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Meeting dates.

ACRM SA Inc. meetings are on the FOURTH TUESDAY of each month.
There is no December Meeting.
The next OCM is March 27th & April's the meeting is the 24th.
Gawler/Barossa general meetings are on the THIRD TUESDAY of each month.
Also no meeting in December
Next meeting will be April 17th 2012.

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PRESSIE'S PRATTLE; Phil 48:

Another AGM over and the elections, predictably, saw no changes to the line up. We did however have one person nominated for Life membership and as he wasn't at the meeting, Chris 49 made the presentation while we were at Tanunda for the Show. The recipient for 2012 was John Milward ACRM 342. John is a member of our Central Belt division and has sort of been around forever. When we received his nomination for eligibility as a Life Member, it was explained that as an exemplary member, he was always first to put his hand up for a task and didn't mind going the extra mile to get the job done.
That ladies and gentlemen is what makes a good ACRM member and typifies one that is worthy of being among the elite group who are Life Members.
Congratulations John.

One thing that did change at the AGM was membership fees, The combined Full membership is now $14, an increase of $2 pa. The motion to increase was put after consideration of the fact that it was 11 years since the last increase and costs have risen 3 fold in the last ten years.
The breakdown now is:

Full member (including the Communicator.)	$14.00
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Mag only (Auxiliary members, Affiliates & Life members.)	$9.00

TREASURE TROVE; Chris 49:

Anyone remember these things? Do you remember how clean they were when we first got them? Let's all make a concerted effort to throw them into the washing machine before this season starts and we can have them all looking like new again.

I'm also looking for vest number 26 and would dearly love to get reacquainted with it so check your vest numbers and advise me if you have it. It may have been allocated without a name put down next to it or it may be a spare that we are desperate to get back.

The audit of ACRM affairs was presented and accepted at the AGM and a copy is in the back of this mag' for your perusal.

RALLY ROUND-UP

Rally is not a dirty word when there are plenty of people to go around but when you have trouble filling the holes on a one-day ride where only 2 checkpoints are required, it makes you wonder.

The Tanunda Show was a success by all accounts (see 48's article of the same name).

The One day Ride is at Mt Crawford on the Sunday 25th and will probably be run and won by the time this mag gets to you. At the time of writing, there were over 100 entries with still time to nominate so it is promising to be a big event.

We almost had two more Rides booked at Starkeys but it looks like they will limit the legs to 20 k, which negates our presence.

The next Ride will be the Easter Bunny at Truro and I hope to see some more hands go up for that one. Vetting is on Good Friday so the rides, including a 110k will be on Saturday with a 0500 start, yep that's 5 O'clock in the am so there may be a good chance to try out some of the new 10 watt LED floods.

Maps for Robby (June Long weekend) are being done and should be forwarded to us soon.

We have had an official request from the 24 Hour organising committee to again assist with the trial. The date is the 14th-15th July.

I have some names for each event but will need many more. Please contact me or Phil a.s.a.p. so we don't have to do a frantic ring around at the last minute.

A few Maxine moments.

1. If the number 99 is pronounced ninety-nine, why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety-one?
2. If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhoea, does that mean that one out of five enjoys it?
3. Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?
3. If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?
4. If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?
5. If the person who plays a piano is called a pianist, should a person who drives a racecar not be called a racist?
6. If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?
7. If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, then doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?
8. Do Lipton Tea employees take 'coffee breaks?'
9. What hair colour do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?
10. I thought about how mothers feed their babies with tiny little spoons and forks, so I wondered what do Chinese mothers use. Toothpicks?

Member's contributions to our insanity.

This little titbit comes from John 232.

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting.
Well, for example, the other day, Mary, my wife and I went into town and visited a shop.
We were only in there for 5 minutes but when we came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket.
We went up to him and I said, 'Come on, man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?'
He ignored us and continued writing the ticket. I called him stupid. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn-out tires. Mary then called him a swine.
He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third. This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote. Just then our bus arrived, and we got on it and went home.
We try to have a little fun each day. It's important at our age.

This one's from 141.

A cocky in Western Australia took on a new hand. For breakfast, lunch and tea, day in, day out, week after week, he was fed a ration of rabbits — baked, stewed, fried, grilled, braised and roasted.
The new hand became violently ill. The boss scratched his head, and when that did no good, he gave the patient a good solid dose of Epsom salts.
The new hand showed no sign of recovery so the farmer decided it would be cheaper to bring out the local doctor than to bury the poor bloke.
"Hmm!" said the doctor. "Looks like food poisoning. What have you been eating?"
"Rabbits, doc," moaned the new hand. "I've ate rabbits for breakfast, lunch and tea for the past three weeks."
"What sort of treatment have you had?"
"Epsom salts, doc." "My good man," said the doctor firmly, "you don't need Epsom salts. You need ferrets!"

Chris 49 saw the stupidity of this next bunch and thought they should be shared.

Whatever happened to common sense ???????? The mind boggles.
STELLA AWARDS:
It's time again for the annual 'Stella Awards'! For those unfamiliar with these awards, they are named after 81-year-old Stella Liebeck who spilled hot coffee on herself and successfully sued McDonald's in New Mexico , where she purchased coffee. You may remember, she took the lid off the coffee and put it between her knees while she was driving. Who would ever think one could get burned doing that, right? That's right; these are awards for the most outlandish lawsuits and verdicts in the U.S. The kinds of cases that make you scratch your head in disbelief.
Here are the Stellas up to and including 2011:

SEVENTH PLACE
Kathleen Robertson of Austin, Texas was awarded $80,000 by a jury of her peers after breaking her ankle tripping over a toddler who was running inside a furniture store. The store owners were understandably surprised by the verdict, considering the running toddler was her own son
* SIXTH PLACE *
Carl Truman, 19, of Los Angeles , California won $74,000 plus medical expenses when his neighbour ran over his hand with a Honda Accord. Truman apparently didn't notice there was someone at the wheel of the car when he tried to steal his neighbour’s hubcaps.
* FIFTH PLACE *
Terrence Dickson, of Bristol , Pennsylvania , who was leaving a house he had just burglarised by way of the garage found himself stuck between the automatic garage door with a malfunctioning opener and the house because the door connecting the garage to the house locked when Dickson pulled it shut. Forced to sit for eight days and survive on a case of warm Pepsi and a large bag of dry dog food, he sued the homeowner's insurance company claiming undue mental Anguish... Amazingly, the jury said the insurance company must pay Dickson $500,000 for his anguish.
FOURTH PLACE
Jerry Williams, of Little Rock, Arkansas, garnered 4th Place in the Stella's when he was awarded $14,500 plus medical expenses after being bitten on the butt by his next door neighbour’s beagle - even though the beagle was on a chain in its owner's fenced yard. Williams did not get as much as he asked for because the jury believed the beagle might have been provoked at the time of the butt bite because Williams had climbed over the fence into the yard and repeatedly shot at the dog with a pellet gun.

* THIRD PLACE *
Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania because a jury ordered a Philadelphia restaurant to pay her $113,500 after she slipped on a spilled soft drink and broke her tailbone. The reason the soft drink was on the floor: Ms. Carson had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument.
SECOND PLACE
Kara Walton, of Claymont , Delaware sued the owner of a night club in a nearby city because she fell from the bathroom window to the floor, knocking out her two front teeth. Even though Ms. Walton was trying to sneak through the ladies room window to avoid paying the $3.50 cover charge, the jury said the night club had to pay her $12,000, on top of dental expenses

Ok. Here we go!!
* FIRST PLACE *
This time's runaway First Place Stella Award winner was: Mrs. Merv Grazinski, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who purchased a new 32-foot Winnebago motor home. On her first trip home, from an OU football game, having driven on to the freeway, she set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the driver's seat to go to the back of the Winnebago to make herself a sandwich. Not surprisingly, the motor home left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Also not surprisingly, Mrs. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not putting in the owner's manual that she couldn't actually leave the driver's seat while the cruise control was set. The Oklahoma jury awarded her, are you sitting down?
$1,750,000 PLUS a new motor home. Winnebago actually changed their manuals as a result of this suit, just in case Mrs. Grazinski has any relatives who might also buy a motor home.

Just for a giggle.

I called my stockbroker and asked him what I should be buying in this present climate.

> He said, "If the current government is in office much longer, tinned food, a generator, water and ammunition are your best bets."

I went fishing this morning but after a short time I ran out of worms. Then I saw a cottonmouth with a frog in his mouth. Frogs are good bass bait.
Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in his mouth I grabbed him right behind the head, took the frog, and put it in my bait bucket. Now the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bit. So, I grabbed my bottle of Jack Daniels and poured a little whiskey in its mouth. His eyes rolled back, he went limp. I released him into the lake without incident and carried on fishing using the frog.
A little later, I felt a nudge on my foot. It was that snake, with two more frogs.

RIDE RAMBLINGS, PHIL 48.

Not really a ride but nevertheless, worthy of a ramble.

Tanunda 2012; Phil 48:

Number one (The Tanunda Show) is done and dusted for 2012. On Sat March 10th Chris 49 and I, assisted Trev 120 and his merry band at the Show day.
The weather was excellent, which was a pleasant surprise, as it's normally bloody hot and due to the nature of the beast (one man in the tent on the oval having a dislike for anything female) and the result being none of the women wanting to work in the centre, I have been allotted that position for a few years now. After few years of being there and not taking any crap from this fella, he was even civil to Chris when she came over to relieve my post.

Unless I have my stats wrong, next year will be the one hundredth Show and it appears by the size of the show this year, they are working up to big event. A few indicators were the extra sideshows and/or exhibits. Most obvious was a lack of space for our vehicles, despite Trev 120's planning and making what he thought was plenty of space in our normal corner inside the gates at Gate 2. The space this year was diminished by a display from CFS and the Police and a new barricade around the grassed areas meant no parking under the trees thus 500 square metres or so were gone.
There was one bonus having a police display and that was looking at some of the old police vehicles. I've no doubt many will remember the Black Mariah? There may be some who have only heard about them and some who have no idea what I'm on about so I'll explain a bit: Most countries have a version of something called the Black Mariah, whether it be a hearse, meat wagon (ambulance) or in our case a black FJ Holden with Police written on the side of it.

Like 'em or loathe 'em, it must have been a harrowing sight when one of these pulled in behind you with that siren on the driver's side mudguard wound up.

Another well kept car was a Holden Kingswood – of "You're not taking the Kingswood, I just polished the bumper bar," fame and another was a Chrysler Royal with Highway Patrol insignia. I admit I had never seen the latter before.

Lastly on display were a couple of Police bikes a Honda and a Suzuki

I remember the Hondas but not the Suzuki's. However having ridden a Suzuki 1100 many years ago I know all too well how they go. I had a mate who was a traffic cop in the days of the Honda and he assured me they went well. Without saying too much out of school, one of his tricks was to pull into the fitting bay at our old shop, scoot round to the show room and put a scanner on so he could hear if he was being called and then hightail it to the coffee machine and pour a cup, before sticking his bum in a chair for half an hour.

Apart from perving on old vehicles, we were there officially and as mentioned before I was in the centre ring to ensure that comms if needed, were available. As it turned out it was a quiet uneventful day – except for the noise emanating from the sideshows at full blast (each trying to outdo the other) until a complaint came that some of the riders couldn't hear their call for their presence on the oval. The answer should have been to turn the music down but instead, not wanting to upset the exhibitors they tried aiming our speakers towards the waiting area in hope that the riders would now hear. The obvious answer in the future is to carry dB meter around and make the owners of the rides (Gee wizzes and the like) to comply with sound levels, which I believe in the open the maximum is about 78 decibels.

Chris sort of became rover again and covered more distance than the rest of us put together. I'm half tempted to get her a Vesper scooter or a trike for next year. Trev held it together at main with a bit of help from Megan and a bit later on, Neville 370 got sat in the chair. John 423 was on gate 3, Carol 322 was on one and helping on two were Jean 318, Cecile 124 and Trev's better half, Carmel.

LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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9 A	N	I	S	E	E	D		10 H	A	P	P	Y
T		I		R		D		W		H		S
11 R	E	V	E	R	S	E	D	E	C	A	L	
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GREETINGS

Birthday Greets for April go to:
Derek 40 & Trev 120 for the 1st.
Tash 167 for the 13th,
Philip 20 for the 22nd
Bianca 233 for the 27th and.
Carol 322 for the 31st,

We wish you all a great day, night or both.
A special greeting to one of our April Fools, Trevor, who is celebrating his 60th this year

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Wanted to sell.
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Wanted to sell, buy or exchange ads are free to members. Please contact a committee member or send your ad to The Editor at the address on the cover or email it direct to ACRM c/- *phil.48@bigpond.com*

Minutes of the 339th Open Committee Meeting of ACRM SA Inc, held on 24th January 2012 at Collinswood.

Meeting Opened at 2000 hrs

President Welcomed All
Present:- 141, 228,48,49,44,21,A153,A51,232
Visitors:- G78.
Apologies:- 350,75,233,66,43,64,120,372,370,371
Minutes of Special Meeting:- Moved 228 Sec 49, that minutes be moved & Carried.

Matters Arising:- Nil
Correspondence:- In 11/55 Moved 232, Sec 21 that correspondence be received & Carried.

Reports

President:- Welcome to New Year, be ready for AGM.
Secretary:- Like to see a few more here for AGM.
Treasurer:- Bal $5406.75 In $17 Out $558,
Moved 44 & sec 228 that report be accepted. Carried.
Rally Coordinator:- Nil.
Social Sec.. Absent due to illness.
Resources:- Nil.

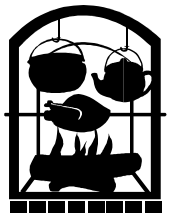
General Business.

Nil
Next meeting AGM #34 28 February '12

Meeting closed at 2021hrs

More Maxine moments.

a. Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do, write to them? Why not just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?
b. Is it true that you never really learn to swear until you learn to drive?
c. If a cow laughed, would milk come out of her nose?
d. As income tax time approaches, did you ever notice: When you put the two words 'THE' and 'IRS' together, it spells 'THEIRS'?



PEAR AND ALMOND TART

3 medium fresh pears
1 egg white
2 tblspns light margarine
½ cup brown sugar
3 tblspns white sugar
2 tblspns skim milk
½ tsp imitation almond essence
½ cup SR flour
1/3 cup ground almonds (almond meal)
½ cup cornflour

Method:- Preheat oven 180ºC fan forced
Peel and core pears. Cut into slices. Spread brown sugar evenly over base of a quiche or pie dish that has been coated with cooking spray. Place layers of pear slices in a circular fashion over sugared base. In a medium sized mixing bowl beat egg white and white sugar using an electric beater for 30 seconds. Add melted margarine, milk, ground almonds, essence and combine. Place sifted flours into bowl, fold until combined, if needed use your hands to work mixture. Roll out pastry onto a well floured surface to shape and size of dish. Place rolled pastry on top of pear. Bake 30 minutes. Gently turn tart upside down onto serving plate. Serve either hot or cold.
Variation: Replace pears with fresh green apples.

STUFFED BAKED APPLES

6 x 125g granny smith apples
¼ cup dried apricots chopped
¼ cup sultanas
¼ cup seedless prunes chopped

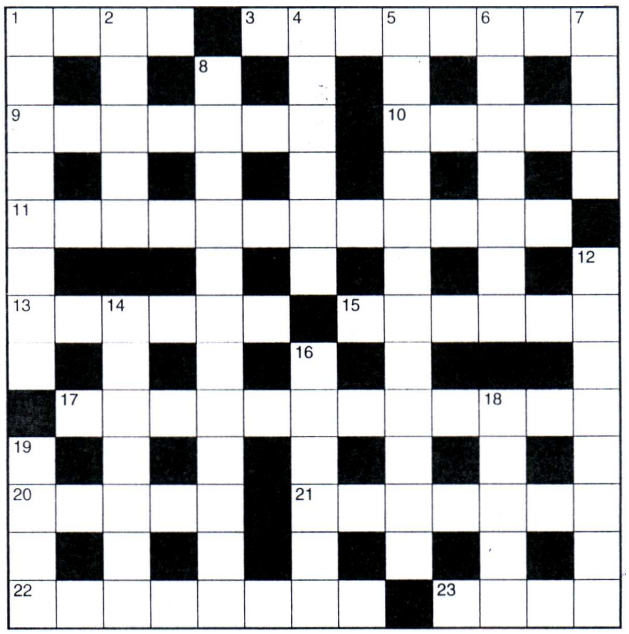
Method:- Preheat oven 180º C fan forced.
Remove core keeping whole. Combine all dried fruit, stuff into apples. Using a small knife lightly score a circle through the skin around the centre of each apple (this will stop skin bursting). Place apples upright in a baking dish that is a quarter filled with water. Bake 45-50 minutes or until apples are cooked.

Official Audit prior to AGM 2012.

AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN RADIO MONITORS			2011 - 12
Date			
4-Feb-12	Books Closed	4-Feb-10	
31-Jan-12	Bank Statement Balance		$5,562.53
1-Feb-10	Opening Balance LEDGER	$5,642.94	$5,642.94
	10/11 INCOME		
	Miscellaneous (Dinner)	$50.05	
	Subscriptions	$480.00	
	Raffles	$632.60	
	Donations	$4,318.20	
	Resources	$22.00	
	Bank Interest	$63.70	
	TOTAL INCOME	$5,566.55	$5,566.55
	10/11 EXPENDITURE		
	Stationery	$33.04	
	Postage	$249.25	
	Photo Copier	$609.00	
	Insurance/Licence/Registration	$252.15	
	Resources	$3,945.00	
	Miscellaneous	$358.31	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	$5,446.75	$5,446.75
	Errors/Omissions +/-	$0.00	
	Fees after close	$0.00	
	Closing Balance (Ledger)	$5,762.74	$5,762.74
	Unpaid Cheques +	$0.00	
	Moneys entered after close -	$14.00	
	Bank Statement agrees	$5,748.74	
	Petty Cash +	$0.05	
	Investment Account +		$0.00
	TOTAL		$5,762.79
	Central Belt Division		$1,937.85
	TOTAL MONIES ACRM SA Inc		$7,700.64

Crossword Puzzle, Chris 49.

Answers next month.



ACROSS

1. A group who meets regularly.
3. Counting frames.
9. Charms.
10. Star sign.
11. Connection by blood or marriage.
13. Away.
15. Upper legs.
17. Doubt.
20. Asian Country.
21. Greet with praise.
22. Rewrote work.
23. Changes colour.

DOWN

1. President
2. Normal.
4. High ranking Clergyman.
5. Gymnastic exercises
6. Brother or sister.
7. Night twinkler.
8. People of 60 years of age.
12. Large ocean waves.
14. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Camel (Early biplane).
16. Group of words.
18. Country.
19. Wound mark.

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