CentreSpoke

October 2015

Don McInnes on his Vincent Black Shadow, with Stuart Gear in newly attached Dusting sidecar

Motor Enthusiasts Club of Central Australia

Incorporating The Alice Springs Vintage & Veteran Car Club

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Presidents Report

October 2015.

Welcome to the October Centre Spoke.

The September meeting had a good roll up and we kept the meeting as short as possible so that the members could have morning tea and a chat prior to the vehicle run. Thank you to Marie and Stuart for setting up the morning tea. We left for Standley Chasm at about 10:30 am, with a short stop at Flynn's Grave. A total of fourteen cars and four bikes made the journey to Standley Chasm. The vehicles created a lot of interest when we stopped at Flynn's Grave and Standley Chasm, there were a lot of tourists at Standley Chasm so the presence of our vehicles was a bonus for them. We only had one vehicle problem on the day, Trevor's car had temperature issues but he nursed it along and was able to complete the run. The food at the kiosk was quite good and everyone enjoyed a relaxing lunch break before returning home.

Last Monday I attended a steering committee debrief for the Red Centre Nat's. We were all asked to give a report on how the event went, the feedback will be used to assist planning for next year's event. From my perspective the event went really well with only a few minor issues that can be easily rectified next year. I thanked the organisers on behalf of the Alice Springs community and the motor enthusiast's from all of the Northern Territory for putting on the Red Centre Nat's.

Next week we have a visit from the Port Augusta car club on their visit to Alice Springs. They are leaving Monday and will arrive in Alice Springs on Sunday the 11th of October. We are trying to organise a meeting with them so that they can be presented with Overlander Badges. Unfortunately they will only be in Alice for two nights before their return journey, so we are looking at possibly going out for a meal on the Monday night. We will send out a flyer to advise everyone what is happening next week.

I have called a committee meeting next week so that we can sort out the calendar for next year and the end of year Christmas Party.

Our next meeting falls on the Bathurst weekend, I expect a few people will be at home watching the race. **Rather than alter the meeting time we will have a short meeting at the normal time**, we will finish early so that we can get home to watch the race. We will use the dinner for the Port Augusta club on the Monday for the months activity.

ACES & Eights have invited us to some of their events and I have included them on the new calendar.

Next meeting and run:

11th Oct, 9:00 am. meeting.

12th Oct, Meet with Pt Augusta Club Details to be advised.

As always we would like to see your vehicle, however if your vehicle is off the road, we would still like to see you at the event so drive your everyday car.

If you need more information please contact a committee member or myself.

Colin Jarrett. Mob: 0457297271. Home: 89526261.

The Sec's Desk

MOTOR ENTHUSIAST CLUB CENTRAL AUSTRALIA inc

MEETING SUNDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER, 2015

Meeting Opened: 9:10 am

Present: Laurie Trimper, Heather Trimper, Allan Campbell, Lisa Heness, Stuart Gear, Alvena Spears, Walter Spears, Helena Napolitano, John Cooper, Peter Hilliard, Trevor Hyman, Rhonda Fitzgerald, John Syme, Dieter Hentschel, Jasmina Muhic, Mal Trull, Russ Driver, Liz Driver, Don McInnes, Derek Poolier, Frank Allan, Raelene Beale, Philippe Freitel, Brian Eather, Marie Gear, Colin Jarrett, Michele Thompson and Fred Twohig (late)

Apologies: Richard and Jill Cope, Tim Schubert, John Hubner, Mike Thompson

Visitors: Garry Bentley

Previous Minutes:
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed

Moved: Frank Seconded: Alvena All: Carried

Treasurer's Report:

The report could not be presented due to the absence of the Treasurer.

Colin reported that a donation had been received from the Road Transport Hall of Fame and had been banked.

Moved: Seconded: All:

Correspondence In:

Gawler Veteran Vintage & Classic Vehicle Club Journal – August 2015
Bike Torque – August 2015
Crank Talk – September 2015
Steering Column – August 2015
Six Applications for Overlander Badges and cheque – Port Augusta 5th-15th Oct

Correspondence Out: Nil

Moved: Stuart Seconded: Colin All: Carried

President's Report

Road Transport Hall of Fame : Colin expressed what a great night it had been and thanked all who attended to help on the bar, for their efforts. Special thanks went to the extra people brought along by club members to help out.

Colin attended the debrief and the organizers asked him to pass on their thanks and appreciation of a great effort the club had put in.

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They had a few issues with holding a dinner for 900 people and are looking to make it better for future events. They don't anticipate that many people next year.

Red Centre Nationals : Colin has been invited to a debrief on the 28th of September and planning for next years event is already underway.
The organizers were extremely happy with the event and were overwhelmed with 450 entries. This far exceeded what they anticipated for the inaugural event.
Congratulations to all MECCA club members who were winners!
Russ Driver stressed the importance of purchasing tickets for the Podium event to be able to collect your prizes. Great value for the price of the ticket too.

Name Badges : New members (and some not so new) were given their MECCA badges.

Christmas Function : Colin reported that he has tried to get in touch with Alice in the Territory, unsuccessfully so far, and is looking into options for a Sunday Christmas Luncheon.

Action : Options will be investigated and members will be advised as soon as possible.

General Business:
Newsletters : Stuart was congratulated on a great photo on the cover of the last issue.

Action : Please let us know if you are not receiving your newsletter or would prefer it posted if you do not have email. If you have articles for Stuart, could they please be forwarded in "word" format.

Overlander Badges : Stuart has been in touch with the people coming from Port Augusta as they plan on being in Alice Springs from the 10th to the 13th of October.
Discussion was held on the best way we could host the visitors and have a presentation of their badges. The weekend being the Bathurst Race weekend posed a few issues.

Action : Stuart will be in touch with the visitors to see what time would fit into their itinerary best.

Alvena's Special Contribution : Alvena presented two great jokes and gave everyone a good laugh!!!

Today's Run: Standley Chasm for lunch

October Run: TBA when we know when the Overlander Badges presentations will be held.

Meeting Closed: 9:40 am

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Calendar 2015

January: No events.

February:
8th: 9am. Breakfast at Hungry Jacks.

March:
8th: 9am Meeting. Run TBA.

April:
12th: 9am Meeting. Run TBA.

May:
4th: Bangtail Muster Parade.
10th: 9am Meeting. Mothers Day run TBA.
17th: National Motoring Day. Run and BBQ.

June:
14th: 9am Meeting. Run TBA.

July:
12th: 9am Meeting. Run TBA.

August:
9th: 9am Meeting followed by **AGM.**
29th / 30th: National Transport Hall of Fame Reunion.

September:
5th / 6th: Red Centre Nationals.
13th: 9am Meeting. Run TBA.

October:
10th : 6:00pm ACES &Eights. Poker run. Meet at K Mart. $10:00 per head includes BBQ
. 11th: 9am Meeting. Bathurst
12th: Overlander Badge presentation to Pt Augusta Club members**. (TBC.)**

November:
8th: 9am Meeting
15th: 8:30am Aces & Eights. Pancakes and run to Standley Chasm. Meet at BJ's.
11:30am Christmas lunch. Venue TBA.

December:
19th : 6:00pm. Aces & Eights Christmas light run and Christmas party. Meet at K Mart.
No meeting.

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Calendar 2016

January: No events.

February:
14th: 9am. Breakfast at Hungry Jacks.

March:
13th: 9am Meeting. Observation run Finishing at the Golf Club for lunch.

April:
10th: 9am Meeting followed by a shed run. Morning tea at the first shed and lunch at the last.

May:
2nd: Bangtail Muster Parade.
8th: 9am Meeting. Mothers Day morning tea.
15th: National Motoring Day. Observation run to the Aviation Museum and BBQ.
22nd- 28th : The 24th National Model A Ford Rally. (Katherine & Darwin)
www.**modelaford**clubofnsw.com.au
29th: SHANNON's Extravaganza Darwin. (To be Confirmed)

June:
12th: 9am Meeting. Run to the Tropic of Capricorn for morning tea and on to Aileron for lunch.
11th – 13th Finke Desert Race.
18th – 24th Classic Outback Trial. (Alice Springs)

July:
1st – 3rd Alice Springs Show.
10th: 9am Meeting followed by a run to Stuart's Well for lunch.

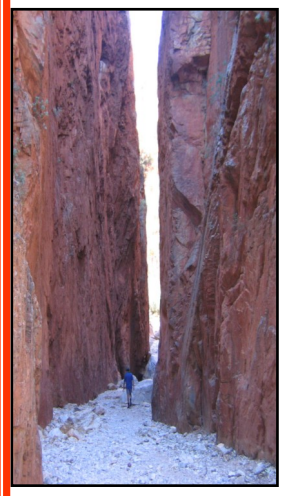
August:
14th: 9am Meeting followed by **AGM.** Barbecue lunch to follow.
29th / 30th: National Transport Hall of Fame Reunion

September:
1st – 4th: Red Centre Nationals. (Alice Springs)
11th: 9am Meeting followed by a run to Standley Chasm.
24thSept -2nd October. The 2016 Model T National Rally (Victoria).
25th: Bay to Birdwood. S.A.

October:
9th: 9am Meeting. (Bathurst 1000).
6th – 9th Bathurst 1000. (NSW)

November:
13th: 9am Meeting.
Christmas lunch. Venue TBA.

December:
No meeting.



Standley Chasm Run

Our run to Standley Chasm on Sunday the 13th of September was very well attended, with many cars and motor bikes making the journey on such a glorious day. Very little wind and just enough warmth to let us know that summer is just around the corner. A beautiful day for those members riding motor cycles.

We had our usual meeting at 9:00 AM and a cuppa afterwards before forming up at Flynn's grave for the run.

Members love their food, almost as much as their cars and this was purchased at the kiosk and eaten at the tables along with much talk.

Photos: 1, 2, 3, Vehicles assembled at Flynn's Grave. 4, 8, & 9 Vehicles assembled at Standley Chasm. 5 Wally & Buick. 6 Trevor sporting a smart motoring shirt. 7.Andy Hill's black Corvette.

Club members enjoying the food and conversation at Standley Chasm.

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