



CentreSpoke

July 2021



Al and Aileen's
1973 TC Cortina -
still going strong.

Motor Enthusiasts Club of Central Australia

Incorporating The Alice Springs Vintage & Veteran Car Club

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HISTORIAN:	Stuart Gear	0418 898 361
CRANKHANDLE:	Alvina Spears	0417 169 452
CLUB HOSTESS:	Lisa Heness	8952-8564

LIFE MEMBERS: Dave Simpson, Tony Bullock,
Walter & Alvina Spears, Stuart & Marie Gear,
Col & Vicki Jarrett



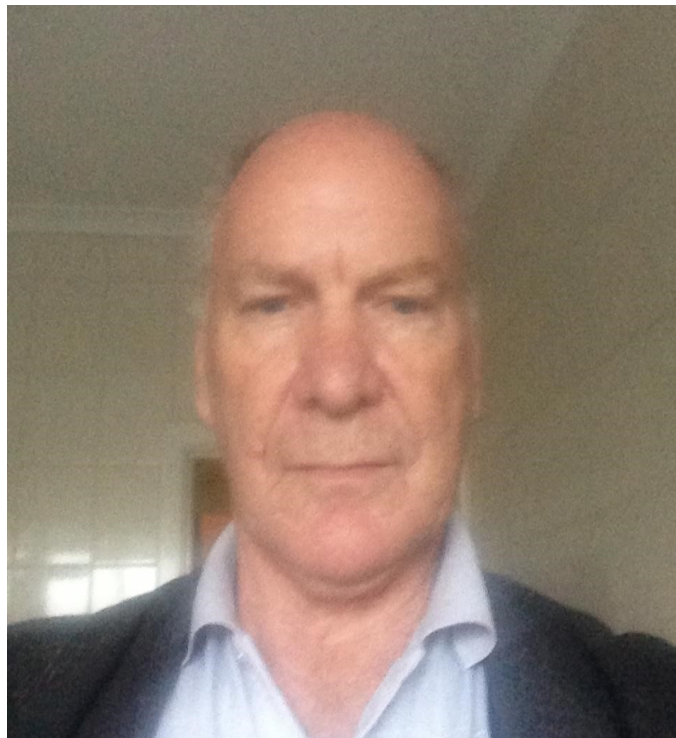
Presidents Report

No President Report.

Tony was flown to Adelaide and was not available for this meeting.

Tony had his one and only body service and tune-up so now he is firing on all cylinders once again.

Stay well from all of us.





The Sec's Desk

MECCA General Meeting Sunday 11-7-21

Held at Harry Griffiths Masonic Hall

Meeting opened by acting president Trevor Jacobs 9.10am

Present

Raelene Beale, Gary Bentley, Allan Campbell, Brian Cartwright, John Cooper, Cameron Dinner, Doug Draeger, Liz Driver, Russ Driver, Brian Eather, Marie Gear, Stuart Gear, Lisa Heness, Neville Heness, Peter Hilliard, John Hubner, Trevor Jacobs, Col Jarrett, Aileen Kennedy, Jasmina Muhic, Margaret McKenzie, Michele Thompson, Mike Thompson.

Visitors

John Mashford

Apologies

John Bridgefoot, Tony O'Brien, Tony McKenzie.

Minutes of the previous meeting 13-6-21 were read- moved Allan Campbell, seconded Jasmina Muhic.

Business arising from the minutes

Nil.

President's Report

Tony O'Brien was an apology and as such no Presidents report was received.

Treasurer's Report.

Russ Driver provided a written statement for the meeting. (Attached)

The net balance as at 10-07-21 is \$6222.36

Moved Mike Thompson, seconded Stuart Gear.

Secretary's Report

Correspondence In

-email from Doug Draeger advising BTTT participants are mainly arriving around 25th July.

-Club magazines Bike Torque and Auto Torque.

-email Club Registration and membership enquiry from Matt Carnell for his Kingswood.

-from the Treasurer- 4 signed copies of the Special Purpose Financial Report for the AGM.

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Secretary's Report cont

Correspondence Out

- Email to Australian Flag Makers ordering the gazebo.
- Email to Matt Carnell inviting him to attend the next meeting.

General Business

- need to update the bylaws to reflect the current fee structure. Secretary to follow up,

Moved Marie Gear seconded Raelene Beale.

- now awaiting new Shannons logo and how to invoice for their donation, Rob Berry to forward to the secretary once known

- fees are now due.

- the AGM is next month, members are to consider nominating as there will be a few vacancies to fill in the new club year.

- For the Club 25th birthday luncheon, 2 tables have been booked at the Hideout Restaurant Ross Hwy. Final numbers will be required a week before the event. Trevor Jacobs, Raelene Beale and Stuart Gear to provide some old film footage of club activities to run on the day.

- Get well wishes were extended to the President Tony Obrien.

- a wooden gavel was donated by Doug Draeger and made by his prisoner charges. Doug also gave details on lunch and entry arrangements with our impending visit to the RTHF.

- John Hubner pointed out that there was no value assigned to the club trailer in the financials, treasurer to follow up.

- Members then provided an update of their restoration /maintenance activities and new purchases.

Meeting closed at 10.05am



MECCA

MOTOR ENTHUSIASTS CLUB OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA
Inc

CLUB Calendar 2020 - 2021

- 08/08/21** 9.00am General Meeting then AGM
followed by: Lunch – Hideout Restaurant Ross Hwy
- 28/08/21** Road Transport Hall of Fame reunion – MECCA for Bar
Service -TBA
- 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

Drive-by for Sir Sydney Kinsman 100th Birthday 4/7/21

Vehicles met at Araluen Art Centre car park - had to adhere to social distancing meaning you could not get out of the vehicle to socialize and had to wear masks - this way no one knew who you were - my how times have changed.

Sydney Kinsman is the last living Rat's of Tobruk and a vehicle procession past his house to show respect for this great man and celebrate his 100th Birthday



Club members lined up for the parade

Russ and Liz Driver
Peter Hilliard
Douglas Draeger
Robyn Lambley

Sydney Kinsman at Anzac Day dawn service



**11/07/21 A run to Road Transport Hall of Fame
for "Back to the Track" military vehicles.**

Great BBQ put on by Douglas
Draeger at RTHF

Thank you Doug



Great talk from Sam re the restoration
of Holmes Model W45 Wrecker very
interesting and gained some wonderful
tips for future restorations.



Latest M.E.C.C.A asset for the club

A "Wooden Gavel" for the start of our meetings
and close of meeting.

Kindly donated by Douglas Draeger





Club membership renewals are due,

Cost: Family \$70.00

Single \$50.00

Country (reside over 50km's from Alice Springs) \$20.00

Bank details:

BSB: 065 900

A/C: 0090 0920

Name: Motor Enthusiasts Club

Ref: Your Surname

Or bring correct Cash at July or August meeting before AGM and the Treasurer will accept your membership

Any member who has not paid their club membership by the August meeting *will be un-financial and not be able to vote at AGM*

AGM POSITIONS AVAILABLE 8/8/21

PRESIDENT:

Head of our organization - the Boss

VICE PRESIDENT

Helps the Boss if he/she is away

TREASURER

Looks after the money

SECRETARY:

Collates minutes of meeting, checks letter box for mail and helps the Boss organize the meetings.

PUBLIC OFFICER:

Keeps us compliant with Business Affairs

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Helps advise President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer events for the year

VEHICLE REGISTRAR:

Looks after Club vehicles with MVR and advises MVR if club members are going interstate

EDITOR:

In charge of CentreSpoke and keeps members up to date with club events and vehicles of interest

WEB MASTER:

Looks after our Webpage and updates

HISTORIAN:

Keeps the History of our club

CRANKHANDLE:

Keeps us laughing with jokes.

INFORMATION ON RED CLUB PLATES

A short review of use of registered red club plates– for full details follow the web address at the end of the page

Club Registration Scheme is designed to provide for concessional registration of eligible enthusiast vehicles.

The scheme is intended to support and encourage Northern Territory motor vehicle enthusiasts to maintain the operational status of historic and individually constructed vehicles and allow them to have restricted access to a road or road related area at a reduced rate of registration and compulsory third party insurance. Club Registration is not an alternative to normal vehicle registration and it is not a short-term registration scheme. This document recognises the limited road use of specific types of vehicle, which includes vehicles with a manufactured build date of over 30 years.

Limited road use under the Club Registration Scheme is intended to assist the owner in maintaining the vehicle in a roadworthy condition for participation in “Approved” Club events such as vehicle displays to the general public and club organised functions.

There are two specific types of use applicable to vehicles with Club Registration.

1. Approved Club Events, including events organised by other clubs or organisations which are supported and approved by the Club.
2. Maintenance, Test Driving or Restricted Personal Use. Vehicles registered under the Club Registration Scheme are registered for 12 month period only.

A condition of the scheme is that a ‘Log book’ must be filled out to record each and every journey undertaken by the vehicle.

Use of vehicle is restricted to 60 days - for Approved Club Events
and 30 days - for maintenance, test driving/restricted personal use
So total of 90 days

Interstate travel is permitted on programmed Club events or when the Club, or a Club member, receives a written invitation to attend an event from the organisers of a formal interstate Club event - application must be made to Club Committee for the event.

- The Club committee is required to advise the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, in writing, that members of the club intend to participate in an interstate event.
- This advice should be received by the Registrar at least one month prior to the start of the event. The written advice should include the registration number of the club registered vehicle/s intending to travel interstate, the departure and return dates of the vehicles, full contact details of the organisers of the event and a copy of the formal invitation or documentation associated with the event

Vehicles registered under the Club Registration Scheme have not paid full registration fees, and as such, are not entitled to full and unrestricted road use.

For more details copy the web address below and put into your browser

<https://nt.gov.au/driving/rego/registration-other-vehicles/motor-club-vehicles/apply-for-club-vehicle-registration>

8/8/21 AGM

WHO'S PUTTING THEIR HAND UP?

POSITIONS AVAILABLE



President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Public Officer

Committee Members

Vehicle Registrar

Editor

Webmaster

Historian

Crank Handle

Club Hostess

M.E.C.C.A CLUB COMMITTEE HISTORY 2019—2022

Continued from February 2021 issue

Committee 2019 - 2020

President	Tony O'Brien
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Treasurer	Russ Driver
Secretary	Douglas Draeger
Public Officer	Brian Eather
Committee Members	Neville Heness, Mandy Vandenberg
Vehicle Registrar	Col Jarrett
Editor	Liz Driver
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GRAND KIDS JOKE PAGE



To whoever stole my copy of Microsoft Office, I will find you.
You have my Word

What do elves learn in school?
The elf-abet.

Why didn't the vampire attack Taylor Swift?
She had bad blood.

What do you get when you cross a lemon and a cat?
A sour puss.

Did you hear about the two guys who stole a calendar?
They each got six_months.

Why did the invisible man turn down the job offer?
He couldn't see himself doing it.

Why are frogs happy?
They eat whatever bugs them

What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down?
It gets toad away.

I forgot how to throw a boomerang the other day –
then it came back to me.

What's a tornado's favourite game?
Twister

Where do cows go for entertainment?
The moo-vies.

What do you call a sad strawberry?
A blueberry.

How can you make the number seven even?
Remove the letter "S."

Where do fish keep their money?
In the riverbank.





August 2021

Brian Eather, Craig Lambley

Club Merchandise For Sale

Club shirts various sizes \$45.00 each

Club Hats \$20.00 each

Available at Club meetings or contact Liz on 0427 970 744

SERVICES

Trev's Auto Repairs

For Rego checks, repairs and wheel alignments etc

Phone **8955-5568**



2021 MECCA Calendars available to members if you don't have yours - give Liz a call on 0427 970 744

If you would like to advertise your business or goods or a story or joke to put in the newsletter send me a email
liz@always17.com.au



EDITORS PAGE

What a month -

President decided to have a service and tune-up and acting Secretary became acting President - WOW - what a great job you have done Trevor. With a bit of luck Tony will be back firing on all cylinders on 8/8/21.

Sir Sydney Kinsman 100th Birthday drive by on Sunday 4/7/21 starting at Araluen Car park was great - I wonder how many people In Alice Springs celebrate their 100th Birthday and are still with it, a great achievement.

Great turnout for the meeting and then to the RTHF for a great BBQ lunch that Douglas Draeger provided and cooked, then meeting Sam who had restored the Holmes Wrecker and listening to his story on the renovations he has accomplished - amazing and a very patient person to preserve on this huge project.

Russ and I were going over the Simpson Desert to Birdsville after the meeting, but as per usual one phone call changes every thing.

We got a job on the Madigan Line Simpson Desert re a Nissan Patrol who had burnt out the clutch. So packed up swags, food etc and hoped to be back with in 3 days - yeah right.

The first night we staked 2 tyres and managed to patch the 3rd tyre. We called our Son on the Satellite Phone and he loaded up more spare tyres for us and our Grandson decided to take his vehicle also in case Dad needed a hand to get up the sand hills. Eventually they found us - we had moved considerably before we got another flat tyre and decided to camp for the night. We swapped good tyres for bad and we headed off to our clients and Son and Grandson headed home. (Tip - it pays to be in the good books with family)

After locating clients and loading their vehicle on the back of our tilt tray we headed home the way we came.— yep up the wrong side of the sand hill against the grain and our 6x6 did a mighty job.

The four of us all had our jobs when we stopped, you are right out with the tyre guage, hoses etc to plug up holes in the tyres - don't now who invented the plugs - definitely a great invention. Travelling was very slow a 11 hour day and we managed to do 48km's so out with the swags, got the campfire going and enjoyed another night under the stars



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Being out bush on this track , yep track and we did not see any one in 3 days, made you wonder who in their right mind would want to go bush.

Did the touristy thing on the way home stopped at Mac Clarke Park and enjoyed the Peuce Acacia trees - one of only 2 places where they grow in Australia.

We were all talking to Russ on the way home to keep him awake as we all wanted warm beds for the night as temperature was going to be 2 degrees overnight

After numerous stops to check tyre pressures, pump up as required to put in another tyre plug we finally made it home on Friday at midnight - Yep 5 days to do 880km's.



Yep the Madigan Track



Coming down the Sandhill





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The Madigan track as far as you can see and no one else in sight

We slept in the next morning and then the dastardly job to unload the truck, put everything away and try to get back into civilized mode.

Then of course Russ's birthday, well I was going to order a cake but alas too late for that, so google on how to make a cake - not just any cake but a black forest cake. First attempt well the chooks enjoyed it, second cake seemed like a success but of course one cake was not enough for the amount of people in our family so a third cake was made. Then cut the cake in half to add cherries and cream and decorate on top - yep success. The second cake well cut in half and the cake started to crumble so that was not a good idea. So to make both cakes even lots of cream and topping on the second cake to make them even and then the birthday candles on top - should have been called a fire cake not a black forest cake HA HA.

And of course don't forget he is only 17.

After a good BBQ tea and cake every one left content.

Great Grandma duties again and Nixon is in the walker and is finally moving on his own, now the trouble starts, he will soon know the word NO instead of just being cute.

AGM next meeting and 25th celebration at Hideaway Ross Hwy see you there

Liz

