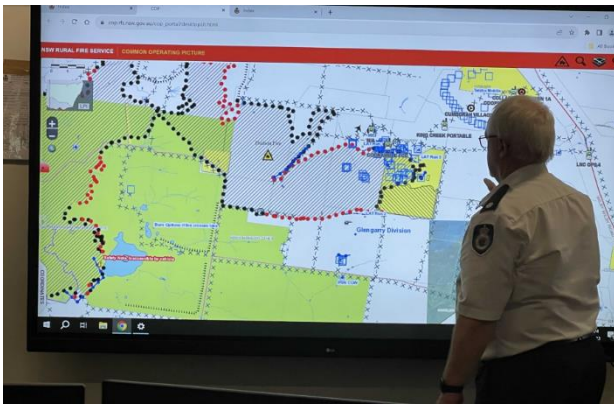
As it was almost lunch time after our visit a small group of us had lunch at the Café at the Bunker Cartoon Gallery which we enjoyed much. Thank you Tony for organising a most enjoyable activity.

Attendees:

Tony Carr - modern, Kevin and Moira Franklin - 1988 Mercedes, Jim Fisher - 1988 Mercedes, John and Lorraine Lansley - A Model Ford ute, John Williams - modern, Kaye Guinness - modern, Geoff Maunder - modern, Des Drury - modern, Judy Riddell - modern, Phil Bicknell - Austin Healey, Zeno Baston - modern, William and Jean Lagettie - modern, Toon and Noi – modern

Report by Moira Franklin, Photos – Moira Franklin and Geoff Maunder.





Members enjoying a fascinating morning learning up the operations of the RFS Control Centre



MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 2023 MEETING of THE COFFS HARBOUR

VETERAN, VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CAR CLUB

Thursday 7th December 2023

Meeting opened: 7.10 p.m.

Attendance: As per Attendance Book=25

Apologies: Graeme Kane, Leigh Stephens, Max Eggins, Peter Albrecht, Andy Taylor and Graeme King

Guests: Nil

Minutes of last meeting: The minutes, as printed in the magazine were accepted as representing a true and accurate record of the November 2023 meeting.

Moved: William Lagettie

Seconded: Barry Milne

Carried

Business arising from November 2023 Minutes: -Extra admin cost for insurance has been paid

Correspondence In:

- 17 Magazines
- VHMC Affiliation Notice
- Invite –Starry Starry Night 9/12/23
- Invite –Diggers Military Motorcycles Show and Shine Sat 22nd Jan Casino
- Invite-Sawtell Fun Day 1st Jan 24
- Invite-Wauchope Yesteryear Truck and Machinery Show 4-7th Oct 24
- Invite- Motorfest March 9th 2024 Hawks Nest
- Insurance Certificates
- Letter of resignation from Tony Carr and a thank you from the Support Group for the printer gift.
- Account from C.ex Coffs Club for combined display for \$105.39

Correspondence Out:

- Andrew Bruce re Sawtell Fun day
- Presidents generic letter to members
- VHMC Affiliation form sent online payment to follow

Moved: Marg Murray

Seconded: John Lansley

Carried

Treasurers Report: *The Treasurer moved the report be accepted and all accounts/expenses be paid.*

Moved: Jan Ryan

Seconded: Judy Riddel

Carried

Presentation by: Dave Morrow (Not able to attend). Geoff Maunder treated us to slides from his visit to Coventry Transport Museum. There was a wide range of vehicles, many extremely rare and with interesting histories. Thanks to Geoff we all had a glimpse of cars many of us would normally never have the opportunity to view.

Event Reports:

November

- Thursday 2nd- Club Meeting.
- Saturday 4th- Car Collection/Tony-Great event and very entertaining
- Thursday 16th- Coffee run Rural Fire S/Tony-17 members attended and had an enjoyable visit
- Sunday 19th- Went very smoothly. Special thanks to Grant Rigby for his efforts and his hospitality.

December

- Saturday 2nd-Bongil Bongil-nice time had by all.
- Thursday 7th - Club Meeting/Geoff

- Sunday 17th – Xmas Party ,Seaview Tavern,
- Thursday 21st-Links Café/Gerry

Motion: The club will subsidize \$10/member for the Christmas Lunch.

Moved: Hal Murray

Seconded: John Lansley

Carried

Jan

- Monday 1st-Sawtell Fun Day/Gerry
- Thursday 18th-Coffee Run Mulloway/Jim
- Saturday 20th-Yarilla Place Display-6-10 interested in displaying their cars.

General Business:

1. New Member : Nil
2. Hub Rally 2024 Committee- next meeting after the New Year in January. Geoff would like some preliminary information sent out to clubs as soon as possible.
3. If any member has a new email, postal address or phone number please email to secretary margmurr@bigpond.net.au. It's important we keep our Registrar of Members up to date.
4. Letter of thanks to be sent to Tony Carr.
5. Rego Inspectors vacancies-

Motion: Col Green, Graeme Wright and Leigh Stephens have been nominated and accepted the positions of Rego Inspectors.

Moved: John Lansley

Seconded: Peter Bodium

Carried

Vehicle Movements: Nil

Raffle Winners: 1stDes Drury 2nd Robert Sutton

3rd Robert Sutton

4th Graeme Wright

Next Meeting: Thursday 1st February 2024

Guest Speaker: to be decided

Supper for February: Lorraine will contact the lucky members

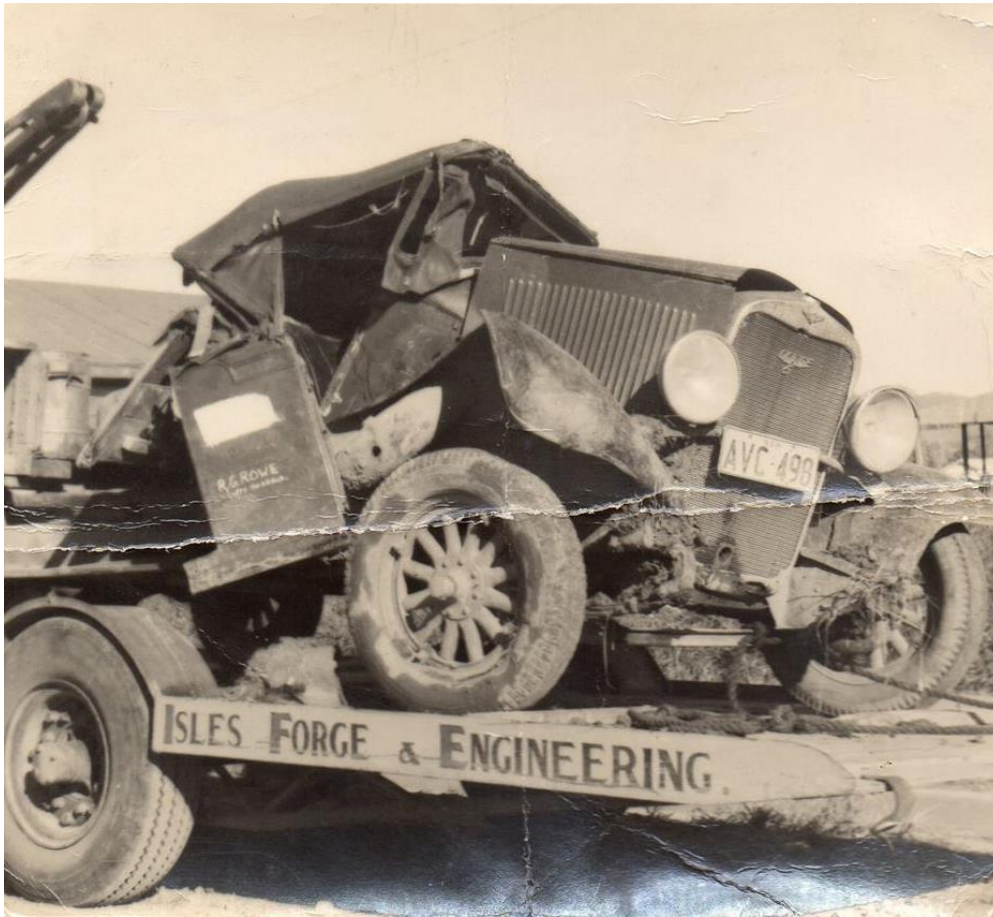
Meeting Closed at: 8.25 pm

Secretary – Marg Murray

Chairperson – Geoff Maunder

CLUB REGALIA

<i>Item</i>	<i>Price</i>
<i>CHVVCC Car Badge (2 holes)</i>	<i>\$15 ea.</i>
<i>Car Badge blue</i>	<i>\$ 5 ea.</i>
<i>CHVVCC Club Ribbon</i>	<i>\$10 ea</i>
<i>Name Badge</i>	<i>\$ 1 ea</i>
<i>CHVVCC Stickers</i>	<i>\$ 0.50 ea</i>



This interesting photo was posted on the Coffs Harbour Local History Facebook Page recently:

“Isles Forge and Engineering to the rescue, this 1928 Dodge Six owned by R G Rowe was involved in an accident in 1956.”

Photo was submitted by Dick Willis (an ex-member of our club)

FOR SALE

1928 soft top Chrysler Coupe for sale

The car is fully restored, road worthy, and road registered. The owner is very particular in his work and has a high standard of workmanship. It has been completely restored to original specifications, and all the mechanicals have been overhauled. It is garaged in Orange, NSW. (The owner was offered \$30,000 four years ago)

1928 Chrysler Sedan for sale

Partly restored.

Please contact Ross on 0428 320 068 for further details.



BLASTS FROM THE PAST

Sports Day Queen, Urunga 1988 photos kindly supplied by Col Sutton



*Sports Day Queen URUNGA NSW
1980's Outside the Old Post Office*

Arthur and Coral Martin (with the Sports Day Queen?) in 1925 Morris Cowley Bullnose



1929 Chev Truck – does anyone know who owned it?

'Tis the season!!



William and Jean Lagettie prepared this fantastic Christmas cake for our December meeting supper – complete with Antique cars! (photo Gerry DeGabriele)

The Ghosts of Club Xmas Party's past....!

Check out this photo from the Club Christmas Party from 1995...anyone care to guess who that is in the Santa Suit??!!



COFFS HARBOUR VETERAN, VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CAR CLUB

All runs depart from Coffs Airport, Aviation Drive, Coffs Harbour (100m south of Dakota Drive intersection – Note please use northern entrance off Hogbin Drive),

- 1st Saturday outings depart **1.30pm**. Please take afternoon tea.
- 3rd Sunday outings depart **9.30am**. Please take morning tea and lunch.
- 3rd Thursday coffee runs departs **9.30am**.

Please check individual run details for any variations.

If you are not meeting at the designated start or running late, please notify the run organiser. just in case there is a change to the run plan, or the club needs to provide café attendance numbers.

- Please drive with consideration to other road users (so we do not create queues behind us).
 - Leave a reasonable distance between vehicles.
 - When coming to a turn, ensure the car behind you is aware of the turnoff.
- **H registered vehicles must have the "Permit to Operate" in the vehicle at all times.**
- **H registered vehicles should carry a copy of this Approved Events page on all runs.**

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

CLUB APPROVED EVENTS. NO LOGBOOK ENTRY REQUIRED

DECEMBER 23		
Thursday 7 th	Club Meeting	Geoff 0435 622 394
Sunday 17 th	Club Xmas Party, Seaview Tavern, Woolgoolga	Gerry 0402 469 160
Thursday 21 st	Coffee Run to Links Cafe	Gerry 0402 469 160
JANUARY 24 (Note: no meeting in Jan)		
Monday 1 st	Sawtell Fun Day	Gerry 0402 469 160
Thursday 18 th	Coffee Run to Mullaway Beach	Jim 0481 131 551
Saturday 20 th	Yarrila Place Display	Gerry 0402 469 160
FEBRUARY 24		
Thursday 1 st	Club meeting	Geoff 0435 622 394
Saturday 3 rd	Foreshore Park	Hal 0448 883 244
Thursday 15 th	Coffee Run to Secret Garden cafe	Leigh 0413 481 361
Sunday 18 th	Run to Woopi Brewery	Gerry 0402 469 160
MARCH 24		
Saturday 2 nd	Coffs Botanic Gardens	Jim 0481 131 551
Thursday 7 th	Club Meeting	Geoff 0435 622 394
Sunday 17 th	Butter Factory	Graeme 0408 245 113
Thursday 21 st	Coffee Run to Boat Shed café at Nambucca Heads	Leigh 0413 481 361
APRIL 24		
Thursday 4 th	Clunb Meeting	Geoff 0435 622 394
Saturday 6 th	Moonee Beach	Gerry 0402 469 160
Thursday 18 th	Coffee Run to Beachouse, Woopi	Hal 0448 883 244
Sunday 21 st	Urunga Pub for Lunch	Graeme 0408 245 113