

# VINTAGE NEWS

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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## PRESIDENTS REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025

I am pleased to announce the Position of Events Coordinator is now filled, with James Humphry accepting the position. I am sure that he will do a good job with you helping where possible. A new Events calendar will be sent out shortly. Which will show the dates and venues for the rest of the year and also the 2026 version as well. Some events are yet to be planned for 2026 but I am sure that you will assist James in filling the calendar.

On the 15th to the 20th of October, Wendy and Ross Tyquin, have organized a run to Grafton. There has been a lot of investigation, planning with blood sweat and tears put into this special run. So far only four cars are going, which is very disappointing, not only for me, but for Ross and Wendy as well. If you would like to attend, for all or just the weekend, please contact Wendy or myself for more details. She has organized BUDGET accommodation to keep costs down. I hope to see you there, it will be a great chance to get to know your fellow members and their wives when having meals drinks and a bumper time over a couple of excellent days.

There are other events for October with a motor show at the Samford Show Grounds. Samford Parklands, Samford Valley QLD 4520 to Samford Showground - Google Maps OCT 5. Tuesday night Dinner at Carina Leagues Club OCT 7, Sausage Sizzle OCT 10, Club general meeting OCT 22, Bonnets up Day at the Fergusons Samford OCT 26.

The Ferguson's are supplying lunch on the 26th If you are attending will you please let them know by contacting them on 0407 759 634 (Michael) or 0407 262 343 (Jodi). Their address is 17 Corella Ave SAMFORD

A heads up for November. We are planning a revisit to The Mathena Gallery, a mathematics experience. For those who did not attend last year you missed an experience like no other. This place explains all mathematical calculations used from ancient times to those used when orbiting in space and used by the early computers, in other words it is simply brilliant. In order to have more time there we will have lunch at an onsite winery. More details to come.

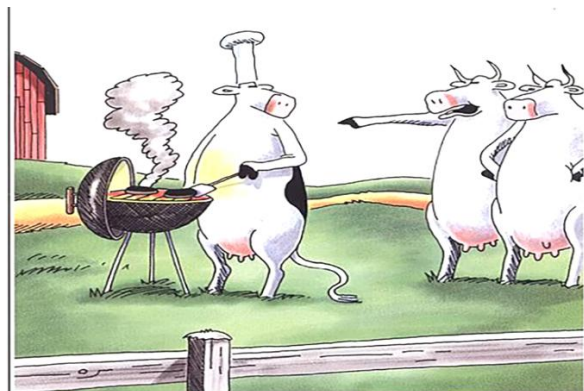
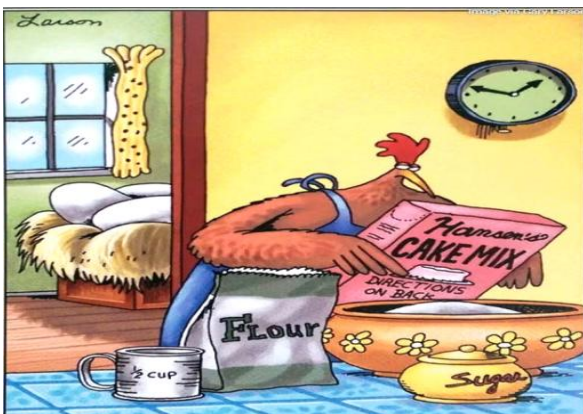
The Christmas party will be held, at lunch time 12Noon, on the 13th December, we have booked the same caterers for our meal. Santa and an ELF are going to make an appearance. Please dress in Christmas clothing or PURPLE and SILVER. A sheet will be available, at the September meeting, to register your attendance.

Also in December there will be a club Picnic at Lota on the 31st Come along and enjoy yourselves with fellow members. I am sure there will be something for everyone.

For Gasoline Cars,

Graham Porter

President



"You're sick, Jessy! ... Sick, sick, sick!"

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the QVVA 24 September 2025**

Commenced 7.30 p.m. in the club rooms

Welcome: 675 th Meeting

Attendance: As per Attendance Book

**Apologies:** Adrian Deering, Clint Frater, Don Lake, Ross & Wendy Tyquin, Rosemary Smith, Susie Shipway, John Knight

**Visitors:** Welcome to Sue and Ken Pointon. attended a couple of events. WWII Jeep, 1965 Humber Vogue,

### **Secretary's Report:**

Three new members, all joined yesterday

Peter McCormack, 1910 Hupmobile plus others, 1920 Stutz, 1932 MGJ, Lotus Elite, Lotus Cortina, Chev, 1924 Indian Scout, David Morrison, 1973 Dodge, Christian Leach, Landrover Series 3 Wagon. Insurance resolved – all paid – Certificate of Currency issued, solves the issue at Bunnings.

Moved Ben Seconded James Humphry - Carried

### **Treasurer's Report**

Moved – Graham Seconded, Glen Smith - Carried

**Editor's Report:** Nothing to report

Encouraging members to write articles for the magazine – a short report is all that is needed for each event.

### **Events Coordinator**

James first time report

September

21 September - All British Day – not as well attended as usual

24 September – General meeting

October

5 October – Samford Show Grounds – car show = public display from 10 to 2 p.m.

7 October – Dinner – Carina Leagues Club

10 October - Sausage Sizzle – Cannon Hill

15 to 20 October – QVVA week away to NSW in and around Grafton

22 October – General Meeting

26 October – bonnets up day – at Ferguson's Samford – lunch provided

November

4 November – Dinner – Gaythorne RSL Club

12 November – GOF lunch – Belmont Tavern

16 November – Mathena Mathematics Museum – very interesting place with displays of historic and ancient mathematic applications – lunch at Pitstop Café – 10 minutes away

26 November – General/Birthday meeting

December

13 December – Christmas Party

31 December – picnic at Lota

Possibility of a rally to Grandchester –

Sign up forms – being passed around

### **Membership**

Rolf – SIVS letters for the new members

### **Sausage Sizzle**

Everything organised – 7 a.m. start

Ruth – **Social Secretary**

Nothing to report

### **Skites**

Martin - Buick Nationals – great week – whale watching – very interesting – sold the Buick, at Gumtree Lodge (caravan park) – some visitors were looking at it and one person bought it.

## General Business

Grafton run – bit light on in numbers, members encouraged to attend. Wendy has put a lot of work into it.

Barry - Discussion on the change of polo T-shirt design – maroon with white patch down the side – for the men – white shirt with maroon patch down the side for the women.

Thank you to Ruth for supper tonight and Barry for the raffle.

Supper for October – Robert Wode, Raffle – Kate Twomey, Open Forum – Pheobi Nash.

Meeting closed at 8.10 p.m

### HOW FAST DOES GAS GO BAD JUST SITTING IN YOR CAR?

Source: <https://www.jalopnik.com> - article by Paul Stadden 17 Aug 2025

In what may be the quintessential "first world problem," consider that people with large car collections have to do constant maintenance to mitigate the effects of expiring gasoline.

Opportunities for the average person to worry about old gas are much farther and fewer between, and usually involve lawnmowers or portable generators. But when you have a car that might sit for a year (or years), you'd better exercise due diligence to prevent that fuel from damaging engine components, leaving gummy residue that acts like plaque in arteries.

In general, non-ethanol gas lasts anywhere from three to six months in your gas tank.

As for ethanol blends like E10 (10% ethanol, 90% gas), you'll be shocked to hear that Minnesota Corn, whose mission is to "maintain and develop markets for corn and corn co-products," says E10 will last at least six months, and longer with good storage. Meanwhile, market research firm J.D. Power (you know, the longtime award-giver and name most heard in Chevy ads for a while) says ethanol fuels can lose combustibility in just one to three months.

Also, while modern cars are designed around gasoline having a certain ethanol content in fuel, older cars with untreated rubber and plastic seals can apparently suffer serious damage.

So, if you're storing gas for your Ford Model A or Bugatti Royale, perhaps use straight gas with no additives.

#### How to hoard gas.

Should you want to stockpile gasoline like a dragon keeps gold, remember that no matter what you do, gas won't last forever, but you can preserve its freshness for a surprisingly long time.

First, store it in airtight, fuel-rated plastic containers with as absolutely little air in them as possible.

Then, put those containers in a cool, dry place. Don't expose your gas containers to extreme heat or cold, either.

Gas likes a stable temperature; otherwise it will evaporate and oxidize faster.

If you are one of those people with a vast car collection, you can take the cars out for a short spin every few weeks. Then, top off the tank with fresh gas, which simultaneously reduces oxygen levels in the tank to prevent evaporation and limits room for moisture buildup.

You can also add fuel stabilizers that will keep your gas from evaporating; then you may be able to store fresh gas for up to two years.. Still, even if you do use stabilizers and store your gas in a dehumidified cave, always check your gas before using it. You'll know if your gas has gone bad if it smells stale or sour, transitions from a lovely amber colour to a dark orange, or thickens like syrup, then it's no good. No word on whether the flavour changes though!.

Click onto this YouTube link to immerse yourself in yesteryear:

[https://youtu.be/h8fZadQbkT0?si=-APMKbK\\_0-GvPdRH](https://youtu.be/h8fZadQbkT0?si=-APMKbK_0-GvPdRH)

**The Old Car Festival 2025**  
**Greenfield Village**  
**Dearborn, Michigan**

## Lloyd Hosking's Essex

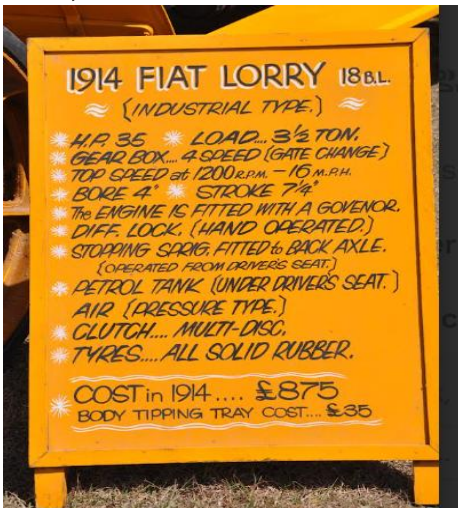
Lloyd Hosking owned Hoskings Spare Parts at Camp Hill and Graceville in the 1980's. He was an active QVVA member with his mid 1920's Essex tourer and a rare example of the first Essex, a 1918 roadster. This early Essex was fitted with a Lawrence Pommeroy designed OHV engine. Pommeroy designed the legendary Prince Henry Vauxhalls of the veteran era. In 1919, an Essex completed a 50-hour, 3,037.4 miles endurance test in Cincinnati, Ohio, at an average speed of 60.75 miles per hour. The early Essex cars captured many hill climb records. They were favoured by inter-city record breakers like Wizard Smith here in Australia. Their engines are a far cry from the comparatively pedestrian Essex motors that followed. Lloyd passed away and we saw no more of his cars.....until recently. The 1918 roadster has emerged in the hands of Bundaberg members of the Veteran Car Club, complete with its very appropriate number plate.



## 1914 Fiat Lorry

Our cover photo for this month can't go without a special mention, this is an exceptional restoration to be seen to be believed.

Ian Fordyce, a truck and machinery fancier of note, drove this vehicle from Sunnybank to Samford and back, a feat in itself. Shown below are the specifications of this magnificent vehicle.





Vehicles seen at the Motor Show at Samford Showgrounds





Vehicles seen at "Steaming Underneath the Southern Cross" Kingsthorpe.

## Why Stellantis Feels Like British Leyland 2.0

By: Alex Oagana

If you want to know what happens when a car company grows too big, too bloated, and too unfocused for its own good, history has already given us the ultimate case study: British Leyland. That glorious mess of an automaker was born in 1968 when the UK government thought it was a good idea to merge pretty much every struggling British carmaker into one lumbering mega-conglomerate.

Austin, Morris, Rover, Triumph, Jaguar, MG, Mini, [Land Rover](#) - you name it, they all got shoved under one chaotic umbrella. The result was a decades-long comedy of errors featuring endless labor strikes, laughably bad quality, overlapping brands that cannibalized each other, and a management structure so confusing you'd need a PhD in bureaucracy to figure out who actually approved the Marina.

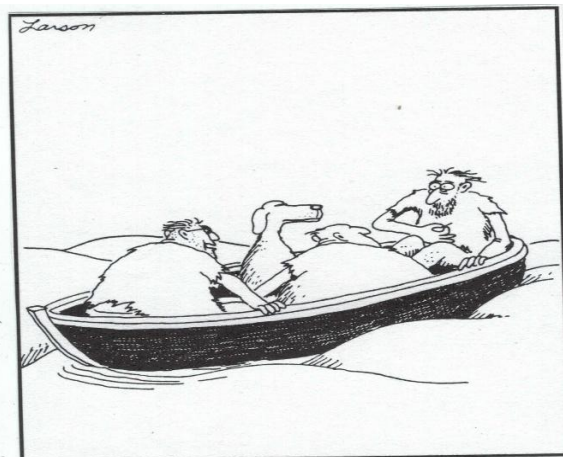
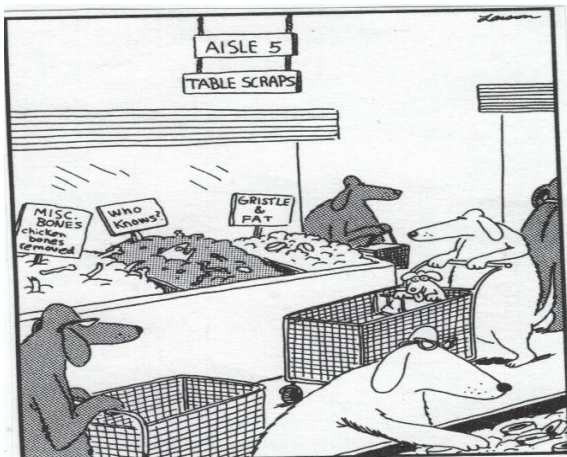
### *Stellantis' Dodge Charger Daytona*

British Leyland was supposed to be the savior of the British car industry. Instead, it became its funeral director. The once-proud empire of Austin-Healeys, [Jaguars](#), and Minis collapsed into a punchline, and by the 1980s, most of the brands were either sold off or left to rot in some government-funded warehouse.

Now, more than 50 years later, we have Stellantis - the Frankenstein's monster stitched together from Fiat Chrysler Automobiles and PSA Group. On paper, Stellantis is a modern miracle: the world's fifth-largest automaker, 14 brands under its control, a global footprint, and billions in revenue. But peel back the slick PowerPoint slides and corporate PR spin, and what you see looks eerily familiar. Too many brands, not enough direction, overlapping products, questionable quality, and a creeping suspicion that at some point, the whole house of cards will come tumbling down.

Let's start with the obvious problem: fourteen brands. That's not a portfolio, that's a zoo. [Jeep](#), Chrysler, Dodge, Ram, Fiat, Alfa Romeo, Maserati, Peugeot, Citroen, Opel, Vauxhall, DS, Lancia, Abarth. Each one comes with its own history, its own baggage, and its own half-baked plans for survival. Some, like Jeep and Ram, are profitable juggernauts. Others, like Lancia and Chrysler, are effectively brand names sitting on life support, wheeled out every few years with some halfhearted 'revival' announcement before fading back into irrelevance.

This is exactly what doomed British Leyland. They had too many brands competing in the same segments, eating each other alive. Why buy a Triumph when you could buy a Rover? Why buy an Austin when a Morris offered basically the same car with a different badge? Stellantis is no different. Do we really need both Peugeot and Opel building compact hatchbacks on the same platform, just with different grilles? Does the world actually benefit from Fiat and Citroen both selling budget-friendly city cars that look like they were designed during a coffee break?





Click on this YouTube link for the National Woodie Meet.

[Woodies at the Beach/National Woodie Meet 2025 - Santa Barbara, CA](#)

## COMING EVENTS QVVA

### October

15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>

QVVA week away to NSW in and around Grafton

22<sup>nd</sup>

General Meeting at the clubrooms.

26<sup>th</sup>

Bonnets up day at Ferguson's Samford, lunch supplied.

### November

4<sup>th</sup>

Club Dinner at Gaythorne RSL Club, 534 Samford Road, Mitchelton.

12<sup>th</sup>

GOF Lunch at Belmont Tavern, 185 Belmont Road, Belmont.

16<sup>th</sup>

Mathena Mathematics Museum – very interesting place with displays of historic and ancient mathematic applications – lunch at Pitstop Café – 10 minutes away.

26<sup>th</sup>

General Meeting at the Clubrooms (Club Birthday)

### December

2<sup>nd</sup>

Club dinner at Capalaba Sports Club, 113 Ney Road, Capalaba.

13<sup>th</sup>

Club Xmas Lunch Party, Clubrooms.

31<sup>st</sup>

Club Picnic at Lota.

## 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month

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

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

7.30 am- Coffee, Crunch and Chrome -Joes Diner- Kingsford Smith Dr. Eagle Farm -2<sup>nd</sup> 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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month

5-8pm Wednesdays; Morayfield Cars and Pizza, Shops at Uhlmann Ave, Burpengary East

3pm ,2nd Saturday of the month– Yank Tanks, Espresso 25, Boat Works Coomera

## Swap Meets

October						
Oct	Sun	12/10/2025	07:30	Queensland Mini Muster	Rocklea Showgrounds	
Oct	Sat	18/10/2025	05:00	Laidley Motorcycle Only Swap	Laidley Showgrounds	
Oct	Sat	18/10/2025	08:00	English and European Swap	Wright St Carindale	
Oct	Sun	19/10/2025	06:00	Kalbar Swap	Kalbar Showgrounds George St Kalbar	
Oct	Sat	25/10/2025	06:00	Torbanlea Swap	Torbanlea race course	New Date
Oct	Sun	26/10/2025	06:00	Ipswich Classic and Muscle Swap and Shine	193 Chermshire Road Ipswich	
November						
Nov	Sun	2/11/2025	06:00	Rebels Car Club Show and Swap	Rocklea Showgrounds	
Nov	Sat	8/11/2025	06:00	Kingaroy Swap	Geoff Ralph Drive, Kingaroy	Set up from Friday 12:00
Nov	Sun	23/11/2025	06:00	Beaudesert Swap	Beaudesert Showgrounds	
Nov	Sun	23/11/2025	07:00	Rusty and Dusty Swap	Yatala Drive In 100 Stapylton-Jacobs Well Rd, Stapylton	



Spectacular Memorabilia seen at Glen Innis

## LOCKYER ANTIQUE MOTOR ASSOC TOUR – OCTOBER 11th, 12th 2025

We knew the temperature in Gatton over the weekend, would be mid to high 30's, so we packed accordingly.

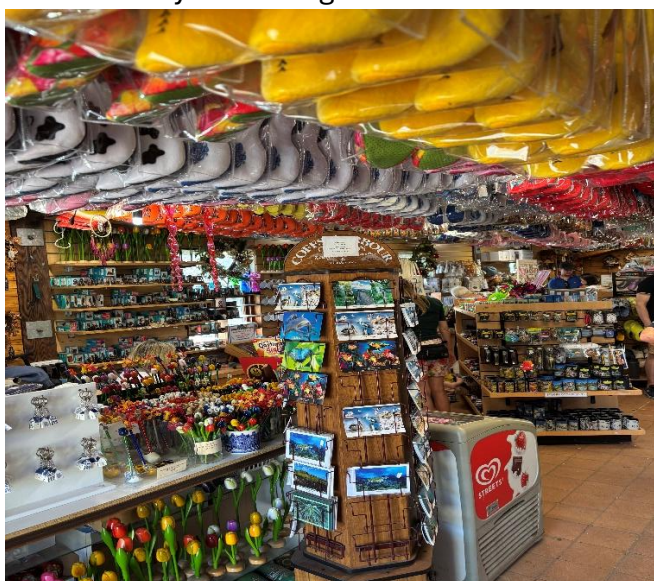
There was already a full paddock of cars when we arrived at the Gatton Historical Village for morning tea. After meeting and greeting old friends and partaking in a delicious morning tea, we were flagged off by the local member, for the pleasant drive to Ma Ma Creek. After visiting the markets, and making a few purchases, we arrived at the Ma Ma Creek State School for lunch. A park under the trees took priority and then a place to sit in the shade next. We were fortunate to find a shady tree. With a light breeze blowing, we enjoyed our hamburger for lunch with fruit & cake to follow. One of the students from Ma Ma Creek school helped me carry my lunch back to our chairs. His name is Calum and he loves Science and wants to be an astronaut when he grows up. Calum is in grade two and a delightful youngster.

The afternoon was free time, so we headed back to the motel for some air-conditioning. The countryside is very brown and dry so hopefully they haverain soon.

Dinner on Saturday night was at the Colonial Café which was a walk across the road for us. The theme was Country & Western, so we fitted in, wearing a check shirt. The Morris Club won the prize for the most entrants with 14 cars. Everyone met up for a hearty breakfast at the Cahill Sports Complex and then drove to 9Dorf Farm complex where the family have been farming for five generations. We were divided into three groups and boarded the school buses (another sideline for the farm) to see how their produce is grown. First the day-old chickens – they buy them in as day old chicks and at 1.8 kilo's prepare them for market. There is a refrigerated container where the birds are prepared and the meat frozen. They are sent to selected restaurants and apparently have a much better taste than normal chicken meat.

Next to the egg laying birds. What a relaxing life they lead. They roost at night in old caravans which are fitted with perches and during the day they roam free with 500 birds to a hectare, all the while being protected by a pack of Maremma dogs. The birds lay the eggs in a specially built trailer and are collected and sent to selected restaurants.

Submitted by: Ruth Knight



Stocks of clogs hanging from the ceiling

Seen at Coffs Harbour



Making clogs from poplar wood

## SPARKS TO NUTS - RALF ST. CLAIR

So why ethanol? First because it's a genuinely renewable fuel that helps engines run cleaner by providing lots of oxygen as it burns. It may or may not be cheaper than gasoline depending on how you count subsidies and so on. It can also raise the octane level of gas considerably, meaning that low-octane gas can have a little ethanol added to bring it to 87 octane (the usual minimum). So far so good.

But ethanol has a few issues. It has less energy per gallon than gasoline, which explains why it raises the octane number. It could be up to 30% less energy in some cases, depending on the blend and the nature of the engine. This would result in burning more fuel for the same performance, in other words, lower miles per gallon. Standard flatheads are so inefficient that this is actually not necessarily a problem for our old cars.

I have heard people say that ethanol fuel boils more easily than gasoline, leading to vapour lock and other issues. Overall, there's not much evidence for this. Gasoline boils at 102F and ethanol at 173F. So if anything, an ethanol blend should resist vapour lock better than non-ethanol fuel. This also provides a clue as to ethanol's lower energy efficiency. Fuel needs to become a suspension in air being sucked through the carb, and it may be harder for less volatile ethanol to reach this state.

In the case of storage, there is a need for caution. Ethanol is water soluble, which means it sucks water out of the air. If this continues too long it can make the fuel harder to burn and the car harder to start. Jay Leno wrote an article in which he says that vintage unsealed fuel systems can only protect ethanol flavoured gasoline for about a month. He also makes the point that ethanol fuel can eat pump diaphragms and fuel lines not designed to cope with it.

The article is here <https://forums.aaca.org/topic/257239-an-interesting-article-by-jay-leno-on-ethanol/>



Corrosion of a carburettor caused by E10 fuel