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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: Cruise Night

Top Left: Gary Haebich, Kevin & Helen Hosgood, Kerry & Jerry Wilson.

Top Right: Brenda Cowie, Jan Hall, Wayne & Viktoria Johns.

Middle Left: Dennis & Yvonne Kuchel, June & Terry Mabbitt, Cynthia Graetz.

Middle Right: Roy & Elaine Bretag, John & Vicki Courtney,

Bottom: Some of the vehicles present on the night.

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
2022		
Apr 5 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Apr 7 th (Thursday)	Ladies' Day	Brenda Cowie
April 30 – May 1 st (Weekend)	Conrod Weekend	Roy & Elaine Bretag Host - Bordertown Car Club
May 3 rd (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
May 22 nd (Sunday)	Sausage Sizzle	June & Terry Mabbitt
Jun 7 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Jun 18 th (Saturday)	Presentation Dinner	ACCMB Committee
Jul 5 th (Tuesday)	Annual General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Jul 17 th (Sunday)	Pub Run	John & Vicki Courtney

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

April 30 th (Saturday)	Waikerie Show & Shine	Details this issue
May 1 st (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Wharf at Sturt Reserve Murray Bridge
May 1 st (Sunday)	Tintinara Auction	Details this issue
June 5 th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Wharf at Sturt Reserve Murray Bridge
July 3 rd (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Wharf at Sturt Reserve Murray Bridge

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

NEWS FROM OTHER CLUBS / INVITATIONS

Waikerie Show “N” Shine

On Saturday 30th April 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Waikerie Community Sports Centre Playing Fields by entering via Smith Drive Waikerie. Cars and motorcycles assemble between 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. \$5.00 entry fee per registration. Voting closes at noon for best cars and motorcycles, with winners announced at 12:45 p.m.

Download registration form at riverlandwestchamber.com.au/shownshine and email completed form to waikerieshownshine@gmail.com

Enquiries to Sandra Schober Mobile 0418 886 910.

Tintinara Lions Club, Gala Wool and Auction Day

Hello to our “local” car enthusiasts! Following the most successful introduction of a ‘Vehicle ‘Display’ at the 2021 event, which created interest between entrants and the attending public, it was decided to further promote the ‘Vehicle ‘Display’ by having more Car Clubs involved, hence adding additional interesting vehicles.

Therefore, the organiser - Tintinara Lions Club, wish to invite your Car Club Members to participate in this year’s event. The ‘Vehicle Display’ is to be held at the Tintinara oval on Sunday 1st May 2022., commencing 10.00am & finish approximately 1.00pm., after viewing & judging. Free Entry and Free Parking. Entrants are encouraged to stay as long as they wish and participate in the other activities: - e.g., public auction, variety & food stalls Face Painter, Rock Climbing Licensed Bar, Mother’s Day Raffle & children’s entertainment.

We look forward to your club’s participation & a chance to blow off some dust and exhaust cobwebs! For any further information and/or participation advice please contact: - PETER or BERNADETTE WHEELER: - p: 85758074 or m: 0419 099119

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 June meeting. Many thanks for your cooperation – Yvonne.

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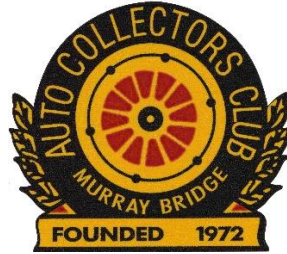
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DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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



WEHRMAN, Pam

Members of the Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge Inc (ACCMB) are deeply saddened by the passing of Pam on 8-2-2022.

Pam was an Inaugural Committee member in March 1972 and held the position of Secretary for a period of 5yrs, before being awarded the clubs highest honour of Life Membership in 1998.

"Thanks, Pam, for all your friendship, enthusiasm and dedication to the ACCMB over almost 50yrs". (6 weeks short of the club's Golden Anniversary)

President Claude Minge and ACCMB members express their sincere condolences to Eric and family.

"REST IN PEACE"

Our condolences go to our club members Howard & Myra Wright and family, following the passing of their son in law Rob Graham aged 64 years on 6/2/2022.

Also, to Graham & Maureen Edwards and family, following their loss in early Feb 2022 of Maureen's Auntie in Broken Hill aged 97 years.

To John & Vicki Courtney, we extend our condolences, following the passing of John's mother Phyllis, on 26/1/2022 aged 97.



Our thoughts are with you all at this difficult time.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS



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President's Report



WHERE WERE YOU IN 1972?

The year was 1972. Some of our younger ACCMB members will have no memory of 1972 simply because they had not been born. But for the rest of us think back to 50 years ago when we had a very different lifestyle.

We had T.V.s, radios, and cassette tape players but mobile phones, big screen TVs and computers did not exist.

We had Valiant Chargers, Holden Kingswoods, Monaros, and Toranas, Ford Falcons, Cortinas and Escorts.

In Murray Bridge the Princes Highway which is the highway between Adelaide and Melbourne ran through Bridge St and over the old bridge built in 1879. The Swanport Bridge and the Freeway Bypass did not exist. There were 16 petrol stations along that road within Murray Bridge- 5 on Eastside, the rest along Adelaide Road out to Ampol (now Mobil).

At our riverfront, Sturt Reserve was where we all dumped our rubbish for 20 years – that included green waste, household rubbish, building materials, fridges, TVs etc.

The farming area of Monarto had been purchased by the State Government (Don Dunstan) to redevelop as a satellite city to Adelaide.

On March 29th 1972 the ACCMB was founded by a group of local vehicle enthusiasts headed by Vernon Graetz. From humble beginnings the ACCMB has grown to what we have today. After 50 years we are very fortunate in that we have a good number of inaugural members, many of whom joined us on the 50th anniversary celebration of the ACCMB held on the 26th and 27th March. Along with past and present members we all enjoyed a great weekend of reminiscing, and renewing friendships and acquaintances. We were fortunate in having good weather, good food and the excellent organisation of the activities for the weekend. The 50th celebrations didn't just happen. There was planning by our 50th committee over many months, along with COVID 19 rules thrown into the equation to test the planned event.

On behalf of the ACCMB I thank the members of the committee for their dedication, skills and commitment given in making this special event a reality and one that we all enjoyed. The committee and their partners are John & Vicki Courtney, Graham & Maureen Edwards, Roy & Elaine Bretag, Terry & June Mabbitt, Jan Hall, Darren Fountain, Marlene & Alan Hagger, Yvonne & Peter Mach. To all of you, a job well done.

The special edition of Auto Torque put together by Yvonne & Peter Mach was outstanding as was the Photo presentation of our club 50-year history by Graham Edwards and the photo display by Roy & Elaine Bretag.

Thanks also to all ACCMB members who helped in any way to put the 50th together, with activities such as traffic and parking control. Without mentioning any names, you know who you are, and you have volunteered countless hours and we appreciate your commitment. To all who helped and to all who attended, your efforts made the 50th celebration the success it was, and it was enjoyed by all who attended.

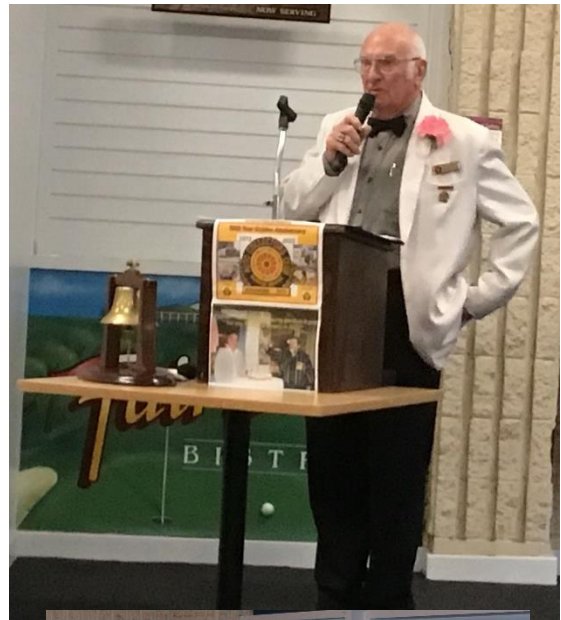
Claude Minge

From the Editor

Welcome to the latest edition of "Auto Torque".

It was a privilege and honour, to be asked to form the special edition of the Auto Torque magazine for the club's 50th Golden Anniversary celebrations. Peter and I have not been members of this club for very many years of the past 50 years and our knowledge of the club history was limited. Hence, we had a lot of fun, sourcing information and photos from the club archive records and learned about the Auto Collectors Club history along our journey. Many of the club members, inaugural members and the 50th committee assisted us, and we sincerely thank them, for their input, help and providing us with the articles and photos. But, Oh Dear! There was so much detail and so many wonderful photos. The final decision was difficult, but inevitably made on the choices of what was to feature into the special edition. However, there is a great supply of records, that equally should also have featured, should adequate space have been available. Congratulations must go to all of those who have carefully prepared and kept the information and photos over the years, formulating a fantastic record of the club's activities. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and trust that all of you enjoy the 50th magazine as much as I did, to prepare it. Continue with us, on the journey into the future of this great Auto Collectors Club and support our fellow members with your participation. Safe and Happy driving to all.

Yvonne



COMING EVENTS!

LADIES' DAY

(Thursday 7th April 2022)

Ladies' Day run this year will be to the Oasis Restaurant at Belvidere, which is just the other side of Langhorne Creek. As the name suggests, the restaurant is in a tropical garden setting. Leave the clubrooms at 9:45a.m. for a BYO morning tea at Langhorne Creek reserve, then on to Oasis for lunch.

The cost for lunch is \$28.80 per person, which consists of choice of 3 main meals, 2 desserts, & barista coffee/tea.

There is not a schnitzel or apple crumble to be seen!

Of course, there will be the obligatory quiz, as this is a trophy run, but I promise it will be easy.

Brenda Cowie (Run Organiser)

CONROD WEEKEND

(Saturday 30th April to Sunday 1st May 2022)

This event is being hosted by the Bordertown Car Club this year, and details regarding the weekend will be advised in due course. Club members wishing to represent our club at this weekend event are asked to register their interest by contacting Roy and Elaine Bretag, 0438425791 or 0409056158.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

(Sunday 22 May 2022)

Make your own way to the Mabbitt's house at 36 Ross Road Murray Bridge East. The gates will be open at 10:00 a.m. We will start with the Biggest Morning Tea and all food will be provided.

Followed by a sausage sizzle for lunch (no salads provided). Tea and Coffee will be provided. BYO chairs, cold drinks, plates, cutlery, cups, and your own personal salads if required.

Terry & June Mabbitt 0409 692 520 (Run Organisers).

PRESENTATION DINNER

(Saturday 18th June 2022)

The ACCMB Committee are currently organising this event and details will be provided once confirmed.

PUB RUN

(Sunday 17th July 2022)

This year the Pub Run destination will be "The Greenman Inn" at Ashbourne. Further details on this run will be advised in due course.

John & Vicki Courtney (Run Organisers)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The Membership Renewal Form will be emailed to all members who have an email address recorded with the club. For those members from whom we do not have an email address, their Membership Renewal Form will be sent 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 General Meetings.
- Payment can be made via EFT, **quoting your name**. Bank details are BSB 805 050 Account Number 630 674 29. 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, **quoting your name**. Bank details are BSB 805 050 Account Number 630 674 29. 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 5th July 2022. Any member with payment and forms outstanding as of that date, will no longer be a member of the club and DPTI 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 5th July 2022.**

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

LOGBOOK ANNUAL UPDATE

The Registration Team will be accepting Logbooks from the April meeting. We would like to have all Logbooks stamped for the new club year by the time of the Annual General Meeting on 5th July 2022. 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 logbooks to the club post office box. They will **not** be collected from there.

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

Many Thanks

The Rego Team (Jamie, and Darren.)

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The following information as recorded in our constitution, is provided to our club members. It outlines the procedure to be taken when a club member wishes to nominate a member of our club for Life Membership. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of our Club Executive.

6. Life Membership: Any financial member who has rendered the Club meritorious service may be nominated for life membership. The nomination, with a detailed summary of the nominee's service, is to be given to the Executive Committee at least two months prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee and all available Life Members to decide if the criteria have been met and Life Membership granted. The membership shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting or Presentation Dinner. Life members shall have the same privileges as full financial members.

THE LATEST ON OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Our New Provisional Members are: -

- Peter Sellick & Jennifer Stratford – 1948 Jaguar Sedan, 1960 AGA 1600 Roadster, 1988 Honda Goldwing Motorbike.
- Andrew & Michelle Thompson – 1986 Scania P112 6 x 4 Truck, 1998 Mercedes Benz Sedan.
- Robert (Bob) & Margaret England – 1984 Toyota Landcruiser SUV.
- Brenton & Nadene Newman – 1926 Model T Ford Sedan



Achieving Full Membership: -

- Rodney & Rosalie Sloper – 1936 Ten Four Morris Sedan.

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

Trevor Wehrman (Membership Officer)

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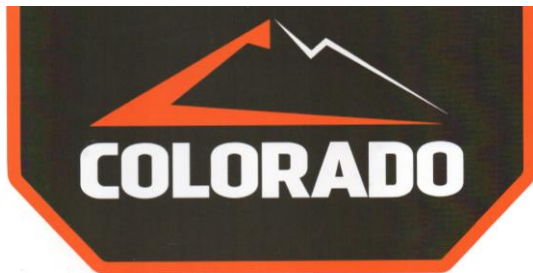
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Run Reports

CRUISE NIGHT 11/2/2022

With COVID restrictions easing, 20 Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge (ACCMB) members driving a mix of 10 modern and classic vehicles, cruised their way to an outdoor BYO dinner get together at Swanport Reserve on the banks of the mighty Murray.

With the weather a little chilly, ACCMB members set up their tables and chairs around the shelter shed.

There were no mosquitos this year, but the Corellas certainly made their presence felt by their deafening, raucous and destruction of the trees and branches at the reserve, spoiling what was meant to be a pleasant and peaceful evening overlooking the river, but instead, the view was chewed leaves and more chewed leaves strewn all over what is such a peaceful lawned reserve.

Two ACCMB members proudly debuted their latest vehicles, lovingly and carefully restored over many long years of hard work.

John and Vicki Courtney were the first to arrive in their 1929 Dodge DA Bud sedan, (Photo on right) followed by Jerry and Kerry Wilson driving their 1938 Fiat Topolino Coupe (Topolino is Italian for "Little Mouse").



After dinner the male members ventured off to give these interesting vehicles the "once over inspection", with many favourable comments and questions being asked of their proud owners, John, and Jerry, while the ladies sat on the reserve talking amongst themselves in loud voices to overcome the noisy Corellas.

With all inspections of the vehicles attending complete, the evening was becoming rather chilly, signalling it was time to pack up and say their cheerio's, before making their way home.

(Thank you for this report from Graham Edwards, Photos from Graham Edwards and Elaine Bretag and Jan Hall, the Run Organiser.)

ACCMB 50TH GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WEEKEND

Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th March 2022

Pretty well all of you should be aware that our club was formed at the instigation of Vernon Graetz in 1972. You would also be aware of the celebrations that we had planned for the anniversary of that event, with a lot of the details and information on the club in the excellent special edition of Auto Torque that Yvonne has published. So, now that it has all been and gone, how did it go and what happened?

Saturday night started with dinner at the Murray Bridge Golf Club. Attendees entered the building past a small but varied display including Paul & Val Wade's Square 4 Ariel motor bike, Alan & Marlene Hagger's BSA motor bike outfit and Dodge Ute, John & Vicki Courtney's Dodge DA Sedan, Trevor & Christine Wehrman's Chev van, Jan Hall's Leyland P76 and Claude & Liz Minge's Ferrari Dino.

On entry, bags containing goodies, Sunday's run information, magazine etc. were handed out and most took the opportunity to purchase some raffle tickets. It was then time to have a look at the fantastic memorabilia display, compiled by Roy and Elaine Bretag, find a seat, and get a drink, not necessarily in that order.



Graham Edwards assumed the role of MC for the evening and explained the usual housekeeping instructions. President Claude Minge then welcomed all present and announced the apologies, before introducing our guests for the evening, Tony Pasin, our federal member for Barker, Adrian Pederick, state member for Hammond and his partner Susie Boksem, Wayne Thorley, Deputy Mayor and his wife Angela and Morven Green, President of the Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs, and his wife Melva. Then followed a minute's silence, with a very fitting photo of Vernon Graetz on the TV screen, to give us all the opportunity to remember all those that are no longer with us and "the way things were". Then to further remind us of some of these events and people, "the first 40 years" compilation by Graham for the 40th Anniversary was played on the TV, followed by "the last 10 years", again compiled by Graham, to bring us up to date.

Tony Pasin, Adrian Pederick, Wayne Thorley, and Morven Green took the opportunity at various times during the evening to address the group, followed by 50th Anniversary Chairman John Courtney leading a vote of thanks to the Committee and helpers. Time then to finally tuck into what was general accepted as a great feed.

An early brief history of the club was then presented by Kevin Brincat-Cotton, inaugural member and 1978/9 President.

The club birthday cake, once again provided and beautifully decorated by Jane Burbidge, was cut by Claude and Cecily. They were then joined by all the inaugural members present for a photo shoot. Both the cake and desert provided suitably topped off the meal.

Along the way there were for various prizes and raffles. A "mystery plate prize" was won by inaugural member Robert Turner. A wooden 50th Anniversary clock, beautifully made and donated by Jeff Martin was won by Cecily Graetz, a most fitting winner. A three-bottle pack of Tawny Port, including a 10th Anniversary bottle (donated by Graham and Marg Klingberg), a 40th Anniversary bottle and a 50th Anniversary bottle was won by Mary Rowley. As the dress theme for the night was "70's style", the Golf Club staff cast an eye over some rather dodgy looking hippies and other trendily dressed participants and agreed that both Darren Fountain and Roxanne Rowland "had the look" and were each presented with a prize.

Finally, a very satisfied mob retired in readiness for the following day.



Salle, the Burt's 1926 Chev Buckboard, and the Wehrman's 1926 Chev Tourer. Another inaugural car, the Chamber's 1939 Buick, was there at the start, but

Sunday showed promise of a warm day as everyone gathered in the car park adjacent to Finlaysons Reserve. At 9,00, three cars that were actually on the club's inaugural run to Mannum in 1972 were waved away by inaugural member Eric Wehrman. These cars were the Graetz's 1936 La



Steve deemed it too unwell on the day to go to Mannum. The remaining 60 odd cars soon followed on, arriving at the Mary Ann Reserve at Mannum at about 10.00am. A BYO morning tea was consumed amid much reminiscing on the



very pleasant lawns of the reserve, prior to returning to Murray Bridge past the picturesque Mannum Waters in absolutely perfect weather.

Back at Finlaysons Reserve in Murray Bridge, the cars were parked for display on the lawn. In all there were about 75 cars on display, as some belonged to members with multiple cars or members who were officiating on the day. And what an impressive display it was, everything from 1926 to 2008. We are very fortunate that professional photographer David Leane was happy to once again, as he did for the 40th Anniversary, take a series of photos that we should be able to get framed for our clubrooms, as well as for anyone else that would like them. To allow him to get a better view, Darren Fountain provided a scissor lift. Lots of others took photos as well, it did make a pretty spectacular sight.





A delicious BBQ lunch was provided by the Mobilong Rotary Club, for about 130 participants, which only served as a break between looking at cars, talking about them and reminiscing over past events. The memorabilia display was again on hand to prompt a few more memories. A very pleasant time was had. However, all good things must come to an end, so eventually President Claude thanked all present and closed the event, to the cheers of all present.

John Courtney, Chairman, 50th Anniversary Organising Committee.

(Thank you to John for providing this report. Photos provided by John Courtney, Graham Edwards, Lyn West, and Ricky Kaak. More photos are on page 8.)

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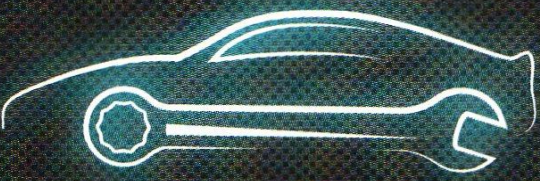
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