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

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

ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE RELEVANT OFFICER

OUR COVER PICTURES: Top Four Photos – Finch Restoration Run.

Bottom Left – Three Club Vehicles on Display. Bottom Right – Other Club Vehicles on Display.

Club Fees

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
Oct 2 nd (Sunday)	Wellington Strawberry Fete	Lyn West
Oct. 4th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 30 th (Sunday)	Callington Show	Brenda Cowie
Nov. 1st (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 8 th (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 19 th (Saturday)	MB Xmas Pageant	Claude & Liz Minge
Dec. 6th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 11 th (Sunday)	Christmas Party	ACCMB Committee
2023	No General Meeting in January	
Jan.13 th (Friday)	Pizza Night	John & Vicki Courtney
Feb. 7th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10 th (Friday)	Cruise Night	Jan Hall
Mar. 7th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 12 th (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 th (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 th (Saturday	Presentation Night	ACCMB Committee
July 4th (Tuesday)	Annual General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.

PROCEDURES FOR ORGANIZING CLUBRUNS

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. 2nd (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Wharf at Sturt Reserve Murray Bridge
Oct. 16 th (Sunday)	Bay to Birdwood	Bay to Birdwood Website
Oct. 21st – 22nd (Friday – Saturday)	Murray Bridge Autofest	Show & Shine car display at Sturt Reserve Sat. 22 nd at 9:00 a.m. for public viewing. All other events for Autofest are held at Speedway
Oct. 30 th (Sunday)	Mannum Cars & Coffee	Mannum
Nov. 5 th – 6 th (Weekend)	Power of the Past	Mt Barker Showgrounds
Nov. 6th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Wharf at Sturt Reserve Murray Bridge
Nov. 27 th (Sunday)	Mannum Cars & Coffee	Mannum
Dec. 4th (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>autocollectorsmb@outlook.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 December meeting. Many thanks for your cooperation – Yvonne.



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President's Report



Reflecting on Monarto "City"

Whilst travelling through Monarto to Mount Barker on the Finch Restoration run I recalled driving on that same road when it was the main highway between Murray Bridge and Adelaide. Thankfully we now have the South Eastern Freeway. On arrival at Mount Barker via Bald Hills Rd we saw the huge expansion of Mount Barker with new housing subdivisions, roads, roundabouts etc. The question we ask is how far will Mount Barker continue to expand? Prime grazing land, dairy farms and high rainfall horticultural land is being swallowed up by urban sprawl. This is also occurring both north and south of Adelaide from Gawler to Port Willunga.

On reflection, it is 50 years since the then S. A. premier, Don Dunstan set up the infrastructure at Monarto to cater for this future expansion. It was a grand plan that linked the new city of Monarto to Adelaide via the proposed S.E. Freeway. Also, a new rapid rail commuter service, similar to the rail service that currently links Port Noarlunga to Adelaide, was part of the plan. The West Beach (Adelaide) Airport was to be relocated to Monarto allowing 24-hour airport operation. A population of 100,000 was envisaged for this new city. With the current rate of growth of Mount Barker and the north and south of Adelaide perhaps we would be seeing the realization of those plans formulated by Don Dunstan 50 years ago. We can only dream of what Murray Bridge would be like today, if there was a city of 100,000 adjacent to our western boundary.

Enough reflecting on the past...... The present situation is that the Covid-19 limitations and restrictions that we experienced for the past 2 years have eased. We will reintroduce light refreshments, namely tea, coffee, and biscuits at the conclusion of each monthly meeting. Hopefully this will have the added bonus of better weather now that winter is behind us.

A weekend run to Loxton with an overnight stay has been suggested. This would include a visit to the Loxton Historical Village. The format of this run and the date are to be discussed. Perhaps travelling to Loxton on Friday or Saturday, visiting the village, staying overnight at the caravan park either in cabins or bring your own van and return Sunday. Our members Jeff and Deb Schiller were very involved with the village for many years when they resided at Loxton. We will call on expressions of interest to determine the feasibility of this event being organised. In the meantime, please enjoy the upcoming events listed in our Club Calendar.

President Claude

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Is extended to any club and family members who have experienced the loss of loved ones recently. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

From the Editor

Welcome to the latest edition of "Auto Torque".

Plans. They are such a terrific idea. Sort your day, week, even an event or holiday in the future. I have never had much luck with plans. They seem a good idea in the thought processes, but never seem to materialise into reality. For me, something always derails those plans.

Once upon a time, a very long time ago, it was easy. Get up, conduct the morning chores and away to work for the day, arrive home, eat and have some leisure time before bed and then repeat. Holidays were scheduled time away from work and gave one free time. They were great. There was never the pressure of life or commitment, which made it easy. Then came marriage and a family. Upset routines, changes at the drop of the hat, someone deciding something different to be done, animals and children needing attention and care. But at least there were those school holidays to relax from routines and schedules.

Now, with grown up children, it should be easy again. Just the two of us. Planning should be easy, a breeze, a walk in the park. Plenty of time to explore the horizon, participate in leisure time activities of our choice, go for a walk, or just relax and read. But life has other ideas. Day's activities get changed at a minute's notice, something breaks down or stops working and preparations made to repair or replace and in the interim you make do without. To me, life has got a lot harder in the last few years, and I wonder if anyone is able to plan successfully anymore. Well at least not me. Climatic events together with world changes have seen to that. Life has changed, commitments altered, and outside pressures seem to influence our lives more than ever. I am finding that life is a constant challenge.

At least we have the car club, great activities to participate in, our friends, and family to keep us company. They support us, encourage us, and provide lots of laughter to break the stress. Keep on smiling folks and supporting each other, as I feel we all need one another more than ever to assist in overcoming the challenges of everyday living.

Safe and Happy driving to all.

Yvonne

THE LATEST ON OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Our New Provisional Members are:

August Meeting

- Andrew & Jo Hosgood 1961 EK Holden Sedan, 1968 HK Holden Monaro Coupe, 1970 HG Holden Station Wagon, 1977 Mercedes Sedan, 1980 60 Series Landcruiser 4x4.
- Ross & Jenny Johns 1988 Rover Sedan.
- Noel & Julie Jackson 1988 VL Commodore Sedan.

September Meeting

- Martin & Angela Wells 1994 Landcruiser 80 Series Wagon.
- Peter & Amanda Hoare 1990 Ford Capri x 2 convertible, 1976
 Corvette Stingray Coupe, 1968 Mustang Convertible, 1997 Jeep
 Wrangler 4x4 SWB, 1980 Ford XD 351Ute.
- David Everett 1994 WRX Subaru Sedan.
- Gerrard Schmerl 1977 Club Pacesetter Truck, 1983 Toyota Landcruiser, 1985 Honda Solo Motorcycles x 2

Achieving Full Membership

Fred & Wendy McInerney – 1991 Hino Rainbow Caravan.

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



COMING EVENTS!

CALLINGTON SHOW

(Sunday 30th October 2022)

- Please be at the clubrooms, <u>ready to LEAVE BY 9:00 a.m.</u>, 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 4th October 2022.
- 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 19th November 2022)

Club Members are asked to keep the proposed date in mind if they would like to participate in the parade. Our club is generally allocated space for 5-6 vehicles. More details will be provided at the meetings.

Claude & Liz Minge, Run Organisers.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

(Sunday 11th December 2022)

The ACCMB Committee is in the process of organising this event. Details to be advised.

GET 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

August Meeting.

For Sale

- 1986 Honda Accord. V/Good original condition. Contact Roy Bretag 0438425797
- 1986 Daihatsu Charade. V/Good 110000km. Contact Richard Lee 0466788847
- 3xS Series Valiant Road Wheels. \$50.00. 2 Sets S Series Valiant Door Cards. \$250.00 perset.
 Contact Han 0404044752
- 1970 2 Door VW Beetle. Very Good Condition plus spare Gearbox Guards, Dual Tank, Exhaust. Contact John Silha 83396541

Wanted

- Front seats 1965 VW Beetle plus 3xSTD Wheels. Contact Wayne Johns 0427310095
- Isuzu 2.8 Turbo Diesel Motor or Timing Gears. Contact Goran Yakas 0490686759

September Meeting

For Sale

- 1952 Morris Minor. 1964 BMW 520T E28. Expressions of interest to Jan Hall 0438607116
- 4x215/65R 14 Kidney Alloy Rims, suite HQ Holden. Contact Peter Sellick 040767187
- 1979 Rolls Royce. Contact Wendy Uren 0438066623









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Run Reports

FINCH RESTORATIONS 14/8/2022

A group of 40 club members and friends met at our Johnstone Park Clubroom on Sunday morning. Many of us had our "modern vehicles" mainly due to the wet weather forecast. We knew that our destination was Mount Barker and Hahndorf, and coupled with it being wintertime, we armed ourselves with umbrellas in the boot and set off on the Old Princes Highway. We travelled via Monarto, Kanmantoo and Nairne to arrive at Oborn Road, Mount Barker-the home of Finch Restorations.

On arrival, we were welcomed by Peter Roberts and his wife Harbinda, the owners of Finch Restorations since 2014. Peter informed us that they have expanded the business which now has 5 specialized workshops, 4 located at the Oborn Road light industrial precinct and one at Woodside, which is the Woodside Powerhouse where mechanical work is carried out. They employ 30 people who carry out the many facets of vehicle restoration. We were given a guided tour of each workshop. These consisted of a vehicle dismantling and storage area; a repair and panel fabrication area; a timber framing and motor trimming area and a painting and vehicle





assembly area. Some of the specialized aspects of restoration are subcontracted out, such as re-chroming of "bright ware". Some of the "old school" skills are being lost due to the retirement of skilled tradesmen. Peter has an 85-year-old man who, as an "old school mechanic" is called upon to recast white metal engine bearings for vintage vehicles.

We were given an insight into the history and restoration plans for many of the 30 plus vehicles currently in his workshops. These range from complete ground up restorations to concours standard, which

could cost up to \$250 to \$300K, to repairs and modifications. Some of the projects viewed were a 1970s Ford Falcon coupe purchased as a "barn find" for \$300K and undergoing a total rebuild. A Ford GT 40 being modified for wider wheels (flared guards) for a Canadian owner. A 1930s SS Jaguar being built, the chassis and body from the original factory design and specifications and an upgrade to the engine with a supercharger. This vehicle is being built for the owner in Florida, USA. The majority of Finch's work is for interstate and overseas vehicle enthusiasts. Their restorations have a worldwide reputation. A Hispano Suiza restored by Finch's won the Pebble Beach Concours in

California, USA. This car was originally in a Murray Bridge chicken shed in the 1970s (but this is another story in itself).

The 1 and 1/2-hour tour hosted by Peter was very interesting to all the car enthusiasts but for those who wished to "take a break," Liz organized tea and coffee, cake, and biscuits with assistance from Harbinda. Thank you for your efforts, it was much appreciated. After thanking our hosts for allowing us to view their business we departed for Hahndorf. There, we







enjoyed a good 2 course lunch at the Old Mill Hotel which was excellent value for \$20.00/head. We had good fellowship within our group prior to everyone departing at about 2.00pm. Some of our group headed for home and others visited the sights and attractions of Hahndorf and beyond. Although the weather appeared threatening with dark clouds during the day it was fine throughout the day. Thank you to everyone who joined us on the Finch Restoration run.

(Thank you to Claude & Liz Minge, Run Organisers for this report and to Graham Edwards for the Photos)



DRIVE YOUR OLD CAR DAY 1/9/2022

On the brisk first morning of spring, a small selection of our car club members and three vehicles, departed the Johnston Park Clubrooms for a drive past the Pallamana Airfield and Palmer to the town of Mount Pleasant. In the carpark beside the Town Hall, the group enjoyed morning tea and chatter in the warm sunshine. Then we continued our journey through the lovely green countryside, massive gums, farming and grape growing areas of Springton and Eden Valley, before winding our way to Menglers Hill and down into Bethany Reserve. We were directed to park our vehicles on the





grassed area by the trees, joining the large contingent of like-minded car enthusiasts from the many other car clubs, who had also ventured out for the occasion and two other car club couples who had travelled direct to the venue.

There was a grand display of vehicles, of all makes and models, with an excellent representation covering the many years of motoring, varying from those in pristine condition to those in original condition, for us all to view. Our group meandered around the Reserve viewing and chatting to the participants at their own leisure, before settling down beside their vehicles for a picnic lunch. The weather was pleasant, the event well patronised, enabling us all to enjoy a great out. Thank you to the run organisers, Jan Hall, John & Vicki Courtney for a great day out. (Report by Yvonne Mach, Photos John Courtney).

PATRON'S RUN 21/9/2022

We left the Club Rooms at 9:45 a.m., 12 cars and 21 people. The weather looked a bit threatening, but it didn't rain. The countryside was a picture with the canola crops out in a yellow bloom and fence high and above. So, the farmers in this area will be smiling this harvest time. We arrived a Ben's at about 10:30 a.m. to a deserted car yard. I thought perhaps he heard we were coming, and he's done a runner, but no, shortly after he arrived with biscuits and milk for morning tea. I had ordered sponge cake, perhaps next time. He had a good selection of collector's cars there plus about 20 motorbikes. He tells me he turns over about 40 vehicles a year. We then proceeded to the Commercial Hotel for a very good lunch reasonably priced I thought, and after having a look in the new car and bike museum, we made our way home to Murray Bridge. (Thank you for this report from Run Organiser, Bob Hunter.)

MURRAY BRIDGE SHOW 24/9/2022

8 cars were displayed at the Murray Bridge Showgrounds on Saturday 24th September 2022 and thanks go to those owners for taking part. Because of Covid 19 and Foot & Mouth problems, there was no Grand Parade, and we were allocated a good open section of the Oval to show our vehicles. After very wet weather the previous day, some concern was mentioned of rain on the Saturday, but luck was with us, and a clear sky was evident through to the afternoon. We had a good cross section of vehicles over a number of years and interest was shown by the steady stream of spectators most of the day. We even had a visitor join us in the afternoon and he displayed in Honda, even opened the bonnet to show what was under as I believe it was a special built and only a few were sold. No luck for him to join the club as he came from Bordertown way, saw the crowd, and decided to join us for a while. All in all, our display was satisfactory – it could have had a few more vehicles as there was plenty of room, but I guess other members were busy and could not make the time to join us and no problems were evident for the day's outing. Again, I thank those who attended, and I believe we offered a good display of many years of motoring history for spectators who did us the honour of inspecting our vehicles. My thanks again go to all owners who attended.

(Thank you for this report from the Run Organiser, Jeff Martin.)

WELLINGTON STRAWBERRY FETE 2/10/2022

A report on this event will be provided in the next issue. (Editor)

BIGGEST MORNING TEA



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Last year with your help, we were able to be there and provide information and support for the more than 4,800 South Australians through Cancer Council 13 11 20, and provided more than 27,000 nights of accommodation at our Lodges to those travelling to Adelaide for cancer treatment and support. And this year, thanks to your morning tea, we'll be able to do it again.

Thanks once again for being an exceptional supporter of Australia's $Biggest\ Morning\ Tea\$ and $helping\$ to ensure that no South Australian goes through cancer alone.

Every minute, every hour, every day, we're getting closer to a future free from cancer, so thank you for joining us to make a cuppa for a cause.

Yours Sincerely

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Kerry Rowlands Chief Executive Cancer Council SA

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Our Biggest Morning Tea event raised \$275.00 for the Cancer Council. A copy of the thank you Letter is opposite. Thank you to Lyn West.

50TH PRESENTATIONS



The wooden 50th Anniversary Clock made and donated by Jeff Martin and won by Cecily Graetz at the 50th Anniversary Celebrations, was kindly donated by Cecily to the ACCMB to hang in our clubrooms.

L-R President Claude Minge, Cecily Graetz, Jeff Martin, John Courtney. (Elaine Bretag Photo)

Thanks to Councils by Collectors Club

By Graham Edwards

During the week of the 26^{th of} July, the Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge (ACCMB) paid tribute with a framed photo of the ACCMB recent 50th Golden Anniversary celebrations at Finlayson Reserve, Murray Bridge.

ACCMB President Claude Minge, Vice President, Life Member and Chairman of the 50th Anniversary Committee, John Courtney, along with Past President, Life Member and Publicity Officer, Graham Edwards attended the Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB) and Mid Murray Council (MMC) respectively over two days for the presentations at both council chambers.

During the presentations of the photos, 50th Celebrations Chairman, John Courtney thanked RCMB Mayor-Brenton Lewis, RCMB Events Coordinator-Matt Miles, along with MMC Mayor, Dave Burgess, MMC Executive Assistant to the Mayor & CEO, Carol Budarick and MMC Infrastructure Administration Officer, Alexandra Stewart.

Mr. Courtney acknowledged, for and along with his 50th Anniversary Committee, President Minge and all ACCMB members, wish to sincerely thank both councils for their efforts in helping the ACCMB organize and stage their 50th Golden Anniversary Celebrations. This was by way of all things needed to achieve before, during and after this memorable occasion in the life and times of the ACCMB.

Truly a great show of Council – Local club community support. Thank you to both Councils.

L – R Matt Miles, John Courtney, Mayor Brenton Lewis, President Claude Minge, Graham Edwards. (Graham Edwards Photo)





L-R President Claude Minge, Mayor Dave Burgess, John Courtney, Graham Edwards. (Graham Edwards Photo)



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