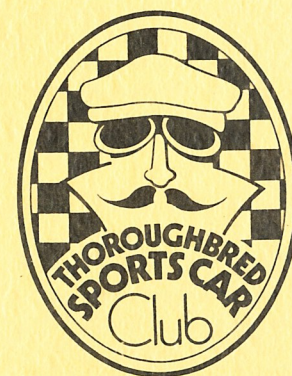




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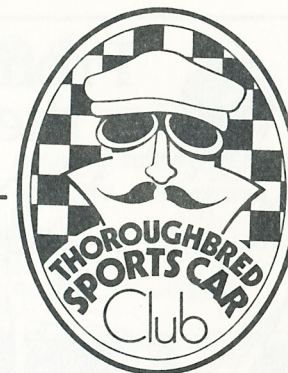
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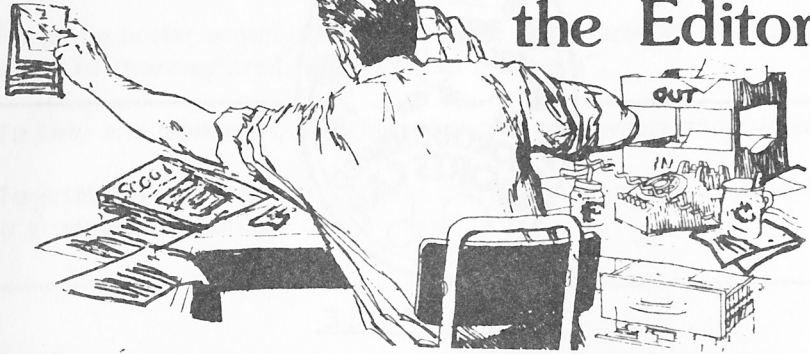
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Calendar

MAY	5th	MOTORKHANA/B.B.Q Picnic - T.S.C.C. - Fiat Grounds, Richmond.
	8th	CLUB MEETING - 8 p.m. Sydney Rowing Club.
	18th-19th	BOWRAL WEEKEND
	25th	ORAN PARK LAP DASH - A.R.O.C.A. - Contact Bill Gretton.
JUNE	12th	CLUB MEETING - 8 p.m. Sydney Rowing Club.
	16th	AMAROO PARK SUPERSPRINT - A.R.D.C. - Contact Bill Gretton.
	30th	BUS TRIP - T.B.A.
JULY	10th	CLUB MEETING - 8 p.m. Sydney Rowing Club.
	14th	ORAN PARK G.P. - Lap Dash - A.R.O.C.A. - Contact Bill Gretton.
	21st	PRESIDENTS BREAKFAST RUN - T.S.C.C. - Bacon & Eggs with Tennis at Brooklands. Bookings David Muir.
	26th	DINNER/SHOW - T.B.A.
AUGUST	4th	BATHURST FLYING FIFTH - Contact Bill Gretton.
	11th	ORAN PARK SUPERSPRINT - N.S.W.R.R.C. - Contact Bill Gretton.
	14th	CLUB MEETING - 8 p.m. Sydney Rowing Club.
SEPTEMBER	1st	SILVERDALE HILLCLIMB - T.S.C.C.
	11th	CLUB MEETING - 8 p.m. Sydney Rowing Club.
	14th	GAMES NIGHT - T.S.C.C. - Bilgola Plateau Bookings Mark Anthony.
	22nd	AMAROO PARK LAP DASH - A.R.O.C.A. Contact Bill Gretton.
	29th	MOTORKHANA/B.B.Q. Picnic - T.S.C.C. - Fiat Grounds, Richmond.

From the Editor



llo; if you are reading this issue, you are one of the members who paid your dues and joined for 1985. 25 did not, and President David phoned most of them up and the most common reply was "... too busy this year". All clubs have their midlife crisis and I feel we should all think about what direction we want the club to go and throw it about at the next meeting. Please come to the next meeting - this is *your club*. The T.S.C.C. has always had a high rate of membership involvement in activities compared to other clubs and it is still an excellent club.

There were 10 T.S.C.C. cars and 7 spectators at the last Amaroo meeting - *fantastic* - so perhaps the social side may need a boost. You can give it just that by coming along to our Bowral weekend social. See you at the next club meeting.

LEN MADAR.

S. Good to see Tony Lehnert (proprietor of the Penrith Rowing Basket) bob up at the last meeting - he intends to run his TR5 and Formula Vee soon - *so go to it, Tony*.

LEONARD P. MADAR

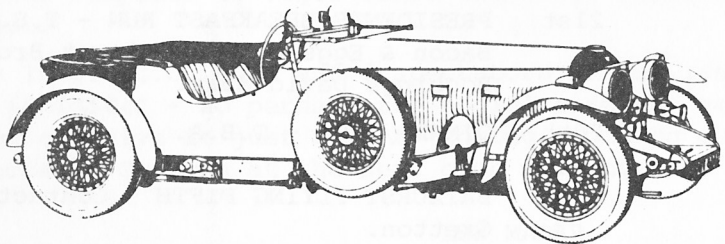
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- 20th ORAN PARK SUPERSPRINT - A.R.D.C. -
Contact Bill Gretton.
- 27th PICNIC DAY/CONCOURS - Location T.B.A.
- EMBER 10th MOTORKHANA/B.B.Q. Picnic - T.S.C.C. -
Fiat Grounds, Richmond.
- 13th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Election 1986
Committee.
- 22nd-23rd DISCO CRUISE - T.B.A.
- 30th CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREE - Saturday
Afternoon - location T.B.A.
- CEMBER 8th ORAN PARK SUPERSPRINT - N.S.W.R.R.C. -
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- 11th CLUB MEETING - 8 p.m. Sydney Rowing Club.
- 14th CHRISTMAS DINNER/TROPHY PRESENTATION -
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Presidents Page

On behalf of all club members, I would like to extend our
congratulations to Helen and Mark Anthony on the birth of their
beautiful daughter Natalia.

The 1985 membership drive has resulted in 50 members to date.
A full membership list is being prepared for the next issue.
The April meeting saw a new member Vic Andrews and also Robert
Smith who has been a member for 8 months, but flies the world
with our flying kangaroo - being first time in Aussie long
enough to attend and meet fellow members. Ken Edwards came
as a visitor with member Adrian Walker. Ken has an Appendix J
Jaguar Mk.II and I hope we see him again.

I would ask all members to note the changes to the calendar as
we have a motorkhana coming up on May 5th before we have the
next meeting. I will have my Scimitar back in action and
endeavour to catch up in the pointscore.

Congratulations go to Graeme Cox with a blitzing time of 61.79
seconds at Amaroo Park - we may have a young Senna here.

Regards.

DAVE MUIR.



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ANTHONY.



Secretary's Slice

APRIL MINUTES:

April meeting underway at 8.20 p.m. with Dave Muir in the chair
Apologies from Bill Gretton and Bruce McBryde.

Welcome to new members Robert Smith (Marcos) and Victor Andrews (Sports A).

Minutes from March meeting read.

Sporting events: Supersprint on the 19th May (conflicts with the trip to Bowral) is a non-championship event, supplementary regulations are available.

On Bill's behalf, Ray Ross gave a description of the last lap dash at Amaroo. We had 10 competitors and 7 observers present for a well run, incident free day. Graham Cox recorded a very quick time, approximately 61 seconds.

The next sporting event will be the Hillclimb in Canberra.

Gary Bruce raised the subject of club badges for shirts, jackets, etc., it being generally agreed that a sew-on type would be best. This lead to car badges being discussed, enamelled ones being too expensive but that windscreen transfers were cheaper and quite effective. A batch will be ordered

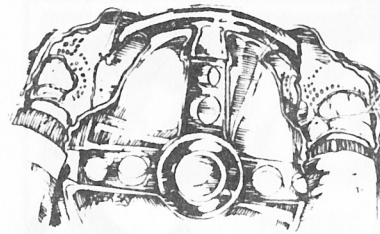
Len Madar reported on the magazine, explaining the delay for the April issue. He then thanked Ros McLoughlin for her work in preparing the magazine to date (Ros will no longer be doing it). General plea for legible contributions to be sent in early. There are several changes to the calendar which will appear in the April issue. A new advertisement received from Bill Marshall.

Bowral Trip: Karin commented the proposed date clashed with the last weekend of the school holidays, possible booking problems. Dave will contact Bruce. Jim and Val Peters asked to be included for the trip as they will be absent from the next meeting.

A one day Bus trip is being organised for the end of June.

Bill Rankin brought along an interesting video film about Project Jaguars.

MIKE DU CROS.



SPORTING REPORT

Amaroo Park - 31st March - A.R.D.C.: What a great day; 10 drivers and 7 spectators from the T.S.C.C. New member Vic Andrews and family brought along the clubman that Vic built based on Cortina mechanicals. Graeme Cox won his class in the sizzling time of 61.79 seconds and that class is a very competitive one. Mark Anthony won his class with Dave Stone coming in second.

Results were:

Prod. Tour. 0 - 1300 c.c.: Bill Gretton (Mini) - 75.94 sec.
Louis Guinan (Mini) - 76.26 sec.

Prod. Tour. 1301-1600 c.c.: Mark Douglas (Escort Lotus) 64.10
(1st) Graeme Cox (Escort Lotus) 61.71

Prod. Tour. 1601-2000 c.c.: Leon Madar (Alfa GTV) - 70.89 sec

Sports. Sed. 2001 c.c and over: Ray Ross (Torana XU1) - 64.48

Prod. Sports: (1st) Mark Anthony (Stingray) 65.57 sec
(2nd) David Stone (Datsun 240Z) 65.89

Formula Libra: Vic Andrews (AVS Clubman) 66.05

F.T.D. was Jeff Rose of the A.R.D.C. in an XU1 with a time of 55.37 seconds. There were 11 classes on the day - we entered 6 and won 2. *The T.S.C.C. racing section is really coming of age.*

BILL GRETTON.

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Treasurer.

BORN: 1933.
LIVES: Kurmond.
WORKS: Proprietor of Airlite Windows.
EDUCATED: Richmond High.
MARRIED: Judy in 1958.
CHILDREN: Sandy 25 years, Graeme 23, Stewart 18, Julia 15.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Lobster.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Pernod.
DRIVES: Aston Martin DB4, Jaguar SS, A.C. Cobra, Honda Prelude.
FAVOURITE CAR: Rolls Royce Silver Spirit.
HISTORY OF INTEREST IN MOTOR SPORT: Has raced his A.C. Cobra a few times.
OTHER CLUBS: Was in the Vintage Car Club in 1968, the Aston Martin Club in 1970-80 and was also in the Jaguar Club.
HISTORY OF INVOLVEMENT WITH T.S.C.C.: Roland was a founding member of the T.S.C.C. in 1981.
1981 - Secretary.
1982 - Secretary.
1983 - Social Secretary.
1984 - New Members Officer.
1985 - Treasurer.
CLUB AWARDS: Up your Bonnett in 1983.
FUTURE OF THE CLUB: Roland thinks the club is on solid foundations and we should have a membership drive. We should discuss what direction the membership wants to go.

LEON MADAR.



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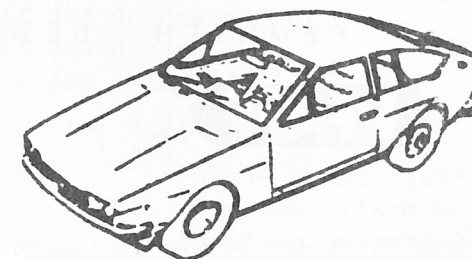


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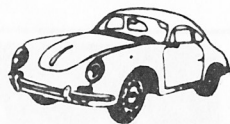
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We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

David Mason 8 Princes Highway, Kogarah. 2217.
Dennis Mitchell Lot 722, Twelfth Avenue, Austral. 2171.



ologies: There must have been a mishap in the April issue as pages 17 and 18 were missing. We lost some story but *ologies* go to advertisers Richard Nathan, Halls Newsagents, and Robert Anderson who were also on those pages - we hope their sales did not plummet and force them on the dole.

L.M.

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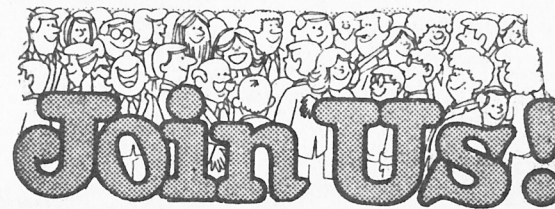
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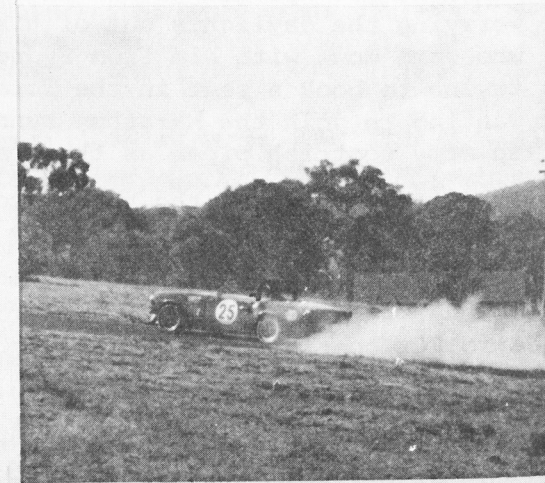
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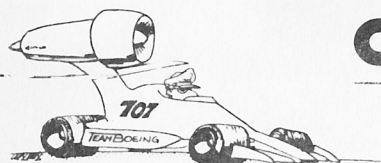


Mark sets the class record.



Len spitting dust with the Spitfire





Canberra Hillclimb.

When you are towing a Torana around Canberra looking for a Hillclimb, there's not many hills in "Bob's town" that aren't already occupied. There's Red Hill just behind Bob's house but that seemed already full of embassies and such; then there's Capital Hill but it seemed rather busy too with four large cranes, lots of cement and the appearance of an overgrown bomb shelter. I wonder if there is a message there, anyway I kept on towing on. Where could the Hillclimb be??

Of course, in organised Canberra, they would have all the noise together. There's the commercial airport, R.A.A.F.'s Fairburn base, a go-cart track, a mini-bike track and on the other side of the hill, naturally, a Hillclimb track.

Not too many of our members worked that lot out, because there was only three of us there on Sunday, 14th April for the Canberra Hillclimb invitation. Len Madar had his new toy there in the shape of a Spitfire (Triumph brand) and settled in very quickly to his new machine, his slowest time being 51.19 and his best of 46.21, just 9/10 of a second outside the Class record for the hill set by the car's previous owner. I thought it was a very good effort as it was his first time in the car and first time on slicks. Mark Anthony also covered himself with glory setting a new class record of 47.12 on his first run. Mark could have gone home then because on his next eight runs, he did not get within half a second of his first run and worrying the daylights out of his father-in-law, Peter Baker, who came down with him from Sydney for the rise. Peter was trying to book a seat in the Torana to get back to Sydney not wanting to join the Marathon runners who were being piped by an army scottish piper as they passed by the Hill.

As for yours truly, the best I could do was an 45.72 a long way from the class record set by another XU1 that day with a time of 40.25.

However it was a very enjoyable day - the Hillclimb more like a roller coaster than a Hillclimb (in my opinion) but a very interesting track nevertheless. We will be back next year and I hope you join us.

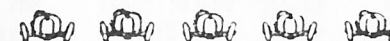
RAY ROSS.

Canberra Hillclimb Records: On the 14th April, 1985 the T.S.C.C. results were:

Ray Ross (Torana XU1 - 3100 c.c.)	45.77 seconds.
Leon Madar (Spitfire - 1300 c.c.)	46.21 seconds.
Mark Anthony (Corvette - 5700 c.c.)	47.12 seconds.

The following are the S.D.H.A. Class records (T.S.C.C. members hold two you will notice):-

Sports Cars: 3001 - 4000 c.c.	Lionel Walker (Jaguar XK120)	47.99 sec.
4001 c.c. and over	Mark Anthony (Stringray)	47.12 sec.



S.D.H.A. CLASS RECORDS.
(Provisional results after
Event No. 17 on 14.4.85)

Class (as per NCR)

	Time	Driver	Car	cc.	Date	No.*
Outright:	36.73	Warren Brown	Sceptre V8	4400	21.10.84	482
Racing: Formula Libre (Includes Formula 1,2,3, Formula Ford)						
0-750	39.47	Dean Richards	Ragno	739	21.10.84	18
751-1300	42.05	Max Preen	Nota	1167	30.10.83	6
1301-1600	39.16	Paul Hamilton	March 77B	1598	30.10.83	4
1601-2000	45.75	Les Knight	Lotus 23	1760	12. 6.83	2
2001-3000	39.27	Richard Hatherly	Elfin Rotary	2616	30.10.83	10
3001-4000	38.08	Robert Rumble	Cheetah Reno	3730	21.10.84	5
4001+	36.73	Warren Brown	Sceptre V8	4400	21.10.84	10

Formula Vee:

43.71	John Ribeiro	Ballantyne Vee	1200	30.10.83	9
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Sports Cars: (Includes Sports Racing, Gp.A; Clubman Formula; Prod'n GT, Gr. D)

0-1300	42.93	John Thorne	Hunter Clubman	1212	30.10.83	7
1301-1600	43.91	Graham Hunt	Milus Ford	1598	30.10.83	6
1601-2000	40.17	John Ribeiro	PRB Clubman	1760	21.10.84	16
2001-3000	42.06	Bob Fenwick	Scorpio	2600	11. 3.84	8
3001-4000	41.41	Nev Trainor	KM300	3300	30.10.83	3
4001+	43.63	Mick Whild	VHVB	4200	25. 9.83	16

Sports Cars: (Includes Marque Prod'n Sports Cars)

0-1300	45.33	Michael Patten	Spitfire Mk.3	1296	18.11.84	7
1301-1600	45.59	Rex Hodder	Lotus Elan	1558	10. 6.84	27

1601-2000	44.00	Graeme Rutledge	Triumph GT6	1998	18.11.84	9
2001-3000	45.59	Chris Halford	Porsche 911	2994	10. 3.85	14
3001-4000	47.99	Lionel Walker	Jaguar XK140	3800	11. 3.84	2
4001+	47.12	Mark Anthony	Corv. Stingray	5700	14. 4.85	8

Sedans: (Sports Sedans, Group B)

0-1300	43.58	David Brierley	Cooper S	1293	30.10.83	12
1301-1600	40.08	David Wrightson	Cooper S	1408	21.10.84	11
1601-2000	40.97	Andrew Collier	Renault R8	1798	21.10.84	17
2001-3000	41.45	Ivan Mikac	Mazda RX2	2616	21.10.84	26
3001-4000	40.25	Geoff Rose	Torana XU1	3310	14. 4.85	10
4001+	40.03	Allan Burrows	Torana V8	4414	21.10.84	14

Sedans: (Production Sedans, Groups A, C, E)

0-1300	43.75	Peter Robinson	Cooper S	1275	21.10.84	11
1301-1600	42.76	Mel McKendry	Escort RS	1600	21.10.84	30
1601-2000	43.77	Beach Thomas	BMW 2002	1990	21.10.84	20
2001-3000	45.49	John Stewart	Mazda RX2	2292	29. 4.84	42
3001-4000	45.63	Garry Angel	Torana XU1	3300	10. 3.85	9
4001+	41.24	Ivan Mikac	Mazda RX7 PP	5232	14. 4.85	35

Sedans: Club Cars (Street registered)^

0-1300	..					
1301-1600	50.65	Graeme Cox	Chry. Lancer	1600	10. 3.85	2
1601-2000	50.81	John Millward	BMW 318	1766	14. 4.85	2
2001-3000	45.72	John Stewart	Mazda RX2	2292	10. 3.85	5
3001-4000	48.10	Jim Whatman	Holden LH	3310	10. 3.85	5
4001+	47.60	Peter Bell	Valiant E55	5573	14. 4.85	3

Rally Cars (Group G)^

Group G	47.59	Bill Dufty	Datsun 1600	2140	10. 3.85	7
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Historic Cars: Sedans:

Appendix J, Group N	45.36	Ian Stewart	Cooper S	1293	21.10.84	14
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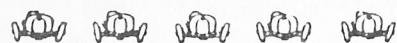
Vintage, Group J	51.96	Stewart Saunders	Bugatti 35C	2000	11. 3.84	1
1931/40 Group K	..					
941/60 Sports Gr. L(a)	48.09	Michael Gunnell	MGA	1498	21.10.84	15
941/60 Racing Gr. L(b)	43.54	Bruce Polain	Wylie Javelin	1486	21.10.84	3
1961/65 Group M	..					
1966/69 Group O	42.27	Bob Fenwick	Brabham Replica 1075	14. 4.85		1

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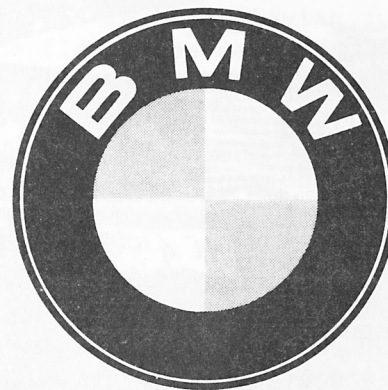
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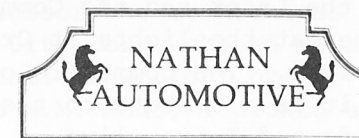


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BENDING BACKWARDS



That's my \$11,000 Audi bent backwards, pictured at Richard's than's shop at Amaroo. Have you ever had your \$11,000 car ped out (worse still because it was no fault of yours) and d that uneasy feeling in your stomach that you are not sure you have renewed your insurance cover??

You should have seen the Laser and the Commodore - they crashed into each other at the lights at Crows Nest and there's not much of them left. The commodore cannoned into us at incredible speed and it is a tribute to the Audi crash cabin at Tessa and the kids and I are alive. Faulty lights - seen all directions !! corner of Willoughby Road and Chandos Street.

In a split second in which these crashes occur - and yet, I am able to recall in slow motion the splintered Commodore cascading over the Audi. Our wreck was towed to Richard's

and we caught a taxi home.

A feverish search of papers confirmed my worst fears - the car insurance was one month expired from Classic Car Insurances. How could I have been so stupid (don't say "quite easy".)

The next morning on the phone to Clive Sanderson at Classic. "Come in old boy and fill in a claim form anyway and have a talk." If you can picture Carlton Brown of the F.O., that is what Clive and his office is like. Peeking out from behind absolute mountains of paperwork, this very British ex Sandhurst ex Gurka officer motions me to sit down. A youngish Colonel Blimp/Richard Attenborough. As I am a chiropractor, naturally Clive talks about his bad back as a legacy from jumping out of aeroplanes in the Malaysian jungle. If you can't see great cars in the flesh, the next best thing is seeing photos of them and Clive showed me many from his Aladdin's cave of treasures. In the rummage to find a claim form, Clive spies a cheque for \$7,000. "Gads! I should have banked that last week!!". All while this is happening both phones are ringing and Clive is going berserk. He writes new business covering a new Ferrari Mondial, an M.G.B., and sadly tells someone 19 years of age who owns a G.T.H.O. Falcon that no insurance company will insure it.

Clive decided to go and see City Corp. Insurance and see if they will cough up \$11,000 on the basis that I had the premium on me and was going to meet him but he didn't show up and the fact that I belong to a very good car club. Well I have heard of club power but \$11,000 seemed to be stretching it!! In the meantime, Richard had got the Audi people to come out and price the parts.

Because of the Christmas break, it was a few weeks later when the phone rang from Clive. City Corp. will accept the claim. It was Christmas again and there is a Santa Claus!!

The next day an assessor was at Richards and declared the Audi a write-off. City Corp. phoned me and asked would I like the cheque in the mail or would I prefer to pick it up. With all due respects to H.M. Mail, I picked up the \$11,000.

I wanted to tell this story because it seems unbelievable and it is a good insurance story instead of a bad one. Members, support your advertiser, Clive Sanderson at Classic Car Insurance and their underwriters, City Corp. Insurance - both bent backwards - it couldn't have happened at G.I.O. or N.R.M.A.

LEONARD MADAR.

"WHAT WERE THE FIRSTS"

PART 2.

Following on from last month we conclude the list of "Automotive Firsts" - these being only a taste of what has taken place before the internal engined motor vehicle was produced.

Manufacturers -

Rolls Royce, First in 1905 GB
Ford, Model T. Commenced in 1908 15 million produced.

General Motors, first big manufacturer commenced in 1908, USA.

Austin 7 "Baby Austin" first produced in 1922.

Japan, first manufactured a car in 1924.

Mercedes and Benz combined to form one company in 1926.

Germany manufactured the first VW "bug" in 1938.

Largest road car, Bugatti Royal 14' 2" wheelbase 12.8 litres and weighed 2 1/4 tons.

Octane -

1926, Dr C. Edgar first gave a rating to gasoline "Octane Rating", USA.

Overhead Cam -

1898 Wilkinson produced the first in the USA, 1902 Maudslay of 6.B introduced it with pressure lubrication.

Overhead Valves

1903 Henry Royce manufactured a two-cylinder engine, overhead inlet valve and side exhaust valves.

Otto -

1876, Germany patented the four-stroke cycle but lost the patent 10 years later when it was found

Beau de Roche France developed the principles in 1862.

Otto's engine stood around 8ft tall, weighed 1 ton and produced 1/2 horsepower.

1876, Otto's silent gas engine was the world's first silent four-stroke engine.

Paint -

1924, duco, quick drying cellulose car finished manufactured by du Pont, USA.

Rubber Bushes -

1926, called silent-bloc oil-less rubber bushes were introduced in the USA.

Rubber Engine Mounts -

1922, Nash Motor Car Co. produced the first modern engine mounting, USA.

Radiator -

1899, Honeycomb radiator was first used in Europe

Radio -

1929, Offered as an optional extra in the USA.

Slide Valves -

1862, Lenoir's horseless carriage used this type of valve. France.

Speed Limit -

1865, Britain passed a law that 2mph in towns and 4mph in the country, also that three persons had to be in charge, one having to walk in front with a red flag

Steering Wheel -

Steering -

1896, Leon Bollee in France

1816, Ockerman's Principle of steering was developed and used

Suspension -

1873, independent suspension was introduced by Bollee.

1917, Diaz Grillo introduced Torsion Bars, Spain.

Supercharger -

1907, Chadwick, USA.

Tyres and Wheels

wheel, first developed 3500 BC.

Spoked wheel was developed around 2000 BC in Asia.

Wire wheel dates back to around 1450 AD.

Tyres and treads, 2000 BC, nails first on a motor vehicle in 1890. Peugeot, France.

Shock Absorbers -

-1902, friction type were used by Truffault, in France. were used to give better grip and longer life to wheels

First pneumatic tyre was developed by Charles Goodyear 1839, rubber inner tube and leather tyre.

Michelin 1895 produced the first modern tyre for a motor car.

Tyre valve, Schrader type valve was introduced in 1904.

Tyre gauge, Press on type gauge developed by Michelin in 1905.

Tappets -

1910, Bollee Jnr, France, patented hydraulic tappets.

Transmissions -

1784, James Watt designed a countershaft change speed gear but was never used.

1894, Panhard introduced the first sliding gear system.

1895, Rudolf Egg, Switzerland developed a lever controlled gearless variable speed transmission.

1897, A two-speed epicyclic transmission was developed by F. W. Lanchester.

1898, first recorded universal joint, Renault France.

1898, Bollee Jnr introduced a gate type interlock on a transmission

Windscreen

Wipers -

Vacuum operated introduced by W. Folberth, USA, operated by suction from intake manifold.

Electric wipers introduced by Bosch in 1924.



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