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Club Fees Membership Fee of \$50.00 (including children up to 16 years)

ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE RELEVANT OFFICER

OUR COVER PICTURES:

Top Left: Incoming President Harry Howitt with outgoing President, Claude Minge. **Top Right:** Presentation Night. Claude Minge with Jan Hall. **Middle and Bottom Right and Left:** Pub Run. Vehicles at clubrooms prior to start of Run.

^{**(}Joining Fee for Provisional Members \$30.00 from 8/11/2022, Logbook Fee \$5.00 from 8/11/2022 and an Annual Hard Copy Magazine Fee \$20.00 from 1/7/2023.) **

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
2023 August 1st (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
August 12 th – 14 th (Weekend)	Port Pirie Run	John Brine
August 17 th (Thursday)	Bend Supercars Street Party	East Terrace MURRAY BRIDGE 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
September 1 st (Friday)	Drive your old car Day	Jan Hall
September 5 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
September 23 rd (Saturday)	Murray Bridge Show	To be advised
October 3 rd (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
October 13 th – 15 th (Weekend)	Twin Bridges Rally	Twin Bridges Committee
October 21 st (Saturday)	100-year Anniversary Sandalwood Hall	To be advised
October 29 th (Sunday)	Callington Show	Brenda Cowie
November 7 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
November 14 th (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
November 18 th (Saturday)	Murray Bridge Christmas Pageant	To be advised
December 5 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms 7:30 p.m.
December	ACCMB Christmas Party	To be advised
2024 January	No General Meeting	
January 19 th (Friday)	Pizza Night	Claude Minge
February 6 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
February 9 th (Friday)	Cruise Night	Jan Hall
March 5 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
March 12 th (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
March 17 th (Sunday)	Cambrai Run	Graham Edwards
March 30 th (Saturday)	Loxton Run	Jeff Schiller
April 2 nd (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
April 13 th - 14 th (Weekend)	Conrod Weekend Hosted by ACCMB	To be advised
April 29 th (Monday)	Federation Tour Lunch	Brenda Cowie
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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

August 6 th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge
August 27 th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum
September 3rd (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge
September 24th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum
October 1st (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge
October 22nd (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum

(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 October meeting. Many thanks for your cooperation – Yvonne.



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President's Report



PRESIDENTS REPORT 2022- 2023

Over the past twelve months our club membership has increased. The number of club registered vehicles has also increased. This was influenced by the State Government altering the rules pertaining to conditional vehicle registration. The change from 30-year vehicle eligibility to 25 years or older has boosted the total number of club registered vehicles, as well attracting new members who currently own appropriately aged vehicles.

Our club finances are in good order and have also been boosted by a Peter Malinauskas State Government Grant. They have on offer \$500,000:00/year for 4 years-\$2 million in total, to car clubs that meet their criteria. We applied through the S.A. car club program to upgrade and purchase equipment. We were successful in our application and received \$10,000.00 on the 27^{th of} June. This grant will enable the purchase of a new P.A. sound system, a flat screen T.V. to be mounted in the clubroom, a new photocopier, and the purchase of a laptop(s) for the maintaining of membership records, logbooks, etc.

Our club runs and events during the year have allowed members to visit places of interest such as Finch Restorations at Mt. Barker, Ben Finnis Classic Car Sales at Strathalbyn, and Regional Profilers at Tailem Bend. We had social gatherings on our Pub Run, Pizza Night, Cruise Night, Christmas Party and Presentation Night. Our club vehicles were on public display at the Murray Bridge Show, the Callington Show, the Murray Bridge Christmas Pageant, the Wellington Strawberry Fete and the Drive Your Old Car Day. Thank you to all who participated in these events. Thank you to the organisers. Many of those events are held annually and will continue to be in our Calendar of Events in 2023-2024, but there is always an opportunity for new club run ideas and destinations. We already have club runs planned for our new year, such as Tony Brine's run to Port Pirie in August and Jeff and Deb Schiller's run to Loxton. We look forward to visiting both these locations. As I reflect on the past twelve months, I have had a great team of like-minded people to work with during this period. I have enjoyed being your president for the past 6 years. I appreciate the help, the friendship and support throughout this time. Thank you to the Club Officers and Committee members who have volunteered their time, energy, and expertise during this past year as well as over the past 6 years. I look forward to maintaining my involvement with the club and I wish my successor all the best in the ensuing year.

Claude Minge President 2022 / 2023

I thank the members of the club for electing me as President. Hope that I can carry on the good work of Claude and make the club more prosperous and hopefully we can have more outings and barbeques in the future.

Harry Howitt President 2023 / 2024



From the Editor

Welcome to the latest edition of "Auto Torque".

Oh, my goodness. The ACCMB Annual General Meeting has come and gone, and we have been transported into yet another financial year. It was nice to see members putting their hands up for vacant Office Bearer positions and many existing members agreeing to continue with their work. Congratulations to you all, as without you, our club would no longer be able to exist. Then, our much-loved vehicles and drivers would be left in a quandary. Thank you very much.

Thank you to those members who have paid their renewal subscriptions by the 4^{th of} July and completed the necessary documentation required. This considerably assists all the Office Bearers carry out their duties without too many dramas. If you have not done so, please attend to these matters urgently.

One of our club sponsors has given a limited special to members. Check out their adverts, support our sponsors, and save by showing your membership card.

Our first committee meeting of the new year has been held with many events proposed for the forthcoming year. Some need further planning, but I am sure there is something listed to tempt our members to join the outings. Hope to see you on the road in your vehicles soon.

Safe and Happy driving to all. Yvonne

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

To those members who have not renewed their membership by the 4^{th of} July 2023, would you please make your payment and return the membership renewal form to the Treasurer, Jan Hall, **urgently.** Any members with payment and forms outstanding as of 30 August 2023 will no longer be a member of the club. DPTI will be notified, and they will commence cancellation of your club registration. Overdue members will have to re-apply for Provisional Membership of the club. So, please, for your sake, pay your fees immediately. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Hall.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS





LOGBOOKS RENEWALS 2023/2024

A reminder.

The Registrar Team need to restamp all club members logbooks <u>yearly</u> for their Historic, Historic-Drive or Street Rod Vehicles. All Logbooks will be collected at the <u>June, July, or August</u> meetings <u>ONLY</u> 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.

THE LATEST ON OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Our New Provisional Members are:

- James Emmett 1996 Volvo 850R Sedan, 1980 Volvo 262C Coupe, 1972 Volvo 142S Sedan, 2007 Alfa Romeo 2.2 JTS Coupe, 2007 Chrysler PT Cruiser Wagon, 1983 Volvo 240T Sedan, 1952 Austin7 Special Sports, 1970 AMC Rambler Hornet Sedan, 1984 Renault FVE60 GTX Coupe, 1986 Toyota Crown Royal Sedan.
- Brett Datson & Megan Verrall 1975 HX Holden Wagon
- Michael & Trudie Binney 1956 Matchless Motorcycle.

Achieving Full Membership

- Tommaso & Karin Marinucci 1942 M72 (Ural) Motorcycle, 1949 Model Enfield Motorcycle, 1957 Lambretta Scooter, 1964 Moto Guzzi Motorcycle, 1985 Kawasaki Motorcycle, 1970 Mercedes Benz 280SE Sedan.
- Ian & Rosemary (Rosie) Rick- 1986 BMW 525E Executive Sedan.
- Craig Bowie- 1997 XT Oka Bus.
- David & Genine Hallandal 1993 XT Oka Full Body, 1996 LT Oka Dual Cab.

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

CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

June Meeting.

For Sale.

- Chrysler 273 Long motor \$1250.00. Contact Han 0404 044 752.
- Various International Truck mirrors from \$150.00 to \$200.00. Contact Han 0404 044 752.
- 1976 Volkswagen Beetle \$20000.00 O.N.O., 1958 FC Holden Wagon \$27000.00 O.N.O. Contact Ricky 0434 945 504.
- 1998 Mercedes Benz CLK 320 Elegance Cabriolet Silver \$15500.00 O.N.O. Contact Dennis 0409 056 778.

Give Away

• Valve Grinc Gasket Set Holden 1948 – 1963. Contact Fred 0418 843 246.

July Meeting.

For Sale.

- 1928 Studebaker 4 door sedan, Commander wire wheels, six wheels equipped. All original in one piece. Engine reconditioned and not refitted. Car has only two previous owners and the last owner was in 1966. Have many spares to sell to assist others if needed.

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 - Several hand tools like old tension wrenches all in good condition. Tap & Die sets in wooden boxes. Drill Press approximately 100 years old. Contact Andy 0434 907 003.
- International Truck flags. \$15.00. Contact Han 0404 044 752.



COMING EVENTS!

PORT PIRIE RUN

(12th to 14th August 2023)

All participants will need to pre-book their own accommodation for this run. Proposed itinerary for this event is to leave Murray Bridge at 8:30 a.m. and travelling to Port Wakefield for morning tea stop. Then continue travel to Port Pirie. Lunch / visit RSL and view their display. Dinner at Hotel. On Sunday, meet at the Transport Museum at 9:00 a.m. for viewing, Barbeque lunch, with the afternoon for your own leisure. On Monday morning it is proposed to visit the Railway Museum, then travel home at your own leisure. Contact Tony Brine for further information/ or register your interest.

BEND SUPERCARS STREET PARTY

(Thursday 17th August 2023)

The Bend Motorsport Park have approached Murray Bridge Council to run a joint Street Party Event on THURSDAY 17th August this year, profiling the cars and drivers that will be participating in the Supercars events at the Bend that weekend. East Terrace will be closed outside the Bridgeport Hotel from Bridge Street to South Terrace. There will be a marquee and stage located at the Bridge Street end where a number of drivers can be interviewed and sign autographs from approximately 5PM. There will also be 6 of the competition cars from the support categories to be presented for viewing. There will also be some food and coffee vans on site.

The invitation is for the Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge to also present some of their cars for viewing as well. These would be parked on East Terrace. The Bend will be approaching the Tailem Bend Auto Club to invite them to bring some of their cars too.

Cars for display will need to be in place from about 3.30PM to 6.30PM on Thursday 17th August. If you would like your car to be part of this display, please advise John Courtney by email or by phone, 85324107, BY NO LATER THAN TUESDAY 25th JULY.

DRIVE YOUR OLD CAR DAY

(Bethany Reserve, Friday 1st September 2023)

The first day of Spring is promoted by the Federation of Historic Motor Vehicles SA as "Drive It Day" in SA, to be out and about and seen in your historic vehicle.

Our Club are again going to take up the invitation from the Gawler Veteran Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club to join them at Bethany Reserve, Bethany Road, Bethany on the September 1st, 2023.

We will leave the **Johnstone Park Clubrooms at 9:00 a.m.** and travel to Lovells Bakery at Mount Pleasant. BYO Smoko or buy coffee and/or Bakery items from them. Toilets also provided. "Hill's dwellers" are welcome to meet us there, but it would be appreciated if you could let me know if you are going to do so.

At around about 10:30 a.m. we will leave from Mount Pleasant to travel to Bethany Reserve. Bethany Reserve has a large shelter shed and toilets. Please bring your own chairs, tables and

whatever else you may need. There are no other facilities there, so bring your own lunch. This is generally a very well patronised gathering by other clubs and individuals, so a very interesting gathering of vehicles should be present.

Travel home at your leisure.

If you wish to attend, please put you name on the run sheet at the General Meetings. Jan Hall 0438 607 116 (Run Organiser).

MURRAY BRIDGE SHOW

(Saturday 23rd September 2023)

Would anyone interested in including their vehicle/s in a Static Display at the Murray Bridge Show on the Saturday, please indicate same on the Run Sheet at the General Meeting. The programme for the day, will be much the same as in previous years, with showing all day and taking part in the Grand Parade at about 2:30 p.m. Vehicles are requested to remain until the completion of the Grand Parade. There will be free entry for the driver only of the vehicle taking part in the display. Any inquiries to Run Organiser. Please put your name on the run sheet at the meetings prior to event.

TWIN BRIDGES RALLY

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

The date- $13^{th} - 14^{th} - 15^{th}$ 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.

Entry Form available on website.

Yours Sincerely

Brenda Cowie: Run Coordinator: breles@gmail.com
Jan Hall: Run Coordinator: janice.hall4@bigpond.com

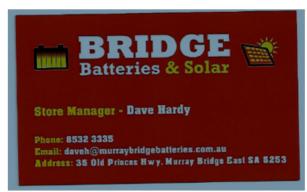
FUTURE EVENTS INFORMATION

<u>Loxton Run</u> - This event is to be held on the Easter weekend in 2024. Members wishing to stay in the area are advised to pre-book their accommodation early. Visit will be to the museum on Mar 30th, which will be holding a live day with everything operational and approx. 30 stalls present.

<u>Conrod Weekend</u> – 13th – 14 April 2024. The ACCMB club has been allocated to host this event, with 4 other car clubs visiting our club for this weekend.

<u>Federation Tour Lunch</u> - Federation Tour-from 29thApril to 10thMay 2024. They will be visiting Murray Bridge for lunch on April 29th. Our Club will be organising and hosting this event.

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Run Reports

PRESENTATION NIGHT 17/6/2023

30 Members braved the cold and wet conditions to attend Presentation Night at the Parklane Restaurant. Everyone chatted until entrees were served.

After the entrees were cleared, President Claude presented the keeper trophies to last year's winners and then proceeded with the perpetual trophies to those members who were attending the dinner.

We were then served 5 steaming hot main courses plus special fried rice, after which there was a lot of socialising happening while listening to the loud bursts of fireworks on the Bridge. Then it was time to pack up and leave.

Many thanks to those members attending.

<u>Please</u>, if you cannot attend on the night, let the organiser or someone know as meals for non-attendees still must be paid.

ACCMB Keeper Trophies for 2021 / 2022

Valvoline Trophy - Graham & Maureen Edwards

Patron's Run - Neil Burbidge President's Trophy - Graham Edwards

Sausage Sizzle - Dennis Scarman & Susan Loveday Ladies' Day - Deb Schiller & Brian Rainey

Founders' Trophy -50th Anniversary Committee

ACCMB Perpetual Trophy Winners 2022 / 2023

Valvoline Trophy – Most points scored for attending meetings and runs - 2022 / 2023 – Jan Hall

Patron's Run – Winner of competition set by Patron – 2022 / 2023 – Jan Hall

President's Trophy – Member chosen by President for continuing Club service - 2022 / 2023 – Jan Hall Sausage Sizzle – Winner of quiz set by organiser of event – 2022 / 2023 – Dennis Scarman Ladies' Day – Winner of quiz set by organiser of run - 2022 / 2023 – Claude & Elizabeth Minge Founder's Trophy – Most interesting run or event during the year decided by panel – 2022 / 2023 – June & Terry Mabbitt

Economy Run – Members on run to determine amount of fuel used by

nominated car - 2022 / 2023 - N/A













(Thank you to organiser, Brenda Cowie for this report and Graham Edwards for the Photos.)

PUB LUNCH, MENINGIE HOTEL, 16/7/2023

The idea of a pub run in the middle of winter is of course to have a run where weather does not really matter. I failed last year, as some of us were banished to the veranda of the chosen venue, where the manager assured us, we would be snuggly warm. We were not! I was determined that this would not occur this year, but it is not easy to find a hotel that can cater for a significant number of participants. Meningie Hotel was chosen, and we nicely filled up their dining room with 62 of our members.

The day started from our Johnstone Park clubrooms, where although it was cold, the sun made things pleasant enough as we awaited the departure time. Although a couple of cars met us at Meningie, we finished up with a total of 28 vehicles including 8 moderns. Good to see Malina Bretag in the Futura on what I believe was its first club run. The trip to Meningie was very pleasant and interesting, we don't seem to get down that way very often.



Arrival at the pub started out a bit chaotic. The long line of thirsty and hungry people waiting to pay were thwarted by technology, the computer controlled till would not accept our money! That was eventually sorted out so that we could all get down to the serious business of talking and drinking. For such a small kitchen, the staff did a magnificent job serving our meals, which from my observation were very well received.







After polishing off dessert and a show of thanks to the staff, everyone gradually wandered off home, although some opted for coffee at Freshies Café to really make a day of it.

Hope everyone had a good time and thanks for coming along.

(Thank you for this report from Run Organisers, John & Vicki Courtney. Photos from Graham Edwards)

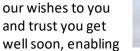


GED cars are now coming under a A stern scrutiny. A fellow I know osked me to write this lament for his aged car. My car was made in '34 But not in '5k It's not an early model or Is it considered late. The button of the horn is bright But hose it works, who knows? Although it's irritated me We've yet to come to bloves. My car is difficult to start My ear is just a nondescript and there are times I grices. And when the engine's second, The handle throws you in the air Or harls you to the ground. That it is not a vintage type Or yet, a Generieve. Some people like a three-tone job In cream and black and pink With ashtrays lined with beaten gold. It's not a merry Hapmobile (They were so evergreen) Nor yet a swanking super sports. But just an in-between. And cushions trimmed with mink. Some people's cars have fins and things And gleam with gilt and chrome But of my car I only oak That it will get me home. Its senting isn't very plash. The driver's face is lined. You couldn't style it as a bomb. Nor does it look refined. My car will climb as well as some Depending on the grade But if the hill is rather steep Be sure your will is made. Mechanics working on my cur, Wring greasy hands in pain They know my car like some old song The petrol that my car consumes, My pocket quickly drains, It uses rather more than trucks Though slightly less than planes. Keeps coming back again. its tyres may look a patchy lot It does without a spare Although the troods are rather worn The wrecker's torch will soon be lit. I'll guarantee the air. He have's long to wait. My cur belongs to '34 And this is '58. At night the headlights weakly gleans The passer by will scaff) And if the moonlight's very strong Tis best to switch them off. **MAX FATCHER**

ELECTRON TO THE CONTRACT OF

WELL WISHES

We are aware of club members currently experiencing health and wellbeing issues. We offer our wishes to you and trust you get



you to re-join our club activities.



Thank you to Alan Wegener for the article on the left and also to Susan Loveday for the cartoon above.



• Pam and Eric Wehrmann, with their 1925 Superior K Chevrolet.

Long interest in vintage cars

(Second in a monthly series on Murray Bridge Auto Collectors' Club members and their cars)

Eric and Pam Wehrmann were interested in veteran and vintage cars for a long time before they bought their 1925 Superior K Chevrolet 17 years ago.

It did not matter what make, model or type they bought — they just wanted any old car, and looked around for quite a while before they heard about the Chev, owned by the late Mr Harry Hodge, of Cambrai.

The Chev was in 'pretty rough' condition when Eric and Pam bought it, after being used for many years for carting hay around a farm.

'All the parts were there, so it was just a matter of tidying it up and making it respectable enough to drive on the road,' Eric said last week.

He did all the restoration work, including the upholstery and painting. 'It's not an expert job, but you get more fun out of doing it yourself,' he said. Once the work was done, he even used the car for several years to drive to work, but stopped when he realised it would wear out too quickly. These days he uses it mainly for club runs, although it has been used for 'quite a few' weddings.

The longest run he has done in the car — powered by a four-cylinder, over-head valve, 21 horse-power engine — was to Renmark, cruising at 35mph (60km/h) and returning around 23 miles a gallon.

Isn't it boring travelling on the open road at that speed? 'No,' says, Eric, 'You see a lot more that way.'

A cracked cylinder head, last Christmas, gave him his first real problem. Efforts to find a replacement in good condition proved fruitless — all the heads he could find were cracked in the same place.

'They have only one exhaust port, and the heat all comes to one point,' he said, 'so I had the original welded'.

Eric tries to avoid driving the car at night ('You have to strike a match to see if the lights are on'), or in the hills during wet weather. Like many cars of its era, the old Chev has only two-wheel brakes, on the rear, and sudden hard application can induce a skid



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Guests are welcome at all times for Golf, Bar and Bistro Consider for your next function, corporate day, Charity day Let us make your event special and memorable

Visit our website for dinner times and current menu's. <u>Non-members are always welcome</u>. Our 12 machine gaming room is Covid aware, quiet, and latest machines Bank note and coin. Our Golf course is regarded as one of the best winter course state-wide, Pro Shop Available



10 Electric Buggies available kindly sponsored by Jackson's 4x4 Murray Bridge



Birthdays, weddings, wakes, parties all catered for at our upgraded function room