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CLUB EVENTS for 2022

<i>Month</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Event</i>
Feb-22	Tuesday 15 Feb	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	Sat 19 Feb	Twilight Run (30th Anniverasary Dinner resceduled to 25 Jun)
Mar-22	Sunday 6 Mar	Re-live the First GT Club Cruise Clare Valley
	Tuesday 15 Mar	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
Apr-22	Sunday 3 Apr	Middleton Hotel
	Tuesday 19 Apr	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
May-22	Fri 6- Sun 8 May	Wallaroo weekend getaway
	Tuesday 17 May	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
Jun-22	TBA	Registration Day
	Tuesday 14 Jun	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	Saturday 25 Jun	30th Anniversary Dinner
Jul-22	Tuesday 19 Jul	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	Sunday 31 Jul	Charleston Pub - Christmas in July
Aug-22	Tuesday 16 Aug	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
Sep-22	Tuesday 13 Sep	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
Oct-22	Tuesday 18 Oct	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
Nov-22	Tuesday 15 Nov	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
Dec-22	Tuesday 13 Dec	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm

See newsletter flyers for full details.

Club meetings are currently held on the **THIRD Tuesday** of each month

at ALBERTON HOTEL

124 Port Road ALBERTON



Hi Peeps,

It's with great sadness that Jim Giovinazzo, a 20 year+ member has passed away on the 5th March. Jim is remembered as an easy going, kind, passionate, enthusiastic club member.

He and his 2 sons, Joseph and James were seen regularly manning the Coke van at various club display days and helping out where they could.

At the age of 21 he bought his red XB GT sedan brand new in 1976, always striving to keep it looking the best he could.

His funeral, held on the 15th of March, was packed with family, friends and well wishers.

Jim, you will always be forever missed.

Our sincere condolences to his wife Connie, kids Joseph, James and Marisa and family.

30th Anniversary dinner is being held at the Hilton Hotel on the 25th June. As the dinner has been rescheduled to this date, the organising committee needs all attendees to reconfirm their wishes to attend and for anyone else who would like to attend.

Please respond as soon as possible to admin@gtclubsa.com.au

Don't forget that club shirts can now be ordered using the order form found in this newsletter.

Next meeting 19th April.

That's all from me,

Stay safe out there,

Call me about anything,

Regards Karl.



Mr Ed!

Hello. As the world seems to edge closer to the abys, the recent passing of Jim (see Vale) and fuel prices compared to a carton of milk (or a magnum of champagne), to assist in finding practical saving tips (and perhaps some light), I have discovered some advanced driving skills that will allow you to achieve improved fuel economy from your Falcon GT, employing a technique called *hypermiling*.

That is correct, *hypermiling*, defined as: *the use of fuel-saving techniques (such as lower speeds and frequent coasting) to maximize a vehicle's fuel mileage*. With some simple adaption of driving technic, you too can look as smug and self fulfilled as a Tesla driver, whilst still appreciating a V8 and its aural symphony of thunder. Here is how you achieve it:

- **Keep idling at a minimum.** ... avoid trying to drag race to each set of traffic lights. Just make your best effort to judge between lights and glide your beast through the intersection, maintain momentum, whilst appearing smug, because you are driving a legend, not a vacuum cleaner!
- **Drive smoothly.** ...Slow is smooth, and smooth is Fast. Let the rest of the sheep in their grey and white appliances appreciate the design elements of your Falcon GT.....(any Ford for that matter!) Appreciate the outward styling in motion as you catch a glimpse of you and your ride in shop windows, reflecting power and performance, without the need to exercise it.
- **Check tyre pressure at least monthly.** ...really only applies to 40 series low profile tyres, not so much with 60 series (baggy) red walls as there is very little tread on the ground as it is! The flatter those red walls, the more traction you have to launch out of the 'hole shot' and beat the Tesla in the first 2 cm...then coast to the next stop. Even consider turning the engine off as you glide to rest next to a bewildered Tesla owner, in awe of your reaction time, even show them the car key!
- **Don't carry unnecessary weight.** ...avoid car pooling, be selfish and enjoy your Falcon GT and its V8 tunes in isolation....Say NO to seat covers!
- **Use the air conditioner sparingly.** ...KEEP YOUR WINDOWS CLOSED AT ALL TIMES! Make maximum effective use of your GTs slippery aerodynamic shape (even a house brick will reach 220km/h, when dropped from a cliff!). Look cool, like Steve McQueen, even if it's above 30 degrees, to hide your actual discomfort of melting into the vinyl folds of the seat . Make sure you rehydrate and (if nature calls) urinate on the carpet. This is a proven winning combination as performed by Allan Moffat in his Phase II, or, selectaire an XW-Y-XA-B, or later model EB-FG and actually remain cool as well, whilst performing the actions already described, minus the urinating bit.....Not cool in front of seat covers; however, you'd still be lonely if you *Don't carry unnecessary weight*.
- **Use a monitoring device.** ...For anything pre EB GT (trip computers!), if the big left dial's needle is in the red area, and the small gauge with the fuel pump is banging into the 'E', *you are not hypermiling!* This is the automotive version of 'twerking' and should only occur in the Heysen Tunnel for maximum effect. Only doing this in the Heysen Tunnel will count to your hypermiling credits and fuel savings in the long run. The **ONLY TIME**, you can wind your windows down is in the Heysen Tunnel. Make sure you giggle like a 12 year old at the appropriate time. For Later model cars with Bi-model exhaust and trip computers, option the sunroof so you too can enjoy, whilst remaining in climate control comfort. Set temp to 16 and match or better it with L per 100Km/h!

In summary the successful 'hyper miler' will: avoid sudden braking and acceleration, avoid unnecessary idling, try not to drive in heavy traffic, use air condition sparingly (keep those windows closed) and be pompous and smug by only exercising revolutions to 7000 rpm when next to an EV.

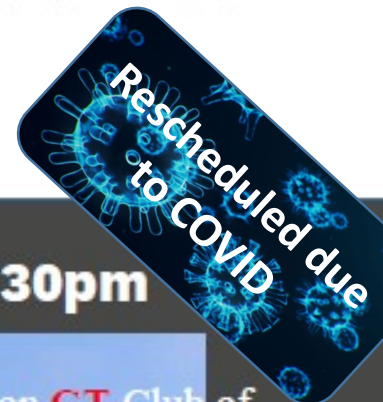
Cheers.

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Pearl (30th) ANNIVERSARY Dinner

Perpetuating the Legendary FALCON GT



SATURDAY 25th JUNE 2022 from 6:30pm



On the 11th of February 1992 the inaugural meeting of The Falcon GT Club of South Australia (FGTCSA) was held at the Naval Military Club on Hutt St in the city.

30 years on, the club is still very much active and committed to

'Perpetuating the Legendary Falcon GT'

whilst providing an enjoyable social environment for GT owners & their families.

To mark this milestone achievement, the FGTCSA will host a special

30TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

at the Hilton Hotel in the city just after our birth date.

This will be complimentary for all current full and associate members & partners (adults only please) & will include a dinner & drinks package, with a live band & dancing. Accommodation will be available at the Hilton at a special rate for those wishing to make it a complete night.

Dress to Impressdrinks and dinner package from 6:30pm till midnight.

Please RSVP to:
admin@gtclubsa.com.au
Thank you
FGTCSA Committee





Minutes of Meeting

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Tuesday 15 Mar 2022

Alberton Hotel

FALCON GT CLUB MEETING - 15/3/22

Attendance Record

Please print your full name clearly!!!

PRESENT	PRESENT	APOLOGIES
Karl Brown		Ron Tebbly
Michael Standes		Peter Robson
Joe Weigl		Sean Johnson
Marilyn Harvey		Brian McMillen
Mick Denham		Karen McMillen
Julie Denham		Leanne Brown
Gabby Heyest + Kobylarz		Keri Siljama
Hugh Westphalen		
Julie Westphalen		
John Walters		
Di Walters		
Kerry Xenophon		
Peter Crook		
Franz Crook		
Tony Barente		
Joe Annen		
Craig Wood		
Murphy Bright		



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Tuesday 15 Mar 2022
Alberton Hotel

FALCON GT CLUB MEETING AT ALBERTON HOTEL 15/2/22

MEETING OPEN 7.31PM

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Moved Marilyn, Seconded Joe W

Today marks a very sad day for many of us. The funeral for our 20 year member Jim Giovinazzo was today after he passed away on 5/2. He was 66 years old and loved and respected by all who were lucky enough to have met him. He bought a red pepper xbgt sedan brand new which is still family owned. May he Rest In Peace. A fantastic suggestion was made to organise a memorial cruise for Jim later this year. Further details to be made available once Karen and Brian on our events committee have been consulted.

CORRESPONDANCE: Gilberts Motor Museum see details further in newsletter. RAA newsletter and more political BS for the upcoming state election this Saturday

TREASURERS REPORT: Tony Parente

Moved: Kerry Seconded Robyn

HISTORIAN: We need to consider the items we have in the trailer as there is LOTS and we don't use these items often. The renovations at Maughan Thiems are not finished yet so we will wait and see how much room is made available for our club to display, before we look at buying a new cabinet.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER: Hugh indicated there was nothing further to add at this stage however we need to INCREASE the awareness of the dinner to ensure the numbers committing to attend get as close as possible to 100. The question was raised as to whether to re send an email/text our members to elicit a reply

EVENTS: Next one is on April 3rd at Middleton Hotel for lunch leaving from the Marion Hotel at 10.30am

CLUB FLAGS: Great Job Gabby "Knackers" who brought them to the meeting and they look fantastic. These will be a welcome addition to further bring attention to our club in a public setting! Great job by Sign of the Times!!

CLUB APPARELL: Has anyone ordered and received any? Any feedback?

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Karl: Armando Vozzo should be present at our next meeting to discuss all things historic registration. Very friendly and helpful guy so if you have any questions he will gladly answer them for you!

Gabby: suggested that reminders to renew memberships and historic registration should



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now start being put in the newsletter. It was also suggested that the club could look at a day to hold a club meeting AND a club rego day on the same time

Hugh: asked about delegates meeting regarding the next GT nationals. Michale answered as a delegate. The delegates meeting has been organised in Bathurst for the 1st and 2nd of May. I will come back to the club in due course with what our members need to know.

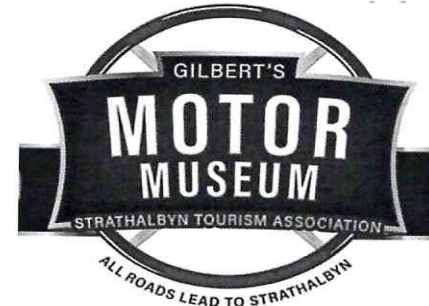
Meeting closed 8.28pm

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GILBERT'S MOTOR MUSEUM

34 High Street, Strathalbyn SA

Another good reason to visit Strathalbyn!



Many of the world's Motor Museums benefit from the efforts of volunteers to help with the care and maintenance of the displays. There are not many that have been developed from an empty 100 year old building and maintained as a significant local attraction without any paid staff.



Gilbert's Garage as it looked in the mid-1930s

The township of Strathalbyn was first established in support of the new farming community in the 1840's. In the early days of the 20th century (1902) the Gilbert family established a business in High Street, making bicycles which progressively grew to include sales and servicing of new and used cars and agricultural equipment. As the business evolved, the original building was renovated and expanded. Neighboring premises were also purchased over the years to acquire more land space to fulfil the business' needs. The family ran their business from the site until 2018, when the difficult decision was made to close and leave Strathalbyn, after 116 years - leaving an historical site in High Street with an unforeseen future.



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The Strathalbyn Tourism Association (STA), a non-profit, volunteer group who promote the town and its attractions and events, saw the premises' potential. With the agreement of the Gilbert family and the STA, several enthusiasts developed a proposal for a Motor Museum on the former Gilbert Motors, showroom and garage site.

Local sponsors, including the Gilbert family, have made generous donations to get the project underway and provide ongoing support. The work required to repurpose the old mechanical workshop, storerooms, sheds and showroom was substantial and included cleaning, lining walls, plastering and painting. All of this was undertaken by volunteers from the community and with the assistance of local tradespeople. Almost 20,000 volunteer hours have been 'donated' to the cause to date (as at Feb 2022).

The original showroom and workshops comprising about 1200 sqm have been repurposed as galleries to provide an ideal base for the Museum vehicle and automobilia displays. The spare parts store now houses the substantial Glen Dix library and his lifetime memorabilia collections. The remainder of the premises includes offices and staff facilities.

All of the museum exhibits have either been donated or are on loan. There are about 80 vehicles including veteran, vintage and classic cars, motorcycles and motor sports vehicles on show, and include some that were originally sold new from the premises up to 90 years ago. A number of the vehicles are of state or national significance, but they all have a story to tell. We have friendly guides available to enhance your experience if you wish.

Highlights of the permanent collections include the Ken Blake and Glen Dix displays and those from the South Australian Vintage Speedcar Association Inc (Rowley Park) and the Angas Go-Kart Club. The Gilbert's Motor Museum does not own any vehicles and those on loan are changed regularly, so that no two visits will be the same. Period themed displays are a characteristic of our collections.

Despite the fact that our opening coincided with the start of the Covid Pandemic, Gilbert's Motor Museum welcomed its 10,000th visitor in mid-February 2022. It has won several local and state awards and recognition, and the STA and volunteers have plans for further expansion.

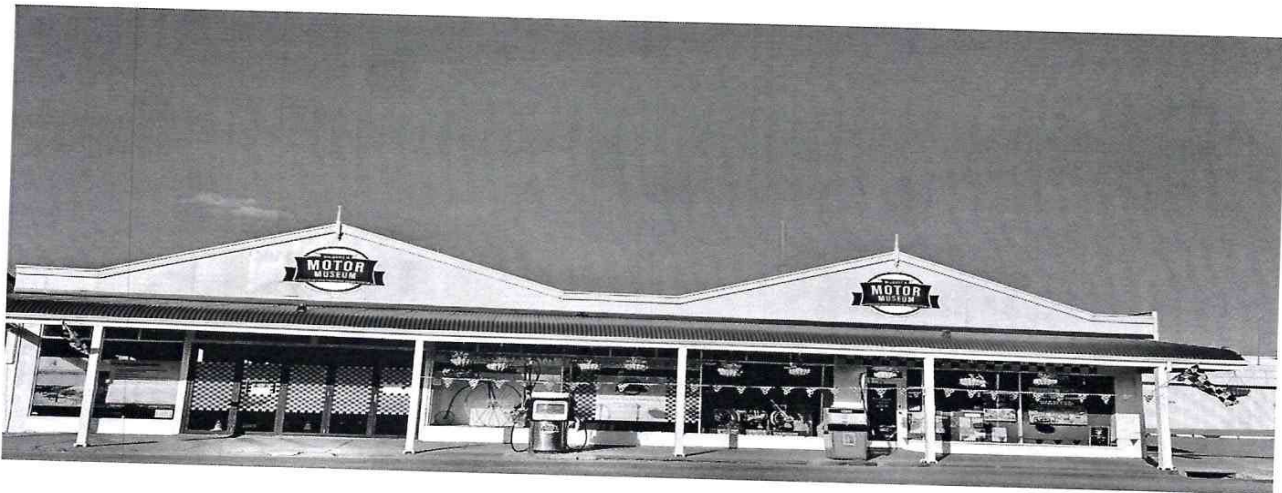
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With low operating costs, low entry fees, an enthusiastic volunteer staff and generous sponsors and people willing to loan cars and bikes, the Museum is undoubtedly going to continue to grow the building's already long history.

If you are a motoring enthusiast, make it your business to visit the Gilberts Motor Museum this year and bring your family and friends you will not be disappointed!



Gilbert's Motor Museum – October 2021



A small taste of what's inside - the old workshop area – August 2021

Falcon GT Club Shirts

Polo tops and shirts have the Club logo and your name(*optional*) on the chest and Super Roo logo on sleeve.

You have the option to add “your” falcon GT badges to the r/h sleeve and back.

Example shows XBGT badges







Club Shirt Order Form

PERSONAL DETAILS

NAME MEMBERSHIP No:

ADDRESS

SUBURB/TOWN..... POSTCODE.....

PHONE:..... EMAIL:.....

Falcon GT Club shirts are available as a **Polo** shirt or **Dress** shirt in both ladies and mens sizing.
Basic shirts are black and blue with club logo on the front lhs and personalised with your name/nickname on the front rhs and Super Roo logo on the left sleeve.

Optional addition to your shirt is Falcon GT badge decals, your choice of model on rhs sleeve and rear of shirt.

Ladies Basic Polo - Size **Name on front of shirt** \$55ea x Qty =

Add Falcon GT Decals on sleeve and back **MODEL** additional \$35 x Qty =

Mens Basic Polo - Size **Name on front of shirt** \$55ea x Qty =

Add Falcon GT Decals on sleeve and back **MODEL** additional \$35 x Qty =

Ladies Basic Shirt - Size **Name on front of shirt** \$70ea x Qty =

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Total

Ladies Polo

P10122 MODERN FIT	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
Garment 1/2 Chest (cm)	46.5	49	51.5	54	56.5	59	62	65	68

Mens polo

P10112 MODERN FIT	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	5XL
Garment 1/2 Chest (cm)	52	55	58	62	65	71	79

Ladies Shirt

S10122 SEMI FITTED	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
Garment 1/2 Chest (cm)	48	50	52.5	54.5	57	60	63	66	68

Mens Shirt

S10112 CLASSIC FIT	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	5XL
Garment 1/2 Chest (cm)	54.5	57.5	61	64.5	68	72.5	80.5

Direct Deposit to BSB 325185 Account 03227159 Falcon GT Club of SA. Enter your Member Number in description if an existing Member or Surname for New Members. Then email signed form to secretary@gtclubsa.com.au

Signed Date

OFFICE USE ONLY: Amount Paid \$

Receipt No:



New Membership Application OR Existing Member Renewal Form for 2022/23

PERSONAL DETAILS (Tick appropriate box) ☐ NEW MEMBER ☐ MEMBER RENEWAL

(Single Member) SURNAME FIRST NAME (S)
 (Joint Member) SURNAME FIRST NAME (S)
 DATE OF BIRTH OCCUPATION
 ADDRESS
 SUBURB/TOWN POSTCODE
 PHONE AH: WK: MOB:
 FAX: EMAIL:

VEHICLE DETAILS

Genuine GT Owners **MUST** complete **EVERY** section of their application (new member OR renewal)
 The Falcon GT Club of SA Inc reserves the right to inspect genuine GT's for authenticity before granting membership.
 Tribute, Replica and other vehicle owners only required to provide general vehicle details as indicated by asterisk *

VEHICLE MAKE/MODEL * MONTH/YEAR BUILT *
 REG NO: * COLOUR * PAINT CODE
 PREFIX NO: MODEL NO: ENGINE NO:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (Tick appropriate box) **Note: Only Full Members have voting rights**

- ☐ FULL MEMBER (Genuine GT/South African GT owners only)
☐ ASSOCIATE MEMBER (Any other Ford manufactured vehicle)

JOINING FEE \$20 \$

Applies to all **new** members for **first year only** and previous members re-applying after membership lapse.

MEMBERSHIP FEE

Single \$65 (OR)
 Joint \$85 \$

Annual payment due by 1st July each year or no later than 30 days after Annual General Meeting or membership will lapse.

HISTORIC REGISTRATION Membership must be maintained during the duration of vehicles conditional registration. Log book will not be renewed if there is any lapse in FGTCSA membership.

FGTCSA member less than one year \$75 \$

FGTCSA member one year or more (\$20 per vehicle) \$20 X \$

All vehicle owners must be current financial members.

Joint owners must also be current financial members. **TOTAL** \$

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Please make Cheques/Money Orders (no cash) payable to: **Falcon GT Club of SA Inc**

Post this form with appropriate fees to: The Secretary Falcon GT Club of SA Inc. PO Box 289 Kent Town SA 5071

INDEMNITY

I agree to abide by the constitution of the Falcon GT Club of South Australia Inc. and release the FGTCSA Inc. from any liability, either personal or property.

Signed Date Membership No

OFFICE USE ONLY: Amount Paid \$

Receipt No:

Membership No:

Ben (21/22) V2



CLUB REGISTRATION



Club rego logbooks with correctly filled out membership renewal forms can be posted, with a stamped self addressed return envelope, from April for restamping/replacing.

Logbook processing can also be done at club meetings or posted to our club mailbox:

P O Box 289, Kent Town, SA, 5071.

All club rego renewals and logbooks must be processed before
June 30 2022

50 Years - XA Falcon GT



In 1968, a trio of Ford Australia designers, Jack Telnack, Brian Rossi and Alan Jackson (a Septic and two Poms) went to Dearborn USA to begin work on a replacement to the second gen Falcon (XR-XY). Their task, to commence work on a 'clean sheet' exterior design using the XY platform that would be exclusive to Australia, the new XA series.

The first 'Australian' designed Falcon, it was the catalyst for the construction of a local design centre employing local staff. The Ford Asia Pacific Design Centre in Broadmeadows survives the closure of local Ford manufacturing, existing still today, influencing the design of future Fords to come, the Ranger and Raptor as examples.

The three (foreign locals..) designers, whilst in Dearborn, utilised the resources of the Ford HQ design studio to create a Falcon that was all Australian in it's design and manufacture. Initially, the plan for XA was for a sedan, ute and wagon variants; however, the hardtop (not initially part of the program) started in earnest in 1968, *thanks to Holden's success with the Monaro*. The initial release date was mid to late 1971, same time as the VH Valiant and HQ Kingswood; however, getting something right the first time takes a little extra time.

1972 finally saw a Falcon that could be described as 'Home Grown'. The new XA owed little to the USA and a lot to local buyer expectations. The body was complex and distinctive with a higher waistline and smaller windows than the XW-XY, with a strong influence from the 1971 Mustang's 'Coke bottle' hips. Bulging wheel-arches provided room for oversized race rubber, if required (more so in the hardtop), with subtle bonnet located NACA (National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.... *if you need to know*) ducts replacing Al Turner's 'Shaker'. The XA, it could be said, was designed with racing foremost in Telnack, Rossi and Jackson's mind.





And what a race car the XA turned out to be based on the GT-HO Phase IV. Sadly, the Phase IV never got the chance to (*likely*) reinforce the hammering delivered to all competitors by the Phase III in 1971 (*you can read about that in a past issue*). The XA, when it did finally arrive to Australian race tracks under the new Modified Production - Group C category in 1973 proved to be quick, benefiting from the past development and performance of the Phase III, employed again in Group C trim during 1972 under Howard Marsden and his team at Ford Special Vehicles (FSV). This was not without a little 'nothing to see here' marketing (or lack of) by Ford to still sell a race car to the public without a GT-HO attracting hysteria amongst speed adverse polities.

Ford's discrete marketing ploy, to quietly release Phase IV parts through Regular Production Option (RPO) 83 and install into select XA GT's 'out the back door' to meet Group C homologation created a very convincing race car. The result, Moffat and Gibson now piloting XA GT (RPO 83) hardtops, resplendent in that beautiful light blue and white FSV livery, showed everyone the way home to securing Moffat his third Bathurst victory in 1973 with Leo Geoghegan. The XA would go on winning, again in 1974, with John Goss and Kevin Bartlett, reinforcing Ford's dominance, and setting the stage for Moffat and his future development of the Falcon hardtop as a domineering race car. We all know where that goes,....testing, 1-2!

Happy 50th XA GT.....



TIME MACHINE

Making grown men.....cry!!!





CLUB EVENT



Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs SA Inc

Armando Vozzo from the Federation of Historic Motoring will be giving a talk about Club Registration. He can answer any questions you may have.

When: Tues 19th April club meeting commencing 07:30pm

Where: ALBERTON HOTEL, 124 Port Road ALBERTON

All are encouraged to attend.



30th Anniversary Club Run to Clare Valley Sunday 06 March 2022





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30th Anniversary Cruise for the GT Club and the weather was just perfect. There was the a great group of members attending including the first president. The cruise up through the Bassora was excellent to the Pioneer Park in Clare recreating the first run for the club. Thank you to Karen and Bryan for coordinating the run and the yummy cake.





30th Anniversary Club Run to Clare Valley Sunday 06 March 2022





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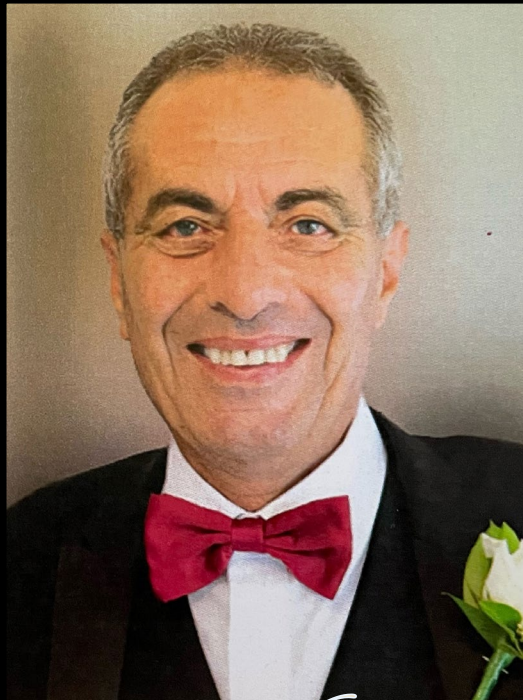


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Vale

Girolamo (Jim) Giovinnazzo

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