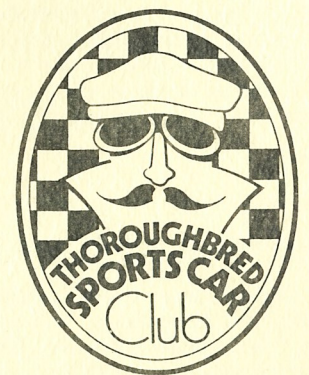





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"To establish and maintain by example a high standard of conduct and a respect of the laws of the road".

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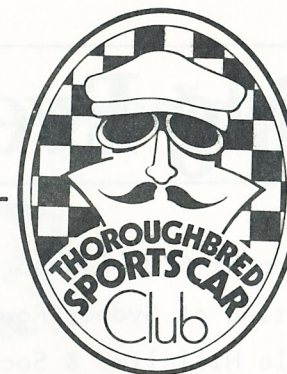
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# Coming Events

- AUGUST \* Motorkhana at Fiat Club Grounds. **cancelled**
- SEPTEMBER \* Club Meeting at Sydney Rowing Club.
- SEPTEMBER \* Silverdale Hillclimb & Social.
- OCTOBER \* Club Meeting at Sydney Rowing Club.
- /19 OCT. \* Canberra Hillclimb.
- OCTOBER \* Australian Grand Prix Party.
- NOVEMBER \* Concours - Picnic Day in Parramatta Park.
- NOVEMBER \* Club Meeting at Sydney Rowing Club.
- NOVEMBER \* Super Sprint at Oran Park (South Circuit).
- DECEMBER \* Xmas Dinner - Presentation Night.
- DECEMBER \* Club Meeting at Sydney Rowing Club.

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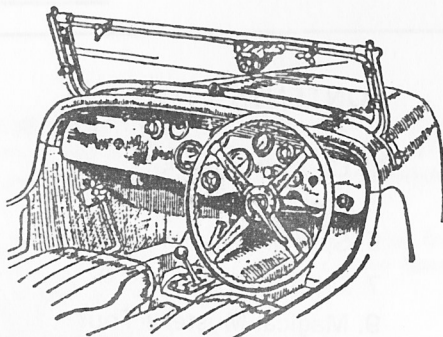
**NOTE THAT THE MOTORKHANA ON THE 24 AUGUST at THE FIAT CLUB GROUNDS AT RICHMOND IS CANCELLED DUE TO FLOODING.**

**THIS MOTORKHANA WILL TAKE PLACE ON 7th SEPTEMBER, 1986.**

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## presidents prose

Since my last report to you we have had several activities to write about and I hope reports of these events with photos will be in the following pages of your magazine.

The first event was a Super Sprint run by the Porsche Club at Amaroo on the Sunday of the June long week-end. We were well represented with, I think 6 or 7 starters at what turned out to be a top day of club motor sport.

The second event was the Mystery Weekend, well organised by Gary and Karin which kept us all enshrouded in mystery until the final destination at a Guest House in Katoomba. Some of us thought they had solved the mystery before they got the final clue. A good week-end of fun, frivolity and fellowship and the thirty odd that attended wished you could have been with us too. My thanks to Gary and Karin for all their efforts on our behalf.

The final event was our Gambling Night at which everybody attended in our theme of "Back to School". There were certainly some luscious looking school girls leered at by some lecherous looking school boys, but then, there were some school girls that really weren't too luscious at all. I'll let our reporter and photos tell the story on what was a very successful club night organised and run by our social committee led by Jim Peters. Many thanks once again Jim and helpers.

In the coming events department we have a Super Sprint at Oran Park on August 3rd to replace our event which was to run on July 13th, but cancelled. On Sunday 10th August we have the Flying Fifth down Conrod Straight, Mt. Panorama, Bathurst.

On August 13th Wednesday night - Club Meeting - and this month we will be showing videos of how Walkinshaw captured the Mountain presented by Geoff Sara, plus two short videos from Gary Bruce and Jim Peters. I hope you can make it.

On August 24th - don't forget our last Motorkhana for the year at Richmond. Remember all the stories you heard last time about the new track, so don't miss it. Then of

course on Sunday September 21st our big day at Silverdale Hillclimb where we hire the track for the day for our club only and this year a big social day is planned as well.

A couple of date changes for you in the competition calendar - the November 30th Super Sprint comes forward to November 2nd at Oran Park because of an Oran Park date change and we have an extra event after completion of our year on Sunday December 7th at Oran Park.

I now have all the magazine binders available for anyone that has not received theirs and will have some extras for sale. If you hear of anybody not receiving their magazine it means they are unfinancial and they had better do something about it to receive any future mailings, and no, you didn't miss last months mailout because there wasn't any, as either Jim Peters or myself had contacted you personally I decided we would save the money.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

RAY.

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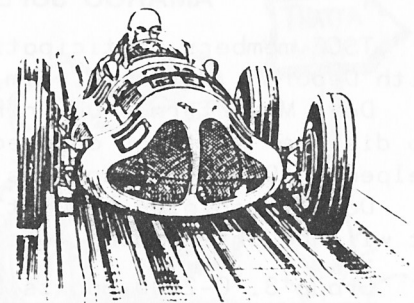
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## sporting report



### ORAN PARK SUPERSPRINT - 18.5.86

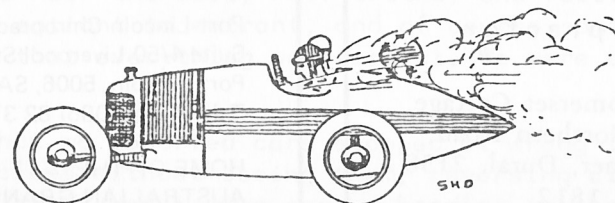
Only two entries from our club, probably due to doubtful weather conditions. Since I'd loaded my machine the day before we decided to give it a chance.

This meeting was run by the N.S.W.R.R.C. in their usual way with a warm up lap followed by a standing start and one flying lap. The results are determined via the total time for both laps. With two cars starting together it is important to have both laps without interference to achieve your best result.

GRAHAM COX and his Twin Cam Escort achieved a good result - 1st in the Type 2, 0 - 1600cc (Road Registered, modified) with 125.1 secs which was better than the 1600-2000cc entry and equalled the best in the 2000 - 3000cc group. After 5 runs Graham decided to retire for the day due to oil leakage around the fuel pump, however, since this event he has competed at an Oran Park Open Meet gaining a 3rd place.

I had a mixed day with two runs terminated due to somebody having a spin and another run I caught the cars from the previous start. In an attempt to pass and save a good run I came unstuck sliding sideways along Castrol wall effecting minor damage. My best 2 lap total 119.2 was a 2nd place overall Type 4 (Libre).

VIC ANDREWS.





## AMAROO SUPERSPRINT — June 8th

TSCC members participating are on the up with 6 drivers with Deborah, Margaret, Jim, Judy and kids spectating.

Dave Muir turned up in his new Anglia Sports Sedan only to discover that you do need brakes on the track. Lester helped on Daves mechanicals and was rewarded with a co-drive.

Dave Mason also brought his immaculate Anglia along so it will be interesting to compare the cars.

### Group 3. 0-2000 Sports Sedans

D. Mason	Anglia	2nd	61.38	9th O/R
L. Madar	Spitfire	4th	66.94	25th O/R
D. Muir	Anglia	6th	74.94	36th O/R
L. Gough	Anglia	?	No results	

### Group 3. over 3000 & Group 4.

V. Andrews	AVS	2nd	59.22	5th O/R
R. Ross	Torana	3rd	62.13	12th O/R

Vic was very impressive the 2nd time out with his new 250 BHP engine and the possibility of FTD may well be within his reach.

Dave Mason must also be congratulated for his 2nd placing .32 sec behind the winner.

The FTD belonged to Chris Hones in 56.80 sec. driving a 911 Porsche converted to a 934. The conversions alone cost him \$40,000 +, so you can see that Vic has really got a bargain dollar home made racer.

The next race is at Oran Park on 10th August and I am looking forward to a new member, Donald McDonald racing his Brock Magnum Statesman II Caprice and I am sure he will give the production class a blast!

Cheers, LEN MADAR.

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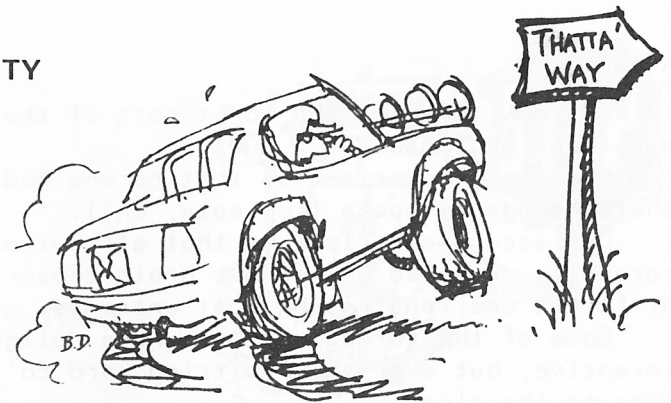
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## THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ORGANISING A MYSTERY TOUR



### BEFORE

Having won last time it was our responsibility.

The criteria were:-

1. The destination to remain a mystery, so run could take five hours.
2. No danger (no clues on busy roads, U-turns on main streets etc.)
3. Tricky questions rather than difficult navigation.
4. Some brain teasing.
5. Educational, and introducing new places.

Having set the run we encountered two problems.

- a) Our accommodation was cancelled.
- b) One of the clues, a hall, was demolished.

We resolved these and then tried doing the tour as entrants, refining questions and removing ambiguity, whilst attempting to retain difficulty.

### DURING

As instructions included emergency packs (for three stages), we headed for the end of stage 1 as soon as the last entrant was away. We were pleased to see that all entrants arrived without using the first pack, so our instructions were understandable.

We then headed for the luncheon stop-over: Again all entrants passed through at varying times. It was great at this spot to hear the lies, half truths, and falsities passed from entrant to entrant, and of course some complaints, which meant that everything was perfect. We were again pleased.

After that we observed cars stopped at wrong locations, going past clues without seeing them, reversing along the side of the road, and in two cases, heading in the wrong direction. What fun!



## AFTER

We knew this was the worst part of the day, marking the questions and answers.

Our first surprise was that no one had opened any of their emergency packs (too easy, eh?).

Our second surprise was that all but one entrant had correctly answered one of our brain teasers, the other more difficult one frustrating most entrants.

Some of the (wrong) answers were delightfully funny and inventive, but everyone had tried hard to find correct answers to the clues.

Our winners, Geoff and Michelle Sara (or is it Michelle and Geoff?), deserved to win by excelling in observation and intelligence, (78/80 and 19/20), a total of 97% (must be too easy!)

Second by one point were Adrian and Lorraine Walker with 96% (76 and 20) (I hope Lorraine found out that Governor Mac does not hang by his arms).

Third and most observant were Mike and Lynda Ducros on 93% (79 and 13, plus 1 bonus for distance). The other scores achieved were 92, 90, 90, 88, 87, 81, 81, 78 and 63.

Thank you to those who participated, and congratulations to the Sara's.

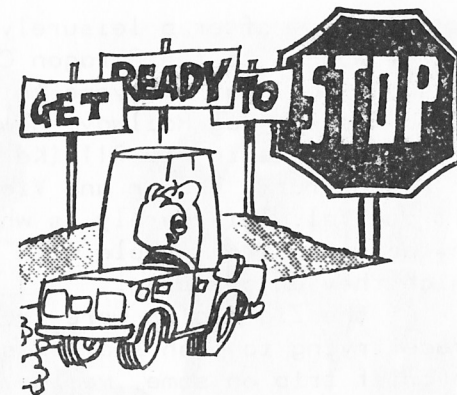
KARIN and GARY BRUCE.

Following is the best story (in the judges opinion) received. The object of the story was 'The Three Sisters' at Katoomba.

"Madge, Audrey and Cybil were the three most, shall we say, uninspiring sisters that ever had the misfortune to be born. As this was in the early 1800's these butch lesbians were unacceptable to Victorian society. As a consequence, they would defy convention by having gay orgies (where's noddie and big ears?) where almost anything went. It was at one of these that they over-indulged in the marijuana and got very stoned.

The moral - don't smoke dope".

This just happened to spring from the vivid imagination of Michelle Sara.



## MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR

"There must be a room for Larkey".

"Aren't the Thoroughbred Car Club here?"

"Yes".

"Then there must be a room for Larkey".

"No".

This conversation was repeated, along with much shuffling of bags by those of us silly enough to think that the Hydro Majestic, which just happened to be at the end of Garry and Karins "Magical Mystery Tour", was our final destination. After all, it was latish on Saturday afternoon, and we were to stay somewhere, weren't we? Or was there really a large tent pitched out there somewhere in the cold grey depths of The Mega, how long? Valley.

These and many other questions were to be answered before the weekend was out. The trip up to Katoomba via Agnes Banks, who Banks? and the Hairpin Bends, how many bends? of Springwood Road was very well directed, both pretty and informative, if not just a little long.

Michelle and Geoff, after answers to questions and distances travelled were checked, came out winners. Not a few questions returned funny answers, notably Lester, when asked to give mileage to a certain town gave his answer in kilometres - his trip meter funilly enough registers miles.

I still think the Valley is 3 long, I didn't specify what.

Meanwhile back at Katoomba, yes we had a delightful guest house to stay in - dinner finished, the party tricks began.

Robyn Hartley proving very agile, Michele not so. While corks were removed from the inside of previously emptied wine bottles using serviettes. A game of "If I went shopping" followed with some very unusual items being purchased by progressively more inebriated shoppers. Then on to bed.



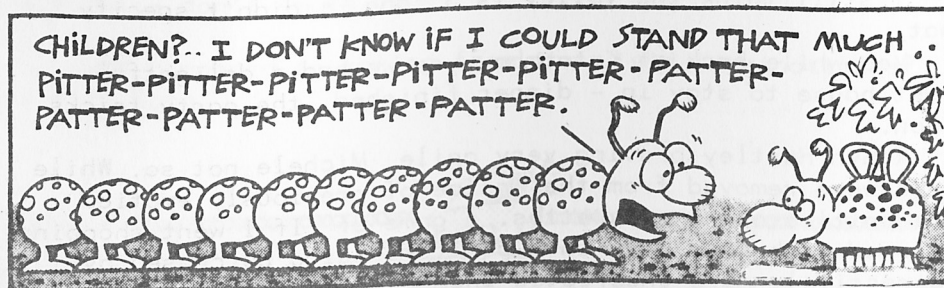
Sunday - after a leisurely breakfast and a Disprin or two it was off to the Paragon Cafe to discover the Three Sisters are not what everyone thinks. More food followed then off to the Zig Zag Railway. How do TVR's get their name? Following Dave in his 911 (Kermit) in the company of Adrian in his Ferrari, Trevor and Vicki in their BM and the Peters, Jim and Val. This surely is what car club are about, being in the company of people with similar interests and cars which they enjoy using.

At the Zig Zag we were treated to the sight of Gary Bruce trying to push start a steam train and after an all to brief trip on same, yes he managed to start it and then it was off to find more food. Hamburgers and chips washed down with a beer, all bought at the Shell Service Station and it was onto the Bells Line of Road for the trip back to Sydney.

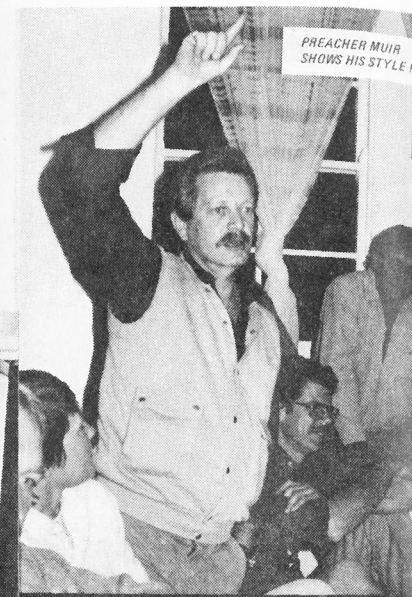
This proved a magic weekend and I know I will not be alone in making this a must next year. Thanks to Bruce and Karin for organising such a good one.

GRANT LIDDELL.

CONGRATULATIONS TO  
CHRISTINE and CHARLES McKAY  
ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR SON  
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# MYSTERY TOUR WEEKEND





# MONTE CARLO NIGHT



"BROTHER JIM" AND HIS LUCKY WHEEL.



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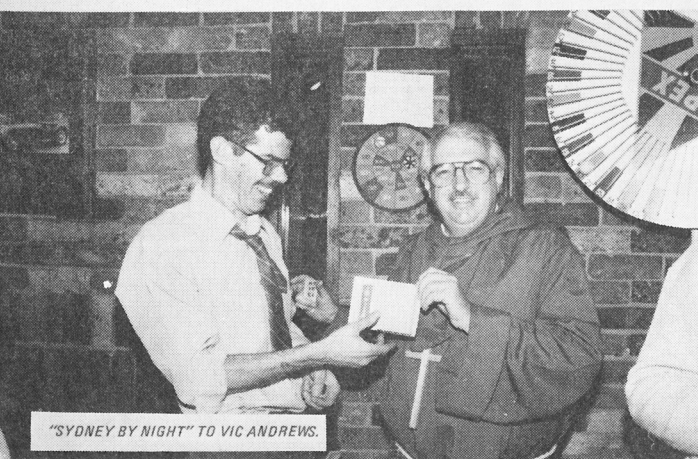
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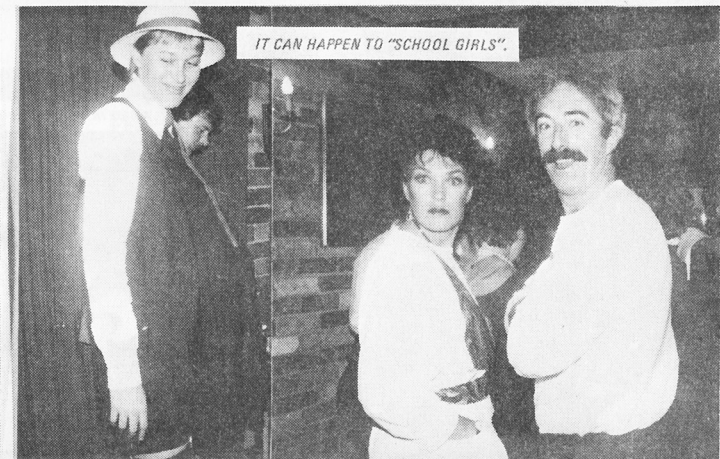
COLD CASH IS A GIRLS BEST FRIEND SAYS JUDY CLARK.



"SYDNEY BY NIGHT" TO VIC ANDREWS.



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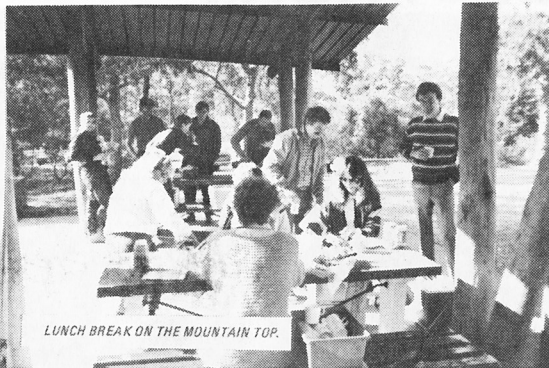
IT CAN HAPPEN TO "SCHOOL GIRLS".





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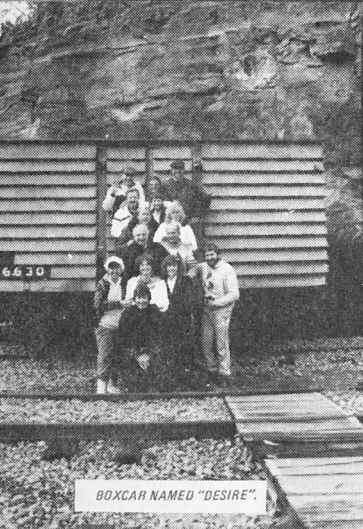
MORE PICS FROM THE  
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LUNCH BREAK ON THE MOUNTAIN TOP.



THE "ZIG-ZAG RAP DANCERS".



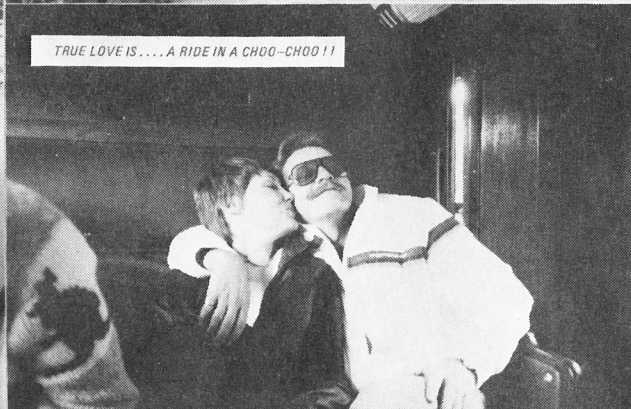
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## MONTE CARLO NIGHT



Were you one of the fabulous crowd which gathered on Saturday 5 July for the night of chance and fun?

No? - Read on and find out what you missed out on.

Yes? - Read on. You may be mentioned in despatches!

The crowd of 77 people arrived fairly promptly and what an astonishing crowd it was.

It was hard to believe that so many lovely young ladies not only still had their school uniforms (or did the hire shops do good business?) but still fitted into them - congratulations!

It was good to see so many male "professors" visiting us for the evening - particularly one who carried a cane and wore a lascivious smile when checking out the school-girls' attire!

Black silk stockings with suspender belts abounded, much to the delight of the "school-boys" who attended. By the way, who was that lady with red hair done in kinky plaits who kept her stake in the top of one stocking and her winnings in the top of the other? Plenty of assistance was offered to her during the evening to extract her tokens!

The courage of one very pregnant school girl had to be admired. In spite of back-pain, she bravely played all the games. Obviously the excitement did the trick as she produced a healthy son later in the evening - amazing how it resembled a stuffed dog!

Whilst the fun and games progressed, our festive crowd were fed continuously by the excellent caterers and watered well (too well for some) by the elegant dinner-suited drink waiters. (Psst - it was overheard that the black stockings and suspender belts added to the enjoyment of the waiters job).

We hope that Adrian and Lorraine have enjoyed their "overseas trip" won on the chocolate wheel - trust the crossing over the heads (to Manly) was not too rough.

Vic Andrews was seen to be smiling broadly with his win of "Sydney by Night" but Judy did approach me to swap my win of a "Diamond Ring" for Vic's condoms.



John Williams won a "Home Computer" but was heard muttering that the keyboard was a bit small! Maybe John could tarde Judy Clark who won \$10 cash, then Judy could compute what time her children are due at their next outings.

Deborah was seen to be flying high with her win of a trip to Los Angeles flying Pan Am. Could be a squeezey trip!

The judges had an amusing task in selecting the best and worst costume - the latter category having many more contenders. However a clear winner emerged in the form of a six foot plus, hairy-legged "lass" in a gym skirt with very firm mamary glands enticingly displayed in a tight T-shirt topped off by a somewhat luxurious crop of facial growth. Well done John Williams - look after that cane you received, it could come in useful.

The best costume was more difficult but the judges were very taken with a demure "lass" in polished shoes, impeccable stockings, a neatly pleated skirt covering the knees, a crisp white blouse topped with a school blazer, a pretty face surrounded by a lovely head of curls on top of which sat a primly perched school hat. Congratulations to Grant Liddell, who smiled sweetly when he won a vintage bottle of Summer Wine but then was seen trying to foist this wonderful prize onto other school chums, including "Brother Jim" who was dashing around encouraging/cajoling/wheedling people into buying tickets for the wheel.

The presentation of the Lucky Door prize was delayed for a few minutes until Lester could be rescued from the marauding crowd who were yelling such things "unfair - my ball was in the circle". Trevor Oldroyd was seen beaming as he bore off his door prize of a scale model Mercedes 300SL. Yes - the doors lifted up, the bonnet and boot opened and a spare tyre was in the boot.

Some "girls" and "boys" had to be restrained from inappropriate games such as "Mummies and Daddies" - really, where do they get their ideas from! Just as well they could go to church the next day and repent (Brother Jim was offering confessionals at reduced prices too).

All this jollity did not deter an academically-gowned lady, who was glued to the rouletter table, from pursuing her betting instincts - she had a seat booked for next year.

Speaking of roulette, an Irish leprachaun was espied fulfilling everyones ambition to crack a lucky streak. Our able cashiers, Messrs Hall and Williams, blanched when he cashed in his winnings (he's off the guest list for next year!)

On a serious note, thanks to those members who gave

their time and effort into making it such a great night. A very large thanks to Margaret and Ray for providing the Monte Carlo Venue. Margaret did breathe a sigh of relief at the end of the evening when she had not been carted off to jail for running an illegal activity!

See you all again at the 1987 night and save up your pennies in the meantime.

VAL PETERS.



### Budget Contemplations !

Out of the gloom  
A voice said unto me  
"Smile and be happy,  
Things could be worse"  
So I smiled and was happy  
And behold things did get worse.

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It is gay Paris on the night of June 25th, 1902. Special trains, hackney carriages, bicycles, cars and everything that Paris could muster in the way of transport carries the fanatics and the curious to Champigny - to the start of the Paris - Vienna Race.

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This was what the newspapers had christened the contest through areas as yet untouched by the motor car.

117 competitors had entered a duel, not only between man

and machine, but also between theories and potential designs.

It was at Innsbruck that Louis Renault's troubles started. His car collided with that of Baron de Casters. Louis and Szisz (mechanic), in grease up to their necks, lost several hours in repairing the damaged differential. By one trick after another, with string, wire, insulating tape, cotton waste to plug the cracks in the rear axle housing and sawdust to thicken the oil, they managed to repair the car and continue the race. Near Salzburg they saw a closed level crossing too late, hit the first gate taking it with them into the second one.

The bonnet of the car was dented, the radiator leaked, one wheel was broken and the front axle twisted. They removed the damaged parts and carried them to the nearest village. While Szisz, who had got the blacksmith out of bed, straightened the axle, Louis repaired the wheel, replacing the broken spokes with three cross bars from a chair. As for the cracked radiator, they decided not to stop for a detail like this. With Louis Renault at the wheel and Szisz lying along the bonnet continually pouring water in the boiling radiator, they drove on.

At Wills, Farman in a Hanhard was leading but Marcel Renault (Louis' brother) was catching rapidly. Marcel caught up to Edmont's Durracq, but Edmond refused to let him overtake and



remained in the centre of the road. Marcel did not hesitate. He plunged into the blinding cloud of dust, pulled right over onto the left hand verge and roared past shouting insults and taking off the left hand wing of the Durracq in the process.

Finally, Marcel caught up with Farman. For several miles, the race between Marcel and Farman was a ferocious wheel to wheel affair with Farman gaining a little on the straights only to be caught up again by the Renault at the next corner. Finally, 33 miles from Vienna, Marcel passed Farman on a corner and moved into the lead. At Vienna the news had moved slower than the cars. A colourful crowd, all dressed in their Sunday best mingling with hawkers selling souvenirs and pictures of competitors, had invaded the Prater (sports ground) where the race was to finish. The first arrivals were expected towards two in the afternoon. Marcel was there by noon, before the officials.

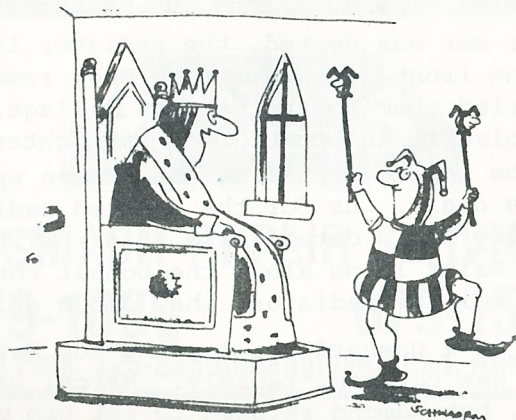
He could not get into the Prater, his German was rudimentary and everybody took him for a gate crasher. Laboriously he said, "I am Marcel Renault. I have come from Paris." The crowd went wild. The feeling was indescribable. The Loudspeakers announced Marcel Renault's time of 26 hours, 10 minutes, 47 seconds, achieved with a frightening average of 39 mph overall. He had covered the distance in seven hours less than the Arlberg Express train. A quarter of an hour later, Farman driving the French Durracq passed the finishing line, followed by the first of the German competitors, Count Zborowski in a Mercedes.

So ended the Paris - Vienna Race.

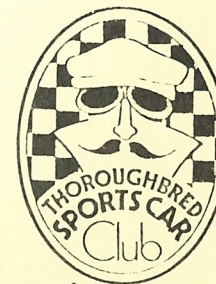
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