

# VINTAGE NEWS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER of  
THE QUEENSLAND VINTAGE VEHICLE ASSOCIATION Inc

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QVVA welcomes visitors who have an interest in the preservation and restoration of all types of vehicles to an original condition as far as practicable.

### Meetings:

General meetings are held at 7:30pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Veteran Car Clubrooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale 4512 Ph: 07 3843 0010

### Subscriptions:

The annual subscription is currently \$60 and renewable on 1st July with a 50% pro-rata for applications after 1st January.

A \$40 joining fee applies for new members.

Membership will be considered to have lapsed after three months of non-payment.

A person with three months arrears who wishes to join again will be treated as a new applicant.

EFT payment can be made to our bank: BSB: 124 – 078 a/c 90528779 Use your surname as a reference.

### Concessional Registration:

To qualify for the Special Interest Vehicle Scheme concessional registration you should be familiar with the Queensland Transport “Criteria for Eligibility” guide and observe the restrictions.

### Newsletter Distribution:

The newsletter is sent members by email only but is also posted on our website [www.qvva.org.au](http://www.qvva.org.au) for casual viewing.

Name Badges: Failure to wear a name badge at club events incurs a \$2 fine.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT OCTOBER 2024

It is now three months since I became president and a lot has happened.

The Tuesday night dinners are being well attended and are held on the first Tuesday of the month, at various clubs around Brisbane. A reminder and venue details will be advised at club meetings and a text message will be sent.

Club meetings are slowly increasing in numbers with the average number of attendees standing at 30. We have introduced a segment, where members are invited to talk for 10 – 15 minutes, about their subject and telling us about their experiences, trials and tribulations in gaining knowledge to pass their experience on to others. It seems to be working, but I need to give the talkers advice on how to use the microphone.

Clint organized a rally to Mathena, in September. This place was amazing, Located on the Mt Mee road out from Dayboro. It told the story on how the various groups, the Incas, the Egyptians, Chinese, and others designed their world known marvels and how math's was used to create their structures. Well worth a visit again.

**Bonnets up day** has been changed from 13<sup>th</sup> October to **the 20<sup>th</sup> of October**. It will be held at Michael and Jodi Ferguson's place at 17 Corella Ave, Samford starting at 10 am. BYO morning tea, to be shared, Lunch will be provided by the Ferguson's please advise me if you are coming, 0407 257 440, or Michael 0407 759 634

The 60<sup>th</sup> celebrations are planned and await your presence. There are still spaces if you are interested. It is your club, make an effort to make it better. Bring your car along and let our foundation members see how QVVA has changed over 60 years. We will have a door prize and each family will receive a memento on the day. Videos of days gone by will also be shown on the clubs TV. Morning tea will be served from 10.30 am. Phone me if interested 0407 257 440.

The Bunnings sausage sizzle was successful and thanks to all who helped. We sold 26.8 Kg of sausages, all that we bought. I will leave it to John Day and Don Lake to tell, the October meeting, of the finer points.

**Remember Bonnets up day** October 20 and **wear your name badge** to all events there will be a **fine of \$2.00 for an offence**

For Gasoline Cars

*Graham Porter.* President

**Classic & Specialist Car Club of Northern New South Wales  
Presents**

**Pre 1931 Northern Autumn Tour**



**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2025**  
**Rally check in Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

You're invited to join the Pre 1931 Northern Autumn Tour based in and around the Northern NSW city of Armidale. Join us for an enjoyable weekend taking in the sights and experiences the region has to offer, along scenic routes that suit veteran and vintage motoring.

All enquiries to: [pre31armidale@outlook.com](mailto:pre31armidale@outlook.com)

Mark Wittig: 0436 338 266 or Jed Wittig: 0403 041 270

Entry forms and further details available on:

[https://cascnn.memberjungle.com/content.cfm?page\\_id=2378550&current\\_category\\_code=24797](https://cascnn.memberjungle.com/content.cfm?page_id=2378550&current_category_code=24797)

Or QR code.



## COMING EVENTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> October. Club monthly dinner at Carina Leagues Club, 1390 Creek Road, Carina.  
UBD 181 M1
- 20<sup>th</sup> October. Bonnets Up Day, 17 Corella Avenue, Samford. 9:30am UBD 106 N13  
Bring morning tea to share and a chair, barbeque lunch provided.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October . General meeting at the club rooms.
- 5<sup>th</sup> November. Club monthly dinner at Gaythorne RSL, 534 Samford Rd, Mitchelton.  
UBD 138 L7
- 10<sup>th</sup> November. QVVA 60<sup>th</sup> Year celebration.
- 13<sup>th</sup> November. GOF Lunch at Belmont Tavern, 185 Belmont Rd, Belmont. UBD 162 F17
- 27<sup>th</sup> November. General meeting at the club rooms.
- 14<sup>th</sup> December. Club Christmas Dinner Party. Club rooms from 5:30pm
- 31<sup>st</sup> December. Club picnic at Lota

### ***OTHER EVENTS SEPTEMBER***

- 1st– Noosa Beach Classic Car Show**– Sports Complex Tewantin
- 7th– Stanthorpe Motor Show and Swap**– Showgrounds
- 7th-8th– Festival of Wheels** –Boonah Showgrounds
- 8th– Chrysler Expo and Rocklea Swap**– Rocklea Showgrounds
- 8th All Makes Car Show**– Brothers Leagues Club Toowoomba
- 14th– Kooralbyn Car and Bike Show**– Community Hall Kooralbyn
- 15th –Eliminators Swap Meet**– Beenleigh Showgrounds
- 20th-22nd – Peninsular Motorfest** -Redcliffe
- 29th –Military Vehicle Show and Swap**, -Laidley Showgrounds
- 29th– All American Car show and Swap**—Rocklea Showgrounds

### **REGULAR CAR MEETS AROUND BRISBANE**

*This is NOT a complete list. If you know of one that you can recommend let us know so we can add it to our list.*

Old Petrie Town, Petrie-Fri nights, Sat and Sun morning, every week.

7.00 am Greg's Cars and Coffee-Victoria Point Shops – 1st Sunday of month

7.00 am Cars and Coffee- Spokes Café, Samford Village- 2nd Sunday of month

7.30 am -Cars and Coffee -Samios Foods Turbo Drive Coorparoo -1st Saturday of month

7.30 am- Coffee, Crunch and Chrome -Joes Diner- Kingsford Smith Dr. Eagle Farm -2nd Sat of month.

7.30-10 am, 2nd Saturday of the month, Repco Morayfield

8.00 am Cars and Coffee- Ormeau, 270 Lars Rd. – last Saturday of month

8.00 am Breakfast and Cars, Beenleigh Historic Village, -last Sunday of month

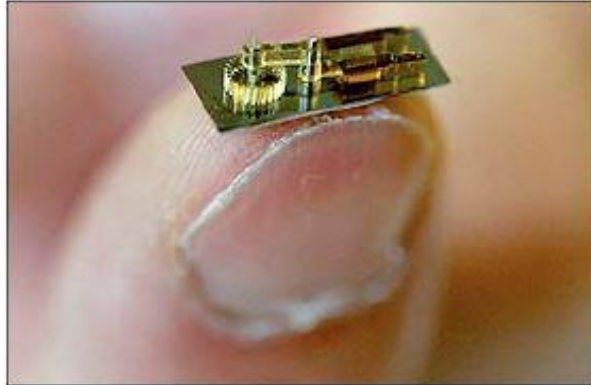
10.00 am Waterloo Bay Hotel -Berrima St Wynnum- 2nd Sunday of month 5-8pm

Wednesdays; Morayfield Cars and Pizza, Shops at Uhlmann Ave, Burpengary East

## SMALL ENGINES - FOR YOU ENGINEERS & CAR LOVERS

*Contributed by Robert Heath*

I know that cars are getting smaller, BUT this is ridiculous. Next thing you know Environmental Protection Agencies will begin regulating emissions of cell phones and laptops too!

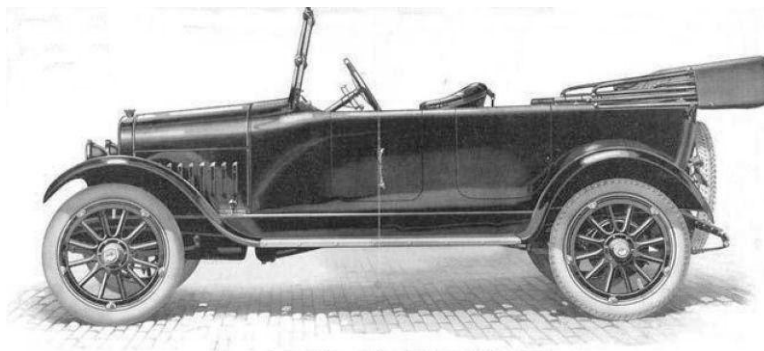


### SMALLEST PETROL ENGINE

SCIENTISTS have built the smallest petrol engine, tiny enough to power a WATCH. The mini-motor, which runs for two years on a single squirt of lighter fuel, is set to revolutionize world technology. It produces 700 times more energy than a conventional battery despite being less than a centimetre long (Not even half an inch!). It could be used to operate laptops and mobile phones for months doing away with the need for recharging. Experts believe it could be phased out batteries in such items within just six years. The engine, minute enough to be balanced on a fingertip, has been produced by engineers at the University of Birmingham.

Dr Kyle Jiang, lead investigator from the Department of Mechanical Engineering, said: "We are looking at an industrial revolution happening in peoples' pockets. The breakthrough is an enormous step forward. Devices which need re-charging or new batteries are a problem but in six years will be a thing of the past." Other applications for the engine could include medical and military uses, such as running heart pacemakers or mini reconnaissance robots. At present, charging an ordinary battery to deliver one unit of energy involves putting 2,000 units into it. The little engine, because energy is produced locally, is far more effective. One of the main problems faced by engineers who have tried to produce micro motors in the past has been the levels of heat produced. The engines got so hot they burned themselves out and could not be re-used. The Birmingham team overcame this by using heat-resistant materials such as ceramic and silicon carbide. Professor Graham Davies, head of the university's engineering school, said: "We've brought together all the engineering disciplines, materials, chemical engineering, civil engineering, and mechanical engineering.

What better place to have the second industrial revolution in nano-technology than where the first took place, in the heart of the West Midlands.



Maxwell 1919

## Silicone Brake Fluid

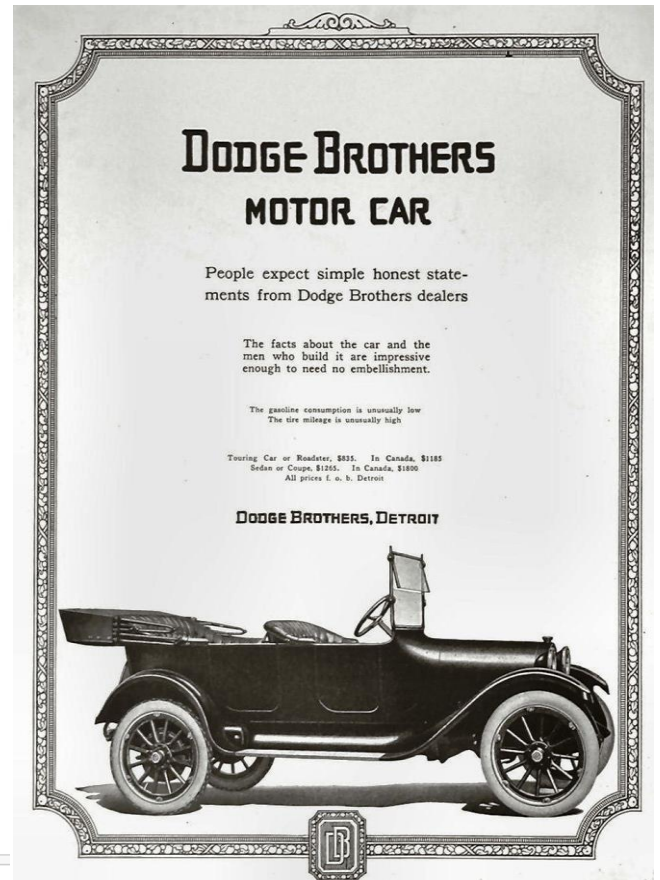
Dow Corning silicone brake fluid is a high-performance silicone-hydraulic brake fluid. Because it doesn't attract or absorb water, a big problem with polyglycol-based hydraulic fluids, the chances of brake failure caused by boiling fluid or corroded parts is substantially minimized.

Silicone brake fluid is chemically stable and compatible with all brake system components, as well as regular brake fluids. It also serves as an excellent lubricant between rubber-metal and plastic-metal parts, and it will not attack painted surfaces.

Costly hydraulic brake system overhaul and replacement jobs are almost eliminated with the use of silicone brake fluid. It won't absorb water and this prevents the accumulation of moisture or dissolved oxidants which corrode and wear out metal parts. Because it is a non-conductor, there is no chance of electrolytic corrosion. This also reduces the need of hydraulic fluid replacement.

Silicone brake fluid performs more uniformly over the most severe climate extremes. Because it doesn't have a true boiling point and won't absorb moisture, brakes won't fail or fade due to fluid malfunction at temperatures as high as 550-degrees F.

Because viscosity change is minimized down to -40-degrees, brake response is nearly as quick at cold temperatures as it is at warm ones.



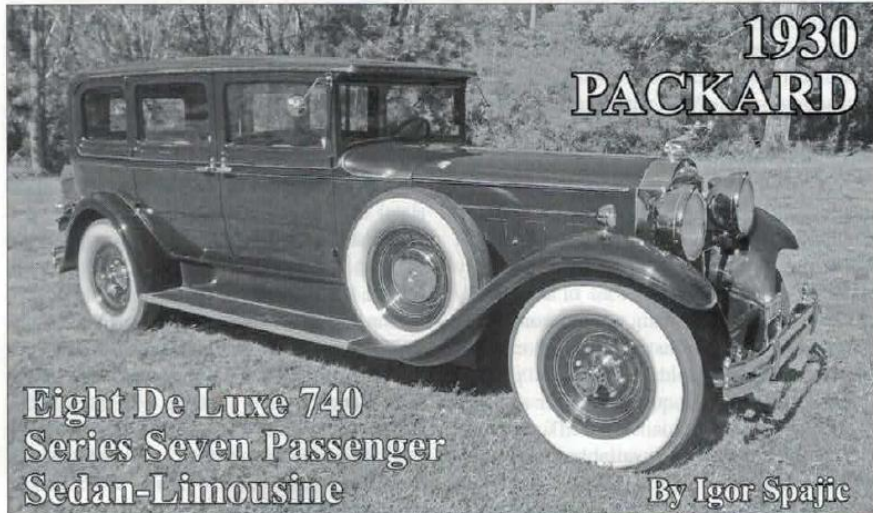
## NO CLUBS ALLOWED!



Here is a photo from Queensland. It was taken at a particular social club. Apparently car clubs had been parking in their grounds while they enjoyed a meal in the club, and of course displayed their cars while they did so. Club management objected, presumably on the basis that they were taking up general

customer parking space. And they even stationed a security guard at the entrance to keep them out. I suppose if not all the car club people were going into the club you could understand it; but on the face of it, it does seem a bit harsh.

# Down Memory Lane



Don Carr passed away before he saw his car completed. David McCredie and Barry Smith finished the work needed to complete this unique car.





# QVVA IS TURNING

# 60

## BE A PART OF YOUR CLUB'S CELEBRATIONS

**WHEN:** Sunday 10 November 2024 **TIME:** From 10.30am

**WHERE:** VCCA(Q) Clubrooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale

**WHAT TO BRING:** (1) Your veteran, vintage, historic or classic vehicles  
(2) Your stories & photographs of your time with QVVA  
(3) Your favourite drink & a glass from which to drink  
(4) Your good luck as all who attend will receive a ticket in a "lucky door prize"

**WHAT IS HAPPENING:** The day will commence with a morning tea & renewing of friendships. We will then enjoy a catered barbecue lunch consisting of bread rolls, steak, sausage, marinated chicken in satay sauce & choice of 4 salads followed by the 60th birthday cake for dessert, tea & coffee.

Past members are invited to attend & we can all reminisce on good times of the early days of QVVA Inc. Videos will be playing & photographs available in the clubrooms to be enjoyed by all. There will be raffles throughout the day.

**COST:** \$47 per person (includes morning tea, lunch & lucky door prize ticket)

**RSVP & PAYMENT BY:** 1 November 2024

**RSVP:** Add your name to the list at a club meeting or event, email [qvva.inc@gmail.com](mailto:qvva.inc@gmail.com) or phone me on 0407 257 440

**PAYMENT BY:** (1) Cash, cheque or debit/credit card at a club meeting or event  
(2) Post cheque payable to "Queensland Vintage Vehicle Association Inc" to QVVA Inc, 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale Q 4152  
(3) Direct bank deposit to:  
Account Name: Queensland Vintage Vehicle Association Inc  
BSB: 124-078 Account No: 90528779 Reference: 60 & your surname

Should you have any questions, please call me on 0407 257 440.

**REMEMBER, THIS IS YOUR CLUB  
BE A PART OF THE CELEBRATIONS!**

*Graham Porter*

Graham Porter  
President

Queensland Vintage Vehicle Association Inc



## Bits & Pieces Cont:

### Studebaker Builds World's Largest Auto, claimed a headline in the 1930 issue of Popular Mechanics.



In 1930, Studebaker decided to build a 2.5-to-1 scale replica of their President Four Season Roadster billing it as the "biggest car in the world". It was 41 feet long, 13.5 feet tall, 15 feet wide, and had a wheelbase of 325 inches. The "wire spoke" wheels were 6 foot 8 in diameter and weighed more than a quarter ton each, electrical conduit was used to fabricate the wire spokes and Firestone supplied the 10-foot-tall rubber tires.

The massive two-tone green Giant Roadster was the subject of a 9-minute promotional film "Wild Flowers", with the Studebaker Champions Orchestra standing in the car's passenger compartment wearing white jumpsuits, aviator hats, and goggles. This giant was left on display at Studebaker's proving grounds in South Bend, Indiana and by the mid-1930s, souvenir hunters, vandals, and the elements had taken their toll on the giant President and it was destroyed in another big publicity

stunt.

Another giant car that Studebaker, made, for the 1934 Chicago World's Fair, was almost twice as long, a huge Canary Yellow 1934 Studebaker Land Cruiser, 80 feet long and 39 feet tall, with 12



foot wheels and below the 21 foot running board was an 80 seat auditorium showing films about Studebaker. To publicize the mammoth motorcar, Studebaker published publicity photos of a large cleaning crew of attractive women standing atop the titanic car, scrubbing it down in shorts and halter tops. Visitors to the show were given free die cast scale models of the big Studebaker.

Click on the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nTM7WEhH94Q> or the QR code below for a video of the building and demise of this huge car.





**DO YOU BELIEVE IN SANTA?**  
**IF YES, READ ON ...**  
**SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO**  
**QVVA CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER 2024**  
**WITH A GIFT FOR EVERYONE!**

**WHERE:** VCCA(Q) Clubrooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale

**TIME:** 5.30pm

**WHAT TO BRING:**

- ★ Your veteran, vintage, historic or classic vehicle
- ★ Your favourite drink & a glass from which to drink

**DINNER:** A delicious catered roast meal consisting of bread rolls, 3 meats, 5 vegetables & choice of plum pudding or apple pie, tea & coffee

**COST TO MEMBERS:** \$48 per adult      \$20 per child (12 and under)

**RSVP & PAYMENT BY:** 1 December 2024

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**SEE YOU THERE!**

# Mathema Gallery Tour

This month's tour was a surprise, none of us were real sure what to expect, it was hard to imagine how mathematics could make a visual impact so large to warrant a museum on the subject! We were soon to learn mathematics is involved in nearly everything we touch but we just take it for granted because it evolved thousands of years ago.

Approximately 18 members drove through the beautiful Dayboro area to the magnificent gallery perched on a hillside at Ocean View. The actual gallery is first class, privately constructed by Dr Calvin and Rosemary Irons and is free entry. It is hard to imagine the effort made by two people to produce such a purpose built building!

With a combined experience of more than 50 years in mathematics education they have established a remarkable legacy in the field. They have authored and co-authored more than 600 books and articles in mathematics. Their dedication to the subject led to the accumulation of a vast collection of mathematical artefacts which they have decided to share with the community.

Key features:

1. The hand of Plato sculpture with each of the five Platonic Solids balanced on different finger tips.
2. The interactive wall offering a timeline of key milestones in mathematics history.
3. Gallery activity worksheets for all ages.
4. A library, housing the largest collection of mathematics books in the country, some centuries old.

The gallery is one of those places you could spend hours at and still not see half of it.



## 135 YEARS OF CASTROL OIL

Story: Elwyn Jordan. Photo: Classic Oils

*“Oils ain’t oils, Sol!”* Remember the ad? The gangster telling his underlings what oil to use in his car. Well, I’ve been using Castrol forever. Something I inherited from my father, who was also a Castrol man. And one of the reasons he liked Castrol was that the company only made oil; they weren’t a petrol company that made oils as a sort of by-product of their fuel. And they have a long history of making it. In fact, this year the company notches up its 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary. So let’s look at the history of how it all began.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> March, 1889, Charles Wakefield resigned from the Vacuum Oil Company and set up the Wakefield Oil Company. The oils they produced were for heavy machinery – trains and industrial machines. But he soon developed an interest in the automotive scene.

He identified an important requirement for oil to work effectively in cars: it needed to be thin enough to circulate around the engine when cold, but thick enough to work effectively at higher temperatures and higher revs. His researchers (some of his colleagues at Vacuum Oils had also left and joined him in his new venture) discovered that by adding a particular amount of castor oil (from the castor bean plant) it provided the qualities he was looking for.

The newly developed oil provided superior lubricating properties compared to traditional petroleum-based oils. The name “Castrol” was of course inspired by, and derived from, the “castor oil” used in the product. The cleverly engineered formula set it apart from its competitors and was a significant step forward in the development of automotive lubricants, offering enhanced protection and performance for engines.

Having developed this fancy new oil, Wakefield set about advertising it; or just making people aware of it. Wakefield had an interest in motor sport, so began sponsoring events and competitors. The Castrol name was advertised on banners and flags at car and motorbike races, and speed record attempts. A mobile competitions department, pictured above, provided support to these competitors.

When a Castrol sponsored racer or record breaker won, Castrol would advertise the win by announcing that the winner had “done it with Castrol”. During the 1920s and 30s, the land speed record was broken 23 times – and of those achievements, 18 were with engines running Castrol oil.

During this time, Castrol expanded its operations internationally; establishing a presence in key markets such as Europe, North America, Asia, and of course Australia. This global expansion was driven by the increasing demand for high-quality lubricants in the growing automotive industry. And the rest, as they say, is history. Now, if ever you’re topping up the oil in a gangster’s car, just remember, *“Oils ain’t oils!”*



# Henry Lore

Former House Speaker Tip O'Neill has a story he likes to tell about Henry Ford. It seems that Henry, on his triumphal return to his fatherland, visited Ireland. On going to the wee town in which his maternal grandmother was born, he learned that they were building a hospital and he promptly wrote a check for \$5,000. The following day the item appeared in the newspaper misstating the amount as \$50,000. He asked the Committee how this mistake was made, and they answered that they

would withdraw it and print a correction the following day. Henry asked how much the hospital would actually cost and they said \$50,000. He asked for his check to be returned and immediately wrote a check for \$50,000 and said: "I wish to donate the hospital to the people of this country, but I wish to have over the entrance the following statement - 'I came among you and you took me in.'"

And there, over the doorway to this day, is Henry's statement.

- *The Rumble Sheet*  
San Fernando Valley Chapter

**These are the LAW!**  
**SIX** hand signals you should always use...

Road users! It is your responsibility — to use these hand signals! Failure to do so in an appropriate case is an offence punishable by fine. Your neglect may also affect your liability in the event of an accident. Make your intentions clear, early . . . give the **CORRECT HAND SIGNALS** . . . **BEFORE** you act!

Issued by the  
**QUEENSLAND ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL**

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FOR YOUR OWN **SAFETY**  
AND FOR OTHERS



*\*1944 Ford Model A Sportsman\**

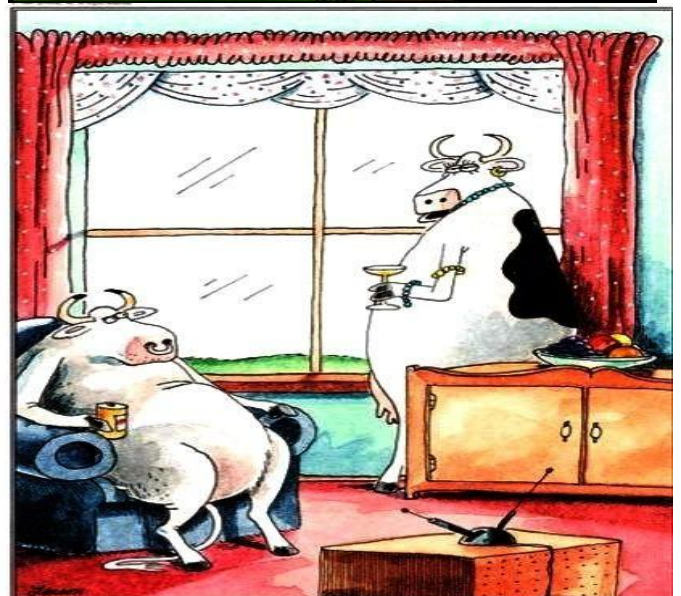
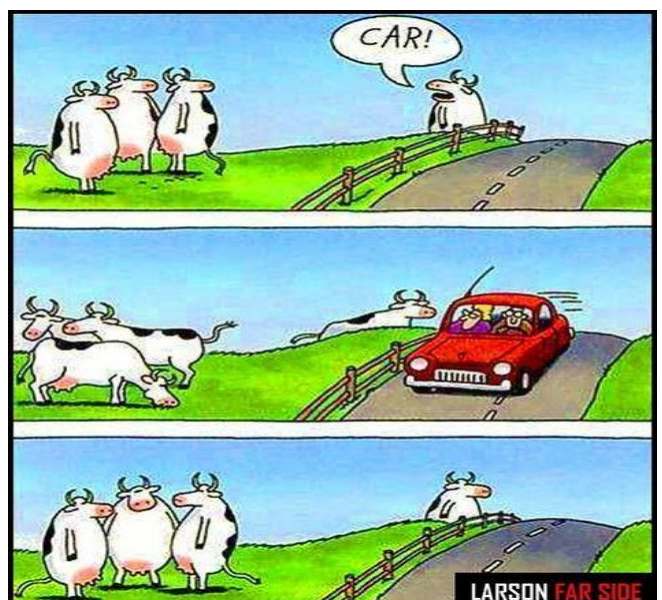
*A few gems here and over the page seen in the VCC WA's Early Auto club publication*

### The last Model A Ford built in 1944!

The last Model A Ford built by the Ford factory was actually made in 1944, the then president, Henry Ford II requested the head of the design department, Bob Gregorie, to build a special body that Ford could use around his summer home, onto an unused 1931 Model A chassis sitting in the Ford Design Studios, where it had been for over a decade.

As it was wartime and parts were scarce, Bob knitted together unused parts with unrestricted material to create this wood-bodied Estate Wagon. The front end of the body was similar to a 1928, 1929 body style, having forward tear drop design, a roadster style windshield frame taken from newer vehicle, the brakes were kept mechanical and a rear gas tank was installed for safety, fitted with 1940's wheels, 1941 bumpers, then finished with a tan top and red leather seats.

When completed the Sportsman Style bodied vehicle was presented to the new owner, which 1944 registration details show as Henry Ford II, and garaged at his Grosse Pointe Estate. Since then, the car has had a number of owners and more recently displayed unrestored in a few of museums.



Embarrassing udder feeding in public.

Taurus.....!m not contented!