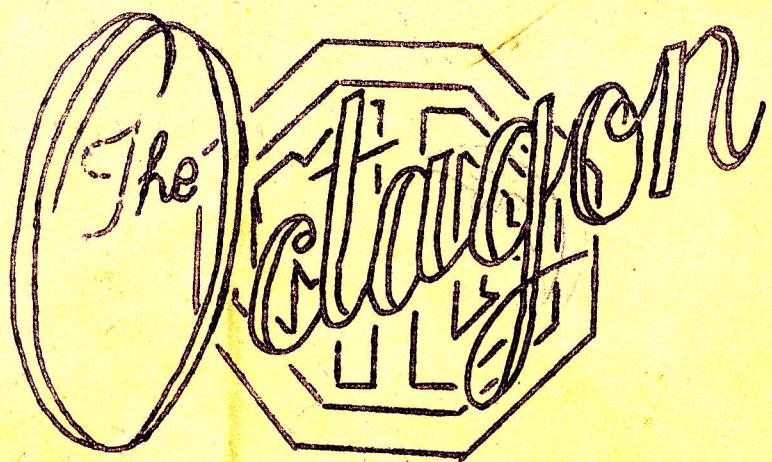


SEPTEMBER 1957



M.G. CAR CLUB

(QUEENSLAND CENTRE)

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 5th



BRIEFING - FRIDAY OCT 4th.

MEMO FOR ANSWER

SEPTEMBER 1957.

FINANCE

This month I turn to the old "bugbear" of all organisations- FINANCE. Hard cash is the thing which makes any club "tick", and to acquire it, particularly by members, is quite a problem.

A number of keen members have evolved a scheme- a large scale entertainment for as many people as you sell tickets to. In other words a public "show". The form is a combined barbecue and Fireworks night on November 2nd. So start selling the idea to all your friends. Incidentally we will also need "officials" so all volunteers are very welcome- however more later on.

With speed still fresh in our minds, we think of that bout "Cooper-Climax". May I quote from the company's advertisement: "Engines- The British Cooper & Lotus sports and formula 1 cars which have achieved such sweeping success on leading race tracks are powered by modified Coventry-Climax fire-pump engines". Apparently all one needs is a fire-pump and mods.

I have been advised that the FINAL "working bee" for a painting session has been organised for Wednesday 2nd October 2nd. A cleaning down and sealing operation at which all are welcome. Even if you haven't a clue about painting, mechanics or anything.

Relative to remarks about attendances being compliments. The last few really add up to colossal bouquets to our organisation. Thank you and keep it up, particularly for the November "do".

Whilst thinking of November- the Annual General Meeting are scheduled for November 27th and Presentation of the Trophy for President's Cup, Captain's Cup and Vice-Captain's Cup who will nominate for Office Bearers and Committee.

Yours faithfully
John Smith

COMING EVENTS.

OCTOBER 2nd. Wednesday.

4th, Friday.

5th. Saturday.

11th. Friday.

NOVEMBER 2nd. Saturday.

29th. Friday.

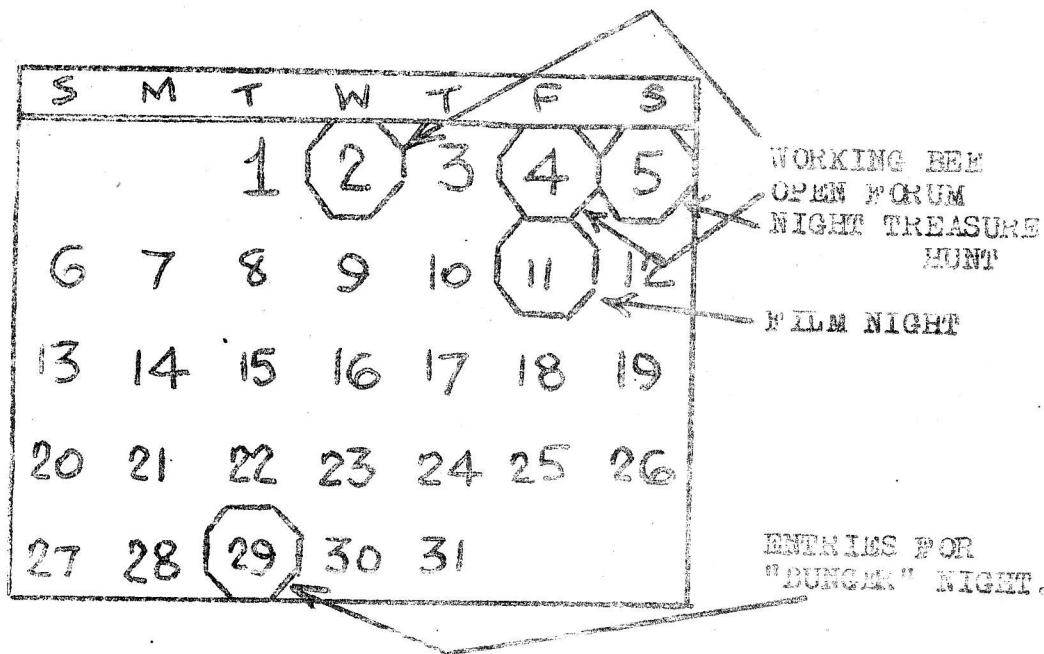
1. Working bee at the Club
House - the old cleaners brought
for sure. Object to finish
cleaning down and getting
the Club fitted up for the
DUNGEON NIGHT. To air your qu-
estion on anything. BRIEFING
for the Night Treasure Hunt
or "the Insell Special".

NIGHT TREASURE HUNT. Starting
at the Club Rooms at 7:30 pm.
Entry fee 5/- and for Trophy
points.

FILM for the metering (spo-
rt) commissar. A two bob
and supper touch at the Club
Rooms.

DUNGEON NIGHT. A revenue raiser-see seperate details.
Entries close October 29th.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS.THE GRANDE FISHING TRIPPE of September 1st.

A varied assortment of vehicles, TC, TD, TF, Healey, Minors (both Mazengarb and standard versions), Oxford and Austin, straggled into Mt. Gravatt over the space of an hour or so-then "blokes" argued whether the notice had said 8:30; 9:00; 9:30 (all am) or nothing. Apparently time only means something to organisers of events.

However, as the actress said to the bishop (not ours)-"all good things must come to an end sometime", the throng was piloted by the McMillan Healey (as the Clerk of the Course—"Jed" Muller-was indisposed) into the east bound stream (of traffic, of course). Apart from an optimistic "Isis", which annoyed Ray Featonby particularly and most of us generally, the run was without incident.

The compliment was raised to 12 at Surfers with the additions of the Ross TR2 and the Johns (only East and Healey-not cops, clots).

Approaching the Tweed some local urchins "bombed" the Healey, but were forced to evacuate their position by the "bombees". Incidentally "Mobilgas" competitors were drenched likewise later-only with water, and action was taken.

The most unfortunate part of the day was the fishing, due to a near gale from the "sou'east" (according to Tom the fish, apparently, had a day in bed).

The total catch, by 15 ardent anglers, was a reputed 3 fish-of which the Team Prizewinners (McMillan & Gearing) bagged or snagged 5 (and a 15/- prize). They fished (for fish) for six hours. The Centre netted 32/6.

GYMKHANA-September 15th.

With an entry of 28 cars, this event was a huge success, although the strong northerly wind on a loose, dusty surface made driving far from pleasant in the southerly lane.

The large entry limited the programme to only five events-the organisers are thinking up schemes to run more concurrently at future meetings.

The TR2's of Tommy Ross and Ken Ebeling dominated the day's activities by bagging three firsts and three seconds between them. However it did not prevent everyone having "a bash" at the programme. On the results Tommy was the most suc-

SPRING RACEDAY DUNES.

Top competitor, followed by Ken Ebeling and Greg Newton. It was agreed to see a revival of the "no less than seven battalions" etc with the best of them.

Due to an epidemic of post bending each competitor demanded one well "finel" (3d for the ticket and 6d per post bending). George Velleman won this event by doneting 2/3 (work it out for yourself).

John Gill, complete with wife and TF, made a successful "come back" with a second and a third. He was beaten by Tom Ross in the driving test by a mere 2/10ths sec.

Organisers had a severe bout of indigestion (or something) when one TF managed to show most of St's undriven car in the Autocross. Incidentally that part needs a clean John.

George Velleman brought along his Boxer (dog not pugil-ist) - it rather overshadowed the Gearing Chalmersley (to the Centre it is CHWMLY) who attended the previous event.

"Bob-a-ding" sweepstakes around the Autocross feature the carriage of passengers (willing or unwilling) - at times to great effect, as in the case of the intrepid (fearless) Barbara Pollard --- breathless question: "Bob, why won't it accelerate?" Urgent answer: "You're in top gear".

BUFFARD & REVERSE BENDING RACE: 1st. T.Ross (TR2); 2nd. K.Ebeling (TR2); 3rd. Nil.

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BUFFARD SWEEPSTAKES: 1st. K.Ebeling (TR2); 2nd. T.Ross (TR2); 3rd. G.Billing (TD).

DRIVING TEST: 1st. T.Ross (TR2); 2nd J.Gill (TF); 3rd J.Mash (TC).

AUTOCROSSE: 1st. T.Ross (TR2); 2nd G.Newton (TF); 3rd. K.Ebeling (TR2).

DRIVING EVENT: 1st. Mrs B.Pollard; 2nd Mrs E.A.Hunter.

AUTOCROSSE SWEEPSTAKES: Sports Cars- T.Ross (TR2); Closed Cars- S.Pollard (Standard); Ladies- Mrs E.Hunter (Magnetite).

SCAVENGER HUNT & BAR-B-Q - September 21st.

Sixteen cars loads of members and friends assembled at QFS on Saturday evening to be briefed on a "scramble" around Brisbane, under the guise of a scavenger hunt, to build up an appetite for a Barbecue at the Muller residence.

The "hunt" was skillfully organised in two parts-first a number of clues and objects which finished at the University, from there an intricate map and directions to finally finish at Bardon and the "eats".

The organiser (John Muller) really got co-operation from the St.Lucia ferry "driver"-the Council show a nice "cop" on the extra travellers that evening. Incidentally the Pollard system of obtaining a sample of river mud is not recommended-however well it works.

On the "map section" there was much passing and re-passing-entering, leaving and re-entering the official route-the enthusiasm ran high even if directional efficiency went adrift.

The ultimate winner was the Pollard "ecurie" Standard,-on being presented with a key ring and overcome with thank Sam announced that "it" hadn't got an ignition key, only a knob to be twiddled.

The barbecue followed the well established pattern of juicy steaks and only the best of "tonsil lubrication". A Muller special for sure. However Barbara MacNicol thought that one piece of steak had the "Michelin" trade mark on it.

The GBU (or part thereof) looked as if they had someone working for them-things looked far too good. however it would seem that this "mob" (and some of them act like it) should, if possible, think more before talking.

It was good to see the re-appearance of ex-member, Dorothy Herbert (of Gymkhana fame)-fortunately there was no opportunity for her to display that labouriously acquired medical skill.

It was very disappointing to notice Lynn Norman about an HQ Jamboree-however only a really important (all male) engagement kept him away and Lynn "showing the flag".

Ken Ebeling, down for the week end, looked in, and found (I hope) that it was as much fun as an elongated autocross.

The evening wound up with a selection of colour slides, a colourful and interesting tour of Tasmania-our experts pronounced it first rate. Incidentally we have some very travelled young lady supporters.

A QUOTABLE QUOTE.

"A sports car is a machine which is driven for the sheer pleasure of driving. It must be fast, it must have impeccable handling qualities, precision steering, train-like road adhesion, powerful brakes. It must have perfect visibility and good lights.

It should please the eye- not necessarily of the mob- whose tastes have been perverted by the Detroit stylists- but the eye of the connoisseur, who knows what to like.

In other words, it should be a delight to wheel it, shining and growling, out of it's garage just to drive it for the fun of driving it fast."

From "Sports Cars of the World" by Ralph Stein- a very enlightened American.

REVIEWS OF THE COMING EVENTS.NIGHT TREASURE HUNT- October 5th.

I listened with great pleasure to the organiser, Ernie Ansell, skillfully evade "leading questions" about the event for October 5th.

The Ansell devilment has thought up some very novel features, particularly about directions- he suggested that it would be practically essential to attend the Briefing scheduled for Friday (October 4th).

It seems that a study of the June "Motoring" would be well worth while too. Sounds interesting.

Incidentally the run will carry Trophy points, and should members a chance to catch the present leader Bob Bishop.

FILM NIGHT- October 11th.

A re-introduction of those popular evenings watching the overseas stars really "loud pedalling". The films should be sufficiently interesting that you need not bring along that favourite cushion.

As in the past, a two bob entry fee will provide you with a supper to delight a "gourmet" (provided he is not too hungry).

Naturally the screening will be in the Club Rooms, and I would like to start at 8:00 pm.

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WE ONLY WANT 150 PEOPLE

PLEASE DON'T COME UNLESS YOU HAVE NOTHING BETTER TO DO. WE'RE DISORGANISING A BLOWN-UP, BURNT-OUT, "GUY FAWKES" BARB-Q AT CHARLIE'S. A SELECTION OF BANNED & DANGEROUS FIREWORKS (SOME SECONDHAND) WILL BE DISCHARGED, IF WE CAN FIND SOME SUCKER TO LIGHT THEM - SO KEEP WELL AWAY. WE DON'T GUARANTEE THE CHEF, OR THE FOOD AND NO RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE TAKEN FOR THE EFFECTS OF THE REFRESHMENTS, WHICH WILL, PROBABLY, BE OVER-SUPPLIED DUE TO BAD CATERING.

Charlie's (Neel)
(Gordon Himmore /
at Saturday 7pm
Inveter) Location available
from the Committee
(or first email)
Organiser: Neel
(01903 675562)
Chair: Newson
(01903 675211 e UX2821)

GOALS COUNTRY
PROGRESSIVE POINTS SCORE - UNOFFICIAL

SEPTEMBER 1957

**TRIALS GYMKHANA LADIES ALL ROUND
 TROPHY TROPHY TROPHY TROPHY**

NEWTON, G. A.	10	35	17.0
ROSS, T. W.	2	40*	10.1
BILLING, G.	6	6	7.2
POLLARD, S. A.	6	3	6.6
FINNIMORE, J.	5	2	5.4
RICHARDS, R. B.	4	4	4.8
ANSELL, H. E.	4	4	4.8
EAST, J.	4	3	4.6
MASH, J.	3	3	3.0
STEVENS, J. H.	2	2	3.0
HERMANN, M.	2	2	2.6
KING, N.	2	2	2.2
LAUN, K.	2	2	2.2
TAYLOR, F. E.	2	1	
BISHOP, R. G.	12		17
HUNTER, Mrs E. A.	6		
FEATONBY, R.	6		
GILLIES, I. R.	5		
SHELLEY, B. F.	5		
HAMILTON, I. R.	4		
MCMILLAN, B.	4		
HICKEY, P. E.	2		
MacNICOL, G.	2		
GEARING, W. E.	2		
MULLER, G. J.	2		
EBELING, K.		20½	
FRASER, T.		8	
GILL, J. G.		5	
CRANLEY, J.		3	
MULLER, J. J.		3	
HUNTER, M. E.		2	
VELLEMAN, G. L.	1	2	
ALLAN, D.		2	
HARRIS, K.		1	
POLLARD, P.		1	
VIRTUE, M.		1	
DAVIS, Ralph		1	
COULL, F.		1	
XAVIER, M.		1	
TEBBLE, B.		1	
POLLARD, Mrs B.		1	1.2
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From the Point Score Table the unofficial leaders in the trophies are:

All-Round Competitor G. A. NEWTON.

Trials Trophy R. G. BISHOP.

Gymkhana Trophy T. W. ROSS.

Ladies Trophy Mrs. P. M. HOGG.

However there are more events to be decided, so these are only for the present. In fact, since last month Tom Ross edged Greg Newton out of the leadership in the Gymkhana Trophy.

ALLURE.

I have heard that Don Allardie being called "gamy" now instead of the usual "yummy". With due respect to a "Fiat" I hope.

It would appear that some supporters of the Centre defy tradition- a lass with a mouse (or sorts) in her shoulder.

Mechanical "wiz"-John Mash-has set a profit-able fashion (for the Centre)-by introducing the Friday Quiz session. A really bright idea.

Gymkhana expert, Tommy Ross, deserves a big thanks for the "doodleberry" (an exclusive McMillan term)- in other words the gadget with rings, hooks and things.

I heard that an Oil Company believes that rats have developed a taste for particular photographs in some motoring publications.

Apparently Joe Bonelli has been carrying an unknown passenger in the "TF"-particularly at owl, and again at the Pine- a "miss" who will not be shifted. No doubt Mrs B. understands.

John Miller and Tom Ross (as passengers) really inspired "Mrs Prez" to outdo "Nellie" at the last gymkhana.

South Coast residents were treated to quite an exhibition of water skiing (both surface and submarine varieties) by Noel Anselin. Anyway he didn't drown himself.

Carpentry experts, Graham Perkins and Ray Peat- phy, in a private session at the Club Rooms, left a very polished result. The expert "touch" really made the tiles look like diamonds.

"THE OCTAGON"
MORE OF THE CENTRE.

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This month we welcome two more new members-Ray Lovejoy and Brian Tebble. I hope that we will see a lot of you in the future.

The CBU, after a very deceptive silence, has "Blossomed forth" with something crudely resembling a motto. Incidentally the Western division turned up at the MacNicol's en masse-a deep secret.

The TC element had a field day at the gymkhana some seven specimens attended. Though not unduly lucky nor swift enough they looked "beaut". The Richards "rocket" was the swiftest, despite \sim 's recent diet of long distance travelling.

Overheard a remark that if the Pollards ever bring their pup along, and having seen George Vellemans' Boxer and the Gearing hound, will have seen examples of practically every known breed.

The timekeeping team thought that they were back at school at the Pine (September 7th)- QMSC provided desks for the lap-scorers-and very good too. New recruits-Lou Deller, Geoff Billing and Graham Perkins covered themselves with glory, amidst,

I must comment on the enlightened spelling of a member in one of our Friday quizzes. I feel a lot of "grave turning" occurred at a "y" being tacked onto "Bugatti".

The Centre consists of many characters, but at the moment I take my hat off to the one who is emulating at least two of the brass monkeys.

Gordon MacNicoll, we were happy to note, \sim emerged from hiding. Anyone desirous of learning the art of "face fungus removal"-it comes in very easy lessons by the expert.

At the gymkhana-the three-legged race showed Ken Ebeling and Ted Jones with perfect co-ordination-particularly switches and gear work. Also the Johns (East and West this time) showed the Burleigh Life Saver knot-it can't be undone.

Rumoured that "Prez" made a lightening move from Hendra to Tarrigindi-another entrant in the "Storey Bridge GF" of a morning.

I must apologise-a source of information has temporarily (I hope) dried up-more pressing business, I fear.

STILL MORE ABOUT THE CENTRE.

Our congratulations to Neil McNeil, and of course Mrs McNeil, on the welcoming in of Margaret Ann, at 7 lbs 12 oza, better keep her clear of those little hurricanes of the Centre (well of the last year anyway).

The Couvenger June brought out a few of our somewhat semi-retired members, and new ones too. I feel sure that John Gill appreciates Maria's cooking all the more, or was it the cold that kept him ~~for~~ the fire?

A REMINDER.

Members attention is drawn to the provisions of the constitution relative to persons joining the Centre after October 1st. Such persons are financial for 1958. Point this out to your "cobbers", they should be interested,

Incidentally there are always membership application forms at the Club Rooms, how about finding the Centre some more members,

NEWS.

Heard that there is now an agency for the Buchanan Fibre Glass body in Brisbane. Member Fred Dyke of Morningside is the "bloke".

If you are interested in details, prices etc a phone call to XL 2258 will procure everything.

ANOTHER ITEM OF GREAT IMPORTANCE.

Mike Virtue regrettably announces the imminent disposal of his immaculate TC. Believed to be the best north of Sydney, it is in original condition, with motor modified to Stage II.

Also for sale are an alloy bonnet, wire screen, four racing tyres (19") as new-only 15 laps at Lowood.

Further details from Mike Virtue or John Gill, phones H 1422 (private) or JU 1177 (business).

