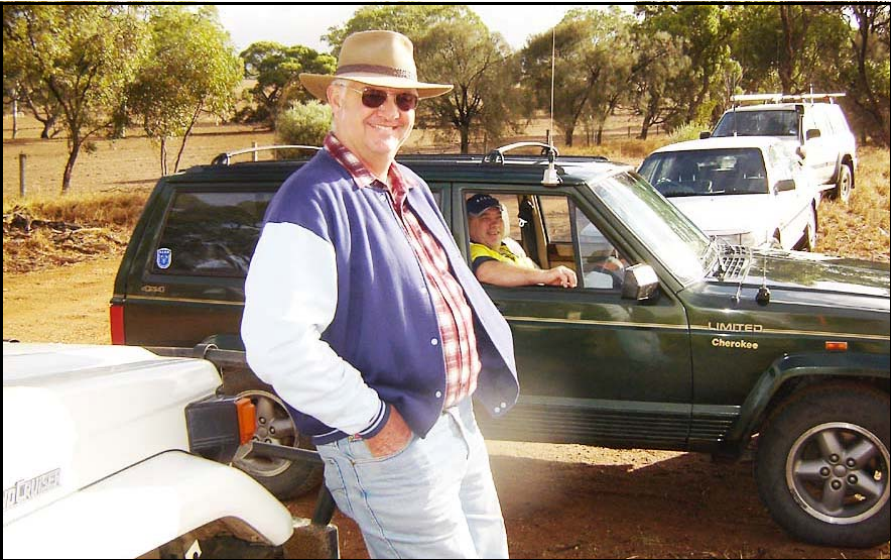


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A TRIBUTE

ACRM Gawler & Barossa Division Inc. recognises the valuable input and friendship of those people who sadly passed away while still members of the Division. They are:

G61 Sue Morgan (LM)

G89 Robert Plume

G66 Val Sims (LM)

G113 Harry Gillard, snr

G77 Malcolm Ireland

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● **COVER:** Club stalwarts (or is that “stale warts”?) Dave Hussey and Jeff Filsell in a somewhat rare display of joviality prior to the Tarawatta Rally on 26th April.

Der Oberleutnant Speigel...

(The President Speaks ...)



Firstly, I would like to thank the Division for their confidence in electing me as president for the ensuing year. I shall do my utmost to further the Division's emerging profile and work towards enhancing our relevance in the wider community.

My congratulations to all elected office bearers – you have an important role to play in the Division's leadership.

As we continue to grow there are many more “behind the scenes” tasks to carry out. Your valuable assistance will always be welcomed.



Season 2008 “galloped” to a great start with the Grand Cru cross country event. This proved to be a very well organised event in the capable hands of Jim Roberts. We were well represented with personnel on the day, which certainly eases the workload.

The cross country course is set in idyllic surroundings among magnificent gum trees. The drought is having an effect with the big dam looking as

if it couldn't decide to be half full or half empty!



The first car rally of the year, the “Tarawatta Stages” enjoyed good communications. The second frequency became scratchy during the day, but some final “tweaking” by Bill Scott later in the day satisfactorily cleared that problem.

It was found that having the two main control radios in separate rooms posed some problems for the operators, who agreed that it would be far better to have them co-located.

Sadly for the organisers, the final stages had to be cancelled – it was disappointing to see all that hard work lost, but on a brighter note ACRM G/B Division has been advised that CAMS officials were very pleased with the performance of all participating members.

It seems Bill Scott had a fairly slippery trip as he came down from the repeater site.



Unfortunately, I missed the Gawler Motor Bikes (I had to work!), how-

The President Speaks (cont.)

ever on the following morning I met up with a group of members at Skillogalee Winery.

What a fun event this always turns out to be. The hospitality of the Palmer family is unmatched. I enjoyed a delicious cooked breakfast accompanied by the best coffee I have ever tasted.

Certainly a lot of cars and buses to handle, but most people are very “happy”. This year a lot more mini-buses which were easier to park than the full-size version.

And then another home-cooked lunch of lamb casserole and prawns – I just can’t wait for next year’s event!

Plenty of events still to come. Make sure you get your name in early so you don’t miss out on the action! (Would that ever happen? Ed.)

In order to sustain this fabulous Division, it is vital that many people are involved “behind the scenes” to ease the workload or to help set up or pack up the rally control or on the various

repeater sites. None of these jobs are particularly difficult. Obviously the more people that help the easier the job. Also the more people that know “how and where”, the more professional the Division will appear.



Brian Sambell, the very proactive Mayor of Gawler has formed a “Mayor’s Service Club Forum”. It is intended that this will provide the various service clubs in the district a forum to present their various project to avoid duplication or overlapping as well as canvassing the possibility of working together. ACRM will be delighted to participate in this venture and we invite Brian to explain the concept further through the pages of a future issue of InfoUpdate.



Stop Press: I have just heard of an additional car rally to be conducted in August. More details following.

– Peter Baker, President

India Delta One Zero Tango

I was having trouble with my computer. So I called Eric, the 11 year old next door, whose bedroom looks like Mission Control, to come over. Eric clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. As he was walking away, I called after him, “So, what was wrong?”

He replied, “It was an ID ten T error. “I didn’t want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, “An, ID ten T error? What’s that.... In case I need to fix it again?”

Eric grinned... “Haven’t you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?” “No,” I replied. “Write it down,” he said, “and I think you’ll figure it out.”

So I wrote down: I D 1 0 T

I used to like Eric.....

– David Nash

From the Editor ...

At the time of writing, I am fully aware that this edition is going to be a little late in getting to you, and for this I apologise.

I must take a bit of the blame for this, as I had left it a little late in starting, and it does require several days' work just to get it together. However, by way of explanation, some other factors have come into play, not the least of which is my commitment to the annual theatrical production of the Two Wells Melodrama Group. Rehearsals have kept me away from



regular meetings as well as the all important Annual General Meeting. So I have missed out on the personal contact with members, with the exception of any events I may be able to attend.

In addition, preparations for seeding our little farm are under way, with bagging seed, ordering fertiliser and ploughing. After the recent good rains, it was important to get the crop in as early as possible, while there is still some warmth in the soil.

But the real problem is ... where do I find stuff which is interesting enough to make readers look forward to receiving it each month? There is no shortage of stuff on the Internet, and I have plenty of “fillers”, but what I really need are the experiences and views of the members, all of whom I know are very interesting people. I can handle having too much for each issue, but not too little.

Having said that, I must acknowledge the valuable input received from contributors to date. Without you, the InfoUpdate would not exist.

Peter has been hugely supportive of this project, and he and I share the view that InfoUpdate can be a means to promote our ACRM Division to the wider community. We see the Division as an integral part of the network of service clubs in this area.



Having read the minutes of the Annual General Meeting (as usual, I was not present due to my commitment as above), I was pleased to note that the primary office bearers all remain the same. This is not because it will not now be necessary to change the names on the cover, but because those people have decided to continue their roles, having proved their worth over the past years. I believe this committee is guiding our Division in the right direction and have the skills to do that. They have my unqualified support, and I am sure the support of all we “rank and file” members.

– Bill Fielke

Events Roundup

A review of the 2008 events to date



By Billy "I see no evil" Scott

THE first event was as usual a low key event being the "Grand Cru" horse trial; as usual the repeater was set up and this year a second repeater being tested along with aerial combinations. Next year both will be needed to cover the course for tracking and official needs. The event went well with no serious disruptions or accidents.

After completion of this event a few members did more testing for the Tarrawatta Stages Rally at Murray Bridge.

On Friday 25th April, (Anzac Day) I left home with my caravan in tow and headed to the

repeater site at Mt Beevor, near Harrogate arriving there about 1330hrs. The site that I had selected to camp at was on a slope so had to raise one side of the van on a wood ramp, sounds easy, not so, had set up ramp, drove vehicle forward so as to have left van wheel 15cm higher and van level, not so, the right wheel was perched very nicely on a damn rock, a few curses removal of the rock and van was level.

After completion of setting up camp site, the first repeater VZS 877 was set up on the concrete tank, then traversed up to Mt Beevor about 1 km away and set up ASX 318 using the wire fence to support the folded dipole aerial. As usual I was a bit apprehensive that this site would make it to Murray Bridge and all control points, after having tea and darkness fell I traced out all the locations that was visible. (Terry, you can actually see Murray Bridge from here.)

I feel that we should protect this

site for future use as after the inclement weather of Saturday I refused to allow any other vehicles to access this point for fear of damaging the access track. As it was, I had enough fun getting down with the van in tow.

The event went well from our comm's view with good transmissions from all points except when rain water entered the coaxial connectors (never had that happen before). This was rectified by changing cable position and spraying with CRC. In hurrying to fix the problem I had a fall, but only sustained minor damage, this was not to be the same when I demonstrated for Dave and James at Tarlee.

Unfortunately the event had the last two stages deleted when the inclement weather and darkness combined to make it unsafe for the competitors, hence end of rally.

The next event was the Philip Haydon Gawler Motor Cycle Trial held near Tarlee, on checking out the proposed repeater site on McCaw tower hill James and Dave brought the equipment up and two repeaters were set up, I now knew why Dave is called "Chuckles" after unfortunately stepping into a hole in the ground, thanks a lot!

From this site good coverage was obtained to all control points with some members being able to communicate from



Jeff Filsell's beloved Jeep, suitably "decorated" with a ram's skull by his friends in preparation for the Tarawatta Stages Rally.

Hillbank and Nuriootpa. All this knowledge should be recorded and stored for future reference in case of a disaster. The event went very well with minimal problems encountered, from my aspect the late finish was not a problem as I was sleeping in my vehicle that night at Clare in preparation for Car Parking duties at the Skillogalee Winery.

Last Bike returned to “Main” around 2300hrs, allowing us to close down, pack up and move on.

At the Skillogalee Winery, after a beautiful breakfast, our duties commenced with a ma-

JOR influx of patrons, and then a steady flow coming and going till around 1300hrs and lunch, (can we do this event every week?) As usual another few members would help so as to allow a break. As soon as a few vehicle spaces appeared and it looked like slowing down, in came another influx of vehicles and patrons – can’t really complain as this is how we support our organisation.

Overall, the four events were all conducted well with members to be thanked for their commitment, without you and your families’ support we would simply collapse.



Car parking is one of the many and varied skills undertaken by G/B ACRM

Zits



Non-living things have a gender

(Written, I suspect by a woman!)

- ◆ Freezer Bags – They are Male, because they hold everything in, but you can see right through them.
- ◆ Copiers – They are Female, because once turned off, it takes a while to warm them up again. It's an effective reproductive device if the right buttons are pushed, but can wreak havoc if the wrong buttons are pushed.
- ◆ Tyres – Male, because it goes bald and it's often over-inflated.
- ◆ Hot Air Balloon – Male, because, to get it to go anywhere, you have to light a fire under it, and of course, there's the hot air part.
- ◆ Sponges – Female because they're soft, squeezable and retain water.
- ◆ Web Page – Female, because it's always getting hit on.
- ◆ Subway – Male, because it uses the same old lines to pick people up.
- ◆ Hourglass – Female, because over time, the weight shifts to the bottom.
- ◆ Hammer – Male, because it hasn't changed much over the last 5,000 years, but it's handy to have around.
- ◆ Remote Control – Female ... Ha! You thought it would be male. But consider this – it gives a man pleasure, he'd be lost without it, and while he doesn't always know the right buttons to push, he keeps trying.

Deadline for Spring Issue

Any member wishing to contribute an article, photos, letter to the editor or anything which may be of interest, please do so ... the earlier the better.

I plan to have the Spring issue printed in the first week in September '08, so please let's have it by no later than

19 August, 2008 (August ACRM meeting)

BASIC OPERATOR TRAINING

Module One

By Bill Scott G78 (Training Officer)

MUCH has been said about training for radio operators, usually with no specific requests, so I will do a few small modules, that two or three members can do on their own. By completing the tasks outlined here, more can be gained than in a large training day.

The first module will be on Tracking and the meaning of elapsed times.

A simple method for tracking practice is select a safe area on the side of a light traffic road, (Eg Main North road between Munno Para and Gawler) and approx 1 km further on have your training partner do the same, select an obvious vehicle as it passes maybe a K&G freight lines B double, radio the details to your partner using the following format, and the ACRM tracking sheets which we will supply for you. Wear your Safety Vest.

Start 1. B double red. For training only send the time as it passes you and record details on tracking sheet.

Your training partner will respond when the selected vehicle passes their location with the following,

Finish 1. B double red. Once again for training send the time using down to the second and record on your tracking sheet.

To obtain elapsed time.

In the remarks column record the finish time on top and the start time underneath

Finish time.	0.29.35
Start time	10.25.00
This gives elapsed time of	4.35

Which when transmitted over the radio, the information will be sent as “four minutes thirty five seconds”.

The elapsed times are usually worked out by the Control Keepers and given to you in

blocks of five to be relayed back to main by the Finish operator.

Try this and when proficient start tracking vehicles at two minute, one minute and thirty second start times, try to pick out high visibility vehicles and

use number plate numbers if possible, with practice your efficiency will increase rapidly.

Always remember to wear your SAFETY Vests and, if you have them place your ACRM signs on your vehicle.

Trivia question...

What is the derivation of “checkmate”, the ultimate goal in a game of chess, where the king is unable to make a move? **(Answer on page 12)**

Word Square

I	I	R
F	T	E
E	N	L

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

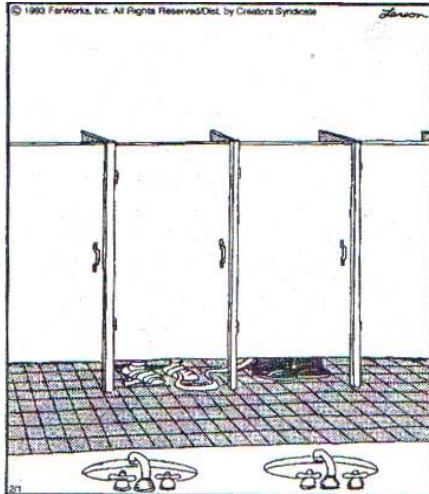
Each letter may be used once only, each word must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word. No plurals ending in S; no foreign words; no words with initial capital; no hyphenated words.

Solution page 12

These days, the wages of sin depend on what kind of deal you make with the publisher.

Ivern Ball in *The Wall Street Journal*

The Far Side by Gary Larson



It was an innocent mistake, but nevertheless, a moment later Maurice found himself receiving the full brunt of the mummy's wrath.

Why . . . did I just say that?

Have you ever spoken and wished that you could immediately take the words back ... or that you could crawl into a hole? Here are the Testimonials of a few people who did ...

FIRST TESTIMONY: I walked into a hair salon with my husband and three kids in tow and asked loudly, “How much do you charge for a shampoo and a blow job?” I turned around and walked back out and never went back. My husband didn’t say a word ... he knew better.

SECOND TESTIMONY: I was at the golf store comparing different kinds of golf balls. I was unhappy with the women’s type I had been using. After browsing for several minutes, I was approached by one of the good-looking gentlemen who works at the store. He asked if he could help me. Without thinking, I looked at him and said, “I think I like playing with men’s balls.”

THIRD TESTIMONY: My sister and I were at the mall and passed by a store that sold a variety of candy and nuts. As we were looking at the display case, the boy behind the counter asked if we needed any help. I replied, “No, I’m just looking at your nuts...” My sister started to laugh hysterically. The boy grinned ... and I turned beet-red and walked away. To this day, my sister has never let me forget.

FOURTH TESTIMONY: While in line at the bank one afternoon, my toddler decided to release some pent-up energy and ran amok. I was finally able to grab hold of her after receiving looks of disgust and annoyance from other patrons. I told her that if she did not start behaving “right now” she would be punished. To my horror, she looked me in the eye and said in a voice just as threatening, “If you don’t let me go right now, I will tell Grandma that I saw you kissing Daddy’s pee-pee last night!” The silence was deafening after this enlightening exchange. Even the tellers stopped what they were doing. I mustered up the last of my dignity and walked out of the bank with my daughter in tow. The last thing I heard when the door closed behind me, were screams of laughter.

FIFTH TESTIMONY: Have you ever asked your child a question too many times? My three-year-old son had a lot of problems with potty training and I was on him constantly. One day we stopped at Taco Bell for a quick lunch in between errands. It was very busy, with a full dining room. While enjoying my taco, I smelled something funny, so of course I checked my seven-month-old daughter, and she was clean. Then I realized that Danny had not asked to

go potty in a while, so I asked him if he needed to go, and he said “No”. I kept thinking, “Oh Lord, that child has had an accident, and I don’t have any clothes with me.” Then I said, “Danny, are you SURE you didn’t have an accident?” “No,” he replied. I just KNEW that he must have had an accident, because the smell was getting worse. Soooooo, I asked one more time, “Danny, did you have an accident?” This time he jumped up, yanked down his pants, bent over and spread his cheeks and yelled, “SEE MOM, IT’S JUST FARTS!!” While 30 people nearly choked to death on their tacos laughing, he calmly pulled up his pants and sat down. An old couple made me feel better by thanking me for the best laugh they’d ever had!

LAST TESTIMONY: This had most of the state of Michigan laughing for 2 days and a very embarrassed female news anchor who will, in the future, likely think before she speaks. What happens when you predict snow but don’t get any? (A true story.) We had a female news anchor who, the day after it was supposed to have snowed and didn’t, turned to the weatherman and asked: “So Bob, where’s that 8 inches you promised me last night?” Not only did HE have to leave the set, but half the crew did too; they were laughing so hard!

You reckon your car’s well set up?

WELL COP THIS!



WHAT ARE SENIORS WORTH?

REMEMBER, old folks are worth a fortune, with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs.

I have become a little older since I saw you last, and a few changes have come into my life. Frankly I have become a frivolous gal!! I am seeing six gentlemen every day. As soon as I wake up, Will Power helps me out of bed. Then I go to see Johnny Loo. Next along comes Charlie Cramp, and when he's here he takes up a lot of my attention. When he leaves Arthur Ritus shows up and stays around all day long. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day I'm really tired and glad to go to bed with Johnny Walker.

What a life! Oh yes! I'm also fighting with Al Zymer.

PS. The minister came to call the other day. He said that I should be thinking about the Hereafter. I told him: "Oh I do! I do! All the time. On my way home, in the parlour, upstairs, in the kitchen, or down in the basement, I say to myself: 'Now, what am I here after?'"

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It is a derivation of the Persian "shah mat", which means "the king is ambushed".

Word square solution

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9 Aug



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20 Sep



Gawler Swap Meet

21 Sep



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20-23 Nov.



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