



CentreSpoke

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1938 Tatra T75 Sedan



Motor Enthusiasts Club of Central Australia

Incorporating The Alice Springs Vintage & Veteran Car Club

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LIFE MEMBERS: Dave Simpson (dec), Tony Bullock,
Walter (dec) & Alvena Spears, Stuart & Marie Gear,
Col & Vicki Jarrett



Presidents Report



Ok Tony now this is the second incident for the year

What is the 3rd one going to be??????????

Everyone knows things happen in 3rs.



The Sec's Desk

MECCA General Meeting Sunday 10 October 2021

Held at Harry Griffiths Masonic Hall

Meeting opened by Vice President Trevor Jacobs 9.09am

Present

Raelene Beale, Garry Bentley, John Bridgefoot, Allan Campbell, Bryan Cartwright, John Cooper, Douglas Draeger, Liz Driver, Russ Driver, Mark Dunn, Brian Eather, Marie Gear, Stuart Gear, Lisa Heness, Neville Heness, Trevor Jacobs, Aileen Kennedy, Tony McKenzie, Margaret McKenzie, Alvina Spears, Michele Thompson, Mike Thompson, Fred Twohig, John Wischusen.

Visitors

Nil

Apologies

Tony O'Brien, Mandy and Steve Van Den Burg, Peter Hilliard, Col Jarrett, Trevor Hyman.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 September 2021 were read-and approved - moved Alvina Spears, seconded John Bridgefoot.

Business arising from the minutes

It was reported in the minutes that John Cooper has been in Alice Springs Hospital, and had to go to Adelaide. – this part of the report was incorrect as John stayed in Alice Springs.

Presidents Report

Tony O'Brien away due to ladder/fall injury.

Treasurers Report.

Russ Driver provided a verbal statement for the meeting.

Opening bank balance was \$6643.20, + \$50.00 membership fee paid, + \$300.00 donation from Jetcor for Calendar. Nil expenses,

The net bank balance as at October 2021 is \$6993.23

Moved Allan Campbell, seconded Bryan Cartwright.

Russ and Liz Driver have spent \$143.80 on badges, postage, flowers. Motion to approve reimbursement moved by John Bridgefoot, seconded Mike Thompson.

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The Sec's Desk (2)

Secretarys Report

Correspondence In

- Commonwealth Bank statement
- Australia Post information request
- Email from Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade Associations Act meeting is being held on Wednesday 13 October 6pm to 9pm at the Masonic Hall.
- Email from Retroautos online
- Email from Slattery Auctions QLD – auction closing 17 October
- Email from MotorEx – Meguiars MotorEx postponed to 2022

Correspondence Out

- Email sent regarding membership options available.

A number of MECCA members attended the service for Wally Spears.

It was a lovely service where family and friends spoke about Wally, his life, and his personality.

The committee had a meeting where the Christmas Party and the Club Runs were discussed. The Christmas Party will be held at Russ and Liz Drivers place on 14 November at 12 noon.

Acceptance of the secretary's report was moved by Margaret McKenzie, seconded Tony McKenzie.

General Business

-Stuart Gear reported that there will be no hall hire bill this year due to the low usage by the Club.

-Liz Driver no longer has access to the MECCA bank account. The lady at the bank gave Liz an overview of options available for her to regain access.

Proposed that Liz is added to the access list. Moved Michele Thompson.
Seconded Marie Gear.

-Liz needs 2 or 3 more photos for the calendar. If you have some to submit, please send them through.

-Neville reported on his and Col's trip to Perth. Took 3 ½ days, and the dog was good all the way.

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The Sec's Desk (3)

General Business cont.

Trevor Jacobs reported on road works on Bruce Highway. It took 7 hours to drive from Townsville to Mackay.

-Russ reported that the Administrator has completed her work for the Road Transport Hall of Fame and Rex Mooney is managing the assembly of a new committee.

-Liz proposed a Christmas lunch menu and asked for opinions. She will need help preparing, especially desert. Get in touch with Liz to coordinate food. Will need salads, deserts, and numbers of people for ordering. BYO alcohol.

-Alvina thanked members for their support and then told jokes to provide support back to the club.

-Run for meeting being held on 10th October is to Simpsons Gap for a BBQ. BYO drinks.

Meeting closed at 9.58am



MECCA

MOTOR ENTHUSIASTS CLUB OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA Inc

CLUB Calendar 2021 - 2022

14 Nov 2021 Meeting at 9am at the Masonic Lodge Hall
12 noon Russ and Liz Drivers place Christmas Lunch.

2022

- 13 Feb 2022 Breakfast Meeting at Bean Tree Café, Olive Pink Botanic Gardens – to be confirmed by Secretary.
- 13 March 2022 Meeting at 9am at the Masonic Lodge Hall
 Followed by a run to Women's Museum
 – to be confirmed by Secretary.
- 10 April 2022 Meeting at 9am at the Masonic Lodge Hall
 Followed by a Shed Crawl to Allan Campbell's,
 then Fred Twohig's, then a BBQ at Sean Heenan's place,
 Ragonesi Rd
- 8 May 2022 Meeting at 9am Masonic Lodge Hall
 Possible Drags—to be confirmed by Secretary
- 12 June 2022 Meeting at 9am at the Masonic Lodge Hall
 Followed by a Corroboree Rock Road Trip
- 1st / 2nd July 2022 Alice Springs Show, Blatherskite Park Static Display.
- 10 July 2022 9am for a 9.30 start run from Masonic Lodge Hall to
 Stuarts Well for lunch
- 14 Aug 2022 Meeting at 9.00 am the Masonic Lodge Hall followed by the
 AGM—lunch venue TBA
- 26 to 28 Aug 2022 RTHF Festival
- 2 – 4 Sept 2022 Fathers Day / Red Centre Nats.
- 2 Oct 2022 7 Mile outing meet at Masonic Lodge Hall - times to be advised
- 9th Oct 2022 Meeting at 9am at the Masonic Lodge Hall
 Run TBA



CHRISTMAS MENU AT RUSS AND LIZ'S
PLACE 14/11/21

\$35 Adults \$15 children

Prawns
Ham
Roast Pork and stewed apples
Roast Lamb and mint sauce
Roast Potato's
Peas, carrots

Desert
Christmas Cake
Pavlova
Cup Cakes
Fruit Salad
Ice-cream, Custard

BYO Drinks

RSVP by 3/11/21 call Liz 0427 970 744

Bank account details MECCA bsb 065900
Account No. 00900920
Ref: Your Surname



SIMPSON GAP BBQ 10/10/21

What can I say.

As driving out of town to Simpson Gap the grey clouds rolled in and the heavens opened - yep rain.

Made the windscreen all muddy and hard to see out of until the rain washed it clean.

Thought - this is going to be a wet BBQ - should we continue? Of course we are not afraid of getting wet and we do live in the Territory so onward bound.



At Simpson Gap BBQ area and no other visitors so we had the place to ourselves.

We had Alvena and her daughter and daughter in-law and Great grand children join us

Lisa, Neville and I set up the BBQ's and off we cooked the sausages, onion and Lisa's home made hamburgers, .and set up the table with salads, bread etc.

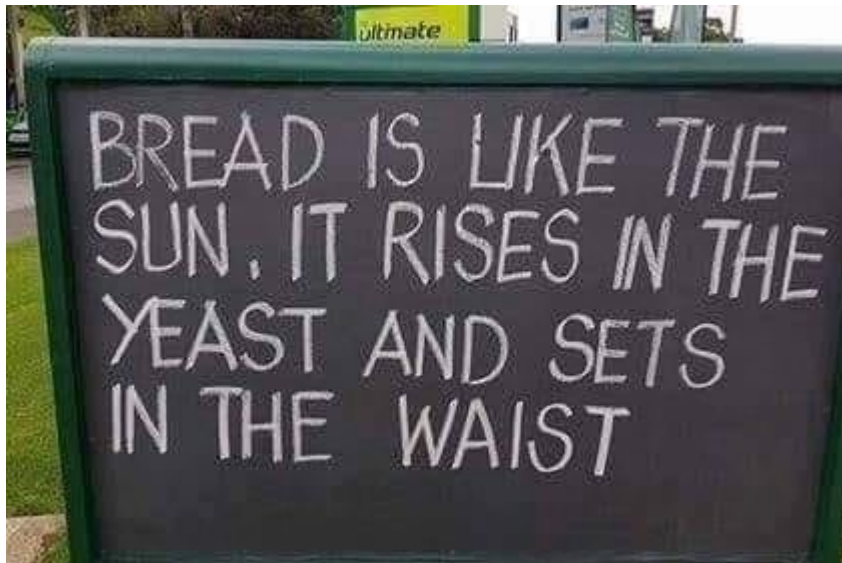


Neville was left cooking the last of the sausages with Tony and Brian with the pitter patter of light rain. Did not deter them from chatting away with whatever guys talk about LOL.

A great day with terrific people and a lovely drive out of town



FOOD FOR THOUGHT



What do we learn from hippopotamuses?



That it's impossible to reduce weight by eating green grass and salads and walking.

INTERESTING

Thank you Trevor Jacobs

Who opened the first drive-in gas station?



A: Gulf opened up the first station in Pittsburgh in 1913.

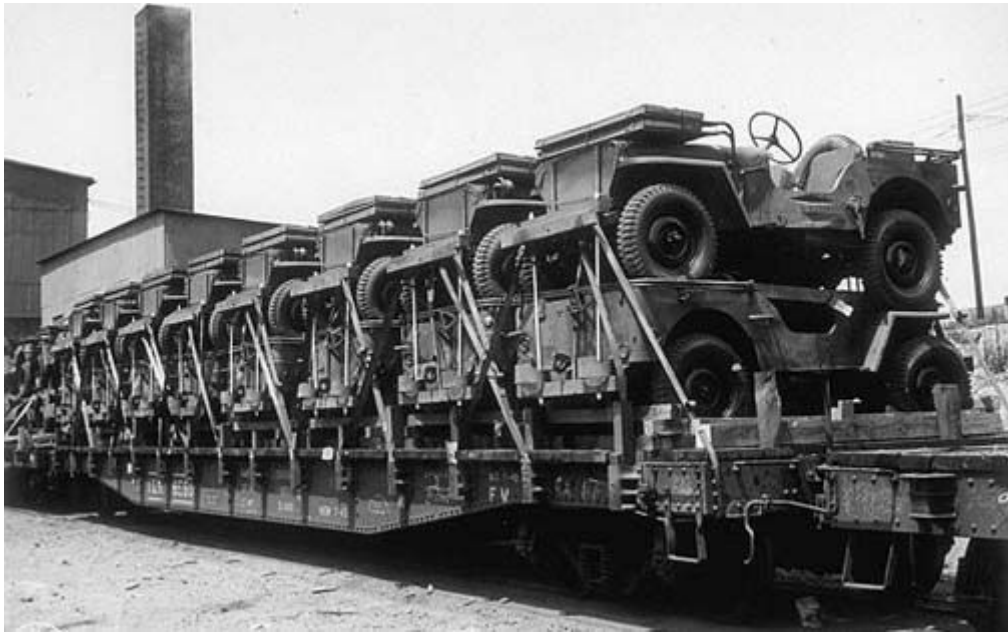
Q: What was the first car fitted with a replaceable cartridge oil filter?



A: The 1924 Chrysler.

Willys Jeep WWII pictures

Interesting stuff..... At the end of WWII, there were hundreds of acres of closely parked jeeps in Britain. Since they would depress the auto industry if sold, they were all bulldozed into the sea. Trucks too. Thousands and thousands of them.



Thank you John Cooper

JOKE PAGE



Why do bees have sticky hair?
Because they use a honeycomb.

How does a penguin build its house?
Igloos it together.

Why is no one friends with Dracula?
Because he's a pain in the neck.

When I was a kid, my mother told me I could be anyone I wanted to be.
Turns out, identity theft is a crime.

Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon?
Great food, no atmosphere!

Did you hear the rumour about butter?
Well, I'm not going to spread it!

Did you hear about the guy who invented Lifesavers?
They say he made a mint!

How does Moses make his coffee?
Hebrews it.

Why do Dads take an extra pair of socks when they go golfing?
In case they get a hole in one.

What do you call a shoe made of a banana?
A slipper!

Did you hear about the ATM that got addicted to money?
It suffered from withdrawals.

Why don't skeletons ever go trick or treating?
Because they have *no body* to go with!

I got a hen to regularly count her own eggs.
She's a real mathamachicken!





November 2021

Carl Blackmore, Tom Slattery

Club Merchandise For Sale

Club shirts various sizes \$45.00 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**



Mecca 2022 Calendars will be available at November meeting and Christmas Lunch

Chris Kringle at November meeting - bring a gift for male or female to a value of \$10.00 each



EDITORS PAGE

Its been a quiet month compared to September, only our meeting and BBQ at Simpsons Gap which was incredible.

Our lives have been very busy - cleaning up Sargent St and looking at items and deciding do we toss or keep— so if we keep and take home where do we put them?

Yep problem solved we will put everything on pallets take it home and sort later and do another cull. Yep our shed is full of pallets of stuff on it.

It seems strange as our sheds empty out how big every thing is and of course the echo, almost seems like the day we moved in and were in awe of the space and wondering how we were going to fill it.

I can tell you now it was harder to sort, put into keep or scrap heap or dump heap and then the cleaning up of dust, grease etc - incredible

Only 2 sheds to go - at least we are half way there and making progress.

So I was thinking Christmas lunch - we will have a pallet auction that way you can take stuff home and clutter your shed and then ours will be more manageable. Only joking



Well, next meeting 14th November our final one for the year, and an exciting one Chris Kringle , 2022 Calendars, and then Christmas lunch at our place from 12pm onwards and yes in case you are wondering - we have room for table and chairs etc and we will be honoured to have you again.

Please RSVP by 3th November so we can cater for November Christmas lunch

We'll have lots to do between now and then.

Until then enjoy

Liz Driver
0427 970 744

