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COMING EVENTSGYMKHANA

by G. Newton

DO NOT FORGET - Sunday, 17th August, for the Club Gymkhana at Aspley. Members are requested to be at the Cherm-side tram terminus at 1 p.m. to proceed in convoy to the place of battle. Those proceeding independently should be at the Aspley Show Ground no later than 1.30 p.m. in order to be in the first event. This should be a good afternoon's sport so come along and be in the fun - remember these functions are run for YOU. If you cannot compete, come along and have an enjoyable afternoon - some of the driving is most spectacular.

To those of you who have not competed before, this is a golden opportunity to find out how to handle your car. Remember such experts as Ken Ebling and Tom Ross were novices once.

The days events are being organised by two old hands, Greg Newton and Tom (Track Grip) Ross, so with two experts in charge, the programme should prove quite interesting. In most events, the accent will be on skill and regularity so the saloon cars will be on an equal footing with the more potent sports machine.

It has been heard over the "Grape Vine", that there is to be a grudge match, between an ex-T.F. operator and a very keen T.C. type. Talking of grudge matches, it looks like the DING between "Charlie" McNicol and Greg Newton is a bit of a fizzer - Gordon sold his T.F. and Greg sold his T.R. in preparation for a trip overseas.

EVENTS: 1. Forward Bending Race 2. Forward & Reverse Bending Race 3. Patatoe Race 4. Blindfold Bending Race 5. Parking Test - Metre type 6. Auto-Cross 7. Relay Race 8. Clover Leaf.

As can be seen, this is a full programme, so please be punctual in order that the organisers can complete it. The entry fee is the usual touch of 3/- for Men and 2/- for the Ladies. This is to off-set the expense of hiring the grounds. See you out there folks

NOUGHTS & CROSSES

By JOHN MULLER

On Friday Night 29th August at 8 p.m. REMEMBER THIS DATE

At a recent Committee Meeting, it was suggested that the Club run another Snakes & Ladders event, the last one being such a success with some 40 participants. I got to thinking and this is the result a Os and Xs Rally.

Let me explain how Os and Xs work; suppose we have A, B, C & D ready to start. A & B play Os and Xs, B wins so moves to play point No.1 A then plays C. A wins so he moves to play point No.1. A and B play at No.1. A wins so moves to play point No.2. C and D play so the game progresses.

Sounds interesting and should be lots of fun. As you can see, there will be no official required so we can all join in the fun. The route will be disclosed at the start, the distances between play-points will be short and this should make the Rally snappy. The winner will be the Competitor who completes the most number of circuits in a given time, the time being taken from when the first game commences.

May I point out that speeding between controls is not necessary and will not be tolerated. There will be an official minimum time recorded for the circuit, if any competitor breaks the time, he or she will be disqualified and looked upon most gravely by myself. If you think, you will realise the best Os and Xs player cannot be passed, therefore he must win no matter how slow or fast he drives. Passing of competitors en route will not be permitted.

This will possibly be the last social event I will have the pleasure to organise for the Club for a couple of years so you can be sure it will be a beauty.

Start: Club Rooms
Time: 8 p.m. on 29/8/58
Entry Fee: 2/6 per car for prizes and supper.

Your friends are most welcome at this event.

Treasure Hunt - Trial:

Fresh from their recent experiences of galvevanting all over the eastern half of Australia, Gordon McNicol and John Muller are organising a much shorter Treasure Hunt on Sunday 14th September. Keep this date in mind. The organisers assure Members that they will bear in mind the criticisms levelled at the last trial where the roads were deemed as unsuitable for T.C.s. The course will be approximately 80 miles, in and around Brisbane. So get out your Navigators and start practising. If intending competitors feel they would like a short Navigational Exercise organised for them on a Saturday afternoon between now and the 14th September, please ask your Committee Members to do so. It can be arranged, but if requested strong support is expected from Members.

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Other dates to be remembered for future Club Activities are Saturday 27th September, Social Nite, Friday 28th November Annual General Meeting and Friday 5th December, Annual Dinner.

EVENTS PASSED:

Both Film Nights, as presented by Ford Motor Company and Olympic Tyre Company through the agencies of Bob Bishop and Edna Stewart were very well patronised by Members and friends who had a thoroughly enjoyable evening's entertainment on both occasions.

The Olympic films were extremely good and appreciated as were the shorts provided by the 16 mm. Co. and Brian Thomas. A major feature of these social events was the splendid suppers provided by the wives and fiances of members. Thank you very much Ladies, from the comments passed by the boys, this is greatly appreciated. Special thanks are to Mr. & Mrs. Bob. Hamilton for their contributions - thanks Buddy and Min.

ROAD RACE MEETING 20/7/58

As our major contribution to Motor Sport this year, the Club's Road Race Meeting at Strathpine, was one of the best conducted Meetings held at the Pine for some time. This is no idle boast. It was not the great financial success the Promoters were hoping for. Nett gate takings amounted to £350 which cleared expenses and made a small profit. Exact details are not available as all accounts have not yet been rendered. It is unfortunate that the Competitors will collect only Lap Monies, but from various comments by the drivers they are quite happy to do so.

Event No.1 was the restricted Handicap for Members only, in which John Cranley (M.G.T.F.) just managed to win by a car length from Brian Tebble (M.G.T.D.) and Bill Riordon (M.G.T.C.) was not far behind in third place.

In the Group "C" Scratch Race, Brian Tebble was once again just pipped on the post, this time by Bill Riordon. Apparently Brian just has not got that little extra to "have" out of the top loop and race to the finish line first. Phil Thew, who was driving his first competition at this meeting was a creditable 3rd.

The Group "B" Scratch Race was won in masterly fashion by Tony Basile driving Sid Sakzewski's Porsche from Blair Sheppard driving the ex-Lyres P.C. and Wendt in the ex-120 Jaguar.

Group "A" Scratch Race looked like being a real grudge race even though there were only three competitors, George Stratagos, Max Volkers and Jack Edwards. However George bent the nose of his M.G. Special in the Chicane, but Max and Jack did not let up at all. Volkers in the Ex Scot Holden Special and Edwards in his Godfrey Special turned on a thriller from start to finish. Volkers was as flat as a strap, but couldn't get passed Edwards. He tried every thing to force Jack into making an error so that he could get through. Edwards was undisturbed by these tactics and came through to win.

Tom Moss and Tony Basile were first off the mark in the Le Mans start of the sports and saloon car handicap, but after the first lap the race settled down to a steady procession with the only ding being among Joe Bonenti, Phil Thew and Dave Semfel, all driving M.G.T.F.s. This ding was not without incidents for Phil managed to clip a bundle of tyres in the Chicane. The results on corrected times were Dr. Robertson, Renault, P. Thew, and Bright, equal second and S. Pollard fourth.

Event No.6, the Open Handicap was run in two heats and the result was deducted from the combined times and corrected handicaps. This resulted in a win for Bill Riordon from Joe Bonenti and Mrs. Thomson.

The Racing Car Handicap was a procession led by G.Statagos from M. Volkers. Jack Edwards having retired for the day after trouble in lap 4 of the Open Handicap.

Dave Semfel had a narrow win from Joe Bonenti with Wendt third in the Consolation Handicap. The following are the results:

Event 1. Restricted Handicap

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| 1. | J. Cranley M.G.T.F. | Time | 6.11 |
| 2. | B. Tebble M.G.T.D. | " | 6.11 |
| 3. | W. Riordon M.G.T.C. | " | 6.15 Fastest Time, Stratagos 5.20 |

Event 2. Group "C" Scratch Race

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| 1. | W. Riordon M.G.T.C. | Time | 6.00 |
| 2. | B. Tebble M.G.T.D. | " | 6.00 |
| 3. | P. Thew M.G.T.F. | " | 6.05 |

Event 3. Group "B" Scratch Race

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| 1. | S. Sakzewski Porsche | Time | 7.59 |
| 2. | B. Sheppard M.G.T.C. | " | 8.03 |
| 3. | Wendt MK120 Jaguar | " | 8.06 |

Event 4. Group "A" Scratch Race

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| 1. | J. Edwards Godfrey Spl. | Time | 10.16 |
| 2. | M. Volkers Holden Spl. | " | 10.16 |

Event 5. Sports & Closed Car Handicap - Le Mans Start.

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| 1. | Dr. Robertson Renault | Time | 6.54 (adjusted) |
| 2. | N. Bright M.G.T.C. | " | 6.56 |
| 2. | P. Thew M.G.T.F. | " | 6.56 |
| 4. | S. Pollard Stand.10 | " | 7.21 Fastest time Sakzewski 7.55 |

Event 6. Open Handicap

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| 1. | W. Riordon M.G.T.C. | Time | 16.23 |
| 2. | J. Bonenti M.G.T.F. | " | 16.31 |
| 3. | A. Thomson A/Healy | " | 16.31 Fastest Time, Volkers 12.18 |

Event 7. Racing Car Handicap

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| 1. | G. Stratagos M.G. Spl. | Time | 7.49 |
| 2. | M. Volkers Holden Spl. | " | 8.01 |

Event 8. Consolation Handicap

1. D. Semfel M.G.T.F. Time 9.10
2. J. Bonenti M.G.T.F. " 9.11
3. Wendt MK120 Jaguar 9.19 Fastest Time, Volkers 7.40

A vote of thanks was passed for the organising work done by our President, Miles Hunter, who was ably assisted by John Muller and Bruce McMillan. Our thanks go to Mr. H. Kehl, @.M.S.C. who organised the Gate Keepers, Mr. B. Gillespie and his Time Keepers, Cliff Bosanko for the miniature P.A. system for the calling for the Lap Scorers, Bob Bishop and his Scrutineers and to Trevor Connolly and his pit Marshals who kept the Pits clear for the competitors and had the cars in the hands of the Starter according to the programme. Ladies and gentlemen, the organisers wish to thank you for the splendid job done by all.

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POINTS SCORE (Unofficial)

	<u>Gymkhana</u>	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Trials</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>All Round</u>
	<u>Trophy</u>	<u>Trophy</u>	<u>Trophy</u>	<u>Trophy</u>	<u>Trophy</u>
S. Pollard	1		12	14	26.2
P. Pollard	1			11	11.2
T. Ross	19			10	13.6
W. Riorden				18	18
B. Tebble				16	16
J. Bonenti				14	14
D. Semfel				14	14
J. Cranley				10	10
P. Thew				13	13
A. Thomson (Mrs.)		10		10	10
G. Stratagos				10	10

SOCIAL NEWS:

As already hinted Messrs. Muller and Newton are off on

a Busman's Holiday of the U.K. and Continent for a couple of years. Their main purpose is to acquire a Twin Cam M.G. to bring home - one a piece or one between them? George Stratagos is to go the same way too. Well chaps, in case you leave before the next edition, may we wish you "bon voyage" and don't forget the peasants from down-under, and drop the Club a line now and then. Good luck to the three of you.

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It is believed that Hamish McAnderson is averse to baths these days. Not at all surprising, for though a shower fan, Jim decided to take a bath for a change. Well he turned the taps on, then went into the kitchen to do a few things, then about an hour and half later he was most surprised to see his shoes, radiogram etc. floating around the lounge room; you guessed it, the bath was still going. Is the carpet dry yet, Hamish?

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There has been much speculation amongst the enthusiasts as to what they can do with the Weber carbys and super-chargers laying about a certain residence in St. Vincents Road, Nudgee. Unfortunately Ian would know just where to look if they were missing and his newly acquired Alfa-Romeo sports 1939 model straight eight twin O.H.C. super charge. It is felt that this car has found a very good home. Please note IT IS NOT FOR SALE.

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Members please be careful when parking your cars at the Club Rooms. A visitor had his stolen recently. Lock them if possible and do not leave the keys in the ignition switch.

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