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Dear Members,

Only one more edition, after this one, of The Octagon to go this year, so what we want to do in that edition is have a round up of photos taken at events this year - to let you all have a reminiscence, a laugh or whatever. So if you've taken a beaut shot during the year, preferably a nice clear and not too dark one, and would like to submit it then do so by return please. Write down also, the full facts about the content plus if you want the photo returned. Every care will be taken of them OK.

Our Event Secretary, Joan Appleby says to say 'Thank you- to all who helped on the days of the All Historic Race Meeting' - perhaps someone has some interesting shots from that!

One major happening since last meeting is that the Committee saw it fit that David Robinson should now hold the reins as Secretary of our Club. Good luck, David. However, we don't know how long for, as the Annual General Meeting is scheduled for the 28th of this month. Don't forget your proxy, send it in if you can't make it.

The Special Meeting called for to discuss the Australian Hill-climb Championships which are to be conducted at Mt. Cotton, on the 30th and 31st May, 1987 proved quite fruitful. Though the major problem still remains - WANTED ONE MAJOR SPONSOR. Keep your ear to the ground and see if you can be of help.

Whilst on the subject of major events, a quick look at same over the next few years and one can quickly see that we only have 3 more National Meetings to learn the whys and where fors on how to conduct a National Meeting. We urge anyone interested in helping with our 1990 Meeting here in Queensland to try and make plans to attend the Canberra National Meeting, at least, in 1988. You will have then some idea what a National Meeting is all about. Plus we also feel the actual experience will be interesting and enjoyable to you. Also you'll be wondering why you haven't been to one before and as well it'll save us a heck of a lot of explaining - if you experience it yourself.

This coming '87 Nat. Meeting is in Perth and we envisage taking a month for the trip - if you are interested in joining us then give us a ring.

With the year drawing to a close it would be a good idea if the Perpetual Trophy Winners from 1985 returned their trophies to the Secretary - in readiness for our Presentation of Trophies Night - which from what we've heard promises to be both and exciting and different night - but it wouldn't be until the New Year as everyone is too tied up in Xmas things now.

Thank you to Coral Costin and daughters and Toni Jamieson for their hand at the Concours - Many hands make light work -girls!

Till next magazine.

Peter & Delia Rayment

P.S. Don't forget if you wish to participate in a John Fraser Driver Training Course next year - then let our Secretary know.

REMINDER NOTICE TO MEMBERS

OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL

MEETING

OF THE M.G. CAR CLUB OF QUEENSLAND

TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, 28th NOVEMBER, '86

AT THE CLUBROOMS -- 18 NASH STREET, ROSALIE.

AT 8.15p.m.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT NOMINATIONS FOR
COMMITTEE CLOSE WITH THE SECRETARY ON
FRIDAY 14th NOVEMBER, 1986.

PROXY & NOMINATION FORMS ARE ENCLOSED
FURTHER IN THIS MAGAZINE.

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The AGM never usually last too long so you will have plenty
of time for norging and nattering after the meeting, if you
come along.
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CLUB NEWS CLUB NEWS CLUB NEWS CLUB NEWS CLUB NEWS CLUB NEWS

Constitution up-date;

The Club's amended Constitution passed recently at the Special Meeting is now in the hands of the Justice Department for final approval.
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INTERCLUB MOTORKHANA

2 Teams helped fly the flag at the Interclub Motorkhana held recently on the 28th September (the day after the Concours - some of us were all keyed up for the Speed event the next day, thinking we must have been at a National Meeting).

The Motorkhana was held on the grass (dust) at Beenleigh Rum Distillery by the H.S.C.C. and a good day was had by all.

With several W.D.s however our teams did not run to highly in the final points score. The biggest problem it appeared stemmed from the lack of practice. A unanimous decision was made there and then that the Secretary seek the C'ttee approval to approach the owners of a closer, cleaner (and constant) site to that point.

We therefore wish to inform you that these steps have been taken and that next year we will have all 3 cs(closer, cleaner and a constant site) - so watch your calendar for the dates.

Before we can actually hold such an event though(particularly on bitumen) we are going to have POLES. Anyone able to assist in the acquisition of about 50 off 600ml. length X 20ml diameter plastic conduit POLES would be advised to contact a C'ttee member forthwith. For we will then have to have a working bce to make the bases and flags for the tops of same.
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APPENDIX A

FORM OF NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE

M.G. CAR CLUB OF QUEENSLAND

We, as financial members of the M.G. Car Club of Queensland
hereby nominate.

for the position of

Proposed by Club No.

Seconded by. Club No.

I hereby signify my willingness to act in the capacity as per
above nomination.

Signed. Club No.

(This nomination must be lodged with the Hon. Secretary at
least 14 fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting.)

APPENDIX C

FORM OF PROXY

M.G. CAR CLUB OF QUEENSLAND

I, of.

being a financial member of the M.G. Car Club of Queensland

hereby appoint. of.

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as my proxy, to vote for me and my behalf at the
Annual General Meeting of the Centre to be held on the
. day and at any adjournment
thereof.

Signed this day of. 19. . .

Signature. Membership no. Q. . . .

LETTERS LETTERS

'Commonage',
69a Dragon Street,
Warwick. Q. 4370

The Secretary,
M.G. Car Club

Dear Sir,

Firstly, please allow me to introduce myself as Barry Green, a fulltime freelance journalist and regular contributor to a number of Australian and overseas motoring magazines - the ones probably most familiar to your members would be SPORTS CAR WORLD, AUTOSPORT, SPORTS & CLASSIC CARS AUSTRALIA, RACING CAR NEWS- which brings me to the reason for my letter.

The appeal of an interesting, unusual or exciting motor car is universal. Hence the never-ending search for such examples for feature articles in motoring magazines. I'm sure the members of a Club of your standing would have any number of machines worthy of writing about. Thus I would like to enquire whether the owners of same would be interested in contacting me re my putting together a series of articles on their vehicles.

I may be contacted re the foregoing at the above address, or on (076) 615 196.

Hoping my enquiry meets with your interest; thanking you for your time and co-operation.

Yours: sincerely,

BARRY GREEN.

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

The Club would appreciate it if any member contacting Barry Green regarding their unusual, exciting or interesting motor car, mention coming major Club events to Barry eg. the Australian Hillclimb Championships - 30th & 31st May 1987. All advertising of these events helps.

CIRCULAR RALLY SCRUTINEERS

RALLY CLUBS

Re: Engine Numbers

A recent check revealed that quite a number of rally cars engine number does not match either the log book, or the registration papers. Please pay attention to this aspect of scrutiny at future events, and refer the erring competitors to CAMS office so that the documents can be updated. The importance of this is, that should the vehicle be involved in an accident, especially with a member of the public, their insurance's may be void, and the possible results of that, the crew would not want to contemplate.

MORE LETTERS LETTERS

Race Meeting Secretary,
Mr. Graham Ward,
P.O. Box 300,
NERANG.Q. 4211

Dear Car Club,

The Queensland Appendix J Association, Qld Gemini Racing Association, and the Qld Racing Drivers Association have joined forces to promote our own race meeting.

This meeting will be called the "Combined Clubs Charity Racedays" and will be held at the Surfers Paradise Raceway on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December, 1986.

The object of the meeting is to raise money for Charity work through the Rotary Club of Surfers Paradise and 50% of all profit made will be passed on accordingly.

For this reason we need every car club enthusiast in Eastern Australia to help by coming to join in two great days of racing. Entry to the meeting will be only \$5.00 per adult (over 18 years) and this will also entitle entry to pits to preview all the cars.

Could you please help by giving us any publicity you can and encourage your members to come along and join in the fun.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM NEILSEN
President
Qld Appendix J Association.

NEW MEMBERS NEW MEMBERS NEW MEMBERS NEW MEMBERS NEW MEMBERS

We wish to welcome to the Club the following new members, and we hope that their association with the Club will be a long and happy one ;-

Albert Budworth:MG Magnette; Bill Hayes: MGB GT; Rod Henderson MGB ; John Jamieson: MG TF; Neil Smith: MGB GT; Roslyn Orcher: MGB; Edward Robinson; Kevin Robinson; and Mark Robinson.

CLUB JOTTINGS

David Phillis has a new stead in his garage - an MGA - so that's why you have to sell the TD David - to make room for the A.

Read in the local 'rag' recently where Gary Scott has taken up Racing ~~FULLTIME~~ -- all the best from your fellow clubmembers Gary on your venture.

Hope John Crane is feeling better now - after a week in hospital - we know Dominique was very worried about you John.

CONCOURS '86

Our Concours for 1986 was held again at Anzac Park, Toowong in conjunction with the Marque Sports Car Clubs eg Porsche, Sprite, Lotus, Healey, Alfa etc. on the 27th September - for those of you who were unable to attend.

Numbers were down this year and we've put this down to 3 factors. (a) that the original event had to be postponed due to inclement weather (b) it was held slap bang in the middle of the School holidays and (c) that we tried a Saturday afternoon instead of a Sunday. It is very hard to say that it was (a) or (b) or (c) that played the major factor in the reduced numbers. However we know next year that we will avoid (b) and possibly (c) but (a) of course was unavoidable.

Thank you to all who bought their cars out for the afternoon - we hope you enjoyed it, everyone appeared to be doing so.

A run down on the cars entered and the points awarded are as follows:-

- PRE-WAR - Rod Hiley 420:
- TC - Charmaine McPhee 390: Peter Rayment 265:
- TD - David Phillis 256:
- TF - Ian Costin 477: John Jamieson 468: Alan Luke 420:
Alwyn White 405:
- A - Scott Ramsey 453:
- B Mk I - Peter Whalley 1172: Colin West 1153: Errol Hoger 806:
John Crane 891: Delia Rayment 1119: Kerry Moore 926:
- B Mk II - Ian Priddle 966: Jenny Whitfield 952: Wendy Hoder 872:
- Magnettes & Saloons Joan Appleby 351: Albert Budworth 483:
Julie Findlater 345:
- GT - Neil Smith 1154: Bill Hayes 1093:
- NON MARQUE STREET - John Fraser(Bristol) 385: Bruce Williams
(BMW) 352:

Certificate & Trophy winners on the day for their Class where as those underlined.

Competitors choice of the day went to Ian Costin's immaculate TF. Congratulations to IAN.

Whilst OVERALL CLUB CONCOURS WINNER FOR 1986 was Albert Budworth's sparkling Magnette Mk IV. Congratulations to ALBERT. Albert will receive his trophy at the Club's presentation of trophies dinner to be held early in the New Year.

3 M.G.s that represented our Club at the OVERALL MARQUE SPORTS CAR CLUB CONCOURS (on this day also) were Albert Budworth's Magnette: Ian Costin's TF: and Scott Ramsey's A. This competition was judged as a SPIT & POLISH Type event and Ian Costin's TF came in second overall.

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LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS

Grafton Sporting Car Club,
P.O. Box 334,
GRAFTON.N.S.W. 2460

The Secretary,
M.G. Car Club of Q'ld.

David,

Could you please make note the G.S.C.C. is holding a short course off road within the confines of the Hillclimb property on the 15th November, 1986 and also on Sunday 16th November a Hillclimb, if space permitting could you please advise members in the next edition of The Octagon.

Yours faithfully,

Ken Norton.

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MORE LETTERS LETTERS

Brisbane Sporting Car Club,
P.O. Box 347,
Woolloongabba.Q. 4102

Dear Club Secretary,

We have pleasure in enclosing a number of Supplementary Regulations in respect of the GALLANGOWAN FOREST RALLY the 6th and last Round of the Queensland Rally Championship and the 5th Round of the CIBIE G.P. Cars Clubman Novice Series to be held on the 15th/16th November, 1986.

We would be obliged if you could bring this Rally to the notice of your members and the fact the Supplementary Regulations are available at your Club and/or available from our Clubrooms or phoning the writer on 391 8881.

Thanking you,

Yoursfaithfully,
Mrs. Esme Gibson
Administration Officer.

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CONCOURS '86 REPORT CONT'd....

We would also like to thank the following people who acted as judges on the day - a job ~~were~~ sure you'll agree most people don't wish to do. John Fraser; Linden Cooper; Dave; Robinson; Grant Beaumont; John Jamieson; Peter Lhalley; Bruce Williams; Len Melrose; Gordon McPhie; & Peter Rayment.

Regarding future Concours' it has been suggested that we try (a) to conduct 2 per year and (b) that we try a different venue - some place with a bit more character and in keeping with the type of vehicles on display. If you have any thoughts on the subject please let a C'tte member know soon, so that we can put the suggestions to the Committee for 1987's calendar.

TRADING POST

FOR SALE

MGTD 1951 Ivory with bone interior. \$15,500 ONO Contact
Captain David Phillis 354 1605 (H) 233 4496 (W).

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FOR SALE

HATMA T3 - LEYLAND Hillclimb car. New monocoque chassis.
New Dunlop racing tyres. Engine 1071cc Cooper. Ideal beg-
inners car. \$3,500 negotiable. Contact Arthur Holloway on
(075) 391 285.

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WANTED

M.G. Sports car (eg. TC,TD,TF) reasonable condition capable
of restoration. Contact Neil Sugars on 201 3507.

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FOR SALE

MK II SPRITE 1962. Roll bar. Registered. R.W.C. Hard and
Soft tops; Lots of spares; engine good; Complete; \$2,700
ONO 288 5963(H) or 280 2922 (W) and ask for Laurie Palmer.

HILLCLIMB NEWS NEWS

BOB COSSOR HAS DONE IT! Congratulations Bob on winning your
class (Sport Cars 1300cc-2000cc) at the Australian Hillclimb
Championships on the 12th October at Collingrove in Adelaide.

Other Queenslanders who attended the AHC were John Davies, who
had clutch and engine trouble and Peter Collins in his Formula
II who we believe also had car trouble. Thanks for keeping the
flag flying boys.

Ivan Tighe was unable to attend this year.

The Overall Australian Hillclimb Champion for 1986 is Kym
Rohrlach who broke the outright record. Part of his prize
was a 20litre cask of Yulumba Port.

Bob & Bev Cossor shall spend a week doing the Vineyards over,
plus popping in to see family on their way home.

Much to the envy of any Hillclimber, John Davies and family
has been on a month's Hillclimb Circuit tour. Going to the
Woolloongong Sporting Car Club's Hillclimb - Dapto were:
as the soul Q'ld representative he won his class. They also
called and competed at Canberra, where the circuit has just
been changed and by winning his class it also gave him the
honour of setting a new record on the new circuit.

WANTED MAJOR SPONSOR FOR THE AUSTRALIAN HILLCLIMB C'SHIPS HERE '87.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Came Friday the 17th October and a motley looking mob turned up at the Clubrooms. What scroungers!!!

So armed with the devious list of goodies to acquire, they disappeared into the dark of the night.

First back were John & Dominique. They had accosted the Guard at Parliament House and pinched his unused tea bag and his mangrove leaf (Ed. What do they use mangrove leaves at Parliament for?) But they were unsuccessful at obtaining the man's left sock, even though it was the right colour - red.

Then back they started to arrive. Barry Smith with shirt in hand and overcoat on (looked like a flasher). Barry & Bruce Stephenson had found a friendly shop keeper on route and acquired a lot of stuff for 20c a go.

John Novak and Collen tore off back home to raid the poor sleeping goat in their back paddock of one of his 3" whiskers - off his hairy hairy chin. Their shirt came from one of the children who was left shirtless in the back of the car on arrival back at the clubrooms.

Chris Lee and David Wilson went over to Breakie Creek to try and find their mangrove leaf. They could see the trees in their headlights but didn't want to get their feet wet - so they submitted some pampas grass - which our diligent judge of fact picked up immediately as not being mangrove - because it didn't taste right??

Len Melrose's Mum helped him with a fair amount. Just to make sure he had the right number of leaves - he arrived back with half a fig tree, as well as mangrove leaves. (Maybe he's going into the Nursery business.)

Dave Robinson, doing it all alone, came back with a 500 page story as to the fact that the whisker he had was right to be classified as such as it was part of a whisk from a broome.

So in came the stories. Andrew Lake had to modify the red sock requirement. With his recent acquired talents from the Police Academy he produce a left sock with RIGHT written on it.....

Someone bought in a hugh scotch thistle in a bag and left us with it - what a handful to pick up. I was then left with this pile of junk and so many tall stories.

What people had to collect was a wheel removing tool, an unused match, a red left sock, 3" whisker, a mangrove / or a fig leaf, a bus ticket, an unnaed tea bag, a piece of string or rope, a thistle, a bottle top etc.

Everyone had a good time. Next time we will make them have to think a bit more.

AND THERE WILL BE A NEXT TIME - watch for it in the calendar.