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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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President's Report



Dear Members,

Many thanks again to Jim Peters and to the owners of the cars which were displayed at the 10th Anniversary Dinner.

I would also like to make special mention in respect of two companies whose generosity on the night was well received. Firstly, The Motoring Book Shop of 154-156 Clarence Street in the city who donated a fabulous Ferrari print, which was won by Ray Ross. Secondly, Model

Cars Australia of 360 Kent Street in the city donated an exceptional model of a Ferrari Testarossa which was won by Lionel Walker. Congratulations guys.

I trust that members take note of the aforementioned companies when looking for motoring books or that special model car to purchase.

Congratulations to Les Johnson and Margaret Ross for their success at the Annual Display Day. Also to all the members who attended, this making the display day a great success.

Future dates to keep in mind are the Motorkhana, Sunday 5th May and the Winery Flight, Suday (I mean Sunday - sorry Editor) 26th May.

For more information on these events please see the Social Report on page 13. If you have any queries concerning the club's activities please do not hesitate to contact Jim Peters or myself.

Safe and happy motoring,

Lester.

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January	9	Club meeting - Ryde RSL
February	3 13	Oran Park South Circuit - Super Sprint NSW RRC Club meeting - Ryde RSL
March	13 24	Back to TSCC Dinner. Special opening dinner to celebrate 10th Anniversary of the club. All members, both past and present to be invited. Venue: Special function room, Rosehill Race Course. Includes car display. Club meeting - Ryde RSL Concourse - Club display day set in parkland at Lane Cove, a family picnic combined with the opportunity for members to display their "special" cars.
April	10 20	Oran Park South Circuit - Super Sprint NSW RRC Club meeting - Ryde RSL Woolshed Dance. An opportunity to turn back the clock and enjoy some "participation" with down home folks.
Мау	5 8 11 26	Motorkhana - Fiat ground, Richmond. A family picnic day with a little action on the side. Club meeting - Ryde RSL Oran Park South Circuit - A Saturday Lap dash with Volvo Sporting Club DC3 Australia - Winery flight, up up and away in a beautiful DC3, fly to the Hunter Valley, enjoy a luncheon, and home again.
June	9 12 16	Oran Park South Circuit - Super Sprint ARDC Club meeting - Ryde RSL Amaroo Main Circuit - Super Sprint ARDC

July Christmas in July. Observation run - Katoomba. A brisk early Saturday start following devious clues, hopefully will lead us to a hot dinner with a little wine as snow falls. Then a slow gentle return on Sunday. Club meeting - Ryde RSL 10 Oran Park South Circuit - Super Sprint NSW RRC August Mystery Weekend. This exciting trip cannot be 10 & 11 revealed at this time (by order of the social secretary) Club meeting - Ryde RSL 14 Amaroo Main Circuit - Super Sprint ARDC Huntley Hill Climb & Barbecue. Our major family day September 8 with a monster barbecue by "El Presidente". A must. Club meeting - Ryde RSL Oran Park South Circuit - A Saturday meeting with Volvo Sporting Club. October Bathurst 1000 social day. A relaxing day at the home of Bob and Jenny Smith, television coverage for the fans and chat for the balance. Club meeting - Ryde RSL Motorkhana - Fiat ground Richmond. A family picnic day with a little action on the side. (Very popular!) Australian Grand Prix Day. Another television November 3 extravaganza. Club meeting - Ryde RSL 13 Amaroo Main Circuit - Super Sprint ARDC Oran Park South Circuit - Super Sprint NSW RRC December 8 Club meeting - Ryde RSL Christmas Dinner - 10th Anniversary. A very special function to celebrate 10 years of the TSCC, location under negotiation.

Minutes of March TSCC Meeting

Minutes of Meeting of the Thoroughbred Sports Car Club held on Wednesday March 13th, 1991 in the Cottage at the Ryde Ex-Servicemens' Memorial Club, 724 Victoria Road, Ryde.

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The Meeting opened at 8.15pm with President Lester Gough in the chair.

Apologies: Penny Creighton, Grant Liddell and Vic Andrews.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were read by TSCC Secretary Adrian Walker. Moved they be accepted: Max Pegler; seconded: Lester Gough.

Correspondence: TSCC Secretary Adrian Walker tabled correspondence received since last meeting, which included the latest CAMS report and minutes of a recent CAMS State Council meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Max Pegler reported on the club's financial position; not totally up to date yet after Rosehill function. Full report next meeting.

Sporting Report: Competition secretary Vic Andrews was absent so Lester Gough gave a review of recent competition events and spoke about future events.

Held: Successful Oran Park meeting Feb 3rd attended by several TSCC members including Les Johnson in a beautiful red Aston Martin V8; Adrian Walker in the green Jag; Lester Gough in his Cortina GT; Dave Muir in his Formula Ford.

Upcoming: April 7th, Oran Park event with NSWRRC promises to be a good event; May 5th, Motorkhana/family picnic day; May 11, Saturday at Oran Park with Volvo club who make TSCC people feel most welcome.

Social Report: Social Director Jim Peters spoke about recent Social events and spoke about future events which sound great.

Held: The "Back to TSCC 10 year dinner" held at Rosehill function

centre on Feb 3rd was a great success with many people commenting on how much they enjoyed it.

Upcoming: Our annual Display Day March 25 Rozelle Hospital Oval; Woolshed Dance with a live Bush Band on Saturday April 20 at Vinegar Hill promises to be a great night; Hunter Valley DC3 trip on Sunday May 26 - book with Jim now as limited places are going quickly.

Editor's Report: Magazine Editor Penny Creighton was absent, however we understand the next issue deadline is 31 March.

General Business: The following items were discussed -

• Issue of Club Registrations was raised. Cars 30+years old cost \$80 pa with a minimum total of 10 to be registered. Possible members interested: R. Clark 4; A. Walker 1; J. Hall 1; L. Walker 1; L. Johnson 3. Roland Clark will investigate and organise with RTA.

Meeting closed 9.30pm. Adrian Walker - Secretary TSCC.



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MONEY MATTER\$

The receipts and payments which follow indicate a relatively healthy position, however there are some accounts yet to be paid. As a result, the Club's finances aren't goint to be as strong in the months to come.

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In particular, our 10 year dinner, which I think everybody who attended enjoyed, incurred a loss. This has several consequences – the first is that to fund this means dipping into reserves built up over the past few years. The second is that another loss cannot be easily absorbed; all events for the forseeable future will have to at least break even.

On the brighter side, everyone can assist by coming along to these events that are planned – bring your friends and family and help make them a success. A lot of effort goes into the organisation so that you relax and enjoy yourself.

Lastly if you know any car nuts who might benefit from our activities, why not encourage them to join? There aren't many clubs who have such a mix of social and sporting events. The more the merrier!

Max Pegler, Treasurer

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FROM THE EDITOR

i everyone. I think you will find this issue to be filled with lots of interesting articles. (No I'm not going to moan, I did enough of that at the last meeting!)

I received a very humourous article from Les Johnson and two articles on the Display Day - more the merrier and interresting to read two pointsof-veiw. Thanks to Terry Gibbs for his letter – my very first! How about a "letters to the editor" section?

I'm afraid the magazine is rather late, however I cannot put out a magazine without your reports and articles! Please don't be so slack next time.

See you at the next meeting.

Penny

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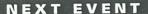
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POINTSCORE

After Feb 3rd Supersprint

Les Johnson	9
Lester Gough	9
Adrian Walker	7
Vic Andrews	7 (open)
Dave Muir	5 (open)

April 7th results not received yet.

Vic Andrews

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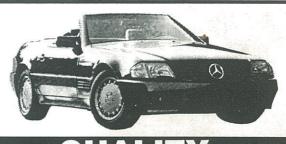
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SOCIAL REPORT

since our last news letter, we have enjoyed the Car Display/Picnic Day (see separate report) and looking forward to future events.

The Woolshed Dance

Venue: The Vinegar Hill Woolshed

Windsor Road, Rouse Hill

Date: Saturday 20 April, 1991

Time: 6.30 pm

Cost: \$35.00 per person

(Dinner and Show)

This is really an excellent evening, set in a very casual atmosphere, we start with a meal at 7.15 pm and then from 8.00 pm singing and dancing and enjoy. Ask someone who has been before, a great night.

Please ring Jim Peters (h) 922 6807

The Motorkhana

Venue: Fiat Motorkhana Ground

Richmond

Date: Sunday 5 May, 1991

Time: **10.00 am Cost:** \$10.00 per car

Now this is both a competitive event as well as a great social day.

Please come and enjoy the fun of competing with your everyday car, and remember all members of the family can enter and have fun. We have a separate Ladies pointscore as well. It is simple, it is fun, and on grass you cannot come to grief.

Of course bring your picnic hamper and enjoy a relaxing day.

Ring Jim Peters on (h) 922 6807

Winery Flight – DC3

Venue: DC3 Australia's finest aircraft

Bankstown Airport

Date: Sunday 26 May, 1991

Time: 8.30 am

Cost: \$149.00 per person

This ultimate adventure, firstly aboard one of the most popular passenger aircraft ever flown, flying to a vague destination called The Hunter Valley.

Upon landing, we are whisked away and forced to eat and drink, and possibly sing songs!! Then, should we be able to escape and re-board our valiant aircraft, we can continue to drink and eat on the way home, but of course, that will only apply to the majority.

A Great Day!

Only 26 seats are available and only bookings with full payment will be accepted. So hurry and send your cheques made payable to TSCC and forward to Jim Peters, GPO Box 1963, Sydney 2000.

More social excitement in the next issue.

Regards, Jim Peters



Oran Park Super Sprint

3rd February, 1991

IN ATTENDANCE TSCC
Lester Gough – Cortina GT
Adrian Walker – Jaguar MK2
Les Johnson – Aston Martin V8
David Muir – Formula Ford Elfin 610B
Vic Andrews – Viper Sports
Jim Peters – Shank's Pony

Upon arrival, I asked Lester for guidance. He advised me to take the Aston to scrutineering. "Just tell them it's all stock standard and enter in class one – over 3,000 cc's." So, Adrian, Lester and myself, dutifully presented our cars.

When we returned to the pits, Lester proceeded to change all four tyres to racing tyres, added some secret ingredient (which, upon spillage, removed paint from the Cortina) to the

petrol tank. Adrian explained suspension angles, degrees, etc. until I was dizzy. After which he added, "If it all sounds too confusing, just follow me around the track." This explains how, at line up, Adrian and I were together.

The flag dropped. We both took off at a terrific rate. At the first corner I glanced alongside me, but alas, the mighty Jaguar was behind me... somewhere. My immediate thoughts were, that he would pass me when he is good and ready. It didn't eventuate. When I pulled into the pit, Adrian said, "Good one, but you were meant to follow me!" I agreed to give it another shot. We both lined up again – Adrian led the way, with me right up his exhaust pipe, trying to see if his exhaust was a nice grey colour. You





wouldn't believe what happened next... Adrian spun off the track, and I made a quick decision not to follow him, but to continue on.

Upon my return, I thanked Adrian for his guidance, and informed him that I would follow my own nose in the future. Jim Peters agreed. Lester and Adrian were very helpfull but, I suppose it really comes down to the driver making his own decisions. Can't say too much about Vic Andrews or Dave Muir because I really wasn't in a position to see very much of them on the day.

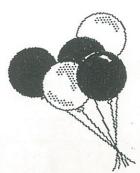
Perhaps some of the following tips may be useful for future race days:

- a) A great time should be had by all.
- b) Listen to Lester, but separate fact from fiction.
- c) Listen to Adrian, but never follow him.
- d) Endeavour to spend more time with other members on the day.
- e) Change underwear at regular intervals. After this attempt at motor racing, I'm convinced that there is more entertainment off track, than on track.

Les Johnson

TIMES ON THE DAY - FASTEST STANDING AND FLYING LAP

TYPE 1 0-16600cc	Lester	64.5 and 58.2	2.02.7	2nd in class
TYPE 1 over 3000cc	Les	62.8 and 56.8	1.59.6	2nd in class
	Adrian	65.2 and 56.9	2.02.1	3rd in class
TYPE 4 0-2000cc	Dave	59.4 and 54.4	1.53.8	4th in class
TYPE 4 over 3000cc	Vic	57.5 and 53.7	1.51.2	2nd in class



Back to TSCC Dinner

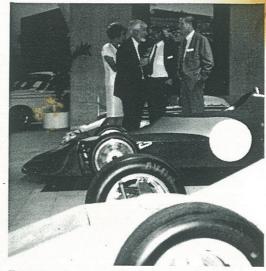


After weeks of planning, hundreds of phone calls and my secretary working overtime to produce a listing of past and present Club members, the big day/night finally arrived.

The management of Rosehill Function Centre played their part in making the evening successful - from giving us early access to set up all the cars, through to co-ordinating the yellow napkins and black candles on the table, thus reflecting the Club's colours.



Past President Bill Marshall talks with Les Johnson and special guest Colin Bond.



The line-up of cars was quite spectacular and encouraged much discussion!

All those who lent us their cars for display arrived promptly at 5.00 pm and set their cars up according to the master plan. When the final car was put in place we had a truly magnificent display of thoroughbred cars and my thanks to all those members who were involved.

Whilst we were arranging the cars, a bevy of our lady members valiantly handled the helium machine to inflate black and yellow balloons, used as our background decoration.



One of the more roudy tables with our organizer Jim Peters front left with the rest of the mottedly crew!

The seriousness of the task was punctuated by bursts of laughter as helium-filled balloons escaped the clutches of the ladies and sailed merrily up to the 10 metre high ceiling!

By 7.30 pm all was in readiness as the guests arrived. Pre-dinner drinks were enjoyed whilst inspecting the cars and catching up with past Club members. It was good to be able to introduce past-Presidents and have the opportunity to publicly acknowledge the years of service that particular members have given to the Club.

It was a pleasure to have Colin and Robyn Bond as our special guests and I know many members took the opportunity to have a chat with Colin. Does this mean that they learnt some valuable "tricks of the trade" which will ensure winning the Club Championship?



Barbara Muir, Jenny and Bob Smith getting into the copious amounts of delicious food.

The dancing saw most (not all - but I won't name names) people take to the floor and no doubt this, as with all the proceedings, has been captured on video by Bruce Brown but more of that later.

Towards the end of the evening, aided by the emptying of a few bottles of wines, a member who is well-known for his background in,

My thanks to all those who lent their cars for the display and to all those who came along and ensured that the evening was so enjoyable.

shall we say, aerodynamics, managed to set sail a Jim Peters. vase of flowers attached to a number of balloons. Very late in the evening, a number of waiters valiantly tried to rescue the flying vase and were still busy at the task as we departed.

Boys will be boys. Vic, Grant, Chris and Gary discuss aerodynamics...







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Club Display Day

Sunday, 24 March



The day began with the usual "find the key – the gates are locked – we want a discount", with Lester Gough once again coming to the rescue.

Despite some last minute apologies, a good selection of members' cars lined up for the judges, Peter Hammond and Mark Robinson, who, as befits all judges, arrived in elegant style in a 1955 Bentley S1.

The event was divided into two categories, Modern and Classic, with a desperate battle in the Modern section between Lester Gough's "standard" Holden and our two-time winner of the Golden Chamois Award, Margaret Ross and her impeccable Honda Legend. In the end class won out and Margaret Ross once again was champion.

The Classic arena had some truly worthy entrants such as Ray Ross's Red E Type, Les Johnson's Gold E Type, Bruce Kennedy's Bolwell Nagari and Ilma Tooming's 3.8 Jaguar, and Les Johnson's red Aston Martin AM V8 (the writer's favourite).

Naturally, while all this serious work was under way, those members who had no major chance (basically all), chose to imbibe a little refreshments, partake a little sustenance, tell a few untruths, enjoy the company, and of course to check on the Test Match Cricket under way with some of the more athletic members.

A good day.

Jim Peters

hank you to the 11 starters we had for our Annual Display Day at Rozelle on Sunday 24th of March. Although a good few of our regulars couldn't attend on the day because of prior commitments, I was happy to have 11 in attendance.

Our Club also owes a vote of thanks to Mark Robinson from Classic

Autocraft and Peter Hammond, the President of the Aston Martin Owners Club who were our judges for the day. They even prepared and printed their own score sheet, a summary of which follows.

Ray Ross

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		ENGINE & G'BOX	BODY & INTERIOR	CHASSIS	TOTAL
CLA	SSIC				
1 L	ES JOHNSON				
	Е Туре	27.5	47.5	18.5	93.5
2	ILMAR TOOMING				
	3.8S Jacuar	23.5	32	13.5	69
	RAY ROSS				
	Е Туре	15	37.5	13.5	66
	LESTER GOUGH				
	Cortina GT	21	26.5	17	64.5
	BRUCE KENNEDY				
	Bolwell Nagari	16.5	31	16	63.5
6	LES JOHNSON				
- 5	Aston Martin V8	12.5	36	11.5	60
	MAX PEGLER				
. 1	Mercedes Benz 300SEL	16.5	30	9.5	56
MOI	DERN				
1	MARGARET ROSS				
_	Honda Legend	28.5	45	15.5	89
2	LESTER GOUGH				
	Commodore Turbo	27	44	17.5	88.5
3 .	JOAN JOHNSON				
	Toyota Seca	27	44.5	13	84.5
4	JIM PETERS				
1	Honda Legend	25.5	38.5	13.5	77.5

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John Burton a clear winner from Kevin. And to think this followed our Tenth Anniversary Dinner which the above mentioned trio were not going to attend for fear of not doing well, say no more.

ARDC Restricted Meeting Amaroo Park March 3.

Members John Burton and Kevin Leggot qualified third and fourth on the grid for the Clubman Sports car race behind the Kaditcha of Steve Wilson. Steve Wilson and John Bishop met with car problems leaving NSW Hillclimb Championship Round 3 Amaroo Park, March 24.

Unfortunately this fell on the same day as our Display Day. Vic Andrews running the Viper for a time of 24.38 bettering the sports car 2,000 to 3,000 cc record of 24.70 secs. If, as it is rumoured, Amaroo closes, this record may stand, Vic having recorded the

last record in this class at Silverdale before it too closed. Seems to be making a habit of this. Penny and myself can recommend watching this competition as some of the cars are exceptionally quick with low 20's being recorded, even by the amazing twin 1275 BMC engined four wheel drive Goggomobile.

Penny being so impressed that she has entered mighty MOM in the remaining rounds. Yes I succumbed and the bottom end and clutch are now much modified to match the top!

Remaining Rounds: 28/4 Parkes; 9/6 Grafton; 14/7 Oran Park; 4/8 Ringwood; 22/9 Lithgow; 13/10 Newcastle and 27/10 Dapto.

12 Hour Race Bathurst March 31.

Gary MacDonald, Troy Nicholson and Roland Hill drove Troy's Commodore for an eventful 12 hours at Bathurst on March 31. The car required some work to get it to the start as, although it was originally a V8 street sedan, it has seen service lately as a V6 production car. Conversion back to the V8 configuration saw it lapping in 2.48.23 in Roland's hands for fourth spot on the grid. The Fitzgerald, Supra Turbo lapping in 2.41.61 being on pole. The first stint saw Roland circulating in fourth place until pitting

Adrian Walker

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minus a front wheel. It seems the steel wheel, Goodyear shod, had been used previously and the centre pulled out.

Back on the quicker Bridgestone formula R's and the car finished second in class on 227 laps behind the Cullen V8 Commodore on 236 laps and eighth overall behind the Supra on 242 laps.

9 discs were devoured, cracked due to overheating then quick cooling in the pits, 2 calipers, numerous brake they were well looked after.

pads and only two sets of tyres. Scrutineering both before and after the event being all but non-existent. This along with loose rules saw cars running as anything but production cars with special disc materials, group A wheels and who knows what else unobserved! Still a good race and with the right management to be even better next year.

It seems Jim and Val Peters were lucky enough to fly to this event - Val working for James Hardie ensuring



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