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Next General Meeting:

SUNDAY
1st February 2009
Caboolture Aerodrome.
10am Sharp

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello all

I trust everyone had a good Christmas and hope you all have a great 2009. Well for Susie and myself everything old is new again. Getting the Cobra Van back just before Christmas after a six month body restoration was a nice Christmas present, expensive but nice.

The Club Breakup party at Col's block at Gympie was again a top weekend. The Mary river was up and flowing so Col could take his jet boat out for a spin. I think about 20 people turned up with the secret Santa going over well. I think Stan and Howie are the Clubs new breaka brothers trying every death defying activity available over the weekend and surviving. Congrats to John for being voted Club person of the year and for Col for most improved Van.

Ballina was a blast as usual. I have done a report inside.

Morayfield Show is all systems go for the 22nd of February. Shannons have come on board with a \$1000 sponsorship deal. We have been given the main indoor atrium (where we had the stamp release display) for the week before the show to set up some vehicles to advertise the show. We already have Alan Fleming's "J" Rod on display. Alan will also be putting the Rod in the show. There is a Corvette coming from Classic Car Restorations from Bribie Island, they are also sponsoring the show. I will be putting my Cobra Van on display. Shannons will be on site for the week with the cars so if anyone else would like to put there Van on display let me know at the meeting on the 1st of February at the Caboolture airport.

Other event's happening is the Automania on the Downs at the Toowoomba Showgrounds on the 15th February. This is an indoor show and you can set up Saturday arvo or early Sunday morning. There is only one Van award but might be worth a look and get some flyers out for ours. The other is the Malfunction Surf Rally. This is on the 22nd of March at Kingscliff. Rick and Brett entered there Vans in the cruise last year and reported it to be a good weekend. Might get down to this one myself and check it out.

Cheers Russell



Alan Flemings J Rod



SUNSTATE PANELVAN CLUB INC.

Secretary John Dolton

Dear Member

Just a reminder regarding Morayfield Custom car Show 22/2/09

As this is our major fundraiser for 2009 help on the day is needed from all members.

Even if not displaying your car this is a full day for Sunstate and as the saying goes

“Many hands make light work”.

Entrants can arrive from 6 am, so it's an early start.

Even if you can only come for part of the day, your help will be appreciated.

Yours In Vanning
John Dolton

Muscle Car Museum



Beenleigh FX-FJ





CHRISTMAS PARTY

We arrived mid afternoon, a quick hello to all then began setting up camp for the night. Paige was really excited about sleeping in the tent I wasn't as sure as I could see a storm brewing. There were plenty of activities to keep busy, swimming, boat rides, water skiing, kayaking, water sliding or just sitting relaxing enjoying the view while eating and drinking of course. My favorite watching all the dare devils brave cols huge slip and slide. (This wasn't for pregnant me)

The presentation was good, **CONGRATULATIONS** to John Dolton for club person of the year and to Col Wildman with Class of 74 getting most improved van. Secret Santa added the Christmas spirit and cols' light show ended the night with a bang! (And showed us all his quick step)

We all survived the heat, rain, thunder and lightning through the night, (our tent looked like we had a strobe light on all night) and woke to have breakfast followed by the club meeting.

Thanks Col and Michelle for letting us use your block again for another great end to the year!

5 remember able moments

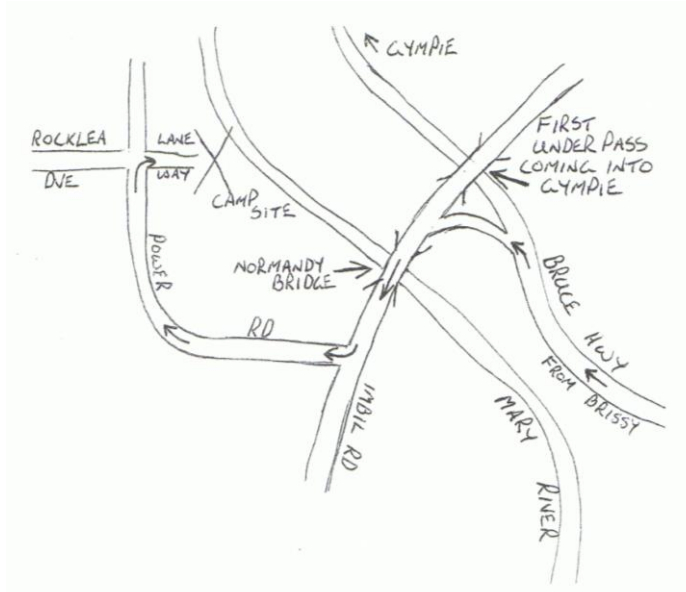
Cols quick step during the light show

Stan and Howie rocking Andrew and Emma's van

Paige falling over every time she did a Christmas cracker with someone

Me bogging the ford (thanks for the push Stan and Howie)

Bernie's jump start onto the slip and slide, twice (hope the head is better)





BALLINA 2009

Heading off from Caboolture late Saturday Morning in our freshly painted Van we reached Ballina with no probs. We rolled into the Palms Motel and shock horror there was this nice blue WB Van with these fancy mag wheels. Is this a new potential member ,or no, can it be that Percy has been given a new set of teeth. Pulling up revealed a pretty smug looking Secretary and Treasurer. PJ and Sheryl looked quite relaxed with no Van to toil over for the weekend and I was thinking, “hell I’ve got to pick up my game a bit now”.

Saturday arvo was very casual at the motel over a few drinks and down to the RSL for a nice meal later. It was finally good to meet our Toowoomba members Karen and AJ. Karen has a nice XE Falcon Van (below) and that’s ok in my book.



Sunday arrived and now I know why I haven’t finished my Van. Up at 5.30am on a Sunday morning is just not on. Anyhow John and I got our two Vans representing the Club set up with the club gazebo between the Vans. The day was the best I have encountered in the four year we have attended, a beautiful day with a nice breeze and no humidity. Everyone else thought it was alright too, with a huge crowd coming to see the playing pitch full of nice machines. The rocker cover racing was again full of exotic creations (the one above is made out of a mini rocker cover and was fantastic), the wheel change competition was very popular and the Rock and Roll dancers were putting on demos to keep the crowd entertained. The presentations came around and with 7 or 8 Vans on show it was great to that the two Club Vans won two out of the three trophies on offer. Well done to John and Kim for taking top Van (those wheels, wow) and the big Cobra Falcon picked up third Van. Top car of show was a 1956 FJ with coupe doors and V6 drive train from SA. We headed back to the Motel for a swim and later back to the RSL for another nice meal and a celebratory drink. It was a top weekend and everyone that was there is booked for next year and looking forward to the 21st anniversary of the show in 2010.

Cheers Russell





Sunstate panel Van Club would like to wish the following members a big,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

for the months of February and March.

Col Wildman 7th February

Sheryl Grant 26th February

Michelle Wildman 26th March

Kevin Adamson 30th March

Sunstate Panel Van Club Apparel for Sale

Round Brim Hat	\$10 each (3 available)
Club Jacket (Members only)	\$50each (1- Large, 1-XXLarge, 1-XXXX Large)
Club Polo Shirts	\$25 each (2-Large, 2- X large available)
Club T-Shirts	\$10each (2- Large available)
Number plate frames	\$10 pair (20 pairs available)

Van Nats Caboolture 2007

Pins	\$2 each (plenty available)
Patches	\$2 each (plenty available)
Stickers	\$2 each (plenty available)
T- Shirts	\$10each (2 medium, 8 X large, 2 XX large available)
Hats	\$10 each (plenty available)

Van Nats Gympie 2003

Pins	\$2 each (2 available)
Various Stickers	\$2 each (plenty available)

*If you wish to purchase any of the above items please contact Kym at
Kimmygirl 60@yahoo.com.au*

1978 FORD XC SUNDOWNER “COBRA” VAN

One of four ordered by dealer Peter Warren Ford in Liverpool, Sydney.

Two of the vans had rear barn type doors and two with tailgates. This van like the other three were “Sundowner Vans” ordered with snow white duco (code 9), two had side windows and two without. The engine number is in the same sequence as the “Cobra coupes” and has exactly the same drive train as the 4.9lt Cobra. The four vans were painted in Cobra livery by Peter Warren Ford’s special vehicle department. The history on this van is that it was on display at the Liverpool showroom for almost 12 months before being sold to Greg Lilington who bought the van so his wife could do deliveries for the family business. After about six months the van was put back on the market due to Mrs Lilington collecting four speeding tickets in the van. Greg sold the van to George Butlin, a mate of Greg’s. George at that time was a butcher in Dural, Sydney. He also used the van for work deliveries and over the next 26 years used the van for both business and later as a run around in his retirement in Bonny Hills near Port Macquarie N.S.W. George Finally sold the van in September 2005 to Chris Cooksley a vehicle collector in Robertson, near Bowral, N.S.W. Chris owned the van for 12 months before ill health forced him to sell his collection, including the “Cobra van”. The van was advertised on Ebay where I contacted Chris and flew to Sydney to view the van. I purchased the van on the 27-9-2006 and drove it back to Brisbane.

Since purchase I have rebuilt and restored all of the drive train and a complete bare metal respray, bringing the van back to it’s original glory.

Specifications

Build date:- November 1978.

Engine code P - 4.9lt V8 with 4 barrel carby.

Transmission code L - Four speed manual.

Paint code 9 - Snow white “Cobra”.

R Pack Tag number - 73462 (matches engine and body number)

Differential:- Borg Warner disc brake limited slip.

Power steering:- Fitted by George in early ownership.

Trim B:- Black.

Wheels :- Bathurst Globe 8 x 15 (not original 7 x 15)



Upcoming Club Events

February 09

6/2/09 and 7/2/09 Toowoomba Swap Meet

14/2/09 Fraser Coast Ute Show

15/2/09 Mudgeeraba Swap Meet

**15/2/09 Automania On the Downs – Clive Berghofer Events Centre,
Toowoomba Showgrounds (Show details attached)**

22/2/09 Helidon Aussiewood Country Club Show N Shine

22/2/09 Morayfield Show (Run by Sunstate) (Show details attached)

March 09

8/3/09 Inverell NSW Swap Meet

**21/3/09 Yatala Drive In Dependable Rockers Drive and Jive In (Gates
open 2 PM)**

22/3/09 Malfunction Surf Rally, Kingscliff.

27/3/09 - 29/3//09 Roll The Dice Run Warwick

29/3/09 Ormiston Swap Meet

April 09

**5/4/09 Northern District Rodders Swap Meet and Show N Shine
Redcliffe Showgrounds.**

5/4/09 Carrara Super Swap and Show N Shine

**09/04/09 to 12/04/09 34th Australian Van Nationals - Geelong
(Show details attached)**

26/4/09 Cleveland Auto Spectacular

May 09

9/5/09 Bundaberg Early Holden Club Holden Day

For Details see Just Cars Magazine

WE NEED YOU!



Each year the proceeds from Automania go to a chosen charity. In 2008 we donated \$5000. to Toowoomba Hospice and TOMNET, 2007 we donated \$10,000 to the Qld Ambulance to purchase a defibrillator for the local area. Previous recipients have been Giddy Goanna Child Safety, Qld Guide Dogs, Blue Care, Rural Bush Fire Brigade, Leukemia's Shave for a cure just to name a few.

Tomnet

Toowoomba Older Men's Network aims to identify and connect with isolated older men and establish peer support networks and services that improve their physical, emotional and social wellbeing and provide them with a sense of belonging. Men in the age group that they target have the highest suicide rate in Australia.

RACC Careflight Helicopter

The average cost of a rescue is \$7000. One in four patients are children under 12 years of age. They can respond within as little as 6 minutes to a day time rescue in Queensland. A patient's chance of survival is increased by 50% if they are able to get treatment by a doctor within an hour of receiving injuries. Every hour and half they helicopter flies cost upwards of \$600. They receive only 20% of their funding from the Government.

4x4 SHOW INFORMATION

TROPHY LIST

LEVEL 1



Best Tourer

(Mildly Modified with no greater than one size larger tyres)

Best Recreational 4x4

(Registered 4x4 with tyres up to 35 inches)

Best Comp Truck

(4x4 or Tubular Buggy, no rego requirements)

HINTS AND TIPS

Our Judges will be looking for well presented vehicles that have been turned into something special that suits your purpose. It doesn't have to be a mega dollar truck.

We have different classes so make sure your truck is in the right one to get the best result.

Vehicles should be clean and tidy, degreased and tyres shined.

Make a modifications list for the judges.

Make sure you arrive on time.

Pre register to guarantee a spot on the day.

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New Date! New Date! New Date! New Date!
SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2009
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2009



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Gates open 8am - 4pm

Adult Public Entry \$7.00

Child Public Entry \$3.00 (15 & under)

Vehicle Entry 16.00 (being judged by the driver)

Vehicle Entry on the day 20.00

Vehicle Entry (display only) 7.00 (inc. driver)

All Judge Vehicles receive an Entrants Goodies Pack.

New Date! New Date! New Date!
SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2009

TROPHIES, GIVEAWAYS & PRIZE MONEY

OVER \$5000- in total

CASH MONEY AND TROPHIES FOR

- Club Display 1st \$300- 2nd \$150-
- Top Individual Display \$100-
- Top Street Machine Show/Street \$100-

Set Up Details-

UNDERCOVER SHOW

Saturday 14th 4pm - 8pm

Free BBQ Tea for all Entrants 6pm-7pm

Security Personnel on Duty

Camping sites available on site ph 46347400

Sunday 15th 6am - 8am

Trophy Presentation at 3:30pm

www.streetmachiners.org.au

Show Rules

No trophies from other shows to be displayed. Vehicles to remain stationary at all times. Display area must be kept clean and tidy. Vehicles are displayed at owners risk. No raffles or handouts without prior consent. Judges decision is final. Vehicles must be unlocked, boots, doors etc. No stereotypes to be operated during show. No vehicles to be removed before 4pm. No entry money is refunded. Classification is determined by judging stewards. No vehicles to be driven erratically within the grounds. Current Rego sticker must be visible or you will be judged under show class. Organizers reserve the right to disqualify any one who does not comply with the rules.

CLUB DISPLAYS

Must be 5 or more cars. Judging is on club banner, floor coverings, theme, fencing and quality of cars (not quantity). No spaces are held until entry forms are received and paid for. If you require a special area please contact us prior to the show. Mark clearly on entry form that you are a club display. Club Entries close 1 February.

CAR/BIKE TROPHY LIST

LEVEL 1

- Top Street Machine - Show
- Top Street Machine - Street
- Top Hot Rod

LEVEL 2

Best Engineered

LEVEL 3A (SHOW AND STREET)

- Coupe
- Wagon
- Van
- Convertible
- Sedan
- Ute/Pickup
- Tudor

LEVEL 3B

- Restored Original
- Contemporary
- Street Competition
- Super Competition
- Late Production Sports Car
- Top 4 Cylinder
- Top 6 Cylinder Bike
- Ultra Tech
- Wild Custom
- Exhibition

LEVEL 4

- Standard Paint
- Mural/Graphics
- Commercial
- Interior
- Driveline/Transmission

LEVEL 5

- Club Display
- Vintage
- Individual Display
- Encouragement

CONTACT Roberta

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ENTRY FORM

Top of the Range Street Machiners Inc.
 PO Box 6086 Toowoomba West 4350

Office Use Only	Entrant
Receipt	Cash Cheque MO CC

CAR BIKE 4X4 (CIRCLE ONE)

ENTRANT'S NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

EMAIL.....

PHONE NUMBER.....

REGO NO.....JUDGING YES NO

MAKE OF CAR..... YEAR.....

MODEL..... BRAKES.....

ENGINE TYPE/CAPACITY.....

ENGINE MODIFICATIONS.....

TRANSMISSION.....

DIF/REAR END.....

PAINT..... TYPE..... COLOUR.....

WHEELS..... TYRES.....

ALL BODY DETAILS.....

SUSPENSION.....

INTERIOR WORK.....

CLUB STAND (IF APPLICABLE).....

ALL ENTRANTS AGREE THAT ON ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR ENTRY THEY SHALL RELEASE THE ASMF AND ALL ASSOCIATED PERSONS OF THE SHOW FROM ALL LIABILITIES FOR ANY DAMAGE THAT MAY OCCUR. I AM CONVERSANT WITH THE RULES OF THE ASMF AND THE ATTACHED REGULATORS OF THE PROMOTER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY ENTRY WITHOUT A REASON.

SIGNED.....

3RD ANNUAL CUSTOM CAR SHOW 09



Join the buzz and excitement of the 3rd annual custom car show. Over \$3000 in cash prizes and trophies to be given away.

When: Sunday 22nd February
Where: Southern upper carpark off William Berry Drive
Time: from 10am - 3:30pm
Cost: \$10 per car entered
 Open 6am for entrants. (First 200 cars only).
 Presentation of prizes from 3pm.

Categories include:
 Street Machine, Classics, Vintage, Vans, Wagons, Hot Rods, Utes/Pick-ups & Muscle Cars.

Enquiries - Russell 0438 123 322
 Hosted by Sunstate Panel Van Club
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BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Sunday 22nd February 2009 from Midday.
 Fantastic prizes to be won.

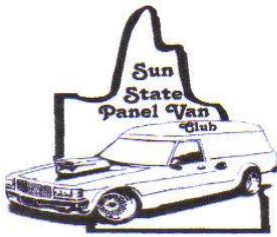
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SUNSTATE PANELVAN CLUB INC.

Morayfield 3rd Annual Custom Car Show 22nd February 2009

Entrant Number

Name

Address.....
.....

State

Post Code.....

Phone

E Mail Address.....

Rego Number

Make and Model.....

Do you wish your car to be judged?

Yes

No

Club Display Yes/ No (please circle)

Name of Club.....

Please return your completed entry form to the gate by 9.30 am.
Failure to do so will result in your vehicle not being judged.



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