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The Official Newsletter of  
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<b>CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT COMMITTEE:</b>	to be formed.		
<b>HALL REPS.</b>	Darren Fountain, Jan Hall and Roy Bretag.		
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	Club Fees	Membership \$35 (including children up to 16 years)	

**\*\*(No change to fees for 2019/20, making membership in our Club most cost effective)\*\***

**ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE RELEVANT OFFICER**

### OUR COVER PICTURES: Twin Bridges Rally Trophy Winners

Top: Shannons Ins & M V Standard. A & M Hagger Rural City Of Murray Bridge. C & E Minge

Middle: Autopro Murray Bridge D & J Evans, N & R Kaak

Bottom: Autopro Murray Bridge B Cowie, T Wehrman

# Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
December 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
December 8 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Christmas Picnic – Palmer Hall	ACCMB Committee
2020	No General Meeting held in January	
January 17 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)	Pizza Night	John & Vicki Courtney
February 4 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
February 7 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)	Cruise Night	Coordinator to be appointed
March 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
March 10 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:00 p.m.
March 24 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	Federation Run Morning Tea	Clubrooms – 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
April 7 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
April 24 <sup>th</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> (w/end)	Pinnaroo Camp Out	Alan & Marlene Hagger
May 5 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
June 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
June 20 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	Presentation Dinner	To be advised
July 7 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	Annual General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.

## Other Events of Interest

November 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Sunday)	“Cars and Coffee” (Murray Bridge)	Coles Car Park – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.
December 1 <sup>st</sup> (Sunday)	“Cars and Coffee” (Murray Bridge)	Coles Car Park – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.
December 7 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	Mannum Christmas Pageant	Mannum 6:30 p.m.
January 5 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	“Cars and Coffee” (Murray Bridge)	Coles Car Park – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.
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*(For more information on any of the above, please contact the Club Secretary)*

# President's Report



Since my last report our club has had a number of runs and attendances at functions during the months of October and November. They were The Twin Bridges Rally, The Callington Show, The Gumeracha Show and Shine, The Murray Bridge Christmas Pageant, and The Meningie Run.

There were good attendances at most events. Thank you to the organisers for making these runs and events a success. There are run reports in this edition of auto torque for you to read. We must also thank our members who arrange the articles for the MV Standard, namely Graham and helpers who do a great job in promoting our club.

We have been advised by The National Motor Museum at Birdwood that as from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 all club registered vehicles and legally carried passengers will be admitted free of charge to the National Motor Museum while participating in an organised club event. One to note for a future club run!

One to consider as a possible club project. I have been approached by a local family with connections to the first Murray Bridge Fire Brigade Truck. It was a 1925 Model T Ford truck. It was in use until replaced by the 1937 Diamond T fire truck. The Diamond T was in service in Murray Bridge until the 1970's and is still in existence. To our knowledge the 1925 Model T Ford did not survive unless someone has any information regarding the whereabouts of the vehicle. Please let us know if you do.

We have been offered a project to build a Model T Ford fire truck based on photos that currently exist. The local family with this proposal has a collection of Model T parts that have been gathered since the 1970s for the project.

Do we as a club have members who would initially consider the feasibility of this project and whether there are any thoughts and ideas regarding our club being involved. We will have a presentation regarding the Fire Truck project at December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Finally, I am sure you don't need a reminder that is less than 30 days to Christmas. On behalf of Liz and myself I would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas.

Claude Minge

## FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the latest edition of "Auto Torque".

I acknowledge the dedication and effort of the Twin Bridges Rally Committee 2019, and the success they have achieved during the wonderful October Rally weekend. This event puts our club on the Australian radar and entices people to our district to participate. Amazingly, some have already indicated their willingness to come again for the next rally. Whilst the event does require planning and work over a two- year span, it needs people to volunteer on the committee to make the next event happen. Talk to any of the 2019 committee members, to discover it is not hard physical labour or requires any degrees or qualifications. Volunteer your help, (as many hands make light work,) to stage the 2021 rally and enjoy the satisfaction and enjoyment of working with a group of great people. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this issue of the magazine. Enjoy the Christmas and New Year festivities.

Safe and Happy driving to all.

Yvonne

### **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.***

## MAGAZINE/WEBSITE ARTICLES

Would members who organize Club Runs please write a report on their run and deliver to Yvonne Mach either by post/hand delivery to the letter box at 296 Adelaide Road, Murray Bridge, 5253, or email to as a word document to [yvonnemach@bigpond.com](mailto:yvonnemach@bigpond.com). Also, please send same to our Webmaster, Pieter Kriel, [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 next Newsletter, articles should reach the Editor **AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR** to the December meeting. Many thanks for your cooperation – Yvonne.

## THE LATEST ON OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Our New Provisional Members are:

- Robert Cavalla
- David & Helen Smyth - 1978 Ford Tickford XR8 Sedan
- Adam & Hillary Collogan – 1978 Mercedes Benz 450 SE Sedan



Congratulations to you all. We look forward to your continued company at meetings and events.

Trevor Wehrman (Membership Officer)

## CLUB REGISTRATION RULES

This is a friendly reminder to all Club Members on club registration rules.

Any vehicle is classified unregistered if you as a Club Member **do not** meet the following regulations.

- Unfinancial member of the Club. DPTI will be notified immediately by the Club Registrars and your vehicle registration is cancelled immediately.
- At the top of the front page of each vehicle Club Registration Log Book is a due date recorded. Any vehicle driven after the expiry of the due date is deemed to be unregistered.
- Each vehicle Club Registration Log Book must have its Membership Year details updated for every financial year. Any vehicle driven without this Log Book update is deemed to be unregistered.

Any owner caught not complying with the above rules, will face appropriate penalties and fines as applied by the law.

It is therefore **very important** that all vehicle Log Books must be submitted to the Club Registrars before the AGM each year to be updated for the next financial year with your current membership card, registration papers and a stamped self-addressed envelope.

From the Registrars (Jamie, Kym & Darren)

# COMING EVENTS!

## CHRISTMAS PICNIC

(Sunday 8th December 2019)

Please note change of venue for the ACCMB Christmas Picnic.

- Leave the Clubrooms at 9:30 a.m. for the Palmer Hall.
- 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 and sauce.
- 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.



## PIZZA NIGHT

(Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020)

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 p.m. or make your own way to John & Vicki Courtney's place. Pizza will be ordered to arrive at 6:30 p.m.

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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!!

## **CRUISE NIGHT**

(Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020)

For our newer members, this is a “cruise”, but has nothing to do with boats!!! In our terminology, it means that it is an informal run, where you can come and go as you please. We are going to Swanport Reserve, so come along for a casual get together, bring your tucker, drinks, mosquito repellent, whatever. Join us at Swanport Reserve any time from 5:30 P. M. Find your own way there, we will NOT go as a group

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

Hope to see you there.

For more info, call John Courtney, 85324107

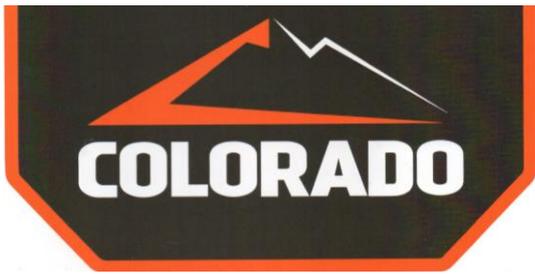


### **Twin Bridges Rally Trophy Winners**

**Top:** Beaurepairs Murray Bridge, J & C Ali. Meguiar's Car Care Products, G & M Edwards

**Bottom:** Aust Wide Assist Motoring, T & L Beythien. Graham Edwards Crash Repairs, R & L Kohler.

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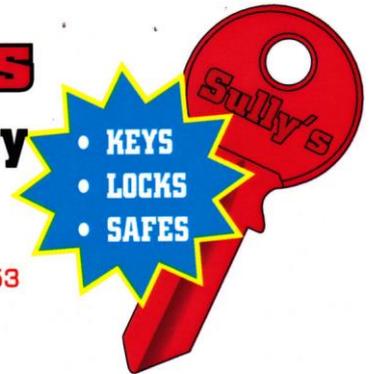
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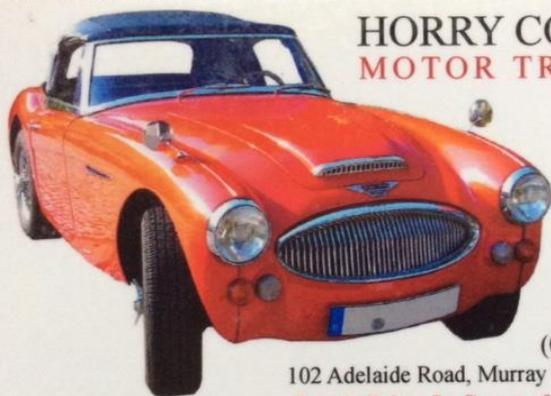
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# ***Run Reports***

## **MURRAY BRIDGE SHOW 28/9/2019**

As has been the practice over the years the Club again received an invitation to attend the Murray Bridge Show with a presentation to the public of what we are all about. The day was fine and we were allotted our usual spot between the Main Ken Wells Pavilion and the Wanderers Cricket Club-rooms. We had a number of last-minute cancellations from members who, for various reasons were unable to attend but nevertheless 5 Members and their vehicles attended and we had a good cross section of vehicles to display. A steady stream of onlookers admired what we had to show and I am sure they appreciated the amount of work that had been done by all owners of the vehicles to have their cars in the condition they are on the day. My thanks go to those members who helped with placement etc. of the cars as I was committed elsewhere and their help was really appreciated. As is the normal practice the Grand Parade was scheduled for approx. 2:00 p.m. but an accident in the arena just before 2 o'clock caused a long hold up and after many meetings by the organizing Committee the decision was made to cancel the whole event. The great work done by Aileen Martin in having obtained a resume' from the owners of the Club cars displayed turned out to be to no avail because of the cancellation of the Parade and my thanks go to her also for her efforts. It was a little dis-appointing that we did not have a few more vehicles to show but I realize that members are all very busy and there are many other functions at that time of the year and this will have a bearing on what and who are available. I am sure a great day was had by all our participants even with the Grand Parade being cancelled. My thanks again to all those who participated.

(Report supplied by Run Organizer Jeff Martin.)

## **CALLINGTON SHOW 27/10/2019**

9 cars left the Clubrooms on a reasonable morning. We arrived at our destination on the second oval & proceeded to install ourselves in the shelter shed. In the next little shed was a band so we had good music all day.

The show had its usual exhibits & stalls with a few new things added this year including a Monster Truck jump. This was at 2:30p.m. so from about 2:00p.m. hundreds of people streamed down to the spot on the second oval. The truck did about 5 jumps over 5 cars (not ours luckily). He landed on top of them at one stage.

The weather was perfect with just a little cloud cover to stop it from being too hot. I think that there would have been a record crowd this year & the show did not disappoint. All in all, a great show.

(Report supplied by Run Organizer Brenda Cowie, Photos by Peter Mach.)



Callington Show Car Club Display

Callington Show Monster Truck in action



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## **TWIN BRIDGES RALLY 18-20 OCTOBER 2019**

The Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB) and the Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge (ACCMB) played host to the ACCMB 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Twin Bridges Rally (TBR) from 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Visitors from Victoria and many parts of South Australia including the Murraylands, were welcomed through the “Historic Bridge span” gate to the Johnstone Park Community Complex (JPCC) with the TBR sponsors advertising 1926 Chevrolet truck owned by members, Eric & Pam Wehrman, on display, welcoming visitors to the registration centre.

TBR participants arrived, vehicle by vehicle at the JPCC to register and collect their TBR bags, directions and details for the weekend’s activities, along with the renewal of old acquaintances, a chat and greetings over afternoon tea.

At 6pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>, saw TBR joint coordinator and MC for the weekend, Graham Edwards open proceedings, while the official Presidents welcome was duly performed by ACCMB President, Claude Minge.

This was followed by an outline of the weekend’s activities by the TBR joint coordinators, Elaine and Roy Bretag, Ricky and Neil Kaak along with Maureen Edwards.

During the evening, mornay and casserole meal served by the ACCMB ladies, activities took place, consisting of “Heads and Tails” competition, minor raffle draws, humorous jokes and an item straight from “Murray Bridge has got Talent” show, presented by ACCMB Life Members, Tom & Lyn West.

Tom commenced singing and playing his trusty guitar, with a two-song bracket entitled - “This Old Car” & “Shine a Light on Me”, while wife Lyn gave her rendition of “Old McDonald” all being sung with their own words about cars and ACCMB members.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> was an early start to the day at 8am, with all 53 veteran, vintage, classic and modern vehicles assembled at the riverfront Wharf car park for the official welcome to the Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB) by Mayor Brenton Lewis, trusting that their stay would be memorable and one of enjoyment. This was followed by his judging of the “Dignitaries Choice” of the best vehicle on show.

With the official duties performed it was time for His Worship the Mayor Brenton Lewis to flag off the first vehicle, this being a 1913 Renault CB, driven by owner David Laubsch from Veteran Car Club of South Australia.

The first leg of the days run by the remaining cars was off to Callington via Mulgundawah, Langhorne Creek and Woodchester before arriving at the Callington hall for morning teas, served by the Callington Hall ladies.

Prior to moving onto the next leg of the outing, TBR joint coordinator, Elaine Bretag thanked the Callington ladies for their scrumptious morning tea and their country hospitality.

Vehicles then began moving off for the short drive to the newly named Monarto Safari Park, where all vehicles were parked in their individual categories for judging by independent judges from the Murray Mallee, Monaro and Jaguar Drivers Clubs respectfully and for public viewing by patrons who were visiting the Safari Park.

Lunch was served under the big top marquee, along with a welcome to the Safari Park by Duty Manager - Mr. Peter Best, who outlined the attractions that were available to see. Following lunch, TBR registered participants had the afternoon to ride the "Hop on Hop off" Zoo Loop coaches and enjoy the many sights and sounds of the Safari Park, and for many it being their first-time experience.

With all 53 vehicles judged, it was back to Murray Bridge to have a "Nana Nap" or just get dressed up for the evenings proceedings held at the Murray Bridge Golf Club's (MBGC) "Fairways Bistro". MC, Graham Edwards welcomed 98 rally goers to the MBGC, presented another round of jokes for the occasion, the weekends major raffle draws, along with another "Heads and Tails" competition. The theme for the evening was "Fur or Feathers-Spots or Stripes", and after a parade of participants in weird and wonderful creations, MBGC Manager, Mark Turner judged the best dressed, and the winners were, Ladies – Jan Hall, dressed as a Leopard (spots) and Men – Michael Nelson dressed as a Convict (stripes) complete with ball and chains.

On conclusion of the evening, MC Graham thanked the MBGC Management and Staff for a wonderfully prepared and served evening meal, before all participants departed, calling it a night. Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> with weather almost perfect for the occasion, all TBR participants were briefed by TBR run Coordinator Roy Bretag and given directions for the mornings run to Aussie Apricots and Museum (AA&M) Mypolonga.

On arrival at AA&M, TBR participants were greeted by hosts Kathy and Paul Prosser, while the Murray Bridge Lions Club (MBLC) served a morning tea of "pancakes , jam and cream to the multitude, before TBR participants enjoyed "free samples" of produce before being addressed by the Prosser's, who enlightened all present about AA&M operations, before viewing their new venture, REVOLUTION Motor Museum, a must see for any car enthusiast. This was followed by assistant run coordinator for the day, Elaine Bretag, thanking the Prosser's and the MBLC for the morning's activities.

Then it was back to the JPCC, with all cars lined up for members of the public to view over the next couple of hours. Members of the Mobilong Rotary Club (MRC) catering team, provided a BBQ lunch, with meat and salads served to perfection by volunteers from the ACCMB members. This was followed by hot donuts for dessert, all cooked from the MRC individual catering trailers.

Following lunch, Trophy presentations for the weekend took place for all the category winners by TBR joint Coordinators, Roy Bretag, Neil Kaak, RCMB Deputy Mayor, Fred Toogood along with some of the weekends sponsors present, these being Jan Hall, Sharon & Warren Pratt.

*Trophy Donors, Winners and vehicles are as follows...*

**Shannons Insurance** — Best **Overall Vehicle – Winner** – Alan & Marlene Hagger -- 1929 Graham Paige 615 Roadster. ACCMB

**Rural City of Murray Bridge** -- **Dignitaries Choice – Winner** – Claude & Elizabeth Minge -- 1929 Studebaker President. ACCMB

**Autopro Murray Bridge** -- Ladies **Choice – Winners -- (4-way tie)** Dean & Judith Evans -- 1949 Rover P3/75. Riverland Vintage & Classic Car Club of S.A.  
Neil & Ricky Kaak -- 1946 Packard Clipper. ACCMB

Brenda Cowie – 1962 Chrysler Valiant “S” Series. ACCMB

Trevor Wehrman – 1925 Chevrolet light delivery van. ACCMB

**Beaurepaires - Murray Bridge** -- Best **Commercial vehicle** – **Winner** – John & Carol Ali --1962

International AB110 ute. ACCMB

**Meguiar’s Car Care Products** – **Best Modified** – **Winner** – Graham & Maureen Edwards -- 1961 Ford Mk2 Zephyr sedan. ACCMB

**Murray Valley Standard** -- **Best up to 1930** – **Winner** – Alan & Marlene Hagger – 1929 Graham Paige 615 Roadster. ACCMB

**Australia Wide Assist/Motoring 24/7** -- **Best 1931-1950** – **Winner** – Trevor & Lorraine Beythien – 1936 Chrysler C7 sedan. Chrysler Restorers Club of S.A.

**Graham Edwards Crash Repairs / Pratt Towing**— **Best 1951-1960** – **Winner** -- Ron & Leta Kohler – 1952 Austin A40 Somerset sedan. Riverland Vintage & Classic Car Club of S.A.

**Bridge Batteries & Solar** – **Best 1961-1970** – **Winner** – Lindsay & Marlene Gibb – 1963 Chrysler Valiant “S” series. Chrysler Restorers Club of S.A.

**Penrite Oils** – **Best 1971-1989** – **Winner** – Terry & June Mabbitt – 1974 XB Ford Fairmont sedan. ACCMB

**Bridge Auto Spark** – **Best 1990 on** – **Winner** – Peter Smith – 1990 BMW E30 – 320i. Good Old Boys Car & Bike Club of Edenhope. Vic



Bridge Auto Spark Trophy Winner,  
P Smith

**The” Hard Luck” story** of the weekend went to visitor from the Strathalbyn Auto Collectors Club, Roy Shelton driving a 1956 Daimler Sedan on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>. Local ACCMB member Alan Hagger complete with his older vehicle “skills”, saved the weekend by performing surgery to the Daimlers ignition system in the front yard of another ACCMB member in Standen Street.

On completion of presentations, MC and Joint Coordinator for the TBR Graham Edwards, on behalf of the coordinating committee, “thanked all who were involved in staging the 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial TBR, all visitors and locals who attended and visited the RCMB for the event, all the Sponsors - major & minor, volunteers, both local and from other clubs, in fact anyone who’s names are too numerous to mention, that played any part in making the weekend such a Rip Roaring success”.

Then to close the 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial TBR, ACCMB President Claude Minge, congratulated all winners throughout the weekend.

President Claude Minge then called upon Coordinators, Graham & Maureen Edwards, Roy & Elaine Bretag, Neil & Ricky Kaak to come forward and receive a gift for all the hard work that they had contributed to the organizing and running of the TBR over the past 6 years.

A loud applause by all present showed their appreciation.

He then wished all participants a safe journey home and hoped to see them all again at the 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial TBR in 2021.

(Report and Photos supplied by Rally Convenor, Graham Edwards)



# THANK YOU

**Twin Bridges Rally Coordinators and Committee,**  
*Maureen, Graham, Elaine, Roy, Ricky & Neil,*

would like to say a very special THANK YOU to all the SPONSORS, RCMB Mayor/Deputy Mayor, members from our club and visiting clubs who have helped in any way, with the donation of trophies, raffle prizes, presenting items, advertising vehicles, marshals, security, the ladies for their casseroles, flowers, selling raffle tickets, drinks & merchandise stand, Mobilong Rotary & M.B. Lions Clubs, Callington Hall ladies, Judges, Monarto Safari Park, MB Golf Club, Aussie Apricots /Revolution Motor Museum, and all who have volunteered in any way during the weekend. You know who you are, so give yourselves a **BIG** pat on the back.

PLEASE support all our Sponsors where possible when purchasing goods and with any service enquiries.

Read a full report of the 2019 Twin Bridges Rally in the December Au-to Torque magazine, Murray Valley Standard or go to the Club's website, [www.autocollectorsmurraybridge.com](http://www.autocollectorsmurraybridge.com)

"THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING"



### **Twin Bridges Rally Trophy Winners**

**Left:** Bridge Batteries & Solar, L & M Gibb  
**Right:** Penrite Oils, T & J Mabbitt

## GUMERACHA SHOW & SHINE & SWAP MEET 10/11/2019

The Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge (ACCMB) participated as a club at the recent Lions Gumeracha Show N Shine.

Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> November, 28 ACCMB members including guests, met at their Johnstone Park clubhouse in perfect weather for a fun day out together.

Run organizers, Graham & Maureen Edwards greeted and welcomed all as they arrived, with Maureen getting members to fill in the daily run book, while Graham was busy handing out to drivers their windscreen entry sticker and direction sheet to Gumeracha.

With all chores completed, run organizers led 15 assorted makes, models, colours and size vehicles out of Johnstone Park onto Adelaide Road, down Thomas Street, right onto Cypress Terrace and left onto Mannum Road before heading to Palmer.

For once the convoy travelled up Palmer Hill without any roadworks holdups, onto Tungkillo and through the winding road through the dry countryside before travelling through the historic township of Birdwood, the home of the National Motor Museum, past the well renown "Big



Rocking Horse" before arriving at the Gumeracha Oval to participate in the annual "Show N Shine". Car by car ACCMB members arrived at the oval and were guided into the area allocated to the ACCMB members to park their "pride and joys", thus forming the official ACCMB club display. ACCMB banners were placed at either end of the 15-car line up, indicating the presence of the almost 48-year-old club.

Members and guests went about setting up their chairs and tables behind their respective vehicles ready for judging.

As usual, at the stroke of 11am, the celebration of Remembrance Day (although one day early) took centre stage with a brief service, followed by the laying of wreaths and the playing of the "last post", in remembrance of the fallen soldiers in past years.

Perfect weather conditions made it enjoyable for all attending, with participants and the general public wandering around inspecting the large display of well-prepared vintage, veteran, classic and hot-rod cars along with many motor bikes or just choosing to sit by their respective vehicles and just "chill out".

Other attractions this year were the children's bouncing castle, which was well patronized, the "Rocker cover races" in the centre of the oval, a silent auction for those who wanted a bargain, view the trash and treasure stalls, and if you had your dancing dress and "blue suede shoes" on, you could "Rock and Roll" to the magnificent beat and sound of the band "The Lincolns".

As the day drew to a close, it was time for the announcing of the trophy winners of the "show and shine".

Although the ACCMB didn't win the "Best Club Display", it should be truly proud of their effort, being the only club featuring 15 different brands, makes and model vehicles, all meticulously prepared and presented for the judging – not just one brand name of car, however for ACCMB members, Howard

and Myra Wright driving their immaculately presented 1960 Mk11 Jaguar Sedan, it was a good day out, winning the Best Pre 1978 car of the show.

With many ACCMB members suffering an early season dose of "mild sunburn", it was time to thank run organizers Graham and Maureen for another great day's outing before heading back to Murray Bridge any which way.

(Report and Photos supplied by Run Organizer, Graham Edwards.)



### **MJRRAY BRIDGE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 16/11/2019**

Nine vehicles from the Auto Collectors Club assembled in Standen St. for the annual Christmas Pageant on Saturday afternoon in what I considered perfect weather conditions. Our vehicles represented a cross section of various models and a range of 60 years of manufacture.

Those participating were;

Trevor Wehrman – 1925 Chevrolet

Claude & Liz Minge- 1929 Studebaker

Jan Hall- 1951 Morris Minor (reindeer model)

Peter Binney- 1955 FJ Holden

John Ali- 1963 International Ute

Allen & Eunice Wegener- 1965 Ford Falcon

Peter & Aileen Geue- 1965 HD Holden

Paul Geiger- 1966 VW

Trent Prosser- 1985 Toyota Landcruiser

The Pageant commenced at 4.00pm and consisted of 47 floats that paraded from Standen St, along Bridge St and concluded at Sturt Reserve. Various rides, food stalls and displays continued until approximately 9.00pm when a fireworks display highlighted the evening. Thousands of spectators lined the streets for the parade and joined the festivities at the riverfront.

Thank you to our club members for not only participating in the pageant but for decorating their vehicles in a Christmas theme.

(Report supplied by Run Organizer, Claude Minge.)

### **MENINGIE AREA TOUR 26/11/2019**

Due to this Magazine issue being printed prior to receipt of this run report, it will be included in the February issue.

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