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MEETINGS

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welcome

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Membership due 1st July
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Presidents Report October 2015

G'day Members,

Well its October 2015 already and we are only weeks away from Camden car Show, this is the most important event in the clubs calendar each year, and as always I ask I need your help, there has been a lot of work carried out in the back ground over many years to make this show a huge success, we can only do it on the day with your help.

Again the show will be broadcast live over Vintage FM 88.7, hoping that this will attract a huge audience, our chosen charity is RCAC.

For those members who ordered club shirts I have these and will bring to the meeting, we do have small sizes available for those who are interested.

We have two gents coming to this month's meeting to discuss the new restricted registration laws, this will be an interesting night I'm sure.

Sponsors dinner is now 14 November, kicking off at 7pm.

Members will be sent a raffle book in this month's mail out, so please if you need more come and see me.

A reminder that memberships are also now overdue so please brings \$50.00 along and your completed membership form. this is very important as we are sending club magazines in the mail to all members we need your most current details, no details no magazine.

Just a friendly reminder club meetings are at the Drag -Ens clubhouse on the second Tuesday of each month, so, come on down and have a bite to eat and a yarn with other members, meeting starts at 7pm.

Well that's about it for now,

John Fenato

President

55 56 57 Club Of Australia



MINUTES

477th Meeting of the 567 Chev Club

Meeting Opened: 7:56pm

Date: 08 Sept 2015

Apologies: Aldo, Michael Rich, Stuart, Brian, little Joe, Shane, Steve, Craig, Tony,

Visitors: None

New Members: None

Previous Minutes: August 2015

Accepted By: Michael Frankie

Second By: Gary Wright

Treasures Report: 08 Sept 2015

Accepted: Peter

Second By: Bevan

Events: See the events page in the magazine and your E-Letter

Correspondence:

QLD Chev letter September edition

Pony Express August edition

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MINUTES

General Business:

Ben to contact Just cars to advise of the club meeting venue and address to be updated.

The club has a new postal address

PO Box 3233

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Charlie advised the members that sadly Tony Briffa's mother passed recently, our sympathy goes out to Tony and his family,

Ben has been in touch with Camden Council about a rain day for this year's Camden car show if required, council has advised that they will shut the grounds of the showground, and will be happy for the show to go ahead in March 2016,

Sponsors tickets are available for \$25.00 each, please see John,

Club shirts that were previously ordered will be available at the October meeting,

Kiama weekend away is on again for 2016, anyone wishing to go please see John, there is still 8 cabins available,

Club rego, please come to the October meeting as there will be a special presentation on what the changes are and how you can apply,

Sponsors News: None

MEETING Closed at: 9:10pm

Next Meeting to be held: Tuesday 13 Oct 2015



TREASURERS REPORT

55 ' 56' 57 CHEV CLUB OF AUSTRALIA

Treasurer's Report

Oct 2015

BALANCE B/F FROM 30 Sep 2015		\$14,076.76
ADD INCOME		
Memberships		\$150.00
INCOME FOR THE MONTH	SUB TOTAL	\$150.00
BALANCE	TOTAL	\$14,226.76
LESS EXPENDITURE		
Monthly BBQ		\$104.00
Clubhouse fees		\$50.00
Sponsors dinner		\$100.00
EXPENDITURE FOR THE MONTH	TOTAL	\$254.00
Balance	31 Oct 2015	\$13,972.76
Cash Float		\$ 155.00



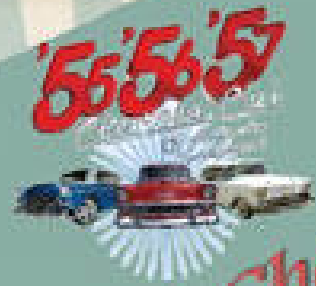
EVENTS CALENDAR

Club Meeting 13th Oct..

- 10th Oct..Bargo Public School , 2nd Annual Car , Truck & Bike Show Bargo
17th Oct..Idlewild Hot Rod and Custom Car Show, Blacktown Inn. Blacktown
18th Oct.. CAMDEN CAR SHOW
23rd-25th Oct..Chromefest, NSW, MEMORIAL PARK, THE ENTRANCE, CENTRAL COAST
25th Oct..All Chrome Bumpers Car Show, Hamrun Club. 100 Jackson St. Marsden Park
31st Oct..Queen of Hearts Community Foundation Car Show, HENRY SPORTS CLUB. 144 Henry Lawson Avenue, Werrington County
1st Nov..Hunter Elvis Festival Show n Shine, NSW, CLUB MACQUARIE, 458 LAKE ROAD, ARGENTON 2284
1st Nov..12th Annual Charity Car Show, The Carousel Inn. Cnr Woodstock Ave. & Duke St. Rooty Hill
7th Nov..G'DAY USA FUNDRAISING CAR SHOW Peachtree Hotel. Penrith
8th Nov..7th Annual Hollylea Road Car, Hot Rod and Bike Festival, NSW, HOLLYLEA ROAD, LEUMEAH
8th Nov..Kiama Car Spectacular PLUS Swap Meet, Kiama Showground. Kiama
14th Nov..The MO-tor Car & Bike Spectacular, Colyton Hotel. Great Western Hwy. Colyton
15th Nov..Rodstock Car Show & Swap Meet Vintage Trucks & Cars, Luddenham Showground. Park Rd. Luddenham
15th Nov..Wilton Car Show, Wilton Markets. Broughton St. Wilton
21st Nov..Back To The Drive In, Cricketers Arms Rd. Blacktown



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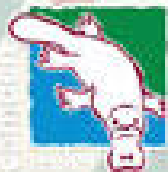
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Enquiries, John Fenato, 0418238919



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EDITOR'S REPORT

Sponsors Dinner Update

The date for the Sponsors Dinner has now been locked in for Saturday 14th Nov. At 7.00pm. We could not get the venue for the 21st due to it being booked out on that date. Please contact John Fenato to purchase your tickets.

Important Meeting This Month

At this month's meeting, we will be discussing in more detail, the classic and modified car registration that is coming into effect. If you want to know more about this special rego, which will be a fraction of the price of full rego, then it is important that you attend this month's meeting. Gary Wright has organised two guest speakers who have all of the information regarding this new rego system. The two guest speakers are Mr John McCoy Lancaster, Committee member of ACMC, and Mr Toni O'Donnel President of the ACMC. The new system will start of as a trial, with a 60 day log book, but much of the information regarding the new system will be discussed on the night, so please come along as there is way too much information to put in the magazine at this stage, and it is best if you hear the information first hand.

New Club Mailing Address

Please note that the club now has a new mailing address.

The new address is

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National Chev Festival

The National Chev Festival was recently held in Mudgee NSW, attracting around 90 cars. The festival was put on by the Chevrolet Club of NSW. This year the main event of the festival was held in Lawson Park, in the centre of Mudgee, with other events being held around the town, including the observation run.

Here are a few pics from the weekend, car of the NSW Chev Club Facebook page.







Log Book Rego Scheme For Modified Vehicles



THE NSW Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight - Duncan Gay - announced yesterday that a two year trial of a new registration scheme for modified cars will begin on October 1. It will allow those with vehicles on a club registration scheme to get out cruising more often because there are no restrictions as to where and when you can take the car out. Currently, cars on club rego are restricted to club events and maintenance, but this trial will mean you can take your car anywhere, any time.

"The current Historic Conditional Registration scheme remains unchanged as an option for enthusiasts but, this Government recognised that owners of conditionally registered vehicles had limited use," said Mr. Gay.

Under the two year log-book based trial, owners of over 30 year old vehicles that

meet the safety requirements of full registration or the current Historical Vehicle Scheme will be able to opt-in via participating clubs for 60 days of general use each registration year. The opt-in option is also another benefit, as you can also opt-out if you find that it doesn't suit your requirements. Joining this scheme does not exclude you from going back on to full registration.

It might not sound like a lot of days to drive your car, but if you think about it, that's five times every month. If you didn't drive your car over winter, that would mean you could take it out every Saturday and Sunday for six months of the year.

Former SM editor Geoff Seddon was on board early on in the piece and had this to say: "As far as I'm aware it's the first historic scheme in Australia to



specifically cater for legally modified post-'48 and it's pretty much exactly what we asked for. Because the Australian Confederation of Motor Clubs was involved from the start, it includes all vehicles, including motorbikes."

The thing to remember is this is in addition to the current schemes already in place, so if you're happy with how everything is at the moment, then there's no need to change. This will just allow more people to enjoy their rides more often. "We've incorporated safe, sensible additions in consultation with the community and stakeholders so owners and the wider community can revel in these vehicles' unique beauty more often," said Mr. Gay.

This NSW Liberals & Nationals initiative will bring NSW into line with several other states while boosting opportunities in the automotive aftermarket industry which

contributes \$11 billion to the Australian economy and employs 30,000.

To be eligible, the vehicle has to be over 30 years old and you have to be a member of a participating club, and as this is such a new directive the list of clubs has not been finalised yet as it is up to the individual club to decide whether they offer the scheme to their members. A great place to start is the Australian National Street Machine Association or get in touch with your local club through list of Australian Combined Motoring Clubs.

This is the result of four, solid years of work by the ACMC with the minister, and the RMS and special recognition must also go to Garry Warnes (ANSMA) and ACMC's patron Alan Hay.

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National Chev Convention

Every year in Victoria they hold the National Chev Convention. This year it was held on the same weekend as the National Chev Festival... (I think the two need to work together to make one large Chev Nationals).

The Chev Convention this year was held in Echuka, which would have made

for a great backdrop for a bunch of old Chevy's..

Her are a few pics from the event. For more pics, go to

<http://robspictures.zenfolio.com/p545511841>







American Graffiti White 1958 Chevy Impala Goes to Auction

Terry the Toad's Wild Ride: Long Lost White 1958 Chevrolet Impala from American Graffiti is up for Auction



The world's largest auctioneer of Hollywood memorabilia, Profiles in History, announced the customized 1958 Chevrolet Impala Ron Howard's character, Steve Bolander, owned and loaned to his buddy "Terry the Toad" in American Graffiti will cross the block at Hollywood Auction 74, September 29 through October 1, 2015.

Profiles in History like other auction companies, keeps the buyer's, and seller's names confidential, so we can't reveal the owner's name, but we can relate everything he told us right down

to the moment he learned the car was for sale.

The year was 1972 and our main character was a 17-year old high school senior in search of his first car. The kid spotted a classified ad in the San Francisco Chronicle with an auction list of movie cars for sale that included a 1958 Chevy Impala for \$325.00.

The kid and his dad drove from their home in Vallejo, California, some 40 miles south of Petaluma where a lot of American Graffiti's filming was done, to Sonoma to check the '58 out. The only people that showed up were the



kid and his dad, so they had the complete attention of Henry Travers, Lucas Films' transportation captain in charge of selling the cars. The kid offered \$275, but Henry turned it down. A little more haggling and the '58 Impala went for \$285.00, cash-draining the kid's bankbook and requiring an immediate personal loan from his dad to gap the last ten bucks.



As seen in *American Graffiti*, the '58 Impala was equipped with a 4-barrel 348, and three-speed manual transmission. The kid had never driven a stick shift before, so combined with the '58 having bad brakes, the drive home was a little harrowing. Almost home, the brakes failed completely and the kid buzzed right through a stop sign. Pulling into his folk's driveway, one of the glued on '59 Cadillac taillight lens fell off, and the 348 coughed and died in a big cloud of dark gray smoke.



To replace the '58 Chevy Impala's dead 348 the kid and his older brother dropped in a two-barrel 283 with a Powerglide.

The premier of *American Graffiti* was on August 1, 1973. Lucas Film's Henry Travers wouldn't disclose to the kid which movie the '58 Impala was in, so the first time he knew was when he spotted his Impala in *American Graffiti* at his hometown movie theater.



Fortunately the kid tagged and bagged every original part he removed from the '58 Impala, so it's completely returnable to *American Graffiti* specifications. The Tri-Power intake manifold that rode around in the trunk of the car and was found when the kid got it home and is now on a 348 comprised of most of the salvageable parts from the one that powered the '58 during filming. In 1974, the kid enlisted in the Marine Corp and stored the *American Graffiti* '58 Impala in his parent's garage until 2004. Thought to be lost, forever, the '58 Impala resurfaced when his children took an interest in rehabilitating it.

Currently, the *American Graffiti* '58 Impala has a TH350 automatic transmission, but the clutch pedal still hangs in place, and the three-speed stick transmission Toad shifted into reverse can go back in. The dents Toad left in the rear trim of the '58 when he backed into another car are still there.





There was only one 1958 Chevy Impala, used to film American Graffiti, this is it. The provenance is all there and Profiles in History estimates the American Graffiti

1958 Chevrolet Impala identified as Lot 1531 will cross the block between \$800,000 - \$1,200,000.



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