

PROGRAMME

APRIL

5th Natter Night  
 /7th Rally - QMROA  
 9th Navigators School - BSCC Clubrooms  
 2th Club Rooms Closed  
 2-15th M.G. Car Club National Meeting - Melbourne  
 4th Sprint Meeting - Lakeside (No Club points)  
 5th Navigators School - BSCC Clubrooms  
 9th Touring Assembly  
 1st Queensland Motorkhana Championship - Darling Downs Sporting Car Club.  
 3rd Navigators School - BSCC Clubrooms  
 5th Hill Climb Preparation Night  
 8th Hill Climb  
 9th Navigators School - BSCC Clubrooms

BSCC Clubrooms - Reid & Hawthorne Sts., Woolloongabba

MAY

3rd Pub Night  
 5th Novice Rally - Motorama - BSCC  
 7th Renault Rally Briefing Meeting - M.G. Car Club Clubrooms.  
 10th Film Night  
 11th Motorkhana  
 /12th Open Rally - Renault  
 14th Touring Assembly  
 /19th Surfers Paradise Race Meeting  
 21th Table Top Rally  
 22th Sprint Meeting  
 23th Mini Car Club Novice Rally Briefing Meeting - M.G. Car Club Clubrooms  
 24th Scavenger Hunt

JUNE

2nd Novice Rally - Mini Car Club  
 4th Queensland Motorkhana Championship  
 7th Hill Climb Preparation Night  
 9th Australian Hill Climb Championship - Round I  
 11th Natter Night  
 /16th Lakeside Race Meeting  
 18th Touring Assmebly  
 20th Motorkhana  
 /23rd Open Rally  
 25th Film Night  
 27th Day Run

Editorial:

are now reading an out of date editorial of an interim Octagon. This is the late March issue brought to you in April. This issue fills you in on what's going to happen rather than what has happened - heavy rains spoilt most of our March proposals. CHIN UP! April is here with a promise of better things to come. The best thing to come is that the next issue will be my last. Yes, three cheers! Fare you well, and welcome more of me as your Editor. A chance for new blood. A big change. The Editorship is open for grabs - so send or voice your applications in the general direction of me or any of the committee members. We expect fierce competition and will select the best for such a job on our magazine. Why not a panel of "rotary" editors, with emission control systems - they should cut down on literary pollution!

What do you get when you cross a giraffe and a porcupine?

A 40 ft. toilet brush!

Did you know that the supposed maximum in international executive living is, according to a recent survey, to live in Britain, have a Chinese wife, a French cook and an American salary.

I suppose the other extreme would be to live in France, have an American wife, a British cook, and be on a Chinese salary!

An opportunist is one who meets the wolf at the door and appears the next day in a fur coat.

What do you get when you cross a Kangaroo with a sheep?

A wolly Jumper!

Irrespective of the findings of statisticians, the following seem to be the stark facts facing you and me:-

Population of Australia	12,000,000
People of 65 and over	<u>2,800,000</u>
Balance left to do the toil	9,200,000
People of 18 and under	<u>2,000,000</u>
Balance left to do the toil	7,200,000
People working for the government	<u>3,400,000</u>
Balance left to do the toil	3,800,000
People in the armed forces	<u>950,000</u>
Balance left to do the toil	2,850,000
People in Bank, Insurance, State and Council Officers	<u>2,100,000</u>
Balance left to do the toil	750,000
People in Asylums, Hospitals and engaged in Motor Sport and Car Racing	<u>600,000</u>
Balance left to do the toil	150,000
Univeristy students & others who won't work	<u>125,000</u>
Balance left to do the toil	25,000
People in Prison	<u>24,998</u>
Balance left to do the toil	2

You and me - and you'd better pull your bloody socks up, because I'm sick of running this country on my own".

(Editor's Note: This interesting piece of research was done by an honours commerce student, who has since been certified insane and is now working for the government).

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MOTORAMA "WORRY FREE" NOVICE CAR RALLY

Brisbane Sporting Car Club  
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Car Rally for Novice Crews

Mr. Jeff Tremain, Secretary of the Brisbane Sporting Car Club, last night announced details of a car rally being organised by his club specifically designed to introduce young people to this popular form of motor sport.

Statistics, Mr. Tremain said, show that every weekend many young drivers find themselves in situations which result in damage to limb or vehicle completely due to lack of sufficient experience. Properly organised car rallies held by Confederation of Australian Motor Sport clubs were instrumental in providing this experience.

The event, to be known as the Motorama "Worry Free" Novice Car Rally, will be run on Saturday night the 4th May and will have proze money in excess of \$500. As the name implies the event will be only for novice competitors with regular experienced crews being ineligible to compete.

The route of the rally will be less than 200 miles and will be mostly bitumen with a small portion of good gravel roads. Both male and female crews are expected to compete.

A series of four public lectures covering such topics as rally navigation, car preparation and driving techniques will be given on the four Tuesday nights (9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th April) preceding the event at Brisbane Sporting Car Club rooms, Cnr Hawthorne and Reid Streets, Woolloongabba.

Mr. Tremain said that people wishing to know more about the lectures or the rally could ring the Secretary of the event, Mr. Brian Gemmell at 494999.

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#### TOUR NIGHT - OLYMPIC TYRES

Club members quick enough to make the quota were treated to a very enjoyable evening at Olympic's huge tyre factory at Geebung.

The night got under way with an entertaining yet informing film on aqua-planing, after which those with badly tyres looked a little pale. We were then broken down into manageable groups and, each group equipped with a guide, we headed off to cover several acres of plant.

We soon learnt not to touch anything as the fall-out of microfine rubber is high enough to cover everything with a dirty film. However, we all got black hands as some of that latex looked good enough to eat. The trick is to wear dark dirty clothes. Our guides obviously had seen it all before and kept their white shirts white.

The trip took us through the entire obstetrics section - tyres being born at a rate fast enough to keep even the whole M.G. Car Club in tyres for some time. It was fascinating to watch the process from the mixing of the various rubbers to the quality control check on the end result.

The sixteen ply truck tyre and the massive Trojan tractor tyre manufacturing was as interesting to us as the knocking out of the radials, even though the latter adorns most of our vehicles.

We even saw the start-to-finish job on inner tubes and boy! do they come off the line quickly.

The factory runs all day and night, the time being split into three 7hr. 10min. shifts. The staff looked pretty happy and their fitness was quite amazing. Running from machine to machine and normally lifting even the truck tyres isn't kid's work and just watching soon had us pretty tired.

A quick refresher propped us for the drive back to the Club in the form of tea, biscuits, and cakes.

As a tour member I would like to thank Olympic and their staff for a truly informative and hospitable tour - a club night to remember. Also thanks go to Gary Whittaker for his part in organizing the night.

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#### IMPORTANT NOTE:

A super-grouse you-beaut mickey-mouse treatise in true Heath-Robinson (who's Robinson?) style is in the melting pot to describe that incredible day-run organised by Les Rose and John Kelso. Learn how nearly everyone ran out of petrol. How Mike Keown swam naked. How John Heath drove yet another car. And, of course, how nearly everyone got lost. Except Mike Keown who won the wine - and lost his togs?