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**** (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 & Bottom Right: Cruise Night.

Top Right & Bottom Left: Sausage Sizzle Event.

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
2023		
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.
July 11 th (Tuesday)	Committee 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

April 2nd (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge
April 14 th - 16 th (Fri. to Sun.)	National Rally 2023	Mudgee NSW
April 16 th (Sunday)	Gawler to Barossa Veteran & Vintage Run (Vehicles up to 1930)	Gawler
April 23 rd (Sunday)	McLaren Vale Vintage & Classic	Details Feb. magazine
April 23 rd (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum
May 6th (Saturday)	Waikerie Show & Shine	Details this magazine
May 7th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge
May 28th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum
June 4 th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge
June 25 th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum

The **Waikerie Show 'N' Shine** is on again - **Saturday 6th May 2023** – 9am - 2pm. Do you have a classic/muscle or hot rod vehicle or unique/show motorcycle you would like to register? **Registrations will be out in March 2023.** Any queries please call me – **0418 886 910**. Sandra. On behalf of the Waikerie Show 'N' Shine Committee.

(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 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.



50th Anniversary stick on car badges \$4-50 ea

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See — Roy Bretag or Graham Edwards at any ACCMB Meeting night

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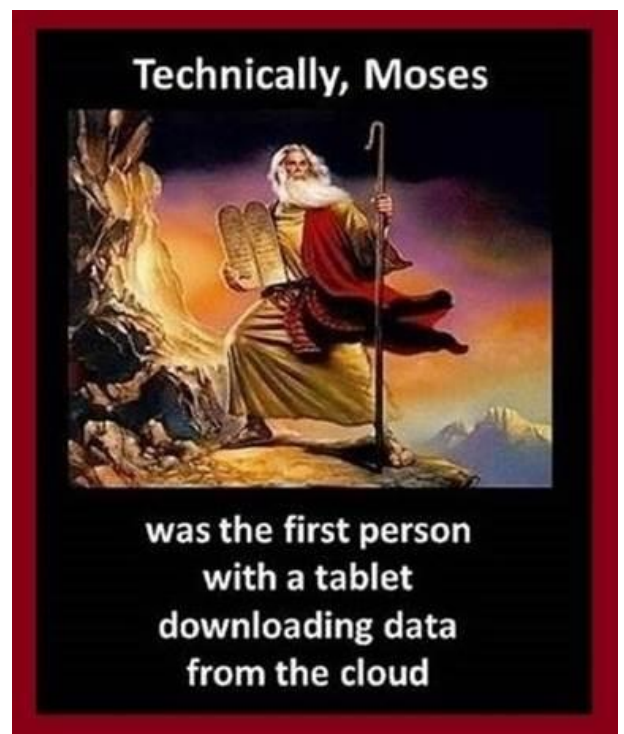
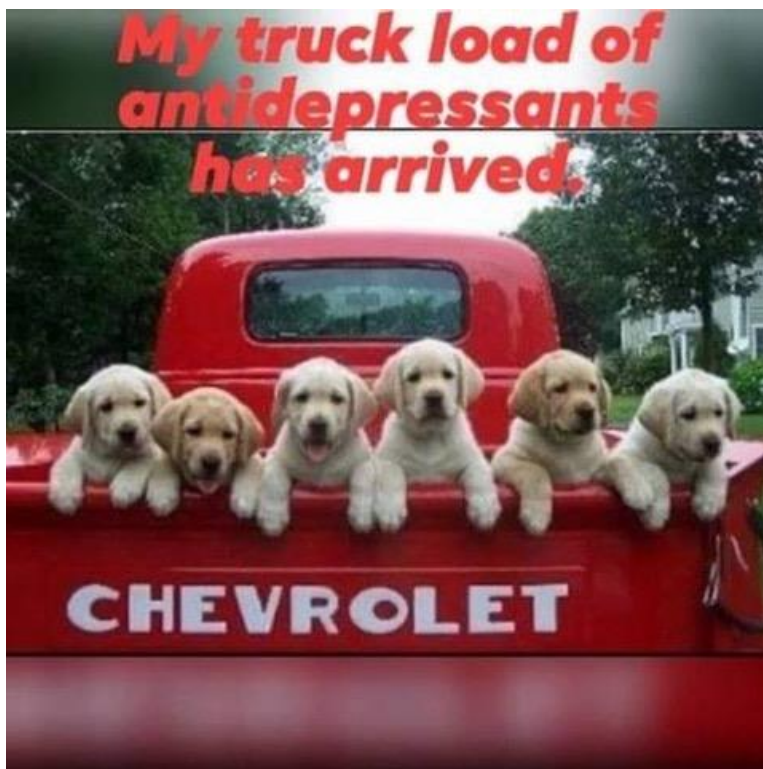
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President's Report



Over the past fortnight, Liz and I have been live-in grandparents for three of our grandkids at Stirling.

Our eldest daughter Kristen suggested that our “live-in break” would be similar to being on holiday. The fresh Adelaide Hills air, the opportunity to indulge in a “hills lifestyle” with the boutique coffee shops, whilst also soaking up the balmy autumn days, would allow us to relax.

Whilst I have enjoyed the company and interaction with our three grandkids, it has been far from relaxing. The daily routine of taking the kids to school, after first being fed breakfast...then preparing school lunches (which, by the way have to be appropriately packaged so as to reduce environmental waste) then off to the bus stop before 7.45am, to catch two separate buses and the third to a different school altogether.... Add to this picking up and dropping off to cricket, volleyball and netball practices after school and matches on the weekend, we have been left little time, if any, to visit the coffee shops. Care is needed if visiting these local caffeine haunts. I need to exercise some degree of care when parking and opening my Landcruiser door when nestling in between a Porsche, Audi, BMW, or Benz.

I am not complaining. Life is great! I celebrated my birthday on March 17th.

On the same day, Roger Ingerson, a past ACCMB member and Club President passed away. A tribute to Roger’s involvement with our club has been written by Graham and features in this edition of our magazine.

On a personal note, I started High School in the same year as Roger commenced his teaching career at Murray Bridge High in 1968. He lived in the units over our back fence at the end of Minge Court. He drove a red Fiat 124 coupe and also had many other project cars, -some of which included V.W.’s and Peugeots for rally events.

He always drove the red Fiat so as to allow the engine to redline the tacho. He took great pride in his Fiat reaching 60 m.p.h. (100 km./h.) at Pine Park on Swanport Road, after a standing start at the Adelaide Road traffic lights. I’m sure some of you remember those days. Roger had a passion for cars and motorsport in general throughout his life and attended our ACCMB 50th anniversary last year. Vale Roger.

Claude Minge

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.



From the Editor

Welcome to the latest edition of "Auto Torque".

Vehicles unite us all in our Club, but at the same time divide us all. How may you ask? We all have them, whether it is a car, motorbike, or street-rod. But this is where the unity ends. From here, it is our own personal choice as to what type of vehicle we actually choose. There are so many varieties, from so many eras and decades, and of different stages of repair. Some of us opt for the perfectly finished restored model, some for partly to mostly restored, whilst others of us prefer our vehicles to be in the original but working format. Many have chosen vehicles closer to the more modern era, and others relate to a vintage or the classic age. Whatever it is that we all own and register with the club, we all have the same love of vehicles and desire to parade them on the streets, outings and shows. It provides us with a topic of interest, task to keep the vehicle in working order and appearance, and a option to drive wherever we choose. But there are rules and regulations that govern not only life but also our registered vehicles, and sometimes these rules change. It is everyone's responsibility to keep up with these changes and abide by them accordingly. As the ages of our vehicles differ, times are also changing within our state and club. Please read this issue of the magazine carefully, as it details different tasks that we all must abide by over the next few months, and if we all take note and carry out these requirements as requested, the job of our Office Bearers will be made a lot easier. Thank you all for your diligence.

Safe and Happy driving to all.
Yvonne

ROGER SHAND INGERSON

Passed away 17-3-2023 -- Aged 78 years.

By Graham Edwards- Publicity & Archives

By now all Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge (ACCMB) members who have an email club contact address, would be aware of the passing away of Past Inaugural ACCMB member **Roger Ingerson.**

A brief history of **Roger's** years in the ACCMB for those who hadn't had the privilege of knowing him.

Roger attended the meeting that the late Vernon Graetz organized in Dutton's building on Wednesday, March 29th, 1972, of local vintage vehicle enthusiasts in the area, to see if there was enough interest in forming a car club.

As a result of that meeting, a committee was formed of which **Roger Ingerson** became the club's first **Vice President** from 1972 – 1974, then progressing onto the position of **Club President** from 1974 – 1976.

While holding these positions, **Roger** also Co-Produced the ACCMB first monthly Newsletter from 1972 – 1975 using a hand operated "spirit duplicator".

Roger's love of classic vehicles included many cars, including Fiat, Alpha Romeo, BMW, Porsche and he had only just recently acquired a Ford Mustang.

Roger will also be remembered in the story of **"THE CLUB BUS"** that he and long-time ACCMB club friend, Jerry Wilson purchased from the ACCMB for \$500, and along with a group of family and friends, drove the 1939 – 33-seater "Diamond T" passenger bus to Perth and back in 1980. "The Bus" now fully restored, resides in the National Birdwood Motor Museum, after a somewhat colour full life story.

Members of the ACCMB would like to pay tribute to the late **Roger Shand Ingerson** for his foresight and efforts in helping in the formation of this 51-year-old and successful Auto Collectors Club.

The President, Committee and Members of the ACCMB would like to express their **"Sincere Condolences"** to **Roger's** wife, Carol, and children, Briony and Julian.

"Rest in Peace" -- Roger, and **"Thank You"** for a job well done.



L-R Roger cleaning Repco 1979 Round Aust Trial- 1969 Peugeot 404. * 1st Club Newsletter June 1972. * **Roger**, Jerry, and the group with **"The Bus"** at Kings Park in Perth. 1980.

ACCMB Committee Meeting 14/3/2023.

1. Review of Club Magazines procedure. In addition to the fees payable for the membership renewals commencing from 1/7/2023 and for New Provisional members joining our club after 1/7/2023, an annual hard copy magazine fee of \$20.00 will be payable for those members wishing to receive a hard copy of the club magazine. For members not wishing to receive a hard copy, a colour copy of the magazine can be downloaded and printed from the website which will incur no club fee. Please indicate on your membership renewal form your choice by ticking the applicable box /and paying the appropriate fee.
 2. Membership renewals. From 2023/2024, all membership renewal forms will be emailed to members who have provided an email address to the club. All other non-email address membership renewal forms will be posted to members. Membership payment must be paid by or at the AGM on Tuesday 4th July 2023.
 3. Logbook renewals 2023/2024. Please note that logbooks will only be collected at club meetings this year. The renewals will be processed and posted back to members in due course. You will need to provide your logbooks, registration papers, membership payment receipt, replacement logbook fee receipt, and self-addressed stamped envelope to the registrar team at the meeting night.
- ACCMB Committee

Membership Renewal Forms

Members, you may be aware that for a while now we have had difficulties with the XL spreadsheet that we use for all manner of things but mainly the Treasurer uses it to generate the Membership renewal forms. It is a file that holds ALL the information on our members, their vehicles, etc. **EVERYTHING!!!**

As a bit of history, it was created many, many years ago by Darren Fountain. Thanks Darren. However, over the years, a number of errors have crept into this file due to many and varied reasons. There have been font problems preventing proper operation of the file. There have been incompatibility issues with various programs. There have been errors caused by members forgetting to let us know of changes to phone numbers or email addresses. There have been typos caused by my clumsy fingers and lack of spelling ability (MINE!). Well, the time has come to fix this. I have spent a lot of time already and it is now pretty good, but I KNOW there are still errors and omissions.

THAT IS WHERE YOU ALL COME INTO THIS.

Jan will be generating the new Membership Renewal Forms and you will receive them in due course (hard copy or via email).

PLEASE LOOK AT THEM VERY CAREFULLY AND CORRECT ANYTHING WRONG OR THAT YOU ARE NOT HAPPY WITH.

I know some will say "but I have already told them that". Sorry, but some things may have slipped through the net, and this is the opportunity to fix it.

As I said **PLEASE LOOK VERY CAREFULLY** and correct anything on the form and return it to Treasurer Jan.

Thanks for your patience.
John.



LOGBOOKS RENEWALS 2023/2024

A reminder.

The Registrar Team need to restamp all club members logbooks yearly for their Historic, Historic-Drive or Street Rod Vehicles. All Logbooks will be collected at the June, July or August meetings only and returned via a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Please note that the Registrars no longer handle money. If members need a new logbook, please provide a receipt from the Treasurer, or copy of your direct deposit for payment of your logbook to avoid delays.

Thanks
The Registration Team.

(Thank you to Graham Edwards for Clipping above and cartoons on page 5)

THE LATEST ON OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Achieving Full Membership are:

- Lynette & Peter Tegen – 1969 HR Premier Holden Sedan.

Our New Provisional Members are:

- Steven & Ruth Bubb – 1974 MG Roadster Convertible.
- Malina Bretag – 1971 Ford Futura XY Sedan.



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

CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

February Meeting.

For Sale.

- 34 Chev 3 Stud Wire Spoke Wheels, Hub Caps, Boxes of Bits \$100.00 Contact Tom West. 85326908.
- 1998 Convertible SAAB 9-3. \$3000.00. 1989 BMW 735i Series 7. \$4000.00. Contact Kevin Hosgood. 85322150 or 044452915.
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March Meeting.

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BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are extended to any Club Member and their family who have celebrated a special birthday or anniversary recently.

(Left: An Archive photo from December 1973)



COMING EVENTS!

LADIES' DAY

(Wednesday 19th April 2023)

We will leave the ACCMB Clubrooms at 9:30 a.m. and travel to Regional Cutters at Tailem Bend for a tour of their premises and a demonstration of their work.

They manufacture metal garden ornaments and wall art etc.

The cost of this is \$5.00 and tea and coffee will be available for \$4.00.

Lunch is at the Riverside Hotel and is A La Carte.

If you wish you could have your BYO morning tea before we leave.

Brenda Cowie (Run Organiser)

CONROD WEEKEND

(April 2023)

Information regarding this event will either be advised at the General Meeting in April or an email to the members.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

(Saturday 17th June 2023)

The Committee is currently organising this event. Information will be provided in due course.

TWIN BRIDGES IS ON AGAIN!

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

The date- 13th – 14th – 15th October 2023.

Commencing with our now famous casserole dinner Friday 13th.

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

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Run Reports

CRUISE NIGHT 10/2/2023

Another successful Cruise Night with lovely 35 Degrees Day, slight breeze sitting at Swanport Reserve viewing the Murray River still in flood. Very fortunate the Mozzies had the night off and the Cockatoo's were well behaved, not noisy like they have been in the past.



Everyone that attended bought along their picnic dinner and drinks, enjoying a chat with fellow Club Members.

There was a great attendance of 13 cars, ranging from Vintage 1929 Dodge, Classic 1950 - 1970 -1990 and a few modern.

Looking forward to next year's Cruise Night.



(Thank you for this report from the Run Organiser, Jan Hall, and the photos which were supplied by Graham Edwards.)

SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND BIGGEST MORNING TEA 12/3/2023

Club members began arriving at the venue from about 10:00 a.m. It was a rather cool and cloudy morning, but promised to fine up as the day progressed, which it did. Our hosts, Terry, and June Mabbitt had organised their rather special indoor/outdoor venue to perfection. Everything was ready for the annual Club Sausage Sizzle and Biggest Morning Tea event.



Throughout the day, there were people arriving and leaving at different times, in keeping with their personal commitments. In all, 32 people attended, in 13 historic cars and 6 moderns.

Just after 10:30 a.m., Lyn West opened the proceedings by welcoming everyone and thanking Terry and June for hosting the day at their home. She then invited everyone to take part in the Biggest Morning Tea, with scones, jam, and cream, and invited those who wished to make a donation to the Cancer Council.

Meanwhile, people were invited to wander out into the sunshine to a shed at the back to take their pick of books which Terry no longer wished to keep. "Help yourselves!" said Terry. In addition, Mary Rowley had brought a few items no longer required at her home to offer to people for a donation. These donations were later added to the other donations for the Cancer Council. (Thanks, Mary!)

At about 11:30 a.m., June introduced Graham Edwards, who had been prepped to give a "Who Am I?" talk to the group. Graham gave a most interesting address on a synopsis of his life, most of it spent in Murray Bridge and surrounds. There are always a few surprises for the listeners when hearing about others' life stories. Thank you, Graham!



At the end of Graham's address, Terry Mabbitt and Tom West headed for the barbecue and soon the pleasant aroma of onions and sausages cooking wafted round and about. Assisted by Brenda Cowie, June Mabbitt brought out bread to sit alongside the sauce bottles, in anticipation of the sausages and onions soon to be joining them. And before long, members were lining up to help themselves to a tasty lunch. Some had brought accompanying salads, and some were quite happy with sausages/onions/sauce on bread.



In the afternoon, there were two games set up for willing participants. At one end of the outdoor area, contestants could throw a couple of plastic hoops onto a large mat which was numbered in squares. Scores were kept by Brenda and went towards individuals' tallies for the annual trophy for the Sausage Sizzle Club Run. Simultaneously, at the other end of the venue, a fun game of "laying an egg" (in reality – a ping-pong ball!) into an egg carton, which had numbers 1-12

in each section. There was much hilarity watching members hold the ball between their thighs and walk (hobble/totter/shuffle, etc.) to the carton and "lay" their egg. Lyn West scored this event and the scores of both games were added together for individuals to find a winner of the trophy, which will be divulged at the Presentation Dinner in June of this year.



After the games were over, people began packing up to make their way home. It seemed that everyone had enjoyed a happy day with lots of pleasant social interaction and laughter. There were many positive comments volunteered as people said their goodbyes.

Donations to the Cancer Council raised \$270 and a big "Thank You" goes to all from Lyn.

(Sausage Sizzle organised by June and Terry Mabbitt. Biggest Morning Tea organised by Lyn and Tom West. Report written by Lyn West. Photos supplied by Graham Edwards. Thank you to you all.)

Ready for a spin



The traditional rivalry between Ford and Chevrolet owners was forgotten by father and son members of Murray Bridge Auto Collectors Club Michael (left) and Clarrie Zerna, as they polished their cars for last Sunday's observation run.

In fact, Michael (who finished restoring his 1934 Ford about two years ago) helped his father re-paint the Chevrolet.

Clarrie, who bought the one-owner, 1954 model so he could accompany his son on club runs, said he received a curt reply when he asked the

previous owner if the engine had been repaired.

'Good heavens, no — it's only done 96,000 miles,' he was told.

Michael's car has, however, been completely reconditioned. He found a bonnet in an area north of Yunta, and a lot of other pieces from many areas around the Lower Murray.

'What's the car worth? I wish people wouldn't ask me that,' Michael said. 'It's worth a lot of enjoyment, travelling around with my family. It's worth a lot more than money — I'd never sell it.'

Twelve cars were driven in Sunday's run, which required drivers or passengers to answer questions as they followed the route across the old bridge, to Thiele Reserve, and then to Taillem Bend.

From there, the cars went across the ferry to Jervois, finishing at Kooringal Park, for a chicken barbecue and salad lunch.

Results: Vern and Cecily Graetz and family first, Peter and Shirley Sellick and family second, Alan and Marlene Hagger and family third.

4—M.V. Standard, Thursday, August 11, 1983

(Archive article from the Standard 11/8/1983.)

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