

# **A history of the original MORRIS 8/40 Car Club** **of South Australia**

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## **1. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 30 November 1937, P23**

### **New Light Car Club**

Operating on purely social lines a new light car club to be known as the Morris 8/40 Social Club, has been formed. An opening run to Moana Beach has been arranged, leaving Lenroc Limited, 123 Flinders street, at 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 12, to which Morris 8/40 owners are invited. The tentative committee includes Messrs. Jack Morphett (chairman), R. Driver, M. Heinjus, Rex Anthony, Mark Taylor, R. Bickford, and V. Marceau (hon. secretary pro tem). This committee will act temporarily until the club is properly established. Prospective members may communicate with Mr. Morphett at Lenroc's.

## **2. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 7 December 1937, P7**

### **Light Car Run**

Arrangements for the Morris 8/40 Car Club run to Moana on Sunday are complete. A trophy will be presented to the winner of a sealed trial event and for the best turned out 8/40 Morris. Owners will meet at Lenroc's at 11 am and a few minutes later will leave from the G.P.O., proceeding by way of South road to Moana. Mr. Vic Marceau of the Hospitals Department, Rundle street is the secretary (pro tem).

## **3. The Mail (Adelaide SA) Saturday 11 December 1937, P10**

With the improvement in country roads effected by the progress in the Government's £5,000,000 five year road scheme, has come a considerable increase in the popularity of small motors in this country.

It is reported that more than 600 Morris 8-40's have been sold to South Australian buyers, and that a big percentage of them have gone to country districts.

Morris enthusiasts in Adelaide this week formed a Morris Light Car Club and membership is at present about 20. Members will have the first outing at Moana tomorrow.

Next week a meeting of the provisional committee Messrs. J. Morphett, R. Anthony, R. Bickford, M. Heinjus, J. J. Taylor, and V. Marceau, will be held to select a president and fix a permanent committee.

Several novelty events will be held at Moana, and prizes have been donated by city motor houses.

#### 4. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 14 December 1937, P7

##### Morris Car Club's Opening Run

About 100 people attended the opening run of the newly formed Morris 8/40 Light Car Club. Thirty cars were checked in at Moana, where a picnic meeting was held. Trophies, presented by Motors Limited and Lenroc. Limited, were won by C. McCarthy of Blackwood (best turned out 8/40 Morris car); J. J. N. Taylor of Parkside (sealed time event); and M. Heinjus of Fullarton (novelty car race). A meeting will be held soon to appoint a committee and draw up a set of rules. Arrangements are being made for members to go to Lobethal on Monday, January 3, to see the Grand Prix. Mr. V. Marceau of the Hospitals Department, Rundle street, is temporary secretary.

#### 5. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Thursday 30 December 1937, P15

##### Morris Light Car

The Morris Light Car Club will make an official run to the Lobethal speed meeting on Monday next, leaving Victoria square east at 10 a.m. All owners of Morris 8/40 cars are invited to join the run. Application has been made for parking and admission concessions. Mr. Vic. Marceau is secretary, c/o Hospitals Dept. Rundle St. City.

#### 6. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 11 January 1938, P7

##### Morris 8/40 Car Club

The inaugural general meeting of the Morris 8/40 Car Club will be held at Gibbs Cafe, Flinders street, city, at 8 p.m. on Thursday. Office-bearers and committee will be elected, and a programme of functions will be arranged. A sub-committee will also be appointed to draw up conditions and rules for approval at a general meeting to follow. It is expected that a run will be arranged for Sunday, January 23. All owners of Morris 8/40 cars are invited to these fixtures. The temporary secretary is Mr. V. Marceau, of 217 Angas street, city.

#### 7. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Saturday 22 January 1938, P13

##### Morris Car Rally Tomorrow

The first official run of the newly formed Morris 8/40 Car Club will take place tomorrow, leaving Victoria square at 10.30 a.m. Cars will proceed via Blackwood to Clarendon, where a picnic meeting will be held on the sports ground. Bathing facilities are available and hot water will also be available for picnickers. The committee elected at the first general meeting is:— Patron, Mr. Napier Birks; president, Mr. J. Morphett; vice-presidents, Messrs. N. Birks, P. T. S. Moody, R. Pitcher, hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. V. Marceau; sports secretary, Mr. R. Menzel; committee, Messrs. J. J. M. Taylor, A. Harrod, A. Lunn, M. Heinjus, R. Menzel, and E. Trewenick.



*Snapshots from the first official run of the Morris 8/40 Club of SA to Clarendon*

### MORRIS 8-40 CAR CLUB

Motoring in South Australia is making good progress in the social and sporting spheres. The latest development is the formation of the Morris 8-40 Car Club.

The Club went to Clarendon for its first outing on December 23, when 30 Club cars left Adelaide at 10.45 a.m. With the thermometer nearing the hundred swimming was the most popular item on arrival. Car sports, instructive and amusing, were held in the afternoon.

Results:—Reversing set distance, Mr. Lang; Free Air Race, Miss Frankel and Mr. Wilson; Egg and Spoon Race, Miss Stone and Mr. Lunn. The final event, in which members had to find their cars blindfold, went to Mr. Hammond.

The next outing was Murray Bridge, where a cruise was arranged along the River.

Officers of the Club:—President, Mr. Napier Birks; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Norman Birks, P. Moody, R. Pitcher and S. Hamilton; Secretary and Treasurer, V. Marceau, 217 Angas Street; Social and Sports Secretary, R. Menzel.

*The report opposite on the Morris 8-40 Car Club's 'first outing' to Clarendon was extracted from the Royal Automobile Association of SA's magazine 'The South Australian Motor', 15<sup>th</sup> February 1938, vol. 26, No. 10, Page 2. Note the apparent error in the reported date of the event!*

### 8. The Mail (Adelaide SA) Saturday 22 January '38, P16

Morris Car Club Formed in S.A.

The inaugural meeting of the 8/40 Morris Car Club was recently held in Adelaide, when the following office bearers and committee were elected: —

Patron, Mr. Napier Birks; president, Mr. Jack Morphett; vice-presidents, Messrs. N. Birks, P. T. S. Moody, and R. Pitcher; committee, Messrs. J. J. M. Taylor, M. Heinjus, A. Lunn, R. Menzel, A. Trewenick, A. Haddow; secretary and treasurer, Mr. V. Marceau. It was decided to hold the first official run to Clarendon on Sunday, January 23. The party will leave Victoria square at 10.30. Membership is open to all owners of Morris 8/40 horsepower. Application for enrolment may be made to the secretary, 217 Angas street, Adelaide.

### 9. The Mail (Adelaide, SA) Saturday 5 Feb 1938, P22

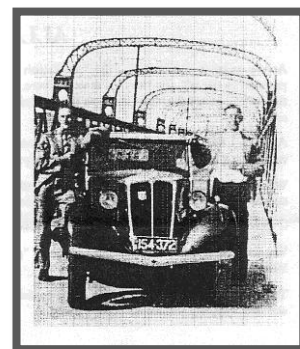
Escort to Boat By Club Members

Flying their club pennants, members of the Morris Car Club formed an escort for Lord Nuffield as he left Adelaide to join the Orion at Outer Harbor this afternoon. About 25 cars lined up in front of 'The Mail' office and preceded Lord Nuffield's car. At the Outer Harbor the president of the club (Mr. J. Morphett) introduced each member to Lord Nuffield at the car peer's request. Lord Nuffield then walked over to two women members, who had remained in their car, and was introduced to them. Mr. Morphett presented Lord Nuffield with a club pennant. The gathering cheered Lord Nuffield as he walked to the boat. He expressed appreciation to the club members for their gesture.

### 10. The Mail (Adelaide SA) Saturday 12 February 1938, P10

Morris Club To Hold Week-End Outing

Leaving Victoria square tomorrow (Sunday) morning at 9.30, the Morris 8/40 Car Club will drive to Murray Bridge, where a boat trip has been arranged on a motor launch. The Mayor of Murray Bridge (Mr. Ken McLean) will welcome the visitors. Lunch will be taken on the reserve, prior to embarking on the launch. Novelty events will be arranged on board. A letter has been received from Viscount Nuffield in appreciation of the escort which went with him to the Outer Harbour when he rejoined the Orion on his way to Sydney. He intimated that it was the finest gesture yet accorded him on all his overseas visits. The club will visit Parafield on Tuesday night to inspect the new lighting at the aerodrome. Flights have been arranged in the Guinea Airways Lockheed machine. Cars will assemble at Victoria square at 7.30 p.m.



*Crossing the 'road' bridge at Murray Bridge*

### 11. The Mail (Adelaide SA) Saturday 26 February 1938, P12

Morris Club Meeting

A general meeting of the Morris 8/40 Club will be held at the Oriental Hotel at 8 o'clock on Thursday night. On Sunday March 6, a picnic sports meeting will be held.

## **12. The Mail (Adelaide SA) Saturday 5 March 1938, P28**

### Picture Night For Motorists

Sponsored by the Harley Davidson Motor Cycle Club, in conjunction with the Morris Car Club, a picture night of interest to car owners and motor cyclists will be held on Wednesday, March 23, at the A.N.A. Hall, Flinders street. Pictures to be released for the first time include the 1938 Victorian T.T. races at Phillip Island, the Lobethal T.T. and Grand Prix races, in addition to numerous local club fixtures. Tickets are available through all club secretaries or from Mr. P. Moody, secretary, of the Harley Davidson Club, Lenroc Ltd., or from Mr. V. Marceau, secretary Morris 8/40 Club, 217 Angas street, Adelaide.

## **13. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 15 March 1938, P13**

### Morris Car Club Picture Night On March 23

The Morris Light Car Club picture night will be held at the A.N.A. Hall, Flinders street, on March 23. Further films have been contributed for this exhibition of sporting films by Mr Syd. Lower. These include motor cycle racing at Ballarat and also the Levis M.C.C. hill climb. Secretaries of clubs are asked to procure supplies of tickets immediately, as these are being quickly taken up and the seating accommodation is limited. At this performance, films will be shown of the Lobethal Grand Prix and T.T. races, also the Phillip Island (Vic.) T.T. motor cycle races. Films taken of car club activities in Adelaide include midget cars, the veteran car trial and light cars at Sellick's Beach. Pictures will also be shown of the Morris Car Club opening runs. Tickets are 1/ each and may be had from the organiser, Mr. J. Morphett, at Lenroc's or from club secretaries.

## **14. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 22 March 1938, P7**

### Road Race Films To Be Screened

The picture evening sponsored by the Morris Car Club and the Harley-Davidson M.C.C., to be held at the A.N.A. Hall, Flinders street, on Wednesday evening, will include pictures of the Lobethal Grand Prix and T.T. races. Several car clubs will also be shown in action, midget cars at Camden, light cars at Sellick's Beach, the veteran car trial, and the opening runs of the Morris 8/40 Club. The American talkie film "Champions Of Champions" will depict the main motor sporting events in the United States and the Continent. Several exciting motor cycle events will also be screened, the most noteworthy being in addition to the Lobethal T.T. the Phillip Island (Victoria) T.T. races. These have been arranged by Mr. P. Moody and Mr. S. Lower, who contributed pictures of the Ballarat T.T. and the Levis Motor Cycle Club hill climb. Any tickets unsold must be returned immediately. Club secretaries may procure further limited supplies from the organisers at Lenroc Limited, 211 Pulteney street.

## **15. The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA) Tuesday 29 March 1938, P7**

### Morris Club's Sports Run To Echunga

The Morris 8/40 Club will conduct a picnic and sports run to Echunga on Sunday. Cars will assemble at Victoria square at 10 a.m. Tennis courts will be hired, and trophies will be awarded for competition events. Hot water will also be available on the grounds. The picture night was a success, and it is hoped to have a repeat performance soon. Films will probably be taken of the run to Echunga on Sunday. An invitation has been received from Port Pirie for a party to visit that centre for Easter. A big sports programme is being arranged by local motor sporting bodies. Morris owners are asked to state if they wish to go.

## **16. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) 6 April 1938, P29**

### Morris 8/40 Club's Easter Plans

Arrangements are being made for a party of the Morris 8/40 Club to spend Easter at the Harley-Davidson M.C.C. clubhouse at Sellick's Beach. Intending visitors are asked to notify the secretary (Mr. V. Marceau) early. The advance party will leave Adelaide early on Good Friday morning. The run to Echunga on Sunday was successful. Trophy winners included Mr. M. Heinjus and Mr. L. Mitchell. A tennis tournament was won by Mr. Holdsworth and Mrs. C. McCarthy, and : Mr. V. Marceau and Miss Frankel. Members intending to visit Port Pirie for Easter are asked to notify the

secretary before Wednesday. The committee will meet at Lenrocs on Thursday at 5 p.m. At the last meeting, Mr. C. Tasker was elected to the committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. A Trewenick.

**17. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Saturday 9 April 1938, P30**

Pt. Pirie Sporting Fixtures For Easter

PORT PIRIE. April 8. Port Pirie's many and varied Easter sporting activities will include the following:—  
..... In the Port Pirie Motor Cycle Club's rally, members of Adelaide, Whyalla, Port Augusta, and Kadina clubs will take part, and it is also hoped the Morris 8/40 Car Club. There will be a gathering and ball on Saturday and sports at Telowie Beach on the Sunday.....

*Editorial: It is not known if any Morris 8/40 Car Club members responded to this invitation, but for the winner of the Light Car Section of "The Recorder 12 Hour Reliability Trial", organized by the Port Pirie Motor Cycle Club in July 1939, Motors Limited donated the "Morris 8/40 Cup". A Morris 8/40 driven by Bill Beaumont tied for first place in this event. Refer Item 51, page 13.*

**18. The Sunday Mail (Adelaide SA) Saturday 14th May 1938, P 28**

Morris 8.40 Club

At the general meeting of the Morris 8.40 Club on Thursday night a sport section was formed and Mr. R. Menzel was appointed competition secretary. It is expected that a team will be nominated for the forthcoming Motor Cycle Club 24-hour reliability trial. On Sunday a picnic run will be held. All Morris 8.40 owners are invited. A grill luncheon will be held at a suitable spot. Members are requested to take chops or steak. The route will be decided according to weather conditions at the start, at Victoria square, at 10 o'clock.

**19. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 17 May 1938, P6**

Sports Section For Morris 8.40 Club

At the last general meeting of the Morris 8 40 Car Club, it was decided to form a sports section. The new competition secretary is Mr. R. Menzel. It is expected that a team will be entered for "The Advertiser" 24-hour trial conducted by the M.C.C. of S.A. A winter programme has been drawn up and the next run will probably be to Mount Bold Reservoir. Arrangements are being made with the engineers to allow the club access to the reservoir and to provide a guide to show the party over the workings. During the coming months the club will also arrange visits to the Osborne power house, "The Advertiser" office, and the S.A. Glass Manufacturing Co. works at Kilkenny. All owners of Morris 8 40 h.p cars are invited to join the club, which was formed to assist new car owners and to foster outings of a social nature. With the new sporting section, owners will be able to conduct competition events and to enter for competitions, promoted by kindred organisations.

**20. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 24 May 1938, P6**

Morris Motor Club Run To Mt. Bold

The Morris 8/40 Car Club has arranged a run for Sunday to the new construction works at Mount Bold Reservoir. The party will inspect the workings and a picnic is arranged for the same locality. Members and friends will meet at Victoria square, City, at 9.30 am. Members of the club will inspect "The Advertiser" office on Wednesday, June 1. The time and place of meeting will be announced later. All Morris 8/40 owners are invited to these fixtures. Particulars of membership are available from the secretary (Mr. V. Marceau), 217 Angas street, Adelaide, or from Lenroc Limited or Motors Limited.

**21. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 31st May 1938, P13**

Morris 8/40 Club's Winter Outings

The Morris 8/40 Club will open a series of winter evening outings tomorrow with a visit of inspection to "The Advertiser" office. Cars will meet at 7.45 p.m. at Victoria square and at 8 p.m. at "The Advertiser" office. The committee will meet at the secretary's' residence, 217 Angas street, city, at 8: p.m. on Thursday. A series of outings and visits for the winter season will be announced after the

meeting. Intending members are asked to forward their nomination papers to the secretary (Mr. V. Marceau) before tomorrow.

#### **22. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 7 June 1938 P7**

Morris Car Club's Run To Lobethal

The Morris 8/40 Car Club has arranged to visit Lobethal on June 26. Last week about 28 cars, with 70 members and friends visited Mount Bold reservoir. Last Wednesday members inspected "The Advertiser" office. Members taking controls in "The Advertiser" 24-hour trial are asked to communicate with the secretary of the M.C.C. (Mr. Wal. J. Murphy) at the office of the club, Flinders street.

#### **23. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 21st June 1938, P13**

Morris 8/40 Car Club's Mystery Run

The Morris 8/40 Car Club will hold a mystery run on Sunday. Members will meet at Victoria square at 2 p.m. and will provide their own refreshments. The run will end at a private home in the hills, not far from Adelaide, where the evening will be spent. The next general meeting will be held at the secretary's home, Angas street, City, at 8 pm on July 7. A party is being arranged for the Australian Flying Corps ball, at the Palais Royal on July 22.

#### **24. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 19 July 1938, P11**

Morris Car Club Run To Victor Harbor

The Morris 8/40 Car Club will conduct an all-day run to Victor Harbor next Sunday. Cars will leave Victoria square at 9.30 a.m. A hamper picnic will be held at a selected place and it is expected that tennis courts will be available. The competition secretary is arranging novelty events and several trophies have been promised. At the recent general meeting, it was stated that the new car badges would be on issue in time for the Victor Harbor run. Mr. Mark Taylor has been appointed badge and pennant trustee. Badges have been



supplied by Motors Limited and will be issued on loan to all financial members. Should members leave the club they must return the badges. A special party will attend the Flying Corps Ball at the Palais Royal on Friday. Morris owners wishing to join the club may obtain particulars from Motors Limited or Lenrocs Limited, or from the secretary (Mr V. Marceau), Angas street, Adelaide.



#### **25. The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA) Tuesday 2 August 1938, P11**

Car Club Committee To Meet On Thursday

The Morris 8-40 club's run to Victor Harbor was a success. The speed judging competition was won by Mr. J. Mesmil, with Mr. L. Fowler second. The next committee meeting will be held at the secretary's residence (Angas street) at 8 pm on Thursday, when the next run will be arranged. Arrangements are being made for a social to be held in September.

#### **26. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 23 Aug 1938, P11**

MYSTERY RUN

Morris Car Club's Activities

The Morris Club will hold a sealed mystery run on Sunday, September 4. The committee went over the proposed course on Sunday, and it was decided that the event should begin and finish at Victoria square. The first car will leave at 2 pm. Arrangements are being made for a Morris rally on the Belair Oval on Sunday, October 16. The next general meeting will be held at the secretary's home, Angas street, on Thursday, September 1. The president (Mr. J. Morphett) and the secretary (Mr. V. Marceau) called on the Melbourne Morris 8/40 Club during their recent visit to Melbourne and discussed various activities. A party is being arranged to attend the Motors Limited dance at the Palais Royal on Tuesday, September 6. Tickets may be obtained from the secretary (Mr. Menzil), of

Motors Limited, or Mr. Morphett, at Lenroc's. Intending members may obtain all particulars regarding activities of the club from these officials.

### **27. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 6 September 1938, P12**

#### **MORRIS 8/40 CLUB RALLY ON OCTOBER 16**

##### **Result Of Week-End Mystery Run**

The Morris 8/40 Car Club committee is arranging for a rally to be held on the Pines Oval, Belair, on Sunday, October 16. A sports programme is being arranged, and trophies will be awarded for the oldest Morris car in the run and for the Morris owner travelling the longest distance to attend. Other events include formation driving and novelty races, in addition to events for women drivers and races for children. It is expected that 100 cars will attend. The mystery trial at the weekend attracted a large entry. Results:—C. I B. McCarthy, six points lost; W Taylor and H. Kenny, tied for second place. A complete list of points lost by various competitors may be obtained from Mr. Morphett (c/o Lenroc Ltd.). At the general meeting on Thursday night, it was decided to invite Morris owners in country centres to form branches of the club. The branch would be affiliated with the parent club on payment of small fee. Particulars of membership of the club may be obtained from the secretary (Mr. V. Marceau) Angas street, Adelaide, or from members of the committee, at the Morris stand at the Royal Show.



### **28. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) 13 September 1938, P16**

#### **Morris Club's Rally On October 16**

The Morris 8/40 Car Club rally will take place at the National Park, Belair, on Sunday, October 16.

Country members are invited to join in the fun. One of the most interesting events will be a demonstration of formation driving by selected teams. The following are invited to join the teams, which will begin practice at Springbank next Sunday, at 10 a.m.:—Messrs. V. Marceau, W. Donovan, C. Taylor, H. Kenny, R Menzel, C. Tasker, D. Eccles, C. McCarthy, A. Lunn, M. Heinjus, A. Hammant, J. Mesnil, L. Mitchell, R Thomas, H. Rosser, A. Harris. Mr. J. Morphett will be in charge. Further practice days will be announced later. The next club committee meeting will be held on Thursday October 6, when a sports programme for other rally events will be completed. A valuable list of trophies has been provided, and about 100 cars are expected to attend.



### **29. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) 20 September 1938, P7**

#### **Morris Run To Tanunda On October 2**

The Morris 8/40 Car Club has arranged a run to Tanunda for Sunday October 2. A large muster is particularly desired and the run will leave Victoria square at 10 a.m. Last Sunday the formation driving section practiced at Springbank. The drivers will meet again on Sunday at Victoria square at 9.30 am. The next general meeting will be held at the secretary's residence, Angas street, on Thursday, October 6. Arrangements for the monster rally on Sunday, October 16, at Belair, are well in hand. It is expected that 100 cars will be present and all Morris owners are invited. The sports programme is being arranged by the competition secretary (Mr. R. Menzel).

### **30. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 4 October 1938, P11**

#### **MORRIS CLUB'S RALLY ON OCTOBER 16**

##### **Awards For Longest Distance Travellers**

Plans for the Morris 8/40 Car Club's rally to the main oval, National Park, Belair on Sunday, October 16, have been completed. The events during the afternoon, for which valuable trophies have been presented, will include several novelties and women's and children's sports. Prizes will also be presented in the different classes for cars travelling the longest distance to the rally. Cars will meet

at the G.P.O. at 9.30 a.m. Last Sunday the club visited Tanunda where they were entertained by members of the local club. A visit was made to Bethany before returning to the city. About 25 cars attended. The next general meeting will be held at the secretary's residence on Thursday at 8 p.m. Members of the formation driving section will meet at the aerodrome, South road, Edwardstown, next Sunday at 10 a.m.

**31. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 11 October 1938, P11**

**MORRIS RALLY ON SUNDAY**

Run To Belair Will Leave City At 9.30 A.M.

Cars taking part in the Morris 8/40 Car Clubs rally at Belair on Sunday will assemble at the G.P.O. at 9.30 a.m. The column will travel via Unley road to Belair, arriving at the main oval in the National Park at approximately 10 am. The sports programme will include; musical chairs, boys' and girls' races, tyre bowling, balloon bursting, sack races, Gretna Green races, car jumble races, paper stabbing, and bun eating competitions. Trophies will also be



*The bun eating competition*

awarded for the oldest Morris car and the Morris car travelling the greatest distance to the rally. The following committee is in charge of the sports:— Starters. A. Lunn and M. Heinjus; judges. J.

Morphett and C. McCarthy; course clerks. V. Marceau, H. Kenny. C. Tasker; competition stewards, M. Taylor. E. Haddow. D. Eccles. E. McGrath. and W. Donovan; competition secretary. R. Menzel. During the afternoon a display of formation driving will be given by members of the club. Loud speakers will be installed to keep spectators acquainted with all arrangements.

**32. The Mail (Adelaide SA)**

**Saturday 15 October 1938, P8**

Car Club Rally At National Park Tomorrow

The first annual open rally arranged by the S.A. Morris 8/40 Car Club will be held at Main Oval, National Park, Belair, tomorrow. Cars will assemble at Victoria Square at 9.30 a.m. At 10 a.m. the president of the Club (Mr. J. Morphett) will start the column, which will include many interstate visitors, as well as country owners. About 100 cars are expected to take part either in the run to Belair or at the National Park sports.

*Article from the Morris Motors (UK) magazine 'The News Exchange' Feb 1939*

**8/40 CAR CLUB RALLY**

When sixty-five cars carrying members of the Adelaide (Australia) Morris 8/40 Car Club left Adelaide's Victoria Square recently for their first open rally, they were led by their president and a police motorcycle patrol escort. They proceeded to the National Park, Belair, where they were met by further large numbers of Morris cars, when a grand parade in the main oval of the park was then staged.

The variety of events and the large numbers of entrants in them were comparable almost to similar events held under the auspices of *The Morris Owner* in England. An unusual innovation at the Adelaide Rally was special events for children as well as motorists.

As a contrast to the sporting events, formation driving carried out with military precision by twelve club members received appreciative applause from the onlookers. Amongst the many trophies which were awarded during the afternoon was one presented for the oldest Morris car in the Rally, which was awarded to a 1918 model.

Before the end of the day the attendance on the Rally ground had reached more than 1000 people who saw the prizes given away by Mrs. Norman N. Birks. Trophies for the various events were donated by, amongst others, the Morris Car Club, Motors Limited, and other prominent Adelaide organisations.

**33. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA)**

**Thursday 10 November 1938, P7**

ROAD COURTESY TRIAL ON NOVEMBER 19

Entries Will Close On Tuesday

The safety first and road courtesy trial will be promoted by the M.C.C. of S.A. in conjunction with the National Safety Council on Saturday, November 19. Safety Week is being organised

by the National Council and the trial will be an official fixture of the week's activities. This event has been held for several years and has been found helpful in bringing under the notice of all road users the many requirements under the Road Traffic Act, and also the courtesy actions of the road. Traps will be prepared on the course, and officials stationed at those points will penalise any entrant who violates the road regulations. The usual sections for solo, sidecar, and cars are again being included and the fixture is termed a novelty event and is open to all motor cyclists and car drivers. An invitation has been extended to the Sporting Car Club, Morris 8/40 Club, Racing Drivers' Association, and the University Car Club to join in the trial. Entries will close at the M.C.C. clubrooms on Tuesday. The course to be used will not be announced until after the closing of entries as it is possible that

more than one circuit will be wanted if an increase on last year's entry is received. Main roads only will be used so that no difficulty should be experienced by any entrant in following the course. With good roads and a low travelling speed the fixture is an ideal opportunity for every type of rider and driver to join in the event. The trial was to have been conducted by the Atujara Club, but the club relinquished control in favour of the M.C.C of S.A. The Atujara Club thanks supporters for their promised assistance.

#### **34. The Mail (Adelaide, SA) Saturday 26 November 1938, P4**

Morris 8.40 Car Club

The Morris 8.40 Car Club will hold an unofficial run to Murray Bridge on Sunday (November 27) in conjunction with the Adelaide Films Club. Members of the Morris Club may proceed direct to Murray Bridge, where a boat trip has been arranged to start at 10:30: Arrangements have been made for a picnic luncheon outing to Long Island.

#### **35. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) 13 December 1938, P11**

Morris Club's Run To Moana

The Morris 8/40 Car Club will hold its second annual run to Moana Beach on Sunday. Cars will leave Victoria square at 10.30 a.m. The competition secretary is arranging novelty events. The club will visit Sellicks Beach to attend the speed meeting conducted by the Southern Cross M.C.C. on Wednesday, December 28. The annual general meeting will be held on January 5. On January 28 members and friends will visit Meningie for the weekend. Preliminary arrangements are now being made by the secretary (Mr. V. Marceau).

#### **36. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 10 Jan 1939, P11**

CAR CLUB'S HOLIDAY RUN

Week-End Run To Meningie

A holiday week-end run to Meningie will be made by members of the Morris 8/40 Car Club, leaving Victoria square at 2 p.m. on Saturday January 28, and returning on the following evening to the city. Accommodation is being reserved at Matulich's Meningie Hotel. Fishing, shooting, tennis and swimming will be available and a special run will be made into the Coorong. Members attending this run should communicate immediately with the secretary, Mr V. Marceau (phone after hours C1740) or with Mr. Morphett at Lenrocs.

Next Sunday an unofficial run will be made to Loftia Park Sports Ground, leaving Victoria square at 10am. A swimming pool, shade houses for picnic parties and tennis courts will be available.

At the annual general meeting on Thursday, the following office bearers were elected for 1939:- Patron, Mr Napier K. Birks; president, Mr J.J. Morphett; vice presidents Messrs N.N. Birks, P.T.S. Moody and R.S.Pitcher; competition secretary, Mr R. Menzel; secretary and treasurer, Mr V. Marceau; general committee, Messrs A. Lunn, M. Heinjus, H. Kenny, C. Freeman, E. Haddow and C. Tasker.

#### **37. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 24 January 1939, P11**

Morris Club's Run To Meningie

About 25 members of the S.A. Morris 8/40 Car Club and their friends will attend the club's holiday run to Meningie next week-end. Members will meet the president at Victoria square at 2 pm. on Saturday, and will travel by way of Murray Bridge and Taillem Bend. The party will stay at Matulich's Meningie Hotel, where a social evening will be held on Saturday. A shooting party will also visit the Coorong on Saturday night. On Sunday evening, the Morris Club and other films will be screened by Mr. Jack Mack. On Monday, water sports will be held on the lake, and swimming, boating and fishing will also be available. The party will return to Adelaide on Monday evening via Strathalbyn. The secretary would like to hear of further members wishing to make the trip. Names are required as early as possible, so that accommodation may be arranged. The next meeting of the committee will be held at the secretary's residence, Angas street, city, at 8 pm on Thursday, February 2.

### **38. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) 7 February 1939, P13**

#### Morris Car Club's All-Day Run

The Morris 8/40 Car Club will conduct an all-day run to Normanville Beach on Sunday, February 19. Members will meet at Victoria square at 9:30 am. The holiday week-end run to Meningie was successful; 31 members and friends took part. Messrs. R. Menzel and A. Briggs were successful in the endurance trial and the competition for the best turnout respectively. Fixture cards for the half-year ending June 30 are now available from the secretary. At the committee meeting on Thursday night, Messrs. A. Hammond and E. Nenke (Greenock) were elected members.

The next general meeting will be held at the secretary's residence on Thursday, March 2. Information regarding membership and activities may be had from the secretary (Mr. V. Marceau), 217 Angas street, Adelaide, or committee members at Motors Limited and Lenroc Limited, Flinders street, Adelaide.



### **39. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) 14 February 1939, P19**

#### Morris Club To Hold All-Day Run

Members of the Morris 8-40 Car Club will meet at Victoria square at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday. An all-day run to Normanville has been arranged, and there will be tennis, swimming, and fishing. It is expected that a sealed time trial will also be included. Hot water will be provided for picnickers at Normanville. Several novelty events are being arranged by the competition secretary, Mr. R. Menzel. Greetings were extended to Lord Nuffield during his recent stay in Adelaide. The next general meeting will be held at the secretary's residence, Angas street, city, on Thursday, March 2.

### **40. The Mail (Adelaide SA) Saturday 11 March 1939, P9**

#### Morris Club Outing Sunday

The Morris 8/40 Car Club will conduct a treasure hunt on Sunday morning, starting from Victoria square at 10:30. The competition secretary (Mr R Menzel) is introducing many novelty features. The run is expected to conclude at a seaside resort. Members are requested to take luncheon hampers. The president of the club (Mr. J. Morphett) would like to hear of any members or owners of Morris 8/40 cars who intend travelling to Melbourne by road for the Easter holidays. A picnic cricket match is being arranged for Sunday, April 2, at Greenock. Mr. F. Nenke is making arrangements with the local club, and it is expected that a tennis tournament will be arranged between local women and visitors. Particulars of membership of the Morris Club may be had from Mr. V. Marceau, secretary, 217 Angas street, Adelaide, or from committee members at Motors Ltd. and Lenroc Ltd.

### **41. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 14 March 1939, P11**

#### Morris Car Club

A picnic cricket match between members of the Morris 8/40 Car Club and the Greenock Cricket Club will be held on Sunday, April 12. A tennis tournament for women members and friends will be held on the same outing. Results of the mystery trial held last weekend were:—Mrs. A. Joss (1<sup>st</sup>). and Mr. W. Donovan (2<sup>nd</sup>), in the course finding event; Mr. N. Conway and Mr. E. Hadow were 1st and 2nd respectively in the novelty swimming championship. The run ended at the Crystal Pool at Macclesfield. The club president (Mr. J. Morphett) would like to hear of any members or Morris 8/40 owners who will travel to Melbourne during the Easter vacation. If sufficient numbers are available, a party will be organised for this trip. Further particulars may be had from the secretary (Mr. V. Marceau), 217 Angas street, Adelaide, or from committee members at Lenroc Limited and Motors Limited.

### **42. The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA) Tuesday 28 March 1939, P11**

#### Morris Car Club's Cricket Picnic

The Morris 8/40 Car Club will conduct a run to Greenock on Sunday next, leaving Victoria Square at 10 a.m. Cricket and tennis matches will be played against local team. Arrangements are being made

at Greenock by Mr. Frank Nenke, and Mr. E. Haddow will be in charge of the tennis. All Morris 8/40 owners, besides club members, are invited to this run. The next committee meeting will be held at the residence of the secretary, Mr. V. Marceau, 217 Angas street, city on Thursday. April 13.

#### **43. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 18 April 1939, P11**

Morris Car Club's Mystery Trial

The Morris 8/40 Club's mystery trial will be held on Sunday, May 7. The competition secretary (R. Menzel) has arranged many novelties for this outing. Members and friends are invited to take part, as well as owners of Morris 8/40-h.p. cars. Messrs. R. Menzel and H. Kenny are arranging a fishing trip to the Murray Mouth for April 29 and 30. This will be a "buck's" run, and all interested are asked to leave their names with the secretary or with committee members as early as possible. At the general meeting on Thursday, preliminary details were arranged in connection with the annual dinner dance, to be held on June 8.

#### **44. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 9 May 1939, P11**

Morris 8/40 Club Mystery Trial

The Mystery Trial conducted by the Morris 8/40 Club over the weekend resulted in a win for Mr. F. Nenke. of Greenock. About 30 cars competed in trials event. Four owners tied for second place. Morris Club members were also successful in the Racing Drivers Association Mystery Run on Saturday afternoon. Messrs. H. Kenny and V. Marceau being the winners. At the general meeting held on Thursday. Mr. J. Annikin was elected to the committee in place of Mr. M. Heinjus who is leaving Adelaide to join the RAAF. Further arrangements were also made in connection with the dinner dance to be held at the Hotel Adelaide early in June. A Chop Picnic will be held on Saturday June 4. Details will be announced later.

#### **45. The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA) Tuesday 23 May 1939, P11**

Car Club's Annual Dance

The first annual dinner dance arranged by the Morris 8/40 Car Club will be held at the Hotel Adelaide on Thursday, June 8. Tickets are now available from the secretary (Mr. V. Marceau) or committee members at Motors Limited and Lenroc Limited. On Sunday June 4 a chop picnic will be held at a place to be selected according to weather conditions. Details will be announced in this column later. The committee will meet at the secretary's residence, 217 Angas street Adelaide, on Thursday June 1.

#### **46. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 30 May 1939, P13**

Morris Club Picnic

The Morris 8/40 Car Club will hold a chop picnic on Sunday. Members will meet at Victoria square at 11 am. The destination will be decided on the morning of the run. All Morris 8/40 car owners are welcome. The committee meeting will be held at the secretary's residence, 217 Angas street, at 8pm on Thursday. Arrangements for the annual dinner dance will be finalised at that meeting. This function will be held at the Hotel Adelaide on June 8. Early application for tickets for this function is requested. Further details will be announced in this column next week. An invitation has been received from the Racing Drivers Association for members to take part in their mystery run on Saturday evening next. Details may be had from the secretary.

#### **47. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 13 June 1939, P20**

26 FINISH IN ENDURANCE TEST

Excellent Conditions Favour Competitors in "THE ADVERTISER" SHIELD AWARD - By DIFFERENTIAL, who followed the trial.

Road and weather conditions favoured competitors in "The Advertiser" 24- hour Endurance Contest to such an extent that of the 35 who started in the event on Sunday morning 26 completed the course between 9.45 a.m. and 11.15 am. yesterday. All of the competitors were at least 10 minutes ahead of their scheduled times to finish the record 566-mile course, which had been arranged by the Motor Cycle Club of South Australia. The first man to be checked in was R. C. Hawkes, who was scheduled to arrive at 10.2 am. He surprised officials by arriving at the finishing point, Hindmarsh

square, at 9.45 a.m. The last man, E. Both, arrived at 11.13 a.m. instead of the scheduled time of 11.27 a.m.

The competitors who completed the course, the section in which they entered, and the machines they drove, were:— Solo—R. C. Hawkes (A.J.S.), K. Oates (Velocette), E. Holyoak (B.S.A.), J. Daymond (Triumph), J. Luxton (Triumph), H. Butler (Harley), L. Fredericks (Triumph), J. Williams (B.S.A.) and V Webster (Norton). Sidecar—A. Williams (Velocette), B. Hughes (Panther), W. Wood (B.S.A.), A. Warnes (Harley), R. Castle (New Imperial), R. Beesley (Panther), Motor car—R. Mattner (Morris 8/40), D. Morton (Ford), W. Wearn (Whippet), R. Gilbert (Vauxhall), F. Claridge (Singer), A. Jackson (Buick), J. Traeger (Nash), H. Drennan (Morris 8/40), T. Reade (Singer), D. Wade (Willys) and E. Both (Chrysler).

**48. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Thursday 15 June 1939, P7**

**RESULTS OF "ADVERTISERS 24-HOUR CONTEST**

Following the ideal weather conditions experienced during the running of "The Advertiser" 24-hours endurance contest eight motor cyclists and five cars succeeded in completing the 566 miles run without loss of points.

..... An enquiry into a certain action carried out by R. Mattner is holding up the position of car drivers. Apart from the report which is making the enquiry necessary, Mattner has not lost any points.

RESULTS :-

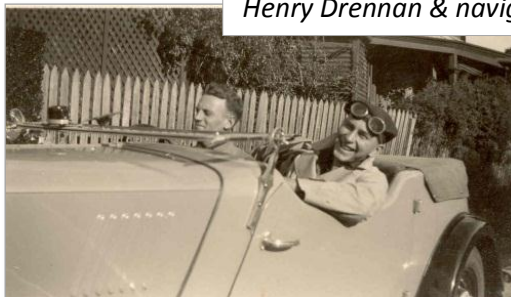
**CARS**

R. Gilbert	Vauxhall	0
F. Claridge	Singer	0
J Traeger	Nash	0
H. Drennan	Morris 8/40	0
F.C.Reade	Singer	0
(R. Mattner	Morris 8/40	0)



*The cup won by R. Mattner*

*Henry Drennan & navigator*



**49. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 20 June 1939, P15**

**Morris 8/40 Car Club**

Members of the S. A. Morris 8/40 Car Club will be entertained at a picture evening arranged by the Shell Co. at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 29. The picture will be shown in the company's new theatrette, Shell Building, North Terrace. During the evening films taken during various runs with the club will also be shown by the president Mr. Morphett. The next general meeting will be held at the secretary's residence, 217 Angas street, at 8 pm on Thursday, July 6. The programme for the second half of the present year will be drawn up. The dinner dance held recently was a marked success, nearly 50 members and friends attending.

**50. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Thursday 6 July 1939, P6**

**Morris 8/40 Car Club**

A committee meeting will be held tonight at the sec. residence 217 Angas street Adelaide. A full meeting is desired as the program of events for the next half year will be drawn up. Suggestions are invited from members for outings and fixtures. Preliminary arrangements are now in hand for a monthly Morris rally to be held during the coming spring. During last week an excellent picture programme was enjoyed at the premises of the Shell Company. The Morris Club pictures were screened and proved very enjoyable. Owners of 8/40 hp Morris cars are invited to join the club in time for the year just beginning. Particulars of membership may be had from the secretary (Mr Marceau) or from committee members at Lenroc Ltd and Motors Limited.

### **51. The Recorder (Port Pirie SA) 20 July 1939**

*Bill Beaumont, driving a Morris 8/40 tied for first place in the Light Car Section of "The Recorder" 12 Hour Reliability Trial organized by the Port Pirie Motor Cycle Club in the mid north of South Australia.*

*The Recorder 12 hour trial started at midnight near the Port Pirie Smelters and covered 279 torturous miles through the upper north of South Australia. Describing one section of the course, a reporter for The Recorder newspaper wrote .- "Dodging boulders, ruts, and trees, taking water - splashes at the foot of cliff-like hillocks, and swaying drunkenly, the cars had a particularly arduous period". Bill Beaumont tied with Singer driver Len Williams. It was reported in The Recorder newspaper, July 20, 1939, that the "Beaumont's car.... developed amazing pace when pushed along. He had it primed up to the last notch".*

*The cups (as shown opposite) presented to the winners of the light car category are believed to have been donated by Motors Ltd. and were engraved the "Morris 8/40 Cup". The actual cup shown opposite was presented to Len Williams driving the Singer. The previous year a Morris 8/40 driven by Jack Nunan finished second in the light car category.*



### **52. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 18 July 1939, P15**

Car Club Notes

Morris 8/40 Club

A large number of members and friends visited the sanctuary at Humbug Scrub on Sunday. The next general meeting will be held on Thursday, August 3. Fixture cards for the half-year ending in December are now available from the secretary. An invitation is extended to all Morris owners to attend the annual spring rally at Belair on Sunday, October 22. Trophies will be awarded for the oldest car and the car travelling the longest distance to the rally. On Sunday, August 6, a treasure hunt will be conducted. It will be an open competition. A football match will be held on Sunday, September 3. Footballers are asked to hand in their names to the secretary as early as possible. Details will be announced later. Membership of this club is open to owners of 8/40 Morris cars and application may be made to the secretary. Mr. V. Marceau. 217 Angas street, Adelaide.

### **53. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 1 August 1939, P13**

Morris 8/40 Car Club

The next committee meeting of the Morris 8/40 Club will be held at the president's residence, 16 Martlesham crescent, Colonel Light Gardens, at 8 pm on Thursday. Arrangements have been completed for the treasure hunt, which will leave Victoria square at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday. Members and friends taking part are requested to bring lunch. Preparations are now in hand regarding the annual spring rally which will take place at Belair on October 22. Morris 8/40 car owners desiring membership of the club are asked to communicate with the secretary, Mr V Marceau, 217 Angas street, or committee members at both Lenroc Limited, and Motors Limited.

### **54. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 15 August 1939, P5**

The growing popularity of "one make" car clubs is illustrated by the recent formation of a Standard Car Club and the proposal to form one for Ford owners. The first of such bodies in this state was the Morris 8/40 Club and since that time an Austin Club and M.G. Club have followed their example. In England there are no less than 15 such bodies.

### **55. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 15 August 1939, P5**

Morris 8/40 Club

A committee meeting will be held on Thursday night, at the president's residence, 16 Martlesham Crescent, Colonel Light Gardens, and members are asked to meet opposite the Colonel Light Gardens Picture Theatre at 8 p.m. Arrangements are well in hand for the football match, to be played against Motors Limited on September 3, and those desiring to take part are asked to communicate with the secretary (Mr. V. Marceau) or with Mr. R. Menzel, at Motors Limited. A big programme is being arranged for the spring rally, to be held at Belair, on October 22, and all Morris car owners are asked to attend. Details of membership of the Morris 8/40 Car Club may be obtained by communication with the secretary, 217 Angas street, and with Motors Limited.

### **56. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 22 August 1939, P13**

Morris 8/40 Car Club

Congratulations are extended to Mr. H. Drennan, of Tanunda, who entered in the Racing Drivers' Association 12-hour trial over the weekend and was one of the few to finish. Mr. Drennan is a country member of the Morris 8/40 Club.



At the committee meeting held on Thursday last, arrangements were finalised for the football match against a team from Motors Limited, which will take place on Sunday, September 3. The Gums Oval, Belair, has been encased for this match, and all members and friends are invited.

Further details will be announced in this column next week. Arrangements in connection with the annual rally in October were also further discussed. At the opening rally last year over 100 cars attended, and it is hoped to double the number of this year's outing. Special trophies will be awarded to Morris 8/40 owners travelling greatest distance to the rally. It is also hoped to attract interstate owners. Members are reminded of the Victorian Carnival in November in connection with which a car rally is being arranged with a class for light cars. South Australian drivers will proceed via Mount Gambier and Benalla to Melbourne.

All information regarding these runs may be had from the secretary of the Morris 8/40 Car Club, (Mr. V. Marceau), 217 Angas street, Adelaide, and committee members at Lenroc Limited and Motors Limited.

### **57. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 3 October 1939, P11**

Morris 8/40 Car Club

A run was made to Clare on Sunday, the Tanunda members joining at Tarlee. On arrival at Clare the club was met by the mayor (Mr. Pink). In the afternoon, members inspected the district, and the collection of trophies belonging to the late George Wade prominent South Australian motor cycle rider. The next general meeting has been postponed until October 12. Details in connection with the Morris rally will be announced after this meeting.

### **58. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) 10 October 1939, P11**

The Morris 8/40 Club will hold one of its main events at Belair on Sunday, October 22. This will be a rally for all Morris car owners in the State, and a record attendance is expected. A similar event last year was attended by 3,000 people. Cars will assemble on the east side of Victoria square at 9:30 a.m. and proceed in company to Belair Oval, here various events will be held. A comprehensive programme of events has been arranged, and a number of valuable trophies have been given. The events will include formation driving by club members, musical chairs with cars, bun eating race, liquid race, obstacle race, and flag and barrel race. A trophy will also be presented to the car owner driving the longest distance to the rally. A picnic lunch will be held at the Oval. A general meeting will be held at the secretary's residence, 217 Angas st. city, at 8 p.m. on Thursday.

**59. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 17 October 1939, P11**

Morris 8/40 Car Club

The annual rally of the Morris 8/40 Club will be held at Belair on Sunday. All motorists are invited and Morris 8/40 owners particularly are asked to meet at Victoria square at 9.30 a.m. Those taking part in the rally will leave at that time preceded by a police motor cycle patrol. Visitors are reminded that a sports meeting will be held at the main oval, Belair, during the day. Special trophies have been awarded for the 8/40 Morris car travelling the longest distance to the rally, and for the oldest Morris on the oval during the afternoon. The committee will meet at the secretary's residence, 217 Angas street, at 8 p.m. on Thursday to complete final arrangements. The Racing Drivers' Association will conduct a treasure hunt on Thursday evening and Morris members are invited to take part.

**60. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 24 October 1939, P11**

Morris 8/40 Car Club

The annual rally held at Belair on Sunday, was attended by more than 500 cars and 3,000 people. Club members and Morris 8/40 owners met at Victoria square at 9:30 a.m. and between 60 and 70 cars proceeded to Belair, led by the president Mr. J. Morphett.

A sports programme was held, and many of the events called for driving skill. There were also many novelty items.

Results:- Balloon race for women (trophy presented by N.I.Gryat), Miss Stone; paper stabbing (trophy presented by Hannan Bros.) J. Annakin; Girls- race, under 14 (Menzona trophy). Miss M. O'Hara. Egg and spoon race, women passenger (trophy presented by A. J. Swain & Co.) Mrs. Morphett; Liquid race M. Cato, A. Briggs; Blindfold race (Myer Emporium trophy) F. Nenke (Greenock); 100 yards for club members (trophies presented by K. Marceau and John Dawson & Sons. Ltd.) A. Lunn, W. Smith; Bending race for club members (A. H & G. M. Briggs's trophy) J.Evans;

(trophies presented by Lenroc Ltd. and Duncan & Co.). J. Evans and J.Hammant; Treacle and bun contest (trophy presented by Springfield Brewery) W.Robertson; Flag and barrel race (Motors Limited trophy) W. Donovan; Musical chairs (trophies presented by W. Tasker and T. Morton). J. Bennett, J. Pearce.



*Paper stabbing!*



*At the start – Victoria Sq.*



*Arriving at Belair*



*Balloon bursting race*



*The Slalom race*

The A.G.Healing trophy for member gaining most points for the day was won by J. Evans.

The next run has been set down for Sunday, November 12 to the Murray River. Arrangements are being made for a boat trip and picnic on the river, in addition to novelty items.

The next committee meeting will be held at the secretary's residence on Thursday November 2.

### **61. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 31 October 1939, P11**

Morris 8/40 Car Club

All owners of Morris 8/40 h.p. cars and members and friends of the Morris Club are invited to a picnic trip on the Murray River on Sunday, November 12. Cars will leave Victoria square at approximately 10 a.m. After luncheon a trip will be made on Mr. Griffin's Showboat to view the floods and inspect various show places on the river. Arrangements are now complete, and it only needs a large attendance of owners to make the trip a success. The committee will meet at the secretary's residence, 217 Angas street, Adelaide, at 8 pm, on Thursday. Congratulations have reached the sports committee for the successful organisation of the annual rally at Belair. Further awards in connection with events not previously announced are:—Trophy presented by Australian Wines Ltd. for the liquid race, Mr J M. Cato: boys (under 14) race, W. Robertson: treacle and bun contest for the Springfield Brewery trophy, Mr. J. Anakin. Syllabus cards for fixtures for the remainder of the present year may be had from committee members at Lenrocs or Motors Ltd. A weekend bucks' run is set down for November 25 and 26, the destination of which will be announced later. Intending members may receive all Information from the secretary, Mr V. Marceau.

### **62. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 7 November 1939, P11**

Morris 8/40 Car Club

Members, friends and all Morris owners are invited to join the run to River Murray on Sunday. Cars will meet at Victoria square at 10 a.m., and will journey to Murray Bridge for lunch. A trip to see the floods and other points of interest will be taken after luncheon on Mr. Griffen's Showboat at 1/6d a head.

### **63. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 14 November 1939, P11**

The Morris 8/40 Car Club's run to Murray Bridge on Sunday was a great success, and about 50 members and friends joined in a trip on the Showboat to view the flood and other points of interest.



The secretary requests that all members who intend to join the bucks' run on November 25 and 26 to hand in their names to club officials immediately, as it is necessary to book accommodation and make other arrangements for the event. The next committee meeting will take place on Thursday, November 23, at the secretary's residence, 217 Angas street, city. A surfing picnic will be held on Sunday, December 10, which will conclude the programme for the current half-year. Included in the outings for the New Year is a week end run to the Upper Murray during the January holiday week-end. Members are asked to reserve this day. Intending new members are asked to communicate with the secretary or with committee members at Lenroc. Ltd. or Motors Ltd, so that their membership may begin from the New Year.

### **64. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 21 November 1939, P11**

Morris 8/40

The bucks' run will take the form of a fishing trip to Goolwa. Members wishing to attend are asked to meet at Victoria square at 2.30 p.m on Saturday and bring fishing gear. Members who have not booked are asked to communicate with the secretary, Mr. V Marceau immediately, so that the necessary accommodation may be arranged. The next committee meeting will be held at the secretary's residence, 217 Angas street, city, by 8pm. on Thursday. Arrangements for the surfing picnic at Moana for all club members and friends on December 10 will be finalised at this meeting.

Mr. M. Heinjus of the R.A.A.F. who is a member of the club, visited Adelaide recently and extended greetings to all fellow member. He is now stationed at the Flying Training School Point Cook. The president (Mr. J. Morphett) and the secretary (Mr. V. Marceau) visited Melbourne recently and took the opportunity of calling on the Morris Car Club executive in Melbourne.

**65. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 28 November 1939, P6**

CAR CLUB NOTES

Morris 8/40 Run To Goolwa

The run to Goolwa last week-end was attended by about 20 members and friends. At the committee meeting held on Thursday night, tentative arrangements were made to repeat last year's January holiday week-end run to Meningie. The next official run will be held at Moana on Sunday week, and will be in the form of a surfing picnic. Intending members are asked to communicate with the secretary, 217 Angas street, City, so that their membership may be arranged in time to begin the New Year, particulars may also be had from committee members at Motors Limited and Lenroc Limited.

**66. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 5 December 1939, P13**

CAR CLUB NOTES

Morris Surfing Trip To Moana

All owners of Morris 8/40 cars and members of the club and friends are invited to join in the annual surfing trip to Moana next Sunday. Cars will assemble at the corner of Flinders street and Victoria square at 10.30 am. Those taking part are asked to bring hampers and materials for games. The general meeting set down for Thursday has been postponed until December 14. Intending new members are asked to communicate with the secretary, Mr. V. Marceau, 217 Angas street, city, so that their membership may begin in the new year. Information may also be had from committee members at Lenroc Limited and Motors Limited. At the general meeting, the programme for the next half-year will be discussed and arranged. Printed syllabus forms will be then issued to all members.

**67. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 12 December 1939, P10**

Morris 8/40 Car Club

Members of the S.A. Morris 8/40 Car Club will meet at the secretary's residence, 217 Angas street at 8 p.m., on Thursday. Intending new members are asked to communicate with the secretary or committee members at Lenroc Ltd. and Motors Limited on or before that date. On Sunday a number of members and friends enjoyed a surfing trip to Moana. It is suggested that another picnic trip be held on December 28 to Loftia Park. This will be discussed at the annual meeting, and a programme of events will also be drawn up for the first half of the New Year. Mr. Merv. Heinjus, a member of the club, who recently joined the RAAF., has now been transferred to Parafield, and will once again be a member of the club.

**68. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 19 December 1939, P11**

Morris 8/40 Car Club

On January 4 the annual meeting will be held at the secretary's residence, 217 Angas street, Adelaide, when new officers will be elected and fixtures for the new year discussed. On January 14, the club will hold a run to Christie's Beach. On January 27 to 29 a week-end run will be made to Meningie. Final arrangements regarding these fixtures will be announced later. All Morris owners, members and friends are invited to join in.

**69. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 26 Dec 1939, P10**

Morris 8/40

The annual general meeting of the Morris 8/40 Car Club will be held at 217 Angas street, Adelaide, on January 4, when the officers for the ensuing year will be elected and a programme of events will be discussed. All club members are requested to attend. On January 14 the club will hold a run to Christie's Beach and on January 27 to 29 a week-end run will be made to Meningie.

#### **70. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 9 January 1940, P5**

Morris 8/40

The opening run for the new year will take place on Sunday, when a run will be made to Christie's Beach, cars will assemble at Victoria square and leave punctually at 10 a.m. Novelty events will be carried out on the beach. Members are reminded that bookings are now in hand for the commemoration run to Meningie during the holiday week-end, January 27 - 29. An exceptionally enjoyable outing is promised as the proprietor of the Meningie Hotel (Mr. Matulich) is arranging a programme of aquaplane sports in addition to a shark-fishing trip on the Southern Ocean beach. Dancing and a picture night is also being arranged. Members are requested to notify the secretary immediately the number of reservations required, as only a limited number can be accommodated. Congratulations are extended to Mr. Merv. Heinjus, who was married on Saturday night to Miss Slade. Programmes for the ensuing half year are now in the printer's hands, and will be distributed immediately. The following officers were elected at the annual meeting on Thursday night:—patron. Mr. Napier Birks: president. Mr. J. Morphett; vice-presidents. Messrs. P. T. S. Moody, R. S. Pitcher. Norman Birks, W. P. Fooks, and R. Menzel; treasurer, Mr. C. McCarthy: secretary, Mr. V. Marceau. competition secretary. Mr. A. Briggs; flag and badge marshal. H. Kenny: committee, Messrs. C. Tasker. C. Freeman. A. Lunn. H. Kenny. E. Haddow. Intending members are asked to get in touch with the secretary, Mr. Vic Marceau, 217 Angas street, or with committee members at Lenroc Limited and Motors Limited, immediately.

#### **71. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 16 January 1940, P7**

Morris 8/40

The opening run for 1940 was held on Sunday and took the form of a surfing and sports picnic at Christie's Beach. Results of sports:—Wheelbarrow race—J. Anakin, Miss M. Crocker, C. Freeman and partner. Three legged race—W. Kenny and Miss K. Reynolds. Pick-a-back race—E. Haddow and partner. Arrangements are now complete for the Commemoration holiday week-end run to Meningie. Owing to the limited accommodation available, members who intend making the trip are asked to communicate with the secretary as early as possible. The run will probably leave Adelaide at 2.30 p.m. on the Saturday and leave Meningie on the return trip on Monday afternoon after an early tea. Shark fishing, aquaplaning, picture evening, dancing, and visits to the barrage and Coorong will be included in the programme. Fixture cards for the ensuing half-year have been printed, and are now available from the secretary or committee member.

#### **72. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 23 January 1940, P7**

Morris 8/40

The Commemoration weekend holiday run arranged by the Morris 8/40 Car Club promises to be one of the most successful outings yet held. Members will assemble at Victoria square at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Those wishing to proceed direct are asked to be at Meningie in time for tea. The proprietor of the Meningie Hotel, Mr. L. Matulich is arranging aquaplane sports in addition to a shark fishing trip as well as other entertainments. The secretary will definitely close his list tomorrow, and those requiring accommodation are asked to communicate with him immediately. On Sunday, February 11, the club will visit Angaston. It is hoped that arrangements may be made to visit the local vineyards and cellars. Unfinancial members are reminded that the new year subscriptions are now due. These may be forwarded to the secretary or handed to committee members.

#### **73. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 30 January 1940, P5**

Morris 8/40

The Morris 8/40 Car Club is arranging an all-day run to Angaston for Sunday, February 11. It is hoped that arrangements may be made for an inspection of the local winery. The committee will meet at 8pm on Thursday at the secretary's residence, 217 Angas street. The Foundation Day holiday run to Meningie was a great success, about 30 members and friends spending the weekend at the Meningie Hotel. Various outings to the Coorong and Lake Alexandrina were enjoyed. A dance and picture

evening was also well attended. Films of various club activities were loaned by Messrs. Morphett, Tasker and Mack. The committee invites suggestions for Easter outings.

**74. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 6 February 1940, P9**

Morris 8/40

Members are advised that a run will be made to Angaston on Sunday. Cars will assemble at Victoria Square at 10 a.m. After luncheon at the oval a visit will be made to neighbouring vineyards and cellars. The next committee meeting will be held on Thursday at the secretary's residence, 217 Angas street. Intending members are asked to communicate with the secretary, Mr. V. Marceau or committee members at Lenroc Limited, and Motors Limited.

**75. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 20 February 1940, P7**

Morris 8/40

Members are reminded that the next run will take the form of a picnic tennis match and will be held at Belair on Sunday, March 3. Members are asked to notify the secretary as soon as possible if they will be taking part so that the necessary courts may be reserved. At a recent general meeting Messrs. Morphett and Tasker showed their films of various club activities. Another complete picture evening is being arranged at an early date for the benefit of those members who were not present.

**76. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 12 March 1940, P9**

Morris Picnic To Port Parham

The Morris 8/40 Car Club will hold a crabbing picnic at Port Parham on Sunday. Those attending are asked to meet at Victoria square before 9 p.m.

Members are asked to bring hampers, in addition to dab nets, tin or tub, wood fuel, fresh water, and old shoes. The run will be made direct, via Two Wells to Dublin. There is a swimming pool nearby. Latecomers are asked to enquire regarding the remaining portion of the route at the Dublin Hotel. All owners of Morris 8/40 h.p. cars are invited to this run. The competition secretary (Mr. H. Briggs) is making preliminary arrangements for a treasure hunt, to be held on the first Sunday in April. Members are asked to use their club pennants at all runs. Masts and pennants are obtainable from the flag marshal (Mr. H. Kenny), who will arrange for the fixing of mast holders on cars not so equipped. The best wishes of the club are extended to Mr. J. Anakin, who has joined the Royal Australian Air Force.

**77. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 19 March 1940, P9**

Treasure Hunt By Morris Club

Last Sunday the Morris 8/40 Car Club conducted a successful crabbing picnic run to Port Parham, about 50 members and friends attending. The catering and other arrangements were in the hands of Messrs H. Briggs, F. Ninke and C. Tasker. The fifty-mile run to Port Parham was made in delightful weather and ideal conditions prevailed throughout the day. During the afternoon the president (Mr. J. Morphett) presented trophies to the successful competitors at the recent tennis tournament. Two new members, Messrs. A. Down and B. Birbeck, were welcomed to the club. Best wishes were extended to Mr. C. Freeman, another member of the club who has joined the ranks of the R.A.A.F. The competition secretary (Mr. Briggs) and the committee are now completing details for the treasure hunt which is fixed for Sunday, April 7. Always a popular type of outing, members are assured of a good day's pleasure, and are asked to reserve this date. Members wishing to obtain particulars of touring trips during the Easter holidays may procure same from committee members at Lenroc's or Motors Limited. The secretary (Mr. V. Marceau) is at present on an extended tour, and during his visit will contact kindred clubs in the eastern States.

**78. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 16 April 1940, P7**

Morris

Members taking part in the week-end run arranged by the Morris 8/40 Car Club are asked to meet at Victoria square on Saturday, April 27, at 2:30 pm. Bring old clothes and fishing gear. During the trip many points of interest will be visited. At a recent meeting it was decided to make all owners of

Morris 8/40 cars and who are serving with the military forces, honorary members of the club. New members may receive all information from the secretary (Mr. V. Marceau) or from committee members at Lenroc's or Motors Limited.

**79. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 23 April 1940, P10**

Morris 8/40

A bucks run, arranged by the Morris 8/40 Car Club, will be held next week-end. Arrangements have now been completed, and all members intending to take part should notify the competition secretary (Mr. Briggs) or the president or secretary (at Lenroc's) before Friday. Cars will assemble at Victoria square at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, and proceed direct to Goolwa. Members should bring fishing gear and old clothing. The open run previously arranged for Sunday, April 28 has been cancelled. The next general meeting will be held on May 2 at the secretary's residence, Angas street, Adelaide. At this meeting preliminary arrangements will be made for the mystery trial to be held during May.

**80. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 30 April 1940, P7**

Morris 8/40

A successful week-end run was made to Goolwa, where fishing and other trips were undertaken. Mr. V. Marceau won the long distance speed event. Mr. H. Briggs secured the trophy for the smallest fish caught. The next general outing will take the form of a mushroom run on Sunday, May 12. The destination will be decided at the start. Members will assemble at Victoria square at 10 a.m. The next general meeting will be held at the secretary's residence, Angas street, city, at 8 p.m. on Thursday.

**81. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 7 May 1940, P10**

Car Club Notes

Morris 8/40

Members of the Morris 8/40 Car Club have arranged an all-day mushroom picnic run for next Sunday. Those intending to take part should meet at Victoria square at 10 a.m. and bring hampers. All Morris 8/40 owners are invited. The destination will be arranged at the start. The next general meeting will take place at the secretary's residence, Angas street, city, at 8 p.m. on Thursday. The club committee is now arranging details for a mystery trial which will be held on May 26. Many novel features will be introduced. Particulars of membership of the club may be had from the secretary Mr. V. J. B. Marceau or committee members at Lenroc's and Motors Limited.

**82. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 21 May 1940, P7**

Morris 8/40

DETAILS of the mystery trial to be held on Sunday have now been finalised. The competition secretary and committee are particularly anxious to have a good muster on this run. The trial will begin at 2 p.m. sharp from Victoria square, and will be made through the Adelaide Hills, and worked on a points system, five controls in all. The finish will be at a well-known township not far from the city, where tea will be arranged for those taking part. In the evening a picture show will be given by Mr. C. Tasker, and the trophy will be presented to the winner. Members and friends wishing to take part please notify Mr. V. Marceau (C1740), or Mr. A. H. Briggs (L4266) not later than Thursday.

**83. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 28 May 1940, P7**

Car Club Notes Morris 8/40

It has been unanimously decided that, during the war, the club shall abstain from any further competition runs or other outings of a similar nature. There will be a meeting of the committee at 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 6, at the residence of the secretary (Mr. V B Marceau), Angas street, Adelaide. It is expected that socials will be continued, thereby enabling members to keep in touch. Every opportunity will also be taken to assist patriotic movements. The annual dinner dance will be held on Thursday June 27, details of which will be announced later. The president and committee

wish to thank all who have assisted in the past in the successful functioning of the club, and look forward to further renewed activities in the future.

#### **84. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 4 June 1940, P9**

Car Club Notes

Morris 8 /40

The committee will meet at 8 p.m. on Thursday at the secretary's residence, Angas street, Adelaide. Arrangements will be completed for the annual dinner which will be held on June 27. It is also proposed to discuss means whereby the club may assist the war effort. Although it has been decided not to organise any further runs, members will keep together by assisting in this voluntary capacity, also through the medium of socials and other functions. At the mystery trial outing held last month Messrs M Heinjus (R.A.A.F.) and W. Donovan tied for first place and were awarded suitable trophies. Both these owners were original members of the Morris 8/40 Car Club. Mr. Heinjus has joined the Royal Australian Air Force.

#### **85. The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) Tuesday 15 June 1954, P14**

Club For Morris Minor Owners

The Morris Minor Club, a club for Morris Minor owners, was formed recently with Mr W. F. Curran, of 11 Airlie avenue, Prospect, as president, and Mr. J. A. English, of Myola avenue, Glenunga, as secretary. A club of this kind existed before the war, when it was known as the 8/40 club. It had a considerable membership and organised social gatherings and club runs. While the object of the club was purely social, the meetings afforded members a chance to exchange information concerning their cars. The new club has been formed along the same lines. The club's first outing will leave from near the corner of Flinders street and Gawler place, city, at 2pm next Sunday for the picnic grounds in the Gorge. All Morris Minor owners are invited to attend.

#### **FOR THE RECORD:-**

Many years later, long after the original Morris 8/40 Clubs of Australia had disbanded, because of the war; Len Horne in Adelaide gathered together a small group of 14 people interested in preserving the Morris 8/40 under the initial banner of the "Morris 8 Club". The inaugural meeting was held in the St Bartholomew's Parish Hall at Norwood on January 31<sup>st</sup> 1973. The Club grew quickly and by early 1974 the Club name and badge (shown opposite) was introduced announcing the formation of the *new* "Morris 8/40 Club of SA".



During the period 1973 to 1977 a growing number of people with a wider interest in Morris Vehicles joined the Club. At a meeting of the Club in November 1977 a motion was passed to change the constitution and name of the Morris 8/40 Club of SA (Inc.) to incorporate all vehicles of Nuffield origin, and the club subsequently became the Morris Register of SA. At that time a small group of members with a different set of objectives chose to leave the Club and formed the Morris Car Club of SA. Both Morris clubs have prospered in South Australia with a current combined membership of around 500.