

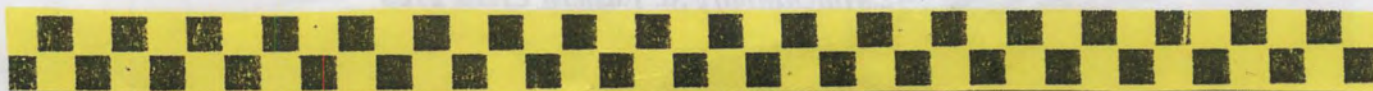
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NORM'S "CAT"

ROLAND'S "SNAKE"



1999 COMMITTEE

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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 in their own time

General Meeting of the Club

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

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.

INCORPORATED AS AN ASSOCIATION

Registered No: Y15083 -35

TSCC is affiliated with Confederation of Australian Motor Sport

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SECRETARY, SANDRA EID, AT
62 Minchinbury St. Eastern Creek 2766

GENERAL MEETING: RYDE R.S.L (8PM) Bowling Club Rooms
724 Victoria Road, Ryde.

WEDNESDAY 14TH 8PM FOR 8.15 PROMPT START
CLOSE 8.45 PM

GUEST SPEAKER BRUCE GIBBS MASTER TRIMMER
FROM WYONG. (An Associate Business of Restorers – Crabtree & McLaughlin) At present there are 3 fellow members using these restorers for cars under some form of restoration. *They must be doing something right!*

PLEASE ATTEND, OUR CREDIBILITY IS ON THE LINE.

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OLYMPIC EXPLORER

DATE: 18TH April '99

TIME: 9am

MEETING PLACE: Heritage Café – 1 Herb Elliot Ave. HOMEBUSH BAY

COST: \$10.00 on the day

PARKING: Near the café.

Join fellow club members for a conducted tour of the Sydney Olympic Site. Bus leaves at 9.20 am and then every 20 minutes and yes the trip is open to the general public so we do not need to book. The café' is just behind the visitors centre.

Afterwards enjoy a picnic in BiCentennial Park and **B.Y.O. everything.**

CONTACT: Les or Roselee Johnson (H) 9412 1838
On the day (M) 0417 249081

OBA OBA - A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

DATE: SAT. 29TH MAY '99

TIME: 4.45 PM OR EARLIER
FOR DRINKS

AT: BRIDIE O'REILLY'S
IRISH PUB

SHOW STARTS AT: 6 PM SHARP

COST: \$61.00 PER HEAD
(INCLUDES MEAL & SHOW)

MEAL: AFTER SHOW AT 8.15 PM
IN ROCKET BAR/RESTAURANT
(2 COURSE MEAL)

CONTACT: LES JOHNSON 9412 1838

THERE MIGHT BE A LITTLE TIME
LEFT FOR MORE DRINKS AND A
GAMBLING FLUTTER?

CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: TSCC
(FIRST IN -BEST DRESSED
LIMITED TICKETS)

FORWARD CHEQUES TO JOHN DIXON
AT: 14 LOBELIA ST
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STAR CITY IN ASSOCIATION WITH WORLDWIDE ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS

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& LAS VEGAS**

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1999

CALENDAR

As at April 1999

subject to amendment

April	Wed	14	M	TSCC Meeting
	Sun	18	S (Les J.)	Mystery Destination
May	Sat-Sun	01-09	S	Tour Western Plains
	Wed	12	M	TSCC Meeting
	Sat	29	S (Les J.)	Oba Oba – Star City
June	Wed	09	M	TSCC Meeting
	Sat	12	R	Wakefield Park *(Ferrari) See below (\$110)
	Sat	19	S (John D.)	Restaurant Night
	Sun	27	S	Motorkhana – Richmond Fiat grounds
July	Sun	11	S (Ray R.)	Brass Monkey Run
	Wed	14	M	TSCC Meeting
	Sat	24	S	Xmas in July (Les's home)
August	Wed	11	M	TSCC Meeting
	Sat	14	S	Fred's Day - Eastern
	Sun	15	S (Adrian W)	Creek
	Sun	22	R	(MMA) Oran Park Grand Prix(\$125) *(Porsche) See below
	Sun	29	R (Vic A.)	Oran Park Sth. (NSWRRC)
September	Wed	08	M	TSCC Meeting
	Sun	12	R (VicA.)	Oran Park Sth (NSWRRC)
		19		
October	Wed	13	M	TSCC Meeting
	Sat	16	R	(MMA)Eastern Creek (\$145) *(Porsche) See below
	Sun	17	S (Rol'd C)	President's Run
November	Wed	10	M	TSCC Meeting AGM
	Sun	14	R	(MMA) Oran Park (South circuit) (\$110) *(BMW) See below
	Sun	14	S	Pride of Ownership (Dave M) (Curzon Hall)

December	Sat	04	S	Xmas party /
				Presentation night
	Sun	05	R	Oran Park Sth -
				TSCC 2000 Pointscore

Contacts - Meetings: Ray Ross 9651 2013 **Social: Roland Clark 9653 2866**
Racing: Vic Andrews 9528 3277

- ***Note: Events organised by the Marque Motorsport Association**
- **Events are run as per supersprint CAMS rules but not Racing Events**
- **Approx 8 vehicles using the track simultaneously**
- **Overtaking allowed at certain places**
- **Points and places decided according to their performance system**
- **Events provide plenty of time and laps on track**
- **Call Angelo Di Genua Mobile 0413 731113 for further details**
- **Application form must be forwarded asap if you intend to run series**
- **All other track events contact Vic Andrews**

Legend: M = Club Meeting (3 points) S = Social Event (2 points)
R = Racing Event (1 point)

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.)

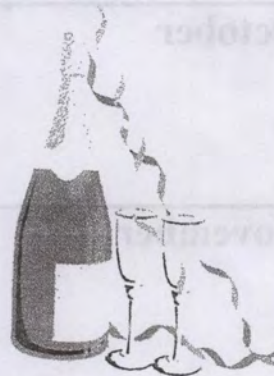
Your Club needs your participation - please come along to as many events as possible!

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 5TH LORRAINE WALKER
19 JOHN BURTON
22 STEPHANIE CLARK
26 SANDRA EID

MAY JENNY SMITH

JUNE 03 CAROL PEGLER
11 LESTER GOUGH
14 KEVIN LEGGOT - Pam FLOYD
25 NORM JOHNSON



NOTE: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 1ST JULY 1999

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Here we are in April already and up to the second magazine for the year. We have had three successful day runs to date, reports of which are in the magazine, although our numbers were disappointing on the last run which was the President's C.V.V.T.M.C. run on March 21st. Those who attended had an enjoyable, low cost day. We weren't the only club with numbers down, apparently there were 220 cars booked to go but only 114 turned up.

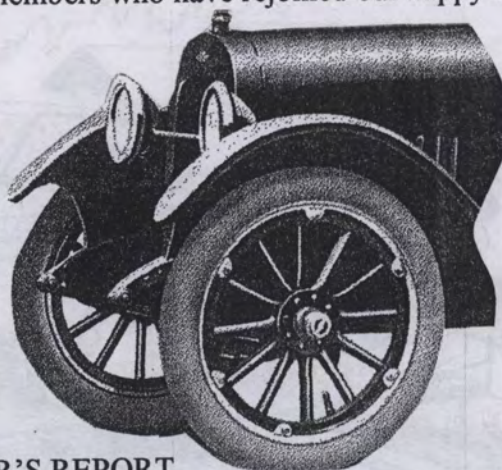
I am also pleased to report that attendances at our two Club meetings to date have been up and, although some of our regular faces have been missing, our new members have been attending. This has given me the confidence to organise a guest speaker for our April meeting, therefore I am requesting your support.

Les Johnson's Mystery Run on April 18th will also be something different prior to one of our major events of the year, our 18th Birthday Rally commencing on Saturday May 1st. This event, I am pleased to say, has attracted the attention of everyone who could possibly attend and looks like being our best showing of Club cars ever.

And finally, it gives me great pleasure in welcoming to the club our new members, and to welcome back previous members who have rejoined our happy organisation.

Here's looking at your wheels,

Ray.



EDITOR'S REPORT

With so many events, holidays, work etc. it seems like a never-ending task between issues of our club magazine. I thank everyone who contributes and especially thank members who contribute articles typed on A4 sheets, because it makes Roselee's work so much easier.

A special thanks to those members who have taken and forwarded photos to me so that I can include as many different cars and faces as possible.

Once again, thanks for a great effort! Don't slacken off!

Les Johnson

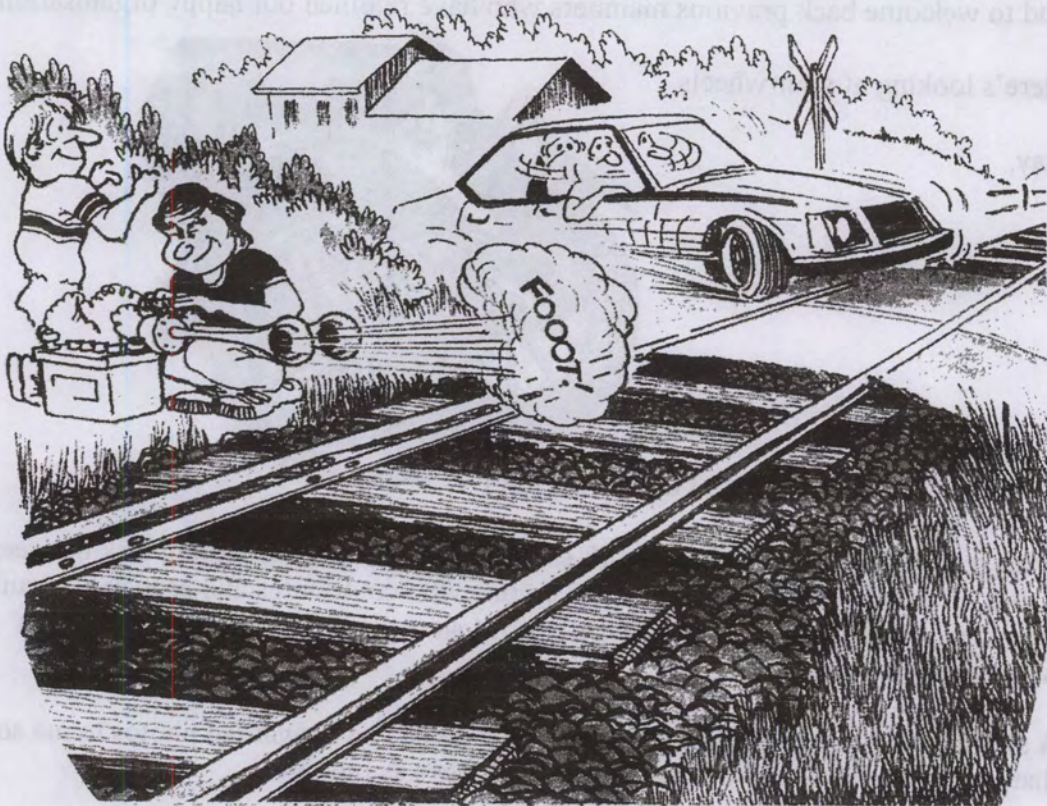
P.S: DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR REMAINING EVENTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Refer to flyer to be distributed at April meeting.

COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Refer to flyer to be distributed at April meeting.



Phantom train (similar to reports)

RESULTS OF THOROUGHbred SPORTS CAR CLUB SURVEY OF 13 MALE & 3 FEMALE MEMBERS CONDUCTED IN JANUARY, 1999.

MEETINGS

Question – Are the meetings too frequent, should they be held bi-monthly rather than monthly?

82% thought monthly

Question – Arriving at 8 p.m. for a strict 8.15 start and close of business at 8.45pm, leaving time for guest speakers, videos, socialize, etc.

82% agreed.

Question – Should we use our video : monthly - Yes 12%
 bi-monthly - Yes 63%
 3-monthly Yes 12%

Question – Should we have guest speakers every: 2nd meeting Yes 25%
 3rd meeting Yes 31%
 4th meeting Yes 43%

Question – Should we occasionally invite one of our own members to speak on their occupation, other interests, etc.

Yes 93%

Almost 100% thought the current format to be o.k.

SPORTING

Question - What would your attendance be in 1999 if we ran the following events?

Motorkhana (needs member commitment)	Yes	62%	No	31%
Hillclimb " " "	Yes	81%	No	18%
Driver Training Day	Yes	50%	No	37%
Super Sprint\Lap Dash	Yes	31%	No	43%
Go-Kart Evening	Yes	37%	No	43%
Concourse Show/Shine	Yes	93%		

Observation Day – Run finishing with lunch, picnic or

Barbecue	Yes	81%	No	12%
lunch at restaurant	Yes	75%	No	12%

Rally on annual basis – 1 week away	Yes	0%	No	93%
Rally bi-annually - 1 " "	Yes	62%	No	31%
Weekend away, car orientated	Yes	87%		
Motorfest Rally Day (Australia Day)	Yes	100%		
Fred Day Eastern Creek (August)	Yes	93%		

SOCIAL

Question – What would your attendance be if we organised in 1999 ? –

Christmas Party presentation	Yes	100%	No	0 %
Restaurant night	Yes	75%	No	25%
Social night at fellow members house	Yes	93%	No	6%
Tennis day	Yes	68%	No	31%
Golf day	Yes	37%	No	56%
Theatre night	Yes	75%	No	25%

THE EVENTS – GENERAL

Question - In the past there has usually been one sporting, one social plus the meeting per month, is that format -

Too demanding	Yes	31%
About right	Yes	56%
Alternatively, just one event and the meeting	Yes	37%

Question - Why are we losing members and can you suggest remedies to correct the situation?
The following comments were made by our respondents and appear in random order, without embellishment.

Our cars don't appeal to younger prospective members
Club not interesting enough for car enthusiasts.
Review meeting venue
Needs to be more car-conscious with more car activity
Need to build up membership
Need more encouragement to members to bring out old cars
Club needs better direction
Our average age is too high to attract younger members x 2
Marque clubs growing in strength
Pro-active committee centering on business development of our organization
Not being a Marque club is our weakness & could also be our strength
Needs more rally type activity
Expand groups to be all embracing.

Plus comment – it is a friendly club.

I would like to thank all club members who participated in this survey and I urge all members to keep the feedback coming to your committee..

Ray Ross.

DATE OF MEETING: 10th FEB 99

COMMENCED: 8.20pm

APOLOGIES: RICK SMITH, ADRIAN WALKER, DAVID MUIR, PENNY CREIGHTON,
VAL DIXON & KEVIN LEGGETT.

ATTENDANCE: RAY & MARGARET ROSS, JOHN DIXON, ROLAND & STEPHANIE CLARK,
VIC ANDREWS, LOUIE & SANDRA EID, CHRIS & JOAN JOHNSON,
BARBARA MUIR, GRANT LIDDELL, LESTER GOUGH, BOB SMITH,
LIONEL WALKER, PETER SMART, JOHN BURTON & WAYNE WATKINS.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

MOVED: STEPHANIE CLARK SECONDED: GRANT LIDDELL

RAY ROSS OPENED THE MEETING WELCOMING EVERYONE, AND INTRODUCED ALL
THE NEW FACES.

CORRESPONDANCE TABLED FOR ALL MEMBERS TO READ.

NEW MEMBER: WAYNE WATKINS - NISSAN SILVIA COUPE

SOCIAL SECRETARIES REPORT:

ROLEY'S RUN 28th FEB (SEE FLYER)

TREASURE'S REPORT \$332.89 CASH AT BANK
 724.58 TERM DEPOSIT
 \$1057.47

EDITOR'S REPORT:

1ST MAGAZINE FOR 1999 IS OUT!!! AND IT'S IN COLOUR!!!

SPORTING NEWS:

MOTORKHANA 27th JUNE - FIAT GROUNDS - RICHMOND

APPROX \$25 - \$30 TRIAL AVAILABLE \$10

TWO INVITATIONS: NSW ROAD RACING CLUB AUG & DEC

& MARQUE MOTORSPORT ASSOC.. SEE VIC

CLUB PLATES:

GENERAL: RAY ROSS INFORMED US THAT WE WILL OCCASIONALLY SHOW A VIDEO
DURING OUR MEETINGS, A FLYER WILL BE SENT PRIOR.

PRIDE OF HONOURSHIP & OTHER SOCIALS WILL BE SHOWN ON THE

NEXT HALF OF THE YEAR CALENDER.

CHRISTMAS PARTY HAS BEEN BOOKED AT THE ARTARMON INN DEC 4

LES JOHNSON NEEDS COMMITMENT FOR 18th BIRTHDAY RALLY IN MAY.
LESTER GOUGH HAS INFORMED US THAT WE ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE ASTON CLUB
"GO-KARTING". HE WILL ORGANISE A CRICKET MATCH LATER IN THE YEAR.

Meeting Closed 9pm

AN EXTRAORDINARY GRASSHOPPER ADVENTURE

I first met (Jungle) Jim in early 1965 when I came across him driving his trusty old Landrover, complete with camping equipment (very different to the Jim we know today). He was dressed in a kharkie outfit including tight fitting shorts and one of those big "white hunter" pith helmets.

As I recall this initial meeting took place in Guatemala and he was with his trusty guide Jose Garcia Fernandez who suggested that we might be interested in grasshopper hunting on a high plateau in Nicaragua. We had both heard rumours of these large omnivores from some local inhabitants. Apparently the oversized, winged, large mandibled creatures fly on a migration path over almost inaccessible terrain touching down occasionally in the Honduras jungle.

As our adrenalin pumped, we systematically checked Jim's camping equipment where everything appeared to be there with the exception of a tent. We decided to press on regardless. Jim had previously explained that he did not suffer from arachnophobia, so, had no fear of spiders or any other creepy crawlies. As he explained, he produced, in a flash, a large spider with the span of a grown man's hand, from his pocket. "Just a little pet of mine to deter pick-pockets." He commented.

After five days conquering pot-holed dirt roads, overgrown jungle tracks, piranha-infested rivers, mosquito-ridden creeks, and sleeping under the stars, we began our ascent on the foreboding plateau. Jim wasn't able to drive the last half a mile of extremely steep terrain, so, we decided to make camp and trek the rest of the way before dawn the next day. Jose reiterated that shooting these grasshoppers was "muy bien" (very good) sport, although a little risky.

Jim had decided to use twelve gauge shotguns with case hardened "BB" shot. He believed this would be the best way to bring the monsters down and the attack would have to be carried out in the early morning (after his kick start breakfast of black coffee with two slices of burnt toast) whilst heavy dew was still on their gigantic wings. His reasoning being, that the dew would inhibit their take off until after the sun dried them.

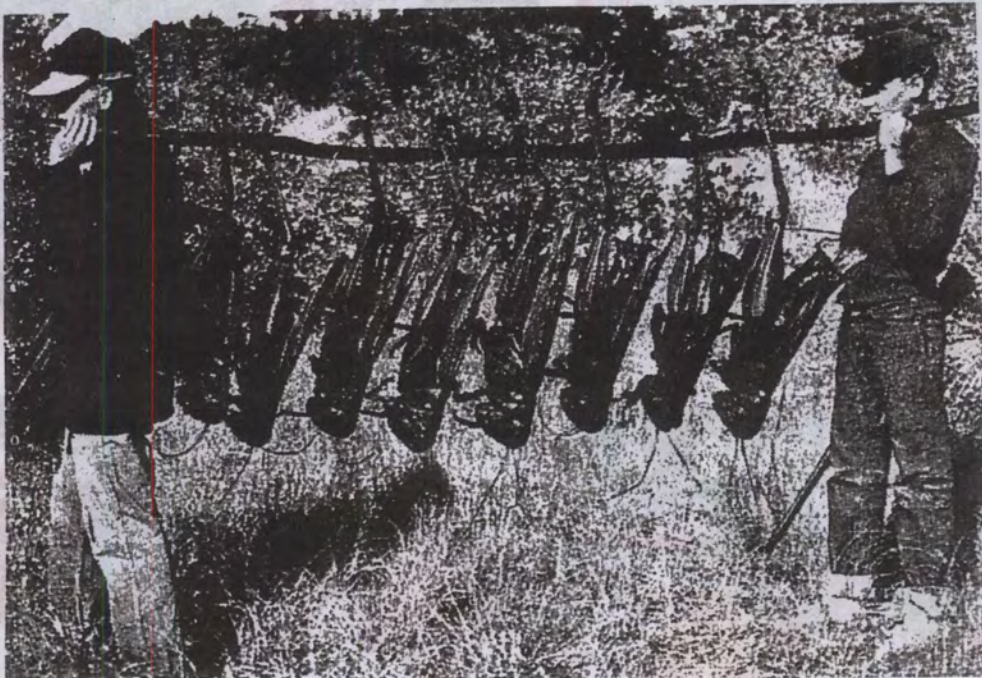
It had been reported previously that these Jurassic age creatures were capable of out flying a Cessna 150 for a short distance.

As we finally reached the plateau summit the sound of thousands of giant grasshoppers munching contentedly on their breakfast was deafening. Apparently they have a staple diet of Nagoora burrs, Quandongs and Leopard Wood trees. We laid quietly on our stomachs, took aim, and were rewarded as the throng of gargantuan grasshoppers took flight clouding out the rising sun, leaving behind the ones that had found our mark. The largest grasshopper we brought down had tipped the scale at 17 lbs. 6 ozs.

To this day, Jim still carries a stuffed spider and a segment of grasshopper wing in his pocket just to remind him of those early days in Central America.

As incredible as this story may seem, I have included (for the sceptics) a photo of Jim and me proudly displaying our bounty.

BEN.T.CAMSHAFT





AUSTRALIA DAY '99

We arrived at the carpark of the Sydney Cricket ground at 7am along with a few hundred others and queued for entry which was testing for our cooling systems while NRMA staff handed out clean air sample bags. However after parking and having something to eat courtesy of the rotary club and chance to look at the amazing variety of vehicles the delay getting in really didn't matter.

You name it was there, even General Macarther arrived in his jeep, well he did say "I will return", we then all drove to Macquarie St for our prime parking spot and the ladies headed for the park to secure a table while the rest of us wandered around to check out the machinery. Our group consisted of the Rolands Meserati, Les Johnson's Gold E-Type, Chris Johnson's yellow E-Type, Ray Ross Cortina, Lester's Cortina (Italian panels), our new member Wayne Watkins with his Nissan, Dixon's, Muir's and our Volvo Amazon.

Adrian was guided in by a mobile phone link up after his MGB had a problem and Bob Smith passed through dressed for business (properly jet lag, still on Friday).

There was a terrific range of food and wine but I settled on the aussie pie and peas with the lot. Les was arranging photos with the Morris dancers, maybe they are ex BMC employees dressed in white with flowers on their hats and hitting each other with sticks but they were not connected to the Morris car club so I suppose it's a British tradition.

After lunch James Morrisson and others were giving a concert nearby so Ross and I wandered for a closer look and it was great entertainment and special thanks to Ray Ross checking out piano tune earlier on.

Little Richard Gough treated us to some songs at the table in several languages, it was an amazing performance by for someone his age, does the kid have a manager yet?

The NRMA did a good job organizing the Motorfest and the whole day was very good value.

Vic Andrews





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GIRLS!"**



**HAPPY JOAN &
SERIOUS CHRIS**



**C.I.A. AGENTS QUESTION
EDITOR ABOUT MEXICO**

**VAL & JOHN
WEARING CORRECT
CLUB HEAD GEAR**



SMITHY'S TOUR DE CLASSICS OR WORLD'S GREATEST CLASSIC CAR SHOW

By Bob Smith

Well, that's what the organisers bill it as, and, having visited last year, I don't think I'd argue with them. In fact, I'm off again this year, so if you want to join me, you need to be in Essen, Germany, between the 8th & 11th April.

The event is held at the fairgrounds in Gruga-Park, a sprawling complex of seventeen large halls, all interlinked near the centre of town.

Last year, over 105,000 visitors saw the exhibition, which runs for four days. 770 exhibitors from 15 countries were on display, in the vast floor area covering 70,000 sq. meters. Imagine a show about twenty times the size of the Sydney Motor Show, to give you a comparison!

I arrived at 9.30am, for a ten o'clock kick-off. I was one of the last out at six, having really just breezed through the last couple of halls. Wear comfortable shoes!

The variety of cars on display is mind-boggling, with many vehicles you've only seen in thick coffee-table books. The emphasis is obviously on German cars, but there are copious displays from all over Europe. When did you last see a Facel bodied Bentley - it was here.

Refreshments are available throughout the show, very much the bratwurst and beer variety. Probably the biggest drawback of the whole event is the smoke! They all do it - the cashier, spectators, waiters, loo-cleaners - fag after fag, until at the end of the day you wreak of cigarettes. It would even challenge Jim & Val.

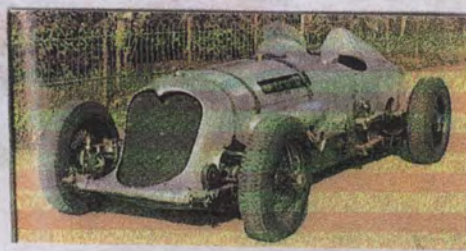
Kettwig, ten minutes from the show. Dog box room, the type that decapitates whirled cats, but spotlessly clean, and they throw in a decent continental breakfast for your \$120.

One of the highlights of the area is food, and it just happens that the local village pub, a brisk stroll from the hotel, serves fantastic dishes from the district. Be aware, the dishes are huge, so only order a main course, which comes with mountain of fried potatoes, and enough sauerkraut to punch a serious hole in the ozone layer! Accompany the meal with a local light red or two, and you have the making of a great night out. Again, everybody lights up, so find a booth tucked up the corner, away from the bar. The restaurant is called 'Gasthof Fredricksum', and \$30 should get your out of trouble per person.

Look forward to seeing you there - I'll be the bloke with the aircraft oxygen bottle attached to him!

For more info. Contact: Smithy's Tour De Classics on: 9816 2701

[Note: At the time of print there is practically zero chance of making the trip to Germany this year, but I suggest that you keep this article and contact Bob Smith in early 2000.] Ed.



A RUN WITH "FRED"

Sunday morning 21/3/1999 arrived wet from the nights rain but the sighting of fog suggested it would not rain that day even though the weatherman was predicting 40% chance of rain.

The Amaroo was not quite ready as I was still fitting new wheels and tyres (wider). However, Sue and I managed to arrive at Merrylands Park only a little later than the 9am suggested by Ray Ross.

I was a little surprised to see so few "Thoroughly Good" people and their cars present. Ray and Margaret & Grandson Keegan were there in the light green Cortina as was Peter and Sue Smart in their red BMW convertible.

Keegan was very amused when Margaret pointed out a "Dickie" seat on an old Willys because that just happened to be the name of a wee part of his body.

We departed Merrylands Park around 9:30 am with navigation notes with questions directing us to our final destination Sweeney's at Scenic Hills, Ingleburn. As it turned out we went in convoy with Ray leading. He was unwittingly very helpful assisting Sue answering the questions as he pointed them out to Margaret.

It wasn't long before we arrived at our destination where a coffee was welcomed.

A stroll around the 114 cars, which took part was interesting but not exciting for some. Overhead one not so elderly man saying he'd saved for years to trade in his old Buick for an FJ Holden ... to get something more modern and looking at the old cars today nothing had changed.

By now it was lunchtime. The property incorporated a large woolshed styled building where for \$10 a head we would be entertained and fed. This was a good place to sit down for a while and enjoy the Line dancing & vocalists followed by a nice meal. Keegan also had a playground for his trains and cars assisted by Ray (Grandad).

Around 2pm the President of CVVTMC (Fred) announced the answers to all the questions (Ray did a great job) and the winners who got the questions correct plus closest to the average time taken...48 minutes & a few seconds. They were driving a pre 1940's vehicle.

The president did show disappointment in the numbers attending stating 286 were expected.

Nevertheless, an enjoyable sunny day's outing and practice for the REAL Rally in 6 weeks time.

John Burton

P.S: I wonder if Ray will point out the answers enroute to Orange?



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THOROUGHbred SPORTS CAR CLUB
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: 10TH MARCH 99

APOLOGIES: VAL DIXON, CHRIS & JOAN JOHNSON, PENNY CREIGHTON,
ADRIAN WALKER & LESTER GOUGH.

ATTENDANCE: RAY & MARGARET ROSS, VIC ANDREWS, JOHN DIXON,
LES JOHNSON, LOUIE & SANDRA EID, DAVID & BARBARA MUIR, GRANT LIDDELL
ROLAND & STEPHANIE CLARK, SUE & PETER SM, JOHN BURTON, RICK SMITH
& KEVIN LEGGETT. ** RAY ROSS WELCOMED KEVIN LEGGETT & SUE SMART.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved ROLAND CLARK

Seconded LOUIE EID

CORRESPONDENCE TABLED FOR MEMBERS TO READ

SOCIAL SECRETARIES REPORT: STAR CITY SHOWROOM & WESTERN PLAIN TOUR

TREASURES REPORT: \$4565.46 Cash at Bank
718.54 Term Deposit
\$5284.00

EDITORS REPORT: CITIZEN KANE

A BEFORE CHRISTMAS STORY BY RICK SMITH

SCORING AT PORT STEPHENS BY MRS MCFAGGOT

PRIDE OF HONOURSHIP BY NORM JOHNSON

** WINNER** Rick & Lois Smith (A BEFORE CHRISTMAS STORY)

SPORTING NEWS:

MOTORKHANA 27TH JUNE FIAT GROUNDS RICHMOND

CLUB PLATES:

MEMBERS ARE SLOW IN RETURNING REGISTRATION PAPERS & PINK SLIPS &
COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE DOCUMENTS.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

REMINDER FOR 21ST MARCH CVVTMC PRESIDENTS RUN

CHRIS JOHNSON HAS DONATED US FOLDERS SELLING AT \$3ea or 5 for \$10

STEPHANIE WILL KEEP UP THE CLUB PHOTO ALBUM.

CAMS LICENCE \$34 each & A \$10 TRIAL IS AVAILABLE ON APPLICATION.

BARGO SWAP MEETING 13th & 14th OF MARCH.

** SPECIAL REQUEST** BY ROLAND CLARK TO USE HIS CLUB VEHICLE
FOR HIS DAUGHTERS WEDDING.

MEETING CLOSED 8.55 pm

(FOLLOWED BY HOLDENS 50th ANNIVERSARY VIDEO).

ROLAND'S RUN SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 1999

The Club's first event for 1999 was a social drive to Cattai National Park organised by VP Roland Clark. As it was also our first outing as club members we had been looking forward eagerly to the day.

Sunday morning was cloudy with some rain around - (not exactly ideal for a drive in the country in an open car) but encouraged by glimpses of blue sky to the west, we busily packed our Esky with meat for a barbecue and other goodies. Ever the optimist, I threw in the sunscreen and hats.

The meeting point was Koala Park, a short drive from our home, and we drove in to find a small group waiting already. Stephanie and Roland were there with "A Real One" - their Red Cobra; David and Barbara in their quick Subaru Impreza WRX; and Les and Roselee in their beautiful gold E-Type Jaguar. All welcomed us enthusiastically with introductions all round as we waited for a short time.

Encouraged by Roland's confidence in the weather (the Cobra's top stored safely away) and the fact that Stephanie had her sun hat on, we folded down the soft top on our BMW and followed the leader.

Heading West we passed through Castle Hill and Kellyville. At this point Roley pulled in to a service station to investigate a 90 Degree reading on the temperature gauge of the Cobra. Stephanie's composure in the resulting shower of near-boiling coolant was amazing. After a quick cleanup, and top up with water we continued on, meeting up with Sandra and Louie in the immaculate Daimler at McGraths Hill.

Norm and Pam joined us near Pitt Town in the XK120 Jaguar. It was only a short drive then to Cattai National Park and the picnic spot beside the river. Wayne had arrived, too, in his Alfa 33.

The cars were lined up behind the shelter shed and we unpacked our picnic hampers etc, amidst much talking, and catching up on news, whilst admiring the different vehicles driven by the group.

Those who had meat to cook wandered off looking for wood and a fire was soon burning. We enjoyed our picnic lunch - it was a great spot with shelter from the occasional shower. When the rain got heavier room was made under the shed for the Cobra and the XK Jaguar - of course!!

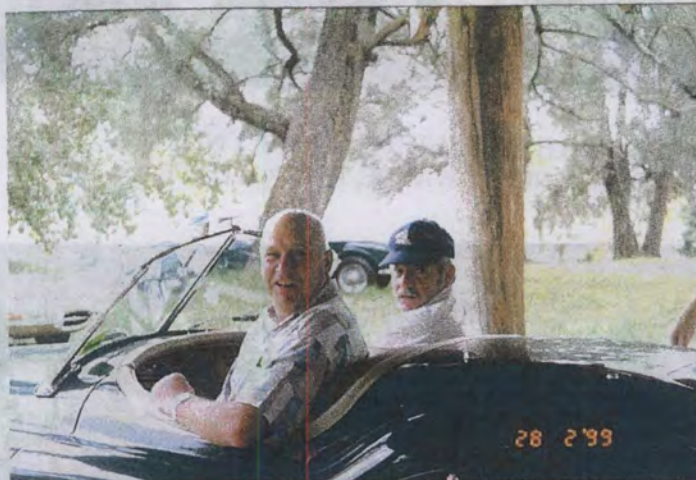
After the rain had passed over, Norm suggested David take the XK for a spin around the picnic ground. Peter volunteered to co-drive and off they went. What a buzz!

A 'lovely legs' competition was held with photos taken, but I still haven't worked out why the participants were the guys - perhaps something to do with women's Lib. It wasn't a pretty sight.

All in all we had a great day, we got to know many of the club members, and provided we pass the initiation test (writing a reasonable article for the club magazine) are looking forward to many more.

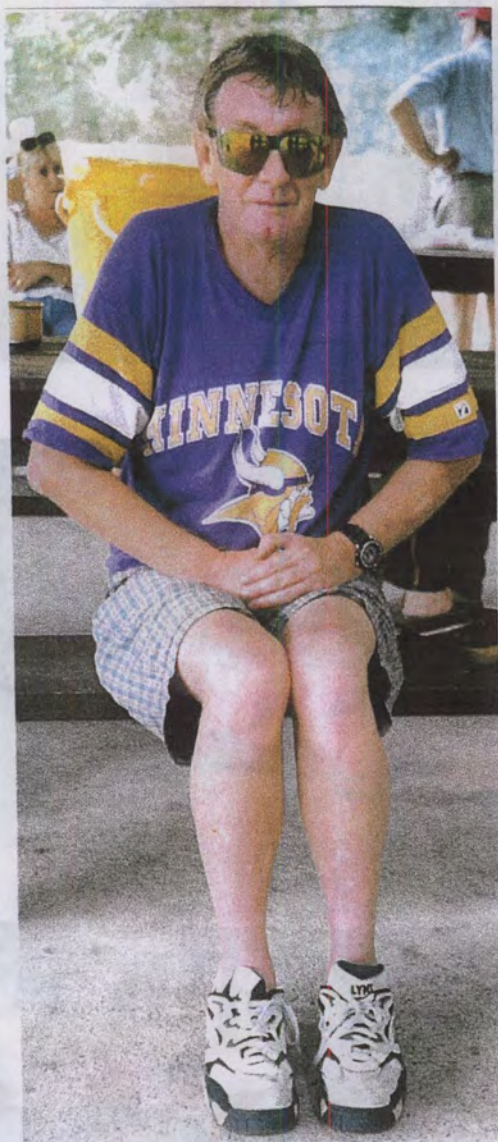
Thanks to Roland who organised the day - another success!!

Sue & Peter Smart





PETER SMART
TRIES TO GET
A "WINE" OUT
OF NORM'S
DIFF.



"LUCKY LEGS" WAYNE
(LUCKY THEY DON'T BREAK)



"OUR LEGS ARE BETTER THAN WAYNES"
(L-R) ROLAND, NORM, WAYNE, PETER & DAVE



IT MIGHT BE RED, BUT IT'S STILL AS GOOD
AS A TRIUMPH TR6

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT (NOT CARS)....

I was told an interesting yarn, it went like this. A husband and wife are getting all snugly in bed. The passion is heating up. But, then the wife stops and says, "I don't feel like it, I just want you to HOLD me".

The husband asks, "WHAT???"

The wife explains that he must not be in tune with her emotional needs as a woman.

The husband realises that nothing is going to happen tonight and he might as well deal with it.

So the next day the husband takes her shopping at a big department store. He walks around and has her try on three very expensive outfits. As she emerges from the fitting room wearing the third outfit, he tells her, "we'll take all three." He then leads her to the shoe department telling her to get matching shoes (worth \$200 a pair) for each outfit.

From there, he goes to the jewellery department, where he picks out a set of diamond earrings.

The wife is SO excited. She thinks her husband has flipped out, but she doesn't care. While in the jewellery department, she asks him for a tennis bracelet.

The husband says, "but you don't even play tennis, but okay, if you like it, then let's get it".

The wife is jumping up and down so excited she cannot even believe what is going on. She says, "I am ready to go, let's go to the cash register." The husband says, "NO, NO, NO... we're not going to buy any of this stuff."

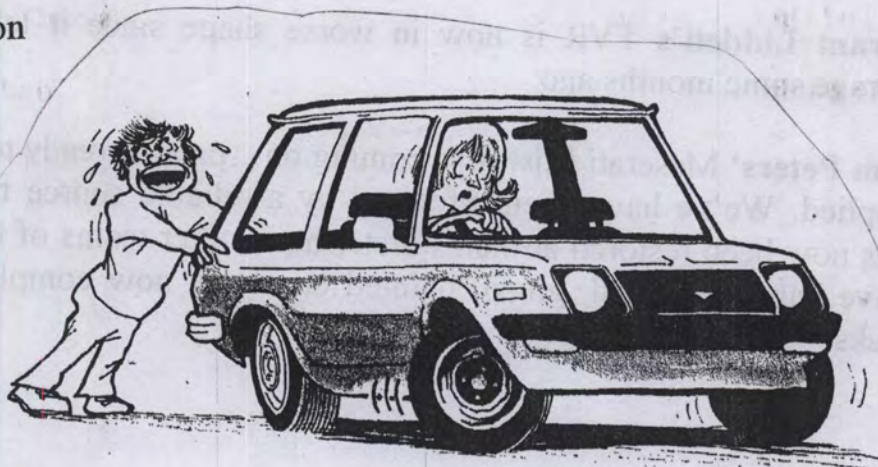
The wife's face goes blank.

"No Honey ... I just want you to HOLD this stuff for a while."

Her face gets really red and she is about to explode.....

The husband smiles and then replies "You must not be in tune with my financial needs as a man."

John Burton



NEWS FLASHS / RECENT EVENTS

- A) New member **Paul Rezek** (who recently turned 50) and wife **Jenny** are nearing completion of restoration work on their F.J. Holden. All going well it will be finished by Paul's 60th!
- B) **Dave Muir's** TR6 is now almost a running chassis. The body is off and now it's off to the paint shop. Barbara commented "I can almost feel the wind through my hair." Security warnings have been issued by Barbara and David since the break-in of the "WRX" and within days a break-in to their home.
- C) **Ray and Margaret** are busy trying to get the E Type up to scratch for the Rally in May. (It's been a long time Ray!)
- D) **Louie** had trouble with Sandra's pink-eared cat. After it had been stuck up a tree for 3 days Louie had to scale a large Norfolk Pine to save the little darling.
- E) **Roland**, not to be out done, has installed a wood burning stove in his wood shed, to keep his dog and cat warm through the harsh winter nights.
- F) **Wayne Watkins** was bragging about how he won the beautiful legs competition against girls on a cruise-ship contest.
- G) **Grant Liddell's** TVR is now in worse shape since it left Dave's garage some months ago.
- H) **Jim Peters'** Maserati Mistral is coming on...paint is ready to be applied. We've have been informed by a reliable source that peace has now been restored at their Forster home after teams of tradesmen have banged, drilled, glued, painted etc. have now completed their tasks.

- (I) **Gordon & Kim Ketelbey** have dug out their trusty Mustang for yet, another assault on the London to Sydney run in 2000.
- (J) **Tony & Rhonda Dooley** have recently purchased a new Jeep Cherokee. We hope this enables them to come along to more club events

"READ THIS FOR A LAUGH"

(Contributed by Barbara Muir)

A Triumph Owner was out on the highway for a nice evening drive. The top was down. The breeze was blowing through what was left of his hair and he decided to open her up.

As the needle jumped to 80 mph he suddenly saw a flashing red & blue light behind him. "There aint't no way he can catch a Triumph" he thought to himself and opened her up further. The needle hit 90, 100, 110 and finally 120 with the lights still behind him.

"What in the world am I doing?" He thought and pulled over. The cop came up to him, took his licence without a word, examined it and the car. I've had a tough shift and this is my last pullover. "I don't feel like more paperwork, so if you can give me an excuse for your driving that I haven't heard before, you can go!"

"Last week my wife ran off with a Cop" the man said, and I was afraid you were trying to give her back!"

"On your way" said the Cop.



MICROSOFT'S BILL GATE'S V'S GENERAL MOTOR'S MR. WELCH

Contributed by Barbara Muir

At a recent computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated: "If GM had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving twenty-five dollar cars that got 1000 miles to the gallon."

In response to Bill's comments, General Motors issued a press release stating (by Mr Welch himself): If GM had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:

1. For no reason whatsoever your car would crash twice a day.
2. Every time they repainted the lines on the road you would have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason, and you would just accept this, restart and drive on.
4. Occasionally, executing a manoeuvre such as a left turn, would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
5. Only one person at a time could use the car, unless you bought "Car95" or "CarNT." But then you would have to buy more seats.
6. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, reliable, five times as fast, and twice as easy to drive, but would only run on five per cent of the roads.
7. The oil, water temperature and alternator warning lights would be replaced by a single "general car default" warning light.
8. New seats would force everyone to have the same size butt.
9. The airbag system would say "Are you sure?" before going off.
10. Occasionally for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key, and grab hold of the radio antenna.
11. GM would require all car buyers to also purchase a deluxe set of Rand McNally road maps (now a GM subsidiary), even though they neither need them nor want them. Attempting to delete this option would immediately cause the car's performance to diminish by 50% or more. Moreover, GM would become a target for investigation by the Justice Department.
12. Every time GM introduced a new model, car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.
13. You'd press the "start" button to shut off the engine.



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Dear Members and Friends,

What can I say! The Western Plains Tour of 1999 is almost upon us and I'm sure we're all looking forward to the break away.

DATE: 1ST MAY 1999 (Tour starts)

TIME: 9.30 AM

PLACE: BICENTENNARY PARK – OPPOSITE RAAF BASE,
RICHMOND

YOU WILL BE GIVEN: Rally pack, instructions, maps etc at the start.

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION: (To let those at home know!)

ORANGE: THE CENTRAL CALEULA MOTEL LODGE (1-6 MAY)

60 SUMMER STREET

ORANGE (PH) 063 627699

(FX) 063 627162

TOLL FREE 008 024845

BLUE MOUNTAINS: RED LEAF MOTOR LODGE (7-8 MAY)

EVANS LOOKOUT ROAD

BLACKHEATH (PH) (02) 4787 8108

NOTE: RALLY PACKS FOR WEEKEND TOUR PARTICIPANTS
WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON FRIDAY NIGHT 7TH MAY. ANY
QUERIES SEE LES JOHNSON.



1999 WESTERN PLAINS TOUR

FULL TOUR PARTICIPANTS

NAME	RALLY FEES + DEPOSIT PAID	MOBILE PHONE
1) CHRIS & JOAN JOHNSON	\$290.00	018 673102
2) ROLAND & STEPHANIE CLARK	\$290.00	018 283409
3) RAY & MARGARET ROSS	\$290.00	0418 466636
4) LES & ROSELEE JOHNSON	\$290.00	0417 249081
5) JIM & VAL PETERS	\$290.00	0418 201167
6) DAVID & BARBARA MUIR	\$290.00	0416 131692
7) VIC & JUDY ANDREWS	\$290.00	0419 464735
8) JOHN & VAL DIXON	\$290.00	0413 157096
9) KEVIN & ROBYN LEGGOT	\$290.00	0419 927907
10) JOHN & SUE BURTON	\$290.00	0407 248308
11) TONY & PAULINE CHAPMAN	\$290.00	018 404646
12) GORDON & KAREN LENOX (MAYBE PART)	NIL	

PART TOUR PARTICIPANTS (FIRST 6 NIGHTS)

1) NORM & PAM JOHNSON	\$230.00	0417 245762
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PART TOUR PARTICIPANTS (LAST 2 NIGHTS)

1) DOUG & JENNY PYE	\$110.00	0412 919965
2) PAUL & JENNY REZEK	\$110.00	NIL
3) SANDRA & LOUIE EID	\$110.00	NIL
4) LIONEL & GAELE WALKER	\$110.00	0412 345331
5) ADRIAN & LORRAINE WALKER	\$110.00	0417 224011

PAID FOR RALLY PACK (NO ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED)

1) TONY LEHNERT	\$50.00	NIL
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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 'Top Gear Newsletter' article, written by a Club Member; as voted 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 'Mens'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.]

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CLUB REGALIA

<i>Cloth Badge (Yellow/Black)</i>	\$5.00
<i>10 yr. Anniversary Lapel Badge</i>	\$10.00
<i>Metal Car Badge</i>	\$20.00
<i>Transfer Sticker</i>	\$0.50c
<i>Club Magazine Binders (donated by Chris Johnson)</i>	\$3.00
<i>Tour Western Plains Wine Glasses</i>	\$6.00 ea.

*These items will be available at Club Meetings, or phone
David Muir: 9413 1692.*