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The Official Newsletter of  
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**ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE RELEVANT OFFICER**

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# Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
<b>2024</b>		
Aug. 6th (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms - 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 3rd (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms - 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 13 – 14 <sup>th</sup> (Fri./Sat.)	Riverland Field Day	Claude & Liz Minge
Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	Murray Bridge Show	To be advised
Oct. 1st (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Wellington Strawberry Fete	Lyn & Tom West
Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Callington Show	To be advised
Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 12th (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	Murray Bridge Christmas Pageant	To be advised
Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	ACCMB Christmas Party	To be advised
<b>2025</b>	No General Meeting in January	
Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)	Combined Cruise & Pizza Night	Claude & Liz Minge/Jan Hall
Mar. 4 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 11 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 23 <sup>rd</sup> (Sunday)	Patron's Run	Graham Edwards
Apr. 1 <sup>st</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
Apr. (Weekend)	Conrod Weekend	Hosted by Mallee Car Club
May 6 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
June 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday)	General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
July 1 <sup>st</sup> (Tuesday)	A.G.M. & General Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.
July 8 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms – 7:30 p.m.

“You know you are getting old, when you hear snap, crackle and pop at breakfast time, and you are not eating cereal.”

## 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 3rd (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge
August 25 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum
August 25th (Sunday)	All Morris Day Charity Event	Federation Website
September 1 <sup>st</sup> (Sunday)	Drive your Old Car Day	Bethany Reserve
September 1 <sup>st</sup> (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge
September 15 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Gawler Mega Swap Meet	Gawler Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Club
September 22nd (Sunday)	Arthur Clisby Picnic Day	Federation Website
September 29th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum
October 5 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday) <sup>h</sup>	Vintage Collingrove Hillclimb	Federation Website
October 6 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge
October 14 <sup>th</sup> (Monday)	Federation Motorfest	Federation Website
October 20 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Bay to Birdwood	Federation Website
October 26 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	Loxton Historical Run	Federation Website
October 27 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	SA Jag Day	Federation Website
October 27 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum
November 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge
November 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Sunday)	Ford Invitation Picnic Day	Federation Website
November 9 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	Power of the Past	Federation Website
November 15 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)	Travel to Bendigo Swap	Federation Website
November 24 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum
March 30 <sup>th</sup> 2025 (Sunday)	Gawler to Barossa Veteran & Vintage Run	Federation Website

*(For more information on any of the above, please contact the Club Secretary*

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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](mailto:autocollectorsmb@outlook.com) Also, please send same to our Webmaster, Pieter Kriel, [autocollectorsmb@gmail.com](mailto: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 October meeting. Many thanks for your cooperation – Yvonne.

# President's Report



I thank members for electing me as your President for 24/25. Many thanks to Harry who did a good job after the great work of Claude.

I have no experience in the running of this club so please excuse the mistakes I will obviously make. I haven't even got an old car on conditional registration, but I am working on it and building a shed.

My love of cars goes back to my preteen years when I was drawn to the beauty of the Jaguar XK120. When I got to driving age, I learnt to drive in a Mk7 Jaguar. My first car was a 1950 Morris Minor in black. Since then, I have purchased over 65 cars! (One of my three weaknesses in life.)

This club is made up of many people drawn together with a similar love of cars who work hard as volunteers to keep the club relevant to members. We must remember that we are volunteers and not paid employees and should take this into consideration when having different opinions on matters.

Your committee is working to organize events during the year, and we should all get behind these individuals who do the hard work to make things happen.

I look forward to an enjoyable year with many social functions and events.

Brian Rainey

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

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## From the Editor

Welcome to the latest edition of "Auto Torque".

Have you sat on a log or rock in a reserve and just observed the surroundings? It is quite fascinating to watch the insect world and wildlife during their daily life. The ants constantly scurry along their trails, and when a piece of bread is dropped into their pathway, they immediately deviate from the current task and proceed to round up, tumble and twist the morsel, as they move it towards their home. It becomes quite a challenge and takes some considerable time for them to achieve their aim. Above a bird alights on a branch, twisting his head to each side, wondering why you are there in his space, then loses interest and flits away. More birds delight with their twittering and song nearby, filling the air with enjoyment. Sometimes kangaroos appear from between the trees, stop and gaze and if I am still enough, either continue happily on their journey or graze nearby. Do not invite a cough, sneeze or itch to interrupt, or they immediately dash away in fright and those moments are lost. The sun shines overhead giving dappled shade over my rock or log and the peace and harmony envelops your entire being. Pure pleasure. When I need a break, nature is where I head. For after a time quietly sitting there, my equilibrium is restored, my inner self calmed, and I am ready to face the world again, to continue attacking my tasks with enthusiasm. Nature is great for me. I wonder where you all find your peace and harmony. Well, time to drive home and face the rest of the day.

Safe and Happy driving to all.  
Yvonne

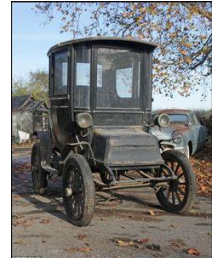
## THE LATEST ON OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Our New Provisional Members are: -

- Leon & Darryl Rodda – 1966 Holden Premier Sedan.
- Brian & Chris Davis – 1961 Holden FB Wagon.

Congratulations to you all. We look forward to your continued company at meetings and events.

Roy Bretag (Membership Officer)



## DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We advise of the recent passing of Jeff Hancock, the father of our club members, Lyn & Ian Buchanan on 4/7/2024. We extend our condolences to the Buchanan family, and to any other club and family members who have experienced the loss of loved ones recently. Our thoughts are with you all at this difficult time.



## 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.



## CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

### June Meeting.

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### July Meeting.

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- 1966 Ford Mustang Starter Motor. Contact David 0437 274 174.
- 1978 Holden Kingswood. Contact Grayame 0428 859 851.

## CONGRATULATIONS

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



Two blondes were driving to Disneyland. The sign said: Disneyland left. So they started crying and headed home.



Thank you to Di Dawson for the cartoon.

“In England, we do not drive on the left of the road. We drive on what is left of the road.”



# COMING EVENTS!

## WELLINGTON STRAWBERRY FETE

(Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024)

- Meet at the Clubrooms at 8:45 a.m. to **LEAVE AT 9:00a.m.**
- Drive to Wellington to take part in the Strawberry Fete activities as a static display. We will travel via Maurice Road, Hindmarsh Road, Jervois Road, Flagstaff Road, Wellington Road.
- Either B.Y.O. morning tea/lunch, or purchase from the available stalls and/or BBQ on site.
- You will need to bring your own chairs, tables, etc.
- The Strawberry Fete is organised by the Wellington Progress Association and features Strawberries and Ice-cream plus other food stalls. There are usually lots of feature stalls which include Art & Craft, Plants, Books, Bric-a-Brac, Preserves, Jewellery, Woodwork, etc. We can also expect live music throughout the day.

The Wellington Fete has a good reputation, and we were looked after very well last visit. Please fill in the attendance sheet at the September/October General Meeting, or ring Lyn or Tom West (85 326908) to register your interest or for more information.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

A strong attendance of over 80 members, partners and friends defied a cold and damp wintery evening on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge.

President Harry Howitt opened the meeting and followed on by awarding Life Membership to Darren Fountain. This award was made to recognise the many continuous years of service provided to the club by Darren including the positions of Head Registrar and Assistant Registrar. This award was noteworthy considering that Darren's parents, Mal, and Judy Fountain had also been awarded life membership during their time with the club. Congratulations go to Darren for his wonderful achievement.

(Thank you to Di Dawson and Liz Minge for this article and photo on front page.)

## SEATBELT LAW CHANGES FOR HISTORIC VEHICLES

I am writing to advise you that regulation 37(1) of the South Australian Road Traffic (Road Rules—Ancillary and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2014 has been repealed, taking effect as of 13 December 2018.

The repealing of this regulation means that people travelling in vehicles registered on the Club Registration Scheme (the Scheme) that are fitted with seatbelts must wear those seatbelts.

Previously, this regulation effectively exempted any person travelling in a vehicle registered on the Scheme from wearing a seatbelt, even where the vehicle has seatbelts fitted. As you are aware, a review of the Scheme saw changes to the eligibility age of vehicles from 1 July 2017. As the Scheme is now open to later model vehicles, vehicles that are 30 years old or more (on a rolling basis), many of which are fitted with seatbelts, such an exemption is no longer suitable.

In addition, vehicles registered under the Scheme are now subject to seatbelt and child restraint laws under the Australian Road Rules (the ARR). While rule 267(1A) of the ARR still provides an exemption from wearing a seatbelt if one is not fitted, this exemption does not apply to a person who is under seven years old. In addition, any child under the age of seven must be restrained in a suitable, properly fastened and approved child restraint.

While it is appreciated that this may pose difficulty for vehicles in modifying them to provide for seatbelts and child restraints, allowing children to travel in vehicles without being appropriately restrained is not considered appropriate. Given one third of driver fatalities involve people not wearing a seatbelt, the decision to repeal regulation 37(1) is consistent with South Australia's Road Safety Strategy.

(Thank you to Andrew MacKinnon for the above article following a question at a recent club meeting.)



Introducing your new  
ACCMB 2024/2025  
Committee.

Back L – R. Darren Fountain, Claude Minge, Andrew MacKinnon, Elaine Bretag, David Burt, Graham Edwards. Peter Kiely, Jeff Schiller, John Courtney, Neil Burbidge.

Front L – R. Peter Mach, Liz Minge, Tim Stroh, Yvonne Mach, Brian Rainey, Jan Hall, Di Dawson, Roy Bretag.

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# *Run Reports*

## PORT PIRIE RUN 12/8/2023

This event was organised by Tony Brine and members participated for the Economy Run Trophy competition during the run. Results as supplied by Tony Brine 29.97L were: -

David Negrin	27.00L
Ian & Lyn Buchanan	33.08L
Claude & Liz Minge	40.00L
Roy & Elaine Bretag	42.00L
Ricky Kaak	32.32L
Han Robot	29.52L
Graham & Maureen Edwards	45.00L
Jeff & Aileen Martin	34.01L
Wayne & Viktoria Johns	39.00L

## ACCMB PRESENTATION DINNER 22/6/2024

Saturday evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, saw 40 Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge (ACCMB) members congregate at the 1924 Riverfront Steakhouse Restaurant overlooking the Twin Bridges, silhouetted by the setting of the sun in the background, with the "Mighty Murray" silently flowing past, full of very cool water on an equally cool evening.



As members arrived two by two or more, it didn't take long for the two tables of 20 already set for the occasion, to fill up with members looking for a nice warm room, and they were not disappointed.

With most seated, members began talking about the events of the past week, "chewing the fat" as to what's happening in the world around us, the political news and the lighting up of the near 100 year old rail bridge, including as to how good that would look, sitting in the Restaurant looking

upstream towards the bridges, and being hopeful that the authorities responsible, along with the Rural City of Murray Bridge Council members, will take this onboard, putting the city well and truly onto the tourist map!

With the problems of the world unsolved, it was time for some refreshments, whilst waiting for the great staff at the 1924 Restaurant to come around and take the meal orders, which in due course were served to all members.



Having had “their fill” with the meal complete, President Harry Howitt and past Secretary and Life member, Brenda Cowie called the gathering to order for the presentation of the yearly trophies.

First there was the presentation of the “Keeper Trophies”. These are as the name suggest, trophies for recipients to keep from the previous perpetual win in year 2022/2023. The following presentations listed, include the trophy name, definition and the recipient, and are as follows –

VALVOLINE Trophy – (for the most points scored for attending meetings and runs) -- Jan Hall.

PATRON’S RUN -- (winner of a competition set by Patron Bob Hunter) – Jan Hall.

PRESIDENT’S Trophy – (member chosen by the president for continuing club service) -- Jan Hall.

(Photo: Right.)



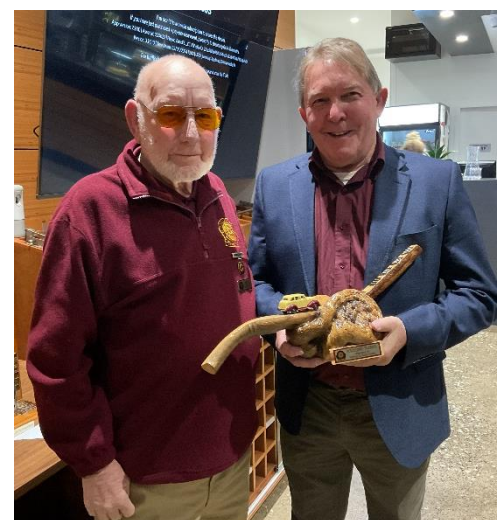
SAUSAGE SIZZLE Trophy – (winner of a quiz set by organizer of the event) – Dennis Scarman. (Photo: Left.)

LADIES DAY Trophy – (winner of quiz set by organizer of the event) – Elizabeth & Claude Minge. (Photo: Right.)

FOUNDERS Trophy – (most interesting run/event during the year decided by a panel) – Terry & June Mabbitt.



With the “Keepers Trophies” presented, it was now onto the “Perpetual Trophies” of 2023/2024, with the criteria for winners, being the same as for the above, but now including the definition of the Economy Run Trophy not listed above, but below (members on run to determine the amount of fuel used by a nominated car)



VALVOLINE Trophy – Harry Howitt. (Photo: above left.)

PRESIDENT'S Trophy – Jan Hall. (Photo: above middle.)

LADIES DAY Trophy – Deb & Jeff Schiller.

ECONOMY RUN Trophy – Ricky Kaak.

FOUNDERS Trophy – Elizabeth & Claude Minge (Photo: above right.)

On completion of all presentations for the evening, ACCMB Treasurer and multiple trophy winner of the night, Jan Hall, thanked and gave praise to Brenda Cowie for her time and commitment that Brenda has given over the years in organizing and ordering of the yearly trophies at the Annual Presentation night, encouraging younger members to get involved. ACCMB members duly applauded in the usual manner.

With all the evenings duties finalized, President Harry thanked all for their attendance.

(Thank you for this report and photos by Graham Edwards.)

### PUB RUN 28/7/2024

*“Now that was not a bad Sunday Drive”*

That comment was heard from a number of participants and is one I thoroughly agree with. After



months of little rain and dry countryside, it was very pleasant to see some green, even though the grass and crops were not that high yet. While awaiting our departure at the Johnstone Park Clubrooms, it was not exactly a heatwave, but pleasant enough standing in the sunshine. We had 21 vehicles with 40 members and 3 visitors, all waiting with



bated breath to depart. Then we departed for Strathalbyn via the Old Princes Highway. No surprises there, we have all been that way many times before, although the “Australian Portable Camps” complex at Monarto South just gets bigger and bigger. Arriving at Strath Railway Station, more standing around in the sun, enjoying coffee and treats brought from home or purchased across the road at the bakery.

And on to the next leg of the run. Through Ashbourne, Nangkita and



Mount Compass, all very pretty country, passing by creeks and wetlands and some excellent views from the hilltops, culminating with sweeping views of Middleton and the surrounding beaches before dropping down the range into Middleton itself. We had been warned about speed traps in the area and I believe there were two, although personally I only saw one. I hope we all behaved ourselves!



Arriving at the Middleton Tavern, there was a large area set aside for us. We had soon made ourselves at home, ordering our drinks and lunch. The line up for lunch orders was significant, but all was handled in a very professional way, and I was surprised how quickly everyone had returned to their seats and commenced the important job of solving the world's problems. I think the staff have done all this before!



Meals arrived quickly and they were great (at least I heard no complaints). Quite a few went on to partake in desert. Then President Brian thanked participants and organisers. It was time to go home.

Hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

(Thank you to Run Organisers John & Vicki Courtney for the above report and to Liz Minge for the Photos.)



Above. Archive Photos from the early 1990's: Left. Dave & Joan Davis, Tom West & Bob Hunter with their vehicles. Right. ACCMB entry at Christmas Pageant.



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