

# Newsletter

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## CLUB EVENTS for 2023

Month	Day	<b>Event</b>		
Feb-23	Tuesday 21 Feb	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm		
	Saturday 25 Feb	Cruise Route 31 - Aldinga		
Mar-23	Sunday 05 Mar	Jim Giovinazzo Memorial Cruise		
Iviai -25	Tuesday 21 Mar	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm		
Apr 22	Tuesday 18 Apr	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm		
Apr-23	ТВА	Event TBA		
May 22	Tuesday 16 May	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm		
May-23	ТВА	Event TBA		
Jun-23	Tuesday 20 Jun	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm		
Juli-25	ТВА	Event TBA		
	Tuesday 18 Jul	Annual General Meeting		
Jul-23		Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm		
	ТВА	Event TBA		
Aug-23	Tuesday 15 Aug	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm		
Aug-20	ТВА	Event TBA		
Sep-23	Tuesday 19 Aug	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm		
5ep-25	ТВА	Event TBA		
Oct-23	Tuesday 21 Oct	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm		
001-23	ТВА	Event TBA		
Nov-23	Tuesday 21 Nov	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm		
1107-20	ТВА	Event TBA		
Dec-23	Tuesday 19 Dec	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm		
D00-20	ТВА	Event TBA		

### Event details released within Newsletter.

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

## at ALBERTON HOTEL 124 Port Road ALBERTON



Greetings to all our GT Club Of SA Inc. Members across the state.

December had a very mixed bag of trials and tribulations from some members Christmas was put on hold due to bouts of illness and others with properties from shacks to Fruit & Viticulture properties being impacted. All our thoughts & Prayers are with you all for a speedy recovery to get back to Pre-Flood normal activities.

I won't re-state what Joe Pinneri has so eloquently covered in his VP-Report But thank you to Our Events Committee for putting on a great Midweek Run to the Macclesfield Pub for lunch & from the Reports all had a fantastic time, and we all look forward to the next instalment of runs for 2023.

Many of you are travelling over to the Falcon GT Nationals in Bathurst this May, I would like to suggest if you're travelling itinerary allows it, to meet and travel together with other club members in a convoy not just for safety reasons reason's but as group companions on the long Journey across.

Additionally there has been discussions from a few members on having a Truck transport several club cars across as a group we need to know numbers to get a quote on transport there and back. Also the availability of storage Pit garages for club cars on track.

Please watch the pages for a possible change in venue to another Venue location look to give other members a look in the door at a club meeting and association so keep an eye on events calendar and your Newsletter or SMS and we look forward to seeing you.

Regards From the President Peter Polson



Happy New Year to all our members.

Hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas with family and loved ones. As we say goodbye to 2022 and welcome in 2023 let's hope that it's a great time to get out more and enjoy our magnificent machines (weather permitting!).

Our postponed Christmas dinner, held in January at the McMillan's villa, was a fantastic gathering of Club members who had a great night enjoying each other's company with excellent food and beverages. To Brian and Karen a huge thank you for the wonderful Christmas displays, the great food and salads offered and to Leanne and Jillian for helping helping with the food preparation.

The annual GT versus Monaro cruise was held on 26th January. Weather wise we could not have asked for anything better. However, this year the award went to the Monaro's with a score of Monaro's 22, GTs 18. (See photos within..Ed). A huge thank you to all the club members that took part and made the event enjoyable. Lastly to Mick and Julie Denham thank you for organising the cruise and speedy recovery to Mick who unfortunately was taken ill.

The Classic on the Park is back on Sunday 19th February between 10am and 2pm at Thorndon Park, Hamilton Terrace, Paradise (opposite the Rezz Hotel). The Club would like to have as many cars as possible on display. Interested members please confirm your attendance to myself on 0407395446. I have put a proposal forward for the Club to pay the entry fee for attendees. Would like to have final numbers by 10th February.

Next meeting will be 21st February, location to be advised.

Joe Pinneri VP



Hello Grand Tourers and welcome to the first edition (late Jan) for 2023!

A lot has occurred over the Christmas and New Year period that may make you believe the world (as you thought it to be) is changing. Ford is holding Supercars to account over parity between the Mustang and Camaro, and a Porsche 911 won the coveted Grand Champion award at, of all places,.....the *Summer Nats*??!!

For decades, as a motorsport fan, I have watched Ford present on the grid with superior product and dominate the field by taking advantage of the rule book. Some examples: the ability to switch out brake assemblies at Le Man with the GT40 in 1966, building a homologation option of the basic (if you can call it that) GT Falcon to create the GT-HO and dominating the Production series and Bathurst, the Ford Sierra Cosworth RS 500 exploiting the Group A formula, (*till Nissan did it better with the GT-R*).

My point being, as a result of racing, through creating a race car to perform well from a basic road car,....you get a better road car! The best domestic example of this is the GT-HO program and it's handling characteristics, passed to the XC Falcon, evident in Ford's famous 'witches hat ad' (Allan Moffat, Dick, and other Ford drivers being the witches hat, as Fred Gibson drives an XC Falcon at them at high speed, (*easy to Google!*) as a direct 'dig' at GM's Radial Tuned Suspension campaign. Motoring reviews at the time generally favoured the Ford for its handling prowess over the "*Not the Kingswood*!".

In the past, I cannot help but feel GM sometimes influenced the Motorsport body to assist in making its inferior product win races, some examples: Roller rockers on the Toranas (*were they standard L34/A9X parts...NOT!!*) but not for the Falcon hardtops during Group C; Significant weight penalties on the Sierras, while the Commordore gets lighter, runs wider tyres and bigger brakes in time for Bathurst 1990; The BIG BLOCK (???!!) Monaros and their hollow victories against international, correctly homologated makes during the 12 hrs at Bathurst; The more recent slowing of the Mustang to get the Opal competitive, after the formula was agreed to by all parties.

It is great to hear Ford is finally holding Supercars to account. As a manufacturer that sells something in significant numbers here, it's good to see this also coming from Dearborn and not Broadmeadows. Let's see how this all unfolds when the new Mustang and Camaro hit the grid at Newcastle. Now to Canberra....

The most significant thing to occur in all the years of Summer Nats, a Porsche 911 has taken the most coveted 'Grand Champion' award,....how is that possible??! Here is how you do it......instead of building a car to just do 'SKIDS', this individual built a driving instrument that was technically superior to all in build quality and achieved a consistent result in all judged criteria. Sound familiar.....This proved to be too difficult to explain to the majority of pre pubescent virgins that 'rock up' to the Nats. Bottom line, ....he read the rule book!

A few noted Fords also received high awards (Howard Astill's XC sedan) above the sea of GM makes....once again, taking advantage of the rule book. Watch for the ban on imports next year.....LOL!

Till next time,...keep on Grand Touring.

Cheers ED.



## Meeting Minutes GT Club of SA Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022 Venue: Alberton Hotel

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1.	BACKGROUND		
	Welcome		and an other states and a second state of the second states and s
1.1	Chairperson: Joe Pinneri filling in		
	Secretary: Michael Stavrides Absent: Peter Polson		
	Treasurer: Tony Parente		
	Vice Presidents: Joe Pinneri		
	:Karl Brown		
1.2	Present: Hugh & Julie Westphalen Joseph Weigel & Marilyn Harvey,		
	John & Di Walters, Bryan & Karen McMillan, Karl (Karly Warly)&		
	Leanne Brown, Tony Perente, Joe Pinneri, Mick & Julie Denham,		
	Kerry ( Georgy Boy) Xenophou, Gabby (Knackers) & Robyn Hayes,		
	Murray Blight, Kevin McAvoy, Ron Tebby		
	Apologies: Peter & Lisa Polson, Allan Tenraa, Kevin May, Kathleen		
	Mincham, Robert Gibbons, Bev Norwood, Michael & Alex Stivahtaris,		
	Sean Johnson, Tony Jordan, Terry Ioakhim, Martin & Lee Sojenka,		
	Chris Blackie Carroll, Jaime McNeil		
1.3	Meeting Opened: 7:30pm		
1.4	Minutes of previous meeting -Accepted as a true & accurate record	Joe Pinneri	
	Moved: - marilyn		
	Seconded: ~ Karl		
1.5	Treasures Report	Tony Perente	
	Moved: Ron Tebby		
	Seconded: Karl (Karly Warly) Brown		



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2.	STANDING ITEMS	Joe Pinneri
2.1	New Members: And rew Reed	Joe Pinneri
2.2	<u>Correspondence:</u>	M Stavrides
2.3	<u>Newsletters:</u>	M Stavrides
2.4	Letters/Emails:	M Stavrides
2.6	Merchandise: Mention If you intend to represent the Club at Bathurst then Please order your Shirt to wear on the journey and when you travel around Bathurst Marilyn-What will The shirts Cost.	Joe Pinneri
2.7	Historian/Property: Existing Gas bottle Expired CLub to Look at purchasing new one.	John Walters Absent

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2.8	<u>Website:</u>	S Johnson
2.9	Events: Previous Xinas Dinner Canceled due to Courd. New date for Xinax Function 15 now Jean 14th. Mid-week craise The 7 Feis neet castle plaza 10.30 depart.	B & K McMillan
3.	NEW BUSINESS (GENERAL BUISNESS)	
3.1	Historic Representative Report: Copies FHMC 26 Nov 20 See additional report by Ron Tebby Cas Sook Retarn sho CLUB to ask Eristing Public Officer 16 dates CLUB to have special meeting to E Re-iterate That All Club Members Ensure they have given the	+ Declaration
3.2	Re-iterate That 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 via emails and SMS	Joe Pinneri
3.3	Existing POPEices. to resign it not a to continue.	villing
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3.5		
4.0	Meeting Closed: 🖉: ∰Dpm	
	Next Meeting – Feburary $\mathcal{R}I^{\overline{st}}$ .	
	Venue - Alberton Hotel.	

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ATTENDEES TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER 2022			
PRESENT	APOLOGIES		
Joe Pinneri	Peter Polson		
Tony Parente	Lisa Polson		
Ron Tebby	M Stavrides		
Karl Brown	Murray Blight		
Kerry Zenophou	Leanne Brown		
Mick Denham	Craig Woodward		
Julie Denham			
Brian McMillan			
Karen McMillan			
Gabby Hayes			
Robyn Hayes			
Julie Westphalen			
Hugh Westphalen			
Di Walters			
John Walters			
Joe Weigel			
Marilyn Harvey			
Kari Siljama (Editor)			

#### **CLUB LETTERHEAD**

The Log Book Manager Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs SA Inc P O Box 703 PLYMPTON SA 5038

### LOG BOOK RETURN SHEET DECLARATION

In accordance with Clause 2.30 of the Code of Practice for Conditional Registration Scheme for Historic, Left-Hand Drive and Street Rod Vehicles (the Scheme), dated 1 July 2022;

I,\_\_\_\_\_ the Public Officer of the

Club declares that Log Books were issued during the 12 month period ending on 30 June 20 .

I confirm that all Log Books were issued to financial members who are owners of eligible vehicles registered under the scheme.

To the best of my knowledge the vehicles and Log Books are being used in accordance with all conditions set out in the Code of Practice.

\_Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Public Officer

Please note:

This declaration to be forwarded to the Log Book Manager of the Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs either by an email containing this signed declaration to logbooks@fhmcsa.org.au, or posted to the above address. Whichever method chosen, please ensure this declaration is received by 31 July each year.

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

#### SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2022 @ 2.00pm.

• W. H & S requirements were pointed out.

· Michael's Co, 24

- Formal statement, letter of complaint from Alan Pickering, was read out by the Secretary, Shirley Tonkin. It centred around the last AGM and the way voting for vacant positions was conducted. It particularly emphasised on comments made by Brian Davey, that he (Alan Pickering), was not a suitable person to hold the office of FHMC President or Vice President before voting was conducted. At the end of the letter being read, there was much discussion and debate, with the outcome resulting in better procedures in place during AGM's. Alan Pickering was not present at the AGM, and I think proxy voting is generally not allowed. Character assassination is not good practice and obviously Alan had a mate at the meeting who undoubtably portrayed the way the election went, to him.
- ICV (Individually Constructed Vehicles) survey was valid to the end of January '23. There are around 300 ICV's registered in South Australia and this concept is to appear in the revised Code of Practice, sometime in 2023.
- Treasurers Report showed a healthy balance, again mainly due to the sale of logbooks. FHMC Logbook orders within three (3) days. No cash and/or cheques accepted. Clubs name must appear under reference for correlation.
- There will be new rules required to be followed by all registered clubs with the FHMC, regarding Logbook Return Sheets. Mainly due to Privacy Law requirements, this DIT initiative will be enacted on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023. There will no longer be a requirement for registered clubs to submit a detailed Logbook Return Sheet, that is presently required, to the FHMC. All records, as is presently required, must still be maintained by the clubs (Auditing). However, a separate sheet, headed by the club's *logod* must be signed off by the club's Public Officer, stipulating that Logbooks received from the FHMC, have been correctly administered. The new requirement (Declaration) will be actioned by the clubs Public Officer and sent by post and/or email to The Logbook Manager, FHMC, by **31<sup>st</sup> July** each year. It is essential that all information received and collated by the club's coordinator, is accurate and legible, before asking the Public Officer to sign off on the declaration and sending it off to the Logbook Manager, FHMC. This will be a once-a-year requirement and commitment by the registered clubs.
- Motorfest scheduled for 22/10/23.

Meeting closed at 3.15pm. Next Delegates meeting scheduled for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023 @ 2.00pm.

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**

CONTRACTOR OF THE OPENING

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your Surname and or Club Mbr number. Email form to secretary@gtclubsa.com.au

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Club rego logbooks with correctly filled out membership renewal forms can be posted, with a stamped self addressed return envelope 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 <u>June 30.</u>

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.

























## Route 31

Saturday 25th February 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

Sunday 5th March, details to follow.

Thanks, Karen and Bryan (Event Team)



In 2012, Ford Performance Vehicles (FPV) released a new track-focused "GT R-Spec", using the FG "GT".

The FG series had recently received a significant injection of horse power with the introduction of the Coyote 5.0L quad cam, four valve per cylinder V8. FPV built a monster that generated 335 kW (449 hp)/570 N·m (420 lbf·ft) with the help of a supercharger. In so doing, with some down play on out right performance, FPV created Australia's fastest accelerating production car.

Although rated at 335 kW (449 hp), actual engine outputs were closer to 420 kW (563 hp), with many production models running up 330 kW (443 hp) at the rear wheels when dyno-tested. For many enthusiasts, this GT "R-Spec" was seen as the spiritual successor to the "GT-HO". Ford (and FPV) always remained reluctant to recycle the "HO" nameplate on it's modern-day products; however, the R-Spec was all about Handling Options.

A raft of changes introduced within the R-Spec to the FG GT included: a launch control system, stiffer engine and transmission mounts, and retuned suspension. The suspension gained stiffer upper control arm bushes, stiffer upper strut mounts and retuned dampers at the front, with the rear gaining higher spring rates, retuned dampers, a larger anti-roll bar and reinforced lower control arms. The rear also gained wider 9-inch wheels shod with 275/30 R19 tyres and revised toe-link settings. This was the first time wider rear tyres that differed to the front, featured on a production Ford in Australia.



In total, 175 FG GT R-Specs were built. The R-Spec was offered in the 'hero colour' of Silhouette black with red accents and a "C" stripe down each side, echoing the 2012 Ford Mustang "302 Boss" Laguna Seca. Ford felt that the Mustang Boss 302 could be developed even further, so they set out to deliver the Laguna Seca Package. Aimed at racers more interested in on-track performance than creature comforts, the Boss 302 Laguna Seca increased the Mustang's body stiffness and a firmer chassis setup. FPV with the Falcon GT, hoped to emulate this concept of a track focused precision drivers instrument with the R-Spec. It was also available in three, more restrained, colour options.





Kinetic blue, Vixen and Winter white were the other colours available to order, featuring black accents and stripe package instead; however, they appeared to lack the visual impact of the black and red combination. The most interesting version was the one provided to the NSW Police.....

The NSW Police Force received a Winter White "R-Spec" (build no. 150) to commemorate it's 150th Anniversary in 2012. With the power upgraded to 400 kW (536 hp), it was the most powerful Australian highway patrol car ever, and it spent most of it's time used for public liaison and road safety awareness purposes at motorsport events across the state.

Imagine, if you will, speeding along the Hume Hwy and seeing this in your mirrors, pursuing you from a distant horizon, all lights and sirens flashing and screaming, boosted 400kw with supercharger whining, sounds a bit like a Mel Gibson movie. Should have painted this black on black, just like the Interceptor!

The R-Spec was an interesting evolution of the FG and the R-Spec formula, first introduced in the BF F6 Typhoon. This set the stage for the GT-F and the end in 2014 of the Falcon GT and eventually local manufacturing......Bugger!

Values of the R-Spec appear to hover around the \$120,000 to \$160,000 range and competes heavily with the GT-F for desirability.



#### **Performance:**

1/4 mile = 12.5 sec at 189 km/h (117 mph) 0–100 km/h (0-62 mph) in 4.5 sec.



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