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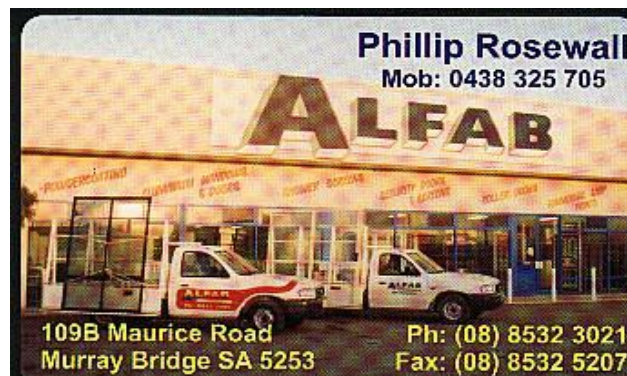
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CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT COMMITTEE:	to be formed.		
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****(No change to fees for 2016/17, making membership in our Club most cost effective)****

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: Marlene Hagger with her 1928 Chevrolet Roadster. Read the story behind the car in this edition of our Magazine .

Other pictures: (from left) Dashboard and steering wheel : Dicky seat.

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
December 7 th (Wednesday)	Cherry Picking Run	Roy and Elaine Bretag
December 11 th (Sunday)	Christmas Picnic	Palmer
2017 – Jan 20 th (Friday)	Pizza Night	John & Vicki Courtney
January 21 st /22 nd (w/end)	Yesterday's Power Rally	**This has been transferred to "Other Events of Interest" (below)
January 26 th (Thursday)	Australia Day Walker Flat Run	Claude Minge
February 7 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	8:00 p.m. – Clubrooms
February 10 th (Friday)	Cruise Night	Swanport Reserve
March 5 th (Sunday)	Power of the Past	Transferred to "Other Events" (below)
March 7 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	8:00 p.m. – Clubrooms
March 14 th (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m. – Clubrooms
March 25 th (Saturday)	Presentation Night	To be advised
February 19 th (Sunday)	Sausage Sizzle	Terry & June Mabbitt
April 4 th (Tuesday)	Annual General Meeting	8:00 p.m. – Clubrooms
April 11 th (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m. – Clubrooms
April 30 th (Sunday) – N.B. change of date from March	South Coast Run	Graham & Maureen Edwards

Other Events of Interest

January 7 th (Saturday)	Farmers' Market at the Wharf	**Members invited to take their cars for a Run to the Wharf on this day.
January 7 th (Saturday)	Victor Harbor Toy Fair	Info this issue
January 21 st /22 nd (w/end)	Yesterday's Power Rally (Milang)	Info this issue
January 29 th (Sunday)	Cars of Australia	Info this issue
February 5 th (Sunday)	Autojumble Swap Meet	Encounter Bay (info this issue)
February 6 th (Saturday)	Farmers' Market at the Wharf	**as above.
March 4 th & 5 th (w/end)	Power of the Past	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.

THE LATEST ON OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

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

- Bruce & Maxine Phillips of Murray Bridge, and
- Peter & Sharon Binney of Murray Bridge.

Congratulations to you all and we look forward to your continued company and support of our Club.

Our latest Provisional Members for 2016/17 are:-

- Andrew & Marie Martin 1964 EH Holden Station Wagon
- Pieter & Patricia Kriel 1982 Mercedes U1000 Tractor
- Les & Mary Casey 1951 FX Holden sedan
 1958 FC Holden sedan
 1978 HZ Holden sedan

A warm welcome is extended to all and we look forward to enjoying your company at our Club functions and outings in the future.

Neil Schubert (Membership Officer).

President's Report



G'day everyone.

At the recent committee meeting, the subject of "Club Rules" was raised. All new members are given a copy of the "Club Rules" (among other things) on joining the Club. However, club rules can and are altered from time to time and it was recognised that some members who have been with the Club for some time may not have a current copy of them, or even ANY copy of them. Therefore, in this newsletter, you will find a copy of the rules as they currently stand, on the page following this one.

From time to time, the subject of the speed we travel at on runs is also raised. I have heard some say it is sometimes too fast, others that it is too slow (and that from a driver of a Vintage vehicle). It is probably a good opportunity, in conjunction with the "Club Rules", to consider this issue. The "Club Rules" say that the run leader should "attempt" to travel at 80 Kph. on the open road or freeway. This of course is a guide only, hence the term "attempt". The "Club Rules" also say that overtaking is permissible. Let's look at this more closely. We have a wide range of vehicles in our Club and it is rare that a run is designed for one type only. Indeed, for most of us, the fact that we have a wide range of vehicles on runs is most welcome. We have vehicles ranging from a 1919 Dodge to a 1977 Ferrari, as well as some "moderns" on runs, so Blind Freddy can see that they will not want to travel at the same speed. Likewise, even similar vehicles may not be comfortable at the same speed, depending on what tyres are fitted and the condition of the road surface. We go on runs to enjoy ourselves, not to fight the handling of a car that is travelling faster than is comfortable on a poor road. We also probably want to look around a bit.

On some runs, the older cars are sent off first. But what should we do when we catch up with them? Should we all bunch up behind and frustrate not only ourselves, but other road users as well? Hardly! It is a matter of common sense (and the RULES).

Now even the "Run Leader" may not be able or willing to maintain 80 Kph. But the person following may be working very hard to maintain the speed of the leader. That is why the rules say that it is permissible to overtake (or drop back to your own comfortable speed). The leader will have made known where we are going, so we will all meet up again at the next stop.

The solution is that we must all travel at the speed at which we, and our vehicle, are comfortable. If the leader gets away from some of us, so be it. If we have to overtake the leader, so be it. If others want to overtake us, so be it. **But please do so in a safe and considerate manner. And please consider other road users**, as nothing puts our Club in as bad a light as any of us needlessly holding up other traffic.

Well, that's enough for rules. It's nearly Christmas. The Murray Bridge Pageant has been and the Christmas picnic at Palmer is not far away. Details are elsewhere in this magazine and I am confident that we will all be entertained well and fed well as usual.

So, from Vicki and myself, we wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please keep safe on the roads, but have a great time with family and friends. If we don't see you before, see you at the Pizza night.

John Courtney

Congratulations!

70th BIRTHDAY

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NEIL KAAK

On 4/10/16.



80th BIRTHDAY

Celebrated by

LORRAINE WYE

On 8/11/16.

CLUB AND RALLY RULES

The Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge Inc.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF EVENT/RUN PARTICIPANTS

- Participants must be at the Event/Run departure point at the time designated. If you have nominated to attend but are unable to, please let Event Marshall/Run Leader know as soon as possible.
- Participants shall obey directions given by the Event Marshall/Run Leader.
- **Participants may overtake slower vehicles on the run if they wish providing it is safe to do so and road rules are adhered to.**
- Participants to leave at least 100m between vehicles unless about to overtake.
- Participants should assist "general public" vehicles to overtake where appropriate and exhibit courtesy to other road users at all times.
- Render assistance to other participants experiencing difficulties as appropriate.
- When leaving a stopping place such as a picnic ground, make sure that the area is left as it was found.
- During summer months, ensure that there is no fire ban before lighting barbecues.
- Alcohol is strictly limited to meal breaks only.
- Make the Event as trouble free as possible by ensuring that your vehicle is mechanically sound before leaving home.
- Members must not stand or gather on the right hand side of their vehicles on sides of roadways.
- All members must drive their vehicles in a manner which reflects positively on the Club.
- If indicators are not fitted to the vehicle, appropriate hand signals must be used at all times.
- Carry current, suitably endorsed, Log Book and Left Hand Drive Certificate of Exemption as applicable.
- All vehicles must be in a roadworthy condition.
- Passengers are to be limited to the seating capacity of the vehicle. Where fitted, seat belts must be worn.
- Participants to notify Event Marshall/Run Leader should they need to depart the event/run before the intended completion time.

DUTIES of EVENT MARSHALL/RUN LEADER

- Ensure Event/Run starts on time.
- Issue and collect itinerary sheets and competition forms as necessary.
- Run Leader should attempt to travel at 80Kph on an open road or freeway.
- Run leader must ensure all participants are aware of the next stopping point where participants will re-group.
- Where possible, maintain check on the presence of all vehicles in the Event.
- When designated, ensure that the "Tail End Charlie" is fully equipped with mobile phone, tow rope, water, etc. as appropriate. "Tail End Charlie" to also ensure no one is left behind.
- Act as Club representative in the event of an accident or unusual circumstances.

PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Applicants for Provisional Membership must be present in person when their application is presented to the Club at a General Meeting.

On first joining the Club, for the first year of membership, newly accepted members shall be classed as "Provisional Members". In that year, Provisional Members will be required to attend at least:-

- Two meetings and one event
OR
- One meeting and two events

At the end of twelve months, if they have satisfactorily completed the above, the Membership Officer will confirm their status as a Full Member. Provisional Members shall have the same rights and responsibilities as Full Members.

CONDITIONAL REGISTRATION

Notwithstanding the requirement of the "Code of Practice" that vehicles shall be inspected at least every THREE years, vehicles registered through THIS club must be inspected at least every TWO years, or at the discretion of the Club's authorising persons, to ensure maintenance of the vehicle's historic integrity.

FROM THE EDITOR

Hi there,

The last Magazine for this year! This means that 2017 is just around the corner! "Old Father Time" is quickening his pace as he gets older, I reckon.

The Hagers appear to be featuring in this edition, but perhaps that is because they do a lot. I am very pleased to include a photo of their latest acquisition on the cover AND back it up with a story about the car. Also, look out for the article on their involvement in the re-enactment of the mail run to help celebrate Meningie's 150th year celebrations. Well done, Alan and Marlene.

APOLOGY: I offer my apologies for having incorrect dates for two "Coming Events" in the last Magazine.

Happily, we were able to right the wrongs and issue a correct version on the website before too much damage was done. I also noticed, after printing that same Magazine, that there was an omission of a few lines in the article on "Breakthrough on Brake Fluid" and I have attempted to put that right in this edition. So, if you were a little confused whilst reading it the first time round, look out for a reprint of the offending section in this edition. There is plenty of reading, photos, etc., in this December issue of our Magazine. Enjoy!

Tom and I wish everyone in the Club the happiest of Christmases and hope that the New Year will be good to you all.

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 February, April or June meetings. Many thanks for your cooperation – Lyn W.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Goes to **STEPHEN AND JEAN MOBBS**, and their family, on the passing of Stephen's mother, **Ella Mobbs**, on the 19th October, 2017. Sincere condolences from all in the ACCMB.



Also to **BARB HAINES**, and her family, on the sad loss of her husband, **DAVID**, on 14/10/16.

Barb and David were Club members for many years, only relinquishing their membership within the last year, due to health reasons. David was featured on the cover of our Magazine in June, 2014, with their lovely 1929 Graham Paige.

We at the ACCMB pay our respects to a man who did much for the community.

Coming Events

CHERRY PICKING RUN (7/12/16)

(WEDNESDAY)



For all of us who have been on this run before, it's on again, and for those who haven't, come and join the fun.

We will be returning to Stella Creek Cherries at Forrest Range.

Leaving the clubrooms at 8-30am for an early start as it may be hot.

BYO morning tea. Lunch at The Steak House, Oakbank Hotel.

If you DON'T want your cherries cooked before you get home, bring an ESKY and some ice to pack them in.

See you there, Roy & Elaine (85 325791).

CHRISTMAS PICNIC (11/12/16)

- Leave the Clubrooms at 9:30 a.m. for the Palmer Oval.
- Members please bring:
B.Y.O. morning tea (tea/coffee will be supplied)
A generous sized salad to pool for lunch
A plate of afternoon tea (also to be pooled)
B.Y.O. plates, cups, cutlery plus chairs & small table in case needed).
- The Club will provide:
Tea, coffee, milk, sugar and cordial for any children,
meat, bread, sauce, fruit salad and icecream.
- This year, we will not be having a visit from Father Christmas.
- There will be some entertainment on offer throughout the day and a raffle will be conducted.
- For catering requirements, please register your name at a Club meeting or contact the President or Secretary if you will be attending.



PIZZA NIGHT (20/1/17)

Back by popular demand!!!

Remember, this is a Friday night event

Leave Clubrooms at 5.00 PM or make your own way to John & Vicki Courtney's place. Pizza will be ordered to arrive at 6.30 PM.

Please NOTE : Please enter from the Riverglades Lagoon side of property, NOT THE NORMAL DRIVEWAY (see directions below) and park in the front yard, closer to carry chairs and eskies!

Pizza and Water Melon & Pineapple supplied

Cost :- \$5.00 per person

Bring :- Chairs, Drinks, Mosquito Repellent

Directions :- Leave Murray Bridge Main Street and cross the old bridge, follow the Old Princes Highway to the top of Budericks Hill (or the BP Service Station, for you youngsters) and TURN LEFT into Mitchell Avenue. Follow Mitchell Avenue till you reach Loddon Road and TURN LEFT. Continue to the bottom of the hill then TURN LEFT into Riverglades View (Previously called Murray Drive). Follow this road for 200 metres (it's only a track at that stage) then TURN LEFT into our gateway.

Please let us know if you will be attending so we know how many Pizzas to order! If you have not put your names on the attendance sheet at the December meeting, phone **John or Vicki on 85324107**. Please also let us know if for some reason you need to remove your name from this list. We would hate to have to eat your share of pizza as well as our own!!

AUSTRALIA DAY WALKER FLAT RUN (26/1/17)

(Walker Flat)

- Leave Clubrooms at 8:30 a.m. Gates open at Walker Flat at 10:00 a.m. Entry fee – \$5, supporting Charity.
- B.Y.O. picnic, chairs, tables, rugs, etc.
- For those who would like it, there will be a Sausage Sizzle available (at an extra cost).
- Add your name to the Run Sheet at the December Meeting, or contact Claude Minge (85322229) or Brenda Cowie (85310151).

CRUISE NIGHT (VIEWING NIGHT) - 10/2/17

(FRIDAY)

For our newer members, this is a “cruise”, but has nothing to do with boats!!! In our terminology, it means that it is an informal run, where you can come and go as you please. We are going to Swanport Reserve, so come along for a casual get together, bring your tea, drinks, mosquito repellent, whatever. Come along any time from 5.30 PM.

There will be vehicle inspectors on hand if you want them to check your vehicle and issue an inspection certificate. Remember there will be NO Inspection Night in February/March. This may be your last chance before your log book is signed/renewed. Unless you have an ***inspection certificate*** you **WILL NOT** have your log book processed after renewing your membership. Our club rules require all vehicles to be inspected every **TWO YEARS**, so check your log book or if in doubt, contact one of the registrars or vehicle inspectors.

Directions:- Leave Murray Bridge on Swanport/Jervois Road. Turn left onto Swanport Village Road (shortly after passing under the South Eastern Freeway) and follow this road to Swanport Reserve.

Hope to see you there.

For more info, call John Courtney, 85324107

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

SUNDAY APRIL 30th – 2017

South Coast Run to the “SOUTHERN FLEURIEU HISTORICAL MUSEUM” at Port Elliot

This is a newish Museum and has something for everyone (Men & Women)

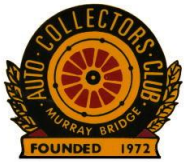
“The majority of exhibits had a working role in creating family life, a village community, business and associated industry, thus forging life into our early settlement”

- **9-00am SHARP** -- Leaving Johnstone Park Clubrooms.
- **Morning Tea. BYO everything.** -- Soldiers Memorial Garden area Strathalbyn near swimming pool.
- A brief visit to the Strathalbyn Community Arts & Crafts (mainly for the Ladies) but men are also welcome if it “Turns you On”.
- **Lunch at HMVC Clubrooms** (Victor Harbor Car Club)
- **Visit “Southern Fleurieu Historical Museum**
- Leave for home in your own time.

FINAL times for departure, arrival, **lunch** , **museum costs** and directions will be available in the February Auto Torque magazine and on the Club’s Website.

RUN SHEET WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING

For Further details contact Maureen and Graham Edwards. 85321175 or 0428813070



Preliminary Notice, one to add to your diary for 2017

ACCMB 7TH BIENNIAL TWIN BRIDGES RALLY

20th, 21st, 22nd October, 2017

(Please note change of time from previous years)



Hope to see you there!

Roy Bretag (Rally Coordinator)

Contact: roy.bretag@bigpond.com or P.O. Box 2124, MURRAY BRIDGE, 5253.

News from Other Clubs

Victor Harbor Toy Fair (Historic Motor Vehicles Club): Saturday, January 7th, 2017, cnr Warne & Jolly Streets, Victor Harbor. Adults \$2.50, children Free. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Refreshments & BBQ available. Cars, Kits, Dolls, Trains, etc. Enquiries: Phone 8552 1042 or 0419 848 512.

Cars of Australia (Strathalbyn Auto Collectors Club Inc.) – Sunday, 29th January, 2017, Strathalbyn Oval Complex. Gates open to public 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Gates open for car entries 8 a.m. (inc 1 vehicle plus gate pass for 4 adults), no pre-entry required – enter and pay on the day. Pay on Day \$15 per vehicle, motorbikes \$5. Public walk in \$5. Children U14 free. Bar facilities and tucker, kids' entertainment, free mini-train rides round the grounds. 2000 model cars on display and sale. Trophies awarded. Contacts: Lyssa Liebelt (0401 132 023) or Rory Liebelt (0417 886 671). More info: www.strathalbynautocollectors.com or email: enquiries@strathalbynautocollectors.com.

Autojumble Show & Shine and Swapmeet, Victor Harbor. Sunday 5th February, 2017 at Encounter Bay Football Club, Ring Rd., Encounter Bay. 7 a.m. start. Sellers \$15, buyers \$5. Enter your classic car, caravan, modified car or hot rod to win a trophy. Car parts, automobilia, antiques, and collectables. Hot food, drinks available. No Dogs. Info: www.hmvc.org.au or contact Victor Harbor Historic Motor Vehicles Club (as for the Toy Fair, above).

MILANG VINTAGE MACHINERY CLUB INVITES YOU ON TO THE MILANG OVAL ON 16th & 17TH JAN 2016 TO CELEBRATE OUR 20th YESTERDAY'S POWER RALLY. ITEMS FEATURED THIS YEAR ARE INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS & TRACTORS, ALLEN ENGINES & MACHINERY – NORTON MOTORCYCLES VOLKSWAGEN CARS & LIGHT COMMERCIALS, A LARGE RANGE OF PRE 1979 VEHICLES & MEMORABILIA WILL BE ON DISPLAY WITH SOME LATER VEHICLES. WARTIME EQUIPMENT, FIRE ENGINES AND EARTH MOVING EQUIPMENT WILL ALSO BE ON SHOW FOOD, DRINKS AND VARIOUS STALLS ON THE GROUNDS. PRE 1973 TRACTOR PULL ADMISSION \$5.00 PER PERSON UNDER 16 YEARS FREE. OSCAR W PADDLE STEAMER AT JETTY VINTAGE CHAIN SAW DEMONSTRATION. WORKING MODEL RAILWAY LAYOUT FOR ENTRY FORMS CONTACT SECRETARY - VENITA 82974715 or Roger 0413 616 834 PO Box 1 Marlestone 5033 or E-Mail – thesecretarymvmc@gmail.com

Power of the Past - March 4th & 5th, 2017, Mt. Barker. Featuring Volvo cars, Ford commercials, New Way engines, Howard tractors & products & Aerial motor cycles. Please note: To be eligible for judging in a vehicle class an entry form must be completed, the entry fee of \$15 paid prior to 25th January 2017. In addition to the tractors, engines, cars, trucks etc. on display, there are displays of collectable items, i.e. household, tools, farm equipment and many others. In the hall there will be an arts and craft and collectables displays. For further information, please contact Peter Templer, 0417 081 502 or pop@ahmrc.com.au

CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

November Meeting

Sale:

- VW Kombi Camper, 2 litre engine, \$10K. – Jerry Wilson (0401697133).

Wanted:

- 6 volt globes – various Russell Pope (0428857599)
- to suit 1946 Chevrolet Maple Leaf Truck.
 1. Grill.
 2. Grill surround.
 3. Bonnet (hinged in the middle)Contact Graham Edwards (85321175 or 0428813070).

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Run Reports

BAY TO BIRDWOOD RUN (25/9/16)

Sunday September 25th 2016 was the Bay to Birdwood Run for vehicles manufactured up to 1960. Approximately 1,000 vehicles, including motorbikes, travelled from West Beach to Birdwood.

The weather was cool-ideal for the cars, but a few cars had overheating problems with slow moving traffic across the city.

There were so many great vehicles to admire on the day, ranging from the pristine Concourse de Elegance entrants, through to the 100 year old plus veterans, the motorbikes, trucks and buses.

This year the Preservation Trophy Class was initiated for vehicles that are substantially original. It was great to see Darren Piltz and crew in this group in his 1926 Chevrolet Charabanc-the vehicle and their attire suited the theme perfectly.

Liz and I successfully completed the run in the 1929 Studebaker, together with 8 vehicles from our club-Eric Kuss (1955 Austin), Alan Hagger (1929 Graham Paige), Denis Jachmann (1929 Chev), John Hilder (1950 Matchless motorcycle), Peter Kiely (1955 Morris Minor), Murray Piltz (1924 Chev) and Alan Ruskin(1955 Dodge truck).

Three club members-Rhonda and Dennis Scarman and Trevor Jericho travelled from Murray Bridge to Birdwood on Sunday morning to join in the festivities.

WELLINGTON STRAWBERRY FETE (2/10/16)

At 9:30 a.m. (daylight saving time) 11 cars and occupants left the Clubrooms and travelled to Wellington via Adelaide and Swanport Roads, ignoring our usual route along Maurice Road due to roadworks, etc.,. Leon and Jill Matschoss joined in at Owl Drive and we made our way along the Jervois Road, turning off at Flagstaff Road and proceeding to Wellington.



Looking very relaxed at the Strawberry Fete, Maureen & Graham Edwards enjoy a cuppa with their grandchildren, Oakley and Tyler, in front of their 1961 Ford Zephyr and the Club Banner.

The organizers of the Wellington Strawberry Fete had arranged easy access to our designated parking area, in the same way as happened last year. This year, there was green grass everywhere, there were only a token number of ants underfoot and we took no time at all to set our tables and chairs up, with our vehicles gleaming in an orderly line behind us and flanked by our Club banners waving in the breeze. We did have to wait a little while for Jan Hall and the Bretags to join us. Jan had a spot of car trouble on the way and Roy and Elaine stayed with her to help. A trip home to Jan's place, the replacement of a spare part, and they all arrived safely before lunch time. A special thank you goes to Roy and Elaine for helping another Club member, especially as Jan has not had her "Morrie" out

and about much previously.

I am a little fed up with talking about the weather lately, but, if we had to pick a day out of the atrocious offerings Mother Nature has been giving us in late September / early October, we could not have chosen better. I was especially pleased for the organizers and patrons of the Strawberry

Fete, as well. This function is their “once-a-year-day” for gathering funds towards the upkeep of the Wellington Hall and it turned out well for everyone concerned.

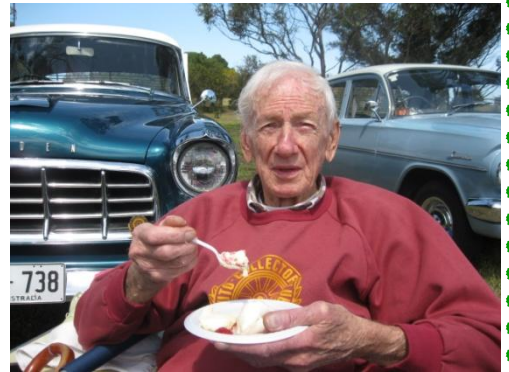
Individuals from our group wandered round the many stalls and booths, buying morning tea, home-made goods, books, smoked fish, etc. We certainly had plenty to choose from. There was music playing, sheep being shorn, kids “lucky-dipping” and a healthy interest in our vehicles. Our designated area is a little out of the way from the main fete area, but there were loudspeaker announcements every so often, informing patrons about our static display.

The strawberries with icecream AND cream proved to be a popular dessert at lunchtime. It was very pleasant sitting round chatting in the sunshine, which was warm enough to see some people shedding jackets and resorting to short sleeves. After a long winter of being rugged up, a flush of sunburn on exposed skin was definitely possible.

Most people in our group were packing up to return home between 2 o'clock and half-past. Comments about the Run from our members were favourable and it was lovely to see a couple of our newer members join in for this event.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this Club event and supported the Wellington Progress Association.

Lyn and Tom West.



Mal Schenscher enjoys the strawberries and icecream at the Wellington Fete.

RIVERLAND RUN (14 TO 17/10/16) **(40 members and 22 cars)**

Friday, 14th October:

Most members going to the Riverland for the weekend met at the Clubrooms at 8:30 a.m. for a 9:00 a.m. departure. There were others who had

left earlier and we all gathered at Karoonda for morning tea. In the contingent, there were 13 classic vehicles, 7 modern vehicles towing vans and 2 motor homes. Arlene Chapman always manages to find a treasure or two in the Karoonda Bakery Cafe & Craft shop! We had good weather for a drive through the Riverland, arriving at Berri in time for lunch. Members with vans, etc., booked into the Berri Caravan Park and then we all assembled at the boat ramp park, across the road from the Caravan Park, after lunch in order to visit John Flanagan's interesting collection of vehicles in Berri and then in Renmark (inc. Armstrong Siddley, Rolls Royce, GT MKII Cortina, MKI Zephyr sedan catching the interest of members).

We returned to the Caravan Park headquarters for drinks before walking to the Berri Hotel for dinner.



Plenty of interest in John Flanagan's collection.

Saturday, 15th October:

Some members chose to visit the markets at 7:30 a.m. and we all later met at the boat ramp at 9:00 a.m., before travelling to Paringa. On the way, we were just in time to view the historic Paringa Bridge Lift allowing boats through in their journeys along the river.

On this particular day, the weather was a warm 30 deg. and very windy, so, after a short stop at Headings Cliff Lookout, it was decided to move on to Wilkadene Wool Shed Brewery to have our morning tea. Even though Wilkadene normally opens at 11:00 a.m., we were made welcome and were allowed to find a shady, protected spot on the delightful lawned area along the river bank. So, we settled in for the morning and then had a BBQ lunch. Of course, some took the opportunity to taste the various brews on offer!

After lunch, we retraced our tracks to Neville Wurst's to view his private collection consisting of everything from rabbit traps to home goods, motor vehicles, tractors and farm machinery. From there, we returned to Paringa to explore "Cammie's Antiques & Collectables", which was very popular with members. Returning to Berri, we finished the day with a happy hour, nibbles, pizza and good conversation.



The Paringa Bridge

Sunday, 18th October:



Ian & Mary Rowley at Ruston's Rose Garden

A more leisurely start to the day's itinerary saw us gathering at 10:30 a.m. and heading to Ruston's Roses and Museum for coffee and cake in the cafe, following by a stroll through the rose gardens. Quite a number of our fellows checked out the small, but impressive, collection of notable cars, e.g. a 1960s Zeta, Lotus Elite, along with a 1926 Amilcar CGSS which raced in the 1936 Grand Prix at Victor Harbor, plus other exhibits. Just as we were leaving Ruston's, the rain started and by the time we arrived in Barmera for lunch at The Lakes Bakery Cafe, it had really set in.

After lunch, it was a short drive to the Cobdogla Steam & Irrigation Museum, where we were greeted and given a very informative and interesting talk on the history of the Humphrey Pump and were shown through the building where a dedicated group of men are restoring this historic pump back to its working condition.

Many ladies

viewed the museum shop, displays, photos and memorabilia of the Loveday Internment Camp.

The rain eventually stopped and the museum staff was eager to take us for a ride on board the train for a 5 km loop through the area which was most enjoyable. However, the cold weather had taken its toll, so it was decided to go to the Cobdogla Community Club early, where the

staff made us most welcome and we all enjoyed their hospitality and delicious food.



"All aboard" for a train ride!

Monday, 17th October:

Time to return home. Thank you to all Club members for joining us and making this a very enjoyable and memorable weekend away.



Line up of cars and drivers at the Berri Boat Ramp

(It was a great Club Rally - all thanks to Elaine and Roy Bretag! All who participated had a wonderful time together and, to a one, are appreciative of the work and effort which Elaine and Roy put into organising such a popular event for our Club. Well done! – Ed.)

LONG-RIDERS' EVENT (29/10/16)

If you didn't sport a beard (preferably long and grey), tattoos and a T-shirt with a logo, you could have felt out of place. But we didn't. We felt right at home at a pleasant, expertly-organised, welcoming, happy and well-patronised event. The weather was warmish and a little breezy, but in no way spoiled the day.



Andrew Baltensperger with his 1979 Pontiac Firebird Coupe

There were about 6 or 7 vehicles from our Club in the Static Display, which consisted of a mega-array of cars and motorcycles from all genres, with a leaning to Harley Davidson in the motorcycle arena. During the morning session, when entrants could access the display areas, a live band was playing really good Blues Music which we enjoyed very much. In the afternoon, when the event was open for public viewing, the music revved up to Rock Music, but that was typical of the attention to detail by the organizers to include something for all tastes. There were several catering stations, including Rotary and the Scout Group, doing a good job of feeding the masses. And masses of people attended. After midday, they just kept coming in through the gate in

steady streams until about 2:00 p.m.

There was lots of chatting going on between people who would walk different walks of life entirely at all other times. A love of vehicles always breaks down barriers and is the ultimate leveller of we humans, young, old or in between – everyone is comfortable with this common subject which brings them together easily.

The organizers had scheduled trophy presentation for 4:00 p.m., but by 3 o'clock it was obvious that the big majority of the patrons had come and left, as everything quietened down considerably. So the trophy presentation was brought forward to about 3:30 p.m. ACCMB Club member, Steve Mobbs, was fortunate enough to win a prize for his Laverda SF750 motorcycle, as was Jerry Wilson for his 1960 Chevrolet



Corvette Convertible. Well done, Steve and Jerry!

Pat & Pete Jennings' 1977 Holden Torana SL Hatchback and Tom & Lyn West's 1934 Chevrolet Sedan at the Long Riders' event.

Personally, we enjoyed a very relaxing day. Gus and the other organizers were eloquent in their appreciation of all who supported this worthy, charity event.

(Event organized by Gus Slotegraaf. Report and photos by yours truly – Ed.)

CALLINGTON SHOW (30/10/16)

9 cars left the Clubrooms for Callington at 9:00 a.m. sharp. The weather was quite good, but the closer we got to Callington, the stronger the wind became, with the dust blowing across from Kanmantoo mines.

One member left earlier in his older car and another was waiting near the Callington oval. We were later joined by two members from the Cadillac Club who were invited by Ben Wye (who unfortunately could not be there himself because of ill health).

We managed to get our Club flags in place, despite the gale blowing, and commandeered a shelter shed just off the oval for morning tea, etc. Once again, we were part of the "Calli-Trail" and proceeded to give Neutrog products to those following the "Trail".

Unfortunately, while some of us were taking in the events and the many stalls, it started to rain and the dust continued to add to our discomfort (you might imagine what the cars were looking like by the time we came home!).

There were several light showers during the day, with gale force winds, but this didn't seem to deter the general public. There seemed to be just as many people present as usual.

The wind and dust worsened as the day wore on, so some of our members opted to leave a bit earlier, as did some of the stall holders.

One of our members, Alan Wegener, registered for the Ute Muster and won cash and a first place ribbon for "Cleanest and Best in Class". Well done, Alan!

All in all, it was a disappointing day in some ways, especially for the organisers, but we'll be back next year because it's the best country show around!

(Thanks go to Brenda Cowie for organising this event and for this report. It speaks volumes for the event that your faith in it has not been diminished by one unfortunate day. – Ed.)

PATRON' S RUN (2/11/16)



There is only one word to describe the run.....PERFECT – because of the weather and the venues and, of course, all those who participated. We had 39 members and 19 cars join us for the Run. We left the Clubrooms on time and headed off to Cambrai. The Museum and the morning tea at Cambrai were excellent. Many of our members were very surprised at the display at the Museum and some were not aware that there was one in the town. There were quite a few members who recognised names of the old settlers. We were all surprised to hear that Alan & Eunice Wegener were married at the old Lutheran Church, which now is the Museum (see “re-enactment” picture at left). The Ladies who prepared the morning tea did an excellent job, with plenty of sandwiches, cakes and biscuits on offer. Perhaps we should have declined the second helping of goodies, seeing that lunch was only an hour or so

away. We ladies managed to get into the Red Cross Op Shop, down the road from the Museum, and had a lovely time. We noticed quite a few coming away with full shopping bags. (Makes Myra feel that we should have an “OP SHOP” run! I’m sure the men would be happy to drive us around them all. Ha, Ha!)

We arrived at Tanunda Wein Tal for lunch just after noon. We were made to feel very welcome, and the staff had set up the “Garden Room” for us to use. The meal was, as usual, lovely. Graham entertained us with a joke. His “Yorkshire accent” sounded a bit Scottish at



Waiting patiently outside the Red Cross Op Shop are (from left) Mike Chapman, Peter Mack, Dennis Scarman, Wayne Johns, Alan Wegener and Graham Edwards.

times, but well done Graham!

We all made our own way home and I’m sure we can all agree that a good time was had by all.

No doubt about it, the scenery through Cambrai and onto Tanunda was very picturesque. We drove through some areas with the hay cut and baled, ready to be loaded onto trucks. Then through

the Barossa, with lovely tall gum trees and neat and tidy vineyards. The countryside was lovely and green and lush, just what you would expect after all the rain we have had.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your attendance on this run and to encourage our newer members to join in on future runs. Taking part in our organised runs is a great way of getting to know your

fellow car enthusiasts, and of experiencing the friendship which is a feature of our Club.

(Appreciation goes to Howard and Myra Wright for organising this Club event and for this report. – Ed.)



Lyn & Bob Hunter with their new acquisition, a 2003 Mazda RX8 (rotary), outside the Weintal Hotel.

LADIES' DAY RUN (16/11/16)

14 cars (25 members plus 2 visitors) left the Clubrooms on a beautiful spring morning. The weather was perfect! Quiz sheets were handed out with much discussion and comments such as "I have no idea!" and "This is too hard!" being overheard. However, some of the ladies were right into it and had answers before we even left.

It was decided to head straight to Poltalloch Station for morning tea, where our guide, Kirsty, was waiting at the gate to show us where to park. We settled down for morning tea in front of the single men's quarters, where President John and Vicki joined us.

Kirsty came back for us at 11:00 a.m. as arranged and led us on a very informative tour of the grounds and homestead. The flies were very friendly, but a light breeze off the lake helped keep them away once we got away from the shearing shed.

In its heyday (1800s), the station (on 35,000 acres) had 35 families living there, including 22 shearers and 40,000 sheep. The owners had their own store and goods and supplies were delivered by paddle steamer across Lake Alexandrina and bales of wool taken back in the same way.

After our tour, we proceeded over the Narrung ferry to the rest area, where all available shade was taken up very quickly, as it was getting quite warm by this time.

Lunch over, the answers to the Quiz were given, amid cries of "I got that right!" and such comments. Members left at their leisure, as a few had other commitments. Some made their way via Meningie, whilst others retraced the way we came.

It was a very enjoyable, informative day, with good weather and good company. I hope that members enjoyed the outing and the history lesson!

(It sounds like another good outing organised by Brenda and Les. Sorry I missed it! Many thanks, Brenda, for the report. – Ed.)

MURRAY BRIDGE PAGEANT (19/11/16)

All 12 members' cars were parked and decorated by 5:00 p.m., waiting for the 5:30 p.m. start. It was warm and quite breezy, with little shade. At precisely 5:30 p.m., we started to move out.

There seemed to be more spectators than in other years and there were hundreds of children lining the roads. They enjoy the old cars as much as the adults and we heard cries of "Toot your horn!" They were especially impressed with the sound of the 1919 Dodge.

Although we were number 10 this year, instead of in the 40s to 50s, it was slow going, as there were a number of boys riding around on a type of go-cart in front of our cars. We made it to Sturt Reserve, but, being in the first group, we did not get a chance to see the other displays and floats.

I believe that the Pageant was a great success again this year and it is a good way to start the run-up to the Christmas rush. It's fun! You should try it!

(Thank to John Courtney for organising this Club event. Report written by Brenda Cowie – thanks Brenda – Ed.)

MAL FOUNTAIN RUN (20/11/16)

This year's Mal Fountain Run went to Mulga Wildlife Park. The day was hot. We left the Clubrooms at 9.30, stopping at Avoca dell for morning tea. The Reserve was very busy but we managed to find a nice spot for morning tea under a shady tree. A quiz sheet was handed out and a game of quoits was played to earn points which were added to the questionnaire to help decide a trophy winner.



New members on their first run with the Club, Piet & Pat Kriel, in front of their 1982 Mercedes-Benz UniMog

We headed off to Mulga before it got too hot for

everyone, but the day heated up quickly. Upon arriving at the Wildlife Park, we all headed to the undercover cafeteria area. We separated into two groups so each group could stay behind and eat lunch while the other was on a tour of the park.

The group was given a talk by the curator and owner of Mulga over the lunch period. He spoke about what his goal is for the park, his previous work at the Melbourne Zoo and

many animal related endeavours.

After everyone had had lunch and a tour, the Answers to the quiz were read out.

After an enjoyable afternoon everyone went home to cool off.

(Many thanks, Darren, for organising this Club Run and for this report plus photos. It was heart-warming to see you, your family and brothers all attending this Run, which is in honour of your late Dad. – Ed.)

(Right): Club members on a tour of the Mulga Wildlife Park.



BI-ANNUAL DISPLAY OF VEHICLES AT LERWIN NURSING HOME (25/11/16)

On Friday 25th November seven vehicles together with their owners, assembled in a secured parking area adjacent to the Lerwin Nursing Home at 10:00am. Photos were taken by the Lerwin Staff photographer for their newsletter/noticeboard, as well as the Murray Valley Standard photographer. Several residents found their way out to the carpark (either under their own steam or staff assisted) and the sunshine no doubt added to the enjoyment and interest shared by all. Vehicle owners and partners then proceeded to the activity/dining room where they were introduced to staff and residents. Owners were then given an opportunity to present a brief overview of their vehicles, including type of vehicle, history and specifications, etc.

We were then privileged to share a sausage sizzle luncheon with staff, residents and the Lerwin volunteers who had prepared the meal, washed down with some “Lerwin Geriatric Ginger Beer” which is made on site. Vehicle owners were presented with a certificate of appreciation and a bottle of home brew “Lerwin Lager”, by Sandy Healey, the organiser of the day. As was to be expected, there were varying degrees of interest by the residents, but for most, it was an enjoyable and stimulating day-there was even a future booking request for the Nash Hearse!!

Thanks to Sandy and the Lerwin Staff and volunteers for organising the day and for our club members and their vehicles who made the day such a success - Jan Hall (1959 Morris Minor), Des and Joy Ayres (1956 Ford Falcon Coupe), Mike and Arlene Chapman (1926 Chenard Senechal), Neil and May Schubert (1965 Ford Falcon), Ron and Fina Jellett (1948 MGTC), Roy Bretag (1974 Mercedes Benz 450SLC), Claude and Elizabeth Minge (1924 Nash Hearse) and Peter Lace (2016 Suzuki Motorbike).

(Many thanks to Claude Minge for organising this very worthwhile event and for this report – Ed.)

“CAR TORQUE” (Members’ Contributions)

CAR RETURNS HOME (by Marlene Hagger) – see front cover for picture.

Alan and I drove to Sydney to pick up tyres for our 8-cylinder Graham Paige. We also went to a Swap Meet while we were there. At the Swap Meet, we met a guy and began chatting with him. In the course of the conversation, he asked us where we lived. We told him, “At Mypolonga – 20 ks from Murray Bridge”. He went on to say that the only thing he knew about Murray Bridge was that someone he knew had bought a 1928 Chevrolet Roadster from somebody who lived at 77 Hill Street, Murray Bridge! I looked at Alan and Alan looked at me and we both said together, “Grandfather’s car!” Our newly-found acquaintance told us that the car was green and black. By this time we knew his name, so we asked John if he knew the whereabouts of the car. He did not, but then he set about finding out for us.

We discovered that the gentleman who currently owned the car was 84 years old, was not well and was being cared for in a nursing home. John told us that the car was for sale, so, over about two months, we had a good think about buying the Chevrolet and bringing it “home”. We finally made another trip to Sydney, with trailer, because, although we had seen photos of the car on our previous trip, we wanted to have a really good look at it before buying it. The upshot of this trip was that I bought the car and trailered it home. How exciting!

On the way home, I said to Alan that it was a pity that I didn’t have the papers and/or the old number plates for the Chev.

At home, we unloaded the car and put it in the shed. The next day, Alan was checking out the spare parts and looked behind the dicky seat, only to find the old number plates screwed onto the timber work. Fantastic!

Everything had fallen into place – as though it was meant to be.

In the old days, my brother and I would get into the dicky seat, Grandfather would drive down the main street of Murray Bridge, park outside Eudunda Farmers and go and do whatever he had to do. We kids would hide in the dicky seat because everyone else had a modern car and we were in an old car!

At one stage, Grandfather Baker was going to buy a modern car. He went into the dealers, looked at some cars and made a decision, but, when he returned to the Chevrolet to get his money, someone had stolen the money, so he did not get his modern car after all.

When Grandfather died, Grandma didn’t want the car to be sold to anyone in Murray Bridge, because she didn’t care to see the car being driven round the town



by someone other than Grandfather. My Uncle, Laurie Baker, sold the car on behalf of my Grandma.

This wonderful, old car left Murray Bridge in 1967 and returned in 2016 – nearly 50 years later. It is now housed at Woodlane.

Marlene Hagger.

(What a wonderful story, Marlene! Thank you for sharing it with Club members. – Ed.)

Pupils' post part of mail re-enactment



Alan Hagger, left, Marlene Hagger and Monty Bunnett, right, on the day of the re-enactment.

By Tom Staggard

A sack of letters from school children sent from Meningie to Adelaide passed through the Hills earlier this week as part of a mail re-enactment to celebrate 150 years of the lakeside town.

Students from Goolwa, Meningie and Milang wrote letters to their peers which were mailed as part of the re-enactment.

The journey started with 350 letters being transported by paddle steamer across Lake Alexandrina to Milang.

From there, the mail travelled to Mt Barker ready to continue the journey to Adelaide.

This part of the journey re-enacted the regular mail run of Jack Sheridan, who delivered mail from Wistow to Adelaide from 1928–49.

Mypolonga man Alan Hagger used his 1929 Graham Paige sedan, a vehicle similar to that used by Mr Sheridan, to take the letters through the Hills to Adelaide.

Mr Hagger said he stopped at multiple post offices in the Hills before arriving in Adelaide later that afternoon.

"The mail came up from Meningie over the weekend," he said.

"We picked it up at 9am Monday in Mt Barker and headed down towards Adelaide."

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Alan Hagger completed the Adelaide Hills leg of a mail re-enactment as part of the 150 years of Meningie celebrations.

"We stopped at post offices in Hahndorf, Bridgewater, Aldgate, Stirling and Crafer along the way before we got to Adelaide."

Mr Hagger said his vintage car was decorated for the re-enactment to resemble Mr Sheridan's vehicle.

"The 'Sheridan's Daily Service Mt Barker' sign fitted above the windscreen was recreated to match the car to some of the old photos of Sheridan's vehicle," he said.

Once Mr Hagger arrived in Adelaide with the letters, students were on hand to place them in the Adelaide post box to send them off to their peers.

REPRINT OF SECTION OF "BREAKTHROUGH IN BRAKE FLUID"

(Because part of this article did not print in its entirety in the October issue, I am reprinting the offending section below, with my apologies. Please refer to the bottom of column one and the top of column two in the original article. – Ed.)

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careful driver: one who looks in both directions when he passes a red light.

freeway (n) a place where drivers under 25 do over 90 and drivers over 90 do under 25.

mechanic (n) a person who picks your pocket from underneath your car.

model driver (n) someone who just saw the car ahead of her get a traffic ticket.

rush hour: that hour when the traffic is almost at a standstill.

(Taken from "A Tankful of Motoring Jokes" – Ed.)

(The article (above) was kindly forwarded to me by Pat Jennings and is reproduced here by courtesy of "The Courier". – Ed.)

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