



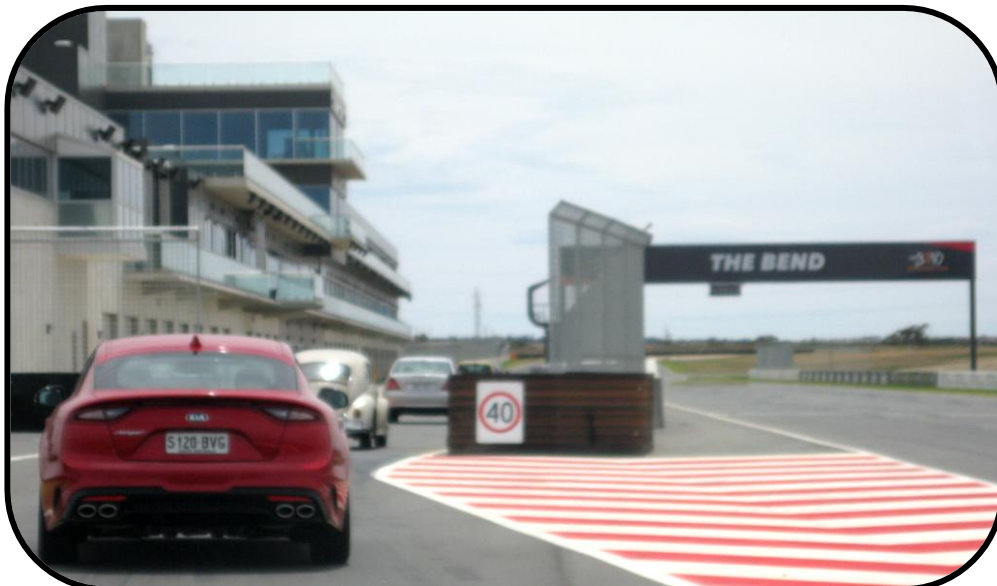
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****(No change to fees for 2018/19, making membership in our Club most cost effective)****

ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE RELEVANT OFFICER

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

Also – drinking Mugs with Club insignia - \$7 each.

OUR COVER PICTURES:

Scenes from the visit to “The Bend” Motorsport Park on 19/11/18.

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
December 5 th (Wednesday)	Cherry Picking Run (cherries and weather permitting)	Roy & Elaine Bretag
December 9 th (Sunday)	Christmas Picnic	ACCMB Committee
2019	No General Meeting held in January	
January 18 th (Friday)	Pizza Night	John & Vicki Courtney
February 5 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
February 15 th (Friday)	Cruise Night	Graham & Maureen Edwards
March 5 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
March 12 th (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
April 2 nd (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
April 7 th (Sunday)	Hills Run (proposed)	John and Vicki Courtney
April 26 th to 28 th (w/end)	Pinnaroo Campout	Alan & Marlene Hagger
June (Saturday) (date to be decided)	Presentation Dinner	To be advised
July 3 rd (Tuesday)	Annual General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.

Other Events of Interest

December 28 th to 31 st	Holden Nationals (MB Racecourse)	See President's Report
January 5 th (Saturday)	Toys, Models & Collectables Market	Victor Harbor (info this issue)
January 6 th (Sunday)	"Cars and Coffee" (Murray Bridge)	Coles Car Park – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.
January 25 th to 28 th	"Rural Roundup" Aust Day Tour	Mt Gambier (info this issue)
February 3 rd (Sunday)	"Cars and Coffee" (Murray Bridge)	Coles Car Park – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.
February 17 th (Sunday)	All American Day Car Show	Info this issue
March 3 rd (Sunday)	"Cars and Coffee" (Murray Bridge)	Coles Car Park – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.
March 9 th /10 th (w/end)	Power of the Past (Mt Barker Oval)	Info this issue

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

PROCEDURES FOR ORGANIZING CLUB RUNS

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

Golden Weddings!



To

ELAINE AND ROY BRETAG

who will celebrate their

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

on 14/12/18.

And to

LYN AND GARY HAEBICH

Celebrating their

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

on 18/1/19.

Congratulations!



To

AILEEN MARTIN

who celebrated her

80TH BIRTHDAY

on 10/8/18.

President's Report



It has been a very hectic few weeks and of course the next few weeks leading up to Christmas will be the same, although slightly varied.

As a club, we still have our annual cherry picking day with Roy and Elaine on December 5th (subject to weather conditions) and our Christmas party on the 9th.

If you need more in the world of cars, you can go along to the FX-FJ Holden Nationals which will be held from the 28th to 31st December at the Murray Bridge Racecourse. Saturday is their "Show and Shine".

Murray Bridge Racecourse is a great venue for such an event-with a good undercover area and trees for shade. It should be an interesting event, particularly for those into Holdens.

Murray Bridge held the Model A Ford Rally in October and has the National Historic Machinery Association Rally in March 2019.

These events can all build and add to Murray Bridge being recognised as a prime location for such events. If these events are well organised and successful, it can lead to bigger and better events for our town in the future. We are in a great location for interstate visitors - whilst here they can visit "The Bend" or the National Motor Museum at Birdwood. We have untapped potential!

A big "thank you" to Pieter Kriel who has taken on the role of our club webmaster. There will be a transitional period as Peter settles into the routine of maintaining our website, but I am certain Pieter will have our website "up and running" very soon.

A reminder that there is **NO CLUB MEETING** in January. Our next club meeting is February 5th 2019.

Also, there will be an open-air screening of the movie, "Grease" at Sturt Reserve on Friday 4th January 2019. Members are invited to assemble their cars at "Sturts" between 7:00pm to 9:00pm to create atmosphere for the evening. Celebrating 40 years since it was first produced, the movie will begin at approximately 9:00pm.

Remember pizza night at John and Vicki Courtney's home on January 19th - for catering purposes please let them know if you are attending.

Finally, on behalf of Liz and myself, I would like to wish everyone best wishes for a happy, healthy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Claude.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our members were shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of fellow Club Member, **Rhonda Scarman**, on 1/10/18. Heartfelt sympathy goes to **Dennis** and their family members.

Rhonda was a very active member of the ACCMB, having initiated and managed the Club website since 2014, which she accomplished with a lot of hard work, determination and good humour.

Rhonda will be fondly remembered and missed by all, not only for her enormous contribution to our Club, but for her dedication to others, her generosity of spirit and her warm and friendly manner. A truly lovely lady.

Cherish all those good memories.

Club members extend sincere condolences to any other members who may have experienced the recent loss of a family member or friend.



THE LATEST ON OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Provisional Members who have met the Club criteria and are now eligible for full membership are:

- Martyn Purchase and Marta Chandler
- Peter and Meg Stephens
- Colin and Raelene Wegener

Congratulations to you all.

Our newest Provisional Members for 2018 are:-

- Stephanie Pfeiffer 1974 LH Torana Sedan (restored)
1981 Toyota Cressida (original)
- Ray and Lorraine Carpenter 1967 Valiant VC Sedan (good).

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.

Trevor Wehrman (Membership Officer).

FROM THE EDITOR

Hi there,

“Where has the year gone?” I hear you say. Well, I don’t know the answer to that because I am asking myself the same question! Why does time seem to go faster as we age? Could it be because we get slower? Nah! Can’t believe that! Most retirees seem to rev up their pace if I’m being honest. Still, it IS December and this year is almost history!

Our Club has been in operation for a considerable number of years (founded in 1972?) but, as with most retirees, it is still functioning at an enviable pace. Over this last 12 months, the Club has presented much to its members – an abundance of Club Runs which offered variety and interest, lots of new members joining and provisional members reaching full membership, visits by other like-minded clubs, Guest Speakers at General Meetings, necessary changes to our Constitution and we’ve been kept informed of any changes made by, or information from, the Federation, etc., etc. We, as members, are indeed fortunate to have the industrious band of office bearers and committee members (plus others) who use their time, energy, talents and skills, to offer all these advantages to us. And, of course, the camaraderie between members is pretty special, too!

But, this year hasn’t finished yet and there’s still more on offer. Read all about what’s coming up in this edition, along with reports on past events.

Lastly, Tom and I wish everyone in the Club a most joyous Festive Season. May you all enjoy Christmas and the New Year with your family and/or friends. Keep well, and safe.

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, Pieter Kriel, 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 next Newsletter, articles should reach the Editor **AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR** to the February meeting.

Many thanks for your cooperation – Lyn W.



MEMBERS



PLEASE SERIOUSLY CONSIDER the FUTURE of the well renowned TWIN BRIDGES RALLY beyond 2019

Twin Bridges Rally (TBR) Coordinators, Maureen, Graham, Elaine, Roy, Treasurer & Committee, Ricky & Neil have indicated to the ACCMB Committee (ACCMB committee fully agreed with the training of new blood) of their intentions to STEP DOWN from their respective roles **after the 8th Biennial 2019 TBR** — having then served this role for 6 yrs as co-ordinators, and 4 years as TBR Treasurer & committee.

They feel that it is now time for the **training of new people** for the future, so as to ensure that the TBR continues on into the future & ensuring new ideas by **NEW** people will add colour, variance & contrast to any future events.

Anyone interested would serve with the present coordinators & committee for the next 12 months, right up to and including the 2019 TBR on OCTOBER 18th-19th-20th .

PLEASE CONSIDER SERIOUSLY joining his GREAT team for a well tried and proven event, so that the TBR commenced by Brenda, LATE Les, June, Terry, Lyn & Bob some 14 years ago will **LIVE** on.

Should there be no volunteers forthcoming, 2019 TBR would more than likely be the LAST.

Do we as the ACCMB with some 300 members really want that?????

For further information contact Maureen, Graham, Elaine, Roy, Ricky, Neil or President Claude and arrange a time to sit down and discuss with us what's involved in staging this well known TBR.

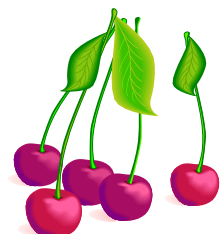
COMING EVENTS!

CHERRY PICKING RUN (5/12/18)

(Mid-week Run – Wednesday)

- LEAVE the Clubrooms at 9:00 a.m.
- B.Y.O. morning tea and lunch. Also, bring your tables and chairs and an esky to put your cherries in.
- We will arrive at Stella Creek at approx. 10:30 a.m. for morning tea.
- Following morning tea, we will proceed to the shed, pay the \$5 entry fee and pick up a bucket. One of the friendly Stella Creek staff will show us where the best, ripe cherries are.
- When you have picked enough cherries, return to the shed and pay for what you have picked.
- We can then enjoy our picnic lunch in the shade of the large pine trees which overlook a very picturesque valley.
- Early afternoon, return home at your leisure.

Enquiries to Roy or Elaine Bretag (0438425791).



CHRISTMAS PICNIC (9/12/18)

Because of a favourable reaction last year, we will again be using 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.
- The Club will provide:
Tea, coffee, milk, sugar and cordial for any children,
meat, bread, sauce.
- This year, at approx. 11:00 a.m., we have arranged for those who are interested to pay a visit to the headquarters of the Murray Bridge Players and Singers Assoc., in Short Street (back of the Adelaide Road cemetery). A donation of \$2 per person is requested. Prior to the visit, a representative from the Players and Singers will visit our Clubrooms and give a short address on the development of the premises at Short St., so that visitors will understand better just what they are viewing when they visit.
- 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 Secretary if you will be attending.



PIZZA NIGHT (18/1/19)

It's on again. Even if it is hot, there has always been enough shade and usually cools down very nicely, so we won't cancel this event. She'll be right!!!

Remember, this is a Friday night event

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

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

- Pizza and Water Melon & Pineapple supplied
- Cost :- \$5.00 per person
- Bring :- Chairs, Drinks, Mosquito Repellent

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

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

MYSTERY CRUISE NIGHT (15-2-19)

**** Please** assemble at the Johnstone Park Community Clubrooms from 4-30 pm onwards.

**** Leave** at 5-00 pm for mystery cruise (**any members unable to leave at 5pm should contact Maureen or Graham for further directions to the venue**)

**** BYO everything** – ie. Chairs, table, eats & drinks.

**** Cruise distance** – Approx 25 kms. (**This is so that members with older vehicles can feel free to dust them off and give them an airing for a short outing**)

**** All Bitumen** roads.

For any further information **CONTACT, Maureen or Graham Edwards.**

Phone, 85321175 or 0428813070 prior to the event

***** Please put your name on the run sheet at December and February Meetings *****

PINNAROO CAMPOUT (ADVANCE NOTICE)

(APRIL 27TH & 28TH, 2019)

Next year, we will be celebrating our 40TH YEAR with the **CONROD CAMPOUT**, so come along, join in the Fun & Games, catch up with old friends and meet new ones during the weekend.

It is a special milestone for the CAMPOUT, so remember to pre-book your accommodation.

Pinnaroo Caravan Park: Mallee Highway, Pinnaroo SA 5304
Ph: 08 85778618 Mobile: 0430465304

Pinnaroo Motel: 10-12 Mallee Highway, Pinnaroo SA 5304
Ph: 08 85778261

Golden Grain Hotel: Railway Terrace, Pinnaroo SA 5304
Ph: 08 85778009

Pinnaroo Hotel: 22 Railway Terrace, Pinnaroo SA 5304
Ph: 08 85778007

Friday, 26th April: Head to Parilla for tea at Parilla Hotel – music, beer garden and fire. Stay opposite the hotel. There are toilets and hot shower facilities, but no power.

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Contact: Alan and Marlene Hagger: 85 354077.

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October Meeting

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November Meeting

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- 4 Holden mags with good tyres. 85 326024. \$100 (*not clear if it is for each or the lot – Ed.*)



8th BIENNIAL TWIN BRIDGES RALLY 2019

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For Further Information CONTACT

Graham / Maureen Edwards —0428813070

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Ricky / Neil Kaak — 0434945504 (R) & 0455975055 (N)

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- “RURAL ROUNDUP” AUSTRALIA DAY TOUR : Friday 25th to Monday 28th January, 2019. Hosted by the Mount Gambier Veteran & Vintage Car Club Inc. **Entries close Monday 14th January, 2019.** Entry form and info available from our Club Secretary or contact MGVVCC Tour Committee members – Peter Roulstone (Sec) (0410424990) or Margrett English (0417416637).
- ALL AMERICAN DAY CAR SHOW : Sunday 17/2/19 : Tilley Reserve, Hancock Rd., SURREY DOWNS. Public welcome from 10:00 a.m.; adults \$7.00, kids u/14 free. All enquiries to Adrian (08 8264 9556).
- POWER OF THE PAST : March 9th & 10th, 2019, Mt. Barker Oval, Alexandrina Rd., Mt. Barker. Working displays, food, arts & craft, children’s activities, special interest stalls, Sunday morning Swap Meet. Gates open : Saturday 10am to 5pm; Sunday 7am to 3pm. Further info, contact Peter Templer (0417081502) or pop@ahmrc.com.au.

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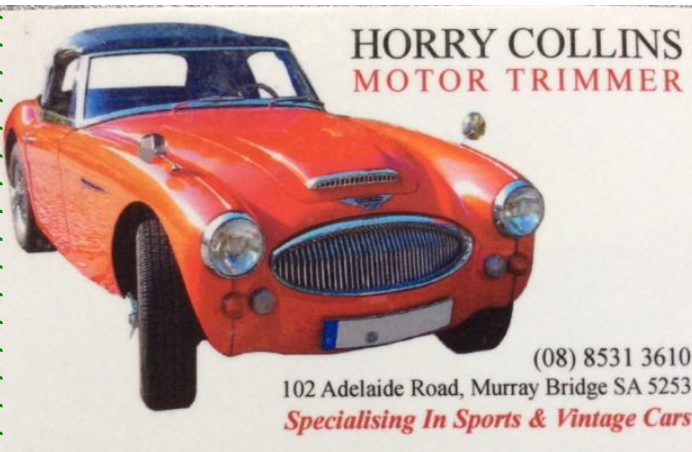
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Run Reports

WELLINGTON STRAWBERRY FETE RUN (30/9/18)

The sun was shining, but a cool breeze was blowing as we gathered at Johnstone Park prior to the Run. Lots of chit-chat and general well-being was being enjoyed before the run organiser (Lyn West) called everyone together with a welcome and a rundown on the intended route. 14 cars (1 modern) and 30 people moved out and headed for Wellington. Our route took us along Flagstaff Road (which runs between Jervois Road and the Wellington/Langhorne Creek roads). It is quite a pleasant drive, especially through the undulating, pasture country with yellow wattle giving us a roadside “guard of honour”. It seems that every time we attend the Wellington Strawberry Fete, someone in our group makes mention of never having been along Flagstaff Road before, despite living in the district for decades, and this time was no exception.

We arrived at about 10:00 a.m. and, as is usual, the organisers of the Strawberry Fete were ready for us, with a section of grassed area earmarked for our vehicles. Club member, Ross Wightman, was already there with his vehicle parked. Ross was wearing two hats on the day – one as a Club member with a vehicle in the static display and the other as an official at the Strawberry Fete. Ross very efficiently assisted with the parking of our vehicles. We were also joined by Tony and Kirsty Pfeiffer, with Tony’s sister, Stephanie, fairly soon after.

The fete was in full swing and everyone did his or her own thing. Some set up chairs, etc., and proceeded with their morning tea ritual, while others were off round the many, varied stalls and booths to have a “look-see” and to spend some of their money on goodies, preserves, honey, or more essential items such as pasties, vanilla squares and, of course, strawberries with cream and icecream! Now and again, we ran into several other Car Club members who were visiting the Strawberry Fete in an individual capacity and it was great to see them there, as well.

The attendance at the fete was looking like being a bit of a record, and, when I spoke to the organiser a little later on, she told me that they were running out of some supplies because the crowd was so unexpectedly large. Probably, that was a favourable scenario and it was so good to see that the recent bad publicity for strawberries had in no way affected the fete adversely. All the strawberries were cut, though, and I commend the workers for the extra time and effort given in the interests of peace of mind for the customers. One of our band, Graeme Southern, had enquired when he registered for the Run whether he could bring his metal detector along! Quite the joker, is Graeme!



The Static Display at the Strawberry Fete.

There was huge interest in our vehicles by the public. At practically all times during the day there were people ambling down the line of cars, stopping to look, chatting with owners, and inspecting engines of those cars with bonnets raised. Our Club really adds a very welcome dimension to the fete and the fete organisers love that we do this every second year. It is a good feeling to know that we are supporting other local community organisations in their good works. There is a lot of history associated with the little town of Wellington and the maintenance of its community hall is supported solely by the proceeds from this annual fete, so we can all feel satisfied by our contribution to a very worthy cause.

After lunch, people left spasmodically, as and when they needed or wanted to, but most stayed on, chatting pleasantly in the perfect conditions. Eventually, the last ones departed at about 2:15 p.m. and headed homewards.

Many thanks go to all who attended the Run. It was obvious that everyone enjoyed the fete and, of course, the companionship offered by our great Club.

(This Run organised, and report written, by "yours truly" – Ed.)

LADIES' DAY RUN (17/10/18)

SGORRA BHREAC

There were 26 participants with a great assortment of Vintage and Classic Cars who met at Johnston Park Club Rooms on a cool, overcast morning, prediction of no rain (although Howard was present), in readiness to set off to our venue at SGORRA BHREAC, Strathalbyn, for Morning Tea.

We left at approximately 9:45am, Kitto's as leader, and travelled via the South Eastern Freeway to Callington and turned off the freeway heading for Woodchester then onto Strathalbyn, arriving at our destination at 10.45am.

Upon arrival at SGORRA BHREAC, we were welcomed by the bright and cheery Cynthia Nicholson. She and her husband, Dr Graeme Nicholson, purchased a small acreage and built a magnificent Sandstone home, which is surrounded by gardens about six to eight years old. The residence and gardens are open by appointment for raising funds for charity. We were escorted into a bright and airy room with small tables, décor replicates High Tea with fine crockery and, once seated, we received an introduction by Cynthia. One of the subjects was the explanation of the Scottish family



Host, Cynthia Nicholson, addresses the group, some of whom appear to be saying "Grace" prior to morning tea!

crest, Nicholson of SGORRA BHREAC, Gaelic translation for "Hill in the Mist". This is the name of the property.



Gloria and Bob Neindorf look forward to morning tea.

Morning tea was bountiful and delicious, prepared and served by volunteers who help Cynthia in her fund-raising. There were homemade culinary treats and gifts to



The lovely gardens at Sgorra Bhreac.

purchase, the profits from which are given to charity.

At our leisure, we followed the signed walking paths amongst the carefully thought out gardens of natives, Acacia and flowering flora, and which included a variety of garden art, beautiful sculptures and a tranquil Japanese theme. There was also a pond with breeding, noisy Frogs.

Thank you to Cynthia and Dr Graeme Nicholson for sharing their lovely home and gardens with us, surely worth a revisit.

Those who were peckish met at the famous Strathalbyn Bakery for a late lunch.

Darn!! 'I think my half eaten Apricot Slice is still in its paper bag in the P76'.

(Jan Hall and Brenda Cowie combined their talents to organise this Club Run. Well done, ladies! We have Jan to thank for this report. – Ed.)

CALLINGTON SHOW (28/10/18)

7 cars left the Clubrooms for Callington on a cool, but sunny, morning. Two members joined us at the show. We were allotted our usual site on grass on the bottom oval.

As usual, we made our way up to the shelter shed and collected our "Calli Trail" box of goodies. This year, the give-aways were model police cars, which had to be made up from the cardboard sheets. A couple of our members assembled one to show what they should look like when finished. (It took 3 men to finally complete and show the finished product.) The kids were excited about their give-away, but we advised them that help from an adult and some sticky tape would be beneficial.

There seemed to be a lot more stalls this year and lots of things for the kids to do. I think the crowd was larger this year, owing to the better weather. Along with other entertainment, the Police Band was great to listen to.

The finale of the show was 3 parachutists attempting to land on a cross on the oval. It was not easy, considering that the wind had picked up by this time, but one jumper managed to land right in the middle of the cross.

All in all, it was another great show, with a lot of interest in all the cars on display. The organisation of the show was a credit to the Committee.

(Many thanks go to Brenda Cowie for her organisation and report of this event. – Ed.)

LERWIN VISIT (9/11/18)

Our bi-annual visit to the Lerwin Nursing Home was held on Friday 9th November.

The weather was perfect for an outdoor display. Seven of our members attended with their vehicles - displaying them during the morning for the residents to admire and chat to their owners.

This was followed by a general gathering of staff, residents and car club members for a barbeque lunch.

Vehicle owners then gave a brief overview of their cars.

The Lerwin residents involved in viewing the cars were very appreciative of the vehicle display - one lady commented that it allowed her to "remember and relate to all the cars she had grown up with as a child and her early life."

Thanks to the following members who visited Lerwin on the day:-

- Jan Hall-Leyland P76
- Alan Wegener-1965 XP Falcon
- Gary Haebich- Holden Commodore
- Trevor Mundy-1955 FJ Holden Ute

- Jerry Wilson-1952 Porsche
- Wayne Johns-1927 Buick
- Pieter Kriel-1982 Mercedes Benz Tractor Unimog

Thanks to Jan Hall for giving me the information for this report. (Claude).

(This Club event was organized by, and this report supplied by, Claude and Liz Minge. Many thanks. – Ed.)

MURRAY BRIDGE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT (17/11/18)

The Murray Bridge Christmas Pageant was held on Saturday November 17th at 5:30pm.

We had nine club vehicles assemble near Standen Street at approximately 4:00pm, where we attended to the finishing touches of our Christmas theme decorations.

Occupants in vehicles varied in number from 2, 3 or 4 of family and friends.

Trevor Jericho and Ian Rowley filled the front seat of a 1967 Mini-what about filling the back seats with 2 more next time, fellas?

We had 7 in the Studebaker for the parade and 10 on the way home-it was squeezey!!

The parade consisted of some 60 entries - floats, bands etc. and is a credit to Murray Bridge. It was well organised and well patronised by the general public.

Thanks to those members from our club who not only participated, but also decorated their vehicles in a Christmas theme.

- Darren Piltz-1924 Chev
- Claude and Liz-1929 Studebaker
- Paul and Muriel Geiger-1967 VW Beetle
- Peter and Sharon Binney-1955 Holden
- Lyn and Tom West-1958 Holden
- John and Carol Ali-HR Holden Ute
- Trevor Jericho-1967 Mini
- Bob and Lyn Hunter-1969 MG
- Dennis and Gail Gullickson-1969 Datsun 2000 Sports

(Another event organised by our President, Claude, and wife, Liz.

Report also supplied by Claude. Many thanks. This was the first time Tom and I took part in the pageant – we have always been bystanders in the past. We were truly amazed by the amount of people viewing along the route and had never quite realised before just how much support from the public is forthcoming for this local event. – Ed.)



Tom and Lyn West's grandchildren, Nikkita (back), Dylan and Georgie, who enjoyed their participation in the pageant in the 1958 FC Holden.



(Clockwise from left:) Paul & Muriel Geiger's 1967 Beetle with Christmas tree on top : Peter & Sharon Binney's 1955 Holden : Dennis & Gail Gullickson's 1969 Datsun 2000 Sports (with Darren Piltz driving his parents in the 1924 Chev in the background) : Claude & Liz Minge's 1929 Studebaker dressed in its most elegant Christmas packaging.



“THE BEND” RUN (19/11/18)

HOT LAPS AT “THE BEND”

The Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge participated in a run to “The Bend” Raceway at Tailem Bend on Monday 19th November.

94 Club members and friends travelled in 45 vehicles ranging from Trevor Wehrman’s 1925 Chevrolet to the latest model Kia Stinger owned by Milton Hall. There was a wide array of vehicles including Valiant Chargers, Ford Mustangs, Ferraris, Jaguar, Chev Corvette, a 1967 GT Falcon, Mercedes Benz, V.W, Holdens of various models and even a 1929 Graham Paige.

We were greeted by a friendly, well-organised staff in the reception area of The Bend Complex, which was thankfully, fully air conditioned, as the outside temperature was 38 degrees. Everyone enjoyed a few refreshments while admiring a very impressive collection of race, prestige and exotic cars which were displayed in the foyer.

Then it was “Hot Laps” on the tracks-there are two-one is 7.7kms and the other is 4.9kms long. We experienced not only the length of each circuit, but were amazed at the width of the track itself, the number of corners-each of varying angles and cambers-it is certainly not a flat track compared to the Mallala raceway.

Most senior driver on the day was Joe Porker, accompanied by his wife Audrey-both aged 91 years young- in their 1958 Chev.

The youngest person attending was Zayd Wehrman, aged 14 months. Hard luck story of the day was Ted Julian in his Austin- who drove from Tailem Bend to the line-up area but the Austin “refused” to enter the track.

After our “Hot Laps” we all enjoyed a great lunch served in “The Bend” restaurant on the second floor of the complex, overlooking the track. A raffle was drawn with 5 lucky members winning the opportunity to return to “The Bend” for some “Fast Laps”.



The scene in the dining room.

It was a hot, but great day, with good company and an enjoyable experience. The facilities and the track

at “The Bend” are top class and with further development of the landscaping, road extensions and additional accommodation, it will become a credit to the Shahin family, who have made their dream become a reality.

For anyone who hasn’t visited “The Bend” it is definitely worth the drive. Even if you are not interested in motorsport, the transformation of what was once a rough mallee scrub block into one of the best motorsport facilities in Australia, certainly warrants a visit.

(Thanks go to Claude and Elizabeth Minge for organising this very popular Run for our Club members, and for this report. Photo courtesy of Neil Kaak – Ed.)

(Right & below): Inside the Tailem Bend Raceway building – vehicle display plus lining up for processing.

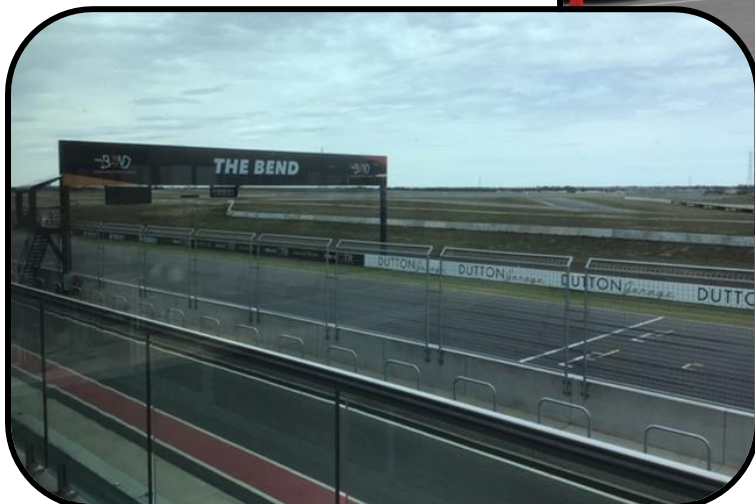
(Pictures on this page supplied by Neil Kaak and 'yours truly'. – Ed.)



(Below): ACCMB vehicles lined up ready for action.



(Below & bottom left) : Two views of the start/finish line and Pit Lane.



(Above): Neil Kaak cleverly rigged up Ricky's I-pad by taping it to the glovebox lid in order to video the entire course as he negotiated the circuit. Ricky missed the event, so she'll at least get an idea of the experience from the video. Well done, Neil!



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