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| COMMITTEE | Terry Mabbitt, Darren Fountain, Brenda Cowie, Roy Bretag, Trevor Wehrman, and Goran Yakas. | | |
| HALL REPS. | Darren Fountain, Jan Hall and one other position to be filled. | | |
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| | Club Fees | Membership \$35 (including children up to 16 years) | |

****(No change to fees for 2021/22, making membership in our Club most cost effective) ****

ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE RELEVANT OFFICER

OUR COVER PICTURES: Drive your Old Car Day

Top Left: Milton Hall with vehicle.

Top Right: Some of our club vehicles on display.

Bottom: Wayne & Viktoria John's vehicle

Left and on Page 5 at the Bottom: Other display vehicles.



Calendar of Events

| DATE | EVENT | WHO, WHAT, WHERE |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2021 | | |
| Oct 5 th (Tuesday) | General Meeting | Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m. |
| Oct 7 th (Thursday) | Neutrog Factory Kanmantoo | Graham & Maureen Edwards |
| Oct 10 th (Sunday) | Alawoona Run | Elaine & Roy Bretag |
| Oct 31 st (Sunday) | Callington Show | Brenda Cowie |
| Nov 2 nd (Tuesday) | General Meeting | Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m. |
| Nov 9 th (Tuesday) | Committee Meeting | Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m. |
| Nov 20 th (Saturday) | Murray Bridge Christmas Pageant | Claude Minge |
| Dec 7 th (Tuesday) | General Meeting | Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m. |
| Dec 12 th (Sunday) | Christmas Party Palmer | ACCMB Committee |
| 2022 | | |
| Jan 4 th (Tuesday) | <u>NO General Meeting</u> | |
| Jan 14 th (Friday) | Pizza Night | John & Vicki Courtney |
| Feb 1 st (Tuesday) | General Meeting | Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m. |
| Feb 11 th (Friday) | Cruise Night | Jan Hall |
| Mar 1 st (Tuesday) | General Meeting | Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m. |
| Mar 6 th (Sunday) | Sausage Sizzle | Terry & June Mabbitt |
| Mar 8 th (Tuesday) | Committee Meeting | Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m. |
| Mar 26 th & 27 th (Weekend) | ACCMB 50 th Anniversary | ACCMB Anniversary Committee |
| Apr 5 th (Tuesday) | General Meeting | Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m. |
| Apr 6 th (Wednesday) | Ladies' Day | Brenda Cowie |
| May 3 rd (Tuesday) | General Meeting | Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m. |
| Early May | Conrod Weekend | Bordertown Car Club |
| Jun 7 th (Tuesday) | General Meeting | Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m. |
| Jun 18 th (Saturday) | Presentation Dinner | ACCMB Committee |
| Jul 5 th (Tuesday) | Annual General Meeting | Clubrooms – 8:00 p.m. |

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.

Other Events of Interest

| | | |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Oct 3rd (Sunday) | Cars & Coffee | Wharf at Sturt Reserve Murray Bridge |
| Nov 7 th (Sunday) | Cars & Coffee | Wharf at Sturt Reserve Murray Bridge |
| Dec 5th (Sunday) | Cars & Coffee | Wharf at Sturt Reserve Murray Bridge |

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

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

Our New Provisional Members are: -

- John & Coralie Paterson – 1969 Ford Mustang
- Fred & Helen McInerney – 1991 Hino Rainbow Caravan
- John & Wendy Bannister – 1965 XP Falcon Sedan

Achieving Full Membership: -

- David & Rhonda Verrall -1965 Mini 850 Sedan
- Neville & Jennifer Appledore – No Vehicle

Congratulations to you all. We look forward to your continued company at meetings and events.
Trevor Wehrman (Membership Officer)



President's Report



It was good to see a varied selection of cars and a good number of club members at the Patrons Run to Strathalbyn on September 15th. Thanks to our patron, Bobby Hunter for organising our annual visit to see Ben Finnis at Collectable Classics. A very jovial Ben greeted us enthusiastically as we admired his current selection of vehicles for sale. Classic and collectable vehicle sales are booming as are prices of specific makes and models. Owning Aussie cars that are no longer being manufactured- Holden, Ford and Chrysler are better than “money in the bank”. Little wonder that Ben had a smile from ear to ear!

This investment boom in classic and collectable cars was very evident with the Lloyds Classic Car auction on September 25th-an online auction that went for approximately 8 hours and processed many millions of dollars in sales.

There were some amazing prices. Records were set for Ford and Holden sale prices.

Topping the list was a 1971 Ford Falcon GTHO Phase 3 which sold for \$1.3 million plus the 7 ½% buyer's fees. Write out a cheque for \$1,397,500.00 and it's yours! In 1971, who would have ever imagined that a car that could be purchased from a Ford dealer for a new price of \$5000.00 is now worth this amount?

A Holden HSV GTSR Ute which was 1 of 4 manufactured sold for \$1.15million plus buyer's fee. A 1996 Holden HSV GTSR sold for \$1.0million plus buyer's fee = \$1,075,000.00.

Do you have a story to tell – we all have a story about our car, a memorable trip or event, or perhaps a vehicle restoration. Please submit your story to our Editor so that our magazine can be a more interesting publication for all to enjoy.

The Murray Bridge Christmas Pageant is listed for November 20th. At this stage I have had no confirmation of how or where it will be conducted. We hope that this community event will be possible without too many restrictions.

As a club we have some very interesting runs over the next few weeks. The Neutrog run on the 7th October and the Alawoona run on the 10th October.

I'll see you on these runs.

Claude Minge

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Is extended to club and family members who have experienced the loss of loved ones.

Our condolences go to our members, Peter and Sharon Binney, and their family following the passing of their father, Colin Binney on 16/9/2021.

Also, to our club member Avril Gartrell and family, following the passing of her husband Ronald Gartrell on 23/7/2021.

And to our club members, Karen and Bryan Humby and family, following the passing of Karen's father, Malcolm Work on 1/7/2021.

Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.



From the Editor

Welcome to the latest edition of "Auto Torque".

Have you noticed all the vehicles travelling on the roads again over recent weeks especially on weekends as the car club groups venture out? Finally, many have started to emerge from lock-down and what better timing, now that the warmer weather has arrived. At times, there have been quite a convoy of club vehicles travelling down Adelaide Road into Murray Bridge and presumably beyond, maybe into the sunset??? Car enthusiasts have obviously dusted off their vehicles, gathered and ventured out into the great outdoors.

I joined the Drive Your Old Car Day outing and journeyed to Bethany Reserve recently. The huge number of car clubs and their members visiting the reserve for the day was amazing. Such a variety of vehicles, such a great camaraderie displayed by all those present on the day. It is a wonderful experience being a collectable car holder and we bring joy and delight to many bystanders that we meet on our outings. I hope you all continue to get out and about in your treasured vehicle and receive the enjoyment and pleasure that I do.

Safe and Happy driving to all.

Yvonne

COMING EVENTS!

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ALAWOONA RUN

(Sunday October 10th, 2021)

ACCMB Club Run to Alawoona, to visit Lloyd Griffiths' personal collection of cars (everything from 1948 Holden 215 to late model Lamborghini).

This will be a 300km round trip from Murray Bridge, so we will have to leave our clubrooms at 8:30 a.m., then on to Karoonda for a short pit stop and morning tea. Then on to Alawoona for an early lunch at picnic area behind the Alawoona Hall (good clean toilets). Then approx.. 10 km of good gravel road to Lloyd's Farm to spend the afternoon looking at his vast collection of cars. Return home at your leisure.

PLEASE NOTE THIS WILL BE A BYO EVERYTHING, LUNCH, DRINKS, CHAIRS ETC. as there is nothing available in Alawoona.

Not suitable for cars that cannot travel at 90 to 100km/h. (Maybe a trip for your modern vehicle?) For further information about this run, contact Roy of Elaine Bretag. Roy 0438 425 791 or Elaine 0409 056 158.

CALLINGTON SHOW

(SUNDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2021)

- Please be at the clubrooms, **ready to LEAVE BY 9:00 a.m.**, as we will not be allowed entry at the Show after 9:30 a.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 4:30 p.m. Anyone needing to leave early, under exceptional circumstances, will need to clear it with the exhibit's organizer on the day.
- If you will be attending and wish to show your vehicle, please make sure you include your name/s on the Run Sheet at the General Meeting on 5th October 2021.
- Our club has been allocated a limited number of tickets, so do not delay.
- Contact Run Organiser, Brenda Cowie on 8531 0151

MURRAY BRIDGE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

(Saturday 20th November 2021)

Information regarding this event will be advised to members at the General Meetings and email, when details are known.

Claude Minge, Run Organiser.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

(Sunday 12th December 2021)

Planning is underway for the Auto Collectors Club Annual Christmas Party at Palmer on Sunday 12th December 2021.

Details will be advised in due course once Covid regulations have been ascertained and met.

The ACCMB Committee



PRELIMINARY NOTICE for all ACCMB -- INAUGURAL, PAST & CURRENT MEMBERS

PROPOSED PROGRAM for the Weekend of -- 26th – 27th MARCH – 2022

SATURDAY 26th * DINNER** -- at the newly refurbished Murray Bridge Golf Clubhouse. 6pm for 6-30pm.

*** Memorabilia display.

*** 6 Classic vehicle display.

SUNDAY 27th * Re-enactment Run to Mannum**, departing from the **Murray Bridge Wharf** area.
*** Midday **Lunch** and **Vehicle** display on the lawns of the **Murray Bridge Wharf** area.

This will be catered for, for all **REGISTERED 50th participants only**.

*** **General Public** viewing welcome after the re-enactment run returns from Mannum. **(General Public pay for own meals on the day if required)**

*** **INVITATIONS and REGISTRATION FORMS** will be sent out towards the end of **2021**, for all those past members whose names/address/phone/email we have been able to source. If you want to make sure we have your current details and wish to attend, please contact one of the INVITATION COMMITTEE listed below **prior to the event or when you receive this Auto Torque magazine or view on the ACCMB website. autocollectorsmurraybridge.com**

AGAIN -- If you or a known friend of previous years, who were members of the ACCMB have not received yours, it maybe because we don't have your current contact details, if this is the case **please CONTACT one of the names below ASAP**

Because of **COVID 19** restrictions, it has been necessary to cap the attendance for the **SATURDAY night dinner** to around **150**. **NB - REGISTRATIONS** will be accepted on a **first in registered and payed basis**, after that a **reserve list will be kept**. **DON'T MISS OUT – REGISTER EARLY**

Please spread the word around amongst **Inaugural, Past & Current ACCMB members** who are still with us, so that this **50th GOLDEN Anniversary** will be a very special milestone for all those who have been involved in the "Life & Times" of the ACCMB over the last 50 years.

Thanks, 50th Anniversary Committee

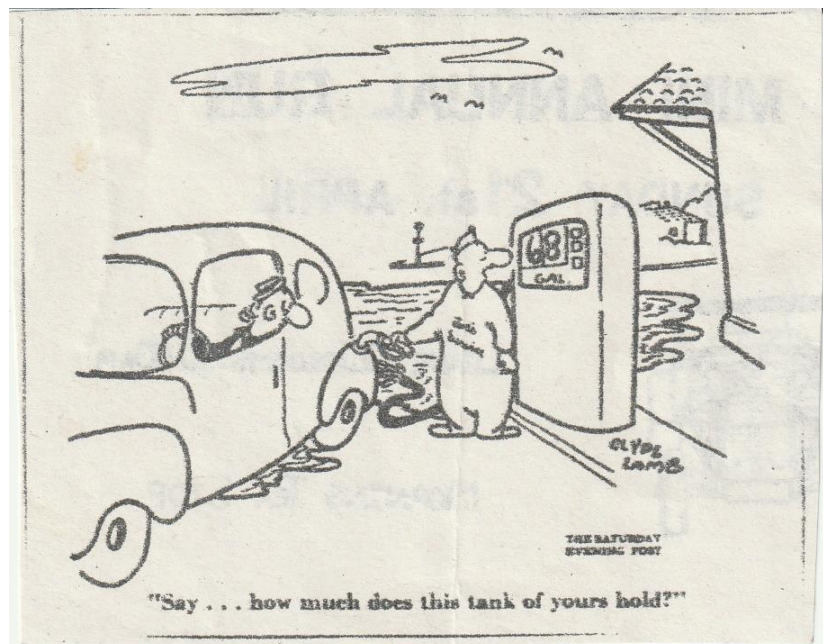
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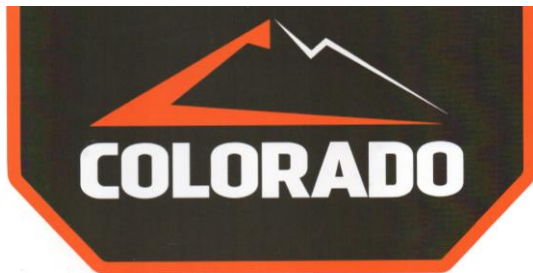
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Run Reports

(Both the Birdwood Museum Run and the Wellington Strawberry Fete Run Events were cancelled)

DRIVE YOUR OLD CAR DAY 1/9/2021

On a glorious spring morning, a small convoy of 7 people in 4 cars, left the Clubrooms for a drive through the farming districts of Pallamana, Palmer, Tungkillo to Mount Pleasant. At the morning tea stop at Mount Pleasant, we were joined by two more couples and in the delightful sunshine, enjoyed our purchases from the bakery, whilst catching up with each other's news.

Then we departed, to travel the picturesque countryside through Springton, Eden Valley and on past Menglers Hill and down to arrive at our destination for the day, Bethany Reserve. After completing the required registration, we were directed to our display position underneath the trees, joining the many other car club groups, who had also driven out for the day, and meeting up with our final car club enthusiast. This took our group tally to 12 people and 7 cars for this outing.

A relaxing day was spent viewing the large number of cherished, well-maintained vehicles on display, chatting with the many other enthusiasts, and sharing stories and memories. We enjoyed a picnic lunch under the shade of the large trees, continued meandering amongst the vehicles and just enjoyed the beautiful weather. Finally, it was time to leave, choosing our own leisurely route, to make our own way home.

This is a truly amazing experience, and if members are available for this run next time, please join us on this outing.

(Run Organiser Jan Hall, Photos from Jan Hall and Peter Mach. Thank you both for your contributions. Report by Yvonne Mach.)



Above Left: Wayne & Viktoria John's second Vehicle.

Above Right: Jan Hall with her Vehicle.

Left: Car club member's display.

Below: Two views across the Bethany Reserve display area.



PATRON'S RUN (15/9/2021)

14 cars and 21 people left the Clubrooms at 9:30 a.m. and headed off to Strathalbyn, a cool morning, but no rain. Ben was standing out the front of his yard to welcome us in. He had a great selection of cars for us to look at, all different from last year. He tells me, he turns over more than 40 cars per year.

After a cup of coffee and biscuits, we headed off to the Robin Hood Hotel for lunch, which was very good. The only complaint was, for me, it was too much. After lunch, we went over the road to the new car museum which is now open. It has a great collection of cars, bikes, and memorabilia, that I would say is only second to Birdwood Museum, so if you haven't seen it, put it on your list next time. I thank all of you who attended the run and hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. Thank you to Terry and June Mabbitt for your help as "Tail End Charlie" for the trip. There were no breakdowns.
(Report from Run Organisers, Bob and Lyn Hunter)

MURRAY BRIDGE SHOW (25/9/2021)

Even though Covid 19 is still with us all, the M.B. Show Committee were able to get permission to run this year's event at the local showgrounds and we were asked to make an appearance and display some of our vehicles. Once again, the day fell on A.F.L. Grand Final day and other sporting functions, but we were able to have six members adding their names to the list to be part of the display. The gates opened at 8 a.m. and I arrived around 8.30 to erect the Club Flags at our appointed spot around the oval boundary fence and that is when the fun started with the area occupied by private cars. A quick word with the President followed and he was able to give permission to occupy the same area as other years. This however did not occur as other car Clubs, both local and Tailem Bent were parked inside the Oval and this was our spot for the rest of the day. However, the changes did not stop at this point as all the cars from the three or four Clubs were mixed up and were displayed around the Oval. This did not matter as it was good talking to members from the other Clubs and inspecting their vehicles. The Grand Parade was due to take place at 12 noon but in the course of the day this time was changed a number of times owing to the fact that Parachutists were due to "drop in" onto the Oval before the G.P. commenced. They (the jumpers) had their own share of problems even before leaving their departure point and eventually the decision was made that the Grand Parade would not happen. My thanks go to those members of the Murray Bridge Club who attended as we were able to fly the flag and put our name across and let them know we existed. All in all, I class the day as a success as I did not hear too many complaints from other Club members, and they all seemed to be happy as they gathered to make their way home. Thanks again to all those who took part and met new friends.
(Thank you for the report from Run Organiser, Jeff Martin)

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