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## ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS 2017/18

|  |  |   |                |
|--|--|---|----------------|
| <b>PATRON</b>                            | Howard Wright  | 1 Washington Tce., MURRAY BRIDGE                    | 85 312658      |
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| <b>ASST EDITOR</b>                       | Tom West   | 55 Verdun Rd., MURRAY BRIDGE                        | 85 326908      |
| <b>COMMITTEE</b>                         | Murray Lutz, Kym Cooper, Jan Hall, Jeff Martin, Bruce Phillips and Maurice Emmerson. |   |                |
| <b>CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT COMMITTEE:</b> | to be formed.  |   |                |
| <b>HALL REPS.</b>                        | Deidre Kitto and Darren Fountain   |   |                |
| <b>FEDERATION REP.</b>                   | John Courtney  | <b>AUDITOR</b>                                      | Sandra Burgess |
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| <b>CLUB HISTORIAN</b>                    | Elaine Bretag  | <b>PUBLIC OFFICER</b>                               | Brenda Cowie   |
|  | 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:** FJ Holden Ute belonging to relatively new members, Trevor and Gloria Mundy. (Picture courtesy of Pat Jennings).

**Other picture:** The pleasant scene at the "Drive Your Old Car Day / Economy Run" on September 1<sup>st</sup>, at Bethany in the Barossa. From left: Vicki Courtney, Betty & Joe Van Eck, Gary Haebich and Howard and Myra Wright – all enjoying the sunshine.

# Calendar of Events

| TE  | EVENT                           | WHO, WHAT, WHERE      |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| October 20 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup><br>(w/end)                 | Twin Bridges Rally              | Rally Committee       |
| October 29 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)                                     | Callington Show                 | Brenda Cowie          |
| November 5 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)                                     | Patron's Run                    | Howard & Myra Wright  |
| November 7 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)                                    | General Meeting                 | Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m. |
| November 14 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)                                   | Committee Meeting               | Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m. |
| November 25 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)<br>(note correction of date)     | Murray Bridge Pageant           | John Courtney         |
| November 26 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)                                    | Mal Fountain Run                | Darren Fountain       |
| December 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Saturday)                                   | Mannum Christmas Pageant        | John Courtney         |
| December 5 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)                                    | General Meeting (GUEST SPEAKER) | Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m. |
| December 10 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)                                    | Christmas Picnic                | A.C.C.M.B. Clubrooms  |
| December 13 <sup>th</sup> (Wed.)<br>(proposed date – to be confirmed) | Cherry Picking Run              | Roy & Elaine Bretag   |
| 2018  | No General Meeting in January   |                       |
| January 19 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)                                     | Pizza Night                     | John & Vicki Courtney |
| February 6 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)                                    | General Meeting                 | Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m. |
| February 9 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)                                     | Cruise Night                    | Swanport Reserve      |
| February 18 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)                                    | Sausage Sizzle (Proposed)       | To be advised         |
| March 6 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)                                       | General Meeting                 | Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m. |
| March 13 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)                                      | Committee Meeting               | Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m. |
| March 24 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)                                     | Presentation Dinner             | To be advised         |
| April 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday)                                       | Annual General Meeting          | Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m. |
| April 10 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)                                      | Committee Meeting               | Clubrooms – 7:00 p.m. |
| April 28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> (w/end)                      | Pinnaroo Campout                | Alan & Marlene Hagger |

## Other Events of Interest

|                                      |                                   |                                     |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| October 15 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)    | Strathalbyn Swap Meet             | Info in April/May issue             |
| November 5 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)    | "Cars and Coffee" (Murray Bridge) | Coles Car Park – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. |
| November 11 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday) | Bordertown Motor Show 2017        | Info in August/September issue      |
| December 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Sunday)    | "Cars and Coffee" (Murray Bridge) | Coles Car Park – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. |

(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.*

## Position/s 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).

# President's Report



October has arrived and that means it is time for the Twin Bridges Rally to be held between 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>. Staged every 2 years this rally is the culmination of many months of planning and hard work by our volunteer committee. They give up their time to make sure the Rally weekend and all the activities and events that it encompasses runs smoothly and efficiently as well as having interesting activities for all participants.

Of course the committee of 6 cannot carry out every aspect of the rally so help is required from all of us as club members to make this event a success; whether it is in helping with parking, setting up the hall, assisting with food or cleaning up – to name just a few; we need your help. So please help make this event a success. The committee of Graham & Maureen Edwards, Roy & Elaine Bretag and Neil & Ricky Kaak will advise us re help required.

Registration of entries to participate in The Twin Bridges Rally are closing now, so please lodge your entry with the committee now. Information re the rally was included in our last (August/September) Auto Torque magazine or visit the club website.

"Spring has sprung, the grass has 'ris, I wonder where the good weather is" (apologies to the author of the original version).

It has been a mixed bag with the weather. Our club run to Kondoparinga Homestead on September 13<sup>th</sup> saw most participants using modern vehicles due to the weather, but it was a great day with most activities inside the homestead. Thanks Brenda for organizing the day. I'm sure you'll give us an overview of the day's events.

The Bay to Birdwood run for classics (1956 – 1981) also had to endure some very windy weather as did The Pedal Prix at Murray Bridge, the local Football Grand Final at Tailem Bend and the Murray Bridge Show. This perhaps sounds a little negative, so to be positive, everyone survived! And let's be positive because the weather will be perfect for the Twin Bridges Rally. See you there!

Claude Minge

## FROM THE EDITOR

Hi there,

Firstly, I will get an apology out of the way. Regarding the ownership of the Martin family's EH Holden, it is shared between the three generations (Jeff, Andrew and Brayden). I apologise for getting the wrong end of the stick and stating in the last Magazine that it belonged solely to Brayden. Thanks, Jeff, for putting it straight at the September General Meeting.

There is a new sponsor in our advertisement pages in this issue. Bridge Auto Spark (auto electrician) has joined the advertising group. Their ad is inside the back cover, so make yourself familiar with it in case you may require such services one day. This means that our ad space is full now, with one possibly on the waiting list, so we are a popular Club, aren't we?!

There is a great article on restoration of a truck in this issue, written by Ben Wye. I encourage everyone to take a look at it as I am sure that readers will enjoy it immensely. I also encourage other members to make a contribution to our "Car Torque" section. I know that there are many stories to be told out there, going begging, and they make such good reading. So, don't be bashful – put pen to paper, or fingers to keys, and entertain us.

Enjoy the Twin Bridges Rally!

That's all from me.

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](mailto:lyntomwest@gmail.com) ? Also, please send same to our Webmaster, Rhonda Scarman, [autocollectorsmb@gmail.com](mailto: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 December, February or April meetings.

Many thanks for your cooperation – Lyn W.

## GUEST SPEAKER AT DECEMBER MEETING

Guest Speaker for General Meeting, 5<sup>th</sup>. December, will be Anthony Pearson, from "Classic and Vintage Bulbs".

They can supply 6 and 12 volt LED and Halogen Bulbs to suit Vintage and Classic Vehicles with original or modified electrics. A full range of 6 volt bulbs, coils, relays and flasher cans available.

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## **Corner Clinic**

Of late, a few of our members have found themselves hospitalized, or at least visiting hospitals or doctors, for treatment, etc.

We wish anyone on the sick list better health in the near future.

## 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.

For those who do not know Steve Coombe, he is a Murray Bridge car enthusiast. He is trying to organise an informal monthly gathering of petrol heads to replace the "coffee and cake" gatherings that used to be associated with the "farmers market", previously held on a Saturday. The new details are shown below, the first one was held on Sunday 3rd. of September. Maybe some of you may find it of interest.

Regards,  
John Courtney



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## THE LATEST ON OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

The Provisional Members of June 2016 who have, in the past 12 months, met with our Club's criteria and are now eligible for Full Membership are:-

- Brett Zastera & Anka Pham of Murray Bridge, and
- Russel & Alison Pope of Nairne.

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

Our newest Provisional Members for 2017 are:-

- |                                    |                                 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| • Anthony (Tony) & Kirsty Pfeiffer | 1970 Ford XW GS Falcon sedan    |
|                                    | 1976 Kawasaki Z 900 Motorcycle. |
| • Suzannah Lambert & Peta Buck     | 1977 Chrysler Charger Coupe     |
|                                    | 1978 Chrysler Charger Coupe     |
|                                    | 1980 Chrysler CM Sedan.         |
| • Ross & Jennifer Wightman         | 1965 Rover 3 litre PS Sedan     |
|                                    | 1950s Land Rover SI Utility     |
|                                    | 1970 Dodge AT4 Traytop.         |
| • Troy Frisby                      | 1971 LC Torana Sedan            |
|                                    | 1946 Chevrolet Sedan.           |
| • Paul & Kathy (+ Jade) Prosser    | 1966 Corvette Convertible       |
|                                    | 1968 Corvette Convertible       |
|                                    | 1969 Corvette Convertible       |
|                                    | 1971 Corvette Convertible       |
|                                    | 1971 Corvette Coupe             |
|                                    | 1982 Corvette Coupe             |
|                                    | 1956 Thunderbird Convertible    |
| • Tony & Susan Brine               | 1962 EJ Holden Standard Sedan.  |
| • Keith Wilkinson                  | 1962 EJ Holden Standard Sedan.  |
| • Matthew Wynne                    | No vehicles                     |
|                                    | 1969 Ford Sedan.                |

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).

## *DEEPEST SYMPATHY*

Goes to **John Andrae** (and family), on the sad loss of his wife, **Dawn**, on 31/8/17.

Also to **Neil and May Schubert** on the passing of Neil's last remaining sister, **Brenda Henschke**, on 3/9/17. (Aged 94 years).

And our sympathies are with **Kirsty and Tony Pfeiffer**. Kirsty's mother, **Eileen Hall**, passed away on 15/8/17.

To these fellow Club members, we offer our sincerest condolences, as we do to any other members who may have experienced the recent loss of a loved one or friend.



# Coming Events



## **ACCMB 7<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL TWIN BRIDGES RALLY**

**20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017**

(Please note change of time from previous years)



Hope to see you there!

Roy Bretag (Rally Coordinator)

Contact: [roy.bretag@bigpond.com](mailto:roy.bretag@bigpond.com) or P.O. Box 2124, MURRAY BRIDGE, 5253.

## **TWIN BRIDGES RALLY**

### **ATTENTION MEMBERS**

As our TBR ladies will have completed wrapping donated goods for the Raffle before the October Auto Torque comes out, **NO MORE** donations will be required. **THANK YOU** to **ALL** members who have contributed articles for the Raffle to be conducted on Friday and Saturday nights.

Interest has also been shown by an interstate rally goer who wanted to donate goods as well. **Thank you Jo** for your involvement, they were great.

**CASSEROLES** for Friday night are still required.

**VOLUNTEERS** are still needed for Meal preparation on Friday, Saturday nights and Sunday lunch.

**SETTING UP & CLEANING UP** volunteers still needed.

If you are not attending the TBR, maybe you would like to give some time to your club and help on the above days.

If you can help please indicate on the sheet in a GREEN folder located on the run table. This will be appreciated by the ladies TBR committee. **Thank YOU**

Thanks, TBR Coordinators & Committee.

## **CALLINGTON SHOW (29/10/17)**

- Please be at the Clubrooms, **ready to LEAVE BY 9:00 a.m.**, as we will not be allowed entry at the Show after 9:30 a.m., when the gates are closed to exhibitors.
- Members coming from the hills, etc., may meet us near the oval gates as has occurred in previous years.
- It is expected that vehicles will remain for the day, i.e. until 4:30 p.m. Anyone needed to leave early, under exceptional circumstances, will need to clear it with the exhibits organiser (Judy Paech) on the day.
- If you will be attending and wish to show your vehicle, please call make sure to include your name/s on the Run Sheet at tonight's General Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017.
- Our Club has been allocated a limited number of tickets, so don't delay.
- Contact Brenda Cowie (85 310151).



### **PATRON' S RUN (5/11/17)**

Leaving clubrooms at 9:00 a.m. and travelling to Cambrai, via Mannum Road and onto Cambrai. We will stop for morning tea (BYO) at the O.S. & P. PARK. Toilets located across the Road from the Park. The RED CROSS SHOP will be open for the Ladies (and Men!) - a great opportunity to browse and buy. We have usually found some great bargains on our previous runs, so bring plenty of the "folding stuff" and enjoy.

We will then travel down the Marne Valley, which has superb gum trees and beautiful scenery. There will be some dirt road, but it is in good condition generally....We are taking the Jag!!.

We will arrive at Wayne & Viktoria John's property at BLACK HILL, to view his wonderful collection of motor bikes (80 in all), aircraft, cars and fire arms. Wayne is described by Viktoria, as the original hoarder, he never throws anything away.

We will have our lunch here (BYO), but Myra is organising hot water, tea/coffee and biscuits.

After lunch and chatting, which we do quite well, we will travel to SHELL HILL RESERVE. For those who have never been there, this is really something to see. Shell Hill is 5 million years old, so is well worth the visit.

We will travel home via Walker Flat, and stop at the store for those who fancy an ice cream, etc.

Trip distance is 181kms approx. with some dirt.

For further information please phone HOWARD & MYRA 0428 155 476.

### **MURRAY BRIDGE PAGEANT (25/11/17)**

The Club has received an entry form for the Murray Bridge Pageant. Anyone who is interested in taking part in this, as a Club event, is asked to register your interest on the Run Sheet at a General Meeting or let our Vice-President, John Courtney, know by contacting him on 85 324107. Vehicles will need to be in our Club's allotted space by 4:30 p.m. on Pageant Day. Numbers are needed as soon as possible if this event is to go ahead.

### **MAL FOUNTAIN RUN (26/11/17)**

- We will LEAVE the Clubrooms at 9:30 a.m. and travel to Tailem Bend for a tour of a few places of interest.
- Then, after morning tea (BYO) we will be heading to Fred's Landing for a relaxing day of fishing or reading book. A quiz and a few small games will decide the winner of the Trophy.
- The Club will provide sausages in bread for lunch. Please bring tables and chairs, drinks, sunscreen and fishing gear if you wish to fish.

A Run Sheet will be available at the October and November General Meetings. Please put your name down for catering purposes or ring me if you will be attending.

More information will be available at the October and November General Meetings.

Hope to see you there

Darren Fountain  
0419 841 119

### **MANNUM CHRISTMAS PAGEANT (2/12/17)**

Come and see Santa at the Mannum Christmas Pageant – starts at 6:30 p.m., Fireworks at 9:30 p.m., show ends at 10:00 p.m. Randell Street, Mannum.

- We can meet at the Clubrooms and travel as a group at approx 5:30 p.m. or you may choose to travel to Mannum independently.
- Fill in the Run Sheet at the October or November General Meeting if you wish to attend, or, alternately, contact John Courtney (85 324107).

## CHRISTMAS PICNIC (10/12/17)

This year, it has been decided to use our Clubrooms at Johnstone Park, Murray Bridge, as a venue for our Christmas Picnic.

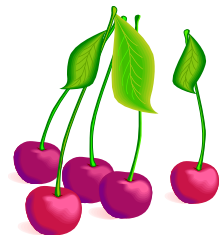
- Arrive at the Clubrooms at 10:00 a.m.
- Members please bring:  
**B.Y.O. morning tea (tea/coffee will be supplied)**  
A generous sized salad to pool for lunch  
A plate of afternoon tea (also to be pooled)  
B.Y.O. plates, cups, cutlery plus chairs & small table in case needed).
- The Club will provide:  
Tea, coffee, milk, sugar and cordial for any children,  
Meat, bread, sauce.
- This year, we have arranged (for those who wish) to visit the Captain's Cottage Museum, at a cost of \$3 per head, between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.
- There will be some entertainment on offer in the afternoon 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.



## CHERRY PICKING RUN (13/12/17)

You are all welcome to join us in Cherry Picking at Stella Creek, Lenswood. Depending on the weather, cherries will ripen within the first two weeks in December, so the date will be advised at the December meeting.

- **Leave** the Clubrooms at **8:30 a.m. SHARP**. Please bring an esky to put your fruit in.
- Arrive at Stella Creek for B.Y.O. morning tea at about 10:30 a.m.
- There will be a deposit of \$5 for your bucket.
- Stella Creek's friendly staff will walk us through to the different varieties of cherry trees.
- Lunch will be at the Hotel Oakbank.
- Return home at your leisure.



Do come along and join us.

Enquiries: Roy and Elaine Bretag (85 325791).

### CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

#### August Meeting

##### **Sale:**

- 1971 Mercedes 3505L soft top (Derrick 0407144696).

*At right, is a copy of the letter I received from the Cancer Council SA, acknowledging our donation of \$260, collected at our Biggest Morning Tea Run earlier in the year. Many thanks to all who were involved. – Ed.*



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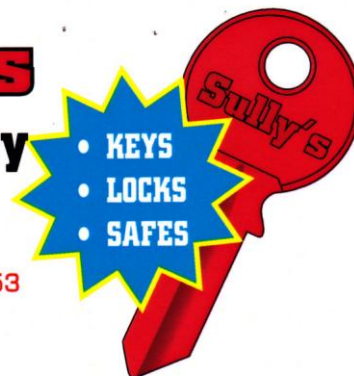
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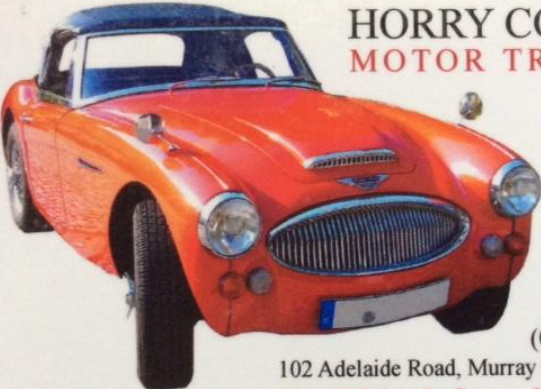
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# Run Reports

## COONALPYN RUN (6/8/17)

We met at Johnston Park in beautiful weather with everyone chatting and enjoying the sunshine. At 9.40am all who had committed were there, so we travelled via Bridge Street, over the old Murray Bridge to Dukes Highway, bound for Tailem Bend's 'Tin Elephant'.

On arrival at the 'Tin Elephant' we met up with Ted who cordially invited us to have morning tea in his shed. The 'Tin Elephant' was well worth a look. There were all sorts of second hand wares, including car parts for sale. It sure bought back some memories and a couple of us made a purchase to treasure.



Aileen & Peter Geue in front of the "Tin Elephant".

Morning Tea in Ted's shed was an eye opener. His display of woodwork and art shows that he is certainly a talented fellow. 'Thanks Ted'. I wish Ted all the luck in his pursuit for a naked female model for his proposed next canvas!



Still bright sunshine and all looking good, so we ventured on to Coonalpyn. Unfortunately, on arrival the wind and rain set in. We parked in the Parking Bay adjacent to the Silos which also had under cover seating. The art work embossed on the Silos is very impressive and depicts local children - absolutely skilful design.

Despite the deteriorating weather, most of us could not resist trying the famous Waffles. We huddled under an awning trying to keep dry, almost getting blown away, waiting for our lunch. I can recommend Claudia's Waffles and Jaffles.

We were unable to visit the Snail Farm firstly due to the wind having ripped through a canvas

awning, which was means of protection, on the previous night and, secondly, the weather had turned really nasty.

After eating lunch in our cars, we ventured home. The weather aside, it was well worth the trip.

*A big "Thank You" goes to Jan Hall for organising her first Club Run and for writing up this Report. – Ed.*



Lyn West, Glenda Wilkins and Jan Hall trying to keep warm and dry at the Waffle Shop.

## **DRIVE YOUR OLD VEHICLE DAY / ECONOMY RUN (1/12/17)**

The first day of spring. But when we arrived at the clubrooms to start the run, it certainly did not feel like it. It was fine enough, but the wind was bitterly cold. However, on the run to Mount Pleasant, the sun came out and it all became quite enjoyable, well, at least in the cars. On arrival at Mount Pleasant, the wind had dropped off, so smoko under the showgrounds covered area was still very comfortable. Then we had a couple of showers of rain. Someone mentioned that it always rains at Mount Pleasant. It certainly seems to.

Soon enough it was time to depart. The route I had chosen was a very pretty little drive to Menglers Hill, along some roads that I felt most would not have seen before. However, most took off before me and I was very worried that they would miss the planned turnoff, as it was difficult to see. My concern was justified, as I soon saw all the vehicles in front of me disappearing up the road, in the wrong direction, with nothing that I could do to bring them back. There were still three cars behind me, so we turned off down the correct route and completed the very scenic drive to Menglers hill, all the time wondering where the others were.

The view from Menglers Hill was spectacular in what was now rapidly improving weather. Eventually everyone else, in dribs and drabs, caught up with us there. It was soon time to leave for Bethany, however, so I explained the route, and off we went.

On arrival at the Bethany reserve, we were directed to our allotted area by the Gawler Club, but we then realised that half of our mob were missing again! Vicki went off to wait for them at the entrance, while I waited part of the way into the reserve to add further directions. After a while they all arrived safely, but from the wrong direction! Yes, they had turned off the Light Pass Road instead of continuing along it. I contemplated that I had not had such success in leading a run since I had lost ALL those in the group I was supposed to be leading in a Twin Bridges Rally a few years ago. Not my finest hour!!!

So it was now time to sit down to enjoy lunch and the company in what was now excellent weather. In fact it was now so warm and calm that many sought out the shade of some of the trees, as it was nearly too warm. And all around, we were treated to a wonderful display of vehicles. Someone described it as a "mini Bay to Birdwood", which was not far wrong, just like wandering around the cars at Birdwood after the run.

Members from the Strathalbyn club were there, as were the Mallee Club, the Barossa Club and of course the Gawler club, who have been successfully organising this event for years. Probably other clubs were there as well, and certainly lots of individuals. It all added up to a very varied and interesting collection of vehicles, not to mention the number of friends and acquaintances from other clubs to chat to while viewing them all. In all, 18 of our club vehicles attended, but all too soon it was time to return home and the crowd had thinned considerably by the time we left.

I must also mention that there was also a competition held for our members for the "Paul Kruger Economy Run Trophy". The aim was to estimate the fuel consumption of the Courtney's Fairmont for the day. However, in the event that more than one person arrived at the same correct fuel consumption figure, I had provided a jar of buttons, so that everyone could guess the number it contained, to act as a "Tie Breaker". I need not have bothered, as there were no duplicate estimates, so the tie breaker was not required. For interest though, the jar held 196 buttons. Also for interest, the Fairmont returned 20.2 Mpg. So who won? You will just have to come to the Presentation Night to find out.

*(Many thanks to John & Vicki Courtney for organising this enjoyable Club Run and for this report – Ed.)*



## **LADIES' DAY RUN (13/9/17)**

We all gathered at the Clubrooms in threatening weather and, just as we were about to get into our vehicles, it poured! When Mother Nature got that out of her system, we left in weak sunshine.

Morning Tea break was at Langhorne Creek Reserve, which had been flooded not so long ago. We managed to find enough high ground for our convoy and, apart from the chilly wind, it was comfortable in the sun.

From there, we drove to Strathalbyn, wending our way through the streets without losing anyone. It's quite a pretty drive from Strath to Ashbourne and even prettier from Ashbourne to Kondoparinga. The last 1 km was dirt, with quite a lot of potholes, but we all arrived safely.

Our hostess, Sandra, was ready for us and we were seated quickly. Most proceeded to order drinks before lunch. Lunch was steaming hot roast with all the trimmings, followed by very nice home-made dessert.

Sandra then gave us a very extensive talk on the history of Kondoparinga, dating back to the late 1800s. Sandra and her family are the latest owners of the property and they also have a love of equestrian events, travelling overseas for many dressage shows, riding side-saddle in some original costumes. The family has won many ribbons and prizes for these events. They have an extensive collection of saddles, etc., including one previously owned by Princess Diana.

We could follow on a guided tour or wander around on our own, but most opted for the tour. The eclectic collections in the house have to be seen to be believed. There is a whole room downstairs with a collection of period costumes of all types. Some dresses are so heavy, it makes you realise why the ladies of the day didn't do much.

Over the years, previous owners had replaced the leadlight in the windows and doors with plain glass, so Sandra did a crash course in leadlighting and has very expertly made all the doors and windows beautiful again.

There was so much to see, and so much history, it was hard to take it all in. It was well worth the visit and I think all members were pleased with their trip.

As usual, we proceeded home at our leisure.

*(Our Club has Brenda & Les Cowie to thank for organising this popular Run. Thanks, too, Brenda, for the Report – Ed.)*

## **MURRAY BRIDGE SHOW (23/9/17)**

On a calm, sunny morning eight members of the Club presented their vehicles to the public at the Murray Bridge Showgrounds on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. My thanks go to all those members, especially for the help they gave me in the set up and in getting all details of their vehicle written up for the grand parade. Unfortunately the weather took a turn for the worse about mid-morning and this time (in Howard's absence) rain stayed away, but the wind picked up to severe and this caused cancellation to a number of presentations, including the Grand Parade. We were all ready to go, but the majority of the other participants opted to cancel because of the conditions so it was called off about 45 minutes before starting time. I am sure all those attending from the Club enjoyed the day out and my thanks go once again to all who assisted in any way.

*(Much appreciation goes to Jeff Martin for arranging our Club's involvement in the local Murray Bridge Show – and, of course, for supplying this report – Ed.)*

## **CAR TORQUE** (Members' Contributions)

### **RESTORATION OF A 1953 PGM TRUCK**

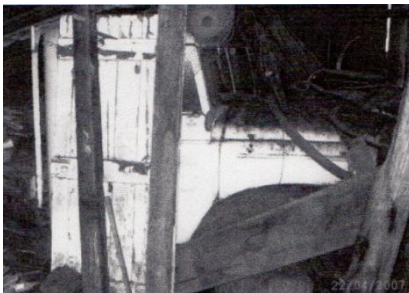
At a Club meeting, back in 2006, Bob Weidenhofer invited someone to go with him to appraise old equipment on Lincoln Woodcock's Ambleside property which Lincoln wished to donate to the Club. I pricked up my ears when he mentioned an old Morris truck he wished to sell as well. I was not interested in purchasing the truck, but just interested to see if it was the same model as we used to have.

Arriving at Lincoln's property, we were led to a small old shed, with the bottom of the door buried in dirt and grass, which had not been opened for 35 years. We were able to dig our way in through the access door to find some sort of vehicle covered in old doors, pipes, timber and the

usual junk that one accumulates over 35 years. Lincoln says to me, "Do you want it?"

I say, "Want what?" Lincoln says, "The

truck!" I say, "What truck?" So he starts removing the old doors and timber, etc., and there it is! The ugliest, rustiest, dustiest and most disgusting Morris I have ever seen – absolute sacrilege! This should never happen to a Morris!



On closer inspection, it was worse than I thought. The cab was one of those mongrels that ETSA and PMG widened out to accommodate an extra passenger.

We finally dug the dirt and grass from the front door to get it open, so we could see the front of the truck. It looked like a sad, old dog about to die. I have always had a soft spot for old dogs, so guess what?

After some quiet negotiation with the powers that be, I called my old mate, Forest, to load it on his truck to bring it home. So we pumped up the tyres and towed it out with the Furgy, down this narrow alley between the sheds, and hooked it up to tow it backwards onto the truck, Forest winching and me steering. As we got to the top of the ramps, the hook comes undone. Went between the shed at 40 miles per hour and travelled 50 metres before stopping – no brakes. Once again, we hook on the Furgy!



Arriving home to the powers that be, standing with hands on the hips, I hear "What do you think you are going to do with that heap of rusty junk? If you think you're shifting the caravan out of the shed to put that heap of junk in its place, you can build a carport for the van right now!" "Yes dear".



Drew up the plans for the carport and sent it to the Council. Now, the truck!

After some research, I found this truck was used by the PMG as a line vehicle. It is a six cylinder overhead valve, 4.4 litre NVS 12/3, 2-3 ton, last registered in 1972 and stored in the shed for 35 years. (I purchased it in February 2007 and completed the restoration on 24/12/08.)

The engine won't turn, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> cylinders rusted and seized in the block, so removed the engine for rebuild. Re-sleeved the two cylinders and honed the others, which were in good order, cut and

ground the valves, (everything else seemed OK), completely dismantled and cleaned, a coat of paint and reassembled. Then stood it aside to refit later.

Now the body. Bad rust in roof turret, covered by a sheet of galvanized iron and pop riveted, so cut the turret off and reformed 1.6 sheet and welded it in. Not an easy task.



The front guards were badly rusted and out of alignment so cutting and welding in new material was needed. To pull the dents out and realign them, I put chocks under the wheels, welded a bracket to the dent in the guard and used a cable and turn buckle tied to the shed post. It worked a treat! All this work was done with the minimum of suitable tools, no real panel beating tools at all, just a ball pane hammer and a nice smooth river rock, so a lot of welding, grinding and filling

which took a lot of ingenuity and time.

I intended to rebuild the timber tray, but, as I started work on it, it was completely rotten and full of worm holes. Luckily, I found a tray of the very same vintage in good order, which I was able to cut and shut to fit the chassis.



The brake shoes had plenty of meat left on them, but I thought it best to re-sleeve the wheel cylinders and the master cylinder. The booster was not working, so I fitted a new kit, which was, luckily, still available.

As it can't be fully loaded now, I removed two leaves out of each rear spring to give a better ride, and I am pleased I did.

With the major problems fixed, as we all know, the finishing of all the little things – brake lines, wiring, lights, generator, glass refitting, mudflaps, towbar, etc., seem to take forever, but I finally got it done.

With the tray fitted and most of the assembly completed, it was time to rub down and prepare for the paint. Some of the paintwork I thought was good enough to just rub down and repaint. Not a good idea! I have been disappointed that I did not remove the paint from these areas. One day I shall do it again.



I never intended to bring this truck up to anything more than the way it was delivered from the dealer's yard. As the cab was fitted specially for PMG, there was nothing flash about the way it was finished off. Some of the timber in the cab still has the saw marks showing, not even planed off, that is the way they were, so I tried to restore it to that same level.

The restoration was finished on the 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2008,

almost 2 years from the starting date. 95% of the work I did myself. It was only the machining of the engine and the brakes that I had done by the qualified people outside. Although it took a





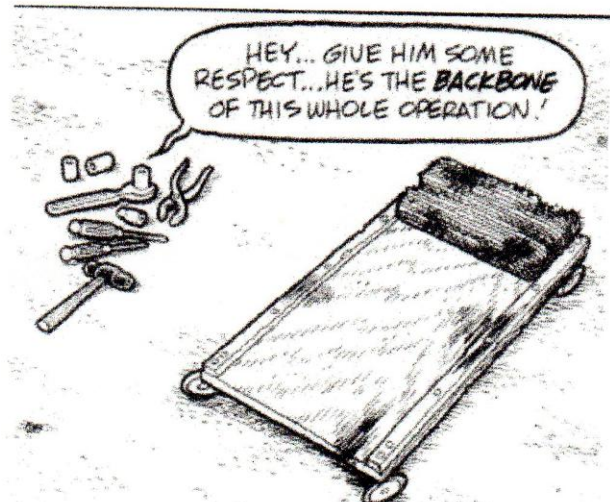
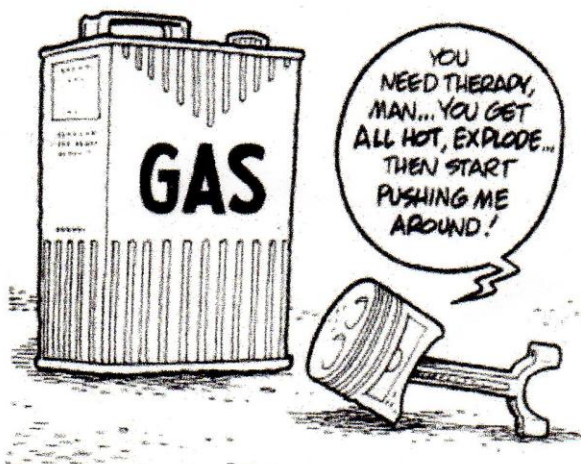
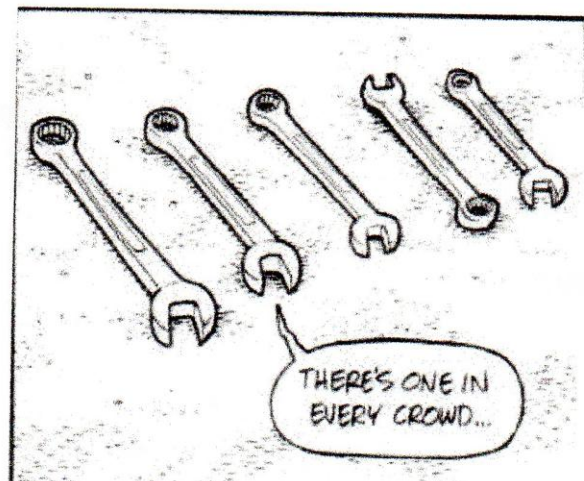
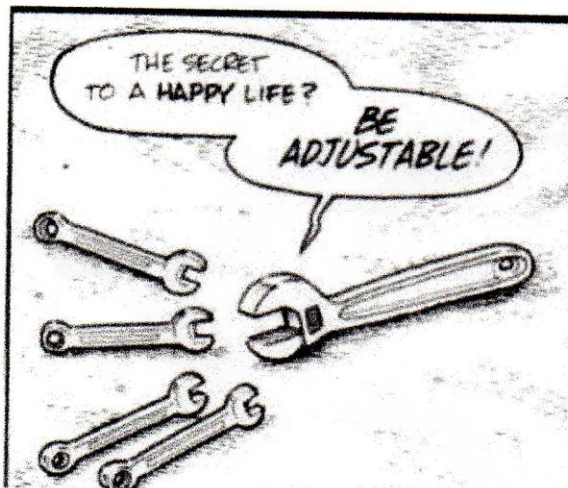
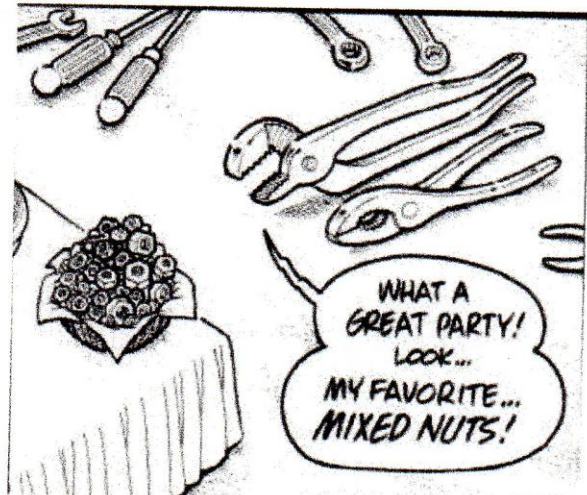
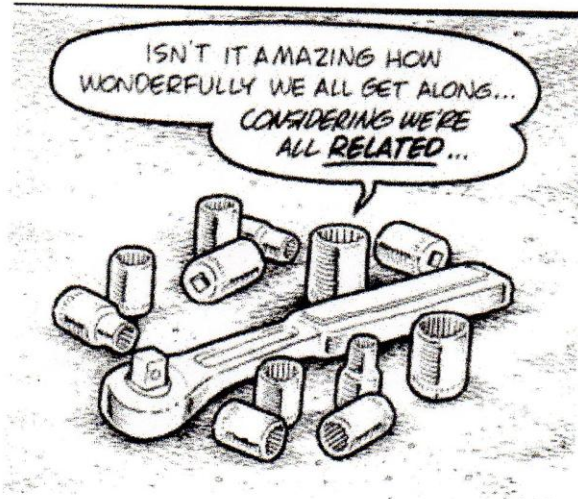
long time to restore, I found it very interesting and satisfying and enjoyed the whole project.

The Council approval for the carport has been approved, so now, on with the carport.

(We have Ben Wye to thank for this most entertaining story of restoration, with accompanying pictures – Ed.)

## A little humour for the mechanical kind of person.

(Thanks to Vernon Graetz for this – Ed.)





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