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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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1990 Calendar

AUGUST

- Sunday 5
Oran Park - Super Sprint **(Points)**
- Wednesday 8
Club Meeting - Ryde RSL Club
- Sunday 19
North Coast Day
- Sunday 26
Amaroo Park - Super Sprint **(Points)**

SEPTEMBER

- Sunday 9
Parkes Hill Climb **(Points)**
- Wednesday 12
Club Meeting - Ryde RSL Club
- Saturday 22
Oran Park - Super Sprint **(Points)**
- Sunday 30
Bathurst Social Day

OCTOBER

- Wednesday 10
Club Meeting - Ryde RSL Club
- Sunday 21
TSCC Hill Climb - Amaroo **(Points)**

NOVEMBER

- Sunday 4
Grand Prix Social Day
- Sunday 11
Oran Park - Super Sprint **(Final Points)**
- Wednesday 14
Club Meeting - Ryde RSL Club
- Sunday 18
Club Display Day
- Sunday 25
Amaroo Park - Super Sprint

DECEMBER

- Saturday 1
Christmas Party & Trophy Night

Please confirm dates with
sporting and social secretaries



Minutes of May TSCC Meeting



Minutes of Meeting of the Thoroughbred Sports Car Club held on Wednesday July 11th, 1990 in the Cottage at the Ryde Ex-Servicemens' Memorial Club, 724 Victoria Road, Ryde.

The Meeting opened at 8.20pm

Apologies: Jim Peters and Adrian Walker

Correspondence: Lester handed around for members to read.

Minutes: As Adrian was on holidays there were no minutes available, Adrian to read at next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Max handed around a half-yearly report for all members to read.

Sporting Report: Vic reported that Ray Ross achieved fastest time of the day at Amaroo Park on 24th June, with Lester a first in Type 1 at Oran Park on 1st July. The trip to Parkes was discussed and Vic was to get more information for the next meeting. Hill Climb on 21st October needs approximately 40 competitors

to break even on the day.

Social Report:

Stephanie thanked every-one for their attendance at the Vinegar Hill Woolshed night and spoke on the next event, North Coast trip on the 19th August.

Editor's Report: Penny asked for articles for the next magazine to be in by the 1st August.

General Business:

A committee meeting was called for the 25th July to be held at Penny's at 8 pm.

As there was nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Val MacDonald

(Thanks to Val for taking the minutes of the meeting and writing this report while Adrian was on holidays.)



PRESIDENT'S R E P O R T

Dear Members,

I would like to thank Stephanie for organising the night out at the Vinegar Hill Woolshed. For those of you who could not attend, you really missed an enjoyable time.

A committee meeting was held on the 25th July, resulting in a couple of changes/decisions to the remainder of the 1990 calendar. I do hope this will not affect members who might have made any prior arrangements. Briefly they are:

- **9 September**
Parkes Hillclimb
(see sporting report)

- **29/30 September**
Bathurst Weekend

Sat 29 - Any member who wishes to go to the Mount for Saturday's Practice, contact John Burton or myself.

Sun 30 - All members are invited to Adrian Walker's

- **18 November**
Club Display Day
A possible new venue

- **25 November**
Super Sprint at Amaroo Park has been cancelled, due to closeness to the Trophy Night.

- **1 December**
Christmas Party and Trophy Night will be held at Roland and Stephanie Clark's home

Adrian Walker has advised that CAMS is requesting members of all CAMS Affiliated Clubs to complete a questionnaire (see forms enclosed).

For any queries concerning the Club's organisation/activities, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Lester



FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Folks,

I can't believe how quickly magazine time comes around!

Lots of good articles this month - thanks everyone. I would also like to thank my sub-editor, proof-reader, "tit-bit" writer, collator and folder - Grant Liddell. It would be a difficult job without his help.

What I do need though is photos! As you can see this month's magazine is lacking - as in none! I haven't replaced my camera yet - so I need your photos please.

We have been invited to take part in the Motor Sport Officials Association 1990 Motor Sport Trivia Challenge. I was speaking with Tony Burrows who is organising this event and said last year's was a lot of fun with approximately 85 people attending. The questions are varied and you have so many seconds to answer. There will also be "Who am I" type questions for individual prizes during the evening. Call me soon and let me

know if you can come - details on Page 9.

I have organised a speaker from The Motor Sport Officials Association for our September 12 Club meeting, so we can hear about motor sport from their point-of-view - should be interesting.

The meetings have been really good lately - not large, but there's been a lot of energy and positive input. We have had speakers, videos and of course always a raffle. We had a committee meeting at my place which was very well attended and lots of points were covered (see President's Report).

See you at the next meeting,

Penny

Money Matters



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Payments to date	2389.41
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CAMS	55.00
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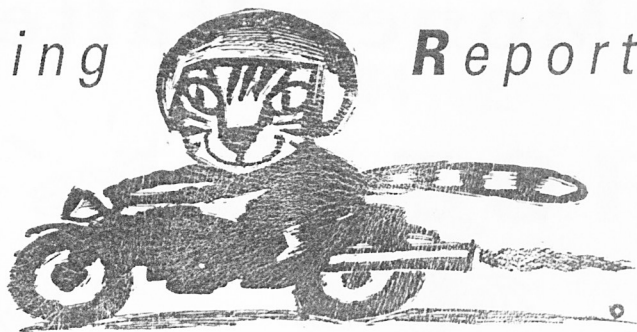
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Miscellaneous	199.31
	2389.41

Plus there is a fixed deposit of \$1,000

Report from Max Peggler

Sporting Report



COMING EVENTS

August 5 - point score event

Oran Park

Grand Prix Full Circuit
with

Alfa Romeo Owners Club

(Check before entering as this event
was filling fast)



September 9 - point score event

Parkes Hillclimb and social weekend

- Date changed to suit our calendar.
- A venue suitable for road and race cars with plenty of open ground around the track.
- Plenty of runs possible
- Enter on the day.
- Parkes approx 5 hours drive from Sydney (360KM)
- Accommodation is available at the Spanish Hill, Lantern Motor Inn, Peak Hill Road (Newell Highway) which is handy to the Golden Bar Hillclimb. Phone 068) 62 3388 at \$44 a double - 10% discount
- Please contact me if you are interested in coming along

▼ This is *our* day! ▼

October 21 - point score event

TSCC Hillclimb Day

Amaroo Park

Sporting and Social Day

We need plenty of support for this event, so if not competing, please come along and lend a hand.

POINTSCORE

Lester Gough.....	71
Ray Ross.....	42
Don MacDonald.....	24
Adrian Walker.....	21
Vic Andrews.....	16
Gary MacDonald.....	12
Brian Wilshire.....	12
Dave Muir.....	10
Angus MacDonald.....	9
Penny Creighton.....	5
Chris Jackson.....	2

• Vic Andrews •



1990 MOTOR SPORT TRIVIA CHALLENGE

?

- Do you know a lot about motor sport and motoring?
- Who won Bathurst in 1969 or when the first car was built?

If you do then this is for YOU!

Come along and enjoy a night of frivolity and entertainment where you can go home a winner. At last years event the *Holden Sporting Car Club* narrowly defeated a team from *Racing Car News* for line honours in the **Motor Sport Trivia Challenge**.

Date: Saturday, 25th August

Time: 7.30 pm

Place: Greyhound Social Club, Rookwood Road, Yagoona

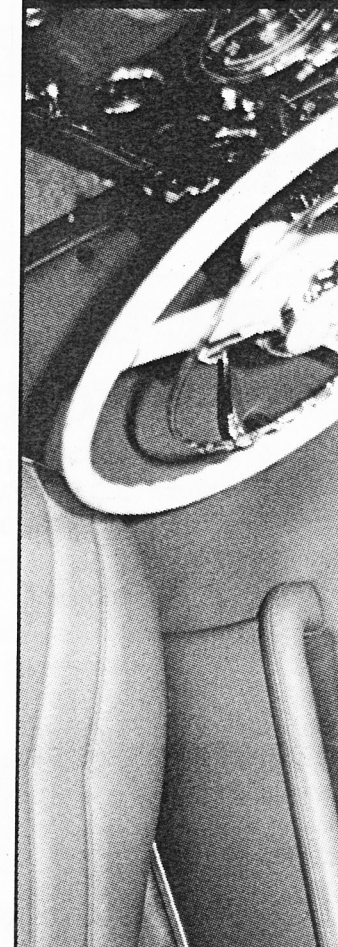
Cost: \$7.00 per head (Includes snacks - there is a bistro there if you want to have dinner) Pay for drinks.

Bookings: Need from 6 to 10 people to fill a table (can book more than one table)

Enquiries: Phone Penny on 499 2102 (h) or 264 8403 (w). I will need the \$7 by Fri 17 Aug. (Next meeting would be convenient - Wed 8 Aug)

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Social Secretary

COMING EVENTS

North Coast Day

Sunday 19th August

More on our "North Coast Day Trip"

An 8.45am start at Vicar of Wakefield Hotel, New Line Road, Round Corner, Dural.

Meeting up at Wollombi (refer to July Newsletter) for Devonshire Tea at "Alice's Restaurant" (049) 98 3204
Cost \$4.00

Due to the unavailability of courts at Wollombi, tennis has been booked at Cessnock Tennis Club (Aberdare Road, Cessnock (049) 90 1597) where we have two courts for two hours at \$5.00 a court per hr. One other court can be booked, depending on the number of McEnroe's that turn up on the day.

For those non-tennis buffs, we can leave you at quaint Wollombi or lose you on the way at O'Neill's where jazz is playing from 12.00 to 4.00 pm

or talking to wine consultants.
Lunch has been booked for 2.00 pm at O'Neill's, where everyone can partake of the Char Grill and salads. (approx. cost \$12.00 for steak)

Here's to a good day on Sunday, 19th August.



Coming Events

Not that I want to wish the year away but our final social events are drawing near.

Remember

Bathurst Social Day - Sun, 30 Sept
Grand Prix Viewing - Sun, 4 Nov
Christmas Party - Sat, 1 Dec

More to come on these events in September Newsletter.

Stephanie



Can't be beat

What has 70 legs, 70 eyes, eats roots and leaves, dances itself into a frenzy, then flops down exhausted?

Send your S.A.E. together with \$100 entry fee to the author of this article - 1st prize: dinner with the author!

To encourage your entries you may mark your answer:

"A" Dave after a few noggins, or
"B" 35 T.S.C.C. Party animals

Yes Sirreee it was a routin, tootin, hollerin time at the Woolshed as we kicked up a ruckus.

Must have been 300 - 400 people in the shed - yes, it is a huge shed, with at least half that number on the dance floor at once stomping to the live bush band. (Thank goodness they were! - editor)

The Woolshed Dance

"Spin to the right and take your partner and do-see-do" - the pace was fast and incessant and crowded.

Great fun, much shouting from the T.S.C.C. animals in the soldiers V convicts shouting contest.

The food was mountainous - not delicious or petite but mountainous - good value.

So doing a Leo Schofield - Out of 10 points:

Ambience	10
Food	7
Band	10
Service	7

An excellent score and on the Richter scale of excitement, that places it smack between eating a cheese burger at McDonalds and being in a chariot driven by Ben Hur in an earthquake.

A definite great night and a repeat for next year. Great to see 35 faces.

Regards Leonard

AMAROO PARK - SUPER SPRINT

3 June 1990 - Alfa Romeo Owners Club

Mark 1

The day started well enough being bright and fine, the last rain falling on Friday 1st, two days beforehand. The first ominous sign occurred at the main gate when I was informed by the usual gatekeeper that my \$50 entry fee did not include the usual two entry tickets and I had to pay a further entry fee for son Michael. "Not impressed" I protested, "1st time in 16 years" as I parted with my money.

The second sign was when "Little Henry" wouldn't start. Using Jim Peter's car as a battery charger, we finally kicked some life into the engine and proceeded to scrutineering where I learned that the organising club, Alfa, had sprung another surprise on us. It was to be an observed practice day which takes about 1½ to 2 hours out of our supersprint time. Sign number three!

Sign number four was a beauty! After driving out onto the track I found that "Little Henry" had suddenly developed an in-built rev-limiter at 4000 revs exactly, which wasn't a lot of fun as I usually change gear at 6300. It does give you a lot of time to look around however. I was able to wave to all the flag marshals and take both hands off the wheel to wave to Chris and Joan Johnston when they came out for a visit. You see I had just spent \$150 on a carby overhaul by a Weber recommended "expert" at Hornsby and "Little Henry" and I decided, after long consultations with the

Thoroughbred pit crew, it would probably be better if he saw out the rest of the day residing on the trailer.

That done, I wandered around the pit area to see how the rest of our team were faring. I found **Adrian** down near the main straight corner in the company of the **Wilshires**, another two visitors for the day. Adrian confided to me that he wasn't running because he had little end problems (rather than big end). Don't ask me girls, you had better check with Adrian.

"Ripple Strip" **Lester** was out there having a lovely time in his Cortina, winning his class once again. It is amazing how fast those Type 1 Electronic ignition Cortinas can go, right Lester? Lester's best time was 67.22, almost 2 secs. ahead of his opposition.

Our other two competitors were **Dave Muir** and **Vic Andrews**. Vic's car was sounding pretty good as he blew me away going up the hill and his best time was 62.59. Dave was out for his second run in his formula Ford and he got down to a 66.54 before a mystery oil pump problem sidelined him.

Later in the day, Lester broke a distributor drive and it turned out that Vic was the only one of our five starters to come through the day unscathed. Ominous signs indeed.

Ray Ross

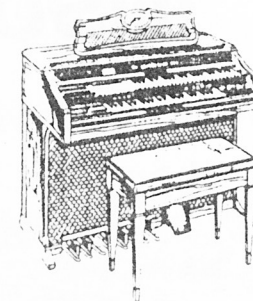
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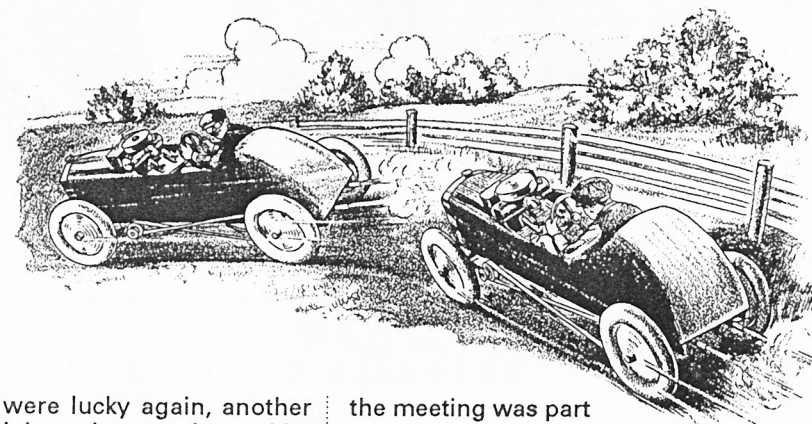
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AMAROO PARK - SUPER SPRINT

24 June 1990 - ARDC

▼
Mark 2



We were lucky again, another bright and sunny day and by way of contrast there were no tickets at all as the gatekeeper informed me that the secretary of the meeting had slept in!

So down we rolled to the pits to unload and (wonder of wonders) "Little Henry" roared into instant life. This was as it should be as I had taken him to see another expert named Mick at Wayne Jones Dynatune in Parramatta who, after a lot of searching, found that our other "expert" had placed a jet upside down in the carby. That girls, could be compared with turning on the tap to add more water to the washing machine and watching it running out of the drain hose at the same time. Well at least I *tried* to explain it!

Only three of us entered this meeting and although the field wasn't large, there were some very quick cars as

the meeting was part of a speed event series.

Lester and **Adrian** had a few runs together and although Lester didn't win his class for a change, he came 3rd instead. His fastest official time was 68.42. Not as fast as his last outing, but less than half a second behind it. Adrian finished 4th in his class with a 66.86, having to give way to a Charger and two H.D.T. Commodores, which put down times I thought were exceptional for Type 1.

As for "Little Henry" and I, we were a bit lucky as our main opposition broke a rear strut on his second outing which allowed us to get away with an **F.T.D.** with fastest official time of 57.48.

As far as I am aware there were no breakages or incidents with any of our cars. May it always be thus...

Ray Ross

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Adrian Walker

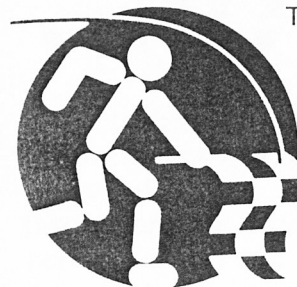
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Oran Park Super Sprint

1 July 1990



The seventh
sporting
event of
the year
was the
NSW
Road
Racing
Club
Super

Sprint which again was attended
only by myself and Pam.

The Cortina GT has been
running faultlessly barring a
stripped disy gear (Amaroo June
3). Although I stripped the gear
at 7,800 rpm, I still won the
class.

Believe it or not, on my third run
(Oran Park, July 1), the
alternator disintegrated at 7,800
rpm on the dog leg, again still
winning the class.

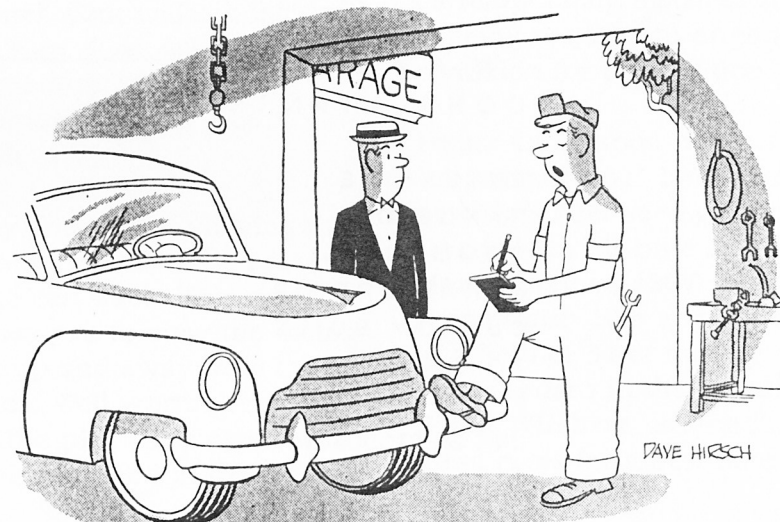
Disconnecting the alternator and
using 3 electrical ties to drive
the water pump, I drove home
without a hiccup.

My best time (on my third run)
was 58.3, 0.5 seconds quicker
than my best ever time.

F.T.D. was 47.3 by D. Sanders in
a Sceptre.

Come on all you budding racing
car drivers, how about some
competition.

Lester



DAVE HIRSCH

"— then there's four days' storage while we worked on it . . ."



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Good to here the Gibb's boy, **Jason** is recovering well after a bout of illness. Terry recons Jason's energy is coming back very quickly! Back to school soon, eh?

Oran Park, June 15 saw **Gary MacDonald** give the Commodore an outing, with a qualifying time of 1:27:13. Gary was 2 seconds off the pace and on grid position 18. The initial 5 lapper went without incident with Tony Scott winning in the Commodore. The 12 lap championship race was excellent.

Penny and myself viewing this and other races in the area near the go cart track. This area enables you to view the racing close up and away from the crowds. Well worth the walk from the pits. Gary drove well to finish 9th and in the

money/points for the first time
at this level.

Rumour has it Brock and a number of other Group A drivers are looking to drive production cars at Winton on November 25. This class certainly has a lot going for it with a number of good races to come during the next 12 months with possibly 12 hours at Bathurst.

Good to see **Jim Peters** at this meeting supporting the formula libra class through DANZAS Freight Forwarders which Jim manages. Jim tells me he has purchased a 1974 Birrana (Aboriginal for throwing stick!) historic racing car - Group Q. A Holbay Ford engine is currently being installed and it is being restored to original condition for competition.

Penny looks upon her trusty "trophy-winning" 120Y through new eyes after seeing Shawn Donnelly in his blue and pink Mazda engined 120Y sports sedan finish 10th and then 8th in a field of 34 of the top sports sedans in the country. **Brian Wilshire** ran the Fiat in these races for a best time of 1:21:93.

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TIT BITS CONTINUED



The **TVR** is moving to the *big* shed as it is now hoped to finish this project quickly to enable us to run to Adelaide in the pre Grand Prix rally.

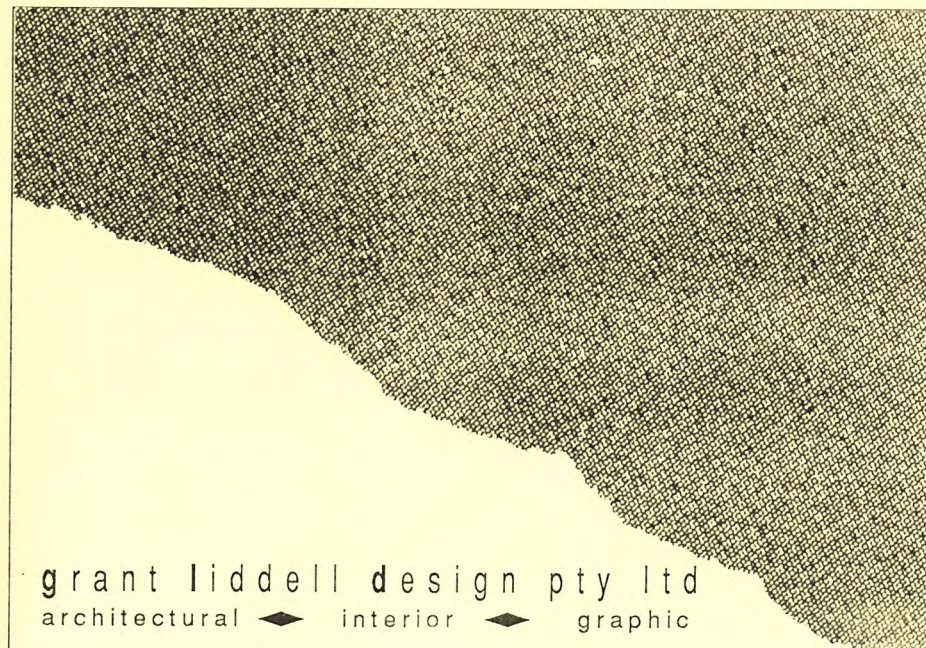


Sunday 22nd July saw **John Burton** and **Kevin Leggott** at Winton Raceway competing in the Sports 1300 Nationals, with 18 cars entered from NSW and VIC. The weather was unpredictable with wet and dry conditions all day. John started on grid position 11 and

finished 6th with a fastest lap time of 63.63 being 4th fastest. Kevin started 12 on the grid and finished 13th with his fastest lap being 68.18 (at this very moment as I type this article, Kevin is rebuilding another motor as the engine is getting a *bit* tired). Times ranged from 61.08 to 79.96 over the field of 18 cars.



Les Johnson arrived at the last meeting with a wheel - no one wheel should be *so big* and brakes destined for his GT40 replica, along with much literature of interest concerning these cars. More will follow as this seems a very interesting project.



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