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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 July 24<sup>th</sup> & August's meeting is the 28th.

*Gawler/Barossa general meetings are on the THIRD TUESDAY of each month.*

Also no meeting in December

Next meeting will be Aug 21st 2012.

## *PRESSIE'S PRATTLE; Phil 48:*

Okay, so we've topped the hill and are now on the theoretical downhill run. Personally, I'll be happy to see the end of the Rally season for a while. If you look in the 2012 calendar, you will find 3 bike and two horse events, not exactly a big things-to-do list but something blew out and it has grown to 8 horse and 4 motor cycle events with a Starkey's ride thrown in this weekend for good measure.

Have you ever had one of those weeks, where every thing goes wrong but it actually lasts for about a month? The lead up to the 24 was one of those months, mixed in with preparation was doing a few other events and mucking around with a reliable repeater for the trial. In the end, the only combination that worked was to leave the duplexer out of the equation and run with two antennas. It sounds like a project for the experts so we might just have to hand the job over to someone who knows what they are doing.

I've since discovered that there appears to be a difference in the duplexers used on narrowband and it is possible that using our old duplexers has been the source of grief. If that's the case then two antennas will be the go for a while.

Initially, I put the repeater up on one antenna (the same one used each year) but on the way down off the Hill, Trev 120 called from home and we suspected gremlins in the system then but considering the distance away he was and he had coax problems, I didn't panic until I arrived at Main (Kapunda) and found the hand-helds were useless. Thus after a bit of discussion and minor panic, we (Bill and Graham accompanied me) went back up to Rufus and tried many combinations, finally settling on two antennas, leaving the duplexer out of the system. Problem solved, signals were excellent and a big thanks goes to Gordon 69 for the use of the repeater.

Unfortunately the week following the 24 has been hectic so I haven't had time to either, prove or disprove any of my theories, in fact, I've only just got back from pulling out the repeater. We will be using it this weekend at Starkey's and I hope to get time to do some testing then. I'll probably set up both repeaters, the old to run the ride and the new to fix and observe. There is one bonus in the fact that Main is the highest point and we run the repeater from there.

## *Treasure Trove; Chris 49:*

I found this in a periodical that my Mum receives and thought I'd share it with all of you. It brought back to mind a hint I heard years ago about the fact that you could write your name in the dust but suggested that you never put the date. Chris 49.

### DUST IF YOU MUST

Dust if you must but wouldn't it be better,  
To paint a picture or write a letter,  
Bake a cake or plant a seed,  
Ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must but there's not much time,  
With rivers to swim and mountains to climb,  
Music to hear and books to read,  
Friends to cherish and life to lead.

Dust if you must but the world's out there,  
With the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair,  
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain,  
This day will not come again.

Dust if you must but bear in mind,  
Old age will come and its not kind.  
And when you go and go you must  
You, yourself, will make more dust!

Talk about memories, Jean 318 sent this email and my mind went spiralling back a few years, to a time long before the iconic Hills Rotary hoist.

## **Remembering Mum's Clothesline**

There is one thing that's left out. We had a long wooden pole (clothes pole) that was used to push the clotheslines up so that longer items (sheets/trousers/etc.) didn't brush the ground and get dirty. You have to be a "certain age" to appreciate this one.... (But you YOUNGER ones can read about "The GOOD ol' days"!!) I can hear my mother now.....

## **THE BASIC RULES FOR CLOTHESLINES:**

(If you don't even know what clotheslines are, better skip this.)

1. You had to hang the socks by the toes... NOT the top.
2. You hung trousers by the BOTTOM/cuffs... NOT the waistbands.
3. You had to WASH the clothesline(s) before hanging any clothes - walk the entire length of each line with a damp cloth around the lines.
4. You had to hang the clothes in a certain order, and always hang "whites" with "whites," and hang them first.
5. You NEVER hung a shirt by the shoulders - always by the tail! What would the neighbours think?
6. Wash day on a Monday! NEVER hang clothes on the weekend, or on Sunday, for Heaven's sake!
7. Hang the sheets and towels on the OUTSIDE lines so you could hide your "unmentionables" in the middle (perverts & busybodies, y'know!)
8. It didn't matter if it was sub-zero weather... clothes would "freeze-dry."
9. ALWAYS gather the clothes pegs when taking down dry clothes! Pegs left on the lines were "tacky"!
10. If you were efficient, you would line the clothes up so that each item did not need two clothes pegs, but shared one of the clothes pegs with the next washed item.
11. Clothes off of the line before dinner time, neatly folded in the clothes basket and ready to be ironed.
12. 12. IRONED???! Well, that's a whole OTHER subject!



And now a **POEM ...**

A clothesline was a news forecast, To neighbours passing by,  
There were no secrets you could keep, When clothes were hung to dry.  
It also was a friendly link, for neighbours always knew  
If company had stopped on by, to spend a night or two.  
For then you'd see the "fancy sheets", and towels upon the line;  
You'd see the "company table cloths", with intricate designs.  
The line announced a baby's birth, from folks who lived inside,  
As brand new infant clothes were hung, so carefully with pride!  
The ages of the children could, so readily be known  
By watching how the sizes changed, you'd know how much they'd grown!  
It also told when illness struck, As extra sheets were hung;  
Then nightclothes, and a bathrobe too, haphazardly were strung.  
It also said, "On vacation now", When lines hung limp and bare.  
It told, "We're back!" when full lines sagged, with not an inch to spare!  
New folks in town were scorned upon, If wash was dingy and grey,  
As neighbours carefully raised their brows, And looked the other way.  
But clotheslines now are of the past, For dryers make work much less.  
Now what goes on inside a home, Is anybody's guess!  
I really miss that way of life, It was a friendly sign  
When neighbours knew each other best... By what hung on that line.

## Tucks Tales By 141

### Travelling with His Majesty

I have not been a great one for camping out in the middle of the bush, in the middle of winter, but when his Majesty the Gawler Mayor invited me to be part of a group of 8 in Two 4WD's to travel the length of the River Darling from Wentworth to Bourke, I jumped at it.

By the time the July meeting comes along, we will be well into the trip which will then take us to Innaminka and home down the Strezleki Track.

The Mayor is an experienced Travel Host, having once had his own Outback Safari tour company, and later being the Manager of the Gawler Visitor Information Centre, so we expect his planning to be "Top of the Shelf".

I will put in my apologies for the July meeting, but with a bit of luck I should have some good photos and a story for a future mag.

Phil is currently tuning up the HF radios, which we will have for any urgent communications.

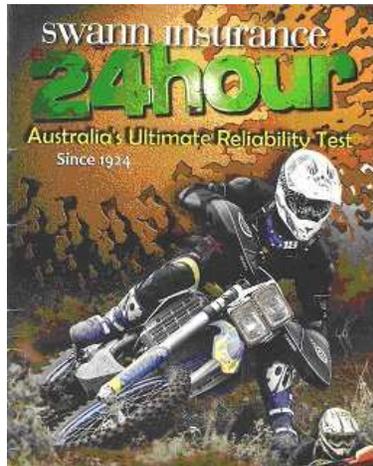
# *Tucks annual Ode to the 24*

*By Graham 141*

This weekend has been the Biennial pilgrimage to Kapunda to celebrate the 24hr Motor Cycle Rally, followed by the release of my annual recital of the ode to the rally.

The 2012 Ode.

Looking for a safe **HAVEN**, we found a **CULVERT** near the **QUARRY**, which was better than climbing a **GUM TREE** or hiding in a **HAY** shed. **JAEGER** came out of the **MALLEE** scrub where **DODDRIDGE** was looking at the **VIEW** over the **RANGE**, and right down to the **DAM** at **ST. KITTS**



At **DUTTON**, in a paddock of **TUSSOCKS**, a new range of vegies called **MAL-A-BENAS** where being grown in the **SHERWOOD FORREST** which was hidden by an **IRONGATE** and protected by a **BOMBER** circling over a **PIPELINE** like a **KAMIKAZE** pilot.

Riders had to watch out for the **POWERLINES** near **HELSTON**, before continuing to **MAIN**.

## Ride Ramblings by Phil 48

'Twould seem His Majesty gets more than a mere mention this month because the following photos are from Brian too.



Lew at the start of the 2007-24. He rode the same bike this year.

*Sadly, neither of them completed but then again neither did another 90 odd riders. So bad were the conditions this year, it has been touted the hardest trial ever.*

Lew Dowset has ridden more 24's than he probably wants to remember and being 90 years young is no excuse to stop now so he entered again this year. In commemoration of this feat, Brian got his bike out of mothballs and also entered. I guess it wasn't exactly in mothballs because all he had to do was ride it home from his property up north.

Brian's Suzuki, 177 with the inscription "Riding with Lew Dowset 2012."



Familiar faces at main amidst a sea of fluorescent stripes: In front, Chris 49, followed by yours truly and Graham 141. The green & fluoro vests are St John and SA Ambulance. The hand nose and hat behind Chris belongs to Scott Richardson (Course Controller 1). The cards in front of Chris are score cards, one of our biggest time wasters. For many reasons, bad writing, mud covered or just plain illegible a lot of time is spent getting exact times from the controls so the scorers (usually on the table right down the back) can enter the data on computers. Once a lap clears the control, most monitors try to put their head down until needed for the next lap and as Murphy would dictate, it is usually during this time we need to call them for times.

## *RR's cont.*



Left is the map at main where we move little magnetic strip representations of the Course controllers and bike pick-ups around in an effort to keep tabs on them.

This year the trial started at Kapunda and went north almost to Point Pass. Eight checkpoints were in the Kapunda area alone (right). Each competitive section has a start and finish, known as an IN or OUT and it is the times within these



sections that are scored.

A tracking system, whereby a transponder being carried by each rider was being tested. Receivers at main followed the progress of the trial, with the location of any bike being available at any time and I'll let you know how well it went when I find out myself. I'm also unsure of just what the purpose was because it was mentioned that full tracking, utilizing satellites was not possible within the scope of a Trial of that size because the cost is prohibitive. Don't quote me on these figures but I think the service for the weekend was around \$5.000 and if a full tracking service were required it would be about \$85.000.

One thing I found disappointing was when we were looking for a bike and rider, who had gone Awol, their tracking system didn't start flashing and beeping warnings that the bike was out the back on a trailer, which could have saved us hours of precious search time.

Therein lies a problem. Evidently, more than one rider pulled out and each duly advised an official somewhere but it never got back to ACRM and unnecessary searches were done looking for riders who were not really lost. A bit of education is all that is needed to rectify that problem. In one episode the rider reported in to the control and commented he was now heading to the ACRM room to advise them and was told it was not necessary so assuming that the response meant they would do it, he left and not another word was said.

## LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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## GREETINGS

Birthday Greet for August go to

Malcolm 17 for the 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
Luke 371 for the 8<sup>th</sup> and  
Vicki 172 for the 29<sup>th</sup>.

We wish you all the very best.

Congratulations to Daryl & Lynda  
295 & 296, who are expecting a  
kid next year.

## WANTED TO SELL, BUY OR EXCHANGE



### Wanted to sell.

Firewood (Gum) \$150 a 6x4 trailer. Ready to burn and or split. Contact Chris or Phil 85226081.

### Wanted to sell.

1 large Sheepskin coat, genuine Aussie (very warm) \$50 ono. Contact Chris or Phil 85226081.

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](mailto:phil.48@bigpond.com)

Minutes of the 343rd Open Committee Meeting of ACRM SA Inc.  
Held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at Collinswood.

*Meeting Opened at 2000 hrs*

**President:- Welcomed All**

**Present: - 141, A51, A153, 232, 44, 48, 49, 21, 350, 75.**

**Visitors: - G78.**

**Apologies:- 66, 233, 64, 120, 370, 371, 372, 43, 295, 296.**

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:-** Moved by John 232 that the minutes were a true and correct record of that meeting & Seconded by Dick 21, All in favour, Carried.

**Matters Arising:- Nil**

**Correspondence:-** In 12/11 to 12/19 (Subs & bank statements), Out 12/2 & 12/3 Moved by Dick 21 & seconded by Graham 44 that correspondence be received. Carried.

***Reports***

**President:-** Has forwarded this year's editorial for the 24 Hr programme.

**Secretary:- Nil**

**Treasurer:-** Bal \$4627.45 In, \$362.50; Out 995.04. Moved by 141 & seconded by 350 that Treasurer's report be accepted. Carried.

**Rally Coordinator:-** Absent with apology. Feeling Poorly

**Social Sec..** Present and accounted for with cake & Biscuits for supper.

**Resources Nil**

**General Business.**

Dick 21 said thanks for Sympathy Cards.

**Next meeting:-** # 344 24<sup>th</sup> July 2012

Meeting closed at 2025



As it is the soup season, I thought that was the way to go so this month is soups and the first is one that Phil (48) made a few weeks ago.

#### THAI PUMPKIN AND PRAWN SOUP

2-3 tblspns peanut oil	1 medium-size onion, chopped finely
2 cloves garlic, crushed	1-2 tblspn finely grated fresh ginger
2 tblspns Thai red curry paste	1 stalk lemongrass, bruised
3 cups (750ml) chicken stock or water	400ml can coconut cream
1.2kg piece pumpkin, peeled and cubed (this will give you about 800g prepared pumpkin	
8-12 shelled green prawns or 150g thinly sliced chicken breast	
fish sauce and lime juice to taste	coriander leaves for garnishing

Method:- Heat the peanut oil in a large saucepan and add the onion, ginger and curry paste. Stir-fry for a few minutes until very fragrant and add the pumpkin and lemongrass. Cook, stirring one minute to coat pumpkin with spices. Add the stock or water and bring to a boil. Simmer, covered about 15 minutes or until the pumpkin is tender. Remove the lemongrass and blend the soup with a hand blender. Add the coconut cream, bring back to a boil and add the prawns or chicken. Remove from the heat. Stand 5 minutes to allow prawns or chicken to heat through; season to taste with fish sauce and lime juice. Serve topped with coriander and your favourite Thai condiments. (Lime juice, sweet chilli sauce, deep-fried shallots, etc.)

P.S. Phil used the small prawns that are sold in 1 kilo bags.

#### CHOWDER

1 onion (chopped)	250g chopped bacon
500g peeled & diced potatoes	1 litre chicken stock
500g corn kernels	½ cup cooking cream

Method:- Sauté onion and bacon. Add potatoes and chicken stock, cook until tender. Add corn kernels and cooking cream. Cook for 5 minutes.

## POTATO AND LEEK SOUP

3 cups leek sliced	2 tblspns light margarine
2 tblspns plain flour	4 cups water
2 cups skim milk	6 cups (1 kilo) potato peeled & diced
2 tblspns salt reduced chicken style stock powder	
1 x 375ml can evaporated light milk	pepper to taste

Method:- Cut leeks lengthways into 2 pieces and wash well, cut into slices. Melt margarine in a boiler, place leek in pot and cook 1 minute, add flour and cook 1 minute. Slowly add in water and skim milk stirring continuously. Bring to boil then add diced potato add stock powder, simmer for 30 minutes with lid on, stir occasionally to prevent mixture from sticking. Pour in evaporated milk, bring back to boil, simmer 5 more minutes. Mash mixture until a fairly smooth consistency. Pepper to taste.

## ASPARAGUS AND SWEETCORN SOUP

2 tblspns light margarine	1 cup onion diced
2 tblspns plain flour	5 cups water
2 x 420g cans creamed corn	1 ½ cups frozen corn kernels
1 x 375ml can evaporated light milk	pepper to taste
1 tblspn salt reduced chicken style stock powder	
2 x 340g cans asparagus tips and cuts drained	

Method:- Melt margarine in a boiler, add onion and cook 2 minutes. Add in flour and cook a further minute, slowly pour in water stirring continuously to avoid lumps. Add stock powder and all remaining ingredients except the milk. Bring to boil, simmer for 10 minutes with lid off, stirring occasionally to prevent mixture from sticking. Pour in milk, pepper to taste, bring back to boil then serve.  
Variation: Add 2 cups cooked skinless chicken breast diced.

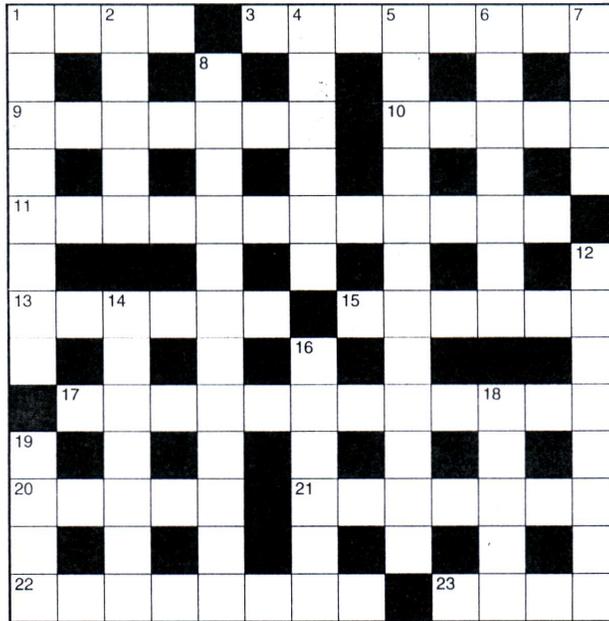
## PEA AND HAM SOUP

1 1/3 cups (250g) green split peas	1 1/3 cups (250g) yellow split peas
2 cups carrots diced	1 onion diced
400g lean ham steaks diced	4 litres water
pepper to taste	

Method:- Soak peas in water as instructed on packet. Leave overnight. Drain and rinse well. Place all the ingredients into a boiler, stir together, bring to boil. Reduce to a slow boil for 2 hours; stir occasionally. Mash with a potato masher. Add pepper to taste.

## Crossword Puzzle, Chris 49.

Answers next month.



### ACROSS

1. Wealthy.
3. Male from Holland.
9. Walks in formation.
10. Irritate
11. Megaphones.
13. Bowman.
15. Photographer's workplace.
17. Redness, swelling.
20. Thrust body forward.
21. Gathers autumn leaves (2 wds).
22. Helped
23. Work vehicles.

### DOWN

1. Meandering.
2. Greek Island.
4. Province of Ireland.
5. Caramel coated popcorn.
6. Type of butterfly
7. No Votes.
8. Quality of being physical.
12. Mum & Dad's Dad.
14. Lease holders.
16. Appear.
18. Addition to a map.
19. Parasite.

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