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Meeting dates.

ACRM SA Inc. Meetings are on the FOURTH TUESDAY of each month.

There is no Meeting in December.

January's meeting is on the 26th.

ACRM SA Inc. Meetings are held at 3 Redmond Rd. Collinswood. SA.

Gawler/Barossa general meetings are bi-monthly, on the THIRD TUESDAY of the month. Also no meeting in December.

Next meeting 19th January 2016

Another year done and dusted.

However, I almost got ahead of myself and said it'll be forty years next year, but Chris soon brought me back to reality, when she said it's 16 not 17. Of course, she was right, I guess I was a bit keen but I've been typing 2016 on forms for a while now so I guess it was ingrained in my in my head. We have had the 40 year badge designed since 2007 and the badge makers are just waiting for the say so to go ahead. Despite having an extra year, I'm sure it'll come around all too soon. So far we have had the 20th and 30th Birthday dinners at the Old Spot Hotel, Main North Rd, Carisbrooke. We can look at the same venue or consider a change, I'd appreciate your thoughts on that and the extra year will come in handy for planning.

We drew the prize tickets on Tuesday night, despite not using the full 3 months to sell all tickets.

In the absence of any visitors at the meeting our newest member Jenny 213 was asked to draw the tickets. The hamper was won by M Bell, ticket number 331. Joe 210, who sold the ticket said she was a most deserving person, a battler, who will be very grateful. Joe offered to deliver the prize for us and after he had, the lady rang to say thanks, she explained to Chris that she had shared the hamper out into 3 parcels so 3 people would benefit from her win. Our first ever bonus draw, donated by Motorcycle house went to, would you believe it, yours truly with ticket number 55, We'll wait and see what sort of Jacket turns up.

We have been offered further sponsorship so we will also see what the future brings.

Thanks Jenny for pulling the tickets but you can put your hand down, all the pleading in the word will not get you a Brass Razoo for pulling out the boss's number, particularly as it was only second.

We can stop wondering about the Bonus draw jacket, within 2 weeks of notifying Motorcycle House the prize had been won, it arrived and it is a very well made jacket. Sincere thanks are extended to Motorcycle House for the kind donation.

RALLY ROUND-UP: Trev 120:

I'm not normally the technical type person but I urge all to either check or have your equipment checked during the break, making ready for the next year's events. Items to check are radio & equipment, including, antennae, coaxes, plugs and adaptors. Other items to check are car batteries, most are date stamped and therefore provide a good indication of age.

In the case of auxiliary batteries, particular care is needed because rarely does the second battery get optimal charging.

We are not aware of any for-sure endurance rides next year yet. Thus, you'll know, when I know.

Not so with the Motorcycle events.

Our first is the Robertstown 2 day on the Queens Birthday, long weekend in June. Second is the 24 Hour Trial in July, probably 9th & 10th and thirdly, Mallala on the 8th Aug.

Last on the MC Trial list will be the Clare Trial in September, date to be advised. Unless we are advised of some certain rides early, I will again rely on this column to advise the when and where of Endurance rides making a calendar very unlikely for 2016.

TREASURE TROVE: Chris 49:



A thousand thanks go to all who helped make this last hamper draw a success, although we only had a month to sell the tickets, everyone rallied to the cause and a phenomenal effort was put in to make the most of what could have been a disaster. Sure, we have had better years, but we have had to work harder for them and as we turned a profit anyway, I'm happy to

call it a success. Above; Hamper 2015. The blue and black item is an insulated pull along, cooler bag, donated by 232, we filled it with the drinks, negating the need for another basket or box to take the rest of the prize.

Thanks also go to all who donated towards the hamper.

My sister Barbara has compiled the crossword for us this month but I think she has decided we have had it too easy for too long and given us one to think about. I hope it is not too much of a stumper. Good luck all and Merry Christmas.

I went to my local GP the other day for one of those “regular check ups” that help to give GP’s the opportunity to purchase cars that are so much better than what you and I drive.

I had recently had one of those annual home assessment visits from a Clinic Nurse and the appointment with the GP was so he could talk about the results. He was looking at the back of my hands and said he wanted to burn off a couple of skin cancers.

Good idea said I, so off he went to get the dry ice. 15 minutes later, I had about 20 prospective blisters on the way as he checked me out with a smile on his face as if he was enjoying every minute of his sadistic work.

I am now so scaly that I look more like a leper, expecting my arms to drop off any minute.

Beware of GP’s with dry ice. *But even more, beware of skin cancers!*

Committee 2016;Phil48:

I spoke briefly about this last month but it needs to be expounded upon. Why and what is the need for a Postal Vote?

All members have the right to have a say in the running of their club and if attendance at the AGM is impossible, a Postal Vote caters for the member’s who cannot get there. When we introduced the Postal vote, we did so on the belief that members were an honest bunch and was overwhelmed by a few hundred postal votes coming in from a country region that would have seen the whole committee changed and the balance of power moving interstate.

Obviously, that didn’t happen and a better system was developed.

Hence the current method was devised. Nominations choose the candidates and these are published in the Communicator in plenty of time for members wanting to put in a postal vote to so do.

Part two of the reform was controlling the Postal vote system. The application for a vote form, ensures the applicant is a member and financial. The application does not marry up to the voting form so anonymity is maintained, our check lies in numbers. The amount of applications should match the number of returned forms. In the past we have marked the postal vote form in such a way that it cannot be copied, limiting the chance of forged forms and the marks vary each year.

It’s hard to believe that a simple emergency club should have to resort to such measures. The only alternative is to abolish the postal vote altogether. It would be easier but hardly fair.

Having said that, we haven’t sent out any postal vote forms in about 8 years so I guess that means most make the effort to attend the AGM – those who are interested enough, that is.

LAST MONTH'S
CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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GREETINGS &

GOOD WISHES

Birthday greetings for January are extended to:

*Bruce 11 for the 13th,
Keith 207 for the 24th and
John 232 for the 25th.*

Hard luck, since the death of his wife Sharyn, John 232 has managed to keep an impressive Xmas display on show at his house in her memory and one night this year for some unknown reason, vandals wrecked and stole part of the display. See page 9.

WANTED TO SELL, BUY OR EXCHANGE

For Sale, Hand Held UHF Radio - Motorola GP339 complete with Impress Adaptive Cradle charger, Headset with a PTT Button and Earphone and Programming Cable with a USB connection. There is no charging transformer with it, however you can use a GME Electrophone PS001 Charger and it plugs into the back of the cradle.

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Price: \$200.00 ONO, contact Adrian 423 on 85817149.

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I'm not sure who sent me this, I just liked it. It's signed by a Paul Hunter and any research I did came up with the same thing, so I hope credit is going where credit is due. After last month's poem on Vietnam and the thoughts of Armistice Day, I thought this one was appropriate too. Simply called;

The Poppy.

I am not a badge of honour,
I am not a racist smear,
I am not a fashion statement,
To be worn but once a year,
I am not for glorification
Of conflict or of war.

I am not a paper ornament
A token,
I am more.
I am a loving memory,
Of a father or a son,
A permanent reminder
Of each and every one.

I'm paper or enamel
I'm old or shining new,
I'm a way of saying thank you,
To every one of you.

I am but a simple poppy
A Reminder to you all,
That courage faith and honour,
Will stand where heroes fall.

Paul Hunter 2014

FIVE UNDENIABLE FACTS

Sorry, this is a re-run but it deserves to be kept fresh in the memory

1. A wise person once said: 'We all love to spend money buying new clothes but we never realise that the best moments in life are enjoyed without clothes.'
2. Having a cold drink on a hot day with a few friends is nice, but having a hot friend on a cold night after a few drinks is PRICELESS.
3. Breaking News: Condoms don't guarantee safe sex anymore. A fellow was wearing one when he was shot dead by the woman's husband.
4. Arguing over a girl's bust size is like choosing between Fosters, Heineken, Carlsberg, & Budweiser. Men may state their preferences, but will grab whatever is available.

AND

5. This hasn't been verified yet, but it sounds legit... A recent study found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

80's contribution.

Father O'Malley rose from his bed one morning It was a fine spring day in his new parish in rural United States.

He walked to the window of his bedroom to get a deep breath of the beautiful day outside and promptly noticed that there was a donkey lying dead in the middle of his front lawn.

He called the local police station. The conversation went like this:

"Good morning. This is Sergeant Jones. How might I help you?"

"And da best of da day te yerself Sarge. Dis is Farter O'Malley at St. Ann 's Catholic Church. Dere's a donkey lying dead in me front lawn and would ye be so kind as to send a couple o'yer lads to take care of the matter?"

Sergeant Jones, considering himself to be quite a wit, thought he would have a little fun with the new priest.

Putting on his best Irish accent he said,

"Well now Farter, it was always my impression that you people took care of the last rites!"

There was dead silence on the line for a moment ...Father O'Malley then replied,

"Aye, Lad', tis certainly true; but we are obliged to notify the next of kin first, which is the reason for me call."

232 sent this offering.

A Man and His Dog

MAN You were always a lot of trouble.

DOG *Thanks a lot. You think I'm a grumpy old dog.*

MAN When you were a puppy, you shredded everything you could get your paws on.

DOG *And what do I have to thank you for?*

MAN You cost me a ton of money to replace the things that you destroyed and then to replace the things I replaced that you also destroyed.

DOG *You never gave me chocolate.*
MAN *True.*
DOG *Or onions or garlic or avocado or alcohol or coffee or tea
Or grapes or raisins or milk or other dairy products, macadamia nuts,
Candy, gum, bacon or persimmons-.*
MAN *And your point is?*
DOG *Or peaches or plums or raw eggs or raw meat or raw fish or
salty food or sugary drinks or yeast dough or raw potatoes.*
MAN *That's quite a list.*
DOG *Phew!*
MAN *You took up a lot of my time and effort raising you and
training you.*
DOG *Did I mention chocolates?*
MAN *Now you're an old dog, you sure cost me a ton of money in
veterinary bills.*
DOG *Did I leave anything out. You sure did. You left everything out.*
MAN *You eat up a lot of my time tending to you're relatively well
and even more when I have to nurse you when you're sick,
which is more often now.*
DOG *Once in a while, but not often enough in my opinion, you
do give me well-cooked lean meat and slices of apple and
orange and banana and watermelon (after removing the
seeds, of course) and
carrot and green beans and cucumber
and zucchini and a plain baked potato and boiled white rice
and pasta.*
MAN *You will always be a lot of trouble.*
DOG *And plain boiled chicken. Ooh. That's always good.*
MAN *And you're worth every bit of it.*
DOG *Thanks. Thanks a lot man.*
MAN *Don't mention it.*
DOG *So what am I supposed to do now? Lick your feet?*
Anonymous

BITS AND PIECES

From page 5



It's even better in real life. I know John is disillusioned enough to not want to put them up next year and I wouldn't blame him but as he put it. "In 2016, this should be no more than a mere memory," so good luck until then.



Following are a few more of the before pictures. When you see it in its entirety, it's easy to appreciate the effort that goes into a display like this.





MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
AND AN EVEN HAPPIER NEW YEAR TO GO WITH IT
From the Committee of ACRM SA Inc.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR DELINQUENCY CONT.

Sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a State Police Officer sees a car puttering along at 22 MPH. He thinks to himself, "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over. Approaching the car, he notices that there are five old ladies -- two in the front seat and three in the back - eyes wide open and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, says to him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?"

"Ma'am," the officer replies, "You weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."

"Slower than the speed limit?" she asked. No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly... Twenty-Two miles an hour!" the old woman says a bit proudly. The State Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that "22" was the route number, not the speed limit.

A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask... Is everyone in this car ok? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't muttered a single peep this whole time." the officer asks.

"Oh, they'll be alright in a minute officer. We just got off Route 189.

Minutes of the 378th Open Committee Meeting of ACRM SA Inc, held on 24 November 2015 at Collinswood.

Meeting Opened at 2004 hrs

President Welcomed all

Attendance 48,49,43,44,21,232.78,80,210,211,141,213

Apologies 113,233,212,120,64,370,371,372,333,228,423

Visitors Nil

Minutes of Previous meeting moved for adoption...Moved 21, Seconded 211 & Carried.

Matters arising from the minutes. Nil

Correspondence In 15/35 to 15/36

Moved 232 Sec 78 carried

Reports

President: - Re new printer, received phone call about an A3 colour laser, which is on the way. They are not easy to find at a reasonable price and in good nick. It needed to meet our criteria too, and that is, reliable and economical to run.

Secretary: - Merry Christmas to all

Treasurer: - Balance \$5110.33 In \$400 out \$135 Moved 141, Sec 210 & Carried.

Training Officer: - Absent with apology

Rally Coordinator: - Apology, Sent seasons greetings and thanks to all who assisted in events.

Social Secretary: - Thanks to all who sold tickets, good luck to the winner and a Merry Christmas to all.

Resources: - Merry Christmas to all & best wishes for 2016.

General Business

80 advised there was editorial in the Clare Argus, thanking ACRM for their attendance at the Motor Cycle Rally.

Raffle draw. Congratulations to Ticket 331, N. Bell, who won the Hamper and to Ticket 055, 48 who won the Jacket (Bonus draw).

Next meeting 26th Jan. Australia Day, so no excuse for not getting there.

Meeting Closed at 2044 hours.

IN THE KITCHEN WITH CHRIS 49.



You can never have enough sweets over the Yule/New Year period.

HONEY COMB

4 tblspns sugar
1 tsp carb soda

2 tblspns golden syrup

Method: - Boil sugar and syrup 7 minutes, take off fire and add soda, mix well and pour into buttered dish

PUFFED WHEAT SLICE

2 oz margarine
3 cups puffed wheat

1 pkt marshmallows

Method:- Melt margarine sugar and marshmallows Add puffed wheat that have been heated in the oven for 7 minutes. Press into greased swiss roll tin. Cut into fingers when cool. Store in refrigerator.

PEANUT CRUNCH

4 cups Rice Bubbles®
½ cup coconut

½ cup salted peanuts

CARAMEL: -

2 tblspns honey ¼lb butter ½ cup sugar

Method: - Mix all dry ingredients in a large bowl. With other ingredients put in a saucepan and boil for 5 minutes, pour onto dry ingredients and mix. Press lightly into a greased tin and cool.

No cooking required

MILK ROCK

3 cups white sugar
1 cup milk
1 tsp vanilla

½ lb chopped almonds
2 oz butter

Method: - Boil milk and sugar, add butter and boil until a little dropped in water almost sets. Beat 2 or 3 minutes then add vanilla and nuts. Turn onto buttered pan and when cool cut into shapes.

COCONUT ROLLS

Method: - Put 1 tin of condensed milk into a saucepan add 1 tblspn Golden Syrup and stir over flame (low) until thick (7-10 minutes). Remove from fire and add 1 cup coconut and a large cup of crushed Cornflakes®. When cool enough to handle roll into small rolls and cover with coconut.

SNOWBALLS

½ lb crushed sweet biscuits
2 dspns cocoa
1/3 pkt mixed fruit (& rinds)
Sherry, Rum, Vanilla or Lemon juice

1 cup coconut
1 tin of condensed milk

Method: - Mix all ingredients together. Form into balls and roll in coconut.

CITRUS SLICE

SLICE

½ lb crushed biscuits
3 oz coconut
4 oz butter
Rind & juice of lemon
½ tin condensed milk

ICING

6 oz icing sugar
1 dspn lemon juice
1 tsp butter
boiling water

Method: - Melt butter and add condensed milk, stirring well to prevent burning. Pour over dry ingredients. Mix well and press into a flat tin.
Ice straight away.

APRICOT SLICE

4 oz chopped dried apricots
4 oz crushed plain biscuits
2 oz chopped marshmallows

1 oz chopped nuts
½ cup condensed milk
½ tsp vanilla essence

Method: - Mix all ingredients together, form mixture into two long rolls and coat with coconut.

Refrigerate until firm, slice to serve.

MARS BAR® SLICE

Melt: -70 grms butter or margarine
2 chopped Mars Bars®
2 tblspns golden syrup

Add: - 2-3 cups Rice Bubbles®

Press: - into tin, put in the fridge to cool.

Melt: - 1 x 200gm block dairy milk chocolate
Spread over slice.

Eat: - Yum Yum.

CHEESECAKE SLICE

Method: - Line the base of a lined 16 x 26 x 3cm shallow pan with lattice biscuits.

Dissolve 1 tblspn gelatine in ½ cup hot water, allow to cool.

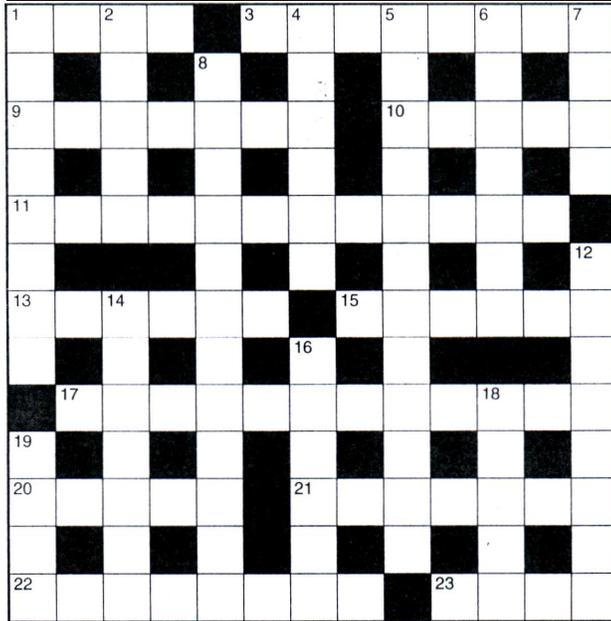
Beat 2 x 250g packets cream cheese with ½ cup each lemon juice and caster sugar. Beat in 300ml cream and gelatine mixture. Pour over the base. Top with nutmeg. Chill until set. Cut into squares to serve.

RASPBERRY JELLY SLICE

Method : - Line a 16 x 26 x 3 cm pan with chocolate cookies. Combine 3 x 85g packets raspberry jelly with 2 ½ cups boiling water. Stir well. Pour 1 ¼ cups of jelly mixture into a bowl, stir in a 395g can condensed milk. Chill until almost set. Spoon over the base then chill until set. Top with remaining jelly. Chill. When set, cut into fingers.

*Crossword Puzzle, compiled by
Chris 49.*

Answers next month.



ACROSS

1. Inlets.
3. Savagely cruel.
9. Approves.
10. Ant.
11. Studious, erudite.
13. Make smaller.
15. Horses.
17. Mealtime phone pest.
20. Board marker.
21. Restrain, hold within.
22. Signs as payee.
23. Embankment.

DOWN

1. Nose part.
2. Sail boat.
4. Reply.
5. Amazing, awesome sight.
6. Uncontrollable manner, berserk.
7. Medication amount.
8. Thesaurus, proofreader.
12. South African Country.
14. Child's play-box.
16. Amass.
18. Sad.
19. Dull pain.

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