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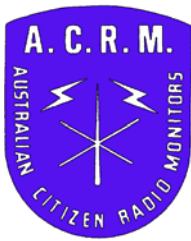


*This issue...*

## **Welcome to “InfoUpdate”**

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# The President Speaks ...

GREETINGS, salutations and welcome to the very first edition of "InfoUpdate"

"InfoUpdate" will be produced quarterly, on a seasonal theme, and although a little late, this will be the Spring '07 edition.

Got something positive to say? Send it in! Got a gripe? Send it in! Let's all get together to make this a bright, informative bulletin that everyone will want to read.

But it's up to all the members to contribute.

Although our season of regular motor sport and equine events is winding down, we still have our two major commitments to be fulfilled, viz., the Gawler Swap Meet and the Classic Adelaide Rally. The Swap Meet, although rather "full on" at gate opening always seems to run smoothly. ACRM is again fortunate in being partners in the share of the gate takings, so it is in our interest to promote this event.

Full details of the Swap Meet will be issued to members closer to the date of the event.

The Classic Adelaide Rally is and always has been a massive logistical exercise. Many hours are spent behind the scenes by a very dedicated crew to ensure that equipment and people are where they should be. A good roll-up of man- (or is it "person") power is essential to ensure smooth running of this major international event.

Whatever help you can give for this event will be most appreciated, whether for one or for all four days. Our calendar of events includes a new addition this year.

Gawler will be host to a Tractor Pull competition, which will be held at the same venue as the Swap Meet. Commencement time will be later than that for the Swap Meet, as I believe it will finish about nightfall. Will pass on more details as they come to hand.

Around the time that this goes to print, stage testing for the Classic Adelaide Rally will be conducted. We can always use another willing volunteer or two to assist the committee with this. The experience may prove invaluable.

And some late news just in ... work has commenced on the Gawler/Barossa ACRM website!

— Peter Baker

# Welcome to InfoUpdate

Well here it is at last!

It all started when Peter Baker took me aside and said to me, "how about producing a news magazine for Gawler/Barossa in a similar format to the excellent Adelaide ACRM mag?"

Anyone else with their wits about them would have refused point-blank. Especially me, having retired from the printing and publishing trade some years ago, had hoped to turn my back on all of that.

However, Peter, persuasive as ever, convinced me that just possibly it might work. This is the acid test.

But I have one proviso ... I refuse to write the thing myself. This will only work if EVERYONE contrib-

utes at least something. Whether it be photographs, articles, jokes, whatever ... it's not much fun looking at 8 blank pages, is it?

This first issue is basically a "trial" run to see how it floats. Will this be the start of a transpacific cruise, or will it sink within sight of land? It's up to all of us.

Having said that, enjoy this first issue. Then look at it critically and ask yourself, "How can it be improved?" Then answer your own question and give the answer to me.

— Bill Fielke



## *Event checklist*

- \* Approved safety vest.
- \* Magnetic door signs.
- \* CAMS licence (where applicable)
- \* Pens, pencils, writing pad or paper.
- \* Food and drinks (no alcohol) and, oh yes, the RADIO! (or maybe matches and blanket for smoke signals)

Prior to the event ... Study all the information received about the

event, ensure you know your duties, check the start time(s) at your control(s), and check the map so you will know exactly where to go.

— Peter Baker



## Copy deadline for Summer Issue

Any member wishing to contribute an article, photo, letter to the editor or anything which may be of interest, please do so ... the earlier the better. I plan to have the Summer issue printed in the first week in December, so please let's have it by no later than

**Tuesday, 20th November.**



*"Look, if it was electric, could I do this?"*

## Consider this ...

"The wages of sin are death, but by the time taxes are taken out, it's just sort of a tired feeling."

— Paula Poundstone

## Trivia Question

What do the words "almost" and "biopsy" have in common?

(Answer next issue)

## Word Square

O	F	T
R	C	R
O	U	E

How many words of four letters or more can you make from these letters?

Each letter may be used once only, each word must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word. No plurals ending in S; no foreign words; no words with initial capital; no hyphenated words.

Solution next issue.

## Our thanks to ...

Peter Ashcroft of Bunyip Print for his assistance in the provision of cover stock and in stapling and finishing of this magazine.

## Membership fees

Our treasurer Lynton would like it known that many members have yet to pay their annual subscriptions.

The fees are not a huge impost on our personal budgets, but very necessary for the effective running of the Division.

Please contact Lynton if you are not sure whether you have paid.

# One-armed paperhanger?

by Peter Baker

As radio operators, we sometimes get rather busy, especially during the running of rallies and motorcycle events, and none more so than the operators in Main Control.

I thought the following may interest you.

The Tour de France commentators are usually located at or near the finish. Their commentary of the whole course is aided by watching the vision that is being broadcast live. This vision comes from motorbike cameras and helicopter cameras and getting other information as it appears on the race computer. The commentators often talk about "Race Radio" crackling in their ears. What is "Race Radio"? Tour commentator Sebastian Picquet, located in the number 2 Skoda car, explains: "I talk about the race and a lot of what goes on during it. My job is to announce all the news, time gaps, names, escapes, dropped riders, etc."

This is not easy. Imagine writing down a 20 man escape group, whilst speeding around a hairpin bend.

"I try to announce in French and English and at times in Spanish. "I'm heading downhill in the Alps or Pyrenees, I'm in a car travelling at over 100 km/h with papers on my knees, a microphone in my

hand, motorbikes giving me commentaries while keeping my eyes on the rider list. Then there are the hills, hairpin bends and speed."

Quite a busy fella, I think you would agree.

## Barbecue at Pete's

About a dozen members gathered at President Pete's domicile on Sunday, September 16 for radio programming update and barbecue.

While the state is suffering a drought, Pete manages to arrange a nice little downpour of rain for the occasion, so there was a relocation of the barbie to the back verandah, deserting the lovely shadehouse area, which got a well needed drink.

Those members who needed programming updates for their radios were attended to by David Nash and Dave Hussey.

Despite the weather, the barbecue was delicious and it was good to catch up with members outside of the normal monthly meeting.

I really think we could well do with more of this kind of gathering as the warmer weather approaches.

— Bill



David Nash programming a member's radio.

# NOW WHAT?

## COMING EVENTS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU

Please register your interest AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

### September

- Sat 22** SAPMAC  
**Sun 23** Gawler Swap Meet  
**Sat/Sun 22-23** Walky Intro

### October

- Sat/Sun 27-28** Kuitpo Rally

### November

- Sat 10** Tractor Pull  
(Same venue as Gawler Swap Meet)  
**Wed-Sun 21-25** Classic Adelaide Rally

### December

- Sun 2** Gawler Street Festival  
(ACRM Promotion Day)

### January '08

- t.b.a.** ACRM Dinner