



CentreSpoke

August 2021

New committee 2021—2022



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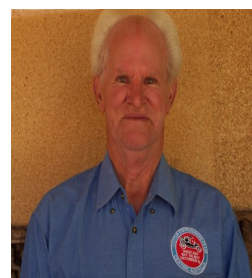
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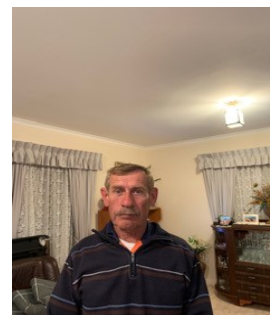
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CLUB HOSTESS:	Lisa Heness	8952-8564

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



Presidents Report

Members.

Another Financial year has passed and on the home run for Xmas (already looking at our Xmas Venue).

Thank you all for the great attendance at our AGM last week. Elections were held and the majority of the positions were re-elected.

I appreciate your confidence in allowing me to preside over the next year.

I believe that we have a great team and I am looking forward to what we hope to be a less effected Covid Year.

Thanks also for the invaluable members who accepted their re nominations and also to our new committee members.

Our AGM Lunch went well, thanks to Trevor, Col and Stuart for arranging the slide show, the slides of the old Bangtail Muster Parades brought back some great memories.

It has been a turbulent year for the Club, but we still managed to get in a few memorable trips away, I particularly enjoyed the 7 Mile Aerodrome visit.

Hopefully the September Nats will still go ahead, looking forward to our vehicles displays and the Town Parade.

Will keep you posted regarding some future trips away, we will be having a committee meeting soon to plan out the year ahead.

Keep healthy and those motors running..

Cheers.

Tony O'Brien



The Sec's Desk

MECCA General Meeting Sunday 08-08-21 Held at Harry Griffiths Masonic Hall

Meeting opened by President Tony O'Brien 9.08am

Present

Raelene Beale, Gary Bentley, Allan Campbell, Brian Cartwright, John Cooper, Stephen Dinner, Liz Driver, Russ Driver, Brian Eather, Philippe Freidel, Marie Gear, Stuart Gear, Sean Heenan, Lisa Heness, Neville Heness, John Hubner, Peter Inkster, Judy Inkster, Trevor Jacobs, Col Jarrett, Aileen Kennedy, Margaret McKenzie, Jasmina Muhic, Tony O'Brien, Derek Poolier, Tim Schubert, Alvina Spears, Michele Thompson, Mike Thompson, Fred Twohig, Mandy Vandenberg

Visitors

Nil

Apologies

Wally Spears, Doug Draeger, Karen Heenan, Peter Hilliard, Tom Slattery, Steve Vandenberg, Robyn and Craig Lambley, John Bridgefoot, Vicki Jarrett, Pietje Span, Mark Dunn, Tony McKenzie.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 July 2021 were read-and approved - moved Stuart Gear, seconded Raelene Beale.

Business arising from the minutes

John Hubner is satisfied that the addendum to the financial assets list now adequately includes the trailer.

Presidents Report

Tony O'Brien described events leading to his heart attack. He was full of praise for staff at the Alice Springs Hospital as well as the RFDS and hospital staff in Adelaide. He finished by saying if you feel unwell don't ignore it and go and get checked.

Treasurers Report.

Russ Driver provided a verbal statement for the meeting.

The net bank balance as at 8 August 2021 is \$6410.23

Moved Sean Heenan, seconded Tony O'Brien.



The Sec's Desk (2)

Secretarys Report

Correspondence In

- email from Shannons providing new logo.
- Club magazine Bike Torque.
- email from AFM advising of dispatch of gazebo.
- 2 Post Office Return To Sender letters addressed to Tony Bullock and John Palmountain.

Correspondence Out

- Email to Tony McKenzie to bring up to date membership costs in the bi-laws.

General Business

- Aviation Museum 1920's car request filled using Jim Lawrence's Ford A ute.
- assume Red Centre Nats is on and that we will be all together in the Rumball Hall. Approximately 15 cars will turn up from the club.
- Alvina described Wally as misbehaving and entertained us with a few jokes.
- The gazebo has arrived with incorrect spelling. Following a few phone calls to AFM, a new top will be sent with correct spelling at no cost to the club.
- as part of our 25th birthday Stuart Gear gave a brief history of the club.
A motion was put to the members that the club pay for the drinks at the Luncheon - motion carried.
- Col Jarrett recounted Lorraine Braham's contribution to the club in the early days and as a guest at the luncheon; please make her welcome.
- Liz Driver proposed that a long term member be awarded life membership and it was approved by the members.
The proposal should now be passed to the committee to further the process in accordance with the constitution.

Meeting closed at 10.05am

Welcome the new 2021—2022 elected at AGM

President:	Tony O'Brien	Alias the Boss
Vice President:	Trevor Jacobs	Boss's back up
Treasurer:	Russ Driver	The man with the money
Secretary:	Aileen Kennedy	Keeps the meeting minutes
Public Officer:	Brian Eather	Keeps us safe with Asic
Vehicle Registrar:	Allan Campbell	Liaises with MVR and updates
Editor:	Liz Driver	Keeps you entertained - CentreSpoke
Webmaster:	Tony McKenzie	Keeps us online and updates members
Historian:	Stuart Gear	Holds the history of our club - good or bad
Crank Handle:	Alvina Spears	Gives us jokes and fines members who do not wear name badges
Club Hostess:	Lisa Heness	Makes us great tea, coffee and Mecca pie The most popular person in the club
Committee Members - Sean Heenan, Neville Heness, Bryan Cartwright, Fred Twohig		

These are important people - helps Committee make decisions

A BIG HAND TO OUR NEW COMMITTEE





MECCA

MOTOR ENTHUSIASTS CLUB OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA
Inc

CLUB Calendar 2020 - 2021

- 05/09/21** Red Centre Nats & Father's Day
MECCA - to display vehicles
- 10/10/21** 9.00am General Meeting
Followed by: A BBQ at Simpson's Gap

Committee will hold a meeting to put in place club calendar
for November and our Christmas venue

plus 2022 meetings starting February -
Any preferences you would like, let the committee know

Email 'committee@mecca.asn.au'



25TH MECCA ANNIVERSARY BASH
WHAT A BLAST AT HIDEAWAY ROSS HWY



To Robert Berry
from Shannons Insurance
for the
donation towards our Club Gazebo

THANK YOU



FROM ALL OF US

BACK TO THE TRACK VEHICLES VISIT TO OUR PLACE

Well done Douglas for organizing Back to The Track



Just a few vehicles below that visited our premises - great people and vehicles.



GRAND KIDS JOKE PAGE



Mr. and Mrs. Brown had two sons.
One was named Mind Your Own Business & the other was named Trouble.
One day the two boys decided to play hide and seek.
Trouble hid while Mind Your Own Business counted to one hundred.
Mind Your Own Business began looking for his brother behind garbage cans and bushes.
Then he started looking in and under cars until a police man approached him and asked, "What are you doing?"
"Playing a game," the boy replied.
"What is your name?" the officer questioned.
"Mind Your Own Business."
Furious the policeman inquired, "Are you looking for trouble?!"
The boy replied, "Why, yes."

A married couple was celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.
At the party everybody wanted to know how they managed to stay married so long in this day and age.
The husband responded, "When we were first married we came to an agreement. I would make all the major decisions and my wife would make all the minor decisions.
And in 60 years of marriage we have never needed to make a major decision."

Every Saturday morning Grandpa found himself babysitting his three grandchildren...all boys.
The kids always wanted to play "war," and Grandpa somehow always got coaxed into the game.
His daughter came to pick up the kids early one Saturday and witnessed Grandpa take a fake shot as Jason pointed a toy gun and yelled, "Bang!"
Grandpa slumped to the floor and stayed there motionless.
The daughter rushed over to see if he was all right.
Grandpa opened one eye and whispered, "Shhh, I always do this.
It's the only chance I get to rest."

AH - DECISIONS - DECISIONS



"You'll have to get behind me and push."



September 2021

Trevor Jacobs, Vicki Jarrett, Blair McFarland,
Tony McKenzie,

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**

2022 MECCA Calendars

If you would like your vehicle in next years calendar send me your photo -

email: liz@always17.com.au

Or give me a call Liz 0427 970 744



EDITORS PAGE

Oh my god I have just realized this is my 4th year as Editor and you voted me in again - what were you thinking?

Another month has slipped away and wow has it been busy - Back to the Track vehicles invading Alice Springs with plenty of activities that Douglas Draeger organized for them - Well done Douglas planning and executing this mammoth event.

Then Dawn service Anzac Hill then the convoy slowly headed north, eventually ending up in Darwin.

I believe Peter Hilliard rode his bike all the way, a bit saddle sore to say the least - well done however would have been worth it.

Another asset for the club our own Gazebo to keep the sun and rain off us on our events - many thanks to Shannons for their donation towards the Gazebo.

Our 25th Anniversary lunch at Hideaway was a huge success, food was excellent - thought we were going to have a pub meal instead it was terrific, just a shame some of our members did not get their meals until very late.

A special guest came to lunch, Lorraine Braham who had an active involvement with the club in its earlier days. It was great to catch up with Lorraine and she enjoyed the outing as much as we did. Thank you Col for inviting her on our behalf.

I will be putting together 25th Anniversary August 2021 edition history of our club due out shortly (whatever shortly means LOL)

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EDITORS PAGE (2)

Russ and I have had another exciting trip this time Anne Beadell Hwy (unsure where the "Hwy" came from it is far from that)

Imagine 7.5 hrs to do 58km's, over corrugations, a track where trees are overgrown, having to get out and clear the road of debris so we don't have tyre problems.



Russ clearing debris off road
I was supervising LOL



Found our happy customers all loaded
and ready for trip home



Corrugations and lots of
them - mean ones



Pin stripping for free whether
you want them or not



EDITORS PAGE (3)

What an experience 488km's of dirt took us 23hours of driving left home Tuesday morning, home Saturday morning 3am.

Our customers have become our very good friends and we will be keeping in touch for a long time to come.
With every negative experience comes a great outcome for all concerned.

I have worked out that people who travel these roads want to see where Len Beadell's plaques are and where he went, and to camp at night with friends build a camp fire, make dinner which is better than they make at home, enjoy wine/beer and see the wonderful stars, sunsets and sunrises, and of course tell everyone they have been there.

I feel the Anne Beadell Hwy should have a grader put on it or close the road, very few people travel it (we did not see another vehicle on the road). People could perish easily and not be found for days or weeks.
If you are inclined to travel these roads don't do it alone and be well prepared.

Well after all that we are home in our cosy home - Luxury.

Covid—Darwin and Katherine how long before we are all in lockdown?
With Road Transport Hall of Fame Festival 27th—29th August and then Red Centre Nats 4th - 5th September (Fathers Day) it will be interesting to see whether they go ahead or are cancelled - watch this space.

The year is nearly over - I know don't say that - we only have October meeting then November with our Christmas lunch and that's it until February.

Well that's it for now take care, good health and stay away from Covid

Liz Driver

Ps nearly time for pictures for 2022 Calendars if you want yours featured email me your photo's



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