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ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE RELEVANT OFFICER

OUR COVER PICTURES: Top six photos and bottom right photo: Twin Bridge Rally.
Bottom Left Photo: Christmas Flyer displayed on the cars at the M.B. Christmas Pageant.
Thank you to Graham Edwards for the cartoons on bottom of pages 8 & 9.

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
2023		
December 5 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms 7:30 p.m.
December 10 th (Sunday)	ACCMB Christmas Party	ACCMB Committee
2024		
January	No General Meeting	
January 19 th (Friday)	Pizza Night	Claude & Liz 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 21 st (Thursday)	Ju Jubes / Cambrai Run	Graham & Maureen Edwards
March 30 th (Saturday)	Loxton Run	Jeff Schiller
April 2 nd (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
April 12 th - 14 th (Weekend)	Conrod Weekend Hosted by ACCMB	Claude & Liz Minge
May 7 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
May 13 th (Monday)	Federation Tour Lunch	Brenda Cowie
June 4 th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms - 7:30 p.m.
July 2 nd (Tuesday)	A.G.M. & General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
July 9 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

December 3 rd (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge
December 24 th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum
January 7 th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge
January 28 th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum
February 4 th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge
February 25 th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum
May 13 th (Monday)– May 24 th (Friday)	South East Safari Tour 2024	Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs SA Inc.
June 7 th (Friday) – June 10 th (Monday)	2024 HD – HR Holden Nationals Murray Bridge SA	Details this issue.

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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 February meeting. Many thanks for your cooperation – Yvonne.

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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.



BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

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



President's Report

Well Xmas has arrived again. I would like to wish all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This year has been a busy time for all. To all members who have organised runs and functions I thank you. Next year looks busy again, so I hope all members pull together and help the Committee make their tasks easier. Some younger ones need to step up and take on Committee duties, as several members are retiring at the next AGM in 2024. I hope all members have enjoyed this part of our years Functions and hopefully next year will be even better.



Harry Howitt.

VALE Lyn Hunter

Our Club members have been saddened by the recent passing of Lyn Hunter, long-time member, and our deepest sympathies go to her husband, Bob, and family. Over the years of her membership, Lyn was a significant contributor within the Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge. She held the office of "Treasurer" from 2001 to 2004. For some years she, along with Cynthia Clothier, managed the editorship of the Club Magazine. She was also a very valuable "Assistant Editor" for 12 months when she handed over the reins to a new Editor, being a mentor whilst taking care of many related tasks, such as buying stamps and posting magazines which had not been collected at a meeting. In partnership with her husband, Bob, Lyn had a lot to do with the organisation of many Club Runs and both were highly involved in some of our earlier Club Rallies, being members of the Rally Committee. Lyn was generous, reliable, and encouraging in her years of membership and the Club has been all the better for her input. She will be remembered for her outstanding contribution and for being the lovely lady she was.

Rest in Peace, Lyn, and "Thank You!"
(Thank you to Lyn West for the above article.)



Lynley Helen Hunter
13th December 1940 - 3rd November 2023

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.

We also mention the recent passing of one of our former ACCMB members, Eric KUSS. The club extends its sympathy to Pat and Family. He was a "Jovial Character" with a Blue Austin A50.



From the Editor

Welcome to the latest edition of "Auto Torque".

I love animals. We have a number who call our property home, who are cared for by us all. Each arrival has their own individual story as to how they came to be with us, and the latest arrival is no exception.

One day, quite early into this year, I discovered a cat sleeping in the shelter of our lucerne. I left it alone and it remained there most of the day. Surprisingly, it appeared each of the following days and started to become a constant sight around the property as it followed either the sun, shelter, or shade as appropriate, dependent upon the weather. If we attempted to approach it, it would move away out of reach, but seemed quite content to just lie asleep, uninterrupted. However, the cat seemed to listen to our voices as we talked and moved around. Autumn passed and winter arrived and still the cat seemed to claim our property as home during the day and we really had no idea as to what it did during the night. One family member decided to set up some bags under the shelter of the open shed, and the cat agreed that this was a perfect place to spend its mornings, particularly if the sun was shining.

Hence the weeks progressed. However, during the month of August a change was created. A live mouse was discovered in the yard and was duly caught and killed by us humans. It was decided to tempt the cat with the mouse and to our surprise, it quickly pounced and devoured its meal. Deciding that one mouse was not sufficient, the cat followed us, meowing for more and we capitulated and treated it to a small amount of our house cat's food. Again, hunger prevailed, and it continued to follow us to the house clearly wanting more and we conceded. Appetite appeased, the cat decided to curl up on our steps and sleep.

We do not know who previously owned this beautiful kitten, but it was clearly previously once someone's pet and has now decided to adopt us as its family. It sleeps, guarding our back door, in the basket and bedding offered, accepts daily feed from us, and expects to be patted at least twice a day. If after our evening meal, someone does not go outside to pat it, it gently taps on the security screen until it achieves its goal to get one of us outside for the obligatory pat. Somewhere between fifteen minutes and half an hour seems to be sufficient, so you could concur it has us well and truly wrapped around its little paws.

This morning, I had the privilege of being able to work in our yard, and she, (I say she because our male house cat tolerates her without concern, yet other wild cats that appear in our yard are treated far differently), followed me all morning, rubbing against my legs as I stopped to work then, curling up nearby, waiting, and then moving with me to the next location and repeating the process. It was a very different gardening experience. We thoroughly enjoy having this small animal around and she has introduced such a wonderful change to our household.

Safe and Happy driving to all.
Yvonne

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October Meeting.

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November Meeting.

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- Gerrard Schmerl – 1977 Club Pacesetter Truck, 1983 Toyota Landcruiser, 1985 Honda Solo Motorcycles x 2.
- David Smyth- 1998 XLR8 Tickford Series 2 Sedan.



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



COMING EVENTS!

ACCMB CHRISTMAS PARTY

(Sunday 10th December 2023)

The ACCMB Christmas Party will be held in the Clubrooms, and we will be having a hot lunch as we did last year. Tea, coffee etc. will be supplied. Cutlery, plates, and spoons will be supplied for lunch. If you wish to come earlier than 12 noon, it is BYO morning tea. There will be raffles, so bring some change with you. Volunteers needed to help set up hall on Saturday afternoon and for serving lunch on Sunday. Thanking you in anticipation.
Brenda



PIZZA NIGHT

(Friday 19th January 2024)

The Club's annual Pizza night will be held at the home of Claude and Liz Minge, on **FRIDAY January 19th 2024** at "Sunnybank", 65 Swanport Road, Murray Bridge.

(Park on Swanport Road or Minge Court.)

Please feel welcome to arrive from 5:30pm.

The pizzas will be delivered at 6:30pm.

Please bring your own drinks, mosquito repellent (if needed) and chair.

The venue is undercover and enclosed.

Cost is \$5:00/person.

Pizza, fruit platters, tea, coffee will be supplied.

RSVP to Claude or Liz by 12th January (0419 817 184) and add your name to the attendance sheet at the December meeting.

CRUISE NIGHT

(Friday 9th February 2024)

This is an informal run, where you can come and go as you please. We will not be leaving 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 mozzie repellent, going on past events be prepared for all weather conditions. Entertainment provided by locals e.g., White Cockatoos. Join in from 5:30 p.m. onwards. See you there.
Jan Hall Run Organiser.

JU JUBES / CAMBRAI RUN (Thursday 21st March 2024)



VISIT TO JU JUBES Orchard S.A. -- CAMBRAI

When – THURSDAY March 21st 2024

- ** Leave ACCMB Club house – 8-30 am Sharp.**
 - ** Travel to Cambrai for quick morning tea/toilet break. 9-30 -- 10-15am.**
 - ** Travel to Ju Jubes S A Orchard – 6.2kms from Cambrai. (Directions will be given on day of run) Please note a couple of kms of good dirt road will be travelled on when we leave the Black Hill Road bitumen to Ju Jubes.**
 - ** Talk on the History of the 40,000acre property which dates back to 1860's, when it belonged to the Hayden Family.(the original "pug & pine" home is currently being restored by Jodi Miltenoff), the owner of Ju Jubes SA Orchard, along with the history, tour etc of the Ju Jubes operation run by Jody and his son Marcus. This venture will be a very interesting story we are sure.**
- Please be aware that should you want to purchase a rare heirloom variety, compact tree, (with the fruit being plum size smaller than a typical fig) purple –black skin and red inside **will cost \$40 CASH.** **Please note EFTPOS / Credit card facilities are not available due to WIFI being difficult.**
- Fresh fruit will be available for us to sample & packaged into 5kg boxes for wholesale fruit merchants.**
- Maybe Jody will arrange for some smaller fresh fruit packages specially for us.**
- ** On completion of the tour, we will leave for the Sedan Hotel for a 12-30pm lunch.**
- ** Thursday is "Snitty Day" Beef & Chicken for \$15 per serve. Extra topping \$5 to \$6. Additional meals available ie – Entrée, assorted mains, sweets at reasonable prices.**
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Run Reports

TWIN BRIDGES RALLY 13 – 15 th OCTOBER 2023

The Rally was a great success. Apparently, Riverland members are still talking about how they enjoyed themselves.

On Friday, when entrants registered, we had a variety of slices and cakes for afternoon tea, followed by the casserole dinner which was enjoyed by all as usual, and many thanks to the ladies who made them. There was a great variety of dishes. For dessert we had ice-cream and a large Red Velvet cake from McCues.



The “Mystery Trip” was to Goolwa then on the Cockle Train to Victor Harbor. It was a surprise for everyone. They thought we were going on a boat. We had a carriage to ourselves coming and going and the young volunteer conductors kept us entertained, as we did them.

We had Brunch at the Grosvenor Hotel, and after a bit of a shaky start, the platters of hot food kept coming out.



The dinner Saturday night was at the RSL Club, and we had an entertainer who kept thing moving along all night.





Sunday morning bright and early, the Lions Club gentlemen were there getting breakfast organised for the group before they left for home.



After breakfast, the quiz answers and a few thank you speeches, everyone started to leave, and after many goodbyes, the cleanup started, but as usual there were plenty of volunteers and the hall was back to normal by around 10:00 a.m.

Jan and I would like to thank all those who helped in any way to make this Twin Bridges Rally the success it was. Special thanks to

Graham Edwards for organising the sponsors for us.

(Thank you for this report from Brenda Cowie and the photos from Graham Edwards.)



100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY SANDALWOOD HALL 21/10/2023

On the cool, overcast morning of Saturday 21st October, car club members in their vehicles, individually departed Murray Bridge. Travelling through the small sparsely populated towns of Chapmans Bore, Wynarka and Borrika and the larger township of Karoonda, viewing the mallee farming areas and scrubland, we arrived at Sandalwood Hall.

Here we were greeted by the parking attendant and directed to our display area, where we joined the Tailm Bend and Loxton clubs with a total of approx. 28 cars on display. Upon alighting from our vehicle, we discovered the Wehrmann Family had arrived the afternoon before, setting up to camp overnight. What a terrific idea.



Throughout the course of the morning, a steady array of visitors arrived to partake in the day's proceedings and wandered along the classic and vintage vehicle display, admiring, and chatting to their respective owners. Towards lunchtime, whilst the glorious aromas of the barbeque drifted across the area, a young lad of around 10 years of age arrived to view the collection and was carefully educated on all the aspects of the older vehicles by one of the events coordinators. The lad duly

departed to return with siblings to impart his recently acquired knowledge.

After enjoying a barbeque lunch of sausages, onions, bread, and salads, followed by a delicious serving of strawberries, ice-cream and cream and a welcome cuppa, came the speeches, including a highly entertaining one given by Peter Goers, and the unveiling of the 100-year-old plaque.



Inside the hall there was a meticulous display of the history of the hall and surrounding areas and various stalls which also overflowed to the outside. Some of us were also privileged to be given a private tour of the townships' combined historic Post Office, General Store, and dwelling, together with some of their outbuildings.

Despite the cool day and relatively strong winds which whipped up the dust from time to time, it was a relaxing and pleasant day out. Thank you to the Sandalwood Hall 100-year Anniversary Committee for inviting our club to stage a static display at their event.

CALLINGTON SHOW 29/10/2023

Seven cars left the clubrooms at 9:00 a.m. and arrived on time at the oval. We were told where we had to park and after doing so, we quickly commandeered the shelter shed.



We were part of the "Calli Trail", and we had 22 dozen bottles of water and two boxes of mandarins delivered to us to distribute to those who had joined the "Trail".

This year was their 10th Anniversary, and the weather was perfect. There was more to see this

year and the sideshows and novelty stalls were down on the oval where we were, so that brought a lot more people down there. There were six parachutists to add to the spectacle and because of the wind, they landed so fast, but a couple managed to stay on their feet and came in running but did a sit-down landing. We started to leave around 3:00 p.m. and only had a few mandarins and 2 dozen bottles of water left.



I think the organisers would have been very pleased with the end result this year.

Many thanks to Elaine Bretag for taking on the job of signing the papers and giving out the "Calli Trail" gifts.

(Thank you to the Run organiser, Brenda Cowie for this report and for the photos from Peter Mach.)

THE MURRAY BRIDGE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 18/11/2023.

Once again, our club participated in the annual Murray Bridge Christmas Parade. The procession commenced at 4.00pm from the Pine Park/Council Chambers assembly area and meandered via West Terrace, Bridge St, Seventh St, and Mary Terrace to Sturt Reserve. Food stalls, rides and other Christmas festivities had commenced at Sturt Reserve on Friday evening and continued through Saturday culminating in the pageant arrival and continuing entertainment into the evening.

The five vehicles representing our club were Harry Howitt & Shirley Sellick in their Volkswagen, Jan Hall & Brenda Cowie in Jan's Morris



Minor, Jeff & Aileen Martin in their Holden Premier, Graham & Maureen Edwards in their Ford Zephyr, and Peter & Yvonne Mach in their Packard.

The thousands of spectators who lined the streets of the parade route were all happy, particularly the many young children who gained a front position along the roadside in anticipation of scoring a lolly or two thrown from the passing parade participants.

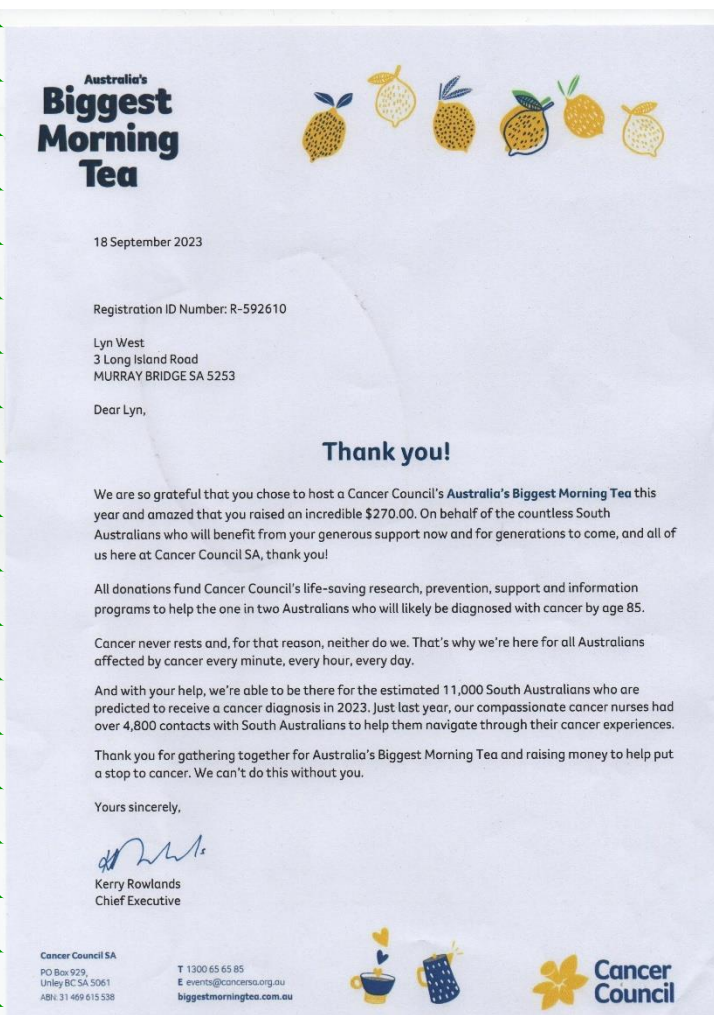
Thanks to Graham our ACCMB vehicles were adorned with a Christmas banner; and thank you to Jan who stepped up as the co-ordinator of our group in my absence. I also heard a rumour that Jan is considering a career as an Uber driver and did a practise run ferrying



some passengers to Sturt Reserve! Well done, Jan!

To those club members who participated in this event, thank you for preparing and decorating your cars and representing your club.

(Thank you for this report from Claude Minge, Run Organiser and for the photos from Graham Edwards.)



As part of the Sausage Sizzle and Biggest Morning Tea event held earlier this year, our club raised an amazing amount of \$270.00 for the Cancer Council. Thank you to Lyn West for organising this fundraiser and to the club members for their fantastic support.

WANTED – ACCMB PUBLICITY & ARCHIVES OFFICER

Hi Members.

As you would have heard at the 2023 ACCMB AGM when nominations were read out – I indicated that I will be standing down from this position at the next AGM (2024).

After 13 years in this position, I feel it is time to stand aside and let a younger person take on that Committee position.

I indicated that an apprentice for the remainder of the 2023-2024 Club year would be to the advantage of the club, to learn the ins & outs of dealing with the media & all that goes with the position.

It is and has been a very rewarding 13 years for me and I know for many, many regular readers in the public, who look forward to reading what the ACCMB has done & is about to do.

So, I would like to remind ALL ACCMB Members, that unless this position has been filled by next AGM, the ACCMB will be without a committee person acting as Publicity/Archives to handle this very important part of a very successful club that will be 52 years of age next March.

To the 250 plus members of this club, please give this URGENT/SERIOUS consideration to serve the remainder of this 2023-2024 year as my Publicity Apprentice.

This would please me no end, and I am sure the President & Committee of the ACCMB. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming my apprentice for the remainder of the Club year, & I will outline what duties need to be performed.

Kind Regards,
Graham Edwards,
Current Publicity/Archives Officer. 22-9-2023

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