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CLUB EVENTS for 2023

Month	Day	Event
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
	Saturday 29 Apr	Mount Compass Hotel
May-23	Tuesday 16 May	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	Sunday 21 May	Palmer Hotel
	Saturday 10 Jun	Event TBA
Jun-23	Tuesday 20 Jun	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	Sunday 2 Jul	Event TBA
Jul-23	Tuesday 18 Jul	Annual General Meeting Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	Sunday 13 Aug	Event TBA
Aug-23	Tuesday 15 Aug	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
Sep-23	Tuesday 19 Aug	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	ТВА	Event TBA
Oct-23	Tuesday 21 Oct	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	ТВА	Event TBA
Nov-23	Tuesday 21 Nov	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	ТВА	Event TBA
Dec-23	Tuesday 19 Dec	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	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



President's Report

Welcome to All Falcon GT Enthusiasts

The weather has started to get that chilly feeling in it reminding us of possibly Winters cold and wet months ahead.

This will not stop the Falcon GT Club of SA members from getting their cars out for a Run in this ofteninclement weather ahead, or just getting out and about for some social activities, many members that are heading to the Bathurst Nationals are fine tuning their cars for the drive across to Bathurst next month with less than 4 weeks to go.

I for one will be there, traveling with quite a few friends from interstate clubs and local members for the long drive.

Whilst we are away Joe Pinneri Will take the role of Chairperson with Karl Brown filling in for Michael Stavrides as Secretary at the next club meeting.

Next month on 16th of May at the Alberton Hotel at you can start to renew your membership for the coming financial year and get your Log books stamped.

Also for members that cannot get to a club meeting you have several options Pay your Membership online leaving your Membership Number & details, Send a copy of your membership form and a copy of your bank transaction with details of membership type single or joint and your car/s log book for stamping and renewal to

P.O. Box 289 Kentown 5067

While you are not in possession of your log books your car is unregistered and not to be driven until your log books and forms are returned.

If your unable to get to a club meeting you can contact our Northern officer Karl Brown or our Southern officer Jaime McNeil for your log book stamp/ membership renewals, please pay online/ bring a copy of your receipt and membership forms all relevant papers Registration etc. please be mindful to call and book a time that fits in with them as both officers work & runs a business, work in with them as to their availability.

"IMPORTANT NOTE!"

YOU NEED TO HAVE YOUR CARS LOG BOOKS STAMPED ON RENEWAL OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY THE CLUBS OFFICIAL REGISTRATION DELEGATES OR YOUR CAR WILL BE CLASSED AS UNREGISTERED!

ALL CLUBS ARE OBLIGED BY LAW TO PASS ON DETAILS OF UNSTAMPED LOG BOOKS UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS TO THE RELEVENT AUTHORITIES, IF YOU ARE CAUGHT DRIVING AN UNREGISTERED VEHICLE IT WILL BE IMPOUNDED! YOU MAY HAVE REGISTERED YOUR VEHICLE FOR 2-3 YEARS, UNLESS YOUR LOG BOOK IS STAMPED FOR TE CURRENT FINACIAL YEAR YOUR VEHICLE IS UNREGISTERED!

Another great run scheduled on April 29th to the Palmer Hotel for cruise & lunch, We meet at 10:30am at Parafield Office works and cruise up to Palmer Hotel Run. For more details see the flyer and book with Brian & Karen McMillan to reserve your spot

Get your expressions of interest bookings in for the laid back event and most dangerous deadly Sport of "Lawn Bowls", don't let the title fool you it has the highest injury and mortality rate than any other sport in the world, it's a sport only for the brave, so watch the events page and get your tidy whites on and your ambulance cover up to date

Keep your eye on the events pages for the upcoming dates on Roll racing as a club event, these being held shortly after the Falcon GT Nationals at Bathurst in warmer weather, It will be around September/October 2023, which for one I am looking forward too immensely, also there is a fast cart track up there too! We will be cruising up to Tailem Bend as a club and getting to open up the Mighty Falcon GT's roar up under full noise down the main straight at The Bend Raceway as a club, those that do not wish to participate, there is a terrific balcony area for viewing the mighty GT's rip up the bitumen and wonderful restaurant there to dine and relax and watch in style.

Remember with the GT nationals a little over 4 weeks away members are putting the finishing touches to their prides and joy, making plans to also travel as a pack Remember Scrutineering cut offs if you are entered for judging you don't want to miss out on having your car scrutinized on time or you may miss out with well over 330+ cars entered think of the judges whom will be volunteering their time to inspect you car with a day that can turn into 12+ hours so have your cars presented in a easy manner to inspect, there is a late entry but be weary there may be a few that think I wont rush it there's plenty of time.....Or is there!

19th Falcon GT Nationals - Bathurst 2023

Thursday 18th of May: Scrutineering Day 1

XR-XT-XW EB- EL BA BF FG Special interest Non-Judged

Friday 19th of May: Scrutineering Day 2

XY -XA-XB Special interest Non Judged & Late Arrivals Model specific judges may need to be recalled & you will be asked to wait till they are available

Friday Evening 19th of May: Meet and Greet dinner

Saturday 20th of May: 19th Falcon GT Nationals Concours

Sunday 21st of May: Supersprint Driving Event

Sunday Evening 21st of May: 19th Falcon GT Nationals Presentation Dinner

The online booking system will is live for 19th Falcon GT Nationals in Bathurst on:

AT www.trybooking.com/922011

I would like to Thank Kari for our outstanding newsletters and the set up.

Bryan & Karen McMillan for Putting Club Runs & Events together, Remember to support them & put Ideas forward for runs/Events you would like to see the Falcon GT Club Participate in.

We also would like to Thank Karl & Leanne Brown for keeping us all up to date for maintaining correspondence and liaising with the Alberton Hotel for the clubs current meeting place.

For those that would like their Club shirts before you travel to the Nationals or for any Club event Tim Crowther will be at the next meeting to take your orders for personal designed Falcon Club shirts that represents your GT model specific with grille & guard badges embroidered on the sleeves and back and club logo over your heart, please check the newsletter for styles to order. Have them ready wear across on the drive to Bathurst or on future club runs

Stay Safe and we will see you soon

Peter Polson President Falcon GT Club of SA.Inc



Hello

With the Bathurst GT Nationals on the horizon, I would like to wish all those attending a safe journey and every success in trying to bring home some tin ware....reinforcing to all that South Australia really is where it is at!

It has been a long period since the Adelaide Nationals in 2019, with the cancellation of the Gold Coast event to the 'C' word....NSW got the gig!

I attended my first Nationals when it was last at Bathurst in 2012. It was a fantastic and memorable experience to roll the EB's Pirellis onto that sacred circuit and appreciate just how steep and tight a race track it is.

The TV does not convey to the casual viewer the commitment required to throw 1 and half tons of metal, glass and plastic (yeah, OK, there is a little plastic in the chrome bumper cars....admit it!) at 10/10 race speed and not become part of the track furniture, like DJ did in 83!

Some, during the motorsport sprints, hopefully, will get to experience how big, or small, their 'vegetables' are on approaching the 'Chase' as they decide to either lift or maintain the right foot, in their quest to achieve the highest speed down Conrod...just remember, Drums are Drums, best used as show stand bases...I don't know, I have ABS!

This will not be the Clubs only appearance at Bathurst this year. Closer to the race weekend, (the 1000 race) several club members will be flying the flag for the SA GT Club during the Variety Aussie Muscle Car Run. Once again, please show your support and check them all out at:

https://varietysaamcr23.com.au/

Good luck once again to those representing our Club at the GT Nationals at Bathurst and also to mark the time of this edition, ANZAC Day..

Lest we Forget.

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Tuesday 18th April 2023

Venue: Alberton Hotel

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1.	BACKGROUND	-	
	Welcome		
1.1	Chairperson: P Polson		
	Secretary: Joe Pinneri Filling in		
	Treasurer: Tony Parente		
	Vice Presidents: Joe Pinneri		
	:Karl Brown		
1.2	Present:		
	Joseph Weigel & Marilyn Harvey, Hugh & Julie Westphalen, John & Di		
	Walters, Bryan & Karen McMillan, Karl & Leanne Brown, Peter Polson,		
	Tony Perente, Joe Pinneri, Mick & Julie Denham, Kerry Xenophou, ,		
	Joseph Giovinazzo, Murray Blight, Tim Crowther.		
	Apologies:		
	Michael Stavrides Ron Tebby, Allan Tenraa, Kevin May, Kathleen		
	Mincham, Adam May, Lisa Polson, Robert Gibbons, Michael & Alex		
	Stivahtaris, Sean Johnson, Tony Jordan, Terry loakhim, Martin & Lee		
	Sojenka, Jaime McNeil, Chris Blackie Carroll, Gabby & Robyn Hayes		
1.3	Meeting Opened: 7:30pm		
1.4	Minutes of previous meeting -Accepted as a true & accurate record	Peter Polson	
	Moved: Kerry Xenophou		
	Seconded: Marilyn Harvey		
1.5	Business Arising previous Minutes:	Peter Polson	
	None		
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2.1	New Members: Welcome to Keith Edwards	P Polson M Stavrides Absent
		Absent
2.2	Correspondence: N/A	Peter Polson M Stavrides
		Absent
2.3	Newsletters:	Peter Polson M Stavrides
	N/A	Absent
2.4	<u>Letters/Emails:</u> N/A	Peter Polson M Stavrides
	N/A	Absent
2.5	<u>Treasurers Report:</u>	T Parente
	Moved: Joe Weigel	
	Seconded: Mick Denham	
2.6	Merchandise:	Tim Crowther
	Tim Crowther Presented New Winter Jacket/Coat and Shirts sizes	
	For club apparel/Shirts	
	Cost -\$75-\$80 = Full logo	
	\$35-\$45 = Basic logo	



Tuesday 18th April 2023

Venue: Alberton Hotel

2.7	Historian/Property: Karl informed Trailer is back in lock up, Door locks & hinges oiled	Karl Brown John Waters
2.8	Website: Cost_enquiry for 30 th Anniversary Dinner & club history photos to be installed onto a USB. Sean Johnson to follow up	S Johnson Absent
2.9	Events: 29 th April Palmer Hotel run meet at Officeworks Parafield 10:30am depart 11:00am drive to Palmer hotel for lunch see flyer 21 st May Mount Compass Run see flyer in newsletter An additional event outside of club also on 21 st May Cooper Coast is the Cavalcade of Cars a great event held over the years with local country car clubs attending with clubs from the city If any member has suggestion for club run or event please write it out and email it to admin@gtclubsa.com.au Addressed attention Brian & Karren events committee.	B & K McMillan
3.	NEW BUSINESS (GENERAL)	
3.1	Next meeting club meeting 16 th of May at the Alberton Hotel Karl will be Processing your membership & stamping of log books, Membership Renewals	n
3.2	Karl & Leanne 24 th June West Adelaide Football Club Quiz night raising money & sponsors for their Aussie Muscle car run hosted by Variety SA go for a meal and \$20 entry all funds raised go to Variety SA.	Karl & Leanne Brown
3.3		



Tuesday 18th April 2023 Venue: Alberton Hotel

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4.0	Meeting Closed: 8:21pm	
	Next Meeting – 16 th may	
	Venue – Alberton Hotel	
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Attention

A change has been made to the next club event. The Palmer Hotel and the Mount compass cruise will swap dates around.

April 29th cruise is now to Mount compass tavern.

Meet at 10:30am at the Marion Hotel
Leave at 11am
Lunch at 12:30
RSVP by the 25th April

Palmer Hotel is now the Sunday the 21st May

Meet at Parafield Officeworks 10:30am
Leave at 11am
Lunch at 12:30pm

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New Membership Application **OR** Existing Member Renewal Form

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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







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Club Shirt Order Form

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CLUB REGISTRATION



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 **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.

FALCON XA GT RPO 83

The Super Car Scare in July 1972 was a meteor, cast by short sighted hungry, sensationalist politicians, fed by eager and opportunistic press, that sent a shock wave through the Australian motoring world. Ford and GM cancelled their development of what could have been truly remarkable motor vehicles that could have changed the goal posts as we know them today. Chrysler, the only one to get a race car to the show room with the Charger R/T E49. Motoring in Australia became a little boring, a step backwards to the period post 1967. Motorsport made it's first step away from the car you can buy in the showroom on Monday!



CAMS quickly reacted to the furore and announced immediate change to production car racing, which was effectively dead as a result of the political pressure on local manufacturers. As a result, the Group C formula became the premier motor sport in Australia in time for Bathurst 1972. Group C allowed manufacturers, or privateers, to modify road cars specifically for racing, not allowed previously under production car racing.

This rapid change in direction for motorsport meant manufacturers no longer had to create race cars for the road, and the need to sell them to the public. This left Ford with 200 sets of car parts which were destined for the XA Falcon GT-HO Phase IV. Not any more! To address this issue of excess parts for a car that no longer exists (except the 4 we all know of...Ed) Ford's marketing department along with Howard Marsden, still head of Ford's racing department conceived, without any public fan fare or notification to the motoring press, Regular Production Option (RPO) 83, to dispose of the bits and pieces left over from the Phase IV project and to exploit the new Group C formula.

Between April 1973 and August 1973, Ford Australia built 250 or 259 (*figures vary...Ed*) XA Falcon GTs fitted with the RPO 83 package, more than half of these being sedans and less then half being hardtops. The additional figures over the homologation figure of 200 would account for the spares of each 'special' part, to service the original 200 if they were built.

RPO 83 delivered three (secret...SHHH!) variations from the standard XA Falcon GT, these being: a Holley 780 carburettor, 2.25 inch exhaust headers and a clutch slave cylinder hydraulic pipe heat shield. Pricing and external appearance did not vary from the standard models.



RPO 83s also varied on what Phase IV bits went into them, as Ford was not overly concerned on being consistent. The Broadmeadows plant was only required to get rid of what remained of the Phase IV program via these 'Special' GTs, as quickly as possible! Some were built with the standard cast-iron exhaust manifolds, some with the Phase IV winged sump, some had an 8000rpm tacho, most had rear drum brakes. The winged sumps, apparently were even found in F100s, just to get rid of them! The 2.25 inch exhaust headers were most critical for racing, homologated for the XA Falcon GT for Group C Touring Car racing, including the 1973 Hardie-Ferodo 1000, where, the possibilities of what a Phase IV could have achieved, if it were allowed to unleash on the 'Mountain', were explored.

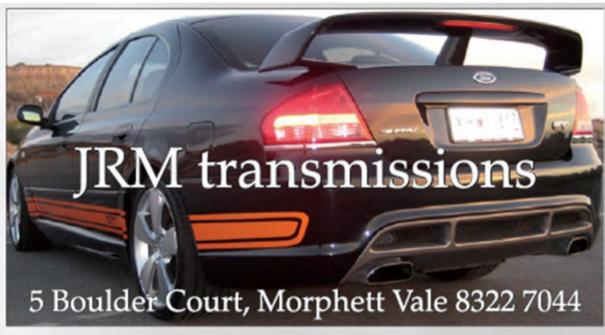
The 1973 Hardie-Ferodo 1000 was the 14th running of the Bathurst 1000 touring car race. This was the first race to be held under the new metricised distance of 1000 kilometres, rather than the 500 miles previously contested. Ford, under the direction fof Howard Marsden, presented with two magnificent XA Falcon GT Hardtops with the RPO 83 parts. Resplendant in the new corporate racing colours of light blue over white, Allan Moffat claimed his third win in the event and a long-awaited first win for lan Geoghegan (co-driver) piloting the Ford XA Falcon RPO 83 GT. Sadly, this was also the seventh and final win for the factory Ford Australia racing team, as Ford announced plans to depart motorsport in 1974.

Not until the BA Falcon, will we see Ford return fully as a manufacturer to racing, and that is another story. Fini.





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