

Motor Enthusiasts Club of Central Australia
Incorporating Alice Springs Vintage & Veteran Car Club Inc

CENTRE SPOKE

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Presidents Report
February 2013

Dear Members,

Welcome back from the holiday period. I hope that everyone had a good time and managed to catch up with family and friends.

The club had a busy year last year and the roll up to the November meeting was very good and from the feedback I have received everyone had a good time at the end of year function. Thank you to everyone that helped out on the day, a special thanks to John Bridgefoot for running the Trivia quiz. Our special guest at the meeting and end of year function was John Palamountain from the Northern Territory Motoring Council.

It is now time to start the runs and events for 2013. The committee met on the 24th of October last year to prepare for the end of year function and to start planning the 2013 runs and events.

There are a few events that are locked in from year to year and we try to vary the other runs so that we have a bit of variety. The first run for the year will be at Hungry Jacks for breakfast on the 10th of February; this is a relaxing way to start the year and has been popular in the past.

The March meeting will start with a brief meeting at the Freemason's Hall followed by a BYO brunch at Simpson's Gap.

There has been no event listed for April as we are looking at a number of options. The month of May will be busy and we may be a bit pushed. There is the opportunity to have an event every Sunday. First Sunday is the Bangtail Muster and we hope to have a good representation from the club. The second Sunday is our monthly meeting, the third Sunday is National Motoring day and the fourth Sunday will see the return of the Shannon's Motoring Extravaganza.

The June meeting will be on the Finke weekend and we still have to look at an event for that day.

In July we usually have a display at the Alice Springs Show with the support of Shannon's Insurance. There is a possibility Shannons may be willing to have a site again this year, the committee will follow this up with John Palamountain.

It is good news that the Shannon's Motoring Extravaganza will be held again, this is a good opportunity for our club to contribute to a major motoring event. This will benefit the motoring clubs of Alice Springs and provide a good day out for the Alice Springs community.

I hope all of the club member's start getting their vehicles ready for this major

event, the more the merrier and remember this is an event for all vehicles not just show cars, all vehicles, bikes, stationary engines and motoring related equipment can be put on show. If anyone knows of anyone that may have something of interest that could be displayed ask them if they may be interested in putting it on display and even joining our club.

The reason the Extravaganza is not on the National Motoring day, the previous week, is because it clashes with another motoring event.

This will be a very busy year and the committee will have a busy time organising the events. I encourage all members to give their support by attending as many events as possible.

If anyone has an idea for future club runs please advise the committee, if it cannot be organised for this year it can be scheduled for the future.

Remember if your club car is off the road you can still attend meetings and runs in your everyday car.

If you need any information about club activities please call me. See you on the next run.

Safe motoring.

Col Jarrett.

Phone: 8952 6261

31st January 2013

November 2012 meeting



MECCA 2013 Calendar

- February 10th 0900: Meeting: Hungry Jacks for breakfast.
- March 10th 0900: Meeting at Freemason's Hall.
0930: Travel to Simpson's Gap for Brunch. BYO meal, drinks and cutlery.
- April 14th 0900: Meeting at Freemason's Hall.
Run to be advised.
- May 6th Monday: Bang Tail Muster Parade.
(Assembly time & place TBA).
- May 12th 0900: Meeting at Freemason's Hall.
- May 19th 0900: Meet at Freemason's Hall, to start a run around town ending at the Connellan Air Museum for vehicle display and sausage sizzle lunch provided by the club.
- May 25th Saturday: Shannon's Extravaganza setup Blatherskite Park.
May 26th 0800: Shannon's Extravaganza. Till approx 4'oclock.

November 2012 meeting



Lucas Theory of Smoke

A Treatise on the Importance of Smoke - by Joseph Lucas

All electrical components and wiring harnesses depend on proper circuit functioning, which is the transmission of charged ions by retention of the visible spectral manifestation known as "smoke".

Smoke is the thing that makes electrical circuits work. Don't be fooled by scientists and engineers talking about excited electrons and the like. Smoke is the key to all things electrical

We know this to be true because every time one lets the smoke out of an electrical circuit, it stops working. This can be verified repeatedly through empirical testing. For example, if one places a large copper bar across the terminals of a battery, prodigious quantities of smoke are liberated and the battery shortly ceases to function. In addition, if one observes smoke escaping from an electrical component such as a Lucas voltage regulator, it will also be observed that the component no longer functions.

The logic is elementary and inescapable! The function of the wiring harness is to conduct the smoke from one device to another. When the wiring harness springs a leak and lets all the smoke out of the system, nothing works right afterward.

Starter motors were considered unsuitable for British vehicles for some time largely because they regularly released large quantities of smoke from the electrical system.

It has been reported that Lucas electrical components are possibly more prone to electrical leakage than their Bosch, Japanese or American counterparts. Experts point out that this is because Lucas is British, and all things British leak. British engines leak oil, British shock absorbers, hydraulic forks, and disk brake systems leak fluid, British tires leak air and British Intelligence leaks national defence secrets.

Therefore, it follows that British electrical systems must leak smoke. Once again, the logic is clear and inescapable.

Sometimes you may miss the component releasing the smoke that makes your electrical system function correctly, but if you sniff around you can often find the faulty component by the undeniable and telltale smoke smell. Sometimes this is a better indicator than standard electrical tests performed with a volt-ohm meter.

In conclusion, the basic concept of transmission of electrical energy in the form of smoke provides a clear and logical explanation of the mysteries of electrical components and why they fail.

"A gentleman does not motor about after dark."
- Joeseeph Lucas, 1842-1903

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Repco world record car wash





October 2012 meeting at Olive Pink

