



CentreSpoke

August 2022



Committee 2022—2023 from left to right

Aileen & Allan Campbell, Stephen Dinner, Tony O'Brien, Douglas Draeger, Sean Hannon, Neville Heness
Not in Pic

Trevor Jacobs, Brian Ether Tony McKenzie, Stuart Gear, Alvina Spears, Lisa Heness, Bryan Cortwright

Motor Enthusiasts Club of Central Australia

Incorporating The Alice Springs Vintage & Veteran Car Club

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MECCA Committee 2022/2023

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LIFE MEMBERS:	Tony Bullock, Alvena Spears, Stuart & Marie Gear, Col & Vicki Jarrett ,	
HONOURAY MEMBER:	Lorraine Braham	
LIFE MEMBERS (dec)	Dave Simpson Walter Spears, Len Davenport	
PATRON:	Bernie Kilgariff (dec)	



Presidents Report

Hello Members,

Thankyou for electing me President, I found myself away at the time of the AGM but was happy to nominate and do my time as they say. I'd like to thank the outgoing committee for their hard work and dedication in keeping the MECCA car club alive and well. I also welcome the new committee, look forward to working with you and I hope your time on the committee is enjoyable.

The Red Centre Nats is on as we speak and is a huge celebration of all things motoring and mechanical and it is not going away anytime soon. In the last couple of days club members have endured and enjoyed Scrutineering in the rain, Show and Shine and the Street Parade. Our club is well represented with nine entries with most of us congregated around the Meat Hall section of the Greatorex Pavilion. The gazebo is set up and provides a base to sit and watch the passing crowd, say hello to friends and renew old acquaintances.

The club's success lies in it's simplicity, keeping the meetings to a minimum and getting the cars on the road and enjoying them. I'm happy to keep this formula going.

There is a committee meeting next Wed 7th September where we will set the club calendar for the year along with a few other things. If there is anything you would like to bring up I'm happy to be contacted on ph 0417 824684 or email at chateaujake@bigpond.com

Happy motoring
Trevor Jacobs



The Sec's Desk

MECCA General Meeting Sunday 14 August 2022

Held at Harry Griffiths Masonic Hall

Meeting opened by President Tony O'Brien at 9.10am

Present

Raelene Beale, Garry Bentley, Allan Campbell, John Cooper, Stephen Dinner, Douglas Draegar, Liz Driver, Mark Dunn, Brian Eather, Marie Gear, Stuart Gear, Sean Heenan, Karen Heenan, Neville Heness, Michael Hanrahan, Peter Hilliard, John Hubner, Trevor Hyman, Aileen Kennedy, Tony O'Brien, Dallas Spears, Jane Spears, Michele Thompson, Mike Thompson, Fred Twohig, Mandy Vandenberg, Steve Vandenberg.

Visitors or Provisional Members

Mick Ryan

Apologies

Brian Cartwright, Cameron Dinner, Russ Driver, Lisa Heness, Judy Inkster, Peter Inkster, Trevor Jacobs, Craig Lambley, Robyn Lambley, Tony McKenzie, Margaret McKenzie.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 July 2022 were read and approved - moved Allan Campbell seconded Tony O'Brien.

Business arising from the minutes

Nil.

Presidents Report

Tony gave his final report prior to the AGM, thanking everyone for their input, support, and attendance. Tony then gave an overview of the runs that took place for the previous year, and suggested trying to fit the 7 Mile run into the upcoming run calendar.

Presidents Report moved Allan Campbell, seconded Liz Driver.

Secretary's Report.

Mail received was 1 Bike Torque magazine, 1 Shannons Auction catalogue, and 1 bank statement.

Secretary's report moved Allan Campbell, seconded John Hubner.

Treasurers Report.

Liz Driver read details of statement at the meeting.

Opening bank balance was \$6472.58, + \$840.00 membership fees+ \$75.00 donation from Dinner family; Nil expenses. The net bank balance is \$7387.58.

Invoice to be paid are Gallagher Insurance \$1025.00; refund Jim Dalton from Ayers Rock \$50.00.

Treasurers Report moved Raelene Beale seconded John Cooper.

General Business

-Tony O'Brien suggested buying a Weber BBQ to take on runs where there are no cooking facilities. Brian Eather confirmed there is a BBQ available for use on site when we go to the Aviation Museum. Stuart Gear confirmed that there is a BBQ available for use at the Masonic Hall, but not to be taken off site. Raelene supports the idea of purchasing a Weber as they use one for a sporting club, and it is portable and handy. Tony will do further research on what is available to purchase and how much they cost.

-Stephen Dinner brought in his Bright Spark award so members could see what it looks like and consider what we may be able to use at MECCA.

-Corrections for the newsletter are that there were some peoples' names left off the Stuarts Well attendance list. Also in attendance were Aileen Kennedy and Allan Campbell.

-Next meeting is 11 September.

-AGM will be held after morning tea. Lunch at Olive Pink at noon.

Meeting closed at 10.00am.

Minutes of the Motor Enthusiasts Club of Central Australia (MECC)

Annual General Meeting

held at 10.23am on Sunday 14 August 2022
at the Harry Griffiths Masonic Hall

Meeting opened by presiding officer John Hubner at 10.30am

Present

Raelene Beale, Garry Bentley, Allan Campbell, John Cooper, Stephen Dinner, Douglas Draegar, Liz Driver, Mark Dunn, Brian Eather, Marie Gear, Stuart Gear, Sean Heenan, Karen Heenan, Neville Heness, Michael Hanrahan, Peter Hilliard, John Hubner, Trevor Hyman, Aileen Kennedy, Tony O'Brien, Dallas Spears, Jane Spears, Michele Thompson, Mike Thompson, Fred Twohig, Mandy Vandenberg, Steve Vandenberg.

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Apologies

Brian Cartwright, Cameron Dinner, Russ Driver, Lisa Heness, Judy Inkster, Peter Inkster, Trevor Jacobs, Craig Lambley, Robyn Lambley, Tony McKenzie, Margaret McKenzie.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 August 2021 were read and approved - moved Mandy Van Den Berg, seconded Sean Heenan. Motion carried.

Business arising from the minutes

Nil.

Presidents Report

As per monthly meeting; Tony O'Brien thanked the members.
Moved Sean Heenan, seconded Raelene Beale.

Treasurers Report.

Liz Driver provided a verbal report for the meeting showing a profit of \$599.22.
Moved Mandy Vandenburg, seconded Brian Cartwright.

A motion was put to reappoint Trezona Accounting as the club auditor,

Moved John Hubner, seconded Tony O'Brien. Motion carried.

All positions were then declared vacant.

The following people were elected unopposed:

President Trevor Jacobs moved Tony O'Brien seconded John Hubner. CARRIED.

Vice President Tony O'Brien moved Mike Thompson seconded Neville Heness. CARRIED.

Secretary Aileen Kennedy moved Liz Driver seconded Raelene Beale. CARRIED.

Treasurer Sean Heenan moved Tony O'Brien seconded Peter Hilliard. CARRIED.

Registrar Allan Campbell moved John Hubner seconded Raelene Beale. CARRIED.

Public Officer Brian Eather moved John Hubner seconded Marie Gear. CARRIED.

Editor Doug Draegar moved John Hubner seconded Tony O'Brien. CARRIED.

Webmaster Tony McKenzie moved John Hubner seconded Tony O'Brien. CARRIED.

Historian Stuart Gear moved John Hubner seconded Tony O'Brien. CARRIED.

Crankhandle Alvena Spears moved Raelene Beale seconded Sean Heenan. CARRIED.

Club Hostess Lisa Heness moved John Hubner seconded Tony O'Brien. CARRIED.

Committee Neville Heness moved John Hubner seconded Liz Driver. CARRIED.

Peter Inkster moved Liz Driver seconded Tony O'Brien. CARRIED.

Stephen Dinner moved Mandy Vandenberg seconded Garry Bentley. CARRIED.

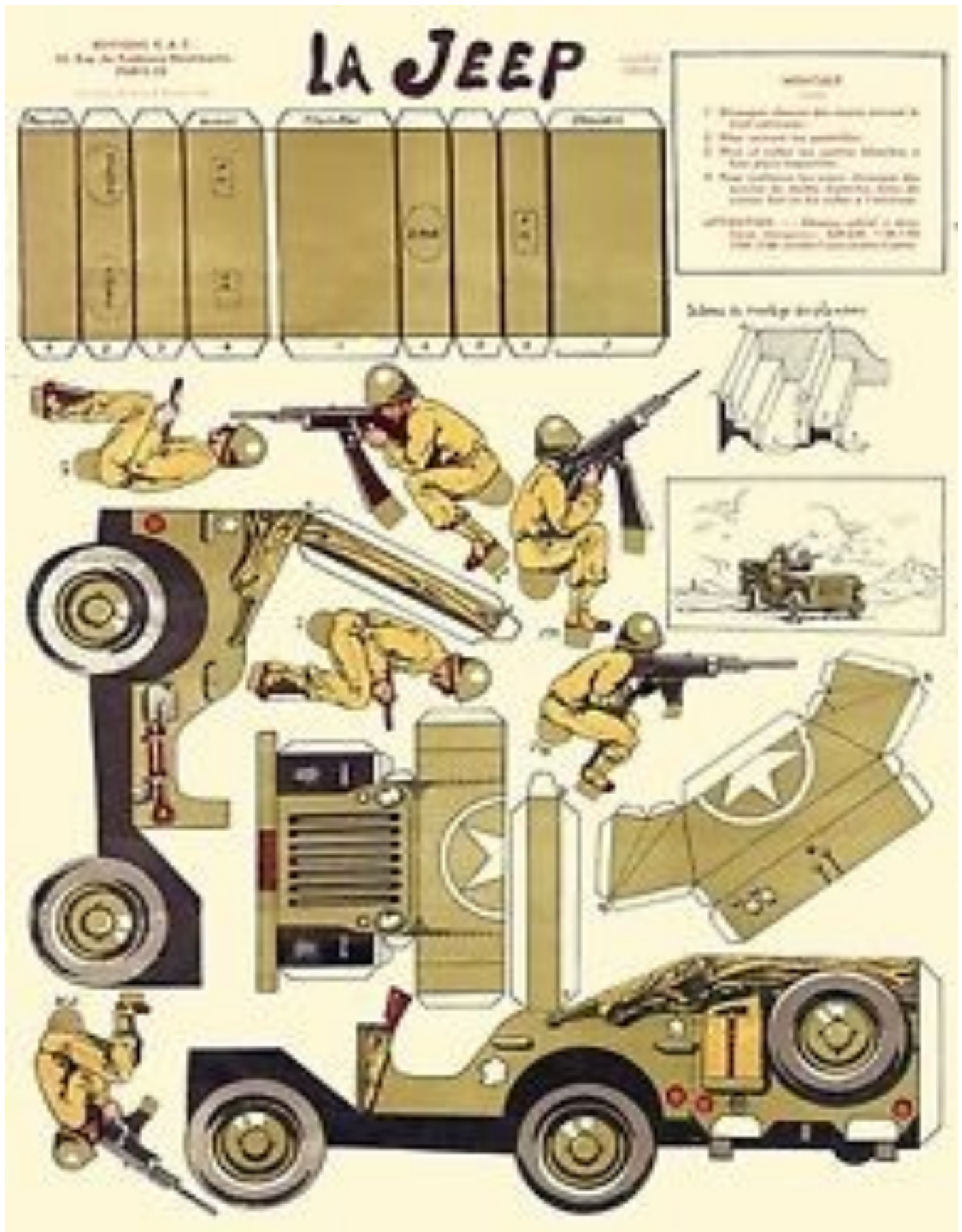
Brian Cartwright moved Raelene Beale seconded Brian Eather. CARRIED.

Membership fees were discussed and will remain the same.

Lunch being held at Olive Pink today at 12 noon.

Overlander Badge discussed. Not many people applying lately. Michele suggested emailing committees from other clubs to let them know it is available. Allan suggested putting something on Red Centre Nats page.

Meeting closed at 10.50am



This edition: Jeep Cut Out,

New vehicle cut out each edition—collect all Ten

From the Editor

Thanks for entrusting the club magazine for the next 12 months with me

I will try my best. This my first edition has been a learning exercise

Thank you Liz Driver for the handover and assistance

Hope you can all help with content for future editions

I need to submit a draft 2023 calendar next month (Oct) if members support at the next meeting (\$800— for 200 copies tbc) so if you have some good club activity group pictures in you photo collection and would like to submit them for possible inclusion, email me dougdraeger@hotmail.com or upload them on the club facebook page

Please send me your photos from Red Centre Nationals for the next edition

Committee meeting on Wed 7th Sept to flesh out the club calendar and other club business, will update at the next meeting on Sunday 11th September

If you have any preferences for club runs throughout the year, email the committee and let us know

Email committee@mecca.asn.au

Enjoy

So as the cartoon suggests — get behind your editor and help push content for the next edition of our club magazine



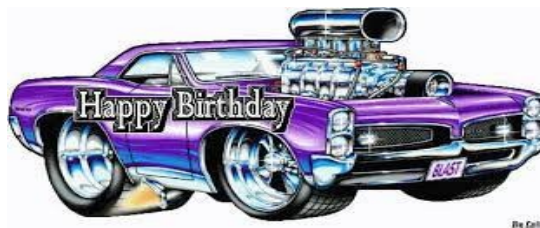


Sincere sympathy from all members for the Lambley family with the tragic news of their sons passing whilst overseas on holiday with friends



Liz Driver

Brian Cartwright



Happy Birthday wishes for month of August to members:

Brian Eather

Happy Birthday wishes for month of September to members:

Blair McFarland

Vicki Jarrett

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome our new member

Michael Ryan

CLUB CALENDAR

September 10th General Meeting followed by Run—TBA
Ilparpa / Honeymoon Gap / Larapinta Dve
Lunch Alice Springs Brewery from 12 Noon

October 9th General Meeting followed by historic 7 Mile aerodrome visit
Bathurst 6th—9th Oct

November 13th Christmas Party—Location TBA

December / January—No meetings

February 12th General Meeting—followed by breakfast run—Olive Pink

March 12th General Meeting—followed by shed crawl
Trevor Jacobs organiser + BBQ

April 8th—9th FINKE Desert Race
(3rd Sunday) 16th **General Meeting** followed by drive to Drag Strip

May 14th Mothers Day

(3rd Sunday) 21st **General Meeting** followed by drive to Simpsons Gap

21st—National Motoring Heritage Day (Drive It Day) - NRTHFame

June 12th Queens Birthday Long Weekend

(3rd Sunday) 18th **General Meeting** followed by drive to Stanley Chasm

July 9th General Meeting following Alice Springs Show Display (Fri + Sat)

August 13th General Meeting
AGM
followed by Shed crawl (Sean Heenan organiser)

September 10th General Meeting
followed by run Corroboree rock lunch Alice Springs Brewery

Services

Trevs Auto Repairs

For rego checks, repairs and wheel alignments etc

Phone 8955-5568

Club Merchandise For Sale

Club shirts in various sizes \$45– each

Club hats \$20– each

Available at club meetings—See treasurer or secretary

Club Car Trailer

Stephen Dinner is currently the club car trailer manager and currently resides at his property in Ilparpa for pick up and return

Trailer hire bookings and forms (Conditions for hire) are available from Stephen Dinner

Email committee to make a booking committee@mecca.asn.au

Who has some spare shed space ? :)

Club has some tables, chairs, Gazebo, looking for a home between club events.

Can you help with undercover storage

See the president—Trevor Jacobs—if you can help

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Overlander Badge History & Particulars

The members of the **Alice Springs Vintage & Veteran Car Club** originally created this very special and much sought after award in the mid 1970s in recognition of the many Veteran, Vintage and Classic motor vehicles whose drivers took up the challenge to travel from interstate to visit Alice Springs. Back in those days the roads to Alice were not the wide, smooth roads we have today but were narrow, undulating strips of bitumen with rough shoulders and causeways where we now have all weather bridges. The Stuart Highway from Port Augusta to the Northern Territory border was still a rough boulder strewn, bull dust and corrugated dirt track which tested the endurance of man and his machine. The sealing of this part of the Stuart Highway was not completed until 1987. The award was appropriately named the **OVERLANDER BADGE** to commemorate the vast distances covered on these roads, the confidence or blind faith the owners had in their vehicles, and the courage of the drivers and passengers who travelled in them to reach Alice Springs. In July 1996 when the **Motor Enthusiasts Club of Central Australia** was formed and incorporated the **Alice Springs Vintage & Veteran Car Club** it was decided that a new category be established to award vehicles from 1947 to a rolling date of 30 years old that make the journey to Alice Springs. This is called the **Special Interest** category.

Today the **OVERLANDER BADGE** is available to anyone who is confident enough to take up the challenge to drive their Veteran, Vintage, Classic or Special Interest vehicle or motor cycle either to or from Alice Springs over an approved distance. The Badge can only be awarded to the nominated driver and vehicle which must arrive at or depart from Alice Springs and cover the specified distance under the vehicles own power.

THE APPROVED DISTANCES FOR THE FOUR CATEGORIES ARE:

Veteran:	Up to 1919	500 kilometres
Vintage:	1920 to 1930	1500 kilometres
Classic:	1931 to 1946	3000 kilometres
Special Interest:	1947 to 30 years old	3000 kilometres



The badges differ in design to distinguish the different categories:

Veteran Badge:	White tyre, red spokes, silver grey background and yellow scroll.
Vintage Badge:	Black tyre, green spokes. Silver grey background and yellow scroll.
Classic:	Black tyre, orange spokes. Silver grey background and yellow scroll.
Special Interest:	Black tyre, blue spokes. Silver grey background and yellow scroll.

TO APPLY for the badge, contact your club secretary, or apply directly to the MECCA Club secretary. An application form will be sent to you or your club secretary, as required. This form is self-explanatory and must be returned to the MECCA club secretary on completion of the road kilometre requirements. Fee for the badge and engraving is \$75.00. We recommend payment in advance, ie., upon application, to ensure engraving is completed in time for presentation at the completion of your trip.

ALL APPLICANTS, whether arriving from interstate or originating in Alice Springs, must submit reasonable proof of their completion of the qualifying road kilometres in order to be awarded the Overland Badge. This is typically in the form of fuel receipts from the service stations along the route.

AFTER APPROVAL by the Overlander Badge committee, the badge applicable to your vehicle will be duly inscribed with the applicants name and vehicle and registered in our files. The badge will then be posted to you or your club secretary's postal address, as specified. If you have completed your required kilometres upon arrival in Alice Springs, MECCA can present the badge to the applicant in person.

For further inquiries email us, or drop us a line at the above addresses.

Historic Vehicle Registration—Know the rules

Don't get caught out

Google: Historic rego rules NT

<https://nt.gov.au/driving/regos/getting-an-nt-registration/motor-club-vehicles/conditions-of-club-registration-scheme>

Some pointers

The NT Club Registration Scheme gives you a reduced rate of registration and compulsory third party insurance so you can maintain the operational status of historic and individually constructed vehicles.

Under this type of registration you have restricted access to a road or related area.

The Club Registration Scheme is not an alternative to normal vehicle registration.

It is also not a short-term registration scheme.

1. The vehicle must not be used to go to and from work.
2. You can't use your vehicle for a commercial enterprise.
3. You must keep a log-book of all of your road travel.
4. Your log-book must be in the vehicle at all times while driving to produce to police or a transport inspector when asked.
5. You must only drive your vehicle on a road as part of an approved road event, or according to the conditions for maintenance or test driving.

If you don't comply with all of the above these rules, you can be reported to the chief transport inspector and your registration may be cancelled.



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