

P.S.C.A.A. October President's Report

AGMs ending in AVOs

IT'S THAT time of year again when sadly our constitution dictates that I assault your inbox with a lot of AGM documents at seven-day intervals included in this is an invitation to place an item on the AGM agenda.

We have all heard stories of club AGMs becoming metaphorical blood baths, I believe little athletics AGMs can be particularly brutal. This is why at PSCAA AGMs or even at meetings we do not accept motions from the floor. If you have something, you want to propose you need to have it placed on the agenda. That way you get to plan what you want to say and those who would like to respond also get the opportunity to plan their response.

We received an email requesting help from the Uniting Church aged care home in Salamander Bay the Committee decided that we will take a couple of our older cars to the facility so the men can come down and have a look than go back inside for a cuppa and talk cars. We are thinking of doing this bi-monthly next year so you may be asked to participate.

SEE YOU ON THE ROAD Andrew Hamilton, President



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NEXT MEETING

OCTOBER 11th

**The next GENERAL MEETING
will be held on the second**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11th,

in the

Crows Nest Room (top floor),

Nelson Bay Bowling Club @ 6pm



Fridge Edition

Events October 2023

Monday 2nd October - Monday Morning Coffee Run

Monday Morning Coffee at a local café. **Pacific Dunes Golf Club**, at Medowie. **Please all meet at the Pearl Servo by 9.30am**,



Wednesday 11th October - Assoc. Meeting

Will be held at the **Nelson Bay Bowling Club** in the **Crow's Nest Room** on level 2, followed by dinner at **Club Restaurant**. **Meeting commences at 6.00pm sharp**.

Thursday 12th October – Pizza Night at Uncle Franks

A regular get together for a meal at **Uncle Franks Pizzeria** (next door to Jax Tyres at Salamander Bay). **Meet at the Venue at 6pm**.

Wednesday 18th October – Jims's Long Run

This one is for the driver in us all. **Long runs** are usually lunch runs with a round trip greater than 200 Km. Lead by **John Kerr**, destination is the Lone Pine army museum café, Singleton. **Meet at the Pearl Servo 9:30am**.



Thursday 19th October - SWB

This month the ladies' lunch will be at **Salt Restaurant, upstairs at Fingal Beach Surf Club**. Please Text Lindy on 0400 828 217 if you are attending, as we need to advise the venue. **Meet at the venue 1.00pm**.

Friday 27th October – SMB

This month the men's breakfast will be at a new venue **The Farmer's Wife Distillery 1378 The Bucketts Way, Allworth**. Just under an hours run. This is the perfect venue for those among us who like gin on their weetbix. **Meet at the Pearl 7.30am**



Sunday 29th October – National Hillclimb Championship

We are going to The Australian Hillclimb Championship at the Ringwood Park Motorsport complex. Ringwood park is located on Italia road Balickera (turn off the Pacific Hwy about 10 kms north of Raymond Terrace.) There is good shady spectator viewing (see the whole track) and a canteen.

Come when you can and go when you must. From 8am. bring a chair.



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Events November 2023

Monday 6 November - Monday Morning Coffee Run

Monday Morning Coffee at the **Pacific Dunes Golf Club**, at Medowie. **Please all meet at the Pearl Servo for a 9.30am departure**, to enable us to do a head count and advise the venue of numbers attending.



Wednesday 8 November – Club Meeting & AGM

The November Club Meeting will be held at the **Nelson Bay Bowling Club** in the **Crow's Nest Room** on level 2, immediately followed by the AGM. Then afterwards dinner at the **Fin & Scales Restaurant** located within the club. **Meeting commences at 6.00pm sharp**.

Thursday 9 November – Pizza Night at Uncle Franks

A regular get together for a meal at **Uncle Franks Pizzeria** (next door to Jax Tyres at Salamander Bay). **Meet at the Venue at 6pm**.

Wednesday 15 November – Jims's Long Run

This one is for the driver in us all. **Long runs** are usually lunch runs with a round trip greater than 200 Km. Led by **John Kerr**, destination Nabitac via Allworth and Gloucester. Home via Woollens Way (320 kms). **Meet at the Pearl Servo for a 9:30am departure**.



Thursday 16 November - SWB

This month the ladies lunch will be at **The Boatshed Café** on the dock at **Solders Point Marina**. Could you please Text Lindy on 0400 828 217 if you are attending, as we need to advise the venue. **Meet at the venue 1.00pm**.

Friday 24 November - SMB

This month's Mens breakfast will be held at The Macadamia Farm on Medowie road at Medowie. We can't arrive till 8am so you get an extra 10 minutes sleep in 😊
Meet at the Pearl Servo 7.40am.



Membership

Membership is open to anyone whose vehicle qualifies, as defined by the Port Stephens Classic Automobile Association (PSCAA) Constitution as follows:–

A vehicle manufactured at least 15 years prior to the current year, and that in the opinion of the committee is a classic vehicle, or a vehicle less than 15 years old that in the opinion of the committee, will become a classic vehicle.

In consideration of the eligibility of a classic vehicle for membership, the committee may reject a classic vehicle that has modifications which are not sympathetic to the essence of that particular model, and which deviate substantially from the original design or silhouette.

Should you be interested in joining our Club, please Contact us for more information. Phone President Andrew Hamilton on 0435 393 816.



Club Apparel

For sale to members



Club Cap



Club Polo Shirt



Club Motor Shirt



Club Jacket

Hi Folks,

We are going on a cruise to New Zealand leaving Saturday the 2nd of December 2023 from Sydney. Now obviously this is not everyone's cup of tea but I hope we can get a good group together. However, if you want to go the sooner you get a deposit paid the better.

Princess Cruises

Ship Royal Princess 142,000 Tonnes (Bigger than Warwick's Cadillac); New Zealand Cruise - 1355

Departure: Saturday, December 2, 2023. Returns Friday December 15, 2023. Nights: 13 nights



Departs and Returns to Sydney.

Email tash@holidayworld.com.au

(02) 49846677 she is happy to make the arrangements for any PSCAA member.

Just mention Hamilton / car club.



This will help keep us as a group as far as the cruise line is concerned. However, if you wish to book through your own travel agent or the internet by all means do so.

Notes:- If we get enough people we can organise a bus to take us to the ship. Please let me know if you intend to book I would love to get an idea of the numbers. **You can't take your car** 🚗

Cheers Andrew



SAKURA #4



***No need to wrap this
BRU-77L BEAUTY***

More beaut pics by Terry here, also available on Facebook:– <https://photos.app.goo.gl/zFfJzTwVjb8m1tuw9>

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JIM'S RUN....TUNCURRY

By Chris (Bullitt) Bult



TOASTY 34-degree temps didn't deter thirteen club members in their eight cars from meeting at the Pearl Servo for the run to Tuncurry. There were a few bushfire alerts, so it was agreed to take the motorway and avoid the back roads, arriving at Bulahdelah's Myalla Magic café in good time. The café itself is old style, with pressed metal walls and ceilings hinting of a bygone era, but the coffee was modern and first rate. From there we had a short burst along the Pacific Highway before turning right onto The Lakes Way.

A very pleasant drive through picturesque country followed, passing through the hamlets of Bungwahi and Tarbuck and along the shores of Smiths Lake. Smiths Lake has an interesting history according to Dr Google. To be found on the beach at low tide a number of small concrete pyramid-like structures can be seen, or to give them their correct title – tetrahedrons: 'Tank traps (pictured below) were placed around the region during WW2 when the area was considered the most likely invasion point for Japanese troops'. It all looked very peaceful on this particular day with not an armoured vehicle to be seen and our convoy of swift-moving 'classics' clearly no threat.

John Kerr had chosen 'The Deck' at Tuncurry for lunch and a fine venue it turned out to be, with two large tables reserved for the Club. Following the usual long lunch and well fed, we all left and drove home at our own pace. It was good to see Mike Ryves in his genuine classic, the lovely Lotus Esprit, (pictured below) having no trouble keeping up with the modern 'classics' and giving lie to LOTUS being an anecdote for 'Lots of trouble, usually serious'. Probably would have left us all for dead around corners if pushed!

The only blemish during the run being one forgetful member doing a runner and not paying for his lunch! Guilty as charged your honour and thanks to Charlie Aquilina for picking up my tab. My shout at the next SMB Charlie...





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FOR SALE

Morgan 4/4 four-seater

A one-owner classic Morgan in rosso red with stone leather seats, and wire wheels. Ford 1.6 litre CVH engine, with Ford 5-speed gearbox.

Purchased new from Libra Motive (London) in 1986 and exported to Australia early in 1992. Current Australian Compliance Plate.

Full registration, current until August 2024, with MOG number plate included in the sale.

The car is in completely original condition, with just some minor cosmetic marks. The mileage is under 29,000 miles. Always garaged from new and treated with TLC. Little use since inspection and service by Cremorne Service Prestige in Sydney, including engine tune, refit rear brake shoes and cylinders, and re-core radiator and heater.

The Morgan is located in Port Stephens NSW and offered for sale at:

**\$55,000. Please contact Chris Plumb (Morgan Club member) on:
0429 915 111 or chris.plumb@bigpond.com**

BREAKFAST IN THE PARK

Conroy Park, Corlette 24/9/23



***ON YA BIKE!!....Greg Cumberland
lookin' good***



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To The Black Swan, Karuah, 29/9/23



**Warren's
beaut chariot a
MG TF replica**

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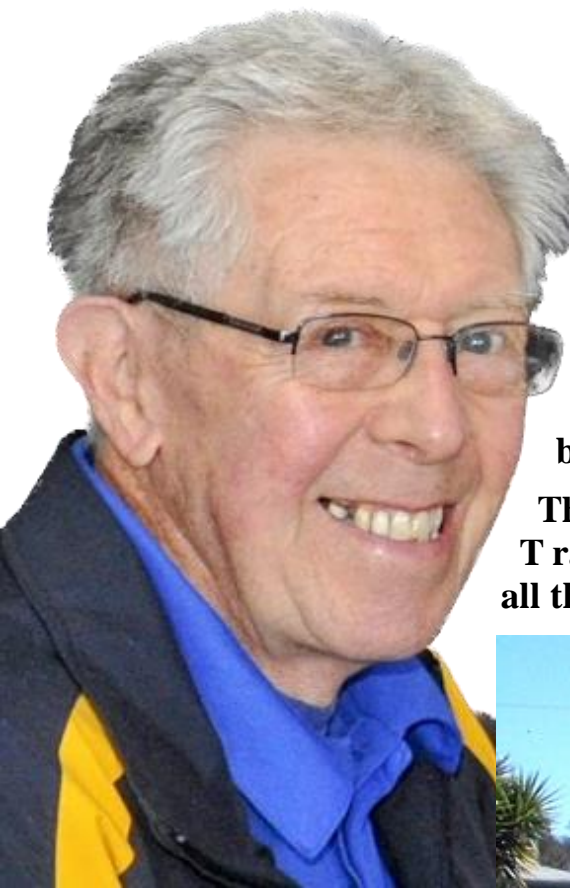
MONDAY MORNING COFFEE – Pacific Dunes, Medowie – October 2



*Over 40
happy
coffee
drinkers
attended*

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LEYBURN SPRINTS 2023

By Jeff Sinclair

LEYBURN, in the Southern Darling Downs, may not be a place you are familiar with but in 1949 it was the site for the first-ever Australian Grand Prix. It took place on an old airfield which had been constructed for use during World War 2. In commemoration of that event, for the past 27 years The Leyburn Sprints have been held on a one-kilometre track starting near the Royal Hotel (Est 1863) going around a few streets, past the Primary School and passing the timer beam just before arriving back at the pub.

This year there were 220 starters – cars of all types and ages. From Austin 7 Specials and Ford Model T racers, to Falcon GTs and a 1964 Shelby GT Mustang, several open-wheeled racers of various breeds, all the way to a near new Toyota Yaris GR. (See a few photos attached).



The Historics and less-brave drivers were taking well over a minute to complete the circuit, but quite a few were in the 50s and the quickest I recall was 42 seconds achieved by an open-wheeler race car. With a few tight turns to negotiate, those times in the 40s were quite amazing!

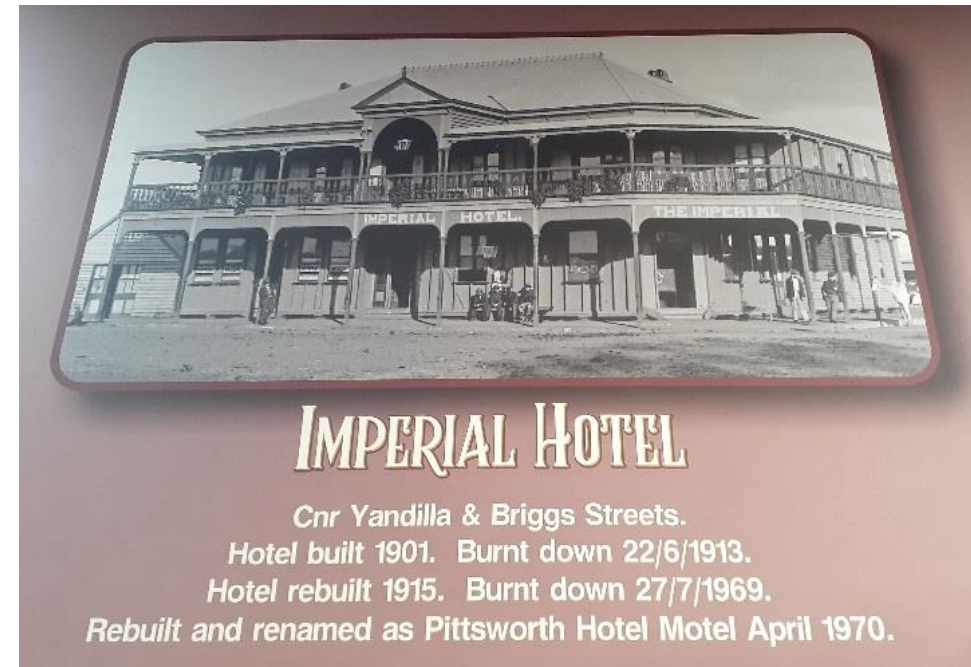


There is virtually no accommodation in Leyburn itself, so we opted for two rooms in the small motel section of the Pittsworth Hotel/Motel, about a 25-minute drive from The Sprints. It was quite cheap but shall we say a “modest” facility! However, the pub bistro was just a few steps from our rooms which was convenient. Pittsworth once had about eight pubs, but they all burnt down! I have included a picture of the original of the one we stayed in, which had last been rebuilt in that period of Australian architecture that was quite devoid of charm or soul. Historical images of the old pubs were on display – but no explanation for the repeated conflagrations, we can only conclude that the gold mining era was somewhat “rough and ready”!

I went to The Sprints with an old (but younger than me!) mate from Sydney named Geoff (with a G). He was quite happy for me to share the driving and I had been looking forward to a fang in his 3-litre Audi S5 Turbo, but his insurance company wanted an arm and a leg to extend the cover to another driver. (Even one with a good record!) The Audi is both an exhilarating and comfortable machine, so I was chauffeured there and back – thankfully by a very competent driver.

For the journey north, we used the New England Highway with a stopover for the night in Armidale, then on through Warwick to our destination. For the return trip we headed through the Scenic Rim with great scenery, including the cores of ancient volcanoes and quiet, fast roads, with lunch at Kyogle on the way to our Sawtell AirBnB for the night. Near there we called on an old friend of Geoff’s who led us into his garage which housed a late 1960s Ford Anglia on which he had performed an amazing make-over. A hot 2-litre Cortina motor, wide wheels, new upholstery and a fabulous paint job. Could be an entrant in next year’s Leyburn Sprints!

The next day it was south on the Pacific Highway, stopping for an excellent lunch at the Greenhouse Café in Nabyac, then drop off Jeff (with a J!) at chez moi near Morpeth, then Geoff had to get home to Sydney to give their young dog some exercise – his wife had been a bit unwell for a couple of days and the dog was suffering cabin fever! It was a great-few-days, but it would be fair to say, a long drive for a time trial. However, it was a well-organized event and some good driving roads for the journey, plus a complete change of scenery. *More beaut pics by Jeff next page.*





JEFF'S EV NOTES!

SOON after the above trip, Geoff sent me a message. A Sydney friend of his owns an EV and it was damaged by an unknown driver in a car park. He took it to a repair shop he had used some time ago to get a quote, the panelbeater said “sorry mate, I don’t repair EVs – they’re too dangerous!”

The Sydney Morning Herald reports that in Britain Motorway Service Centres have needed to hire security staff to control angry confrontations at EV charging points! I said it would happen.....*Nuff said. Jeff*



"Your main problem is you are standing too close to the ball... after you have hit it."

Ever wonder why society is becoming increasingly anti-social?

Banks prefer you use an ATM **instead** of talking to a Teller.

Woolworths and Coles want you to serve yourself **rather** than speak to a cashier.

McDonald's want you to order your meals on their terminals and **not speak** to a staff member.

Public servants ask that you enquire online and **not talk** to a representative face to face.

We have phones now that make it easier to **not talk** to anyone. Ironical?

Social media makes it easier to **be anonymous** and not be accountable to anyone.

Yards are getting smaller, so kids have **nowhere** to play. Computer games are increasingly interactive, so you **don't have to play** with 'real' people.

Imagination is lost because interaction with others is **on the decline**. Our adventures are **lived online** rather than experiencing them first hand.

So, it's not hard to see why social skills are on the decline.

Anxiety and boredom is on the increase. Anti-Social views are gaining momentum because we are losing the free-thinking skills to make our own decisions.

We are becoming victims of our own technology.

It can't end well.

BONO AND THE EDGE WALK INTO A BAR

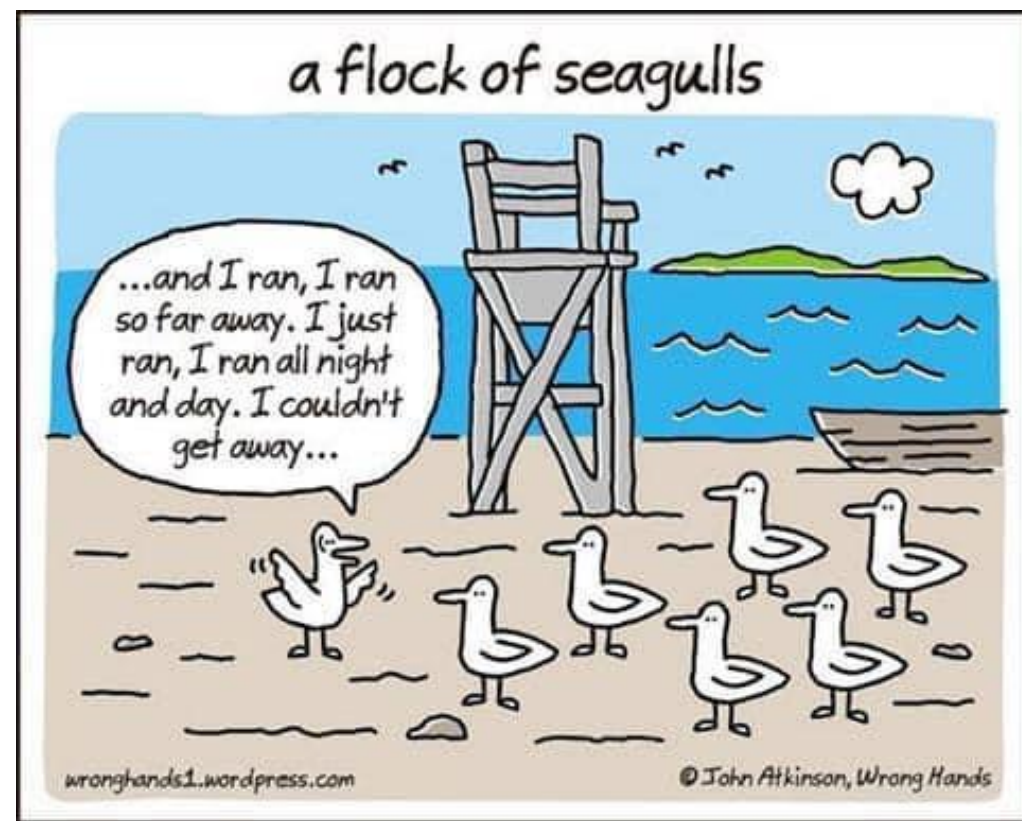


**AND THE BARMAN SAYS
OH GOD, NOT U2 AGAIN!**

SAY SOMETHING NICE



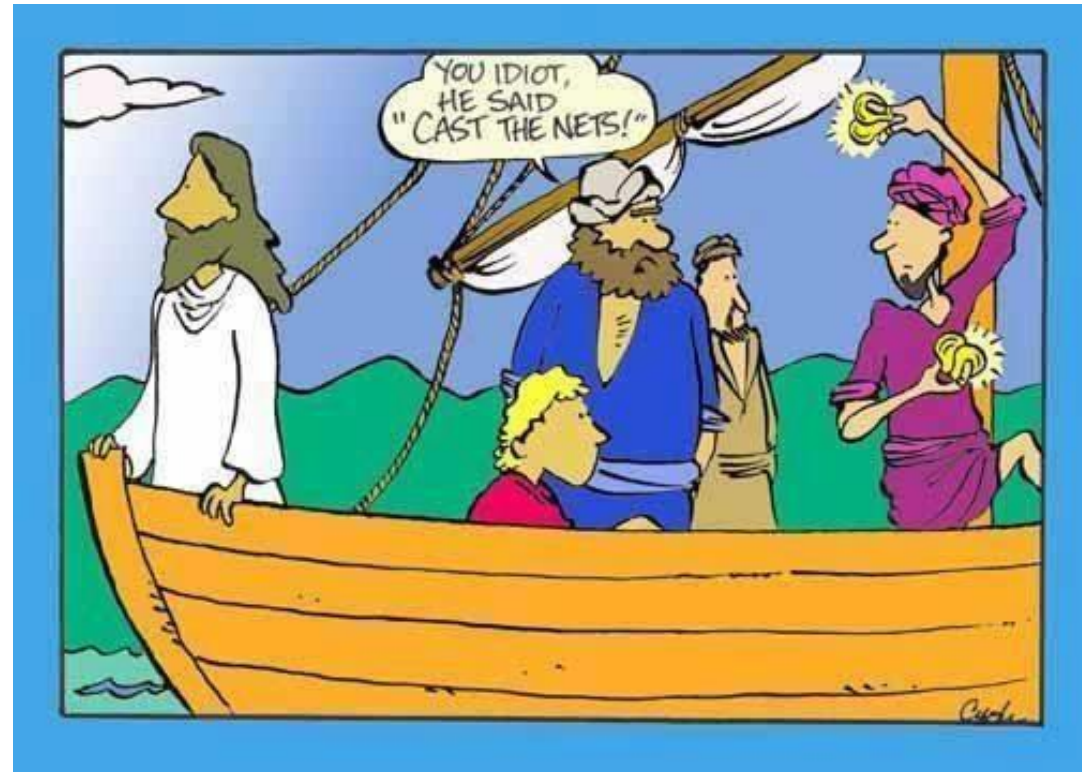
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served your community
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**MY
NEIGHBOURS
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THEY LIKE IT
OR NOT**



A WOMAN was flying from Melbourne to Brisbane ...

Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sydney.

The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes.

Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind.

A man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her Seeing Eye Dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight.

He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, and calling her by name, said, 'Kathy, we are in Sydney for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?'

The blind lady replied, 'No thanks, but maybe Max would Like to stretch his legs.'

Picture this:

All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a Seeing Eye dog!

The pilot was even wearing sunglasses.

People scattered.

They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!

True story...

Have a great day and remember....THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS AS THEY APPEAR. A DAY WITHOUT LAUGHTER IS A DAY WASTED!!!