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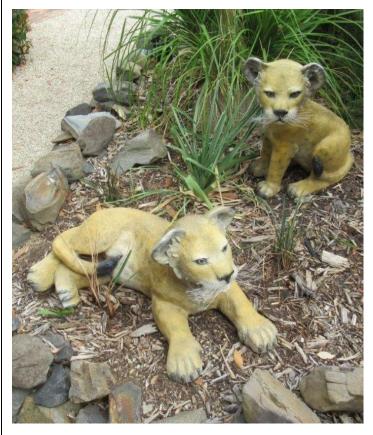
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COMMITTEE	Terry Mabbitt, Paul Geiger, Darren Fountain, Bruce Phillips, Peter Mach, & Murray Lutz		

**CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT COMMITTEE:** to be formed.

Darren Fountain, Jan Hall and Terry Mabbitt. HALL REPS.

FEDERATION REP. Jamie Brine **AUDITOR** Sandra Burgess

**LIBRARIAN** Peter Kiely **PROPERTY OFFICER Bruce Phillips** 

**CLUB HISTORIAN** Elaine Bretag **PUBLIC OFFICER** Brenda Cowie

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

\*\*(No change to fees for 2020/21, making membership in our Club most cost effective) \*\*

ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE RELEVANT OFFICER

#### **OUR COVER PICTURES:**

Top:

Left - Paul & Val Wade, and Aileen Martin at Sausage Sizzle. Right - Jan Hall's dog watching Cruise Night.

**Bottom:** 

Left – Ladies Day Lion Cub Statues. Right – Trevor Kitto & Terry Mabbitt at Sausage Sizzle

Page 5 Photo Club Members at Sausage Sizzle outing.

# Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE	
Complete by 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2021	Mal Fountain Run	Darren Fountain	
2021			
Apr 6 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.	
April 24 <sup>th</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> (w/end)	Pinnaroo Campout – The Conrod Weekend	John Courtney, Alan & Marlene Hagger	
May 4 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.	
May 16 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Karoonda Run	J. & V. Courtney, G. & M. Edwards	
June 1 <sup>st</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.	
June 19 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	Presentation Dinner	ACCMB Committee	
July 6 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	Annual General Meeting	Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m.	

(For more information on any of the above, please contact the Club Secretary

### **MAGAZINE/WEBSITE ARTICLES**

### **NEWS FROM OTHER CLUBS**

<u>Gawler Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Club Gawler to Barossa Veteran & Vintage Run</u> <u>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021.</u> Refer to the February – March Edition for details

<u>Waikerie Show 'N' Shine - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021.</u> Refer to the February – March edition for details

<u>2021 RAA/Enfield Furnishers Copper Coast Classic Cavalcade of Cars and Motorcycles 17 – 23 May 2021</u>. Refer to the February – March edition for details.

# **President's Report**

As I write this President's Report for April/May, it is a few days until Easter weekend which will commence on Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Easter Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup> is the first Sunday of the month and that is Cars and Coffee time.



The inaugural meeting of the Cars and Coffee at the Wharf Precinct, Sturt Reserve on Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup> was a huge success with approximately 275 vehicles on display. (Think about this.... Cars and Coffee was a display of vehicles with a combined conservative value of over \$10 million-200 vehicles @ \$50,000. There were 275 vehicles, many with the value in excess of \$50,000, on display with no admittance fee, locally at our riverfront.)

This is a drawcard and an attraction that has huge potential. This potential can be viewed if you Google "Cars and Coffee" as a global event. It is happening in most countries of the world, as well as throughout Australia and South Australia. Cars and Coffee is a monthly event at Mount Barker, Mannum, Victor Harbor, the Barossa Valley, Adelaide and suburbs.

Thanks to all of the ACCMB members who attended the inaugural riverfront Cars and Coffee. I encourage members to continue supporting this event. During the next 3 months a determination by the RC of MB as to the viability of continuing to utilise the Wharf Precinct as a permanent venue for the Cars and Coffee event will be conducted.

Within our club we have had some events which allowed members to get together for fellowship and fun. It was good to see members socialising at the "Biggest Morning Tea and Sausage Sizzle" at Terry and June Mabbitts' home and the Ladies Day Run to Callington and Mannum. Thanks to Brenda and June and Terry for your time and effort in making these annual events both enjoyable and successful. Our Cruise night to Swanport Reserve was cancelled due to inclement weather but will be rescheduled in the near future. Jan will keep us informed.

Our annual "Pinnaroo Campout" in April is happening, but not at Pinnaroo. A different location and a new name!! Please refer to the email from Vice President John. You will also hear the "campout" details at the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

See you at Cars and Coffee bright and early on Sunday morning or at Tuesday night's meeting. I hope this finds you and your extended families well. Claude Minge.



#### 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.

### From the Editor

Welcome to the latest edition of "Auto Torque".

Daylight savings finishes on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Autumn has arrived with many signs evidencing the change of the season. Our vintage cars have been serviced. Yes, Hubby loves driving these cars and has travelled many happy and relaxing miles. The Calendar of Events list is diminishing, as we move closer to the end of our season towards our Annual General Meeting in July.

Enclosed with this magazine is the Nomination Form. Please consider the Office Bearers positions and complete the Nomination Form and forward to Brenda Cowie prior to the July meeting. I personally have enjoyed filling the Editor's position and with club members approval, will be happy to continue. Sub-Committees have recently been formed for the Twin Bridges Rally and the Club's upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, and their brief reports are included in this edition. Also enclosed with this magazine is the Membership Renewal Form. Instructions regarding the renewal of our memberships and Log Book annual update are detailed in this edition.

Notwithstanding the many trials and hardships over the past year, our committee members have been able to put together some great runs. The Sausage Sizzle and Ladies' Day outings reports detail a good time for the attendees. We have The Conrod Weekend, Karoonda Run, and do not forget the Presentation Dinner, all planned for the very near future. Dust off the car, put your name on the run sheets and come along and enjoy the good company and a relaxing day out.

Safe and Happy driving to all.

Yvonne

#### THE LATEST ON OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

#### Our New Provisional Members are: -

- Rodney & Rosalie Sloper 1936 Ten Four Morris Sedan
- Dennis & Malia Lodewikus 1966 Holden HR Sedan

#### Achieving Full Membership: -

- Stephen & Cindy Perkins 1972 MGB-GT Coupe, 1976 P6B Rover Sedan, 1990 Maverik Ford Wagon.
- David Smyth 1968 Mini Cooper S Sedan, 1985 BMW K100RT Bike.



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

Trevor Wehrman (Membership Officer)

# COMING EVENTS!

#### MAL FOUNTAIN 2020/ 2021 PANORAMIC OBSERVATION RUN

The Mal Fountain Run Observation Run has been reactivated. The completion date has been extended to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021. Please refer to the October/ November 2020 issue of the Auto Torque magazine for details of this run. For further details contact Darren Fountain 0419 941 119.

# PINNAROO CAMPOUT.... "THE CONROD WEEKEND" (WEEKEND 24<sup>th</sup> TO 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021)

Further to the discussions that occurred at and since the last general meeting, the Pinnaroo Campout will no longer be held at Pinnaroo and as a consequence, has been re-named "THE CONROD WEEKEND", to reflect the trophy that the four participating clubs compete for. It will follow a similar format to previous years and will be hosted this year by the Riverland Vintage and Classic Car Club.

#### **Program**

#### Saturday 24th. April

Meet at RVCCC clubrooms ......1.00 pm

1.30 > 3.00 Afternoon tour of Riverland.....RVCCC to organise

3.00 > 4.00 Afternoon tea at RVCCC clubrooms

6.30 pm BBQ tea ... RVCCC to supply. (Traditionally all members supplied their own meat and

salads. We are happy to supply the meal to save time and issues with COVID)

7.30 pm light entertainment

#### Sunday 25th

8.30 am Meet at RVCCC clubrooms

8.30 > 9.00 RVCCC marshals to organise show and shine. Cars to park face to kerb

9.30 > 10.00 Anzac Memorial Service in front of clubrooms. (RSL Barmera to organise) Members

who have medals or Military dress are encouraged to wear for the morning.

10.00 > 10.30 Morning Tea

10.30 > 12.30 Conrod trophy events

1.00 Presentations and Close

Those wishing to stay are welcome to use the BBQ and club facilities.

#### Other points of interest

• A fee of \$15 / head will apply to all attendees. This will cover all food for the weekend except Sunday lunch.

- RVCCC will need numbers attending by the 22nd April to allow for catering
- Clubrooms are at 15 Shueard Road. Cobdogla. (War Memorial hall)
- Accommodation is available at Cobdogla Caravan Park. Barmera Caravan Park. Barmera Hotel /Motel. and Lakefront Motel Barmera.

If you have any questions please feel free to phone Warren May, President RVCCC, 0428839335

If attending, please add your name to the list at the Auto Collectors Club meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>. April or advise John Courtney prior to the 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

John Courtney
Vice President
The Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge Inc.
Ph. 85324107

# RUN KAROONDA SILO ART & MUSEUM Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Meet at ACCMB Clubrooms -- 12.30pm Depart " -- 1.00pm

**<u>Brief stop</u>** at Bowhill (BYO afternoon tea, or an ice cream from the general store

<u>Travel</u> to Karoonda via Bowhill & Perponda (<u>all</u> <u>bitumen</u>)

Visit the Karoonda Pioneer Park Museum (GOLD COIN DONATION)

**View** Karoonda Silo Art in daylight

**<u>BYO</u>** picnic evening dinner in the park adjacent to main street

<u>View</u> Silo Art by night (each revolving performance approx. 20 mins duration) after sunset until 10-30pm

**Return** to Murray Bridge direct at your leisure Approx. 160 kms round trip

Run Sheet will be available at the meetings

#### For further information contact --

John & Vicki Courtney. 85 324107 Graham & Maureen Edwards. 85 321175



#### **ACCMB ANNUAL PRESENTATION DINNER**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June. 2021

**GUEST SPEAKER** – Graham Hallandal

**SUBJECT** – "My Life with G.M.H. 1955 – 1975"

\*\* <u>VENUE</u> - Murray Bridge Golf Club - Ritter Street, Murray Bridge.

\*\* TIME - 6-00 for 6-30 pm

\*\* COST - \$27-00 per Head

\*\* MENU

or

#### **Mains** ---- Choice of 2 meals

Roast Beef & Vegies Chicken & Vegies

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Sticky Date Pudding & Ice Cream Fruit Salad & Ice Cream

All meals will be --- ALTERNATE DROP

For further information Contact – **Graham Edwards** – Publicity or **Brenda Cowie** -- Secretary

Please PAY--- ACCMB Secretary Brenda Cowie -- prior to the Presentation Dinner







#### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

The Membership Renewal Form is enclosed the April 2021 edition of the Auto Torque Magazine. Those members who do not receive a hard copy of the magazine, will receive their Membership Renewal Form in early April by Australia Post.

You can pay your fees (\$35.00) and return your completed Membership Renewal Form by one of the following options: -

- Direct to the Treasurer at either of the May, June or July club meetings.
- Payment can be made via EFT, <u>quoting your name</u>. Bank details are printed on the membership form. Your completed Membership Form is to be posted to PO Box 869, Murray Bridge 5253.
- Payment can be made to the Club Bank Account through any Bank Branch, <u>quoting your</u> <u>name</u>. Bank details are printed on the Membership Form. Your completed Membership Form is to be posted to PO Box 869, Murray Bridge 5253.
- A cheque and Membership Renewal Form can be posted to the Treasurer at PO Box 869, Murray Bridge 5253.

Membership payment must be paid by or at the AGM on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Any member with payment and forms outstanding as of that date, will no longer be a member of the club and DPTO will be notified and will commence cancellation of your club registration. Overdue members will need to re-apply to the club.

So, please for your own sake, pay your fees before or on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Jan Hall (Treasurer).

#### **LOG BOOK ANNUAL UPDATE**

The Registration Team will be accepting Log Books from the April meeting. We would like to have all Log Books stamped for the new club year by the time of the Annual General Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

Books can be handed in at the meetings, or posted to Darren at BE Hire, 88 Thomas Street Murray Bridge 5253. Darren will also have the plastic tub at his shop, if you want to drop them off there. Please 'DO NOT' post your log books to the club post office box. They will **not** be collected from there.

We will require Log Books, Registration Papers, Membership Card, Receipt to prove payment, Large self-addressed stamped envelope, and \$3.00 if you need a new log book.

Many Thanks

The Rego Team (Jamie, Darren and Kym.)

#### TWIN BRIDGES RALLY

A Twin Bridges Rally Committee has been formed and discussions regarding the Rally have commenced.

The Twin Bridges Rally will not be occurring in 2021, due to a variety of reasons and COVID. It is anticipated to hold the next Rally in 2023. More details regarding the date will be publicised in the next magazine and/or at meetings and on the website, when details have been confirmed.

The Twin Bridges Rally Sub-Committee

### **50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

The Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge Inc. turns 50 next year (2022). This is certainly something to celebrate and to that end a small sub-committee has been formed to organise this. We have had our first meeting but at this stage nothing definite has been organised. It was, however, agreed that we should organise a program along the lines of what we did for the 40th. Anniversary celebrations, namely: -

- Saturday night dinner for past and present members
- Sunday morning re-enactment of the club's inaugural run to Mannum
- On return to Murray Bridge, public display of club vehicles
- Sunday BBQ lunch for members and participants

We have tentatively pencilled in the 26th and 27th of March, 2022, for these events. Obviously much needs to be organised and you will be informed of progress further down the track. In the meantime, if anyone has any suggestions, memorabilia, photos, etc. that may help us, or would like to come on-board the organising sub-committee, please contact me.

John Courtney, Chairman, 50th Anniversary Sub-Committee. 85324107







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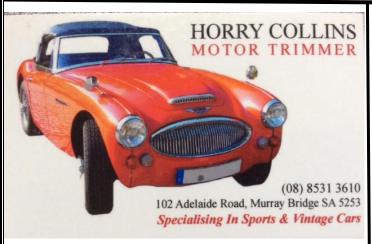


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# Run Reports

### **Cruise Night (5/2/2021)**

What a day of mixed-up weather, all seasons in one day.

Approximately at 4.30pm I had a call from John Courtney asking if I was attending the Cruise Night. My answer was yes and I would be there at 6pm. Maybe others would brave the weather.

Upon arrival the rain had stopped, still blustery, White Parrots in the trees making loud screeching, the decision was to park close to the shelter out of the wind.

We had our picnic dinner at the shelter which was pleasant especially when two Magpies arrived and the noisy White Parrots flew across the River to other trees.

All in all, a short time was spent at the Swanport Reserve, although enjoyable.

(Report and photo supplied by Run Organiser Jan Hall. Thank you.)



### SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND BIGGEST MORNING TEA (14/3/2021).

A group of approximately 40 of our Club members gradually filtered in at the home of June and Terry from about 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> March for the annual Sausage Sizzle Run. (Well, it would have been annually if it hadn't been for the dreaded COVID19, meaning that last year's Run was cancelled.)

The event started out with a "Biggest Morning Tea", raising money for Cancer Research, etc. This year, again because of COVID19, scones were already cut and adorned with cheese or jam and cream and were set out on individual plates, following the recommended requirements for serving food these days. Lyn West welcomed everyone to the event at about 10:30 a.m., acknowledging

everyone's appreciation of the superb venue provided by the Mabbitts and recognizing how good it was for our Club members to be getting together again and enjoying each other's company. Lyn also drew members' attention to the exhibition of arts and crafts work on display, encouraged everyone to take a look and thanked all the contributors.

The idea for the exhibition originally came from Myra Wright. "Tongue in cheek", Myra suggested to me (Lyn) one day, quite a long time ago, that we should buy a bit of cheap wine and cheese and hold an exhibition of Howard's and Tom's artworks! Still joking, the idea was taken up and elaborated upon by the two of us, especially Myra, whose comic genius can reach an art form in itself with seemingly no real effort on her part. (Love it!) Naturally enough, the Car Club was mentioned when the subject of just who would attend this exhibition was raised. Anyway, in a calmer frame of mind later on, the idea must have stuck and further discussions led to it being thought of as a real possibility, with a few changes, additions and adaptations. Thus, we can really thank Myra for an exceptionally well-received exhibition of art and craft work by our members on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>.

I believe that is well worth mentioning the contributors and their exhibits: -

Marlene Hagger
 Elaine Bretag
 Restored enamel car badges.
 Art works (paintings, inc. pastel).

Brenda Cowie Faberge eggs.

Jan Hall
 Model trains (made by, and originally belonging to, her

father).

Tom West Paintings (acrylic).
 Howard Wright Paintings (acrylic).

Lyn West China painting and quilt.

Myra Wright Placemats (artwork) and ceramic jewellery box.

Vicki Courtney Hardanger embroidery.

• John Courtney Scrap Art ("Myrtle the Turtle")

Deidre Kitto
 Embroidery (hat pin cushion, etc), and dressed doll (by the

late Colleen Kitto).

Trevor Kitto
 Small wooden embroidered stool (Deidre did

the embroidery).

• Jeff Martin Novelty Australiana woodwork items in Australian timbers.

June Mabbitt Wirework gemstone jewellery.

Mary Rowley Brooch collection.

Roy Bretag Rings made from pennies.

Graham Edwards "Piston broke" trophy to commemorate an interesting trip

to W.A.

During the morning, June Mabbitt handed out a cryptic quiz on South Australian place names, as an entertaining diversion for those wishing to participate. Terry Mabbitt drew everyone's attention to a considerably large display of books set out in his shed, and invited those present to take what they wanted. We must have a few avid readers in our club because the shed was well patronised!

The Sausage Sizzle is a "Club Trophy Run" and the Mabbitt's had organised a jar of jelly beans for members to guess the numbers. It wasn't just a straight forward "guess the number in the jar" however. Oh, no! We were requested to guess the number of red, orange, green, blue and yellow jelly beans! Good luck to the winner!

Terry Mabbitt and Tom West busied themselves cooking the barbecued sausages and onions and June and Lyn dished out bread, sausages, onions and sauce to our members in a manner as is required by COVID safety guidelines.

John Courtney addressed the group and proposed a vote of thanks to the organisers and also to those contributing to the exhibition.

It was a really great day. The weather was kind, the venue was first-class, the food was tasty, the feedback received on the exhibition was excellent, the readers were ecstatic and the friendly chatter and interaction between members was exceptionally enjoyable.

The total amount raised by the Biggest Morning Tea was \$240. Thank you, everyone.

(Sausage Sizzle organised by the Mabbitts, Biggest Morning Tea organised by the Wests; Exhibition organised by the Wrights and the Wests. Photo/s supplied by Graham Edwards. This report by Lyn West).

Another fun and successful Sausage Sizzle. The weather god was putting a good day on for us.

A big thank you for all of the members who came and supported the run. It is you that makes the day a Good One. It's a joy to watch you all enjoying your selves.

We want to thank Myra Wright for coming up with an Exhibition idea. It worked out it well. There are so many collectors and talented people in the car club. Also, Lyn West for putting it all into action as Myra was still getting over her unfortunate accident.



Now we are open to ideas for the next one.

(This report supplied by Terry and June Mabbitt. Thank you to everyone.)

#### Ladies Day Run (24/3/21). Elephants Rest & African Gallery

The weather was overcast when we left the Clubrooms for the drive to Callington. We were greeted by Bob & Cheryl who own Elephants Rest. Morning tea was forgotten for a while as everyone browsed the Lifesize statues of African animals & listened to Bob & Cheryl. We proceeded inside to see all the artifacts they have collected on their trips.

We were then given a detailed talk on what they do with the Elephant Rehabilitation Shelter. Many questions were asked about their various & interesting trips driving around Africa, camping in the wild & staying with Masai villagers whenever they go to Africa. (They have sponsored & paid for many young Africans to go to school & on to Uni.)

We then had morning tea of scones, jam & cream & the most delicious Hummingbird cake (pineapple & banana) all made by Bob, along with various types of coffee & tea.

With no pitstop needed, we drove to Mannum Community Club for lunch. Lunch was ordered, then the chatting began in earnest. After lunch the answers to the quiz were read out with much hilarity & discussions about the answers. Most seemed reluctant to leave & the chatting went on until someone broke the ice & said goodbye.

I think everyone enjoyed the different run & Bob & Cheryl may have gained some new customers for their very interesting business. (All money raised by them goes to the Elephant Rehab. Shelter.) Thanks to those members who made it a very enjoyable day.

(Report supplied by Run Organiser Brenda Cowie. Photos from Graham Edwards. Thank you.)







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