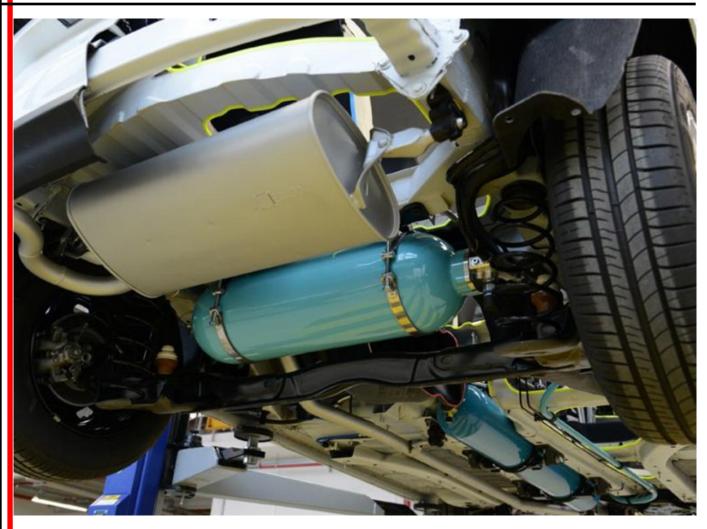


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The French Connection

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Well done everyone, another great event

GUEST SPOT

Phil Thompson is sharing with us information about the

Historical Aircraft Restoration Society and the Classic Car Museum at Gosford

NOTE meeting starts at 730 sharp

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLINGS;

The SE 4 Clubs weekend at Kingston was a most enjoyable time. We had several members and partners and family head down to Kingston for the weekend and to my knowledge there were no problems. The weather on the Sat was great but on Sunday a change came in with very strong winds, which caused some difficulties travelling back as the wind was off the sea, and therefore side-on, which caused some discomfort. However, all enjoyed the weekend. Next year will be back at Meningie and I urge many members and families to consider attending.

Remember, our Christmas Lunch is at Club Marion (on Sturt Rd opposite Marion Council Chambers) on Sun Dec 11th. 12.00 for 12.30. Lunch is a 3 course meal for which the club will pay, but drinks, tea and coffee will be at your expense. Please book asap as the numbers are restricted to 50. The Social Committee will be providing free raffles, so we look forward to seeing you at the Lunch.

Thank you all for the support you have given Kathy and I during the past few months. Kathy is progressing well but full recovery will be 9 to 12 months so we have some way to go.

As this is our last magazine for this year, Kathy, our family and I wish all of you and your families a very Happy, Safe and Holy Christmas Season and may the New Year bring you everything you wish for - happiness, prosperity and particularly, good health.

Happy Motoring,

Trevor Donaldson

EDITOR'S Rattle

Hi everyone, Christmas is no longer a distant dream ...or to some a NigHtmARe.

I am afraid that if I close my eyes, when I open them I will be cleaning up the Christmas mess. Oh well. It is time to see the grand kids (and then send them home for peace).

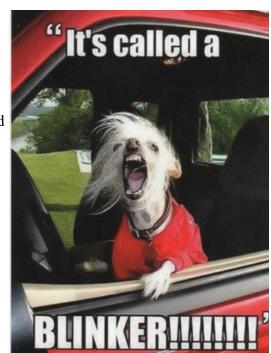
Our club Christmas dinner sounds like it is going to be a good one at the Marion Sports Club, 262 Sturt Road, Marion. Have you booked with Don and Valerie for your seats at the dinner. Cut off date was November the 24th ... If you haven't booked, you had better give Don and Valerie a call asap.

Talking about events, Don Stacy offered a good suggestion: WHAT WOULD YOU MEMBERS LIKE TO DO AS A CLUB. WHAT EVENTS WOULD YOU LIKE US TO PUT ON?? Let the committee know if you have any ideas. To give the club life, we need members attending events.

AND EXPIRY DATES: **your club membership expires** on December 31st so you had better get cracking with your renewal. You can find both a **club renewal form** on page 9 of this magazine along with a **Stat Dec for your Historic Registration** on page 8.

Cheers, Jeff

DON'T FORGET OUR Stirling Market gathering this coming Sunday the 27th Nov. 10 am at the Crafers Park & Ride. Contact Anne on 0419 829 608 or just be there



Yes, we hear them called Flashers, Winkers and Indicators.

FROM DUST TO DUST (Renault 750 Mania)

I did hear that as soon as you make metal, it is wanting to return to dirt.

This photo of my Renault 750 door shows the depth that rust was eating away my doors. My intention here was to cut out the rusted sections and weld back good pieces from one of the scrap door that I had thrown in the bin.

Then came forward one of the many good reasons for being in our club: Networking

Our friend and fellow club member Hank Veltman contacted me, letting me know that he had some 750 parts that he wanted to get rid of. These parts included four doors ... just what the doctor ordered. So thanks Hank for the much needed parts. I didn't realise at the time of exchange how vital this stash of parts would turn out to be and how blessed I was receiving them.

The above pictured door was thrown in the bin with its mate and replaced with one of the back doors that I had received from Hank. This "new' door had minimal rust although the corner needed replacing as to be expected. With some neat cutting, tucking and welding I had an A1 door and it was almost time for the old paint to be stripped and an anti-rust bath then undercoating.



After completing the repairs on both back doors I commenced work on one of my original front doors. I replaced the bottom corners and the door was looking a million dollars until I decided to tackle a couple of small rust spots on the face of the door.

With the angle grinder, I cut out the two small spots which were on the face of the door by both hinges. I now had two holes approximately 30mm x 50mm showing the thick hinge frames top and bottom. Though I shouldn't have been surprised. I found the thick hinge arms had holes eaten through them both. Not to worry I said to myself, I will just fill them with weld.

Just before I tackled these holes and patches on the door skin, I decided to pour some rust killer on the hinge frames and inner panels ... Holy moley!!! Rust killer pored out of a multitude of tiny holes that had formed on the door face skin (none of these were visible from the outside). What a sinking feeling and a shake of my head with a wry smile.



JUST LIKE NEW—FLAT and STRAIGHT

I knew immediately to overcome this hurdle I had to cut away the rusted face of the door and refabricate it. Considering the fact that the door face has complex curves in each direction and any welding on a panel face like this causes heat buckling and warping, this was not a good option: Back to Hank's pile of goodies. Here was a replacement front door in great condition with the only issue as per usual, corner replacement.

Finally after too many hours and too many years of working on the body, it is almost time for final dent fill and painting.

Though I was intending to do the paint job myself, I am almost resigned to get someone else finish off the final panel repair and paint job while I carry on with the electrical and mechanics. If anyone knows someone who is reliable and affordable to finish off the body and paint work, I am all ears. Send me a message with details.

With still too many hours to go, cheers.

Jeff MacGuire—Editor

CLUB NETWORKING—AUSTRALIA WIDE

Message from Eileen Senn senn@11net.net.au Phone 0439 012 474

Hi there,

I am a committee member of the French and Fantastic Automobile Club in Western Australia and have had a request from a Perth gentleman. See his request below and I am wondering if anyone knows who has purchased this vehicle or knows its where-abouts.

The vehicle is a 1959 Renault Fregate—Only 6 of them had been brought to Perth. The person searching for this particular vehicle says, "My Pop bought one brand new out of the showroom in Perth CBD showrooms. I was given the car as his Grandson. I didn't restore it to new condition—which I should have. I sold it to a Gentleman who assured me that he would return one day to let me see the car when he restored it ... But he has never returned. That was twenty three years ago ...

As he lived south of the river and would be in his late seventies now, I am wondering if I can track the car down.

Anyone with information about a 1959 Renault Fregate, please contact Eileen. See the above contact details and an interesting conversation will be had.

MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO CLUB AUTOMOBILE FRANCAIS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

WHERE: CLUB MARION

262 STURT RD. MARION

WHEN: SUNDAY 11th December

TIME: 12 Noon for Service at 12.30

The Club will cover the cost of a 3 Course Christmas Menu

Drinks including tea and coffee at your cost.

Free Raffle with **GREAT PRIZES** The Social Committee look forward to your company!

(ONLY SEATING FOR 50 SO RSVP EARLY)

Please note change of Venue.

The Dining Room is upstairs but there is a lift. Lots of parking on the premises

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The Art of Drifting

I am afraid that my views on "Drifting" were tainted by the idiots who tarnish the activity by racing their cars (with too many stolen vehicles included) around the streets of suburbia across Australia. Well my opinion came crashing down as I watched a replay of the first ever Achilles Asian Radial Drift GP that was held on a purpose built track in Jakarta

The track with a magnificent mixture of twists and turns including the Mogu Mogu Hair Pin created every complexity. Drivers from Indonesia, Scotland and Australia fought against each other to achieve maximum points for the championship. With a series of races throughout the day, judges viewed every race to

maintain the integrity of line and technique... the more angle and drift the more points: No knocking out your opponent or you are penalised.

Watching the cars throwing out a combination of both rubber and rubble while drifting around every corner reminded me of the solo speedway bikes I saw in my youth at Rowley Park Speedway. But now those bikes had become worked street style cars with far more attitude. Unlike the riders who leaned their bikes over with one foot outstretched for support and balance,



these drivers have to install specially designed bucket seats with racing harnesses fitted. Without these restraints the G forces created throws the driver from left to right inside the cabin making it impossible to handle these hot machines while tyres shred and fill the air with howling engines and clouds of smoke.

Brendon Greaves from Western Australia won the event in his Performance Nisson S15 Silvia with another Australian Rob Whyte coming second and Indonesia's top driver Emmanuel Amandio coming a hot third in his Nisson 180 SX.

For information of Drift Championships, search www.australiandriftingGP.com.au

Jeff MacGuire

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Your Club Membership expires on the 31st December

Can you please assist the club by renewing your membership prior to this date

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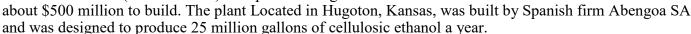
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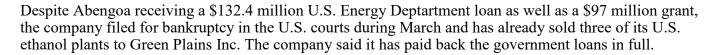
Oil company pays \$26 million for half-billion dollar ethanol plant

The failure of cellulosic ethanol may prove beneficial to oil giant Royal Dutch Shell. Cellulosic ethanol was seen as an important component of mass ethanol adaption because it is made from non-edible plants.

But despite the hopes of ethanol advocates and policy makers, cellulosic sources never materialised into significant quantities.

According to Bloomberg, Shell recently submitted a bid of \$26 million (95% discount) on a plant costing





A spokeswoman for Shell told Bloomberg. "Shell believes the Kansas plant could support an ongoing biofuel program, although use of the facility as part of that program is still subject to a future investment decision".

The fortunes of ethanol have fallen significantly since Congress passed a Renewable Fuel Standard in 2007. At the time the standard, which requires increasing amounts of ethanol to be blended with the fuel supply, was seen as a way to reduce dependence of foreign oil.

Cellulosic sources were expected to make up a large portion of ethanol production as, unlike corn based ethanol, they don't impact food supplies. But since the standard was enacted, electric cars and increases in the fuel efficiency of internal-combustion engines have lowered overall fuel consumption.

Because the Renewable Fuel Standards calls for fixed amounts of ethanol in the U.S., this has effectively raised the percentage of ethanol required to what many critics describe as unrealistic levels.

At the same time, the fact that hoped-for cellulosic sources ultimately proved non-existent added constraints to ethanol production.

Editor's Note: Green Car Reports who wrote and produced this article thanks their tipster, who prefers to remain an international Man of Mystery.

The American Federal Government has issued mandatory-noise for new electric, hybrid cars

The rules apply to all new hybrid and electric cars with four wheels and a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 10,000 pounds or less and are designed to be particularly beneficial to pedestrians who are blind or have significantly impaired vision.

They require those vehicles to make an audible noise when traveling forward or in reverse at speeds up to 19 m.p.h. Auto makers have until September 1, 2019 to add devices to their hybrids and electric cars. Half of new hybrids and electric cars must be in compliance one year before the final date.

Though the original proposal was put forward in 2013 and some manufacturers already put noise devices on their new vehicles, laws are still being put in place.



CLUB AUTOMOBILE FRANCAIS SOCIAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016

Apr. 9 th	Victor Harbor Festival – Soldiers Memorial Reserve * PRE EVENT MEETING PLACE as per Club event notice on page 4					
Apr. 17 th	McLaren Vale Classic Cars					
Apr. 28th	AGM to be held at the Club Rooms. Pizza nibbles included					
May 15 th	Annual Run to Mannum – BBQ Lunch at the Donaldsons					
June 18 th	Club Social Night at the Club Rooms					
July 16	Bastille Day Dinner					
July 24	Rear-Engine Run					
July 31st	Annual Swap Meet					
Aug. 7th	Thank-you Lunch for Volunteers of Swap Meet Buckingham Arms Hotel – Walkerville					
Aug. 14 th	Economy Run with Lunch to follow					
Sept. 15th	Lunch Largs Pier Hotel					
25^{th}	Bay to Birdwood Vintage Cars					
Oct. 15 th	Barossa Run					
$28^{th} - 30^{th} \\$	Car SE Clubs Weekend at Kingston SE					
Nov.	Stirling Markets - Meet 10 am at the Crafers Park & Ride Lunch at Bridgewater Inn at 12.00 noon Sunday 27th November					
Dec. 11 th	Christmas Lunch – Now being held at the Club Marion 262 Oaklands Road Mario					

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