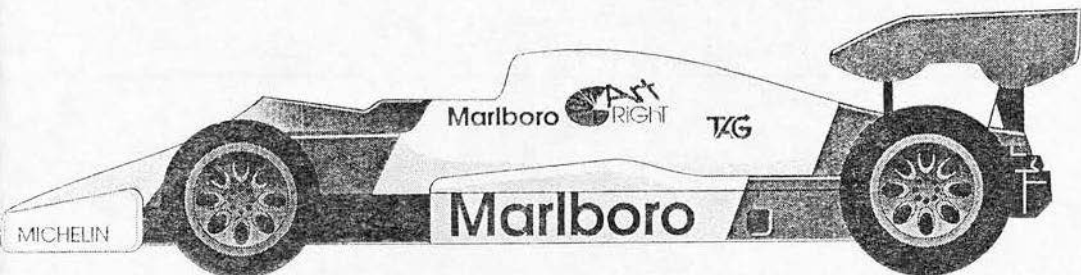




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"To help and advance thoroughbred sports car owners and ownership."

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

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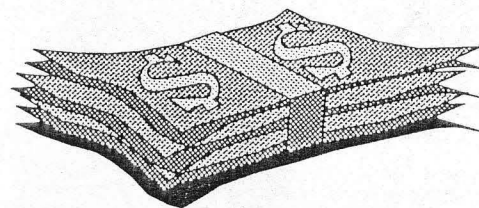
With so many events close to the production time of this magazine, I must confess to harassing people who 'volunteered' (?) to write articles so that you could read about the events you attended (or should have attended !!).

While I'm on that topic, spare a thought for the same members who, when asked, will always write an article on the events we've had. Perhaps they would like to read an article they haven't written !!! Read the article on page 41, and reflect !!

You can read about our social doings in articles on the Driver Training Day, our visit to Australia's Wonderland, the great evening of fun for our Change of Sex night - the photos tell a true tale, and the Observation Run. All of these articles are accompanied by photos taken by yours truly (as always !)

Don't forget to check the Calendar for remaining events to the end of November. Hope you've had the Xmas function marked in your diary.

Cheers
Val Peters



TREASURER'S TROVE

Financial Report for the period 1/1/94 to 22/9/94

Income:

Subscriptions	1,378.00
Advertising	285.00
Interest	8.76
Sundry - raffles, etc.	224.45
	\$1,896.21

Expenditure:

Bank Charges	(47.62)
CAMS - income	181.00
- outgoings	(667.50)
Postage - Newsletters & Mag.	(253.05)
Room hire - club meetings	(100.00)
Social - income	3,321.50
- outgoings	(3,054.00)
Trophies	(29.80)
Sundries	(48.00)
	(697.47)

EXCESS/(DEFICIENCY) YEAR-TO-DATE **\$1,198.74**

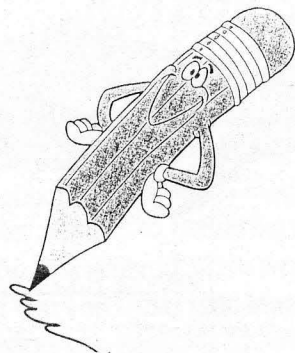
Assets:

Cash at bank as at 22.09.94	2,238.40
Investment deposit - 11/10/94	531.65
Investment deposit - 16/11/94	542.74
Investment deposit - 30/01/95	566.06
	\$3,878.85

Barbara Muir

PRESIDENT'S PROSE

Dear Members,



Winter is nearly over and we look forward to a very interesting Spring and Summer, because your Committee has arranged a number of events for all to enjoy. I hope that you all can partake in most of them.

We welcome two new members - Neil Mason and Steve Hammond - and we hope the Masons (Neil, Kerry and kids) enjoyed Wonderland as much as I did! For those who didn't go, it was a great day out - David Muir especially enjoyed the Demon !!!

Our sporting scene has been very quiet this year. Michael Ryan has finished his P76 and is now eager to challenge some F.T.D.'s - good luck. Our hillclimb participants continue to do well and we hope they finish the season on top.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next monthly meeting, where our guest speakers continue to entertain, and edify!

Safe and happy motoring

Chris Johnson



SOCIAL SCENE

with

Jim Peters

The Theatre Night is now fully booked, so I do not have to sell it, only to comment that it is important to ring the organiser of any event early - it assists greatly.

Club Motorkhana - this is our only motor-khana event in '94 due to the difficulty of obtaining a site, so members should get in early. Michael Ryan is taking bookings now so pick up the phone and call !! A great family outing and very economical.

Pride of Ownership or, if you like, our picnic version of a concourse. Again, David Muir is awaiting your call and we will send out a newsletter closer to the date.

Our Christmas Dinner/Presentation Night will again be held at the Artarmon Motor Inn and if there is one event all members must attend, this is it !! I will chase every one of you, so why not call first.

Thanks to Adrian Walker for organising the Historicar Event, Roland & Stephanie Clark for the Change of Sex Night and John & Val Dixon for the Observation Run.

AND REMEMBER
call, call - participate.

I must begin by commenting that our "Rent a Child" day at Wonderland went very well. That new ride - The Demon - tested many of us. If you didn't come, you are the one that missed out.

The Historicar Event was also well attended.

I will not attempt to describe the "Change of Sex" night, except to say I understand fully why I did not get invited outside (phew !!). A lot of fun - you should see the video !!

John & Val Dixon's Observation Run was a challenge for the good crowd that attended - well done.

Stories on these events are in the mag.

However, I had better turn to upcoming events before the Editor cuts my space.

RACING REVS

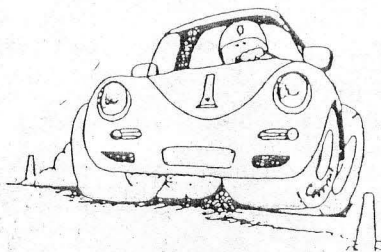
with

Michael Ryan

Hi Folks,

You will recall in my last report I advised that no members had competed in any events this year. Well I was wrong. Unbeknownst to me, Max and Carol Pegler both participated in the Amaroo Park Supersprint on June 26. Max scored a first in class and Carol scored fourth in class. Congratulations to both. As a result, the point score table now has some entries.

Also since my last report, the North Shore Sports Car Club Supersprint at Eastern Creek was held on June 30 and the NSWRRRC held a supersprint at Oran Park on August 21. I competed in the Eastern Creek event with the P76 scoring a fifth in class.



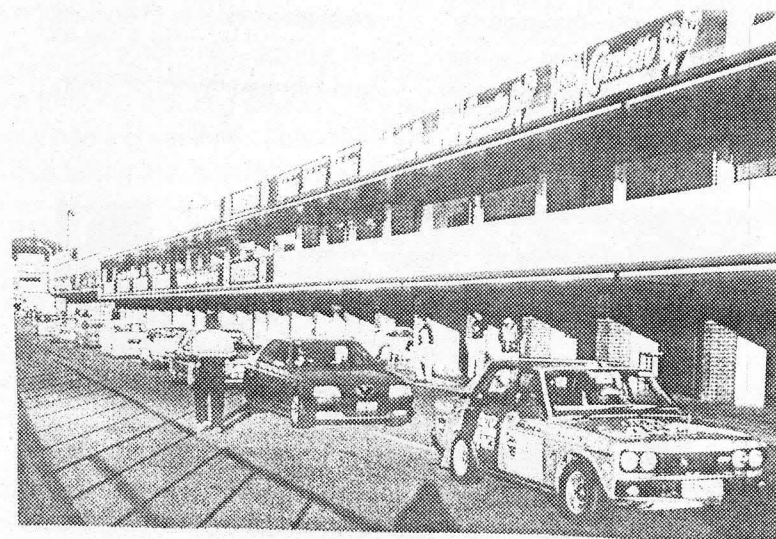
This was the car's first run since a complete engine rebuild. Needless to say, I enjoyed it immensely, although the car's handling was a nightmare as a result of the extra power! No other members participated on this day, although some tried and missed out. A full field was entered for the event long before entries closed. Likewise, no members participated in the Oran Park Supersprint.

Upcoming events include a supersprint at Oran Park on October 9 and the TSCC motorkhana on October 30. More details on the motorkhana will be issued via a flier in the next few weeks.

DRIVER TRAINING DAY

Eastern Creek

Saturday 9 July



Jim Peters organised the Club's biggest event so far this year.

The day dawned cold and damp, after an incredible run of fine weather. I brought along my neighbour, Greg Richard, in the Volvo 122S he ran in the Targa this year. Greg joined our Club at Eastern Creek, along with four other new members.

On arrival, the cars were given a perfunctory once-over at scrutineering, along with a protracted paper war session. The drivers briefing commenced comfortably behind schedule, before the program got

underway with a one hour session for full competition licence holders. The majority of TSCC members were scheduled to start afterwards in the basic CAMS licence holders session, accompanied by an instructor.

We were split into two groups, giving approximately half an hour track time to each group. I had a run in the first group, managing to lap slower as the session progressed. The second group, including my wife Jeni, had their run curtailed due to a mysterious oil spill on the far side of the circuit.

(What brand was that again, Ray ?)



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DRIVER TRAINING DAY

Cont.

Lunch was put on early, the majority of our club members beating the rush and eating first. The meal was very

enjoyable - plenty of socialising and tall stories. Over forty TSCC members and friends stayed for lunch.



DRIVER TRAINING DAY

Cont.

The afternoon session was, I felt, more fun. We were allowed to run without an instructor and, building on the basics from the morning session, I personally had a great time. Lots of cars still overtaking me, but I was having fun.

Jeni had another run in the Porsche/Audi. She felt she was being overtaken by everyone (she was), but gained a valuable insight as to how difficult motor racing must be.

A nice touch was being allowed to take family members around the circuit, after the basic licence holders had finished. I strapped by three year old in, along with Vic Andrews son Ross,

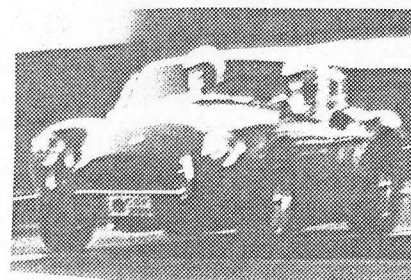
for a few laps. Little Ashleigh must be the only person who has fallen asleep at 150 K.P.H. down the main straight at this place.

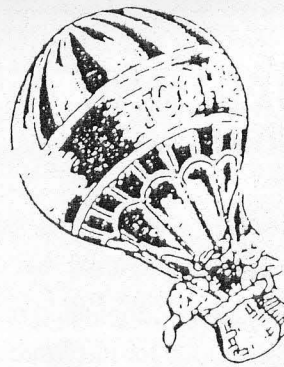
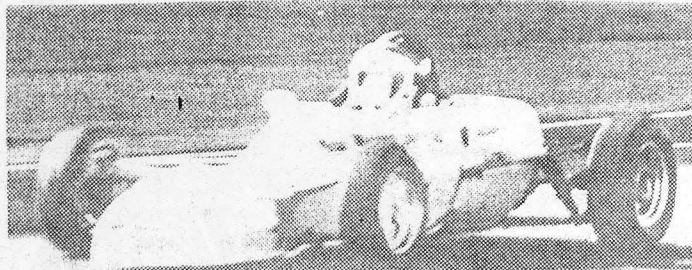
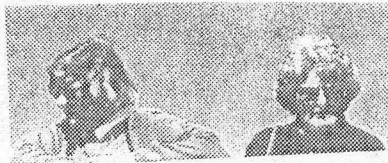
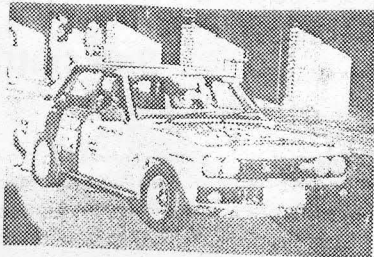
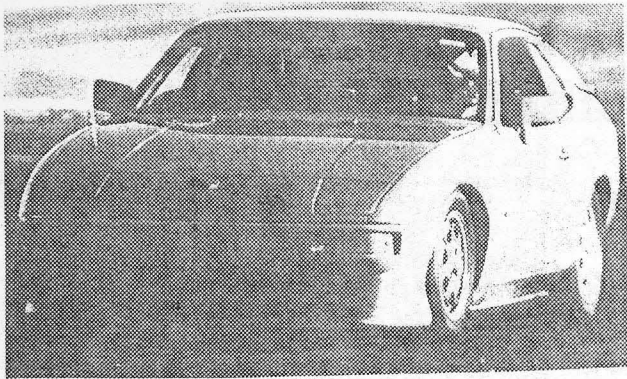
The day finished around five o'clock, with most members heading off home around this time.

Overall, an enjoyable day. Needs tightening up in certain areas - particularly the paperwork, and general delays. Many members felt the competition runners were given preference over the "clubbies".

A lot of organising by Jim & Val - many thanks for your efforts.

Bob Smith





AUSTRALIA'S **WONDERLAND**

Sunday 14 August

Sunday 14 August had arrived - the day we could all become children again and enjoy "Childrens Day at Wonderland".

The sun was shining and the day not too cold as we started our trip out along the M4 to meet everyone outside the entrance at 10:30 am. Tickets were distributed and we all went through the turnstiles for a fun day ahead.

Families and groups headed in different directions after the decision was made to meet again at 1:00 pm for lunch.

Michael & Viki Ryan, with two young sons in tow, obviously headed for the Wildlife Park and more sedate rides for the young ones. I think, in retrospect, a few of us oldies probably wished we had joined them.



AUSTRALIA'S WONDERLAND

continued

John Evans, with two daughters, was kept busy; Roland & Stephanie with adopted daughter (for the day) were seen in the line-up for many rides. Neil & Kerry Mason, with their son & daughter, were also on the go from one ride to another.

The ride that was talked about the most (by those of us who were game enough to try it) was "THE DEMON". Here are some comments overheard from some members:

- "never, ever, again !" - Penny Creighton.
- "great ride" - young ones, of course.
- "the most terrifying thing I've ever experienced !! " - a white-faced male holding his chest & shaking.
- "brilliant - let's have another go ! " from someone who spends most of the time in the air, and not always in the upright position !!

It was soon 1:00 pm (my, times goes by when you're having fun !) and we were looking forward to resting our legs and so headed for the bistro to enjoy a glass of wine, and some food to give us energy for the afternoon session.

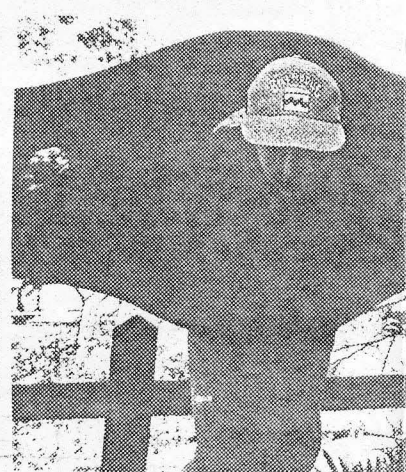
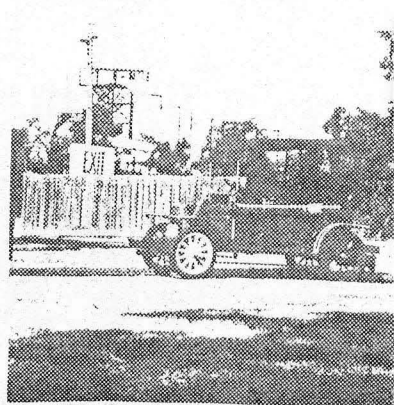
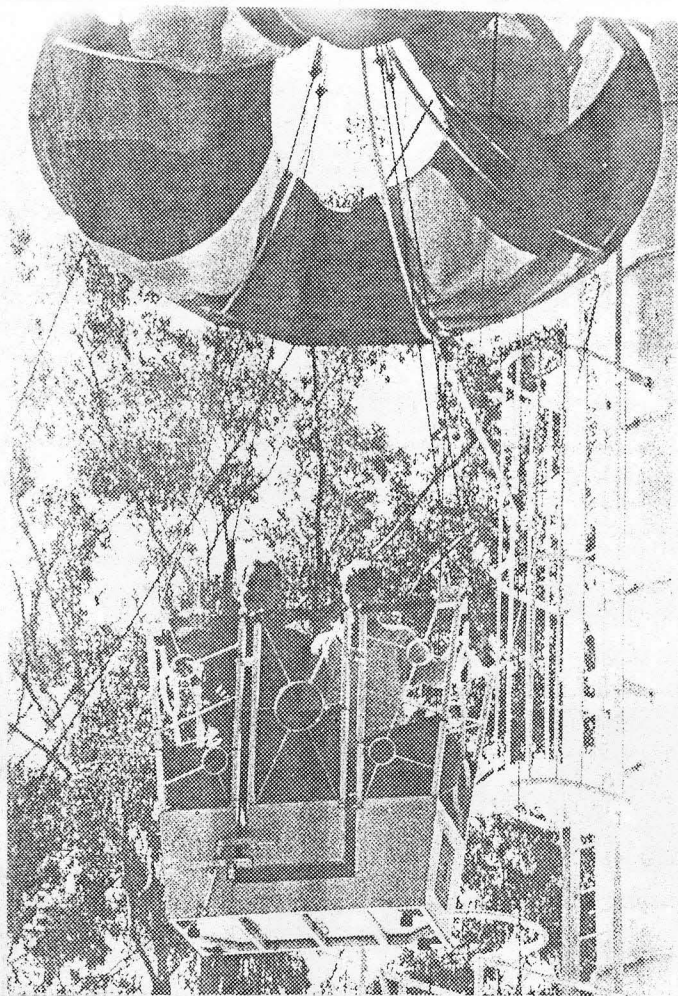
For some reason the afternoon seemed to be enjoyed by more sedate rides and trying our luck on the side-show stalls to win fluffy toys - but to no avail - maybe the eyesight is not what it used to be !!

I am sure I speak for everyone who attended - a most enjoyable day at a venue Australians should be proud of.

Thank-you Val & Jim for organising the day and letting us be children again for a day.

Barbara Muir





THE T.S.C.C. IN **"THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE"**

[OR - THEY'RE A WEIRD MOB]
by Cyril Sausage

Maybe they'll call it off. That was the secret hope of some reticent participants for the Change of Sex Night. Alas, they didn't !

The brave (or the foolish) arrived at The Middle of Nowhere restaurant, to be guided by a sign directing them to the rear of the restaurant. What a relief. Stephanie, in her wisdom, had organised a room solely for the club which included our own entrance and, more importantly, our own toilets. Although, as the night wore on and drinks were

consumed some cross-dressers became a little confused as to which was the "correct" door. It proved to be a fun night because inhibitions quickly dissipated. There certainly were some very courageous and inventive costumes.

Jim, dressed as Marika, complete with black wig and coins jingling around his middle, confided that he had problems hiring his costume because the woman he hired it from was suspicious of his intentions. Val looked very handsome



"MIDDLE OF NOWHERE"

Cont.

in her sports coat, tie and hat. Stephanie, dressed as a football player (complete with football) was heard bragging about her recent tandem parachute jump. Congratulations Stephanie ! (the best looking legs I've seen on a footballer). Roland was not a pretty sight, dressed as a very scruffy hippy left-over from the sixties.

The entrance of the night was made by Barbara, dressed as a North's player, and David, as Tina Turner, in a leather mini skirt, North's jumper and unkempt wig, dancing into the room to the tune "Simply the Best". (Unfortunately all their singing & dancing didn't help Norths win the final the following day !)

Val MacDonald looked ready to serve drinks from her tray - she made an excellent waiter, moustache included.

The French maid who was there to serve Groucho Marx was a real worry. Her short black skirt did not leave much to the imagination. Her blonde locks had seen better days, and that skin needed an iron. (if that's what they're like in France, forget it !). Groucho did manage to keep her in line. I do hope that Groucho was able to wash the black spray out of his/her hair.

Charlie Chaplin was seen putting his walking stick to good use by lifting the skirt of his friend a number of times. (No wonder he had such a large family)



"MIDDLE OF NOWHERE"

Cont.

Vicky was a sedate, sensitive and feminine lady. Dressed in a smart, sparkling, snug fitting dress with a pink blazer and sporting a smart coiffeur, it was suggested that she looked remarkably like Vic Andrews mother. Vicky was escorted by a gentleman wearing Vic's sports jacket. (Rumour is, Judy is keeping it.) Sitting alongside Vicky were Erica & Len Madar, quietly absorbing the

atmosphere. (I was taken with Len's hat.)

The tart of the night was a friend of the Peters. 'Her' extremely short skirt didn't even cover the suspender belt holding up the fishnet stockings, at all ! (She would have been better standing on the corner in Kings Cross, rather than throwing herself shamelessly at the men in the restaurant !!)



"MIDDLE OF NOWHERE"

Cont.

When the Liddell party arrived there was a selection of him/her's to choose from. There was a nun who needed to continue her prayers. I've never seen a nun sporting a beard before. She had trouble with her boobs, because they were too large - until someone cruelly popped them with a pin. There was a tennis player wearing cullots and a wrinkle protecting sun hat. Then there was Grant.....

When the group first arrived it seemed that one of his party had not entered into the theme of things and she hadn't dressed up. Oh no, I was so wrong! Upon closer inspection it was Grant, with hair! Did he look good! Covering his nice little rear was a blue



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sequinned skirt over black lace undies. He paired this with a nice little sparkly silver top over a well-proportioned bust. His/her makeup was brilliant, although he was overhead complaining about an eyelash that had landed in his eye. And what a wig! What a difference hair can make! The brown bobbed wig certainly had a lot of people fooled. Lester couldn't keep his eyes off this vision. The pimp that escorted luscious Grant was seen negotiating with a number of prospective clients. Penny the pimp (complete with an after-five shadow) looked convincing, decked out in a dark suit with a hat pulled low over her brow. Her moustache was a ticklish problem - quickly solved by removing it and sticking it onto the wine glass.



"MIDDLE OF NOWHERE"

Cont.

Lester wore one of Pam's maternity tops teamed up with jeans. His/her makeup was a little loud (rouge cheapens the look of some people), but the gelled hair and drop earrings were a definite fashion statement. Pam had her hair cropped especially for the occasion - that's dedication! She teamed her jeans with a shirt and vest, which gave her a Peter Pan look.

Mr & Mrs Groucho Marx arrived with eye-brows and moustaches raised. "Mrs. M." teamed her B.I.B. outfit with silk boxer shorts under her skirt, and matched so cleverly with Mickey Mouse socks and size 13 sneakers - lovely!! Mrs. M. was

one of the first to remove her wig but it was noted that most of the men, one by one, removed their wigs as the night steamed up.

Thanks goodness they didn't call the evening off!

Thank you Stephanie & Roland for organising such an enjoyable evening.

Mr. Groucho Marx
(alias Roselee Johnson)
Mrs. Groucho Marx
(alias Cyril Sausage,
alias Les Johnson)

[Ed. note: B.I.B. - Big is Beautiful]



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CALENDAR

At 30 September 1994

February	Wed	9	M	TSCC Monthly Meeting
	Sun	27	R*	Skid Karts - Taren Point
March	Wed	9	M	TSCC Monthly Meeting
	Sun	13	S	Vice President's Breakfast Run - Mt Victoria
	Sun	20	R	Oran Park Supersprint NSWRRRC
	Sun	27	R	Amaroo Park Supersprint ARDC
April	Sun	10	S	Tennis/Picnic Day - Kenthurst
	Wed	13	M	TSCC Monthly Meeting
	Sat	16	R	Oran Park Day/Night Supersprint NSWRRRC
May	Sun	1	S	Observation Run (50 kms) Picnic Day
	Wed	11	M	TSCC Monthly Meeting
	Sun	28-29	S	Bathurst Car Club "Goldfields Rally" Weekend
June	Wed	8	M	TSCC Monthly Meeting
	Fri	17	S	Trotting Night - Harold Park
	Sun	26	R	Amaroo Park Supersprint ARDC
July	Sat	9	R	Driver Training Day - Eastern Creek
	Wed	13	M	TSCC Monthly Meeting
	Sun	31	R	Eastern Creek Supersprint NSWRRRC
August	Wed	10	M	TSCC Monthly Meeting
	Sun	14	S	Children's Day at Australia's Wonderland
	Sun	21	R	Oran Park Supersprint NSWRRRC
	S/S	27-28	S	Historicar Event - Eastern Creek (Sunday only)
September	Wed	14	M	TSCC Monthly Meeting
	Sat	17	S	"Change of Sex" Party
	Sun	25	S	Observation Run (50 kms) Picnic Day
October	Sun	9	R	Oran Park Supersprint NSWRRRC
	Wed	12	M	TSCC Monthly Meeting
	Sat	22	S	Theatre Night - CBD
	Sun	30	R	Club Motorkana
November	Sun	6	S	Pride of Ownership Day
	Wed	9	M	TSCC Monthly Meeting incorporating A.G.M.
	Sat	26		TSCC Christmas Dinner/Presentation Night

LEGEND

M = Club Meeting - 3 pts

S = Social Event - 2 pts

R = Racing Event - 1 pt

"CLUBMEMBER OF THE YEAR"

The above points are awarded to members for participation in the events specified in the TSCC calendar, as printed here.

With racing events one point is awarded for either competing, or attending as a spectator.

Additionally, you also receive one point for contributing a published article in "TOP GEAR" (to a maximum of 5 points).

~~Non~~Calendar Events of Interest

*** April 27 to May 1

Targa Tasmania

*** May 19

Repco Car Rally

*** May 28 and 29

Historic meeting - Winton

*** September 10 and 11

Historic Race Day - Eastern Creek

*** October 9

Mattara Festival/Hillclimb - Newcastle

*** December 4

Amaroo Park Supersprint ARDC

*** December 18

Oran Park Supersprint NSWRRRC

Contact Bob Smith for details -

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N.B. Changes to Calendar: None

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Your Club needs your participation - please come along to as many events as possible.



MORE OF

EXCUSES, EXCUSES

[What not to put on your insurance claim form !]

- I had been driving for 40 years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had the road accident.
- A truck backed through my windscreen into my wife's face.
- The guy was all over the road. I had to swerve a number of times before I eventually hit him.
- I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law, and headed over the embankment.
- If the woman had not been wearing thick glasses she would have seen me reversing out of the parking spot.
- I had been shopping for plants all day and was on my way home. As I reached an intersection a hedge sprang up, obscuring my vision, and I did not see the other car.
- I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way.
- I was sure the old fellow would never make it to the other side of the road when I struck him.
- I was on my way to the doctor with rear end trouble when my universal joint gave way causing me to have the car accident.
- To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front, I struck the pedestrian.
- My car was legally parked as it backed into the other vehicle.
- An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my car and vanished.

- I told the police that I was not injured, but on removing my hat found that I had a fractured skull.
- As I approached the intersection, a sign suddenly appeared in a place where no stop sign had ever appeared before and I was unable to stop in time to avoid the accident.
- The pedestrian had no idea which direction to run, so I ran over him.
- I saw a slow moving, sad-faced old gentleman as he bounced off the roof of my car.
- The indirect cause of the accident was a little guy in a small car with a very big mouth.
- I was thrown from my car as it left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cows.
- The telephone pole was approaching. I was attempting to swerve out of the way when I struck the front-end.
- The tree swerved out toward me at the last moment and, although I took evasive action, it managed to remove the passenger door as I sped past.
- The accident would never have happened if my wife had remembered to buy enough milk for the weekend.
- I swerved to avoid a wombat and gently brushed the hitchhiker on the leg.

HISTORICAR EVENT

Sunday 28 August

Where to begin ? As a person used to organisation, strict chronological order etc, etc, I began to write this article in that vein but found I couldn't, so here are my unconnected ramblings.

The GT40 replica was certainly the most exciting "Modern Sports" for me - the attention to detail was excellent and having seen a lot of this type racing in California, 'replica' was almost unkind.

A 1926 Chevrolet brought back memories of my first driving this model on our farm when I was 10 years old (I know - a long time ago !). In fact, this is why this story is difficult to write.

Some 3,000 cars were on display, from Goggomobil Darts (yes, Darts) to Bristols, Cadillacs, Rolls Royces, Vauxhall Wyverns, Austin 7, Lincolns, MG's, Stanley Steamers, Morgans, Lancia Lambda's, Alfa Romeos, Fiat, Triumphs, Simca Arondes, Bentleys, Jaguars, vintage trucks such as Dodge, Reo, International - simply a massive display.

As well as the display, parade runs were touring the circuit most of the day - all of the MG's seemed to be driven by 'old men' ! The range of cars touring was marvellous to watch. One real oddity was:

EASTERN CREEK

a Nuss Removals 1926 Chevrolet truck, whose driver sported a beard at least 24 inches long !!. It was a wonderful "looking" day for enthusiasts.

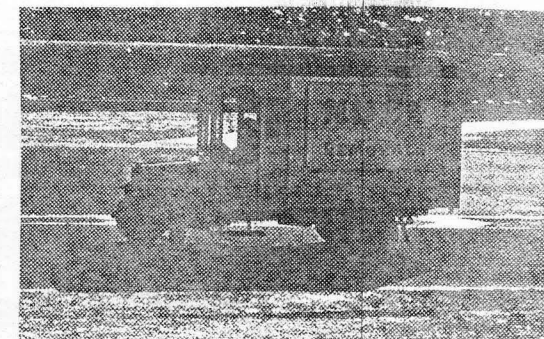
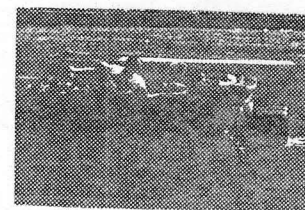
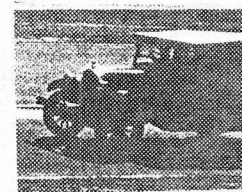
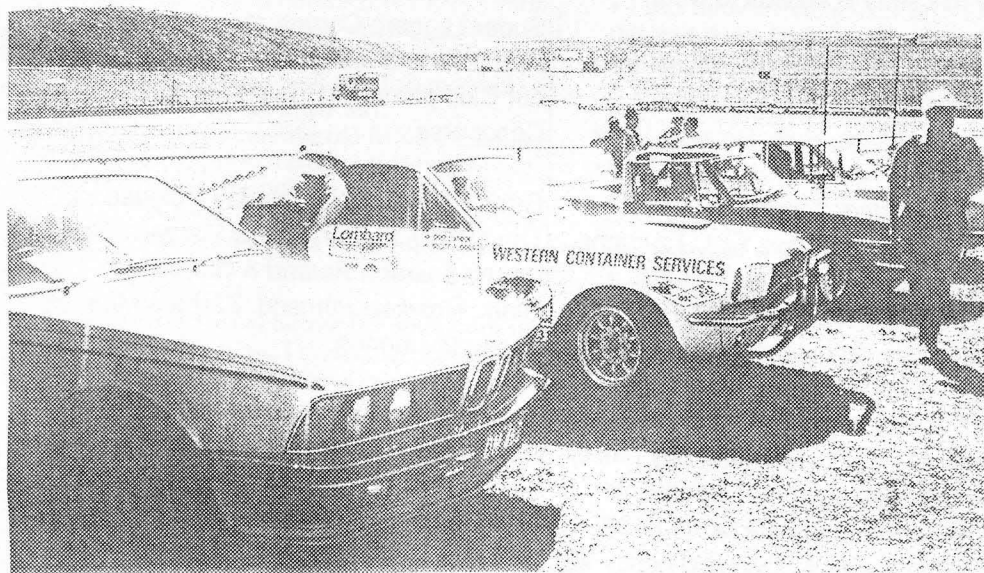
The TSCC had an area between the Bristol and Morgan clubs, although unfortunately at the very farthest point from the entrance - we must book earlier next year.

We had 7 cars displayed - Neil Mason's Triumph, David Muir's BMW 635s, Les Johnson's Jaguar E type and his London-to-Sydney Mustang, Adrian Walker's 3.8s Jaguar, my Alfa Romeo 164Q, John Evans Triumph, plus a brief visit by the Super Leggara Cortina of Lester Gough. John Evans & his Triumph represented our Club proudly in the Pit Straight Concourse.

Our Club visitors on the day included Len & Erica Madar, Ray & Margaret Ross Penny & Grant, Roland & Stephanie Clark, Roselee Johnson, Barbara Muir and many friends.

As I said at the beginning - my rambling thoughts on this great event. Thanks to Adrian Walker for spear-heading the effort to have our Club there.

Jim Peters



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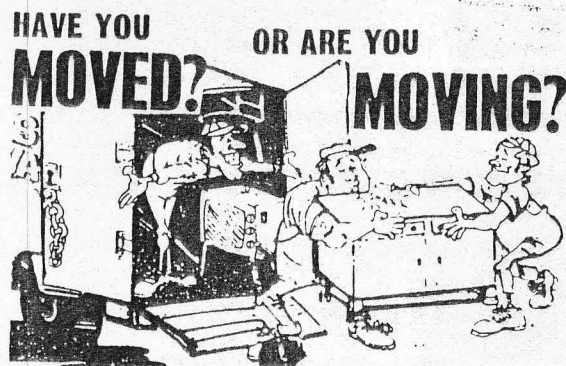
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Please let him know if you would be interested in sweat and T-shirts.



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forget to let
the club have
your new
address.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held on

Wednesday 9 November 1994
at 8:00 pm

Bowling Club of the North Ryde Ex-Servicemens Memorial Club
274 Victoria Road, Ryde

Immediately following the monthly meeting, the Annual General Meeting will be held

All committee positions for 1995 will be declared vacant and an election will be
conducted for the offices listed below, with nominations accepted on the night.

Following the election, any other business appertaining to the
Annual General Meeting will be dealt with.

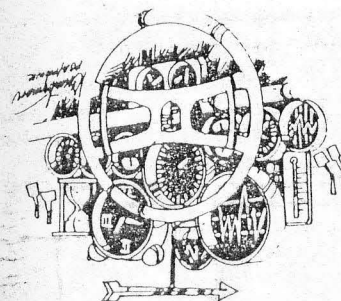
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- * Treasurer
- * Competition Secretary
- * Social Secretary
- * - Social sub-committee
- * New Members Secretary
- * Editor
- * Regalia Officer
- * Two (2) Board Members

Find the Word

Find the following Italian marques and models in the puzzle:

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DAYTONA, DETOMASO, DINO, ESPADA, FERRARI, FIAT, FIDIA, FULVIA,
GAMMA, GIBLI, GIULIA, GRIFFO, GTO, INDY, INTER, ISLERO, ISO, JALPA,
LAMBDA, LAMBORGHINI, LANCIA, LELE, LUSO, MASERATI, MANGUSTA,
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OBSERVATION RUN

(or - how to get lost in Latinia following John Dixon's plot !)

Sunday 25 September.

sniffing madly when told to. Very interesting, if disconcerting, experience.

The enthusiastic band of masochistic members gathered in the brisk morning air at the appointed meeting place.

Under the whip of the master 'maso' himself - John Dixon - Les & Roselee Johnson (plus children), Roland & Stephanie Clark plus their friends Ted & Yves Stock, John & Margaret Evans, David & Barbara Muir, Adrian & Lorraine Walker plus our newest member Steve Hammond with his wife Leanne and 5-month old son Paul, set off.

We hadn't gone a kilometre down the road when we're off into the State Nursery for participation in a Sensory Trail. One partner had to be blindfolded whilst the other one carried the question sheet - only the blindfolded one was to answer the questions (not the sighted one - did all the entrants really understand that finer point ?!?!)

I was the blindfolded one, and it was an experience - not to mention feeling like a complete dork, being led around like a child !! It must have got the other forestry visitors wondering, seeing a mob of us groping our way around and

We struggled our way through the questions - some easy, some very difficult (particularly as one clue sign had been removed !), we argued a little (!), we saw members going over the same ground twice - as we did, but most of all we did arrive at the correct destination, and in one piece.

A relaxed picnic lunch was enjoyed in the lovely sunshine (and fortunately we'd all finished eating before Roselee's cute dog dropped little calling cards around the entire area we were occupying !!)

The judges marked furiously, then smiled smugly whilst we tortured participants finished our lunches, then it was time to hear the "good news and the bad news".

First place - Sharyn Johnson & Eric.

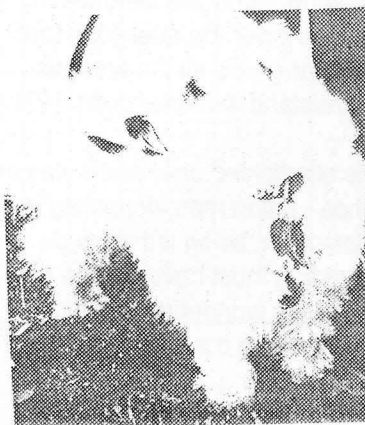
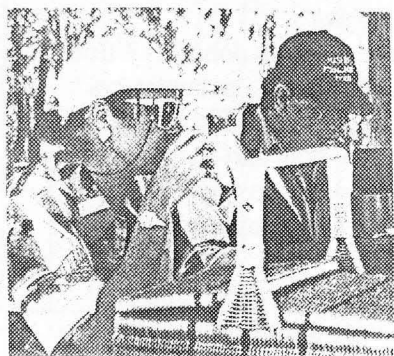
Second place - we, us, the Peters.

Third place - Yves & Ted Stock.

Unless our members can fill more of the prize-winning places next year, we may have to resort to banning non-members !!

Thanks Val & John for giving up your time to organise a great day for the Club.

Val Peters



Adrian Walker

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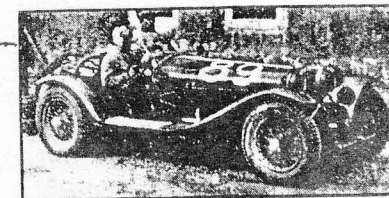
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Juan Manuel Fangio

A LEGEND IN HIS OWN LIFETIME



Juan Fangio was born in 1911 in the village of Balcarce, 220 miles from Buenos Aires, of Italian parents. This village not only remained Fangio's home, but more importantly its citizens provided the means by which he was able to race.

As a young boy, Fangio began to frequent a local repair shop which held a great fascination for him. At ten or eleven he commenced work there, the mechanics becoming like gods to the young boy who observed them with the timid reverence of a medical student watching a famous surgeon performing a delicate operation. His insatiable enthusiasm overcoming all obstacles, together with his passionate love of engines, led to his eventually becoming a fully qualified mechanic.

As Balcarce was an agricultural area the majority of Fangio's work related to tractors and the like. With the help of friends and family, the lad built a small workshop in the courtyard of his family's house when he was 16. At this time road racing was becoming popular throughout Argentina, and a year later Fangio had his first taste of racing when he was asked to travel as mechanic in a 1928 Chevrolet. As his mother was vehemently opposed to such activities, he did not tell his family.

Eventually he built a '34 Ford V8 Special, with the help of his brother and entered his first race

in 1938. In practice Fangio was quick enough to make the first 6 places alongside the name drivers and finished the race third outright – obviously an extremely talented driver and mechanic.

The second major race that Fangio entered was his introduction to death on the race track. It was only a stroke of fate that saved Fangio from being involved in the accident that claimed five lives, several of whom had become national racing heroes. Despite the carnage, people had already noticed Fangio's natural ability.

On the lad's return to Balcarce, he was astounded to find that the village was taking up a collection so that he might acquire a racing car worthy of his skill. Even peasants who would slice a loaf thin to save a penny subscribed with enthusiasm. This absolute generosity highlights the emotional and communal spirit of such a primitive society. It must also be viewed in the context of the time with road racing being of enormous national interest. It was the Golden Era of road racing.

It was decided to buy a Ford coupe with the money collected as it was thought this would be the most suitable for those very long road races which fanned the country's sporting enthusiasm.

The new Ford was not ready for the Grand Prix at Buenos Aires, but an old Chevrolet coupe with a 'Fangio engine' was able to be entered. This Grand Prix was one of the notoriously long road races.

It started at night and the entire population of Balcarce was glued to the radio. About two hours after the start the oil pressure dropped rapidly due to oil loss. Juan and his passenger, mechanic Hector Tieri, lifted the bonnet – a broken conrod. They repaired the injury where they lay. In spite of this loss of time they were lying an unbelievable eighth at the next checkpoint. The Chevy was still losing oil. Lacking anything better, they took a piece of radiator hose, made an opening into the oil filter cap, and attached the hose as best they could so Tieri could add oil as needed from within the cockpit.

The next stage was a nightmare as the hose also acted as an air vent, allowing smoke and fumes to fill the cabin, almost asphyxiating the occupants. They were lying 17th at the next checkpoint. Of 800 starters only 70 had survived to that point. Their Chevy was in such a vile state that the Chevrolet agent strongly advised them not to continue – obviously fearing that they would ruin the company's reputation.

This advice was ignored; they could not let down their Balcarce friends. The boys took their car to the garage of a very sympathetic Italian where they were able to work on the car wholeheartedly. A boy, knowing that a special oil was needed, disappeared from the garage but returned soon with two bottles of the particular oil!

At the end of the next stage

Fangio was lying 5th outright, ahead of all the Chevrolets, including the works cars. By this time Fangio had run out of money and reluctantly telegraphed Balcarce for further funds. As he came out of the post office, the Chevrolet agent appeared.

"Dear Fangio, at last I have found you. Do you need anything? What can I do for you?"

Evidently his fifth place had been noticed!!

"Well, actually I need tyres, but I am broke."

"Broke! You should have said so before. Let General Motors take care of it. Just sign here."

In the next stage, Fangio gave it everything, and was able to finish second outright ahead of the more powerful and mechanically superior Fords. He was the toast of the Press. He was the only topic of discussion in his home, Balcarce and again the people took up a collection. If Fangio could come 2nd in the Grand Prix in an old Chevy, how would he do in a new Chevy.

Fangio went from strength to strength, winning all the major events. However, the war brought an unwelcome interlude to road racing in Argentina.

When racing began again in 1948, the Argentine Automobile Club had not forgotten Fangio. The Club bought two new Maseratis, one of which was for Fangio. He fully justified the Club's confidence in him, winning every race imaginable. Shortly after, the Club sent Fangio to Europe where he won the first Grand Prix he entered. Again he went from success to success – but again he was broke! The Argentine Government came to his rescue and provided him with

a new Ferrari, and cash to run the car.

The rest is legend. Fangio won 78 major events from 200 starts, driving Maserati, Ferrari, Chevrolet, Mercedes-Benz, Alfa, BRM, etc. He also won the World Drivers' Championship 5 times – in 1951 (Alfa), 1954 (Maserati/Mercedes), 1955 (Mercedes), 1956 (Ferrari), and 1957 (Maserati).

One further incident is most illuminating in the understanding of the great driver-mechanic. Fangio took delivery of his new 2 litre Ferrari (compliments of the Argentine Government) in time for the Monza Grand Prix in 1949. In practice he noted an abnormal vibration in the gearbox.

He decided to look into the problem himself and spent the whole night under the car. He found that the best way to resolve such little mysteries was to roll up his sleeves and become again the Balcarce mechanic.

Fangio spent the night working on his car while the other teams had swarms of mechanics preparing their cars.

Miraculously Fangio won this Grand Prix, the third in succession, within two months of attacking the European scene. The Press went wild. Argentina went wild. A new star was born.

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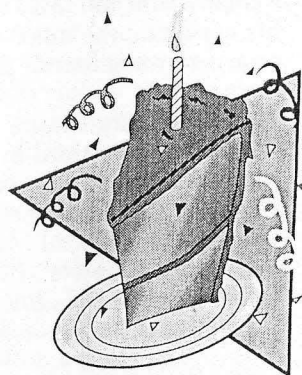
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**BIRTHDAY WISHES
TO THESE MEMBERS**

September

11 *th* Jim Peters
24 *th* Barbara Muir
24 *th* Steve Hammond

October

14 *th* Les Johnson
29 *th* Bob Smith

December

Joan Johnson
16 *th* David Muir
22 *nd* John Evans

We were saddened to learn of the axing this week of our most valuable member -- SOMEONE ELSE.

SOMEONE'S passing creates a vacancy that has been difficult to fill. ELSE has been with us since its beginning. She did far more than a normal person's share of work.

It was common knowledge that SOMEONE ELSE was among the largest contributors; whenever there was a need for volunteers, everyone just assumed SOMEONE ELSE would volunteer.

SOMEONE ELSE was a wonderful person - sometimes appearing superhuman... but a person can only do so much, were the truth known, everybody expected too much of SOMEONE ELSE.

Now SOMEONE ELSE is gone! We wonder what we are going to do. SOMEONE ELSE left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to do the things SOMEONE ELSE did?

When you are asked to help, remember.....

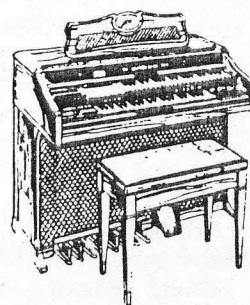
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Minutes of TSCC Meeting - September 1994

Meeting of the Thoroughbred Sports Car Club

held on Wednesday 14 September 1994.

The Meeting opened at 8:10 pm with Vice President David Muir in the chair.

Members Present:

Vic Andrews, Roland & Stephanie Clark, John Evans, Steve Hammond, Les Johnson, Grant Liddell, Val MacDonald, Barbara Muir, Jim & Val Peters, Ray & Margaret Ross, Michael Ryan.

Apologues:

Penny Creighton, Lester Gough, Chris & Joan Johnson.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Accepted as published.

Treasurer's Report:

\$1,270 in bank, after paying \$645 deposit for 17 Sept. function - to be recouped. \$1,640 in term deposits. Xmas Party deposit of \$400 returned from Parkroyal.

Editor's Report:

The next "Top Gear" magazine would be issued first week of October. Reminders to Jim, Barbara, Val MacDonald & Grant that reports/articles due next week.

Social Report:

Historical Day at Eastern Creek was well supported - article in magazine. 'Change of Sex' party 17 Sept. - approx. 32 attending - restaurant "Middle of No-where" at Macquarie Uni. Observation Run - 25 Sept. - Latin theme, numbers

required. Theatre night & dinner - 22 Oct. numbers required. Motorkhana - 30 Oct. - see Competition Report. Pride of Ownership Day - David Muir organising.

Competition Report:

No entrants in supersprint on 21 August. Next supersprint, & last for the year's points table, on 9 Oct. at Oran Park - he has not received entry forms to date - will post out as soon as to hand.

Motorkhana on 30 Oct. at Butterfly Farm, Wilberforce. \$5 entrance fee per person with access to all amenities, plus a further \$5 each for drivers.

General Business:

Mail received and items of interest noted. For Pride of Ownership day, Curzon Hall was suggested, but cost too high. A park venue to be selected. John Evans inquired as to the outcome of purchasing a TV/VCR - advised shelved for this year. Grant advised that the new circuit at Goulburn - Wakefield Park - was in use but the Hillclimb area was a big NO NO ! CAMS may be making changes to the licensing system/charges in 1995. Meeting closed at 9:10 pm, followed by a very interesting profile by Les Johnson - "My Life".

Raffle won by Jim Peters.

Val MacDonald

1994 POINT SCORES

**** SPORTING ****

12 points	Max Pegler ARDC Supersprint 26/6/94 - Amaroo Park 13th overall, 1st in class.
5 points	Carol Pegler ARDC Supersprint 26/6/94 - Amaroo Park 33rd overall, 4th in class.
3 points	Michael Ryan NSSCC Supersprint 31/7/94 - Eastern Creek. 5th in class.

**** CLUBMEMBER OF THE YEAR ****

43 points	Barbara Muir, Val Peters.
41 points	David Muir.
37 points	Roland Clark, Jim Peters.
34 points	Michael Ryan.
33 points	Stephanie Clark, John Evans.
32 points	Grant Liddell.
31 points	Les Johnson.
30 points	Chris Johnson.

TROPHIES

PERPETUAL TROPHIES

The winner's name is engraved on the trophy and an individual trophy is given to commemorate the event.

**** Clive Sanderson Trophy ****

Awarded to the 'Clubmember of the Year', for attending the most events.

**** Don McDonald Memorial Trophy ****

Awarded to a member, chosen by the President, who has made a significant contribution to the Club during the year.

**** Sporting Championship ****

Awarded to the outright winner (see sporting awards below).

**** Club Car Display ****

Awarded for the best-presented car. Additionally there is an individual trophy for the best car which is less than 5 years old.

SPORTING TROPHIES

**** Sporting Championship ****

Two trophies awarded - one each for Open and Closed Sections, to the members with the highest points in these Sections. The one with the highest score also receives the perpetual trophy (as above).

**** Motorkhana/Go-Kart Championship ****

Two trophies awarded - one each for Ladies and Outright. In the event of equal times in both categories, there will be a trophy for the Men's section and both winners will be presented with Outright trophies.

**** Best Performance By A New Member ****

Awarded by the Sporting Committee members.

The Committee may, at its discretion, award other 'one-off' trophies for the year.