



CentreSpoke

July 2022

ALICE SPRINGS SHOW 2022



Motor Enthusiasts Club of Central Australia

Incorporating The Alice Springs Vintage & Veteran Car Club

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LIFE MEMBERS (dec) Dave Simpson Walter Spears, Len Davenport

PATRON: Bernie Kilgariff (dec)



Presidents Report

Members,

End of the Financial Year, Month of July gave us a bit of fun.

Really Enjoyed the Drive out to Stuarts Well, a great attendance by Members.

The Alice Show , another great day. Really impressed with the Club Marque and our other Signage.

Hope to see a day out at the Eleven mile in the next few Months, be great to climb up into the Control Tower.

We have our AGM coming up soon (Sunday August 14th); Please come along so that we can fill the new Club positions.

I really appreciate my time as Club President during the last few years, and hopefully carried out my role effectively.

Looking forward to the rest of the year, I really enjoy our Club time.

Keep those motors running and stay healthy.

Best Wishes
Tony O'Brien





The Sec's Desk

MECCA General Meeting Sunday 10 July 2022

Held at Harry Griffiths Masonic Hall

Meeting opened by President Tony O'Brien at 9.20am

Present

Raelene Beale, Garry Bentley, Allan Campbell, John Cooper, Stephen Dinner, Douglas Draegar, Liz Driver, Russ, Driver, Brian Eather, Marie Gear, Stuart Gear, Peter Hilliard, Judy Inkster, Peter Inkster, Trevor Jacobs, Aileen Kennedy, Tony McKenzie, Margaret McKenzie, Tony O'Brien, Alvina Spears, Dallas Spears, Jane Spears, Michele Thompson, Mike Thompson, Mandy Vandenberg, Steve Vandenberg.

Visitors

Nil

Apologies

Mark Dunn, John Hubner, Lisa & Neville Heness.

Minutes of the previous meeting

held on 12 June 2022 were read by Trevor Jacobs and approved - moved Tony McKenzie seconded Alvina Spears.

Business arising from the minutes

Allan Campbell has contacted MVR regarding discrepancies, and rectified the MVR report.

Presidents Report

Today is pretty much the last meeting and event for this financial year. The Show was great, as were other events including the Bangtail Muster and the Show and Shine on the Council lawns. Thanks to everyone for their participation, and especially to the Club members that work behind the scenes.

Our thoughts go to Lisa Heness. Her father, Eddie Rabl, has passed away. Lisa and Neville are both currently isolating at home due to Covid.

Presidents Report moved Mandy Vandenberg, seconded Raelene Beale.

Secretary's Report.

Not much mail coming in any more. 2 x Bike Torque magazines, 1 x Shannons Auction catalogue, 1 x cheque book, and 1 x bank statement.

Secretary's report moved Trevor Jacobs, seconded Tony O'Brien.



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Treasurers Report.

Russ Driver read details of statement at the meeting.

Opening bank balance was \$6546.58, + \$300.00 donation from Robyn Lambley; Expenses \$374.00 Alice Springs Show. The net bank balance as at 9 July 2022 is \$6472.58. Thank you to Robyn for her donation.

Shannons Insurance is supporting the club by providing money for Alice Springs Show club entry fee. Please in return show Shannons your support by considering them when you need car insurance.

Invoice for use of Masonic Hall hire is \$1040.00, so the price has remained the same. Invoice approved for payment.

Club membership fees are due now, and should be paid before AGM if you want to be able to vote.

Treasurers Report moved Tony O'Brien seconded Trevor Jacobs.

General Business

- This is the last meeting before the AGM.
- Judy and Peter Inkster have returned to Alice Springs.
- The Spears Buick is still in the family, but now in Melbourne.
- Frank Allen sends his best wishes to club members.
- Stephen Dinner suggested having a bright spark award, or something similar.
- John and Raelene have dealt with Shannons for an insurance claim, and they were very easy to deal with.
- Doug Draegar has purchased Dave Simpsons Camels to Cars book.
- Next meeting is 14 August, AGM. Lunch venue to be advised.
- Todays run is to Stuarts Well.

Meeting closed at 10.00am



MECCA

**MOTOR ENTHUSIASTS CLUB OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA
Inc**

CLUB Calendar 2021 – 2022

**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.

11 Sept 2022 Meeting at 9am Masonic Lodge run TBA

2 Oct 2022 7 Mile outing meet at Masonic Lodge Hall - TBA

9th Oct 2022 Meeting at 9am at the Masonic Lodge Hall - Run TBA

ALICE SPRINGS SHOW JULY 2022

Yep good place to socialise under our marque - it wasn't too cold and the company was great.



Off to lunch - there is always one who steal's the show.

Don't stop Douglas we love it.



ALICE SPRINGS SHOW JULY 2022 (2)



Peter Hilliard with WW2 BSA and Jeep and rear end of Ross Murphy WW2 6wd Studebaker and that is not a model sitting on the log - its Douglas Draeger. LOL—below Mecca marque and Russ Driver's 1925 Buick



ALICE SPRINGS SHOW JULY 2022 (3)



John Cooper and
Raelene Beale's
famous Triumph



John Hubner with the all
and mighty Victory "A"
motorcycle

ALICE SPRINGS SHOW JULY 2022 (4)

Peter Hilliard and Ross Murphy - picnic time at the camp isolated from the general public.



Ross and Carol Murphy
WW2 6wd Studebaker
the Beast

ALICE SPRINGS SHOW JULY 2022 (5)



Neville and Lisa Heness
impeccable 1978 ZH
Fairlane

What a magnificent show, plenty of spectators Friday, Saturday slow but that's normal.

A huge thank you to Douglas Draeger, Peter Hilliard, Ross Murphy, Russ Driver, Neville Heness for manning the stall for the 2 days, also helping on those days were John Cooper, Raelene Beale, Lisa Heness, Tony O'Brien and little old me Liz Driver.

The club could not have promoted our club without these people.



Not only was it Show day but also Territory Day -
this is why we live here



RUN TO STUART WELL FOR LUNCH 10/7/22

What a wonderful drive on another glorious day in Paradise



Present: Tony O'Brien, Dallas and Jane Spears, John Cooper, Raelene Beale, Stuart and Marie Gear, Alvina Spears, Peter and Judy Inkster, Mandy and Steve Vandenberg



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Club membership renewals are due

Cost: Family \$70.00 Single \$50.00
Country (reside over 50km's from Alice Springs) \$20.00

Bank details:

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A/C: 0090 0920
Name: Motor Enthusiasts Club
Ref: Your Surname

Or bring correct Cash at July or August meeting before AGM
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 14/8/22

<u>PRESIDENT:</u>	Head of our organization - the Boss
<u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>	Helps the Boss if he/she is away
<u>TREASURER</u>	Looks after the money
<u>SECRETARY:</u>	Collates minutes of meeting, checks letter box for mail and helps the Boss organize the meetings.
<u>PUBLIC OFFICER:</u>	Keeps us compliant with Business Affairs
<u>COMMITTEE MEMBERS:</u>	Helps advise President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer events for the year
<u>VEHICLE REGISTRAR:</u>	Looks after Club vehicles with MVR and advises MVR if club members are going interstate
<u>EDITOR:</u>	In charge of CentreSpoke and keeps members up to date with club events and vehicles of interest
<u>WEB MASTER:</u>	Looks after our Webpage and updates
<u>HISTORIAN:</u>	Keeps the History of our club
<u>CRANKHANDLE:</u>	Keeps us laughing with jokes.
<u>Which position is yours remember all positions become vacant 14/8/22 and a new committee is formed</u>	

**Many thanks to Robyn Lambley for her sponsorship
To the M.E.C.C.A car club**



ALSO

**Many thanks to Trezona Accounting - Mick Trull
and his accountant Menuke Jasin for doing the
financials for the M.E.C.C.A car club**



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THANK YOU

Much appreciated from all of us

I know you all have boxes of below and
can't find enough to make it work?



JOKE PAGE



A cement mixer and a prison bus crashed on the highway.
Police advise citizens to look out for a group of hardened criminals.

Why did the taxi driver get fired?
Passengers didn't like it when she went the extra mile.

Why does Humpty Dumpty love autumn?
Because he always has a great fall.

Have you heard the one about the skunk?
Never mind, it really stinks.

It's always windy in a sports arena.
All those fans.

How does a dog stop a video?
By hitting the paws button!

What's the easiest way to get straight As?
Use a ruler.

What's a balloon's least favourite type of music?
Pop.

I used to be addicted to not showering.
Luckily, I've been clean for five years.

Why was the tomato red?
Because he saw the salad dressing.

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

What bow can't be tied?
A rainbow!

Is this pool safe for diving?
It deep ends.





AUGUST 2022

Brian Eather, Craig Lambley

Club Merchandise For Sale

Club shirts various sizes \$45.00 each

Available at Club meetings or contact Liz on 0427 970 744

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etc

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2022 MECCA Calendars

2022 Calendars still available if you don't have yours.
Pick up at next meeting 14/8/22
or give me a call 0427 970 744



EDITORS PAGE

Well another month bites the dust, and what an exciting time.

It all started with Alice Springs Show, the Show Society were very generous and granted us 10 spots and we were opposite Transport Hall of Fame which complemented both parties.

The people in town - unbelievable, good for the town even though no toilet paper and other necessities on the shelf.

I wonder how many people caught Covid in town with people shoulder to shoulder, and no masks.

Then Territory day on the same day - plenty of fire works and it was pretty chilly but that did not stop any one from enjoying the night sky's.

Our July meeting was well attended with a run to Stuart Well for lunch. Great atmosphere and food was good.

Unfortunately we did not attend as we had a family day lunch at Standley Chasm. It was packed with cars and people and we had to park in the overflow car park and walk to the Café, -nice day and nice walk.

We ordered our burgers and chips and found some tables, and of course the grand daughters had to have their treat- where do they put it all?

We had 4 generations for lunch including daughter in laws Mum and Dad from Victoria and had a great day. With a walk up to Standley Chasm, a good day out.





EDITORS PAGE

Important August meeting coming up, ordinary meeting then AGM - will be interesting to see if the committee changes or will there be new blood to spice up the club? We will have to wait and see.

Memberships are due before AGM and Treasurer would appreciate if you could eft monies into MECCA account before the day. If you are paying cash please get to the club early so Treasurer is not run off his feet



We have had quite a few people come and stay with us as they head further north on their holidays and in the next month we have a few more arriving - makes you think we should be charging a fee for them to stay as every thing is going up - food, petrol/diesel, electricity, water and never mind what we might feed them - our generosity is their fortune. I think a fee might deter them however it is still cheaper than staying in motel's/caravan parks , then we might find out who are friends or who are users—HA HA

Well again that's it for me - enjoy the good weather, friends, family and if you need some one to talk to or are lonely there are plenty of club members who would love to hear from you.

Enjoy and see you for August meeting 9am 14/8/22 then the famous AGM

Liz Driver

P.s - AGM coming up and all positions vacant -

that means I get the sack HA HA

I would this opportunity to thank every one for their support over the last 4 years



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