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Editors Report.

Hi Morrie Fans!

Welcome to the new Club Newsletter. I am the new editor (and new member) Wayne Clark and I am happy to be aboard. I hope you like the new look and the now quarterly releases. I would like to ask members to please let me know of any drives you take personally in your Morrie and send your story to me, it doesn't have to be long just some highlights, or lowlights, in a few words.

I hope these new changes are liked and give our members and public all the information wanted in an interesting and entertaining way.

On top of the new newsletter changes, there has been some differences in the area of the minutes of the club meetings. They will no longer be released with the newsletter, they will continue to be released to the members every month as they were.

Speaking of changes, I would like to take this time to thank the previous members of the committee for all their hard work, and from a new members point of view, an easy transition and great welcome into the club.

I would also like to welcome all new members who have joined recently and to wish luck to all those members who have accepted positions in the committee or have taken on additional roles.

Cheers!

Wayne Clark



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Official Business

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MEETINGS, FEES, MEMBERSHIP COUNT

Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Councillors Office, Raceview Shopping Centre, Raceview.
MCGI currently has 24 paid memberships, covering 39 individuals.

GROUP AIMS

The aims of the group are:

- to foster the preservation and active use of all models of Morris vehicles produced between 1948 and 1971;
- to provide a forum for the exchange of general information and technical advice; and
- conduct a variety of motoring and social activities.

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THE FUN STUFF!

Happy Birthdays go out to these members:

September: Ron James

October: Dave Stoessel & Ken Brooker

November: Andrew Hornbuckle

Don't forget to wish them a happy birthday!



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"I figured you should have breakfast in bed on your birthday. Can you reach the stove okay?"

TRIVIA

The pre-war Morris Minor was manufactured between 1928-1933 and ran on a 847cc overhead camshaft engine and later a side valve engine, that produced 19bhp giving it a top speed of around 88km/h. It started with cable brakes but later changed to Hydraulic. The Morris Eight replaced the Minor until the name review of 1948.



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An Interesting Read

An interesting read was found in the Courier Mail dated 12th August. I hope it is clear enough to be read. The story is about centenarians who are still driving. The best part is the photo of the pre-war Morris Minor.

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Putting a few miles

Age no brake for handful of state's centenarians who are still driving

ROBYN IRONSIDE

TEN people aged 100 or more are still licensed to drive on Queensland roads, as part of a rapidly ageing motoring population.

The state's oldest licensed driver is a 103-year-old, followed by another aged 102, and three motorists aged 101.

Five 100-year-olds are still allowed free rein on the roads.

They're in company with 18 people aged 99, 30 people aged 98 and 62 people aged 97.

Despite their advanced age, figures show elderly drivers are the fastest growing group of motorists in Queensland.

In the past 18 months, the number of people aged over 90 with a driver's licence increased from 4352 to 5853 - a 22 per cent rise.

In comparison, the total number of licence holders grew just 2.2 per cent - from 3.3 million to 3.37 million.

Earlier this year, Transport Minister Scott Emerson accepted recommendations for all drivers aged 75-plus to have

to get an annual tick from their doctor to remain on the roads.

Yesterday, he said it was a "sensible change to protect older drivers, particularly as the population aged".

In the 12 months to May, the number of senior drivers aged 60 or over either killed or involved in fatal crashes increased significantly.

The latest data showed 71 people aged over 60 were involved in fatal crashes - up 22 per cent on the previous year - and 58 seniors had been killed on the roads, a 36 per cent rise.

Dr Mark King from the Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety Queensland said elderly people involved in serious crashes were usually at fault but because of errors of

judgment rather than reckless driving habits such as speeding.

"They're also more likely to be killed in these crashes because of their fragility," he said.

Driving professionals said that it was ability rather than years that mattered when motoring.

Bill Parker from Yellow Cabs said in his experience, passengers preferred older drivers.

"We've got no upper age limit (for cabbies)," Mr Parker said.

"If their medico thinks they're fit and capable, then we go from there.

"The general public tend to respect and appreciate the older driver as well."

John Tighe from Black and White Cabs said provided a driver could fulfil their requirements for operating a taxi, he would be happy to have them.

"I'm a great believer in competency based recruitment," Mr Tighe said.

"If people can do the job, then age should be no barrier."

THEY'RE ALSO MORE LIKELY TO BE KILLED IN THESE CRASHES

DR MARK KING

Roadies go a long way back

KRIS CRANE

WITH 150 years of driving experience between them, best mates Bob Luxton and Terry Latchford are two of Queensland's oldest driver's licence holders.

Living at Victoria Point's Salford Waters Retirement Village, the best friends are both 94, although Terry is quick to point out he is the younger of the two.

Both still drive most days and neither has plans to stop any time soon.

The more active motorist of the two, Bob, says driving keeps him young and allows him to stay in touch with his three children, 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

"My family is scattered around the place. I travel 10km to Aratula to visit my daughter," he said. "I go to my



EARLY ON: Bob Luxton with his brother's 1932 Morris Minor.

Story continued over page.....



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on the old clock



WHEEL LIFE: Victoria Point residents Bob Luxton and Terry Latchford are 94-year-old mates who still drive. Picture: Ric Franson

son who lives 120km away at Murwillumbah and my other son lives at Ormeau," he said.

Mr Luxton, who turns 95 next month, got his licence at 17, and barring the seven years he was in the navy he has driven every day.

As well as driving his family around Australia on their annual holidays, the retiree spent many of his years working behind the wheel.

"I drove a lot for work. I drove a taxi for about four or

five years when I was in my 60s," he said.

With his yearly check-up at his GP next month, Mr Luxton said he still felt very confident in the driver's seat.

"I am not planning on giving up my licence. They

might as well cut off my arms and legs when I can't drive," he said.

Mr Latchford limits his driving to around the Redlands Shire and said the main reason he kept driving was to visit his wife who has

dementia. He has recently been given the green light to drive for another year.

Mr Latchford had these words of wisdom for young drivers: "Keep the speed down and keep your mind on the road."

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Welcome to New Members

- Bruce
- Wayne & Kristy
- Peter & Elaine
- Wayne & Cheryl

Member Profile

In each edition will have a small members profile, so please send us some of your details so we can add you in one of the editions.

Name: Tina Whittaker with "The Little Red Rocket"

Ride's: "The Little Red Rocket" is a 1955 Panel Van, owned by Tina and Darren Whittaker.

I brought the little girl about 3 years ago and she is my daily driver (work, school, shops)

When I brought her she had major restoration and refit done with the following modifications:

1200 Datsun engine, a Datsun 120Y 4speed manual transmission, front disc brakes with booster. Since we have owed our pride and joy she has had a full respray and rust cut out all the interior has been done as well. I joined the Morris Group 3 years ago and have enjoyed the friendship and knowledge of the people within the group and other clubs. I am now the events co-ordinator and the chair of the group.

Next Upgrade





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Events

Saturday 17th of August: Tina Whittaker attended the WestMAC School Car Show and won the best vintage for her "Little Red Rocket."

Sunday 18th of August: Five of the club members were present at the Just Rock Show & Shine in Ipswich. The day was great with lots of interest in the Morris and the club. Over 300 cars were present at the event. Our very own Dave Stoessel won Runner-Up in the Best Euro Category.



Sunday 25th of August: Two members were present at the McLeans Bridge. A perfect day with perfect weather. "The Little Red Rocket" owned by our member Tina Whittaker won second in Commercial.

Saturday 31st August: Four members were present at the Southern Cross Care at Raceview. Members displayed their cars for the residents and their families. There were stalls and raffles throughout the day. The weather was beautiful apart from the unexpected wind. Overall, it was a great day for the residents and their families and the members that attended.

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Future Events

*The events in the future are as follows:
So don't forget to book them in and write them in your diary!*

SEPTEMBER 2013

Sun 8 Sep 2013	All day	Mini Muster
Tue 10 Sep 2013	7.30pm - 9.30	MCGI Meeting - Raceview Shopping Centre
Sat 21 Sep 2013	All day	Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Show - Queens Park, Toowoomba
Sun 22 Sep 2013	All Day	All British Day—MGCCQ - St Joseph's College Sports Ground, Vivian St, Tennyson
Sat 28 Sep 2013	All Day	Historical Vehicle Display
Sun 29 Sep 2013	All day	Historical Vehicle Display

OCTOBER 2013

Tue 8 Oct 2013	7.30-9.30pm	MCGI Meeting - Raceview Shopping Centre
Sat 12 Oct 2013	All Day	SEQ British Vehicle Rally
Sat 19 Oct 2013	All day	Gympie's Goldrush Car & Bike show - Nelson Park, Gympie
Sun 20 Oct 2013	All day	Kalbar Swap Meet - Fassifern Swap/Kalbar Showgrounds
	All Day	BMMCC Display and Picnic Day
	All Day	Kilcoy Classics on Wheels - Kilcoy Showgrounds

NOVEMBER 2013

Sat 2 Nov 2013	All Day	Harrisville 150th Birthday Street Parade - Main Street, Harrisville
Tue 12 Nov 2013	7.30-9.30pm	MCGI Meeting - Raceview shopping Centre
Sun 17 Nov 2013	All Day	BMMCC Issi Day Invitation Run



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