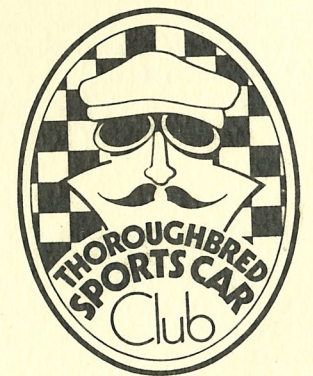




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"To help and advance thoroughbred sports car owners and ownership".

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

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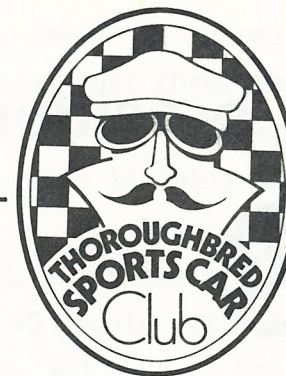
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presidents prose

Here we are October already and our second last magazine for the year. It seems no time since I was wondering what to put into my first "President's Prose" column, and now it's time to elect another new committee.

As advised recently our next meeting on Wednesday, October 8th will be our Annual General Meeting. After consulting our Committee members we have decided to bring the elections forward one month to enable the new Committee more time to formulate our calendar etc. before the rush and bustle of Xmas is upon them and therefore make the change-over a little easier. The changeover will remain as previously at our Xmas function in December.

It is important that all club members attend our next meeting and have your say as to the clubs office bearers and put forward your ideas for the coming year's program. Please make that extra effort.

The other important news is that we now have a new meeting place and before we get too locked into that, I would value all members input as to its suitability. So we need to see you gang on at least two counts. Remember, it's your club too.

On the past and coming events department you should have reports on the Bathurst Flying 1/5th and our Silverdale

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Hillclimb Social Day. There is no report on the Motorkhana as it didn't take place, just three members turned up so we didn't even bother to get out the flags - perhaps there may be a message there for the incoming committee in organising next years calendar.

As far as Silverdale was concerned a completely different story with over 40 people attending plus kids, it really was a great day and makes a President and Committee feel it's all worth while when you support us like that.

Our thanks must go to Lester for all his efforts in obtaining, bringing, assembling, dismantling and returning the marquee tent we hired and for cooking the lunchtime snags as well. Thanks Lester and Deb.

My thanks also to the various club members that took over the starting grid from me which enabled Vic Andrews to give me a hiding in the "King of the Mountain" title.

Two weeks after our Annual General Meeting, on the 18/19 October we have a strong contingent travelling to Canberra for the Hillclimb weekend and the following weekend over 40 of us will be at David and Barbara Muir's for our Grand Prix Party.

November 2nd is our next race meeting at Oran Park followed by our Concours Display Day for which there should be an article containing information in this magazine. Besides details of our new meeting venue you should also receive two tickets for our Xmas Party with an accompanying note asking you to tell us your intentions. We have organised it and now we reckon it's over to you. Once again if you only make it to one business meeting of our club this year please make it to the October Annual General.

WE NEED YOU !

See you soon.



ON SUNDAY, 9 NOVEMBER, WEATHER PERMITTING, ALL THOROUGHBREDS ARE TO BE BEAUTIFULLY GROOMED AND ON THEIR BEST BEHAVIOUR, IN THE HOPE OF RECEIVING THE NOD OF APPROVAL FROM THE JUDGE.

This is your day, a great excuse to brush up your trusty steeds and show them off.

All members are entitled and therefore encouraged to enter this prestigious event, and have a chance at taking out the big one, the "FIRST PAST THE POST" trophy for 1986, or a runner-up prize.

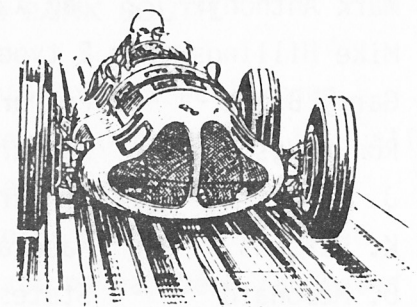
Yes folks, it is CONCOURS TIME.

The course is located near the river in Parramatta Park, location 1 on the map. In the unlikely event of a rainy day, the meeting will be postponed to the following Sunday at location 2.

Lunch and refreshment will be served from your own Esky, and ample tables and chairs will be available if you bring them.

Any enquiries should be directed to the Clerk of the Course, Garry Bruce on 438 3088 (B) or 498 1486 (P).

sporting report



BATHURST TRYING FIFTH

The once a year Rev-Head reunion at Bathurst, as usual, attracts everything from the sedate Sunday driver to the excentric farmyard throbber. This year's Fifth wasn't won by the hot paddock basher but a street legal Torana. His F.T.D. was 260.8 kmh (162.5 mph).

This car has a definate potential for the used car salesman, I can hear him now - "One little 'ol lady owner, only used at the weekends for shopping and a short trip to the bowls. 'Cause, she never took it over two and a half thousand revs, it's still shod with the original factory widies and four point harness, Oh 'n by the way governor, she never used the Nitrous Oxide injection, just the occasional burst when she'd 'ad a few".

Actually there was a farmyard throbber, probably 50's vintage, Foed ute, big, like very big V8. His first run was actually a flying "Tenth". The engine blew. That I believe was the only incident of what was a very well attended day.

Ray and Margaret Ross unfortunately broke down in the Rover on the way to Btahurst and Trevor and Vicki Larkey had to leave early. There were ten other entrants all participating under the T.S.C.C. banner. Those people with the fastest times are:

Mark Anthony	Jag XJS	224.2kph	140.1mph	4th in Class
Mike Hillingsworth	E type	209.3	130.81	10 in Class
Garry Bruce	Ferrari	205.7	128.56	1st Shared
Ron Hodgson	Ferrari	205.7	128.56	1st Shared
J. Stuart	Ferrari	193.8	121.12	
K. Parsons	Maserati	195.6	122.25	
D. McDonald	Statesman	195.6	122.25	
A. Aitkin	Ferrari	216.8	135.5	
G. Cotavich	Falcon	211.7	132.31	
P. Fast	Cordia T	192.5	120.31	

I have not received official printed times yet. The sec. of B.L.C.C. assures me these times are almost official, the name spelling isn't.

Just off the record folks, should you be in the market for a car, the above list of cars and their performance could be a usefull guide. If you are price conscious but still require a bit of oomph, for example about \$15,000 will get you the Cordia Turbo and 120 mph. For a mere \$50,000 more, you can get a 10 year old Ferrari plus an extra 1-8 mph more over the same distance.

N.B. OR MAYBE EVEN A JAG.

MARK ANTHONY.

COMPETITION POINT SCORE.

Vic Andrews	11	David Mason	3
Mark Anthony	8	David Muir	1
Len Madar	6	Lester Gough	1
Graham Cox	4	Jim Peters	1
Ray Ross	3		

The above points exclude the Silverdale Hillclimb.

SUPER SPRINT — ORAN PARK SOUTH

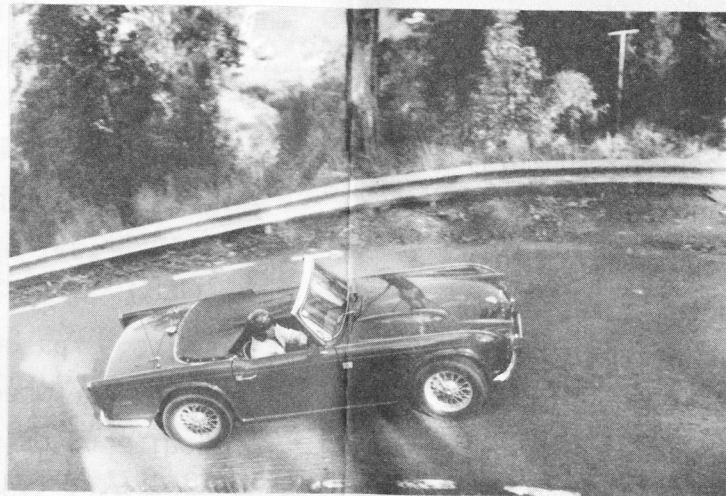
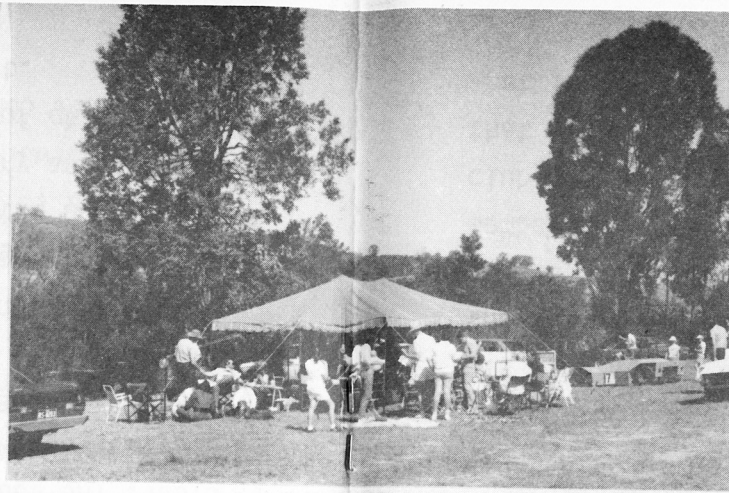
A last minute entry due to a mix-up by a well known Alfa Club led us to Oran Park at very short notice. I usually leave everything to the last minute, but this time I was literally breathing down the mechanics neck to finish the car in time. Some steering modifications had been requested by my part-time back-bencher and co-pilot, Len Madar. After a 2 lap sprint at Amaroo (causing all three other drivers to catch up and have re-runs) he stepped out of the car, fell to his knees and was heard to mutter something about not <*@*+ in that bloody ↑<*@=+ again *↑<=+[! must be joking. *↑+<=[! ? think I am @+↑* =< ruddy *↑+?!= Kama Kazi pilot ?

To cut a very long story short, on the starting grid at "The Park", the flag went down, the clutch went up and the drive shaft snapped off. So after many dollars, I still don't know if the mods are up to Len's satisfaction. He was doing battle at the time in his STROIUMPH (Aussie slang for Triumph) against Vic Andrews in the A.V.S. (Australian Ver-sion Stroiumph). Ray Ross was as usual putting himself around a bit with anyone he could duel with and despite some gear linkage problems, acquired some good times.

Vic's outing was more of a celebration, as only the night before, he had managed to retrieve the shoe-horn from the engine bay, having spent the last month squeeeeeezing in his Rice Rocket engine - better known, for those that know, the 13B Wankel Rotary Engine. This recent acquisition has caused much debate, not to mention concern amongst competing members of the T.S.C.C. Rumour has it that many competitive club members have become ardent church goers, in the hope that prayer will prevent his Rotary Wankel form performing - at least for the remaining events anyway.

Silverdale

Speed Hill Climb



SILVERDALE HILLCLIMB

I should have smelt it coming when Margaret Ross said that Ray wanted to talk to me. It was to ask me to write about our day at Silverdale, just because I enjoyed myself so much. But I guess that's a good enough reason, to inform of what a fun and exciting day they either shared or missed.

I am the first to complain about the distance we (nearly) all have to travel, but once we arrive it is well worth it. Of course the big laugh is that all you have to do is to make sure the "Bruces" arrive and it looks like a full house, what with our 5 girls, 2 cars and so on. They were kept busy eating, drinking and running back and forth with the results to be recorded on the blackboard. So thanks to all of them before I forget.

This year someone saw fit to suggest a big tent. What a great idea! It brought everybody together and made newcomers to the Club feel part of the group. Lester showed great skills in keeping the grills hot and the sausages coming. Too bad Lester, you will have to do that again!

We saw quite a few new faces arrive and the "old" ones were all in fine form. The tent was kept alive with chat and the 664m uphill was kept hot by all of us that competed.

You know, first time up after a long absence gives you a few surprises when corners are a lot tighter than you remember. The Ferrari, due to the two of us driving, was kept running all day and therefore tended to run a little hot at the end of the day. After a few heads under the bonnet, it was kept running. It felt great and both Garry and I had a super time giving it its head. Two bottles of champagne is not bad to bring home after a fun day's effort.

Vic and Judy have a noisy machine but somehow it is not noisy alone. Vic got best time overall and must have been smiling all the way home. Judy complained of too flat soles on her shoes. Vic needs to build them up for next time, so that she can reach the pedals with comfort. Jim Peters took the Hill in neutral - couldn't decide to use normal or 4-wheel drive - how he got to the top in Dave's car nobody knows. The Larkey's were on show only (except for one quick reconnaissance run) - but were seen enjoying a small bottle of Bollinger - talk about style!

Lorraine Walker was happy indeed that they actually got to drive home in the Jaguar. That's a rare occasion she informed us. We had one person there that travelled all day leaving behind a dense smoke-screen, - I wonder what he/she had to hide?? Roland wine and dined in the shade whilst counting our days income - hope it covered costs - with Judy and daughter Elizabeth waiting around the table. Vic brought a billycart made from a shopping trolley for the little ones so you can see all ages were catered for.

Our unused car was put under cover away from the main group so the girls could be in the shade while listening to their favourite pop groups - Madonna came across loud and clear. The adults were listening to other sweet sounds specially where Ray Ross's "Carlingford Music" was going extremely fast up the hill. We all have our favourites.

The lucky draw (raffle) was after three attempts finally won by Garry, not a bad day for us all. Garry's attitude was "if you want to win, you have to buy the most tickets".

Thanks to all for a good day - nice to see you again - looking forward to Silverdale next year. And to all of you who did not come I would recommend that you do so next time.

KARIN.

SILVERDALE HILLCLIMB RESULTS.

171	Vic Andrews	Vider	40.28	FTD
35	Ray Ross	Torana XU1	40.63	
646	Visitor	Commadore	43.75	
035	Garry Bruce	Ferrari 308GTS	43.85	Class.
684	David Muir	Subaru Turbo	45.66	
166	Dennis Mitchell	Bolwell	45.67	
035	Karin Bruce	Ferrari 308GTS	45.74	Fastest Lady
364	Don McDonald	Statesman	45.75	Class
992	Ray Connaughton	Escort	45.82	Class
035	Trevor Larkey	Ferrari 308GTS	47.34	
881	Bill Gretton	BMW	47.64	
684	Jim Peters	Subaru Turbo	48.54	
850	Adrian Walker	Jaguar	48.90	
847	Visitor	Holden Ute	49.69	
477	Glen (Visitor)	Triumph TR4	50.38	
720	Jim Peters	Ford Telstar	50.60	
831	Garry McDonald	Datsun	52.27	
881	Pat Gretton	BMW	54.24	
477	Linda (Visitor)	Triumph TR4	55.73	
17	Judy Andrews	Vider	61.66	

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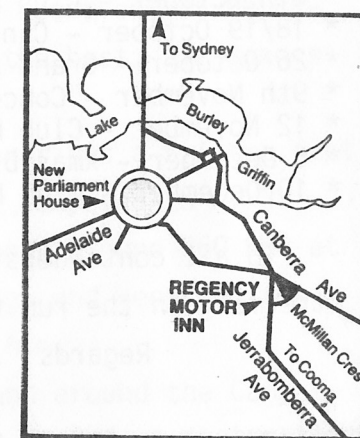
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SOCIAL POINT SCORE

As the year races away, our club members' points challenge is closely contested.

On the pole position we have the team of Lester & Debra Gough on 14 points each, followed by AVS Vic Andrews and yours truly on 13.

In third position we have Geoff Sara 12 points and joint fourth Val and Jim Peters on 11 points.

As you can see, the run to the finish on 1986 series will result in the last eight events.

- * 8th October - Club Meeting (North Ryde R.S.L.)
- * 18/19 October - Canberra Hillclimb Weekend.
- * 26 October - Grand Prix Party.
- * 9th November - Concours Picnic Day.
- * 12 November - Club Meeting (North Ryde R.S.L.)
- * 6 December - Xmas Dinner - Presentation Night.
- * 10 December - Club Meeting (North Ryde R.S.L.)

To all contenders, The Race is on!! so watch slip streaming in the run to the finish.

Regards,

DAVID MUIR.

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PAUL BUCKMASTER, franchisee of J.A. Gilmour Real Estate at Greenacre, has a burning ambition to build a kit car, and would like to hear from anyone in our Club with experience or contacts in this field.

Being in Real Estate, he has difficulty getting to our weekend events, but hopes to overcome this in the future. His other interests include family, golf and boating.

ROB McCOY and his lovely wife Elaine, are friends of Karin and I. We met Rob through the Australian Ferrari Register when Rob had an immaculate 308 GTS. But never one to be satisfied, he upgraded to one of, if not the best, 512 Boxers in Australia.

For those that don't know, a Ferrari Boxer has a 5 litre flat (opposed) 12 cylinder engine (hence 512 compared to my 3 litre 8 cylinder, or 308), which develops around 360 BHP at 6200 rpm. The acceleration is astounding, and keeps on to around 300 KPH - ask Rob when you meet him.

Rob has several business interests in and around the Campbelltown area, and is just completing a ground up restoration of a Ford GT which he likes driving for its pure GRUNT (there is no substitute for CC's).

DON McDONALD is a big man, so no small car for him. Don appeared at Bathurst for our Flying Fifth in his HDT (Holden Dealer Team) Brock prepared Statesman Magnum, where he recorded almost 200 KPH.

Don has had a long involvement with motor sport, including pedalling a Lotus Cortina with success in New Zealand, Sprints, Hill climbing and Srock Cars. He hopes to spend a

lot of time at our track events.

Don's business is importing and installation of closed circuits television systems, so if you are ever in Long Bay Gaol, he could make you a star. Besides business and cars, there is still time for his interest in thoroughbred horses and racing.

On behalf of all of our members, welcome to the TSCC.

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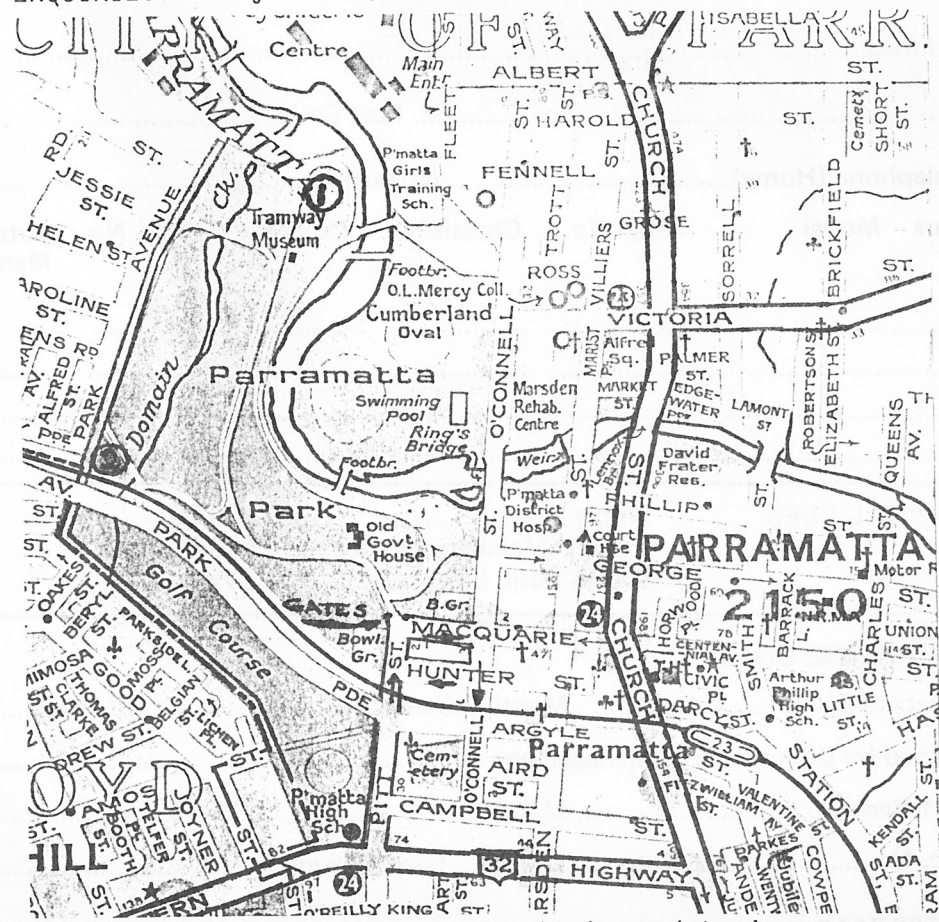
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