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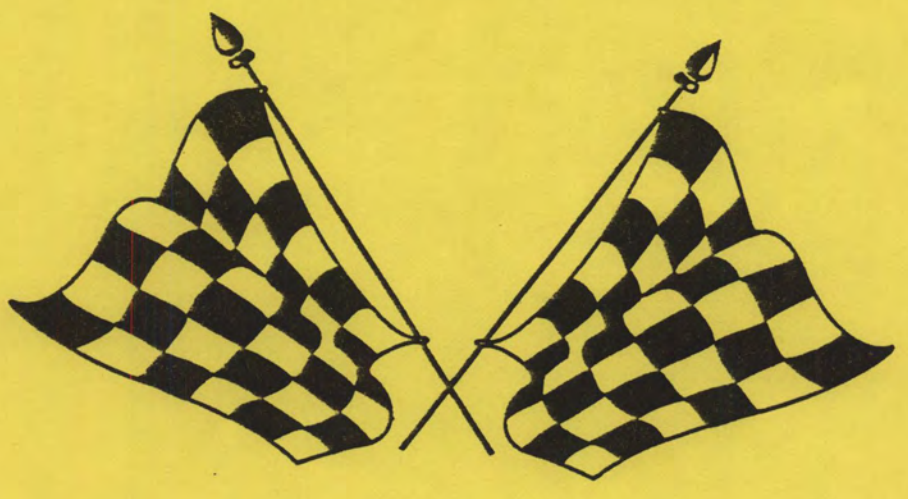

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OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

"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.

1997 CALENDAR

As at January 1997
[and subject to amendments]

April	Wed	9	M	April Monthly Meeting
	Sun	13	R	Supersprint: Mt Panorama
	Sat	19	S	Restaurant Rendeavouz
May	Sun	4	S	Motorkhana
	Sun	4	R	Supersprint: Wakefield Park
	Wed	14	M	May Monthly Meeting
	Sun	25	S	Day Run
June	Wed	11	M	June Monthly Meeting
	Fri	13	S	Harold Park Trots
	Sun	15	R	Supersprint: Eastern Creek
July	Wed	9	M	July Monthly Meeting
	Weekend	12/13	S	Weekend Away
	Sun	20	R	NSWRRC: Oran Park
	Sun	27	R	Supersprint: Amaroo Park
August	Sun	3	S	Tennis Day: Kenthurst Park
	Wed	13	M	August Monthly Meeting
	Weekend	16/17	S	Historicar Festival
	Sun	31	R	Supersprint: Wakefield Park
September	Wed	10	M	September Monthly Meeting
	Sat	20	R	Supersprint: Oran Park
	Sun	28	S	Motorkhana
October	Wed	8	M	October Monthly Meeting
	Weekend		S	Weekend Away
November	Sat	1	R	Supersprint: Oran Park
	Sun	2	R	NSWRRC: Oran Park
	Wed	12	M	November Monthly Meeting / A.G.M
	Sun	16	S	Pride Of Ownership Day: Curzon Hall
	Sun	23	R	Supersprint: Eastern Creek
December	Sat	6	S	Christmas Function
	Sun	14	R	NSWRRC: Oran Park

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).

Contacts

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

EDITOR's NOTEBOOK

This 'Autumn Newsletter' sees the return of the TSCC's "resident-Travel-Agent", ***Bob Smith.***
The event he's chosen for this edition is the *Mille Miglia.*
It makes for very interesting reading.

There's also an article written by the Rally Director of the **'1997 Australia Day Rally'**, (one of the events under the umbrella of the Council of Vintage, Veteran and Thoroughbred Motor Clubs)
This annual event is well worth the trip into Sydney -- a display of over two hundred well-loved, well-tuned "babies"

The ***'Ten-Pin Bowling Night'*** and the ***'Day Run to Camden'*** are also featured in this edition.
[A few photos were taken of our stars in action on the bowling night; can't wait to put them in the album!!)

For our sporting enthusiasts, there's a write-up of the ***'Oran Park Supersprint'***, where the 'old' Van-Diemen was put through its paces; different driver, same car.

For this edition's profile, **Chris Johnson**, (our Vice-President/Social Co-Ordinator for 1997) has given us a brief outline of his very interesting life, both here and in England; and his list of cars is endless!!

Enjoy!
(and keep those articles coming!!)

[Stephanie Clark]

CITIZEN-KANE AWARD

Loui Eid ***('My Daimler')*** was the 'Summer Citizen-Kane'

At the April Monthly Meeting we will be voting on the the following articles:

'Ten-Pin Bowling Night'	[1. 3.97]	*[Barbara Muir]*
'Day Run to Camden'	[23. 3.97]	*[Sandra Eid]*
'Oran Park Supersprint'	[15. 2.97]	*[Vic Andrews]*
Mille Miglia'		*[Bob Smith]*

Extract: 'The Spoke'n Word'
[Bathurst Historic Car Club Magazine]

This is a story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.
There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it
Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.
Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job.
Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.
It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody, when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As the first quarter of 1997 has flown by, the events of your Club have started.

Some sixteen members enjoyed a fun filled evening at the Enfield Bowl, arranged by your hard-working member, **Les Johnson**. Thank you, Les.
(Look for a write-up about the night further on in this newsletter, written by *Barbara Muir,* where she tells us what happened, who had the best bowling technique, who provided the most laughs, ...)

On our second social outing we enjoyed a lunch at Camden Valley Inn. Great company, great day run!!
Thanks go to **Chris Johnson** for arranging the venue.
(*Loui Eid* has been quick off the mark and written a report of that day's adventures.)

To members we have not seen in 1997: I would appreciate your effort to support your Club at Meetings and Social-Events, arranged by your hard-working Committee.

In closing, I would appreciate when social events are arranged, that members contact the nominated contact-person on flyers distributed if you ***are*** attending, or ***not attending.***
(this will assist your fellow club-member who has taken the time to arrange events on your behalf.)

Look forward to your support and attendance at our next Meeting: ***Wednesday 13th April,*** and any forthcoming social events.
Thanking you:.

[Dave Muir]

1996 Club Member Points

Loui Eid	**12**
David Muir	**12**
Stephanie Clark	**10**
Barbara Muir	**10**
John Dixon	**8**
Val Dixon	**8**
Chris Johnson	**8**
Joan Johnson	**8**
Ray Ross	**8**
Margaret Ross	**8**

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.

TREASURER's TROVE

Financial Report for the period: 1/ 1/97 to 31/ 3/97

INCOME:		
Advertising:		260
CAMS:		0
Interest:		7
Other:		0
Social:		0
Subscriptions:		741
Sundry:		0
		$1,008

EXPENDITURE:		
Bank Charges:		8
Cams:		318
Insurance:		0
Postage:	[Newsletters and Magazines]	53
Room Hire:	[Club Meetings]	100
Social:		0
Subscriptions:	[CVVTMC]	25
Sundries:		0
Trophies:		0
		$ 504

EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) YEAR-TO-DATE: $ 504

ASSETS:		
Cash on Hand:	as at 31/ 3/97	10
Cash at Bank,	as at 31/ 3/97	1,402
Deposit Maturing,	as at 31/ 3/97	674
		$2,086

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T.S.C.C. Sporting Pointscore

Five or less in class	**1st**	**=**	**5 points**
	2nd	**=**	**4 "**
	3rd	**=**	**3 "**
	4th	**=**	**2 "**
	5th	**=**	**1 "**
Between 6 and 10 in class.....	**1st**	**=**	**Number in class**
	2nd	**=**	**above less 1**
	3rd	**=**	**above les 1**
	etc		
	Last in class	**=**	**1**
10 or more in class	**1st**	**=**	**10**
	2nd	**=**	**9**
	3rd	**=**	**8**
	4th	**=**	**7**
	5th	**=**	**6**
	6th	**=**	**5**
	7th	**=**	**4**
	8th	**=**	**3**
	9th	**=**	**2**
	10th	**=**	**1**

1997 Pointscore ..... competitors points total will be obtained from a total of six events (you best results) , either invited club events (NSWRRC OR ARDC) or any of the supersprint series.
So please let me have a copy of your result sheet.

Vic Andrews.

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THE COMPETITIVE EDGE

Sporting Report

Next Events : April 13 Supersprint , Mt Panorama ----Supersprint Series

May 4th ..... Motorkanna

Where.....Fiat club grounds , Richmond , Just before RAAF Base
Corner of Windsor rd and Percival st

Bring ..... (suggested) A road registered chariot , lunch and cold drinks
portable chairs , Hat , UV protection , sense of humour .

Cost .....Approx $ 10 per driver

Time .....Start around 10 am

Excellent event for new drivers to practice and improve car control skills without the worry of hitting anything . So any members with P - Plates in the family insist they come out to drive around some courses on the grass as it will improve your chances of keeping outof trouble in those tricky situations on the road .

Dont clean the car to well before coming out as it can get a little dusty sometimes.

Invitation to a Motorkanna with the Fiat & Alfa club 20 th April
for those who like some serious competition is available.
Start 10 am , any enquires contact Chris Davis 97977405

Sporting Calendar Updates

Amaroo ARDC supersprints
Sept 14th Sunday
Oct 26th Sunday

Change of date
NSW Road Racing Club .....Oran Park Supersprint
was Nov 2nd , Now Nov 9th

Vic Andrews

TEN PIN BOWLING

Saturday, 1st March, our first social function for the year, taking us back to our younger years of entertainment: 'Ten-Pin Bowling'

The group (fifteen in all) met at Enfield Ten-Pin Bowling Centre at 6:00pm. We were given shoes, found the best weighted ball, and made up teams of four.

With the now up-market computer score boards (thank goodness; who remembered the way to score?) the attendant set up each lane with the player's names inserted into the score boards, which indicated who was next to bowl, and scored each player's bowls.

Play commenced in each lane, with lots of coaching tips being passed around, various techniques of bowling were used to try and increase the score. There was a lot of laughter, sighs of disappointment when the ball went into the gutter, and loud rounds of applause when strikes were encountered.

One team in lane three just happened to *all* get a strike on ball nine of the second game; but all just smiled when asked how this occurred. (maybe the computerised scoring can be fiddled with!!!)

There was a lot of excitement on lane six when a player scored a spare, then another spare, and then a strike. This helped to increase the score. (Maybe she will give lessons before we have our next game)

It seemed no time before two hours had passed, and all four lanes were flashing with the final scores and our two games were over.

Congratulations go to Stephanie Clark for the best score for a game, with a total of one hundred and forty-three. Well done!

We all then walked to the nearby 'OK Chinese Restaurant', relaxed with a cold wine and enjoyed a banquet meal. Following our meal two birthday cakes were brought out for a surprise to the birthday girl: ***Roselee Johnson.*** We all sang happy birthday, and would like to know if next year Roselee will celebrate her birthday with a game of Ten-Pin Bowling (?).

Thank you *Les Johnson*, for organising a fun night. I am sure everyone had a great evening.

[Barbara Muir]

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SOCIALLY SPEAKING

Isn't the year going quickly??
[Here it is April already.]

On the **'Social Scene'** we've arranged a ***Restaurant Rendezvous*** for *Saturday 19th April*, at *Eigers Swiss Restaurant* (Petersham). For further detail, refer to the flyer accompanying this Newsletter.
Never a dull moment: *Sunday 25th May,* there's an ***Observation Run*** planned; so brush up on your navigation/driving skills.
Moving right along: *Friday 13th June*, we're off to ***Harold Park Trots***; anyone superstitious??

Referring to **'Motoring Mania'** there's a ***Motorkhana*** set down for *Sunday 4th May*, which sees us returning to the Fiat Grounds, Richmond; the scene of many a TSCC figure eight!!
Also set down for the *4th May* is the second round of the ***Supersprint Championship***, at Wakefield Park.
(Are we busy Car Club people or what!!!!)

Keep these dates free; the more the merrier.....

Birthday Greetings to:

APRIL	
02	**Lenore Hammond**
05	**Lorraine Walker**
22	**Stephanie Clark**
29	**Bill Brown**
MAY	
	Jenni Smith
JUNE	
03	**Carol Pegler**
11	**Lester Gough**
25	**Norm Johnson**

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MILLE MIGLIA

Those of you planning a European holiday this year would do well to consider being in Italy this coming May. You'll be able to catch the running of the Mille 1000, and the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Ferrari's first victory.

The Mille Miglia is rather an awkward event to follow, as it covers, as the name implies, a thousand mile run through northern Italy. These days, the retrospective is conducted at a much more leisurely pace than the flat out race of the original. The essence of the Mille Miglia is the cars - roughly 300 pre 1957 vehicles chasing along the classic route from Brescia to Rome, and back. And what cars - rangeing from Fiat 1100s to Ferrari TR 250s. Many are the actual race cars that fought along these roads in the fifties, now lovingly restored, and aired once a year at this event. The variety of vehicles is astounding - many I've never even heard of, let alone seen. When was the last time you saw a Stanguellini Sport, or an Ermini 375 ??

These days, the gold chain and Armani set are likely to be driving these treasures. Sprinkled amongst the fast lane set though, you'll still find a Moss, Hill, Klemantaski, or Gendebien. Personally, I thought the statuesque Brigette Nielson, Sly's ex.,in a Ferrari 212 Europa, looked even better than the car!

So the way to see this event is to prop in one place, like Assisi, in Umbria, and wait for the cars to come through the town. Check in to the Hotel Subasio (075-812206), and ask for room 54. You'll be rewarded with a view over the main square, opposite the San Francesco Cathedral. Here, you can sit on your balcony, where film stars and kings have before, and watch the passing parade below. We drove up Mount Subasio, just out of town, to see the cars tackle the hill climb meandering on towards Rome. You can actually run amongst the competing cars, and check out how fast Mr.Hertz's latest offering can go.

The field overnight in Rome, so the idea is to stay in Assisi, and then travel across country next day, to catch the cars as they wind their way up to Siena, and beyond. Assisi is a lovely town; cobble-stoned and walled - its full of religious treasures, and great restaurants! Try the Buca de San Francesco, tucked away in a tiny back street, and sample the local chilled red from San Gimignano - superb with fresh stewed rabbit and dumplings - their speciality.

After a casual breakfast and stroll, head off through the verdant countryside about 100 kilometres to Radicofani, a delightful hilltop village to the west. Here, narrow streets slow the cars down to little more than walking pace, as they pass between the church and the La Rocca bar. A loudspeaker pours out famous names - Villoresi, Nuvolari, Turuffi and Ascari - as Italian flags flutter in the breeze. Locals ply drivers of open topped cars with wine, cheese rolls and fruit. The atmosphere is magic; the rasp of Maseratis mingling with the bellow of vintage Bentleys, echoing off pale pink Renaissance walls.

The procession heads north, plunging into famed Siena and its historic square, home of the famous horse race. If you are in a travelling mood, leap-frog the field, by catching the Autostrada, and exit to see them run the Futa and Raticosa passes. The latter has 48 hairpin bends, a task for any cars brakes, and is superbly sighted overlooking the Po Valley.

All in all, a wonderful event to witness, and later in the month, 3000 Ferraris are poised to descend on Maranello, just kilometres from where you are. That event, of course, will have to await another article.....

Regards - Smithy.

CAMDEN VALLEY INN

SUNDAY 23RD

DAVID & BARBARA , CHRIS & JOAN, RAY & MARGARET
BOB, JENNIE & GIRLS, ROLAND & STEPHANIE
LOUIE & SANDRA

WHAT A GREAT AFTERNOON WE HAD RELAXING UNDER THE LARGE OAK TREE, ENJOYING THE BREEZE, VIEW AND CASUAL CHATTER. THE SELECTION OF FOOD WAS GOOD, ROAST PORK, FISH'N'CHIPS & SALADS. EVEN BREAD ROLLS !!!

THANKYOU JOAN FOR SHARING WITH US YOUR HOLIDAY PHOTOS FROM JAKARTA & BALI,AND FOR SHOWING US THE DOLLS YOU MADE.

WHILE CHRIS & DAVE COMPARED THE TASTES OF BLASS & GUINESS BEERS, MARGARET, STEPHANIE & BARBARA ENJOYED THEIR WINE.

LATER, CHRIS, JOAN, SANDRA AND I ENJOYED A STROLL THROUGH THE ROSE GARDEN OUR ATTENTION WAS DRAWN TO THE SOUND OF ROLAND'S COBRA, THE ROAR OF THE ENGINE SHOWS THE TRUE POWER OF THE CAR! EARLIER IN THE DAY ROLAND, I COULDNT HELP BUT STAND BACK AND ADMIRE IT!!

SANDRA & I HAVE BEEN MEMBERS FOR A FEW YEARS AND REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT DAY OUT, AS WELL AS MEETING MORE AND MORE MEMBERS..

WE MIGHT SEE YOU ON OUR NEXT DAY OUT!!!!!

LOUIE

[Editor's Note:
Thank you, Louie: Easter was great !!]

ORAN PARK SUPERSPRINT

[15th February, 1997]

After a very wet week, Saturday's event turned out to be a fine, hot and very humid day.

The day/evening meeting started runs at 1:30pm, and I got my first about an hour later, with my running-mate being a PBR driver. I didn't try for a fast start on my first standing-start, so I could have a gap with the other car and go for a fast flying-lap if everything felt OK.

The Van-Diemen accelerated well through the gears and pointed sharply into corners; however, it was unsettled going through the esses, and needed some opposite lock to correct the rear breaking away (i.e.: oversteer, not a chassis failure).

The next run I went quicker off the start line, leaving my opposition fading in the mirrors. However, when I was negotiating the bottom corner, I tapped the brakes to settle the car's speed, before going into the esses and lost it, spinning out rapidly with the same result on the next run.

Even though I only had three runs, and completed only one flying-lap of *53.2* before I had to leave, I felt that I gained a lot, as it has been around three years since my last sporting event.

I did feel comfortable with the Formula Ford on our first "get-to-know-you outing", and after some adjustments to brake bias, tyre pressure and rear damper settings, the car will give me some good results. (I'm sure!!!)

I was the only one in my class, and I did not come across any other TSCC members on the day.

[Vic Andrews]

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CHACA CLEANS UP ON COUNCIL'S 1997 AUSTRALIA DAY RALLY

With 260 cars originally entered for the 15th Annual Australia Day Rally, over 200 dedicated crews braved the unseasonably wet weather to make the run from Parramatta to the City and join with the Motorfest display. Members from the Classic and Historic Automobile Club of Australia won not only first place in the Rally but also took one of the two Runner Up places as well.

A relocated assembly area within the Parramatta Park proved to be a wise move once we had shifted a local's car parked directly across our entrance created by the City Council. First cars left at 7.45 am on a 53 km route to the City via North Parramatta, Dundas, Silverwater, Greenacre, Beverly Hills and Mascot to the Paddington Motorfest assembly area, before convoying into the Hyde Park Motorfest Display. Last year's winner Tony Atkinson (AHMC) came to the start dejected that he could not defend his previous year's title - apparently no amount of persuasion or bribery could extract his Rally partner from the marital bed to brave the weather! All cars were safely on their way by 8.20 am. Participants were given a series of 12 observation questions to be answered along the route. Some cars with only one occupant found this task beyond them while others proudly announced that they had done their best and answered most or all.

Rally placings are as follows:

1ST PLACE goes to Charles and Yvonne Grimwood in their 1958 Simca Aronde. The Grimwoods answered all 12 questions correctly and completed the route on the median time of 1 hour and 26 minutes. As well as receiving the 1st place trophy, Charles and Yvonne have won the perpetual John Rumsey Shield for their Club, the Classic and Historic Automobile Club of Australia (CHACA), to be held until the next year's Australia Day Rally. Congratulations to you both - a great effort!

EQUAL RUNNERS UP were the Brownes in their 1958 Singer Gazelle (all questions correct and a time of 1 hour and 25 minutes) representing the Singer Owners Club of Australia, and the Owens in their 1982 Holden Statesman De Ville (all questions correct and a time of 1 hour and 27 minutes), who are also members of CHACA.

Some interesting statistics on this year's Rally:

- 33 cars answered all questions correctly
- The first Rally finisher with all answers correct was the Witcombe's Mini 850 taking just 1 hour and 12 minutes. Who said Mini 850s were slow? Obviously not.
- The last Rally finishers with all answers correct were the Devlins in an unspecified Chrysler taking 1 hour and 40 minutes.
- Of the 27 different clubs represented in this year's event, the Jaguar Drivers' Club of Australia provided the greatest number of entrants numbering 23, as well as the competitor who had travelled the furthest to participate - Doug and Alice Smith of Port Macquarie in their S Type.
- Surprisingly two entrants decided that the war relic at the front of the Bexley RSL was a "tinglang" - a peculiar name for a 25 lb. field gun. Strangely these two identical answers came from members of the same club!
- Not surprising with the weather, only two intrepid vintage motorcyclists ventured out to take part.
- The oldest car to join in was the 1911 Model T Ford of M. North.

Special thanks to those who contributed to the success of the Rally and in particular to the folks that helped as marshalls at the start and finish of the Event - Don Robinson (JDCA), Ken Godwin (MTFCA), Tony de Luca and his group from the Classic Leyland P76 Club and Bryan Horne (WOKR) at the start, and David Marshall-Martin (RROC) who ably handled the finish control all on his own.

And many thanks go to all of you who supported the Council by participating in its 15th Rally.

John Pearson
Rally Director.

THOROUGHBRED SPORTS CAR CLUB

Date of Meeting: 12 March 1997.

Apologies: Jim and Val Peters, Vic Andrews, Grant Liddell, Penny Crieghton,Les and Roselee Johnson, Rowland Clarke, Joan Johnson.

Attendance: Rick Smith, Tom Inman, Val McDonald, Margaret and Ray Ross, Adrian Walker, Stephanie Clarke, Louis Eid, John and Val Dixon, Dave and Barbara Muir, Chris Johnson.

Previous Minutes:

Moved: Ray Ross Seconded: Chris Johnson

Correspondence:

1. Minutes of CCCVVTMC
2. Association of British Car Clubs.
3. Central Coast Motor Show - 31 May- 1 June 1997. To be held Mt. Penang, Kariong.

Treasurers Report:

Funds Currently in the Bank = $1105.74
Term Deposits = $674.06.
Moved : Barbara Muir . Seconded: Adrian Walker.

Sporting Secretary's Report:

1. Vic Andrews has had his first run at Oran Park.
2. The next run will be held 22 March- Oran Park. Anyone wishing to enter should contact Vic as soon as possible.
3. The Motorkhana will be held Sunday 4 May 1997 at Richmond (Fiat Club grounds)

Editors Report:

1. The Autumn addition of the Newsletter will be available the first week in April.
2. Deadline for articles is 21 March 1997.
3. Thank you to those members who contribute to the advertising in the newsletter, and for paying up so promptly.

General Business:

The meeting attendance figures are very low. Dave asked that all members be reminded to come along whenever possible. Everyone has something to contribute, and the club only survives with a committed involvement of members.

***R*evs galore as the Indy Cars practise for the weekend.**
(Rumour has it that the Muirs and the Peters will be up in Queensland for the Event; have fun!!!)

***A* postponement of the 'Sydney Classic Rally' means further frustration for some Club-Members.**
(Bill Brown, Roland and Stephanie Clark, Lester Gough and Bob Smith were set to compete)

***L*ast year's 'Targa Tasmania' was one to remember; not long before it's due to start again.**

***L*es Johnson and Jim Peters leave Australian shores mid-May to compete in the 'Sydney to Alaska Rally'.**
(Good luck guys!!)

***Y*ou never know what adventures await them on their travels.**
(Hope the caption below does not apply, guys!!)

PROFILE:

Chris Johnson

I was born in a village called Eydon, in Northamptonshire, England; and lived there until I was fourteen.
We then moved to another farm near Stratford Upon Avon, and that was "home" for about eight years.
I left school at sixteen, and joined the Royal Navy as an 'Aircraft Apprentice' and completed a five-year apprenticeship in the trade of fitter-and-turner.

During this time I met **Joan**, (when we were both serving at Arbroath, in Scotland.)
We got married in 1963, and when I had completed my course, we were sent to an air-station at Lossiemouth, Scotland.
After eighteen months of mending aeroplanes, I decided it was easier to bend them then mend them; so, I applied for a Commission as aircrew, and was accepted.
I spent the next two years in flying-training throughout UK, and Joan and ***Mark*** (who was then one year old) lived with family.
After training, I spent two and a half years serving on the aircraft carrier 'Hermes', sailing nearly all round the world, visiting Sydney in October, 1967.

During this period ***Simon*** was born, and we lived in married quarters in Helston, Cornwall.
I then became a Helicopter Flying Instructor, and we remained at Helston for the next eighteen months.
Adrian was born just before our next appointment: two years exchange service, with the Australian Navy as a flying instructor, and we spent all the time at Nowra Air Base.

Back in UK saw me at sea again, in the carrier 'Ark Royal' for two years, and then we moved to Yorkshire for two years, where I was instructing with the Air Force.
My final job with the Royal Navy was at Yeevilton, in Somerset; part of the task was running the Royal Navy Historic Aircraft Flight, and performing at all the Airshows in UK.
During this time we moved to Stratford Upon Avon, and lived there until we moved to Australia, in November 1980, after twenty-three years in the Royal Navy.

I flew for Channel 10 for fourteen years, and then started Australian Plastic Products in July, 1994.
We have three sons, two grandchildren, and a dog.

We joined the TSCC at the very beginning, and have enjoyed the company ever since.
My interest in cars started as soon as I could drive, and my first car was a *1935 Austin 10,* bought from my old Touring Instructor for thirty-seven pounds, ten shillings!! (the most reliable car I have ever owned!)
From that beginning, there have been: *MG TC,* part *Jaguar Mk V, Morris 'Special'* (like a Lotus 7), *Mk 1 Zephyr, Mk 2 Consul, Sunbeam Alpine, Austin Healey Sprite, Austin Mini, Valiant Safari, Vauxhall Viva, VW Camper, Reliant Scimitar, BMW 2002, AM DB4, MGB, E-Type Jaguar, ... etc.*
(will it ever end?)

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