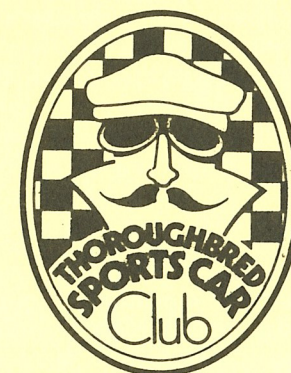




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OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

"Fostering better acquaintance and social spirit between the various owners of thoroughbred sports cars in Australia".

"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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The General Meetings of the club are held on the second Wednesday of each month, commencing at 8.00 p.m. at the Ryde RSL Club, 724 Victoria Road, RYDE

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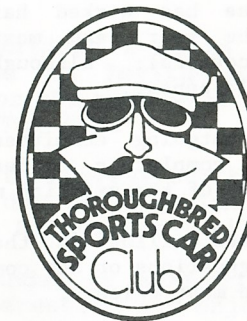
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thoroughbred sports car club

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With the year rapidly drawing to a close and the Annual Election of Officers having now taken place, it is time to look back on the Bicentennial Year and also plan for the next twelve months.

Your outgoing committee has worked hard to have a balanced programme throughout the year, and most events and social outings have been successful; although, it does appear that the same faces constantly appear.

With this in mind, the outgoing committee has come up with recommendations for a completely different format for next year, with of course some of the existing most popular events.

These proposed events were outlined in the newsletter and if you have any other suggestions or any comments for future Club Activities they would be most welcome.

I must compliment my fellow committee-people for their support and assistance throughout the year.

I would like to particularly thank our hard working editor, Val Taylor; our Competition Secretary, Vic Andrews; our Vice-President, Lester Gough; and of course, hard-working Secretary, (President elect) Adrian Walker, and, 'money-saver' Treasurer, John Burton.

The Club is in a very strong financial position to start the coming year; as a result of this, your fees for next year remain unchanged.

I would like to wish all members of the Thoroughbred Sports Car Club a happy Christmas and a prosperous 1989.

Looking forward to seeing you at the coming events.

ROLAND CLARK

Editors Note

Just a short note to all members, sorry your first magazine for the year has been so long in coming, my apologies, hopefully things will improve and we will have lots to report throughout the coming season. Also my apologies to Roland for not having used his last report of the year so I am sure you wont mind reading this along with Adrian's. Hope everyone has an enjoyable 1989.

Val Taylor

presidents prose

New Presidents Page

First, as your new President I would like to wish a happy New Year to everybody and to invite you to look at the very interesting Calendar for the year what is contained in this issue of our club magazine "Top Gear".

Secondly, I would like to express our thanks to Roland Clarke for the marvellous job he did as President. If I am able to carry out the role as well as Roland did I will be very pleased indeed.

The T.S.C.C. 1989 Calendar is shaping up to be a real beauty. There are some very interesting and enjoyable events planned both on the social and competition side and I think the new committee are to be congratulated for some of the ideas which are emerging, some as a result of Ray Ross's survey carried out in December. The Water Ski & late afternoon family BBQ day at Wisemans Ferry on Saturday 18th February is a good example.

This year Lester Gough as well as being Vice President, is our "Media Coordinator," which means he will be looking after the club VCR and taking a few photographs at events both social and sporting. Lester will also be asking for people to cover particular events by writing an article. Remember - Articles are worth points towards the Club Championship this year.

What is even more encouraging is that in talking to other people at recent events, I get the impression the club is developing a very good name or image. People speak of us as a smallish club with a very competitive spirit, some very lovely cars and interesting people.

We have a great club here, with a great bunch of people. There is a feeling of "comraderie" in this club which was lacking in some other clubs I have been involved with in the past, and I really enjoy being part of it and making whatever contribution I can to its continued success.

ADRIAN WALKER

T.S.C.C. President 1989



KING EDWARD PARK "MATTARA" HILL CLIMB

Although not a club event, an event entered by two of our members, Don in the Starion and Vic in the Viper. Both, I'm sure, would have found the experience daunting as many have before.

This was my local hill for many years and Lassie, my companion for a good few of those runs, made a trip up the hill (invariably starting on the seat while finishing on the floor) in firstly an FJ and then a Cooper 'S' as I set out to improve my driving skills.

Don managed a 52.52 for third in his class behind two XU1's. The record holder for this class on 50.97 (50.63 record) and another on 51.42.

Vic managed a 53.92 for fourth in his class.

These times compare more than favourably with my 1971 times of 56.74 (XU1) for a fourth in class behind another XU1 (55.28) GTHO (55.81) Monaro 327 (56.71). Noting that the course was shortened by 15 metres in 1974 in the interests of safety.

If you want to drive on Australia's premier hill climb, then make the trip to Newcastle. This hill is something special, not unlike the feeling brought on by driving at the now defunct Warwick Farm.

See the pictures, make the trip.

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CLUB DISPLAY DAY - NOVEMBER 6TH 1988

It was dull, overcast and raining when we woke up the morning of our Display Day - however we decided to venture out anyway and headed for the very lovely Rozelle Hospital sports Oval which is a very picturesque setting with grass, trees and rolling hills. etc.

On the way the sun came out, and stayed out for the rest of the day. Surprise! Surprise! (Thanks Lester).

Others had also braved the rain it seems, as there were quite a few people and cars there when I arrived.

As a result of advertising/PR Lester Gough organised, quite a few visitors wandered through during the course of the day. Actually it was rumoured that after the rain stopped, Lester went home and brought out his Ferrari - still it's only a rumour!

The Display Day was organised by Lester, and a nice BBQ/Picnic lunch was had around and in the Pavilion area.

Vehicles represented included John Burton's new Clubman Racing Car looking trim on trailer, new member Bruce Kennedy's beautiful red V8 powered Bolwell Convertible, Roland Clark's lovely DB4 Aston Martin, also his new Honda V6 Legend, Ray Ross's immaculate red E-type Coupe, Margaret Ross's red Honda Prelude, Michael Askar's beautiful Jaguar XJC V12 Drophead Coupe, Vic Andrew's very original red Volvo, Bill Rankin's nice E-type Jaguar softtop, Max Pegler's V8 DBS Aston Martin which we remember from Gymkhana days, Lionel Walker's beautiful red DB6 Aston Martin, Adrian Walker's red Alfa GTV, Lester Gough's lovely ice blue Ferrari 308 GTBerlinetta Coupe and cream Triumph 2000, and Don McDonald's silver Mitsubishi Starion gaily adorned with "Don's Driving School" PR material.

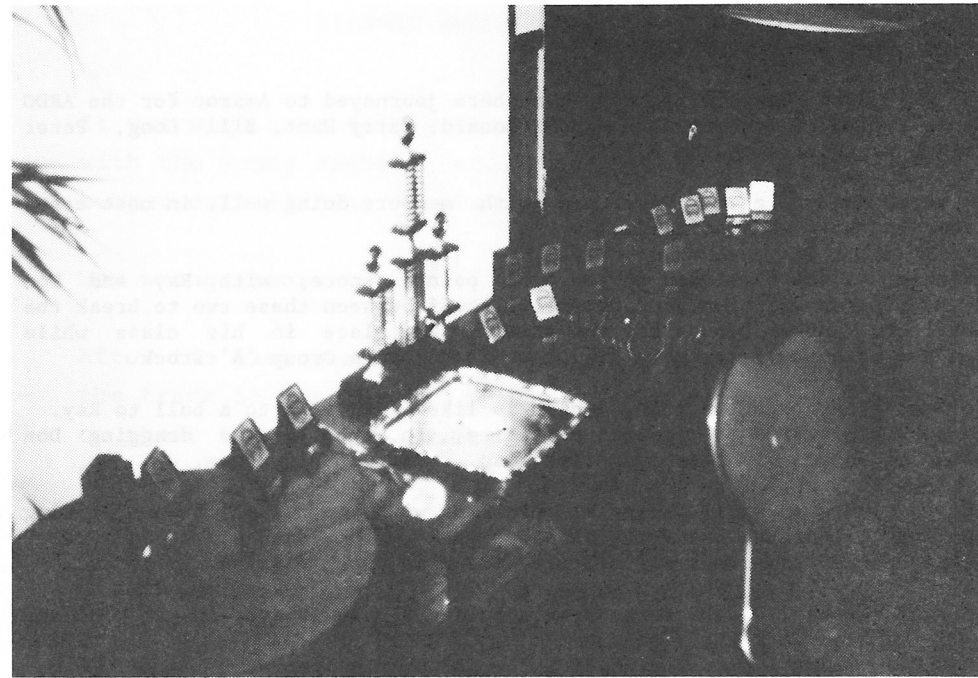
Late in the afternoon Bill Long arrived with a new acquisition - a midnight black MR2 Toyota with Turbo charged 4 valve motor.

All in all a very good display for the Club and Richard Nathan awarded best Classic of the day to Lionel's DB6, and best Modern to Margaret Ross's red Honda Prelude.

Adrian Walker



"MATTARA" HILL NEWCASTLE



TROPHY PRESENTATION & XMAS DINNER



AMAROO PARK SUPER SPRINT

On the 23rd October six of our members journeyed to Amaroo for the ARDC Super Sprint. Present were Don MacDonald, Barry Hunt, Bill Long, Peter Maggs, Ray Ross and John Burton.

A very enjoyable day was had with members doing well, in most cases recording their best ever times.

As this was the final day of the club points score, with Ray and Don even, there was plenty of daredevil stuff between these two to break the deadlock. After 9 runs Ray was still in 2nd place in his class while Don had no hope of catching his class leader in a Group 'A' Brock.

So out they went together, which is like a red flag to a bull to Ray. He duly registered his fastest ever time, in the process dragging Don along to record his best ever time also. Ray won his class.

Barry Hunt was still having his problems with the Torana while Bill Long put in a blinder to break the 62 sec. mark - on road rubber! Peter Maggs knocked 2 seconds off his previous time which pleased him no end.

Star of the day? John Burton, an unbelievable 58.98 sec. in the Clubman.

RESULTS:	Don	62.82	2nd in class
	Barry	77.54	5th in class
	Bill	61.98	3rd in class
	Peter	63.80	4th in class
	Ray	61.14	1st in class
	John	58.98	1st in class.
	F.T.D. was S. Bellar in 57.58		

Well done everyone and congratulations Ray.

VILLAGE GRAND PRIX

It was with uncertainty that I headed for Blacktown with the young Penny in tow. Visions of showground bumper cars filling my mind.

How wrong I was.

After the licensing formalities and a brief look at the track it was into it. The village cars running on their tiny Dunlop slicks and the tightness of the 1 km track making for excellent fun.

Roland was an early scratching, something to do with his inherant handicap, size I think, oh to be so lucky. It wasn't long before times in the 44 and 45 sec range were being recorded and cars were being sought (no Virginia everything isn't equal). Even the hired help were having a few runs to beat our times. They managed mid 44's albiet in any car. And so it went, much sideways and a lot of fun, that is untill one Don MacDonald arrived, late no less, and set about dropping in a low 43 sec time....

I'll say no more.

Grant Liddell

Times:	Don M.	43.78	Adrian W.	47.33
	John B.	44.25	Ray R.	47.47
	Grant L.	45.02	Michelle H.	47.47
	John H.	45.15	Clay B.	48.01
	Brendon W.	45.61	Debra G.	48.63
	Lester G.	45.67	Penny C.	52.59
	David M.	46.12	Michael R.	55.74
	Vic	46.75	Sandra	55.75

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TSCC Christmas Party and Trophy Night

December 3rd 1988

Our TSCC Annual Christmas Dinner and Trophy Presentation was held this year on Saturday December 3rd at the Camperdown Travel Lodge in Sydney.

The function was well attended and the various couples attending had a wonderful time through dinner and trophy presentations ending up with some quite interesting dancing to the mobile disco music which was provided until very late in the evening.

Some of those attending are shown in the photos in this issue of the magazine, and several couples decided to stay overnight and face the long trip home the following morning.

The room provided for us was very attractive, the dinner served was quite reasonable, and a goodly supply of wine flowed throughout the night and overall the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

A high point was the presentation of the trophies by Roland Clarke, prompted by Adrian Walker, and some members were seen surrounded by trophies on the table while others had to be content with one or two.

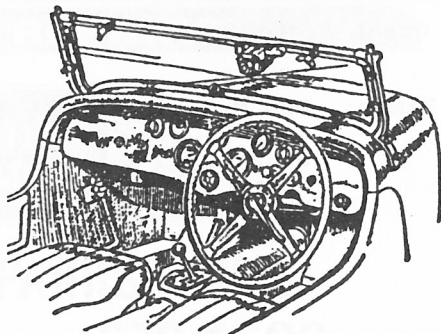
Next year Ray Ross our Social Director tells us that the venue for the Christmas Party and Trophy night will be at the Carlingford Bowling Club which is said to be "the club with the million dollar view" from the balcony overlooking the water and from all accounts it sounds fabulous.

Adrian Walker

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TRAINING DAY

Don MacDonald has a "Driver Training Day" on March 23rd at Oran Park, from 9am to 4pm. There are still a few spots available. Costs are

Full instruction Don's car	\$330.00
your car	\$160.00

If members want to try out their cars without tuition providing they adhere to the track and Don's rules \$80.00 each
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