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# CLUB EVENTS for 2022-23

Month	Day	Event			
<b>D</b> 00	Saturday 10 Dec	Christmas Dinner			
Dec-22	Tuesday 20 Dec	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm			
	Tuesday 11 Jan	Mid week cruise - TBA			
Jan-23	Thur 26 Jan	Australia Day Cruise GT & Monaro Club			
Feb-23	Tuesday 21 Feb	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm			
	Saturday 25 Feb	Cruise Route 31 - Aldinga			
	Sunday 05 Mar	Jim Giovinazzo Memorial Cruise			
Mar-23	Tuesday 21 Mar	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm			
Apr-23	Tuesday 18 Apr	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm			
	ТВА	Event TBA			
May-23	Tuesday 16 May	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm			
	ТВА	Event TBA			
Jun-23	Tuesday 20 Jun	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm			
	ТВА	Event TBA			
Jul-23	Tuesday 18 Jul	Annual General Meeting Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm			
	ТВА	Event TBA			

#### See newsletter flyers for full details.

Club meetings are currently held on the THIRD <u>Tuesday</u> of each month at ALBERTON HOTEL

124 Port Road ALBERTON



### President's Report

Greetings to all our GT Club Of SA Inc. members

November has had some mixed results with the weather, after the Rain shed ALL FORD DAY event at Oakbank with many of our members grateful, we called of our attendance at the event.

With the rumour mills in over time as to why it still went ahead and the abundance of Youtube videos of the event you can view these to form your own opinion.

With that said I am positive the Organisers will put in a contingency plan to postpone or move the event undercover. Either way we are sure it won't be held at Oakbank again for the foreseeable future.

The Observation Run on a Saturday was held & word was the weather was going to rain, and with that our regular daily drivers were the mode of transport, leaving the muscle tucked away high and dry. With many of the regulars and a few that are not able to make it on a Sunday Run turned up.

With the Cryptic clues run sheet handed out we were of in 1 minute intervals My co-driver was awesome dealing with car sickness as well as reading out clues and writing answers, in our travels seeing fellow members going in opposite directions back tracking to get a clue answer missed.

What a fantastic and riotous time watching members looking for clues, the final destination was changed and held at Karl & Leanne Brown's to shelter us from the impending storm, thanks again to Karl & Leanne for a stupendous time and offering up the use of their home. And a special thanks to Leanne's "Jill Koopman" for her BBQ culinary skills an Awesome effort put on by the Brown/Koopman & associates crew Kari & Carol.

Now you should check out the upcoming Runs that has been put together by Bryan & Karen McMillian fot the next 3 months, I am sure there are plenty to pick from so Join us on one maybe 2 runs.

Mick Denham Informed us of the Annual Australia Day Joint Falcon GT Club Vs Holden Monaro Cruise, this time starting North and ending up South. So help us win the Annual trophy and bragging rights to have more Falcon GTs and Falcons than Monaro's attending, They count cars at start middle and the end so get the beasts out and show them we are not to be messed with.

Wednesday the 30th November at Maughan Thiem Ford meet the FPV Drivers and possible Some DJR personalities.

Club Xmas luncheon is on so for bookings see events a booking is a must and capped amount attending.

I wasn't kidding there is ample activities to choose from so have a look and we look forward to seeing you.

Regards From the President **Peter Polson** 



Hello,

We are fast approaching that time of year again, when Bryan comes home to find his house moved completely to the North Pole by Karen! Yes it's nearly Christmas! With the year fast coming to an end, Santa will be coming a little earlier then usual (yes before the Club Christmas party, Karen!) the return of the Adelaide 500!

Unicorn and I will attend all or some of the days come the December 2-4 weekend, hoping to see a repeat performance from DJR after they dominated in 2020. Seems a long time ago, and I think how quickly things went 'side ways' not long after that event in 2020. Hopefully this time, the only thing side ways is a *Commode* into the pits!

The Pits was where the All Ford Day went as well, the mud pit!. Plenty more social media reports have shown activity more associated with a *mud bogging*, *4x4*, *tractor pulling* event then a quality car show. Hopefully the organisers will reflect on the choice of venue and factor weather affects in planning for next year.

Next year's club calendar of events has been updated, and I would like to bring to your attention some very important activities that require the GT Club to 'assemble!'

First, the Christmas Dinner, hosted by our Event Team, Bryan (elf) and Karen (Mrs Claus!) Karen goes to an extraordinary amount of effort to create the 'Spirit of Christmas' in her home, which she proves to achieve to great effect, while Bryan observes with his home brew on tap! Details inside.

Second, Mick Denham will coordinate two events in the new year:

- Mick's mid week long lunch. Tues 10 Jan 2023 from Castle Plaza, Edwardstown. 10am for a 10:30 departure, and most important......
- **Australia Day Annual GT vs Monaro** cruise Thursday 26th January 2023. Meet at Castle Plaza at 6 pm for a 6:30pm departure. Details inside.

AS well as the Adelaide 500, Unicorn and I will be there, so make yourself available and in my best *Ron Burgundy* voice....*GT Club 'Assemble!'* 

Till the final edition for this year, keep on Grand Touring.... **Ed.** 



#### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 Venue: Alberton Hotel

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1.	BACKGROUND		
	Welcome		
1.1	Chairperson: P Polson		
	Secretary: Michael Stavrides Joe Pinneri		
	Treasurer: Tony Parente		
	Vice Presidents: Joe Pinneri		
	:Karl Brown		
1.2	Present: Joseph Weigel & Marilyn Harvey, , Bryan & Karen McMillan,		
	Karl (Karly Warly)& Leanne Brown, Peter Polson, Tony Perente, Joe		
	Pinnieri, Mick & Julie Denham, Kerry ( Georgy Boy) Xenophou ,		
	Gabby (Knackers) & Robyn Hayes, Murray Blight, Kevin McAvoy,Ron		
	Tebby,Michael Stavrides		
	Apologies: Hugh & Julie Westphalen Allan Tenraa, Kevin May,		
	Kathleen Mincham, Lisa Polson, Robert Gibbons, Bev Norwood,		
	Michael & Alex Stivahtaris, Sean Johnson, Tony Jordan, Terry		
	Ioakhim, John & Di Waters, Martin & Lee Sojenka, Chris Blackie		
	Carroll, Jaime McNeil, Craig Woodward		
1.3	Meeting Opened: 7:31pm		
1.4	Minutes of previous meeting -Accepted as a true & accurate record	Peter Polson	
	Moved: Marylin Harvey		
	Seconded: Leanne Brown		
1.5	Treasures Report	Tony Perente	
	Moved: Ron Tebby		
	Seconded: Karl (Karly Warly) Brown		
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2.	STANDING ITEMS NO	Peter Polson
2.1	New Members:	P Polson
2.2	Correspondence:  NIL. Michael to email other clubs newsletters to Sean so they can be emailed to members. Michael to supply Kari Joe Pinnieri's mobile number for it to be present in the newsletter	M Stavrides
2.3	Newsletters: Michael to discuss with Sean for members to receive them from other clubs.	M Stavrides
2.4	Letters/Emails: Sean to Forward other club Newsletters via Email to Club members	M Stavrides
2.6	Merchandise:  Ask Tim Crowther to present at December to discuss Shirts & Sample Sizes and take Orders from Members  Place on Membership form a notice for a subsidised Club Shirt order form. It was voted on and motion carried that ALL existing members	Peter Polson



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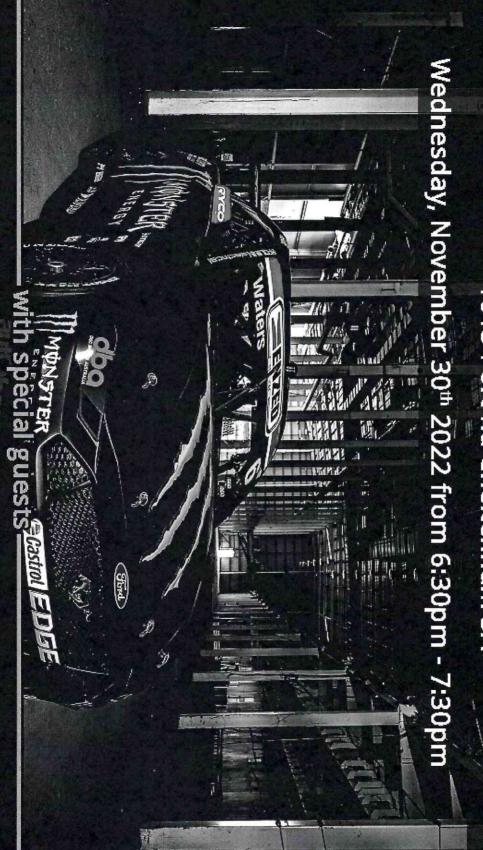
	And NEW members are to receive a \$20 subsidy toward the purchase of ONE shirt. Discussion needs to be had with Kari to amend the order form accordingly to reflect this.	
	All Members to be given a \$20.00 subside on our new club shirts ord	
2.7	Historian/Property:  N/A we will need to discuss with Mike at Maughan Thiems on wed 30 <sup>th</sup> to discuss our cabinet and display there going forward	John Walters Absent
2.8	Website: N/A	S Johnson Absent
2.9	Events:  Thanks to Jill Koopman for her excellent culinary cooking on the BBQ Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> December Club Xmas Dinner at The McMillians BYO Drinks. Definite 30 ppl with maximum of 40 allowed covid rules pending so please RSVP to Karen if wishing to attend January 10 <sup>th</sup> Midweek Long Lunch Cruise January 26 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday) Australia Day Cruise 5:30pm start point to be advised February twilight cruise. Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb possibly to Aldinga March 5 <sup>th</sup> Memorial cruise for Jim Giovinazzo	B & K McMillan  Mick Denham
3.	NEW BUSINESS (GENERAL BUISNESS)	
3.1	Historic Representative Report:  See additional report by Ron Tebby. Michael to fill in survey on ICVs provided by Ron.	Ron Tebby
3.2	All Club Members Ensure they have given the club their correct mobile numbers to admin to add to our Data base so you can receive up to date events and meeting times	Leanne Brown
3.3	27 <sup>th</sup> November Classics On The Park	Tony Parente
3.4 3.5	Congratulations to Murray Blight & the 53 years anniversary married to his XW Falcon 500 GS from Degville Ford in 1970	



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3.5	Marilyn suggested the club should consider sponsoring ANY members involved in the Variety Bash formerly the AMCR. A number of \$500 was discussed as a possibility but further discussion will need to be had prior to next October's event	
3.5	Thanks to Karl & Leanne Brown for re-organising & updating Gas bottles and using the Trailer with the BBQ inside	
4.0	Meeting Closed: 9:17pm	
	Next Meeting – December  Venue –	





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Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Minister for Energy and Mining

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TIN MEN CRUZERS' CLUB INCORPORATED 6 HAVANA COURT TERINGIE SA 5072

Dear Tin Men Cruzers' Club Incorporated

I am writing to seek your Club's feedback about the introduction of Individually Constructed Vehicles (ICV) into the Conditional Registration Scheme for Historic, Left-Hand Drive and Street Rod Vehicles (the Scheme).

As part of the South Australian Government's plan for the future of motorsport and Car Clubs, the Government has committed to introducing ICVs into the Scheme. As part of this commitment, the Government indicated it would work with Car Clubs and other relevant stakeholders to extend the Scheme to eligible ICVs.

Accordingly, the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) is seeking input from Car Clubs and other relevant stakeholders regarding the introduction of ICVs into the Scheme. This is to ensure that ICV access to the Scheme meets the needs of participating Car Clubs and potential new participants.

To support this consultation, the Department has prepared a consultation paper. Your Club can review this paper and provide feedback for ICV access to the Scheme online at <a href="https://dit.sa.gov.au/ICVsurvey">https://dit.sa.gov.au/ICVsurvey</a>.

If you would like a PDF copy of the paper, please email <u>DIT.RegistrationPolicy@sa.gov.au</u>, however please submit your feedback via the online survey.

The closing date for making a submission or completing the survey is 5:00pm Friday 25 November 2022.

Yours sincerely

Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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25/10/2022

Michael's Copy

#### F.H.M.C. CLUB DELEGATE GENERAL MEETING NOTES

#### SATURDAY 15th OCTOBER 2022 @ 2.00pm

- W.H & S requirements were pointed out.
- D.I.T. has no standards in place to accommodate Hot Rod Bikes. Only guide is Form 808, about 8 pages of specifications.
- Several new clubs have been accepted by the F.H.M.C.
- The F.H.M.C. has confirmed that "Electric Vehicles" will be accepted for "Club Registration", however, individually registered clubs can refuse to accept Electric Vehicles into their club and is not required to have this mentioned in their constitution.
- Proposed meeting with Tom Koutsantonis' MP office, was postponed until November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.
- Treasurer's Report. Showing a healthy balance, mainly made up from logbook sales.
- F.H.M.C. will not be asking for the annual registration fee of \$50.00, due to the organization's healthy financial status.
- Club grants are at \$3,000 with a maximum ceiling of \$10,000. Details of guidelines for SA Federation Junior Grant to go on the website.
- A request from the Log Book Manager, Brian Davey, that it is imperative, all
  registered clubs update their details whenever there is a change. Apparently, some
  clubs have changed committee positions, without notifying the F.H.M.C. and wonder
  why they are not receiving any notifications from the F.H.M.C. This a no brainer.
- Website is up to date.
- Motorfest was well attended by many clubs and the feedback was positive. The
  event was attended by 432 people, which was the best for several years. A SubCommittee for the future Motorfest events was agreed to by a show of hands.
- A request from the floor regarding what the Robert Shannon Foundation is all about.
- Any further information on the minutes can be obtained from the F.H.M.C. website.

Meeting closed at 3.25pm.

Next meeting will be held on Saturday  $26^{th}$  November 2022 @ 2.00pm. There will be a Christmas barbecue after the meeting.

Report presented by Ron Tebby.

F.H.M.C. Club Delegate.

#### **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







#### FALCON GT CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

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#### **Club Shirt Order Form**

PERSONA	L DETAILS

NAME				МЕМЕ	BERSHIP N	lo:			
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Garment ½ Chest (cm)	46.5	49	51.5	54	56.5	59	62	65	68
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#### New Membership Application *OR* Existing Member Renewal Form for 2022/23

	■ NEW MEMBER ■ MEMBER RENEWAL
(Single Member) SURNAME	FIRST NAME (S)
(Joint Member) SURNAME	FIRST NAME (S)
DATE OF BIRTH OCC	CUPATION
ADDRESS	
SUBURB/TOWN	POSTCODE
PHONE AH: WK:	MOB:
FAX: EMAIL:	
The Falcon GT Club of SA Inc reserves the right to ins	RY section of their application (new member OR renewal) spect genuine GT's for authenticity before granting membership. It is 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  FULL MEMBER (Genuine GT/South African (	GT owners only)
ASSOCIATE MEMBER (Any other Ford man	nufactured vehicle)
JOINING FEE	\$20 \$
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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.** 

In accordance with: SA Gov Gazette, Motor Vehicles (Conditional Registration)
Amendment Regulations 2022

Motor vehicles need to be 25 years old to qualify, effective from 01 Jul 22.



The Club's observation run participants met at Pelican Plaza Saturday 12th November 9.30am for a 10am departure.

The usual suspects were there and great to see a few peeps who aren't able to attend Sunday club runs.



Unfortunately the weather gods were not on our side so daily driver's were the order of the day apart from one '67 Mustang who braved the elements.

Each car left the departure point at one minute intervals following the run sheet through the Adelaide Hills.























There were some excellent driving roads if the weather had been on our side.

The final destination was going to be Gumeracha for a bbq lunch but it was decided for everyone to meet at Leanne and Karl's house and have lunch there.







**2nd**Robin and Gabby
Hayes



**1St**Rachelle and David
Knight



**3rd**Julie and Mick
Denham

After lunch, the winners were announced.

Prizes included bottles of wine, chocolates and loafs of bread.

A good but soggy was had by all.



**Tickford Driver meet** - Club supporter (the Legend!) Mike Perry from Maughan Thiem Ford has invited the Club to meet the Tickford Drivers at Maughan Thiem Ford on **Wednesday November the 30th from 6:30pm – 7:30pm**. There might even be a surprise visit from DJR! Mike, still waiting to hear before confirming. Fingers crossed DJ pays a visit.

**Christmas Dinner** is fully booked so if people are interested they will have to go on a list of possible cancellations.

Those attending will need to let Bryan know ASAP on 0417 082 098 or Karen 0400691069 to reconfirm please.

Christmas Saturday 10th December 4:30 – 5:00pm start till you drop.

Please contact Bryan or Karen to get address.

**Mick's mid week long lunch.** Tues 10 Jan from Castle Plaza, Edwardstown. 10am for a 10:30 departure.

#### Australia Day Annual GT vs Monaro cruise Thursday 26th January.

Mick Denham will be taking this cruise. Meet at Castle Plaza at 6 pm for a 6:30pm departure.

**Route 31.** February Saturday 25th will be a cruise along route 31 with a picnic at the reserve opposite Jimmies fish and chips at Aldinga, same as last year.

Jim Giovinazzo Memorial Cruise. March 5th Sunday, details to follow.

Thanks, Karen and Bryan (Event Team)



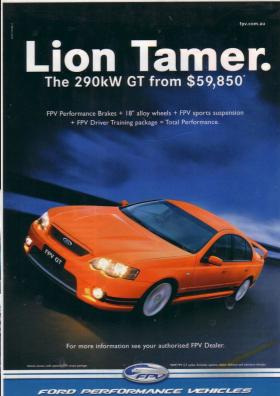




26th January 6pm for 6:30pm start Castle Plaza Edwardstown











capitalise on history repeating.

When final production of the XC Hardtop at the Broadmeadows Assembly Plant was ending in March 1978, more than 400 body shells were left unsold and Ford Australia faced a dilemma of how to shift them. An original proposal was to turn these cars into black and gold Playboy-themed cars (complete with "bunny" decals), which was rejected as it sent the wrong image for a family car company. Ford turned to Edsel Ford II, then the Deputy Managing Director of Ford Australia (from 1978 to 1980). He and a local design team elected to capitalise on Allan Moffat and Colin Bond's crushing 1-2 finish at the 1977 Bathurst 1000 by creating a road car with a "Shelby Mustang" look that could be homologated for racing, while at the same time offering enthusiasts the opportunity to own a street-legal version of Moffat's race car. The XC Falcon Cobra was born and released to eager Ford Dealers in 1978, who then sold them all at a premium, well above the recommended retail price. 30 years later, Ford had a GT Falcon and an idea to



At the 2007 Bathurst 1000, Ford Performance Vehicles unveiled a new limited edition Cobra, celebrating 30 years since Moffat and Bond's 1-2 finish. FPV released a total of 400 Cobra "R-Spec" sedans (plus 100 FPV Super Pursuit "Cobra" utes not badged "GT" or "R-Spec"), which featured a distinctive blue on white paint scheme seen on the XC Falcon Cobra models of 1978. Based off the BF GT, the Cobra introduced some engine upgrades to the 5.4-liter four-cam Boss V8 with power increasing from 290 to 302 kW (405 horsepower). Power was sent to the rear wheels via a six-speed manual transmission or ZF 6 speed auto and all 1700 something kg brought back to a stop via Brembo brakes. Handling was via FPV's R Spec suspension setup, first previewed on the F6 Typhoon and 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary GT earlier in 2007.





FPV 's "R-spec" comprised new suspension dampers supplied by Delphi, which provided better steering feel, turn-in and response without compromising general road comfort. FPV also added a higher capacity separate oil cooler to automatic transmission models to cater for track use. This upgraded handling package was tested by legendary Australian racing identity John Bowe, who was able to cut 3 seconds a lap over the normal GT models at Winton Raceway. The new Cobra was quick and like the old one, very desirable.

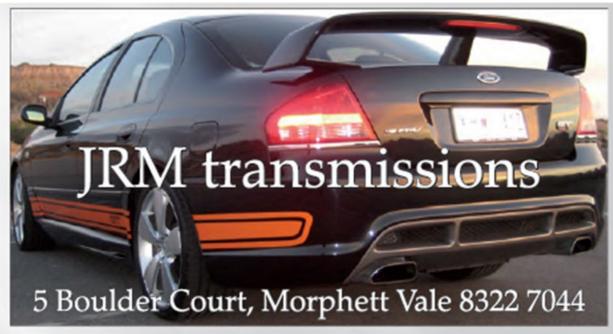
Like the original XC Cobra on release in 1978, FPV dealers charged vastly more (up to an additional \$44,000) than the recommended retail price, with early buyers also selling their cars at a premium. The FPV BF GT Cobra has since become highly collectable amongst those pursuing later model GTs.

Unlike the original, which were treated the same as any other Falcon and used excessively as daily's, most BF Cobras were 'sentenced' to a pampered existence and still show minimal km travelled, some even, just the delivery km, when they appear for sale (Not even run in!). The BF Cobra and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary GT (all with R-Spec) will no doubt remain, the most collectable GTs from the BA-BF era.





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