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“QVVA WELCOMES ALL VISITORS TO OUR CLUB”

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.

GENERAL MEETING: 8PM fourth Wednesday of each month

**ADDRESS: Veteran Car Clubrooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Road,
Carindale 4152**

Club Room 07 3843 0010

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MINUTES OF THE 593rd GENERAL MEETING OF THE QVVA Inc.

Held at the club rooms ...Wednesday 26th April 2017

Meeting chaired by Simon Flitcroft.

MEETING OPENED. 8.05pm

APOLOGIES: Frank Wegrzyniak, Cyril Conwell, Russell Manning, Adrian Dearling, Peter Hall, Paul Caro, Beth Rush.

VISITORS: Ben Carroll, Greg and Kerry Muller, Neil Rossou.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: It was moved by Clint Frater and seconded by Barry Shipway the minutes as published in the "Vintage News" be taken as read.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Letters. Nil

Emails. Tamborine Mountain Show 18/03- thankyou note. Vintage Ute required for the ANZAC film at Mt Tamborine. Inquiry on membership from Ben Carroll. Info from Michael Ferguson re May rally. From Peter Talty's family –card thank you. From Kevin & Joyce Brookes- card thank you. QHMC-RACQ South QLD Rally at Beaudesert. QHMC National Motoring Heritage day at Queens Park. Caboolture War Plane Swing Night. Roma Historical Vehicle Club- Escape to the Country 2018. QHMC minutes for March meeting. QLD Mini Muster. Retroautos on line. IVVVC Good oil mag. Klaxon mag Lismore. VCCQ mag. Auto Surplus March newsletter. St Laurence's College inquiry for cars. Advice of Peter Talty's passing. RACQ requesting Motorfest judges. Hood ornament identification req. Vehicle registration warning from Werner Kroll. QIMR tour safety instructions. Allora old car festival invite.

Magazines. The Polishers Rag. Crankhandle. VCCAQ Veteran Torque. Buick car club. Chrysler car club.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Letters. Nil

Emails. Ben Carroll membership. Mt Tamborine req for vintage Ute. QVVA Vintage News. RACQ Motorfest judges req 24/04. St Laurence's Jazz event req cars 22/04. VCCQ link to Early Auto mag WA 22/04. Klaxon mag Lismore 22/04. Easter in the Country Roma invite 22/04. Caboolture Warplane Museum swing spectacular invite 22/04. QHMC National Motoring Heritage Day picnic in the park 22/04. QHMC-RACQ South QLD rally Beaudesert 22/04. Hood ornament identification 20/04. Permission to reproduce article from "Restored Cars" 20/04. Registration reminder from Werner Kroll 19/04. Reminder of club breakfast / Bayside Club rally 19/04. Gymkhana reminder 18/04. QIMR tour safety instructions 15/04. Special club tour 14th May reminder 13/04. Reminder QIMR tour 13/04. Allora Old Car Festival invite 11/04. Retroauto's link to web site 3/04. Good Oil mag May 2/04. Social evening reminder 2/04. Advising the passing of Peter Talty 1/04. VCCQ mag 31/03. VCCQ link to Early Auto WA 31/03. QIMR tour number req & safety rules 30/03. QLD Mini Muster. QHMC minutes of March meeting.

Clint Frater moved the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards endorsed, seconded by Barry Shipway.

TREASURERS REPORT: Wendy Tyquin presented a copy of the receipts and expenditure since the last meeting and the amounts were approved for payment. The \$500 contingency from the Hill Billy rally was donated to QIMR. Moved by Wendy and seconded by Robert Wode.

EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR: Clint Frater reported on the success of the gymkhana and Clint & Barry were awarded a bottle of wine for the "Most Unimproved" participants. Other events as per the "Vintage News". Special mention was made of the impressive QIMR tour, a book on the history of QIMR was presented to the club.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Application for family membership received from Ben Carroll.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Nothing to report.

EDITORS REPORT: Barry experienced technical problems with the Email system which resulted in some members receiving none or two magazines, problem has been rectified.

PROPERTY REPORT: Brian Simpson reported ...all OK.

SAFETY OFFICER: Col Hinxman reported ...all OK.

QHMC REPORT: Col Hinxman reported he had not received the minutes yet but the main topic was the NMH day at Ipswich on the 21st May.

SWAP CO-ORDINATOR: Simon Flitcroft reported the organising was up to date. The volunteer roster sheet was circulating at the meeting. Clint mentioned the set up time for Saturday is 2.00 start.

LADIES AUXILARY: Susie Shipway reported there will be an auxiliary meeting after this general meeting.

LIBRARY: Rod Rush reported all OK.

WEB: Rod Rush reported all OK.

SKITES: Wendy Tyquin saw a display of Austin cars while on a visit to Toowoomba, the cars were part of the Austin National rally. Ian McLucas saw a similar display when the Austin's were in Ipswich, there were about 150 cars and made an impressive display.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Rod Rush read out a section from 'Restored Cars' concerning the dangers of unleaded petrol and nearly 60 ways it can affect humans.

Raffle was won by Robert Wode.

Meeting closed at 8.51pm.

George Gee. Foundation Member and Secretary

Last month's Vintage News contained an article on the restoration and return of the brass plaque commemorating the passing of George Gilltrap Snr in 1967. The plaque and all early QVVA car badges were made by our foundation member and Secretary, George Gee.

Last week, I tracked George down. He is 95 years old, a bit unsteady on his feet but otherwise in good health and still living at home.

I gave him a copy of our 50th anniversary scrapbook. He revelled in reminiscing about those times when QVVA was the new kid on the block in old car circles in Brisbane. He said he will spend many hours poring over the scrapbook. He passed on his best wishes to those few of us that would still remember him.

John Day

A warning to all you drivers, be careful about drink driving as we are getting close to Christmas and Police are out there checking on people. Last night I was out for a few drinks. One thing lead to another and I had a few too many cocktails and then went onto the wine. Not a good idea. Knowing I was over the limit, I decided to leave my car at the pub and took a Bus home. Sure enough, I passed a police checkpoint, where they were pulling over drivers and performing breathalyser tests. Because I was in a Bus they just waved it past. I arrived home safely and without incident, which was a real surprise as I've never driven a Bus before and I am not even sure where I got it from....



QVVA May 2017

May 2017

Wow, how fast the time flies.

I remember my Dad saying casually one day (30 odd years ago) Simon, "I'm sure there are less hours in the day and less days in the week now". At the time I thought, "silly old bugger", there's plenty of time to get everything done! Well Dad sure turned out correct, I can't speak for anyone else, but I certainly relate to that now!

Thanks to all those that have replied to the questionnaire, and I encourage those that have not, to consider doing so. It will make the committee's job so much easier to figure out what the majority truly want from the club. So good or not so good feedback, gratefully received, after all this is YOUR club.

There are some definite consistencies showing up and that's a good thing.

The swap is almost upon us and we are light on, so any able bodied support will be gratefully accepted (especially early on Sunday)

Anyone who missed the run to Samford missed a truly interesting day, amazing machines we saw! Wow. Great food (Thanks to Michael and Jodi Ferguson) and Thanks to Michaels friend Richard for the fascinating insight into mechanical instruments.

Just a shame my starter motor died!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Happy there where slopes every where ☺

See you all on Wednesday!

QVVA RUNS 2017

In the event of bad weather consult QVVA website – www.qvva.org or phone
Clint & Lynda Frater – 0433 414 223 or 3161 2264

Please sign the attendance book at all rallies.

If driving a Special Interest vehicle to and from an outing, please take the Club Magazine
or print this page to take with you.

MAY

24th Wednesday - General Meeting Club Rooms 8.00pm (supper provided)
NOTE FIVE WEDNESDAY THIS MONTH



28th QVVA SWAP – CARINA STATE SCHOOL- YOUR HELP IS
APPRECIATED
Simon 0417 012 182, Peter 0427 001 875, Brian 0405 655 864

JUNE

6th The first Tuesday of the month social evening – Gallopers Sports Club,
Cnr Lancaster & Nudgee Roads, Eagle Farm. Let's go to the Northside for a change. Good
food at a good price. 6.30pm

18th Sunday - Ladies Day Tour – Devonshire morning tea at Beaudesert
Information Centre compliments of the Ladies Auxiliary –
please reply to Lynda on
3161 2264 or 0433 414 223 for catering purposes. We will
visit a Lavender Farm at Mt Alford and then stop for lunch at
Roadvale Royal Hotel.
Depart Club Rooms at 9am sharp or meet at Beaudesert
Information Centre at 10am.



28th Wednesday - General Meeting Club Rooms 8.00pm (supper provided)



JULY

4th The first Tuesday of the month social evening – venue to be decided

9th Sunday - RACQ Motorfest Eagle Farm Racecourse 10am-3pm

16th Sunday **Presidents Tour & Annual Awards Presentations**
A Grand day out for all. More info closer to the day



26th Wednesday - General Meeting from 7.45pm followed by AGM.

AUGUST

16th EKKA Day tour out west Where the city goes
to the country



SEPTEMBER

10th Bonnets Up Day & photo shoot– Club Rooms

OCTOBER

7th Pie & Trivia night – Club Room



VISIT TO QIMR BERGHOFER MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute is the current chosen charity for QVVA Inc so on Wednesday 26 April 2017, nine QVVA members arrived at Herston for a tour of the QIMR Berghofer. We were greeted by Sara-Jane Dean, who explained that QIMR began in 1945 with just 7 scientists and staff in humble ex-US army huts (no air conditioning, comforts, etc) in Victoria Park. Dr Edward Derrick was researching Q fever, scrub typhus and leptospirosis and he convinced the Queensland Parliament of the necessity for such an institute to research infectious diseases. QIMR's first director, Dr Ian Mackerras, and others worked on controlling malaria in the Australian Army during World War II.

It was of interest that there was also mention of Dr Ralph Doherty (brother to our foundation member Nev Doherty) who worked for QIMR in Innisfail, researching tropical diseases in the 50s and 60s. Dr Ralph Doherty led the team which discovered the Ross River virus in 1963, named after the site from where the mosquitoes were first collected. He became director of QIMR in 1966.

In 1977, QIMR moved from Victoria Park into the grounds of the Royal Brisbane Hospital, in 1988 the 11-storey research building was constructed and in 2011 the 13-storey research building was constructed. These moves were made possible by the generous and substantial donations from The Atlantic Philanthropies Foundation and Toowoomba businessman Clive Berghofer along with funding from the state and federal governments. In 2013, QIMR was renamed QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute to recognise Mr Berghofer's very generous support over many years.



QIMR Berghofer now has 600 scientists and staff. Sara-Jane has sent an overview of QIMR Berghofer and same is printed following my report.

Sara-Jane also advised of different studies conducted by QIMR Berghofer, namely cancer, infectious diseases, mental health and chronic diseases. Of particular interest to me was skin cancer, and how a study of some 2000 people from Nambour had applied sunscreen regularly whilst another 2000 people from Nambour had not, and that some 20 years later, those who had applied the sunscreen regularly, not only had less sunspots, melanomas, BCCs and SCCs, but also looked younger! She also said that not all skin cancers are caused by the sun eg SCCs can be caused by smoking. She also talked about other conditions, including blood conditions, which many found of interest.

Over morning tea, a scientist gave us an interesting talk of her study of worms ie hook worms, tapeworms, etc, which we all found fascinating. She told us and showed slides of her research overseas. We were handed jars containing a worm and other strange things, and all were amazed at the size of them. The scientist told us that people actually purchase hook worms and swallow them as they found that certain ailments, intolerances eg gluten, etc went away whilst the worm was in the body. Thankfully, they can be removed by taking worm tablets.

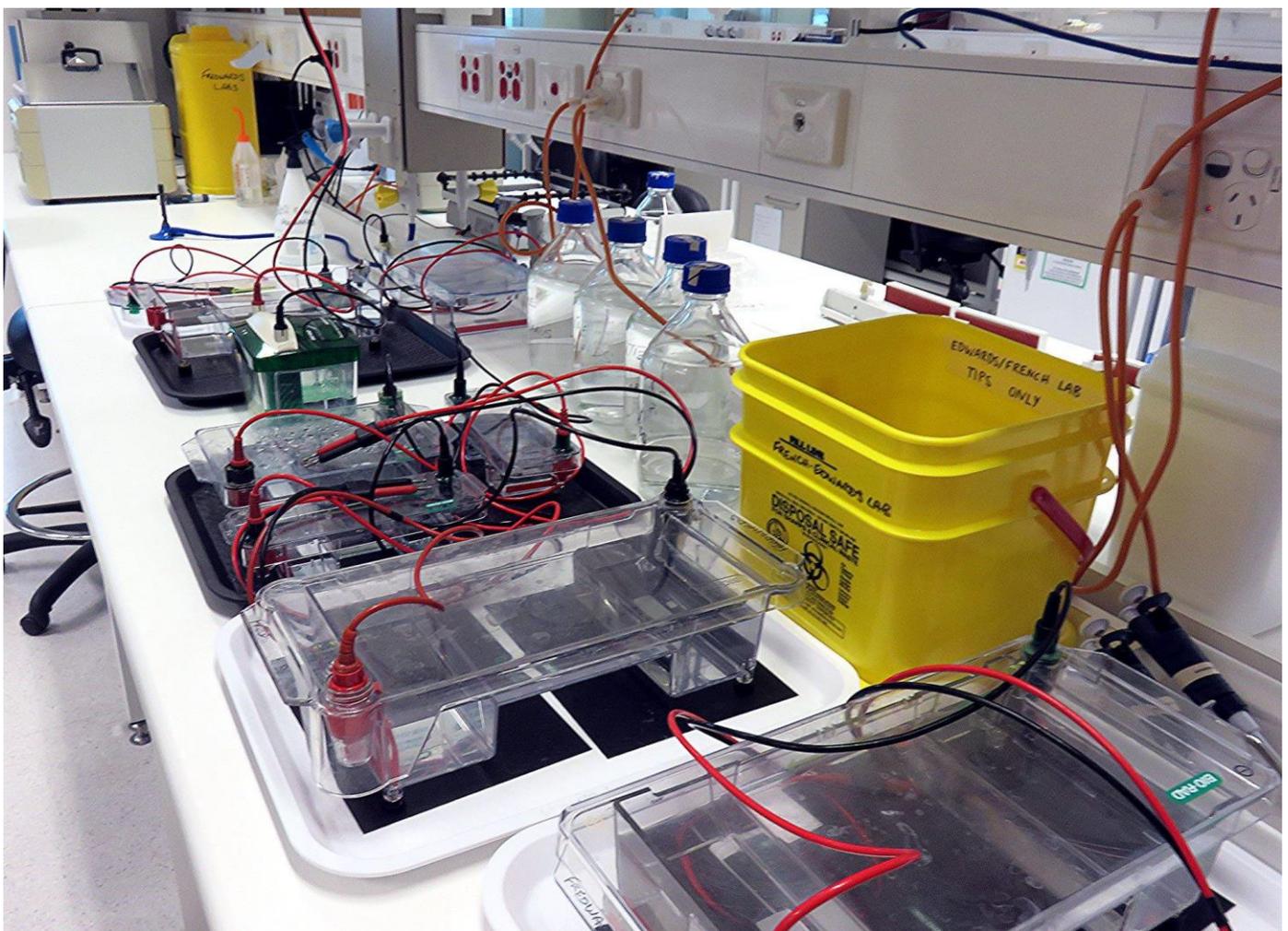
Heather was subsequently introduced and she explained the funding for QIMR Berghofer and the necessity of donations. Whilst the government provides some funding, it is not enough for what is needed to continue the research. She thanked QVVA for our generous support over the years.

Sara-Jane then took us upstairs to tour the laboratories where we were introduced to other research scientists who explained what they do, in particular, that their information is shared with other research institutes around the world and vice versa.

QIMR Berghofer often looks for people to volunteer with research. If you are interested in volunteering and/or receiving their newsletters, you can sign up on their website.

Thank you to all who attended. I hope you not only found the tour interesting, but were encouraged by the work done at QIMR Berghofer.

Wendy Tyquin



OVERVIEW OF QIMR BERGHOFER

QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute is a world-leading translational research institute that is a charity. QIMR Berghofer is one of Australia's most successful medical research institutes. The Institute was established 70 years ago by the Queensland Government and has a rich history of scientific discoveries and translational medical research.

Working in close collaboration with clinicians and other research institutes, QIMR Berghofer is home to more than 600 scientists, students and support staff. Being a translational facility means that QIMR Berghofer has the facilities to take research findings from the laboratory bench to the hospital bedside.

We have four programs.

Cancer:

Cancer is one of the major causes of illness and death in Australia and the developed world. Cancer accounted for about 3 in 10 deaths in Australia, making it the second most common cause of death, exceeded only by cardiovascular diseases.

Cancer is a disease which is caused by abnormal cell growth and eventually spreads to other parts of the body. Some cancers are common within a family history and are clearly inherited, while others are caused by factors in the environment interacting with genetic susceptibilities. Many forms of cancer can be treated successfully if detected early. QIMR Berghofer cancer research seeks to improve health outcomes through better prevention, treatments, and diagnostics of cancers.

Over half of our 55 labs are cancer research related.

Infectious Diseases:

Scientists at QIMR Berghofer aim to develop drugs, vaccines, and prevention and education strategies against diseases caused by parasites, bacteria and viruses. Research involves understanding the genetics of the parasite, investigating immune responses to the invading pathogen, and developing new treatments and diagnostics to combine with our knowledge about the disease.

When we opened our doors seventy years ago, infectious disease research was our focus.

Mental health:

Mental illnesses encompass disorders of mood, thinking, perception, communication and function. They can occur throughout the lifespan and be disabling and distressing.

The focus of the Mental Health and Complex Disorders Research Program at QIMR Berghofer is to combine the existing strengths of our work in genetics and population health with new techniques in neurosciences. Our team has strengths in the clinical aspects of mood disorders, completed by the capacity to use genetic, imaging and computational approaches to understand these debilitating disorders.

Chronic disorders:

This program looks at complex conditions affecting the quality of life and health prospects of people around the world. Demographic and lifestyle changes have led to the rise of the number of chronic disorders, and our research in this field is in response to the community's changing needs.

QIMR Berghofer is home to exceptional people with world-class skills and dedication, but the researchers can't do what they do without the backing of their community. The generosity of the public helps us take our laboratory discoveries through to clinical practice where they can then change lives.

13th & 14th May 2017 Tour to Dalby

The run to Dalby this year was an Invitation to “Something Different 2017” and was attended by 59 cars.

We arrived on Friday and booked into our cabin at the Tourist Park. Dalby was surprisingly warm for mid May and I wished there were more summer clothes in the port.

Saturday was a run to the historic Muntapa Tunnel via Maclagan passing thousands of acres of paddocks awaiting winter planting. After crossing the Great Dividing Range at 619 feet the land use changed from cropping to grazing. We spent about an hour at the historic tunnel site which was built mostly by immigrant workers from 1910 to 1913 and is Queensland longest straight railway tunnel at 287m. The tunnel linked Oakey to Cooyar and remains the only tunnel in Queensland that passes beneath the summit of the Great Dividing Range. The tunnel interior was formed from concrete with concrete portals. The line was closed on 8th December 1969 and now is the winter roosting home to 8,000 Bent Wing bats.



Lunch was at the hotel in Quinalow which in the 2011 floods had floodwaters up to the floorboards. On the way back to Dalby we passed a large paddock of sorghum and stopped to inspect a Canberra Bomber in Alex Campbell Park at Brymaroo.

Dinner was at the Bowls Club and many prizes were handed out.

On Sunday morning the meeting point was near Drayton Street Bridge and we were next to a crowd of runners and walkers raising money for breast cancer. We headed for Jimbour House for morning tea and a tour of the grounds. The Chapel was built in 1868, the water tower in the 1870's and the house built in 1875.



There was interesting photos and reference to the Transit of Venus which was viewed by a large gathering at the house on 7th December 1882. Captain Cook had viewed the Transit of Venus on 3rd June 1769 in Tahiti. The Transit observations were used to calculate the size of the solar system which assisted in nautical navigation.



The farewell lunch was held at Pricy's Garage which is a private collection of restored vintage motor bikes. The house and garage is in the middle of a large cotton farm. This was a pleasant finish to a great weekend of motoring in the country. John & Ruth

INVITATION OUTINGS & SWAP MEETS
FOR QVVA MEMBERS TO CONSIDER ATTENDING
Please take a copy of this page with you if you are travelling in a
vehicle with 'Restricted' registration.

2017

MAY

28th

Macleans Bridge Sports & Classic Car Festival, Qld Rifle Assoc
Belmont Range, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont
0417 193 611 www.macleansbridge.com

JUNE

3rd/4th

Old Petrie Town Steam Fair – Saturday 10am to 4pm, Sunday 8am to 2pm.
Grande Parade daily at 12.30pm

4th-11th

Cooly Rocks On – Coooloongatta – <http://www.coolyrockson.com/>

4th

Sunday Swap Meet – Beaudesert Motoring Enthusiasts Club
Beaudesert Racecourse, Beaudesert Boonah Road - from 6am. Adults \$3.00-
0414 066 121

Secretary.bmec@yahoo.com.au

9TH – 11TH

RACQ QHMC Southern Queensland Rally hosted by
Beaudesert Motoring Enthusiasts Club.
Entry form available phone 07 5544 9230 or 0414 066 121 or
email Secretary.bmec@yahoo.com.au
There is limited accommodation in Beaudesert.

17th

Caboolture Regional Car Club Show & Shine
Caboolture Show Grounds- 39 Trophies, entry from 8am.
Swap Meet from 6am - \$5 – 0410 515 392

JULY

9th

RACQ Motorfest Eagle Farm Racecourse 10am-3pm

23rd

Original Gold Coast Swap- Mudgeeraba Show Grounds
6am – 12 noon, \$5 phone David 0428 279 291
John 0421 185 419 email swap.gcaac@gmail.com

22nd – 23rd

South Coast Restoration Society –Annual Display
193 Rifle Range Road, Pimpama
<http://southcoastrestorationsocietyinc.org.au/wp/>

29th Saturday Nambour Swap Showgrounds. 0498 009 396

AUGUST

18TH, 19TH, 20TH Lismore Annual Run- Join fellow QVVA members for a
great weekend- see Ruth for more details

Ladies Auxiliary Report May 2017

Hi all,



It was an early morning start for Mother's day as we headed out for a surprise Mystery Tour. Not the best of weather predicted but we were hopeful, and much of the day was to be undercover. As it was a northside run, Baz and I eagerly awaited the convoy at the designated meeting spot. It wasn't long before a line of vintage & classics came tooting by, we tagged on the motorcade and headed for Samford. Baz and I dropped off again to catch up with for Martin & Col who live closer to that point. To my surprise an Oakland went tooting past and Baz said that was Don. Well I thought I needed to go to 'Specsavers' cause I was sure it wasn't Kath that I saw whizz past. It wasn't too far to the Ferguson Homestead, and what a lovely scenic



spot. We were made very welcome and Jodi had organised quite a spread for Morning tea. Turns out I didn't need new glasses, Mary was navigating for Don, as Kath was entertaining elsewhere for Mother's Day. The Ladies had a good natter and catch up while the Fellas checked out Michaels shed and cars.

After our cuppa we packed up and headed off, only a few minutes back to Samford and we were at our next stop. Another magnificent home and gardens, the recent rains have certainly been kind to Samford Valley. At this stop we were, amazed by Richard's collection of mechanical, musical instruments and his knowledge of the workings and history of each and every piece was mind blowing. They ranged from small toy music boxes to Arcade and carnival organs on trailers in the outside shed. (Pictured below) if you could have seen what we could see and hear what we heard you would

be astounded, it was Richards's request not to photograph his collection.



With beautiful music ringing in our ears, we headed of again, and again it was only a few miles to our lunch stop at Werner and Barbie Kroll's. They had been busy with the help of Jodi setting up the veranda for us all sit and enjoy the view. We were quite spoilt for the day with a lovely Bbq'd lunch. All in all, it was a lovely day with spectacular scenery and views of Samford, good food and even greater company. A special surprise of chocolates for the Ladies

topped off a lovely Mother's day drive in the country.

Don't forget 5 Wednesday this month, bring a plate to share for M/tea at the Swap Meet next Sunday (28th May) and let Lynda 0433 414 223 or myself 0142 778 224 know if you are coming on the Ladies Day Run (18th June) so we can organise/finalise numbers for m/tea and Lunch.



© Cheers Susie



SEPTEMBER

- 3rd Chrysler Expo – Rocklea Show Grounds, doug@realres.com.au
Show and Shine & Swap – Doug 0402 845 925 or
- 9th/10th Tenterfield weekend rally – details to come
- 10th Mini Muster – Carina State School, Creek Road \$5 entry
John 0421 045 103 – Swap 7am, Car Show 7.30am
- 16TH Historic Truck, Tractor & Car Show – Gatton Showgrounds
Ron - 0402 234 657

OCTOBER

- 7th & 8th L.A.MA. Invitational Run (note:- not the long weekend)

2017

BAYSIDE VEHICLE RESTORERS CLUB INVITATIONAL THURSDAY RUNS

QVVA members are invited to join with like minded car enthusiasts and attend the following rallies at any time. Instructions will be given out on departure.

All rallies are on a **Thursday** and depart from **Cleveland Show Grounds at 9.30am**.

You are welcome to either start the rally at Cleveland or join in along the route. Please take a print out of this page with you if travelling in a Club Registered car.

Further inquiries Cheryl Nott 3341 5916 or Ruth Knight 3207 1261

MAY

- 18th Australia's Biggest Morning Tea – 10am
Morning Tea provided – Raffles & donations to raise funds for
Breast Cancer Research.
Capalaba Regional Park, Pittwin Road North, Capalaba UBD 183, P14

JUNE

- 15th Morning Tea at Mortimer Road Park, Acacia Ridge UBD 199, L19
Lunch at Springwood Park, Springwood UBD 222, I16
- 29th Morning Tea at Yellow Cabs, Woolloongabba UBD 23, J20
Lunch at Mott Park, Holland Park UBD 180, L11

AUGUST

- 17th Morning Tea at Habitat Drive Park, Redland Bay UBD 246 M2
Lunch at Cascade Gardens, Victoria Point UBD 226, G2

3 CLUB GYMKHANA – 23 APRIL 2017

This year's 3 Club Gymkhana was hosted by Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club at Ormiston State School. Around 7 vehicles from each of Ipswich Vintage & Veteran Car Club, Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club, and QVVA Inc attended. We were welcomed with a delicious morning tea, supplied by the hosts, where a sheet with the gymkhana events was handed to us.



For our first task, we were asked to guess the distance of the opened gate from our front bumper, not really difficult, but probably because this was not the correct task, so back to that later. Secondly, we had to guess the height of our vehicle by having a rope lowered to our estimated height but ensuring we could drive under it without touching. Be aware! The roof of a vintage car peaks at the back. Barry was fortunate to have Devine intervention as the wind blew the rope up whilst he was driving his Morris under it.

Our next task was for the passenger to pour 1 litre of water from a jug to fill 6 plastic cups strung up on a line and waving in the breeze whilst the car was moving. I poured more water on the ground than in the cups! Someone was seen standing on the running board whilst undertaking this task. (I won't tell anyone Barry.)



Task 4 was to drive around a pole with the passenger holding a rope attached to the pole, ensuring the hubcaps on top of the pole did not fall, and at the same time ensuring the connecting rod and piston attached to the rope did not touch the ground. Yes, I managed that! Subsequently, the passenger had to manoeuvre the circular wire along the line of wire, without the wires touching, which blew the car horn. I succeeded, but many did not as the horn could be heard blowing throughout the morning.

Finally, the passenger had to throw 2 different sized and weighted balls into a bucket on the driver's side of the vehicle. I couldn't even see the bucket and was way off with the first throw, but a little closer with the second. Just needed about ten more goes and I would have got it!



Back to the first task and we were instructed to drive up to where we believed the now closed gate would open as close to our bumper bar as possible, without touching. Thankfully, Ross has a good sense of distance and was within a centimetre, so we scored well on that one.

Many suggestions, instructions and laughs could be heard throughout the morning. All having completed the fun tasks, the participants gathered for a BYO lunch and much chatter. Unfortunately, Ross and I had to leave prior to the prize giving due to a flat battery, but we heard that navigator Margaret Banner and the driver she accompanied won the gymkhana. Congratulations Margaret! I also heard that Clint and Barry took out the "Most Improvement Needed" trophy, a bottle of wine – I think this will hinder rather than help, guys!

It was lovely to have Rob and Sunita Wode experience their first gymkhana in their beautiful 1928 Chevrolet. I look forward to them being regulars on QVVA events.

Other attendees from QVVA Inc were:

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| Clint & Lynda Frater | 1928 Plymouth | John & Ruth Knight | 1930 Chrysler |
| Barry Shipway | 1960 Morris Major | Martin Jansen | 1929 Buick |
| Ian & Bev McLucas | 1969 MGB | Ross & Wendy Tyquin | 1929 Model A Ford |
- Wendy Tyquin

Ladies Day Fun Day Tour 2017

Sunday 18th JUNE



Depart Club Rooms at 8-45 am sharp or meet at Beaudesert Information Centre by 10am for Devonshire morning tea,

compliments of the QVVA Ladies Auxiliary

After morning tea we will visit a Lavender Farm and Winery at Mt Alford and then continue on to lunch at the Royal Hotel, Roadvale



'Lunch will be at your own costs'

Please reply to Lynda on 3161 2264 or 0433 414 223 for catering purposes.

Route instructions will be sent out nearer the day

BONNETS UP & PHOTO DAY

A story about my sister-in-law Meg, a Pierce Arrow motor car and

Allora Autumn Festival 2017

It has been about 35 years since Kathy and I built our house at Capalaba and for a few years I have been complaining about running out of storage space as we seem to always add things but not remove any. We even had a 20 foot shipping container in the yard full of our kid's belongings until one of them moved in to their own home. I'm sure many of you know what it is like. On Friday and Saturday of the Labour Day long weekend, we decided to clean out all of those years of collections of magazines, books and old filing cabinet records to tidy up the space where I had actually restored the Dodge, but was now full of racking with kids and relatives belongings. A large amount of books and items will go to St. Vinnies. As I loaded up the recycling bin almost to the top, I saw a manila folder marked "Pierce Arrow" This brought back some memories with mixed emotions.

Back in the late 60's when I was an electrical apprentice, I worked in many Brisbane properties often involving under-house wiring. Consequently I went where a lot of people rarely visited underneath commercial buildings, rental properties and private homes all over the greater Brisbane area. This enabled me to locate a lot of vintage cars, horse drawn vehicles and antique furniture etc. I remember a house at Camp Hill with three straight eight vintage sedans, only a few streets away from where our Dodge roadster was "discovered" in 1968. Some of the horse drawn vehicles I found ended up in a museum. One car that I located and is the subject of this story, was well known amongst some older club members, some of whom claimed to have "first option" on it (probably in an attempt to put others off the scent) and was located in Russell Terrace not far from the Indooroopilly primary school. It was very well hidden under an old high set home and it was common knowledge that the owner was not at all pleased, to say the least, to have anyone trying to view the car. In fact, some stories may well have been concocted once again to deter anyone from seeing this sleeping beauty just tucked away almost out of sight. The car was a 1930 Pierce Arrow straight eight 7 passenger sedan, complete with all of it's six wire wheel equipment and fancy lights and horns. It had belonged to a local doctor and was believed to have been acquired by this owner around 1960. The car

was very big with around 140" wheelbase and 389 cubic inch engine. It was in very reasonable condition and was supposedly driven under the house and never driven again. Over the years, I believe as older members passed away or drifted out of the old car scene, the Pierce Arrow was just forgotten about as no one could approach the owner or view the car. So what does my sister-in-law Meg have to do with all this?



Fast forward almost 30 years to 1997. Meg who is the youngest daughter of Jeff (deceased life member) and

Jeanne Shapcott has graduated as a pharmacist and moves in to a new home unit complex following a stint working in the UK. She now worked in one of the big shopping centre pharmacies and invited us over to the unit for a visit. After a while, I realised that across the road from these new units, was that old house where the Pierce Arrow used to be. Only now, the house looked very dilapidated and had long grass growing all around it. Probably ready for the bulldozer and yet another block of home units. Also, there was now a freeway, the Western Freeway, running close behind the back yard. I looked and wondered where did that big Pierce Arrow ever go. It certainly hadn't shown up anywhere in Brisbane that I was aware of. On a subsequent visit to Meg, I stopped outside the house and thought I would just have a stickybeak at this place where no one had dared to go all those years ago. To my amazement, it appeared that the car was still there! I figured that no one lived there, so I had better take a closer look and there it was, but with all its jewellery missing including hub caps. My emotions were mixed as it was sort of exciting to see this classic car just sitting there but in a sad state of affairs. What if someone threw a cigarette butt in all that grass, the house and car would be history. Some quick work by brother John soon found the details of the registered owner of the property. However the owner was not contactable as we were to find out later, he was now in a nursing home and hence the overgrown condition of the house and yard.

I was most concerned that the car would be further vandalised or destroyed by fire if we didn't get it out of there soon and Pierce Arrow's like this are very rare in Australia. My idea was to try and get it in to a museum or safe place. This is where Meg comes to the rescue. We mentioned the owner's name (which was not a common name) and guess who was the dispensing pharmacist at the pharmacy who looked after the local nursing home where the owner resided. It was Meg! She was able to talk to the next of kin and they were happy to talk to me about the car. It is safe to say that the family were not really aware of the missing items and after some very careful discussion re relocating the car to a safe place, I arranged to meet a family member at the house and look at the car with her full permission etc. Brother John accompanied me and we were able to go upstairs inside this old Queenslander. There, much to our pleasure, we discovered a box full of all the missing jewellery. Lights, hub caps, horns etc. It was a relief to us and also to her. She explained the situation to us regarding her uncle who was seriously ill and she was taking care of all the business to dispose of the property and car. After weeks of back and forth communications with lawyers, and the other members of the family, we were invited to make an offer for the car instead of trying to

have it placed in a museum. I had the car valued by a valuer to give some peace of mind to the family and made an offer. After a bit of back and forth communication which unfortunately involved several people including the law firm, the family accepted our third increased offer and the relative phoned me to tell me the good news. I was over the moon as I had never dreamed of being able to afford to own such a prestigious old car and wasn't able to broadcast this until the money changed hands. I had arranged a tilt tray tow truck to remove the car as it was too big for the average car trailer and also down a steep driveway. I also had measured the car and realised it was too big for our garage but would fit under our house where we could happily accommodate it as it was also fully enclosed.

It was only a short time later when I was at work, I received a phone call from the law firm. I was excited as I thought this would be to arrange for the payment. It was not. It was to



GANGSTER CAR: Auctioneer Peter Lewis says this Pierce Arrow could bring bids as high as \$30,000

Classic out of hiding

SHE'S big, she's beautiful and at 67 years of age, she's still attracting legions of admirers.

Tomorrow Brisbane Auction Galleries will auction a rare, 1930 Pierce Arrow motor car and auctioneers expect a record crowd to bid for the American beauty.

The Pierce Arrow, favoured as a getaway vehicle by gangsters in the Thirties, was originally owned by a Toowong doctor. Auctioneer Peter Lewis said old timers still remember the car transporting the doctor around the Toowong area.

"It was then bought by another Toowong chap in 1966," Mr Lewis said.

The story is he drove it under the house, turned the engine off and it's been sitting under there ever since. So it's been under the covers for 37 years.

The owner has recently moved into an aged care home and has given his permission to sell the Arrow, still in good condition and with all its original parts and extras.

"Several years ago the owner realised people were trying to steal what they could from the car, so he took off everything that could be removed and kept it all upstairs in a box."

"It's a beautiful car, right down to the interior art deco lights and you can easily imagine Al Capone stepping out of it."

"It's a gangster's dream car."

The reserve price is \$15,000, but the car could fetch up to \$30,000. It will be auctioned at the Brisbane Auction Galleries, 270 Abbotsford Road, Albion, at 5pm.

— FRANCES WHITING

advise me that they had decided to send the car to an auction house here in Brisbane. To say that I was disappointed would be an understatement. What could I say? As it turned out, this was definitely a benefit for the family and the law firm was just doing the right thing for them. The car was removed immediately and was featured in the courier mail as it was certainly worthy of it. It was now safe in an auction room at Albion. I notified someone who I knew had long known of the car and could afford to bid against potential global buyers. He was at the auction and I felt confident he would be the successful bidder having seen him purchase and restore many prestige cars and restore them for all of us to enjoy at club events. When the bidding was over, I heard the news that the car had gone to a phone bidder in South Australia and he had purchased it, sight unseen, for a lot more than our original offer. I was disappointed and felt that we had lost this classic from Brisbane forever. Whilst the car would not be able to be appreciated by enthusiasts in Brisbane, at least it had been saved from potential destruction and would no doubt go to a good home. I did get some satisfaction from this knowledge and couldn't help think of all those people who knew of this vehicle over the years and here it was off to South Australia, never to be seen again.

As I finished reading all the notes in the manila folder regarding the Pierce Arrow and reminiscing about this car and how we almost owned it, I thought that I might as well bin the folder along with the newspaper clippings of the auction and photos of the car under the house as it was so long ago and the car was so far away. So in the bin it went and up on the street ready for tomorrow morning's collection by the recycling truck.

The next morning, Kathy & I were off to the Allora autumn festival which some of our members attended. Meg often looks after our (daughter's) animals while we are away and stays at our place. Just before we reached Allora, brother John who was also attending the festival with the 1903 curved dash Oldsmobile, phoned us to say that one of the local members had opened up his private collection of vehicles for public viewing as part of the weekend's activities. It was in a series of sheds just out of the main township and well worth seeing. Seeing as we were almost right there, we diverted from catching up with all the old cars gathered for the weekend's event and pulled up outside these sheds. I am accustomed to seeing cars and tractors and stationary engines in beautiful Darling Downs farming countryside and that's what sort of vehicles one expects to see in an old Allora shed. There was a gathering of locals as we entered the shed and we were greeted by the friendly group who questioned me (as I was wearing my QVVA badge) as to who I was and if I was related to the "other Day" (John) who had visited earlier. After a bit of friendly banter, we moved further inside the shed entrance to see his very interesting collection of old cars and trucks etc. I was surprised to say the least when the very first cars taking pride of place in the line of vehicles were two large vintage sedans. One Cadillac La Salle and the other, you guessed it, a Pierce Arrow! I couldn't hold back my emotion as I thought back to the one that we almost owned all those years ago when I saw this beautifully restored example right there in front of me. I never thought I would see another one as I believed it to be extremely rare for a top of the range Pierce Arrow to come to Australia. The owner, Mr. Bob Denny was so welcoming to all the visitors and obviously the Pierce Arrow stole the limelight making it hard to get a photo without visitors standing admiring it. I asked Bob where did this car come from as it certainly wouldn't have belonged in a Darling Downs farmyard. He advised me that he had sold the family business recently and had in fact purchased the car from an enthusiast in South Australia. "South Australia!" I asked "Yes but I believe it was originally from Brisbane and used to belong to a doctor" Then I think he said something like "Why, do you know something about this car? You know it is the only one of it's type in Australia"

I didn't know where to start. After relating much of the story as you have read above, he then explained to me that he didn't have any photos or information on it's original location in Brisbane as the previous owner had purchased it over the phone at an auction. **Photos** I thought. Oh no, I had a few heart palpitations imagining those photos in the manila folder in the back of the JJ Richards recycling truck after emptying our bin at home at Capalaba. I quickly rang Meg to see if she was in fact anywhere near our house as Bob listened intently to see if there was any chance of ever seeing some original photos of his pride and joy. Meg finally answered the phone. She was still at our home and no the truck hadn't been yet! So yet again it was Meg to the rescue. She quickly ran up to our recycling bin on the road and started emptying the bin searching the contents for a manila folder marked "Pierce Arrow" whilst we listened in on the phone. Finally, there was the sound of joy as she announced she had located the folder. Within

minutes, Bob was viewing some of the photos, albeit pretty small, on Kathy's smart phone. I don't need to tell you how Kathy and Bob and the gathered friends felt as this all played out in the reception area at the front of his premises. I was over the moon to say the least that here was the car that we had so many highs and lows of excitement so many years ago sitting there in all its restored glory. Bob wants to come to our place to personally collect the photos and I think after all the excitement, I will insist on taking a ride in this magnificent vehicle as it is fully road registered and only at Allora. After arriving back at home and viewing some of the records I kept, I think the car is a Series A or B, either 139 or 144 inch wheelbase and prices ranged from \$4000 to \$7000 US dollars plus shipping to Australia. That is around four to seven times the price of our imported Budd body Dodge sports roadster and maybe eight to fourteen times the price of a standard model family car of that era. Multiply the cost of the average family sedan today by eight to fourteen times and see what that comes to. Maybe that is why this is the only one allegedly in Australia. I hope you have enjoyed reading this as much as I have had recalling this interesting recollection of the Pierce Arrow and my sister-in-law Meg's involvement over all those years.

Following the visit to Bob's collection, we made our way and caught up with the rest of the folks in town and relayed our story. The afternoon run was to another amazing collection of vehicles belonging to yet another Allora local. This included vintage era cars such as V16 Cadillac and 8 cylinder Stutz sedans along with many more vintage and classics of the Bathurst racing Fords and Holden Monaros etc. Allora certainly has a concentration of special interest vehicles and we thoroughly enjoyed the visit. Many of the ladies have moved on to Warwick to Glenrose retreat to enjoy a few days of quilting and sewing etc. while some of the blokes are still in Allora enjoying good company. The old car movement is not just about cars but good friends also. Maybe I'll let you all know what it is like to ride in the Pierce Arrow when it happens!

Gary Day



Post Script following the story of Meg and the Pierce Arrow.

After sending the story to Baz regarding the Pierce Arrow, I was putting away all the info in to the manila folder (rescued from the bin) and noticed a small note which had a name and a phone number written on it. I realised that this was the name of the original owner's niece who I dealt with in 1997 and who had let me know of my success, albeit short lived, in purchasing the car. I thought I'll just see if anyone still answers this number. The phone rang and sure enough, it was the niece. I had to do some quick explaining as to who I was (as it was 20 years ago) and we talked for a long time. She confirmed all of the story as I have written it and gave me even more information. It seems that her uncle Les who owned the car never had a drivers licence and rode his push bike everywhere including to and from work every day and I quipped "and he owned a Pierce Arrow motor car" She laughed in agreement. I have sent her photos of the before and after restoration and she replied "amazing that these must be the only photos of the car" She also explained that uncle Les never threw anything away and was a hoarder. The family have told her the reason he was very hard to approach was that he had caught people stealing the wheels off it and then he proceeded to strip all the easily removed parts to keep up in the house. In fact after the car was removed, the house was burgled several times. This confirmed my reasoning back then in 1997 to get the car out of the situation was justified. Mr. Bob Denny has been contacted and wants to meet the family and take them for a ride in the Pierce Arrow. He is thrilled to be able to contact them and I'm sure will get every bit of information regarding the history that is possible to extract from the family for a presentation board in the museum. Once again, an amazing finale involving Meg, a manila folder and a Pierce Arrow. Finally, if anyone reading this can offer any information regarding the Toowong area doctor who originally bought this car, I would be very happy to pass this information on to Bob and the family. My number is 0439612391 or 32455427. Thankyou. Gary Day



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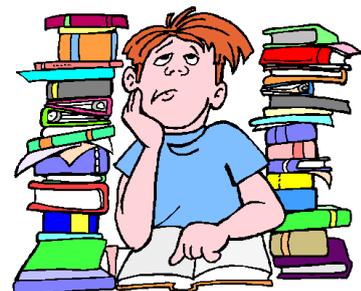
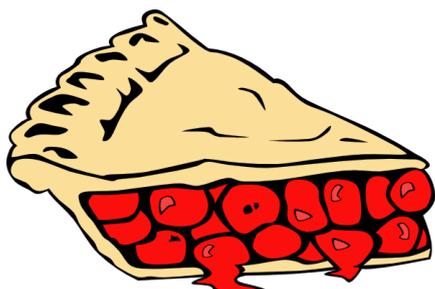


Pie & Trivia

7th October 2017

Saturday from 5.30pm

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2017 Allora Autumn Old Car Festival
28th to 30th April 2017

Doug & Elizabeth Partington invited cars older than 1942 to come to Allora for this weekend to join in the celebration of the Allora State School's 150th anniversary and many other events for the Autumn Festival. We drove the Buick Woodie up on Friday, arriving in time for the welcome dinner at Bob Denny's garage. Here we met up with some old friends and met many new ones. Bob's garage houses an amazing collection of cars, some with a very interesting history. There were Buicks, Cadilacs, Packards and Pierce Arrows. Ask Gary Day about the Pierce Arrow if you want to hear a good story about a lot of coincidences. The soup, finger food & dessert were fabulous and we all retired to our homes for the night after a full day.

We were staying at Dalrymple Lodge which is in the centre of town and was one of the open garden participants. The owners, Mary & Richard, have landscaped their property on two acres of land into a beautiful peaceful garden with hedges, water features, bee attracting flowers and trees. After gathering in Muir Street on Saturday morning we drove to Allora State School to leave the cars on display as part of their anniversary celebrations. Tea and damper were consumed and then we headed off to view the open Gardens which were in walking distance. We are salvia converts now and have purchased several plants. The bees were covering these pretty little bushes and we hope our native bees will enjoy the flowers too. Dinner was at the RSL Memorial Hall and the lamb shanks were very tasty.



Sunday we displayed our cars at the Allora Historical Museum and again enjoyed tea & damper on arrival. John looked around the Museum and I went with Alison & Janette to check out the quilt shop owned by Bob's wife, Marion. Marion also has a lovely old house available for quilting escapes – so perhaps a sewing week in Allora will be in the diary soon. We still had some open gardens to check out and after that went on a tour of the house that Helen Goff, who writes under the name of P.L.Travers, lived in. The new owners have completed the restoration and it is a credit to them. The Mary Poppins story and movie

certainly has put Allora on the map and the afternoon run stopped at the cemetery so we could see the grave of Helen Goff's father. The weekend finished for afternoon tea at another amazing shed and car collection. The shed had only just been built and it seemed like the paint was still drying on the floor. Here there was a V16 Cadillac, Stutz, Arrol Johnson, Bathurst Monaro, EH Holden, 1970 GT HO Falcon & Graham etc and all in pristine condition.

We head home back down the range through MaMa Creek as this is a quieter and easier road than through Cunningham's Gap. The trip took about 2 ½ hours, including the pumpkin stop. We had a great weekend and would recommend the Allora Autumn Festival. QVVA members on the tour were John & Alison, Trevor & Janette, Gary & Kathy, Martin and John & Ruth

MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

We wish Alison Day a full recovery
after her recent hospital stay

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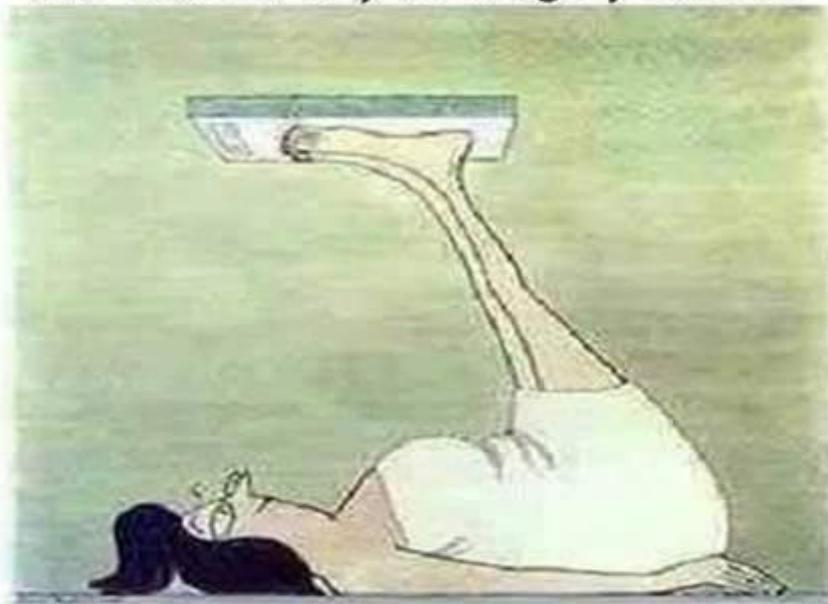
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