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### **Meeting dates.**

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

ACRM SA Inc. April will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> at 20:00 Hrs.

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

Also no meeting in Dec.

Next meeting 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011

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

*Murphy's Law:* If it can go wrong, it will and at the most inopportune time.

Most of us have experienced the presence of the little green Jinx on more than one occasion and many an incident has been journalised in the Communicator about his misgivings. He has had his head low for a while and thus a false sense of security has been able to prevail.

What a lot of poppycock, just to say that it is Event season again and yep, things can go wrong. Witness the fact that when I decided to charge up a few batteries for the hand helds needed at the Tanunda Show, where Chris and I were going to be helping on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>. One problem turned out to be a faulty charger so that was easily fixed and a spare battery sorted out the other. When we got home, Chris found that the 12 volt system in the Van was dead so it was out with the 240 volt lead and plug the van in to charge the battery, simple or it should have been but a day later the battery was still as dead. Fortunately I had another on charge to cover just such a contingency so I will swap things around soon.

In the meantime it is notable that Nev 228 has figured out a way to shirk some duties because Murphy has visited him also, showed him how to slip while trying to climb out of his boat and has broken the tibia in his left leg. I know it sounds frivolous and I'm happy it wasn't my leg but deep down I'm truly sorry and wish you luck for a speedy recovery.

Now to a non-related episode. I have a mixer/amp on the bench to repair and after replacing 4 driver transistors powered it up with horribly underpowered speakers attached, but I had the volume down so it should have been okay. Wrong, this brute burst into life for about 5 seconds before the speakers popped and crackled into something that sounded like a cocky trying to talk while eating crackers and further tests showed that I had blown the speakers open circuit, which took out the power transistors, putting the rail voltage of 60 volts across the speakers (no wonder those tiny undersized speakers went poof). I'm now awaiting delivery of the next lot of components so I can see if I can do it again, only I'll tie up Murphy before I start.

## *Two wheels or three versus four legs; “Phil 48”*

No! Not a race – just a bit of a comparison. Actually it’s not a comparison either, as, they are totally different. At a control for a Motor cycle 6 hour or similar, riders will come into the control anywhere between flat out and walking. Sometimes the number is obscured or hard to see and a confab with the controllers is needed to verify the same or a guess is made depending on who is out of turn or missing. On the other hand, Horse riders come into your control, call out their number and maybe even have a chat. If water is available at the checkpoint, a chat is nearly always the case. Only once can I remember a rider, or riders in this case, going so fast they bypassed my checkpoint and if anyone remembers a night control when I was in the Beast, you will know that it was very well lit up and not something that could be missed easily. As usual the weather was fairly inclement and Chris and I were inside the Beast waiting for the horses before opening the door and hopping out. Apart from the wind howling through the trees it was fairly quiet so we easily heard horses approaching, at a gallop in this case so we opened the door to see a small group ride past us into the forest. They later had the audacity to say they never saw us. Funny that, some 60 other riders did and although it was night time, we were lit up like a Christmas tree.

Okay, that said, back to the purpose of this article. A few members have tried to explain to me why the thrill of motor sport is something they don’t get out of endurance rides and although it may make sense to them, I have trouble relating to it. After all, unless eating dust and having it all over you, your paperwork and your car is somehow twisted fun, then a sedate, leisurely time seems the winner – hands down.

All the events occur in the worst half of the year so weather isn’t likely to be a deciding factor.

We have a ride coming up in October that defies most of the above, or can do but not necessarily and we will need all hands on deck for that one. While we may only have 10 checkpoints, maybe more, maybe less, we do need many monitors on each control, particularly in the early stages when riders are close together.

At the Quilty there will be one control manager and many runners for want of a better description. Therefore at any one time there will be a radio operator to put through numbers and a quantity of runners to take numbers, who will write them on a pad until there are 5 and pass it to the operator. It’s important that the numbers are relayed back to base ASAP.



## *TANUNDA SHOW; Phil 48:*

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 9:00 Hours, Chris & I rolled up at the Show gates, with the normal ACRM gear on and car proudly displaying the magnetic signs. “You must be officials” the gateman said and after a bit of banter about that the fee would be double or triple, we went in, announcing to main that we were there and went to park the car. John 243 was on gate 3, Trev 120 was at main and Carol 322 yabbering so we devised a plan to cover the ring (a spot no-one wanted) and gate 1 in shifts. Without trying to remember the logistics of the whole day chronologically, it is suffice to say that Carol started off at the gate, Me in the ring and Chris was dogsbody, running around filling spots as necessary, making coffees and alternating between me in the ring and Carol on the gate. It’s a good thing Sunday and Monday were holidays, Chris needed both days to recuperate.

The reason the ring is not liked is because of one bloke. There are two or three people assigned to the centre ring and one, Bob the announcer is ACRM savvy and a proper gentleman. He knows what we are about and appreciates our role. Another bloke, Graham (many will know as Kanga) has progressively got more obnoxious over the years and goes out of his way to make a our presence, particularly the women’s, a misery. My dislike for the man goes back to when the Gawler 3 day trials were on and this busybody poked his nose in everywhere it wasn’t needed. But when it comes to ACRM, I’m a professional and I don’t let him get to me, thus the centre ring was manned even if it was to the chagrin of the man.

After about an hour at our locations a switch around occurred, Chris ended up in the centre for a while, before another switch around and Carol did a stint in the centre.

From a Show day point of view the weather was great but it was deceiving in that the sun was a darn site hotter than it seemed. I came home sprouting a new red patch in the shape of a V, where my neck was exposed and it is still giving me curry a week later.

Gate 2 was wo-manned by Jean 318, Cecile 124 and Trevor’s other half, Carmel and a bit later in the afternoon Nev 370 came in to relieve Trevor at main.

We were given our marching orders at about 1600 hrs and made our way home.

A security firm was used to man the gates this year and they were good or the one’s on our gate were but I heard no complaints so I assume they were all the same. Every person, young and old, including children, were greeted an arrival and cheerioed on exit. I thought it was a nice touch anyway.

## *MEMBERS CONTRIBUTION TO OUR INSANITY:*

*Dirty old man! Nah, just a Senior Cit, who has lost his hair.*

A senior citizens group charters a bus for an overnight gambling casino trip. An elderly woman comes up to the bus driver and says, 'I've just been molested!' The driver felt that maybe she had fallen asleep and had a dream. So he tells her to go back to her seat and sit down.

A short time later, another old woman comes forward and claims that she was just molested. The driver thought he had a bus load of old wackos, but who would be molesting these old ladies?

About 10 minutes later, a third old lady comes up and says that she'd been molested too.

The bus driver decides that he'd had enough and pulls into the first rest area. When he turns the lights on and stands up, he sees an old man on his hands and knees crawling in the aisle.

'Hey gramps, what are you doing down there?' says the bus driver.

'I lost my toupee. I thought I found it three times, but every time I tried to grab it, it gets up and runs away!'

WE WUS BRUNG UP PROPER AND EDUMACATED TOO!! From Tuck 141.  
"And we never had a whole Mars bar until 1993"!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL MY FRIENDS WHO WERE BORN IN THE  
1940's, 50's, and 60's

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank Sherry while they carried us and lived in houses made of asbestos...

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese, bread and dripping, raw egg products, loads of bacon and processed meat, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes or cervical cancer.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets or shoes, not to mention, the risks we took hitchhiking. Our baby cots were covered with bright coloured lead-based paints.

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags and a ride in the back of a ute was a real treat.

We drank water directly from the garden hose or tap and NOT from a bottle.

Take away food was limited to fish and chips, no pizza shops, McDonalds , KFC, Subway or Burger King.

Even though all the shops closed at 6.00pm and didn't open on a Sunday, somehow we didn't starve to death! We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this. We could collect old drink bottles and cash them in at the local deli and buy Toffees, Gobstoppers and Bubble Gum.

We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter, milk from the cow and drank soft drinks with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because....

**WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!!**

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. And we were O.K.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of old prams and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. We built tree houses and dens and played in river beds with matchbox cars.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo Wii , X-boxes, no video games at all, no 999 channels on SKY , no video/dvd films, or colour TV, no mobile phones, no personal computers, no Internet or Internet chat rooms.....**WE HAD FRIENDS** and we went outside and found them!

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no Lawsuits from these accidents.

We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever. Only girls had pierced ears!

You could only buy Easter Eggs and Hot Cross Buns at Easter time...chicken was a once a week treat if your parents could afford it.

We were given air guns and catapults for our 10th birthdays, we rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just yelled for them!

Mum didn't have to go to work to help dad make ends meet because we didn't need to keep up with the Jones'!

Not everyone made the rugby/football/cricket/netball team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!! Getting into the team was based on...**MERIT**

Our teachers used to hit us with canes and gym shoes and throw the blackboard eraser at us if they thought we weren't concentrating.

We can string sentences together and spell and have proper conversations because of a good, solid three R's education.

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law!

Our parents didn't invent stupid names for their kids like 'Kiora', 'Blade', 'Ridge', 'Vanilla' and 'Skye'

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned HOW TO DEAL WITH IT ALL !

If YOU are one of us! CONGRATULATIONS!

You have had the luck to grow up as kids, before the lawyers and the government regulated our lives for our own good.

### *The Hotel Bill*

An elderly lady decided to give herself a big treat for her significant birthday by staying overnight in one of London's most expensive hotels.

When she checked out next morning, the desk clerk handed her a bill for £250.00.

She exploded and demanded to know why the charge was so high. "It's a nice hotel but the rooms certainly aren't worth £250.00 for just an overnight stop without even breakfast."

The clerk told her that £250.00 is the 'standard rate' so she insisted on speaking to the Manager. The Manager appeared and forewarned by the desk clerk announced: "the hotel has an Olympic-sized pool and a huge conference centre which are available for use."

"But I didn't use them," she said. "Well, they are here, and you could have," explained the Manager. He went on to explain that she could also have seen one of the in-hotel shows for which the hotel is famous. "We have the best entertainers from Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Aberdeen performing here," the Manager said.

"But I didn't go to any of those shows," she said. "Well, we have them, and you could have," the Manager replied.

No matter what amenity the Manager mentioned, she replied, "But I didn't use it!"

The Manager was unmoved, so she decided to pay, wrote a cheque and gave it to the Manager.

The Manager was surprised when he looked at the cheque. "But madam, this cheque is only made out for £50.00." "That's correct. I charged you £200.00 for sleeping with me,"

she replied.

"But I didn't!" exclaims the very surprised Manager.

"Well, too bad, I was here, it was available and you could have."

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## *PLACES & FACES*

In 2002 We did a joint effort to run two repeaters and relays for a round of the SARC.

As can be seen by the photos there were vans from Adelaide and Gawler



Barossa Div with a staff of six covering the repeaters and also doing relays for stations that couldn't get main direct. It sounds archaic now but this was one of the first events incorporating the new ACRM channels and we were still feeling our way a bit. The location was Wickhams Hill and there were some notoriously bad spots within Kuitpo



Forest that were used every time, necessitating finding a way around the problem. The crew, left to right, Ann 16, Chris 49, Harry G71 (now deceased), Peter G95 and Malcolm 17. Yours truly on the other end of the camera. Note the quality of the early digital cameras. Thankfully times have changed.

*PLACES & FACES. cont.*

We had just finished crunching through ice on the grass and along with the welcomed cups of coffee the sun sure felt good as it as it made its presence known. The sunset, was by contrast, awesome.

The Western sky from Wickhams Hill at dusk.



Harry and Peter saw the funny side of something.



It might have been the mud hole I backed into while walking backwards taking flicks.



More than likely though, 49 was telling another of her jokes. Apart from being a good shot of a mud hole, we see the beast in its familiar role, hooked up to the old ACRM van. Just visible in the photo is the lower of two folded dipoles (shown by arrow) that we used in the early trials of UHF repeaters.

## LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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## Congrats and Get Well's

### Birthday greetings for April go to:

Firstly, our two April fools, Trev 120 & Derek 40 for the 1<sup>st</sup>, Tash 167 for the 13<sup>th</sup>, Ebony 223 for the 18<sup>th</sup>, Carol 322 for the 21<sup>st</sup>, Philip 20 for the 22<sup>nd</sup> and Bianca 233 for the 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Get well.

Some really good news, Elaine 43 has had further surgery and we are told it went well, she hopes to be at the next meeting.

We also wish Nev 228 a speedy recovery and advise that a feed of fish and chips for two is about \$8, perhaps it's safer to leave the boat at home.

## WANTED TO SELL, BUY OR EXCHANGE

*For Sale:-* Driza-Bone coat in good condition, Size XXS, Chest 90 cm, \$25 ono. Please contact Chris 49 for more information. (08) 85226081.



*For Sale:* Hills 30 metre Tower, complete with winch, guys and all fittings in TOP Condition:- \$800. ono. Also five x 30 metre lengths RG213 coaxial cable:- \$100 ono. For information on these items contact Ian 62 on 8255 9646

*For Sale:* Rear springs (new) to suit SWB Land Rover Series III. \$80 ea. Contact Lyall 190 on 8834 2137

*Wanted:* Left hand front and rear doors to suit 1993 L Series Subaru Station Sedan. Please contact Lyall 190 on 8834 2137

*Wanted:* 1 set of quartz spotlights. Contact Lyall 190 on 8834 2137

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/- [phil48@adam.com.au](mailto:phil48@adam.com.au).

**HERE IS A QUIZ FOR THE KNOW-IT-ALLS.** Sent in by Doug 29 prior to his death.

There are only nine questions. They are straight questions with straight answers, no trick questions. The answers are in the back of the mag just in case you don't know it all.

1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters 'dw' and they are all common words. Name two of them.
7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?
8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.
9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter 'S'.

*Minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> A.G.M. of ACRM S.A. Inc*  
*Held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 at Collinswood .S.A.*

Meeting opened at 20.00 Hrs, President welcomed all.

PRESENT; 48,49,44,22,21,141,232,228,350.

APOLOGIES; 43,66,64,120,370,371,372,283,233.

VISITORS; G78 Bill Scott, Jeff Cherrington.

Minutes of previous AGM were read, 21 Moved that it be a true and correct record of that meeting, Seconded by 22 and carried.

Matters Arising: 22 to follow up on radio.

TREASURER. Read auditors report. Moved by 44 that it be accepted, seconded by 350, and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE; Nil in or out.

MEMBERS SUBS; To remain as is and review in twelve months.

All Positions were declared vacant, The following sitting members were elected unopposed:

President 48, Treasurer 49, Social Secretary 350, Rally Coordinator 228 and Resources

44. At present Training Officer will remain a Casual Vacancy due to John 22's retirement

On a show of hands, 141 was elected Secretary.

No Sub Committee needed at present, Asst Social Sec when needed

COMMENTS

President welcomed New and returning members.

*Treasurer*, Thanks for confidence of members.

*Social Secretary*, Thank You for efforts in supporting raffles.

*Secretary* Nice to return to Committee after so long

LIFE MEMBERSHIP: None at present

SERVICE AWARDS; President to check who is eligible.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Re 24 hour event, possibly 30<sup>th</sup> year. President to check if 30 year badge is to be struck.

Bill Scott G78: Referred to an accident at a previous 24-Hr and suggested witness details may be required.

Mentioned that a Traffic Marshall instruction will be available at Evanston Fire Station on March 15 at 7.30pm.

PRESIDENT thanked all for coming.

MEETING CLOSED at 2035 Hrs.

## *In The Kitchen (Outdoor Kitchen); with Chris 49:*



*As we still have plenty of barbeque weather left, here are some more to follow last month's theme.*

### *Stuffed Leg of Lamb*

1 large leg of lamb, boned	freshly ground black pepper
4 cloves garlic, crushed	juice of 1 lemon
125 g lamb, minced	1 onion chopped finely
½ cup rice	pinch salt
pinch cinnamon	2 tbsps finely chopped parsley
1 tbspn finely chopped mint	1 egg yolk

#### Baste

4tbsps oil	4 tbsps lemon juice
2 tspns rosemary	

Method: - Lay lamb out flat on a board and brush with the juice of 1 lemon, garlic (optional), and then sprinkle with freshly ground black pepper. Allow to rest while preparing stuffing. Heat minced lamb. Add onion, rice, salt, pepper and cinnamon. Sauté until cooked. Add parsley and mint and remove from heat. When cool stir in egg yolk and spread mixture over lamb. Roll up tightly and tie, roast on a spit over medium fire. Combine baste ingredients and brush occasionally as it cooks. Barbeque time is about 2 hours, but test with a meat thermometer.

Serves 6-8

Note If spit is not available, lamb may be wrapped in foil that has been coated with some of the basting mixture. Turn frequently and open foil and brush from time to time with baste. For the last 10 minutes of cooking time, unwrap lamb and allow to brown.

## In The Outdoor Kitchen, cont.

### *Satay Chicken*



Fresh chicken fillets  
Satay sauce; freshly made (see recipe in last month's Communicator) or bought if you prefer.

Method: - Cut the chicken fillets into slightly smaller pieces than for kebabs – about 2 cm square. Thread on skewers and cook over medium fire, basting and turning continually. Brush with Satay Sauce and serve hot. Barbeque time about 10-15 minutes.



An alternative is to use prawns or beef, the method is the same but prawns can be deveined and left whole and the beef can be cut in strips.



### *Corn and Relish Dip*

250g low fat cottage cheese  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup corn relish

Method: - In a food processor beat cottage cheese until very smooth. Add relish, beat until well combined. Keep refrigerated. Best made a few hours ahead.

### *Cheese and Chive Dip*

250g low fat cottage cheese  
2 tbsps fresh chives chopped

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup 25% reduced fat grated tasty cheese

Method: - In a food processor beat cottage cheese until very smooth. Add cheese and beat until well combined. Add chives and beat for a few seconds until blended into mixture. Keep refrigerated. Best made a few hours ahead.

*Answers to the Know-it-all questions:*

1. Boxing.
2. Niagara Falls. (The rim is worn down about two and a half feet (800mm) each year because of the millions of gallons (mega litres) of water that rush over it every minute.)
3. Asparagus and rhubarb.
4. Strawberry.
5. It grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.
6. Dwarf, dwell and dwindle...
7. Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, braces, brackets, exclamation point, quotation mark, , parenthesis and ellipses.
8. Lettuce.
9. Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts.

Now give yourself a score:

*All correct, you really are a know it all.*

*5-8 correct, you rate amongst the scholars.*

*1-4 correct is deemed average.*

*None correct, never mind you are amongst the majority of millions who didn't either.*

Doug also left us with a few other gems, this one tickled his fancy but he thought it a bit risqué.

A Nun, badly needing to use the restroom, walked into a local Hooters. The place was hopping with music and loud conversation and every once in a while 'the lights would turn off.' Each time the lights went out, the place would erupt into cheers.

However, when the revellers saw the nun, the room went dead silent. She walked up to the bartender, and asked, "May I please use the restroom?"

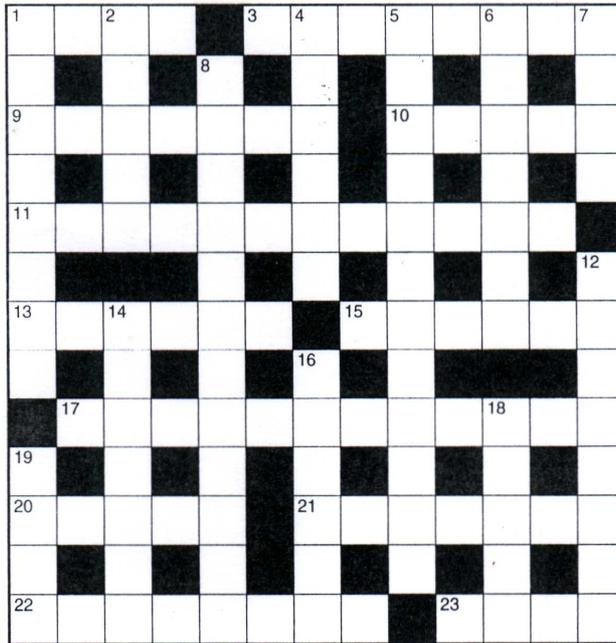
The bartender replied, "OK, but I should warn you that there is a statue of a naked man in there wearing only a fig leaf." "Well, in that case, I'll just look the other way," said the nun. So the bartender showed the nun to the back of the restaurant.

After a few minutes, she came back out, and the whole place stopped just long enough to give the nun a loud round of applause. She went to the bartender and asked, "Sir, I don't understand, why did they applaud for me just because I went to the restroom?"

"Well, now they know you're one of us," said the bartender, "Would you like a drink?" "No thank you, but, I still don't understand," said the puzzled nun. "You see," laughed the bartender, 'every time someone lifts the fig leaf on the statue, the lights go out. Now, how about that drink?"

## Crossword Puzzle Chris 49

Answers next month.



### ACROSS

1. Soil.
3. Dealing with.
9. Trace.
10. Seductive wome.
11. Changing an appointment.
13. Simply.
15. In the land of nod.
17. Small bird with flippers (2 wds).
20. West Indian dance.
21. Go without.
22. Shortened version.
23. Golf ball supports.

### DOWN

1. Turned aside.
2. Flowers of love.
4. Meeting format.
5. Wickedness.
6. Huge.
7. Breath in suddenly.
8. State of single male
12. First night performances.
14. Speech impediment.
16. The act of using.
18. Pet parasite.

You know what they say about *Locals* helping *locals*. Well in the case of these companies it is certainly true. Apart from an old stalwart, Foodland @ Gawler, It is a pleasure to welcome some new sponsors.



{ EMBED Word.Picture.8 }

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