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<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:

**Top:** Club members at Lighthouse on Meningie Run, Christmas Picnic Raffle Prize winner.

**Bottom:** Members at Christmas Picnic Palmer Hall, Pizza Night Gathering at J & V Courtney's home

# Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
2020		
February 4 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
February 7 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)	Cruise Night	John & Vicki Courtney
March 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.
March 8 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Blumberg Run	Claude Minge
March 10 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 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 26th(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	Murray Bridge Bowling Club
July 7 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	Annual General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.

## Other Events of Interest

March 1 <sup>st</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)*

### **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.*

# President's Report



Welcome to my first report for 2020. Since my last report we have all celebrated Christmas and welcomed a new year. If anyone failed to add a few inches to their waistline over the festive season our club was able to help out by participating in our annual "Pizza Night". Hosted by John and Vicki Courtney on January 17<sup>th</sup> the pizza night allowed us to indulge ourselves with a variety of pizzas. There was fellowship with club members and the opportunity to view the progress on John's restoration of his 1929 Dodge sedan. It looked very impressive and is a credit to John. We look forward to seeing the Dodge on the road in the not too distant future! Thank you to John and Vicki for not only organizing the pizza night but "organizing" the total absence of any flies or mosquitoes.

On the local scene at Murray Bridge we were entertained by men and women dressed in lycra racing their bikes in the Tour Down Under. Murray Bridge had a great week of cycling events culminating with the finish of the men's TDU event stage in Bridge Street. We saw TDU organizers set up equipment including road barriers, cameras mounted on cranes, motorbikes and helicopters, pop up stages and platforms and a huge amount of police traffic control. All very impressive and to think that it was telecast worldwide, in particular to Europe where cycling has a following of millions of spectators.

Australia Day was celebrated on January 26<sup>th</sup> at Sturt Reserve – a day when we all reflected on how fortunate we are by living in the "lucky country".

So now we are faced with a new year for our club. There are a number of runs and events already in place for the coming months as per our "calendar of events" but there are opportunities for more ideas and/or club runs! Please take up this challenge with your own ideas for a run or event!

I am proposing a club run to the National Motor Museum at Birdwood on Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>. Lunch at the local Pub? And then parking our vehicles in the Museum grounds for a "free" visit to the museum. The offer of free admission for vehicles and all legally carried passengers on a club run is only for 2020 at this point in time; so, let's make it happen before we move into the mid-year colder months. Please refer to "coming events".

Also, whilst on the subject of Birdwood Museum, this year is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bay to Birdwood Run. Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup> is the run date. It will be a combined run of veteran, vintage and classic vehicles up to 1955(800 entries total); 1955 to 1980(800 entries total); 1980 to 1990(100 entries total) and 50 special interest vehicles. 1750 vehicles in total. Entry forms will be available early February.

Claude Minge

## FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the latest edition of "Auto Torque".

I hobbled out of a local restaurant recently, (No, that did not read wobbled!) in the company of visitors staying in the district. As I made my way to our trusty set of wheels, I quietly reflected upon the evening's topics of discussion.

There has been a large variety of weather conditions, challenging not only ourselves, but our gardens and pets as well. Amazingly, our fruit and vegetables have maintained a good quality and quantity. The quest has been to get the water supply right, given the dramatic fluctuations in temperatures.

No doubt some of us have holidayed, (Are you thinking of those young men and women in their skimpy costumes? Hoi, your married, quick, think of your beloved.), whilst others have hibernated in that dreadful heat and watched the disasters unfolding.

Family, seasonal activities, a myriad of sporting events, (Oooh, those tight outfits. Stop! Caught you again.), or just lazing around, this has now been halted by the tolling of the bell. School is back and we all can return to our usual routines and resume our car club activities after the break. Looking forward to catching up again.

Safe and Happy driving to all.

Yvonne

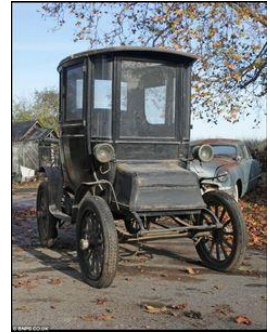
## THE LATEST ON OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Our New Provisional Member is:

- Darcy Holbery-Morgan -1982 Ford Bronco Ute

Achieving Full Membership:

- Adrian Pergallini – 1979 GTR LC Torana Sedan, 1969 XU1 Torana Sedan, 1967 Holden FB Sedan, 1979 HT Holden Premier Sedan
- Andrew McKinnon – 1989 Ford Capri Convertible



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)

## 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

# COMING EVENTS!

## **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

## **FEDERATION RUN MORNING TEA**

(Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020)

On Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup> our club will be providing morning tea for the participants of the 2020 Federation Rally. This will be from 8.00am to 11.00am at our clubroom for an anticipated number of 90 to 95 vehicles which equates to 150+ people. We will be serving scones with jam and cream, a selection of cake, and tea and coffee. We would appreciate help to assist with the setting up of tables, preparing and serving food, and clean up after the event. A minimum of 6 helpers required.

There will of course be an opportunity to chat with the run participants as well as view their vehicles.

Please advise Claude Minge or Brenda Cowie if you can help or need further information.

Our club is being paid for this event.

## **BLUMBERG RUN**

(Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020)

The Blumberg Run is a visit to the National Motor Museum at Birdwood (Blumberg). We will depart from Johnstone Park clubrooms at 9.00am Sunday.

Travel to Birdwood for early lunch (11.00 -11.30am) at the Blumberg Hotel.

Move our vehicles to the museum grounds for parking. Free admission to the museum for all vehicles and legally carried passengers on club run. Browse the museum and grounds at your leisure, which is open until 5.00pm. Depart for return trip home at your leisure.

Please register your name on attendance sheet at our club meeting. All enquiries to Claude Minge 0408 813 436

## **PINNAROO CAMPOUT**

(Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020)

- If you do not wish to stop at Parilla, head to Pinnaroo.
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April head to Parilla, attend the Parilla Hotel for Tea, music, beer garden, fire.
- Time for Tea 6:00 p.m.
- Stay opposite the Hotel. There are toilets and hot shower facilities, but no power.
- Meals – normal pub meals.
- Saturday morning – Head to Pinnaroo.
- Saturday – Leave the showgrounds at 1:00 p.m. SHARP.
- Mystery Run.
- Saturday night- 5:30p.m. onwards – The traditional BBQ tea will be held at the Showgrounds in the cricket shed, as usual.
- Please bring everything for a barbie (small table, chairs, plates, cutlery, meat, bread, drinks, etc for yourself), along with a SALAD and SWEETS to POOL.
- Sunday – 9:30p.m. – Games will be held at the Wetlands Park.
- Please come along. It is always a very enjoyable and fun-filled weekend. Join in and meet new friends and catch up with old ones.
- Contact Alan and Marlene Hagger (phone 85354077) for more information, if you have not registered by the April Meeting.
- Please let us know if you are going to the Parilla Hotel for tea.

## **CLUB CLASSIFIEDS**

### **October Meeting**

#### **For Sale**

- Solex Carby 1940-1950 Brand New best offer Phone Tony 0403 704 145.
- 1979 Valiant CM Wagon \$6500, 1980 Sigma GH SE Wagon \$3000, AU XR8 5 speed 1998 \$10500 Phone Suzannah 0421 899 704.

### **November Meeting**

#### **For Sale**

- 1999 Toyota Corolla contact Paul Wade 0418 806 875.
- 1958 PA Vauxhall Cresta Manual, 2 pack paint bare metal respray, all in excellent condition. Phone Bryan Chapman 0410 629 656.
- Mercedes 300D Diesel 1979 488000km, mechanically sound, registered daily drive, \$3500. Picture on notice board. Contact Steve 0428 880 448.
- TOUGH Built - TANDEM Car Trailer, TANDEM Axles - 15ft X 7' 6" – 6ft between mudguards Good tyres – 185 x 14" – 5 stud rims, Hand winch, Open tray, 1999 model – Good condition GVM / GTM / GCM 1999 KG, Reg – YCO-955, \$4,500 ONO, Contact -- Ron 0432 233 848.
- 1949 Vauxhall (small headlight model), partly restored, Ring Jim Stiller 8532 1116.
- Ford Cortina MK11 last of model with 1500cc motor, (not Cross Flow Head), contact Jim Stiller 8532 1116.

### **December Meeting**

#### **For Sale**

- 1959 Morris Minor, contact Harry 0412426581.
- 1958 Vauxall Cresta Sedan in excellent condition, \$22,500-, contact Bryan Chapman 0410 629 656

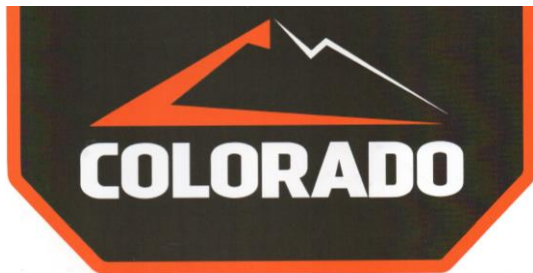
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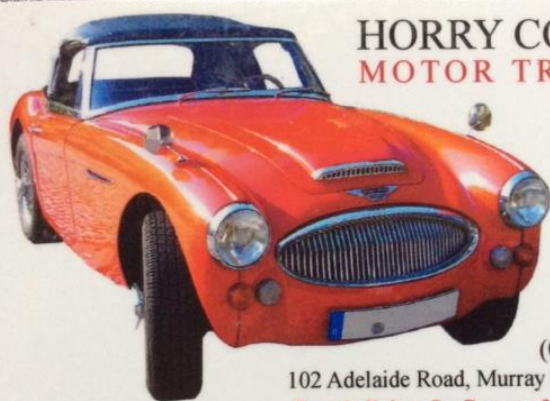


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# ***Run Reports***

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

On the morning of the 26<sup>th</sup> November, I was awoken by galah's over the road attacking the golf club fairways, the wind was blowing, and I thought to myself, what a wonderful day's outing this will be for our "Lakes Run" if this weather continues all day.

However, run coordinators for the days outing, Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge (ACCMB) members, Joy and Des Ayres had more positive thoughts by continuing on with the clubs planned outing by meeting at the ACCMB clubrooms, to welcome and distribute directions as to where we were going to travel.

By 9am it was all systems go, with members starting their vehicles and moving off to Point Malcolm Lighthouse, via the 1839 historic Paltalloch Station road to Narrung.

With 11 cars parked and 18 members now alighted from their vehicles in windy conditions, it was off up the freshly mown grassy track to the historic lighthouse situated on the rocky shoreline of Lake Alexandrina, with a great view of "The Narrows" and the township of Narrung.

Following the viewing from the lighthouse clifftop, it was off across the ferry to the Narrung Reserve, for a history lesson and morning tea by run hosts Joy and Des Ayres.

With the aid of old photos and newspaper cuttings, Joy related stories of her Great Grandfather, the late Fred Gardner who was the 3<sup>rd</sup> lighthouse keeper from 1889 – 1904, along with the trials and tribulations of isolated family life.



During a Diphtheria epidemic one of the children died, and Mrs. Gardner had to take the body via a Steamer to Milang for burial, only to find on her return 2 days later, another child had died from the same disease.

Following morning tea, it was off to the next attraction for the day, Raukkan Aboriginal Community settlement, home of the old Methodist Church and David Unaipon, who is featured on the Australian \$50 bank note.

Members of the ACCMB gathered in front of the general store and were greeted by Raukkan Council member, Mr. Sean Weetra, who delivered the group with a most comprehensive talk on the history of Point McLeay, founded as a community for aboriginal people in 1859, later in 1974 was handed over to the Ngarrindjeri people, and in 1982 was renamed Raukkan. Mr. Weetra also described the work being carried out to ensure the younger generations received life counselling and employment assistance, before giving members a guided tour of the Gallery and Church. Thanks for a great talk and tour by Mr. Weetra were expressed by ACCMB members, before departing for a BYO lunch at the Raukkan reserve in the middle of the community. This was followed by a visit to the neat, tidy cemetery overlooking the lake.

The next stop after a short drive around Lake Albert, was the “Old Narrung Station” area (later Narrung Stud) where Des described his early life at the Ayres homestead, overlooking Lake Albert. After a short drive from the old homestead, the convoy arrived at historic “Campbell House”, the home of Fischer’s Dairy.

Members of the ACCMB were given a guided tour by Mr. Brad Fischer who told of the day to day operations of the dairy. Interesting facts include, 300 cows milked three times a day, from a herd of 600. They are milked on a rotating milking machine which measures the flow of milk from each individual cow. The herd is then fed and rested under a large climate-controlled shelter between milking, ensuring a contented and relaxed group of cows.

Fischer’s breed their own calves, scientifically testing each at birth to ensure continuous improvements in herd quality. Mr. Fisher’s love of his work and desire to keep building a great asset to the area was appreciated by all, with ACCMB members saying a big thank you to the Fischer’s and the Ayres for another informative outing.

Members dispersed and returned to Murray Bridge via Meningie, and for some, the coffee shop in the main street was too tempting to pass up, thus helping the Meningie economy to grow.

(Report supplied by Run Organizers Des & Joy Ayres, along with Graham Edwards. Photos by Graham Edwards.)

### **Christmas Picnic 8/12/2019**

My, where has the 2019 Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge (ACCMB) year gone? As one member put it to me the other day, “we can’t have Christmas yet, because I haven’t paid for 2018 yet”. How true.

With all that has happened in the clubs 2019 year, it was time on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December for members old and new to celebrate together the end of another busy year with the clubs annual Christmas party, this year in the Palmer community hall.

Some of the Committee members left Murray Bridge in very warm conditions early to set up the hall, with many of the 53 members and guests in their assortment of 38 classic and modern vehicles arriving for morning tea at about 10-30am. With the stage decorated for the occasion with an ornament laden Christmas tree, complete with lights and tinsel, tables decorated with bright red tablecloths to give the hall a “Christmassy” look. ACCMB members took their places at the tables, while enjoying the coolness of the hall, compared with the warm outdoor temperature, settled in for a chat and a laugh or two while enjoying a “cuppa and biscuits”.



Emcee for the day, Life Member John Courtney opened the party by welcoming all present, while Life Member Brenda Cowie and her team were busy in the kitchen preparing for Christmas lunch and afternoon tea. As the clock ticked over 12 noon, it was time to “feed the



multitude”, and table by table, members filed past the food tables selecting their food from the magnificent array of meat and salads fit for a “King and Queen” to partake of.

Following lunch, Emcee John, had members and quests laughing at his selection of jokes, before handing over to ACCMB Run Coordinator Jan Hall who organized the days raffle and prizes to officiate over the drawing of the raffles. Some of the lucky winners included guest Janet Henningsen, and ACCMB members Trevor Wehrman and Trevor Kitto, just to name a few.

At this point afternoon tea was the next agenda item for the day and again not to disappoint the hungry, the choice of deserts and sweets supplied by lady members were delicious to say the least, with members commenting “that there would be no tea tonight after this”



With the party nearing completion, Emcee John gave an appreciation to all who attended and helped in any way to make the party another success in the life and times of the ACCMB, before wishing all present a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Prosperous New Year. (Report supplied by Graham Edwards. Photos by Graham Edwards.)

### **Pizza Night 17/1/2020**

Well again we managed to be quite fortunate with the weather, as it was pleasantly cool. In fact, I was left wondering if we needed a bigger back lawn or maybe everyone had just huddled together to keep warm. Still, it is not difficult to put on a jumper and most did before too long. Love the beanie, Liz. But cool is definitely much better than the couple of scorchers that we have had in the past. As usual, everyone sought to catch up with what we had all been up to over the Christmas break along with any gossip or news. A few drinks helped to settle the dust as well while we awaited the Pizza Hut deliveries.

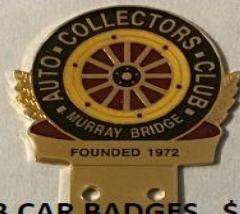
The Pizzas duly arrived on time which quietened the masses with the second batch seeming to top everyone up nicely. The usual pineapple and water melon also hit the spot. By then it was time to inspect the annual progress of the DA Dodge, so quite a number of curious members adjourned to the shed to discuss various restoration issues. Again, while there had been progress over the last year, it was not as much as I had hoped. But we are getting there. Liz took the opportunity to test my vintage intercom system from the house to the shed, using the PMG era switchboard that had once been destined for Lalirra Exchange. Works beautifully.

A few then checked out the “memorabilia room”, although there had not been a lot of progress there either, other than the addition of the painted DA mudguards and a table and chairs, none of which really should have been there anyway. If I am not careful, it will become just another storage shed. Fortunately, the table and chairs have since found another home, so with any luck I can again start adding some new stuff. At least the petrol bowser is completely finished.

By now the crowd was beginning to thin out and soon they had all toddled off home. Vicki & I hope you all had a very pleasant evening as we certainly did. Thanks for making it another successful "Pizza night".  
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