

P R O G R A M M E

FEBRUARY: 13th Forum - Clubrooms 8 pm.
 15th Lakeside Sprint (Q.M.S.C.)
 20th Night Run - Clubrooms 8pm.
 21/22 Tasman Round. Surfers Paradise.
 27th Natter Night - Clubrooms 8pm.
 29th Working Bee - Mt. Cotton.

MARCH 5th Hillclimb Preparation Night.
 7th Hillclimb - Mt. Cotton.
 12th Film Night - Clubrooms 8pm.
 19th Night run - Clubrooms 8pm.
 21st Motorkhana.
 26th Natter Night - Clubrooms 8pm.
 28th Day Run.

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Please pay your 1976 subscriptions NOW. Every time we have to send out individual reminders we give the government a substantial sum of YOUR hard earned money. We feel the PMG can well do without these unsolicited donations from the club!

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E D I T O R I A L

Well here we are with the January edition of your Octagon in the middle of February. "Better late than never", is the old saying but then again, maybe NEVER is better than the little we have to offer in this edition of the Octagon.

We hate to start the year off bitching but this magazine belongs not to the Editor or the committee but to the Club, and you, as the members make up this club and ownership. So why not make it something to be proud of.

If the contributions of Mal Spiden were deducted from last year's magazine, I doubt if six (6) articles would have been submitted by the rest of the club and that is a very poor showing.

On the other hand, if each member (all of you) wrote just one article per year this magazine would be so thick each month that none of you would be able to spare the time to read it. Choose a subject and within ten minutes it is quite easy to put down enough thoughts to make an interesting article.

The subject can be anything from the trials and tribulations of painting your mail box to how easy it is to rebuild your V12 Ferrari!

We don't expect too much, but for the Octagons sake somebody please do something.

ALLAN & COLLEEN CONWAY.

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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS.

YOU ARE HEREBY WARNED THAT STRONG ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU IF IT IS FOUND THAT YOU HAVE BEEN USING THE HILLCLIMB TRACK AT ANY TIME OTHER THAN OFFICIAL PRACTICE AND COMPETITION TIMES.

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FOR OUR NEW MEMBERS

We have frequently had our attention drawn to the fact that some members find they need to learn a new language to translate the programme. Here are some brief and straightforward descriptions of what the various events entail.

TABLE TOP RALLY.

Map provided by organisers unless otherwise stated. You require pencil, rubber and ruler. Rally type navigational instructions are given. You have to work out the route and answer questions thereon. Usually divided into timed sections as for the real thing. All this happens in the clubrooms - hence the name.

NIGHT RUN.

Exercise in alertness conducted in the city and suburbs. Directions of the first right, second left, straight ahead at crossing variety. You have to answer questions to indicate that you went where you were meant to. No special equipment needed, but a street directory and torch are handy for when you get bushed. You hunt in pairs - navigator and driver. Usual duration $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 hours. Usual distance 20 to 30 miles. Passangers allowed. Enter on the night.

SCAVENGER HUNT.

Amounts to a list of unobtainable articles to be collected from ungetatable places. Usually the route is free. Knowledge of natural history frequently an asset. Duration usually $\frac{3}{4}$ hour to 1 hour. Number of passangers limited by number of seat belts. Enter on the night.

MOTORKHANA.

Test of driving skill at low speeds. Event consists of a number of short tests involving forward and reverse slalom, garaging, figure eights, etc. Times to $\frac{1}{10}$ th second. Points lost for time taken touching markers. May be held on grass or bitumen. For club events enter on the day.

FOR OUR NEW MEMBERS (Cont'd):HILLCLIMB.

Test of driving skill and car preparation. Cars are electronically times, one at a time. Field is divided into numerous classes, but unless you're one of the few really fast ones, your aim is to get your own time down. Can't enter on the day.

SPRINT.

Usually consists of a flying and standing 400 meters and flying and standing laps at one of the race circuits. Cars compete one at a time. Can't enter on the day.

SOLO RALLY.

This is a Queensland peculiarity and has no relationship to rallying. Is a lap dash on a dirt circuit. Can't enter on the day.

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OPEN FORUM

COME ALONG TO THE CLUBROOMS THIS
FRIDAY NIGHT AND BRING ALONG ALL
YOUR FAVOURITE GRIPEs!

REMEMBER

THIS FRIDAY — 13TH FEBRUARY

CLUBROOMS — 620 WICKHAM ST.

BRING ALL FAVOURITE GRIPEs

IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS MONTH -- NEIL McNEIL -- PRESIDENT.

How long have you been in the Club?

I joined the Club in 1972.

How long have you been on the committee?

I was appointed to the committee in 1973 and became President in 1975. This is my second term.

What cars have you owned?

Ive only ever had two cars. The green Torana that everyone knows so well and an early model Austin which I donated to the Club as a work horse for Mt. Cotton. Sadly vandals have attacked it whilst there.

What! No M.G'S??

No, not to date. Hope to rectify that before Easter though. Know anyone with a cheap 'B' for sale?

What is your favourite event?

That's hard. I like and enjoy all events from night runs through. Most of all I enjoy the friendly natter nights with a frosty in my hand.

Is your employment of any interest to members?

No. My working hours are spent at Queensland Newspapers and they don't give discounts on their papers.

Any other interests Neil?

Cars, women, booze, women, cars, booze, cars, women, booze, women, booze, cars, booze, cars, women, booze.....

THANK YOU NEIL!!

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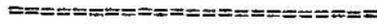
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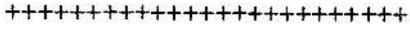
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NEXT HILL CLIMB
MT COTTON
7TH MARCH 1976

Another bulletin has been received from the M.G. Car Club of Tasmania concerning the 1976 National Meeting. It contains final details of all events to be conducted with particular emphasis on the concours and the motorkhana.

A list of costs is included and they are as follows:

<u>Social:</u>	Saturday night function	\$2.50	per head.
	Dinner at the Hotel Tasmania	\$10.00	" "
	Chicken & Champagne Breakfast	\$4.00	" "
<u>Competition:</u>	Concours - Saturday	\$2.00	per entry
	Motorkhana "	\$2.00	" "
	Speed event Sunday	\$3.00	" "

Registration: Registration Fee which includes
a National Meeting poster \$1.50 per head.

For those travelling around Tasmania both before and after the National Meeting we have organised a Motorkhana in the Hobart area on Sunday the 11th April and a Club day at Baskerville Motor Racing Circuit on Saturday 24th April. Baskerville circuit is about 15 miles from Hobart and is rapidly gaining a reputation as the best spectator circuit in Australia. Its not bad for the drivers either! Being about 3 km in length, many corners, a hill, downhill straight, excellent surface and all weather pit area. The whole of the circuit which includes a fairly steep hill, can be seen from the spectator area. If you plan to be in Hobart area for either of the above two weekends your MG Car Club Membership Card will allow you to compete.

Complete copies of the bulletin are available from committee members.

QUESTION: What goes Ho Ho Ho - Klunk, Klunk??

ANSWER: A man laughing his head off!!
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ADJUNCT - INSERT - CARRY OVER - ATTACHMENT - ANNEXURE - POSTSCRIPT -EXTENSION

Had a pleasant experience on Christmas Eve. The rubber bump strips on the Renault were coming off so I decided to have them replaced. After being directed to Mathews Haritos (Qld) Pty. Ltd., in Balaclava Street, Woolloongabba, I arrived there late Christmas Eve and was immediately swamped with attention.

After the job was well done and I enquired the cost, the Manager said "Merry Christmas & forget it". REAL CHRISTMAS SPIRIT! Seems he has a relative into rallying and car clubs in the south and is quite keen himself.

The firm also do car air conditioning and I am sure he would give club members a good deal. Get on over there!

More than the usual number of members were at the Exhibition Speedway on 17th January for the final of the Inter-Nation Cup for bikes. All the riders were taken on parade around the arena in club members cars. Riding shotgun on the midget was local hero John Titman who didn't make the final but rode well all the same. A very friendly young man is John and the kids around trackside absolutely worshipped him.

The yellow TC of Stu Rice was there along with Mr. Georges (father of Hayden) T.C, the very original T.D. of Errol Harris and Allan Telfer's super seven together with numerous B's and Midgets. Quite an impressive display in all.

FEB 29TH

WORKING BEE
MT COTTON

MUCH HELP NEEDED

LITTLE BIT OF NOSTALGIA WRITTEN BY ?? IN OCTOBER 1968THE WETTEX SPECIAL.

As I am now getting too old and bald to get dandruff, some of you may have never heard of the car I owned in my hairy youth....
The Wettex Special.

I had started off in my possession as a Stage 1 M.G.T.C., but after a few weeks it was running around as full Stage 7 (this stage of tuning consists of Stage One car and Stage Thirteen driver) By this time I had noticed a very nasty habit the car had, this was that whenever it drove past young girls, the gearbox would jam in whichever gear it was in at the time and the rev counter needle would similarly act in a strange fashion by jumping about two inches past the mark called 6.

Going down the hill from the Teachers Training College, a bevy of young females was too much for the car, and the needle surpassed itself by going three inches past 6 on the dial. Unfortunately, number two conrod also suddenly found three inches further travel and burst into the morning sunlight by taking the emergency exit out through the side of the block. Regretting this course of action, the conrod leapt back into the comparative safety of the sump into which it drilled several large holes (to match the woodwork). Completely obsessed with its new found power, it then leapt at the camshaft leaving it a strange lift in the middle. As a parting gesture the rod then kicked the crank in the journals and left the car again taking the oil pump with it for company.

Taking all the bits of sump we found on the road up to the local Old Ladies Home, the champion jig-saw puzzler fitted them together into an M.G.T.C. sump again. Araldite then made the sump a permanent record of her jig-saw ability. The crank had a huge gash in number 2 journal, which we remedied with all the skill and precision that one can get with a 2lb hammer and course file. The oil pump was also replaced with Araldite, in company with other sundry pieces of block. The original number 2 piston had gone to pieces after its separation from its friend the rod and a likely looking substitute put in its place. Now the fun began...the bore had distorted so that it would go in at the top of the block, but jammed about half way down the bore. Nothing daunted, I filed the piston oval to suit the bore, getting the

The Wettex Special (Cont'd):

usual mirror finish one does with coarse files. However, it was now so oval that it wouldn't hold rings.....yes, youve guessed.... in it went with no piston rings.

It was late at night by the time we finished putting the engine back together again, and by 12 midnight contented burping noises were coming from the business end of the exhaust pipe. After standing around the car, congratulating ourselves on our engineering ability, for 5 minutes, I suddenly found we were ankle deep in sump oil. We drew lots as to who should climb under and tighten the sump bolts. As I won, and had the heaviest hammer in my hand, another strange sight....I could see the crank going around. As the manual had nothing about crankshaft inspection holes, closer examination showed a hole in the block 3" X 2" out of which sump oil was flowing like the best strike Moonie ever had.

Now do you see where the Wettex came in? Yes folks, at two in the morning a Wettex is your friend. And it worked marvellously.

That engine did another 10,000 miles before being laid to rest in a bed of well worn Wettexes.

LAKESIDE SPRINTS

15TH FEBRUARY.

ENTRIES CLOSE: 7:00 P.M.

11TH FEBRUARY

ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE FROM

TONY THORNE 277-5211. B/H
277-3967 A/H

NIGHT NAVIGATION RUN - 16th January 1976.

The first night run of the year was set by Peter and Delia and they made it a very easy one, shame that a few more new members didn't attend as this could have given them confidence for the harder events that will no doubt follow during the year.

RESULTS AS FOLLOWS:

1)	Max Boothby & Bob McMurdo	0	points	loss
1)	Hayden George & Barry Vandenberg	0	points	loss
1)	Ahlan & Colleen Conway	0	points	loss
1)	Mal Spiden and Neil McNeil	0	points	loss
5)	Ken Potter and Paul Simpson	6	"	"
6)	Dave Morgans & Andrew Clarke	9	"	"
7)	Ian Abercromby & Peter Florian	27	"	"

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BODS & BENDS

Peter Aldridge to steward some of the Southern Tasman series.

John Campbell has bought David Miles Centaru. David is buying ????

Best wishes and congratulations to John Moorhead who is engaged to Karen.

Kees Koppenol apparently had a mixed Christmas. He said he was ill, but over-celebrating was hinted at. Incidentally, when is the you-beaut car going to perform?

Enquired whether Barrie Lock was to build himself a car now Vern Hamiltons is nearly finished. Was told he had to build himself a house first and then -!

Getting quite a few Welsors up here. Ian Peters has nearly finished his - that'll be the second in the family. Mal Hoperaft has been seen practising in one at Lakeside.

NEXT NIGHT RUN
FRIDAY 20TH FEB.

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Contact Ian Friar - 120 Turner Road Kedron, or at Clubrooms.

FCR SALE 1975 Mazda RX3, 21,000km - \$4200. Will negotiate exchange for MGB.

Contact Rob Ritchie - 2213116 ext 37 a.h. 2683546

Timely story - for the economy....

"Noah was the first businessman mentioned in the Bible. He floated a Company at a time when the rest of the world was under liquidation".

And as Womens International Year has just run its course....

Sunday School Teacher asked one little girl if she knew the story of Adam and Eve. "First God created Adam, ' she said "and then he looked at him, decided he could do better, and created a girl"!!

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