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

**** (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:

Ladies' Day Run.

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
2023		
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.
July 16 th (Sunday)	Pub Run	John & Vicki Courtney
August 1 st (Tuesday)	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.

Other Events of Interest

June 4 th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge
June 25 th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum
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July 2nd (Sunday)		
July 23rd (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum
August 6 th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge
August 27 th (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 **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 August meeting. Many thanks for your cooperation – Yvonne.



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The Cow

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A few weeks later, the car dealer came to him to buy a cow.

This is how the farmer presented the bill for the cow: -

Basic cow	\$500.00
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Production storage & dispensary	\$100.00
Four spigots @ \$25.00 each	\$100.00
Dual horns	\$ 75.00
Auto fly swatter	\$ 75.00
Field fertilizing	\$200.00

\$1750.00

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

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



President's Report



As I write this report, it is the last week of May. June is the start of winter and traditionally regarded as the start of our cold and flu season which is something we all wish to avoid. Some of our members may be regarded as more fortunate than others because they have headed north for the winter or are planning to do so. I regard those more fortunate individuals as smarter and better organised than we who are left to contemplate the oncoming winter months.

We are very lucky that in Australia it is possible to travel north or south, east, or west to find the most suitable climatic conditions as the seasons progress annually. I believe it works like this.... the money we save on our heating costs during winter at home will contribute to living somewhere up north for a few months. But it is not that simple. An issue that arises is the fact that the majority of the retired population of the southern states of Australia also head north for the same reason. Liz and I experienced this issue at Katherine N.T. last winter. We had booked a site at the caravan park and the park was filled to capacity. Early every morning there was a long line up of vehicles with caravans on tow outside the park gate. The majority of the vehicles had Victorian or New South Wales registration plates. They would be parked, waiting until midmorning for any residents of the park to leave. The park had a policy that it was optional to extend your stay. In other words, it is up to you as to when you wish to leave. On some days no-one leaves! The solution to this issue for us was that we did plenty of bush camping as there are plenty of wide-open spaces in the Territory and with our van we can live "off grid" for days.

Of course, all this discussion about heading north has me thinking about when we could be leaving and the destination options. Before that happens, we have our club AGM in July and that means it is time for our annual election of club office bearers for the next 12 months. All positions as per our Auto Torque magazine on page 3 will be declared vacant. Nomination forms are in this edition (June-July) for you to use. Please be open-minded about nominating to help our club. There are many opportunities to step up and be involved and to share the tasks of keeping our club operational and motivated into the future.

Our club's submission to the South Australian government for a grant from the S.A. car club program was lodged in April. We have submitted further information to the Department of Infrastructure and Transport as requested and are waiting for their scheduled response in June.

Our annual presentation night is on Saturday June 17th at the Park Lane Restaurant. Please register your booking at the June monthly meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

President 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".

I am going to transgress back to our early years. Do you remember the small ride-in cars we had as children, with the pedals to propel them along. They were lots of fun and somewhat accident prone. When we set up a section of the back lawn under a sheet to simulate a house, decked out the little table, chairs and play dinner set underneath and then proceeded into make believe world of children's play of travelling in our car to fun places and returning "home" to eat and lie down on our bed of grass to sleep, it was all kind of mysterious and wonderful. Many hours passed us by in our wonderful world. In later years, we would travel with our parents in a proper car, with a small caravan attached and explore the wide and interesting countryside. The table would fold down at night to make our parent's bed, there was a small cooker and sink and no water on board. Somewhere to eat and sleep and we loved it, especially the card and board games played after tea in the "half-light" or exploring the outside by moonlight. When I married, travelling assumed a different perspective again. We had a tent, sleeping bags, a locked box in the back of the Ute to store the belongings, and a small primus cooker on a stand. We travelled miles over many years, had a huge amount of fun and freedom to roam. Eventually we upgraded to an old camper trailer and continued to travel, albeit, now in "style". The vehicles and caravans in today's world are all luxurious, with all the modern facilities on board. Caravan Parks supplies all the latest and greatest in leisure-time activities and features, and whilst I am sure it is great for all the nomad travellers out there, giving them comfort and pleasure on their travels around Australia, I personally feel that a little bit of the mysterious and make believe is now missing. That small child in me has not yet gone. Safe and Happy driving to all.

Yvonne

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 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 in June, July, and August 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.

THE LATEST ON OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Our New Provisional Members are:

- Douglas & Heather Blenkiron—1962 Commer Truck.
- Ross & Linda Debrueys – 1990 Toyota Landcruiser Station Wagon, 1994 Toyota HiAce Van.
- Anthony & Diana Schellen – 1966 Ford Mustang Coupe.

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

CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

April Meeting.

For Sale.

- Battery Isolator Switch. \$10.00. Contact Roy Bretag.

May Meeting.

For Sale.

- 1967 VC Valiant Regal in excellent condition. Always shedded. Original miles 45000. Original paintwork. No rust or mechanical issues, Rear venetian blind, gear leaver lock, 6 cylinders auto, interior excellent, only used on club runs. \$35000.00.
BSA - Gear box parts (C11-ZB31), Push Rod Tunnel (B31), Stand lift handle, Chain guard C11G, Petrol Tank Bantam, Bottom end crankcase (ZB31), Bantam petrol tank, Carby parts, camshaft gear, rear shocker parts, oil pump, alternator rotor, plunger frame (B33), clutch basket (WM20), Recon gearbox 4 speed (C11G), front fork legs.
AJS/Matchless – Crankcase complete G80, 500cyl head, 350 barrels, gear box parts, front fork parts , kickstart lever.
Triumph- Wheel spokes, crash bars, shock absorbers, wheel rims, 3T Cylinder head, rear sprocket, petrol tank, gear box sprocket.
Misc- Morris minor parts, Lucas Generators, Oil pump, Valiant EXH Manifold, Makita 2 speed electric drill, router cutters. Contact Ray & Lorraine Carpenter. 0476714967.
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- 1 set FJ EH Y Frames need minor repairs, Holden Grey Motor 1 set 3 1/8 + 60 pistons good condition, 1 electronic distributor for Holden Red & Blue Motor. Contact Tony Brine. 0403704145
- Rolls Royce 1979 Silver Shaddow 2. \$25000.00. Contact Wendy Uren. 0438055623.

Wanted.

- White 1950's Holden for wedding 16/12/2023 in M/B and/or near Nairne , probably 2:00 p.m. approx. Contact Jacob Fabich. 0429680566.



COMING EVENTS!

PRESENTATION NIGHT

(Saturday 17th June 2023)

The ACCMB Annual Trophy Presentation Night and Dinner will be held on Saturday 17th June 2023 at the Parklane Vietnamese Restaurant at 24 Sixth Street Murray Bridge. Please arrive by 6:00 p.m. for a 6:30 p.m. start. There will be a banquet with a choice of 9 courses at a cost of \$30.00 per head, with payment to be made on the night.

Please put your name on the run sheet at the General Meetings. For further details contact Brenda Cowie.

ACCMB Committee

PUB RUN

(Sunday 16th July 2023)

This year we will be going to the Meningie Hotel.

Meet at the Johnstone Park clubrooms from 10.30 for a 11.00 departure.

We will not stop on the way to Meningie, so if you want smoko, please do so before we leave the clubrooms. Lunch at the Meningie Hotel will commence on arrival at approximately 12.00.

We have organised a two-course meal for \$24.

Our choices for Main: -

- Crumbed Coorong Mullet served with fresh garden salad and chips (Butterfish if Mullet is not available)
- Roast Lamb served with seasonal veg, roast potatoes and mint jelly (this could change depending on pricing and availability)
- Beef or Chicken Schnitzel choice of gravy (gravy, Dianne, mushroom, pepper, hollandaise, parmy) served with fresh garden salad and chips.

For Desert: -

- Pavlova served with vanilla bean cream & mixed berries.
- Pannacotta served with salted caramel sauce and roasted almonds.

We need to let the Hotel know our requirements in advance to save a time when we get there, so please advise of your selections on the attendance form at the meeting or advise Vicki or John by phone. We will have the list with us at Meningie should we (ourselves included) forget what we have ordered!!!

If you have your name on the list but are then unable to attend, please let us know as it would be unfair have vacant places that could be used by other patrons.

Hope to see you there.

John & Vicki Courtney, Phone 85 324107

TWIN BRIDGES IS ON AGAIN!

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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



Above: Archive photo. Bernie & Shirley Hoffman's Chev truck first run 9/8/1992.

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Run Reports

LADIES' DAY 19/4/2023

23 members left the Clubrooms for the short drive to Taillem Bend. We picked up another 4 members who were waiting along the way.

At Regional Profile Cutters we were greeted by the ladies of the family who then explained what we were going to see. They suggested after the initial talk in the main shed that we split into smaller groups for the other viewings.

First was the cutting room where there was a large sheet of steel being machine cut to a specific pattern.

Some wandered over to the very important computer room where the designs are produced.



Then it was on to the store to see the finished products.

There was so much to see and choose from in the store as well as outside where the bigger articles were standing.

There was a choice of items made from steel, aluminium, and galvanised iron and some were powder coated. I don't think there were many of us who came away without buying something.

After being thanked by the family for our visit, we adjourned to the Riverside Hotel for lunch

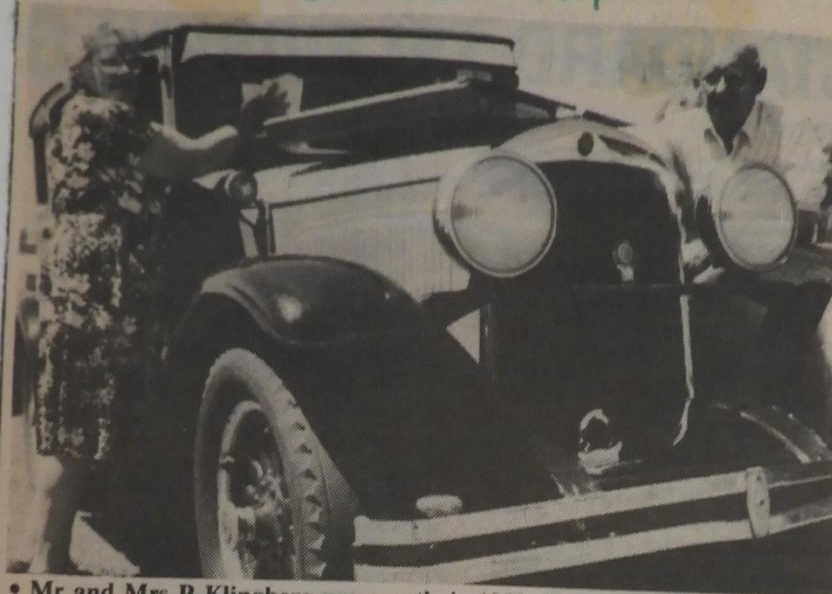


and a welcome drink.

After lunch the quiz answers were read out, but the winner will not be announced until Presentation Night.

Thanks to those members who came on this run, I hope you enjoyed it.

(Thank you for the above report from Run Organiser, Brenda Cowie, and photos from John Courtney and Graham Edwards.)



• Mr and Mrs P Klingberg prepare their 1929 Chrysler for an 'outing'.

Chrysler is in original order

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

Phil and Jean Klingberg, of Murray Bridge, bought their 1929 Chrysler model 65 several years ago, in original condition, with 62,000 miles 'on the clock'.

Original owner was a Kapunda man, but Phil bought the car from a Loxton man who had not driven it for many years. Phil simply changed the oil, and drove the car back to Murray Bridge without any problems.

He says the coachwork is by former body builders T and J Richards, a company bought out later by Chryslers (later Mitsubishi).

The six-cylinder, side-valve motor (rated at 25 horsepower) propels the vehicle at a comfortable 50 mph (80km/h), with a claimed top speed of 65 mph (105km/h) — from which the model number is derived.

Fuel consumption of the five-passenger vehicle is, however, fairly heavy at only 17mpg.

Mr Klingberg says the car was the first Chrysler to be fitted with hydraulic brakes (on all four wheels). It was also one of 13 different models Chrysler produced in 1929.

'That was about the start of the Great Depression,' he said, 'and with

falling car sales, Chrysler was attempting to capture all sections of the market.'

Because of the profusion of models in 1929, parts are very hard to obtain — and the exact model must be specified when ordering. A USA firm specialises in parts, but Mr Klingberg has not needed any yet — and hopes he never will.

Longest trip he has done in the car, since bringing it from Loxton, was a rally at Pinnaroo — but he uses it regularly in local club runs. The next will be on November 4, when the local club will join with the Chrysler Restorers' Club at Balhannah.

Mr Klingberg has three other vintage vehicles — a 1919 Essex roadster, 1937 Austin Seven, and an exceedingly rare 1933 Morris Minor seven horsepower.

He says the Morris is one of only two he knows of in Australia — the other (unrestored) is in a Queensland museum.

The Austin and the Morris are in various stages of restoration, and the Essex is having engine repairs done.

Mr Klingberg, who is retired, says working on the cars leaves him little time for much else. 'It's like a disease — once you start on something like this, you can't leave it alone'

Fred loves a fine engine

Feb. 12th
1985

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

Mr Fred Toogood bought his 1922 Model-T Ford in 1978 from only its second owner, and with the original engine still in top condition.

The rest of the car has only had minor renovations, such as fresh green and black paint-work, new upholstery and a new hood.

It is powered by a four cylinder long-stroke engine with a gravity petrol feed, which means going up

steep hills in reverse, to keep petrol flowing to the motor.

The car also features virtually the first attempt at automatic transmission. There is no real gearbox and, instead, it works on bands that tighten against a driving shaft through the driver pressing pedals on the floor.

Mr Toogood has driven the car in the past two Bay to Birdwood runs, and takes it around the block regularly to keep it in good shape. The T-model had only a crank-start when he bought it, but has since been fitted

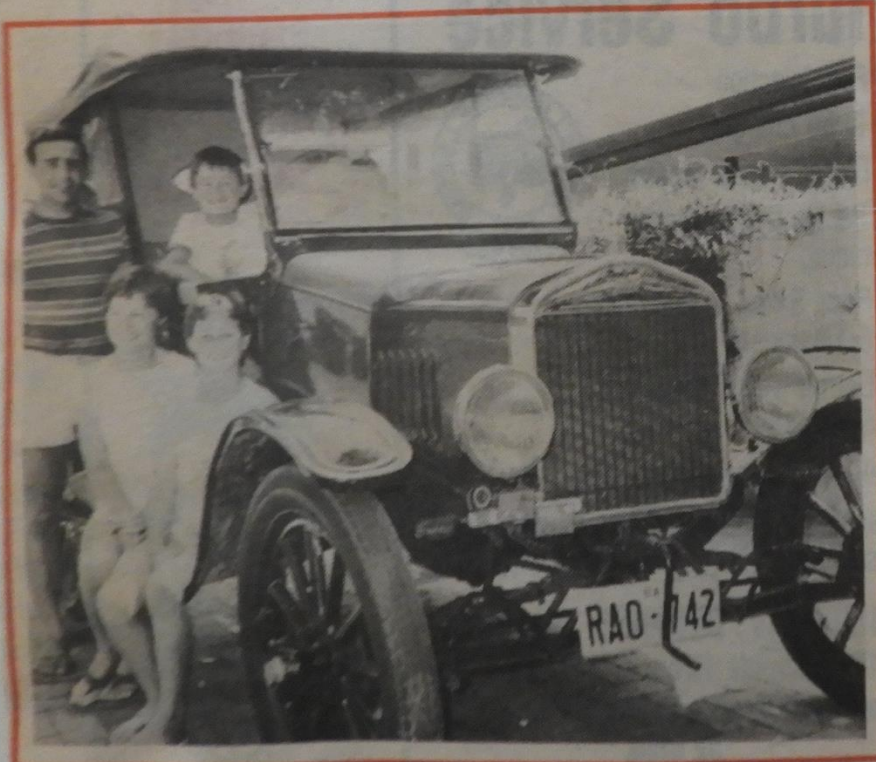
with a starter motor that was an optional extra back in 1922.

The car is serviced regularly, and cruises at a top speed of about 45mph. Mr Toogood says his love of

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vintage cars began about 20 years ago, and came from his father's job as a motor engineer.

His first car was a 1928 Chevrolet, and he has also owned a 1930 A-model sedan and a 1925 T-model Ford. He sold them to concentrate on buying the 1922, which is now worth \$7500.



• Mr Fred Toogood with wife Barbara, and children Rebecca and Darren and their Model-T Ford.

1985

Above are two Archive features from the MV Standard.

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Our Golf course is regarded as one of the best winter course state-wide, Pro Shop Available



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