

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

# CENTRE SPOKE

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LIFE MEMBER:	Dave Simpson	
CLUB HOSTESS:	Marie Gear	

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MECCA Club appreciates the help given to us by Shannons.  
Please support those that support us.

Presidents report  
May 2013

Dear Members,

The last month has been very busy for MECCA, we have had an event every weekend. I would like to thank all members for their participation and also a thank you to the people that helped to make the events a success.

The Bangtail Muster was a huge success and MECCA was well presented with twelve vehicles in the parade. It was good to see the families involved, Deiter's two door Mercedes driven by daughter Kashya and the Rolls Royce driven by Jennifer, my Falcon was driven by Damon, Dennis Kern and myself marched with the club banner. We had a few vehicles get very hot but they managed the parade without damage. We will reinforce our concerns of vehicles overheating to the organising committee again next year and ask to get our vehicles up the front.

The second weekend was the May meeting, we had a good roll up despite the wet weather and it being a busy month.

The third weekend was National Motoring Day. This was well attended, starting with a run around town, morning tea at the Olive Pink Reserve and then a BBQ lunch and vehicle display at the Aviation Museum.

The fourth weekend was the Shannon's Motoring Extravaganza, this was a very busy week leading up to a busy weekend. MECCA was well represented with a very nice roll up of motor vehicles and motor bikes. Quite a few trophies were awarded to MECCA members.

The whole weekend went well and I believe that Shannons were pleased with the event. Brenden the Shannons rep from Sydney, was surprised about the quantity and quality of vehicles on display. We also had a number of new and prospective new members display their vehicles over the weekend.

I would like to thank the club members that helped set up and remove the club banners. I would also like to thank everyone for helping each other park their vehicles and then guide them out safely at the end of the day.

As a club we should thank Shannons for putting this event on for the motoring enthusiasts of Alice Springs.

Memberships are due at the end of June:

The end of the financial year is approaching and I would like to remind everyone that membership fees will be due at the end of June. There is a renewal form in

the newsletter, please update your details for the club records and forward them to the Secretary.

For those that are using the Club Registration system, your vehicle will be unregistered if your membership is not up to date.

This is a good opportunity for me to bring up the Club Registration system and remind everyone of their obligations.

As a club using the Club Registration system, we have to follow the rules laid down by the MVR. I would like everyone to look up the “Club Guidelines and General information” and “form R2” on the web site, [www.mvr.nt.gov.au](http://www.mvr.nt.gov.au) MECCA has this site on the MECCA website.

At present MVR is letting the clubs regulate the Club Registration, so please ensure you are familiar with the regulations.

To be on the Club Registration system you have to prove that you are a bonafide motor enthusiast and support the club you are in. To show that we are bonafide motor enthusiasts, we have to attend club meetings and participate in club events. Vehicle logbooks have to be inspected by the club and signed when the R42 form for registration renewal is filled out.

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: 89526261.

31st May 2013.

## MECCA 2013 Calendar

July 14<sup>th</sup>

0900: Meeting at Freemason's Hall.  
Run to be advised.



MECCA

**MOTOR ENTHUSIAST CLUB CENTRAL AUSTRALIA inc.**

**APRIL 2013 MEETING MINUTES.**

**Meeting held at:** Masonic Lodge Hall.

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

**Meeting opened:** 9:20 am.

**Attendee's:** Heather Trimper, Ron Kern, Mike Thompson, John Bridgefoot, Trevor Hyman, Tony Bullock, Dennis Kern, Peter Hilliard, Brian Eather, Vicki Jarrett, Allan Campbell, Aileen Kennedy, Raelene Beale, John Cooper, Stuart Gear, Marie Gear, Rodney Mengel, Laurie Trimper, Mall Trull, Colin Jarrett.

**Welcome Visitor's:**

**Apologies:** Wally & Alvina Speers, Richard & Jill Cope, Deiter & Jennifer, Coralie & Chris Boyd, Derek & Sharon Poolier, Eric Bailey, Darren & Maurita, Chips & Sue Carpenter, Eric Bailey, Frank & Marilyn Allan, Michelle Thompson, Susy Mengel, Sandy Trull.

**Minutes Last Meeting:** Minutes read out by Laurie.

**Moved:** H. Trimper.

**Seconded:** M. Gear.

**Business from minutes:** Nil.

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer absent, held over to next meeting.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Secretaries Report:** As per Attachment:

**Moved:** R. Beale.

**Seconded:** T. Hyman.

**General Business:**

Bantail Muster details. MECCA has advised that we will have 10 vehicles at the parade, entry form to be submitted, those in attendance asked to indicate if they will be available. Details of route to be sent to members.

Shannons Extravaganza update. Have been in contact with John Palamountain, he was in town recently, all going well.

We have entry forms, submit through club and will send on.

May 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>.

Australian National Motoring Day update. In work. 19<sup>th</sup> May. Members to be advised of the route, we will end at the Aviation museum for a static vehicle display and sausage sizzle lunch.

Alice Springs Show, Club will not enter, Shannons schedule is tight, we have previously decided to enter the show on opposite year to Extravaganza.

Young Car Club from N.S.W. Having a run up here next year have enquired about Overlander Badge. Information has been sent to the Young club.

Have enquired about current cost of Club shirts.

Held an executive meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April and discussed today's agenda and our bank account details.

Col advised that there were two new vehicles at today's meeting, A Mk 5 Jaguar and an early 1942 Ford Jeep. Both vehicles have had a high quality restoration carried out by their owners.

- John Bridgefoot advised that the Mbantua Rotary Club is running a Quiz night on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May. Tables of 8 people, \$10.00 per head. Asked who would be interested, not a lot of hands up, will get back to John.
- Vicki advised that it was the Club President's birthday today.
- Stuart gave an account of the MkV Jaguar restoration and its history in the club prior to the restoration. The restoration was carried out over a number of years by Marie and himself.

- Rodney gave an account of the 1942 Ford Jeep restoration and the history of his vehicle. A number of Jeep's were used on the family station when he was growing up.

**Todays run for April:** An observation trial on the White Gums loop, starting at the Masonic lodge, through Ilparpa, White Gums, back through Larapinta drive ending at the Masonic Lodge for a sausage sizzle.

**Next Meeting:** Masonic lodge May 12th at 9am.

**Next Run:** 3 Runs in May.

**Meeting Closed:** 9:50am

## **ATTACHMENT:**

### **Phone calls:**

To:

1. John Palamountain ref: Shannons Motoring Extravaganza.
2. John Palamountain Ref: NT Motoring Council AGM.
- 3.

From:

- Kevin Sharp. Young Car Club N.S.W. They are having a run to the Territory May- Aug 2014; Interested in Overlander Badge. Vehicles will be 60's up.

Emails:

1. Various emails to members from the NT Motoring Council. Cars for sale etc.
2. Email from prospective new member.
3. Flyer emailed to members for April run.
4. Email from motoring council Ref: Import of Tariffs older vehicles.



**MECCA**  
**MOTOR ENTHUSIAST CLUB CENTRAL AUSTRALIA inc.**

**MAY 2013 MONTHLY MEETING.**

**Meeting held at:** Masonic Lodge Hall.

**Date:** 12th May 2013.

**Meeting opened:** 0910

**Attendee's:** Wally & Alvina Spears, Derek Poolier, Russ & Liz Driver, Stuart & Marie Gear, Ivan Bain, Tony Bullock, Colin Jarrett.

**Welcome Visitor's:** Tim Schubert former full member and currently country member.

**Apologies:** Richard & Jill Cope, Deiter & Jennifer, Mal & Sandy Trull, Chips & Sue Carpenter, Jeff Cole, Heather Bain, Mike & Michelle Thompson, Vicki Jarrett. Darren & Maurita, John Cooper, Raelene Beale, Rodney & Susy Mengel, Laurie & Heather Trimper, Eric Bailey, Chris & Coralie Boyd, Ron Kern,

**Minutes Last Meeting:**

**Moved:** Stuart.

**Seconded:** Marie.

**Business from minutes:** Nil

**Treasurers Report:** Prepared by Deiter and presented by Colin Jarrett.

**Moved:** Colin.

**Seconded:** Derek.

**Secretaries Report:**

Correspondence:

IN:

5. Newsletters from other clubs.
6. Bank statements.

Out:

- Bangtail Muster entry form.

Phone calls:

To:

4. John Palamountain ref: Shannons Motoring Extravaganza.
5. Bangtail Muster Committee.

From:

6. John Palamountain ref: Shannons Motoring Extravaganza.
7. Bangtail Muster Committee.

Emails:

- John Palamountain ref: Shannons Motoring Extravaganza.
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**Moved:** Alvina.

**Seconded:** Stuart.

### **General Business:**

Bantail Muster details. 12 Vehicles from MECCA in Parade. The parade was very successful however the old problem of vehicles overheating was an issue.

We did request that we be close to the front to minimise the overheating problems, however we were placed in 18<sup>th</sup> position. Ace's & Eights were further back and a few of their vehicles also had heating problems.

Shannons Extravaganza update. 27 vehicles from club members, still a few members to make contact.

Australian National Motoring Day update. 19<sup>th</sup> May. The run will commence at the Masonic Lodge and tour about town morning tea at Olive Pink reserve and sausage sizzle lunch and MECCA Pie combined with a vehicle display at the Aviation Museum.

Eric Bailey is heading off to the UK and asked for photos of British cars that are in Central Australia. He will be at the National Motoring Day so bring your British car if possible so he can take a photo, or send him a photo.

Young Car Club from N.S.W. Having a run up here next year, have enquired about Overlander Badge. Stuart needs email address to discuss Overlander Badges.

Have enquired about current cost of Club shirts. Will advise when all information received.

The club is having four magnetic signs made with the Club Emblem on them.

These signs will be 300 millimetres in diameter and can be attached to walls or the side of vehicles during parades, shows etc. They should be ready for the Shannons Extravaganza. Chris from Brushcraft is making the signs.

Alice Springs Show. MECCA **will not** be putting on a display at this years' Alice Springs Show, It was decided previously that we would attend the show on the alternate year to the Shannons Extravaganza. The cost to enter the show is quite significant.

Last months' Observation run though White Gums Station results.

1st place: John & Raelene in the XJ 12.

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Stuart & Marie in the MK5 Jaguar.

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Rodney, Peter & John in the 1942 Ford Jeep.

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Ron & Dennis in the Mustang.

4<sup>th</sup> place: Allan & Aileen in the Mondeo.

Second place was equal, well done to the teams, some of the answers were very creative. We enjoyed a nice BBQ after the run.

### **General business.**

- Stuart asked for the minutes to be put into the newsletter.
- Alvina addressed the meeting to advise that Wally and herself are back, Wally is working on his truck restoration, they will be leaving earlier this year so they can attend the T model Ford Rally.

**Next Meeting:** Masonic lodge....**July 14th**..... 9am.

**No June meeting due to Finke long weekend.**

**Next Run:** 3 Runs in May.

July run to be advised.

**Meeting Closed:** 0950.

After the meeting closed, members enjoyed refreshments and pie prepared by Marie.