



CentreSpoke

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FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR 2021

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Motor Enthusiasts Club of Central Australia

Incorporating The Alice Springs Vintage & Veteran Car Club

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Col & Vicki Jarrett , Len Davenport (dec)

HONOURAY MEMBER: Loraine Braham

PATRON: Bernie Kilgariff (dec)



Presidents Report

Members.

Thanks every one for coming along today, our last Club Meeting for the year.

Considering that we are still in general Covid restrictions our club still managed to enjoy some functions, some dinners, travel events, various interesting places such as 7 Mile, Connellan Hangers, Simpson Gap and Tropic of Capricorn etc.

Red Centre Nats was a great success, well represented by our club with some terrific entries.

Sad to hear of the passing of our member Wally Spears—you will always be remembered by us.

We paid our respects on 11th November to our past and present services men and women who have bravely supported our country. We will remember them.

Some heavy rains came and caused some road and causeway closures, but wasn't it great to see the Todd and Charles rivers flow like that.

Great for the country, our cattle stations finally on a winner after some really tough years.

We have been pretty lucky with Covid Restrictions endured by other states but I am a little worried how we will fair when the borders open up, So please keep taking precautions as advised and keep healthy.

Thanks for all the hard work that many of you do with the after meeting snacks and food preparations at our gatherings, you really are the backbone of our club.

We are having Xmas lunch again at Russ and Liz's property on Ragonesi Rd. It will be a great day and looking forward to this afternoon.

Thanks everyone again for being involved throughout the year, our next club meeting not until February. Where does the time go.

Have a Merry Xmas and keep those motors running.

Tony O'Brien,
President.





The Sec's Desk

MECCA General Meeting Sunday 14 November 2021

Held at Harry Griffiths Masonic Hall

Meeting opened by President Tony O'Brien 9.10am

Present

Raelene Beale, Garry Bentley, John Bridgefoot, Allan Campbell, John Cooper, Stephen Dinner, Douglas Draeger, Russ Driver, Brian Eather, Marie Gear, Stuart Gear, Sean Heenan, Karen Heenan, Lisa Heness, Neville Heness, Peter Hilliard, Trevor Hyman, Trevor Jacobs, Aileen Kennedy, Tony McKenzie, Margaret McKenzie, Alvina Spears, Michele Thompson, Mike Thompson, Fred Twohig, Mandy Van Den Burg, Steve Van Den Burg.

Visitors

Nil

Apologies

Carl Blackmore, Cameron Dinner.

Minutes of the previous meeting

held on 10 October 2021 were read-and approved -
moved John Bridgefoot, seconded Raelene Beale.

Business arising from the minutes

Presidents Report

As this is the last meeting for the year, Tony gave an overview of activities and events for the year –

moved Trevor Jacobs, seconded John Bridgefoot.

Treasurers Report.

Russ Driver provided a statement for the meeting.

Opening bank balance was \$6993.23, + \$80.00 Simpsons Gap BBQ, + \$100.00

Trailer donation, + \$645.00 Christmas lunch; expenses \$143.80 to Drivers for expenses as approved at last meeting, \$698.50 Coleman Printing Calendars.

The net bank balance as at November 2021 is \$6975.93

Moved Tony O'Brien, seconded John Bridgefoot.



The Sec's Desk

Correspondence In

- Commonwealth Bank statement
- Shannons Auctions catalogue.

Correspondence Out

- Nil.

General Business

Mike Thompson enquired about getting paperwork signed as the five current signatories live in the Alice Springs rural area. Michele offered to be a signatory, however the Vehicle Registrar pointed out that this does not meet the MVR requirements.

Sean Heenan gave an update on Brendan Heenan. He has sold the MacDonnell Range Caravan Park and purchased Wintersun Caravan Park as well as one in Queensland. He aims to build a retirement village out through the gap.

Michele Thompson entered a portrait of Alvina in the Portrait of a Senior Territorian competition, and is a finalist.

-Alvina sent the fines bus around and told a lovely poem.

-Run for meeting being held on 14th October is to Russ & Liz Drivers for Christmas Lunch. BYO drinks.

Meeting closed at 9.37am



MECCA

**MOTOR ENTHUSIASTS CLUB OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA
Inc**

CLUB Calendar 2021 - 2022

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 LUNCH FINAL GET TOGETHER FOR 2021



Great Day - temperature about 24degrees.

52 people attended - very hungry mob very little left overs

John Bridgefoot has quiz as per normal and every one had some good laughs

Lisa made table centre decorations which complimented the car table cloths.



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DID SOME ONE SAY DESERT? YUMMY



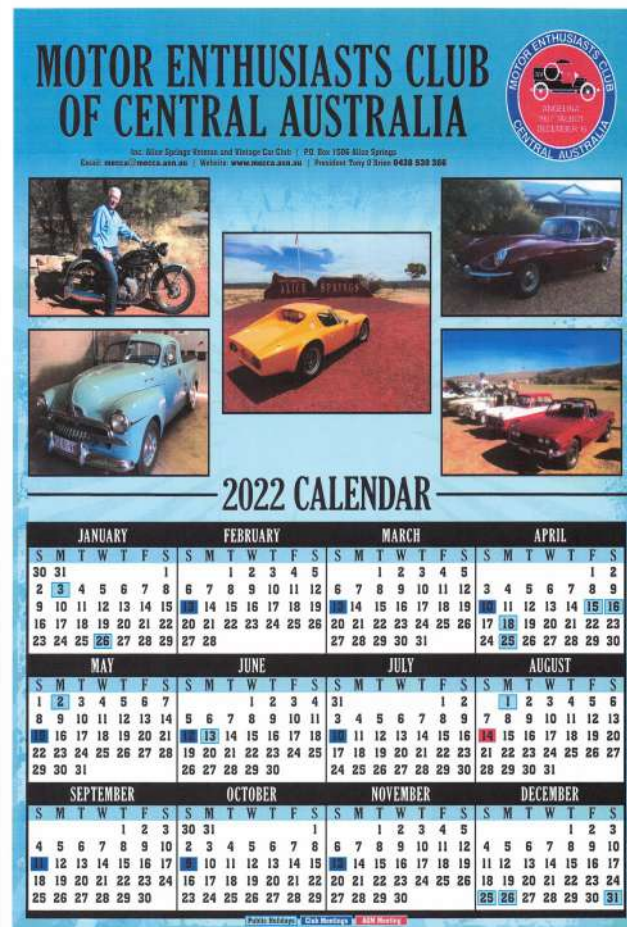


LAUNCH

THE HISTORY OF ALICE SPRINGS VETERAN AND VINTAGE CAR CLUB AND MOTOR ENTHUSIASTS CLUB OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

CELEBRATING 25YEARS

LAUNCH OF 2022 CALENDAR



2021 The year as it was for M.E.C.C.A Club

14/2/21 Breakfast at Stumps Café

Attended 29 members 3 children
and 1 visitor

What a great start for the club



14/3/21 First official meeting

Then garage crawl to Bryan Cartwright,
Marie and Stuart Gear and last
Trevor and Ann's with BBQ facilities



2021 The year as it was for M.E.C.C.A Club (2)

11/4/21 Tropic of Capricorn for lunch



2/5/21 Aces and Eights Coffee & Chrome.



Winners - John Hubner, Trevor Jacobs and



2021 The year as it was for M.E.C.C.A Club (3)

3/5/21 Bantail Muster Parade cancelled

9/5/21 Mothers Day Meeting no run



16/5/21 National Motoring Day
Run to 7 mile Aerodrome then
Aviation Museum for BBQ



Donation

from President Tony O'Brien to
Brian Eather of Central Australian
Aviation Museum for \$250.00

2021 The year as it was for M.E.C.C.A Club (4)

13/6/21 meeting no run

New members Ross and Carol Murphy

No
President Tony O'Brien or
Treasurer Russ Driver at
this meeting

Liz Driver got nominated
President for this meeting



July 21 Tony O'Brien flown to Adelaide -
tune up time



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

11/7/21 Run to RTHF for 'Back to the Track' then BBQ



2021 The year as it was for M.E.C.C.A Club (5)

11/7/21 Donation by Douglas Draeger

To President of the club
A 'Wooden Gavel'



8/8/21 Meeting & AGM Then 25th Anniversary Mecca lunch At Hideaway Ross Hwy

All positions vacant every position taken with Aileen Kennedy taking Secretary position, Allan Campbell taking Vehicle Registrar, Sean Heenan, Bryan Cartwright, Fred Twohig and Neville Heness taking Committee Members.

Celebrations at Hideaway 25th club Anniversary with club honorary member Loraine Braham



August 21 Donation from Robert Berry- Shannon's Insurance for Club Gazebo



2021 The year as it was for M.E.C.C.A Club (6)

1/9/21 Life member Wally Spears passed away at 93 years old



5/9/21 Fathers Day and Red Centre Nats N0 7



2021 The year as it was for M.E.C.C.A Club (7)

September 21 Farewell to life members Col and Vicki - off to Perth



October 21 President Tony O'Brien has done it again !!!!!

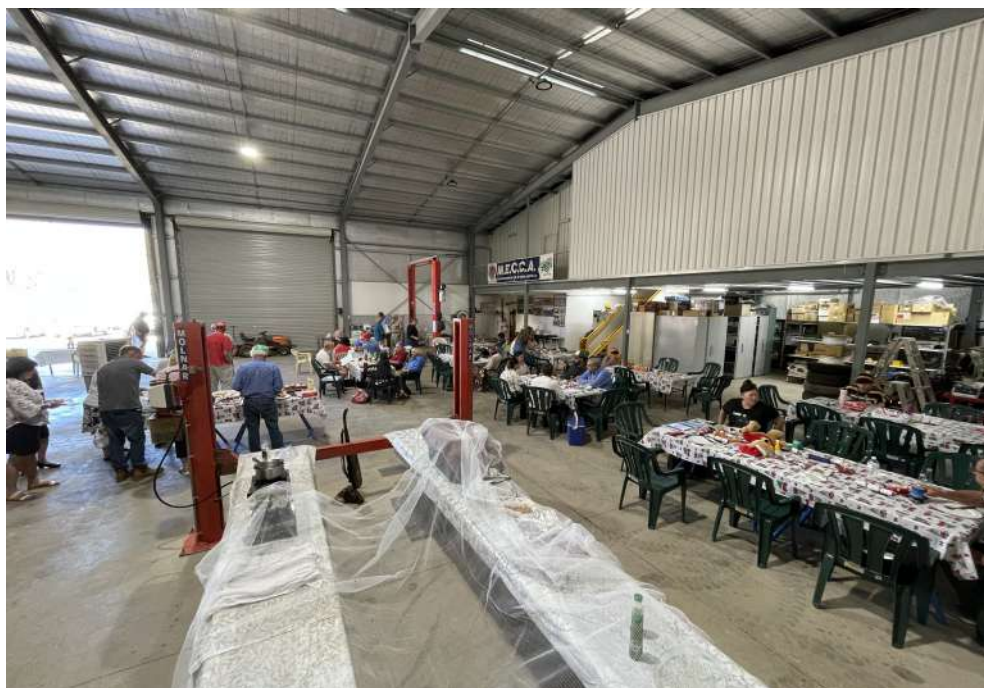


10/10/21 Simpson Gap BBQ



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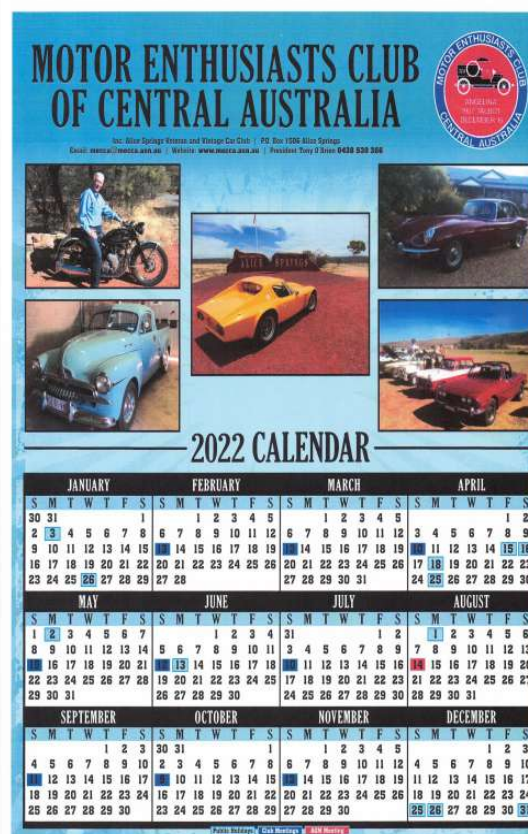
14/11/21 Last run for year Christmas lunch at 'Drivers'



Also Launch

CentreSpoke History of M.E.C.C.A
celebrating 25years

And 2022 M.E.C.C.A Calendar



CHRISTMAS JOKE PAGE



What did Santa say when he stepped into a big puddle?
It must have reindeer.

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

What did the gingerbread man put on his bed?
A cookie sheet!

Who is never hungry at Christmas?
The turkey—he's always stuffed.

How do you know when Santa's around?
You can always sense his *presents*.

What was Santa's favourite subject in school?
Chemis-tree!

What do you call a broke Santa Claus?
Saint-nickel-less.

What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?
A Christmas quacker.

Why was Santa's little helper depressed?
Because he had very low elf esteem.

What does Mrs. Claus say to Santa when there are clouds in the sky?
It looks like rain, deer.

Where does a snowman keep his money?
In a snow bank.

What do you call greedy elves?
Elfish!

Did you hear that production was down at Santa's workshop?
Many of his workers have had to Elf isolate!

What does Santa do when his elves misbehave?
He gives them the sack.





DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY

Raelene Beale, Garry Bentley, Bryan Cartwright, Douglas Draeger,
Mark Dunn, Marie Gear, Peter Hilliard, Robyn Lambley, Sam Salmon,
Pietje Span, Alvina Spears, Mike Thompson, Mandy Vandenberg,
Steve Vandenberg, Karen Heenan

WOW MUMS AND DADS VERY BUSY THESE MONTHS



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



2022 MECCA Calendars available please call to pick yours up
Liz 0427 970 744



EDITORS PAGE

Good Morning, Afternoon, Evening (or whatever it may be)

The last newsletter for 2021 and I then can give my brain a rest until I need to write again - probably February 2022

We had a great turnout to November meeting - unfortunately I could not make it as I was preparing a club luncheon, however reading Secretary report it would have been interesting being there and finding out what our members and family are preparing for this town and the investment being made.
Well done Heenan family.

The year has progressed very well and with Covid staying out of the Northern Territory. Our club managed all club events and boy did we all have a ball. Our club drives around town, and out of town, BBQ's, garage crawl (which I enjoyed the most), Aviation Museum, Red Centre Nats, Aces & Eights Coffee and Chrome, Alice Springs Show, RTHF - back to the track and our famous 25th MECCA Anniversary lunch with our honorary member Loraine Braham - how good was that?

Very sad the passing of Wally Spears and Col and Vicki finally moving and making it to Perth—we will miss them.

To top it off Christmas lunch at our place - what a day perfect weather 24 degrees, enough food to go round and not too much left overs. Desert was magnificent as per usual.

Looking around the room and looking at happy faces with their loved ones by there side it was a truly wonderful day.

A special thanks to Lisa Heness, Karen Heenan, Elaine Draeger, Marie Gear, Margaret McKenzie, Michelle Thompson for their fabulous help with main meals and desert - could not have done it without you.

We cannot forget John Bridgefoot with his famous quiz's and all who helped with the clean up and stacking away table and chairs—many thanks you are legends.

Also a special thanks to all the Committee and members who attended you are the ones who keep the club inspired by supporting us to make each year better.

Merry Christmas every one where ever you may be at this festive season, stay safe, Covid free and healthy until we meet again in 2022

Liz and Russ Driver

