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October 2020

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WHAT AN OCTOBER MEETING



Motor Enthusiasts Club of Central Australia

Incorporating The Alice Springs Vintage & Veteran Car Club

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President's Report

Members

Another year has nearly passed, but all said and done I think that our Club has come through it fairly well.

The Corona Virus held us back for a period but we still managed to get in some very nice events.

Our drive/lunch at Stanley Chasm was very popular as was our BBQ held at Trevor and Anne's beautiful home.

Thanks again Trevor for arranging such a great day. It was a special treat enabling members to check out the rebuild of your iconic E type Jag.

There is another event to be held at the Transport Hall of fame where we have been invited to show case our vehicles, Liz and Russ are involved here so please let them know if you are able to present,

Don't forget that we are having our Xmas Party at the Driver's residence this year, please keep in touch with Liz regarding attendees.

Food and drink is being provided, but if you have any preferential choices feel free to bring them along.

Great to see so many members being involved in our meetings and activities, look forward to catching up at the next meeting Sunday 8/11/20 and then the Xmas Party.

Keep those motors running.

Cheers for now.

Tony.





The Sec's Desk

MECCA

MOTOR ENTHUSIAST'S CLUB CENTRAL AUSTRALIA Inc

Minutes – General Meeting
Masonic Hall, 8 Allchurch Street, The Gap
9.00 am Sunday 11/10/2020

Meeting opened: 9.15am

present: 30 members & 4 visitors = 34 attendees

Members:

Raelene Beale	Peter Hilliard	Sam Salmon
Garry Bentley	John Hubner	Pietje Span
Brian Cartwright	Trevor Jacobs	Alvina Spears
John Cooper	Col Jarrett	Wally Spears
Douglas Draeger	Vicki Jarret	Michelle Thompson
Liz Driver	Craig Lambley	Mike Thompson
Mark Dunn	Robyn Lambley	Fred Twohig
Brian Eather	Tony McKenzie	Mandy Van de Berg
Lisa Heness	Tony O'Brien	Steve Van de Berg
Neville Heness	Derek Poolier	Wischusen John

Visitors:

Alan Blackwell
 John Huigen
 Richard Cope
 Tom Slattery

Series 1 E-Type 4.2 FHC
 Eunost Roadster

Apologies:

Sean Heenan, Stephen Dinner, Trevor Hyman, Russ Driver



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Presidents Report:

Motion to accept the President's Report:

Moved: Fred Twohig Seconded: Alvina Spears Carried: All in favor

Secretary's Report:

Correspondence In: Nil

Correspondence Out: Nil

Motion to accept the Secretary's Report:

Moved: Col Jarrett Seconded: Douglas Draeger Carried: All in favor

Treasurers Report:

Balance as at 13/09/20	\$8,684.91	
<i>plus</i> Income	\$0.00	
<i>less</i> Expenses	\$991.00	Reimbursement to Liz & Russ
Driver		

Balance as at 11/10/20	\$7,693.91
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The above Balance will be reduced by \$129 which has been paid to Tony McKenzie for Pacific Web Hosting

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report:

Moved: Tony O'Brien Seconded: Trevor Jacobs Carried: All in favor

Minutes of previous 13/09/20 meeting:

Motion to accept the Minutes:

Moved: Tony O'Brien Seconded: Alvina Spears Carried: All in favor

Business arising from previous Minutes:

Liz Driver:

referred to the approximately dozen remaining 2020 Club Calendars which Members are free to take

advised that Coleman's Printing charge \$676.50 to print 200 - 2021 calendars

Motion to accept Coleman's Printing

Moved: Col Jarrett Seconded: Garry Bentley

Carried: All in favor



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Where to hold the Christmas Lunch at 1pm Sunday 08/11/20

The choices are the Golf Club or at the home of Liz and Russ Driver.

Menus were distributed and it was the unanimous decision that the lunch would be held at the home of Liz and Russ Driver..

Cash payment of \$35 / person to be made on the day

Attendees are to bring a \$10 Kris Kringle

John Bridgefoot is to arrange his annual Christmas quiz.

General Business:

Members contributions:

Fred Twohig

As promised at the previous meeting, he bought the reconditioned right hand head of his R66 motor-cycle together with two before and after photographs.

Just 1,200 models were made due to the advent of WWII

Fred explained that he found the bike buried 6 inches in the Utopia Station playground, purchased it from Jack Chalmers, and collected it with an 1800 Mazda & trailer. Unfortunately, the RH Head was missing but it was located by Tony Forrester and Peter Hillier referred Fred to an Adelaide welder whose workmanship was displayed today

The bike is about to come to fruition, only 45 years since Fred started working on it in 1975.

Fred also referred to a Chris Newton who has a local Aqua Blasting business



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Col Jarrett

His 2.8 Mark 2 sedan is in disgrace and has been relegated to the shed corner.

Col reminded members that the 25th Club anniversary will be in August 2021 so we need to think about some sort of celebration

Tom Slattery (visitor)

He has a VW Kombi Ute, a 1955 Desota, and a VC V8 Valiant

John Hubner

His 1976 Kawasaki American assembled Z900 A4 which has a new motor and a non-Australian color

He referred to a Jimmy Hanlon who's an expert on these bikes and who suggested that he bike has travelled 126,000 km (miles?) rather than the displayed 26,000 km / miles

He explained the Government administration dramas behind taking the bike to Adelaide for repairs.

John also has a barn find Ducati where everything works. Apart from the spark.

John Cooper and Raelene Beale

John & Raelene test drove the latest Land Rover Defender priced from \$70,000 but with extras sells for \$120,000

Raelene: *"Heaps of shit, no long range fuel tanks and all plastic"*

But they were impressed by the cameras which show the orientation of the 4 wheels.



The Sec's Desk 5

Liz Driver

Driving home after the Standley Chasm lunch run, the Buick played up

Actually, *played up* is an understatement. The Buick stopped.

Which reminds me of the Monty Python Dead Parrot sketch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZw35VUBdzo>

"E's not pinin'! 'E's passed on! This Buick is no more! He has ceased to be! 'E's expired and gone to meet 'is maker! 'E's a stiff! Bereft of life, 'e rests in peace! If you hadn't pumped up the tyres, 'e'd be pushing up the daisies! 'is metabolic processes are now 'istory! 'E's off the twig! 'e's kicked the bucket, 'e's shuffled off 'is mortal coil, run down the curtain and joined the bleedin' choir invisible!! THIS IS AN EX-BUICK!!"

Smoke was pouring from under the bonnet which turned out to be caused by the red hot water pump drive shaft which had presumably seized.

Sadly, that problem dashed their hopes of travelling to SA to drive in the Bay to Birdwood.

Russ Driver was unable to attend today's meeting due to having to replace the \$11,000 bonnet on the Prime Mover they recently sold.

In Russ's absence, Liz advised the meeting that all 52 vehicles they have on their property are for sale. She stressed that she can give you a great deal.

So please make an offer. Please.

Brian Cartwright

Brian advised he has an FJ as well as a 1934 Chevrolet utility which has a Holden body and the water pump is in the head rather than located on the block.

Due to the disparity between USA and Australian manufacturing, US parts for the vehicle are identified as being for a 1933 model.

Stuart & Marie Gear

Their single camshaft MGA which was the last of the MGA's to be built in the UK & assembled in Australia:

The chassis has been cleaned, sand blasted and powder coated.

Stuart has tidied up some of the defective welding by a Melbourne firm on the cross members



The Sec's Desk 5

Trevor Jacobs

His 1969 Series II 2+2 automatic 4.2 FHC E-Type Jaguar:

It's been driven out of the shed, around the tree twice, and returned to the shed.

The current battle is with the upholstery.

Tony McKenzie

His 1988 Lotus Esprit which was UK imported & which he bought in 2017 from the Darwin owner. During the wet season whilst driving on a permit the vehicle crashed into a gutter resulting in a cross member moved by 50 mm which has been remedied by SA Suspensions. Since then the chassis has been cleaned and painted. Tony is now working on the engine.

Sam Salmon

His 1964 Series I 3.8 FHC E-Type Jaguar:

Driving to and from the Standley Chasm lunch run, the E-Type played up.

Sam: "*Holy shit, this isn't good*"

Actually, *played up* is an understatement. But unlike another vehicle, it didn't stop.

Which reminds me of the Monty Python Dead Parrot... OK, you get the point.

Anyway, despite its backfiring, stalling, restarting, coasting and going so slowly it was being overtaken by Japanese cyclists, it made it home. Multiple diagnoses were fuel blockages, coil problems, & defective electronic ignition sensor, none of which resolved the problem. Sam's friend Alan Blackwell (one of today's visitors) suggested cleaning the SU dashpots (it has triple SU's). Which Sam did and the vehicle is now no longer running like a pig (no offence to the Club members who have affections towards pigs). The Club members gave a round of applause to Alan

Next Committee Meeting

9.00am Sunday 8/11/20 at the Masonic Lodge, 8 Allchurch Street, The Gap. Followed by Christmas lunch at the Drivers

Meeting closed: 10.20am



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MOTOR ENTHUSIASTS CLUB OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA Inc

CLUB Calendar 2020 - 2021

Unless otherwise advised, all meetings will be held at the Masonic Hall,
 Allchurch Street, The Gap.

- 08/11/20** **9.00am General Meeting with Kris Kringle**
Followed by: Christmas lunch at the Drivers
- Dec 2020** **no meeting**
- Jan 2021** **no meeting**
- 14/02/21** No meeting – 8.00am Breakfast at - TBA
- 14/03/21** 9.00am General Meeting
Followed by: A garage crawl and end up at Trevor Jacobs for BBQ.
 Cost \$5.00 per person
- 11/04/21** 9.00am General Meeting
Followed by: A drive to Tropic of Capricorn then lunch - TBA
- 03/05/21** Bangtail Muster – meet on Gap Rd – time to be advised
- 09/05/21** 9.00am General Meeting - Mother's Day – no run
- 16/05/21** National Motoring Day **9.00am** meet at Masonic Hall for drive to
 Aviation Museum for BBQ lunch. Cost \$5.00 per person
- 13/06/21** 9.00am General Meeting
Followed by: A run to Corroboree Rock for picnic lunch
- 02/07/21** Alice Springs Show Day – MECCA stall at Show – times to be
 advised
- 11/07/21** 9.00am General Meeting
*Followed by: A run to Road Transport Hall of Fame for "Back to the
 Track" military vehicles.*
- 08/08/21** 9.00am General Meeting then AGM
followed by: Lunch – TBA
- 28/08/21** Road Transport Hall of Fame reunion – MECCA for Bar Service
- 05/09/21** Red Centre Nats & Father's Day – MECCA - to display vehicles –
 times to be advised
- 10/10/21** 9.00am General Meeting
Followed by: A BBQ at Simpson's Gap

BBQ Trevor and Anne's 11/10/20

Magnificent day with approximately 20 club members.
Many thanks Trevor and Anne for inviting us to your place



Trevor and Anne's place

Oh. Oh what a tough life being a club member



Trevor's shed

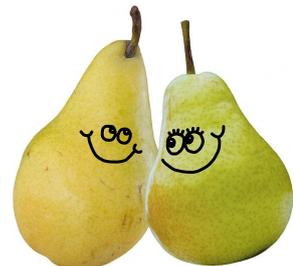
Jaguar project coming together nicely



RED SKELTON'S RECIPE FOR THE PERFECT MARRIAGE

1. Two times a week we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship.
She goes on Tuesdays, I go on Fridays.
2. We also sleep in separate beds.
Hers is in California and mine is in Texas.
3. I take my wife everywhere,
but she keeps finding her way back.
4. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary.
"Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said.
So I suggested the kitchen.
5. We always hold hands.
If I let go, she shops.
6. She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker.
She said "There are too many gadgets, and no place to sit down!"
So I bought her an electric chair.
7. My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburettor.
I asked where the car was.
She told me, "In the lake."
8. She got a mud pack and looked great for two days.
Then the mud fell off.
9. She ran after the garbage truck, yelling, "Am I too late for the garbage?"
The driver said, "No, jump in!".
10. Remember: Marriage is the number one cause of divorce.
11. I married Miss Right.
I just didn't know her first name was 'Always'.
12. I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months.
I don't like to interrupt her.
13. The last fight was my fault though. My wife asked, "What's on the TV?"
I said, "Dust!".

These were the good old days when humour didn't have to start with a four letter word. It was just clean and simple fun. M m m



What IS The Main Ingredient of WD-40?

Before you read to the end, does anybody know what the main ingredient of WD-40? No Cheating..

WD-40 ~ Who knew!

I heard that a friend had a neighbour who bought a new pickup. He got up very early one Sunday morning and saw that someone had spray painted red all around the sides of this beige truck (for some unknown reason). He went over, woke him up, and told him the bad news. He was very upset and was trying to figure out what to do.... probably nothing until Monday morning, since nothing was open. Another neighbour came out and told him to get his WD-40 and clean it off. It removed the unwanted paint beautifully and did not harm his paint job that was on the truck. That neighbour was impressed!

WD-40 who knew?

"Water Displacement #40".

The product began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and degreaser to protect missile parts.

WD-40 was created in 1953, by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company.

Its name comes from the project that was to find a 'Water Displacement' Compound.

They were finally successful for a formulation, with their fortieth attempt, thus WD-40.

The 'Convair Company' bought it in bulk to protect their atlas missile parts. Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you.

When you read the 'shower door' part, try it. It's the first thing that has ever cleaned that spotty shower door. If yours is plastic, it works just as well as on glass.

It's a miracle!

Then try it on your stove-top.

It's now shinier than it's ever been.

You'll be amazed.

WD-40 Uses:

1. Protects silver from tarnishing.
2. Removes road tar and grime from cars.
3. Cleans and lubricates guitar strings.
4. Gives floor that 'just-waxed' sheen without making them slippery.
5. Keeps the flies off of Cows, Horses, and other Farm Critters, as well.
6. Restores and cleans chalkboards.
7. Removes lipstick stains.
8. Loosens stubborn zippers.
9. Untangles jewellery chains.
10. Removes stains from stainless steel sinks.
11. Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill.
12. Keeps ceramic / terracotta garden pots from oxidizing.

What IS The Main Ingredient of WD-40? Cont.

13. Removes tomato stains from clothing.
14. Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots.
15. Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors.
16. Keeps scissors working smoothly.
17. Lubricates noisy door hinges on both home and vehicles doors.
18. It removes that nasty tar and scuff marks from the kitchen flooring. It doesn't seem to harm the finish and you won't have to scrub nearly as hard to get them off.
Just remember to open some windows if you have a lot of marks.
19. Remove those nasty Bug guts that will eat away the finish on your car if not removed quickly!
20. Gives a children's playground gym slide a shine for a super fast slide.
21. Lubricates gearshift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers...
22. Rids kids rocking chair and swings of squeaky noises.
23. Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open.
24. Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.
25. Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers.
26. Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.
27. Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans.
28. Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons, and bicycles for easy handling.
29. Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly.
30. Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.
31. Removes grease splatters from stove-tops.
32. Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging.
33. Lubricates prosthetic limbs.
34. Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell).
35. Removes all traces of duct tape.
36. Folks even spray it on their arms, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain.
37. Florida's favourite use is: 'cleans and removes love bugs from grills and bumpers.'
38. The favourite use in the state of New York, it protects the Statue of Liberty from the elements.
39. WD-40 attracts fish. Spray a little on live bait or lures and you will be catching the big one in no time. Also, it's a lot cheaper than the chemical attractants that are made for just that purpose.
Keep in mind though, using some chemical laced baits or lures for fishing are not allowed in some states.
40. Use it for fire ant bites. It takes the sting away immediately and stops the itch.
41. It is great for removing crayon from walls. Spray it on the marks and wipe with a clean rag.
42. Also, if you've discovered that your teenage daughter has washed and dried a tube of lipstick with a load of laundry, saturate the lipstick spots with WD-40 and rewash. Presto!
The lipstick is gone!
43. If you spray it inside a wet distributor cap, it will displace the moisture, allowing the engine to start.

P.S. As for that Basic, Main Ingredient....Well.... it's FISH OIL 😊

Now This Is Definitely Worth SHARING!!

Joke Page



If my body were a car I would trade it in on a newer model...
every time I cough sneeze or sputter my radiator leaks and my exhaust
backfires.

"You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake."

At my age, the only pole dancing I do is to hold on to the safety bar in the
bathtub.

Did you hear about the guy who got addicted to Brake Fluid?
He says he can stop at any time.

The police arrested two kids yesterday, one was drinking battery acid, the other
was eating fireworks.
They charged one and let the other one off.

What kind of car does a lady in a pantomime drive?
A dame-ler

Why did the Classic Car Owner install a rear window heater even though it
wasn't an original factory feature?
So his family could keep their hands warm when pushing!

Five surgeons are taking a coffee break...

1st Surgeon:

"Accountants are the best to operate on because when you open them up,
everything inside is numbered."

2nd Surgeon:

"Nah, librarians are the best. Everything inside them is in alphabetical
order."

3rd surgeon:

"Try electricians! Everything inside THEM is colour coded."

4th Surgeon:

"I prefer lawyers. They're heartless, spineless, gutless and their heads and
their butts are interchangeable."

5th Surgeon who has been quietly listening to the conversation:

"I like British car restorers...
they always understand when you have a few parts left over at the end."

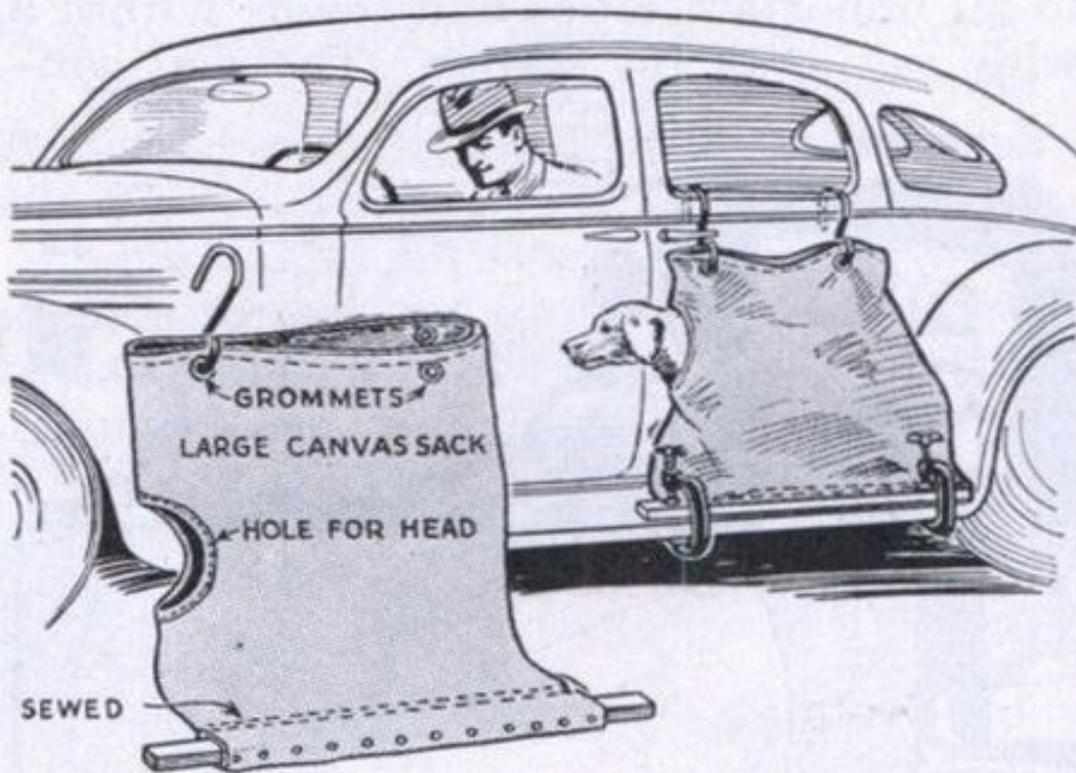
Two police officers crash their car into a tree.

After a moment of silence, one of them says,

"Wow, that's got to be the fastest we've ever gotten to an accident site."

My sister argued with me that you can't make a car out of spaghetti, you should
have seen her face when I drove pasta

Dog Rides Comfortably in Sack on Running Board



Your dog will ride safely in this sack, which is quickly attached or removed

When you take your dog along for a ride, but prefer not having it inside the car, it can ride safely and comfortably in this sack, which is carried on the running board. The bottom of the sack is clamped to the running board and the top is fastened to the lower part of an open window with hooks, covered with small rubber tubing to prevent marring the car.



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Club Merchandise For Sale

Club shirts various sizes \$45.00 each

Club Hats \$20.00 each

Available at Club meetings or contact Col on 0457 297 271



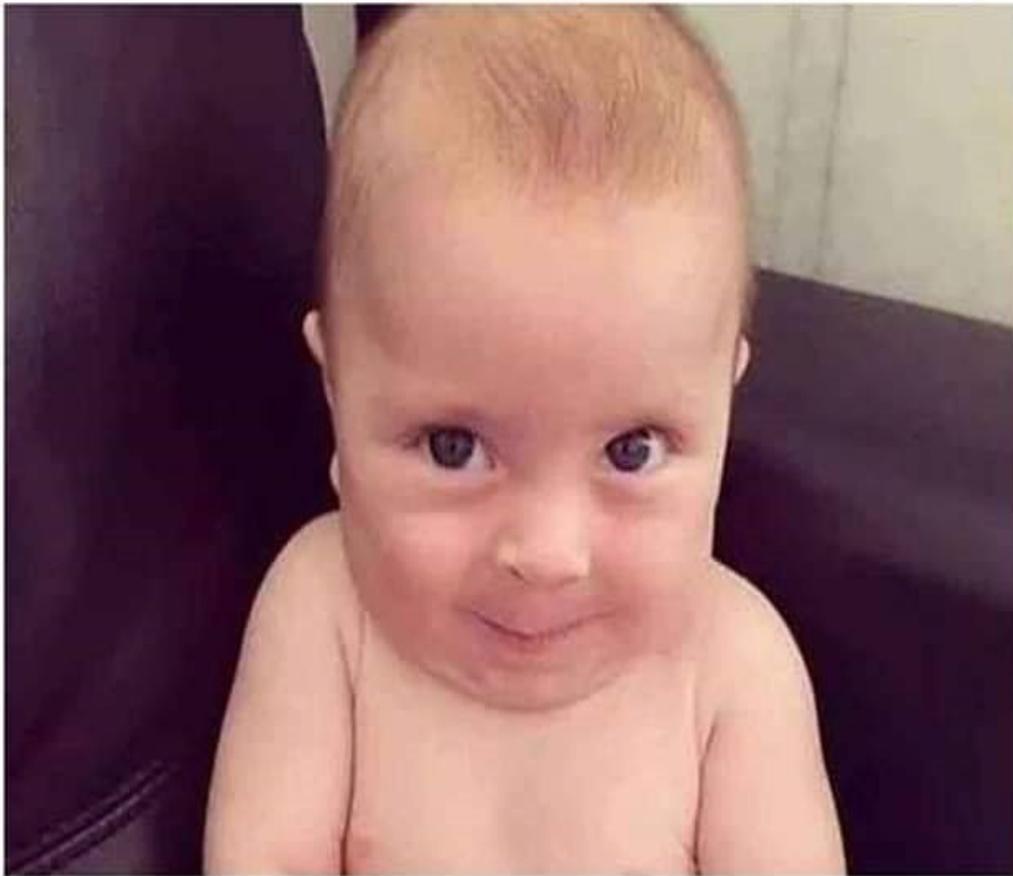
October Birthday wishes

Tony O'Brien

Pietje Span

Alan Blackwell

WHEN MOM SAID NO, BUT...



GRANDMA SAID YES!



EDITORS PAGE

Howdy

Well what a October meeting - it was jammed packed with members - adhering to social distancing was nearly a problem however we managed not to get too close.

Thank you Trevor for allowing us to see your wonderful place and your pet project - the members who attended were ecstatic.

Unfortunately we were unable to attend as we had guests and had our own project that had to be attended to.

Next meeting we will have 2021 Calendars for you to collect.

Final Christmas menu will be sent to you shortly.

Cost \$35.00 per adult children under 12 \$15.00 each

All income from Christmas lunch less expenses = profit (hopefully not loss) will go to the club.

Next and final meeting for the year Sunday 8/11/20 at Masonic Hall 9.00am with Kris Kringle - (present to the value of \$10 max for male and female and if you have children a present for them also) then Christmas lunch at our place.

If you have anything you would like to put in November CentreSpoke send me a email - that will be the last one for this year until February 2021

Many thanks
Liz Driver

P.s If we don't see you at November meeting we wish you a safe journey wherever you are going. A Merry or Happy Christmas and a great start to 2021 and we will see you at February 2021 Breakfast



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