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Meeting dates.

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

There is no Meeting in December.

.July's OCM is on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

August's OCM is on the 27th

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

***Gawler/Barossa general meetings are bi-monthly (every two months), on the THIRD TUESDAY of the month.*** No meeting in December.

Next meeting, September 17<sup>th</sup>

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

I seem to remember making some statement along the lines of, with age, comes wisdom and I got it wrong that time too. My statement this time is just as silly, because with age, I've become a whoos, I used to love the cold weather but with age I've gone soft and find myself rugging up a whole lot earlier.

Somehow, even after a busy month, this thing, we call a mag is underway a week early and without putting a jinx on things by saying so, let's hope it stays that way. I'm going to kick it off with a bit more, Almost Rally Co-ord stuff. I mentioned last month that a meeting between Colin Brown (Sandy creek organiser ) and us was needed to straighten out the uncertainty we had with the maps for this year. Sadly even after the meeting we were not a lot wiser and for one good reason, his daughter Lisa was going to mark the course that week and he only had a rough idea of where she was going. He did know where the checkpoints were so it was up to Lisa to connect the dots, hopefully going through each of the controls we knew about. It turned out that, apart from one checkpoint that was in a different place, every one knew where to go as it was not a lot different to last year.

John 232 and Dick 21 came in on Saturday and confirmed their checkpoint locations. Phil 322 & Kylie came up on Sunday morning and went straight to their control. To cover the second and subsequent legs, each controller had to make a small shift to a new location and two checkpoints were used before the shift could be made, necessitating a quick shuffle on Colin's part to find someone to cover the controls until our guys were freed up. It's all a matter of logistics really, had the 40's gone out on the first leg of the 80, instead of the second, the controls would have been clear in time to do the shift.

A few thanks must be said, firstly to Lisa, who took time to take a bacon and egg sandwich out to each of our people on the controls and thanks also to the couple who covered the two controls in our absence during the shifts. Unfortunately, that is not as easy as it sounds as I'm not sure who Colin got to cover them, except one I think was his sister Judith. Either way, it was appreciated and necessary to the success of the ride, which by the way, was again liked by the riders, making it one of the most consistently popular rides.

## **RALLY ROUND UP; Trev 120**

Each year after a small break, the event season is upon us and for a while it seems there is something every weekend. To recap on what has made this year busy, we started with a ride at Waikerie in March, followed by the Robertstown 2 day trial in June, then the 24-

Hour trial in July and hot on its tail was the Sandy Creek Ride and Mallala (Gil Harris trial), both in August, just a week apart. For those who attend, the 24 –hour presentation night, it follows one week after that so yes it's been a bit hectic and we still have Clare to go in September on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Please contact us early if you can assist with Clare. I've got no hesitation in asking for more volunteers, we really struggled to cover each of the aforementioned bike trials.

## TREASURE TROVE;Chris 49

I was lucky enough to get the thrill of typing up one of the Ode's this month, thus in lieu of Treasure Trove, I offer this version from Lisa 333, who writes:

### LISA'S ODE 2019

He took off OUT from the starting line after having a DUMMY SPIT at the officials. He entered the PINES knowing full well the controllers would greet him with a glass of MILK. He continued on through the VALLEY but didn't see the big MALLEE stump as he ran into it and made the front wheel CHALKY. Rolling towards the CUTTING he missed a call from CLARRY who was PEEPing out of the window under the POWERLINE. The RAMP has a broken SLEEPER that he luckily dodged when he ran into TAPPY who was heading to BROWNLOW to check the water levels in the WELLS. Meanwhile DELTA hitched a ride with FRANKIE who was driving up the NORTH HILLS near Olympic DAM to look at house WARES that WALLY was selling to buy a new TROUGH for his cattle in the BARN where they were penned IN.

### TO's TWEET;Bill 78:

Just a reminder about tracking at events and the system that I use.

Either a proforma sheet with numbers on it or as I normally use a blank sheet of paper and write the bike/horse/car number down as they arrive at the checkpoint, (usually in numerical order), also if you have been provided with a list of entrants, peruse it and observe any nonstarters or reserved numbers. By using this method it can keep radio traffic down and allow for emergency calls to be answered quickly.

Normally the only info required by Main is when first bike arrives at your checkpoint and then the last bike, horse events require each horse as with car events. By listening to your radio about all of the retiree's and accidents will be

noted. By following this system, it makes for a more enjoyable event, especially when it is cold and wet (works for me).

At the 24 hr event we usually get a bit of shuteye between laps meaning up to a couple of hours without being kept up-to-date. When back on duty, by listening to other checkpoints re their missing bikes, it will save you some radio queries.

I also prefer to stay with my checkpoint controllers, this makes for more efficient transfer of information, quite often they hear the same info of retiree's etc as I do.

If you do have any problems or questions, by all means use the radio, however, if of a sensitive nature it's preferable to use the phone.

Lastly, if you have had a break, you'll want a catch up, thus if your phone is internet enabled and you are in a cell reception area, there are two sites to try, one is our own scratchings (DNF) site at [www.acrm.org.au/scratchings.html](http://www.acrm.org.au/scratchings.html)  
The other web-site to remember is the official SART site  
<https://sartchampionship.com>

### ***Tuck's tales; Graham 141:***

Sorry, but there is no photo of Tucks Eye to chuckle over this month.

Instead, I must report on my trip to Ironbank on Saturday to do my duty as a timekeeper for the Gumeracha footy club.

For those who have not had the pleasure of travelling to Ironbank I should point out that Ironbank is situated in some mysterious location way down past Crafers .

Now, I do not possess a GPS, and rely on an old system called "Map reading", which might be OK if you can read a map and associate it with the roads that are supposed to lead to Ironbank.

I must have a faulty map, because I set a record on Saturday by getting lost for the third time. (I have only needed to go there 3 times)

Fortunately I gave myself an extra 45 minutes to get there, and needed all of them. But I arrived in time.

*Ed: you may not be as geographically(GPS) challenged as you think, unless I miss my guess, your smart phone that came to the fore while in London with Sambo may have the required capability to get you unlost, If that's even a word, the spell checker has put a red line under it, putting it in doubt, however, it describes the situation better than found, which is the theoretical opposite to lost. Either way, next time you are in this vicinity pop in with your phone and we can have a play.*

*The Gil Harris Sanger...* I wasn't particularly searching for an article when I remembered this photo but it is worthy of a mention.

At Mallala, the CFS do the catering and a fine job they do of it.

After forking out only 6 bucks for a Steak sanger with onion, egg and bacon, I



was part way through it when I figured it deserved a picture and a feature in the Communicator.

Anyone popping into Main should sample one of these gob stoppers, even if only once in their lifetime, I was happy to see if the second one was as good as the first so tea was a duplicate of lunch. Sorry about my boof-head causing

a shadow across the best bit but my forté is in communications, not photography. Phil 48.

### *Also From Mallala*



*Shawn Harman in the saddle and Shayne Bain riding shotgun offers a salute to the ACRM Guy, Brenton 166 (behind the camera and who has known Shayne since school days.)*

*Shayne is well known around the trials by the yellow plumage on his helmet and is often referred to as Mo-hawk Man, who until recently usually rode solo.*

*Chris 49*

LAST MONTH'S  
CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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Aug.

*Birthday greetings.*

*Birthday greetings for  
September are extended to:*

Jean 318 for the 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
Elaine 43 for the 10<sup>th</sup>,  
Karl 372 for the 29<sup>th</sup> and  
Phil 48 for the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We wish you all the very best for

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## *The 24 Hour Trial 2019, by Phil 48*

(Par Du)

To be honest, there is no part 2, I managed to both whinge and give compliment where praise was due in Par Un so I'll continue with the last of the Odes '19. This one is from Maria Caust, who I think is the 24Hour Committee Ride Secretary. Anyway here is another Ode from yet, another perspective.

### *Maria's Ode to the Ride. 24-Hour 2019*

The MAIN issue was that a DUMMY SPIT occurred at PINES when they heard that the best MILK in the VALLEY was lost in the MALLEE

And CHALKY was CUTTING crook at CLARRY for having a PEEP, beneath the POWERLINE near the RAMP, at the SLEEPER, TAPPY

Meanwhile, Orson WELLS, DELTA Goodrem and ol' blue eyes, FRANKY Sinatra, were performing at the NORTH HILLS DAM

WARES WALLY was finally found, asleep in the TROUGH behind the BARN at MAIN.

## Member's Contributions To Our delinquency

This one is from 49's list of favourite giggles.

PEOPLE OVER 30 SHOULD BE DEAD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

According to today's regulators and bureaucrats, those of us who were born in the 40's 50's. 60's and even 70's probably shouldn't have survived.

Our baby cribs were covered with bright coloured lead-based paint.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets, and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets. (Not to mention the risks we took when hitch hiking.)

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags.

Riding in the back of an open top car on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. Horrors!

We ate cakes, bread and butter, and drank cordial with sugar in it. But we were never overweight because we were always playing outside.

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. No mobile phones!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Unthinkable

We played football or British Bulldog, which sometimes would really hurt.

We fell out of trees, got cut and broken bones and teeth, and there were no lawsuits from these accidents. They were accidents. No one was to blame but us. Remember accidents?

We had fights, punched each other and got black and blue and learned to get over it.

Junior football teams had tryouts and not everyone made the team.

Those who didn't learnt to deal with disappointment.

Some people weren't as smart as others, so they failed a grade. Horrors!  
Tests were not adjusted for any reason.

Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected. The idea of a  
parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of. They actually  
sided with the law. Imagine that.

141 sent us this lot.

## Signs of Humor

### A SIGN IN A SHOE REPAIR STORE IN VANCOUVER READS:

We will heel you  
We will save your sole  
We will even dye for you.

### A SIGN ON A BLINDS AND CURTAIN TRUCK:

"Blind man driving"

### Sign over a Gynecologist's Office:

"Dr. Jones, at your cervix"

### In a Podiatrist's office:

"Time wounds all heels."

### On a Septic Tank Truck :

Yesterday's Meals on Wheels

### At an Optometrist's Office :

"If you don't see what you're looking for,  
You've come to the right place."

### On a Plumber's truck :

"We repair what your husband fixed."

### On another Plumber's truck :

"Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."

### At a Tyre Shop in Milwaukee :

"Invite us to your next blowout."

On an Electrician's truck :

"Let us remove your shorts"

In a Non-smoking Area:

"If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and will take appropriate action."

On a Maternity Room door :

"Push. Push. Push."

At a Car Dealership :

"The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."

Outside a Muffler Shop:

"No appointment necessary. We hear you coming"

In a Veterinarian's waiting room:

"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

At the Electric Company:

"We would be delighted if you send in your payment on time. However, if you don't, YOU will be de-lighted."

In a Restaurant window:

"Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up."

In the front yard of a Funeral Home :

"Drive carefully. We'll wait."

At a Propane Filling Station:

"Thank Heaven for little grills."

In a Chicago Radiator Shop:

"Best place in town to take a leak."

And the best one for last...

Sign on the back of another Septic Tank Truck:

"Caution - This Truck is full of Political Promises"

## More Tech stuff, Phil 48

More of the same I'm afraid, when it comes to technical, it's actually another repeater update. After the success of 3 at Mt Rufus in time for the 24, which only required a battery change, we were hopeful that 4 at Cleland, with a new battery would be just as successful and in a way it was. The battery solved the repeater problem but the same problems with it at Mallala were evident, in the fact that many controls struggled to get good comms. I covered the comms problems we suffered at main last month but since then I've spoken to others about their experiences and I think before next year's Gil Harris Trial, we will have to look at repeater alternatives. There is an inherent problem in the Mallala situation and that is no local hills to work from. Many moons ago, in the early days of Mallala and with the new advent of CB repeaters, we had to use a hill in the vicinity of the course to cover the track and the hill we picked was where the trig point was for the highest point in the area, 30 mtrs above sea level, yep 30, thus it wasn't a hill, just one of the higher sand ridges throughout the area. The venue for Main back then was South west of the current location and a look through a topo map showed the average ridge throughout the area was 10 mtrs. We used Mt. Gawler a couple of times, with reasonable results and then finally Cleland and although much further away, it's height was an advantage but in some areas, typically in creeks etc. comms were again, patchy at best. The shift to the new venue, North of Mallala, did not improve things, in fact, comms at Main got worse. Hand held radios in particular, are typically bad around all the tin garages that are close to main.

I can put up a link repeater at Main to recover hand held operation but it won't have any affect on the controls, hence the earlier statement, we are going to have to do more testing in the area to hopefully improve things next year.

## **Minutes;OCM 416**

**Minutes of Meeting 416 held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 at Collinswood.**

Meeting opened at 2000 hrs

**Present..** 78, 21, 232, 48, 49, 212, 141, 43, 44

Visitors

**Apologies** 80,233,64,370,371,372,333,40,423,120,45

**Minutes of last meeting approved, moved 232 Sec 21 & Carried.**

**Correspondence In 19/18-20 Out Nil moved 78, sec 232 & carried**

**Matters arising Nil**

### **Reports**

**President 24 Hour** was an experience for all. Once the repeater was back in situ at Mt. Rufus, 21 received it from his home.

**Secretary.** Apologies for missing 24hr.

**Treasurer** Bal \$6450.56 In \$131.07 Out \$81.00, moved 44 Sec 78 & carried.

**Training Officer** Overall , 24 went well Happy with it.

**Rally Coord.** Absent with apology

**Social Sec** Nil

**Resources** Nil

### **General Business**

**212** Used a mag base. Not good. Mast OK, then poor. Went up hill with mag base. Would be handy to check out best location first.

**Next meeting 417 27<sup>th</sup> August. 2019**

**Meeting closed 2049**



## IN THE KITCHEN WITH CHRIS 49.

### CRUNCHY-TOPPED MADEIRA CAKE

200g/ 7oz/scant 1 cup butter, softened  
finely grated zest of a lemon  
75g/ 3oz/  $\frac{2}{3}$  cup plain flour, sifted

3 eggs  
150g/ 5oz/  $\frac{2}{3}$  cup caster sugar  
150g/ 5oz/  $1\frac{1}{4}$  cups SR flour, sifted

For the topping

45ml/ 3 tbsps clear honey  
115g/ 4oz/  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup chopped mixed peel

50g/ 2oz/  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup flaked almonds

Method: - Preheat oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas 4. Grease a 450g/1 lb loaf tin, line the base and sides with greaseproof paper and grease the paper.

Beat the butter, lemon zest and sugar in a bowl until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs, one at a time.

Sift together the flours, then stir into the egg mixture. Transfer the cake mixture to the prepared tin and smooth the surface.

Bake in the centre of the oven for 45-50 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean. Leave the cake in the tin for about 5 minutes. Turn out on to a wire rack, peel off the lining paper and leave to cool completely.

To make the topping, place the honey, mixed peel and almonds in a small saucepan and heat gently until the honey melts.

Remove from the heat and stir briefly to coat the peel and almonds, then spread over the cake. Allow to cool completely before serving.

## CARROT CAKE

250 ml/ 8 fl oz/1 cup corn oil	175g/ 6oz/1½ cups sugar
3 eggs	175g/ 6oz/1½ cups plain flour
7.5 ml/ 1½ tsp baking powder	7.5 ml/1½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
3 ml/ ¾ tsp salt	7.5 ml/ 1½ tsp ground cinnamon
a pinch of nutmeg	1.5 ml/ ¼ tsp ground ginger
115g/ 4oz/ 1 cup chopped walnuts grated	225 g/ 8oz (2 large) carrots, finely grated
5ml/ 1 tsp vanilla essence	30 ml/ 2 tblspns soured cream

For the frosting

175g/ 6oz/ ¾ cup full-fat soft cheese	25g/ 1oz/ 2 tblspns butter, softened
225g/ 8oz/ 2 cups icing sugar, sifted	

8 tiny carrots made from orange and green marzipan, to decorate.

Method: - Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/ Gas4

Grease two 20 cm/ 8” loose-based round cake tins and line them with greaseproof paper.

Put the corn oil and sugar into a bowl and beat well. Add the eggs, one at a time, and beat them very thoroughly into the mixture.

Sift the flour, baking powder, bicarbonate of soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger into the bowl and beat well. Fold in the walnuts and carrots and stir in the vanilla essence and soured cream.

Divide the mixture between the prepared tins and bake in the centre of the oven for about 1 hour 5 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean.

Leave the cake in the tins for 5 minutes then turn out to cool on a wire rack. For the frosting mix the soft cheese, butter and icing sugar together in a bowl. Beat until smooth.

Sandwich the cooled cakes together with a little of the frosting. Spread the remaining frosting over the top of the cake and down the sides, making a swirling pattern with a round-bladed knife. Just before you are ready to serve the cake, decorate the top with the orange and green marzipan carrots, arranged in an attractive pattern.

## LEMON COCONUT LAYER CAKE

8 eggs  
15ml/ 1 tblspn grated orange rind  
juice of 1 lemon  
65g/ 2½oz/ ¾cup sweetened, shredded coconut  
150g/ 5oz/ 1¼ cups plain flour, sifted with 1.5ml/ ¼ tsp salt  
30ml/ 2 tblspns cornflour  
75g/ 3oz/ tblspn butter

370g/ 12¾ oz/ scant cups caster sugar  
grated rind of 2 lemons  
250ml/ 8 fl oz/ 1 cup water

For the frosting

115g/ 4oz/½ cup unsalted butter  
grated rind of 1 lemon  
115g/ 4oz/ 1⅓ cups sweetened shredded coconut

115g/ 4oz/ 1 cup icing sugar  
90-120ml/ 6-8 tblspns lemon juice

Method: - Preheat the oven to 180°C/ 350°F/ Gas4. Line and grease three round 20cm/ 8 in cake tins with a layer of greaseproof paper.

Place 6 of the eggs in a bowl set over hot water and beat until frothy. Beat in 165g/ 5½ oz/ ¾ cup of the sugar until the mixture has doubled in volume. Remove from the heat. Fold in the orange rind, half the lemon rind, 15ml/ 1tblspn of the lemon juice and the coconut. Sift over the flour mixture and fold in well.

Divide the mixture evenly between the three prepared cake tins. Bake for 25-30 minutes until the cakes start to pull away from the sides of the tins. Leave the cakes in the tins for 5 minutes, then transfer them to a wire rack to cool. For the lemon custard blend the cornflour with water. Whisk in the remaining ingredients in a pan and bring to the boil. Add the cornflour, and return to the boil. Whisk until thick. Remove and cover with clear film.

Cream the butter and icing sugar. Stir in the lemon rind and enough lemon juice to obtain a spreadable consistency. Sandwich the cake layers with the lemon custard. Spread the frosting over the top and sides. Cover with the coconut.

## APRICOT BRANDY-SNAP ROULADE

4 eggs  
115g/ 4oz/ generous ½ cup caster sugar  
almonds  
4 brandy-snap biscuits, crushed, to decorate  
7.5ml/ 1½ tsp fresh orange juice  
175g/ 60z/ 1½ cups ground almonds  
FOR THE FILLING  
150g/ 5oz canned apricots, drained  
300ml/ ½ pint/ 1 ¼ cups double cream  
25g/ 1oz/4 tblspns icing sugar

Method: - Preheat oven to 190°C/ 375°F/ Gas5. Grease a 33 x 23cm/ 13 x 9 inch Swiss roll tin with greaseproof paper and grease the paper.

Beat the egg yolks, orange juice and sugar with an electric mixer for about 10 minutes, until thick and pale. Fold in the ground almonds.

Whisk the egg whites until they hold stiff peaks. Fold them into the almond mixture, then transfer to the tin and smooth the surface.

Bake for about 20 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean. Leave the cake to cool in the tin, covered with a clean, just-damp cloth.

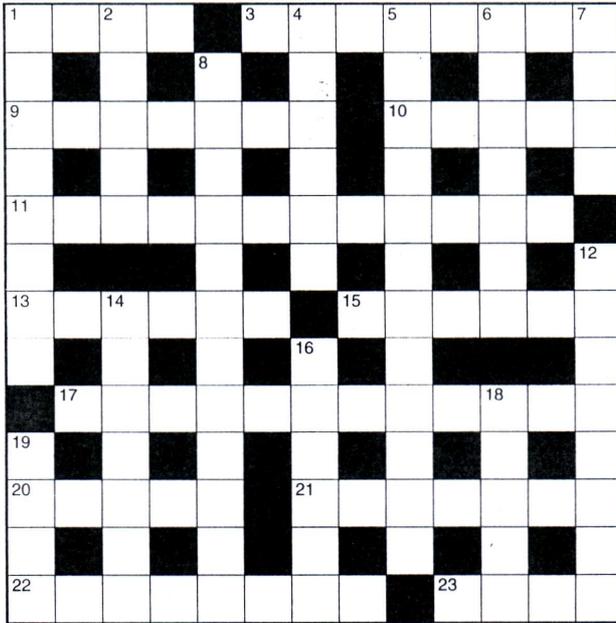
To make the filling, process the drained apricots in a blender or food processor until they reach a smooth consistency. Whip the cream and icing sugar until the cream holds soft peaks. Fold the apricot purée into the cream and icing sugar mixture.

Spread out the crushed brandy-snaps on a greaseproof paper. Spread out about one-third of the cream mixture over the cooled cake, then invert it on to the layer of crushed brandy-snaps. Peel away the lining paper from the cake.

Cover the cake with the remaining cream mixture, then, using the greaseproof paper as a guide, roll up the roulade from a short end.

Transfer to a serving dish with the join underneath, sticking on any extra pieces of crushed brandy-snaps.

*Crossword Puzzle, compiled by  
Chris 49.*  
Answers next month.



(Aug 19)

**ACROSS**

1. Rapid (4).
3. Affray (9).
9. distinctive taste. (7).
10. Sat for portrait (5).
- 11 Inaccessible (12).
13. chair's partners (6).
15. A score (6).
- 17 Private. (12).
20. Garlic dressing. (5).
21. Malady (7).
22. Affirmed .(8)
23. Also (4).

**DOWN**

1. gold wedding anniversary. (8).
2. Postage sticker. (5).
4. A martial art. (6).
- 5 He slept for 20 years (3,3,6).
6. Given to diabetics. (7)
- 7 Conceal (4)
8. Fakes, forgeries. (12).
12. Bicycle riders. (8).
14. Uncontrolled pressure eruption. (7).
16. Respect. (6).
18. Suitable (5)
19. Computer input. (4).

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