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**April/June Edition**

All of the above photos were taken at Gatton Speedway back in April/May around the pit area.

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The Classic Speedway Club meetings are held on the First Monday of every month at the CSAQ Club Rooms at the Rocklea Showgrounds commencing at 7.30pm. for Membership Application Forms or further information, please write to The Secretary, CSAQ Inc., P O Box 24, ARANA HILLS. QLD. 4054.

# "CSAQ Newsletter Editors Report"

## From the desk of the Newsletter Editor.



On Saturday 9th April 2016 a group of CSAQ Club Members along with their restored Stock Cars, Caged & Uncaged Speedcars, Compact Speedcar, Microsprint, Super Modified and Saloon Cars to made up the numbers for this meeting at Lockyer Valley Speedway at the Gatton Showgrounds.

Following the drivers briefing the cars and drivers were required to get ready to go out on the track for the first round of demonstration runs for the Caged Speedcars and Microsprints took to the track. The demonstration runs continued with other sections like the Uncaged Speedcars, Saloon Cars, Super Modifieds, Compact Speedcars and of course the Stock Cars to help fill up the programme with another good roll up of restored speedway vehicles on hand to make the time go past quickly, and after the demonstration runs were finished by the restored speedway vehicles and they were packed up and some of them started the trip home while some of the owners decided to stay on and watch the full speedway programme where a couple of cars tried to demolish the safety fence which I imagine the promotor Ian Jones was not expecting to have to repair the safety fence twice in one night, but by all reports the racing was well worth watching on the main programme.



Aust. 2 John Oldham/Air Cooled Suzuki



QLD 63 Anthony Harrison/EH Holden Saloon Car

On Saturday 14th May 2016 was the final meeting of the 2015-16 season at Lockyer Valley Speedway with a good number of beautifully restored Classic, Historic & Vintage Speedway vehicles that had nominated for the meeting and I think the largest number of vehicles at one place at one time like:- 8 Caged Speedcars, 2 Uncaged Speedcars, 7 Compact Speedcars, 2 Stock Cars, 2 Super Modifieds, 1 Microsprint and 5 Saloon Cars which had four demonstration runs to fill up the pre-programme, and after talking to some of the drivers they were very pleased with the turn out of restored speedway vehicles that they went about making all the runs that they were programmed for.

While I attended the April meeting and talking to Tony (Buffa) Harrison the son of the Late Barry Harrison who was hoping to have the FX Holden Saloon Car ready for the May meeting at Gatton, and Tony kept his word and I have placed a couple of photos at the bot-



QLD 1 Tony Harrison/Fx Holden Saloon Car

tom of this report so you can see the final result.



QLD 1 Jacksons Sponsored Fx Holden

# "2016 Saloon Car Drivers Reunion"

**CELEBRATING  
51 YEARS**

**SALOON CAR**



**DRIVERS REUNION  
2016**

On Saturday 23rd April 2016 the Corbett Family along with the Woods Family put their heads together to organize the 51st Celebration of the Saloon Car Drivers Reunion at the Birkdale Sports Club at Birkdale where approximately eighty odd drivers and Saloon Car followers attended the Reunion following the 49th reunion event that was held back in 2013 with some of the stars of the past present, and by all accounts the event was well supported by all who attended.

The afternoon started off with the introduction of the MC's for the event being Col Mullins from the Classic Speedway Club along with Roger Overell who then walked around and spoke to several of the former drivers that had turned up for the function.

This photo to the right showing two stars from the past having a chat Barrie Watt who raced Speedcars at the Ekka and Ashley Wilkinson who took out the First 1/4 Mile Saloon Car Race at the Brisbane Exhibition Speedway on Friday 24th April 1964, and the Newsletter Editor has placed a photo of Ashley receiving his trophy from the event sponsor Bert Butler from Butler Electrics to this report.



Just a small list of who made the event for 2016 – Alistair & Stan Mathers, Tony & Jill Manganaro, Ian (Gabby) Marshall, Len & Robbie Hennessy, Val Sharpe, Cyril Bates, Merv Dixon, Scotty Hutchinson, a full table of the Harrison Family, Eric Mitchell and his Mother Vee, Lyle Gough, Tony Woods, Bob Hebert, John & Graeme Fry, Bob Hobby, Phyllis Martin (Stevenson), Roy Olive, Bill Martin and the list goes on, but what a great night had by all.



*Speedway history maker, Ashley Wilkinson, receiving the Butler Electric trophy from Mr. Bert Butler after his magnificent win in the 1st saloon car race run on a 1/4 mile track.*



This photo to the left shows Roger Overell talking to Barry Hammond while having a look at the memorabilia that was supplied by the Classic Speedway Club for the event.



The photo above shows from L to R Bob Corbett, Bill Martin, Stan Mathers and sitting Roy Olive former stars from the 60's & 70's.

The 51st Celebration for the Saloon Car Drivers Reunion turned out to be a great night of seeing all the Saloon Car Drivers that helped to put this section of speedway racing well and truly into the history books for those who will hopefully talk to all their friends and racing mates when this event comes around again.

In closing I would like to once again give special thanks to Bob & Narelle Corbett, Ricky & Tanya Allen and Tony & Matthew Woods, Barry Macfarlane and Darryl Hayward for making the 2016 Saloon Car Drivers Reunion possible.

(Thanks for the memories.)

All of the above photos for this report supplied by Col's Action Photo's.

# "2016 CSAQ Car/Bike Show & Swap"

**CSAQ 11th Annual Car/Bike Show & Swap Meet**  
**Sunday 29th May 2016.**

*Report by Col Mullins*

The day started off with a great sunrise along with beautiful Blue Skies, what a way to start and event like this, with the biggest number of Swap Meet entries plus a fantastic number of entrants for the Car and Bike Show, and with the Swap Meet people lined up around the outside of the Rocklea Showgrounds waiting for the CSAQ Show Officials to open the gates so they could get in and start selling and talking to all the public that had parked within the showgrounds parking area and started to walk to the far side of the main oval to pick up some of the bargains that were on offer at the Swap Meet and from looking around the patrons were then walking back to their vehicles with a great lot of pieces to take home for whatever they wanted to do with.

The Car/Bike Show entrants also started to arrive early to get as close as possible to the front to start the large range of show vehicles for the Car/Bike Show and as we all stood and watched them arrive, and by approximately 9.00am there was about three rows of vehicles that had arrived along with some of the most fantastic painted Motor Bikes of all different models placed on the oval for the event.



This photo above shows one of the most spectacularly painted Chopper Motorcycles that had entered the Bike Show at Rocklea Showgrounds for 2016 and took out the top prize for the Bike Section.

The job wasn't made easy for the CSAQ Car/Bike Show judges as they took a fair amount of time judging the large number of entrants for the trophies that were up for grabs on the day. Special thanks to all the following people who donated money towards the trophies for the event, and they are as follows: Bob & Margaret Hebert, Scott Johnston Racing, Scott & Julie Beresford from Beresford Signs, Auto Barn Logan



City, David & Dell Goode from Bundaberg, Emery Engineering from Lawnton, Brighton Mower Centre from Brighton, Reg Vine from Rare Spares Route 66 Bitz from the Gold Coast, Ross & Vicki Nicol, Darryl & Jane Hayward, Darren & Pepita Sonnenberg from the VSAQ and Barry McFarlane from Mac Tuned Automotive from Morayfield again the CSAQ would like to thank you all for your support.

Special thank you to all the CSAQ members who gave up their time to help out for this event with working at the entry gates for the event, those who helped with the parking of all the Swap Meet people, the Car/Bike Show members who lined up the Cars/Bikes for the day, as well as those members who manned the running of all the activities under the yellow awnings during the event, as well as all of the Food, Drink and Pizza people who started early on the day. Special thanks to all of the Restored Speedway Vehicle Owners for bringing their cars/ bikes along to join in the event.

This photo above shows the fantastic paint job which really grabbed the eyes of many of the visitors to the 2016 CSAQ Car/Bike Show at Rocklea Showgrounds.



This photo above shows the Formula 500 speedway vehicle owned by Richard McAteer and is QLD 16 that has been beautifully Restored.

Special thanks to all of the Restored Speedway Vehicle Owners for bringing their cars/ bikes along to join in the event.

This photo to the right shows QLD 51 Hillman Stock Car owned by Tony & Kerry Woods and has made its first display since being fully restored.



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## "CLUB MERCHANDISE"

The New CSAQ Club Polo Shirts are now in stock please contact the Club Secretary if you require one.

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Club Stickers are also available plus a range of some early motoring Stickers reproduced in stock. Please contact the Club Secretary at the Club Meetings or at any of our events during the year.

## "CLUB MEMORABILIA"

If anyone has any photos or newspaper clippings that they would like to add to the CSAQ's Memorabilia section please contact the Club Secretary, and he will have it copied and added to our already huge range of Memorabilia files for everyone to look at whenever they visit the Club House at the Rocklea Showgrounds during the year.

If any member has not handed in there information on there Restored Speedway Vehicle please send your information to the Club Secretary to be used by the Newsletter Editor.



## **"CSAQ EVENTS CALENDAR UPDATE"**

Sunday 10th July 2016 - RACQ Motorfest - Eagle Farm Racecourse - Entry by Nomination Form Only (Early Nomination Close 1st May 2016)

Saturday 16th July 2016 - Gatton Show - Static Display & Grand Parade

Saturday 23rd July 2016 - Mt Gravatt Show - Static Display with the Vintage Speedcar Club

Saturday 30th July 2016 - Pine Rivers Show - Static Display & Grand Parade

Monday 1st August 2016 - Annual General Meeting at Club Rooms Rocklea Showgrounds at 7.30pm start

Saturday 27th August 2016 - Auto Barn - Slacks Creek - Static Display & Club Sausage Sizzle

Saturday 3rd September 2016 - Family Fun Day - Albany Creek Tavern Static Display (More Details to come)

### **GATTON SPEEDWAY DATES FOR 2016-2017 SEASON:**

8th October 2016, 19th November 2016, 10th December 2016, 11th February 2017,  
18th March 2017, 8th April 2017, 20th May 2017.

Sunday 28th May 2017 - CSAQ 12th Annual Car/Bike Show & Swap Meet - Rocklea Showgrounds  
"Please check the Club's Website for any changes to the Events Calendar"

### **REPRODUCED STICKERS AVAILABLE FROM THE CLUB SECRETARY**



Please remember that it's time for you to renew your Club Membership with the Annual General Meeting set down for Monday 1st August 2016.

The Classic Speedway Assn (QLD) Inc., would like to thank all of the above Businesses for their continued support of the CSAQ during the past twelve months, and we hope that we have their support during the next twelve months. Please support the Businesses who support the CSAQ.