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# PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi Members

It's with great sadness that I inform all club members that we had the passing of Terry Borrows. He passed away on the 19th of June and would of been 78 years young in September. Terryo has been a member of our club for many years. On behalf of the club we send our condolences to all his family. May you rest in peace. I would like to also thank members who attended his funeral, very much appreciated.

Reporting on the Camden show, we have received pre entries which is great to see. Please let your family and friends know that we have this show coming up and would love to see them there.

Motor X is just weeks away, all entries are in, there is a total of 11 cars. I believe there will be some great new cars getting unveiled. I'll keep you informed about the check in times.

I would like to thank the club members who handed out flyers at numerous car events. Don't forget to ask for more flyers at the next club meeting. Also if you have Facebook please share our page and Camden show event. Also don't forget that each club member will receive 2 raffle booklets which will be assigned to each member and must be sold. If you need more please let me know, together everyone achieve more TEAM WORK.

Please remember to call me or msg me to let me know if you are attending the meeting.

Regards

John Fenato



# MINUTES

Minutes of GENERAL Meeting for No.497 of the

## 55'56'57' Chevrolet Club Of Australia INC.

Held on *Tuesday 13/06/ 2017* at Drag-Ens Clubhouse Milperra.

Meeting opened at: 8.00 pm

Apologies: Gary Tant, Ric May, Terry Burrows, Alf Fazio, Frank Vittacco, Peter Bryen, Ken Taylor, Joe & Brian D'Alfonso Brian Goodchild, Ronnie ,Andrew Trollope.

Attendance: 24 members

Visitors: • New Member: John Keogh '57 4 door hard top.

Meeting Chaired by: John Fenato President

Present - Committee members John Fenato, Gary Wright, Ben Marks, Bevan Joseph and Frank Mamone.

Minutes Read /Business Arising from previous Minutes for May –

Accepted by : Stewart Campbell & Seconded by : Charlie Pace. .

### GENERAL

#### Club Membership Renewals.

Be advised that all members should be financial by the end of **June 2017** this is a RMS requirement to be Financial for the start of the new financial year.

### Mail

QLD Chevroletter (June)

WA Chevroletter (May& June)

Chev Car Club of NSW (May)

Pony Express – (June)

NSW Corvettes (June)

### Camden Car Show.

Camden Car Show raffle tickets to be sold

There will be a requirement that members must sell at least **two** books each as compulsory. Names to be recorded

Members who are not present at this months' meeting will be mailed their ticket books

They will be posted by the next meeting.

More raffle prizes to be sought for the day.

Members are asked to also help.

Any additional items that are received with thanks. If there are any items that members wish to donate they will be raffled off as well.

BM to send prize list to Steve Barks to be put up on Face book

There has been many "Likes" on face book for the photos posted by Steve Barks.

The show Flyers were shown to the meeting. Handed out for distribution

We have arranged to initially print 3000 flyers for hand out to all clubs etc.



# MINUTES

## CVS & HCRS Schemes

Please remember to carry the club magazine in your car and the 60 Day RMS log Book.

It is a requirement for the scheme to exist legally. No Log Book or Magazine =FINE!!!

Please sign the log book if you are on HVRS. No need to sign log book for CVS if it's a club run.

As participants to the **CVS and HVRS** schemes those members **MUST** be financial by the end of June 2017. Or the cars **WILL NOT BE REGISTERED**. RMS Rule not the clubs own rule.

The Police now have license and registration recognition in all patrol cars.

Members have reported that they have been pulled over to check if the CVS / HVRS log book has been signed. No signature = Fine and the plates will be removed on the spot = No rego.

## Events and Club invitations

Read out by Frank Mamone and featured in the month's Magazine.

"GM day / Shannon's" Club events style Day display Cards will be looked at for future display days. Ben Marks has printed some samples for participants in these shows. The members have shown an interest in displaying the window cards @ \$2.00 each, JF handed out all samples and orders taken for more..

## CLUB SANCTIONED EVENTS

A quick look at upcoming events, generally all year round:

2<sup>nd</sup> Sat Cars under the stars.

1<sup>st</sup> Sat Smeaton Grange

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Cars & Donuts - Penrith Paceway

Cars n Coffee Kellyville shops

### 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May Rose Hill Hotrod & Custom Car Show by Andy's Resto's Wrap UP

The club has won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of \$500 prize for the display. Funds added to club accounts.

Certificate of appreciation to be presented to Peter Bryen

Member Peter Bryen '58 put on a special display of 50's-60's drive in memorabilia Club members helped with set up on the Friday afternoon during "Bump IN"

We had the following members cars displayed: "57's Ben Marks, Joe D'Alfonso, Terry Burrows '57, and '56's Joe Oliveri, '55's Brian D'Alfonso and John Fenato '56

Members thanked who packed up the display on "Bump OUT"

Peter will be given the Bowling pin trophy as appreciation for his efforts.

### 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 Motorex

Venue – Homebush Olympic Dome 17 x 15 metre site in the hall areas

The Dome will house trade stalls.

Members showing their cars 6 x '57's have entered as well as a few other models. Tickets for entrants to log onto website to apply and pay for the entry use code "**Chev**" to get the discounted entry price.

Charlie Pace has added an additional '55 for the club display and the club has reimbursed him the entry fee \$100.00. As he has also paid for his '57 convertible for his separate display. Frank Mamone has volunteered to drive it there for Bump In .

Bump In details tba. Peter Bryen will also be supplying the "drive In props again for the display.





# MINUTES

## **Confirmed entrants are as follows**

- 1 Bryn Miller '57 Nomad
- 2 John Bucciarelli '57 2 door
- 3 Joe D'Alfonso '57 Convertible
- 4 Robert Fern '57 Convertible
- 5 Aldo Mazzucco '57 4 door hard top
- 6 Steve Barks '57 2 door post
- 7 Charlie Pace '55 4 Door Sedan
- 8 Joe Olivieri '56 4 door Sedan
- 9 Peter Bryen '58 4 door Biscayne
- 10 Bevan Joseph '68 4 door Impala

## **25<sup>th</sup> June & 27<sup>th</sup> August**

Street Meet at Sydney Dragway Eastern Creek. Let you all know that it is a good event to go to watch Chevy's on the strip.

## **17<sup>th</sup> September Bargo Pie Shop,**

Meeting at 9.00am @ Gary Wrights place to leave by 9.46am

There will be an observation run used as directions for the destination

A good show of hands agreed to come for the run. We had 19 members accept the invitation.

The shop has catered for all types of breakfast, lunch food. Coffees, Cakes, Pies Bacon & egg Rolls etc.

**Financial Members & Wives /partners committed** – Bevan Joseph, Gary Wright, Eric Jones, John Neske, Steve Barks, John Keogh, Bryn Miller, Robert Fern, Joe Sammut, David Gauci, Chris Lowger, John Fenato, Frank Mamone, Robert Fenato, Brian & Joe D'Alfonso and finally Mike Georgace. JF to book for 40 people.

## **Future Runs**

Announcement - where do you wish to go and if want day trips or Overnight trips BJ asked what members would like- More breakfast runs to be investigated. Lost in the 50's run. Warragamba Dam, Plow & harrow pub, Audley Weir

South Coast Nationals

## **19<sup>th</sup> November 2017 XMAS Party**

Members committed to go to Enzo's at Austral, the same venue as last year as the food was fantastic. The club will be paying for food and beer/wine.

## **Members committed with partners**

Bevan, Gary Wright, Eric Jones, John Neske, Steve Barks, John Keogh, Bryn Miller, Robert Fern, Joe Sultana, David Gauci, Chris Lowger, John Fenato, Frank Mamone, Robert Fenato, Brian & Joe D'Alfonso and finally Mike Georgace

Those who committed and not come will be charged the \$50.00 per person as a fine.

## **National Chev Festival**

September in Warrick QLD announced and let members know that it would be a sanctioned club run Accommodation at "The Pitt Stop Inn" can be arranged

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## **Meeting BBQ**

Members should confirm attendance so catering can be arranged. We had enough for the night and no left overs taken home.

There being no further business the meeting closed at .....9.45..pm

Bevan Joseph





6th July: Garry Row - member #52

13th July: Christopher Coomas - member #97

17th July Brian D'Alfonzo - member #155

18th July: Alf Fazio - member #104



It's always good to see members driving their cars for club meetings. This time we had Charlie in his recently acquired '55 with a tuff little stroked 383, Chris in his awesome '55, and Eric in his slick '57 4 dr hardtop.





# EDITORS NOTES

G'Day Everyone,

Welcome to the July edition of our magazine.

It's hard to believe that it's almost been a year since I found myself in the editors chair and producing this monthly magazine. From someone that had no prior experience or knowledge in this area, I can say that it has been a challenge, and also an experience that I have enjoyed. I'm not a man of many words but I do hope you have enjoyed what I have put together over the past year.

Please take note in the 'Upcoming Events' that the Cruise & Dine night at Sylvania has been cancelled indefinitely. Club member Ken Taylor has advised that there is a 'Street Meet' on at Sydney Dragway on 27 August. If any club member and their friends are interested, please call Ken on 0403 510 439.

I would like to remind everyone that memberships are due by June 30 (the end of this month). For members on the CVS schemes (Historic or Modified rego), regardless of when your registration is due you must be financial PRIOR to the end of the month, otherwise your car will be effectively unregistered. So get your \$50 in ASAP, it's cheaper than a fine and you also get a 12 month subscription to this awesome magazine!

Our AGM will be held in August this year, so this is your chance to have a say on how the club is run and what members run it. We are always open to suggestions that can make the club better, so if you have some ideas, come along to the AGM in August and have a voice.

Happy cruising

Ben Marks



# Upcoming Events

## 1st Saturday night each month

'Cars Under The Stars' - Ferrers Rd, Eastern Creek. 5pm til late.

'Grange Classic Garage' - at Euro Cafe, 24 Anzac Av, Smeaton Grange. 4pm-late.

## 2nd Saturday night each month

~~'Cruise & Dine Night' - Hungry Jacks Cnr Box Rd & Port Hacking Rd, Sylvania. From 5.30pm~~

## 1st Sunday Morning each month

'Cars & Coffee' - Kellyville Plaza, 40 Wrights Rd Kellyville. 7am to 9am

## 2nd Sunday each month

'Paceway Cars and Coffee' - Entry via Station St, Penrith. 8am - 11am

## 4th Sunday each month

'Shifters Cruise' to various places south of Sydney. Call Bob for a run sheet: 0433 945 350

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Sanctioned Club Runs for Historic & CVS Vehicles are highlighted with the club logo

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**2nd July** Blacktown Swap Meet. Fairfield Showground, Prariewood.

**9th July** Fiddler Show & Shine. Cnr Commercial Rd & Windsor Rd, Rouse Hill. 8am-3pm

**22nd-23rd July** 'Motorex' - Sydney Olympic Park - Homebush.



**23rd July** Life Choices Foundation Massive Car Show

**23rd July** East Hills Charity Car Show. Kelso Oval, Panania.

**30th July** 10th Anniversary Hot Rod & Custom Car Show. Windsor Leagues Club

**5-6th August** All Holden Day Swap Meet. Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon.

**12-13th August** Hot Rods & Harleys. Illawarra Hockey Ctr, Unanderra.

**18-20th August** SMSP Auto Show. Sydney Motorsport Park. Eastern Creek.

**20th August** Lions Club of Narellan Car Show, Onslow Park, Camden.



**27th August** Berkshire Park Car Show. 6th Rd, Berkshire Park

**27th August** Street Meet. Sydney Dragway, Eastern Creek.

**22-25th September** 41st National Chevrolet Festival. Warwick QLD.



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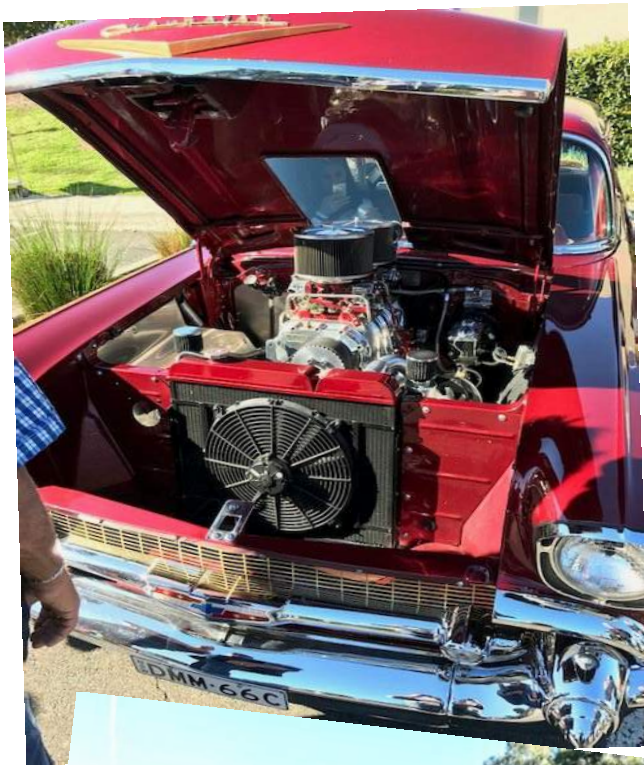
Cars Under The Stars, Eastern Creek





# OUT 'N ABOUT

Rattle & Hum Car Show, Castle Hill.



This guy deserves a medal. Andrew drove this LHD matt black '67 Camaro from Perth to Sydney, then to QLD for Cooly Rocks and back to Sydney again. With a 750hp stroked, AFR headed 383, fuel stops were frequent. He plans to hit the drags before heading back to Perth to complete the 8000km+ drive. Legend.





# JOHN KEOGH'S 4DR HARDTOP



At last month's meeting we had the pleasure of welcoming John Keogh to our club.

John introduced himself and told us he has a '57 4dr Hardtop. Most of us just nodded and thought 'nice'. Well, as you can see it is not your average daily driver '57 - 502 injected big block with a Turbo 400 & tubbs to suit the shortened 9" rear. The car was recently acquired from south of the border and John is currently going through the process of compliance for NSW rego. We hope to see him cruising with us in the near future.





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# EBAY FIND OF THE DAY: 1957 BEL-AIR BASED EL CAMINO

Courtesy of Chevy Hardcore Online



It wasn't until the glorious year of 1959 that GM joined Ford in offering a car-based truck. Where Ford had the Ranchero (introduced in 1957) GM did not give the world the El Camino until 1959, and even then it only survived for two years before going on hiatus until 1964. With car guys looking for any and every way to build a custom ride, it was only a matter of time before someone rewrote the history of the El Camino.

Today's eBay Find of the Day is a 1957 Chevy Bel Air hacked, cut, and modified into a 1957 El Camino. Looks rather like a Nomad minus the rear roof if you ask us. Can you dig it?

With a 1966 427 big-block under the hood, you bet we can dig it. This completely custom ride was made from the parts and pieces of a '57 Chevy Bel Air, arguably the chromiest of the 50's Chevys. This 425 horsepower engine is mated to a Muncie 4-speed manual transmission, and Corvette brakes work with a modern suspension to give this unique El Camino some handling abilities.



The fit and finish work looks great, and the flaming hood paintjob is a nice touch on the otherwise glossy black body. There are definitely hints of the short-lived Chevy Nomad in here, and we can't help but think that, had GM built an El Camino in 1957, it would have looked a lot like this.

Makes you wonder what other cars, like say, the Camaro, might have looked like had they come out a decade earlier.





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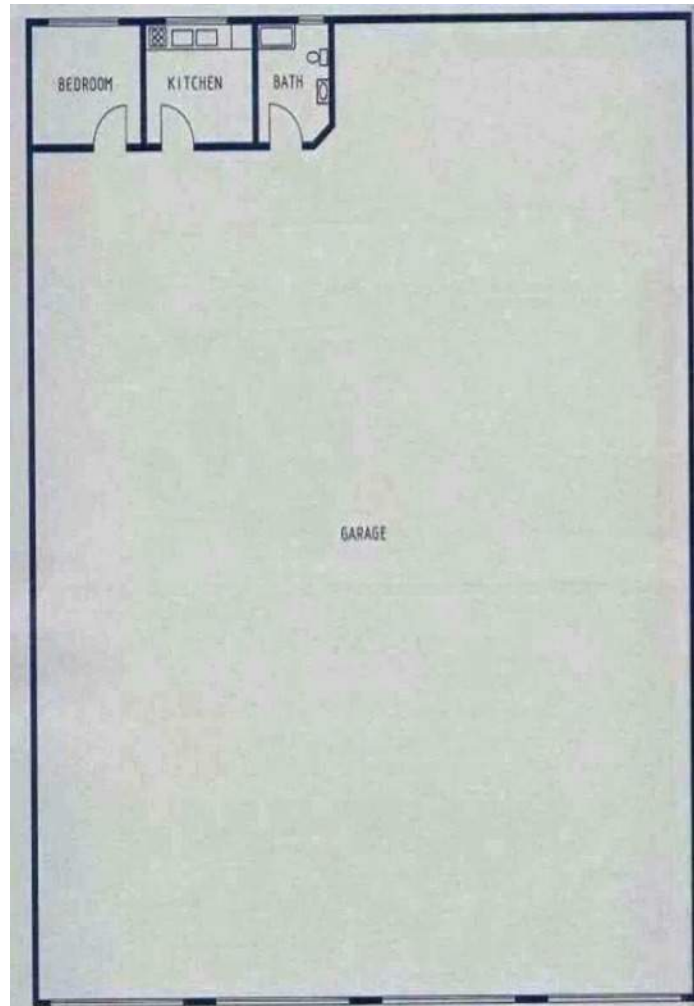
## 1957 CHEVY FLEETLINE

**T**he question here is, should Chevrolet have built this one or not? The Fleetline (fastback) body style was a very popular transition from the Forties to the Fifties, found on '49 to '52 Chevys and Pontiacs. I figure when it was dropped with the introduction of the new '53 body, loyal buyers complained until Chevy designers finally tried it again for '57 on this one prototype, which they showed around the Midwest in early '56. It seems the desirability had faded, and they found few takers. Even though dolled up with skirts and whitewalls, a

close look will reveal that this is a 210, not a Bel Air. The more mundane body types were aimed at the lower-income family man who would have liked the larger volume the fastback trunk had to offer. Another negative consideration, resulting in the body style's cancellation before production even started, might have been the fins, and the fact that if leaned upon, they probably would have folded over! Now, if only Chevy had thought about future race car builders, maybe they would have built the Fleetline after all.




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