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(Club meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at

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Why become a member of the GTR Torana X-U1 Car Club of WA Inc?

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.

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.gtrtoranaxu1carclubinc.com

EDITORIAL



Welcome to another edition of our club newsletter. Apologies as I am a late getting this issue out. I would like to thank all those who contributed articles and photos. This is my first attempt at this and would also like to thank Dave for the newsletter template. It was a lot less daunting when a lot of the layout and details was there already.

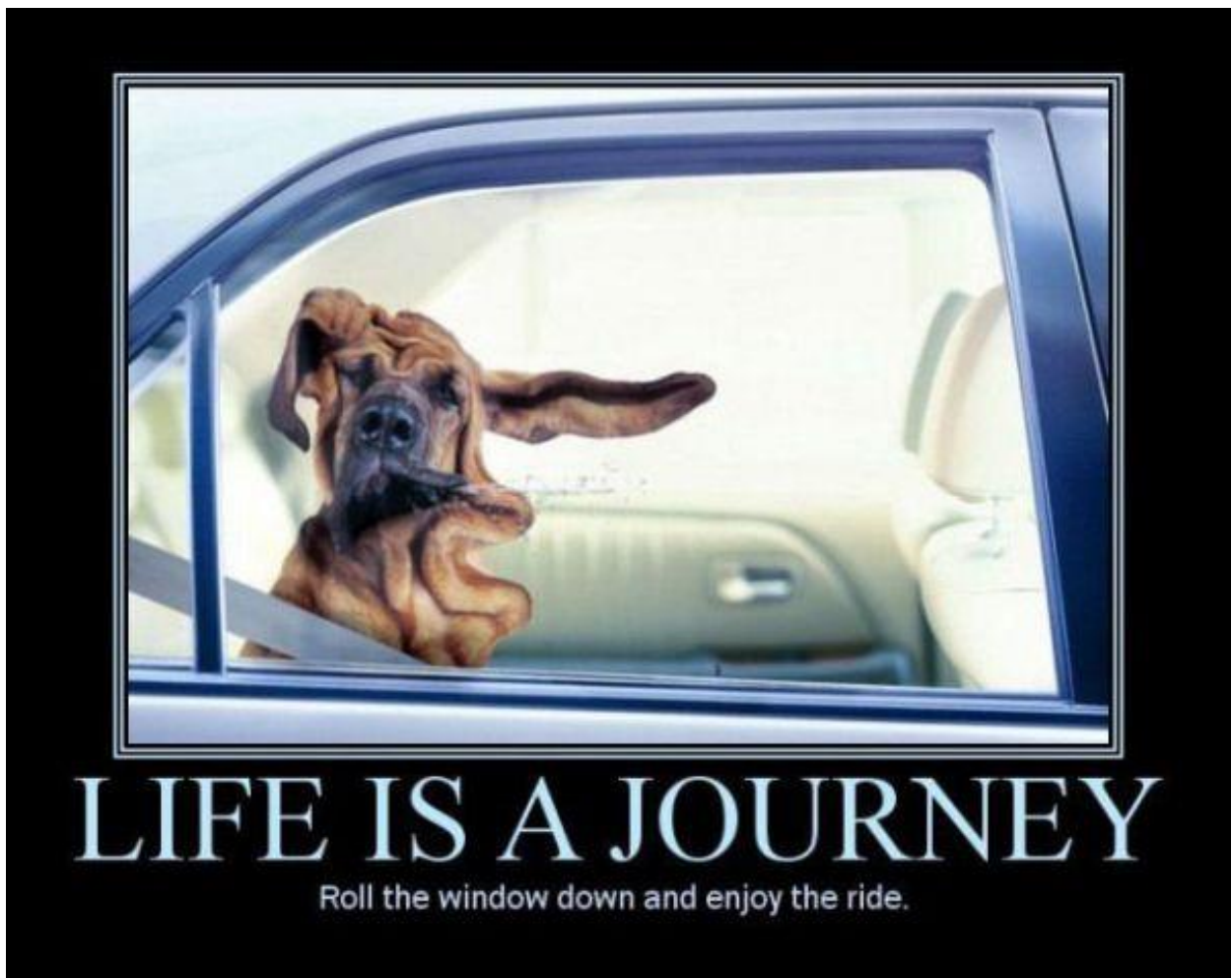
To all have a safe holiday period. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue .

Cheers Matt

Email: mattliesl@optusnet.com.au

Automotive Funnies



PRESIDENTS REPORT



Dear members.

Being my first report since becoming president at the AGM in July we have a few things to mention.

With a new Treasurer and President we are taking over from experienced well versed individuals, so there are some things to learn.

During the learning process a lot of things are also questioned, this is what brings about change within an organization.

The critical element is that the culture is maintained, and the club is kept on track with the members' expectations kept in mind with all decisions.

We opened the first meeting with an outline for the year ahead, of what we as a committee wanted to achieve, to enhance the position of the club, financially, legally and return to the members.

Financially with the ever-increasing costs to run a club we need to have a mechanism to raise money to cover insurances, running of events and ensuring our equipment is always in good serviceable condition. Just to increase memberships is not a preferred option, having events that are a one-day project that raise funds

and only using member support is our preference. The first such event was at the Rare Parts discount day where we managed the sausage sizzle for Todd.

There will be more on these activities as we move into summer.

Legally we must amend our constitution as the law now states all clubs must possess a compliant Constitution. I will be compiling the first draft over Christmas to work thru with the committee, then have a draft to present to the members at a general meeting around March 2018.

The government has enforced the legislation, so all clubs are run by the same guidelines, especially around dispute resolution and management of the club, its affairs and finances.

More will be discussed on the topic as we move to a presentation to members.

Return to members is to make meetings as informative as we can with a wide range of new information, products and services available to members.

Maintaining our events calendar that is so well arranged by Trevor and Bill, also ensuring we keep our equipment up to date and replaced as it wears.

Having just come from the Christmas Lunch at Noble Falls Tavern via the Brock memorial, we have had a big turn out and many old faces made an appearance.

Thanks to all who attended, for the effort and making it such a relaxing and enjoyable afternoon out.

As we move forward with the year please try to attend meetings to ensure you are up with what is happening in the club.

Remember a club is nothing without contributing members.

As always have a safe and Happy Christmas with a prosperous start to the new year

look after those Toranas and enjoy the cruising, hope to see as many as possible at the February meeting .

Regards:

Nick Phillips Club President



Christmas Run to Noble Falls



STOP THE PRESS



Gary wins best custom at Busso and gets this flash trophy



Toranafest - 50 Years of the Torana



By M Sibley

After jetting in early Friday morning with Steve and Sandy we then parted ways for the next leg of the journey. I met up with fellow member Mark who was already in Sydney on return from Hawaii. We got picked up by Keith (Sydney Torana Club) and driven to his house to pick-up his 74 SLR 5000, also known as 'The Taxi'. Mark was given the keys and we drove to Tony's place (STC member) for a big cooked breakfast while around 25 Toranas gathered in the cul-de-sac.



I caught-up with some friends from my last Torana visit and I chose a car to ride in up to Maitland; an LC two door which has been built by an ex Torana racer. Wayne has a reputation as a great driver who likes to practice his craft, while I sat there developing white knuckles and dirty undies. Mark hopped into a Lone 'O' Ranger XU-1 for the drive north and must have felt right at home in this beauty. His driver was Ben, a person I had met buying parts 5 years ago and finally got to meet face to face.

The 2.5 hour drive was broken up with a couple of stops as we joined up with other clubs and owners along the way. First stop is on the motorway at a pull over bay where we joined the lower NSW drivers then onto the northbound Super Servo to meet the lower states including the Tasmanians. A great effort to travel up from the Island state.

Toranafest - 50 Years of the Torana



By M Sibley

The traffic was relentless and reminded me how good we have it here in Perth. Even entering Maitland the cars banked up but I was told it's the normal Friday arvo rush. Once at the motel it was straight to the refreshment shop to load the fridge. We could now relax and meet the other Torana crazies. WA had six representatives at the festival that I knew of, but no cars.

After plenty of banter and fun it was time to walk to Club Maitland City for the evening 'Meet & Greet' where we were introduced to the host club (Hunter Valley Torana Club) and other enthusiasts.

There was a quick auction of Torana stuff which included some personal items from Barry's (Pops SS) collection. Just these alone raised over \$1000 for Ronald McDonald House - well done Baz. Then it was back to the motel for more socialising. The hard core stayed up till 2am so it's always wise to have ear plugs on a trip like this. Not to mention the chainsaw club that have their meetings after 11pm!



Saturday morning started slowly with some car washing and a look at the new cars that were arriving for the arvo cruise to Heddon Greta Drive-in. By 1pm the car-park was full of Toranas gathering for the cruise, and after a quick driver meeting the cars headed off toward the drive-in. We felt like royalty; the locals lined the streets, parents and kids were waving and taking photos as the cavalcade rumbled past. This was a really amazing experience and so unexpected.

Toranafest - 50 Years of the Torana



By M Sibley

Lining up to enter a drive-in and NOT see a film never felt so cool. At last count there was 236 cars all facing the big screen - what an incredible sight! The kiosk was opened and soon sold out of choc top ice creams on this warm sunny afternoon. We had to leave by 4pm so as not to clash with the real drive-in clients.



Toranafest - 50 Years of the Torana



By M Sibley

It was now time for the Gala Dinner at Club Maitland City, so after all cars had been put to bed it was a short walk across the carpark. This was a sit-down three course meal for about 280 people. The VIPs included Colin Bond, the Nowacki 's Bruce and Ned, Bev Brock, Ron Missen and Kevin Bartlett. Kevin did a talk about his career while a slide show played. Todd Martin hosted the night and was full of quick wit and plenty of interesting information. The evening finished with an auction and me back in bed around 11.30. Tomorrow was going to be a big day!

We were up early on a chilly morning and owners had their chamois out wiping off the dew. The big day had come and by 7.30am the cars rolled out and headed to the grounds. The line wound its way through the trees for 300 metres and eventually started moving. Apparently the toilet truck had blocked the entry for a while. Once in my priorities were to buy the T-Shirt, hat and a bacon & egg roll, then zip around the ground taking photos before the spectators got in.

What a day! The sun was shining on over 430 Toranas. Arranged into clubs with areas for the privateers it took a good four hours to get to see them all. I was actually over-whelmed by so many cars in one spot and forgot what I was looking for. Hopefully I got what I wanted in my photos. Still a few unrestored long owner XU-1s out there, all claiming they 'll never sell it, but I guarantee one day they will be sold.



Toranafest - 50 Years of the Torana



By M Sibley

I got to meet a few internet friends in person and see their cars. This is what it's all about - the socialising and meeting others with the same interests. By the end of the day I was exhausted, and lack of water had me struggling that evening until the Panadol, water and rest kicked in. Then we visited the club again for a final dinner and then back to bed.



Monday morning was a relaxed pack-up and fill-up of fuel tanks. An hour drive and a quick stop at a Super

Servo for breakfast, then on to the Gosford Classic Car Museum which is normally closed Mondays but was opened up just for us. This amazing collection of cars worth over 70 million dollars is one of the top five biggest private collections in the world. Even though it had a large European flavour it was amazing to see so many beautiful and expensive cars in one spot. I was disappointed to find most Holdens there except the little Torana.



Toranafest - 50 Years of the Torana



By M Sibley

We again stopped at Keith' s and swapped cars and with five of us piling into a Toyota it was squishy!

And again he took us to the airport for our flight home. The hospitality of these Sydney guys is amazing and I really hope one day I can reciprocate the favours.

Unfortunately an LC GTR was crashed into on the way home. Not in our group, but we heard it had stopped at lights and was run up the back and pushed into the car in front. Devastation for the owner! Especially after only recently finishing the restoration.



A great festival again, and a big congratulations goes to the Hunter Valley Torana Club for a record breaking Toranafest. Bring on 2019.

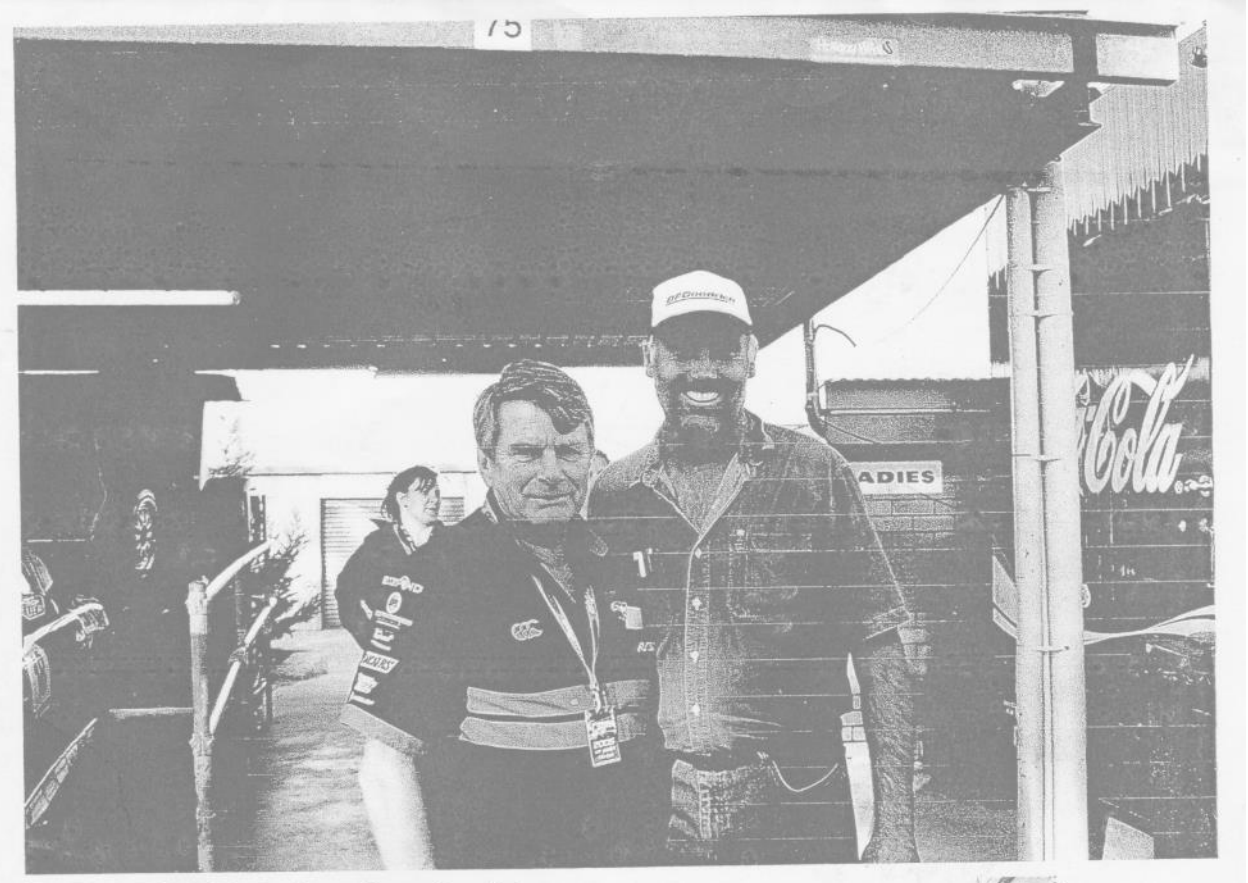
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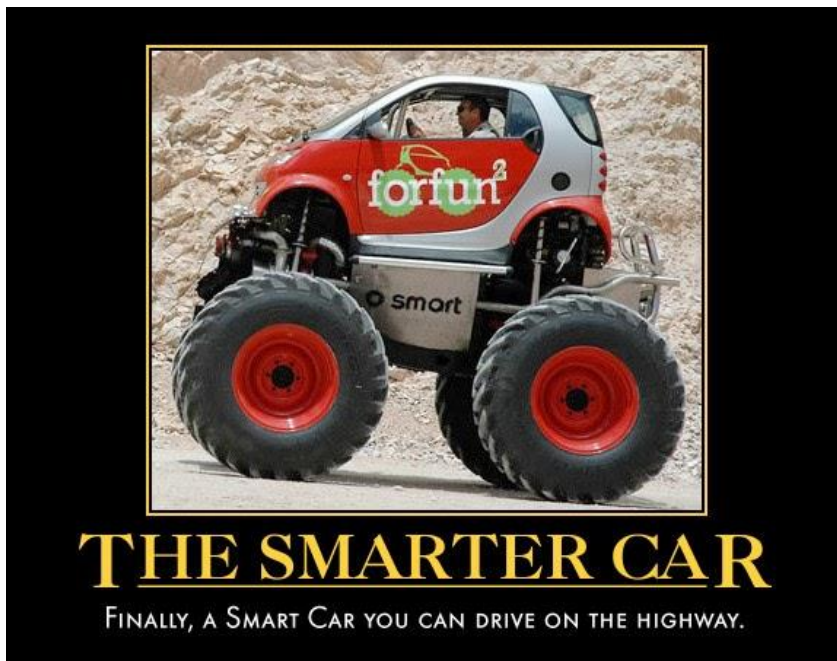
Who is this ?



Guess who these two top blokes are and what racing circuit they are at?



(Answer is elsewhere in the newsletter.)



XU-1 Distributor and Head Numbers



By T Peters

For those of you that are looking for original distributor and heads for restoring your XU1, below is a list from GMH of the numbers you will need:

DISTRIBUTOR NUMBER – it 's the last three numbers that are important!

TORANA LC, XU1, 1970-1971.	Last three numbers: 000 and 403
TORANA LJ, XU1, 1972-1973.	Last three numbers: 111 and 803

TORANA XU1 HEAD NUMBERS

FROM 1970-1973 (LC and LJ). MUST HAVE THE RAISED STARTING NUMBER 2815843 ON THE HEAD. THERE ARE FOUR STAMPS ON EACH HEAD.

	CODE	DATE	YEAR	
2815843	E140	14-5	1970	H
2815843	E210	21-5	1970	H
2815843	G30	3-2	1971	H
2815843	G90	9-7	1971	H
2815843	A281	28-1	1971	H
2815843	A291	29-1	1971	H
2815843	M21	2-12	1971	H
2815843	E32	3-5	1972	H
2815843	E17-2	17-5	1972	H
2815843	H25-2	25-8	1972	H
2815843	L32	3-11	1972	H
2815843	C23-3	23-3	1973	H
2815843	20F3	20-6	1973	H
2815843	27F3	27-6	1973	H



Must be 2815843

Code Number

H – High Compression

Club Trailer



Pictures by T Peters

Please note that the license paper has been laminated and is now fixed to the inside of the Club trailer and can be easily removed for updating and payments.



Calendar of events



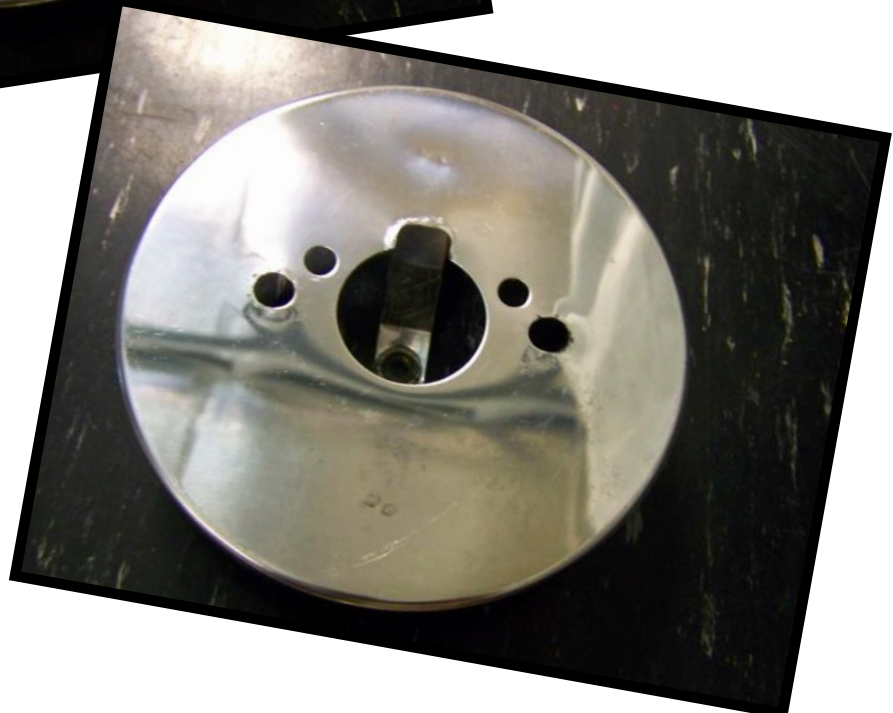
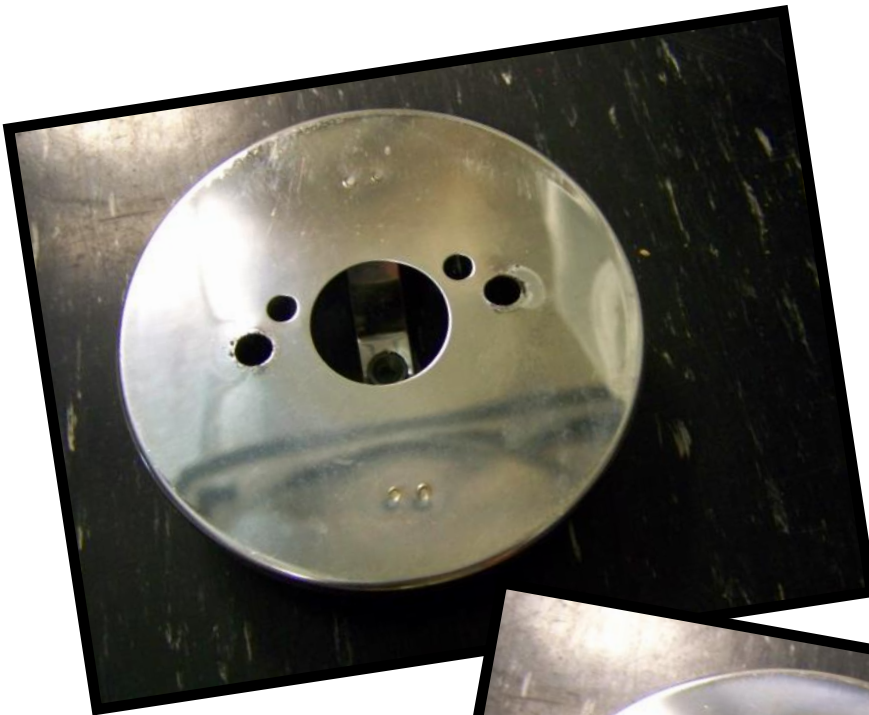
SEPTEMBER	
15 th , 16 th and 17 th September	Toranafest – Celebrating 50 Years of Toranas! Maitland, NSW. Website: http://www.toranafest.com.au/
Saturday 23 rd and Sunday 24 th September	Albany Show & Shine. Cruise on Saturday, Show on Sunday. Website: www.gssma.com.au Phone: Christine 0477 562 572
Sunday 24 th September	Mid West Show & Shine, Port Denise Foreshore, Dongara. Website: www.mwshowandshine.com/index.php?page=home Email: pete.ellis@westnet.com.au Phone: Peter Ellis 0418 907 360
Sunday 24 th September	Southern Cross Car & Bike Show. Website: www.yilgarnmotoringenthusiasts.com Phone: Kerry 0427 491 448
OCTOBER	
Sunday 1 st October	Nostalgia Racing, Swap Meet and Show 'n' Shine, Kwinana Motorplex. Website: www.motorplex.com.au/the-nostalgi-as-2/
Saturday 7 th October	All Wheel Show'n'Shine, Wanneroo Showgrounds. Website: www.thevintagecollectivemarkets.com.au/show-and-shine/ Email: vcmp Perth@outlook.com
Sunday 8 th October	Bathurst V8 Supercars, Mike Lansley's place in Bridgetown. *** To Be Confirmed ***
Friday 13 th to Sunday 15 th October	Powercruise, Barbagallo Raceway. Website: www.powercruise.com/?site=perth
Sunday 15 th October	Cannington Show Grounds, Swap Meet.
Sunday 17 th September	Shannons Southern Coffee Cruise, Hall Park, Mandurah.
Saturday 21 st October	Cervantes Show & Shine, Cervantes Football Oval, Aragon Street. 9am start.
Sunday 22 nd October	Phil Leroy Memorial Run, Quindanning Pub. *** To Be Confirmed ***
Saturday 21 st and Sunday 22 nd October	Cunderdin Hot Rod & Classic Car Show, Recreation Centre. Phone: Troy 040 117 6167
Sunday 29 th October	All Ford Day, Steel Blue Oval, Bassendean. Website: www.afd.asn.au/ Phone: Greg 0409 295 246
NOVEMBER	
Friday 17 th , Saturday 18 th and Sunday 19 th November	Narrogin Rev Heads, Burnouts and Show 'n' Shine, Website: www.narroginrevheads.com.au/
Sunday 26 th November	Busselton Motorfest and Car Cruise, Website: www.busseltonmotorfest.com.au/

XU-1 Air Cleaners

by R Rouse

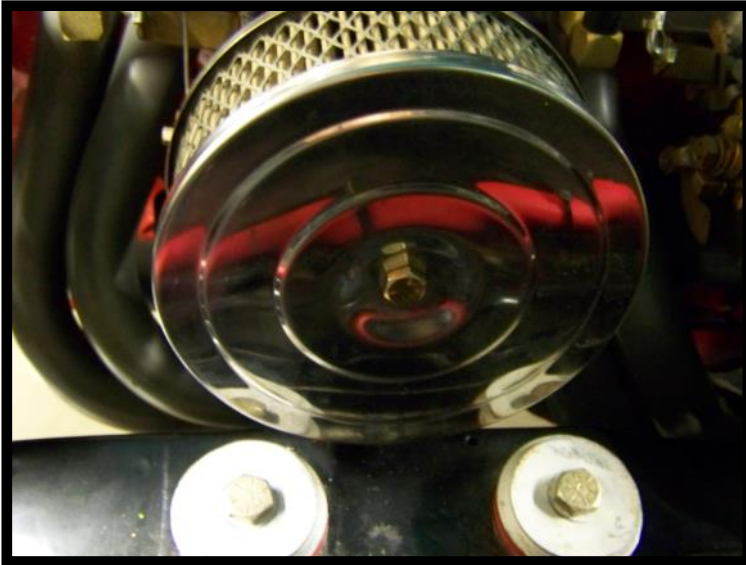


Some time ago, the question of fitting bigger air filter elements to LC XU-1 CD 150 Strombergs was asked. At around the same time, I was working on a set that had been fitted with aftermarket 1 ½ inch S.U. air filters. In doing so, whoever had fitted them, actually created a problem. Even though the S.U. air filter bases bolt straight on, the atmospheric ports for the suction chambers are different, and in this case, the port was blocked off (Pic 1). This was easily rectified by modifying the base to match the gasket (Pic 2).



XU-1 Air Cleaners

by R Rouse



The other problem you may run into is that the S.U. bases bolt on central to the throttle bore opening, which lowers the air filter assembly closer to the chassis rail (Pic 3). The original LC XU-1 CD 150 air filters have the throttle bore opening closer to the bottom of the base, allowing more chassis rail clearance.

The larger LJ air filter elements can be fitted to the LC bases by extending the filter lid studs as I did on my own CD 150s (Pic 4). This was done by machining up some threaded sleeves and using some short pieces of threaded rod (Pic 5).

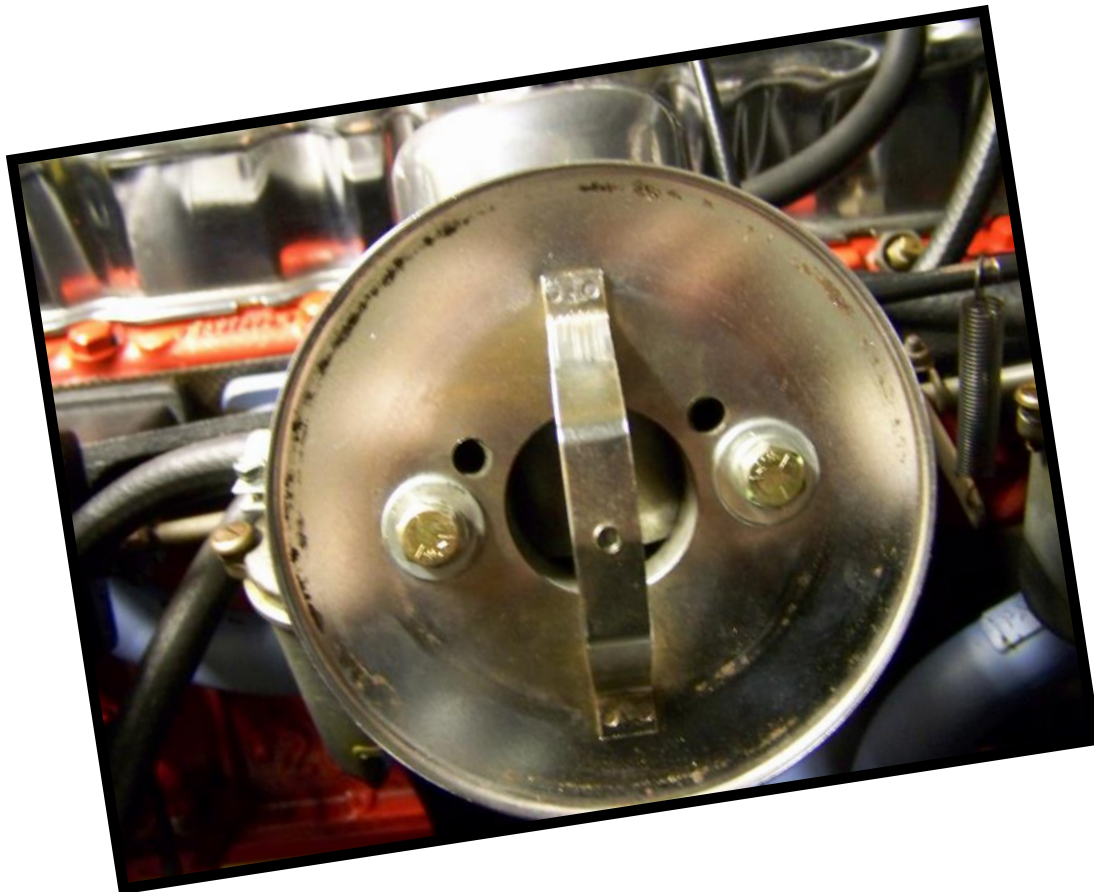
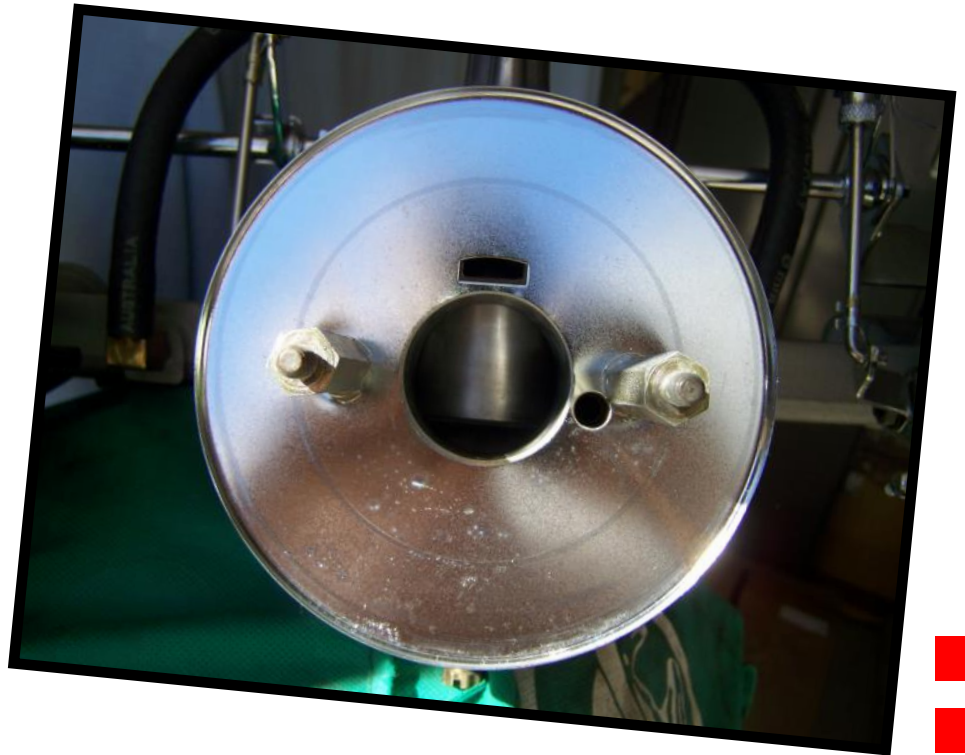


XU-1 Air Cleaners

by R Rouse



LJ XU-1 CD 175 carburetors have their bases mounted central to the throttle bore as they have a higher and shorter inlet manifold. The main differences between CD 175 filters (Pic 6) and 1 3/4 inch S.U. filters (Pic 7) are the suction chamber atmospheric ports and the lid mountings.



XU-1 Air Cleaners

by R Rouse



While on the subject of things that look the same but are not. All you guys out there using the blue motor H.E.I. distributor in your car, the aftermarket rotor button for the standard red motor distributor looks just like the blue motor one, only smaller, (Pics 8 & 9) and may not be apparent if you have not got one to compare it to. The car I



took this one out of was running fine and what alerted me to the problem was the noise coming from the distributor cap as the sparks were jumping nearly half an inch before they even got to the leads. These ignition systems have a hell of a lot of grunt (80 000 volts), so keep hands well away when the engine is running. Also if you are fitting one of these ignition systems, make sure you use the matching coil and run a new power wire back to the ignition switch (as the original wire is a ballast resistor) to get the best out of this system.



Murray Auto Xtravaganza 2017

by T Peters



The Inaugural Murray Auto Xtravaganza, (Max Pinjarra), was the brainchild of (then) Murray Shire President, Mr. Noel Nancarrow. Noel 's desire was to create an event that would highlight the wonderful attractions of the Murray region, and build it to be an iconic event for the region.

Held on the lush green football ground of Sir Ross McLarty Oval in Pinjarra, the first MAX attracted over 150 entrants from all parts of the Metro area, and from around the south west.

MAX Pinjarra really has something for everyone. There is a wide range of vehicles to look at, from custom classics, hot rods, street machines and motorbikes, to vintage tractors, racing tractors and drag racing cars.

The horsepower competition on the Dyno is fierce, and the sound of high revving engines made it a very popular part of the show.

The whole family can be kept entertained with a wide variety of market and trade stalls, plenty of kids activities, pony rides and plenty of refreshments available. The town centre is only a 10 minute walk away and a shuttle bus service is provided to ferry people into town and take in some of the attractions, or maybe just sit and have a coffee.

Great thanks to some of our club members for attending the show:

Sandy Lawrence with her LJ V8 Torana,

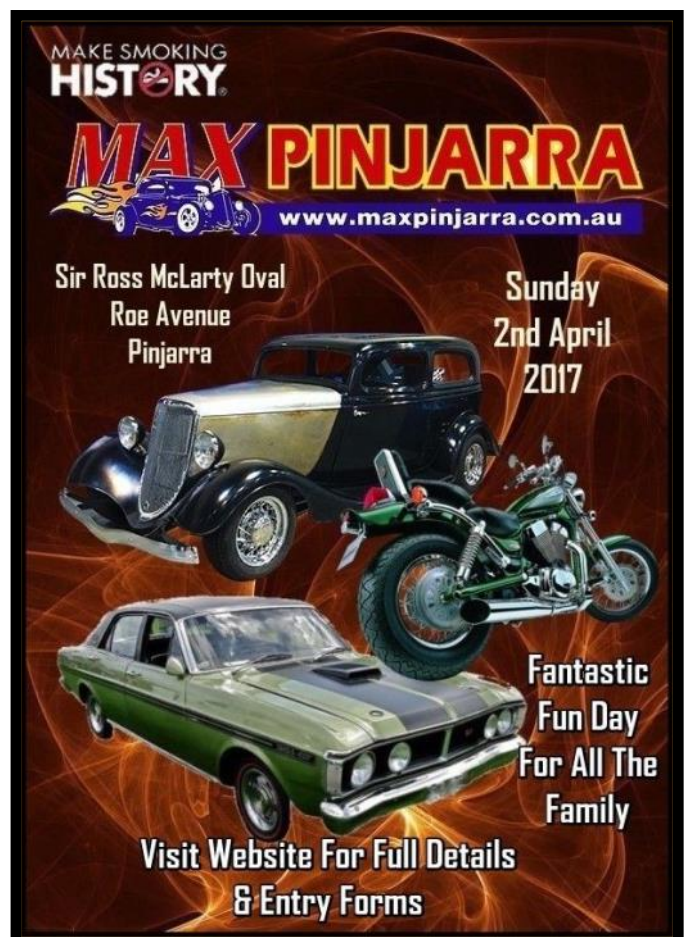
Steve Harvey with his Hatch Back Marlborough Torana,

Nunzi Barone with Carlo 's GTR Torana.

Special mention that Carlo' s car got into the Top Ten Best Cars of the Show.

Answer for page 14:

Colin Bond and Trevor Peters at Alf Barbagallo Raceway, 2012.



Murray Auto Xtravaganza 2017



Pickers and Collectors Bazaar

by T Peters

If you 're looking for some collectables, I came across this place in O ' Connor.

There 's heaps of automotive memorabilia ... signs, collectable cars (old and new), Peter Brock memorabilia, classic/re-purposed items, antiques, nostalgia, retro/vintage and heaps of other stuff. Well worth a visit and a browse.



Guess who dropped in to see me the other day?



by T Peters

I had a phone call from my mate, Todd Martin, the other day. He was in Kalgoorlie and on his way to Perth doing a reconnaissance drive for the Repco Reliability Round Australia Rally to be held in 2019. It was Todd's first visit to Perth, so my mate Steve Reynolds and I organized to catch up with Todd for a pub meal and a few beers at Gateways. We had a great night and Todd stayed at my place that night in his Mercedes Camper van.



More information about the Repco Reliability

Round Australia Rally will be sent out to us at a

later date. The event starts and finishes in Melbourne over about a month in duration. You don't have to do the whole thing; you can just do stages that suit you.

There will be two back-up vehicles (as pictured below) that will be carrying tools and parts for the event.



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