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WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER MEMBERS

A club is only as strong as its members. The GTR Torana XU-1 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 Toranas. 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.

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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.

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

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EDITORIAL



Welcome to another edition of our club newsletter. Apologies as I am a little late getting this issue out. I have included some articles from old editions in this newsletter. As we have some newer members I thought it would be a great way for them to see some of our past and for old members to relive some memories. Even though archived editions are available on the GTR Torana XU-1 Car Club web page I thought this may make the process a little easier.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue .

Cheers David

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Automotive Funnies

A man went to get his driver's license renewed, at the local motor vehicle licensing centre and it was packed. The man stood in line for almost an hour. Finally he had his photo taken, he inspected his photo for a moment and commented to the clerk, "I was standing in line so long, I ended up looking pretty grouchy in this picture."

The clerk, then reassured him, "It's okay. That's how you're going to look when the cops pull you over anyway."



PRESIDENTS REPORT

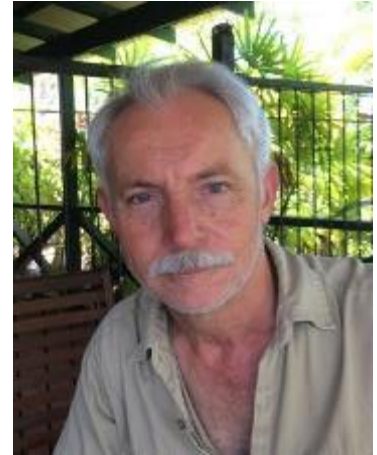


Hi Fellow Club Members

This summer has been the most unpredictable ever. Bill Jenaway has never postponed a car run in summer due to the possibility of rain (heat wave yes).

Recent car events have seen a number of cars on the road and on display. Firstly, the Cervantes Car Show in October. Kim Jeffery organised members to use local accommodation and make a weekend of the event. The Christmas run to Mt Helena Tavern was also well attended. The beer garden made for a cool atmosphere on an otherwise hot day. The food was excellent and everyone seemed to enjoy the day.

Our latest Club event, organised by Trevor Peters and Geoff Stapylton was a visit to Tony's Ford Car Museum in Gidgegannup. Again a large turnout. We must thank Steve Gunn and Kim Jeffery for supplying the pork and beef sausages. The barbeque rounded off a great day. Although the majority of cars on display had blue ovals on their grills the collection was impressive and our thanks must go to Tony for opening the museum on the day.



Marleen Naylor has finally licensed her Mediterranean Blue LC and attended with Russell. Great to see a new club car hit the road.

At the March meeting Martin Sibley put a proposal to the club to create a photo album/book of members cars to celebrate the 21st anniversary. He has teamed up with Geoff Stapylton and together they are seeking your participation in this project over the coming months. So keep your cars polished and ready for upcoming photo opportunities.

This year, the CMC relocated the Shannon's Classic Car Show to Ascot Racecourse. We had a great turn out of cars and were praised by other Club's on our display. Hopefully this event will get better next year. We should thank Geoff & Christine Stapylton and Martin Sibley for their diligence on making this display look so effective. It was a great photo opportunity. They organised another photo shoot at the Fremantle traffic Bridge at sunrise. Those who attended enjoyed the experience and no doubt the photos will prove the inconvenience was well worth it.

Last weekend Bill Jenaway organised a cruise to Paddy's Bush Bar & Grill in Karragullen. Again great weather and turnout. Our next Club cruise will be the "Hills Are Alive" event on Sunday, 28th May. Information will be forwarded shortly.

Ken Parker due to health reasons has had to stand down in his role of Club Treasurer and Registrar. We must thank him for the many years he has held this position and wish him a speedy recovery. It was good to see him attend the Gidgegannup event and hopefully many more. Many thanks to Val Jenaway and Jo-anne Allchin for taking on these roles.

Unfortunately we received the sad news of fellow Club Member, Rob Kiernans sudden passing. We send our condolences to Jo and family.

Again, I bring up our 21st celebrations. If anyone has any ideas please contact the Committee with suggestions. Otherwise, keep cruising and drive safe.

P.S. Remember that our Magazine Editor, Dave Scuderi, is always looking for photos and stories.

Regards

ALAN BAJADA

Club President

Yilgarn Motoring Enthusiasts

By D Scuderi



This was always going to be a big weekend, just how big I hadn't realised until I lived it.

My good mate John from Southern Cross (SX) and a few others in town had been giving me a hard time as to why I had not brought my XU1 up to their Motoring Enthusiast car show weekend. Finally running out of excuses the time had finally come to bite the bullet and head on up to Southern Cross a place I lived in and worked in for some time.

The weekend before the show I prepped the XU1, fresh oil, a new oil filter, changed the inlet/exhaust manifold gasket, a good run, some fresh 98 Go Go Juice and then up the hoist for a once over. Everything looked fine. During the week I loaded the car up, complete with XU1 Bike in the back seat. I did have to pull it apart to get it to fit.

Fortunately there were a few other car clubs heading up to SX. I received a phone call mid week from an ex Southern Crosser who was heading up with the car club they were in, the Falcon XABC Coupe club. She said I was welcome to cruise with them.

Saturday morning about 7am I eagerly awaited for the convoy of Ford Coupes at the service station in Sawyers Valley. I counted them as they drove by 11 Ford Coupes and a Chev El Camino support vehicle. This is when it dawned I was the only Holden and I remembered thinking I will never hear the end of it if I break down. Fortunately the XU1 was on song all day, 3.36 gears in the rear with the tacho sitting on 3400rpm she didn't skip a beat. I won't say too much about the Fords performance as their owners were a great bunch and let me tag along.

First stop Northam where a killer Landau in an enclosed trailer joined the convoy. The Landau sporting a 460 stroked to a 502, with a panel job and paintwork to match. This thing was show and go.

The second stop was Cunderdin for a photo shoot in front of the Ettamogah Pub and Ford dealership, for some reason I was not included in the photo shoot, I think it was because my car was too shiny.

Third stop was to Marek Brothers Garage in Kellerberrin to visit Richard and his collection. His passion is old advertising, oil tins and Holden's, the Torana had pride of place parking in front of the 70s petrol bow-sers.

The fourth stop was Tammin where the thirsty V8s filled up and we all fuelled up drinks.

The fifth stop was not scheduled, enough said.

The sixth stop was Merredin for lunch.

The seventh stop was not scheduled, enough said.

Yilgarn Motoring Enthusiasts

By D Scuderi



When we arrived in SX it was time to head of on their Poker rally. With the car still loaded up I joined in on the rally. A great rally especially if you have never been to SX. You get your directions at the commencement of the rally and visit peoples collections in their sheds trying to remember as much as possible for the quiz that happens and the end of the rally at the Railway Pub. The rally and the quiz made for a long day. Up since 6am and we didn't leave the pub until about 11.30 with the car still to be unloaded and cleaned ready for the show the next day. I ended up going to bed at about 1,30 am. Luckily I was staying at Johns, my car securely locked in his shed and the Royal suite had been reserved for me so no trouble sleeping.

It was a great little show that just kept getting better for me. Catching up with old friends from town, checking out other cars and stalls. After the show we took all the cars back, went back for a quick shower and change of clothes then back to the recreation centre for presentations and a meal.

The Car Club prepares a beautiful roast meal for a very reasonable price. This is where the weekend got a little hectic. We grabbed our food and a some drinks. Next thing you know there is a Bundy and Coke mixer in front of me and me saying not mine, apparently I was being shouted this continued on for some time. I must have learnt their kids well when I was techa there. Next thing you know some of us are getting kicked out as they wanted to lock up. Someone grabbed my arm and then Freddo one of our club members invited me and John to his shed to continue the night. Whoever gave me a lift thanks.

Freddos shed is awesome. A whole mob of people were there. Some people playing guitars and singing, some out by the fire, others just relaxing and some just talking car talk as you do. I remember leaving Freddos with John and Colin about 2.30 am. Me tripping over an olive tree, and John laughing at me, saying didn't you see it and me saying if I saw it I wouldn't have tripped over it and I will remember for next time (probably not). We continued walking back to Johns house freezing cold but not really feeling it. When it came to crossing Great eastern Hwy I remembered to look both ways for olive trees and duly crossed when all clear.

All in all a great weekend SX folks really lay out the red carpet and would love to see us up there as a club later this year. They offer free camping on the oval with toilet facilities as well as a well planned rally with an interesting array of cars. If given enough notice I am sure with my contacts we will get secure storage for our cars.

Cheers Dave

Yilgarn Motoring Enthusiasts

By D Scuderi



Southern Cross

Waroona All Aussie Car Day

By I Hadlow



Well it was time for the annual Waroona All Aussie Car Day and getting up around 5.30am was not a problem in anticipation of what this show would bring.

With the Sun still struggling to rise , Anthony my son and myself began the quick trip down to the meeting point at the Caltex in Byford for around 7am, a little rain on the way but after all ,this is the best time of the day.

Here we met up with Trevor with his ever reliable Rally Red LC XU1 and mate Steve Renolds doing a great job towing the club trailer for us.

After having a very welcome coffee, we headed off down the South West Highway to Waroona to catch up with the town locals and very much valued club members Brian and Kathryn Taylor Brian and Kath brought along no less than 4 cars ,just as well they live up the road! 1GTR 2x XU1s and his rare factory Tuxedo Black SLR .

Gary and Annette also arrived a little later & Cat and Russell came down for the drive as well.

Well numbers were down a little all round ,I guess due to the weather BUT all was good after a little dust storm and a nice drop of rain the sun came out for most of the show.

Lunch was awesome thanks to Kath and Brian cooking and supplying roast meats and rolls cakes etc thus making the day memorable for all that made the effort.

After lunch we had a quick walk around to check out all the other cars ,motor bikes and anything else that caught our eye. There were stalls that were selling all sorts of country home made foods and crafts.

Was also good to catch up with Mike Leroy and Family who were also there ,selling the best honey in the southwest.

Congratulations to Brian receiving a trophy for best Holden I believe ,well done with his Yellow Dolly LC XU1 In race livery of Colin Bonds 39C

All in all was a great day Ian Hadlow

Cervantes Show and Shine

By K Jefferies



In 2015 the first Cervantes Show & Shine had about 60 cars on display. I had been asked by Kevin the show organiser and family friend to attend the show, but was unable to due to work commitments. After missing the first show ,I thought I should try and get 2 or 3 other members to come along as well, so I booked annual leave and started to spread the word.

As I had appointed myself the apprentice show organiser you would think, I would have been able to con someone else to write this story, it appears the rest of the mob all had writers cramp, so your stuck with me. This story should have been in the last newsletter, but I have been suffering with a bad case of CBF or was that Gunna Syndrome.

On the Friday morning before the show Ian ,Helen, Mark ,Sandy ,Sharon and I met up with Captain Slow I mean MR XU1 2 U leading the way we found half the Caravans in WA to follow.

Now you would think driving a long a road named Indian Ocean Drive for an hour and a half you would see more than 3 minutes of ocean views. We finally arrived at the Cervantes Edge Resort checked in unloaded the cars met up with Warren and Lisa, and we all took a 3 minute walk down to the Lobster Shack for lunch. This was the start to very enjoyable week-end.

We walked back to the Resort it was time to put the feet up and relax, for a couple of drinks and nibbles around the pool. A short time later Greg and Anne arrived, some how we managed to find the motivation to get up and clean the cars ready for the show the next morning.

It was now time to spruce up for dinner the Girls made the effort the Boys well they were as "Ugly" as ever. Uber was extremely busy so we walked the 50 metres to the Cervantes Bar and Bistro, we had just sat down and were about to order and the phone rings it was Ian asking for directions, 5 minutes later Ian and Cindy arrive, we now had 12 at the table, great food, good company and we all had a lot of fun.

The next morning we drove the cars across the road to the oval luckily we had reserved parking as it was a casual affair with no entry forms just roll up on the day, 15 minutes later Garry and Annette arrived. We now had seven cars. The show had about 150 cars on display. It was surprising to see such a wide variety of Aussie, American muscle, Utes, Vans, Vintage and Hot Rods. Cars ranged from Austins to Z28's. If that wasn't enough there was about a dozen market stalls, a Sportsmans Club next door for a meal or a two minute walk to the beach where some of the girls had seen dolphins on their early morning walks.

I was lucky enough to win a nights accommodation at the Resort, a \$75 fuel voucher and Garry also won a \$70 restaurant voucher in the raffle. Unfortunately Garry and Annette had to head back to Perth due to other commitments. As the show had finished by 3pm we all gathered around the pool, spun a few yarns and took some photos of the bunch.

We all walked across the road for dinner with live music and some dancing. The next morning we checked out and set off on a cruise to the Pinnacles. About 50 cars made the trip. I could feel a little bit of Walter Mitty coming out. For a moment I thought I was Colin Bond driving an XU1 rally car on the dirt tracks. It was somewhere totally different to take photos of the cars. It was now time to head for home.



Cervantes Show and Shine

By K Jefferies



Northam Vintage Swap Meet

By D Scuderi



The Northam Swap Meet has turned into a must do event for some of our club members. Namely myself, Trevor, Ian and a few of our mates Steve, John and Jono. We decided a few years ago that it wasn't so much about selling some of our surplus parts or trying to get a bargain. Its more about the mateship and the fun we have camping out. We decided a few years ago why drive up at 5 am in in the morning when we can drive up the night before and not have to queue up to get in in the morning.

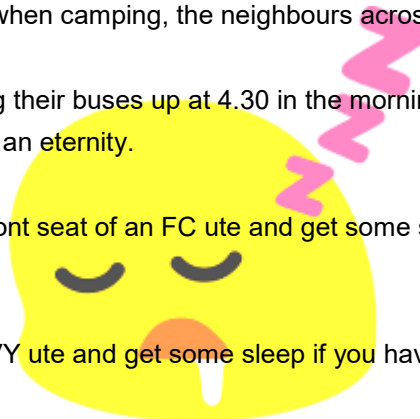
Originally we started out by camping on the oval at Northam, the next year in Johns relatives back yard, we did this for a couple of years, then in a guys backyard that John met whilst he was fixing a burst water pipe (we are not fussy) as long as we can lay our swags out. This year we pulled out all the stops and decided we would camp in the line to get in first thing.

Trevor, Ian, Steve and Jonno met up at my place we then met John in Northam as he travelled from Southern Cross for the swap meet. Unfortunately there was already a bus first in line when we arrived.

This didn't bother us as you can see from the pictures, we set up camp on the side of the road. I am the chief cook for the night cooking up sausages and my secret onion mix. Every one chips in something eg bread rolls, salad, drinks etc.

Ten lessons learnt;

1. Pedestrians don't care if you are trying to cook on the footpath and want to get through.
2. You can't light a fire on a footpath to cook with.
3. McDonalds is noisy all night, but the toilets are free to use.
4. Don't give John alcohol when camping, the neighbours across the road complained.
5. Some people like starting their buses up at 4.30 in the morning and leave it running to charge their batteries for an eternity.
6. You can lie across the front seat of an FC ute and get some sleep, especially if you have had a few drinks.
7. You can sit upright in a VY ute and get some sleep if you have had a few drinks.
8. You can sleep in the tray of a Ford ute but you cannot sleep in the cab.
9. I would have made more money if I had a sausage sizzle the night before the swap meet and sold them on the footpath.
10. We thought we were Glamping but apparently it is classed as being homeless.



Northam Vintage Swap Meet

By D Scuderi



Shannon's Classic Car Show

Pictures by W Hope



Shannon's Classic Car Show

Pictures by W Hope



Mid West Show and Shine 2010



Wow what a weekend I can't say I have had such a great weekend for a long time. It started off with the trip up to Geraldton. Al and I his Landcruiser with 71-XU1 stored safely aboard Allans purpose built covered trailer. My son Luke hitched a ride with Gordon in the Rodeo towing Warrens freshly painted Sunburst Metallic LJ GTR XU1 (the car has now gone to live in Bathurst NSW), Warren and Lisa in their Salamanca red LJ GTR and Blair in his car.

To say the trip up was uneventful would be an understatement. The five hour trip took us seven hours. There is always a bright side though as when we arrived in Geraldton and met up with other club members at Pat and Dougs we found out that it took Steve Harvey 13 hours just to get to Dongara. All of a sudden 7hrs seemed quite respectful. We were mainly plagued by flat tyres on Warrens hire trailer and springs that decided they would let only one wheel of the trailer make contact with the road.

Saturday night saw us get settled in and get the cars cleaned up and an opportunity to get some amazing photos of club members cars all parked up under one roof. It was sight to behold. It was also an opportunity to take onboard some much needed fluids in which ever poison you chose.

Come Sunday we were all ready and raring to go to the Mid West Show and Shine. The quality of the cars on display some 205 was impressive as good as if not better than what Perth has to offer in the form of car shows. The club cars on display and the centre display a brainchild of Phil and myself looked absolutely brilliant and stole the show. All club members chipped in if not for that I don't think it would have been such a success.

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Mid West Show and Shine 2010



A big thanks has to go to Trevor and our departed and loved mate Phil for the organisation and the cajoling to get people up to Geraldton. An even bigger thanks has to go to Pat and Doug for rolling out the red carpet for all club members and generously giving up what they do for what I would imagine is a great deal more than the two days we were there.

Everything was organised flawlessly and we were made to feel part of the family. Friendships were made that I am sure will last a lifetime. One last thanks to Al for getting me and my car to Geraldton it's a privilege to be in a club that has club members willing to go the extra mile.

Please enjoy the photos and results over the next couple of pages of what was a memorable weekend away.

Dave Scuderi



Mid West Show and Shine pictures next page



Mid West Show and Shine

Happy Snaps





Mid West Show and Shine Happy Snaps



Photos courtesy of Carlo Barone

GM Day 2010



GMH DAY 2010

Our day began very early, loading the Toranas onto the truck and trailer. We headed off, to Bassendean Oval, just as the sun was rising.

The day was filled with mixed emotions. Excitement that another club event was taking place and sadness , that our beloved Phil Leroy was no longer with us. The event was well supported, with 19 Toranas, members with families and friends. Members came as far north from Geraldton, with Pat and Doug- to the south Warruna with the Taylors. I believe, we all came for the love, friendship and respect for Phil. "It was his day".

Trevor thanked all members for their support with our club 's loss and said that the club must move forward. He also thanked members for their effort for the day. Trevor explained that the display was Phil's idea. It was an excellent one! THE EVOLUTION OF THE TORANA. We were all delighted when the club won the trophy for the best club display. For once we beat the Monaro club ! !

The weather was warm, the flies friendly, plenty of laughter and cheer. Thank you everyone for another successful event.

Special thanks to Garry and Ken for arranging cars for display. Ian Hadlow-for the trailer. Annette, Eva ,Trevor, (and of course myself-ha ha) -for breakfast and lunch. A big thank you to Peter Ellis and Karen Noble (Mid West Show and Shine committee)- donating a plague to the club for Phil for his years of work .

A great day! ! !

Kathie Taylor



GM Day 2010



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