

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

CENTRE SPOKE

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Presidents Report November 2011

Greetings! I hope you have all had a pleasant last two months and that this finds you all well.

MECCA activities have been poking along well once again.

After the September General Meeting and our traditional MECCA Pie we headed north for a short drive to The Tropic of Capricorn where Connie fed us once again. Some members then returned to The Telegraph Station to enjoy a BBQ lunch and a chinwag.

The October meeting fell on the Bathurst weekend so understandably was not well attended. However a few dedicated members did attend the meeting and then followed on for morning tea at The Olive Pink Botanic Gardens.

Our Next event is of course our annual end of year breakup. This will take place at The Alice in the Territory on Sunday November 13th. It is a Sunday lunch with all the trimmings. Details are included in this newsletter, bookings and payment must be in by Nov. 4th as we have to pay the venue in advance. If you have not yet booked then you better get a wiggle on!!

This will pretty well concluded our activities for 2011 as we do not have a meeting in December.

The committee has met and roughed out the calendar for next year the first meeting will be the Traditional Hungry Jacks Breakfast on Feb. 12th.

I hope to see you all at the breakup if not have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Don't forget to check the calendar at mecca.asn.au

Happy Motoring

Mal

GOLD COAST 600

Aileen & I made it to the Gold Coast 600 this year. We had a fantastic time & would recommend it to anyone thinking of attending a V8 supercar event. The weekend was action packed with Touring Car Masters, V8 Utes, Formula Ford, Porsche Carrera Cup & of course V8 supercars. It was 3 days of full on action – so much so that we didn't even make to the free concerts on the Friday & Saturday nights (must be getting old).



Pit Lane Tour – James Moffat and Stephen Johnson cars. It was great to see the number 17 car back on the road after its Bathurst mishap.



Touring Cars Masters waiting on the start line. They put on some great racing but it was a bit sad to see some of them leave the track on tow trucks.



George Nittis Falcon XY GTHO



Jim Richards Shannons Insurance Falcon Sprint



Allan and Aileen with their new friends (can you pick out Aileen?)



More of our friends



James Moffatt, Joey Hand, Stephen Johnson, and Dirk Mueller check out a model car prior to signing



Dick Johnson posing for the camera



Our view from the grandstand

There were also static car displays of local Muscle cars around the track – some of which also put on burnout displays on the track during the entertainment sessions. The entertainment sessions also included some very talented stunt bike riders.

We even managed to fit in some of the tourist attractions such as Sea World, The Wax Museum, Draculas Haunted House & lots of Pubs.



Allan & Aileen

If you have any stories or articles to put in the Centre Spoke please forward them to the editor at al_campbellau@bigpond.com



End of Year Lunch Function.

Sunday November 13th.
12.30

We will begin the day with our 09.00 Meeting at Masonic Hall as usual
then adjourn to

Sunaraas Bar & Gourmet Bistro
Alice in the Territory, Stephens Road

for a 12.30 Bistro Lunch

Cost will be:
Members \$20.00 p/p
Non Members \$40.00 p/p
(Kids under 4 Free, 4-12yo half price.)

As is tradition we will have a Kris Kringle so bring along a present
approx \$10.00 value to put in Santa's sack.



**Boys bring a boy's present,
Girls bring a girls present.**

The Menu we selected is as follows:

Soup

Creamy Thai Pumpkin.

Salads

Crisp garden salad

Penne salad

English spinach salad

Mains

Roasted Beef

Indonesian chicken curry

Honey and pineapple ham

Sambal Udang (prawns)

Dessert

Baby Meringues

Sunaraas Sticky date pudding

Home-made chocolate cake with the trimmings

This comes with a tropical fruit platter and tea and coffee.

Bookings and payment to Dieter Hentschel. Payment can be made by direct deposit to our bank account:

Motor Enthusiasts Club of Central Australia

BSB: 06 5900
Account: 0090 0920

Please email Dieter at:
dieterhentschel@ozemail.com.au if you have deposited money.

We will need to have final numbers and payment by Friday 4th November.

Hope to see you all there!!

MECCA 2012 Calendar

Date	Time/ Location	Run/ Meeting	Director	What to bring etc.
January		No Meeting		
12 th Feb	09.00 Hungry Jacks	Meeting at Hungry Jacks	Mal Trull	This is our first meeting for the year. MECCA will buy you breakfast
11 th March	14.00 Masonic Hall	Home Movies and High Tea	Marie Gear Sandy Trull	If you have any old car or club movies or photos bring them along
8 th April	09.00 Masonic Hall	Meeting then Coffee Run	Derek Poolier	Meeting at Masonic Hall. Coffee venue TBA
7 th May	T.B.A	Mayday Parade & Desert Park Lunch	Mal Trull	This is not a club run but you are urged to take part in the parade it is always a fun event. MECCA will enter as a group.
13 th May	10.00 Beaurepaires North Stuart Highway.	National Motoring Day. Club open day and vehicle display at Connellan Hanger Araluen Precinct.	Col Jarret Brian Eather	Mecca will provide a sausage sizzle lunch at the Hanger
12 th , 13 th , 14 th June		Long Weekend, Queens Birthday, FINKE Desert Race		No event organised in June due to Finke long weekend. Feel free to organise a casual event and invite others along.
6 th & 7 th July		Alice Springs Show		Vehicle Display at Show in conjunction with Shannons
15 th July	09.00 Mobil Larapinta	Day run to Glen Helen	Laurie Trimper	Casual run to Glen Helen for lunch. BYO lunch or buy it there.
12 th August		Lunch Run to Aileron	Marcus Seidel	Details TBA
25 th August	Date to be confirmed	Road Transport Hall of Fame	Mal Trull	Club to help out at bar for dinner.

9 th Sept	10.00 Masonic Hall	Annual General Meeting and BBQ	Mal Trull & Committee	MECCA will provide BBQ lunch
14 th October		Meeting Morning Tea Olive Pink		
11 th Nov		Christmas Function		TBA
December		No Meeting		