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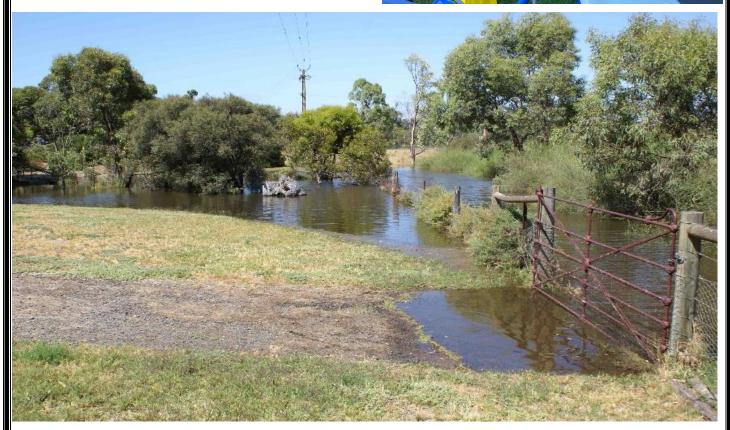
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^{**(}No change to fees for 2022/23, making membership in our Club most cost effective) **

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

ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE RELEVANT OFFICER

OUR COVER PICTURES:

Club Fees

Pizza Night scenes.

Calendar of Events

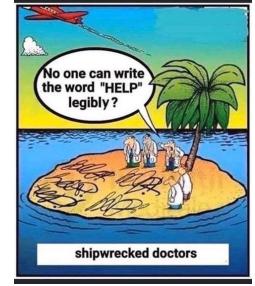
DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
2023		
Feb. 7th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10 th (Friday)	Cruise Night	Jan Hall
Mar. 7th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 12 th (Sunday)	Sausage Sizzle & Biggest Morning Tea	Terry & June Mabbitt/ Lyn & Tom West
Mar. 14th (Tuesday)	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 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.

I never thought I'd be the kind of person who'd wake up early in the morning to exercise ...

And I was right.



Other Events of Interest

Feb. 5 th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge
Feb. 19 th (Sunday)	Murray Bridge Swap Meet	Details this magazine
Feb. 26 th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum
Mar. 5 th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge
Mar. 17 th – 20 th (Fri. – Mon.)	Citroen Car National Rally	Details this magazine
Mar. 26 th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum
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 this magazine

MURRAY BRIDGE SWAP MEET at showgrounds. Gates open at 6.00am. \$5.00 entry per person buyers & sellers. Kids U14 free. Enquiries John Whimpress 0428 132 889

<u>CITROEN CAR NATIONAL RALLY</u> at Murray Bridge. There will be a show & shine on the 18th - venue to be advised (was intended for Sturt Reserve).

McLAREN VALE VINTAGE & CLASSIC

Entries are now open. The committee is already working to make this event better than ever on Sunday 23rd April. A new system for placing your entry has been put in place through Trybooking.com with the entry fee of \$35 per vehicle and payment being made using credit card or PayPal. Please read the Conditions of Entry before placing your entry online. Enter using this https://www.trybooking.com/CEHMP

Once you have submitted the completed entry form a confirmation email will be sent from Try booking. **It is not necessary** to print this entry ticket, but it will be useful to keep it as a reminder that you have entered.

Closer to the event you will receive an entry package which will include all the information that you require for the day as well as your vehicle entry number which will need to be attached to your windscreen.

The Charity Dinner will be held on Saturday 22nd April and tickets can be booked through the website for \$150 per person. 3 course dinner with 2 1/2-hour drinks package. Guest speaker (to be advised), live and silent auctions, raffle, and door prizes. Supporting McLaren Vale Hospital, Southern Koala & Echidna Rescue and local CFS Brigades.

If you require a hard copy of the entry form or any other details regarding this event, please email and we will respond promptly.

Trevor Sharp

McLaren Vale Vintage & Classic Event

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(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
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 April meeting. Many thanks for your cooperation — Yvonne.



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To
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Celebrated on the 13 January 2023.

Also, congratulations are
extended to any Club
Member and their family
who have also celebrated
a special birthday or
anniversary recently.



President's Report

2022 is history- it's been and gone, together with Covid 19 restrictions.

Our Christmas and New Year celebrations are over. Some of us may have overindulged in the festivities but why not? After all, it's only once a year! I trust everyone had plenty of family time and that you will welcome the New Year with year of the New Year with year with year with year with year.

everyone had plenty of family time and that you will welcome the New Year with vigour and enthusiasm. What will happen in 2023? If we look in some retail outlets, they are displaying Easter eggs and Hot cross buns even though April and Easter are months away!

Looking back, our last monthly meeting was on December 6th and was chaired by Vice president John Courtney and Assistant Secretary Debb Schiller. Liz and I thank you.

On behalf of the club (and in particular those who attended), a big thank you goes to Brenda Cowie and her helpers who organised and conducted our Club Christmas Party on December 11th. Also, thanks to John and Vicki Courtney for hosting our first club event for 2023, the annual pizza night on January 13th at their home.

On a personal note, Liz and I had a great, although tiring time for 2 weeks with our kids and grandkids at the beach. Our 2 eldest grandsons who are both 16 and on learners permits had many driving lessons in automatic cars with power steering. I told them they aren't qualified to drive unless they can drive a manual transmission car with either a floor or column shift and lessons will begin very soon. They retaliated by challenging me to play a game which required pressing my thumbs on the screen of their I-phone. Fortress is what they called it and was more frustrating than challenging. The one thing that was realised during our holiday was that there are alternatives to screen time. The grandkids learnt that crabbing at night with a spotlight was good fun and snorkelling on the reef at low tide to catch crabs and finding treasures such as old bottles and brass boat rudders that had broken off when boats hit the reef, was much more interesting than staring at a screen!

There is an old adage "all good things come to an end" and so it was with our sojourn to the beach. Those two grandsons had to be back at their respective homes to report for their school holiday jobs, one at a café in the Adelaide Hills and one at Drakes supermarket in Murray Bridge. They now have their own bank accounts and credit cards. Credit cards at 16 years old! I am told that moneythat is "cash money" will be phased out within 10 years! Soon the grandsons will be saving for a car and a girlfriend but not necessarily in that order as one grandson is already "girl friendly". I have told them that girlfriends could be more costly than a car! I'm simply trying to be helpful.

So, it was back to Murray Bridge and our normal routine. On the drive home we reflected on our beach holiday and there were times when we all experienced "cabin fever" with thirteen people and a couple of dogs under the same roof for 2 weeks, but it was all good fun, and we will all have many great memories.

Let's enjoy 2023!

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".

Archives. A collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people held in a place where people can go to gather facts, data, and evidence from letters, reports, notes, memos, photographs, or other primary sources. Are you aware that our car club has a collection of records, memorabilia, and photos since the beginning of our club? Oh yes, we most certainly do. The records from the beginning of our club were of course in black and white, but as time progressed, coloured photographs began to make their appearance. It has also taken a person or group of people a reasonable amount of their personal time, to collate and store this information.

I have had the privilege to view some of these records and would like to share a portion of these with the current members. Hence, commencing from this issue, I will insert into the magazine something from our past and hope that you too will enjoy viewing this information as much as I have. And, if the persons responsible for these records are still in our club, I would like to thank you very much for your efforts. You have most definitely done a great job.

Safe and Happy driving to all.

Yvonne

THE LATEST ON OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Achieving Full Membership are:

- Fred & Wendy McInerney 1991 Hino Rainbow.
- Brian & Rosaria Rainey 2016 Mercedes C250 Sedan, 2020 BMW XI25i SUV Wagon, 2021 Skoda Fabia Hatch.
- Peter Sellick & Jennifer Stratford 1948 Jaguar Sedan, 1960 AGA 1600
 Roadster, 1988 Honda Goldwing Motorbike.



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

CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

December Meeting.

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- 5 x 19" Rust Bands (new). Contact Roy Bretag 0438425791.



COMING EVENTS!

CRUISE NIGHT

(Friday 10th February 2023)

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, and going on past events be prepared for all weather conditions.

Entertainment will be provided by the locals. E.g., White Cockatoo's.

Join in from 5:30 p.m. onwards. See you there. Jan Hall 0438 607 116 Run Organiser.

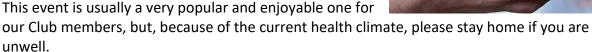
SAUSAGE SIZZLE & BIGGEST MORNING TEA

(Sunday 12th March 2023)

Make your own way to the Mabbitt's house at 36 Ross Road, Murray Bridge East. Gates will open at 10:15 a.m. We will "get the show on the road" with a "Biggest Morning Tea". Scones, tea/coffee will be supplied. You may make a donation to the Cancer Council if you wish. Lunch will be the "Sausage Sizzle" and sausages on bread will be provided by the Club.

Please bring your own salad, cold drinks, plates, cutlery, cups. Depending on how many attends, we may need an extra chair or two, so pop one in your boot in case it is needed.

There are some entertaining games planned for those who wish to participate.



Please contact Terry or June Mabbitt, (0409692520) or Tom or Lyn West (85 326908) if you will be attending this event as we will need numbers for catering purposes.



TWIN BRIDGES IS ON AGAIN!

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.

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
Jan Hall: Run Coordinator: janice.hall4@bigpond.com

AUTO COLLECTORS' TROPHY RUN.

The Murray Bridge Auto Collectors Club had their Patron trophy run to White Sands on Sunday.

Before leaving Pine Park, participants had to estimate how many miles and how long it would take to the White Sands property.

Ten cars participated in three different events, one with the driver blindfolded while the passenger guided him around a course, and another with the passenger in a wheelbarrow, with the driver also blindfolded.

Big attraction for the day was Mr Paul Kruger's 1920- model Indian motorcycle. Children and

most adults, lined up to ride in the sidecar.

Mr & Mrs Bowering were thanked for the use of their property.

(The above is a copy of the Standard article, October 22nd, 1981.)

(Photo opposite is from the Christmas Picnic at Milang on 11th December 1983)







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CHRISTMAS PARTY 11/12/2022

The Christmas party went really well as far as the food side went. I think everyone enjoyed having a hot meal for a change. I heard no complaints anyway. Drakes really did a great job with the food, as it was piping hot when we picked it up. Balfour's puddings were a hit. As usual it didn't take long for everything to be cleaned up afterwards, with all the volunteers to help. I would personally like to thank all who helped to make the day a success and everything went as planned. I enjoyed the day & I believe everyone else did too.

(Thank you for this report from Brenda.)

PIZZA NIGHT 13/1/2023

There was no Pizza Night in 2022 due to Covid rulings and for the two years before that we endured restrictions, so it was pleasing that this year we were back to "normal". But there were other issues to keep us on our toes. The most important being the River Murray floods that prevented us from accessing the lagoon side of our property where we would normally park our cars. I had foreshadowed that this may be a problem at the last meeting and so it proved to be, as water intruded into the gateway by a couple of metres, preventing vehicles using that entrance. Plan "B" was to use the main entrance from Torrens Road and although that severely reduced the parking area, we managed OK. But even getting there was not as easy as it was, with most of the ferries out of action, the traffic on the old bridge has increased significantly, combined with one way traffic due to the bridge repairs, causing delays.

You never know what the weather is going to be like at this time of year, but we were pretty lucky this time. True it was a bit warm earlier in the day, but not too bad in the shade and got very pleasant as the evening wore on. There was no really cold breeze that we often get, so no rugs and beanies needed this time.



We again used Pizza Hut to supply the pizzas, but again we had a change. Pizza Hut no longer supply the sizes that we have had in the past, so we had to change our thinking a bit. I had Marie trained in previous years (in reality, she had trained me!!), but now had to train the new owner, Noor (again, he really had to train me). I think he worked it out pretty well, as there were only two slices left from 24 large pizzas. Their young delivery driver commented that he had not delivered that number in one hit before. Everyone seemed to have a good feed, topped up with the usual pineapple and watermelon.

The usual inspection of progress of the DA Dodge restoration was not needed this year as it has been finished, but there were still things to look at in the sheds and the "memorabilia room" as I call it. This is a display of things that mean something to Vicki and I, but fortunately provide interest for others as well. There were quite a few curious visitors from time to time, looking at things they recognised from their past as well.

So, with everyone comfortably fed and watered and having caught up with things that had happened over the festive season, it was time for everyone to drift off home.

Vicki & I hope you all had a very pleasant evening as we certainly did. Thanks for making it another successful "Pizza night".

(Thank you for this report and photos, front page, from Run Organisers, John & Vicki Courtney)



Mr Bruce McArdle and his 1913 Swift. The gas bottle on the running board is for the acetylene lights.

The Swift that isn't"

Continuing series on Murray Bridge Auto Collectors Club members

When Coomandook man Mr Bruce McArdle, 75, bought the remnants of a 1913 Swift about 50 years ago, he intended using the frame for a speedway racer.

He never realised that ambition. Instead, he started restoring and rebuilding the car when he retired about 10 years ago.

The bodywork of the vehicle, which had been used to drive a chaffcutter, was completely 'gone', Mr McArdle said last Friday.

He rebuilt the body from pictures and drawings, including those in a book, Passenger cars — 1913-23,

which he bought while in England six or seven years ago.

Most of the bodywork on the car today, including the mudguards, is made from two Standard Vanguard bonnets and two old advertising signs.

The wheels on Mr McArdle's car are also of smaller diameter than the originals, although mounted on the original hubs.

According to the book Mr McArdle bought, more than 600 Swift Cyclethons (as they were called) had been sold by April, 1913. The cars were powered by a 998cc, twocylinder, side-valve engine.

The Swift company graduated to car manufacture after making sewing machines, bicycles, and motor tricycles.

Mr McArdle said a car similar to his was in a motor museum in WA, and he had seen a 1909 Swift being driven in the last Bay-to-Birdwood rally.

But that was a much larger car, although with a smaller engine 750cc, single cylinder.

Mr McArdle uses his car only for street parades, usually in the Murray Bridge Christmas Pageant, taking it there and back on a trailer.

Other vehicles he has in various stages of restoration include a 1946 Austin Eight, 1949 Land Rover, and 1956 Dodge. He also has a 1946 Ford V8, in running order, which he takes out for a run about four or five times a year.

(Copy of Article from the Standard 14/1/1987)



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