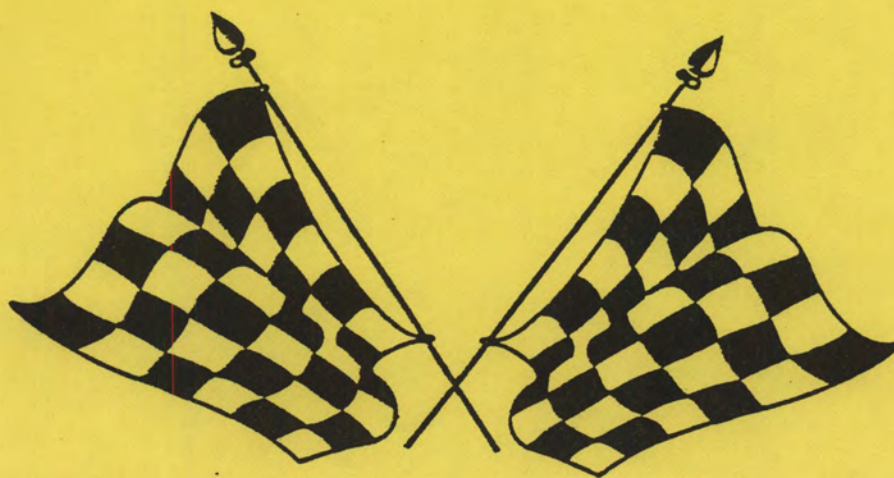




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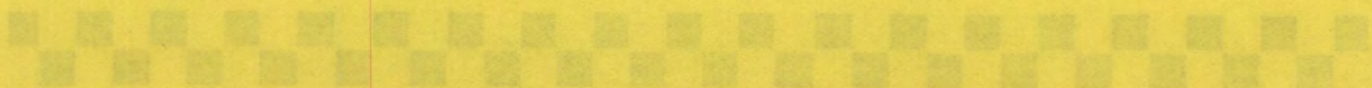
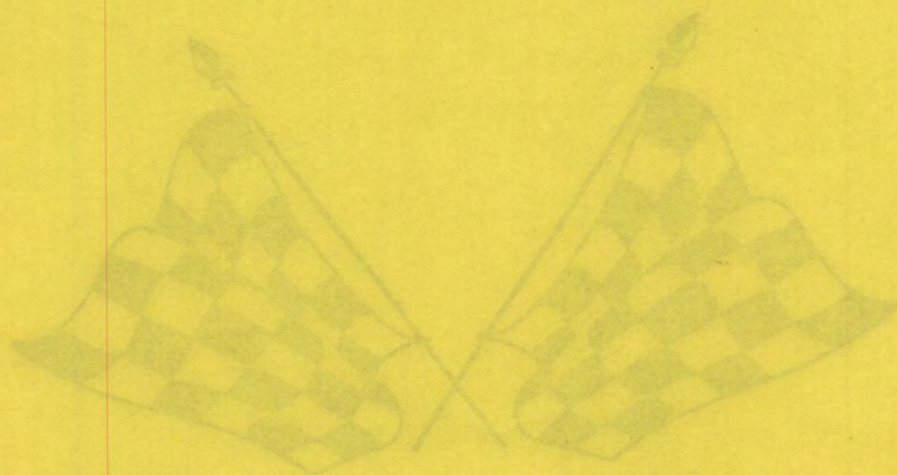




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thoroughbred sports car club



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.

1998



CALENDAR

As at January 1998
[and subject to amendments]

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).

OF INTEREST:

Australian Grand Prix
Melbourne: March 5th - 8th

Targa Tasmania
Tasmania: April 28th - May 3rd

Motor Show
Sydney: October 15th - 25th

Indy Grand Prix
Surfers Paradise: Oct. 17/18th

Bathurst 1000 GTP Race
Bathurst: November 14th - 15th

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

April	Weekend	3/4/5/	S	Weekend: Bundanoon
	Wed	8	M	April Monthly Meeting
	Sun	26	S	Motorkhana
May	Wed	13	M	May Monthly Meeting
	Sun	17	S	Ten-Pin Bowling
	Thurs	28	S	Go-Kart Night
June	Wed	10	M	June Monthly Meeting
July	Wed	8	M	July Monthly Meeting
	Sun	12th	S	President's Run
August	Weekend	31/01/02	S	Weekend: Barrington Tops
	Wed	12	M	August Monthly Meeting
	Weekend	15/16	S	Classic Car Festival
September	Wed	9	M	September Monthly Meeting
	Sun	13	S	Motorkhana
	Sun	TBA	S	Day Run: to be advised
October	Wed	14	M	October Monthly Meeting
	Weekend	24/25	S	Weekend: Port Stephens
November	Wed	11	M	November Monthly Meeting
	Wed	11	M	Annual General Meeting
	Sun	15	S	Pride of Ownership Day: Curzon Hall
December	Sat	5	S	Christmas Function

Meetings: GRANT LIDDELL
Social: JOHN DIXON
Racing: VIC ANDREWS

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Contacts

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

I know it's been a long time between publication, so I hope you find this 'Autumn Newsletter' worth the wait.

Let me just take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Club for their well wishes and the beautiful bouquet of flowers; they made my lazing around the house more pleasurable. Because of my in-activity, Roland has had a lot of time to work on the cars, and joy of joys: *the Maserati is finally registered!!!*. (There were a few hic-cups, but it's on the road.)

I can see a little bit of competition on the Maserati front: you may not be aware, but in late March **Jim and Val Peters** became the proud owners of a 1966 Maserati Mistral, blue in colour, which Jim bought just after Christmas from a Toronto (Canada) owner. His 'mighty Mistral' has also since been NSW registered

(As yet, there have been no drag races between the two proud owners, but I don't think it will be long!!)

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Club Members (and associated Companies) who advertise in our Newsletter:

Airlite Windows (*Roland Clark*) /

Carlingford Music Centre (*Ray and Margaret Ross*) /

Panalpina (*Jim Peters*) /

M.R. Pegler, Chartered Accountant (*Max Pegler*) /

Adrian Walker, Management Consultant (*Adrian Walker*)

(without their support, costs for publication of this Newsletter would have to come from Club Funds)

This edition we have:

Articles: a woman's perspective of the '**1998 Melbourne Grand Prix**' as experienced by **Val Peters**

Fun Quiz: put those thinking caps on, and attempt to answer the cryptic clues about '**Towns in New South Wales**'
(perhaps some of these towns might be visited during our planned '**18th Anniversary Rally**', to be held in 1999.

Poem: '**The Golden Years**', as re-printed from the Australian Monthly Motor Manual October 1946.



President's Report

May already! Since my last report two events have taken place. The restoration tour was outstanding and extremely interesting thanks to Les and Roselee Johnson. The Bundanoon weekend was, by all reports, a great success and I certainly enjoyed meeting up with the homeward-bound members for lunch at Camden Valley Inn. The music however was a little hard to take. The washed-out motorkhana has been re-scheduled for June 14.

Stephanie, our faithful editor, has had a spell in hospital and is recovering slowly. On behalf of all club members I wish her well.

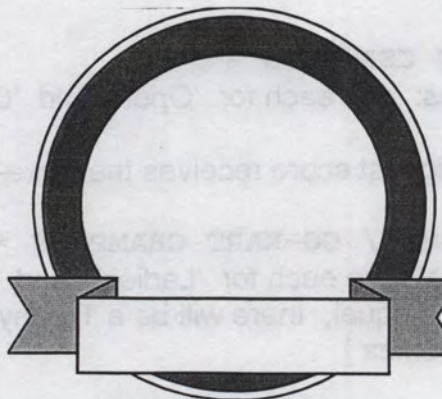
Penny and I have just returned from a week in the Noosa region including taking a 4WD to Fraser Island. I, with Penny's blessing, have picked up a new bird! She's nick-named "Yellow Feather" and by now those of you who attended the May meeting will have laid eyes on her.

That's my bit until the winter edition. Hope to see you at as many events as possible – and there are some good ones on the calender.

G. Hiddell

1998 Club Member Points

Adrian Walker	11
Roland Clark	10
Stephanie Clark	10
John Dixon	10
Barbara Muir	10
David Muir	10
Joan Johnson	9
Les Johnson	9



{as at 31st March 1998}

TROPHIES

PERPETUAL

* CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR *

[Awarded for attending the most Events during a calendar year]

Donated by: **Clive Sanderson** [dec.]

* DON MacDONALD MEMORIAL TROPHY *

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

Donated by: **John Burton** and **Lester Gough**

* SPORTING CHAMPION *

[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 'Tope Gear Newsletter' 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 forever.]

SPORTING:

* SPORTING CHAMPION *

[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 CHAMPION *

[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].



Sporting Report

Next Events :

Motorkhanga : Next event June 14th

The first motorkhanga for the year was cancelled due to the heavy rain which occurred before our booked date. I considered it risky for the grounds to be ok for the day and I was able to change our booking this time to the new date above. I hope this didn't cause anybody any inconvenience and we have better weather next time.

Supersprints : Next event will be Oran Park North 12th July N.S.W. R. R. C

Contact me for entry Forms.

Also as we have access to events organised by the Marquee Sports association for Thoroughbred type cars which are very good value due to the time you are on the track.

2nd August Wakefield..... Porsche

5th Sept Eastern Creek ... BMW

15th Nov Oran Park..... Ferrari

Go Kart Event : 28th May Drivers needed !

Please support this event as we are going to hire the track for two hours. These events are always great fun and usually very competitive, you can mix it with die hards at the front of the field or just have your own blast around with the traffic.

Location : Kingsgrove Cost : Around \$ 50 a Driver

Chief Organiser : Lester Gough

Sporting Pointscore : Adrian Walker 3 Points

Vic Andrews

January to March '98									
Income		Expenditure		Balance		Bank Statement			
Membership Fees	583	CAMS	327.5			Cash at Bank	664.28		
Advertising		Room Hire	100			Term Deposit	699.32		
Event:		Event: X2	620						
Raffles, etc.		Insurance							
Interest	0.24	Newsletter							
Miscellaneous	210	CVTMC	25						
		Trophies							
		Bank Charges	4.81						
		Miscellaneous	13.45						
Total	793.24	Total	1090.76	Total	-297.52	Total	1163.6		

Adrian Walker

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TSCC Monthly Treasurers Report							
Month: March							
Income		Expenditure		Balance		Bank Statement	
Membership Fees	583	CAMS	127.5			Cash at Bank	664.28
Advertising		Room Hire	100			Term Deposit	699.32
Event:		Event: Deposit	420				
Raffles, etc.		Port Stephens Insurance					
Interest	0.21	Newsletter					
Miscellaneous	60	CV/TMC	25				
Club plates]		Trophies					
Miscellaneous	150	Bank Charges	1.4				
[carryover '97]		Miscellaneous	13.45				
		[Postage]					
Total	793.24	Total	687.35	Total	105.89	Total	1363.6

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The 1998 Melbourne Grand Prix

.... a female perspective

by Val Peters

We drove to Melbourne on Thursday the 5th of March, allowing the Maserati to stretch its legs - strictly within the speed limits, of course, as Jim was breathalysed passing through some small dot on the map about 9:00 am that morning !! . We relaxed by listening to various audio books, which are tremendous on a long trip as they help pass the time rapidly, and are available in a range of subjects from fiction (such as John Grisham's novels) through to Shakespeare, and we can highly recommend these to all travellers.

On Friday Jim went to the office whilst I bought a couple of sweaters to cope with the chilly temperatures we were experiencing, as it was hot weather in Sydney when we left and guess who had been responsible for packing the suitcases and failed to cover cold weather !! Oh well, at least I helped boost the Victorian economy !!

Saturday saw Jim heading off to the circuit with clients to observe practice day and more particularly to watch the performance of the Panalpina sponsored Formula Holden, driven by Mark Noske, which won the feature Formula Holden Race. His clients were able to visit the Pits and see the drivers, the action behind the scenes, and feel the excitement of the event. A very excited and happy Jim returned to the hotel that night, pleased with his sponsorship result.

Sunday dawned bright and clear and we headed to the circuit about 9:30 am, full of anticipation for the day of racing that lay ahead for us. Different clients were entertained, but accompanied by their spouses. We had a good position on the circuit, with a view of the cars for about 200 metres, and settled ourselves in for the day, starting with a champagne to set the mood.

The pre-race activities were aplenty, with such things as sky-diving demonstrations, acrobatic aeroplane stunt teams and a wonderful parade of superb vintage Rolls

Royces' which, fortunately for us, came onto the circuit through a gate near our stand, so we could get a full view of these lovingly restored beauties of the past, which did a lap then each picked up one of the drivers who were soon to compete in the Grand Prix race, and drove them on a lap circuit.

Once this was completed, tension and excitement mounted, as preparation for the start of the main race was undertaken. We couldn't see the start from our seats, but a good view of it was afforded on the closed circuit TV screen in our tent. Suddenly the countdown was happening and engines roared into action, the flag dropped and the cars were off, roaring down towards the first bend. A minute or so later they appeared in our view, changing down gears as they approached our bend, then flashing past us, some with turbo flame, as they barrelled towards the next bend.

Well, as I said in the heading, this is a story from 'a female perspective', so some of you may understand why all I can tell you now is that this same scenario of cars flashing past went on for the next two hours and for real racing enthusiasts it was probably intensely exciting, but we ladies felt otherwise so we enjoyed chatting to each other and passing the time by eating and drinking (yes, the chilled white wine was very pleasant !!).

You all know the result of the race, Coulthard allowed his team-mate Hakkinen, to take the flag - was this right or wrong ? Opinions varied, and will continue to do so.

Our limousine collected us from the circuit and we repaired to the Crown Casino where some enjoyed a little time at the poker machines whilst others found a quiet club room which served some very fine malt whiskies and cigars. We re-grouped and had a meal at one of the many restaurants which are in the Casino complex (mind you, it wasn't easy to get a table at any of the eating places, due to capacity crowds, but we managed it) and then parted company after an extremely enjoyable time at the Grand Prix.

This was my first Grand Prix, and probably my last, as I think you have to be a lot more interested in motor racing than I am to justify the cost of attending this sort of event.

SOCIALLY SPEAKING



Birthday Greetings to:

APRIL

05	Lorraine Walker
22	Stephanie Clark
26	Sandra Eid
29	Bill Brown

MAY

Jenni Smith

JUNE

03	Carol Pegler
11	Lester Goug
25	Norm Johnson

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'CITIZEN KANE' AWARD

Congratulations go to 'The Walkers'

(Adrian and Lorraine were the 'Summer 98' winners,
with their article on the Weekend Away:
Koala Shores / Lemon Tree Passage)

TSCC - POINTS SCORE

		January 1998 26			February 1998 11 14		March 1998 11	TOTAL
		R	S	A	M	S	M	
Andrews	Vic				3		3	6
	Judy							0
	Ross							0
Clark	Roland		2		3	2	3	10
	Stephanie		2		3	2	3	10
Creighton	Penny				3		3	6
Dixon	John			2	3	2	3	10
	Val				3	2	3	8
Eid	Louie						3	3
	Sandra				3		3	6
Er	John							0
Gough	Lester						3	3
	Pam							0
Johnson	Chris		2		3	2		7
	Joan		2	2	3	2		9
Johnson	Les		2	2	3	2		9
	Roselee		2		3	2		7
Johnson	Norm					2		2
	Shaun					2		2
Liddell	Grant				3	2	3	8
Muir	David		2		3	2	3	10
	Barbara		2		3	2	3	10
ers	Jim				3	2		5
	Val				3	2		5
Richards	Greg							0
Ross	Ray		2		3	2		7
	Margaret		2		3	2		7
Smith	Bob		2					2
	Jenni							0
Walker	Adrian	1		2	3	2	3	11
	Lorraine			1				1
Smith	Rick						3	3
								0
								0
								0
								0
								0

THOROUGHbred SPORTS CAR CLUB
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: 8 APRIL 1998

APOLOGIES: Rick Smith, Joan Johnson, Margaret Ross, Stephanie Clark.

ATTENDANCE: Grant Liddell, Penny Creighton, John & Val Dixon, Ray Ross, Roland Clark, David & Barbara Muir, Jim & Val Peters, Chris Johnson, Lester & Richard Gough, Vic & Judy Andrews.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Not available.

CORRESPONDENCE: Tabled for members to read.

SOCIAL SECRETARIES REPORT:

1. Bundanoon Weekend Away followed by lunch at the Camden Valley Inn:- Great weekend, thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended. Thank you to Les and Roselee for the organisation of this event.
2. Ten Pin Bowling at Enfield Bowling Alley followed by dinner at OK Chinese Restaurant (walking distance down the road from the Bowling Alley):- Sunday 17 May 1998. Time: Bowling: 4.00pm followed by Dinner at 6.00pm. People wishing to attend should contact John Dixon on Tel. 9403 6905 no later than 11 May 1998.
3. Port Stephens Weekend Away : John Dixon to check alternate dates for this event as majority of members (present) have other commitments and will be unable to attend.

COMPETITION SECRETARIES REPORT:

1. Motorkhana - 26 April 1998 at Richmond.
2. Supersprint - 3 May 1998, Oran Park. Applications available from Vic Andrews.

TREASURES REPORT:

Attached.

EDITORS REPORT:

1. Deadline for reports and point scores for Autumn Newsletter - 20 April 1998. Profile to be on Grant Liddell. Reports required for "Secret Mens Business" event, Bundanoon/Camden Valley Inn. 'Tassie Lee/Norm Johnson.'

CLUB PLATES:

No change.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Lester - CVVTMC Meeting Report.

*The CVVTMC will no longer be associated with the organisation of the annual Australia Day Motorfest. The NRMA will go direct to Car Clubs in the future.

*Voting will take place at the next meeting on accepting new clubs - Central Coast Car Club and Peninsular Car Club.

*Eastern Creek Display Day - forms should be signed and returned.

*2001 Tour - Roland has filled in his application form and sent his \$50.00 deposit. Stephanie will include brochure for magazine.

Go Karts - 28 May 1998 between the TSCC and the AMOC. Booking to be confirmed for May meeting for 20 people (10 from each club) for 2 hours.

Tax on Sporting Clubs - currently sporting clubs are tax exempt however a discussion paper propose to tax sporting clubs that do not hold sporting events. AMOC [Vic] has started a fighting fund to oppose this move.

Marque Motor Sport Association - three events to be held this year the TSCC has [will] be invited to participate; 2/8/98 Wakefield Park [Porsche], 5/9/98 Eastern Creek [BMW], 15/11/98 Oran Park [Ferrari/Maserati]

Amaroo Park - has officially changed hands and is no longer available for motor sports.

Special Guest, Grant Liddell and Penny Creighton invited David Wood, an artist, who has produced drawings and air brush paintings of cars, trains, planes and other subjects. Members viewed these drawings following the close of the meeting.

Meeting Closed - 8.45 pm.

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2001 FEDERATION TOUR

Council seeks your clubs comments and expression of interest in joining the proposed AHMF 2001 Federation Tour to be held in the Autumn of 2001 to celebrate the Centenary of Federation in Australia.

The concept is to organize a series of starting points around Australia for groups of enthusiasts to set out for the nations capital, Canberra. As these groups pass through towns and cities on their way to the ACT more vehicles will join in, eventually large gatherings will head to the capital from areas such as Wagga Wagga, Bathurst, Cooma, Wollongong and Sydney to finally link up for a huge get together in Canberra over a 2 or 3 day period.

- The limit will be set at 2001 vehicles of all ages up to 1976 (25 years old) provided they are members of the AHMF groups via their clubs.
- NSW, via the CVVTMC & CCAMC will be allocated a proportion of these places.
- There will be a choice of simple route instructions or an interesting navigation challenge for the adventurous. All stages will be well within the speed limits, no dirt roads.
- Various optional events will happen in the ACT and surrounds. Concours judging, sightseeing and even some motorsports if we have interest shown.
- Accommodation will range from basic to 5 star to suit your needs.
- A huge final night dinner and presentation will be organized.
- Many communities and groups will take part and benefit from the tour as sections pass through their area with displays, parades etc. plus the food and accommodation needs.
- The education authorities will be asked to join with us to utilize this unique event to teach the youth of Australia about our motoring history.
-

Please complete the attached form and post to the CVVTMC or fax to (02) 9599 3726.



Our Ref:

AUSTRALIAN HISTORIC MOTORING FEDERATION Inc.

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2001 TOUR

- WHAT?** A unique motoring event to celebrate the Centenary of Federation
- WHEN?** Between March and May 2001
- WHERE?** Canberra. 2001 vehicles from around Australia to arrive at the National Capital for several days of activities
- LIMITS?** All vehicles must be built prior to 31 December 1975. You must be a member of a club which is affiliated with either the CVVTMC or the CCAMC. The rarer and more unique the vehicle the better. Hopefully we will be able to showcase a moving history of motoring in Australia with an example of every vehicle from every year between 1901 and 1975
- ACTION?** Your expression of interest is required immediately. A \$50.00 deposit (refundable if entry cancelled before 31 December 1998) should accompany your entry. New South Wales will be allocated approximately 550 spaces

Planning is in the early stages. Don't miss out!

If you would like to express an interest in being involved in this event please fill in the form below and forward with a cheque for \$50.00.

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Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

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Name of Club _____

Vehicle _____ Year _____ Model _____ Rego _____

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1. A citrus fruit
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4. A lot of rabbit burrows
5. A place of gardens
6. One tonne
7. A type of paper folder
8. Hopeful of fighting
9. Dry grass that animals eat
10. A cracked mountain
11. Good to get home
12. Top of a hill
13. A new knight's home
14. A virus bay
15. The gateway
16. Not old
17. The opposite to old town
18. Devonshire tea is "tea & what"
19. A gambling house
20. A long moustache

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The Golden Bears

A SONG of fifty years I sing,
Of petrol fumes and tyres;
Of chassis and of piston ring,
Of dust and boggy mires.

A song of spacious days long past
When o'er the vales you'd roam;
You chugged along so very fast,
But broke down coming home.

And phaetons, jinkers passed you by
With supercilious sneer;
You glared at them with goggled eye;
E'en small boys stopped to jeer.

You cranked until your veins stood out,
You opened books of rules;
You tinkered with the gears—no doubt
You looked a lot of fools.

But ah those distant happy days,
How much they meant to you;
You coasted down the leafy ways,
No hoardings spoiled your view.

Instead of seeing "Smith's Pale Pills,"
Or, "Gin is good for you,"
You viewed the valleys and the hills,
A thing WE seldom do.

'Twas high adventure in that age,
To go upon the roads;
A spot of rain, you bog, you rage,
At the bullocks urged with goads.

No swift patrol was at your call,
But oxen did the trick!
And in the shed, at even's fall,
You blocked her with a brick.

When Sunday came you got her out,
Filled lamps with kerosene;
The radiator then would spout,
The kids enjoyed the scene.

You bundled them into the back,
And how they thrilled at that!
Your wife emerged, a queen in black,
A veil tied round her hat.

You swathed her in a long white coat,
Passed goggles all around;
In motoring cap you looked a goat,
But the kids ne'er made a sound.

You bowled along at startling pace,
The fowls fled in dismay;
The sheep looked up with frightened face,
And skipped from out your way.

The horses took one look and fled,
The cows alone stood still;
The sense of power went to your head,
My goodness, what a thrill.

You drove along your blissful way,
And thought, "This is the life!"
But even in that distant day,
You recked without the wife.

For then was born the motorists' curse
Our back seat driver dame;
Instead of better, she's got worse,
She'll always be the same.

A hundred years from now, I ween,
She will be with us still,
As nagging as she's always been,
"Watch where you're driving, dill!"

So whether cars are here to stay,
Or whether they are not,
New wives will keep apace and say,
"Now mind that star, you sot!"

Oh cars may change in shape and look,
So that you'd know them never;
But wives are like the poet's brook,
Yes, they go on for ever.

Written for "Motor Manual" by Harvey West.

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