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COMMITTEE	Kym Cooper, Jan Hall, Maurice Emmerson, Ted Julian, Roy Bretag and Terry Mabbitt.		
CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT COMMITTEE:	to be formed.		
HALL REPS.	Deidre Kitto and Darren Fountain		
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CLUB HISTORIAN	Elaine Bretag	PUBLIC OFFICER	Brenda Cowie
	Club Fees	Membership \$35 (including children up to 16 years)	

****(No change to fees for 2018/19, 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.

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

OUR COVER PICTURES:

Clockwise from top 1972 Mercedes Benz Convertible belonging to Jim & Kath Stocker, 1968 Chevrolet Impala belonging to Denis & Gloria Jachmann, 1962 EK Holden belonging to Colin & Raelene Wegener, and 1947 Chevrolet Sedan belonging to Dennis & Yvonne Kuchel.

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
June 22 nd (Saturday)	Presentation Dinner	MB Bowling Club
July 2 nd (Tuesday) (N.B. corrected date)	Annual General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
July 9 th (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms - 7:00 p.m.
July 28 th (Sunday)	Pub Lunch (Gumeracha Hotel)	John & Vicki Courtney
September 18 th (Wed.) (proposed)	Patron's Run	Bob & Lyn Hunter
October 18 th , 19 th & 20 th (weekend)	Twin Bridges Rally	Graham Edwards (convenor) and Rally Committee.

Other Events of Interest

July 7 th (Sunday)	"Cars and Coffee" (Murray Bridge)	Coles Car Park – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.
August 4 th (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.



2018 TROPHY WINNERS PLEASE

NOTE:

If you have not already returned your perpetual trophy from last year please contact Brenda Cowie (85 310151) at your very earliest convenience. The trophies are due **now** for updating for this year's Presentation Night.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Is extended to two of our Club families on the recent passing of Club Members.

John Rolland passed away on April 14th, 2019. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to partner, **Anke**, and members of John's family.

Also, we are saddened by the passing of **Gus Frisby** on May 13th, 2019. Our sincerest sympathies go to his family members.

Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.



Vice-President's Report



G'day Everyone.

As you have probably realised by now, Claude and Liz have been holidaying in Pommy Land, so that is why I was in the chair at the last meeting. Good luck to them and I hope they have been having a great time. No doubt we will hear all about it on their return, which will be in time for the next meeting. But I am not too jealous, as by then I will be on holidays myself. Vicki & I will be somewhere north of Alice Springs, along with the Wades. The recent club runs have been well attended and you may have seen reports of them in the MV Standard, on our web site or of course in this newsletter. These included the run to Old Government House, the Purnong Trash & Treasure display, the Pinnaroo Campout and the Palmer Gem & Mineral display. By the time you read this, the list should also include the Mal Fountain Run and the Pistol Club Run. Great to see that there is such a variety of things to do.

In the not too distant future, there is the Presentation Dinner followed by our AGM. These of course are being held a little later than previous years due to changes to our constitution, but, nevertheless, prompt the usual reminders. Details of the Presentation Dinner are elsewhere in this Newsletter, and it promises to be a great night. We certainly had a good time at the last dinner at the Bowling club.

The impending AGM reminds us that this is absolutely the last opportunity to pay your fees and remain a financial member. It also means that all the club Office Bearers' positions are up for grabs, so please consider how you can assist in the running of this club. Every little bit of assistance or input helps. Please nominate for a position if you can.

It is also a busy time for our Treasurer and Registrar and their assistants. Please make sure that you provide them with the information that they need, as it makes life so much easier for them. If in doubt, ask them.

So, that's it from me. As I said, I am going on holidays, so see you all when I get back.

John Courtney

THE LATEST ON OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

We have one Provisional Members who has met the Club criteria and is now eligible for full membership:

- Bradley Bainbridge.

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

Trevor Wehrman (Membership Officer).

ATTENTION TO MEMBERS – RE CLUB REGISTRATION

After paying Club membership fees for years 2019/20, please place the following in a stamped, self-addressed envelope:

- All current Log Books
- All current registration papers
- Current 2019/20 membership card or receipt
- \$3 if a new Log Book is required

And hand to the Registrars.

From the Registrars (Jamie, Darren & Kym).

Corner Clinic!

Have heard about more than one of our members who are experiencing some difficulties of late with their general health. We extend sincere good wishes for your recoveries and look forward to seeing you all "back on the road" again soon.

FROM THE EDITOR

Hi there,

“Old Editors do not die. They are simply lost for words.” Well, not quite!

This is my very final magazine as editor of our Club. It is a little hard to believe after 15 years in the job. But it has been a good 15 years and I have enjoyed being in the role. It has been a great job to keep me up-to-date with what is going on in our Club and to get to know our membership.

I've seen a few changes in my time, since I accepted the job in 2004. My predecessor, Lyn Hunter, took on the role of Assistant Editor during my first two years and I couldn't have had a better tutor. Lyn's help and advice was invaluable and paved the way for a positive future for me as editor. Thank you, Lyn.

I have seen 8 Presidents come and go and each one of them has been very supportive of me in my role. I would like to thank Bob Hunter, Ted Julian, Bob Burt, Gus Munro, Graham Edwards, Roy Bretag, John Courtney and Claude Minge for putting up with my many and constant requests for information and assistance over the years. If I may be so bold, I am adding Brenda Cowie, our Secretary of long-standing, to this list. My role as Editor would have been very different without my receiving the collective input from these Club-minded people and my sincere gratitude goes to you all.

In fact, I must extend my appreciation to all Club members. I have appreciated greatly all the write-ups, articles, snippets, jokes, etc., received from our members. There would be no club magazine without it. Also, your feedback regarding our Club Magazine has always been encouraging and my job has been made all the more pleasurable for it. So, my genuine thanks go to our Club Members.

As well, I must thank Joyce Burt and Yvonne Mach for their 1 year terms as Assistant Editor. There are varied areas of support carried out by Assistant Editors and the role of Editor would be unthinkable without them. Which brings me to my biggest “Thank You” of all. To my husband, Tom, who has been there for me for so many years, whether or not in an official capacity, I say “Thanks, mate!” I very much doubt if I would have lasted 15 years without his backing and tolerance (well, most of the time!) of my position in the Club.

To Yvonne Mach, who has indicated her interest in taking over the position of Magazine Editor at the next AGM, I wish you every success and happiness in the role. If you enjoy it half as much as I have done, you will be in front. I can't wait to see what you will produce and I am sure it will be well received by our members.

From your Editor, it is “Goodbye”, but I'll still see you round the traps.

Lyn.

please note!

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 yvonnemach@bigpond.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 August meeting.

Many thanks for your cooperation – Lyn W.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To **DENNIS KUCHEL**
on his

80th
BIRTHDAY,

celebrated on 23/5/19.



And to **GARY HAEBICH,**
who is celebrating his

70th BIRTHDAY

on 19/7/19.

Congratulations!

Membership Renewals

Last year, this club agreed to change its constitution in an effort to improve and simplify things, particularly relating to membership renewals. Just to make sure that we all understand, it may be a good idea to go through it again. The "Log Book" handling I will leave to the registrars to detail in the next magazine.

So here we go:

- The 2018/2019 fees that you have already paid (that is, LAST YEAR) give you an extra 3 months membership **FREE for this time only**.
- The "Membership Renewal Form" was issued with the Magazine at the beginning of **April**, and to those who do not receive the Paper Magazine, at the same time by Australia Post.
- You can pay your fees (\$35) to the treasurer at the **May, June or July** meetings, or if you prefer, by post (cheque) or direct bank transfer **BEFORE the July** meeting.
- Please return your "Membership Renewal Form" with your payment or to treasurer if using direct bank transfer.
- Remember, there is **NO LONGER** a grace period. If you have NOT paid your fees by or at the **AGM (this year, Tuesday 2nd. July)**, you are no longer considered a member and the DPTI **MUST** be advised and will commence cancellation of your Club Registration, if you have it with this club. If you decide that you wish to remain a member at that stage, you will need to re-apply to the club, be voted in at a meeting and pay your fees. If you also need Club Registration for your vehicle, you will need a new MR334 from the Registrars, a vehicle inspection, and the MR334 must then be presented to Service SA. If all this seems a lot of trouble, IT IS. But we, as a club have no say in this, it is the RULES. **So, PLEASE, if only for your own sake, pay your fees on or before the 2nd. July.**

If any of this is still unclear, please talk to Claude or myself (John Courtney), Ricky Kaak (Treasurer) or Jamie Brine (Registrar). Again, please do not leave it till too late to avoid additional work for ALL of us.

Log Book – Important Changes (AGAIN!)

Last year at the June Meeting and also in the June/July 2018 Auto Torque, I advised that we had been told by the DPTI that we were required to sign our Log Books for EACH driver of the club vehicle, necessitating multiple entries in the Log Book if there were multiple drivers on any given day. It was understood that this was as a result of legal advice that they (the DPTI) had received. I am not aware of what has changed, either their legal advice or the wording of the Act, but we have now been advised by the DPTI that we can now resume recording vehicle use in the Log Book as we always had in the past, that is only the first driver of the day needs to sign the Log Book and there will be only one entry in the Log Book per day.

The "Code of Practice 2017", still says:

3.6 Vehicle owners must ensure records for each journey undertaken in a conditionally registered vehicle are listed in the log book issued by the recognised motor vehicle club. The date of the journey and a brief description of the journey must be recorded before each journey commences. The driver must also sign the book (next to the particulars of use) before each journey commences.

So, just to be clear, for any given day, before the club vehicle is driven, the driver must enter the date, a brief description of the journey and their signature in the Log Book in BIRO. If anyone else, partner, friend or mechanic drives that vehicle on that day, there is no need to put any other entry in the Log Book. The only exception would be if that journey extended past midnight, it would then be over two days, and would need another entry.

This surely reverts to the original intent of the log book, that is to ensure that a vehicle on Club Registration is not used more than 90 days per year.

Any questions, please call me or see me at a meeting.

John Courtney (Federation Rep.)

COMING EVENTS!

PRESENTATION DINNER (22/6/19)

Date -- 22nd June
Place -- Murray Bridge Bowling Club
Time -- 6-00pm for 6-30pm
Cost -- \$26 per head

Menu

Mains -- Roast Beef meal inc Vegies.
 Chicken meal “ “

Sweets -- Sticky Date pudding
 Fruit Salad & Ice Cream

**** Meals will be alternate drop ****

Please pay ACCMB Secretary Brenda Cowie prior to the Presentation Dinner

PUB LUNCH (28/7/19)

This year we will be going to the Gumeracha Hotel.

We will NOT be stopping for smoko, so have your cuppa before you leave. We will leave the Johnstone Park clubrooms at 10.30 AM. This should allow plenty of time should we encounter roadworks (very likely) on Palmer hill and beyond. Anyone who has travelled this way recently will realise that it may be slow going.

So, we will travel through Palmer, Tungkillo, Mount Torrens to Gumeracha.

The pub can cater for up to 50 people, so any more than that will miss out. First in first served and therefore it will be important for people to let us know if you put your name down but can't attend.

Cost of lunch will be \$18.90 for two course lunch (Mains and Dessert)

Menu:

Bangers & Mash
Beef or Chicken Schnitzel
Fish & Chips
Salt & Pepper Squid
Roast of the Day
Curry of the Day

Choice of two Desserts, yet to be advised

Return home at your leisure.

Please confirm your attendance by adding your names to the sheet at a general meeting at the clubrooms or phone John or Vicki. As usual, if anyone wishes to meet us there or join in somewhere along the way, please just let us know. We should be at the hotel by 12 Noon.

Hope to see you there. With any luck it should be a really good day.

John & Vicki Courtney 85324107

ADVANCE NOTICE

PATRON' S RUN

(Wednesday, 18/9/19 – Proposed)

- Leave the Clubrooms at 9:00 a.m. SHARP.
- Travel to Strathalbyn and Ben Finnis' Car Yard. (Ben always has a great turnover of vehicles and they are for sale!).
- Hotel Lunch to be confirmed later.
- More details nearer the date.

Bob and Lyn Hunter.

TWIN BRIDGES RALLY UPDATE

The Twin Bridges Rally (TBR) Coordinating Committee is well into the planning stage of the 8th Biennial **TBR from the 18th to 20th October, 2019.**

We would encourage you to set aside these dates and give serious thought to attending this well-tryed and proven event. It is a must for any new members (and old) of the ACCMB to get to meet and greet the 50% attendees from other clubs, with the many varying historic vehicles which come with them.

This year will again be **full of surprises** and we hope will be of interest to all who attend.

The PROGRAM for the weekend will be announced when the Registration forms are released at the **June 4th ACCMB General Meeting**, all being well, with last-minute Runs, Venues and Catering being finalised at our March/April TBR meetings.

Keep your eyes on the ACCMB website and the Auto Torque magazine future additions for further TBR notices and information.

If you have friends coming from out of town who need accommodation, please let them know to **BOOK NOW** to avoid disappointment, as many other scheduled events in and around Murray Bridge may make it difficult to find accommodation.

Please remember when booking that the Murray Bridge Tourist and Family Park on White Hill is a SPONSOR of the TBR.

Until next report – “Bye” from all of us at the –

TBR Coordinating Committee (Graham, Maureen, Roy, Elaine, Neil & Ricky.

CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

April Meeting

Wanted:

- For sheet rolling and shaping – English wheel. Goran 0490686759.

May Meeting

Wanted:

- Technician to repair Tunescope (tune-up machine), Bret Zastera 0458349203.
- EH Station Wagon roof rack, David Burt 0419840195.



8th BIENNIAL TWIN BRIDGES RALLY 2019

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OCTOBER 18th—19th—20th**

Registration Forms, cost and further information about TBR
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For Further Information CONTACT
Graham / Maureen Edwards —0428813070
Roy / Elaine Bretag — 0438425791
Ricky / Neil Kaak — 0434945504 (R) & 0455975055 (N)

8th Biennial TWIN BRIDGES RALLY

18th 19th 20th October 2019

ATTENTION LADIES:

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

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

You may wish to indicate your intentions to donate to the Ladies TBR committee. Listed are their names and phone numbers. Maureen (0428 813 070), Elaine (0438 425 791), Ricky (0434 945 504).

You will have from now until the ACCMB meeting on October 1st to complete and hand in your donation to T.B. Rally Committee members, Maureen, Elaine or Ricky. THANK YOU.

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This picture at left is a contribution from Ron Gartrell. The details are a bit sketchy, but it was taken in Daly Waters, Northern Territory in 2017.

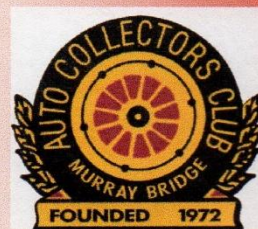
We visited Daly Waters in 1974. I can only say that obviously, we made a lasting impression!

What I don't know is whether they are scarecrows, effigies for sticking pins in, or targets for shooting practice!

The mystery remains!

Thanks, Ron. Ed.

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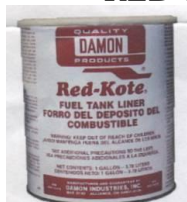
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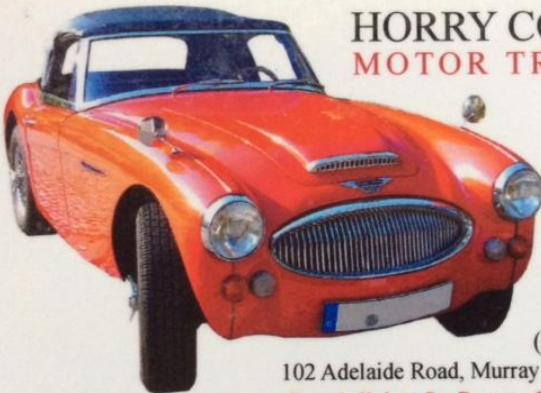
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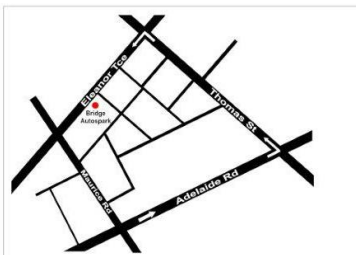
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Run Reports

HILLS RUN (10/4/19)

Old Government House Run, Belair

The first part of our run to Old Government House at Belair followed the “old road to Adelaide” route as far as Stirling and what memories that brought back. Not only the road itself, but all the little shortcuts that we had to use when trying to overtake trucks and semi-trailers. How did we ever survive? But on a lovely autumn day this was a very pleasant drive despite the very dry conditions. As we got closer to our destination, the countryside did start to green up a bit and the trees started to show their autumn colours. This was more like I had envisaged.

So, having met up with the Wegeners and Chapmans at Kanmantoo and Tony Brine at Mount Barker, we all made it to the Belair National Park despite my best efforts to lose a few in the back blocks of Stirling. I was impressed that they all arrived. We proceeded to Old Government House, where we were welcomed by Ray Wilkins and his merry band of helpers. There were too many of us to do the tour in one group, so we had to split, one group doing the tour straight away, the other having tea, coffee and scones, then the groups swapping over. Weren't the scones great? However, I did not think we would all survive when something that sounded like a small truck hit the roof. Ray calmly explained it was only a Bunya nut from the



Run organiser, John Courtney, introduces Ray Wilkins from Old Govt. House to the group.



Old Government House, Belair.

huge tree overhanging the building we were in, but we never did work out if it fell by its own

accord, was dropped by the cockies or thrown by the Koala.

The guided tour started in the Old Government house itself. Built in 1860 as the Governor's summer residence, in reality it was more of a hunting lodge. Although a lovely building, it is not large and nothing as grand as the summer house at Marble Hill that replaced it around 1880. As the Governors of the time used their own furniture, none of the items currently on display are

original, however they are period correct and have their own stories to tell, generally having been previously owned by some of

South Australia's prominent citizens. The indoor plunge pool is original though, the first in the state. Fed by spring water and not heated, it would need to be a very hot day to entice me!

The servant's quarters and kitchen were also furnished with interesting household items of the day and provoked many comments on their uses. The gardens with their stately old trees and garden beds set the house off nicely.



The kitchen in the servants' quarters.

When the house ceased to be the

Governor's residence, it firstly, till 1885, became home to a German chemist, Max Bernbaum, who converted the servants quarters into “the Bi-Sulphide of Carbon Manufactory”, where he and 9 employees produced thousands of gallons of rabbit poison to be supplied to the pastoralists, as rabbits were in plague proportions in the 1870's and 1880's.



A very grand, main bedroom.

Other residents followed before the building was opened in 1961 as a National Heritage Monument, with the Friends of Old Government House assisting in the restoration and maintenance of the property.

We thanked Ray Wilkins and the Friends of Old Government House for a very pleasant and interesting morning before retiring to a nearby shelter shed for lunch in the brilliant sunshine. What a pleasant setting. Eventually the group dispersed to return home, although most could not resist a visit to the nearby State Flora Nursery. I was impressed with the size of the whole setup and the variety of plants and “things” for sale. I had thought that it may be tailored to high rainfall areas, but that was not the case, as we purchased a couple of plants that may even survive in our dry garden. Others must have thought so too, as quite a few plants seemed to head off towards Murray Bridge.

And so it was time for us to head off home too. Thanks to all those who attended, hope you enjoyed the day.

(Many thanks to John & Vicki Courtney for a most pleasant and interesting Run AND, of course, for this report. Thanks go to Neil and Ricky Kaak for the photographs. – Ed.)

PURNONG TRASH ‘N’ TREASURE RUN (20/4/19)

On a weather perfect sunny Easter Saturday the 20th of April there was a convoy of 12 cars heading for Purnong.

The Purnong Trash and Treasure has been going for 38 years and the funds received go toward the restoration of the Town Hall.

Having arrived and settled in, we browsed the stalls selling local produce and craft. Could certainly recommend the BBQ! A live band of musicians was also very entertaining.



It was a very relaxing day, after which we made our own way back to Murray Bridge from about 1:00 p.m.

(Thanks go to Jan Hall for arranging this Run and for this report. There was also a thank you note forwarded to Jan from one the organisers of the



day and it is reproduced below – Ed.)

“Hi Jan,

Please thank your members for coming to our Trash & Treasure on Easter Saturday. I hope they all had a good time, I know there were a lot of great comments on the display.

We really appreciate the effort you made. The weather was a bit disappointing by lunchtime, but overall the day was good.

Thank you again
Sue”



Pictures:

Top: A very recognisable 1982 Mercedes U1000 tractor belonging to Piet & Pat Kriel.

Middle: Some of the vehicles on display.

Bottom right: Plenty of time for relaxation!

(Pictures kindly supplied by Jan Hall)

PINNAROO CAMPOUT (26TH TO 28TH APRIL, 2019)

Four Auto Clubs Celebrate 40 Years.

The weekend of Friday 26th-27th-28th of April saw the getting together in Pinnaroo to celebrate the 40th year of the "Conrod Trophy", by the Bordertown Vehicle Restorers Club (BVRC), Murray Mallee Auto Club (MMAC), Riverland Vintage & Classic Car Club (RVCCC), and the Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge (ACCMB).

The "Conrod Campout" started its life at Blanchetown between the RVCCC and the ACCMB. A few years later the BVRC indicated their willingness to join with RVCCC and ACCMB, thus the beginning of the three clubs gathering in the mallee town of Pinnaroo. Then in approximately 2009 the MMAC indicated their desire to join the other three clubs. One of the weekend's organizers, Steve Williams of Pinnaroo, proclaimed the weekend to be a great success, with members and their vehicles coming from BVRC – 26, MMAC – 12, RVCCC -15 and ACCMB – 28, a good number of members to compete for the annual trophy.

The weekend began with a few members, mainly from MMAC, RVCCC along with ACCMB meeting at Karoonda on Friday afternoon, camping at the caravan park and attending the Karoonda pub for tea.

Saturday morning saw the numbers bolstered by members of various clubs arriving for the weekend. After morning tea, it was off to Karoonda's Pioneer Park to view many exhibits from "yesteryear",

including the old Wynarka Methodist Church, freshly painted and of interest to one ACCMB member, Graham Edwards who in 1942 as a baby was christened and went to Sunday school in this quaint little church.

On departure, thanks was given to Pioneer Park volunteers, Dick Cheriton (ACCMB member) and Denis Roberts, for allowing the group to view the attraction.

Following midday lunch in the main street parking area, members made their way to the Morgan farm to view their large and impressive collection of vintage aircraft, tractors, model aircraft and anything that makes a noise and goes

fast, including a ride on mower powered by a 454 V/8 motor capable of pulling a Falcon ute and Caravan bogged to the axles (see photo), owned by one of ACCMB members from the sand, "how embarrassing" for the member, called "Teddles".

Following the play in the sand exhibition, Mr. Geoff

Morgan was introduced by BVRC joint organizer of the weekend, who thanked Geoff for allowing the group to view his collection.

This was then followed up by a magnificent demonstration of model aircraft aerobatics at its best, by Mr. Morgan, junior.



With stomachs well and truly full after a scrumptious afternoon tea supplied by Mrs. Morgan and family, it was off to Pinnaroo.

On arrival at the Caravan Park and Motel, members had little time to set up, shower and get ready for the BYO evening meal and entertainment in the Cricket Club hall.

Many members still in their day's club dress, arrived, set up their tables and chairs, and then settled in for refreshments and BBQ tea.

During the evening, Alan Hagger (ACCMB) gave a brief and interesting history of the past 40 years and the meaning of the "Conrod Trophy".

This was followed by the viewing of a special 40th year cake, made and decorated by Marlene Hagger, and cut by four foundation members (see photograph at right).



Following the quiz, many members said their good nights and headed for their respective accommodation to bunk down after a long day.



Fun and games for the Haggers!

Next morning after breakfast, it was off to the Pinnaroo wetlands for "the Games" to see which club would take home the much coveted "Conrod Trophy".

With the BVRC organizing the games, consisting of, pull the truck along without losing the ball bearings off the exhaust, pull a model of a person along a rope, pass the balloon along via ones neck, walk with a coin between the knees were some of the games the clubs competed in.

After the judges tallied the scores, the 2019 winners of the "Conrod Trophy" were the RVCCC.

With all official duties performed, individual members said their thanks and good byes to the organizers for another great Pinnaroo Camp out, before wishing each other a safe return to their respective home towns.

The group at the 40th Anniversary of the Conrod Trophy.



(Thanks go to Allan and Marlene Hagger for their part in the organisation of this event. We have Graham Edwards to thank for this report and for the photos – Ed.)

PALMER GEM AND MINERAL STATIC DISPLAY (4/5/19)

We want to thank Jan for leading the Run to Palmer. Unfortunately, we were so busy that we did not have enough time to speak to the car club people very much. There were five cars attending and we hope everyone enjoyed the day. The weather gods were good to us all week end.

Thank you to all those who came to see the Crystal and Craft Show.

(Thanks to Terry and June Mabbitt for organising this Club Run and for this report – Ed.).

MAL FOUNTAIN RUN (25/5/19)

We Left the clubrooms at 9:30 heading for Woodlane Reserve, Mypolonga, for morning Tea. A mystery noise developed in Andrew Fountain's 1929 Chev truck at Mypolonga, The tappet cover was removed to find no faults. Then when we removed the drive belt, the noise thankfully disappeared, leaving the diagnosis either water

pump or alternator bearing.



Relaxing in the sunshine.



Warm and dry in the Clubrooms.

A questionnaire was handed out - a good old fashioned observation run asking questions for points towards the trophy.

The weather was kind at Mypolonga but it just started to rain again as we arrived at the Rocky Gully wetlands. Then we headed back to our Club-rooms for a nice hot tea or coffee and a nice hot BBQ lunch was enjoyed by members.

A few quick dice rolls completed the points towards the trophy and answers to the observation run were read out

A good day was had despite the wet weather. Ending up at the club-rooms ensured we were all dry and comfortable despite the weather.

(Many thanks to Darren Fountain for organising the Run and for this report. Thanks, too, for the photos. They came via Darren but could have been taken by the Kaaks. – Ed.)

PISTOL CLUB RUN (1/6/19)

(Due to this Magazine issue being printed prior to this Run, a Run Report will be included in the July issue. Ed.)

As a last offering, I am reproducing below a poem, written quite a long time ago by the late **MAX FATCHEN**. It is a contribution from Allen Wegener, who must have the most amazing collection of memorabilia from past printed media. Thank you, Allen. – Ed.)

THE CAR-WORN DRIVER

*My car was made in '34
But not in '58.
It's not an early model or
Is it considered late.*

*My car is just a nondescript
And there are times I grieve,
That it is not a vintage type
Or yet, a Genevieve.*

*It's not a merry Hupmobile
(They were so evergreen)
Nor yet a swanking super sports
But just an in-between.*

*Its seating isn't very plush
The driver's face is lined.
You couldn't style it as a bomb
Nor does it look refined.*

*Mechanics working on my car,
Wring greasy hands in pain.
They know my car like some old song
Keeps coming back again.*

*Its tyres may look a patchy lot,
It does without a spare.
Although the treads are rather worn
I'll guarantee the air.*

*At night the headlights weakly gleam
(The passer-by will scoff)
And if the moonlight's very strong
'Tis best to switch them off.*

*The button of the horn is bright
But how it works, who knows?
Although it's irritated me
We've yet to come to blows.*

*My car is difficult to start
And when the engine's wound,
The handle throws you in the air
Or hurls you to the ground.*

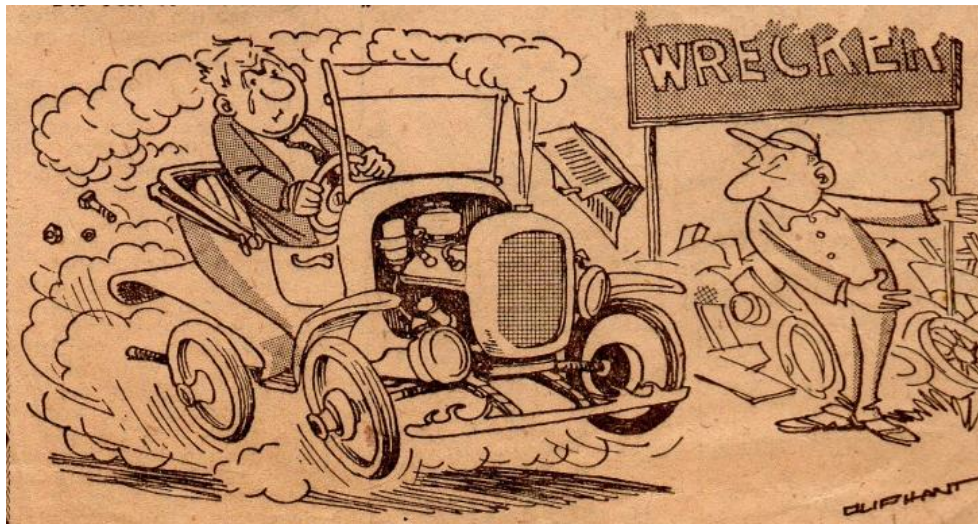
*Some people like a three-tone job
In cream and black and pink
With ashtrays lined with beaten gold,
And cushions trimmed with mink.*

*Some people's cars have fins and things
And gleam with gilt and chrome
But of my car I only ask
That it will get me home.*

*My car will climb as well as some
Depending on the grade
But if the hill is rather steep
Be sure your will is made.*

*The petrol that my car consumes,
My pocket quickly drains,
It uses rather more than trucks
Though slightly less than planes.*

*The wrecker's torch will soon be lit,
He hasn't long to wait.
My car belongs to '34
And this is '58.*



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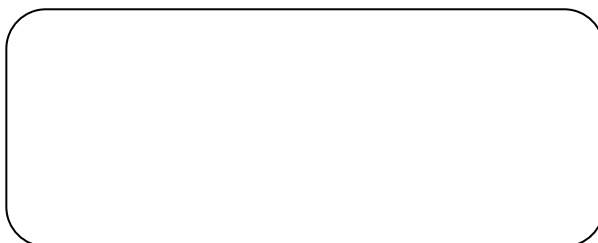
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