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

**\*\* (No change to fees for 2022/23, making membership in our Club most cost effective) \*\***

**ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE RELEVANT OFFICER**

**OUR COVER PICTURES:** Top Left: Wellington Strawberry Fete. Top Right: Callington Show.

Middle, Bottom Right & Left: Murray Bridge Christmas Pageant.

Page 4 Photos: Murray Bridge Show Static Display (refer to previous edition for this article).

# Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
Dec. 6th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Christmas Party	ACCMB Committee
2023	No General Meeting in January	
Jan.13 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)	Pizza Night	John & Vicki Courtney
Feb. 7th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)	Cruise Night	Jan Hall
Mar. 7th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 12 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Sausage Sizzle	Terry & June Mabbitt
Mar. 14th (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Apr. 4th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Apr. 19 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)	Ladies' Day	Brenda Cowie
April	Conrod Weekend	To be advised
May 2nd (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
June 6th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
June 17 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	Presentation Night	ACCMB Committee
July 4th (Tuesday)	Annual General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 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

Dec. 4th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Wharf at Sturt Reserve Murray Bridge
Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> (Weekend)	Milang "Yesterday's Power Rally" and Tractor Pull	Milang Oval
Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum
Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Wharf at Sturt Reserve Murray Bridge
Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum
Mar. 5 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Wharf at Sturt Reserve Murray Bridge
Mar. 26 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum
April 16 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Gawler to Barossa Veteran & Vintage Run (Vehicles up to 1930)	Gawler

(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 [autocollectorsmb@outlook.com](mailto:autocollectorsmb@outlook.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 the same way. To ensure inclusion in the next Newsletter, articles should reach the Editor **AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR** to the February meeting. Many thanks for your cooperation – Yvonne.

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# President's Report



The subject of club fees and subs was discussed at length during our ACCMB Committee Meeting on 08/11/22.

The subs/year have been \$35:00 for 16 years, since 2006. The \$35:00 includes spouse/partner, which equates to \$17:50/person.  
(Full details in Committee Report in magazine).

Our new subs will be \$50:00/member.

Our discussions at Committee centred on the fact that Club operational costs continue to rise- such as insurance, printing and postage, maintenance of club property etc.  
We focussed on the fact that to have a vehicle on club conditional registration for one year is approximately \$80:00. This compares to full registration for one year being approximately \$700:00 for a six-cylinder vehicle.

Being a car club member is still a very cost-effective way of keeping our cars registered and on the road.

In regard to further improvements in our clubrooms, a big thank you to Peter Hoare who has donated two bookshelves to our revamped library and storeroom.

In case you were unaware, Christmas is only a few weeks away and of course 2023. Please remember our Christmas celebration is on 11<sup>th</sup> December, so bring your Christmas cheer!!

There is no meeting in January, but we have our annual pizza night at John and Vicki Courtney's home on 13<sup>th</sup> January. (Please advise attendance to John).

Looking ahead to 2023, our proposed club run to Loxton will be occurring, but river levels will determine the date of this.... more details as river conditions and accessibility are clarified...

In conclusion, Liz and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in the company of family and friends.... Enjoy and stay safe.

Claude Minge

## From the Editor

Welcome to the latest edition of "Auto Torque".

We humans have houses of great many designs and colours, some small and sparse, others spacious and luxurious. Our own piece of personal paradise. Have you been in the doghouse? Ever ventured into the hen house to collect the eggs. I am positive we have all visited the outhouse for sure.

The word 'garage' comes from the French verb 'garer' – 'to shelter' and entered the English language right at the start of the 20th Century. But not everybody approved. The architect Charles

Harrison Townsend, writing in 1908, noted that the French term 'garage' was being used for the new car storage buildings that were popping up everywhere. He disapproved and suggested "...the more desirable English equivalent of 'Motor House'."

As you can imagine, the name 'Motor House' didn't catch on and the nation has been happily parking their cars in garages for over 100 years. The first residential garages in the homes of the wealthy tended to be converted outbuildings. As the habit of driving spread to the upper middle classes, a desire for cheap garages led to the emergence of a thriving business in Norwich.

The Norwich manufacturing company, Boulton and Paul, are perhaps best remembered for their contribution to the war effort building planes. However, before they became the country's number one producer of Sopwith Camels during the First World War, they made their money supplying prefabricated garages. The prefabs were cheap and could be erected in hours – and the technology developed to house cars was used in the 1940s to house thousands of families made homeless by the war and slum clearances.

The first garage doors were side-hinged double barn doors that opened outwards. The up-and-over door was the first innovation – a 'float over door' and is advertised in an American catalogue as early as 1902. Sectional doors and roller doors and innovations such as spring-loading to assist opening all came along soon after. A properly maintained door should last a long time (we've all seen some ancient ones!)

These days, garages are common on larger premises and a great feature if you wish to sell your house. The earliest garages tended to be owned by motor enthusiasts – some of whom would have an inspection pit in the floor of their garage and pulleys installed in the ceiling for lifting out heavy engine components. Now, residential garages are more for storage than tinkering.

So, what is your garage space used for. Our vintage and collectable vehicles, of course.

Safe and Happy driving to all.

Yvonne



## THE LATEST ON OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Our New Provisional Members are:

October Meeting

- David Smyth – 1998 ELXR8 Tickford Series 2 Sedan.
- David & Geraldine Schmerl – 1994 Toyota Troop Carrier, 1977 Chubb Pacesetter Firetruck.

November Meeting

- Mark & Kimberly Jarrett – 1978 Torana Hatchback.
- Christopher & Melissa Broster – 1986 60 Series Landcruiser 4x4.
- Jason & Fiona Day – 1963 EJ Holden Sedan.

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

Trevor Wehrman (Membership Officer)



# COMING EVENTS!

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

(Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022)

This year will be a little different as we will be having a hot Christmas lunch. Lunch will start around 12-12.30pm.

Members do not need to bring anything except their morning tea & drinks if required. Tea, coffee etc. will be available as usual.

There will be entertainment & Christmas raffles.

Numbers are limited, so the last time to register your attendance is by the end of the General Meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2022.



Brenda (ACCMB Committee)

## PIZZA NIGHT

(Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023)

Covid-19 stopped us in our tracks last year, **SO LET'S TRY AGAIN.**

On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. I hear you say? What could go wrong!!!

***Remember, this is a Friday night event.***

Make your own way to John & Vicki Courtney's place to arrive from 5.30 PM. Pizza will be ordered to arrive at 6.30 PM. Please remember the one-way traffic and traffic lights on the old bridge may hold you up a bit.

NOTE: Please enter from the Riverglades Lagoon side of property, NOT OUR NORMAL DRIVEWAY (see directions below) and park in the front yard. Closer to carry chairs and eskies!

Remember the "what could go wrong"? Well, the first thing is that the Murray River floods MAY prevent us from getting access to our front yard. Time will tell, so if the water levels are too high, we may need plan "B". If that is the case, I will contact you, but THE SHOW WILL GO ON.

Pizza and Watermelon & Pineapple supplied

Cost: - \$5.00 per person

Bring: - Chairs, Drinks, Mosquito Repellent and remember, the mozzies are particularly big and ferocious again this season!!



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into Mitchell Avenue. Follow Mitchell Avenue till you reach Loddon Road and TURN LEFT. Continue to the bottom of the hill then TURN LEFT into Riverglades View (Previously called Murray Drive). Follow this road for 200 metres (it's only a track at that stage) then TURN LEFT into our gateway.

Please let us know if you will be attending so we know how many Pizzas to order! If you have not put your names on the attendance sheet at the December meeting, phone **John or Vicki on 85324107**. Please also let us know if for some reason you need to remove your name from this list, we would not want to over-cater with the Pizzas, would we.

### **CRUISE NIGHT** (Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023)

This is an informal run, where you can come and go as you please. We will not be going as a group from Johnstone Park.



Leave Murray Bridge on Swanport/Jervois Roads. Turn left onto Swanport Village Road (shortly after passing under the South-eastern Freeway) and follow this road to Swanport Reserve.

Come along for a casual get together, bring your tucker, drinks and definitely Mozzly repellent, and going on past events be prepared for all weather conditions.

Entertainment will be provided by the locals. E.g., White Cockatoo's.

Join in from 5:30 p.m. onwards. See you there.

Jan Hall 0438 607 116 Run Organiser.

## **TWIN BRIDGES IS ON AGAIN!**

Come and join us for a LOW-KEY weekend of Cars, Food and Fun!

The date- 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

Commencing with our now famous casserole dinner Friday 13<sup>th</sup>.

Saturday: M/Tea, Run & lunch. Saturday night Dinner, Music, Laughs & Raffles.

Sunday: Farewell breakfast in Clubrooms.

We need to have some idea of numbers to book venues etc.

Please help us to organise a fun weekend by registering your expressions of interest in attending.

Yours Sincerely

Brenda Cowie: Run Coordinator: [breles@gmail.com](mailto:breles@gmail.com)

Jan Hall: Run Coordinator: [janice.hall4@bigpond.com](mailto:janice.hall4@bigpond.com)

## WELL WISHES

We are aware of club members currently experiencing health and wellbeing issues. We offer our wishes to you and trust you get well soon, enabling you to re-join our club activities.



## CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

### October Meeting.

#### For Sale

- Kawasaki Ltd 250 KZ Belt Driven Motor Bike 21200kms with manual. Make an offer. Contact Ross 0428655190

#### Wanted

- LH Front Door 1958 Chevrolet Sedan. Contact Wayne Johns 0427310095
- 1972 Honda 500 Four. Contact Robert 0419838663



### November Meeting

#### For Sale

- Extendable Arm Towing Mirrors. (Door fitting). \$20.00 for 2. Contact Ricky Kaak 0434945504

#### Free

- Air filter for mid-50's Chevrolet. Contact Peter 0432644909.

## ACCMB Committee Meeting 8/11/22 Summary.

1. Review of club fees.

Subs \$50:00 annual subs for members and spouse/partner as from 1/7/23.

Joining fee for new member \$30:00 as from 8/11/22. Logbook-\$5:00/book.

2. The ACCMB will pursue SA Government grant monies being made available for SA Car Clubs. \$500,000 available per year over 4 years (\$2 million in total). Application forms will be available in near future.

3. Microphone usage at meetings. Please use microphone when speaking at a meeting. There are some members who have difficulty in hearing the person speaking.

4. We are seeking guest speakers at monthly meetings. If you are a person or know of someone who can present our members with a 20 minute (approximately) talk on any subject which doesn't have to be car related, let us know.

5. Assistant membership officers – with the influx of new members we propose to appoint an assistant membership officer.

6. Club runs. A dot point template of duties and responsibilities will be drafted to help any member who would like to organise a club run and is uncertain of how to organise.

Claude Minge

President

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# ***Run Reports***

## **WELLINGTON STRAWBERRY FETE 2/10/2022**

The first morning of Daylight Saving saw a small band of Club Members gathering at the Johnstone Park grounds at the beginning of what would be a perfectly beautiful day. 7 cars left the Clubrooms at just after 9:00 a.m. and one more caught up with the group along the way. We took a course along Maurice and Hindmarsh roads to the Jervois/Wellington Road and turned off at Flagstaff Road. The only time I use this road is when we do a Run to the Wellington Fete and it is such a pleasant drive through undulating country, lush with crops at the moment.

Local Wellington identity, Des Kluske (who turns 90 years of age this month – October), was waiting to admit us and the incoming Fete Organiser (Bob Radford), had an area reserved for our Club's static display. Jeff Martin, ably assisted by Peter Mach and Harry Howitt (I hope I haven't left anyone out!) erected the Club Flags, which set off our display nicely. I must thank Jeff for reminding me about the flags. I had forgotten about them so it's obviously too long since I have organised a Club Run! We were joined by a couple more Club Members in modern cars later.



Then we all settled down to do as we liked – having morning tea, perusing the fete stalls, chatting – all the while intermittently shifting our chairs to take advantage of the much-appreciated shade from a large gum tree.

There were lots of stalls – bric-a-brac, handicrafts, fresh produce, a travel agent, food stalls, a BBQ and, of course, strawberries/ice-cream/cream. Tom and I couldn't believe the size of the serve we received. I think I had a full punnet of strawberries in mine! And they were delicious.

During the morning, I met up with the outgoing Fete Organiser (Jude Male) and she said to watch out for her later and give her a wave as she came down to earth in a tandem skydiving jump. I have known Jude a long time, so I had to see that! We became aware of some activity in a field at the rear of the Fete venue. There were a few men in fluoro jackets trying to re-locate some cows. And the cows were not happy! They obviously didn't want to leave their field and ran away from the men, mooing loudly. I couldn't help the vision coming into my mind of a skydiver landing on a cow and going for an unexpected ride! It's the stuff comics are made of. But eventually, the men re-directed the cows somewhere else, and all settled down.

We had seen the little plane flying aloft and gathering height before it began to lighten its load. One, two, three persons made single jumps, landing expertly. I wondered if Jude had had cold feet, but no! The final dive was Jude, strapped to her companion, and they also made a text-book landing (at



least, it looked like that to me). She received a rousing cheer and clap from the many onlookers. It certainly was something different for the Wellington Strawberry Fete.

The rest of the day was spent in a very pleasant, relaxing manner. Because we were a smaller group, we sat in one circle, which allowed interaction and conversation on a level not usually achieved when there are more present. We all packed up when the Fete came to an end, about 2:00 p.m., and made our individual ways home. It was obvious to me that everyone enjoyed their day and I thank them for attending and for their support in the fundraising for the maintenance of the Wellington Hall.

It is usually the case that our Club supports the Wellington Strawberry Fete in this way every second year, so, see you in two years' time!



(Thank you for this report from Organiser, Lyn West, and Photos from Graham Edwards.)

### **CALLINGTON SHOW 30/10/2022**



9 out of 13 cars left the clubrooms at 9:00 a.m. on a reasonable morning. At Callington we quickly commandeered the shelter shed and set ourselves up for the day. We collected our give-a-ways for the Calli-trail, and it wasn't long before the kids came to collect their "freebies" and get their papers signed.

The first couple of hours were ok, then as warned by Jan's new watch at 11:30 a.m. it started to rain. By this time most had had a walk around and were getting peckish, so in between showers lunch was bought. The rain got heavier but didn't seem to stop people from wandering around. There was a lot of interest in our cars, but unfortunately, we couldn't put our flags up as Dave's boot wouldn't open to get them out.



By about 1:30 p.m. we had finished with the "Trail", and it was a unanimous decision next break in the rain, we would head out. You wouldn't believe it, but as we made our way out, there was sunshine and brilliant blue sky!!!

We had had some laughs and I think despite the weather it turned out quite good for the organisers.

Thanks to those members who braved the weather.

(Thank you for this report from Brenda Cowie, Run Organiser, and Photos from Graham Edwards.)



## **MURRAY BRIDGE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 19/11/2022**

The 2022 Murray Bridge Xmas Parade focussed on returning to previous traditional parades along Bridge Street to Sturt Reserve. This had not been possible over the past two years due to Covid-19 restrictions.



The weather forecast for Saturday afternoon was pretty bleak, with predicted heavy rain and thunderstorms, but thankfully this did not eventuate, and it was fine for the entire event.

Although the number of floats entered in the parade was down in number from pre-Covid years, the event was well attended by the general public.

The Auto Collectors Club entered six vehicles on show for the parade-our 1929 Studebaker, (driven by its previous owner, Roy Bretag) along with his wife Elaine and Liz and myself as passengers. Thanks Roy-you gave us all a thrill with your driving.... the Studebaker has never in the last

decade, taken a corner as fast!

Jan Hall entered and drove her 1952 Morris Minor (the red nosed reindeer version), while Bob Hunter in his 1969 MGB, Jeff and Aileen Martin in their 1970 Holden, Bruce and Marcia Eldridge in their 1981 Mercedes Benz and Murray Lutz in his 1962 Buick made up the rest of the "cortege".

Dave and Rhonda Verrall with their Mini Minor were unfortunately, non-starters due to Dave testing Covid positive and our latest Club member, Jason Day with his EJ Holden couldn't be there due to his work commitments as an interstate truck driver. (Speedy recovery Dave).

Special thanks go to Goran Yakas and his son Cian, who acted as our Marshalls for the parade-walking, jogging,

and controlling any over-zealous children who

ran from the crowds to collect sweets and treats that were thrown from our cars. Cian even entertained everyone by performing handstands (and "handstand-walking") at the front of the cars.

The parade route was along Bridge Street, turning at Sixth Street and Mary Terrace to Sturt Reserve, where we all arrived safely to complete our run-some heading for home, while others stayed on for the festivities and entertainment.

The evening culminated in a spectacular fireworks display at 9:00 p.m.

Thank you to all participants in the 2022 Christmas Parade-for preparing and decorating your cars for this event. It was a great promotion of and for our Club.

(Thank you to Claude Minge for this report and photos.)



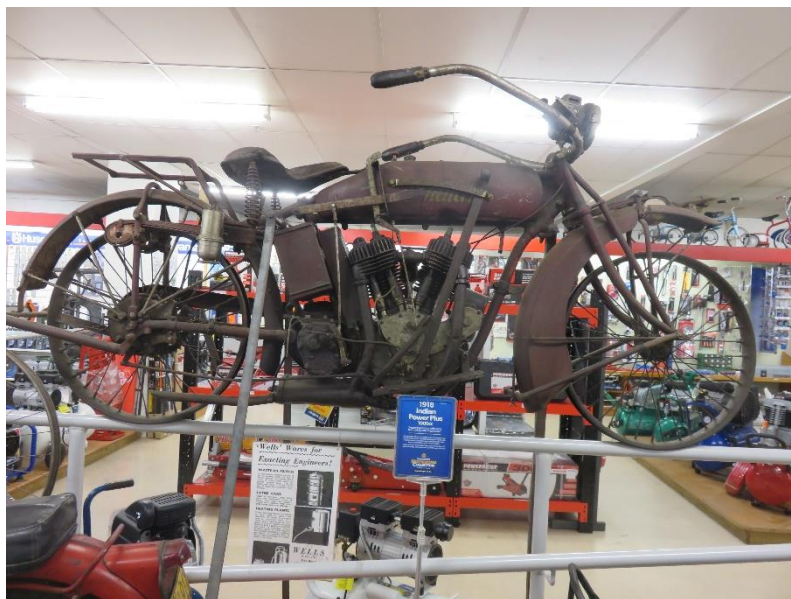


## Paul Wade - Motorcycle Display

While Paul was in the South Island of New Zealand recently, he took the opportunity to look at a motorcycle display honouring Burt Munro – the famous motorbiker featured in the film “The world’s fastest Indian”.

Paul has sent in these photos in the interest of our fellow members. Picture (opposite right) is what he would have started with.

Picture (below left) is the record holding bike that he raced on the beaches south of Invercargill and on the Bonnyville salt flats in the USA.



Picture (above right) is of a very rare 1975 rotary engine Suzuki motorcycle.

Picture (Opposite left) is of a homemade bike using a late 50's 6-cylinder air cooled chevy corvair motor.

(Thank you to Paul for these Photos and information.)



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