



CentreSpoke

July 2023

ALICE SPRINGS SHOW



Motor Enthusiasts Club of Central Australia

Incorporating The Alice Springs Vintage & Veteran Car Club

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Len Davenport

PATRON: Bernie Kilgariff (dec)



Presidents Report

Hello Members,

July Show Day has now come and gone and whilst numbers were down, the Mecca stand looked quite good opposite the Road Transport Hall of Fame and their exhibits.

The Show Society placed us amongst other mechanical stands being the drag club advertising their National titles and Jetcor with all manner of motor cycles. The theme worked very well.

Thanks goes to Neville and Lisa for showing their Calais and to Ross Murphy with his Dodge 6 wheel troop carrier. The other 2 exhibits were my Chrysler and Etype. There was strong interest from 2 people about the club but unfortunately none came along to the meeting on the Sunday. All in all it was a very pleasant 2 days meeting everybody you know in Alice Springs pass by. Thanks also to those members who called in to say hello and man the site as we went to have a look at the show ourselves.

Also it must be noted that at least 3 members were absorbed into other show duties over this weekend. Those were Russ Driver shifting 6 cars for RTHF for free, Sean Heenan working the Rotary and CLP stands in between carrying out electrical work, and Doug Draeger with his light horse display complete with donkeys and horses. Well done to these people.

The general meeting on the Sunday immediately following the show was well attended although no club run was scheduled. There was lots of talk around the urn and with thanks to Lisa for providing the freshly baked biscuits.

The AGM is coming up next meeting (13th August) with all positions being declared vacant. Here's your chance to have a say so put your hand up and nominate.

I won't be nominating again as Ann and I have sold and are off in the first part of August to pastures down south. I'm reliably told that the books are being audited now and should be available for presentation and that the garage crawl to follow is in hand or at least thought of.

The next major event for the car club is the Red Centre Nats. I've had a call from one of the organisers Sofi asking if any of our club members would be interested in volunteering during the event in exchange for free car entry etc. If you are interested in this please give Sofi a call - see page 12

Happy motoring,
Cheers
Trevor Jacobs



The Sec's Desk

MECCA General Meeting Sunday 9 July 2023

Held at Harry Griffiths Masonic Hall Allchurch Street
Meeting opened by President Trevor Jacobs at 9.10am

Present

Gary Bentley, Allan Campbell, Adrian Cousins, Stephen Dinner, Douglas Draegar, Liz Driver, Brian Eather, Marie & Stuart Gear, Lisa & Neville Heness, Peter Hilliard, Trevor Jacobs, Aileen Kennedy, Stuart McDonell, Margaret & Tony McKenzie, Tim Schubert, Mike Thompson, Fred Twohig.

Visitors or Provisional Members—Nil

Apologies

Raelene Beale, John Cooper, Cameron Dinner, Russ Driver, Carol & Ross Murphy, Tony O'Brien, Michele Thompson.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 June 2023 and distributed via CentreSpoke were accepted with addendum that Trevor Jacobs name should be in the list of members present. Moved Alan Campbell, Seconded Liz Driver.

Presidents Report

President Trevor Jacobs gave an overview of the Alice Springs Show, reminded members that the AGM is coming up, and that fees are now due.

Presidents report accepted moved Mike Thompson, Seconded Fred Twohig.

Secretary's Report—Correspondence In:

Copy of member application from Sam Salmon via email.

Correspondence Out:

Emailed Rod Berry re Alice Springs Show.

Secretary's report moved Mike Thompson, Seconded Fred Twohig.

Treasurers Report - Sean is unavailable today.

General Business

Alice Springs Show was held on 7 – 8 July 2023. Vehicles were entered for display by Neville Heness, Ross Murphy, and Trevor Jacobs.

Club members involved in other areas of the show include:

Tim Schubert at Alice Springs Beekeepers stand

Michele Thompson at Jetcor stand

Sean Heenan at CLP stand and fireworks

Russ Driver shifting vehicles for people

Doug Draegar part of the World War 1 display.

Fees are now due for payment. Payment to be made prior to AGM to be eligible to vote.

Next meeting: AGM on Sunday 13 August 2023, 9am, Harry Griffiths Masonic Hall, Allchurch Street.

Meeting closed 9.30am



MECCA

**MOTOR ENTHUSIASTS CLUB OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA
Inc**

CLUB Calendar 2022 - 2023

**13th August - 9.00am meeting then AGM followed by shed
crawl (Sean Heenan organiser) TBC**

2nd - 3rd September—Red Centre Nats - club stall

10th September - 9.00am meeting followed by run to Corroboree rock
and lunch Alice Springs Brewery - TBC

2nd October - 9.00am meeting followed by run - TBC

6th—9th October—Bathurst

Aging is tricky. It's like you still feel young *INSIDE*, but then every once in a while you catch a glimpse of yourself in the mirror and reality just smacks you in the face.



ALICE SPRINGS SHOW 7TH - 8TH JULY



Neville and Lisa put in the Caprice.

It was a huge success with the crowd.

Neville had a few offers however declined.- silly bugger - ha ha

Ross Murphy and the Dodge what a beast

Again very popular



Alice Springs Show (2)

Looking after the MECCA stall - Ross Murphy, Stuart Gear, Trevor Jacobs, Neville, Lisa and Megan Heness. Many thanks Russ and Liz filled in the lunch hour. Thanks also to Sean Heenan for delivering the calendars for potential members



Wow - Trevor Jacobs put in his Jaguar and Chrysler and was a huge success with the crowds - I reckon he could of charged for the tour and information of the vehicles - Well done Mr President.



LOOK WHO WON THE CLP RAFFLE
OUR ONE AND ONLY SECRETARY AILEEN
CONGRATULATIONS





1931 Cord L-29 Cabriolet This vehicle was sold and restored.

In the summer of 1929, E. L. Cord introduced his fabulous new creation; the front-wheel drive Cord L-29. The L-29 was offered initially in Sedan, Brougham, Phaeton, and sporty and elegant Cabriolet form, at prices initially ranging from \$3,095 to \$3,295.

Unfortunately for Cord, just as his newly launched car was reaching dealer showrooms, the Wall Street stock market crash of October 1929 devastated new car sales, especially in the upper section of the market the new Cord was targeted to. Despite a program of price cuts, sales never took off and the world's first practical front-wheel-drive production car was discontinued in 1932, Including cars supplied in chassis form to independent coachbuilders, only 5,010 L-29s were built, of which it is thought that around 300 of all types exist today.

This stunning L-29s history can be traced to Cincinnati, Ohio when a Mr. Huffrey purchased this classic for \$750 in 1946. After changing ownership several times, it was acquired by Mr. Jerry Fisher of Piqua, Ohio. In 1969, an amateur restoration was performed by Mr. Hubert Wood of South Charleston, Ohio. A collector purchased the L-29 in 1980 and drove it to the western part of the United States, where it was kept in a private museum collection until 2013. The subsequent owner commissioned Packard and Classic Cars of Bremen, Germany to perform a comprehensive restoration.

The detailed, authentic, and through restoration included a complete teardown to the frame, which was sandblasted and powder-coated. The axles, springs, and all related suspension and undercarriage components were sandblasted and repainted as well. All the cars sheet metal, fenders and running boards were expertly refinished to show quality, new structural woodwork fitted as needed, and all body panels properly fitted and gaps checked before being painted and clear-coated four times to achieve a stunning mirror-gloss finish.

1931 Cord L- 29 Cabriolet (2)

The wire wheels were repainted black with four coats of clear. The beautiful chrome and bright work were restored and polished to perfection. The dash was completely disassembled and rebuilt, and all new period-correct wiring harnesses were crafted and installed. A new leather interior, including the rumble seat, was carefully created from the original patterns, and accented with smart dark red piping. A new black canvas convertible top, featuring contrasting red stitching, was fitted over newly crafted wooden top bows.

Wanting to have this classic run and drive as well as it looks, a full overhaul of all mechanical systems included a rebuild of the 298.6 cubic-inch L-head engine, including new Babbitt-type bearings, installation of a new camshaft, polishing and balancing of the crankshaft, and having the cylinder block bored and honed and the head planed. The three-speed manual transmission was cleaned and inspected, and a new clutch and pressure-plate were fitted. A full rebuild of the front suspension system featured custom-made front ball joints hardened to original specifications. The starter, generator, cooling system, and water pump were rebuilt and a new radiator installed.

Of particular importance to collectors, this Cord L-29 still retains its original body tags, serial numbers, chassis, engine, and cabriolet body, making it eligible for concours exhibition and many Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Club events. Clearly benefiting from the recently completed, show-quality restoration, and comprehensive mechanical overhaul, this exceptional Full Classic L-29 Cord Cabriolet features a wonderful colour combination and is ideally suited for the show field and touring enjoyment - the choice is yours.



RED CENTRE NATS-1ST - 3RD SEPTEMBER 2023

Not long to go fathers day weekend - are you in Red Centre Nats?

We are privileged the organizer Owen Webb has given us 12 vehicle spaces in the shed.

So next meeting 13/8 the Committee will ask who is in.

Remember before we met Owen we were outside and only the best vehicles made it into the shed. We must not let Red Centre Nats down and not do our part, otherwise we may not get into the shed in 2024.

Red Centre Nats organizer has asked if any one in the club would like to volunteer—see below.

Hey Guys,

We would love to have you be a part of Red CentreNats, whether it be entrant bag packing pre-event or scrutineering

The inclusions of being a part of the volunteer family would be as followed:

1. 1 x vehicle entry, free of charge*
2. 1 x volunteer pack that includes to be collected at the VIP Welcome Function:
3. Uniform (1 x hi-vis long sleeve shirt, 1 x hat, 1 x water bottle)
4. Catering provided during your rostered shifts
5. 1 x donation to your car club
6. 1 x invitation to the VIP Welcome Function including dinner and drinks
7. Weekend access for you and one other person of your choice to all event precincts at Red CentreNATS including Blatherskite Park and Alice Springs Inland Dragway

10% discount on Red CentreNATS merchandise purchased at the event only

The Event Manager and I of Red CentreNats, would also like to organise an online meeting with you to meet and for you to ask any questions.

So please so let me know a time that works for you

I look forward to hearing from you, please don't hesitate to send me through any questions as well.

Sofi Sutton - Event Co-ordinator 02 6241 8111
or email sofi@summernats.com.au



JOKE PAGE



What type of car does the dog hate?
A Cor-Vet.

Why did the snail paint a big "S" on his car's hood?
Because he wanted people to shout, "Look at that S-car go!" when he drove past.

What kind of vehicle does a chicken drive?
A coop.

What did the traffic light say to the car?
"Turn your head while I'm changing!"

Two French cheese trucks just crashed!
Looks like there's da' brie everywhere.

My car's favourite meal of the day is...
Brake-fast.



Why did the washing machine schedule a test drive?
Because he wanted to go for a spin.

I had a nightmare last night that someone hit me with a car muffler.
I woke up absolutely exhausted.

An electric car hit a cyclist the other day.
It got arrested for assault with a battery.

I wanted to buy a new electric car.
Their prices are just too shocking.

What do you get when you crash a cement truck into a bus full of convicts?
A bunch of hardened criminals.



A college student asks her 21 year old roommate, "How was your blind date?"
"Terrible!", she answers. "He showed up in his 1932 Rolls Royce."

"Wow! That's a very impressive car, what's so bad about that?"



- m0i0z

"He was the original owner."

Club membership renewals are due

Cost: Family \$70.00 Single \$50.00

Country (reside over 50km's from Alice Springs) \$20.00



Bank details:

BSB: 065 900

A/C: 0090 0920

Name: Motor Enthusiasts Club

Ref: Your Surname

Or

bring correct Cash at 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 13/8/23

<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 etc
<u>WEB MASTER:</u>	Looks after our Webpage and updates
<u>HISTORIAN:</u>	Keeps the History of our club
<u>CLUB HOSTESS</u>	responsible for hydration, munchies, organise food for BBQ and other club events
<u>CRANKHANDLE:</u>	Keeps us laughing with jokes.

Which position is yours remember all positions become vacant 13/8/23 and a new committee will be formed





August 2023

Brian Eather, Craig Lambley

Club Merchandise For Sale

Club shirts various sizes \$45.00 each

Available at Club meetings or contact Sean on 0439 040 188

Club Trailer

Stephen Dinner is trailer manager contact details
Stephen 0409 525 350

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EDITORS PAGE

Alice Springs Show was a success we filled our spots and the public enjoyed the variety. We also has a few people enquiring and got rid of some more calendars. That reminds me you need to think what you want on 2024 Calendar, believe it or not it is not that far away.

What a eventful year it has been, next meeting and AGM are you ready for it?
Will you be a new face on the Committee?

If not - why not?

Its good fun not too much to do just have good humour and have great meetings
and runs - nothing hard about that.
So put your hand up on August 13th.

All of us on the present committee will be stepping down - by force - ha ha.

I do know we will need a new president as Trevor has sold his house and bought another one down south so he won't be putting his hand up.

He has been great President and we will miss him.

Wish you and Anne all the best for your new adventure and keep in touch



The present Committee has done a marvellous job and the members say thankyou to all. With any luck the Committee will stay or we will have new blood, new ideas to keep the club alive.

See you at the next meeting 13/8/23 followed by AGM and shed crawl.

Liz Driver

P.S. DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR CLUB DUES BEFORE 13/8/23



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