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OF THE
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SPORTS CAR CLUB



thoroughbred sports car club

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"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 are held on the second Wednesday of each month, commencing at 8.00 pm at the Ryde RSL Club, 724 Victoria Road, Ryde.

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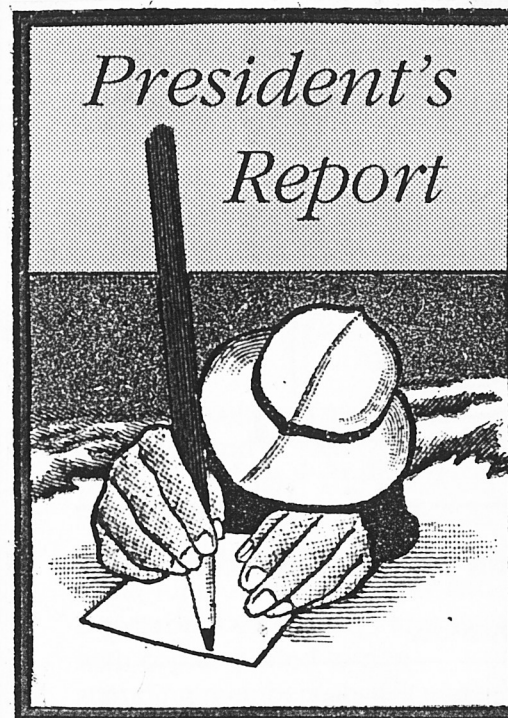
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Dear Members,

Having been elected your President for 1990 I would like to welcome you to the nineties and hope the next decade will treat you well.

Out-going President, Adrian Walker and his committee, did an excellent job in 1989 producing an interesting and varied calendar of events and outings which were enjoyed by all who participated. Thank you all for your time and dedication. I believe if the new committee can come up with a similar program,

1990 should be another good year for the members.

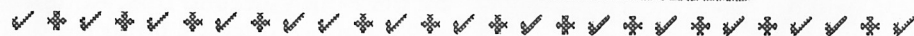
Of concern to the club, at the moment, is the lack of new members. This year it is intended to have a strong membership drive to try and lift membership to 50 or 60 and to encourage active participation by these new members at club events, functions etc.

By the time you read this, Adrian will have organised a letter drop at the January Historic Car Meeting at Amaroo and a 'new members' BBQ will have been held at my place to get to know people who may have joined the club in the past 12 months.

The first of our events this year are listed elsewhere in this magazine and you will be prompted throughout the year by 'flyers' from our new Editor, Penny Creighton. Please try and attend. If you have any youngsters, remember that they can participate in closed Motorcross events from the age of 12 years and speed events, under certain rules, before having their driving licence. Bring them along, it will make them a safer driver and give you less sleepless nights.

See you at the next meeting.
Don MacDonald

Money Matters



1989 Source and Application of Funds Statement

Inflow	\$	Outflow	\$
Subscriptions	905	Cams Licences	170
Cams Licences	170	Affiliations	36
Regalia Sales	7	Annual Sub	235
Interest	130	Amaroo Hill Climb Permit	348
Functions (after costs)	1608		
Advertising	176	Sub Total	789
Raffles	301		
Sporting	1129	Magazine	431
Reduction in Bank Account	34	Functions	1642
Total	4460	Postage	207
		Sporting	1095
		Bank Fees plus Government Charges	44
		Rent	110
		P.O. Box Rental/Transfer	50
		Miscellaneous	62
		Total	4430

From the editor



Well, here is the first of what I hope by the end of the year will be a completely new look magazine.

The first magazine will be produced and posted by the first week in February. The following magazines will be produced and delivered by hand to those at the April, June, August, October and December (Xmas Party) meetings with copies posted to non-attending members shortly after. News sheets will be produced on alternate months.

The design and typesetting of the magazine being carried out by myself on an Apple Macintosh computer with laser print master copy with the kind co-operation of Michael Davies of Davies, Davies Design.

A membership form is enclosed as subs are now due. After this issue the magazine will only be sent to financial members.

I would like to thank Val MacDonald who has been editor

for the past two years and congratulate her on her efforts. I'm just beginning to realise how much is involved.

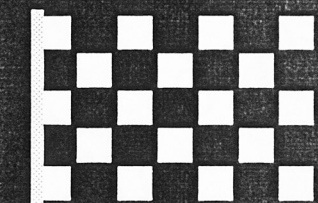
If we all contribute and participate in the club, I know the year will be a rewarding one.

I'm counting on you all to help me put this magazine together by sending me articles, photographs, snippets of information, jokes or anything you think will be of interest.

Looking forward to hearing from you throughout 1990.

Penny Creighton

Remember there is a point given for articles submitted to the magazine up to a maximum of five points.



Training Day



Figure

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Oran Park

Sunday

25th February

Improve your driving using
your own vehicle
(special car not necessary)

Entry \$20
plus \$10 for second driver in the
same car.

Bring the family for a picnic.
No alcohol allowed.

Instructors will include: John
Stevens, Ernie Vallance, Mike
Gunnell, Dave Davies, Richard
Rose, Dick Everett, Malcolm Smith
and Don MacDonald.

Morning: Witches hat work (in
motorkhana style)
Afternoon: Braking and cornering

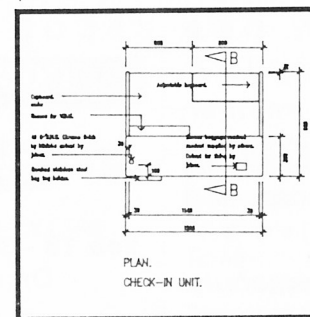
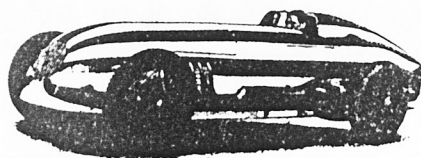
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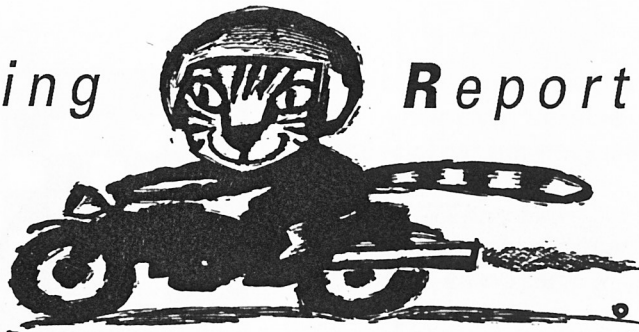
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Sporting Report



For the highly competitive TSCC sporting fraternity - another action-packed year ahead for those who feel a need for speed.

This year's calendar hopefully should be finalised by the February meeting with Oran Park and Amaroo Super Sprints, Social Hill Climb Weekend, option Dirt Circuit, Driver Training and Motorkhana events.

COMING EVENTS

Feb 04 - 1st point score event
Amaroo Main ARDC



Feb 18 - 2nd point score event
Oran Park NSW RRC



Feb 25
Driver Training Day
(Refer to page 6)



Entry forms are available. If I've missed you, please contact me.
Vic Andrews

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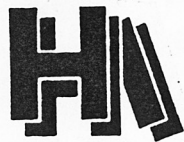
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Social Secretary



Let me introduce myself. My name is Stephanie

Clark and I'm your new Social Secretary for 1990, taking over from Ray Ross (a very hard act to follow) but my Committee and I will give it a go!!

We've got a little bit of the old, and a little bit of the new. But, we NEED YOU, as a Club Member, to make our planned activities successful.

Included in this issue of the magazine is a 'mini-calendar' with a run down of social events for the year. Not all dates have been finalised as we have

to see how the sporting calendar shapes up.

As well, in each issue of the magazine, I will give a more detailed account of the events that are coming up each couple of months.

This magazine has details of our planned water ski day (Saturday, 3rd March) and our planned Eucumbene Weekend (last day of March, first day of April).

Do hope to see you there.



Stephanie Clark

Social Activities for 1990

MINI CALENDAR



Water Skiing & Picnic Day

March 3

Carinya Ski Ranch

Take the car out of its dust-sheet, bring the kids, and enjoy all-day activities with skiing, swimming, chatting, eating...

Eucumbene Weekend

March 31 - April 1

Eucumbene Lodge

A chance to give the car a run. Back to nature weekend with bush walking, trout fishing, boating, barbeques. Lots of wildlife!

President's Mystery Run

May (will advise)

To who knows where???

Keep watching the magazine for details of this mysterious drive!

Night Out

June (will advise)

Will let you know venue

Feeling a bit cold?

Kick your heels up, eat up a storm,

Hill Climb

August (will advise)

Details not yet at hand

Central Coast Day

August 26

Moffatt's Oyster Barn & Tea Gardens

A day of eating, relaxing, odd game of tennis, easy driving.

Bathurst Social Day

October (will advise)

Venue to be announced

Here's a chance to watch the race, cheer on your favourite, while talking, eating, relaxing.

Motorkhana

(will advise)

Bring the car, bring the kids, bring your friends. A chance to test your driving skills, race the clock, enjoy!

Grand Prix Social Day

November (will advise)

If we can do it for Bathurst, we can do it for Adelaide!!!!

'Adelaide Alive' - all in the comfort of....

Club Display Day

(will advise)

Take off that dust sheet, wash the car, polish the chrome work, clean the windows... let's admire your pride and joy.

Christmas Party

December 3

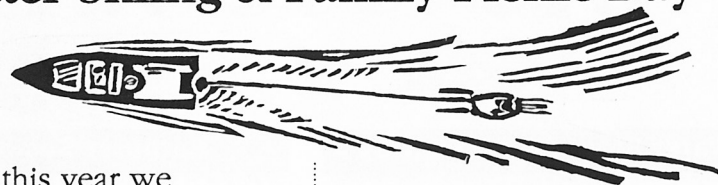
Will let you know venue

Something a bit different this year - a fitting finale to the year, presentation of trophies.

Take a break - you've earned it

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Enjoy your own Christmas, see you next year at the first social outing for 1991.

Water Skiing & Family Picnic Day

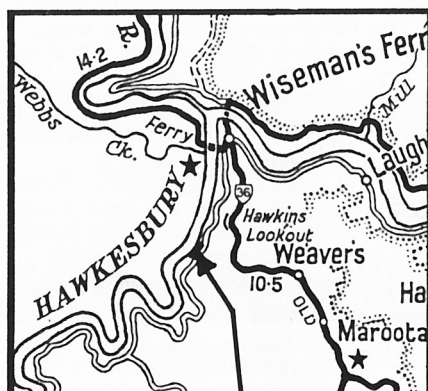


Again this year we have two boats. So bring the kids, swimming gear, friends, food, drinking requirements for a fun-packed day on the river, extending into the calm of the evening with a social get-together.

Even if you're not a skier, come along for the ride, exchange a few pleasantries, down a few, relax in peaceful surroundings, and while away a few hours into the evening, enjoying a barbeque (BYO meat) in a true Thoroughbred Style.

Ring me and let me know numbers as soon as possible on 899 1205 (Roland, Stephanie Clark).

(If in doubt about the weather on the day, contact me regarding the water skiing. If there's no answer, assume we've gone, and we'll see you there).



Date Saturday, 3rd March

Venue Carinya Ski Ranch
(refer map)

Time 10 am onwards for skiing,
6 pm dinner

Cost \$2 entry to park \$10 skiers
(\$5 child)

Please note there are no dogs allowed in the park.



Lake Eucumbene Weekend



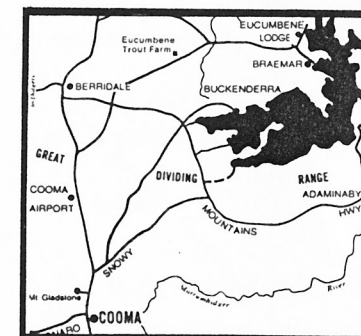
The snow holiday you have when there's no snow!!!

A weekend back to nature. Enjoy trout fishing (BYO rod), bush walking, wild life, boating and beautiful scenery of the Snowy Mountains. (You can make it what you want in this rustic environment).

Rooms have 2 single beds with extra beds available for children. There is a common lounge with open fire, outdoor barbeque area and a common kitchen area. It is BYO food and drinks with everything else supplied. When I know numbers I will get back to you with catering arrangements. Any gourmet chefs among us?? any barbeque whizzes?? With any luck we'll be eating barbequed trout!!

Numbers are limited, so phone now! Will need deposits by next meeting (14 Feb).

Phone 899 1205 Roland & Stephanie Clark to secure your place in this enjoyable weekend. (Roads are excellent all the way)



Date Saturday, 31st March - Sunday, 1st April

Venue Eucumbene Lodge
(064) 56 8809
(refer map)

Time 7 am prompt start
(Ampol garage before the Cross-roads, south of Liverpool)

Cost \$40 double per night
\$10 child

\$20 deposit required

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Club member Gary MacDonald chose the Street Sedan Racing Association's race meeting at Amaroo Park to give the Starion its final fling for the year. The Starion up until the week prior being in the panel shop following a coming together with an Oran Park wall.

Still, with a few hours work the roll cage was replaced, a new steering wheel and tyres were fitted and with father Don's expert panel beating and spray painting to finish it off, the beast was ready, sort of.

Practise on the Saturday saw the new tyres shed copious amounts of rubber so another set was fitted and it was off to Liverpool to have them, ahem, buffed.

Many hours later, filled with playing pool, having a few beers and pizza at Liverpool, in between trying to make contact with BRM, it was discovered that the phone number being rung was wrong, so the tyres remained fully treaded. This was a problem during Sunday morning's qualifying. So much so that the chunked tyres were replaced on the rims albeit reversed just in time for Gary's first 10 lapper.

Starting from seventh on the grid and finishing third was the result after a fine drive and with a little help from

a spinning Dave Sherwood in the V8 Commodore.

The other event entered consisted of two separate six lap races, results to be combined. Being driven by, in the first instant, a celebrity (old driver) Don MacDonald doing the honours and showing from third place on the grid how to get away quickly. He led over Bitupave and stayed in front to the line.

Gary not be out done, backed him up with a first in the second leg from the same grid position. Overall first going to the MacDonalds.

All in all a tiring week followed by some excellent racing.

Grant Liddell

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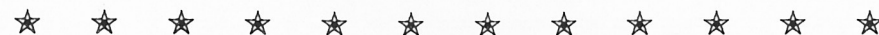
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Annual Xmas Dinner



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me that it was a very pleasant evening and the view out over the city
was very pleasing to the eye instead of just a brick wall.*

*The evening was very very warm but as there was a lovely balcony
off the room everyone throughout the evening was able to stand
outside to cool off after doing too much leaping around the room to
the sounds of Dave's disco.*

Congratulations to all our trophy winners, well done.

Val MacDonald

Gary MacDonald

Competition Champion

John Burton

Competition Champion Open
Category and Second outright

Adrian Walker

Club Person for the Year

Ray Ross

Amaroo Hill Climb FTD - 23.27

Gary MacDonald

Amaroo Hill Climb - Type 1 over
3000 - 25.95

David Symonds

Amaroo Hill Climb
Type 1 under 1600 - 25.91

Ken Powell

Amaroo Hill Climb
Type 1 1600-2000 - 26.43

Michelle Kaya

Amaroo Hill Climb
Ladies winner - 29.93

Don MacDonald

Motorkhana Champion

Penny Creighton

Motorkhana - Ladies Winner

Stephanie Clark

Annual Display Champion
MGB Roadster

Margaret Ross

Annual Display Modern Category
Honda Legend

Gary MacDonald

Spectacular Award

John Hudson

Most Improved New Driver

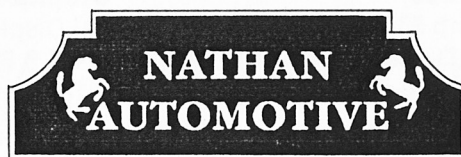
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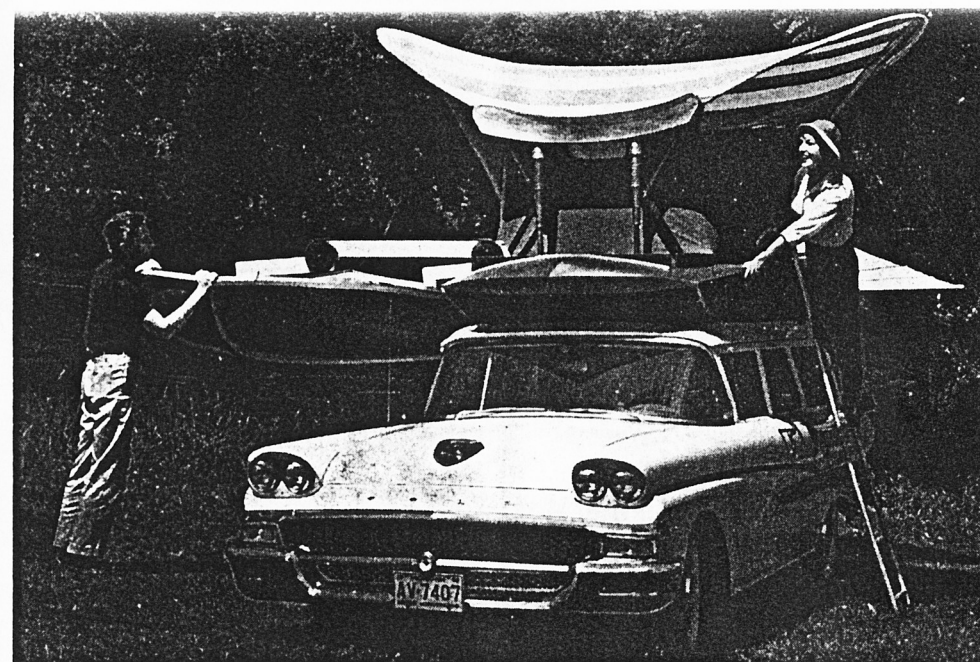
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TIT BITS

▼
President Don has taken delivery of a Nissan Skyline Silhouette GTS II with the early model GTS falling into the hands of Angus.

▼
Still in the MacDonald family, Gary should have taken delivery of a Commodore V6 S in time for Les Small to prepare it for the first race of the Group E Series at Amaroo Park on February 25. Be there. I will keep members informed as Gary intends to compete in this series.

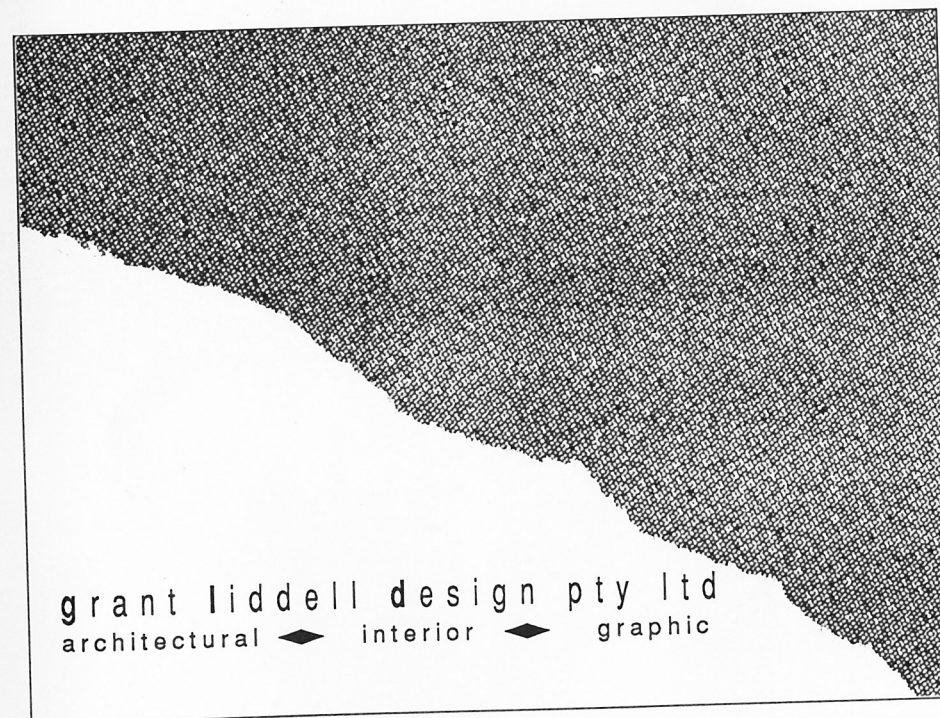
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Look for a new add in the next magazine, rumour has it that a club member has bought into a tuning business.
No guessing who...

STOP PRESS

Due to inclement weather, the new members barbeque (Saturday, Feb 3) and Amaroo Park Super Sprint (Sunday, Feb 4) were both cancelled.

STOP STOP PRESS

Amaroo Park Super Sprint is now scheduled for **February 13.**



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thoroughbred sports car club

Dear Member,

Please fill in the attached renewal form as subscriptions are due at the end of February.

This will also ensure you are on our mailing list for 1990.



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