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	Club Fees	Membership \$35 (including children up to 16 years)	

**** (No change to fees for 2017/18, 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: Richard Lee with his 1961 Chrysler Newport (left hand drive).

Bottom Left: Paul Wade (left) with Kevin Hosgood in the Southern Fleurieu Historic Museum (South Coast Run).

Bottom Right: Rhonda & Dennis Scarman get up close and personal on a uniquely fashioned log seat at the Southern Fleurieu Historic Museum (South Coast Run). *(Thanks to Pat Jennings for this photo – Ed.)*

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
June 18 th (Sunday) (N.B. Change of date)	Military Museum Run	John & Carol Ali
July 4 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
July 9 th (Sunday)	Pub Run	John & Vicki Courtney
July 11 th (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
August 1 st (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
August 6 th (Sunday)	(Proposed) Barossa Run	Maurice Emmerson
September 1 st (Friday)	Drive Your Old Vehicle Day	John & Vicki Courtney
September 5 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
September 13 th (Wed.)	Ladies' Day Run	Brenda & Les Cowie
September 23 rd (Sat.)	Murray Bridge Show	Jeff & Aileen Martin
October 3 rd (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
October 20 th -22 nd (w/end)	Twin Bridges Rally	Rally Committee
October 29 th (Sunday)	Callington Show	To be advised
November 7 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
November 14 th (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
November 18 th (Saturday)	Murray Bridge Pageant	To be advised
November 26 th (Sunday)	Mal Fountain Run	Darren Fountain
December 5 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
December 10 th (Sunday)	Christmas Picnic	To be advised
December 13 th (Wed.)	Cherry Picking Run	To be advised
2018	No General Meeting in January	
January 19 th (Friday)	Pizza Night	John & Vicki Courtney
February 6 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
February 9 th (Friday)	Cruise Night	Swanport Reserve
February 18 th (Sunday)	Sausage Sizzle (Proposed)	To be advised
March 6 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
March 13 th (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.

Other Events of Interest

June 18 th (Sunday)	Sedan Swap Meet	Info in April/May issue
August 20 th (Sunday)	Willunga Swap Meet	Info in April/May issue
September 10 th (Sunday)	Gawler Swap Meet	Info in April/May issue
September 24 th (Sunday)	Bay to Birdwood	Info in April/May issue
October 15 th (Sunday)	Strathalbyn Swap Meet	Info in April/May 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.



65th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

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Incoming President's Report



This is my first President's report so I would like to thank those who have served prior to me, particularly Immediate Past President John and all who contributed in many and various capacities which enabled this club to function successfully in the past year. Also, a sincere thank you goes to those who have accepted the various roles which will enable this club to continue to function successfully, and in a cohesive manner, this year. We all look forward to another great year of enjoying our vehicles and club runs and functions. The friendships and fellowship amongst not only our club members and families, but also with those whom we visit, is a highlight, in my opinion, of the ACCMB. This is the reason our club exists and the ideology behind the founding of the club over 40 years ago.

To enable our club to continue successfully we need ongoing suggestions for future runs and/or destinations. Whilst we have a number of definite club runs planned, as well as some tentative ideas, if you have any thoughts and ideas of possible venues to visit, please let us know or check with Jan Hall, our run co-ordinator.

As most of us know, the upgrading and alteration to the conditional/historic vehicle registration system is close to being legislated, namely July 1st, 2017. Car clubs around South Australia will have options available as to which direction they take in regard to allowing modified vehicles to be registered under Club registration. Whilst there will be some fine tuning and ratification of the code of practice, there is a draft which we will be outlining and discussing at our June meeting. It is proposed to conduct a vote by all members present at the July 4th General meeting regarding this matter.

Be informed-make your vote count-this will be the future direction of our club.

Claude Minge

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:-

- Nathan & Katherine Squires of Murray Bridge.

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

Our latest Provisional Members for 2016/17 are:-

- Robert (Bob) & Brenda Hermsen 1964 EH Holden Sedan
- Ian & Barb Elston 1972 Yamaha TX650 m/cycle
-1987 Honda CBX 1000 m/cycle
-1990 Nissan 3.002 Aus/DE
-1995 Ford XR6 Utility

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

Neil Schubert (Membership Officer).

POSITIONS VACANT

As from May 2018, there will be 2 vacant positions in our Club, namely that of:

EDITOR
and **ASSISTANT EDITOR**

Essential skills include:

- A sense of humour.
- A genuine interest in the ACCMB.
- Being either Male or Female.

Interested Applicants are invited to obtain further information from the current Editor (Lyn West).

If required, there will be a training period for the successful applicant, along with backup and support.

This position is an interesting and rewarding one (even if you know nothing about cars, as has been the case with the current editor).

FROM THE EDITOR

Hi there,

Hello, again, everyone. Half the year has gone already and a few good Club Runs are behind us and there are more to look forward to. Read all about what's coming up and about past events in this edition.

Please give our sponsors' advertisements a second look – there have been a few changes. Some have been revitalised and you will notice that there is space for more advertising now, as we have lost a couple of sponsors. Don't forget to take one of your Club Magazines, or preferably your membership badge, along with you if you deal with any of our sponsors and make it known that you are a member of the ACCMB. It is good for our sponsors to know that our members are supporting them.

You may like to take a look at the article "An Engineer's Engineer" in this edition's "Car Torque (Members' Contributions)" section. It is rather lengthy, but that is mainly because there are a lot of pictures included. We have Roy Bretag to thank for this one. Other contributions from members will be gratefully received and will be included, whenever possible, in future editions.

That's all from me for now.

Good Reading and "Stay tuned" - Lyn.

Please note!

MAGAZINE/WEBSITE 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 ? Also, please send same to our Webmaster, Rhonda Scarman, autocollectorsmb@gmail.com for inclusion on the Club Website. 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 August, October or December meetings. Many thanks for your cooperation – Lyn W.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Goes to **Wayne and Roxanne Rowland** and family, on the sad loss of Wayne's mother, **Betty Rowland**, on 13/5/17.

Also to **Ricky and Neil Kaak** and family, on the passing of Ricky's mother, **Trudie Robat**, on 24/5/17.

To these fellow Club members, we offer our heartfelt condolences.



MOST IMPROVED VEHICLE 2017/18

If you have a vehicle or vehicles under restoration and wish to be in the running for our Perpetual Trophy, please register your vehicle/s NOW. Time is running out.

New members are eligible and more than welcome to enter their vehicle/s.

Please note that this is a Club challenge, for which a trophy will be presented on "Presentation Night, 2018".

There is NO FEE for registering your vehicle/s.

Application forms (and further information, if required) are available from your Membership Officer, Neil Schubert – contact 85 323933.

Historic Registration 2017/2018

You have until the end of the June Meeting to renew your membership otherwise transport SA will be notified you are no longer a Member of the Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge. Shortly afterwards you'll receive a letter from them advising your conditional registration has been cancelled.

Below is a Checklist to Get Your Logbook Endorsed

- ☐ Membership card /receipt
- ☐ Statutory Declaration complete & signed
- ☐ Registration Papers
- ☐ Logbook
- ☐ If New logbook needed \$3 each
- ☐ Stamped self-addressed envelope
- ☐ No Valuables pens or leather covers,
- ☐ Please ensure your Vehicles have been inspected. An inspection date after June 2015 must be sighted in your logbook or your log book will not be processed.

Kindest Regards

Registration Team (Jamie, Kym, and Darren)

NEW Modified Registration System Proposed Vote at July General Meeting

The club Members have a choice to Make,

- A:- We Wish to Leave the System the way it is not Allowing Modifications
- B:- We will include Modified Historic & left hand drive Vehicles onto Our Registration System

Be there to have your say.

The Registration team had a meeting on 30-5-17 it was agreed we Will be Happy To Administer Either system the members vote on.

Thank You

Darren Fountain (Registrar)

Coming Events

NATIONAL MILITARY MUSEUM RUN (18/6/17)

EDINBURGH

- Leave our Clubrooms at 8:45 a.m. sharp.
- Comfort stop and morning tea at Hazelwood Park, Glynburn Road, Burnside.
- A full BBQ lunch at the Museum at a cost of \$10 p.h.
- Tea and coffee and soft drinks at a cost of \$2.
- Cost of entry to the Museum is \$8.00 p.p.

YOU ARE ASSURED OF A GREAT DAY WITH LOTS TO SEE!

PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST AT THE JUNE MEETING OR PHONE JOHN ALI ON 0418 807 576 TO REGISTER YOUR INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE.

PUB LUNCH RUN (9/7/17)

This year we will be going to the Lyndoch Hotel.

- Leave Johnstone Park clubrooms at 9.30
- Stop at Mount Pleasant Oval Clubrooms for smoko. BYO refreshments or visit the bakeries just down the road, but make sure you leave room for lunch!! Members living in the Hills or other locations may wish to meet us here. We will arrive at about 10.30 and leave at about 11.15. Please let us know if this is your intention.
- From Mount Pleasant we will travel to Lyndoch via Williamstown.
- Lunch will commence approximately 12.00 to 12.30.

We have organised a two course meal for \$25.90. The meal we had there recently was very good in quality and quantity, so I am confident we will not be disappointed.

Our choices for Main:-

- Roast of the day (probably Pork). This is cooked on the day.
- Chicken or Beef Schnitzel with Diane or Pepper sauce.
- Grilled, crumbed or battered fish

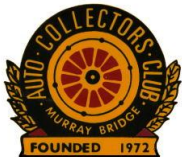
For Dessert:-

- Sticky Date Pudding
- Apple Crumble (also cooked on the day)
- Return home at your leisure.

Please confirm your attendance by adding your names to the sheet at a general meeting at the clubrooms or phone John or Vicki. Please also let us know if you are then unable to attend as the Hotel can be quite popular and it would be unfair on them to have vacant places which could be used by other patrons.

Hope to see you there, it promises to be a really good day.

John & Vicki Courtney, Phone 85 324107



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.



TWIN BRIDGES RALLY

ATTENTION LADIES

While our Rally Sponsors are generous with items for our raffle draws during the weekend, they are predominantly weighted towards men.

If any lady club members would like to make and donate any items suitable for ladies' prizes, they will be most welcome. Small items will be put together as a package. If you have a talent in knitting, crochet, embroidery, quilting or other craft and are willing to contribute something, no matter how small (e.g. a covered coat hanger) it will be gratefully received.

A small amount of donations have already been received. Many thanks to those people for these items.

You may wish to indicate your intentions to donate to the Ladies TBR committee. Listed are their names and phone numbers. **Maureen** (0428 813 070) **Elaine** (0438 425 791) **Ricky** (0434 945 504) You will have from now until the **30th September** to complete and hand your donation to T.B.Rally Committee members, **Maureen**, **Elaine** or **Ricky**. **THANK YOU**

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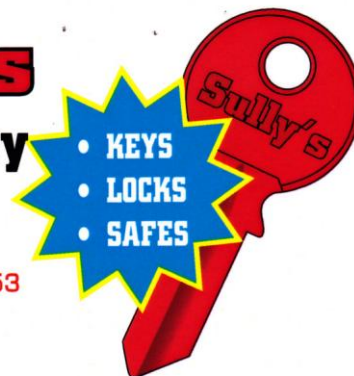
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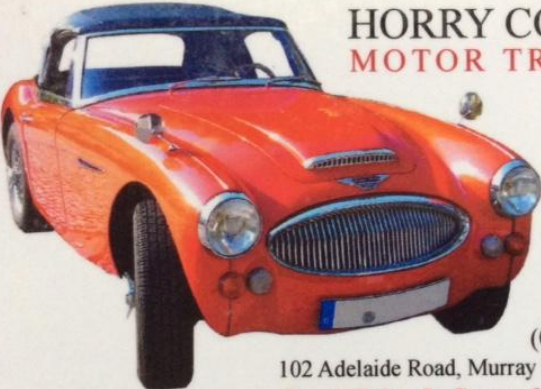
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Run Reports

PINNAROO CAMPOUT (29 & 30/4/17)

14 members from our Club attended and what a great weekend it was!

On Friday night, we went to the Golden Grain Hotel for a fantastic meal. The weather was so mild that everyone sat outside and chatted when we returned to the caravan park.

On Saturday morning, we kept to tradition and visited the Op Shop. It is surprising just what we find each time we go there. Visiting the Bakery is also a tradition – and it was a delicious visit!

At 1:00 p.m., we all gathered together and drove to Parilla, where we looked through the Onion Shed which was operating. Stan Greaves showed us through the plant and explained all about it. Everyone found it very interesting. After that, we drove to another shed, which housed a few tractors, and set up the afternoon tea. Congratulations to our ladies – the spread was delicious and was well received. Well done, and thanks for everyone's help.

On Saturday night, we met up again for the BBQ and general chit-chat with good company. It is always great to catch up with everyone once again. There were 50 people from 4 Clubs taking part.

On Sunday morning, we set up the urn and enjoyed leftovers from Saturday's afternoon tea. Then we threw ourselves into the games, where everyone had a good time, with lots of laughs. Many thanks to Ted, Ruth, June, Terry, Arlene and Mike for organising the games.

Riverland Club won the Conrod Trophy for 2017. 2nd was Murray Mallee, 3rd was Murray Bridge, with Bordertown in 4th place.

At the end of the proceedings, we made our way back to the caravan park to pack up and make our way home.

The Riverland Club is to organise the games and afternoon tea for the Conrod Campout next year (2018). It will be held on the 28th & 29th April, 2018. Hope to see you there, for another fun weekend.

(Thanks to Alan and Marlene Hagger for coordinating this event and for this Report – Ed.)

SOUTH COAST RUN (30/4/17)

What more could a car enthusiast wish for than a leisurely Sunday drive to the Fleurieu area in a classic vehicle? Well, this was the order of the day on April 30th for members and guests of the Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge (ACCMB).

Run organizers for the day, Maureen and Graham Edwards, met the participants at the ACCMB clubrooms, handing out run sheet directions and last minute information before leaving Murray Bridge at 8-45 am sharp. 25 vehicles in convoy filed out of Johnstone Park and headed for Strathalbyn via Callington and Woodchester.

On reaching Strathalbyn's Soldiers Memorial Gardens in Colman Tce, 55 members and guests set up their picnic tables and chairs along the edge of the picturesque Angus River. Following morning tea, Maureen Edwards guided most ladies to the nearby Community Arts & Craft Centre to view and purchase assorted plants and handmade craft items, while the menfolk talked anything "Historical". Then, for most vehicles except for a black Dodge Kingsway sedan, which developed an oil/water leak, it was back into their well maintained and shiny vehicles for a drive through the rolling hillsides of Ashbourne, Tooperang and Currency Creek, before making a detour along the Mt. Compass Road, turning off, along and up Flagstaff Hill Road overlooking the magnificent panoramic views of the South Coast in the distance, through Middleton, Port Elliot and Victor Harbor, and finally arriving at

the Historic Motor Vehicles Club, (HMVC) clubrooms where HMVC members would present a delicious sit down B.B.Q. and dessert lunch.

Run organizer, Graham Edwards, officially welcomed all present, making special mention of guests Sue and Geoff West, Kevin and Shirley Caire, Fran Griffiths and Ellen Holmes, along with newer ACCMB members, Richard, Yvette and Brayden Lee, before thanking HMVC event organizer (Graham Withers), catering officer (Jill Martin) and other MHVC volunteers for the great hospitality shown to ACCMB and guests. Graham Withers responded, while ACCMB Vice President, John Courtney, thanked Maureen and Graham for their organization of the day's run.



The Lunch Scene at the MHVC clubrooms.

Then it was off to the final venue of the day to view the relatively new Southern Fleurieu Historic Museum at Port Elliot (SFHM), a must-see. For most attending the run, this was their first visit to the SFHM and they weren't disappointed with the unique and diverse range of exhibits covering many facets of "History in The Making" across the Southern Fleurieu Peninsula and South Australia.

One of the day's highlights for organizer Graham Edwards was to accidentally meet up with an old Pinnaroo schoolmate, whom he hadn't seen for over 50 years and who was a volunteer and worker at the SFHM.

With the days formalities complete, ACCMB members said their thanks and cheerios to Maureen and Graham before returning to their respective homes, voting the run another outstanding success in the life and times of the ACCMB.

(Many thanks to the Edwards for an enjoyable and popular Club Run, and (of course) for this Report. Thanks to Ricky Kaak for photo. – Ed.)

BIGGEST MORNING TEA RUN (21/5/17)

Members of the Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge met at the home of Terry and June Mabbitt on the morning of Sunday, 21st May, 2017, for a Club Run which supported SA Cancer Council's "Biggest Morning Tea". There were 39 people attending in 21 vehicles (including 4 modern vehicles).

Scones with jam and cream were enjoyed, along with friendly conversation, by all those attending and \$260 was raised for the SA Cancer Council. A big "thank you" goes to everyone for the kind and generous donations to a worthy cause.

Co-organiser, Lyn West, welcomed everyone, including new members, Trevor and Gloria Mundy, who were experiencing their first outing with the Club. They had brought guests from New Zealand with them, Dave and Jerry Rodgers, who enjoyed the hospitality and friendship shown. Also, popular Club members, John and Muriel Trapnell had celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary



Bring on the scones! Terry Mabbitt, Aileen Martin and Vicki Courtney are dedicated "Devonshire Tea" lovers.



RSL President, Merv Schopp, is flanked by Club members Tom West (left) and Eric Kuss.

during the preceding week, so a special congratulatory cheer went up when this was announced.

When everyone had had their fill of morning tea, the group set off for the Murray Bridge RSL, where we were met by its President, Merv Schopp. A warm welcome was extended by Merv, who took us through to the impressive Museum room at the RSL clubrooms. The museum is well laid out and has a vast amount of memorabilia beautifully displayed. Club members spent some time viewing the array of

exhibits in a quiet, reverent manner, which appears to be instinctive in a place of such respect.

Merv was thanked for hosting our visit to the Museum and a small donation to the RSL was handed to him with thanks from the ACCMB.

The Run ended with all those who chose to do so meeting at the Swanport Reserve for a picnic lunch in the lovely sunshine and further convivial chatting. Some of the conversation was rather drowned out at times by a large flock of noisy corellas, wheeling and swooping through the stately gum trees, but they did not intrude for too long and a peaceful scene was once again restored. Vice/President, John Courtney, thanked the organizers of the Run. Members made their own ways home at will during the afternoon.

Many thanks to all involved in this event, which turned out to be an enjoyable day's outing.

(Special thanks from Tom and me goes to Terry and June Mabbitt for the use of their wonderful patio facility for the morning tea. And thanks to Pat Jennings for Morning Tea photo. – Ed.)



At Swanport Reserve (from left) Shirley & Burnie Hoffmann with Gary & Lyn Haebich.

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- 1986 Subaru Vortex 2-door – contact Kevin on 85 322150.

I love this cartoon (right). I think it is about me! There have been so many times I have had to undo my seatbelt and get out of the car in order to reach automatic press-button systems. It is because of my short arms, of course! It has nothing whatsoever to do with me not being able to judge how to position the car near enough to the apparatus! – Ed.



CAR TORQUE (Members' Contributions)

An Engineer's Engineer

This is remarkable!

Anybody who has any sense of the dedication to a job done to the nearest level of perfection, who sees beauty in such purism of craftsmanship, who can appreciate the dedication and love of a person for such an impeccable job, who can relate to the ability of a single person to do what Lou has done after years of dedication, all these people must applaud Mr. Louis Chenot for having accomplished such a task.

A miniature functioning replica 1932 Duesenberg by Louis Chenot



No, it's not a real full-size Duesenberg, but rather a beautifully constructed 35" long working model made in 1/6 scale.

Louis Chenot has spent the past ten years building this incredibly detailed 1932 SJ Duesenberg LaGrande dual-cowl phaeton. Not only does it look good, but the engine runs, the lights work, the top mechanism functions and the transmission and driveline are complete. Lou started his

research on this project over fifty years ago with the purchase of a book and through the following years collected many drawings and studied a number of Duesenbergs while they were being restored, taking photos and recording dimensions.

Here's a shot of the finished car from the side on its specially made display table. The model weighs about 60 pounds.



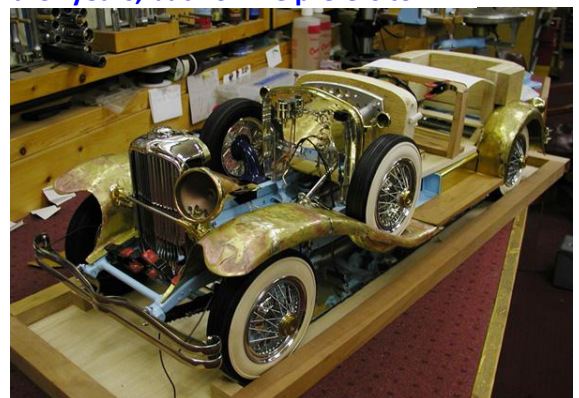
Lou's 40 year career was spent as a mechanical engineer. In the 1960's he spent 7 years restoring a vintage 1930 Cadillac convertible that was on the show circuit for years, but now he prefers to work on smaller projects in the comfort of his home shop.

The bodywork is all metal, not fibreglass. Here is the car in Lou's shop before the brass coachwork was primed or painted. Lou is not adverse to remaking a part that doesn't meet his standards. He started over on the especially difficult brass radiator shell nine times.

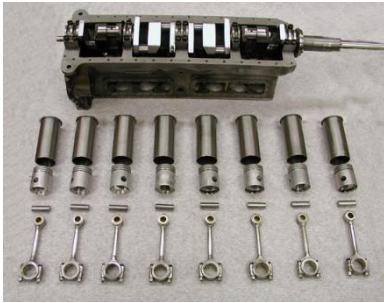


Here is the engine removed from the model and sitting on its test stand. The transmission is in the foreground.

Most running models are built at larger scales like 1/3 or 1/4. Working in the smaller 1/6 scale magnifies the problems caused by miniaturizing certain parts. Remember that these scale parts are 1/6 as long, 1/6 as high and 1/6 as deep as real parts, making them 1/6 x 1/6 x 1/6 or 1/216th the volume of the original

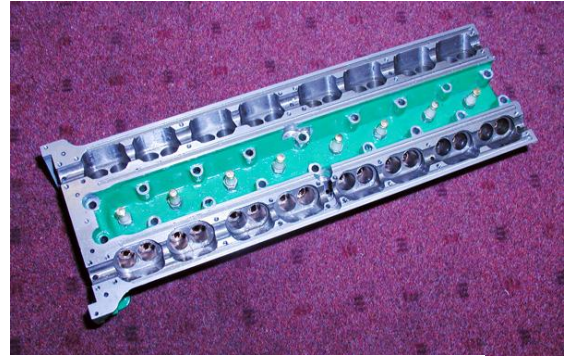


part. By comparison, a 1/3 scale model is 1/27th the volume and a 1/4 scale model is 1/64th the volume. Further complicating the prospect of building a running engine at that size is the fact that fuel molecules and electricity don't scale. It is very difficult to get tiny carburetors and little spark plugs to work like the big ones.

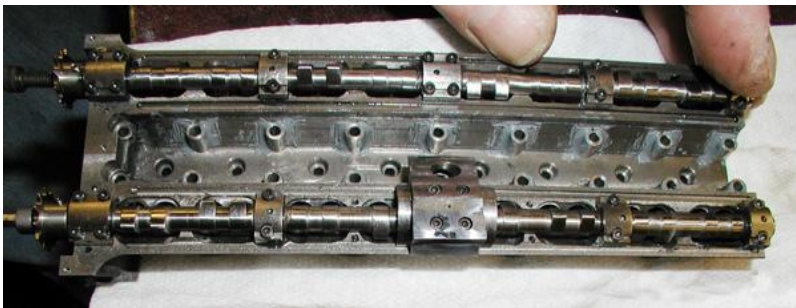


Inside the straight eight engine are all the correct parts custom machined to scale from steel, cast iron and aluminium. Here we see the block and crankshaft at the top. Arrayed below the block are the cast iron cylinder sleeves, pistons, wrist pins and assembled connecting rods.

Even though there would be no way to tell once it is all assembled, the cylinder head shows that Lou didn't cheat. The engine has 4 valves per cylinder--32 totals--just like the real one.



Here is the head (before painting) with the camshafts in place--there are 16 lobes on each shaft. (The apparent curve of the upper shaft is caused by the camera's wide angle lens.)



The gears inside the differential will never be seen by anyone, but Lou cut them as actual hypoid gears like the real one rather than machining simpler bevel gears.



This is the dashboard and interior with the body primed but not yet painted. Note the detailed instruments and engine-turned finish on the dash.



The complicated convertible top mechanism is shown in the lowered position before the canvas top material was installed.



Louis Chenot (Left) and Joe Martin (Right) inspect progress on the chassis and engine at the NAMES show in Detroit in 2007.



Lou was presented with a special Lifetime Achievement award by the craftsmanship museum in 2009. The model was nearing completion but the engine had not yet run. Now that the engine runs and the model is completed, Lou has been selected as the foundation's "Metalworking Craftsman of the Year." The award includes an engraved award medallion and a cheque for \$2000.00 (American). Lou is the 15th person to receive this coveted annual award. Because it is likely that this could well be the finest running model car ever built in this small a scale, Lou's award this year will be presented as the "Craftsman of the Decade."

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