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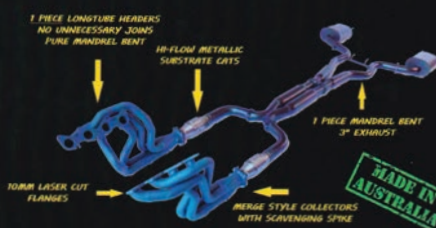
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John & Pauline Binge
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Aileen Nixon

Robin & Heather Bone
Neil & Kay Morris

John & Lynette Quinlan

The club does not offer car hire, so to avoid disappointment please do not contact us if you are looking for a Mustang for a wedding or formal. You should also be aware that MOCA Queensland does not give valuations or endorse the quality of vehicles being offered for sale. MOCA Queensland accepts no liability whatsoever for a purchase decision made by individuals acquiring motor vehicles.

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MEMBERSHIP

Application forms may be downloaded from our website www.qld.mustang.org.au and sent to the Club Secretary with the relevant payment. Membership Fees are as follows:-

\$85 for New Membership between 1st July and 31st December (\$25 joining fee + \$60 annual fee)
\$55 for New Membership between 1st January and 30th June (\$25 joining fee + \$30 - 6 months fee)
Any application for membership received for a 6 month option before January will be held until January 1st for processing unless the new member wishes to pay the full year membership fee
\$60 for Annual Membership Renewal

Membership renewals are due and payable on the 1st July each year.

Should payment not be received by 31st August, those Members will be deemed "un-financial" and removed from the Club database. Full application procedure and costs will be required to rejoin the Club.

20 & 30 year Membership Recognition Awards for Members reaching these milestone will be awarded as near as possible to the Member's Anniversary Date
Regional members will be contacted and have their award posted to them.

CLUB MEETINGS

Monthly Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month (unless notified) at the Clubrooms in Jean- Howie Drive, Morningside (off Bennetts Road). A sausage sizzle is available from 6.30pm and meetings shall commence at 7.30pm.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

We have a selection of men's and ladies shirts in various sizes and many other types of Mustang related Merchandise. To purchase or enquire about such items, contact the Merchandising Officer.

ADVERTISING

PRIVATE CLASSIFIEDS: Private Classifieds are advertisements placed by those selling their own goods, no longer needed goods, not goods purchased for resale either privately or as part of a business activity.

Club Members are invited to place advertisements in the "Pony Classifieds" section free of Charge. Each advertisements will appear in the magazine for two (2) consecutive issues, whereupon it will be removed and may be re-submitted if required after one month.

Non-Members may also advertise for a fee of \$25.00 for a basic advertisement, or \$35.00 if a photograph is included. Each advertisement will appear in the magazine for two (2) consecutive issues, whereupon it will be removed and may be re-submitted if required after one month, with a further payment of \$25.00 or \$35.00 as the case may be.

TRADE ADVERTISEMENTS: Display advertising in the Queensland Mustang News is open to members and non-members alike for low rates. Display and prices are as follows.

BLACK & WHITE	Full Page	\$240 per year
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	Half Page	\$240 per year.

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GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: 28th July 2021

MEETING OPENED: 7. 32pm

PRESENT: As per Attendance Book

APOLOGIES: Barry Lane, Neil De San Miguel, Yo Holst, Ric & Di Dunstan, Roger & Linda Allen & Errol Gordon.

NEW MEMBERS: Bill Weise from Wynnum with a red 2020 model & Mark & Marjie Howard from Roma Street with a 2002 Silver Cobra.

MINUTES OF JUNE MEETING

Moved: John Binge 2nd Peter New. Passed by the majority of members present.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

PARK LIGHT. Alan asked for volunteers to help erect the new solar light Several members have volunteered their services, so by next meeting it will be easier see where the path is.

BAR FRIDGE. The quote came in at \$2,500 with extras for carrying the new unit upstairs & the old one downstairs. There is also a \$250 surcharge as refrigerant gas must now be reclaimed and recycled or destroyed. It was decided to purchase the new bar fridge and pay to have it delivered and installed plus pay to have the old fridge moved to the downstairs lock up. The old fridge would be advertised on Gumtree for sale at best offer.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Moved: Sue Clark 2nd Chris Holst. Passed by the majority present.

INWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

New Membership Applications from: Martin Cree & Bill Weise.

Australia Post Account

First Data Merchant Statement

Mustang Roundup (Vic)

Pony Express (NSW)

Association Forms from the Office of Fair Trading.

Liquor License Renewal

Membership Renewals

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE: Card to Jenny Lane.

MEMBERSHIP DRAW: Dennis Freeman

MAGAZINE: Robyn is always looking for articles.

MERCHANDISE: See Ed if you would like to order any merchandise. XXL Club Shirts are still on back order.

RUN CO-ORDINATOR: Neil was absent, so Ray Saunders gave an overview of the last run. September will be to Fort Lytton with a BBQ lunch. October is the Poker Run.

OTHER EVENTS: Details of other events are available in the magazine and on the website.

MIDMONTH RUN: Georgina said the run to Sandstone Point was cold & windy, but a good run. August run will be to the Chocolate Cottage. All details are in the magazine.

BAR REPORT: Well Stocked and Cold.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR: Raffle tickets still available.

MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING WHO ARE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH WERE GIVEN AS FREE TICKET IN TONIGHT'S RAFFLE : Alan Messenger, Ray Saunders & Stuart Brown.

QHMC: Alan read out the agenda for the last meeting. There was a question on where the rules for SIVS is stated on the TMR website. Also, is there a ruling on what age children can be carried as a pillion passenger. Also, children in sidecars. Are booster seats and child restraints required?

QMRC: There was a proposal to separate classic cars from 4-wheel drives & caravans.

NATIONAL DELEGATES: S A is going ahead with 2022 Nationals. At this stage they are asking for expressions of interest as to whether they will proceed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

2023 NATIONALS: Ed has a small committee that is sourcing hotels. Ed has obtained a copy of S A's contract with their venues with the relevant wording if there is a need to cancel. Broadwater is still available but with a strong Covid Plan. Royal Pines has been approached. Sue has offered to ring VOCO as they were our last venue which was very successful.

AUGUST MEETING: We will have a guest speaker at this meeting. Cliff Chambers will speak on the value of classic cars & appraisals. He will speak at the beginning of the meeting after which there will be a short break for members to speak to Cliff.

SEPTEMBER MEETING: This will be our AGM as well as the election of officers for the coming club year. Please consider taking on a role as this your club and it's future depends on volunteers to help run it.

20 YEAR AWARDS: Alan presented Martin Schmidt with 20-year badges for himself & Sue. Congratulations to you both.

Marice Saunders then thanked Alan Messenger for stepping in as President so the club could continue. This was acknowledged by the rest of the members present .

RAFFLES: 1st Robyn Messenger 2nd Marice Saunders 3rd Sue Clark

Next Meeting: 25th August 2021 @ 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed: 8.36 pm

Margaret Moran

Secretary

IMPORTANT HELP FOR THE TREASURER

Hello Members

On June 23, an anonymous person paid their Membership Renewal of \$60, and on August 10 we received another anonymous payment of \$60. Both these payments were from B0Q accounts

There is a reason why you are asked to use your surname and invoice number as reference when making your payment. I process a great many renewals in the June, July, August period and having these details on your deposits to the account makes my work as Treasurer considerably easier.

If you have not received a receipt from me in this period please contact me to enable me to correct the records. This will ensure that your details are not deleted from the Club Database at the end of this month and you will risk becoming unfinancial.

Thank you

**Robyn Messenger
Treasurer
Mob: 0419 919 044**

From the President,

Welcome to the August Magazine.

Unless there is a formal State Government lockdown the club meeting will be held on Wednesday August 25th, **please make every effort to attend this meeting as we will be having a guest speaker whose topic will be classic cars and their value.**

I will open this report on a serious note, we have in the club 365 financial members of these around 200 live within 70 KM of the clubrooms at Morningside. As at the time I penned this report, under our constitution, we do not have sufficient nominations for positions on the club committee to remain an active club. There are four positions, the management committee, that must be filled for the club to legally operate. As for the other positions if they are not filled, I recommend to the incoming management committee that that function is not carried out until filled.

Examples are, - **No Barperson** - no drinks at meetings due to licencing regulations. **No social director**- no Christmas party, no supper or raffles at meetings. **No run coordinator** – no runs will be sanctioned, and this goes on for all roles in our club. These positions have been created to share the load of running the club amongst as many members as possible.

I therefore ask you to please take some time to review the list of club positions listed in this magazine, if you would like to fill a role but not sure what it involves, please contact me as I now have role descriptions for all roles in the club and would be happy to share with you. It is your club, so if you can spare some time each month, please consider taking on one of these roles.



Unfortunately, the August run had to be cancelled due to a Covid lockdown. The **next run** is planned to be held on Sunday September 5th a run for Father's Day to Fort Lytton for a BBQ lunch. All members must advise Neil they will be attending, see the run notice in this magazine for additional detail.

Please **Stay and Play Safe**

Alan Messenger. August 2021



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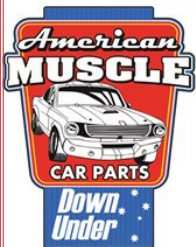
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Peter Love
Sandra Swanet

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Geoff Caldwell
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Kylie Burns
Lyn Barlow
Nathan Usher
Rosalyn Baldwin
Tevai Van Vegchel
Todd Kalpus

Yvette Apted

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Dewnnis Freedman
Garry Aston
Helen Jones
John Greene
Laurinda Davidson
Melanie Lau
Paul Turloff
Sandra Aquilar
Tim Reck
Victoria Deane



MOCA Queensland Welcomes the Following New Members.....

Bill & Sandy Weise - 2020 Red HP FN Fastback
Glendon & Kylie Burns - 1969 Acapulco Blue Fastback
Justin & Danniell Guilfoyle - 1966 Silver Coupe
Jason & Natalie Jukes - 1968 Heritage Green Coupe
Hayden Jackson - 1966 Wimbledon White Coupe

2021 - 2022 MOCA QLD COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Forms are to be completed by the Nominee, Proposer and Seconder. The completed forms must be received by the Club Secretary no later than 5pm, Wednesday 8th September 2021 two (2) weeks prior to the Election Meeting to be held 22nd September 2021. A full listing will be available by contacting the Secretary one week prior to the election date and in the September Magazine.

President					
Nominee		Proposer		Seconder	
Signature		Signature		Signature	
Vice President					
Nominee		Proposer		Seconder	
Signature		Signature		Signature	
Secretary					
Nominee		Proposer		Seconder	
Signature		Signature		Signature	
Treasurer					
Nominee		Proposer		Seconder	
Signature		Signature		Signature	
Magazine/ Website Editor					
Nominee		Proposer		Seconder	
Signature		Signature		Signature	
Run Co-Ordinator					
Nominee		Proposer		Seconder	
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Merchandising					
Nominee		Proposer		Seconder	
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Social Director					
Nominee		Proposer		Seconder	
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Membership Secretary					
Nominee		Proposer		Seconder	
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Dating Officer					
Nominee		Proposer		Seconder	
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Bar Person					
Nominee		Proposer		Seconder	
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National Delegate					
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BBQ Cook					
<i>Nominee</i>		<i>Proposer</i>		<i>Second</i>	
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QHMC Rep.					
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<i>Nominee</i>		<i>Proposer</i>		<i>Second</i>	
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MOCC Rep.					
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Events Co-Ordinator					
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President Alan
presenting Martin
Schmidt with his &
Sue's 20 Year
Membership Badges

CLUB RUN CALENDAR

The Club calendar is designed to assist members planning ahead for designated runs and Club related activities. Club Person of the Year points are assigned for these events. The Club Run is generally held on the 1st Sunday of each month with a "rain date" set for the following Sunday. If for any reason there is a change to an advertised run, details will be in a Coming Events page on the Club website at www.qld.mustang.org.au. The Club Calendar lists designated events / activities and these are therefore recognised as sanctioned Club Runs. Points towards Club Person of the Year are only awarded for attendance at the official 1st Sunday month Run (or Saturday where appropriate).

<i>JULY 2021</i>	<i>AUGUST 2021</i>	<i>SEPTEMBER 2021</i>
		Sunday 5th - Fathers Day Run To Fort Lytton for a BBQ Details in this Magazine Wednesday 22nd - MOCA Qld AGM Meeting
<i>OCTOBER 2021</i>	<i>NOVEMBER 2021</i>	<i>DECEMBER 2021</i>
Sunday 3rd - Poker Run to Mulgowie Hotel RSVP - 18 August 2021 Wednesday 27th - MOCA Qld Club Meeting	Wednesday 24th - MOCA Qld Club Meeting	Wednesday 15th - MOCA Qld Club Meeting One Week Early because of Christmas Week

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MOCA Monthly Club Run

Sun 5th Sept

MOCA Qld inc Sanction No: MQS21063091

Please remember Covid 19 Gov rules apply

BYO BBQ LUNCH

Meeting Point: Coffee Shop 23-29 Southgate Ave, Cannon Hill QLD 4170

Arrival Time: 9.30am

Departure time: 10.00am

Destination: Fort Lytton



Pack a picnic and spend some time exploring Brisbane's best kept secret - Fort Lytton National Park?! There's plenty to see and do for all ages with Heritage Buildings, several Museums and an extensive artillery collection to discover plus Australia's ONLY Military Fortress surrounded by a moat!

Fort Lytton's picnic area is located in a beautiful, shaded spot overlooking the Brisbane River and if you want to cook a BBQ lunch, please make sure you bring a portable gas BBQ as open fires are not permitted in National Parks. There is a vast field for the kids to run off that excess energy, kick a ball about or fly a kite. Sadly, Drones and Domestic Pets NOT permitted in the National Park.



RSVP 28-08-21

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MOCA Monthly Club Run **Sun 3rd Oct POKER RUN**

MOCA Qld inc Sanction No: MQS2010304

A countryside poker run followed by a country pub lunch

Please remember Covid 19 Gov rules apply

Meeting Point: McDonald's Homemaker City, 12A Goggs Rd, Jindalee QLD 4074

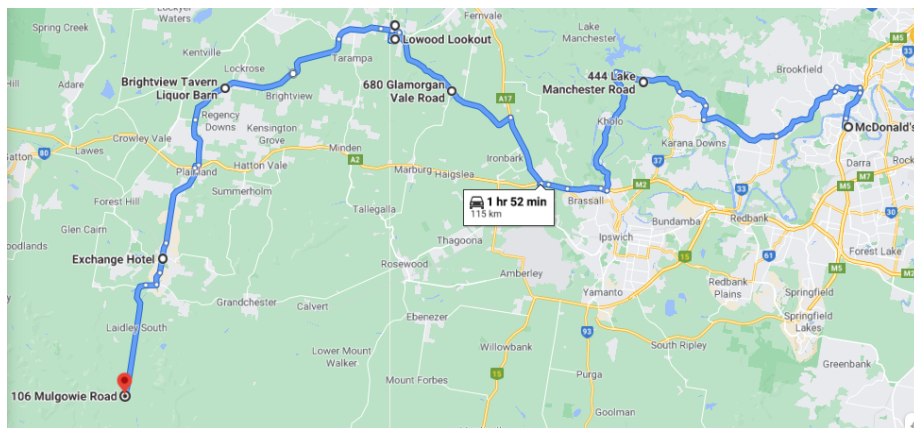
Arrival Time: 9.00 am

Departure time: 9.30 am

Destination: **Mulgowie Hotel** for lunch



*. **Mulgowie Hotel, 106 Mulgowie Rd, Mulgowie QLD 4341**

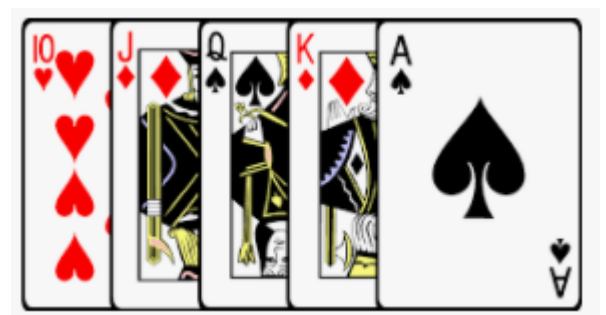


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Delegates Report May Meetings

TMR meeting Via skype and later Emails.

TMR Has changed the name of the group from MOCC to RMVSG :- Recreational Motor Vehicle and Safety Group. In doing so they have increased the member numbers with representatives from RACQ, Australian Institute of Automotive Mechanical Engineers [AIME], and Australian Aftermarket Automotive Association [AAAA]. This means that with the inclusion of the previous additions of Caravanning Qld. and 4WD Qld. they will need to cull the original membership to only one delegate from each club.

With the culling of the membership this has the QHMC with a problem as have grown to 4 delegates,

QHMC have delegate Doug Young who was the person responsible for the introduction of IMPROMPTU Runs.

QHMC are endeavouring to increase the distance for testing SIVS vehicles from 15 Kms to 50 Kms, which if introduced may impact insurance.

QHMC Membership

96 affiliated clubs, total 12585 members with 16305 vehicles. Ryan Woods has applied to AHMF for a grant from the Robert Shannon Foundation to help with restoring a Gemini Panel Van, he submitted an excellent presentation.

National Motoring Heritage Day

Historical Motorcycle Club had over 200 bikes attend the Ray Owens event at Canungra, the David Hack event at Toowoomba airport had over 530 vehicles and aircraft on display.

Mac's Bridge display at Bulimba Rifle Range had 476 vehicles and 400 visitors, they had 75 E type Jags.

QHMC donated \$100.00 to the Orange Sky organisation

EVENTS [only advertised for INCORPORATED clubs]

10th July - Open day at Transport Museum Gatton

31st July - Nambour Swap Meet

5th September - Chrysler Expo Rocklea Showgrounds

11th September - Gympie Swap at Showgrounds

19th September - All British Day at St. Joseph Oval Tennyson

Your Delegate

John Greene



SHAFTED BY A TAIL-SHAFT.

It's been quite a while since I last wrote anything about the Switzer family racer. With covid stopping most racing and only occasional meetings or test days squeezed in between constant cancellations, there hasn't been a lot to say. Of course, with all the serious health problems in the world, motor racing is way down the list, but when it has been a passionate interest all my life, it seems very dull without it.

Our racer, 1968 Coupe, hotted up 302, top loader, trutrak diff built to Group N regs. We recently gave this car a birthday by having a custom camshaft fitted, one produced by a guru working on his own in his backyard shed in country NSW. Yes, it came over the border. Shhhhhh! Don't tell Anastasia. Of course, it had to have exotic v/springs, retainers and so on, and on. (Read expensive)

Once this was squared away, Mark and I took it out to Lakeside for a test run, hoping for a bit more power as racers always do. After a few adjustments it was time to nail it and Mark soon had it up to maximum speed along the straight. Just as he turned into the kink at top revs there was the most colossal explosion and all drive to the rear wheels ceased.

As we had just finished engine work, the instant guess was a blown motor but not so. With a helping of luck/skill/ luck/daring/ and luck, he was able to teeter round the outside of the corner at high speed and bring it to a halt on the grass.

Once he recovered his breath and wits, a look back along the track showed, in the distance, 2/3rds. of the tail-shaft lying on the bitumen. The rear 1/3rd. was still attached to the diff yoke and was digging into the grass. This tail-shaft was not very old and made for us by a well-known firm, but the tube had snapped in two without any warning. When inspected by the experts at Hardy Spicer, (where I should have gone in the first place), it was found to be thin walled mild steel with one quality uni and one from Taiwan, but both were intact.

Borrowing a bit of wire from a nearby fence, we were able to tie the broken bit up and winch the car onto the trailer. The only light in the gloom was that we definitely felt we had a bit more power!



Rob & Mark puzzling over where this large piece of machinery is supposed to go!

The full extent of the damage was not seen until arriving home where we found the broken shaft, flailing around had put 8 holes in the floor pan. Imagine the sound of that at high speed almost under your seat. Looking more closely, I found a chunk out of the gearbox casing, wait on there's another one, 3 of the 4 cast lugs between the g/box and bell housing had shattered and taken lumps out of the casing. The new exhaust system, 3 days old, was battered and bent, a rear brake hydraulic line severed.

To cut a long story shorter, a top loader gear case was eventually found in

Warwick. A quality tail-shaft with thicker walled chrome moly tube and undrilled uni's was built up and all should be well in that dept. This incident was not quite life threatening unless you count a possible heart attack from the shock but was definitely a threat to the wallet. Doing all the labour ourselves, it still cost about \$2000. There had been no warning, no vibration and as long as power was not increased, the poor-quality shaft could cope ---- just!

You may be thinking if this is an example of racing, why would we want to get back to it? You may be thinking this day was a disaster? You are right, it was!

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Sunday 3rd - A Day in the Country Charity Day at Peak Crossing Details in this Magazine		

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CHARITY DAY AT PEAK CROSSING

NEW DATE: Sunday 3rd October 2021



Mustang Owners Club of Queensland member's are invited to an "Invitation Only" Multi Marque Charity Day on Sunday 3rd October 2021 at Peak Crossing. This prestigious event is hosted by the Fassifern Valley Rotary Club and the Brisbane Register of the Jaguar Drivers Club (E+F Type Register) of Qld and held on a private property.

All funds raised go to The Rotary Club of Fassifern Valley.

Join with other car enthusiasts to enjoy a unique range of vehicles ranging from vintage cars to inspirational machines in a relaxed private country setting with no general public participation.

The Rotary Club food van will be serving refreshments and a bbq lunch at reasonable prices. Yes, the legendary lamingtons will again be available this year!

A coffee van will also be available along with the usual multi prize raffles and live music.

Entry is restricted to 200 cars on a first come basis. An early reply ensures you don't miss out on this great event. Once we achieve 200 cars, we will go to a dated waitlist, so we look forward to your acceptance as soon as possible.

Entry fee at the gate will be a donation of \$30 per car with a chance to win a lucky car prize worth \$350, donated by our hosts.

Please register your interest to:

Jean Vincent - jean.vincent3@icloud.com

This will be a COVID safe event following all Government requirements.

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Brake Fluid - It always has to work but we all ignore it!



Brake fluid is possibly the single most neglected component in your car. Most drivers will check their tire pressures and change their engine oil at frequent intervals, but virtually no one ever changes the brake fluid in their car. I wouldn't mind a small wager that a number of you reading this article are still running the same brake fluid that was in the car when it came over from the good ol' US of A many years ago???

Brake fluids can, especially in areas of high humidity and frequent rain, quickly adsorb water. Adsorbed water in brake fluids degrades brake performance during heavy frequent braking, the water boils resulting in a gas in the fluid, leading to spongy nonperforming brakes. An interesting point to note is that when the brakes are tested later, the brake system has cooled, the brakes will perform perfectly indicating no fault. It should be noted here beside causing braking problems, that water in the brake system will cause corrosion in lines and wheel cylinders.

The function of brake fluid is to provide an incompressible medium to transmit the driver's foot pressure on the brake pedal through the master cylinder to the cylinders/calipers in order to clamp the friction material against the drums or discs.

Brake fluids are not a for life fluid, a large number of vehicle manufacturers recommend brake system are flushed and refilled with new brake fluid every 2 to 5 years. This can be a time consuming and costly procedure, this cost/time factor has led to a system of insitu brake fluid testing using conductivity probes that will detect water in the fluid. But changing fluid every 3 to 5 years is always the safest way.

OK so I might have convinced you to change your brake fluid sooner than later, what fluid should you use?

Any well-known brand will be OK as they must meet a specification DOT 3 or 4 for our cars. I personally like Bendix as it is a pretty blue. **DOT 3** fluids are usually glycol ether based while **DOT 4** fluids are also glycol ether based but have a measure of borate esters added for improved properties including increased dry and wet boiling points. The next point is critical only buy brake fluid in small containers and do not use leftovers, **throw out any leftover brake fluid**. This is paramount to having a safe and effective braking system as once the container is opened, the contents are drawing moisture and air and losing its compression and therefore its optimum performance characteristics.

However, flushing the system will not rid the system of water already in the brake cylinders, the only sure way of removing this water is to remove and rebuild the cylinders. It is up to you to assess the need for this, flushing the system will prevent further water accumulation and will even dilute/remove water in the cylinders at the cost of contaminating the new brake fluid.

I hope this article provides some insights into the mysteries of your cars braking system, safe and happy stopping,

Alan Messenger

The following is an article by the British Society of Chemists, declassified in 2014:

It seems that the German and British aircraft both used 87 Octane Gasoline in the first two years of the war. While that was fairly satisfactory in the German Daimler-Benz V-12 engine, It was marginal in the British Rolls-Royce Merlin XX engine in British aircraft. It fouled the spark-plugs, caused valves to stick and made for frequent engine repair problems.

Then came lend-lease and American aircraft began to enter British service in great numbers. If British engines hated 87 Octane gasoline, American, General Motors Built Allison 1710 engines loathed and despised it. Something had to be done!

Along came an American named Tim Palucka, a chemist for Sun Oil at their South East Texas Refinery. Never heard of him? Small wonder, as very few people have. He took a French formula for enhancing the octane of Gasoline, invented the "Cracking Tower" and produced the first 100 octane aviation Gasoline. This discovery led to great joy among our English Cousins and great distress among the Germans.

A Spitfire fuelled with 100 Octane gasoline was 34 miles per hour faster at 10,000 feet. The need to replace engines went from every 500 hours of operation to every 1,000 hours which reduced the cost of British aircraft by 300 Pounds Sterling. And even more when used in 4 engine bombers. The Germans couldn't believe it when Spitfires that couldn't catch them a year ago started shooting their ME-109 E and G models right out of the sky.

Of course, the matter had to be kept secret. If the Germans found out that it was a French Invention, they'd simply copy the original French patents.

The American Allison engines improved remarkably with 100 Octane gasoline, but did even better when 130 octane gasoline came along in 1944. 130 Octane also improved the performance of the Radial Engine Bombers we produced.

The Germans and Japanese never snapped to the fact that we had re-invented gasoline. Neither did our "Friends" the Russians.

In all, 100,000 Americans died in the skies over Europe. Lord only knows what that number would have been without "Super-Gasoline". And it all was invented just a few miles west of Beaumont, Texas and we never knew a thing about it.

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-Winston Churchill



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