

OCTOBER 1957.

MATTER.

This is the "new look" edition. The publication department has designed it to obviate too much mental effort in typing, sorting and collating the "mag". You may, or even, may not like the set up-- however we would like to know.

November is an important month in the Centre- the Third Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 29th. The main purpose is to elect Office Bearers and Executive Committee for 1958.

Your attendance at the A.G.M. is an expression of interest in the Centre- you will be able to voice your choice for those, who will (virtually) run YOUR club for the next year.

The "Bunger" night listed for November 2nd, appears to be in the "lap of the gods"- the prohibition on fires and fireworks could "fix" it in no uncertain terms. However let's hope rain (and plenty of it) falls prior to this date. It will be ON until definitely cancelled. The organisers were hoping for a "bumper" attendance- and a good financial return to the Centre.

The Night Treasure Hunt of October 5th showed that the "Ansell System" works extremely well and could well be continued. The entry was not the best but the future runs should get back to standard.

The 1957 calendar will be climaxed by the Presentation of Trophies on December 6th. This night, once the formalities of the presentations are over, is usually one to be remembered. Gordon MacNicol is the authority.

The November events on the programme will be the last for the Trophies. So come along and "be in it" the present leaders can be edged out.

*The Editor*

NEW MEMBERS.

The last month has seen quite an influx of new members to the Centre, we, therefore, welcome the following:

Tom Shepherd  
David Semfel  
Trevor Shields  
Bernard Lynch.

and a re-welcome to Brian Batton on re-joining the fold, though unfortunately in Melbourne. However we may even see a Victorian Centre yet.

To those who are thinking about joining the Centre- now is the time- subscriptions paid now will be for 1958.

Whilst on the subject of potential members- why not bring your friends to the Club Rooms one Friday night- or to one of our events?

**"THE OCTAGON"  
COMING EVENTS.**

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OCTOBER 27th SUNDAY

"WORKING BEE" at Kenmore for the "Bunger Night" the organiser is John Muller, so contact him for details.

29th TUESDAY

FILM NIGHT at C.O.R. Theatre - Edward Street - a full programme of the films you want to see - it starts at 7:30 pm.

NOVEMBER 2nd SATURDAY

The "BUNGER NIGHT" - the opportunity of a lifetime for that "hang up" outing - there will be a bar-b-q and the right sort of refreshments. Entry 10/- per person, the tickets available from J. Muller or the Committee - ---bring along your friends. QRDC Road Race Meeting at Lowood.

3rd SUNDAY

10th SUNDAY

GYMKHANA at Aspley - the final "dice" of the year - usual entry 3/- (and fines) - also special "CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE" - assemble at Chermide at 1 pm.

15th FRIDAY

Club night as usual - Nominations for annual election of Office Bearers and Committee CLOSE at 5pm with the Secretary.

29th FRIDAY

THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. At the Club Rooms at 8 pm.

DECEMBER 6th FRIDAY

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES. At the Club Rooms - cover charge (for supper) 10/- per person. Fun and games for all.

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QRDC  
LOWOOD

GYMKHANA  
ASPLEY

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BUNGER NIGHT  
& BAR-B-Q.

NOMINATIONS  
CLOSE

THIRD ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS.**

**OPEN FORUM - OCTOBER 4th.**

If it had not been for the Treasure Hunt briefing, a few words on the "Bunger Night" and some excellent films taken by Noel Ansell, the effort of organising the opportunity for members and the Committee to "air" their views was a waste of time.

The manner in which Ernie Ansell introduced the "new system" was extremely entertaining - it looked so complex on paper, but when the expert explained - so easy, when he finished - absolutely beyond our limited mental capacity. However it worked perfectly in practice.

Noel Ansell's films really caught our "lust slingers" in full action and "glorious technicolour". I think some of our gymkhana

The purpose of an "Open Forum" is to hear what members think about what has been going on- in other words constructive comments on what your Committee has been doing or not been doing. Without hearing the opinion of members your Committee can only organise events which appear popular----until entries fall off----then try something else.

The Committee, also, should give members an idea of future plans and ideas (if any). No doubt, these are set out in this publication, but general discussion could help materially.

The idea will be that the next "Open Forum" won't be quite as "tongue-tied" as this one was.

#### NIGHT TREASURE HUNT- OCTOBER 5th.

The intrepid crews of ten vehicles, enlightened by previous briefing, assembled at the Club Rooms for the "ding" on Saturday evening. Mounts, equipment and supplementary maps were varied as individual tastes go.

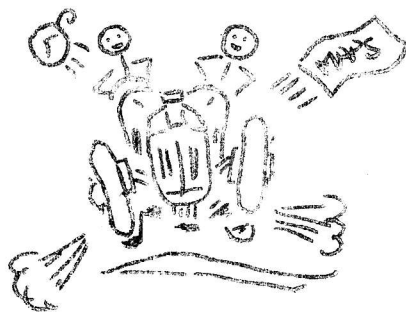
The "Ansell System" looked, as anticipated, rather fearsome on the instructions issued. However as the evening wore on the system became familiar and consequently much easier.

The major surprise of the evening was the "tossing" of the Bob Bishop and Doug Carr team by an almost perfect run by Frank Taylor and Bill Gearing. New member, Tom Shepherd filled the minor placing.

The run was actually full of incident- particularly the amazement of competitors as to why Ernie Ansell did not singe his "mo" crouching over his control lantern out Archerfield way. The theme song was "in the middle of an island".----- or something. It is said that his "disappearing act" around a telegraph post, spotlighted by "Jag" headlights, was most spectacular.

As usual the organiser received the full support of members for "Officials"- they unfortunately miss half the fun - but certainly (as everyone) enjoyed what they did see. Our sincere thanks to them and their efforts. Incidentally the "post mortem" at the Club Rooms was quite a highlight.

Another surprise- Sam and Barbara Pollard (though they tried very hard) did NOT make last place. They finished eighth ahead of the Newton-Muller combine and also Tom Ross.



The Newton-Muller "equipe" gave some officials a thrill but several swift circuits of a control point and then blithely departing townwards. They eventually retraced their steps-but could not salvage their loss of points.

Further "spice" was added to the competition by the donation, by some member, of a special prize for the best "TC" performer. A guinea no less.

#### OFFICIAL RESULTS.

1st	F.E. Taylor	(M1/TC)	2 pts lost.
2nd	R.C. Bishop	(Jaguar)	12 pts lost.
3rd	T. Shepherd	(Millman)	22 pts lost.
then J. Mash (50 pts), L. Weale (54 pts), M. Ansell (70 pts), D. Neil (74 pts), S. Pollard (86 pts), G. Newton (174 pts) and W. Ross (328 pts).			

Special "TC" Prize: F. Taylor.

**"THE OCTAGON"**  
**MORE ACCOMPLISHMENTS.**

**FILM NIGHT- OCTOBER 11th.**

A gathering of some 49 members viewed a collection of films organised by Bill Gearing from the Shell Company library and enlivened by "funnies" acquired by Brian Thomas, who expertly manipulated the projector.

The chief entertainment was the "echo" of woody woodpecker- so ably executed by Bruce McMillan.

The programme included the A.G.P of 1956, and the magnificent drive by Stirling Moss. However the chief motor cycle film, the Dutch T.T., caused a lot of comment, particularly when Duke was shown hurtling around the course at fantastic speeds.

An unexpected memory of Boy Scout days helped the Secretary make the most of accident of Trev Connolly- really only a minor scratch-but what a bandage.

A very enjoyable evening and, by the way, quite a profitable one for the Centre. At this rate we will ~~soon~~ soon be able to acquire more chairs and so to more film nights.

**PROGRESSIVE POINT SCORE- UNOFFICIAL.**

	TRIALS TROPHY	GYMKHANA TROPHY	LADIES TROPHY	ALL ROUND TROPHY
NEWTON, G.A.	12	35		19.0
ROSS, T.W.	4	40½		12.1
POLLARD, S.A.	8	3		8.6
TAYLOR, F.	8	1		8.2
BILLING, G.	6	6		7.2
ANSELL, N.E.	6	4		6.8
MASH, J.	5	3		5.6
FINNIMORE, J.	5	2		5.4
RICHARDS, R.B.	4	4		4.8
EAST, J.	4	3		4.6
STEVENS, J.M.	2	5		3.0
HERMANN, M.W.	2	5		3.0
KING, N.	2	3		2.6
LAUN, K.	2	1		2.2
VELLEMAN, G.L.	1	1		1.2
BISHOP, R.G.	16			
HUNTER, Mrs E.A.	6		17	
FEATONBY, R.	6			
GILLIES, I.R.	5			
SHELLEY, B.F.	5			
HAMILTON, I.R.	4			
McMILLAN, B.	4			
SHEPHERD, T.	3			
HICKEY, P.E.	2			
MacNICOL, G.	2			
GEARING, W.E.	2			
MULLER, G.J.	2			
NEIL, D.	2			
EBELING, K.C.		20½		
FRASER, T.C.		8		
GILL, J.G.		5		
CRANLEY, J.		3		
MULLER, J.J.		2		
HUNTER, M.E.		2		
ALLAN, D.		1		
HARRIS, K.		1		
POLLARD, P.		1		
VIRTUE, M.		1		
DAVIS, Ralph		1		
COULL, F.		1		
XAVIER, M.		1		
TEBBLE, B.		1		
POLLARD, Mrs B.				



The leaders in the various trophies are:  
 All-round Trophy: G.A. NEWTON.  
 Gymkhana Trophy: F.W. ROSS.  
 Trials Trophy: R.G. BISHOP.  
 Ladies Trophy: Mrs E.A. HUNTER.

### SPECIAL NEWS.

The Committee regretfully announces that the Road Race Meeting scheduled to be promoted by the Centre on November 16th has been cancelled.

Unfortunately the "loop" at Strathpine has not stood up to use as well as anticipated and consequently its further use could prove rather dangerous. QMMA QMSC, very wisely, has declared it unfit for any further events until repairs can be effected.

We regret the fatal accident which deprived Motor Sport of the presence of Jim Johnson of Sydney. A fine driver and sportsman, whose driving of the "fibre glass bodied" MG will be remembered by all and sadly missed at future race meetings. Jim held the "Mildara Cup" for his performances at our first Road Race Meeting.

### OPPORTUNITY DEPARTMENT.

Recently we received the following letter from Mr P.E. Rogers of 16 Wallace Street, Albion:

"Further to my telephone conversation with Mr. Pickett of the QMSC I have decided to contact your club in an endeavour to stimulate any interest in the English Racer, the Lotus Sports Eleven. The delivery of my "build it yourself" model has been set at late December or early New Year.

The splendid performance of this car has already been acclaimed throughout Europe, and no doubt most Queensland Motor racing enthusiasts are keen to see the "Lotus" in action here. The "build yourself" kit can be purchased for approximately £1400.0.0 Australian, and requires only limited mechanical skill to assemble. The Sports Eleven has everything- dazzling speed- smart appearance and possibly the most important feature is the economy consumption of 64 MPG at moderate speeds.

Should any of your members have need for further particulars, any inquiry shall be welcome, for dependent upon interest shown for the Lotus, it is my intention to import further and establish an agency for Lotus Racers.

Hoping you shall include this correspondence at your Club's next meeting. I am most obliged. "

### THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The meeting to be held on November 29th is the ONE formal meeting of members held each year. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the "blokes" to direct and organise your fun and games for next year.

The Office Bearers, to be nominated and elected, are President, Vice President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer- to assist these "worthies" there is an Executive Committee (also to be nominated) of seven members.

The more nominations we receive (incidentally they must be lodged on or before November 15th) the better selection we shall have, and so a better Centre and so on.

The meeting will be required to consider the reports from the President and the Treasurer- these will be published in the next issue, so that you will be able to discuss matters more fully.

The attendance of all members is essential so that the elections and such like will be an expression of the majority and will, in turn, ensure an efficient body of "blokes" for the Centre. After all this is your Club and it is your Club's business.

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The GBU (Chelmer division) has been sighted on several occasions with various "GBU disqualifications"- an impending resignation? or England? or what? Incidentally talking of England it looks as if the GBU will be in transit "en masse" in the near future.

The Gymkhana organisers are "playing" with the idea of a handicap autocrosse at the next Gymkhana- the Chelmer "rep" asserts that the Minor 1100 can really match a VW- personal observation on the Night Treasure Hunt.

An all "mod. Connolly cons," check point was observed out Tingalpa way on the run- allegedly complete with signs for affixing to cars- also the epic Ross drive- not sighted by anyone all night- except the start and finish. Did the blonde take the wrong road Tom?

Bill Gearing is heartily endorsing Girling tube "shockers" for TCs- after his ride as navigator in the "re-shockered" Matilda.

Much disappointment at the "working bee" of October 2nd- only three "blokes" turned up (a very poor effort) and to "Prez's" horror (with no cigarette papers) all nonsmokers.

The Centre was very well represented at the "Pine" on October 16th (QMSC race meeting) both in competitors and officials. The runners were Brian Tebble, with a very swift TC; Sam Pollard in the "Standard" unfortunately beaten by the handicappers; and the inevitable Joe Bonenti. Ken Ebeling (who had some fine tussles with the LLwellyn TR2) John Cranley and Vince Jordan. The officials were Stewards Miles Hunter and Graeme Muller as well as the Timekeeping "mob" under Frank Taylor.

A noteworthy sight was the satorial elegance of the Pollard Pit crew- scrutineering for this team was finalised with some wire it seems- though Sam nee got left underneath when the back was lowered.

Brian Thomas was really in his element supervising the projector at the film night- he was ably assisted by Tom Ross. Many thanks for your efforts Brian.

A compliment to the "Octagon"- a fair supporter actually wanted to buy a copy- thanks Lyn it made us feel the efforts to produce something readable worthwhile- you have been put on the "free list" for sure.

The attendances on Friday nights is steadily improving- a good sign in the popularity of the facilities available. With the increasing "patronage" we should be able to gradually improve facilities for the benefit for all.

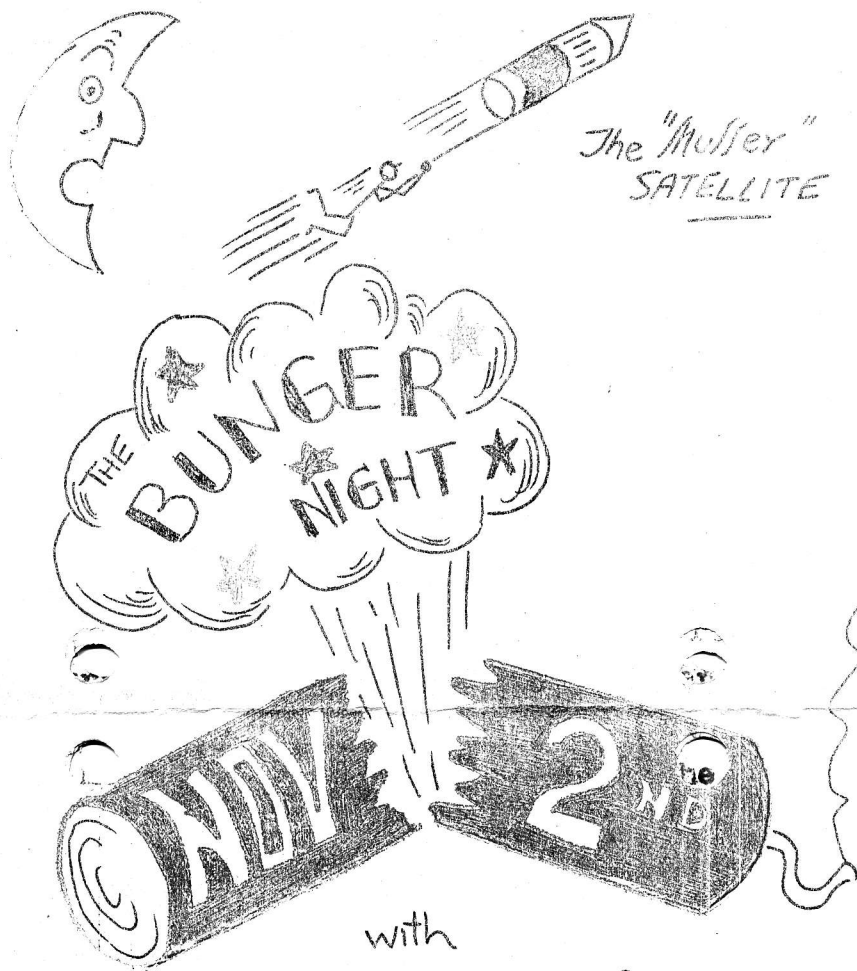
It is good to see Ian Hamilton back from holidays- very fit and I imagine with a terrific collection of colour slides. Must put on a showing soon.

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