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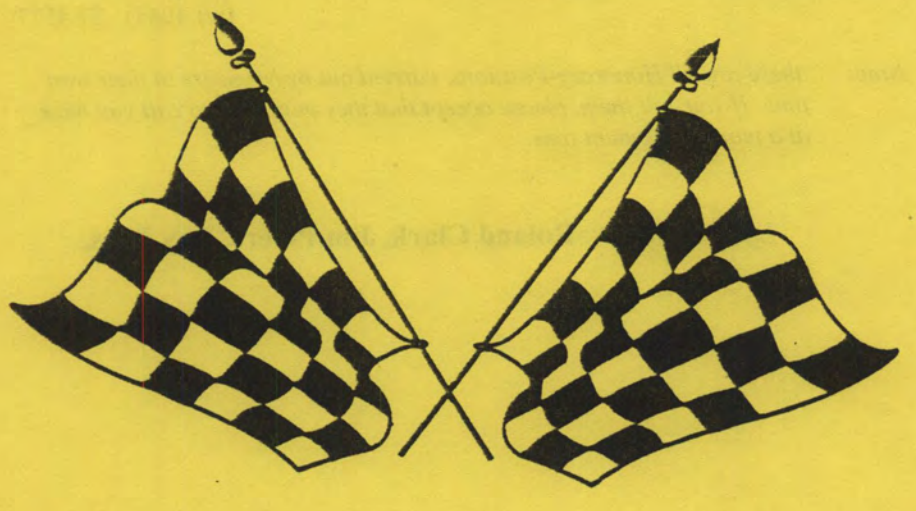

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Note: these are all Honorary-Positions, carried out by Members in their own time. If you call them, please accept that they may have to call you back at a more convenient time.

Life Members: **Roland Clark, Jim Peters, Ray Ross.**

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thoroughbred sports car club

INCORPORATED AS AN ASSOCIATION
Registered No.: Y15083-35

TSCC is affiliated with the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport

OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

"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."

General Meetings of the Club

Held on the second Wednesday of each Month, commencing at 8:00pm, at the Ryde RSL Club, (Bowling Club Rooms), 724 Victoria Road, Ryde.

1996 CALENDAR

As at January 1996
[and subject to amendments]

February				
March				
April				
May				
June				
July	Wed	10	M	TSCC Monthly Meeting
	Sun	21	R	Eastern Creek
August	Sun	4	R	Amaroo Park
	Sun	11	S	Go Kart: Venue to be advised
	Wed	14	M	TSCC Monthly Meeting
September	Sun	1	R	Wakefield Park
	Wed	11	M	TSCC Monthly Meeting
	Sun	22	S	Day Run {St Albans]
October	TBA	TBA	S	Observation Run.
	Wed	9	M	TSCC Monthly Meeting
	Sat	26	R	Oran Park
November	Wed	13	M	TSCC Monthly Meeting
	Sun	17	S	Pride of Ownership Day
	Sun	24	R	Eastern Creek
November	Sat	30	S	XMAS FUNCTION: Artarmon Inn

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).

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Racing:	Steve Hammond	896 0608

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

EDITOR's NOTEBOOK

Welcome to the *'Winter Edition'* of the TSCC's Newsletter.
We're half way through the Events Calendar for the year; where has 1996 gone??

This Edition has an added bonus:
for those Club Members who were not able to be part of the Club's '15th Year Anniversary Rally', I have included the *write-up* that the Participants put together on their return.
It makes for good reading, and whets the appetite for the next 'Anniversary Rally'.
A *Club Album of the Event* has also been compiled; it's something not to be missed; some of the photos are priceless, and on looking back, in time to come, will evoke such fond memories; the stuff Car Clubs are made of!!!
[The Album will be able to be viewed at future Club Meetings, and I'll endeavour to bring it along to some f the Club Events in the not too distant future.]
My thanks of course go those Members who so willingly gave of their 'priceless' photos; without them the Album could not have been put together.

STOP PRESS: the TSCC's planned ***Christmas Function*** *has been brought forward one week, to* ***Saturday, 30th November;*** *as in past years it is being held at the* ***'Artarmon Inn'****, where they really know how to look after us.*

That's about all from me, till next Edition:
[Stephanie Clark]

'Citizen-Kane Award'

The 'Autumn Edition' Winner was **Bob Smith,** (TSCC's resident Travel Agent), with his article:
'Splendid Silverdale'

At the *August* Monthly Meeting, Club Members will be voting on the Articles appearing in this Edition:

'Tennis Day'	*[Barbara Muir]*
'Vice-President's Run'	*[Sandra Eid]*
'Red, White and Blue'	*[Bob Smith]*
'Who Dares Wins'	*[Steve Hammond]*

[Oran Park Day/Night Meeting]

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Time marches on!
We are now half-way through the l996 Club Year, and for the most part, all Events have been well attended.
Needless to say, the '15th Year Anniversary Rally' was a smashing success, and I've heard rumour that any excuse will now qualify as a reason to run another Rally.
For those of you that couldn't attend, I certainly commend it to you for next time.

A couple of up-coming Events are worthy of note.
Those are the 'Go-Karting Event' on 11th August, (watch for a flyer), and the 'CVVTMC Historicar Festival', on the weekend of August 17th/18th.
[A number of Club Cars will be on display on this day.]
By all accounts, this Event is impressive, and it is an opportunity for the Club to gain some profile and potentially attract new Members.
Your attendance and support for this Event would be welcomed and appreciated.
Like-wise for the Go-Karting; the more the merrier!

Without any further ado, enjoy the rest of your Newsletter.

Regards; and hoping to see you at the next Meeting
[Mike Ryan]

1996 POINT SCORE

** CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

28 Points:	***Mike Ryan***
25 Points:	***Steve Hammond***
26 Points:	***Dave Muir/ Barbara Muir***
23 Points:	***Chris Johnson***
22 Points:	***Stephanie Clark/ Val Dixon***
20 Points:	***Lester Gough/ Les Johnson***

Scores up to and including 12.7.97

TROPHIES

PERPETUAL

*** 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' of Sporting Events]
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 Club Member; as voted on by fellow Club Members]
Donated by: ***Jim Peters***

[The Winners names are engraved on these Trophies.
They retain them for the up-coming Year.
They receive an individual Trophy, which they then retain.]

SPORTING:

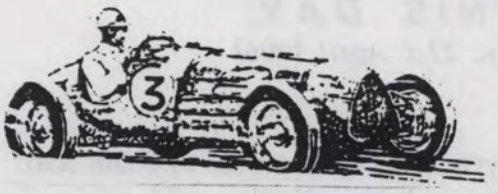
*** SPORTING CHAMPIONSHIP ***
[Two Trophies: one each for 'Open' and 'Closed' Sections, for the highest Points in each Section.
The overall highest Score receives the afore-mentioned 'Perpetual Trophy'.]

*** 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.

COMPETITIVE EDGE



Hello All!
Well, we are certainly getting through this year.
For those of you who have just come out of deep-sleep therapy, it's already July.
The good news is, that there is still half of the year remaining.

As I have mentioned before, we've joined the 'Cams Super Sprint Championship', to give us a greater variety of Circuits.
The up-shot of this is that on the 21st July we tested our skills against the World Class, Eastern Creek Raceway ; a report will be forthcoming in the 'Spring Edition' of this Newsletter.
Warning: *if you want to attend any of the remaining Cams Supersprints this year, then I strongly recommend you join the Championship.*
[I say this due to the fact there are some one hundred and eighty Members, and almost without exception, these people fill all the spots available at the Supersprints.
This is due to the fact that Championship Members can register two weeks earlier than everyone else.
With one hundred and eighty odd members, it rarely takes longer that two weeks to fill eighty or ninety positions.]
It's still not too late to enter, and avoid missing such venues as *Wakefield Park*, *Oran Park* (Grand-Prix Circuit) and *Eastern Creek.*

There have been only two TSCC Members at any Supersprint this year;
(that's ***Mike Ryan*** and ***myself***)
The Competition was, and still is intense; and the Point-Score reads as follows:

	Amaroo Park:	*Oran Park:*	*Total:*
Steve Hammond:	**3**	**4**	**7**
Mike Ryan:	**2**	**3**	**5**

Needless to say, I'm having an 'all-right kind of year'.
But, Motorsport can be cruel, and things can change; might end up losing!!!
[Steve Hammond]

TENNIS DAY:
[Sunday, 21st April 1996]

The Flyer stated 10:30am for 11:00am start; so, once again, up bright and early to pack the picnic-basket, gather the rackets and balls, and head for Kenthurst Park, to enjoy a day of sport and recreation.

The sun was shining, and the day looked good, for some keen competition and exercise.
At 11:00am sharp the rules were explained by David (Muir); Stephanie (Clark) organised the Round Robin Competition, matching partners as per the sheet, ('scored' from a Recreational Officer of a Queensland Resort, courtesy of the Muirs) so there could be no complaints of "skull-duggery".

Play began, and the different styles of Tennis was interesting to observe:
some who insisted on playing some form of 'Aerial Ping-Pong' / others being 'nasty' to their opponents by hitting the ball straight at them / ....
A few good aces were slammed down; some curvy-drop shots; a couple of cross-court balls all helped the score(s).

By 1:00pm, everyone was hot and bothered; so we stopped for lunch, and a few glasses of Vino.

At 2:00pm, back into it again, with another 'Challenge', as some more Competitors wanted to join in.
The order of play was drawn, and the competition continued.

By the end of the day, everyone was partnered with, or had played against each other, to find the Winners; who were: ***David Muir*** (TSCC) and ***Peter Hammond*** (AMOC)

Thank you Stephanie, for organising another enjoyable day, at a great venue.

A good day was had by all; although rumour has it there were a few aching bodies the next day!!
[Barbara Muir]

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Red, White and Blue:

Just one hour and six minutes (not four, or five, but six minutes!) by highly efficient train service from Frankfurt, Germany, lies the lovely riverside village of Aschaffenburg.
Nestled in an old textile warehouse, on the banks of the River Main, lies one of the world's great Car Museums: ***the Rosso Bianco Collection.***

The easiest way to describe the 'Rosso Bianco Museum' is that it's the Sports Car equivalent of Tom Wheatcroft's 'Donington Collection' of single-seaters, only double the size!!

The owner of this treasure-chest is *Peter Kaus*, an Industrialist and 'Collector of Automobiles'.
The warehouse has five vast halls, all crammed with wonderful Sports Racing Cars.
It really is fabulous!! -- over two hundred vehicles in total; the world's largest collection of Maseratis, McLarens and Lolas, and only the factories have more Alfas and Porches.

I was very lucky to gain entry to the Museum last November, as I arrived on the second, and they had just closed!
A little sweet talking on the phone to the receptionist saw me on the morning train to Aschaffenburg the next day. She opened the Museum for me, and I had the run of the place for four hours, on my own.
[A timely bunch of flowers bought at Frankfurt Station works wonders!!]

The Cars are all either nicely restored, or wearing the patina of years on the Race-Track.
His Maserati Collection is truly outstanding; with many Historic Cars on display.
I met Herr Kaus during my visit -- he was most intrigued by an Aussie wandering around his Cars, when the Museum was shut.
He showed me a *Tipo 151/3 Maserati:* the Car in which "lucky" Casner was killed at Le Mans in 1965.
It was still damaged when Kaus found it, but most of its mechanicals had well and truly disappeared.
He told me that by chance, the missing pieces had turned up in a crate of Maserati Spares, bought from Australia many years later, and now re-fitted to the original Car.

Nearly all the Cars had 'History', like this, to tell: I could have spent a lot longer taking it all in.
His Porsche Collection includes the *1000h.p. twin-turboed Can-Am 917.*
He has an amazing hall full of Can-Am 'monsters'; a really bizarre exhibit, compared with the delicate era of European Thoroughbreds.

All too soon, it was time to leave. I was really on a high, and knew I had been privileged to see such a great Collection.
Aschaffenburg is a pleasant half-hour stroll from the Museum along the banks of the River.
The Village is all cobbled-stoned streets; and wood-carved architecture abounds.
I treated myself to lunch; at No 6, Schossestrasse, a Fifteenth-Century Building, converted into a Restaurant.
The food is exquisite: local dumplings are a speciality. It's not cheap; a glass of local wine is $10; but a fitting finale to a great time in the Museum.
{The details:
Rosso Bianco Collection.
Obernauer Strasse 125
Aschaffenburg.
Tel.: 060 21/2 13 58
Fax: 060 21/2 06 36
Don't miss it on your next European vacation.

Happy Motoring!
[Bob Smith]

TREASURER's TROVE

Financial Report for the period: 1/ 1/96 to 30/ 6/96

INCOME:			
Advertising:			260
CAMS:			220
Interest:			24
Other:	[Video Sale	130	
	T/fer of T.D.	575	705
Social:			105
Subscriptions:			730
Sundry:	[Raffle:	94	
	Rally.	5470	5564
			$7608
EXPENDITURE:			
Bank Charges:			42
Cams:			432
Insurance:			125
Postage:	[Newsletters and Magazines]		204
Room Hire:	[Club Meetings]		100
Social:			174
Subscriptions:			25
Sundries:	[Video:	1135	
	Rally:	6118	7253
			$8355

EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) YEAR-TO-DATE: ($ 747)

ASSETS:		
Cash on Hand:	as at 30/ 6/96	22
Cash at Bank,	as at 30/ 6/96	928
Deposit Maturing,	as at 12/ 9/96	578
Deposit Maturing,	as at 20/ 1//97	637
		$2,165

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KANGAROO VALLEY

[Sunday, 2nd June 1996]

Our meeting-place was at 'Bulli Tops Service Station', where we all relaxed and warmed-up, with a Cuppacino, and raisin toast, whilst enjoying the view.

We then followed the long, winding road through gentle rain, enjoying the autumn/winter views.

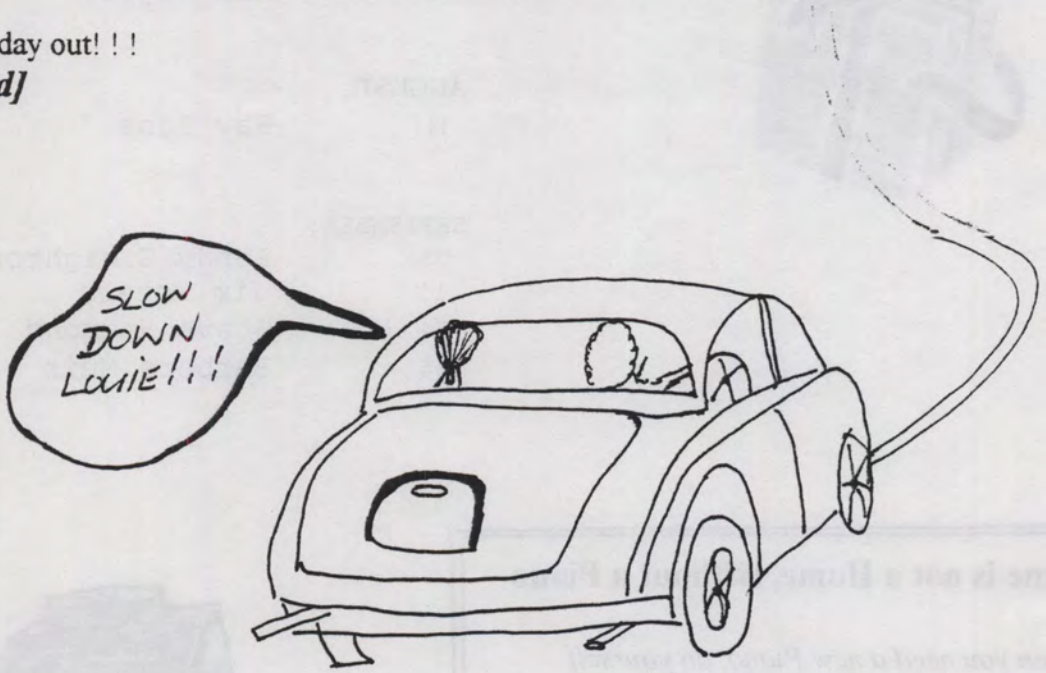
Berry's Craft Shops and Nursery were a pleasure to browse, but do you think we could find umbrellas..... under $20?.
[*Michael Ryan: we need you!*]

'Kangaroo Valley Inn' was our lunch-stop; great food and service.
We laughed as we went through photos; and, in the meantime, the sun came shining through; so we later enjoyed a chat and an ice-cream outside.
Thank-you Adrian: we all left with our 'Certificate of Attendance'!!

Our last stop for the day was 'Fitzroy Falls', where we had a pleasant walk to the 'Grand-Views'.

4:00pm: we were homeward bound.
And, boy did Louie hit the road!!....he literally kept up the name F..R..E..E..W..A..Y!!!

What a great day out! ! !
[Sandra Eid]



Editor's Note:
Thanks, Sandra, for the illustrated additions; we really get a picture of just how fast you were travelling!!

Socially Speaking

There's a few interesting Events coming up in the next three months; hope to see you there.

Apart from the three Monthly Meetings, the ***'Racing Representatives'*** have a chance to strut their stuff at *Amaroo Park (Sunday, 4th August).*

For those of us that are a little more ***'Social',*** there's the planned *'Go-Karting' Day*, on Sunday, 11th August, and the *St Alban's Run* on Sunday 22nd September, which just might have a little 'musical-surprise' for those motoring there.

And, in true ***'Club Spirit'*** there's the *'CVVTMC Historicar Festival'* held over the weekend of 17th/18th August, which sees the Club represented by ten of its Cars.
(see detailed information in this Newsletter)
Judging from past reports, this is one Event not to be missed.

And then, there's the activities planned for the last three months of the year..... more on that later!!

Birthday Greetings to:

JULY:

16	Grant Liddell
21	Roland Clark
25	John Dixon
31	Max Pegler

AUGUST:

11	Ray Ross

SEPTEMBER:

05	Penny Creighton
11	Jim Peters
24	Steve Hammond
24	Barbara Muir

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ORAN PARK: Day/Night Meeting

[13th April, 1996]

Sub-Title: ***'WHO DARES, WINS!'***

The turn-out for these Supersprints is getting bigger every time I go; this Event, at least for half the day, was no exception.
The day began later than normal, due to the fact that it would not end until it was way past my bed-time.
I had only done one Supersprint at Oran Park before, and I'd rather not talk about that one!
However, this one was shaping up to be pretty good.

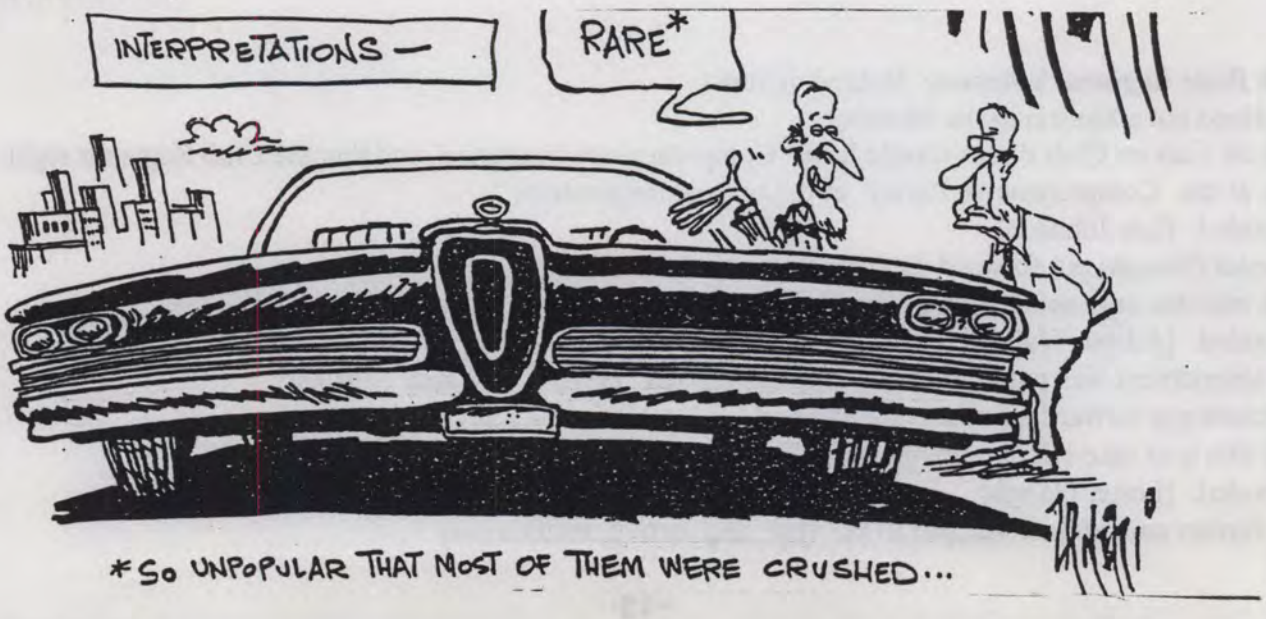
In attendance were **Mike Ryan and myself,** both with Cars slightly more modified than our last Meeting here, at Oran Park.
Standing-Starts are great for my Car, 'cause that's probably its best trick.
Michael's Car, on the other hand, isn't the best off the line.
(I think it's his Diff. Is 1:1 too tall?)
But, when he gets it wound up, all hell breaks loose!, and he passes you like a Government Bus, when you're only three steps from the stop.
The Corners are the evener, but generally, whoever leads going in, will lead going out.
The Daylight-Runs went fairly well, and they were ended just as the sun got tired and went to bed.
(This was the signal for all the wimps to pack up their pillows and handbags, and go home.)
With a much diminished field, now some serious racing was about to happen.

Of the three Runs already competed, I had won just one, so I was behind; I had to catch up; I was going to have to actually try!!!
The First-Run was incredible. Racing at night is something that everyone should experience.
I said I had to try, but there is such a thing as trying too hard: I went into BP Corner going a bit too fast, and had to take a defensive line just to get around.
Needless to say, Michael just cruised up the inside, and that meant that I was now down by three to one.
The Second Run at night was much better.
My Car seemed to gather fifty more Horsepower, and I beat Michael, much to his disgust!!
This meant that I had to win the last Round, just to finish the night equal.
Well, to sum up: "I choked"; I was trying too hard, and in two laps I managed to go off twice.

Despite loosing by four Runs to two, I had a fantastic time.
But, to top it off, I'd just managed to beat Michael by nine-tenths of a second.
This happened on the second-last Run. Did this small fact tick him off? Well, I'll let you ask him.

The Night Meeting was such a success, that we were assured there will be more; so, keep your eyes open, and I strongly recommend them.

[Steve Hammond]



Minutes of Monthly Meeting,
[held on Wednesday, 12th June, 1996]

The Meeting opened at 8:17pm with the President, Michael Ryan, in the Chair.

Present: Vic Andrews, Roland and Stephanie Clark, Val Dixon, Louis Eid, Lester Gough, Steve Hammond, Tom Inman, Chris Johnson, Les Johnson, David and Barbara Muir, Ray and Margaret Ross, Michael Ryan, Bob Smith, Adrian Walker.

Apologies: Penny Creighton, John Dixon, John and Margaret Evans, Grant Liddell, Jim and Val Peters.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accepted: [Roland Clark] Seconded: [Ray Ross]

Correspondence: Letters, available for Members to read:
Association of British Car Clubs / Wakefield Park, (Events for 1996) / TAFE (Panel Beating Course for Vehicle Restoration) / Bathurst 1000 / Results of Supersprint Championship / Shannons Insurance Agents / Motorsport Forum.

Editor's Report: Stephanie (Clark):
Winter Edition of Newsletter is due out in July; all Reports/Articles are to be faxed to her by 30th June.

Social Co-Ordinator's Report: Dave (Muir):
** *Tennis Day:* 21st April; TSCC joined by the Aston Martin Club for a great and intense day of tennis; good attendance; thanks again to Stephanie (Clark) for great organisation and score-keeping.
***Vice-President's Run:* 2nd June; Kangaroo Valley; twenty-six Club Members and their families attended; voted another great social event, and a chance for Members to take their cars for a run.
***Go-Kart Night:* with the Aston Club; fun time had by all.
***Harold Park Trots:* passes were made available for Club Members to attend Harold Park Trots on Friday, 14th June; Meeting decided insufficient time to organise a Club Outing; tickets were made available to any Members who could use them.

Club Plate Registrar's Report: Roland (Clark)
**Roland put a Motion to the Meeting:
"that all Cars on Club Plates should have 'Comprehensive Insurance', and that the Club Registrar sight a copy of the 'Comprehensive Policy' at the time of Registration."
Seconded: [Les Johnson]
**Lester (Gough) put forward an amendment to the Motion:
"that vehicles only need to be covered by 'Third Party Property Insurance'."
Seconded: [Adrian Walker]
The amendment was put to the vote, and was carried: eleven {for} four {against}
**Roland put forward a further amendment:
"that this is to take effect immediately."
Seconded: [Lester Gough]
The further amendment was put to the vote, and carried unanimously.

Minutes of June Meeting: *-cont-*

General Business:

**The President welcomed a potential new Member: *Tom Inman*

Letterhead: discussion took place on either re-designing or re-doing the 'TSCC Letterhead', as there were no originals held by the Secretary, and there was no official address on the copy of the current Letterhead.

Michael Ryan offered to draft a new Letterhead, and take it to the Committee.

The Meeting agreed on the re-design and the re-printing of a Club Letterhead, perhaps using the Peters' PO Box, (should they be in agreement.)

Stephanie (Clark) expressed a vote of thanks to Les and Roselee (Johnson) and to John and Val (Dixon) for the organisation and success of the '15th Anniversary Rally'.

All Members agreed that it was an immensely enjoyable event.

She is putting together a Club Album on the Event, and requested all participants who took photos to have them to her no later than 30th June.

Citizen Kane Award: was voted upon; articles coming from the Autumn Edition of Newsletter; the winner being: *Bob Smith.*

Congratulations to: *Lester Gough,* on achieving his 50th Year.

Guest Speaker: *Roland Clark*

[Thank you Roland, for an interesting account of your life, thus far.]

Meeting closed at 9:55pm

Next Meeting: *10th July, 1996.*

[Val Dixon]

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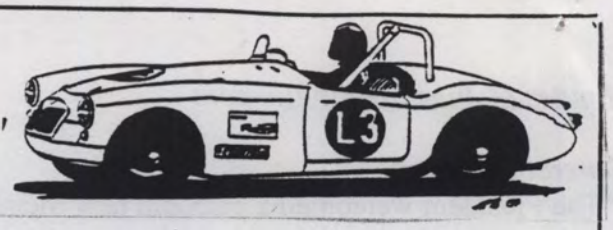

SYDNEY's EASTERN CREEK
[Saturday and Sunday:
17th/18th August, '96]

HISTORICAR FESTIVAL

Saturday, 17th August: **SWAP MEET**
Your chance to find just *that* Classic Vehicle part.
Or, if spectating is more your thing: ***'Quarter Mile Sprint'***
$5 Entry Fee, for Spectators.

Sunday, 18th August: **CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY**
There will be a Display of over one thousand five hundred Classic Cars;
a Display of Racing, by HSRCA.
And there's more: Jazz Bands, Vintage Military Vehicles, ...

This Event is run by the ***'Council of Vintage Veteran and Thoroughbred Motor Clubs'***
People put their Cars in on a voluntary basis, with over ninety Car Clubs being involved.

Our Club has been invited to put in a ten-car **Vehicle Display**, (as we have done for the past three years.)
The following Members have kindly volunteered their participation in the Event, and nominated the following Vehicles:

Roland Clark:	**Aston Martin DB4**
Louis Eid:	**Triumph TR6 Convertible**
Louis Eid:	**Daimler V8 250**
Lester Gough:	**Cortina GT Superleggia**
Chris Johnson:	**E Type Jaguar Coupe**
David Muir:	**Subaru WRX Turbo**
Jim Peters:	**Maserati Quadro-Porte**
Ray Ross:	**Cortina 1500**
Michael Ryan:	**Targa Florio P76 V8**
Adrian Walker:	**Mustang Mach 1 GT**

Our TSCC Display will be located in the Tarmac-Pit Area, just behind Pit Garages.
A Map will be provided, as we go in the rear Pit-Gate.
(The Public are welcome to attend from 9:00am onwards; $5 Entry Fee; just head West towards Penrith on the Freeway, and follow the Eastern Creek signs.)

A good day will be had by all; and, a chance to support your Club.
[Adrian Walker]

P R O F I L E: **STEPHEN HAMMOND**

[Competition Secretary]

I was born at Bankstown District Hospital, on the 24th September, 1967.
I lived most of my childhood in Guildford; although I attended Granville East Public School, and Granville South High School.

I've been interested in Cars ever since I've been off the breast.
[My Dad built me a billy-cart, when I was about six; the dye was cast!]
My Dad raced Cars, beginning with an MG/TD, then a Clubman, and finally a Sport's Sedan Anglia, with a Falcon 6-Cylinder in it.
The family-cars have been fairly boring: Falcons, a Cortina, a Fiat, a Rambler, and an EH Station-Wagon.
However, the pride of them all was a *GT V6 Capri 3000*, which I fell in love with; I suppose I'm still in love to this day!!!

I kept going to School until they told me not to any more; by that time I had my Higher School Certificate.
My first job was as a 'Civilian Storeman' in the Army, at the 212 Supply Depot, at Penrith.
I was nineteen at this stage, and it was at the beginning of that year, (after reading an old 'Wheels' Magazine) that I got the crazy idea of a V8 Commodore. [More about that later.]

With the help of my father I then bought my first Truck, and worked it in Sydney, delivering Soft-Drink, for about eighteen months.
My father and I then moved to Queensland, and I lived there for a year. I drove Trucks all over Queensland, and truly had the time of my life.

Cupid had been flying around Queensland, as it turns out, and a direct hit had me back in Sydney, after only twelve months.
Before I could say "I don't", I did, and I married my beautiful wife, **Leanne Maree**, on the 11th November, 1989.

Along with my passion for Motor Vehicles, I've had a passion for ***Aircraft***; in particular a passion to fly them! I began my Pilot-Training that same year, and finished it the next year.
While training at the Airport, I got involved with the Aircraft Refuelling Industry.
During the Recession, however, I had to get a real job, so I worked in the Computer Transport Industry for about four years.
Two years ago, I came back to work for a Boss, in Aircraft Refuelling, and just some six months ago, I became the Boss.
If you think I'm scared, you're right!!!

While I was living the high life down in Sydney, my Dad was slaving over my original Project, back in Queensland: he was building my 'Dream-Car', he thought for himself. After I drove it for the first time, I just had to have it; so, I made him an offer. I said: "I've got no money, and no way to ever re-pay you, but I just have to have that Car!"
How could he refuse? The Car was mine. I've spent the past four years getting 'The Car' how I want it, and I'm still no where near it!!

My Profile would not be complete without mentioning my son, ***Paul***, who arrived on our doorstep about two years ago.
People who say "Life is not complete without children" are absolutely right.
So, my life is now complete; complete havoc!!!

[Steve Hammond]

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