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Peter Brock Memorial Unveiling 2010

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(Club meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at East Victoria Park and Vietnam Veterans RSL Hall, 1 Fred Bell Parade, East Victoria Park WA 6101)

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THE PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hello Members and friends,

Spring is in the air and our thoughts are on the next couple of events namely mid west show and shine in Gero and the 2010 Bathurst at mount Panorama.

Now the Brock Memorial is out in the open and I have had many complementary remarks from not only other clubs but Joe public on the memorial and the strength of our club.

Again thanks to all the members that have had a hand in this epic event.

We continue to grow as a club in both membership and presence in local shows as proven by Dave Scuderi now sweeping the Burswood hot rod show, BEST MUSCLE CAR 2010 and Garry TISHLER taking out the "BEST CAR DISPLAY"

"Well done to both"

My recent trip to the Muscle Car Masters at Eastern Creek raceway at the beginning of September has high lighted the very high standard of cars and club presentation our club puts together time and time again.

Still more club cars are nearing completion and they should surface around Xmas this year.



Catch you all around the traps !!!

Regards

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Editorial

Hi fellow club members I am new to this newsletter business so any suggestions will be more than welcome.

I would like to thank Ken and Allison Parker for all their hard work in doing the newsletter over the past number of years. I hope I can fill their shoes.

This club newsletter has some great articles sent in by club members. Remember without club members contributing it would be a very boring newsletter, or at worst none at all. I would like to take this opportunity to thank club members who have contributed to this edition Mark Pitt, Gary Tishler Joanne Allchin, Brian and Kath Taylor, Lisa and Warren Hope and Mark Norton.

If you have an article or photos to submit I am quite happy for you to either email them to me or handwrite it and get it to me any way you like. Likewise if you are chasing parts or would like to advertise in the club newsletter all you have to do is contact me and remember it's free to advertise.

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Calendar of events

October 3rd

GM Muscle Car Heaven - Hosted by Corvettes of WA Car Club Inc. Cannington AG Society Cnr Albany Hwy and Station St Cannington. 10.00am to 3.00pm (gates open to entrants at 7.30am cars to be setup by 9.30am).

October 10th

Bathurst Day at Governor Stirling Senior High School see flyer in this newsletter for further details.

October 17th

Classic Awesome Rides Show - Hosted by the Monaro Car Club of WA Inc Trinity Playing Fields Cnr Manning and Elderfield Rd Waterford 10.00 am to 3.30pm. (Gates open for entrants at 7.00am, cars to be parked by 9.30am).

October 31st

The Multiple Sclerosis Eastside Outreach group Car and Bike Show. Hosted by Perth City Street Machine Club Inc. Steel Blue Oval Bassendean 10.00am to 3.00pm. (Gates open for entrants at 9.00am).

November 19th-21st

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November 21st

GM Day - Hosted by The Holden Car Club of WA. Steel Blue Oval Bassendean 10.00am to 4.00pm (Gates open for entrants 6.30am all displays to be setup before 9.30am).

Warren and Lisa's New Addition

Here we have a 4/1973 LJ XU-1. A fair bit of surface rust, but as it 's an Adelaide body with all matching tags and a couple of friends to give her the once over . It was then time to seal the deal and get a tilt tray, all this on a warm December day 2009.

Once on the truck it was an easy decision to go and get it sandblasted and a bit of soda blasting here and there as well. Then it was an etch prime all over and now the real fun began.

Five months later and the rust is almost gone and the doors, boot and bonnet all match up like new, thanks to the very versatile and talented panel beater.

The paint colour is 567-15332 Cyan Metallic, so maybe we might see some colour in the near future. However it's has along way to go till then. At the moment we are on the lookout for all the bits and pieces to put it back together.

Enjoy the photos
Lisa and Warren.

**Warren and Lisa's
Cyan Blue**



4/1973

LJ GTR XU1

Summer Holiday Essay

By Jo-Anne

Summer holidays are meant to be fun at the beach, reading books, going out for a feed, nana naps and Sunday drives.

Right? Wrong. That dream was shattered with gardening, painting, cooking, and no fun at the beach because it was stinger season, endless drives to the waste station (can't call it a tip).

A Loan car perfect for around town, but not for Sunday drives. And it was hot and humid in Broome, and no rain, thank goodness for a swimming pool and air-con.

Club Business, a lapsed member wanting to rejoin the club. Mark Norton from Derby was making enquiries. Mark had previously been working at Nookenhah community, and on our travels up north in the OKA we had bypassed Fitzroy Crossing either by the Gibb River Road or the Tanami out to Halls Creek, but truly found it hard to believe someone would have some Aussie muscle cars out that way.

A phone call and arrangements were made for a lunch and a chat about all things Torana. Mark and Karen drove down from Derby in the 4WD (too hot for the Torrie) and a delightful afternoon was had by all yapping like a pack of puppies.

Mark certainly has a passion for muscle cars and reeled off yarn after yarn about the cars, restorations, spare parts garnered or I wish I hadda- goodness don't we have those to tell. One thing he said he was very envious of the city mob was going on runs, something he would love to do if he was in Perth. Karen muttered something about paying of the rammed earth house they had just built, but shares the Torrie passion.

Thanks Mark and Karen, it was great to catch up and please let us know if you are travelling to Perth, we'll organise a run just for you.

Summer Holiday Essay continued

Mark sent this vital info about his Torries

Hi Jo & Al

Great to catch up with you in Broome on Saturday and finally meet some club members, hope to catch up with you all when next in Perth.

I have had XU1s most of my driving life, starting with a Bathurst LC in 1973 as my first car when I left school but unfortunately sold it three years later. Currently I have a 1973 Mandarin LJ GTR and a 1972 Royal Purple XU1 that I am restoring. The XU1 was prepped to race but never was and sat in a shed in Melbourne until I bought it 7yrs ago, 27yrs untouched. The LJ I bought in Sydney 12yrs ago. I also have a 1977 LX SLR 5000 I bought out of Perth a couple of years ago. I have attached a couple of pics for you.

Thanks mark





Theo's Run 2010

The starting point for Theo's run 2010 was the Centrepoint shopping centre car park in Midland with a departure time of 8.30 am. There were quite a few cars at Centrepoint and a large variety of makes and models. Phil and Jude were there in the 28c car, Gary and his GMH Toy, Blair in his LC GTR and of course Tammy and I in 71-XU1.

Theo's run was a first for me. The first highlight for me was when we left in convoy of approximately 130 cars at 8.30am with Police in attendance to stop traffic as we all turned onto Great Eastern Hwy. From there it was leisurely run via Toodyay Rd to our first stop Toodyay where we parked up, let the locals have a look at our rides, stretched our legs and picked up a few more cars for the convoy.

The next scheduled stop was Goomalling where everyone parked up the centre of the main street in a type of grid formation. This was also the meeting point for other people from regional areas to join in on the run. By the time we arrived at Dowerin it was estimated there was a least two hundred cars in the convoy. At Dowerin we met up with fellow club members Tony Clarke, Brian and his wife Kath.

Dowerin was stinking hot. One of the attractions for me going was that promoters advertised that it had a circuit you could take your car on and do some laps. It was sort of a circuit but most of it was loose blue metal so I opted out. Others however were keen. Phil took his 28c with me as passenger. This was the second highlight of the day for me. First lap I tentatively looked around Phils car for points I could hold onto. Second lap my hands were waving about a little but still no fixed points to grab hold of. Third lap and someone needs to tell Phil that a Marshall waving his arms frantically means slow down, not go quicker. By the third lap the machinery sheds where you have to swing a hard left were coming up very quickly. At this point I still hadn't worked out any grab points and I think I might have grabbed hold of Phil. I'm not sure as I think I might have blacked out. All jokes aside I was very comfortable with Phils driving ability and would love to do it again.

Theo's Run 2010 continued

The third highlight for me was meeting a fraud driver Allan Moffat. I wasn't that keen on meeting him at first but what the hell. Curiosity got the better of me so I dragged my wife Tammy over. The first thing I did was ask him how his day was going and if he had been looked after. His response surprised me as he responded by saying how great Australia was and how there was a lot of other people in other countries that were suffering in one way or another. I then asked him to sign a book I had on Falcon GTs. Yes I was once a Ford driver and actually worked at a Ford Dealership as panel beater for 12yrs (mainly rust work).

The fourth highlight was when Allan Moffat came over to my LC XU1 took a look at the car and started raving on how meticulously it had been restored he then patted me on my back and put out his hand to shake hands with me. To say I was stunned is an understatement. I then asked him for a pic with me and the car and he was only too obliging. He even suggested that I should stand next to the car as I should be real proud of it. The meeting with him really altered my perception of him and other 70s drivers. In my opinion they are all heroes.

As if the day could not get any better I ended up taking out Dowerin Car Clubs choice of best vehicle no trophy but some cash. I have sneaky suspicion Allan may have had something to do with it. I guess I will never really know.

Cheers Dave Scuderi



All-Australian Car Show at Waroona

Waroona Car Show draws huge crowd

It was estimated that 12,000 people visited the All-Australian Car Show at Waroona. It was a wonderful spectacle.

Many thanks to the Torana club members who ventured down to Waroona we had a great turnout. Gary Tisler won best Holden car. Congratulations to Gary. Hope to see you all next year. Well worth the drive down.

The Taylors.





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Pictures and article courtesy of The Harvey Waroona Reporter.

**New red light/speed
camera locations
June/July 2010**

These are the locations for the new red light speed cameras. Even if you speed through the orange light to beat the red . If your speeding through these sets of lights you will get done for speeding. Speed through a red light and you will cop a double fine Ouch!

- Canning Hwy and Riseley St Applecross
- Stirling Hwy and Eric St Cottesloe
- Canning Hwy and Douglas Ave South Perth
- Gt Eastern Hwy and Sheppeton Rd Victoria Pk
- Albany Hwy and Leach Hwy off ramp Bentley
- Winterfold Rd and Stock Rd Hilton
- Waneroo Rd and Beach Rd Balga
- Leach Hwy and Bungaree Rd Wilson
- Beach Rd and Mirrabooka Ave Balga
- Roe Hwy and Kalamunda Rd High Wycombe
- Hepburn Ave and Marmion Ave Padbury
- Morley Dve and Alexander Dve Dianella

Thanks to Gary for passing these on.

Interesting Reading

STYLE FOR YOUTH

We trace the three-year story of the most exciting Australian-designed marketing package since the Monaro. From basic HB Viva concept to full local adaptation, the Torana LC is all-Australian.

Story by Rob Luck

PETER NANKERVIS was doodling. He jotted down a half-dozen fast-names . . . GTS, GTO, Sport-Coupe, SuperAmerica, SS, Two Plus Two, GTR. GTR. That sounded OK . . . GEETeRRR . . . Torana GeeTeRRR. Why not? Almost mechanically he swapped his sketch-pad for a note-pad, jotted Torana GTR on top and ruled it off. Then he wrote alongside his powerplant preference . . .

161S standard
186S optional.

Below them he wrote a list of 18 performance points that made up his idea of a Torana GTR. When he finished, he dated the top and sliced it into his file. Later he took it out and gave it to his secretary. She sandwiched six slips of carbon paper between seven sheets, reproduced the original list, and Nankervis circulated it to his studio design staff, his chief, Joe Schemansky — Director of Styling — and other departmental heads. The memos they received were dated

August 14, 1968 and they marked the concept origin of the Torana GTR, devised just one day previously by Nankervis.

Just over a year later, the 18-point paper outline emerged as an under \$2800 high-performance, small youth-image car. Significantly it incorporated every single point on the Nankervis check list, although the powerplant he marked as standard was not supplemented by an option.

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Australian Torana team at work on exact scale model in clay. Far side are Phil Zmood (rear) and Peter Nankervis watching John Peace shape the roofline with a scraper.

Stay tuned next edition for page 83, the program outline, as photographed from Peter Nankervis' memo file.

Article from *Wheels* February 1970

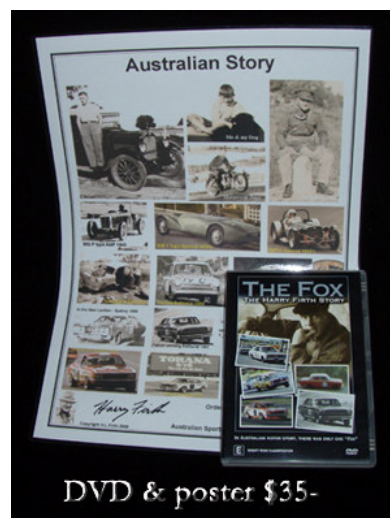
For Sale and Wanted

For Sale LJ Torana 4door bucket seats to suit recovering \$50, headlight, wiper, heater, choke, panel \$70 Walnut GTR door trims inc GTR badges speaker holes cut out in rear trims \$260. Ask for Dave 95783494

Wanted LC /LJ banjo diff centre 3.36, 2.78 or 3.08 and axles. ask for Glenn 0405643105

Wanted parts to suit XY Falcon ask for Trevor Tel 0403333691

For the parts below please contact Alan on 0407 302 200



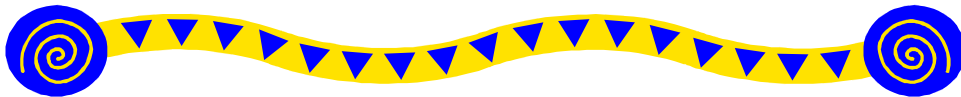
Automotive Funnies

A gynaecologist became bored with his vocation and wanted a change in career so he decided to enrol in a TAFE course to become a motor mechanic.

After completion of the final practical examination the disassembly and reassembly of a motor he goes home quite confident that he has passed the course.

Two weeks go by and the examination mark finally arrives in the mail 150%. Upon seeing his mark he rings the TAFE lecturer. Questioning as to how he managed to get 150%. The TAFE lecturer responded by saying " I gave you 50% for disassembling the motor, another 50% for correctly assembling the motor and another 50% because I have never seen anyone disassemble and reassemble a motor through the exhaust pipe".

Please feel free to forward jokes to editor or put up with mine.



Club preferred businesses

These are businesses that have supported our club

Rare Parts Welshpool Tel (08) 94701117

Pro-Street Performance POR 15 products Monni Ogarr Tel 0412 778 469

Myaree Tyre and Mechanical John Eade (08) 93172400

Peters Security Screens Trevor Peters (Southern Suburbs) 93171717

Prosec Australia specialists in monitoring, design and installation of alarm systems and CCTV Mark Pitt Tel 1300 Prosec Club discount available

If you know of any other businesses that have supported our club please let me know so they can be included.

Club Merchandise

Club merchandise available to club members

- Stubby holders
- T-shirts
- Polo shirts
- Jackets
- Beanies
- Hats
- Key rings
- Assorted Stickers

For purchasing please see our club merchandise officer Gary Tishler.

Note club merchandise is generally available at each club meeting

Inviting all GTX Club members to Bathurst Day 2010

**The GTR Torana XU1 Car Club of WA Inc is proud to
present Bathurst day October the 10th 2010.**

**At Governor Stirling SHS Automotive Workshop
Ford Street Woodbridge.**

**Barbecue breakfast provided (bacon and eggs)
commencing at 7.30am till 9am.**

**Lunch provided Hamburgers from 12 O clock
onwards**

Soft drinks and hot beverages also supplied

Big screen

Off Street parking

Raffle

See map on back page

All you need to do is RSVP me for catering purposes by the 3rd of Oct
Email: torana71xu1@hotmail.com.au or phone me on (08) 95783494

Mud Map to Governor Stirling Senior High

