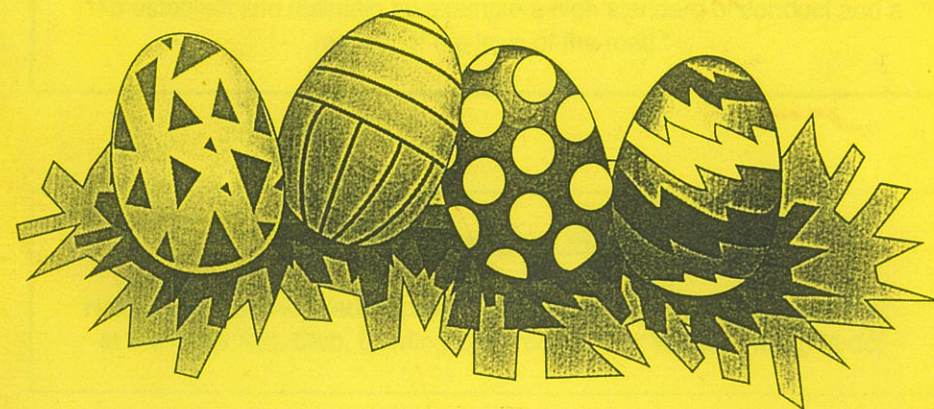


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## **OBJECTS OF THE CLUB**

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"Fostering a 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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## EDITOR'S EMPERY

Welcome to Autumn !

We've had some fun times already, from our Calendar events - a great theatre night (I always have wanted to see 'Emerald City' and it was every bit as good as I'd hoped for - Williamson certainly has a 'Neil Simon' feel about his scripts - excellent.

But we just haven't been sitting inside - our outdoor activities have been very well attended - both the motorkhana and the cricket match. What fun it was to have an inter-club event (especially when you thrash the opposition !).

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Our first "quarter-finalist" for the Citizen Kane Award was selected by popular vote at our February Club meeting - congratulations to

**John Evans**

for his marvellous story - "Registration. Registration, Registration". Without exception, we all had instant empathy with the situation and John's tale.

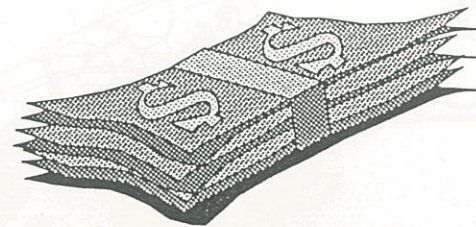
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Thanks to Stephanie Clark for contributing the cartoons which will be featured in this, and forthcoming editions. She also earns 2 points for this contribution.

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*Contributions always welcome !!*

**Val Peters**



## TREASURER'S TROVE

Financial Report for the period 1/1/95 to 23/3/95

### Income:

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Subscriptions          | 731.00          |
| Advertising            | 215.00          |
| Interest               | 0.00            |
| Sundry - raffles, etc. | 28.00           |
|                        | <b>\$974.00</b> |

### Expenditure:

|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Bank Charges                 | 1.44          |
| CAMS - income                | (198.00)      |
| - outgoings                  | 429.00        |
| Postage - Newsletters & Mag. | 37.85         |
| Room hire - club meetings    | 100.00        |
| Social - income              | (321.00)      |
| - outgoings                  | 386.00        |
| Sundries - insurance         | 125.00        |
| Subscriptions - CVV & TMC    | 25.00         |
|                              | <b>585.29</b> |

**EXCESS/(DEFICIENCY) YEAR-TO-DATE** **\$388.71**

### Assets:

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Cash at bank as at 23.03.95 | 1,776.01          |
| Investment deposit # 901566 | 549.25            |
| Investment deposit # 911529 | 590.12            |
| Investment deposit # 901558 | 557.13            |
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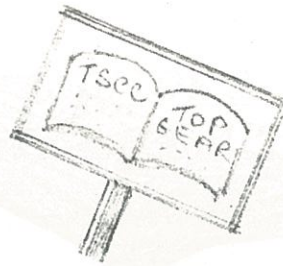
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**Barbara Muir**



## PRESIDENT'S PROSE

Dear Members,



Our new year has got off to a great start with a really entertaining night at the theatre, followed by dinner in the theatre restaurant.

It finally decided to stop raining for our motorkhana, which turned out to be a fantastic day: the times were close and the competition intense. For those of you who didn't attend, I would strongly recommend you make the next one in August.

Our next social event is the cricket match and picnic with the Aston Martin Club. I would ask for maximum attendance to make this a memorable event.

The forthcoming weekend away has been well organised and looks like being a fun weekend. Please call Penny Creighton if you wish to go.

We still need new members. Our numbers are shrinking and we need new members to boost our Club and to bring new ideas to our thinking.

See you at the April monthly meeting.

**Happy motoring**

**Chris Johnson**



## SOCIAL SCENE

with

**Les Johnson**

### **Ensemble Theatre - Emerald City.**

Our theatre/restaurant night was a great success. An exceptionally good cast played to a full theatre, including sixteen of our members scattered throughout. A deep and meaningful play enjoyed by all. Those who didn't attend missed an exciting night of entertainment.

### **Cricket Match - Breakaways Oval**

[Ed. note: Les had written this report before the event, so now read the story by Stephanie Clark.]

### **Economical Weekend Away**

28/30th April - Pacific Palms.

This weekend has been kindly organised

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by Penny & Grant, so please help them by advising whether you will be attending as soon as possible.

### **TSCC 15th Anniversary Run - 1996**

Your Club has now formed a sub-committee consisting of Carol Pegler, Stephanie Clark, John Dixon and Steve Hammond, who will organise the 15th Anniversary Rally, to include The Great Ocean run. It is anticipated that the rally will take approximately ten days. The sub-committee will meet prior to our next monthly meeting and any input from members would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me on 412 1838 (home) for suggestions/enquiries.

If it's music or musical instruments you, your family or friends require, contact...

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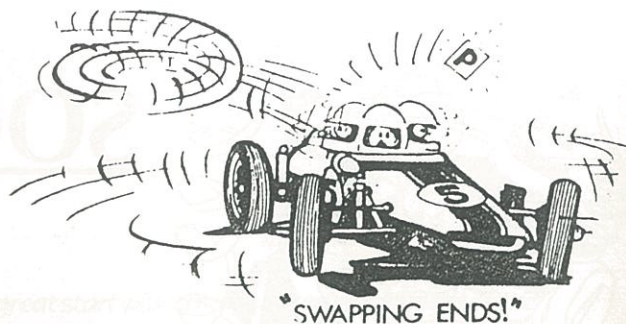
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# RACING REVS

with

Michael Ryan



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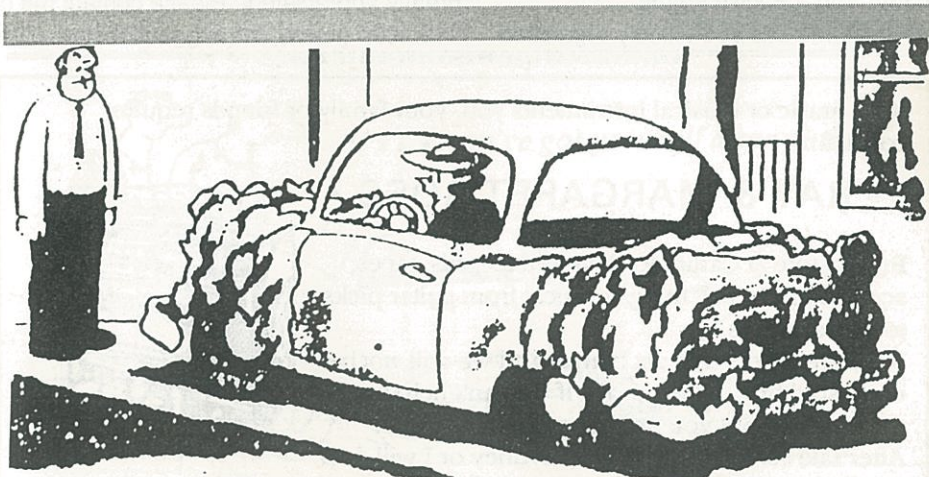
The 1995 season opened for the TSCC with the ARDC Supersprint on February 19, Jim Peters being the only entrant from the Club with the Alfa 164Q. Jim was ably assisted and cheered on by David Muir, Steve Hammond and me.

Jim scored a fifth place in his class and consequently has opened the point scoring for the year with 5 points.

On Sunday 12 March our first Motor-khana was held at the Australian

Butterfly Farm at Wilberforce. After several wet weeks the weather cleared to bright and sunny on the day and I understand a good day was had by all. The winners on the day were:  
Jim Peters - large car category  
Chris Johnson - small car category  
Val Peters - ladies section  
Fastest overall time - Chris Johnson.

The next Club event is the Supersprint at Oran Park on April 22, followed by a Supersprint in June at Oran Park.  
Please call me if you require entry forms for these events.



*Never saw such traffic—it was bumper to bumper all the way home."*

## Minutes of TSCC Meeting - MARCH 1995

Meeting of the Thoroughbred Sports Car Club  
held on Wednesday 8 March 1995

The Meeting opened at 8:10 pm with President Chris Johnson in the chair.

### Members Present:

Bill Brown, Roland & Stephanie Clark, Penny Creighton, John Evans, Steve Hammond, Joan Johnson, Les Johnson, Grant Liddell, Val MacDonald, Barbara & David Muir, Val & Jim Peters, Ray & Margaret Ross, Bob Smith.

### Apologies:

John Dixon, Lester Gough, Greg Richards & Michael Ryan.

### Minutes of the previous meeting:

Accepted by Jim Peters, seconded by Grant Liddell.

### Treasurer's Report:

\$1,270 in bank, plus \$1,648 on term deposit.

### Editor's Report:

Val reminded members that subs were due on 1 March - return forms with cheques. Mailings cease to non-financial members. Reports from the President, Treasurer, Sporting & Social Secretaries, & Minutes due by 15th.

### Social Report:

Cricket match on 26th all organised - Les even has key to toilets! Economy weekend away being organised by Penny Creighton at Pacific Palms,

Forster. Sailing day, May 21, organised & full details at next meeting. Jim Peters received complimentary tickets to Harold Park for 7 April - David Muir to arrange distribution. Barbara Muir thanked Les Johnson for the theatre/dinner night.

### Competition Report:

Chris Johnson reported that Jim Peters was only competitor in first event at Amaroo on 19 Feb. - results not to hand. Motorkhana on 12 March. Supersprint on 22 April, regs to be mailed out.

### Correspondence:

Left for members to peruse.

### General Business:

Les Johnson advised that Stephanie Clark had replaced Penny Creighton on the sub-committee for our '15 year' bash. Bob Smith thanked members present at Feb. meeting for warm welcome given to his father, who sent his thanks via Bob.

Chris Johnson filled in the spot left by the absent guest-speaker and gave us an insight into traffic he experienced recently on his trip to Taipei, and his views of Amsterdam.

Meeting closed at 9:00 pm.

Raffle winner: Steve Hammond

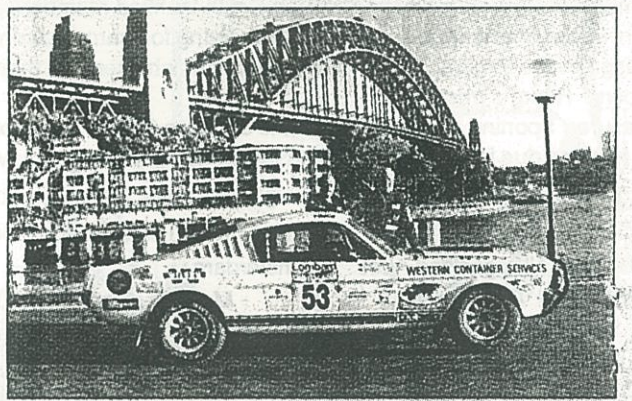
Val MacDonald



# LLOYD'S LIST

## AUSTRALIAN WEEKLY

Monday February 27 1995



## Fast forward to Mexico

FREIGHT forwarder and customs broker Wilson Australia is sponsoring a car in the London to Mexico Rally. Pictured in Sydney with the car — a replica 1965 Shelby Mustang — are (L-R) drivers Les Johnson and Gordon Ketelby.

The vehicle was shipped to London two weeks ago on the MSC vessel *Samia*.

The rally starts in London on April

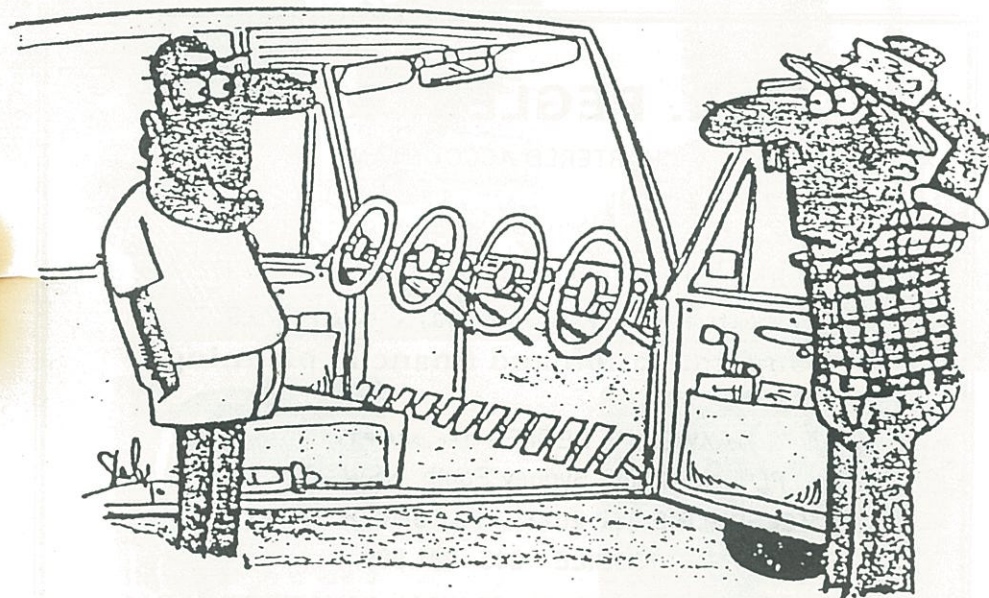
22 and proceeds through France and Spain to Portugal.

In Lisbon the cars will be transported to Rio de Janeiro by giant Antonov aircraft, which can each carry 55 cars.

From Brazil, the cars will be driven to Mexico via 10 South American countries.

There are eight Australian entrants in the event, out of a field of 70 cars.

Best wishes to Les & Gordon from all of us at the TSCC.



★ "Never seen a four-wheel-drive before, mate?"





## **THEATRE NIGHT**

Saturday 22 February

afternoon at the theatre for the early show. A quick drink in the bar overlooking the water set the scene for a most enjoyable evening.

Dinner afterwards was in the Theatre Restaurant and was thoroughly enjoyed by all, although the stuffed figs were rather unusual and the desserts perhaps disappointing.

A top night - our thanks to Les and Roselee.

**Carol Pegler**



The "mystery theatre night" organised by Les and Roselee Johnson turned out to be a very successful visit to the Ensemble Theatre to see "Emerald City".

Saturday 25 February therefore saw 16 of us arriving on a glorious late

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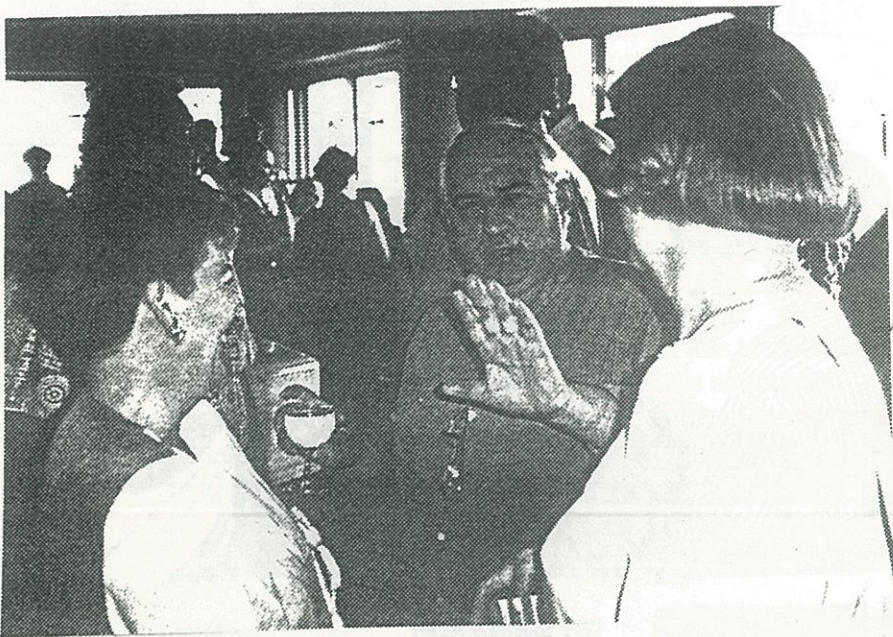
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**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

**TO THESE MEMBERS**

**March 1995**

9<sup>th</sup> Margaret Ross  
21<sup>st</sup> Val MacDonald  
25<sup>th</sup> Val Peters

**April 1995**

1<sup>st</sup> Don Hewitt  
29<sup>th</sup> Bill Brown

**May 1995**

None the Editor is aware of !

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# 1995



# CALENDAR

As at April 1995

[and subject to amendments]

|           |     |       |   |                                              |
|-----------|-----|-------|---|----------------------------------------------|
| February  | Wed | 8     | M | TSCC Monthly Meeting                         |
|           | Sun | 12    | R | Driver Training - Amaroo Park                |
|           | Sun | 19    | R | Supersprint - Amaroo Park                    |
|           | Sat | 25    | S | Theatre Night                                |
| March     | Wed | 8     | M | TSCC Monthly Meeting                         |
|           | Sun | 12    | R | Club Motorkhana                              |
|           | Sun | 26    | S | Cricket match/picnic                         |
| April     | Wed | 12    | M | TSCC Monthly Meeting                         |
|           | Sat | 22    | R | Supersprint - Oran Park                      |
|           | S/S | 29-30 | S | Weekend away (economical)                    |
|           |     |       |   |                                              |
| May       | Wed | 10    | M | TSCC Monthly Meeting                         |
|           | Sun | 21    | S | Sailing in Lavender Bay                      |
| June      | Sun | 4     | R | Supersprint - Oran Park                      |
|           | Wed | 14    | M | TSCC Monthly Meeting                         |
|           | Sat | 17    | S | Club night evening                           |
|           |     |       |   |                                              |
| July      | Wed | 12    | M | TSCC Monthly Meeting                         |
|           | Sat | 29    | S | Ghost Tour of North Head                     |
| August    | Sun | 6     | R | Club Motorkhana                              |
|           | Wed | 9     | M | TSCC Monthly Meeting                         |
|           | S/S | 19-20 | S | Historic Event - Eastern Creek (Sunday only) |
|           | Sat | 26    | R | Supersprint - Oran Park                      |
| September | Wed | 13    | M | TSCC Monthly Meeting                         |
|           | Sun | 17    | R | Huntley Hill Climb                           |
|           | S/S | 23-24 | S | Weekend away (non-economy)                   |
| October   | Wed | 11    | M | TSCC Monthly Meeting                         |
|           | Sun | 29    | R | Supersprint - Amaroo Park                    |
| November  | Wed | 8     | M | TSCC Monthly Meeting incorporating A.G.M.    |
|           | Sun | 19    | S | Pride of Ownership Day                       |
|           | Sat | 25    |   | TSCC Christmas Dinner/Presentation Night     |

Alterations to Calendar: June 4 (previously listed as June 11)

## Contacts

Meetings: Chris Johnson 875 3691  
Social: Les Johnson 412 1838  
Racing: Michael Ryan 832 1808

## 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, and any later amendments.

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

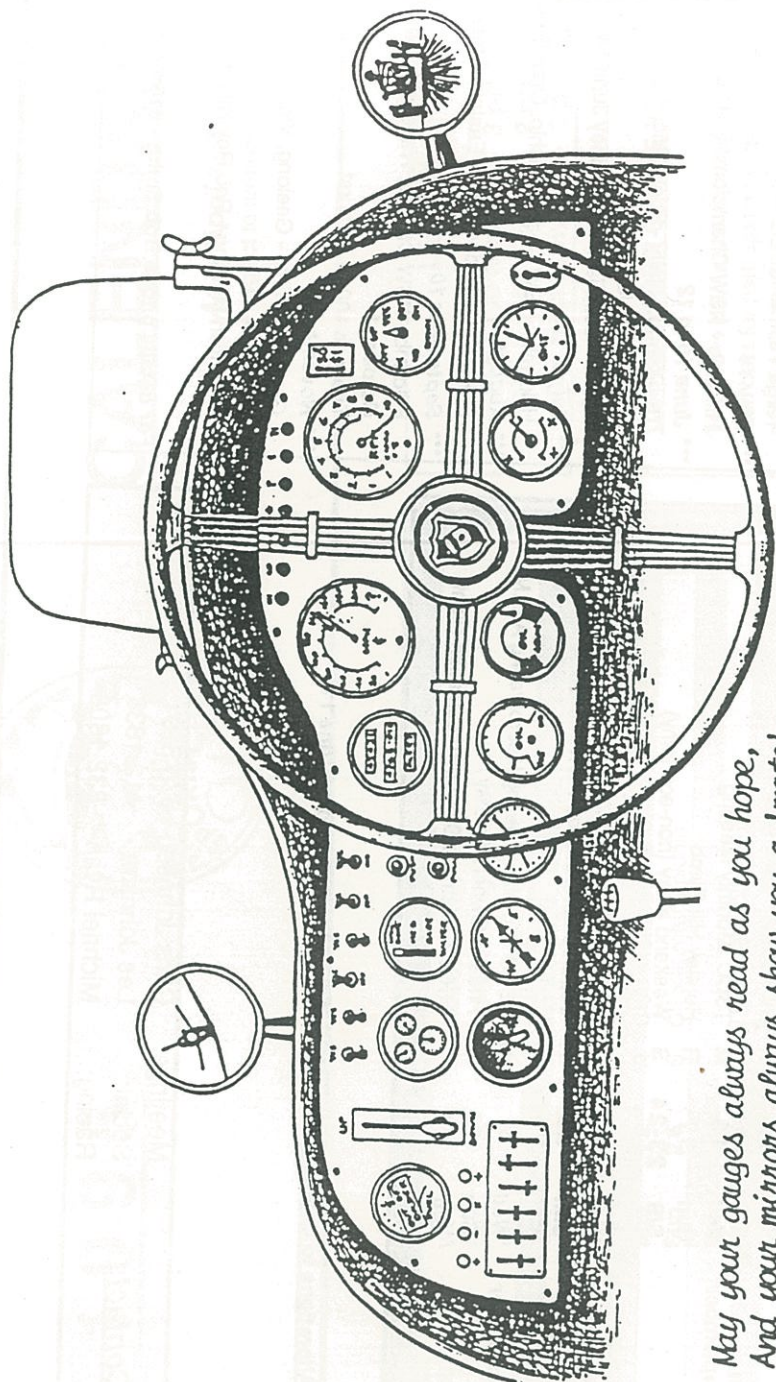
Additionally, you also receive two points for contributing a published article in "TOP GEAR" (to a maximum of 10 points).

## Non-Calendar Events of Interest

\*\*\* April 14 to 17 (Easter)  
Jaguar National Rally - Brisbane, Qld.  
\*\*\* April 25 to 30  
Targa Tasmania  
\*\*\* May 14  
Hillclimb - NSW Championship, Dapto  
\*\*\* June 10 to 12  
Three Peaks Rally - Bright, Vic.  
\*\*\* June 13 to July 3  
Round Australia Trial - Sydney June 14  
\*\*\* July 9  
Hillclimb - NSW Championship, Oran Park  
\*\*\* August 27  
12 Hour Production Cars - Eastern Creek  
\*\*\* September 10  
Hillclimb - NSW Ch'ship, Wakefield Park  
\*\*\* October 1  
Tooheys 1000 - Bathurst  
\*\*\* November  
Geelong Sprints - Geelong, Vic.  
\*\*\* December 10  
All British Meeting - Rob Roy Hillclimb, Vic.

For details phone Bob Smith - 816 2701





*May your gauges always read as you hope,  
And your mirrors always show you a 'mate',  
May your repair bill always be small,  
But your pleasure in driving be great!*

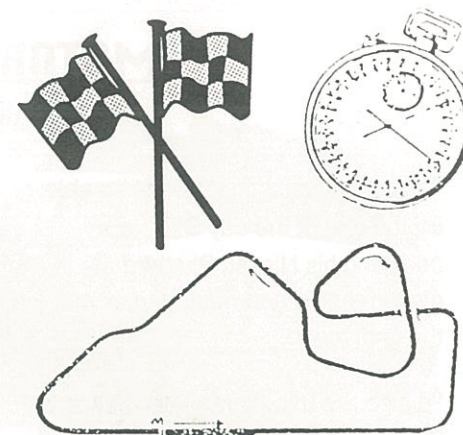
**Event:** *Motorkhana*  
**Date:** Sunday 12 March  
**Venue:** Butterfly Farm  
(Wilberforce)  
**Weather:** Sunshine, blue sky  
(no clouds)  
**Vehicles:** Clean, shiny (no dirt)  
**Track:** Firm, moist (no dust)  
**Competitors:** Eager, ruthless  
(no wooses).

It was clear from the beginning that this was a day for war. The course was no sooner set than we were off.

Competition was fierce with Val Peters setting a cracking pace in her Fiori. When asked why she needed a shopping car that can do the quarter-mile in 7.8 seconds, her reply was "I have to get the ice-cream home before it melts"!

Jim Peters, not to be outdone, arrived in his V6 Alfa 164Q. Now this is a real car! It handles great, got heaps of horsies and Michelin's wider than Fergie's hips. Jim was in there, pedalling as hard as he could but, alas, all he could see was Fiori Dust.

Vic & Ross Andrews took their Corona beyond its design limits. In fact, they took their poor little Corona so far beyond its limits that it could be compared to entering an Austin Major in the Targa Tasmania. None the less, with some truly inspiring driving they showed that they were a force to be reckoned with.



Everybody was driving hard! Despite the vast differences in cars, the times were surprisingly close.

Roland & Stephanie Clark's bright yellow MG looked as though it had just come from a motor show. It was way too clean to enter in a motorkhana. This small fact was not going to stop Roland though. Cars were meant to be driven and that's just what he did, showing the crowd just what an old English sportscar could do in the dirt.

David Muir was working on the premise that newer is better, and was pushing the limits in his brand-spanking new Verada. Dave was up to the task but unfortunately his poor Verada was not. In succession, he rolled two tyres off their rims with a loud bang. A quick trip to the 'servo' had him on his way again, but he was forced to back off the pace a tad.

I made a new acquaintance at the event, a fine young chap by the name of Clay Burton. Clay's choice of



# MOTORKHANA

continued

vehicle, I must say, was impeccable. By the end of the day Clay was pedalling his Nissan Bluebird at eleven-tenths and managed to win the final round.

I'd also like to congratulate Clay and his wife on their recent marriage and welcome them to the Club as I believe they are joining soon.

Of course I was there, just as a formality I thought, to pick up the winner's trophy and go home to watch Bathurst. Was I in for a shock? Yes!! No matter how hard I pushed the noise pedal or turned the big round thing, or how much Avgas I used or how much timing advance I used or tyre pressure I had dropped, it wasn't going to be my day.

Chris Johnson wasn't going to just sit around and get covered in dust today.

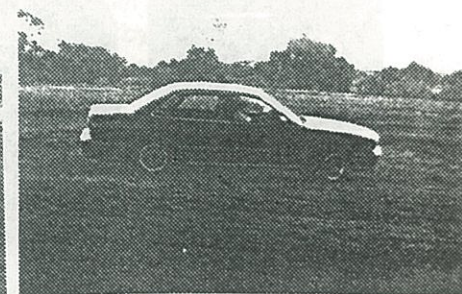
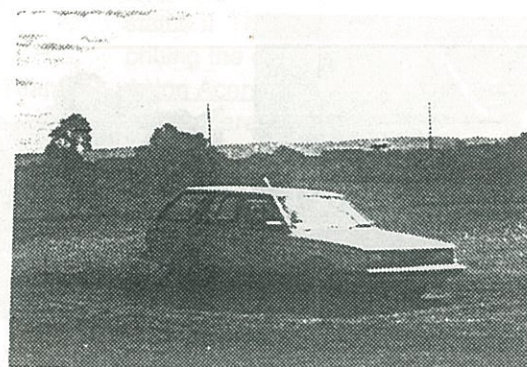
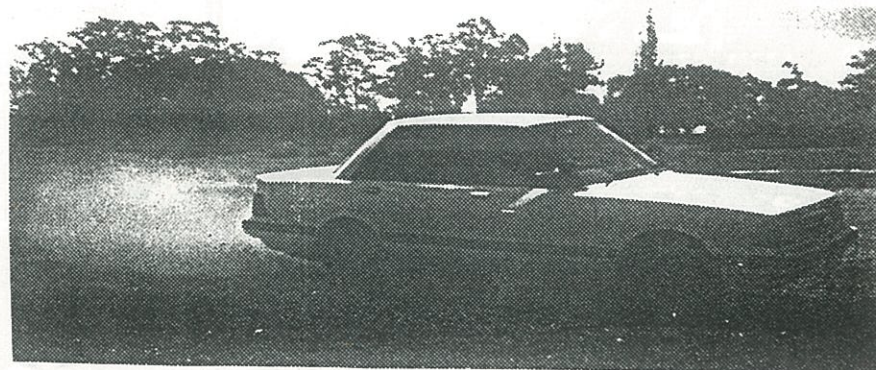
On the contrary, he wanted everyone to be covered in his dust. Despite some quick runs early on, it is my opinion that he did not win the day outright. Having said this, it must be pointed out that he did most of the scoring!!

At the time of putting pen to paper, the scores were not known to me, due to the lack of a calculator on the day, so I will leave the placings up to your imagination.

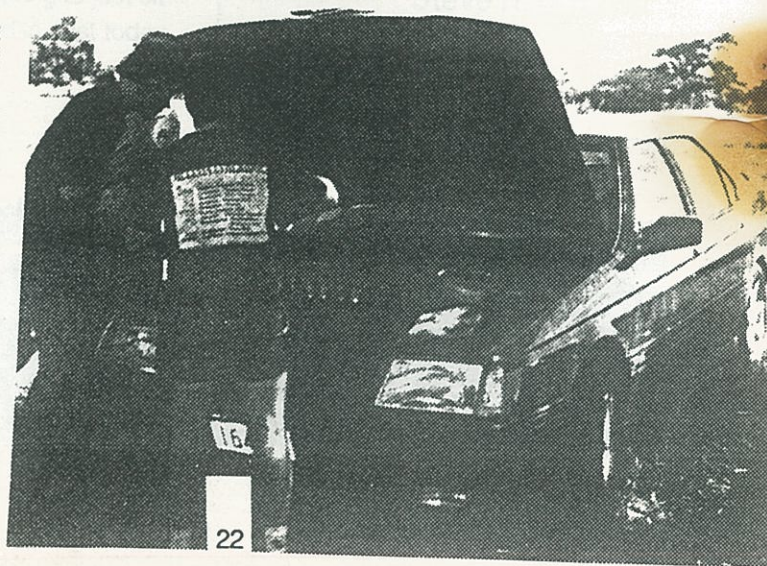
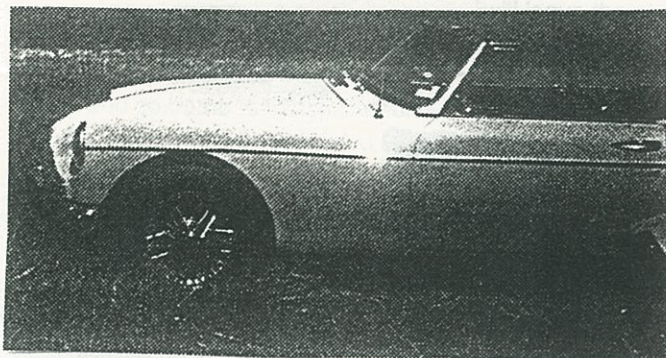
I trust that everybody present on the day had a good time and I would like to thank all of you for your attendance. I'll leave you with our motto for the day -

*"It doesn't matter whether you win or lose, it's how much dust you make".*

**Steve Hammond**







## INTER-CLUB CRICKET MATCH AMOC vs TSCC

**It was on:** The 'Aston Aces' vs the 'Thoroughbred Tricksters'.

**The Date:** Sunday 26 March 1995.

**The Weather:** What a day: the sun was shining, the faces were smiling and the wickets were falling.

**The Venue:** Breakaways Oval, Windsor.

**The Rules:** L.J. & P.H. Rules. Suffice to say that Les Johnson (TSCC) and Peter Hammond (AMOC) simplified the rules to suit our amateur status !! They advised that they would play by "Pakistani Rules" - bribing the opposition captain would be tolerated.

**The Teams:** Aston Aces

Maris, Gareth, Linda,  
Sharon, Les, Lester,  
Peter, Mark, Roselee,  
Ros, Colin & Tim.

Thoroughbred Tricksters

Penny, Lorraine, Roland,  
Adrian, Margaret (Evans),  
Barbara, Josh, Michael,  
Chris, David, Dennis & Grant.

*(Les, Roselee & Lester being 'traitors' to the true TSCC tradition - but then AMOC didn't have enough members there, so we had to help them out !!)*

The Aston Aces started well, first batsmen scoring twenty four runs, but some clever bowling by Chris, Penny and some spot-on catching by John saw their team leave the field with a total of: -3 (not a typing error, they were in the negative).

Comment here should be made on the two male 'traitors':

Les did connect four times with the ball, but Penny and Chris between them made sure he left the field with: -6 Lester was showing us how not to play the game by being bowled three times, and scoring two runs on his final ball, giving him the grand total of: -13.

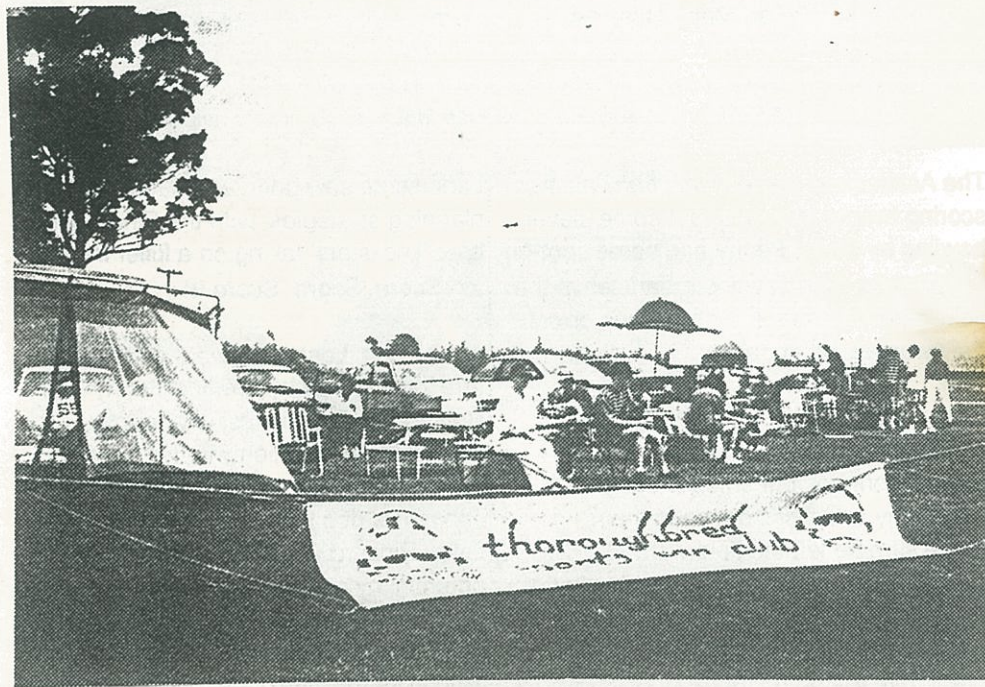
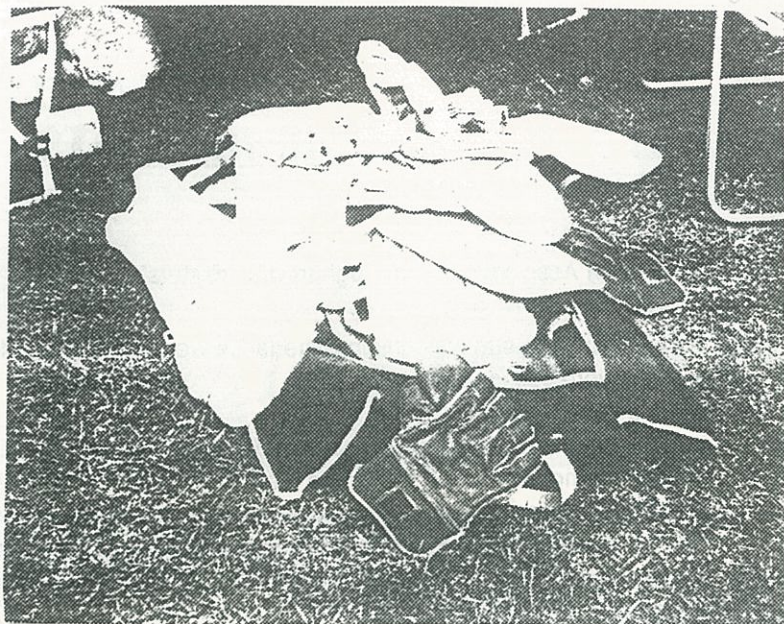
*(Just as well they played for the 'Aces' !!).*

Lunch time saw both teams resting, and planning strategies, with the 'Thoroughbred Tricksters' taking on a killer instinct to: Score, Score, Score !!!

After lunch, Lester showed where his true loyalties lay by bowling Penny out. Roland, playing his first ever game, wowed the opposition with his bowling style. Play was interrupted whilst the Johnson's dog was removed from the field. Richard Gough showed his future potential by exhausting on-lookers with his bike manoeuvrability.

Things weren't looking too good for the 'Thoroughbred Tricksters' until the





## CRICKET MATCH

Running Ryans' put us back in the positive by scoring twelve runs, and the first 'four' for Dad, Michael, in his cricketing career - well done.

Then the 'Dynamite D's' took to the field - David and Dennis (Lillee ?) both scoring thirteen runs each. Grant and Chris did not let our team down and brought the 'Tricksters' score to forty-five (yes, 45 big ones).

Any future Challenge (or Grudge) Match(es) will be considered by the TSCC Executive.

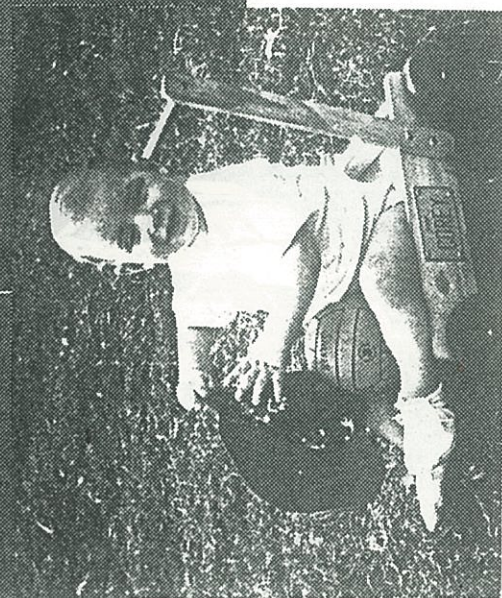
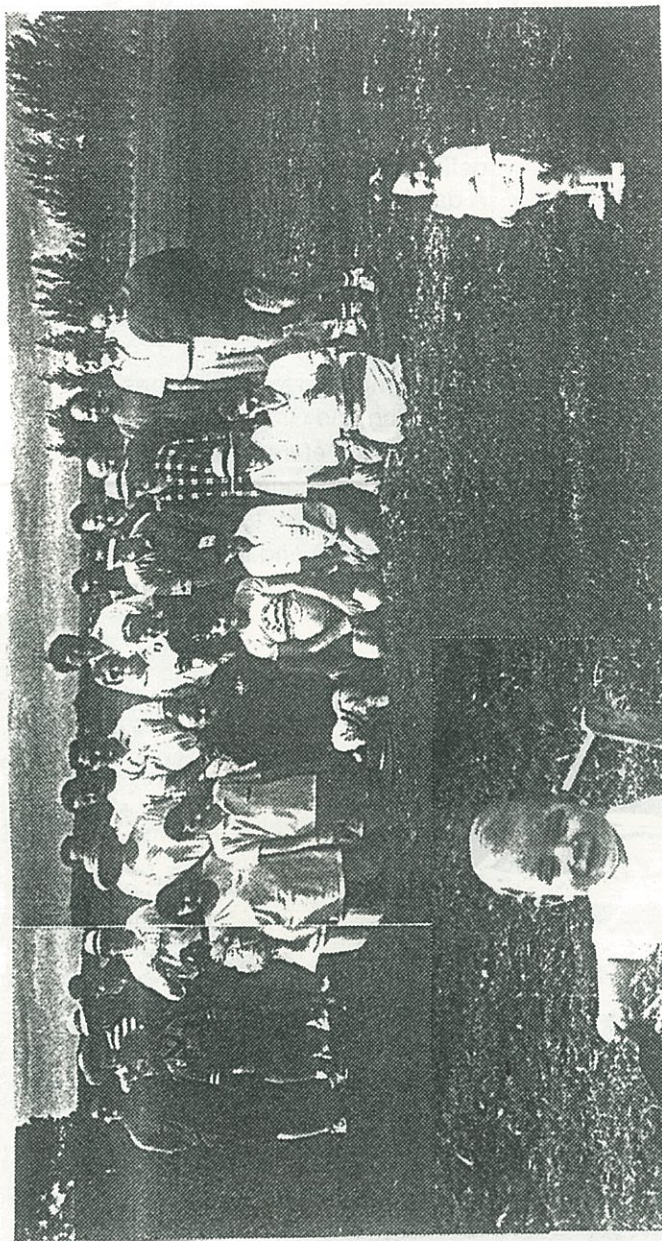
A thoroughly enjoyable day, one definitely to be repeated. A day for cars to be brought out, a day for kids to play, a day of laughter (some 'styles' do need a little practice), a fun-packed day overall.

Thanks must go to our umpires - Ray, John and Grant, and to our scorer - Val Peters. Also to those members who came and watched. Most of all though, to Les Johnson for the concept and the organisation.

**Stephanie Clark**

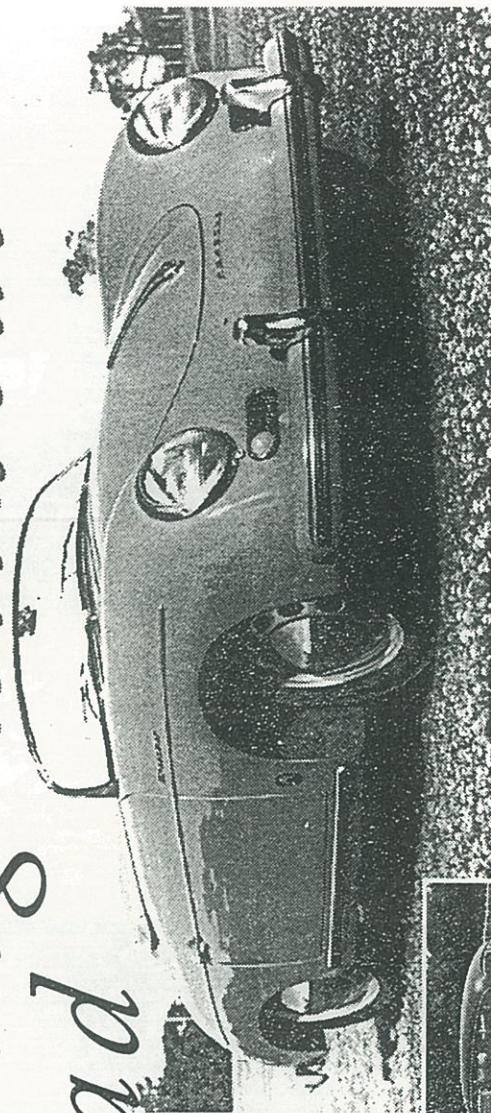




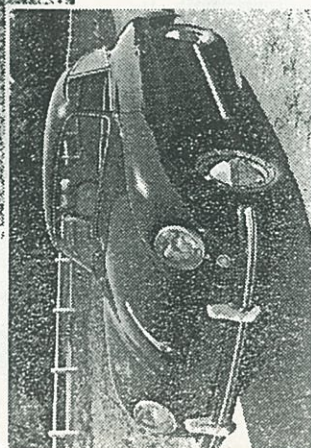




# Living without lead



Unleaded petrol poses a problem for collectable cars such as these Porsche 356s from 1955 (the convertible) and 1957 (the hardtop).



Leaded petrol is definitely on the way out, so what can owners of older cars do to survive the conversion? **PETER MCKAY** has some suggestions.

THE clock is ticking for owners of cars manufactured before 1986, with leaded super-grade fuel unlikely to be available in your neighbourhood service station after 2000.

The Federal Government seems committed to force consumers on to a lead-free diet sooner rather than later and, according to the Australian Institute of Petroleum (AIP), the swing to unleaded is gathering momentum. At the end of last year, unleaded petrol accounted for 55.6 per cent of total petrol sales.

That's all bad news for the owners of an estimated five to six million cars on the roads still using leaded. Of course, some of the less healthy of these oldies will be out of commission by the turn of the century, but many other lead-sipping cars will still be in good order.

Motorists have been getting strong hints from the authorities that they should prepare for a lead-free landscape. Already the dreaded leaded is costing two cents a litre more than ULP. And there have been hints of an even greater impost on the anti-social super grade.

Half-lead petrol is going well but many pre-1986 cars won't run satisfactorily on the light-lead brew now produced by Shell.

Engine pinging and a fall in performance are familiar symptoms.

The AIP forecasts that leaded fuel will account for just 10 per cent of total petrol sales by the end of this decade.

Its availability after that is very much in the hands of the fuel companies.

Lead was introduced to fuel for two reasons — to control detonation and to provide lubrication to the valve mating surfaces to prevent sticking. Without it, many older engines can be vulnerable.

Those who cannot afford to, or do not wish to, update to a newer vehicle are nervously seeking cheaper alternatives.

Fuel additives are one solution, but not an entirely satisfactory one. Another is to install a late-model engine.

One consideration is to reduce the compression ratio and fit hardened valve inserts.

A new jigger called the Fuelstar in-line cartridge might help. It allows pre-1986 (leaded petrol) cars to run on unleaded fuel without pinging, loss of performance or valve deterioration.



The Fuelstar is a fuel catalyst which is fitted to the fuel supply line in the engine compartment. It leaches minuscule quantities of tin from metal alloy pellets into the unleaded fuel supply before it reaches the carburetor or injection system.

In changing the combustion characteristics and reducing the accumulation of carbon, it also allows engines designed to run on leaded fuel to run happily on ULP without any modifications. The tin, a substitute for evil tetraethyl lead, acts as a catalyst and provides the necessary lubrication.

The product, about the size of a sausage, has been on the UK market for six years and is now fitted to more than 3,000 pre-1986 Australian cars.

Fuelstar Australia, the local importer, claims that by improving the efficiency of the combustion process the cartridge increases engine power, promotes easier starting, generates fuel savings, lowers exhaust gas temperatures and reduces toxic emissions.

Also, the tin in the cartridge impregnates and therefore protects the engine's valve seats.

The *Herald* has not yet tried the cartridge, but independent reports from qualified mechanical engineers verify the manufacturer's claims.

Pricing starts at \$249 for a four-cylinder car, with cartridges for the big sixes and V8s costing \$469. Fuelstar Australia can be contacted on Freecall number 1 800 624007.

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## 1995 POINT SCORES

### \*\* SPORTING \*\*

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**Jim Peters**

Supersprint 19/2/95 - Amaroo Park  
5th in class.

### \*\* CLUBMEMBER OF THE YEAR \*\*

13 points

Val Peters.

12 points

David Muir; Jim Peters

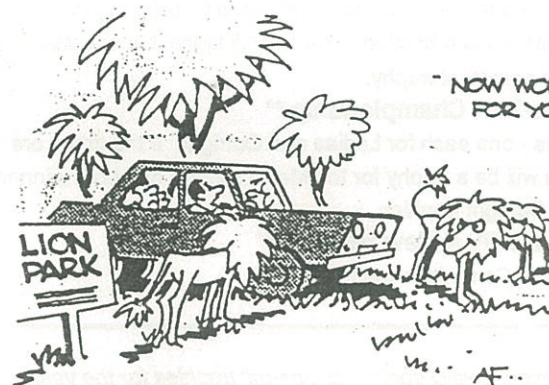
11 points

Roland Clark; Stephanie Clark; Chris Johnson;  
Joan Johnson; Barbara Muir.

10 points

Penny Creighton; Les Johnson.

Scores for period 1.1.95 to 31.3.95





# TROPHIES

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## **\*\* Club Member of the Year \*\***

Awarded for attending the most events.

*Donated by Clive Sanderson (dec.)*

## **\*\* Don MacDonald Memorial Trophy \*\***

President's choice of member who has made the most significant contribution to the Club during the year.

*Donated by John Burton and Lester Gough*

## **\*\* Sporting Championship \*\***

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

*Donated by Castrol*

## **\*\* Club Car Display \*\***

Awarded for the best-presented car.

*Donated by John Thompson Sports Cars*

## **\*\* Citizen Kane Award \*\***

Awarded for the best 'Top Gear' article written by a member.

*Donated by Jim Peters*

The winners names are engraved on the trophies and they receive an individual trophy.

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## **\*\* Sporting Championship \*\***

Two trophies - one each for Open and Closed Sections, for the highest points in each Section. The overall highest score also receives the perpetual trophy.

## **\*\* Motorkhana/Go-Kart Championship \*\***

Two trophies - one each for Ladies and Outright. If the times are equal, there will be a trophy for the Men's section and both winners will receive Outright trophies.

## **\*\* Best Performance By A New Member \*\***

Chosen by the Committee members.

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