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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:

Top: Tailern Bend Street Party- Graham Edwards

Middle: Drive your old car day- Club cars on display

Bottom: Patrons Run- "For Sale" vehicle on display

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
October 1 st Tuesday	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
October 2 nd (Wednesday)	Ladies Day (Event Postponed)	Brenda Cowie
October 18 th , 19 th & 20 th (weekend)	Twin Bridges Rally	Graham Edwards (convenor) and Rally Committee.
October 27 th (Sunday)	Callington Show	Brenda Cowie
November 5 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
November 10 th (Sunday)	Gumeracha Show & Shine & Swap Meet	Graham & Maureen Edwards
November 12 th (Tues)	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:00 p.m.
November 16 th (Sat.)	Murray Bridge Christmas Pageant	Claude Minge
Late November 2019	Proposed Meningie Area Tour	Des Ayres
December 3 rd (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
December 8 th (Sunday)	Christmas Picnic – Palmer Hall	ACCMB Committee
2020	No General Meeting held in January	
January 17 th (Friday)	Pizza Night	John & Vicki Courtney
February 4 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
February 7 th (Friday)	Cruise Night	Coordinator to be appointed
March 3 rd (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
March 10 th (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:00 p.m.
April 7 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
April 24 th (Friday)	Federation Run Morning Tea	Clubrooms - details to be advised
April 24 th to 26 th (w/end)	Pinnaroo Camp Out	Alan & Marlene Hagger
May 5 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
June 2 nd (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
June 20 th (Saturday)	Presentation Dinner	To be advised
July 7 th (Tuesday)	Annual General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.

Other Events of Interest

October 6 th (Sunday)	"Cars and Coffee" (Murray Bridge)	Coles Car Park – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.
November 3 rd (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.

CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale

- Item since sold

August Meeting

September Meeting

Wanted

- Peugeot 404 Various parts. Contact Tim Stroh 0428131383



President's Report



If you are reading this report at our October meeting then it is the 1st October and there are now just 85 days to Christmas and 92 days to 2020.

If you are not reading this report on the 1st October, then the number of days to Christmas and the New Year will of course, be different. The detail that will remain the same however is that "This year has flown by".

Well done to those of you who have completed projects on your 'wish List' or 'to do' list for 2019. If you haven't ticked off any of your tasks to complete in 2019, time is running out. We all challenge ourselves with developing plans and new projects each year. It is what we need to stay motivated; and that motivation allows a person to have a healthy outlook on life, both physically and mentally.

We all have different interests and motivators in our lives. For example, consider the following:

On the weekend of the 21st and 22nd September I volunteered my time, along with many others at the annual Pedal Prix event at Sturt Reserve, Murray Bridge. There were over 3000 competitors in 200 teams lapping the Sturt Reserve circuit for 24 hours. Support for the 3000 came from schools, sporting teams, family members etc. who all braved the weather conditions for the weekend. There was an amazing amount of motivation, dedication and endurance exhibited by all. It was a great event for Murray Bridge.

Our annual Patrons Run was held on September 18th. Thanks to our Patron Bob Hunter, who together with Lyn, led us on a run to Collectable Classics at Strathalbyn. We viewed a great selection of classic, vintage, modern and special interest vehicles and motorcycles-all of which were for sale. Then on to visit the Strathalbyn vehicle museum that is being established in the former Gilbert Motors premises in High Street. This museum has great potential and will be a worthwhile visit in the future. There was some talk of whether a similar type of museum could be a possibility for Murray Bridge?

The bi-annual Twin Bridges Rally is rapidly approaching (October 18,19, 20) and this event promises to be one of the highlights of our year. As with any event there has been a great deal of planning and organising over the past few months to bring the rally to fruition. Thank you to the rally committee for their efforts thus far, and we look forward to experiencing the TBR events and programme.

Claude Minge

Deepest Sympathy

Is extended to club and family members who have experienced the loss of loved ones.
Our thoughts are with you all at this difficult time.

We are saddened by the passing of our club member John Andrae on 16th September 2019.
Our sincerest sympathies go to his family members.



FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the latest edition of "Auto Torque".

For most of my life, I have volunteered at positions of Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer. When Lyn placed an article for someone to fill the position of Editor of this magazine recently, I decided to try something different.

It has been very challenging thus far, as although I thought I had satisfactory computer knowledge, I did not have enough skills to meet the requirements of this position. As a consequence, putting these magazines together has proven to be a huge learning curve for me.

Two "Auto Torque" magazines have been published by your new editor, and available for members to read, but I am well aware that they have not presented with the professionalism as those magazines that Lyn previously published. However, as I improve my skills, and gain more experience, the project will get easier as the months go by. I am confident of that much at least. If anyone finds some experience in the stores or supermarkets, please let me know, as I sure could do with some right now.

Sometimes we have to step outside the square and challenge ourselves with new things. I am definitely enjoying myself and learning a lot along the way. I certainly appreciate all the great contributors to this magazine. Keep up the good work, for without your assistance, this magazine would be a lot harder to produce. Lyn has certainly trained you all very well.

Safe and happy driving to all.

Yvonne

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. 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 December meeting. Many thanks for your cooperation – Yvonne.

THE LATEST ON OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

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

Achieving Full Membership:

- Stephanie Pfeiffer – 1974 Torana Sedan & 1984 Toyota Cressida Sedan
- Ray & Lorraine Carpenter – 1967 Valiant VC Sedan

Our New Provisional Members are:

- Brodie Wilson – 1977 Chrysler Valiant Sedan
- Michael Marrett – 1975 Datsun Coupe, 1974 Datsun Ute & 1977 Datsun Ute

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

Trevor Wehrman (Membership Officer)



COMING EVENTS!

Ladies' Day

(Wednesday 2nd October 2019)

Please note that this run has been **postponed**.

Coordinator Brenda Cowie

TWIN BRIDGES RALLY

(Weekend 18th – 20th October 2019)

Refer to previous issues for all the information relating to this event or the TBR Committee.

TBR Coordinating Committee,

Graham, Maureen, Roy, Elaine, Neil & Ricky.

CALLINGTON SHOW

(Sunday 27th October 2019)

- Please be at the clubrooms, **ready to LEAVE BY 9:00a.m.**, as we will not be allowed entry at the Show after 9:30a.m., when the gates are closed to exhibitors.
- Members coming from the hills, etc., may meet us near the oval gates as has occurred in previous years.
- It is expected that vehicles will remain for the day, i.e. until 4:30p.m. Anyone needing to leave early, under exceptional circumstances, will need to clear it with the exhibits organizer (Judy Paech) on the day.
- If you will be attending and wish to show your vehicle, please make sure to include your name/s on the Run Sheet at the General Meeting on 1st October, 2019.
- Our club has been allocated a limited number of tickets, so don't delay.
- Contact Brenda Cowie (85 310151)

GUMERACHA SHOW & SHINE & SWAP MEET

(Sunday 10th November 2019)

It is proposed that our car club (ACCMB) participate in a run to the Gumeracha Sporting Oval to arrive and set up by 9.30am. It would be anticipated that those participating in the ACCMB run would leave the Clubrooms at **8.00am SHARP.**

Our club cars will be judged individually, along with the club overall display. Participant entry is \$15.00 per vehicle and we would require 20 cars to participate. Funds raised from the Show & Shine and the Swap Meet go to the Lions Club and are donated to Camp Quality.

Entries close on 1st November 2019 (ACCMB November 1st meeting night). The entry fee and a completed entry form are required to be handed to Graham Edwards prior to this date or at the meeting. Should the run not proceed due to lack of numbers (looks positive as at Sept 4th) any member who has paid money to Graham & Maureen with an entry form will be refunded.

Other events happening at the oval on the day are

- The Lincolns
- Rock & Roll Dancing, DJ Peter Panagaris & Fashion Parade
- **Cars and Bikes on display and free giveaways**
- Food & Drink Stalls
- Swap Meet

Further information will be available at October and November ACCMB meetings or

Please register your interest by contacting **Graham or Maureen Edwards** on 8532 1175 or 0428 813 070.

MENINGIE AREA TOUR

(Proposed for late November 2019)

A club run to the Meningie area for late November 2019 has been proposed with two options available for our car club members.

Option 1

A full day tag along tour by tour guide Adam Hurle, who will give information at each point of interest. Places and points of interest includes a visit to Point Malcolm Lighthouse, Narrung Ferry crossing to Raukkan Aboriginal Settlement, Long Point on the Coorong as lunch break (BYO Lunch), then visit Fisher's Dairy at Meningie area. The dairy has a herd of 600 milkers producing 9 million litres of milk per annum. Then if time permits, a visit to Noomameena on the Coorong. Travel home at your leisure. Cost of Tour is \$99.00 per person.

Option 2

Travel to Meningie and then onto Fisher's Dairy, for tour and lunch, (BYO Lunch). Return home at own leisure. Cost of Tour To be advised.

Further information will be advised at the October & November General Meetings.

Please register your interest by contacting Des Ayres on 0418 833 123 or placing your name on the run sheet.

THE MURRAY BRIDGE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

(Saturday 16th November 2019)

10 Vehicles are required for the Parade. All vehicles are to be decorated in a Christmas theme (NO Father Christmas allowed).



All vehicles to assemble in Standen St. at approx. 3:00 p.m.
(probably in Bridge Clinic carpark – to be confirmed). Parade travels from Standen St to Sturt Reserve.

Please contact Claude Minge if you would like to participate in this event on 0408 813 436.

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.



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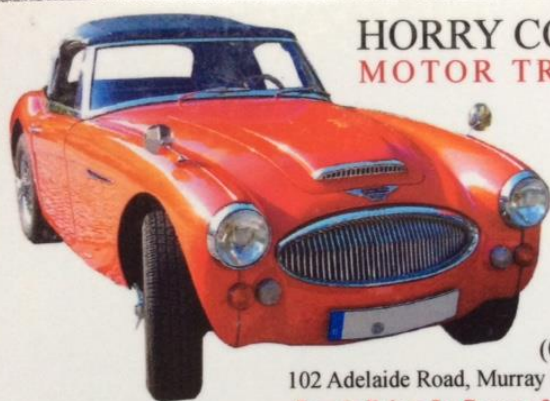


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Run Reports

TAILEM BEND STREET PARTY 22nd August 2019

The first official “Tailem Bend- and The Bend Raceway” street party was held on Thursday 22nd August in the Centre of the Tailem Bend shopping precinct.

44 members from the Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge (ACCMB) departed from their clubrooms at 2pm, for a short run in their assortment of 22 classic vehicles, arriving at Tailem Bend a short time later.

ACCMB run coordinator and delegate to the street party committee, Jan Hall led the convoy into Tailem Bend Railway Station parking area where most ACCMB parked their “Pride and Joy’s” for public display.



With the main street partly cordoned off to limit vehicle access, the area soon became an atmosphere of pride and celebration for the organizers of the event, with people on foot massing into the street for the first official street party combining with the staging of the “2019 OTR The Bend Super Sprint” held on the 23rd – 25th October at The Bend Motorsport Park complex.

The main street area of Tailem Bend came alive during the next few hours, with food stalls, giftware, car driving simulators, mini golf, street eating areas, Classic car displays by the ACCMB and Tailem Bend Car Club and of course one must not forget the local main street traders adding to the event with suitable decorated shop frontages with suitable car racing themes.

At 5-30pm, renowned Super Car driver from Ford’s DJR Team Penske, Scott McLaughlin, Red Bull Holden Racing Team’s Jamie Whincup and four other prominent racing team drivers braving the fine, cool conditions, sat patiently chatting and signing autographs on mixed memorabilia for fans queued for what seemed to be kilometres long for an hour.



In a suitably stage area, positioned and decorated with a car racing theme in the main street adjacent to the Coorong Council Chambers, local “Petrol Heads” and others travelled from far and wide, joined in the casual street party atmosphere, just chatting, looking, taking photographs, spending and admiring the large display of vehicles on display.



Then as nightfall came, the street was turned into another scene of party lights, with children enjoying the party theme, with their newly purchased colourful array of light sticks and balls, adding to the party atmosphere. ACCMB members agreed that it was a credible first attempt by the organizing committee along with their many helpers who staged the event, and wish to thank all those people responsible for a great night in the life and times of Tailem Bend.

The ACCMB also wish to thank their Run coordinator, Jan Hall for her contribution in putting their club participation together on the day.
(Run Organizer Jan Hall, Report and Photos supplied by Graham Edwards)

DRIVE YOUR OLD CAR DAY 1/9/2019

Once again, we had accepted the invitation from the Gawler Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club to attend their “Drive your old car day” at the Bethany Reserve. Prior to our departure, we gathered at the Murray Bridge Railway Station car park in brilliant sunshine, wondering what was in store for us, as rain had been forecast. We need not have worried, as conditions remained the same for the whole day, with only the occasional cloud to interrupt the sun. As this run is also used to determine the winner of the “Paul Kruger Economy Run Trophy”, participants were advised that the vehicle under test was Jan Hall’s Leyland P76 V8 and forms handed out to receive participant’s estimates. In case of a tie, the estimate of the number of buttons contained in a jar was also required. And for the first time to my memory, this was needed, as two participants did indeed estimate the same mileage. I cannot tell you who the winner was, however, you will have to wait for the Presentation Dinner to find out.



So, off we headed, through Palmer and Tungkillo to the Lovell’s Bakery at Mount Pleasant, where we were tempted by an impressive array of bakery products. Not surprisingly, many succumbed. Pat Jennings met us here, and we all eventually left for Bethany, where we all arrived without losing anyone. The countryside really looked impressive and provided a lovely drive,

although closer inspection indicated that the dams held less water than one would expect for this time of year.



At Bethany Reserve the Gawler blokes directed us to our parking area and we were soon wandering through the usual display of a wide range of impressive vehicles of all ages. Perhaps down in numbers from last year, but still certainly enough to keep us all interested, and catching up with friends and acquaintances was a bonus. Then time for lunch and it was really quite warm in the sun and out of the wind, on the lawn in front of the big shelter shed, where lots of stories were shared. After lunch, there was still time for another good look around, before saying our goodbyes and wandering off home. I am sure everyone would agree it was another very pleasant day.



John & Vicki Courtney

(Report and photos supplied by John & Vicki Courtney, Run Organizers)

PATON'S RUN (18/9/2019)

We left the clubrooms at 9:00 a.m. sharp with 21 cars travelling down the Old Adelaide Road to Callington to meet up with the Wegener's. I apologize for not explaining this route to the people who travelled via the freeway, but we all ended up at the same spot at Ben's car yard in Strathalbyn.



Ben certainly turns over a few cars, because I did not see a car there that I'd seen last year, apart from his own Allan Moffat Racing Mazda RX7, which is not for sale. Our Host Luke Meyer (Ben's right hand man) gave a very good presentation of how the collectable car sales business runs, and as he claims, he is a mechanic not a car salesman. The next time I speak to Ben, I shall recommend he promote Luke to Head Salesman and double his wages.



While at Ben's, Graham Simpson called in to say g'day, and invited us around to have a look at the soon to be open (early December) old cars and racing Memorabilia in the old showrooms and workshop area in High Street, once the home of Gilbert Motors Ltd, now leased to the Strathalbyn Tourism Association, for this great project, run by volunteers. So put this on your, to see list when next in Strathalbyn.

We then travelled on to the Milang Hotel, where Jacki our Hostess was waiting with a good variety of meals and drinks for us. Thank you to Terry and June for being tail end Charlie, with no incidence to report. I thank all of you who attended this run and hope you enjoyed is as much as I did.

Bob & Lyn Hunter

(Report supplied by Patron & Run Organizer Bob Hunter; Photos supplied by Ricky Kaak)



MURRAY BRIDGE SHOW 28/9/2019

Due to this Magazine issue being printed prior to this run, a Run Report will be included in the December issue.

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