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Club Inspection Day

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Why become a member of the GTR Torana XU1 Car Club of WA Inc?

WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER MEMBERS

A club is only as strong as its members. The GTR Torana Car Club of WA Inc. is no exception to the rule. Its main assets are its members. There is a diverse range of technical knowledge and skills and all members willingly contribute to the club information base and, we are proud to say, willingly help each other.

Vehicle Identification

We can give advice to owners and potential owners of either GTR or GTR XU-1 Toranas.

Information

We provide information relating to the GTR and XU-1 Torana. If you need to know something we can in most cases provide an answer, or at least put you in touch with someone who can assist you.

Concessional licensing

Club concessional licensing, where upon inspection - if passed - a much lower State licensing fee is charged.

Quarterly newsletter

Advertising up and coming events, free For Sale section, free Wanted section, free advertising for your business, interesting club run articles, club-attended car show articles and technical articles.

Club Activities and runs

Club runs and barbecues are organised throughout the year to bring club members together for some fun. The club also attends many of the larger car shows in WA.

Club Meetings

Club meetings are held monthly and are a great source of information

Club merchandise

Exclusive GTR Torana XU-1 Club merchandise. Polo shirts, t-shirts, hats, beanies, jackets, stubby holders, decals and key rings.

Discounts

We are able to offer club members discounts at participating businesses.

For membership please visit the club web page for an application form

www.gtrtoranaxulcarclubinc.com

President's Report

Mmmmmmm[insert: sigh & dreamy look]. Can you smell that? And that soundSpring is in the air. The birds are chirping, the days are getting longer and dryer and a hustle and bustle is just stirring as people come out of their cocoons and start getting out and about after the Winter. Finally!

Welcome to the new Club year. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped out for the AGM and for those who have volunteered once again to fulfil spots on the Committee. Your support is so valuable and deeply appreciated. And a big shout-out to our inaugural Honorary Member, Trevor and our Club Person of the Year, Cat.

We had a couple of events over the Winter but generally, as to be expected, there was a bit of a lull. Hoping many of you got to the concessional licensing inspections last month. Whilst not compulsory, it's a great initiative of the guys driving this and good practice in maintaining our vehicles with the expertise of Russell looking over the safety aspects. I can't thank those enough who continue to coordinate this day on an annual basis for the benefit our members.

So, I'm looking forward to more events as the warm weather approaches. Already in the pipeline we have Mid-West Show 'n' Shine, visit to Mike and Linda's and of course Christmas will be here soon so we'll need to start planning. I hope we get to focus on more South-west runs this year to catch up with our regional and long-term members more often than we have in the past.

And of course we say good bye to our Ed (aka Marty) and looking forward to finding out who our new editor is going to be. I know you're out there.

Let's get cracking..... We've got a new year to start. Enjoy!

Natalie Kais



Editorial

Well, I'm still here..... The AGM was a huge success with a full committee accepted without those awkward silences, (except for the Editor)..... There was just crickets

All committee positions have not changed so this creates stability in the leadership group and is a good thing. But!.... We still encourage new blood to join in and get involved. Nothing is really hard and it feels good to be part of something your passionate about.

As mentioned before I will be travelling around Oz for seven months so will be unable to do the usual newsletter. I may be able to squeeze one more edition in, but that's it! I'm not taking the computer with me.

You only need to be computer competent and have email, then put together all the info in a program your familiar with. The design and program can be as simple or complex as you want.

During the AGM meeting the executive committee handed out some awards with the highly anticipated Club Person Award going to Cat. Well....What a worthy winner and thoroughly deserved, always putting the club first and with a happy smiling face.

Our inspection day for the concessional licensed cars was a beaut day with sunny skies and a dozen cars turning up. Thanks must go to Bill & Val for hosting the day and Ken and Russell for their professionalism in checking the cars. You can read all about it and see the fantastic pics on page 8.

Look-out! Steve Harvey is going on an awesome road-trip. He's heading to three major events in just a few weeks, all over east. This is sure to make for some great stories and photos in the next newsletter. Check out Steve's itinerary on page 14.

Later this month is the Mid-West Show 'n' Shine in Geraldton. This well run Biannual show has a strong following from our club. Held on the long week-end of the 27th this event also means we can catch-up with some of our northern members.

I'm really looking forward to this and especially the social gathering at Pat & Dougs' place, and if it's fancy dress again...Make-sure some ones taking pictures.

We also welcome new member Paul Meyers from the south-west. Paul has jumped right in to the swing of things and sent in a little article about his car. This GTR looks hot and seems to have an interesting history. Check it out on page 6.

Until next time, enjoy the read, keep sending in those stories and interesting bits and pieces.

Martin Sibley



AGM Awards 28/6/2015

Our hardest working member deservedly won the coveted 'Club Person Award'. Well done Cat and thank-you for all the hard work you do. We do notice.

Yours truly also got an appreciation award which was graciously accepted and used at Rare Spares.

Natalie also said some kind words, along with a story of how I reminded her of Plucka Duck. (Someone who's personality changes once they're in fancy dress). Well..... I made the mistake of agreeing with Nat and talking about my antics

on the Shitbox Rally. Dressed as a lady/woman/ Drag Queen what-ever, and how I won the dancing competition. The members asked "are there photos? Because they need to be in the newsletter" Well, being a man/woman of my word, I have included those pictures somewhere in the newsletter. You just have to find them.

Trevor also received his honorary membership from last year which is now part of the prize for the Club Person Award . This is a nice touch to add to winning that magnificent perpetual trophy.

Ed



Rattletrap 1971 LC GTR



My name is Paul Meyers, I joined the GTR MXU-1 Car Club about 2 months ago after finally making the decision to restore my 1971 LC GTR, I have had the car for at least 30 years but it's sat in the shed for 15 after taking it off the road, my father calls it, 'The Rattletrap'.

The car is an Albany car, sold new in 1971 from Manley Stanwell Holden in Albany. I have also obtained an original dealer sticker for the rear window. The cars original colour is Indy Orange and the plans are to keep it that same colour.

I have been informed that this car could be an ex police vehicle, although nothing verified as yet. When I purchased the car it had spotlights, a 186 engine with triple carburetors, instead of the 161s motor. It also had holes in the rear floor behind the front passenger seat, supposedly shackle holes. Radio holes under the dash and the aerial hole further forward on the front fender. The differential also has a non standard ratio more suited maybe for highway work.

So far the car has thrown the usual challenges with rust in the sills, lower front fenders and front valance. But the rear fenders are the worst (very dented) I think this was done to make the bog stick back in the day. Looks like it was done with a ball peen hammer. Usual story, you think the car looks good until you get it back to bare metal.

This is an ongoing project and would like to take the opportunity to thank, Trevor Peters for the use of the rotisserie, Mike from Bridgetown for helping with the restoration, and Mike Bell for checking the numbers. Oh and my understanding wife, Dina.

I will keep you posted on the restoration and look forward to some club runs.

Regards

Paul Meyers.



Concessional License Inspection Day

15/8/2015

Held at Bill and Vals place in North Albany (that's what it seemed like to us Northern suburbs crew) this annual event is now on my list of must do's (as long as the weather is glorious, like it was).

Even if your car isn't on concessional licence the mechanics here at the club are happy to give your car a check over. I put mine on the hoist (being recently restored) and was happy for the 'many' inspectors to point out any issues.

It was noted that my clutch needed more free play to take the pressure of the thrust bearing, the exhaust was close to the rear suspension due to a loose connection and a few bolts back-to-front on the K-Frame. Still not sure how I managed that after referencing photos and manuals.

We all paid a \$10 fee which went towards the BBQ lunch which Alan, Cat and Jo organised, treating us to tasty burgers, hotdogs and salad.

Trevor bought along three cars for inspection so he was always coming or going. Driving home,

swapping cars and returning. Lucky he lives close-by.

Trevor's Falcon decided to play dead which seemed to be a fuel issue. When it did roar to life it smoked up the joint and seemed to run fine after that. One of those quirky things only the Fords have I suppose?

With Ken and Russell running through a checklist most cars were found to have some minor fixes required. This is a great way to get your car checked over by a trained set of eyes and potentially spot any problems.

With plenty of friendly banter the day was a huge success and thanks again to Bill & Val for welcoming members to their home.

Ed

Photos by Mark Pitt & Martin Sibley

*We lined the cars up best colour to worst.
Sorry Kim, but Mark said white wasn't a colour.*





The examinations were taken seriously with a thorough checklist to go through, but there was a little horse-around at one stage.







The pretend grease monkeys get under my car and point out some dust and water marks. (Glasses were needed)





Six Laps on the Mountain



By the time you read this I should be on my way to Canberra to meet Colin my friend who I will be travelling with up to Maitland, along with the Victorians for the convoy to ToranaFest.

As Marty can confirm, there are usually in the vicinity of 300 plus Toranas of all models attending this huge biannual event. Held over the weekend of 19-20th September there will be the likes of Bev Brock, Jim Richards, Joe Felice and numerous other identities attending this awesome show.

On the Monday after we will be heading to Bathurst with some others from the weekend. Then doing a few laps around the mountain and spending the night at the Ridges Motel on Conrod-Straight.

Tuesday, I will head to Campbelltown and spend the week with Gavin who happens to own 6 Toranas, two of which are racers. I will then head back to the Bathurst show grounds, of which

many of you have been (in 2012) and camp there for the mecca of Bathurst.

The excitement is starting to build-up knowing that I will get to drive my Marlboro hatch around the track for the parade lap, along with Dan Harker, Adam Masters in his L34 Torana and 20 or so other historic cars. Lets hope this is not a repeat of 2012 when the parade lap didn't go ahead.

A bit of a low will be when I have to cover up the Marlboro signage to enter the track, but that won't stop me before and after the event, lol.

After Bathurst I'll fly up to the Goldcoast to watch the V8 Super Cars in action. Meeting up with Gavin, Derek and Kerry who have a motel unit booked on track, so that made staying somewhere a lot easier. Hopefully I'll have some great pics to show at the club meeting when I get back.

Cheers

Steve Harvey



Torana Tricks

Petrol cap lock

Here's a clever way to protect your fuel cap from theft while keeping that original non-locking cap.

The first step is the crucial one, working out where to drill the hole. Using the hole that is already in the back of the cap as the pin locating point, mark this on your rear panel. Then triple check and check again to make sure it's in the correct spot.

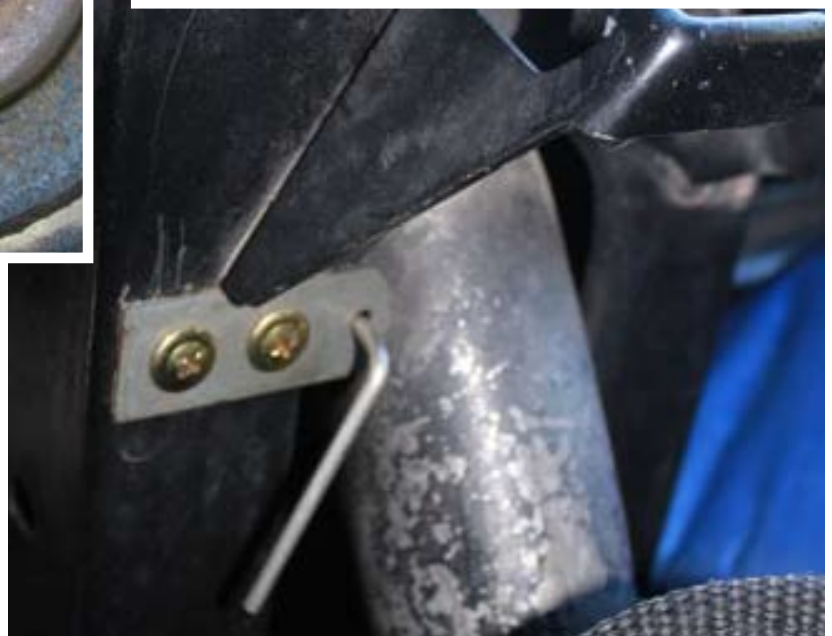
It looks like the hole is on the same circumference as the filler screws and midway between them. Once you're happy, drill the hole through the filler flange and rear boot panel.

Using a lock washer and a spring, set-up your locking pin as pictured. Make a little bracket in the boot to locate the pin. Create a little bend or fit a knob to the end of pin.

So now to open the fuel cap, the boot lid needs to be opened then pull on the spring loaded pin while undoing the petrol cap.

Too easy.

Thanks to Russel for sending in this **Torana Trick**.



Who is this sexy woman?

You'll need to read the newsletter to find out.



Cottesloe Spotto

These two club beauties were seen parked up at the famous Cottesloe beach front.



What's New

Rare Spares have just released another quality part for our cars. Here we have the bonnet hinges which look to be an accurate copy of the real thing. At around \$230 a pair they are well priced. The springs will need painting for certain Torana releases but apart from that these get the Thumbs-Up!



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Wanted/For Sale

Wanted

Hi all, I'm looking for a couple of single Strombergs. I'm interested in pulling them apart and learning how they work, playing with the jets and maybe making a super-carby. Watch-out you triple carby guys.

Also

Brass elbows from inlet manifolds. 3 required for a mate who has heaps of Torana parts and could work out a swap.



Martin: Ph: 0422 223 555

Wanted

IJ GTR steering wheel
complete in good used condition

Thanks in advance

Warren: Ph: 0439 842 028



Bits & Pieces

Harry's recommended fluid? Castrol of course!



Plastic Gold..

Gram for gram, this NOS left hand mirror pad sold for more than gold!



LJ TORANA LEFT DOOR GENUINE NOS MIRROR GASKET

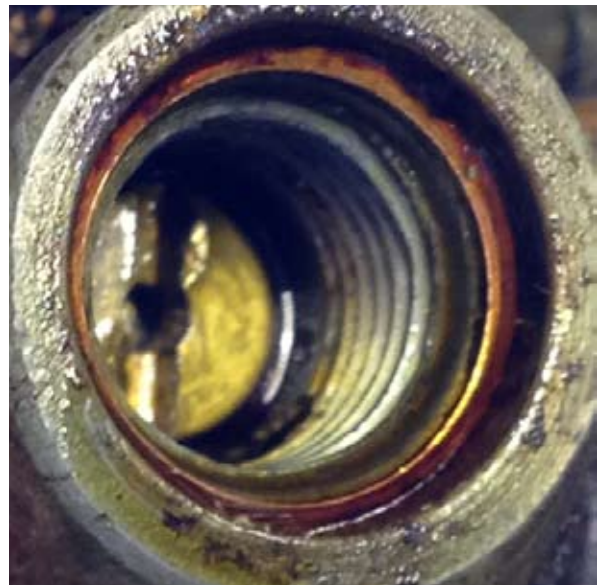
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Item location: Holden Hill Sth. Aust., Australia
Post to: Australia

Under the Scope



How well do you know your Torana parts? If you don't recognise this bit, the answer is later in the newsletter.

Club Preferred Businesses

These are businesses that support our club

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

Who needs roller rockers?

Here's a rare piece of history. Sent in by Russell after he dug it out of his old technical data from his days as an apprentice at GMH. This mod from the era, dated February 1974, is designed to improve the natural misalignment of the push-rod guide holes.

GROUP 6A
FEBRUARY, 1974

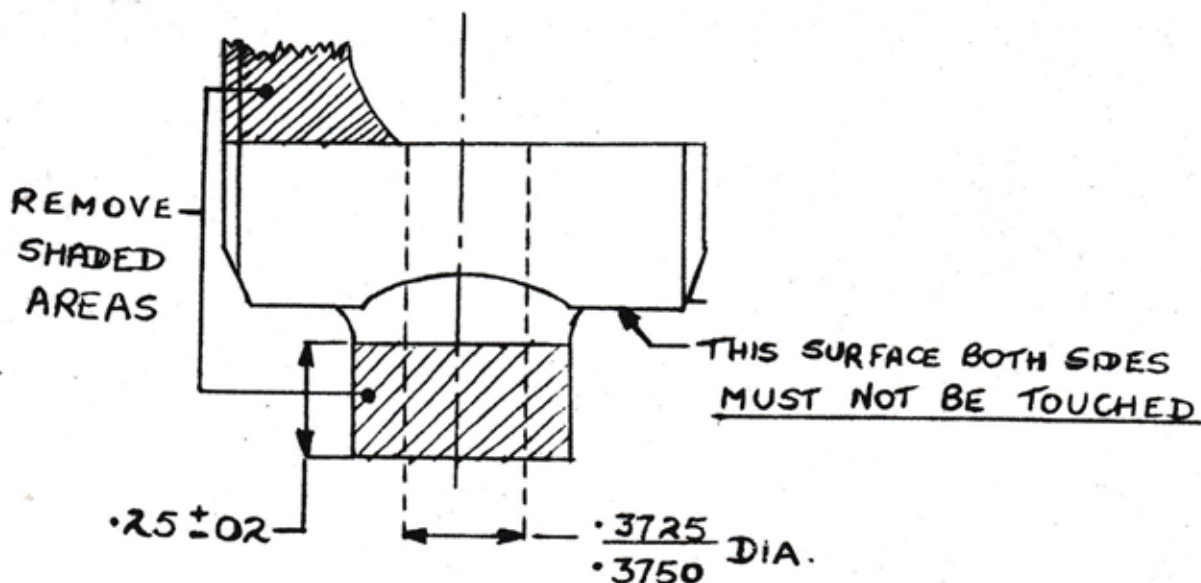
SUBJECT: VALVE STEM TIP WEAR

MODELS : TORANA GTR - XU1

Wear of valve stem tip and rocker arm in XU1 engines is associated with misalignment of push rod guide holes, relative to valve and rocker arm stud centrelines.

To correct this condition rebuild the cylinder head assembly, replacing any worn valves and studs with new parts. The original equipment valve rocker arms are replaced by HQ (L6 engine) arms 2811931 and the special ball seat is replaced by cylindrical pivots made from HQ (L6 or V8) pivots 2811933 or 7434861. Details of the rework to pivots shown below.

Adjustment of the valve train is unchanged.



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 Jo-Anne Allchin.

Note: club merchandise is generally available at each club meeting and events attended.

Parting pic..... Mark & Trevor have-a-chat. Eye to eye for a change.

