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Meeting dates.

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

ACRM SA Inc. July's meeting will be 26th at 20:00 Hrs.

August's meeting will be on the 23rd.

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

Next meeting will be August 16th 2011.

PRESSIE'S PRATTLE; Phil 48:

Well there you go. Believe half of what you read on the web and even less when its in an email. It seems the strange calendar stuff printed last month is in part baloney. Not the 5 Fridays in July bit but the fact that it only happens every 6 or 700 years or so. It seems that someone with a furtive imagination picked that figure out of nowhere and decided to put it on the WWW for all and sundry to awe at. Stuff knows why because anyone with a computer can advance years in the month of July to see that it comes up every 6 years, until you hit a leap year. Check it your self, try 2016 and 2022 for starters then 2033 after the leap year.

Patience prevails but perseverance certainly helps because after a couple of not-so-good repeater episodes at recent events, it performed flawlessly for the 24 Hour. Albeit, our signal may have been a little down on range because it was reported that it seemed weaker in areas that in the past were better. Thus this year some definite VSWR checks at the repeater site will be carried out and any faults rectified. That coupled with our new repeater, might be a whole new experience or it may prove that our old one was actually doing a great job. I'll be looking for some volunteers to drive around the area when we start doing tests following any repairs.

BRRRR...

When the Trial first moved to Eudunda, we at main, had the pleasure of working from the coldest building on the premises, on the planet for that matter, the Old Scout Building, a 60 x 30 corrugated iron thing with a few cubicles along one



side. After freezing our tits off for a few years using gas heaters to try and make the place bearable, we moved into one of the cubicles and hung a rug-type, blanket thing across the opening to make it a little smaller and easier to heat. It's a good thing I was 20

years younger then or the trial would have found out at a very early age the

meaning of “no comms, no trial.” Anyway the reason for this preamble is to say that after 12 or more years of not using the hole-in-the-wall, Chris noticed that no one has taken the old blanket down. We didn’t find out until years later that the reason we were ostracised is the fact that back then we indulged in that filthy habit of smoking. So while we fagged and ran the show from our little corner of the world, the merry rest were in the clubrooms with enough heaters going to make the wheel on the electric meter spin faster than a hamster on an exercise wheel at happy hour, keeping their tootsies as warm as toast.

Apart from some tyres, seats and a cupboard, it looked just like it did years ago and felt just as cold. Never mind, we have been accepted now and are part of the hamster spinners – except we have educated them into a few less heaters and the room is usually maintained at a comfortable 17-20 degrees. Yes it could be warmer but it is a much less culture shock and far more bearable when you have to run outside for scratch lists and other such data, when “outside” is between 2 & 5 degrees.

We have just purchased the first of our new repeaters and I’m finding it a bit of a learning curve getting them programmed to suit us. As its our first stint with Motorola’s, I think they will be going in for set-up.

WWW dot nothing was hopefully a thing of the past and will be soon rectified. A message from the Webmaster says, “*Unfortunately the website has been down for some months due to an oversight on my behalf. When I purchase a Domain Name and Internet Website Hosting, I make sure that I have the settings on "Auto Renew" so that when the renewal is due it is automatically done via my Credit Card.*

Late last year, without notification, their records and my credit card details didn't match, thus not renewed. I did not become aware of it until it was too late to renew it.

When this occurs, the domain name goes into redemption where it is not available to anyone for 6 months and then it is placed out for sale to anyone who wishes to purchase it. We are currently in the redemption stage.

In a discussion with Phil 48, he came to the rescue and advised me that we still have the acrm.org.au name registered so we are in the process of having it transferred to the company that I do all of my website business with and when this has been done it will be back online again.

Adrian 423.

Ed: Damn good news Adrian, it’s also worth a mention that we have an application for sponsorship in with Adam Internet and are awaiting an answer on that.

Some info from the *provisional* score sheet for this year's 24:

Open Solo

1st 73 Christopher Power.
2nd 69 Sean Throup.
3rd 67 Tristan Throup.
4^t 65 Nick Throup.
5th 68 Brett Haydon.

Open Sidecar

9 Max Hutchesson, Sam Hutchesson.
10 Adrian Rohrlach, Lachlan Greenhalgh
4 Hector Evans, Tom Oye
22 Matt Woodhouse, Des Woodhouse
7 Fred Weckert, Steve Urry.

Final results will be issued on Tuesday 26

www.24hrtrial.com

The Communicator in colour:

Here we are, just 12 months into printing coloured photos in the mag and the cost has already proven uneconomical. Thus, colour will remain but on a reduced scale. The Communicator will still use colour throughout but some of the printing will be in monotone (B/W). The cartridges to suit the Canon Laser LBP 5050N are around \$100 ea, with three colour and a black, adding up to \$400 a year. The other option is to raise the cost of the Communicator to cover it.

NEW BADGE:

A new badge is being made to commemorate our 30th year of involvement with the 24-Hour reliability trial and those who participated in this, trial will receive one free.

PROTOCOL

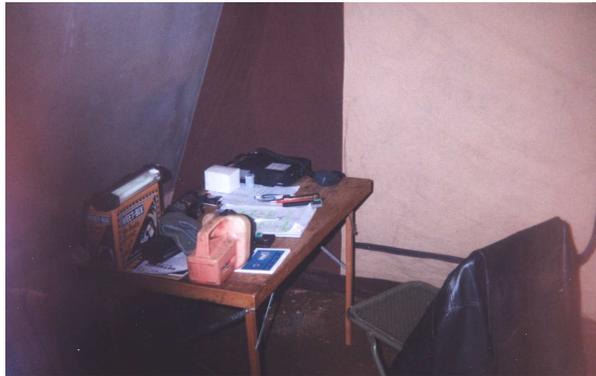
It's becoming painfully obvious that many monitors are reverting to the slack, unprofessional way of running a control and that is to sit back and watch the event without scribbling a thing on paper. I could count on one hand how many log books that went back to the 24 hour committee with entries.

Bloody woeful. Your job as a monitor is to document what goes on in and through the checkpoint. Take notes of everything as the log book may be used at a later date for evidence of an occurrence. If proof is needed that something happened, firstly it is searched from within our logs at main and then looked for in the corresponding control's log for confirmation.

Every time a scratched rider is given out write it down so your list is as good as the one at main and if one is missed during a time when your head is down, by all means call main.

When Main asks for info on a bike, a yes or no from your list is sufficient to say a rider has been through and only if we ask for an exact time should you need to annoy the controllers.

A simple rule to follow is, put on paper everything that can be taken down fast and then transfer to a list of numbers. If main gives out a list of scratched bikes, its far easier to scribble them down and then take them of your list later. I can hear many of you saying crap, it's easier to do nothing and just get the info from the controllers. How wrong you are, not easier just lazier and often your records are proof that a bike the controllers have missed, has actually been through. If you have got yourself snug in your van, tent, whatever, it is usually warmer to stay where you are and not have to traipse over to the Controllers tent for info. The trial has been providing logbooks for probably 25 of the ACRM'S 30 year involvement and I've probably pounded this point for every one of them. "GET WITH IT GUYS" Do your job and help raise the esteem of ACRM everywhere. Main's logs are understandably longer but a log at a control with everything logged needn't be more than about 3 pages and that is nothing in the space of time that is the 24. The other thing I haven't mentioned is time and that for the ACRM control doesn't need to be Trial accurate, if your watch, clock, timepiece is a few minutes + or -, it makes no difference to the answer "Yes bike 50 went through at 3:30 pm. Only if a scoring question is asked of you, do you need an accurate time from the control. Did you know that a reliable large face digital clock can be purchased from any of the \$2 shops for just that, \$2, I'm sick of the argument that I can't afford a clock and I can't always see my watch. Another boon to today's monitor is LED torches, again \$2 shops and run for 50 hours on a set of AAA batteries. What more could you want?



This is a picture we ran a few months back to show a typical bare-bones set up used by 43 & 44 in early days. Nothing more than necessary so cost is kept at a minimum.

Under the table or from a lead out to the car, is a battery to power to the radio and small fluoro. Table and

chair for rudimentary comfort, necessary paperwork and a torch to find your way around if needed. The tent puts a roof over your head and provide shelter from the elements.

RALLY ROUND-UP; Nev 228:

Phew! I'm glad that's out of the way, The 24, that is. Fortunately a not-so-good attendance by ACRM didn't put the halters on the trial. I'll define not-so-good so it doesn't sound too bad. We were 3 controls short of total coverage and only the generous offers from controllers got us out of that mess. Okay so the 24 is a gruelling trial for all but we signed on knowing full well what was ahead of us and some of you are exemplary examples of dedication, while many just look for the easy way out.

You don't need to be a Philadelphia lawyer to realise that we are a dying breed and will soon be scratching for resources unless new blood is stirred and preferably new, young, blood. Without flashing neon signs with names, I will just mention that close to half the members out there were over 50, with a heap over 60 and a hand full over 70. Some even suffering some form of cancer. Yep that's dedication. I'd like to be able to say that about the rest us in 10 or so years.

Two things, ONE – be prepared to do more or TWO, introduce some new blood.

Either way, it's time to get off your dairy Aires and improve the situation.

Our next event is Monarto on the 23rd & 24th July. We have Monarto covered and also Mallala, which is on Saturday, August 13th.

There are two Starkey's rides in August as well. The first being the weekend before Mallala (6th & 7th) and the second on the 27th & 28th.

TREASURE TROVE; Chris 49:

Mates, just a quick thank you to a couple of people with forethought. Phil and I arrived at Eudunda just after lunch on Friday (the weekend of the 24 Hour) and worked non-stop carrying stuff in and setting up. First thank you goes to Billy Scott G78, who worked tirelessly with Phil erecting antennae and setting up radios etc. It was about 5:30 when Frank & Libby, 67 & 68 arrived from Maitland, armed with an electric fry-pan full of something like Kedgeree without cabbage, Lib just called it savoury mince with rice, whatever the name it was delicious. We sat down for a chat and some food in what was our first break since rolling up 5 hours earlier. Thanks Lib, it was most welcome and most thoughtful. I'm not sure when we would have had tea if not then.

Bloody caravan: It's un-lady-like and unlike me to use profanities but the poor old caravan has developed a leak that has saturated the front insides of the van twice now. After cleaning up and drying the bedding once, it has copped it again during the last rains and finding the source is proving difficult. Maybe it will quieten down soon and we can spend some time on it. When it is in use nearly every weekend it is difficult to get the time to get stuck into it.

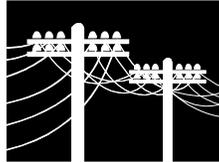
Tuck's Tales by Graham 141
TUCK'S 24 (A tradition)

The 24 Hour 2nd Effort

Down near the **PINES** there is a shed where cows give **MILK**, behind a series of posts set out like **STONEHENGE**.



CUTTING across the **POWERLINES** near the **SALT** lake there were several **HINTZ** that to cross the **PLAINS** with **CLARRY** just to have a **PEEP** at the **SLEEPER** on the **RIDGE** would cause the **POLSTERS** some confusion.



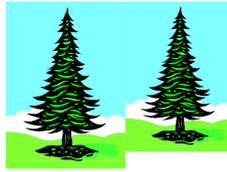
NOACK employed a **CLARK** who said “**DAM SAEGY**, send him up to the **NORTH HILL** to the **SCRUB** over the cattle **GRID** to **DUTTON RACEWAY**>



However, if **ALTMAN** had followed these instructions he would have faced **RUIN** before he arrived at **MAIN**

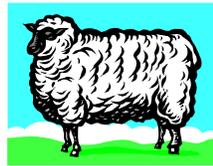
Daniel 222 has listened to and read Tuck's use of the Control names at the 24 for years and decided to give it a go this year. Thus not one but two 24 hours of the 24 are presented this year, it was interesting to hear what an age difference of about 40 years makes to the thinking and make up of each 24 hours at the 24.

As the bikes left EUDUNDA, they noticed some lovely PINES on the side of the road that made them want to drink some MILK.



Whilst admiring the STONEHENGE they saw someone CUTTING through the

POWERLINE. This was such a stupid act that they decided to rub SALT in their wounds, dropping HINTZ that they shouldn't have done it and stayed home back in the PLAINS with CLARRY, who decided to PEEP at the SLEEPER who was lying on the RIDGE.



POLSTERS is what he needed I thought to myself as NOACK and CLARKE swam in the DAM, they found a HOTTY CORNER of the place looking over the SAEGY town of NORTH HILL so they thought they had better

SCRUB extra hard if they were going to meet the GRID girls and not confuse mutton with DUTTON.

Then it was off to the Truro RACEWAY where they caught up with ALTMAN who was in a RUIN at MAIN.



Ed: If you want go bald, try finding pictures to suit these things.

PLACES and FACES.

I ran out of space last month and omitted some photos from Phil73 at his Robertstown 2 Day Control, Phil writes, "Hi, A few photos, hope they are useful. Unfortunately I did not have the camera and had to make do with my old phone which is getting pretty dilapidated now.

The controllers erected a sign on the creek bank TEAM YELLOW.

At the break between Sat laps 1& 2 the emergence of fancy costumes began until there was a large group of yellow theme characters running the control much to the amusement of the riders etc.

When we arose on Sunday, the costumes were all along the bank to welcome the

Sunday competitors.

By the end of the event, all were reduced to a heap of tattered rubbish by rock throwing and football kicking.

My brother Kym accompanied me this trip".



LAST MONTH'S
CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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GREETINGS

Many Happy returns of the day for August go to: Malcolm 17 for the 2nd, Luke 371 for the 8th, Sharon 72 for the 17th and Vicki 172 for the 29th. Congratulations to you all. Hopefully I've got the year correct and this time Vicki is 50 years young. Best wishes Vicki. Congratulations also to Denise 350 and Jeff 75, who tie the knot this month. We wish you both well.

WANTED TO SELL, BUY OR
EXCHANGE



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 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.

Tucks Touching Tribute.

By 141

Hail the Bride and Groom

The Bride arrived all dressed in white
Prepared for the wedding and an early night
The Celebrant huffed and puffed his lines
While the Sticker-Licker collected parking fines.

“Do you take this man” and so on and so forth
(He’ll collect his payment, far more than he’s worth)
“Do you honour and obey, please have your say
You can’t change your mind another day.”

The wedding car with its streamers flowing
Fortunately the engine kept going
A valiant effort one must say
As the honeymoon got under way.

A fishing trip was not the best
A hook got caught in the wedding dress
It tore from top right down to the hem
And exposed several bits, this, that and them.

The Bridegroom didn’t know where to look
He hadn’t read about this in any book
So as he quivered and violently shook
He cried out loudly “Give back my hook.”

Minutes of the 333rd Open Committee Meeting of ACRM SA
Inc, held on 28th June 2011 at Collinswood.

Meeting Opened at 2008 hrs

President Welcomed All

Present.. 141,21,232,75,44,350,48,49,228

Visitors Sandy Douglas

Apologies 233, 66, 64, 120, 370, 371, 372, 43.

Minutes of previous Meeting Moved 49 Sec 21 that they be accepted as read.

Matters Arising Nil

Correspondence In 11/8 to 11/20 Out 11/5 to 11/6
Moved 350 Sec 44 Carried

Reports President Discussion re new repeaters
Secretary Did a Control at Robbie. First for ages;
Treasurer, Bal \$4789.03, In \$212.70 Out \$501.00.
Ordered 30 year badges for 24 Hr and designed a 40 year
Service badge.
Rally Coordinator Advised of need for more volunteers for
Events. 44 in doubt re vehicle
Social Sec.. Has 2 Dutch Auctions
Resources Reminded all, he has items to sell.

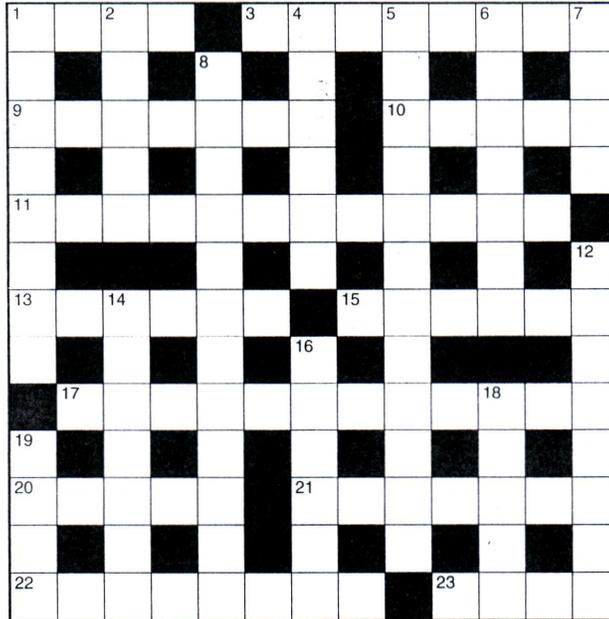
General Business. Jeff queried Web site...down at the moment

Meeting Closed 2035

Next Meeting Tuesday 26th July.

Crossword Puzzle Chris 49

Answers next month.



ACROSS

1. Stow.
3. A crustation that clings to a ship.
9. Make a person angry.
10. _____ & crannies.
11. They knock you out
13. Electronic messages.
15. A verse of poetry.
17. In a friendly manner.
20. Circus performer.
21. Trainee.
22. Kitchen cabinets.
23. Goddess of Nature

DOWN

1. Apes & monkeys
2. Series of events.
4. Highest points.
5. Book of true events.
6. Sippet.
7. Simple.
8. Periodical payments.
12. Cords.
14. Shell fish..
18. Deer horn.
19. Bitter.

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 on board this year.



Robern Menz, Office Works, Maccas & K Mart. Their assistance is greatly appreciated. Please show your support by supporting them.

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