

# PROGRAMME

February 14th- Bingo Night

16th-Motorkhana

21st-Night Navigation Run

Start from Clubrooms at 8.30 p.m.

22nd- Working Bee

Mt.Cotton

23rd Working Bee

Till 1 p.m.

The Practice Day 4-5 pm

28th Film Night

In Clubrooms.

March 1/2nd-Open Rally -Biggenden

ARC 1.-QRRS 1.

7th- Hillclimb Prep Night

9th Hillclimb Mt. Cotton

14th-Free night

16th Open Motorkhana Round 1

16th Grafton Hillclimb

21st-Night Navigation Run

Start Clubrooms at 8.30 p.m.

23rd.Lakeside Sprint Meeting

28-30th National Meet Adelaide

31st Collingrove Hillclimb (Adelaide)

For further details on any of the above Events, contact any

Member of the Committee.

As from 28th March, the Golden Fleece Service Station, Ferney Avenue Gold Coast, will give 5 cents per gallon discount to club members who present their current membership cards.

Don't forget Grand Prix Leyland, Gympie Road, Chermside give good discounts to club members on most lines. Membership cards must be shown.

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#### ADVERTISEMENT

Wade Hughes of 8 Elizabeth Street, Gladstone writes that he is wrecking a Magnette. Year and condition not stated. Car is intact except for front wheels and boot.

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Queensland Motor Racing Officials Association are conducting a Championship Rally on 26/27th April. Should they be short of control officials (and most clubs are) we hope M.G. members, particularly racing drivers and Hill climbers, will be amongst the first to offer assistance. After all, this is only one night out of your year, how much sport would you have without the flaggies? We don't know yet if they need us, but in case they do let Ann Thomson have your name and phone number - find her at 78 1368.

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The Committee welcomes the following new members - we hope to meet them in the near future :-

Gary Labudda  
Jeffrey Fisher  
Errol Beahan

Delia Mamanu  
Valda Westup  
Roger Thompson

Of Club members who entered the Race Meeting at Surfers on 8/9th February, the following placings were the result:-

	Class	Outright
Barry Wraith	1 x 3rd	1 x 3rd
Barry Nixon-Smith	1 x 1st, 1 x 3rd	1 x 3rd
John Wharton	1 x 1st	-
Russ Worthington	1 x 1st	1 x 3rd
Bruce Briggs	1 x 2nd	-
Bruce Allison	1 x 1st	1 x 1st
Rolf Vine	1 x 3rd	1 x 3rd
Ken Peters	1 x 1st 1 x 2nd	-
Kerry Horgan	1 x 2nd	-
Richard Croston	1 x 1st	-
Peter LeFrancke	1 x 1st 1 x 3rd	-

So far as the Encourage Award is concerned, we have not yet received the name of the winner of this award at the February Surfers meeting. Of course, only those members who have paid their 1975 dues would be eligible. The grape-vine whispers that one unpaid-up gent ought to be kicking himself.

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## B O D S & B E N D S

Congratulations to Keith and Sandy Tufnell on the birth of a beautiful daughter, Sonya. The birthrate goes up yet again.

John Kelso now the proud possessor of a Gemini. No, we're not still talking about the birthrate.

Gary Whittaker now the owner of Steve Booker's very smart and very quick 'G'.

John Fraser has bought Mort Shearer's 'E' type. He says he's not going to compete in it. We wonder!

Banned from Bingo nights - All Voevodins, Hortons and Friars - they win too much.

Quote of the night "That wasn't Bingo it was Bungo". By Tony Voevodin when Alan Burns claimed a line too late.

We have some pretty car stickers for the Adelaide get-together. Collect from club rooms, please.

LOST Fritz Sorensen. Don't know if he's been getting his Octagons, but his membership account got dead lettered.

Guess what! The Hon.Sec. has acquired Chris Timms Formula Minor. Is threatening us all with extinction at Hillclimbs and sprints.

Have you noticed the expanding red Corolla? It has to be that way because the driver is.

Asst. Sec. Mike Keown back in circulation after being on the sick list for some time, literally in circulation because he's bought a milk run.

Somebody tell Kelso that toads on race tracks are lawful prey, and horrible things happen if you try to avoid them.

Bods and Bends (Cont)

Ian Friar has him a rally car. This gives us another topic of conversation at the bar. Instead of "what will be buy" it's now "what will be modify".

There's some sort of story about Purdy and a monkey, but we can't quite get the strength of it. We don't know whether if it's an innovation, a deviation or imagination.

Quote by Koppenol "we lead a very straight life". Well now!

Bevan Cobbe back from the south. Hope we're going to see him on the track again.

Ross Moir and Ann Thomson have been put on the classified list of rally navigators and drivers.

More toads! Mike the milkie and his mate play football with the cane toads they meet whilst doing the rounds. Ofcourse, it had to happen to Mike. Found a beauty by the side of the path, took a real swinger at it and, you've guessed, it was one of those tasteful and decorative concrete abortions.

Gary Scott seems to make a habit of winning Encourage Awards. Has just collected one at Oran Park as well as taking out his race.

Brian Tebble on a trip to New Zealand.

Best of luck to Libby Sullivan, who has just announced her engagement to Keith Butcher.

Greg Symes is moving to South Australia - and there goes another member of the motorkhana team. Tony Skillbeck is off to Tasmania - isn't anyone staying in Q.

George Row has not only bought another car, but also a couple of boats. Jan is about 9/10ths pregnant, so perhaps they'll be consistent and have twins.

Dennis Cardoll says the Kingaroy Mini will be back on deck for the next Lakeside. The trouble with Surfers is that it's hard to make the 5 - 7 session at the D'Aguilar pub after the meeting.

Everybody's thanks to Tony Voevodin, who worked so hard to get "T" types for the parade at Surfers.

Overheard in the clubrooms last evening were Steve Austin (MGB) and Allan Burns (MGA) comparing modifications to their respective cars. The first encounter shall be on 9.3.75 at Mt. Cotton.

## H E L M E T S

An Addition should be made to the list of approved helmets on Page 91 of the CAMS Manual (see our article this issue).

Helmets with a label indicating compliance with the Australian Standard, 1698 are acceptable and have been tested.

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### PLEASE TELL -----

It is unfortunate that by the middle of February in the subsequent year, lists of placings in the various state titles for 1974 have not been made available to all Clubs.

We hope to be able to give you the first ten placings in the Queensland Motorkhana Championships, Queensland Rally Championships and the Queensland Recognised Rally Series in our next issue.

It should be realised that those who finish a bit down the line are just as keen and as worthy of consideration as those who win - after all they pay the same licence and entry fees.

We are informed that the lists have not yet been received by State Office from the various sub-committees. Whoever is responsible, could State Council please produce some action!!!

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We have another bulletin from the S.A. Centre. There's too much of it to print in its entirety, but there are copies in the Club rooms.

There will be a sprint on the Saturday at the Adelaide International Raceway. Practice runs will be immediately after scrutineering in the morning and competition after lunch. There are 11 classes and the entry fee will be \$5.00.

The Concours will be on Sunday. We gather from comments further through the bulletin that it is in the morning and at the Tea Tree Plaza Shopping Centre. This is open to non-members. There are 13 classes and we suggest that anyone interested in this event ring us for a copy of the bulletin as it contains very detailed information on scoring and what the judges will be looking for.

A bitumen motorkhana will start at 12.30 Sunday afternoon at the Tea Tree Plaza Shopping Centre. Entry fee will be \$2.00 and there are 10 classes. We have details of the events, and doubtless Malcolm will draw some pretty pictures of them for you so that you can practice.

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FIRST ROUND of the Motorkhana Championship will be conducted by Holden Torana Car Club on 16th March. Sup.Reg's from Lindsay Sutherland, P.O. Box 558, Fortitude Valley, Qld. 4006. Phone 56 2907 (Home).

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# closed race meeting

What's happened to the closed race meeting that was meant to be held early this year? After all, CAMS allotted a date for it, and with the calendar chock full this date should be made available for other purposes if it is not going to be used for a race meeting. So far as is generally known no permit application has been made, none of the service organisations have been approached and no other clubs invited.

Mind you, the promoters have our sympathy. Even with the circuit lent for free, it wouldn't be a cheap event to run. Additionally, the organising committee has to be willing to put in a lot of time and hard work. After all, the difference between running an open and a closed event is not so great that most people would undertake to do it in their lunch hours. The one aspect you can save a very great deal of time on is the effort required to promote the meeting to the public. As far as can be recalled there was a difference of about 150 through the gate between a closed meeting with considerable publicity and one with hardly any.

Anyway, for the budding aces the gear and paper work for driver and car is exactly the same for a closed meeting as an open one, so why not get out there and have a go? Admittedly, you'll be up against hotter competition in touring cars and sports sedans, but think of the valuable experience you'll get. If closed meetings do materialise you've far more chance of a win with a bit of race know-how under your pinny. For our fleeter members, don't despair! Any member of an invited club may enter for a closed event, so you can still go out and knock 'em off.

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## CAMS - HELMETS -

Your manual lists helmets with the following standards as being acceptable to CAMS:-

Helmets with a label indicating compliance -

- 1 With British Standard Specification 2495
- 2 With U.S. Snell Foundation's standards of 1968 or 1970 (must be dated).
- 3 With New Zealand Standard NZS 1884
- 4 With USASI Z90.1-1966

We do not state that it is so, but as we understand the situation Nos 1, 2 and 3 have all been tested and found to comply with the standards required. In the case of No.4 the manufacturer indicates that his product is of the standard required but tests are not carried out except at his request. We have here a situation where a scrutineer is fully justified in refusing to pass a brand new helmet - just as he would refuse to pass a badly fitting helmet or one that was marked as a result of an accident or through careless use.

We had one instance at the hill climb of a full face helmet which the scrutineers were doubtful about. Their doubts were justified when the competitor was unable to get written confirmation that the helmet was of the standard indicated by the label. We don't know whether he got his money back, but at least he may keep his skull intact.

In another case a club member sensibly submitted his very doubtful helmet to CAMS for examination. National Office indicated that they would not be prepared to recommend acceptance of this helmet unless and until it was demonstrated by the manufacturer that similar helmets had

Helmets (cont)

It seems more than likely that the average retailer is unaware of this situation. However, the fact that he sold you an inferior product in good faith isn't going to save your life.

# CONFUSION<sup>ooo</sup> unlimited

"What's between you and Mrs. Fitzsimmons?" "Only the clothes we wear". And what a delightful introduction to the 1975 season of "Nights Out" in Brissy. The course was established by Bruce Rayment in the foreign "Eric MkII" prior to his escape to Biltmare Cellars. Meanwhile at the R.E. - a great place for chicken pluckers -

So Gary said to Neil "If we don't win, your position (as Navigator) will be in Jeopardy" - "But I don't want to go overseas", came the reply.

Into the dark part of the evening they disappeared with the Mazda of Sans and Brown bringing up the rear. Meanwhile the Torana of the other Sans (with John Thurlow) was observed in Yardley Street, (looking for an M23 McLaren no doubt). In the midst of all this fragrance, boiled buffalo was being served at the R.E.

At the old drinking area (ah, memories) Kelso, Kelso, Kelso and Kelso in the family 1675 Renault (?? that's the way it's spelt in the official sheet) were following the movements of a Surfer Escoi - ? - (a special Ford from AVO England) into a street called Bruce but couldn't find a street called Eric - well they didn't have a licence to enter it anyhow.

But at the R.E. they had a licence.

Quinn of R.E. was driving merrily along until he observed a constable trailing him (the Police wear numbers in case they get lost). Ray thought his 'Tail' was stopping him to fix the station's Colour TV set, but it was only Bob Mallon, who was lost - should have looked at his number.

Derek McCreary arrived behind a PMG Mail Van looking for a Post Box. "Excuse me", said Derek to the clearer, "Is there a Post Box here?" "What does it look like?" retorted the G.P.O. Collector. "It's that large box being hidden by your right thigh", answered Derek, "Could you please tell me the number?" "Oooh, Mate, eh, that's ah classified information. Only the official Reader of P.O. boxes can give you that. You're not an Irish Terrorist are you?" "Irish?" said Derek. Collector "Yes, have you heard the latest Irish joke? I'd better not, the censor will....." Derek frustrated at this stage "How about 50?". Clearer: "Done". Derek "You have been. That 50 was a fake". Clearer "No is the number, mate".

Well, its either this story or listen to me sing. Mr. Music give me an "A" please.

Whilst the Count is readying himself for his solo performance we'll return to the Clubrooms to find the Renault (it's that word again) owners Alan and Colleen Conway sitting comfortably waiting for "The others" to return.

Night Run Results (Cont)

5	J.Kelso	L.Kelso	Renaut	47
6	R.Sans	P.Brown	Mazda	65
7	D.McCreary	G.Labudda	Torana	118
8	H.Whittaker	G.Higson	Pacer	125
9	J.Sans	J.ThurLOW	Torana	DNF

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Next night run is being conducted by Neil McNeil who vows it has everything - Strauss Tchaikowsky and even Brahms - But don't go to the R.E. - it won't be on.

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The Solo Rally scheduled for the 23rd February is OFF. Unfortunately the track is not available that day. Our commiserations with Northern District Sporting Car Club who promote the event. We know just how frustrating it is when this sort of thing happens.

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# membership renewals

Please pay your 1975 subscriptions NOW. Every time we have to send out individual reminders we give the government a substantial sum of YOUR money. We fell the PMG can well do without these unsolicited donations from the Club.

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For Sale - Triumph TR3 Excellent condition - 12 months registration. Will sell, trade or swap for a suitable tow car. Phone Richard Croston  
Work - 21 7611 After Hours 666 498

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For Sale 1 only Hillman Imp gearbox - complete and in good conaition \$7  
1 can Burgular Alarm - Brand new \$2  
1 Sump guard for mini - very strong \$10

All above items left over from Flea Market.  
Phone John Kelso 98 1041

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For Sale - Ideal Hill Climb and Motorkhana Car - Renault 8. Good body and mechanical condition. \$250

Contact - Tony Voevodin, 10 Lloyd St., Southport

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4 Sale Racing Tyres - 4 only Dunlop 4½ x 10 x 13 CB 65 Mk2  
970 Compound - About 2 mm Tread



For Sale - Lwt Mk3 Racing Sprite  
 Fibreglass P anels Weberised 1100 cc Motor  
 Bridgestone Racing Rubber Etc.  
 Laps Lakeside - 1 min 8 secs. \$1100 o.n.o.

Phone Bruce Wasley 76 1677

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# HILLCLIMB ENTRIES CLOSE

## 5th MARCH

## Ring Neil McNeil for Sup. Regs

# Surfers Parade

The best race of the day at Surfers was held at 2.25 p.m. and was the pipe opener before Round 6 of the Tasman Series. The competitors were in 16 open M.G.'s followed round the circuit by the 'mechanics' in a Magnette. Thirteen of the cars were navigated by top international drivers, who seemed to be more interested in scene stealing than attending to their duties as competitors. The remainder of the field consisted of hi-jacked Budget Birds, Ansett Admirables and a Blue Bear (how did Pot Pot in his six pot get two birds?)

We are delighted to be able to report that CAMS has reverted to the good old 1930's practice of allowing extra bodies in racing machinery. It did ones heart good to hear the crowds roar their approval as the navigators hung grimly onto the roll bars through Repco (we always wondered what we had the damn things for).

Mrs. Jan Whitehead, in her immaculate TF, led the event from start to finish. She was ably assisted by Chief Navigational Officer Warwick Brown. Second was a TC in Group A trim and third was a Group D MGTF. These cars were followed by a gaggle of Midgets, A's, B's and Pot Pot's putt-putting C - which was encouraged to greater efforts by the 'mechanics' in the Magnette. A magnificent race, ladies and gentlemen; a magnificent race.

The committee would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those members who assisted their Club by making their cars available for the parade held prior to the Tasman race. The international drivers rode on the backs of the cars, thereby giving the crowd an opportunity to greet them.

Cars and drivers involved were:-

Jan Whitehead	MGTF 1250	Peter Rayment	MGB (lent by Bob Mallon)
Don McCombe	MGTF 1500	Leon Horstmann	MGB
Chris Timms	Midget Mk I	Steve Austin	MGB
Ken Wasley	Midget	John Heath	MGB (lent by Penny)
John Campbell	Midget	Keith Tufnell	MGB
Les Rose	Midget	Ken Potter	MGC
Monique Vanstaden	MGA	Dale Hanley	MGTC
Ian Rutherford	MGA	Judy Funnell	Magnette
Mike Bartlett	MGA		

## --- oOo --- navigator's school.

Brisbane Sporting Car Club will be holding their usual navigator's school on the first four Monday nights in March. The fee will be \$2.00 and the lectures are held at their club rooms, corner of Reid and Hawthorne Streets, Woolloongabba.

Apart from the usual map reading exercises, the course will touch on vehicle preparation from both the drivers' and navigators' viewpoint.

Interested persons can contact Brian Gemmell on 49 4999 or Jeff Tremain on 38 4858.

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