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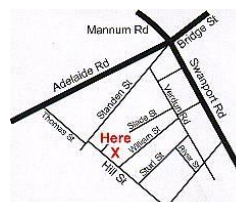
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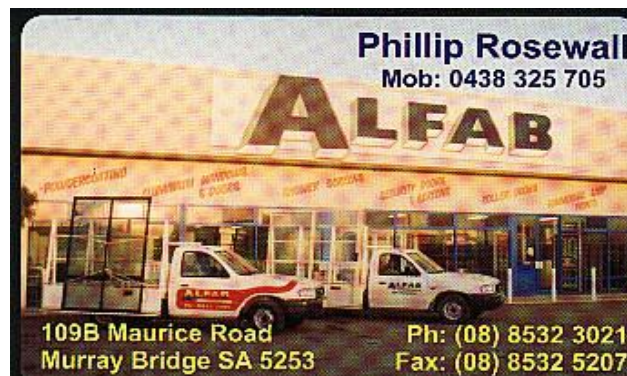
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**\*\*(No change to fees for 2016/17, making membership in our Club most cost effective)\*\***

**ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE RELEVANT OFFICER**

## FOR SALE

*Club Car Badges are available at Club meetings or by contacting Roy Bretag. \$17.50 each.*

## OUR COVER PICTURES:

**Main picture:** 1926 Chevrolet Truck, belonging to Eric & Pam Wehrman – taken at Sturt Reserve Cruise Night.

**Bottom left:** Trevor Jericho receives his trophy from Sec., Brenda Cowie, on behalf of himself and wife, Alice, for their Most Improved Restoration Project – 1970 VG Valiant Sedan.

**Bottom right:** Graham and Maureen Edwards receive their Life Membership Badges from President, John Courtney, and Secretary, Brenda Cowie, at the Presentation Dinner.

# Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
April 12 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m. – Clubrooms
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> (W/end)	Pinnaroo Campout	Alan & Marlene Hagger
May 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	8:00 p.m. – Clubrooms
May 15 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Mount Barker Run	Maurice & Jan Emmerson
May 22 <sup>nd</sup> (Sunday)	Meningie Open Day	Brenda Cowie
June 7 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	8:00 p.m. - Clubrooms

## Other Events of Interest

April 30 <sup>th</sup> – May 1 <sup>st</sup> (w/end)	Naracoorte Swap Meet	Info this issue
June 11-13 <sup>th</sup>	PADARC RALLY (Pt Pirie)	Info this issue
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	2016 All Ford Day	Info this issue
October 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Loxton Mallee Run	Info this issue

(For more information on any of the above, please contact the Club Secretary).

### PROCEDURES FOR ORGANIZING CLUB RUNS

*Anyone organizing a Club Run is responsible for supplying relevant information about the coming event for the Newsletter prior to the event. They are also responsible for a Run report for the Newsletter following the event. (This can be delegated to another person – but the organizer is responsible for getting the article to the editor). Please note that there are available spaces, in the Club Calendar, for members to offer their services in organizing a Club Run.*

## THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS ALREADY?!

1. If you are interested in organising or taking part in a Club Float in the Murray Bridge Christmas Pageant, the committee would love to hear from you. Maybe you have a vehicle which would be suitable? Anyone with any interest or suggestions is asked to contact our President, John, or any other committee member.
2. A big “Thank You!” goes to Myra Howard for co-ordinating the Raffle at the previous couple of Christmas Picnics. Myra will be stepping down from that role this year and we would love to hear from other persons who may be interested in being involved. Just have a word in the ear of a committee member or contact our President, John.

It may seem a long way off, but Christmas has a habit of catching us on the hop if we have not done some pre-planning as a committee!

## THE LATEST ON OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

The Provisional Members of 2015/16 who, during the past 12 months, have met with our Club’s criteria and are eligible for Full Membership are:

- David and Betty Kent of Echunga.

Congratulations!

Our newest “Provisional Members” for 2016/17 are:-

- |  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| • Ron and Fina Jellett of Murray Bridge              | 1948 MG Convertible              |
| • Trevor and Ruth Binney of Murray Bridge            | 1964 EH Holden sedan             |
|  | 1972 BSA 650cc Lightning M/cycle |
| • Trudy Kirk of Mulgundawa                           | 1939 Packard 120 sedan           |
| • Nathan & Katherine Squires and son Blake of M/Bdge | 1970 HG Holden sedan             |

A warm welcome is extended to you all and we look forward to your company at our Club’s outings and functions throughout the coming years.

Neil Schubert (Membership Officer).

# President's Report



G'day everyone.

So, another Club year over and a new one just beginning. Since the last Magazine, we have had the "Cruise" Run to Sturt Reserve - very pleasant - followed by Howard's Run to Tanunda which was certainly an eye opener. What a fantastic array of cars in a super impressive setting. Just stunning.

Then the "Presentation Dinner" at the Swanport Hotel. My congratulations to all those who received trophies and awards. Particular mention must be made of Graham and Maureen Edwards, who were awarded "Life Membership" and very worthy recipients they were, too. Thanks as usual to Brenda for organising the trophies.

With the AGM now behind us, perhaps a quick look at the last year is appropriate. There has been a fantastic array of Club Runs, with the pinnacle being the "Twin Bridges Rally". The organising committee of this event has received accolades from far and wide and deservedly so - it was beauty. But all of our Runs have been well supported and I believe were very enjoyable. Congratulations must go to the organisers, particularly some of our newer members. Well done all. It is difficult to get the mix of weekend and midweek runs to everyone's satisfaction and sometimes the timing of these events is forced on us by the venues/hosts/other clubs, but we can only do our best. If anyone has any thoughts on this, or any suggestions for runs, the committee would love to hear about them. If anyone could arrange a Bike Run or Commercial Run, we would love to hear from you, too.

Also, since the AGM, we have some new faces on the committee and other positions within the Club. Welcome and thank you for accepting these "jobs". Special mention must be made of Jeff Martin for his past services as Treasurer. Your performance in this important role has been fantastic, Jeff. Welcome to Ricky Kaak for taking up where Jeff left off. I am sure you will perform admirably although it may be a bit daunting at first. Thanks go to those previously filling some of the other positions who have not continued on this year. Your past assistance is appreciated.

At the recent committee meeting, the issue of meeting attendance was discussed. As you would be aware, "Provisional Members" are required to attend a Club Run and a couple of meetings (or vice versa) in their first year, before they are accepted for full membership. This is intended to ensure that new members really understand what this Club is about and do not USE us only to obtain "cheap registration". No one likes to be used. This appears to be working well, but it was suggested that these requirements should be extended to ALL members. After considerable discussion, it was decided NOT to implement this suggestion at this time. The two main reasons were that the committee felt that this was not sufficient a problem at this time to warrant this change and that to do so would snare a number of members whom we really did not think that we wanted to expel. It was agreed that, while there were a number of members who we do not see much of, it would be better to ENCOURAGE them to participate, rather than attempt to force them to do so. Members who do not attend functions do not take full advantage of their subscription dollars, as some functions are "subsidised" by the Club (Sausage sizzles, Pizza night, etc.), but we would rather see people participating, than the rest of us using up THEIR fees.

Here are a few figures we may wish to think about. At the time of writing, we have 147 members. In the past year, 40 of them have not met the criteria that we set for "Provisional Members". On the face of it, that is not good, but if we look further, there may be things to consider. From my observations, 2 of those are "Life Members", and as they have given meritorious service to the Club to gain that award, I don't think they should be kicked out. At least 3 have had significant periods of illness, another 3 have been away for extended periods and 4 have no historic car (which often discourages attendance, but they still want to remain in the club), 2 are new members with no opportunity to participate yet and 5 are believed to be leaving the Club for various reasons. That leaves 21 members of whom we haven't seen much this year. Some may have very good reasons that I am not aware of, some perhaps do not (users). But when we look at attendances at meetings and runs (97 people at the last meeting), is 21 out of 147 members worth getting upset about? I think not. Let's show 'em what they're missing.

Finally, if you have not paid your club fees, **REMEMBER YOUR VEHICLE IS NO LONGER REGISTERED.** However, you have, of course, until the June meeting to get your paperwork sorted, but the important thing at this stage is to pay your fees.

So, that will do from me. Happy and safe restoring and historic motoring.

John Courtney



## FROM THE EDITOR

Hi there,

And another Club year begins, with the A.G.M. now behind us. Congratulations to those people re-elected to positions within the Club and to those who are newly elected. I trust that you will enjoy your involvement in the management of such a successful Club. To those who are retiring from executive and/or committee positions, a big "Thank You" for your hard work. A special mention must go to Jeff Martin, retiring Treasurer. Jeff has been our Treasurer since 2010 and has capably handled a very responsible position within the Club. During that time, he has also been Chairman of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Club celebrations in 2012 and was involved in the Committee for the 2015 Twin Bridges Rally. Many thanks, Jeff, for an important job extremely well done.

Hearty congratulations go, too, to Graham and Maureen Edwards who were awarded Life Membership of our Club at the recent Presentation Dinner. An honour well-deserved!

I have been looking over the Club activities since the previous A.G.M. There have been 23 Club Runs plus a 3-day Twin Bridges Rally, evening meals provided for 2 visiting Clubs, 2 static displays (at the Murray Bridge and Callington Shows), 2 Viewing Nights (at the Clubrooms and at Sturt Reserve), 2 pageants (Murray Bridge and Mannum), a Club Christmas Picnic and a Presentation Dinner. That makes a total of 34 events in all! That averages out to almost 3 events per month. No wonder we are a successful Club. It is timely to think about the people who organise all these events for members to enjoy and to thank them most sincerely for their efforts. Tom and I look forward to another year as the team producing this Magazine and we thank all Club members for your faith in us.

Good Reading and "Stay tuned" - Lyn.

**Please note!**

### MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Would members who organize Club Runs please write a report on their run and deliver to Lyn West either by post/hand delivery to the letter box at 55 Verdun Road, Murray Bridge, 5253, or email to <lyntomwest@gmail.com>? Coming events information and any other articles for the Newsletter should be passed on in the same way. To ensure inclusion in the Newsletter, articles should reach the Editor **AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR** to the June, August or October meetings. Many thanks for your cooperation – Lyn W.

### *DEEPEST SYMPATHY*

goes to **AILEEN AND PETER GEUE** on the sad loss of Aileen's brother, **RONALD KENNETT**, on 25/2/16.

Our thoughts are with you.

To any of our Club Members who have experienced the loss of loved ones in recent times, we offer our sincere condolences.

### RETURN THANKS

Irene Veitch and family would like to sincerely thank members of The Auto Collectors Club for your condolences, phone calls, cards and attendance at Kevin's funeral.

Kevin would have been very proud to be farewelled with a guard of honour.

A special "Thank You" goes to Murray Lutz for driving our family to the funeral in his Sprint.



# Coming Events

## PINNAROO CAMPOUT (23 & 24/4/16)

Make your way to Pinnaroo on Friday or Saturday morning. Hope you have booked your own accommodation:- Caravan Park, Motel or Hotel.

- **Friday Night:-** Some members go to the Hotel for tea.
- **Saturday:** Park outside the entrance to the showgrounds. Be there at 12:30 SHARP for the tour. Afternoon tea will be supplied.
- **Saturday Night:** At the Hamilton shed (oval). Please bring your own meat for BBQ tea plus a salad and a sweet to share (also small table, chairs, plates, cutlery, meat, bread and drinks etc. for yourself).
- **Sunday Morning:** Games will be held, put on by the Murray Mallee Club this year, to see who brings home the ConRod Trophy out of the four participating Clubs. Games are finished by noon. The four Clubs are:- Murray Mallee Club, Riverland Club, Bordertown Club and The Auto Collectors Club.

### Accommodation:

- **Pinnaroo Caravan Park:-** For camping and caravans. Ph. 0885778618. Mobile 0430465304. Mallee Highway, Pinnaroo, S.A. 5304.
- **Pinnaroo Motel:** Ph. 0885778261. 10-12 Mallee Highway, Pinnaroo, S.A. 5304.
- **Golden Grain Hotel:-** Ph. 0885778009. Railway Terrace, Pinnaroo, S.A. 5304.

It is always a very enjoyable and fun-filled weekend, so come along and join in and make new friends.

Contact Marlene and Alan Hagger for further info. (Ph. 85 354077).

## "RACING CARS AND A MOUNTAIN RUN" (15/5/16)

- Leave Clubrooms at 9:00 a.m. B.Y.O. morning tea and lunch.
- Travel via the Old Princes Highway to Nairne – turn right on to the Woodside Road and stop just over the railway line at Byethorne Park for morning tea and comfort stop.
- Continue on to Woodside to visit Peter Green's shed (diagonally opposite the Chocolate Factory) and see a collection of cars, including racing cars, and a huge display of motoring action photos.
- After a SHORT visit to the Chocolate Factory, we'll drive to Mt. Barker via Balhannah and Littlehampton to Stevenson Park for a B.Y.O. picnic lunch. (If the weather is inclement, an inside venue is available.)
- After lunch we will drive out to the mountain for the wonderful 360° views from the top and a short talk on the history of the surrounding area over the last 68 years. Bring your camera!
- At the end of the Run, make your own way back home.

Register your interest on the Run Sheet at the May Meeting or contact, for further information, Maurice or Jan Emmerson on 83886002 or 0499889544.

## MENINGIE RUN (22/5/16)

- Meet at the Clubrooms at 9:00 a.m.
- Travel to Meningie to enjoy the Open Day (150<sup>th</sup> anniversary!) – free admission. Static display of tractors from the last 100 years.
- Morning Tea and Lunch:- either B.Y.O. or take advantage of what is on offer. Anyone who has been to one of these Open Days previously will know that good food is available for purchase.
- There is always plenty to see, including looking through the Meningie Cheese Factory Museum, and our Club and its vehicles have always been made most welcome by the Meningie Association in the past.
- Register your interest on the "Commitment to Attend" sheet at a General Meeting, or contact the President or Secretary of the ACCMB.

## ADVANCE NOTICE

Our next

### TWIN BRIDGES RALLY

Will be held on

20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October

**2017.**

## THE ACCMB ENTRIES FOR MOST IMPROVED VEHICLES, 2016/17

If you have a vehicle under restoration and wish to be in the running for the perpetual trophy for "Most Improved Vehicle, 2016/17", **PLEASE REGISTER YOUR VEHICLE/S NOW.**

New members are eligible and are most welcome to enter their vehicles.

Please note that this is a Club challenge for which a trophy will be presented on our Club Presentation Night in March 2017.

There is no fee for registering your vehicle/s.

Applications are available from your Membership Officer, Neil Schubert – contact 85 323933.

## News from Other Clubs

**NARACOORTE SWAP MEET** – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2016. Trading Saturday 7a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 7 a.m. to noon. Showgrounds, Smith St., Naracoorte. Gates open for site holders Friday 29/4/16, noon til 9 p.m. and from 6:30 a.m. Saturday. No bookings required for outdoor sites \$25. Public entry \$5. **NO DOGS ALLOWED.** Show'n'Shine – registration 8-10:30 a.m. Saturday, \$5 per vehicle; judging 11 a.m. On-site catering. Enquiries: Ph 0408854658 (4-8 p.m.) Email: [naracoortehvc@gmail.com](mailto:naracoortehvc@gmail.com).

June 11-13 – **PADARC Rally, based at Port Pirie**, the 2016 event will be a shortened version of previous events with check-in on Friday night – Saturday afternoon with a car show at the clubrooms, dinner on the Saturday night and a run to Booleroo on Sunday, with presentations at the Oval. Further details call 0402807710 or email [padard@yahoo.com](mailto:padard@yahoo.com).

**Australian All Ford Day 2016** – 18<sup>th</sup> September, at Bonython Park, Port Road, Adelaide. 2016 marks a big year for Ford in Australia with the closing of Ford Manufacturing. Celebrating the "Age of the Falcon" by putting together a special display of all the Falcon models manufactured here in Australia over the years. All entrance, sponsorship and trade application forms will be made available on the website soon – [www.allforddaysa.net.au](http://www.allforddaysa.net.au). Ph. 0402 965 154.

Loxton Mallee Run 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 (Riverland Vintage and Classic Car Club Inc.) Applications for entry close on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2016. Information on accommodation and a copy of entry form available from our Club Sec., or further enquiries from Warren May (Ph. 0428839335) or David Kimber (Ph. 0327546237).

## Congratulations!

To

**MARY ROWLEY**

who celebrated her

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on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.



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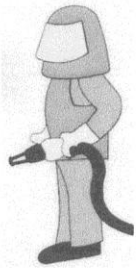
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# Run Reports

## STURT RESERVE CRUISE NIGHT (12/2/16)



Registrar, Darren Fountain, checks over Jan Hall's 1952 Morris Minor at Sturt Reserve.

Noticed a few locals could not resist a stop for a look at the cars as well, then have a bit of a chat while there.

Thanks to Darren and his offsiders for checking a number of vehicles in readiness for the annual log book update procedure. All in all, very pleasant company, very pleasant weather and a very interesting array of vehicles.

*(Thanks go to John Courtney for organising this relaxing event and to Darren Fountain and his team for their work on site. The above Run Report supplied by John Courtney as well – many thanks – Ed.)*

The run to Sturt Reserve, as with these "Cruise" runs, was a suitably casual affair, with people coming and going as they pleased. It afforded us another great opportunity to catch up with fellow club members after the Christmas break, but also provided an opportunity for those requiring their vehicles to be inspected. This meant that there were a few vehicles that some of us had not seen before, to create a bit more interest. Had a good look under the bonnet of Vernon and Cecily's "new" Bentley - glad I don't have to work on it, though. Also good to see Claude and Liz's Dino Ferrari back on the road and gee, doesn't it go quick in reverse?!!



Members relax at Sturt Reserve (from left): Peter Jennings, Brenda Cowie, Pam Wehrman, June Mabbit, Terry Mabbit (hidden) and Les Cowie. Plenty of interest in the cars in the background.

## TANUNDA RUN

Despite the weather looking overcast, and after having plenty of rain during the night, 46 members turned out for the run to Tanunda. Most of us decided to take our modern cars, but there were still a few who braved the elements and drove their historic cars.

Our first stop was Mount Pleasant where we had 'smoko'. The rain had stopped but the ground was very wet and a little muddy. Our drive to Tanunda through a now slightly damp, but still beautiful, countryside was without a doubt lovely. It doesn't take much rain for everything to look lovely and fresh.

We arrived at Carl Lindner's Museum at 11 o'clock as promised. Carl came out and helped get us parked, greeted every one and gave us a talk on the history of his Museum. It was lovely to find, on entering the Museum, that they had a stand at the door, welcoming our Club by name.

Well, by now everyone was eager to start looking around. Cameras were out and lots of oohs! and aahs! could be heard. There is no doubt that Carl has the best collection of Jaguars that we have seen, and I suspect the best in the State for a private collector. I personally didn't count the number of cars, but Howard seems to remember hearing the number 34 and they would have to be worth millions. From a female perspective, I was amazed at the actual display. The showrooms were



immaculate and the cars were in pristine condition. Carl was with us the whole time, giving everyone of his time and relating the history of the various vehicles. He is truly a nice man and passionate about his Museum.

We then met at the Weintel Hotel/Motel for lunch. We were in a private room looking out through a large wall of windows into a garden - all lovely and green and freshly wet from the rain. By the way, the rain had stopped, the sun was out and we were all happy. We had a lovely lunch and you could hardly hear yourself think for the chatty noise from our members. The only time the noise quietened down was when our mouths were full of food!!

All in all it was a great day. Our Club members are always responsive to runs and it has made Howard's job as Run-Co-ordinator very enjoyable. We trust that the next member who steps into this position will enjoy the experience as much as we have.

A magazine was given to me, to be left at the Clubrooms for members to read. This will be at the Clubrooms for you to borrow and return. Upon reading the magazine we discovered that Carl has Cancer and his health is not the best. However, this is not stopping him from building a new house and still being involved in all things "Barossa"!

*(Howard and Myra Wright managed to rustle up this Club Run at a moment's notice and a popular Run it was, too. This Run Report supplied by the "Wright Team" as well – appreciated – Ed. Photo taken by Mike Chapman and sent on to me via Graham Edwards – great photo! – Ed.)*



EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY and this one is a TALL STORY! Actually, the long and the short of it is Fina Jellett and Ian Rowley on the Tanunda Run.

### **PRESENTATION DINNER (19/3/16)**

56 members gathered at the Swanport Hotel on the 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2016, for the Club's Presentation Dinner for 2015/16. The tables were very attractively laid and were decorated with pearlescent maroon and gold helium-filled balloons, which looked great and gave the event a festive feel.

Our President, John Courtney, welcomed everyone and proceeded to share with us a protracted story of his personal woes associated with shopping with his wife (Vicki) at Target and about all the trouble he manages to get himself into! It was all good fun and was a great "ice-breaker" to get everyone laughing and in the mood for an enjoyable evening.

Without much ado, we all received our main courses, a selection of 3 choices served as "alternate drop". There were a few people I noticed waiting to see what their partner received before digging in and it eventuated that our own Eric Kuss had his offering whisked from under his nose and replaced with his better half's serving!

We were not sure just what Graham Edwards thought when he found himself sharing his salad with a wet and soggy spider which crawled out from under a lettuce leaf. The best way to describe it is in poetic form, I believe! (Any parent or grandparent should know the tune to this!)

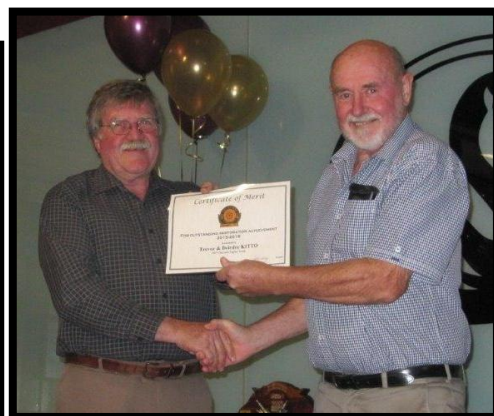
*Incy Wincy Spider appeared on Graham's plate  
From hiding in the salad, Incy thought he could escape  
But Graham spied him from above whilst on his little walk  
And despatched poor Incy Wincy, with his knife and fork!*



Mains course completed, we moved straight into the focal point of the evening – trophy presentations. There follows here a list of the individual trophies, their meaning and this year's winners:

Valvoline Trophy	Most points scored for attendance at Club functions	Myra & Howard Wright
Patron's Run	Winner of Quiz set by Patron	Julie & Derrick Cross
President's Trophy	For outstanding service to the Club	Brenda Cowie
Sausage Sizzle	Winner of Quiz set by organisers	Pat Jennings
Ladies' Day Run	Winner of Quiz set by organisers	Maureen & Graham Edwards
Most Improved Vehicle	Entrants are judged by a panel on restoration achievement and progress	Alice & Trevor Jericho for their 1970 VG Valiant Sedan
Most Improved Vehicle (Certificate of Merit)	As above (special award)	Deirdre & Trevor Kitto
Economy Run	Estimation of fuel used by designated vehicle on Club Run	Lorraine & Ben Wye
Mal Fountain Run	"Push and Roll" Trial	Helen & Kevin Hosgood

Our congratulations go to all these winners on their success and for their ongoing support of our Club.



Above: Ben Wye makes off with his (VERY HEAVY) Economy Run Trophy.



Above (top): Derrick Cross accepts the Patron's Trophy from President, John Courtney.  
Centre left: Kevin Hosgood accepts the Mal Fountain Run Trophy from President, John Courtney.



Above (top): Trevor Kitto accepts his Certificate of Merit for Most Improved Vehicle from President, John Courtney.  
Middle: John Courtney presents his President's Trophy to worthy winner, Brenda Cowie.  
Left: Maureen Edwards receives the Ladies' Day Trophy while Brenda Cowie looks on.

In addition to the above, there was another presentation which took some people by surprise, perhaps most of all Maureen and Graham Edwards, who were awarded Life Membership of our Club, in recognition of their outstanding work and input during their 12 year membership. Hearty congratulations, Maureen and Graham! It is recognition well deserved. *(Please refer to "In Appreciation" after this write-up for a note from our latest Life Members. Also – picture of Graham and Maureen receiving their awards on the front cover of this edition.)*

During these presentations, photographs were taken, some of which are reproduced here for your interest.

Sweets were served, brandy baskets of fresh fruits with coulis and Chantilly cream, which were demolished while a question of the difference between "ordinary" cream and "Chantilly" cream was debated.

It was not a late night (some people were moving out by 9:00 p.m.) but it was a very pleasant and enjoyable evening, appreciated by all who were in attendance.

*(The organisation of this Club Event was a real combined effort. The venue was sorted out by John Courtney and Brenda Cowie arranged the rest of it, including organising the trophies. Thanks must go to these hard-working people. This Report was written by yours truly and photos were kindly supplied by Graham Edwards – thanks. Ed.)*

### **"IN APPRECIATION"**

Maureen and Graham would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge Inc., for awarding us both with the Club's highest honour of Life Membership by President John at the Presentation Dinner on 19-3-16.

We feel totally honoured to now stand and work alongside the Club's present Life Members.

What we have done for the Club, since joining in 2004, has truly been a pleasure for us both and we have done so because it is such a great Club to be part of and to work for .

We both hope we are able to continue to serve and take part in the Club's success in the years to come.

Thank you all for the confidence and friendship that you have shown towards us.

Maureen and Graham Edwards.

## **CLUB CLASSIFIEDS**

### **February Meeting**

#### **Sell:**

- 1976 Renault Station Wagon – Neil Kaak, 85 354195.
- Holden WB Ute Canopy – Ted, 85 723502.
- 5 GTS Monaro Wheel Trims – Bob Hall, 0408813885.

#### **Wanted:**

- 1 wheel rim to suit 1995/96 80 series Landcruiser – 16" (NOT SPLIT RIM) – Graham, 85 321175 or 0428813070.
- 1 pair 1951 BSA 'Gold Flash' tank badges – Tom, 85 326908.
- ¼ panels for FE, FC, FB, EK ute – Jamie Brine, 0408894854.

Classifieds continued on next page.



### **March Meeting**

#### **Sell:**

- The “Ford Wheelie Bin Special”. Built 2014, two wheelie bins, 160 cc engine (check it out on You-Tube “Brian Presley and the Ford Wheelie Bin Special”) – Matt Ford, 82964006.
- FJ Holden, half-restored – Peter Binney, 0418890336.
- 1 KVA Generator, GEN QIP C1 1000 Digital Inverter, done ½ hour’s work, \$400 – Jim Stocker, 0427354229.

#### **Wanted:**

- 1 wheel rim to suit 1995/96 80 series Landcruiser – 16” (NOT SPLIT RIM) – Graham, 85 321175 or 0428813070.
- VW parts – Tony, 0401123283.

### **April Meeting**

#### **Sell:**

- EH Holden Special, good condition – Ian Rowley, 0427395821.
- Old Fuel Pumps, glass bowl style;  
Old Carbys, various (1960s)  
New Seals in boxes – old cars  
Open to offers on above – Tony, 0401123283.
- 3 VW rims and tyres 8” 5 stud - \$140 – Peter, 85326024.
- Ex Mal Fountain Leyland Mini – good mech, good trim, some surface rust - \$5500 – Goran Yakas, 0413580779.

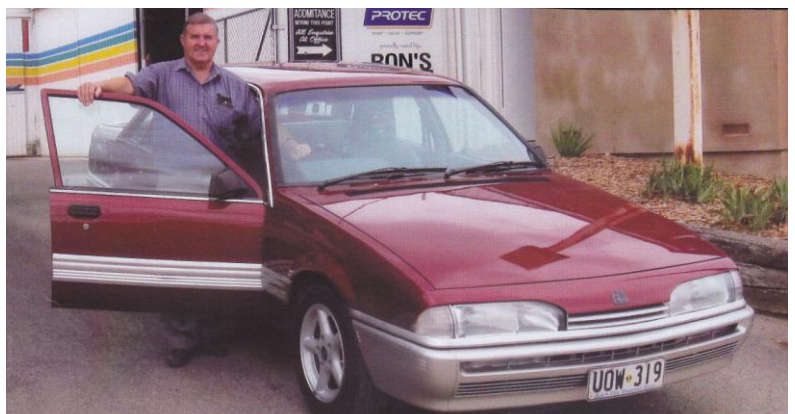
#### **Wanted:**

- BSA Bantam parts – David Burt, 0419840195.
- Morris Major parts, 60s, seats, bonnet, head  
Shipping container, small or large  
4 post garage hoist - contact Goran Yakas – 0413580779.

### **“CAR TORQUE” (Members’ contributions).**

#### **THE HAEBICHs and their COMMODORE**

The reason you haven’t seen Club members Gary and Lyn Haebich and the red VL Commodore on recent runs is because it has been in dock. It’s had a total outside refurbishment – totally stripped down and repainted in two-pak paint to original colours. I’ve been thinking about doing it for a while now, so finally bit the bullet. It looked OK from a distance, but up close the paint was gone. I shopped around and got a competitive quote from Ron’s Restorations, trading as Bridge Crash Repairs. The car is a one-family-owned vehicle, purchased new by my father from Duttons in 1988. Then it was handed down to my son, his grandson, and I got it back in recent years. It has sentimental value to me – even more now since my father’s passing. So, we will see you soon on Club Runs. Gary Haebich.



## A.J.S. CAR??!

My neighbour (Mac) said that he had just seen a photo of a beautiful, little car, an 'AJS'! It was his carer's father's car and was in Adelaide.

I had never heard of 'AJS' cars – motorbikes 'yes', but cars – never, no way!! There must be a mistake.

Mac was adamant and I was sure it must have been a 'BSA' or something other than an 'AJS'. After all, they made great motorcycles, didn't they?

I checked what automotive books I had, both cars and motorcycles, - nothing!  
I asked a few mates – nothing!

My neighbour was sure it was an 'AJS' badge on the car and, through his carer, Vicki, arranged a visit to see the car for myself.

Not long after this 'AJS' car statement (I was still yet to see the car at this stage), I was reading an item in the 28<sup>th</sup> March issue of the "Baby Boomers' Memories" section in "The Advertiser" and, to my great surprise, there was the heading: "AJS Car – A Little British Beauty!" Included in the article were some information and a photograph of a 1930 model car. Evidently, some were shipped to Australia in chassis form. (It is claimed that there are only FOUR left in Australia, with one being currently restored in Adelaide.)

I have now had the pleasure of meeting Peter, who is the owner of the restored 1930 AJS car. Peter is a very pleasant man who agreed to me taking some photos of his car and also of some motorcycles he is restoring.

The motorcycles are:-

- A 1929 AJS 350cc Single
- An early to mid 1950s ARIEL 500cc Speed Twin and Dusting Side-car.

Peter bought the car from Brisbane, Queensland, in rather sad and sorry condition. His restoration is nothing short of original and magnificent.

The car is and/or has:-

- A 1930 four-door sedan
- A Coventry Climax 4 cylinder side valve engine
- An engine capacity of 1018cc
- A fabric body
- A body originally built by T.J. Richards & Sons.

It was great to be able to see such a beautiful little car and to meet its owner, Peter. I thank Peter and his daughter, Vicki, (not to forget my neighbour and friend, 'Mac') for allowing me the opportunity to visit and experience an "AJS" car!

Tom West.

*(Many thanks to Gary Haebich and Tom West for putting pen to paper and sharing their*

*stories for the interest of our Club members. I love it when people hand me articles such as these, especially accompanied by photos to enhance the story. These personal stories add so much to our Club Magazine and really give it a "lift". So, don't be bashful. Everyone has a story to tell and we would love to read them all. – Ed.)*

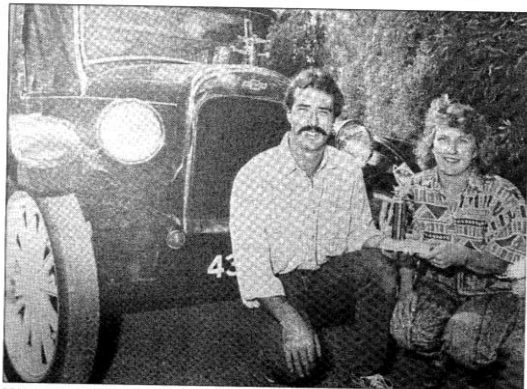


Top left: Peter with his AJS car.

Top right: Radiator detail.

Clockwise from centre left: The rear view of the AJS car. The engine. Dashboard detail. Ariel motorbike and sidecar (under restoration), AJS solo motorbike (under restoration).





MARCH 27, 1991: Darren and Tracey Piltz pose with their father Murray's 1924 Chevrolet, which won a trophy at the Chevrolet Association Veteran and Vintage show at Tanunda.

#### OLD CHEV WINS TROPHY

When Mr Arnie Piltz bought his new Chevrolet some 67 years ago, he wouldn't have dreamed that the car would go on to be a showpiece.

But two years ago his son Murray dragged the old Chev out of mothballs and restored it for his son Darren's wedding.

Last weekend Darren took the car to the Veteran and

#### DOWN MEMORY LANE!

Article at left by courtesy of The Standard, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. It was part of a page of snippets from the archives of The Murray Valley Standard, March 27<sup>th</sup> 1991 edition.

Vintage Chevrolet Association of Australia show at Tanunda, where it beat about 16 other cars in its class to win a trophy.

### BALANCE SHEET (True cost of Vintage Car Restoration).

Purchase weekend newspaper to read classifieds	\$ 1.50
Purchase of a ton of rust on four wheels	\$1500.00
Flowers for wife to break the news	\$ 50.00
Dinner at restaurant after argument with wife	\$ 120.00
Restoration costs – engine transmission rebuild	\$5000.00
Restoration costs – chassis rebuild	\$3000.00
Parts and endless trips to Swap Meets	\$1600.00
New lounge suite to balance ledger and keep wife happy	\$3500.00
Restoration costs – new upholstery and soft top	\$6300.00
Flowers for wife to save buying new kitchen suite	\$ 50.00
Dinner at restaurant after argument with wife	\$ 120.00
Family trip to tropical island to offset 1000 hours spent in workshop	\$4000.00
Restoration costs – bodywork and paint job	\$7000.00
New outfit for wife to save another argument	\$ 450.00
Dinner at restaurant after argument with wife	\$ 120.00
Inspection, registration and other on-road costs	\$ 1200.00
Dinner at restaurant to celebrate completion	\$ 120.00
Hairdressing costs after wife's first ride in open tourer	\$ 60.00
BBQ to have neighbours over to see the finished product	\$ 90.00
Paint touchup after neighbour's son drew crayon picture on car	\$ 150.00
Settled out of court for clobbering neighbour's son	\$ 600.00
New slacks and cardigan for wife to go rallying	\$ 450.00
New shoes to go with slacks and cardigan	\$ 150.00
New handbag to go with shoes	\$ 100.00
Dinner at restaurant after asking wife to economise	\$ 120.00
New clutch after teaching wife to drive vintage car	\$ 400.00
Dinner at restaurant after shouting at wife to release clutch slowly	\$ 120.00
Repairs to mudguard after wife's second lesson	\$ 600.00
Dinner at restaurant after shouting at wife to watch where she is going	\$ 120.00
Speeding fine after wife drag raced hoon at lights	\$ 210.00
Candlelight dinner at home (can no longer afford restaurant)	\$ 20.00
Advert in weekend paper – "Vintage Car For Sale"	\$ 30.00

**TOTAL** **\$37351.50**

Proceeds from sale of car with down-turn in market **\$13500.00**

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