



# QUEENSLAND HISTORIC MOTORING COUNCIL INC.

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### NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY EVENT HELD SUNDAY 20th MAY 2024.

National Motoring Heritage Day is held annually on the third Sunday of May with the aim “to promote and display to the community and Government the strength of the Australian historic motoring movement” Historic vehicle Clubs and members are encouraged to drive their vehicles on this date with Clubs across the nation holding events. Motoring clubs throughout the state also held events over the weekend. The Heritage Truck Club held a static display and show at the Rocklea

Showgrounds, attracting 164 vehicles over the course of the weekend and over 1200 gate entries. On a different note, members of the Brisbane Northside Antique Automobile Association Inc. had a run to Kingaroy with 11 vehicles travelling 650 km over the course of the weekend.



The Q.H.M.C. this year chose the Veteran Car Club rooms and grounds at Carindale for the display and morning tea. After weeks of inclement weather the sun shone as vehicles headed to Carindale for an early start.

This year 56 vehicles, drivers and passengers were in attendance.

There is always something different to see at National Motoring Heritage events. A recent restoration or a newly acquired vehicle, soft-tops, hardtops, roadsters, convertibles, sedans and tourers. Vehicles from the veteran, vintage, post-vintage and classic eras.

This year was no different with a diverse and impressive range of vehicles on show. Taking the honours for the oldest vehicle was a 1910 Maxwell belonging to Syd Norman from Tamborine. Syd, a member of the Veteran Car Club, transported the Maxwell to the event in the back of his truck. Famous marques displayed included Austin Healey, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Dodge, Ford, Jaguar, Morris, Mustang, M.G., Packard, Rover, Sunbeam, Studebaker, Thunderbird, Triumph, Vauxhall and Zephyr. The Studebaker Car Club of Queensland Inc. had one of the largest displays with members bringing along nine cars which included a '55 President Speedster Coupe, two '60 model Hawks, a '64 Cruiser, '59 and '63 model Larks and a '76 model Avanti. The rare President Speedster is a two-door hardtop coupe with just five of this model registered within the Australian Studebaker Clubs. Studebaker members present also brought along a Mustang and a '49 Packard as part of the Club display. The Zephyr Club had a smaller but very interesting line-up of vehicles with Club members bringing along 3 different models; a 1956 Mark 11 Sedan, a 1960 gunmetal grey low-line Coupe utility and a '60 model two-tone Station Wagon. The wagon and the Ute were low-production lines built in Geelong just for the Australian market.

Also in attendance on the grounds was a group of volunteers from the Bayside community group Night Ninjas.

At 10.00a.m. Q.H.M.C. President Carle Gregory thanked attendees and volunteers and introduced Jason from Night Ninjas.

Raffle prizes were kindly sponsored with a \$300 grant from Jones IGA at Valley Way, Mt. Cotton.

Following morning tea and drawing the raffle prizes, drivers set off on two scenic drives, the first run to the bayside with a visit to historical Lota House. The House had first been constructed in 1863 as a grand private residence for an early settler named William White and is now a Residential Care facility.

Following the visit drivers had the choice of two rally routes, one via the Wynnum-Manly Esplanade and on to the Port of Brisbane. The alternate route was another scenic drive via the Thorneside/Birkdale esplanade and terminating at the seaside reserve at Wellington Point.

Syd Norman drove his Maxwell on the Veteran run to Lota House and later returned to the Carindale Clubhouse for a chat before heading homeward.



Feedback on the day and the run was very positive with attendees commenting on the relaxed and sunny atmosphere and the ample parking space at the Club grounds, the diversity of vehicles displayed and the “enjoyable” drive.

Following the drive some attendees took the opportunity to have lunch at one of the many cafés/Clubs close to the bay whilst others headed homeward.

Many thanks to the volunteers who worked throughout the morning including James Nicolls who travelled from Coombabah in brisk conditions for an early start on parking duties, Carle Gregory, Albert and Rod Bridges, Laurie and Jean, David (ABCCC), Ruth and the ladies working in the kitchen. Another successful National Motoring Heritage Day event hosted by Q.H.M.C. with proceeds from gate entry fees and the raffles to be donated to Night Ninjas.

A big THANK YOU to all who attended.

Sharon Auld.

## In other areas



Thought you might be interested in what Roma and District club did for National Motoring Heritage Day:

Injune Chapter Did a display.



St George Chapter –did a run and display at Nindigully Pub



Roma members – did a run and a display at Muckadilla Pub and we also displayed the vehicles outside our meeting at Muckadilla Hall later in the day.



Also our Taroom Chapter supported the Open Day at the Taroom Museum the day before.