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

PUBLIC OFFICER

Paul Geiger

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

ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE RELEVANT OFFICER

OUR COVER PICTURES: The Club Christmas Party.

Elaine Bretag

Club Fees

Top Left: Gloria Jachman, Glenda & John Wilkins.

Top Right: Dave Verrall.

CLUB HISTORIAN

Bottom Left: Deb & Jeff Schiller, Dennis Jachman.

Bottom Right: Pieter & Pat Kriel, Kath & Jim Stocker, Neil & Dianne Burbidge, Ricky Kaak.

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
2022		
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

Feb 6 th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Wharf at Sturt Reserve Murray
		Bridge
Mar 6 th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Wharf at Sturt Reserve Murray
		Bridge
Apr 3rd ^h (Sunday)	McLaren Vale Vintage & Classic	Event Cancelled
Apr 3 rd (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 <u>WORD</u> <u>Document</u> to <u>yvonnemach@bigpond.com</u>. Also, please send same to our Webmaster, Pieter Kriel, <u>autocollectorsmb@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR</u> to the April meeting. Many thanks for your cooperation – Yvonne.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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

Our condolences go to our club member, Robin Kavooris, following the recent loss of his wife Lyn Kavooris on 8/1/2022.

Our condolences also go to our club member Wendy Uren and children, Mark, Robert & Suzanne, and families, following the recent loss of her husband and their father, John Uren on 31/12/2021.

Our thoughts are with you all at this difficult time.



President's Report



Welcome to Auto Torque 2022. Good news at last. All COVID-19 Restrictions have been lifted. The Coronavirus strains of Delta and Omicron have been defeated and have ceased to exist.

We all look forward to these headlines in the media sometime in the not-too-distant future. This will happen BUT NOT at this point in time.

In the meantime, let's make the most of what we CAN do. Our 50th anniversary in March is rapidly approaching. There are limited numbers on Saturday night for our dinner at the Golf Club. Time is running out to secure a seat BUT there is no limit on numbers for Sunday 27th. On Sunday morning there is a run to Mannum and return followed by everyone gathering at the Wharf area, Murray Bridge Riverfront for a vehicle display. If you cannot join in the run to Mannum, please bring along your car/truck and or motorbike for display for the general public to admire and for viewing by past and current members of our club. Remember this is not a rehearsal – 50 years is once only event. And before the 50th celebrations we can all head down to the Swanport Reserve to socialize on our Swanport cruise on Friday evening 11th February hosted by Jan.

We know that there have been a few dramas in organising events/runs due to the ever-changing variations to COVID-19 restrictions, particularly at hotels and meal venues. At times this has caused postponement or cancellation of a proposed run. We need your help! Please advise us of any suggestions for places of interest to visit and/or runs for club events that could be held either now or at some time in the future.

On a personal note, I was contacted in December by Peter Detloff of Swan Reach. Some of you may remember visiting his collection of John Deere tractors, etc on a club run that we did to Swan Reach to visit the Swan Reach Car Museum, established by John George and run by their local car club. Peter built and successfully raced a Chev Corvette on speedway circuits around South Australia in the 1980's. I purchased the Corvette in 1988 and raced until 1996 then selling it and devoting my time to restoring our 1924 Nash Hearse for the next 4 years. The #19 Corvette was then used in off road circuit racing at Whyalla, Port Pirie, and Roxby Downs. Peter found the Corvette in a very rough and bad state of repair north of Adelaide. He is intending to rebuild it to original specifications. He contacted me on the off chance that I had kept parts or panels from over 30 years ago. My wife, Liz has repeatedly complained that I have accumulated so much junk and we need to call Shannon Watson to clear the yard of scrap. Luckily for Peter I had the original fabricated square tube bumper bar, I kept it after square tube bumpers were banned and replaced with round tube. I also had an original bonnet; the original fibreglass moulds no longer exist. Over the past 25 years the Corvette has been cut and shut, engine relocated, and a Holden front end grafted to the chassis but with a lot work it will hopefully return to the track to run in "classic speedway events".

The moral of this story is "Never throw anything out, someone at some time will use it" I'm looking forward to taking #19 (photo below) for a run.

Claude Minge



From the Editor

Welcome to the latest edition of "Auto Torque".

What is your family like? After a slow start to summer with the cooler weather lingering mainly into December, the heat has finally arrived.

I, personally tend to mirror the opposite of a polar bear. Arise bright and early, get the fruit and vegetables picked, any watering done and retire indoors, hibernating for the rest of the day away from the sun and the heat, to reappear at dusk, to enjoy the cool evening air. Alternatively, on the cold, dry wintertime days and the months in between, I am more than happy to spend my days out of doors.

My mate counterpart, however, is the opposite. During the heat of the day, he is in his element preferring to be outside or alternatively in the shed, tinkering or pottering away on his latest project, appearing back inside at mealtimes, to invariably comment upon the closure of the blinds and the coolness. Yet in the wintertime, it is he, who retreats inside to the warmth.

It is amazing how different the individuals of the human species can be. Just like the vehicles we own and drive. Everyone has their own preferences in a vehicle and its features. Did you know that there are 14 major global corporations who control more than 60 brands of vehicles around the world? In the United States market alone in 2017, there were 237 existing and 38 new car models offered for sale. There were over one billion passenger cars traversing the streets and roads in the world in 2018, and worldwide new car sales were expected to be around 66 million automobiles in 2021. No wonder we all have a huge array to choose from.

Safe and Happy driving to all.

Yvonne

COMING EVENTS!

CRUISE NIGHT

(Friday 11th February 2022)

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 Mozzy repellent, going on past events, be prepared for all weather conditions. Entertainment provided by locals e.g., White Cockatoo's. Join in from 5:30 p.m. onwards. See you there.

Jan Hall (0438 607 116) Run Organiser.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

(Sunday 6th March 2022)

As a result of the current Covid 19 regulations applying, this event has been regretfully cancelled.

June & Terry Mabbitt, Run Organisers.

ACCMB 50TH GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY 50th GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

(Weekend $26^{th} - 27^{th}$ March 2022)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

<u>To Registrants of the 50th Anniversary Sunday 27th March - Re-enactment run Murray</u>
Bridge/Mannum /Murray Bridge

Hi to you all,

One minor addition for the 50th Anniversary information provided to the committee, is to state the **Vehicle Make, Model, and Year** that you intend to drive on the Sunday run to Mannum and return, if you have decided, for those who have a collection. Graham Edwards is organizing the Murray Valley Standard feature for the 50th Anniversary, and they have asked if he would give them that information, as they wish to advise the general public what vehicles will be on display at Mannum/Murray Bridge.

Would you please indicate below, by filling in the blanks and return this email to **Graham Edwards**,

Email address	edwardsgm1@bigpond.com
Or phone Graham o	n 0428813070 at your <u>earliest convenience please.</u>
MAKE	
MODEL	
YEAR	

*** Another Important request from the 50th Committee ***

<u>Please remember to bring your Picnic Table and Chairs to Sundays Inaugural</u> Re-enactment run

*** UPDATE on the Saturday Night Dinner Numbers ***

As it stands now with current COVID restrictions on licensed premises, the Murray Bridge Golf Club seating is for **76** seated patrons total (main room & sprig bar) We wish to advise you, who are already registered and paid, that if you have friends who intend going to the dinner, then as of today, our numbers booked is **52**.

Please pass the word around.

Once this number of **76** has been reached, it will be on a first in and paid-up waiting list, just in case someone cancels out or the SA Govt changes the restrictions on the number of patrons allowed at venues. What a world we live in now.

PLEASE NOTE – This does NOT apply to SUNDAY's RUN/Wharf gathering. You do NOT have to attend the Saturday Night Dinner to go on Sundays Re-enactment Run. BUT -- For Catering purposes, you still need to REGISTER for Sunday on the REGISTRATION sheet that was sent out weeks ago. If you have lost it—it can be downloaded from the ACCMB website.

Kind Regards, John Courtney, 50th Anniversary Chairman & Committee *Thanks*, 50th Anniversary Committee

LADIES' DAY

(Wednesday 6th April 2022)

Details regarding this event to be advised in due course. Brenda Cowie. Run Organiser

BRENDA COWIE'S CHRISTMAS PARTY QUIZZES

COLOURS

- 1. What colour dress did Chris DeBurgh's wife wear in 1986?
- 2. Paul Mc Cartney wrote about what sort of boat?
- 3. What sort of vegetation did a prisoner dream of touching while he was on Death Row?
- 4. What was around a tree to tell a newly released prisoner his wife was waiting for him?
- 5. Name three edible foods that are known by colour?
- 6. What is New Zealand's football team called?
- 7. What appears about every two and a half years in the night sky?
- 8. What would a man wear if he was dressed up for a dance?
- 9. Who gave 3 bags of wool?
- 10. What colour are nomads who travel the country?
- 11. What fever used to be very common in children?
- 12. Who is Alecia Moore, born on 8th September 1979?
- 13. What Alice Walker's book published in 1982, tells the story about Celie, a black woman who writes to God?
- 14. What organisation was formed in Australia on the 13th of August 1914, 9 days after the outbreak of WW1?
- 15. Where are the three sisters on NSW?
- 16. What colour rose is the symbol of friendship?
- 17. What colour rose is the symbol of youthfulness?
- 18. Vivian Mary Hartley played a character called?
- 19. Name the seven colours of the rainbow?
- 20. Rowan Atkinson & Richard Curtis wrote a BBC sitcom called what?

Recreation & Pastimes

- 1. What would a man be doing is his balls were black & Blue?
- 2. What would he be doing is he sold the dummy to a hooker?
- 3. What would he be doing if he was nose walking?
- 4. What would he be doing is he rotated a gog at the end of his nose?
- 5. What would he be doing if he flicked his wink into a tiddly?
- 6. What would he be doing if he called out "Touche"?
- 7. If his bowl was a toucher, where would he be?
- 8. Where would he be able to bowl a maiden over?
- 9. If he ended a chukka, what would he be doing?
- 10. What would he be doing if he stuck his dibber in the ground?
- 11. Where would he be if he put his ball on the apron?
- 12. If he is flashing around the house, what is he doing?







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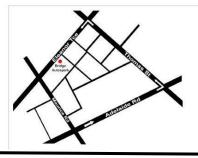
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Run Reports

CHRISTMAS PARTY 12/12/2021

The Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge (ACCMB) annual Christmas party for 2021, was just another milestone in the clubs near 50-year history.

In 36-degree weather, 41 ACCMB members gathered at their clubrooms this year after short journeys from their individual homes, driving in some 14 classic vehicles, mostly without air conditioning, while the remainder of the vehicles were modern.

With the clubrooms all set up by a great band of volunteers the night before, and with the air conditioner "cranked" up, members began arriving, QR coding in and signing the run book before selecting their tables for the celebrations scheduled to commence at 11 am.

MC for the day's proceedings, was ACCMB Past President Graham Edwards, who welcomed all new and old to the gathering, inviting all to "break out" their BYO morning tea's and settle in for a chat. During morning tea Graham outlined the Occupational Health & Safety plan along with the COVID rules etc. for the day. Graham then introduced ACCMB Dade Verrall, renowned local singer and guitarist who rendered a bracket of songs for the enjoyment of those present.

Following Mr Verrall's toe tapping performance, it was time for lunch, with each allocated table of members, one by one wearing an array of colourful masks and all looking like bandits without a gun, filed past the tables of food consisting of meat and salads that was being served to members by a group of gorgeous ACCMB waitresses.

During the afternoon MC Graham presented a few humorous jokes, Life Member Brenda Cowie presented two quiz competitions, raffle by club treasurer, Jan Hall, and Helen Hosgood along with a final bracket of Christmas and Country & Western songs by Dave Verrall. Afternoon tea was then served to each table on separate plates, again by two of those gorgeous waitresses Brenda and June. At the completion of afternoon tea it was time to close proceedings, with MC Graham thanking all those braving the sudden day of heat by coming, organizer Brenda Cowie and her lady helpers, veteran entertainer Dave Verrall for coming out of retirement to entertain the ACCMB members for Christmas, before wishing all present a very happy and blessed Christmas and a happy and prosperous heathy 2022, and informing all present to make sure that they all have their respective QR Covid check in signs on their chimney's for Father Christmas to sign in with!!.

QUIZ ANSWERS

Colours

1. Red. 2. Yellow Submarine. 3. Green, Green Grass of Home. 4. Yellow Ribbon. 5. Orange, Lemon, Lime. 6. All Blacks. 7. Blue Moon. 8. White sports coat with a pink carnation. 9. Baa Baa Black Sheep. 10. Grey. 11. Scarlet. 12. Pink. 13. The Colour Purple. 14. Red Cross. 15. Blue Mountains. 16. Yellow. 17. Orange. 18. Scarlet O'Hara. 19. Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet. 20. Black Adder.

Recreation & Pastimes

1. Croquet. 2. Playing Rugby. 3. Surfing. 4. Glass blowing. 5. Tiddlywinks. 6. Fencing. 7. Playing Bowls. 8. Cricket. 9. Polo. 10. Gardening. 11. Pool. 12. Adding edges to roof or verandah.

(Thank you to Graham Edwards for this report. Photos from Graham Edwards and Elaine Bretag.)

PIZZA NIGHT 14/1/2022

(This event was cancelled)



REVISED FOR A SPECIAL UPDATE To include the Latest Notification as at 30th January 2022

IMPORTANT NOTICE re the ACCMB 50th Golden Anniversary 26-27th March 2022

From the 50th Anniversary Committee

We would like to advise you all, that COVID 19 rules have been changed by the Health Dept & Govt, yet again, as of midnight 28-1-22.

The main points that affect our **SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER** on **26-3-22** are as follows –

- 1. To attend the 50th dinner at the Murray Bridge Golf Club, vaccination is now no longer a requirement for entry however vaccination is strongly recommended for the added safety of all attending.
- 2. The numbers of people now permissible at our function has been raised to 112 (for now who knows what it will be by the $26^{th of}$ March)
- 3. The Final ASAP deadline date for Registrations for Saturday & Sunday has been extended until February 22nd, 2022.

SUNDAY's Inaugural Re-enactment run 27-3-22

- 1. This event has not been affected by COVID 19. It is an Outdoor event.
- You <u>MUST</u> Register to be eligible to receive a FREE LUNCH, 50th Badge, 50th Magazine etc.

NO Registration, **NO** food, **NO** goodies.

- 3. Registration Forms can be downloaded from the ACCMB website.

 autocollectorsmurraybridge.com and sent with money to address on

 Registration form, or pay Treasurer Jan Hall at ACCMB meeting on 1-2-22
- 4. Please include on the form somewhere, what **Vehicle**, **Make**, **Model & Year** you will be driving.
- 5. Please bring **Chairs & Picnic table** along for **Sunday's** event at Mannum & Murray Bridge.

For Chairman <u>John Courtney</u>, by Assistant, <u>Graham Edwards</u> for the 50th Committee

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