

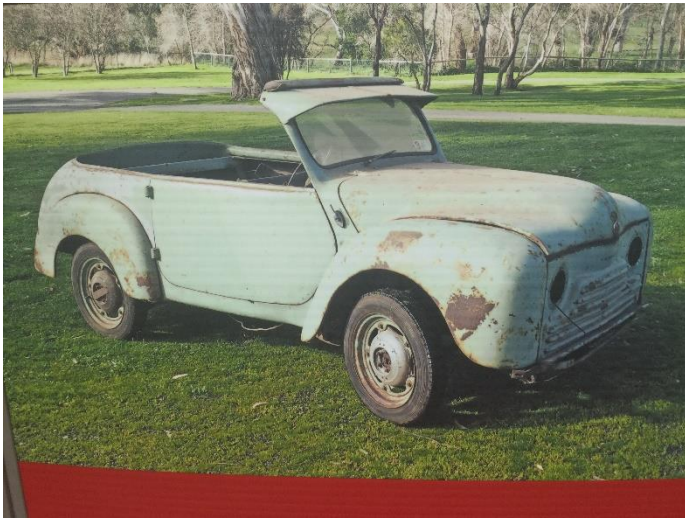


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	Club Fees	Membership \$35 (including children up to 16 years)	

****(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: Blumberg Run

Top: Hartlett Pacific Vehicle, Member's vehicles.

Bottom: Birdwood Museum vehicles. Bare vehicle chassis of 1897 Peugeot, the expensive Bugatti Veyron

President's Report



So much has changed in the past two months. I wrote my last Presidents report at the end of January. It was just prior to the first media reports in early February regarding the coronavirus in China. Since that time, we have all witnessed the rapid escalation of media reports, new rules and laws, panic buying, self-isolation etc. There is a huge focus on each and every one of us being responsible not only to ourselves but showing consideration to others. Yes, the next few months will be testing times for all of us. There are an enormous number of matters to be addressed by our government leaders, our health system, our transport systems, social security services, our schools, etc. The coronavirus pandemic will impact everyone. Whether it has a large or lesser effect will vary between individuals. No-one is immune to this virus, not even the "Royal Family".

Our club has postponed all meetings, club runs, the presentation dinner, and new memberships until further notice. At this point in time our clubroom at Johnstone Park has been 'locked down' by the local council. We have arranged ways for our club to continue to operate over the coming months. We have enacted ways and means for membership to continue so that the conditional registration of our vehicles can also continue. This will allow members to use their vehicles on an individual basis until such time that we can recommence club organised runs.

We will maintain communication with members via email and on our website. I trust and hope that you will all maintain good health and good spirits over the coming months and I look forward to planning and advising you as to the resurrection of our monthly meetings, club runs, etc.

Claude Minge

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the latest edition of "Auto Torque".

So much changes in our little world, and has often happened overnight in recent days. Instant adaptability is becoming more of the normal. Our Car Club received an advice that the clubrooms would be locked down and we would be unable to access our small room and items within, until further notice. Hence, stealthily in the middle of the night it seemed, (it was dark and cold), representatives of our club descended upon the clubrooms to retrieve and transport essential club equipment. This has not been the only changes either. In this magazine, we have a new advertising business and also a business who has moved premises and their advert reflects this alteration. Business are under siege, and need the general public support. Do not forget to support those, who support our club. Show your membership card to let the business know their advertising works.

Safe and Happy driving to all.
Yvonne

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS

Please read the following information carefully.

As you are all no doubt aware, that through no fault of our own, ALL of Australia and the world are facing difficult times ahead. The ACCMB Executive Committee advises that it has held a meeting and has decided on the following measures, so as to protect you as members, your family and friend's.

We advise the following details, which will affect EVERY ONE of you and the running of the Club until further notice.

1. Johnstone Park Complex (your Clubhouse) has been locked down as of midnight 25th March 2020 until further notice.
2. NO Monthly meetings will be held until further notice. (NB Monthly meeting Tuesday 7th April 2020 has been cancelled)
3. There will not be any runs until further advice from the Executive Committee.
4. Included with this magazine is your membership renewal notice. **Please note the following important changes in lieu of those instructions printed on the form.**
 - Payment can be made via EFT (Bank Details are printed on the membership form. Please quote your name). Please retain your receipt as evidence of payment.
 - Payment can be made to the Club Bank Account through any Bank Branch (Bank Details are printed on the membership form. Please Quote your name). Please retain your receipt as evidence of payment.
 - A cheque can be posted direct to the Treasurer at the address below.
 - Your completed membership form is to be posted direct to the Treasurer at 77 Kallina Drive MYPOLONGA SA 5254. Note. This is different to the address shown on the form.
 - Membership Card for 2020 / 2021 will be retained by the Treasurer for the time being. Once our club reconvenes, further advices will be issued.
 - Membership payment and form **MUST** be completed prior to 30th June 2020. Any member with payment and forms outstanding as of that date, will no longer be a member of this club and DPTI MUST be notified and will commence cancellation of your club registration. Overdue members will need to re-apply once the club has reconvened.
5. Please spray or wipe all your Vehicle Log Books and seal them (Do not include your pouches, pens or any other foreign items) in a plastic bag. Place this bag, together with your Registration Papers and a self-addressed, stamped C5 envelope (or larger as appropriate) into an envelope. We advise that your membership card and payment receipt is not required. This can either be posted to BE Hire, 88 Thomas Street Murray Bridge SA 5253, or delivered to the same address and LEFT IN THE MARKED BOX ON THE FRONT COUNTER BETWEEN 8AM AND 5PM. For any problems or questions please ring Darren on 0419 841 119 to discuss.
Due to the seriousness of this virus, please allow a minimum of 14 days processing time, and plan or make allowances for non-use of your vehicles during this time.

Your assistance and co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated by the Registrars. All vehicle Log Books and appropriate Registration Papers **must** be submitted to the above address prior to the 30th June 2020.

6. Under these difficult circumstances, our AGM due on the 7th July 2020, will be attended to by the Executive Committee.
7. Please keep a watch on the ACCMB website for future updates and information. The website address is autocollectorsmurraybridge.com

We thank all of our members for your kind consideration and seriousness in our efforts to keep the ACCMB alive and well during this time ahead. Should you have any questions in relation to the above, do not hesitate to contact any of your Executive Committee for clarification. Let's care for each other and meet up again at the appropriate time in the future.

THE LATEST ON OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Our New Provisional Member at the March 2020 meeting was: -

- Paul & Kate Calnan – 1964 EH Holden Wagon

Congratulations to you. We look forward to your continued company at meetings and events when they resume.

The ACCMB Executive Committee advises that we are unable to accept new members until the Club reconvenes. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience in this difficult time and trust that intending provisional members contact our Club Membership Officer, Trevor Wehrman in due course.

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 Helen Smyth on 5th March 2020. Our sincerest sympathies go to David and his family members.



COMING EVENTS!

PINNAROO CAMPOUT

(Friday April 24th to Sunday 26th April 2020)

Please note that this run has now been cancelled.

PRESENTATION DINNER

(Saturday 20th June 2020)

Please note that this event has now been cancelled.

CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

February Meeting

For Sale

- 1984 9285 Porsche \$26000 o.n.o. Contact Troy Frisby 0414 014 168
- Two complete 1946 Buick 4/40 Special Sedans (GMH Top offering for that period). Both need total restoration. Everything there but weather-beaten and worn, bodies are solid with minimal rust, upholstery is trashed and chrome needs redoing. With the two cars there is a rolling chassis, spare engine, gearboxes, mudguards, doors, bumpers, stainless trim mouldings, other spares, some used and some old stock and repro (lenses, emblems etc) complete set of new manuals. \$4000.00 ono as a package, will not part separately. Located in Murray Bridge. Contact Steve Ford 0497 377 774.



Wanted

- 1960 Morris Minor boot lid. Contact Tim Stroh 0428 131 383

March Meeting

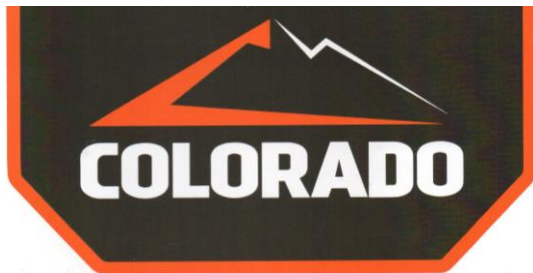
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- Triumph Dolomite in average condition. Contact Tim Stroh 0428 131 383
- 1958 MK2 Ford Zephr Sedan (Hi-Line) 37000 miles since motor rebuild, all new brake cylinders fitted, well looked after and very tidy unit, regrettable and genuine reason for sale. \$19500.00 Contact Ken Blackwood 0409 387 606 or email kandrblackwood@gmail.com Photos on ACCMB Website -classified ads.

Wanted

- XY Falcon or 1969 – 1980 Ford Mustang Contact Dennis Williss 08 8531 2519
- 5 cars required for wedding 24th October 2020 preferably 1938 to early 1950s. Wedding held in Murray Bridge followed by travelling to Langhorne Creek. Contact Graham Modra W 8532 6055 or M 0400 488 460

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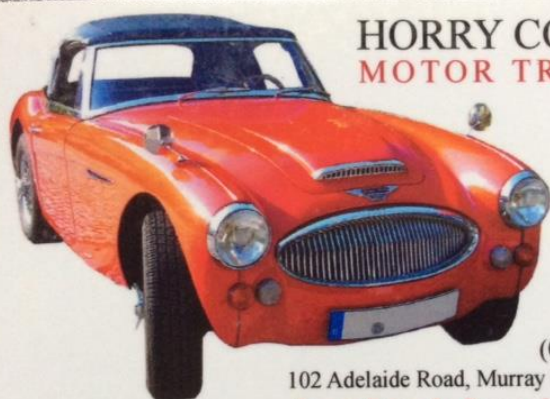


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Run Reports

CRUISE NIGHT 7/2/2020

Possible thunder storms were forecast. Thunderstorms are notoriously haphazard, so would they really happen at Swanport Reserve? The answer was “yes”, but more of that later. Initially the weather was not too bad, so we parked on the lawns (we had special dispensation from Council after all) away from the gum trees. The trees contained huge numbers of corellas, so parking under them was a bit hazardous, but a short distance away was OK, if a little noisy.

So, we all settled down for a good talk, feed and drink, in very pleasant surroundings. I think that we were down a bit on numbers from other years. The forecast probably frightened a few off and I heard of at least one, as he left the front door of his house and being confronted with a huge clap of thunder, decided that this was no place for a Corvette and promptly returned inside his house. It was, however, good to see new members, Stephen and Cindy Perkins with the immaculate Rover 3500 and also “old” member David Burt with his pristine EH Holden. Great to hear the history of the Holden too.

Never the less, all was well for some time, but eventually the sky got blacker and blacker, the lightening closer and brighter, the thunder louder and louder. A heavy shower of rain forced everyone to take shelter, a few in their cars, but most under the shelter shed. A bit crowded, but not cold, so we were able to finish our tucker and drinks.

When the rain ceased, we were able to spread out again, but by then, enthusiasm had waned a bit and we all gradually drifted off to our homes. A pleasant enough little gathering while it lasted!

(Report supplied by Run Organizer John Courtney)

BLUMBERG RUN 8/3/2020

Sunday morning March 8th was a perfect autumn morning with clear blue skies and an estimated temperature for the day in the mid-twenties. After gathering at the Johnstone Park clubroom, we headed to Birdwood via Palmer. We kept the pace at 80kph to be considerate to our ‘elders’ a 1947 Chev (Dennis & Yvonne Kuchel) and a 1956 Humber Hawk (Neil & Dianne Burbidge).

27 vehicles and 58 people ventured to Birdwood (formerly known as Blumberg) where we drove into the National Motor Museum grounds and parked on the oval. After an initial browse of the museum for approximately 1 hour we then walked across the main street to the Blumberg Hotel for lunch. A feature exhibit in the museum main foyer was a Bugatti Veyron, a very expensive and exclusive vehicle, but one that would need forward planning to drive. With a fuel consumption of 41.9 litres per 100 kilometres the location of petrol stations selling premium fuel would determine the route to take on a Sunday drive (or any other drive) unless you had the luxury of a vehicle following with extra fuel.

After lunch Dane, who is one of the museum staff led us on a tour of the ‘restoration workshop’. Volunteers under the supervision of museum staff undertake vehicle restorations and maintenance. A Hartnett Pacific is a current vehicle restoration project, 1 of 3 in the world. They are raising funds for the restoration and are aiming to have the vehicle completed by September 27th for the 40th anniversary of the Bay to Birdwood Run.

Other vehicles of interest to the Murray Bridge visitors were the 1897 Peugeot chassis which is one of the oldest vehicles in Australia. It was located in 1969 by one of our members Hurtle Nelson (Dec.) on a farm at Caloote. Also, a Greeves motorcycle owned by Brian Kuchel. The 1938 Diamond T bus which has been totally refurbished by SA government funding to its original form as Graeber's Bus service of Lobethal. This bus was owned by our club and used for club members to travel in for club runs prior to it heading to Shark Bay, Western Australia on journey of adventure for some local Murray Bridge men including our current member Jerry Wilson. (This is only part of the story relating to the Bus). Did you see "Milo"? Those who have 4wd should know what I am referring to, and I am not talking about the drinks available at the coffee shop!

There was much to see. Not only the number of motorcycles, cars, trucks etc. but the diversity of the vehicles and the historical photos and displays which accompany the vehicles gave an interesting insight far beyond simply looking at a vehicle. The National Motor Museum is one of the best in the world. It is an establishment that we take for granted.

To sum up, a great day with good company. Thanks to all who participated on this run.

P.S. We are fortunate to have held this run as the museum is now closed (another victim of COVID 19). Will there be a 40th anniversary Bay to Birdwood in September? We can only wait and see how the coronavirus pandemic evolves in the coming months.

(Report and Photos supplied by Run Organizers Claude and Liz Minge)

THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA & SAUSAGE SIZZLE 22/3/2020

Unfortunately, this run was cancelled.

FEDERATION RUN MORNING TEA 24/3/2020

Unfortunately, this event was cancelled.

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Due to the Corona Virus, we are unable to collect Members' registrations as normal.
You will receive your new registration form with your April Auto Torque.

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Thank you all for your patience and understanding in this time of change.

Hope to see you when we can all meet again.

P.S. If you need a new log book you can pay the \$3 (per book) when we next have a general meeting.

Ricky Kaak (Treasurer)

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- Ron & Avril Gartrell who have celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary
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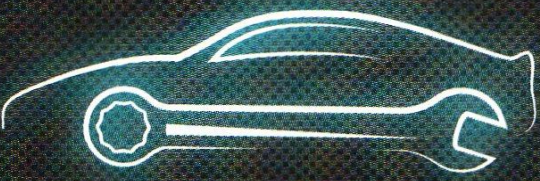
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