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MAITLAND GAOL RUN**



2002 COMMITTEE

President	Peter Smart	9630 1050 (H)
Vice President / Social Director	Les Johnson	9412 1838 (H)
		9410 2647 (F)
Secretary	Sue Smart	9630 1050 (H)
Treasurer	Vic Andrews	9589 3381 (H)
Editor	Lindsay Day	9939 2863 (H)
		9352 4400 (FW)
Sporting Secretary & Point Score Keeper	Lester Gough	9799 3209 (H/F)
Club Plate Registrar	Roland Clark	9653 2866 (H)
		9653 2867 (F)
Club Shop / Raffles / Club Property	John & Val Dixon	9403 6905 (H)

Please 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 time convenient to them.

General Meetings of the Club

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

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 Cars in Australia

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 CAMS Limited
(formerly Confederation of Australian Motor Sport)*

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SECRETARY

Sue Smart
204 Bettington Road
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CALENDAR 2002

	DATE		EVENT	ORGANISER	PHONE NUMBER
JULY	Wed 10	M	Monthly meeting	Sue Smart	9630 1050
	Wed 17	F	Wednesday run	Roland Clark	9653 2866
	Sun 28	S	Brass Monkey run	Les Johnson	9412 1838
AUG.	Sun 4	R	Oran Park South	Lester Gough	9799 3209
	Wed 14	M	Monthly meeting	Sue Smart	9630 1050
	W/E 17 & 18	S	Shannon's Display - Eastern Creek	TBA	
	Wed 21	F	Wednesday run	Vern Kelly	9651 2770
SEPT.	Sat 7	S	Restaurant night	Tony Chapman	9412 1801
	Wed 11	M	Monthly meeting	Sue Smart	9630 1050
	Wed 18	F	Wednesday run	Vern Kelly	9651 2770
	Sun 22	S	BBQ run	TBA	
	Sun 22	R	Oran Park G.P.	Lester Gough	9799 3209
OCT.	Wed 9	M	Monthly meeting	Sue Smart	9630 1050
	Sun 13	S	Observation run	TBA	
	Wed 16	F	Wednesday run	Vern Kelly	9651 2770
	Sat 19	R	Wakefield Park	Lester Gough	9799 3209
	Sat 26	S	21 st Birthday Week away	Les Johnson	9412 1838
NOV.	Sat 2	S	End Week away		
	Wed 13	M	Monthly meeting	Sue Smart	9639 1050
	Sun 17	S	Pride of Ownership Day	Peter Smart	ditto
	Wed 21	F	Wednesday run	Vern Kelly	9651 2770
DEC.	Sun 1	R	Oran Park South	Lester Gough	9799 3209
	Sun 1	S	Surprise Day	Chris Johnson	9875 3691
	Sat 7	S	Christmas Dinner	Les Johnson	9412 1838

NOTES: 1. The events above are club sanctioned for the purposes of using club plates. Other events listed elsewhere may be sanctioned upon application at a monthly meeting of the Club.

2. Wednesday Run destinations will be selected from the following: Lithgow Small Arms Museum, Berrima Historic Village, Mt Anna Botanical Gardens, Brooklyn, Megalong Valley, Fitzroy Falls, Toronto, Mt Tomah Botanical Gardens, Wallacia, North Head Artillery Museum, Berry, and the Central Coast. Suggestions welcome, Contact Roland Clark 9653 2866 or Vern Kelly 9651 2770.

LEGEND: M = Club Meeting (3 Points)
R = Racing Event (1 Point)

S = Social Events (2 Points)
F = Fun Run (No Points)

CLUB MEMBER 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 either for racing or attending as a spectator. Also, you will be awarded two points for contributing an article to **Top Gear** (to a maximum of 10 points).

INTERNET CORNER

For those who browse the internet. Take the INSANITY TEST at:

<http://www.people.cornell.edu/pages/slp29/insane.html>

THOROUGHbred SPORTS CAR CLUB

MEETING HELD 8th MAY 2002

Meeting commenced 8.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Colin Allerdice, Wayne Watkins, Joan & Chris Johnson, Stephanie & Roland Clark, Lester Gough, Lindsay Day, Sue & Peter Smart, Vic Andrews, Les Johnson.

APOLOGIES

Val & John Dixon, Barbara & David Muir, Pam & Norm Johnson, Karin & John Brown, Wendy & Vernon Kelly, Roselee Johnson, Margaret & Ray Ross.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved that minutes of previous meeting held 10/4/02 be accepted: Roland Clark,
Seconded: Colin Allerdice.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Motorex 02 – Letter and application form
- CMC meeting minutes
- CMC Calendar 2002
- CMC Spring Colours Tour brochure
- CMC Registration Form for Eastern Creek Classic 2002
- CMC Letter & Survey Form re Public Liability Insurance

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank Balance	\$4,624	
Term Deposit	754	Total \$5,378

This figure includes \$2,100 for 21st B'day Rally

EDITOR'S REPORT

Lindsay would be mailing the newsletter this coming weekend.
Articles are needed for the July newsletter.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Day run, Sunday 26.5.02 Organiser Les Johnson. Details in flyer to be mailed shortly.
Restaurant night 29.6.02, Brass Monkey Run 28.7.02 to Mudgee (tickets from Les).
Wednesday run 15.5.02 organised by Roland & Stephanie Clark, to Yarramalong Manor for lunch. Previous month's run to Mt. Annan Botanic Gardens well attended.

SPORTING REPORT

Lester advised there had been no sporting events since last meeting. Next one would be 2/6/02 – Ken Parsons and Lindsay Day competing.

CMC REPORT

Lester also advised that the concessional registration scheme would commence 20.5.02.
More details should be known once the scheme gets under way.

CLUB PLATE REGISTRAR

Roland reported that he would be going on a run with Bathurst Vintage Motor Club on 26.5.02, and Ray Ross would be attending using his E Type Jaguar on TSCC Club Plates.

GENERAL BUSINESS

21st Birthday Rally – Les Johnson gave a report on progress made with planning for this rally. Accommodation has been booked for 14 rooms at Barrington Tops, motels at Port Macquarie & Scone have been booked.
Shannon's Easter Creek Classic – Cheque was drawn for \$60 for a 10 car space and Lester Gough will lodge the application for us, requesting the same space as last year.

A committee will be formed at June meeting to organize our display.

Car Insurance – NRMA Vintage Veteran & Classic Insurance – members advised that this special division is worth investigating when seeking insurance – other companies are Vigil, Shannons, and Dawes.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.45 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear fellow car enthusiasts,

Well, here we are, more than half way through the year and Club activities are now coming thick and fast. Since last magazine, we have enjoyed our run to Maitland Gaol thanks to Les & Roselee Johnson, and a wonderful restaurant night at Berowra organised by Val and John Dixon. We have also had some great Wednesday runs for those who could afford the time including a delightful trip on the Last Riverboat Postman from Brooklyn. Our thanks go to Roland & Stephanie Clark for organising these runs over the past several years. Vernon and Wendy Kelly will be taking over organisation of the mid-week runs which we appreciate very much.

Upcoming events are many and varied. On Sunday 28th July is the "Brass Monkey" run to Mudgee with the AHOC. Les Johnson has planned a full day's activities followed by an overnight stay at Chesleigh Homestead, Sofala.

This is closely followed by the Shannon's Display Day at Eastern Creek on Sunday 18th August and our thanks go to Adrian Walker for organising our club display. We hope to follow our win in 2000 with another win this year. Would all members attending the event either displaying cars or as spectators please wear their club shirt and/or jacket as I am sure this has a positive effect on the overall display.

If any ladies would like to attend a luncheon on this day, please contact Sue Smart (96301050, 0412 681865) by 8th AUGUST and if numbers warrant it, transport and a venue will be arranged.

A restaurant night is planned for 7th September, a Barbecue Run for 22nd September, and an Observation Run for 13th October followed by our 21st Birthday Rally commencing 26th October. Pride of Ownership has been organised for Sunday 17th November at Oatlands House, Carlingford. A separate newsletter will be mailed to you shortly.

In December we have planned a Surprise Day for Sunday 1st and our Presentation Dinner Saturday 7th.

This is a very full calendar and we look forward to your support.

Enjoy your motoring, and I look forward to catching up with you during these coming events. Thanks to all the hard-working committee members and club members for their support.

Peter

SPORTING REPORT

By Lester Gough

The third sporting round this year was on 2 June at Oran Park GP circuit. The TSCC was well represented by Malcolm Stephen and new member Barrie Hill.

Malcolm had a best time of 1:35.41 in his red Mitsubishi Lancer turbo and was placed fourth in the SVA class. Barrie had a best time of 1:37.88 in his Jaguar and was the only competitor in class 1D. Lester Gough was also present as an official.

Four racing events remain in our calendar for 2002, with the next event at Oran Park South circuit on 4 August. Any member wishing to compete or just wishing to discuss competing or attending as a spectator should feel free to contact me on 0411 117 370 or 9799 3209.

THOROUGHbred SPORTS CAR CLUB

MEETING HELD 12th JUNE 2002

Meeting commenced 8.00 p.m.

PRESENT

John & Val Dixon, Roland & Stephanie Clark, Les & Roselee Johnson, Margaret Ross, Val MacDonald, Vic Andrews, Lindsay Day, Lester Gough, Colin Allerdice, Adrian Walker, Peter & Sue Smart, Grant Liddell, Malcolm Stephen, John Sarigiannis, Barbara & David Muir, Joan & Chris Johnson.

APOLOGIES

Judy Andrews, Vernon & Wendy Kelly, Ray Ross, Tony & Pauline Chapman.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved that minutes of the meeting held 8/5/02 be accepted: Colin Allerdice,

Seconded: Roland Clark.

CORRESPONDENCE

- CAMS Newsletter
- CAMS Sporting Bulletin
- Oatlands House letter re Pride of Ownership Day, requesting a further deposit of \$500 for the booking on 17/11/02

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

A further deposit is required on our booking for Pride of Ownership Day – \$60 per head for a 3 course meal, including wine, soft drink, coffee, etc.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank Balance \$3,354.23
Term Deposit \$ 754.58 Total \$4,108.81

(Includes an amount of \$550 held in the account for the 21st birthday rally)

Membership renewals: 42 renewals received, most of which are family memberships.

EDITOR'S REPORT

Lindsay advised that he has 1 article for the July newsletter, also some photos from the Maitland Gaol trip. More articles are needed.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Maitland Gaol visit was very interesting and attended by 22 people.

29th June – Italian Restaurant at Berowra – BYO - 20 bookings to date.

Organisers - John & Val Dixon.

28th July – Brass Monkey Run with AHOC – to Mudgee. Les Johnson is organising this and has booked accommodation at Sofala on Sunday night for those who wish to stay on.

Wednesday Runs – Yarramalong Manor on 15th May – 11 people did the lunch run.

Roland Clark is organising the next one – 19th June to Leura Everglades, details on flyer.

21st Birthday Rally – Les is sending the first newsletter out shortly.

CLUB PLATE REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Roland advised that he had renewed a registration using the new system, as had Lester Gough, and brought the new plates for members to see. General discussion on how the new system will work. Our Club Plates Policy will be reviewed to ensure it works in with the new RTA system, and changes will be made if necessary.

SPORTING REPORT

Malcolm Stephen & Barry Hill (new member) competed at Oran Park on 2/6/02.

Malcolm gave a brief report on the day's activities. Next event 4/8/02 Oran Park South.

GENERAL BUSINESS

CAMS Sporting Bulletin – President advised that this contains a schedule of fees which came into effect on 16.5.02 reflecting the higher cost of public liability insurance.

Of interest to our club is the increase in Affiliation Fees to \$1,196.00 for a club with 40 or more members. An increase of about \$500. General discussion followed on public liability insurance and the impact higher premiums will have on clubs such as ours.

Eastern Creek Display Day – Committee volunteers Adrian Walker (co-ordinator) Colin Allerdice, Peter Smart. Tony Chapman & Vern Kelly to be approached as well. Adrian reported that a 10-car space has been allocated to our club, but he will try to get a larger space (16 cars) Meeting on 26/6/02.

President advised the meeting that Grant Liddell had recently been elected CAMS Hill Climb Advisory Panel Chairman. Congratulations extended to Grant on this honour.

Moved by Lester Gough, seconded by Roland Clark that Grant be nominated as TSCC

Delegate to the CAMS State Council. Grant is happy to take this on, and will provide us with valuable feedback from meetings he attends.

For Sale – David Muir advised of an MGB –GT for sale at Eurocars Mazda Artarmon
Had been traded on a new car – in good condition white/blue interior \$12,000.

John Sarigiannis asked the meeting to sanction use of his club plates to attend All Ford Day at Peter Warren Liverpool on 21st July – noted by Club Plates Registrar & approved.

MEETING CLOSED 9.15 p.m.



STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

Occasional jottings since the last edition of Top Gear:

- Tony and Pauline Chapman have been having a series of "dry runs" in their Winnebago. They have progressed to a two week trip this time. Looks like it won't be too long before they are off on an extended tour along with the 'grey nomads'.
- Chris and Joan Johnson have gone into semi retirement with Chris only working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week.....lucky devils!
- Norm Johnson has started work on his 3.8 litre E Type.....now the dramas begin.
- Pam reckons the only way she will get to see Norm is to make an appointment. So she has....they are off on a P&O cruise in early August.

NEW WORDS FOR 2002 - Essential additions for the workplace vocabulary:

BLAMESTORMING: Sitting around in a group, discussing why a deadline was missed or a project failed, and who was responsible.

SEAGULL MANAGER: A manager who flies in, makes a lot of noise, craps on everything, and then leaves.

ASSMOSIS: The process by which some people seem to absorb success and advancement by kissing up to the boss rather than working hard.

SALMON DAY: The experience of spending an entire day swimming upstream only to get screwed and die in the end.

CUBE FARM: An office filled with cubicles.

PRAIRIE DOGGING: When someone yells or drops something loudly in a cube farm, and people's heads pop up over the walls to see what's going on.

MOUSE POTATO: The on-line, wired generation's answer to the couch potato.

SITCOMs: Single Income, Two Children, Oppressive Mortgage. What yuppies turn into when they have children and one of them stops working to stay home with the kids.

STARTER MARRIAGE: A short-lived first marriage that ends in divorce with no kids, no property and no regrets.

STRESS PUPPY: A person who seems to thrive on being stressed out and whiny.

SWIPED OUT: An ATM or credit card that has been rendered useless because the magnetic strip is worn away from extensive use.

XEROX SUBSIDY: Euphemism for swiping free photocopies from one's workplace.

PERCUSSIVE MAINTENANCE: The fine art of whacking the heck out of an electronic device to get it to work again.

ADMINISPHERE: The rarefied organizational layers beginning just above the rank and file. Decisions that fall from the adminisphere are often profoundly inappropriate or irrelevant to the problems they were designed to solve.

404: Someone who's clueless. From the World Wide Web error message "404 Not Found," meaning that the requested document could not be located."

GENERICA: Features of the American landscape that are exactly the same no matter where one is, such as fast food joints, strip malls, subdivisions.

OHNOSECOND: That minuscule fraction of time in which you realize that you've just made a BIG mistake.

WOOFYS: Well Off Older Folks.

THOROUGHbred SPORTS CAR CLUB
MEETING HELD 10TH JULY 2002

Meeting commenced 8 p.m.

PRESENT

Stephanie & Roland Clark, Joan & Chris Johnson, Les Johnson, Val & John Dixon, Wendy & Vernon Kelly, Bob Smith, Wayne Watkins, Sue & Peter Smart, Adrian Walker, John Sarigiannis, Malcolm Stephen.

APOLOGIES

Margaret & Ray Ross, Pam & Neville Floyd, Val MacDonald, Judy & Victor Andrews, Sandra & Louie Eid, Lester Gough.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved that the minutes of the meeting held 12/6/02 be accepted: Roland Clark,
Seconded: Adrian Walker.

CORRESPONDENCE

- CAMS E-news
- CAMS Sporting Bulletin
- CAMS Applications for Organising Permit
- Sydney Streeters – Drive In Night
- Wayne Merton MP – Orange Blossom Festival Classic Car Display
- Fraser Coast Classic Rally
- Motorex

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Orange Blossom Festival Classic Car Display will be held on Sunday 8th September '02.

Peter Smart to get more information for next meeting.

CAMS Applications for Organising Permit – these will be completed for events scheduled up to December '02 and sent in to CAMS by Peter & Sue Smart.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report received from Vic Andrews as follows:

Bank Balance as at 10.7.02

\$4,666.89

Term Deposit

754.58

Total \$5,421.47*

*Includes Rally Deposits of \$2,400

SPORTING REPORT

Next competition event will be held on 4th August at Oran Park South, any enquiries to be directed to Lester Gough-Ken Parsons, Adrian Walker & Malcolm Stephen will compete.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Restaurant Night on 29/6/02 was attended by 23 people – a delicious Italian meal

Thanks to John & Val Dixon the organisers.

Sunday 28/7/02 AHOC Breakfast Run – there are 30 people from our club going on this run and 22 staying on at Sofala Sunday night. Les Johnson has organised a lunch at Mudgee and the overnight accommodation at Chesleigh Homestead.

Shannons Eastern Creek Display Day Sunday 18/8/02 – Adrian Walker is co-ordinating this event and reported that we have a 16-car area and will be displaying 10 cars incl.

A Ford GT40 and Jaguar XKSS. Flags for the display are needed. Meeting later tonight.

21st Birthday Rally Les advised that planning for this rally is coming together well.

Wednesday Run – next outing 17th July from Brooklyn – boat trip Riverboat Postman

CLUB PLATES REGISTRAR – nothing to report

GENERAL BUSINESS

Australian Classic Car Magazine Show on May 2003 – when more information is obtained club will consider participating – Peter Smart to follow up.

Membership list – several members asked for a list to go out with the next newsletter.

MEETING CLOSED 9.05 p.m.

ROLLS-ROYCE GHOST HERITAGE TOUR TASMANIA

15 FEB TO 26 FEB 2002

Well, it is Tasmania and the West Coast to boot! So we took all precautions and packed the full range of clothing to ease us through the expected inclement weather. A waste of time for we had just about perfect weather for ten days including two at Cradle Mountain which boasts only 32 days of sunshine a year. Our recorded round trip was 810 miles and on just one day, when we travelled from Strahan to Hobart, it rained seriously enough to put up side curtains for this 190-mile leg.

It all started on the February 15 which was a Friday, on the Spirit of Tasmania with twelve cars carrying 24 of us on board, including Gervase & Margaret Forster from England, and meeting up for the first time in the Huon dining room. The first meeting of the rallyists is always exciting, like the first day back at school. Who is here? Who is New? Which of the regular rallyists are missing and so it goes on. There were notable absentees but there were also notable regulars. Denis Deasey was a new comer with his recently acquired 122EU a 1925 Doctors Coupe, nice to see a new face and that of his companion Aleck Durlacher.

And so on to Devonport and by 9.30 a.m. we were disembarking and soon caught up with John and Val Dixon who had flown in from Sydney and hired a car to meet us. We met up with Keith & Robyn Drew who were our hosts for the Tour and with their friends John & Noel Brodribb who took our excess luggage in the baggage vehicle generously provided by Keith. We headed for Cradle Mountain where we stayed for two nights at The Lodge, which was a well set up and organised location. We stayed in individual en-suite rooms arranged in blocks of three. They were most comfortable and were complete with wood burning stoves and enormous wood fuel supplies at the door.

Cradle Mountain needs no introduction for it is a renowned World Heritage area of staggering beauty. The grandeur of the landscape is ever changing and we were lucky to have two days of fine weather to see it at its best although I am sure that it would have been more dramatic with darkened storm clouds over the mountains. On the Sunday we were taken to Dove Lake by bus and John, Val, Roselee and myself enjoyed a two hour walk around it, not a difficult walk as most of it was on a board walk. Imagine the cost of that installation, particularly the helicopter hire to bring all material onto the working areas around the lake. Some of the more intrepid walkers took a three-hour hike that was somewhat more taxing but they declared that they would not have missed it.

On Monday we were off to Strahan via Zeehan following an undulating route of some 90 miles. Our trip was stopped occasionally because we were having trouble with the auto-vac, which did not seem to be able to suck up the fuel. We had to continue to prime the header tank. We stopped over at Zeehan to inspect the Mining Museum and partake of a light lunch. This museum is most informative about the life and times of the early settlers who were, for the most part, mining people there to exploit the recently discovered ore fields and to develop a community. The growth of Main Street Zeehan, for example, can be seen in photographs dating from the 1880's and at that time they were still clearing trees from the roadway itself. Life was tough. Yes, their photographic records for the whole area are most informative. They also have the essential old machinery on display and that includes some steam locomotives that, regrettably, are not in working order. After lunch the continuation of the picturesque run to Strahan and our billet for three nights, Ormiston House. We were lucky because everyone could not be accommodated at Franklin Manor and there were four of us travelling together the organisers gave us three nights at Ormiston House. A once in a lifetime chance to stay in a beautifully restored federation house. We were not complaining.

Tuesday the 19th and halfway the Tour. The sight seeing continued with a cruise up the Gordon River travelling via the port entry known as "Hell's Gate" named by the convicts transported to Sarah island within the inlet. This entry is about 80 metres wide and very difficult for sailing ships to navigate and many did not enter but foundered. We stopped off at Sarah Island and were regaled with stories of the ship building days and life in general for the convicts. The run up the Gordon was most picturesque and enhanced by the wonderful shoreline reflections across totally still waters. We were taken ashore again at the turning point of the cruise and shown some of the older forest trees

including one 2000 years old. We learned that this temperate forest area is one of three in the World, the others being in New Zealand and Patagonia and all of them date from the earliest days of the Continent.

Next day was a ride on the APT railway that is being reinstated between Strahan and Queenstown. Its attraction is that it is a cog railway to handle the very steep gradients and it was always a part of the mined minerals transportation system. The reinstatement is said to have cost much more than the \$20 million provided by Government as part of the Centennial project activities.

Thursday turned out to be our wet day so John and myself made the wise decision to put the hood and side curtains up. I think that John and Val were most grateful because they seemed to get more of the wind in the rear seat. We could just see their heads poking out and were a little suspicious as to their activities under the covers. We headed off on the road to Hobart via Queenstown. Lunch was provided at Derwent River Bridge Hotel, a nice place with a welcoming and much needed log fire. This was the middle of summer and just 2 degrees Celsius outside. Apart from the scenic steep run in and the steeper run out, which gave drivers the opportunity to test steering and brakes and to hone gear changing skills up and down Queenstown was best missed. The nearby mountains are still bare, the town area does not appear to have much appeal except for those who have to make a living there and, even those who cannot achieve that, seem to be unable to sell their dwellings. House adverts with words like; "Make any offer at all" and "We will sell for any reasonable sum" were depressing. Times are known to be hard there but seeing is believing.

On to Hobart and the Grand Chancellor Hotel. Three nights here turned out to be one for most of us and we spent the other two at alternative hotels all because the Grand had failed miserably to understand that we were booked in by the Tasmanian Travel Bureau and should not be stood up. We felt sorry for Keith & Robyn about this, the only glitch en route and not of their making.

Friday, the choice was to do nothing or to take the offered alternative of a drive to the Tahune Forest Air Walk, the longest (597m) high tree top walk in the World. We did not do the walk but opted for a look around Hobart. I managed to talk Roselee, John and Val into having a look at the Cascade Brewery, just a "short stroll" out of town. It turned out to be a 5 Klm up-hill marathon but I did get to sit with the two Tasmanian Tigers used in the ads, after some abuse from the manager wanting to know what the hell I was up to.

Monday was a drama day for us. We got away early expecting trouble. The auto-vac played up something terrible about five times and took about twenty minutes each time to get going. We lost the \$200 petrol cap along the way and then to rub salt into the wound the exhaust system let go but I managed to borrow a large C spanner to rectify this problem. Today we got a phone call from home telling us that our thirteen-year-old dog had to be put to sleep. It's hard to imagine what John and Val thought as we couldn't talk and were close to tears. Today the 160-mile drive took us through some beautiful countryside, small townships and along side the Great Lake in the Central Highlands to Miena for lunch at the Central Highland Lodge. This was an interesting holiday spot dedicated to fishing and by all accounts it is well worthwhile taking time there. We arrived at Hawley House, dating from 1880, where we were to stay for the last two nights. A most comfortable and interesting location overlooking a beautiful beach. It has been in the same family for many years and combines tourism with grape production. It was here that we had our final dinner and thanked Keith and Robyn for their organisation and reminder of events to come. We also thanked John and Noel Brodribb for the gift of their time to handle the baggage. Next morning, Tuesday, we set off for Devonport and the Spirit of Tasmania. The rest, as they say, is history.

On the mechanical side the Tour was pretty good for most. There were some minor but easily solved problems, typically, Keith in 88LK failed to proceed due to distributor failure until I suggested, "give her a crank and let's see what the magneto can do." We did and Keith was away. We continued to tip petrol into our auto-vac until hitting Devonport.

Les Johnson

Maitland Gaol Run



Maitland Gaol Run



HERE'S INSIDE LOOKING OUT **(EAST MAITLAND JAIL)**

It was hard to pick worse weather for the scene at the start at the old Berowra Toll Gates. It was an absolutely miserable morning and the rain bucketed down. All the cars fogged up and some brave members (mainly male) did manage to greet others under golf umbrellas. (The women stayed in the cars.) Those brave enough to face the start were:

Vernon and Wendy Kelly, Peter and Sue Smart, Tony and Sandra Johnstone, Norm and Pam Johnson, Ken, Gaye, Sam and Alex Parson, Les and Roselee Johnson, John and Karin Brown, Vic and Judy Andrews, Chris and Joan Johnson and Tony and Pauline Chapman.

We headed up the expressway to Wyong where we lined up for something warm for breakfast. After about ¾ hour we set off for the jail. Finding it surrounded by houses was a surprise because anyone escaping over the wall would find themselves in someone's back yard within seconds. A chilling thought when you consider some of the inmates over the years including, Ivan Milat, Darcy Dugan and the Mr. Brown from the famous Qantas Extortion case.

We gathered in the "Jailbird Café" where we purchased our tickets and then made our way to the main gate where we were greeted by Ted the Ferret, an inmate of the penal system for some fifteen years. His main offence was armed robbery. It seemed ironic that he now has his own key to let himself in and out. Before locking us up he gave us a bit of a run down about himself and the jail. Ted, (who had been a cook in the Maitland Jail most of his time) soon fixed anyone who gave him a hard time because he would prepare a special dish with secret ingredients to keep them in line.

Ted took us through the jail telling us of past events and different stories. He didn't seem to pull any punches and convinced me that he was telling fairly accurate renditions. It gave me an insight into the penal system, which I hadn't known about before. Don't believe that prisoners sit back and watch TV all day. Nothing could be further from the truth. This jail which was built in the 1800's still looks the same and even the so-called "modern" extensions were still very much behind the times.

After a much needed de-briefing in the visitors section we all departed for lunch at the "Windsor Castle Hotel" in East Maitland. We all sat for our Last Supper at a long table and talked about the jail. It really was an eye-opener! We will never forget our visit to East Maitland Jail.

Les Johnson

SUNDAY FUN RUN TO PATONGA – 21st APRIL 2002

Well I'm a man who likes a challenge (but not necessarily to succeed) so it was that I left writing this "report" (and I use the term loosely) for 6 weeks. My apologies to any facts caught on the wrong side of my synapses.

Being "southies", we were reminded of the trek the "northies" had to Loftus Oval last month as Margaret and I debated ringing ahead to make sure we weren't left behind. Arriving second last, we were greeted by around 20 members and their mixture of vehicles and given our instructions/question sheet by Peter and Sue. The numberplate surround with "A Real One" on Roland and Stephanie's AC was cute.

After we had all caught up with the latest gossip and admired each other's machinery, we were flagged away. The over achievers amongst us thought we had question 3 nailed as we smugly hit the odometer upon leaving, only to find a trail of "SCENIC ROUTE XXkm" signs starting at 26km near the Hawkesbury. How could we have missed the first sign!

John Sarigianis and family gave their new club plates their first airing on the 428 Cougar but unfortunately had to turn back early due to child seat teething problems, not before impressing us with the light show from the turn indicators. Adrian and Lorraine also flew the Ford flag in their gleaming green and gold Mustang. Neil Mason in the red MGB was returned to base as well – possibly a premonition of the weather to come – open-top intuition?

Then came the café at Mt White with what looked like every café racer within cooee, we followed the brave Allerdices in the TR6, into the biker's den to get a closer look at the name of that (Road Warrior) café. For a moment, confusion reigned as we got on the tail of another group of classic cars who turned left at Calga (instead of right). Being near the back of the group, it was good to see how "motorcycle-aware" our group was, on the single carriageway. Along the way we stopped at Staples Lookout overlooking Brisbane Waters to admire the magnificent view.

I reckon the real spirit breaking question was "10. Who owns the Ocean Beach Store in Umina?", I fear that some of us may never know the answer to this one.

As we entered Patonga, we took a left into the parking area and then a short but sandy walk to the restaurant and were lucky enough to score a huge alfresco table (or so we thought). We spent a very pleasant hour or so in the sun talking, laughing and watching some big black clouds rolling in – Gee somebody's going to get wet! I can't remember the lunch details all that well – there was definitely wine, but I think Vic was having a go at my Mitsubishi being in the Thoroughbred Sports Car Club by ordering steak at a seafood restaurant. As if you didn't know this was coming, halfway through lunch the heavens opened and our beautiful alfresco location turned into "el fiasco" when rain interrupted play and we all headed for cover. Had the weather held, I think we would have stayed until dusk. Rather an abrupt ending to our day as we darted back to our vehicles and headed our various ways home

Others who contributed to the merriment on the day were Ray, Margaret, Vern and Wendy in those head-turning E types, Val and John Dixon, Val McDonald, Judy Andrews and Karin and John Brown.

Many thanks to Peter and Sue Smart for organising such a fun day.
The price of this report, a Tyrrell's Private Bin is now but a pleasant memory.

Malcolm Stephen

TSCC FINANCIAL STATEMENT 12.6.02 to 10.7.02

Bank Balance as at 6/11/02 \$3,354.23

Income

Membership fees	\$280.00	
November Rally	\$1,850.00	deposits
Brass monkey	\$240.00	
Monthly meetings	\$96.00	
Interest	\$1.47	
Total Income	\$2,467.47	\$2,467.47
		\$5,821.70

Expenses

L.Johnson Oct/Rally Refund	\$400.00	
Oaklands House (pride of owner)	\$500.00	
Magazine costs	\$254.81	
Total Expenses	\$1,154.81	\$1,154.81

Bank Balance as at 7/10/02	\$4,666.89
Plus Term Deposit as at 5/2/02	\$754.58
Total Funds	\$5,421.47

Vic Andrews

CMC KNOWN MAJOR EVENTS at June 2002

7/7/02 American Independence Day, Reading Centre, Auburn
 13-14/7/2002 Motorex 02, Showgrounds, Homebush
 14/7/2002 All French Day Brays Bay Reserve Concord
 20/7/2002 All Fords Swap Meet Peter Warren Warwick Farm
 21/7/2002 All Ford Day Peter Warren Warwick Farm
 21/7 /2002 Liverpool Super Swap Fairfield Showground
 17-18/8/2002 Shannons Eastern Creek Classic- Eastern Creek Raceway
 24-25/8/2002 MG Classic Trial Mudgee
 7-8/9/2002 HSRCA Historic Race Meeting Eastern Creek Raceway
 8/9/2002 Mercedes Benz Concors, Silverwater Park, Silverwater
 22/9/2002 AROCA Tour de Corse Bargo
 22/9/02 Jaguar Drivers Club Concors, TBA
 13/10/2002 Twin Lakes Show and Shine, Wyong Race Course
 20/10/2002 MGCC Concors, TBA
 20-21/10/2002 CRC Alpine Classic Lithgow & Western Districts
 20/10/2002 VSCCA's Bol d'Ot Wakefield Park, Goulburn
 20/10/2002 All Chrysler Day Fairfield Showground
 20/10/2001 All British Display Day Liverpool Catholic Club
 27/10/02 Triumph Sports Owners Concors, Brays Bay Concord
 2-3/11/2002 AROCA Six Hour Relay Classic Eastern Creek Raceway
 30/11-1/12/02 HSRCA Historic Race Meeting Wakefield Park, Goulburn
 16/2/2003 Sydney Super Swap, Clarendon Show Ground
 23/2/2003 CMC Presidents Run, TBA

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Plate No.	Vehicle	Owner	Renewal Date
001	Jaguar Mark II	Roland Clark	15 May 2002
003	E-Type Jaguar	Ray Ross	27 March 2002
005	Mercury Cougar	John Sarigiannis	April 2003
006	Jaguar Mark II	Adrian Walker	13 December 2002
007	Aston Martin DB4	Roland Clark	26 June 2002
008	E-Type Jaguar	Chris Johnson	7 April 2002
009	E-Type Jaguar	Les Johnson	19 April 2002
010	Ford Cortina	Lester Gough	January 2003
011	Ford Cortina	Lester Gough	January 2003
012	Aston Martin DB4	Les Johnson	19 April 2002
013	Jaguar Mark II	Lionel Walker	
014	MGB Roadster	Stephanie Clark	
015	MGB Roadster	Lorraine Walker	3 March 2002
016	Nissan Silvia	Wayne Watkins	27 March 2002

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