



CentreSpoke

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2022 let the fun begin - Great club Great people



Motor Enthusiasts Club of Central Australia

Incorporating The Alice Springs Vintage & Veteran Car Club

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Presidents Report

Members - Hope you had a good break over the Festive season.

The New Year is upon us.

Our first Breakfast meeting at Stumps went well, great attendance good to see so many faces.

The meals themselves I thought were very good, I have always enjoyed their Bacon/Eggs/Tomato breakfast specials.

March meeting coming up soon where we can sit down and really put our year together.

I have just attended the funeral of my good friend Tony Bohning yesterday 23rd Feb; Many of you may remember him. A man of his time.

I am looking forward to the cooler weather which will give better days for long travels, e.g drive to Standley Chasm/BBQ or Lunch at Stuarts Well long overdue.

I mentioned before about the Club having a means of recognition of service/ membership, be it a badge or small plaque, perhaps we can discuss this at our March Meeting, looking forward to catching up

Please flip us an email if you have issues that you would like to talk about.

Keep those motors running.

Cheers.

Tony O'Brien



The Sec's Desk

No meeting only Breakfast -
No report only full tummies.





MECCA

**MOTOR ENTHUSIASTS CLUB OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA
Inc**

CLUB Calendar 2021 - 2022

2022

- 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

BREAKFAST MEETING 13-2-22 AT STUMPS CAFE

Reserved 2 tables for Breakfast

MECCA spelt wrong

Time?

Woops we were 12 hours too early - HA HA

Service and food was great



Present for Breakfast

John Hubner
Trevor Hyman
Russ and Liz Driver
Tony O'Brien
Trevor Jacobs
Douglas Draeger
Stephen Dinner
Steve and Mandy Vandenberg
Brian Eather
Michael Hanrahan

Present for Breakfast

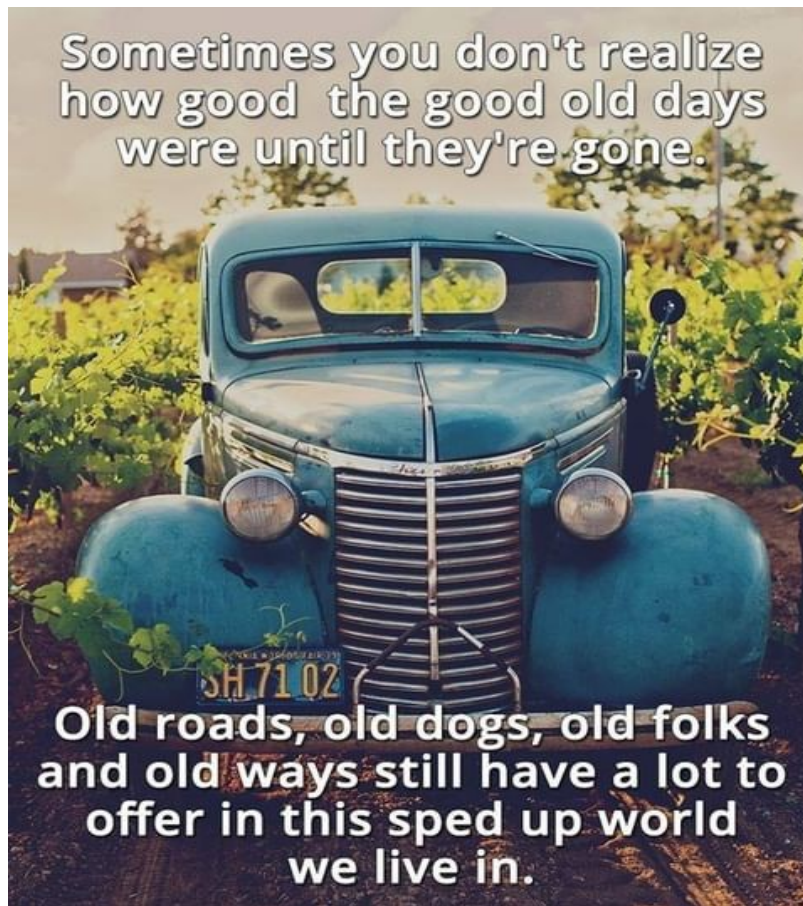
John Cooper
Raelene Beale
Fred Twohig
Neville Heness
Megan Heness
Mick - Repco
Jasmina Munich
Alvena Spears



Humour on fuel prices - thanks Fred Twohig



FEATURE YOUR PRIDE AND JOY IN YOUR YARD



REFILL YOUR TANK - LOOK AFTER YOURSELF



The whole world paused this morning - because an 8 year old's tank was empty. I noticed my littlest standing in the bathroom wiping his face, I paused at the door and asked if he was okay. He looked up with tears silently dripping and shook his head. When I questioned if something happened, again he shook his head.

So I sat on the side of the tub and pulled him on my lap.
I told him sometimes our heart tanks feel empty and need to be refilled.

He cried into my chest and I held tight.
I asked if he could feel my love filling him up?
A nod, and tears stopped...

I waited a minute...

Has it reached your toes yet?
He shook his head no....

Okay man, We will take as long as you need. Work doesn't matter right now. School isn't important either. This right here, is the most important thing today okay? Filling you back to the top. Is that good?

He answers 'Yeah'

I look in his eyes and see it shining in there, you are full to the top, and you are smiling.

You all may not be 8, maybe 28, 38, 48 or whatever, but all of us run on empty just like he did. His weekend was so busy and so full and his little soul was just dry.

We all have to pause, take a moment to refill with the good things, Sunshine, song, laughter, friends hugs etc. Refill your empty , or you will find those emotions (tears, anger, snappy words) overflowing with no reason why.

Take a moment - Refill, It is the most important part of your day!

GRAND KIDS JOKE PAGE



Why was the broom late for school?
He over swept

Why did the teacher take his pupils up in an aeroplane?
To get them higher grades

Why did the teacher send Dracula home from school?
Because he disturbed the class with his constant coffin.

Why did the teacher tie all her students shoelaces together?
She wanted to go on a class trip

Where do pupils learn to make banana splits?
At sundae school.

What is the best way to make a sausage roll?
Push it

Why was the maths book sad?
Because it had too many problems

What is harder to catch the faster you run?
Your breath

Why do you never see chickens playing football?
They are always getting sent off for playing fowl

What vegetables do librarians like?
Quiet peas

What's 56 metres tall and is made out of pepperoni and cheese?
The leaning tower of Pizza





March

John Bridgefoot, Liz Driver, John Hubner, Derek Poolier

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 - still available

Contact Liz on 0427 970 744 to secure yours or collect March meeting

Many thanks to Tony O'Brien and Neville Heness for delivering
2022 MECCA Calendars around town





EDITORS PAGE

Happy New Year and the year is in full swing. 2022 what will it bring?

I note some of our members went interstate for the festive season others intrastate, others had family and friends come to Alice Springs (wise move). Other members spent time in a hospital having minor repairs to gain quality of life and independence.

Well what a start to the year - rain, rain and more rain.

The Stuart Hwy near Glendambo closed due to flooding, not only put the rail out of action - both required major repairs and attention.

We found our supermarkets lacking food - I have never seen Coles, Woolworths or IGA with **no** vegetables, **no** meat, **no** frozen, **no** toilet paper and the worst of all **no** ice cream - none of our favourites were there - how dare they.

Well still plenty of canned food and some we had to rationalize and shopping was a lot cheaper because of nothing in store - just shows what you can do without, with a bit of thought.

Covid - well that changes day to day with compliance, very confusing.

Our family was in lockdown as the youngest grand daughter went to a friends place and guess what - yep you guessed they were Covid positive, so the whole family went into lockdown. Grand daughter was Covid positive the rest of family negative but 7 days lock down - non essential workers - however essential workers (negative Covid test) can go to work ? How does that work - too confusing for me.

Russ and I have had a very peaceful 7 days - just kidding

Now our mates Russia decided the world needed more problems a war has erupted with Ukraine - where will it end? Fuel and all freight rates will skyrocket, never mind when you may get deliveries or work done.

Floods in QLD, train derailed, what is it costing every one - lives ruined combined with natural disasters, Covid and lack of workers. The world has changed and will never be the same.

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See you then - stay safe Liz Driver

