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of the

H. F. Car Club
(Queensland) Centre.

COMING EVENTS

1st, 2nd & 3rd May

J. Muller

Its the Bar-b-que of the Year? Fun and frolics for all at Muller's Ranch House at Bardon.

A Treasure Hunt commences at the Club Rooms at 3 p.m. This you can not miss. The unexpected fun of many Treasure Hunts all rolled into one "bobby-dazzler", ending with the biggest, brightest and best Bar-b-que ever. Do not miss out, phone John Muller now, and let him know how many are coming in your car. Bring your friends, all are welcome. If you cannot make the Treasure Hunt, do not forget the Bar-b-que starts at about 6 p.m.

The usual bargain price of 10/- per head all inclusive still operates. You just can not better it.

Do not phone tomorrow; ring NOW. Do not ring tonight; phone NOW. Do not wait half an hour; ring NOW. Do not leave it go five minutes, you might forget. RING NOW.

DAY: FA0191

NIGHT: FM5825

Treasure Hunt Bar-b-que, May 3rd. Saturday.

The Treasure Hunt starts at the Club Rooms at 3 p.m.
The Bar-b-que starts at Muller's, 89 Carey Street, Bardon about 6 p.m.

GYIKHANA

J. Mash

Date: Sunday, 18th. May
Place: Aspley Show Grounds
Assemble: Chermiside Tram Terminus
Time: 1 p.m.
Entry Fee: Ladies 2/-, Gents 3/-.

The comers are to proceed past the Tram Terminus along the Bruce Highway, past the Aspley Pub - with the big pine trees - turn left into Grahams Road, first on the left past Cabbage Tree Creek, the grounds being about 200 yards from this turn off.

Ladies are especially invited to attend as are new Members. There were a number of new Members at the last Aspley Meeting, but not enough competing. As for having no experience in this type of event, that should be the least of your worries, for all the all round experts have only gained theirs through competition.

Competitors are aware that they may compete more than once in one event provided that the extra fee of 1/6 is paid and that a different vehicle is used. All posts - cardboard ones - hit or damaged will cost the competitor three pence (3d) each at the end of competition. Naturally, any post bent in an event means disqualification, after all it is the getting through the posts without touching them that provides the competition, that and the race against time.

Let not the weather deter you for a little rain will add zest to the game.

The gymkhana also carries points for the Trophy. So come along and bring your friends and enjoy a pleasant afternoon's sport at Aspley.

It is rumoured that Ian Hamilton and Bruce McMillan are organising a Treasure Hunt Trial on Sunday 1st. June, but as yet no details are available. So a cordial invitation is extended to all those competitors who were so neatly caught by the traps in the last one, to come and try their hand at this one.

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Some considerable time has elapsed since the Centre held its last Hobboes Nite, so it has been decided to re-instate this Institution on 21/6/58; bear this date in mind.

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On Sunday, 20th. of July, the Centre anticipates holding its Open Road Race Meeting, so all you Members who are building Specials bear this date in mind.

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PASSED EVENTS

Treasure Hunt - Trial

The Treasure Hunt as organised by Bob Bishop and Doug. Carr, proved to be an exacting test of both Navigator and Driver. This is quite apparent from the number of competitors who completed the course. All the tricks of the game were thrown in and trapped quite a few of the unwary; such things as having the control point in view of the competitor and a short circuit to complete before checking in. The natural

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thing to do was to head straight for the Control and loose twenty points.

The average speeds between Controls allowed ample time to traverse the rough sections quite comfortably, though a few thought not.

Samsonvale, Youngs Crossing, and Petrie caused much worry and loss of points but all turned out well in the end.

It was remarkable the number of cases of Car Sickness and breakdowns that occurred on this run. Ernie Ansell's and Brian Shelley's navigators, travelling in 'Y' types both were Car Sick as was a T.C. navigator. Mrs. Pres and Dagma Bishop, had a few loose connections electrical, which caused a bit of trouble. Even the Controls had their troubles, in the form of a flat tyre on an Austin Healy.

The following are the results:-

Sam Pollard, Ross Gillies	98 points lost.
Bill McGill	102 points lost.
Ern Ansell, John Mash	166 points lost.
Ralph Davis	304 points lost, was the only other Member to complete the course.

Worthy of note was Bill McGill's performance in the Red M.G.A. This was Bill's first competition event and he did exceptionally well; congratulations to Fireman McGill. Not forgetting of course Sam and his pilot Ross for their win and the trophy that will be presented to the driver at the Annual Dinner.

Sprints Meeting - Strathpine, Saturday 26th April

On Saturday last the Centre held its first speed event for some time and from all accounts it was the best the Club has held. The weather was perfect and of the twenty-three competitors entered eighteen starters got away. It was unfortunate that the cars of Tom Ross, Gordon McNicol and George

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Stratagos were not ready in time. These vehicles have been extensively overhauled in recent weeks and were not yet run in.

The honours of the day went to Peter Pollard in an Austin Healy which has been in the hands of Peter Usinski recently. Despite the head winds, the Healy's times were considerably ahead of the rest of the field. All omens well for the racing debut of this vehicle.

Other class Winners were, Sam Pollard, David Stewart, John Gill, Ian Gillie, Kev Hansen, Trev. Connolly, and Bob Burnett.

The following are the results:-

Closed Cars	750-1000 cc	STANDING	FLYING
S.A. Pollard	Standard	21.48	13.26
Closed Cars	1000-1300 cc		
D. Stewart	Simca	22.81	12.81
Closed Cars	1301-1600 cc		
J. Gill	M.G.Y.	20.87	12.31
Closed Cars	1601-2600 cc		
I. Gillie	Holden	21.41	12.83
Sports Cars	1001-1300 cc		
K. Hansen	M.G.T.C.	20.80	12.74
Sports Cars	1301-1600 cc		
T. Connolly	M.G.T.C.	19.69	11.84
Sports Cars	1601-2000 cc		
R. Burnett	M.G.T.C. S/C	17.95	10.76
Sports Cars	2601-3500 cc		
P. Pollard	A/Healy	17.21	9.41

It must be noted that these times are awaiting official confirmation.

The following are provisional places on handicap: Standing 1. P. Pollard Flying 1. T. Sheppard
2. T. Sheppard 2. P. Pollard
3. J. Gill 3. I. Gillie

As these times show, official confirmation will establish new class records.

Our thanks are extended to those people who act in an official capacity throughout the Meeting, namely Brian Shelley, Scrutineer, Graham Muller and Gordon McNicol, Stewards, Ern Ansell and Ian Hamilton electricians, Geof Billing, Surveyor, Bob Richards, refreshments, Miles Hunter, Clerk of Course, the boys and girls of the timing team and the Secretary, Bruce McMillan for organising the day. From the enthusiasm shown by Members who did not compete and the competitors themselves, the November Sprints Meeting should even top this effort. We are looking forward to it with great anticipation.

POINTS SCORE
(Unofficial)

<u>Gymkhana</u>	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Trial</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Allround</u>
<u>Trophy</u>	<u>Trophy</u>	<u>Trophy</u>	<u>Trophy</u>	<u>Trophy</u>
T. Ross	11			2.2
K. Ubeling	9			1.8
J. Mash	6 $\frac{1}{2}$		2	3.3
J. Muller	5			1
A. Davis	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2		2.9
B. McMillan	3		4	4.6
K. Hansen	2		8	8.4
J. Anderson	1			
S.A. Pollard		6	4	10
B. McGill		4		4
R. Richards	1	1	4	4.2
C. Losinko	1	1		1.2
D. Fegen	1			
A.L. Ansell		3		3
Don Davis	1	2		2.2
K. Lowen			3	3

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T. Lawson				3	3
D. Stewart				8	3
J. Gill				6	6
T. Sheppard				2	2
I.R. Gillies				4	4
T. Connolly				8	8
D. Neillie				2	3
R. Burnett				6	6
M. Xavier				2	2
F. Coule				6	6
P. Pollard				10	10
G. Billing				2	2
B.F. Shelley			2		2
A.E. Hunter (Mrs.)	1	2.2	2		2.2
M.E. Hunter	1				
R. Lovejoy	1				
B. Tebble	1				
G. Tait	1				

COMMITTEE NEWS:

The following new Members are welcome to the Centre:-

N.W. Phillips, R.C. Mills, K.A. Bowen,
N.M. Wedmaier, W.J. Thomas, E.A. Beesley
and N.S. Fagan.

For Members who are interested, the Hydro-Service Station, Hamilton, offers a 10% reduction on all purchases with the exception of petrol. This includes, spare parts, tyres, oils, greasing, repairs etc. Benzol is available for those who require it. All that you have to do is make yourself known to the Manager, Bob Mills, by showing your Membership Card

and the rest is yours.

Regulation fire-extinguishers are available to Club Members for £5, for further information, contact your Secretary, Bruce McMillan.

For those who are interested in going to Bathurst for the Australian Grande Prix on October 5th/6th, your Secretary has information regarding the availability of hotel accommodation and the relevant tariffs etc., in fact all the information that you require about this sporting event. Contact him now so that you can make your choice.

It is with regret that the Committee announces the resignation of the Honary Treasurer, Ross Gillies. Ross has had a change in employment which will entail a deal of out of City work and he feels that he can not give the necessary time that this position needs. Our best wishes go to Ross in his new employment and we hope to see him as often as possible at the Club.

The new Treasurer elect is Mrs. E.A. Hunter. No doubt this will raise a storm of criticism but the Committee wish to point out that a number of male Members of the Club were approached to fill this vacancy, but the all important factor of time was not available. Mrs. Prez was approached and persuaded to accept the vacancy. With the guidance of the Honary Auditor and assistance from the Committee we feel that Mrs. Hunter will do good work and fill the position admirably.

PRESIDENT: M.E. Hunter M5901 (Bus)
JW1627 (Priv)

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SECRETARY: B.R. McMillan MU3395 (Priv)

TREASURER: I.R. Gillies FW2482 (Bus)

CLUB CAPTAIN: J.J. Muller FA0191 (Bus)
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