

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

CENTRE SPOKE

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

MECCA 2011 Calendar

Date	Run/ Meeting	Director	What to bring etc.
12th. 13th,14th June	Long Weekend, Queens Birthday, FINKE Desert Race, Top Half Folk Festival at Glen Helen		No run in June due to Finke long weekend. Feel free to organise a casual event and invite others.
1 st , 2 nd July	Probably deliver vehicles the day before - TBA	Display of Club vehicles at Alice Springs Show	Mal Trull
10th July	09:00 at Mobil Larapinta	Day run to Glen Helen	Laurie Trimper Casual run to Glen Helen for lunch. BYO lunch or buy it there.
14th August	10:00 at Masonic Hall	Annual General Meeting and BBQ	Sandy Trull & committee MECCA will provide BBQ lunch
27th August	Date to be confirmed	Road Transport Hall of Fame Dinner	Mal Trull Club to help out at bar for dinner. (Major fundraiser !!)
11th September to be Confirmed	09:00 at Masonic Hall	Meeting and run to Tropic of Capricorn and Telegraph Station	
25 th September		Bay to Birdwood Classic in Adelaide	Entry form on website
9th October	09:00 at Masonic Hall	Meeting and run T.B.A.	
13th November	09:00 at Masonic Hall	Meeting and run T.B.A.	

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Bay to Birdwood Adelaide September 25th

For those interested in attending, the entry form and details are on the website

MECCA President's Report June/July 2011

Hello again MECCA members. Well it seems that winter is fast approaching and the onset of the colder weather has arrived.

This has not deterred the hardy MECCA members from driving their vehicles however.

May was a pretty busy month for us all with the Bangtail Muster Parade which was well supported by our club members. The event organisers were very appreciative of our contribution to this traditional community event.

The next weekend saw the Dead Centre Show and Shine which although not an event for our club was still well-attended by many members. I ran into quite a few of you out there at Blatherskite Park.

Sunday the 15th May was National Motoring Heritage Day and a good roll up of cars and bikes met for a drive around town and then a static display and sausage sizzle at the Connellan Hanger. I certainly enjoyed the day and it was pleasing to meet a few new and prospective members. We all hope to see you again.

All in all May was a pretty busy month for motoring.

We do not have any club events or meetings scheduled for June as we have found in the past that Alice Springs is all but consumed by preparations and the running of the Finke Desert Race. Most people seem to be too busy for anything else. However, if you feel like a run in your car or on your bike feel free to invite others along. Let me know and I can pass on to others via our email network - it is easier than having to ring around.

I have booked a site for our club display at the Alice Springs Show. It is located near the oval down toward the cattle area. At the moment it is covered in lovely green grass and has a couple of shady trees, however by July it may have browned off a bit with the frost but there will still be ground cover to keep the dust down. Shannons Insurance has once again generously covered the cost of our show site so a good display of our vehicles would be great. Keep July 1st and 2nd free for the show.

Sunday July 10th Laurie Trimper is organising a day run to Glen Helen. There will be more details published before the run. Some of us that don't have to work on Monday may stay overnight so have a think about that as well. Anyway that's all from me. See you around town or at "The Show"

Mal

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Pictures from National Motoring Day Run

15 May 2011





Just a Reminder for those with “N.T. Club Registered” vehicles.

- Owners of Club Registered vehicle/s must be financial and active members of a recognised club.
- In Alice Springs this is MECCA or Aces & Eights.
- Our constitution states that a member must attend at least 3 events per year to be considered active.

Club Registration categories are:

1. Historic vehicle, at least 30 years old.
2. Hot Rods
3. Individually constructed vehicle (conditions apply)

- Members are entitled to use their vehicle a total of 90 days each year.
 - 60 days for club events
 - 30 days for restricted personal use, which cannot be for any monetary gain including driving to and from work.
- Your log book must be filled out for each journey if driven on public roads.
- Use of the vehicle for weddings, formals etc. is permitted providing no reward or donation is received for this service.
- Interstate travel is permitted on programmed Club events or when the Club, or club member, receives a written invitation to an event.

N.B. A written submission to your own club committee is required stating that you as a member will be attending an interstate event.

When renewing your annual registration, you must present the following to a club authorised signatory before going to MVR:

1. Two completed R42 forms - these can be downloaded from MVR – the link is on our website.
2. A current inspection certificate (green slip)
3. Your log book for endorsing

For new registrations you must inform MECCA of your Rego number and expiry date for our records.

Vehicles with Club Registration can be transferred to a new owner provided they are a financial member of MECCA. If being sold to any other person the car must be deregistered and MECCA informed.

Very Important

If you become unfinancial or inactive in the club. MECCA is bound by the Registration Act to inform MVR of that fact and your registration will be deemed invalid.

There are a few other restrictions that effect your club registration. If you are not sure of any of these please ask at MVR or MECCA.

In general this is a very fair scheme but if it is seen being abused we all run the risk of losing it.

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Spotlight

Each issue we hope to put the 'Spotlight' on one of our Club members to give you a bit of their life story, with an emphasis on their vehicles which they have owned.

We will start with some of the longer-serving members as this will give newer members an insight into the history of the Club and some of the 'senior' members. Last issue we had a quick history of how the Gear family arrived in Alice Springs, thanks to Marie. No-one has been forthcoming for this issue!

Please start thinking about your history and assembling some photos of your old and current vehicles.

Anyone willing to step up for next issue, please contact Frank on 8953 7789 or via email at phantom.frank@gmail.com. We can scan photos if you don't have digital versions of your memories.

Austins Over Australia 2011

Over Easter this year Sandy and I travelled to Forbes in NSW to attend the Austins Over Australia Rally. This event is held biannually and is in a different town each time.

A couple of other of our members had also entered but due to unforeseen circumstances did not make it, so we were the only Territory entrants there.

Over 200 Austins were entered and there were Austins of all shapes and sizes aging from 1910 to the 1970s. We took our 1926 Chummy and were not lonely as there were quite a few other Sevens there as well. Here a few photos of the event.

Mal Trull



Convoy on the road to Parkes



Some Little Austins



Some Big Austins



Nash-Austin Metropolitan



The 'Old Couple' with Chummy in the background

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Coming Events - July

July 1, 2 – Alice Springs Show

This year we will have a Club Display of vehicles at the Alice Springs Show at Blatherskite Park. Shannons have generously agreed to pay the associated fees for the site so we should thank them and support them and this Club activity.

So, get your vehicles all polished up and come along and enjoy the fun. Mal will have further details about times for vehicles to be delivered to the Showgrounds.

See you there.