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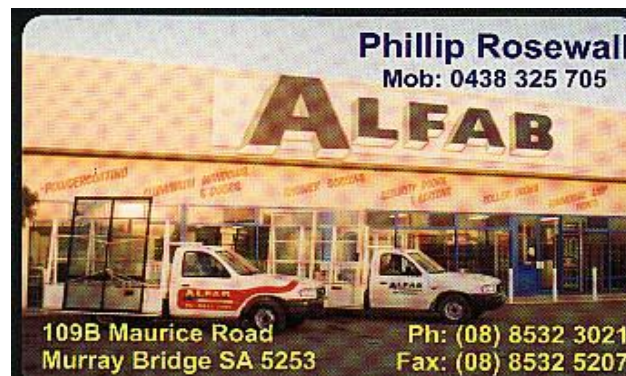
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<b>CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT COMMITTEE:</b>	to be formed.		
<b>HALL REPS.</b>	Darren Fountain, John Courtney		
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**\*\*(No change to fees for 2015/16, making membership in our Club most cost effective)\*\***

**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:** Mike and Arlene Chapman with their Chenard Senechal. Inset:- Message on detail on side of bonnet – “Ma petite maîtresse française”, which means “My little French mistress”! The Chenard Senechal has a 1.5 litre side valve engine of 8 HP ( European method of measurement). Senechal was a pilot in the first world war and raced with great success cycle class cars for Chenard Walcker in the early 20s. In 1925 Senechal handed over the production of his highly successful range of cycle class cars to Chenard Walcker and the Chenard Senechal was the result. These cars were only produced until 1929 and therefore very few survive.

**Bottom left:** The boat-shaped boot.

**Bottom right:** Front detail.

# Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
February 12 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)	Sturt Reserve Cruise Night	John & Vicki Courtney
March 1 <sup>st</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	8:00 p.m. – Clubrooms
March 8 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m. – Clubrooms
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation Dinner	6:00 for 6:30 p.m. - Swanport Hotel
April 5 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	A.G.M.	8:00 p.m. – Clubrooms
April 12 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m. – Clubrooms
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> (W/end)	Pinnaroo Campout	To be advised
May 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	8:00 p.m. – Clubrooms
June 7 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	8:00 p.m. - Clubrooms

## Other Events of Interest

February 7 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Victor Harbor Autojumble SwapMeet	Encounter Bay (info this issue)
February 14 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	All British Day, Echunga	Info in October issue
February 21 <sup>st</sup> (Sunday)	M/Bridge Swap Meet	Murray Bridge Showgrounds
March 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> (w/end)	Power of the Past (Mt. Barker)	Info in October issue
April 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Fri/Sat)	MAPS Marion Bay Camp-out	Info in December 2015 issue
September (date still to be decided)	2016 All Ford Day	To be advised

(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.*



## VALE

## KEVIN VEITCH

Club members are saddened to hear of the sudden passing of fellow Club member, **KEVIN VEITCH**, on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.

Our thoughts are with Irene and her family at this sad and difficult time.

Kevin, along with Irene, was a long-standing member of the ACCMB, having joined the Club in September, 1998. Both Irene and Kevin have been regular attendees at General Meetings and Club Runs. At various times, Kevin was a member of the Club Committee and for many years coordinated the annual Club Run to the Mannum Christmas Pageant.

He will be missed.



# President's Report



G'day everyone.

Christmas and New Year are now well and truly behind us, but I hope the break allowed you all to catch up with your friends and relatives (well, the ones that you wanted to, anyway!).

Before Christmas (of course) the Club participated in the Mannum and Murray Bridge pageants. I saw the Murray Bridge one as a spectator, with everyone looking suitably festive, and it looked great. Kevin Veitch as usual organised our participation in the Mannum Pageant. Sadly, that and the Christmas Picnic the next day were to be his last Club events. Kevin was again very impressed with that Pageant and he told me that this year a young lady spectator commandeered a ride with him and also gave him a beer. Perhaps it was a fitting last Pageant for him...

Our Christmas Picnic appeared to me to be again very well received by everyone and so it should be. I was again extremely impressed by the sheer number of members who participate and contribute to make this event so successful. Without going into names, we have the ladies who organise and serve the food, everyone who brings salads and afternoon tea, those who set up the hall, those who clean up afterwards, those who organise the raffles and sell tickets, the entertainers, and of course, good old Father Christmas. It is a huge number of people, and they all do it so well. Congratulations to you all - perhaps, particularly to Father Christmas, who yet again got into trouble with Pat Kuss for misinterpreting the request for her present. The poor old bloke just can't win.

The weather was very hot, but the air conditioners were fired up early so it was quite comfortable really. Not that many historic cars this year though, but I must take my hat off to Trevor Wehrman in the Chev Tourer, a "proper" car with "proper" air conditioning.

The Cherry Run, the Pizza night and the Walker Flat Runs all went well and were well supported and a great time was had by the participants..

So, what's next? Well, apart from runs and things, we are fast approaching the AGM. You know, that thing where we all try to make ourselves as invisible as possible, so as to avoid getting a job? Fortunately that does not seem to happen in this Club as much as in some other organisations, but I would still like to encourage you all to participate in some way. Many hands make light work.

It also means the end of our financial year is approaching, with all the implications that means for Historic Vehicle registration. Briefly,

- Stat Decs and Membership Renewal forms should go out with this magazine.
- If you have elected to NOT get a paper copy of the magazine, these forms will still be posted to you.
- To maintain continuity of registration, you must pay your subs by the April Meeting.
- To stop your vehicle being de-registered by the DPTI, you must have your Log Book endorsed/updated by the June meeting AT THE LATEST.
- Your vehicle MUST have been inspected within the last TWO years.

If there is ANY part of this that you do not understand, PLEASE contact the registrars.

They will be trying to streamline their processes to help both you and themselves, so you will hear more about that from them.

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

John Courtney.



## **2015 TROPHY WINNERS PLEASE NOTE:**

If you have a perpetual trophy in your possession, it will need to be returned by the March General Meeting, at the very latest. This will allow the necessary time for trophies to be engraved and ready for presentation to this year's winners. If you cannot attend a meeting, please return to Brenda Cowie (85 310151). Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## FROM THE EDITOR

Hi there,

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope that all our members enjoyed the Christmas Festive Season with family and friends. Looking forward to a new year often makes us wonder what we achieved in the previous year. It is pleasing to note just how much our Club achieved during that time:- many new members, lots of Club Runs, new places to visit, an extremely successful Rally and even a boat trip!

With this Magazine you should receive a Statutory Declaration form and your Membership Renewal form. Those who have elected to receive the Magazine on line will have the forms posted to them if they are not collected at the February General Meeting. Please contact me if you do not receive these forms. Also, included herewith are Nomination Slips for election of officers at the A.G.M. in April. As before, please contact me if you do not receive a slip in some way, shape or form.

It is always very sad to lose one of our Club members and Tom and I wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to Irene and family on Kevin's passing. There is a small tribute to Kevin in this issue.

Hope you find plenty to interest you in this edition.

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

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## News from Other Clubs

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# Coming Events

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

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 Sturt Reserve, so come along for a yarn, a coffee from Riverscape, bring your tea, whatever. Come along any time from 5.30.

**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 as in other years, so 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.

Hope to see you there.

For more info, call John Courtney, 85324107

## PRESENTATION DINNER (19/2/16)

- This year, the Presentation Dinner will be held at the Swanport Hotel, Jervois Road, Swanport.
- The dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. for a 6:30 p.m. start.
- A 2 course meal will be offered at an approx. cost of \$21 – 24 per head.

Please indicate on the Run Sheet available at either the February or March meeting if you wish to attend, or contact John Courtney (85 324107).

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (5/4/16)

With this newsletter, you should receive a nomination form for Office Bearers and/or Club Committee members, to be elected at the AGM. Please hand them in at the March meeting or (at the very latest) **prior** to the AGM after completion. Should you not be attending that meeting, you may hand them to our President, John Courtney, or to a current Committee member.

Please consider taking on a role yourself. We have a great Club and it can be a very worthwhile experience.

### The New Standard "8"

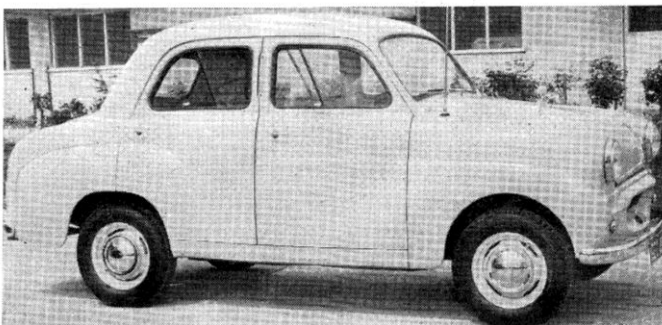
TO satisfy the demand for a small car at a reasonable price, the Standard Motor Co. (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., recently introduced the Standard Economy Eight. This car, which is being sold in NSW for £755/10/- including Sales Tax, is powered with a 4-cylinder, overhead valve 803 cc. engine developing 26 bhp at 4500 rpm. Its compression ratio is 7.4 to 1.

A four-speed gearbox with a central control is fitted. Four-wheel hydraulic brakes are used, with a

mechanical hand-brake operating on the rear wheels. In keeping with a recent trend, the clutch is operated through a hydraulic linkage.

The body is of the four-door type, and seats four people. The boot has a storage space of 12 cu. ft. and with the rear seats folded forward, 38 cu. ft. are available. There is no boot lid, access to the boot being from inside.

The car is said to be capable of 62.5 mph, and at normal driving speeds is said to give a fuel consumption of 45 to 48 mpg. Its weight with fuel, oil and water is 14 cwt.



*The New Standard "8" Four-door Sedan.*

Left: **"DOWN MEMORY LANE"**. Article from "Power Farming in Australia and New Zealand, March 1954 edition. Kindly supplied by Allen Wegener. – Ed.

## Corner Clinic

Heard that Joyce Burt has found herself in the Daw Park Hospital, receiving some medical attention. We wish you a speedy recovery, Joyce.

To any of our members who are not in tip-top health at the moment, our good wishes go to you, too.



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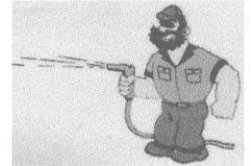
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# ***Run Reports***

## **CALLINGTON SHOW (25/10/15)**

*(As promised in the previous Magazine, here is a more detailed run-down on the activities available at the Callington Show.)*

After arriving and setting up our display flags, it was off to the fairground. The dance troupe was just great to watch and the drummers sounded fantastic and could be heard over both ovals. Jan Thomlinson gave the gardeners a wonderful talk on a range of “how to’s” in the garden.

The stalls and food stands had something for everyone, no matter what age:- plants, jewellery, toys, advice and pamphlets, clothes, wine (sorry if I have missed something!). And Food! Almost forgot the great range of foods. The display in the Hall across the road from the oval is one of the best there is – cakes, flowers, art, children’s displays, sewing, etc.

The games for the children, Callington Trail and various rides kept the young ones busy for the day. Murray and Lois Piltz had two guests from the Barossa Valley with them for the outing. I am sure that they would have enjoyed themselves immensely, as I have heard glowing reports from people weeks after the show. I understand that there was a record crowd present.

The Callington Show is a great day out for the whole family. I recommend that you put it on your yearly “Bucket List”.

*(Many thanks, again, Aileen Lutz. – Ed.)*

## **MANNUM CHRISTMAS PAGEANT (5/12/15)**

*(Understandably, I do not have a report on this Run to include here. If anyone who attended would like to contact me with a short report, I will include it in the next magazine. I am sure those who attended appreciate our late member, Kevin Vietch, organising the Run. – Ed.)*

## **CHRISTMAS PICNIC (6/12/15)**

With a scorching temperature of 42° predicted, most of the group assembling at the Clubrooms had opted for their modern cars, with, of course, air-conditioning. However, there were a couple of dyed-in-the-wool members who ignored their own possible discomfort and brought out the old vehicles regardless. I make mention of :- Eric and Pam Wehrman in their 1956 Humber Hawk sedan, Trevor Wehrman (with passenger, Michael Nelson) in his parents’ 1925 Chevrolet Tourer and Kevin and Irene Veitch in their 1964 Ford Falcon Sprint. Well done to these stalwarts!

There were already many of our membership working diligently at the Palmer venue when our group arrived at about 10:00 a.m. Fruit was being cut up ready for fruit salad, people were bringing in their bags of goodies, the urn was bubbling, raffle tickets were being sold and the air-conditioning was running (thank goodness!) A small party of 8 had set up the tables, chairs, table decorations and Christmas Tree on the preceding day. Numbers attending were down a little on last year, but the festiveness, good cheer and happy faces were there in abundance.

Just before 11:00 a.m., President John Courtney got the day started by welcoming everyone and thanking them for braving the weather. He then handed over to yours truly for the rest of the day’s programme. Firstly, everyone who had helped make the day happen, in so many different ways, was acknowledged and thanked most sincerely, followed by the first of the entertainment items, namely instrumentalists Howard Wright (trumpet), Peter Geue (guitar), Jill Matschoss (keyboard) and Graham Edwards (saxophone) playing a few, well-known, old songs. After that, Myra Wright, who

with her assistant (Vicki Courtney) had organised several beautiful baskets of goodies as prizes, officiated at the first two draws of the raffle. The lucky winners were Glenda Wilkins and Lorraine Wye. Then it was time for everyone to be thoroughly entertained by Jill Matschoss, accompanied by Peter Geue, with a comedy rendition of a Christmas catering scenario, in which many of our members received a mention. All great fun!

By 12 noon, our own catering group, led most ably by Brenda Cowie, had lunch ready for the hungry hordes. It was a feast fit for royalty, with an array of cold meats accompanied by a super variety of salads supplied by our members. As if this were not enough, it was capped off by a refreshing fruit salad and ice-cream dessert - just the ticket on such a hot day.

With lunch behind us, the entertainment continued with six of our membership performing "The Frozen Green Pea Christmas Song". Costumed as "green peas", and individually named as "Hap-Pea", Grump-Pea", etc., it was sung to the tune of "Jingle Bells" and was well received by those in the audience.

The final two raffle draws were conducted and Pat Jennings and Mike Chapman had big smiles on their faces when they received their prizes.

Jill Matschoss on keyboard then led everyone in some community singing of several Christmas songs just before Father Christmas arrived, ringing his bell. Despite his copious garb in such heat and experiencing a "vision" problem due to a cascade of snowy white hair over his eyes and face, he managed to make his way to a special chair set up specially for him, with the help of Elf No. 2 (yours truly). Elf No. 1 (Jill Matschoss) made her way from her position at the keyboard to conduct an entertaining conversation with the Man In Red. It appears he'd had his troubles, with Rudolph, chimneys, and so forth! Then it was time for him to hand out the gifts and make his knee ready to receive all manner of recipients. Of course, Pat Kuss was up to her old tricks again. That woman has a knicker fetish, surely. This time, she was complaining, not about not receiving any undies (as per last year), but about receiving inappropriate undies, g-strings (or thongs) in fact. At one point it appeared as if she was asking Father Christmas to help her put them on! A bit of a worry, is our Pat.

In the end, Father Christmas escaped relatively unscathed and we all settled down to the most splendiferous afternoon tea. President John Courtney rounded off the day by thanking everyone concerned in the organisation before we packed up, cleaned up and headed home.

Everyone involved did a wonderful job in arranging a very entertaining day, which I am sure was enjoyed by all who attended.

*(Look for the Christmas Picnic picture gallery following all the Run Reports. Photos by Glennis Ongley and yours truly. – Ed.)*

### **CHERRY-PICKING RUN (15/12/15)**

We left Murray Bridge and travelled through the countryside of Palmer, Tungkillo, Mt. Torrens, Lobethal and Lenswood before finally arriving at "Stella Creek Cherries". Part of the trip was a little daunting, especially when we thought, for a short time, that we may have taken the wrong way. We were just wondering where we could turn round when, suddenly, everything was OK!

It started to rain on our arrival. No-one expected that, as the temperature was supposed to be about 33°. Those who had brought rain gear soon put it on and went off to pick cherries. The rain really wasn't a problem.

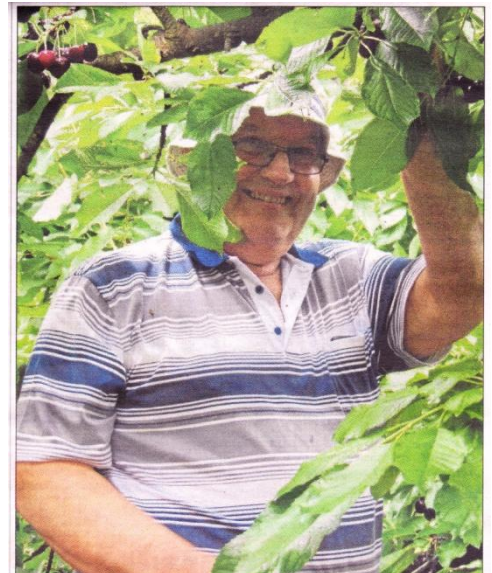


Eventually, most of us had full buckets and were wondering how much the contents weighed, not to mention how much they had eaten! After paying for the fruit picked, we were ready to head off to the Lobethal Hotel for lunch.

Thirty-two people sat down to an enjoyable lunch. I believe that Trevor J. may not have been seeing things all too well. He had had only the one beer and went to get himself a cup of coffee, but ended up with hot chocolate. Maybe he should have gone to "Specs Savers"!

After lunch, everyone made their own way home. We travelled home through Woodside to Nairne, stopping off at the Strawberry Farm to make a purchase. It rounded off a good day's outing.

*(Well done to Trevor Jericho for organising this Club Run and thanks, Alice, for this report. Photo is by courtesy of The Standard, 7/1/16. – Ed.)*



Roy Bretag looks as if he is enjoying picking cherries.

## **PIZZA NIGHT (15/1/16)**

Once again, the Pizza night proved a great way to start our 2016 year, with a very laid back group of 66 in attendance. This included two potential new members, Ron and Fina Jelett. Let's hope we did not scare them off! The weather started out very pleasant, but got rather cold later. What a change from some of the recent hot stuff. Never mind, very pleasant to be able to find out what everyone



Derrick and Julie Cross enjoying the Pizza Night.

has been up to over Christmas and New Year, and who has bought some new wheels. Mike and Arlene are the only owners of a new car that I am aware of.

In what seemed like no time at all, the first batch of Eagle Boys' Pizzas were delivered and we could all tuck in. Pizza delivery lad looked out the front window and started drooling over the cars, particularly the Fords. Obviously the lad has taste! A second batch of Pizzas followed, by which time everyone was looking very contented indeed. So to stop anyone falling asleep, I decided we should have a history lesson.

We all proceeded to the front veranda, where I gave a short account of the history of the Glen Lossie property, founded by John, later Sir John, Cowan in 1881. The property was many years later subdivided by the developers Barrett & Barrett into the Riverglades area and in 1980 led to the

formation of the Riverglades Ratepayers Association to manage the wetlands and represent the interests of local

residents. This group of residents eventually purchased the Riverglades Wetlands from Barrett and Barrett and became known as the Riverglades Community Wetlands Incorporated in 1999. The wetlands is still owned and maintained by this group.

By now it was getting quite cold, so we all tramped back to the back lawn to finish off our meal with the traditional watermelon and pineapple. It was so cold that no one hung around for very long after that, so I was spared the embarrassment of the usual inspection of the DA Dodge restoration progress.

Vicki & I hope everyone had a pleasant evening.

*(A lovely night, thanks to John & Vicki Courtney and a great way to start off a New Year. Thanks, also, to John for this Report – Ed.)*



School's In! John Courtney addresses interested members with his talk on the history of the wetlands in front of his home.

### **AUSTRALIA DAY** **SHOW' N' SHINE (26/1/16)**

We hope everyone enjoyed the run to Walker Flat on January 26th. It was a great day and everyone seemed to be in the right frame of mind to celebrate 'Australia Day'. The Show n'Shine day was organised by the Mid Murray Car Club and was held at Walker Flat.

We left the Clubrooms at 9.30 and had a lovely trip via Mannum, along the River on the Purnong Road and then onto Walker Flat. There were plenty of cars for the enthusiast to have a look at. The weather was great, a little bit warm, but most of us seemed to find a shady spot to set out chairs and tables and relax. Plenty of chat, coffee and lamingtons ....how else could we celebrate the 26<sup>th</sup>? Of course, there was the mandatory sausage sizzle.

Glenn Boerth just happened to be celebrating his birthday, but would not divulge which one???!! We presented Glenn with a token birthday cake - a chocolate donut.

Trevor Jericho won the Mid Murray Car Club Editor's choice trophy - - - good onya! Yvonne Kuchel & Pat Jennings both won a raffle.

There were no breakdowns or dramas. Eric Kuss didn't slip into the River this year!! We had 31 cars and 61 people. Our thanks go to everyone who attended.

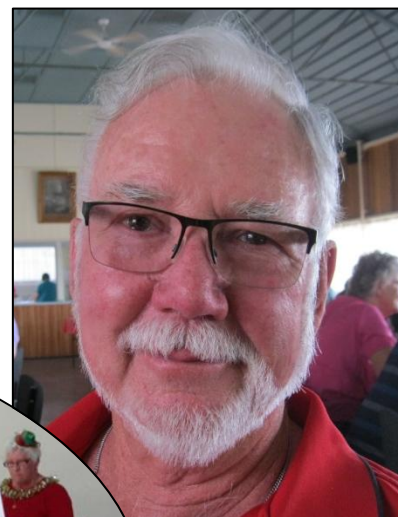
Remember "SHOW THEM DON'T HIDE THEM! See you at the next run

*(Thanks to Howard and Myra for organising this popular Run and to Myra for this report. – Ed.)*

# Christmas Picnic Gallery on following two pages



*Clockwise from top right: Can you spot anything wrong with this photo? (Except for the obvious, that is!) Answer at bottom of page. Jo Van Eck, Kevin Hosgood and Leon Matschoss catch up at the Christmas Picnic. All smiles for the camera, (from left) Muriel Trapnell, Lyn Hunter, June Mabbitt, Les Cowie and Terry Mabbitt. Happy faces of Arlene Chapman, Jill Matschoss and Myra Wright. Musicians (from left) Graham Edwards, Howard Wright, Peter Geue and Jill Matschoss entertain the audience.*



**ANSWER:**

Facial hair is lopsided. A slip with the razor?





Top: "Frozen Green Peas" perform (from left) Elaine Bretag, Lyn West, Jill Matschoss, Aileen Geue, Trevor Jericho and Jeff Martin.

Middle: Graham Edwards shows great affection for Father Christmas whilst Elf No. 1 (Jill Matschoss) and Club members appear to be most amused.

Lucky Raffle Winners (from left) Lorraine Wye, Glenda Wilkins, Pat Jennings and Mike Chapman.

## ROCKER COVER RACERS

*I have been given some information on "Rocker Cover Racers" by Marlene and Alan Hagger, which may be of interest to some of our members. I believe that the article is from the internet and I have reproduced it in the original wording. – Ed.)*

Rules for ROCKER COVER RACERS – herein after called CARS.

The "CAR" should consist of real automobile rocker cover, and be at least 80% of total vehicle

- Nothing will extend beyond front or rear of the rocker cover
- There will be NO form of propulsion
- Cars must have 4 wheels
- Wheels must have non metallic surfaces in contact with the track
- There will be NO moveable (adjustable) weights.

Specifications of "cars"

- 30in – 760mm overall length
- 15in – 380mm overall width (our cars are about 190 to 200 mm wide to fit on our tracks)
- 10in – 255 mm overall height
- 10pnds – 4-5 kgs max weight
- 2in – 50mm max ground clearance
- 6in – 150mm max wheel diameter

The COURSE should consist of

- A launch incline is 8ft – 2.44 mtrs long – followed by a level run of 20ft – 6-10 mtrs (our tracks are 4 sections of 8 feet or 2.44mtrs)
- The launch incline will be 2 feet – 610mm high at the rear, and have 2 lanes each 18in 460mm wide (our track is 295 mm wide)
- The START is 2ft – 610 mm from the top end, use mechanical start/stops gate
- The races should be run in heats until a winner is "found"
- Most Clubs run the best of 3 runs for each heat, including the finals (we have used the Round Robin scoring)
- You may use judges to define winners of the heats and the finals
- The official who chooses the winner possibly should have bodyguards and be whisked away to a safe and secure place immediately he/she declares a winner.

These rules are generally accepted all over the world. They are not hard and fast (but you probably don't need to say that).

Get together and have a lot of fun (BBQ maybe).





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