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OUR COVER PICTURES: Participants at Pizza Night.

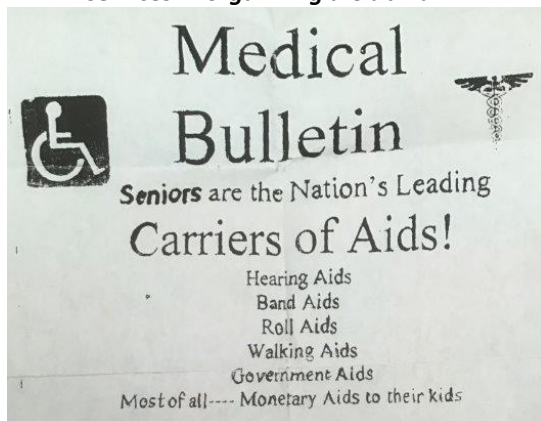
Page 4 Bottom left: Thank you to Gary Haebich for this article. Bottom Right: Archive Photo. A flat tyre in Darren Fountain's Bedford Ute had so many supervisors.

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHO, WHAT, WHERE
2024		
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 16 – 17 th (Weekend)	Vintage Tractor Pull & Machinery Rally	John Courtney
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

February 4 th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge
February 25 th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum
March 3 rd (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge
March 3 rd (Sunday)	40 th All British Day	Echunga Oval
March 3 rd (Sunday)	Northern Automotive Restoration Club's Swap Meet	Clare Showgrounds
March 24 th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Mannum
April 7 th (Sunday)	Cars & Coffee	Murray Bridge
April 28 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 April 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.



THE LATEST ON OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Our New Provisional Members are: -

- Jayden Pitt & Brianna Williss – 1991 Ford Capri Convertible, 1970 Triumph 2000 MK2 Sedan.

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

Trevor Wehrman (Membership Officer)



President's Report

I must apologise for the report this month as both Shirley and I have been ill with COVID, so we have not been able to leave home.
I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
The first meeting is upon us already on Tuesday 6th of February at 7.30pm 2024.
I hope all the runs and Functions are going to be attended well for this coming year.

Harry Howitt.



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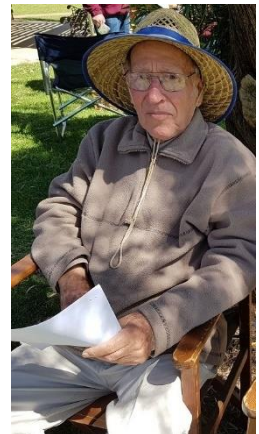
We mention the recent passing of Violet Evans in early December 2023, who is the mother of our club member, Kath Stocker. Our thoughts are with Kath, her husband Jim and family at this difficult time.

Our thoughts are also extended to any club and family members who have experienced the loss of loved ones recently.



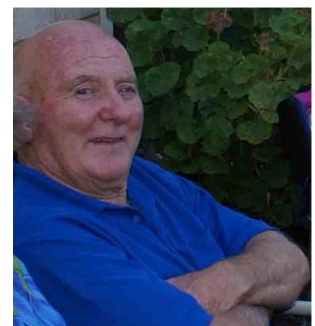
We also mention the recent passing of the following former ACCMB members.

1. John Trapnell, now of Hamley Bridge passed away in the last week of December. The club extends its sympathy to Muriel and Family. Photo on top right. 2017 Patron's Run.



2. Joe Van Eck had been in Lerwin for quite some time. He passed away also in the last week of December. Private Burial. The club extends its sympathy to Betty and Family. Photo on left. 2015 Pizza Night.

3. Maurice Emmerson who passed away on the 8th of Jan 2024. The club extends its sympathy to Jan and Family. Not only did Maurice and Jan enjoy their time with our club, but they also both enthusiastically participated in our activities and organised some events, until ill health prevented this. They will be remembered for their red Valiant station wagon and of course their huge black 1960 Chrysler New Yorker. Photo bottom right, taken at a Pizza Night.



I also mention the passing of Norma Schopp, a former Murray Bridge resident, whose contribution and commitment at the Balaklava Museum will be sadly missed.

From the Editor

Welcome to the latest edition of "Auto Torque".

The mowing brigade had been out in force and completed their pre-summer cleanup as usual. Everything looked neat and tidy, and ready for the heat of summer and the bushfire season. Then came the rains. Not once, not twice, but three times and the vegetation changed its focus immediately. Following a few warm days with sunshine, the views outside our windows changed dramatically.

Amazing greenery across the land, trees, plants, and shrubs flowering out of season and sprouting great lengths of new growth, water everywhere, and the weather terribly unpredictable. Our rainwater tanks have all received a welcome top up, and if your tanks are like ours, they are constantly overflowing with each new downpour. We have waist high weeds, all the summers varieties that had been dormant, now suddenly awoken. The famous caltrop weed is in magnificent form. My lucerne crop is shoulder to head in height, and the fruit trees have two to three feet of new growth, which makes covering them for bird protection extremely difficult. Our lawns are the thickest and greenest that I have ever seen, quite obviously enjoying all the extra water, and I suddenly have a vegetable garden, since many seeds have sprouted and grown vigorously. Whilst we are enjoying a welcome break to traditional times, the mowing and clean-up brigade must re-emerge and start work again.

In the meantime, riding around the countryside in our vintage vehicles in this beautiful weather has been a delight, taking in the views of the surrounds and enjoying a great day out. There are so many things to visit and experience and we are spoilt for choices. So here is trusting you all have enjoyed a break from car club activities, recharged your own batteries and are ready to launch into the next series of planned events on our club calendar.

Safe and Happy driving to all.

Yvonne

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Special mention of a 55th Wedding Anniversary Celebration recently for both Roy & Elaine Bretag and Gary & Lynette Haebich. Bob Burt has celebrated a 95th Birthday.



In early September 2023 Val and Paul Wade celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Photo left depicts a wedding photo of them cutting the original cake. On the right is a photo of them cutting the new cake. I have it on good authority that they do not look any different!!



Well done to everyone on a great achievement.

COMING EVENTS!

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.

**** On completion of meals,** travel home which ever way you please in your own time

For further information, contact Graham or Maureen Edwards on 0428813070 or 85321175

LOXTON RUN

(Saturday 30th March 2024)



Come and join us for a visit to the Loxton Historical Village
On Easter Saturday March 30th, 2024.

This should be a great day as the Village comes “Alive” with many of the exhibits in operation and other demonstrations and activities planned. With over 20 buildings, numerous working stationary engines and restored tractors and other vehicles there is certainly lots to see and do.

More information on The Village is available here: <http://www.thevillageloxton.com.au>

Please meet at the Johnstone Park clubrooms at 7:45 a.m. sharp as we would like to leave by

8:00 a.m. There will be a short pitstop at Karoonda on the way, arriving at the Village by 10:30 a.m. If you happen to be staying in the Riverland over Easter, please feel free to join us and we will meet you in the carpark at the Village between 10:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

A group entry fee of approximately \$8 will apply if the number of people attending is above the requirement of 15. Lunch is available to be purchased on the day and you can even try a pie floater from the pie cart if you desire! Other options available. The Grand Parade of Village vehicles held at approximately 3:00 p.m. is a highlight of the day. We plan to leave to return to Murray Bridge at the conclusion of the Parade.

Run Organisers: Debb and Jeff Schiller 0407847434

VINTAGE TRACTOR PULL & MACHINERY RALLY

(Weekend 16 – 17th March 2024)

Our Club has received the following information from the Lower Murray Vintage Engine & Machinery Club regarding their upcoming rally. We are in the process of organising details regarding our participation in this event which will be conveyed in due course.

John Courtney.

Attn: All classic, vintage, collector motor vehicle drivers & clubs

We are hosting this year's Vintage Tractor Pull & Machinery Rally on the 16 & 17 March at the Murray Bridge Showgrounds. This year, thanks to funding secured we can make it a free entry event for exhibitors and general public.

This year we are trying to be more inclusive to motor vehicle owners and their cars, bikes, trucks etc. The "Roll in, look at & Roll out" vehicle section will be trialled to encourage the participation of motor vehicle owners.

We would like as many clubs as possible or persons to bring their drives/rides along to be displayed on the oval or other grassed areas within our grounds for other enthusiasts and people to look at while you have a look around, check out displays and the other activities happening onsite. Once you have seen enough, you are welcome to leave to see what ever attractions, food, or sights that Murray Bridge & surrounds has to offer.

We will have stewards & marshals to keep an eye on things, catering on site and plenty of mechanical marvels to make it an enjoyable day trip.

We will be up and running from 9 to 3 both Saturday & Sunday and would love to see you all here sometime across the weekend.

CONROD WEEKEND

(Weekend 12 – 14th April 2024)

The Conrod Weekend is planned for the weekend of the 13th and 14th of April. It has been held for over 40 years and was held at Pinnaroo and known as the Pinnaroo Campout. Members of 3 other car clubs, namely Bordertown, the Riverland and the Murray Mallee will join with our club for a weekend of socialising, visiting a place or places of interest and participating in a competition/challenge for the Conrod Trophy. It is the first year that our Club is hosting this event, and it will be hosted by each of the 4 clubs on an annual rotation basis. We need members of our club to join us for this weekend. We are planning to have a Barbeque lunch for Saturday and visit a place of interest. On Sunday there will be a competition/challenge to determine which club will win the Conrod Trophy. Details are to be finalized and will be advised a.s.a.p. A sheet will be available at our monthly meeting to record your interest in attending this event.

Claude and Liz Minge 0408 813 436

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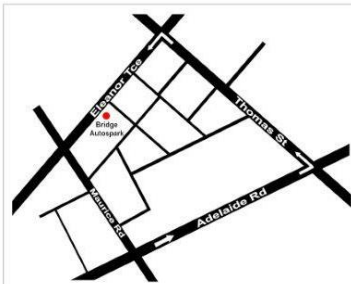
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Run Reports

ACCMB CHRISTMAS PARTY 10/12/2023

On a very cool mid-morning, club members drifted into the clubrooms in anticipation for the ACCMB Christmas Party. The subject of conversations varied between participants but invariably led to our vehicles. As the room continued to fill, the noise levels increased as all members caught up on each other's activities, Christmas, and holiday plans. Brenda, Jan, and their assistants had been busy decorating the clubrooms in the Christmas themes and, as usual had done an excellent job.

Close to midday, the room was quietened, and our President, Harry Howitt welcomed all members before a delicious hot main meal, provided by Drakes, was served. The afternoon was interspersed with humorous yarns provided by Graham Edwards, drawing of the raffle, serving of sweets, (a choice of either cheesecake or fruit salad) or conversations amongst the members. By midafternoon, the volunteer brigade swung into action and the rooms were cleaned up, farewells made, and the door locked behind us all.

On behalf of all the club members who attended the activity, I would like to express our appreciation to Brenda and Jan for their planning and organization which made the day a great success.

PIZZA NIGHT 19/1/2024

The Auto Collectors Club of Murray Bridge (ACCMB) held their first social evening of the New Year last Friday night at the home of Past President Claude and Liz Minge. Over 40 members, partners and friends joined together on a balmy night around the comfort of the indoor swimming pool and its spacious surroundings, to enjoy the Club's annual "pizza evening".

ACCMB member Gary Haebich left his prized Falcon at home in the shed and instead, because of the summery evening, decided to travel on his Merits Explorer Mobility scooter-complete with its Ford flag flying in the wind, replica 2 inch chrome twin exhausts, a Holden "fan muncher" on the roof, Sports air cleaner and even a "parachute" on the rear, just in case he was to exceed the 12km/h speed limit of the "gopher" if it got away from him! "Well thought out, Gary" and very different. (see photo)

Among those present were first time "Pizza night" attendees, Steven and Ruth Bubb, along with Brian and Rosaria Rainey's grandson, Archie who enjoyed the evening chatting away to all and sundry on his table, while enjoying the many varieties of pizza on offer.

Not only was the sharing of fun, fellowship and delicious food enjoyed, but an introduction to Claude's "man cave" was also quite an eye-opener to many of those in attendance. Whilst most man-caves might be decorated with all things related to a particular sport, hobby or collection, Claude has spent most of his life gathering memorabilia, articles, books, vehicles, and anything else related to the funeral industry in the Murray lands region.

Having been involved in the Murray Bridge Funeral industry since 1933, the Minge name has been synonymous with this service throughout the Murray Bridge, metropolitan and regional areas. But time, as we know, stands still for no man and change is inevitable...

It was just 3 months ago and with some gentle "persuasion and encouragement" from Liz, that Claude decided to amalgamate his vast collection into what can only be described as a very informative and interesting historical exhibit. And so began the mammoth task of sorting, repairing, cleaning, polishing, cataloguing, labelling, and displaying this part of Murray Bridge history.



With assistance from the Murray Bridge Historical Society, Claude has been able to identify and collate information about all the local undertakers in Murray Bridge, dating back as far as 1880-right up to the present day-nine different proprietors in total (including one of the Murray Cods Olympic rowers of 1924, Wally Pfeiffer).

In the absence of President Harry Howitt and on behalf of all members, Past President John Courtney thanked Claude and Liz for an enjoyable and educational evening. "We thought you might be the last to let us all down, Claude", John quipped.....

Footnote: If anyone can supply any photos of a horse-drawn hearse used in Murray Bridge, it would be greatly appreciated by Claude.



(Thank you for this report and photos from Liz Minge and Graham Edwards)



Paul Wade took the following photos of interest on their last camping trip in April / May 2023.



The top two photos are of an old General Motors dealer in Trundle, about 25km northwest of Parkes. Let the holden owners' weep!!



The Plume photo is at a town called Quandialla, about 60km. southwest of West Wyalong. Come off the shed I reckon on the right of the photo.

(Thank you to Paul for this contribution)

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