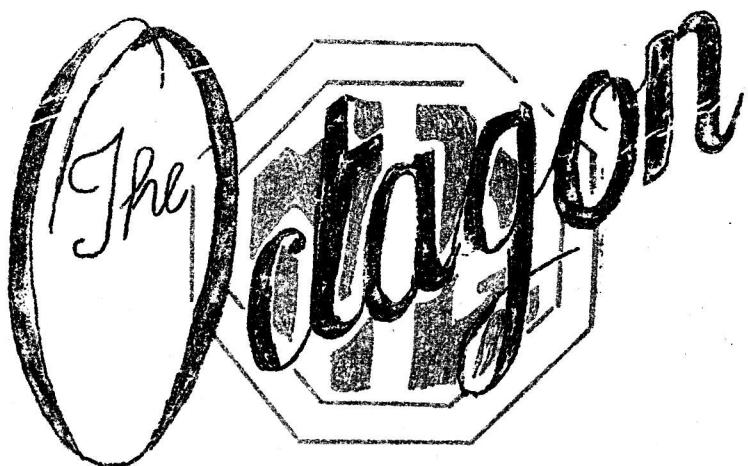


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THE OCTAGON

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Coming Events

Gymkhana: Date: 1.3.58 SATURDAY (Please Note)
Place: Aspley Show Grounds
Assemble: Chelmside Tram Terminus
Time: 1 p.m.
Entry Fee: Ladies 2/-, Gents 3/-

Late comers are to proceed past the 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 ground being on the left hand side about 200 yards from this turn off.

A special invitation is extended to Lady Drivers. By the way of encouragement, the entry fee for Ladies is only 2/-, finds extra. New members are also invited to come along and try their hand at this new fun on wheels. There are nearly thirty new members so far, so let us see your faces. Do not be afraid of the so called "Experts", they have only learnt through a lot of practice and a lot of fun. You do not need a powerful Sports Car; a moderate sized family car is just the thing.

To clear up the question regarding Entry fee; each driver, upon paying his entry fee, is entitled to start once in the Heats of each event, and thence in the semi-finals and finals or what have you. However, if you wish to start more than once in an event, in a different vehicle, 1/6, extra will be charged. I hope the keen types realize that we are not trying to dampen their enthusiasm, but to even out the charges of the hire of the grounds.

If you so desire, you may come out early on the Saturday and have a picnic lunch by the Creek. We shall be there from about 11 a.m., no practice however, can be allowed.

Once again bring your Lady friends, I am expecting at least one dozen Lady Competitors. New members roll up in force for a really enjoyable afternoon.

This event will, if necessary, be conducted in inclement weather; in fact I hope it rains, in the morning prior to the day, it so adds to the slipping and sliding of things.

Do not forget that this event carries points towards the Trophy. A Gymkhana is where you get nowhere but have a gallon of fun trying to get there.

FILM NIGHT

At the Club Rooms on Friday, 14th March at 8 p.m. is to be a Film Night. The programme that the Committee has secured from B.P. (Aust.) Ltd., is Formula 1 and Nurburgring : 2½ years, together with the usual array of Funnies and Shorts. A modest fee of 2/- admission will be charged. Members and friends are cordially invited to support this fine evening's entertainment.

TRIAL

Bob Bishop has said that he will organise a Trial on the following lines; it will be approximately 100 miles in length, the usual controls and check points, good roads and it will be conducted on Sunday afternoon, 30th March. Entry Fee will be 5/- per competitor. For further details, see the next issue of this publication.

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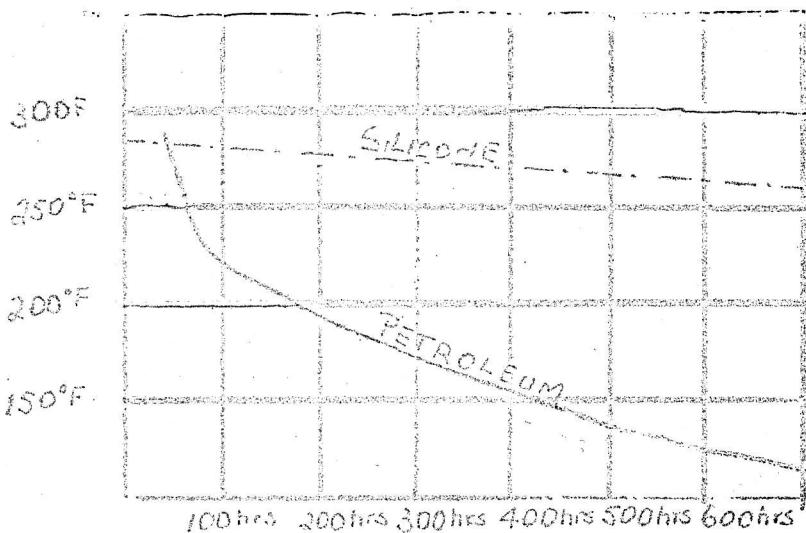
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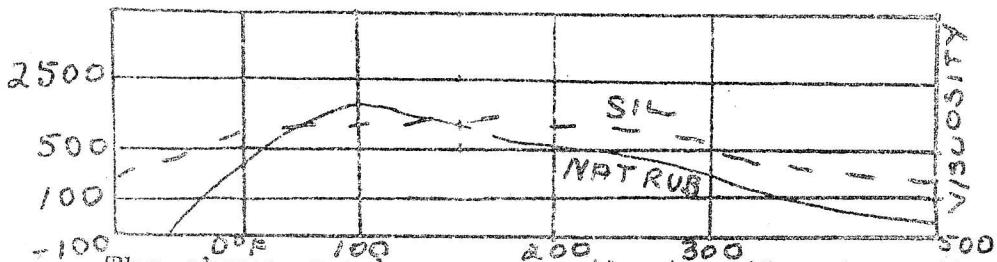
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ONE MILLION MILES AND SOMETHING 447 (ctd.) R. Gillies



Here is another graph, but this time on greases. Silicones are touched lightly by work and the passage of time, they resist oxidation, thus the atmosphere has little effect on them. Petroleum quickly decomposes into a gummy solid as compared with silicone greases which show little change over the same period of time and the same temperature. This gives an ideal bearing grease for such places as wheels. There is nothing that a wheel bearing likes less than to have its grease packing whipped up with water and after operating under such conditions it is not long before you need a new one. However, silicone greases are not effected to the same extent as they repel water, in a manner which was pointed out earlier.

Last but not least, is the silicone rubber. This unusual substance is serviceable over a very wide temperature range, from -100 degrees to 500 degrees F.



The above graph compares the tensile strength of organic and silicone rubbers. At 390 degrees F. one of the most heat resistant rubbers becomes a brittle solid dropping from 2340 to 470 psi after only one day. After sixty days, silicone rubber at the same temperature is still rubbery with a tensile strength of 420 psi. This means, that rubber of this nature can be used in places where hitherto it was impossible. In certain engines it is used to seat rocker-box covers and push-rod housings and withstand oil temperatures

of 450 degrees F. It is used to form an effective seal on bomb-bay doors of aeroplanes climbing into temperatures of -100 degrees F. as it is the only material which remains flexible. In America it is being used as spark plug high tension covering. Being water resistant this type of rubber covering eliminates all possibility of damp ignition cables.

Silicones preparations are definitely filling a long felt want in certain places, but they are not the ultimate in lubrication and will not replace petroleum products in the automobile field. As with other discoveries, they have special uses and we shall find silicone products working in harmony with our old standbys.

G.A.M.S.

On Thursday, 30th January, the President, M.H. Hunter and Secretary, B. McMillan, were invited to attend a meeting at the J.R.D.C. Rooms for the purpose of representing the Club at the discussion of how Motor Sport can be best presented to the Public during the Centenary Year Celebrations. At this meeting, F. Dyke was Chairman and B. McMillan was Secretary. It was suggested that the Sport could be best presented by conducting one major event for Road Racing, Trials and Hill Climb.

J.R.D.C. suggested that they conduct the Road Race Meeting at Lowood on the Queen's Birthday weekend, there would be four events one event each for Racing Cars, Sports Cars and Closed Cars and a final event free-for-all handicap. This Meeting was to carry a minimum prize monies of £1,000.

The Trials event was to be of a minimum distance of 1,000 miles and carry a minimum prize monies of £1,000. This event was suggested to be conducted by

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the Ipswich-West - Moreton Club on the May Day week-end.

G.M.S.C. suggested that their Club would find a suitable circuit - minimum requirements being a good Hill, sealed road and half a mile in length - for the Hill Climb, which would carry a minimum prize monies of £500.

Please NOTE, that these are only suggestions and that this information must under no circumstances, as yet, be given to the Press.

As further information comes to hand, Members will be kept abreast with events through this Publication.

Members who are renewing their C.A.M.S. competition Licenses, are reminded that it is your job to get your Provisional License endorsed by the Clerk of Course in order that you will obtain a Full Competition License. Unless your Provisional License is endorsed with the requisite number of signatures - three - at the time of renewal, you will be issued with another Provisional License.

PASSED EVENTS

It is regrettably announced that the Bar-B-Que scheduled for Sunday 9th was CANCELLED, because of lack of support by the Members. It is apparent that Treasure Hunt Bar-B-Que's held on Sundays are not going to be backed by the Members so they will be held in future, on Saturdays.

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BUCK'S PARTY:

Though a little slow in starting, -the twenty-eight members who arrived there had a quiet, but enjoyable evening. Unlike most Buck's Parties the conversation was mainly "CAR'S", even to the extent of Ron Davis and his guest producing a portable radiogram and a sound recording of the 1956 Sebring event. This record was well received. There were audible gasps as Ferrari & D. types etc. roared passed the microphone and the occasional interruption of the X type Clayfield train.

It is believed that Gordon McNicol and Greg Newton are going to have some serious competition between themselves in the sporting events this year, especially at Gymkhana Rallies. To make conditions as even as possible, Gordon is to loan Greg a set of thick-grip tyres; who is being generous to whom? This has the makings of a very interesting challenge as Greg is now driving a TH2.

We were sorry to see Ray Fentonby leave so early, but seeing he had to start work at 11 p.m., this was unavoidable. However, he had his share of the excellent supper provided by the Ladies to whom we wish to extend our thanks through the medium of Mrs. Hunter - Thanks Mrs. Proc. and Ladies.

COMMITTEE NAMES

On Friday 14th, a Special General Meeting was convened and the following business was carried;

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W.S. Taylor seemed to think that the required twenty-one days notice for this Meeting was not carried out correctly as he received Notice in early February. However, when the motion was put to the Members present, they decided that the Meeting was legal.

Minutes for the Annual General Meeting for 1956, which was compiled for notes found recently, were confirmed.

The consideration of the amendment of Appendix B the new form for the Application of Membership, was carried. It was explained by B. McMillan that the creation of a new Office of Hon. Auditor, was not a reflection on past Office bearers, but a necessary step to bring the Club's books and finance into order out of the present chaos, and put them on a firm business basis. This motion was discussed and carried unanimously. Mr. Ian Shaw has been nominated as Hon. Auditor.

The addition of a new paragraph 2A in the Membership of the Constitution was carried. This allows for a limited Life Membership to be purchased for the Fee of TWENTY GUINNIES. Nominations for such Membership are now called for and the applications are to be addressed to the Secretary. Please note that if intending applicants have already paid their current year's subscriptions, this now reduces your application fee to EIGHTEEN GUINNIES.

The following new Members are welcome to the Centre
K. Hansen, D. Stewart, R.J. McHugh, P.D. Kerr, D.T.
Fogun, T.D.L. Lawson, L.A. Phillips, and R.S. Kayrooz.

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The Treasurer wishes to place before the Members the following Financial Appreciation for 1958.

These figures on the whole are only rough estimates but are chosen to be as accurate as possible. Expenditures are likely to be greater as sundry expenses that are likely to occur during the year are not considered in these figures.

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
Road Race Meeting	£450
Sprints Meetings	60
Rent for Club Rooms	220
Octagon	15
Electricity	20
Secretarial Expenses	24
Postal Expenses	15
Stationery	<u>15</u>
	<u>£819</u>
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With these comments on the Road Race Meeting, "If this event is cancelled or expenses are met, a yearly deficit of £53.14.- results. The above deficit can be met by a profit on the Meeting or by Life Membership. If this Meeting is cancelled then all chance of showing a profit on the year is lost. To stage the Meeting the requisite money must be in hand. The years trading in the Canteen could be higher by £50 but should not be anticipated as so. With regards to the Sprints Meetings it assumed that the hire of Strathpine will be £25".

We thank Ross Gillies for this appreciation and we feel sure that it will provide much food for thought of the Members.

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CHEERS ALOUD

It is noted with pleasure that four new fluorescent lights now luminate the Club Room. The cost of these lights was borne by J. Hamilton, G. Newton, J. Mough and B. McMillan. Tom Hamilton with the assistance of Graham Perkins installed the fittings as well as putting shelves in the store Room. To these gentlemen, the Centre extends their heart felt thanks.

As from now the Club Bar will be closed at 11 p.m. each Friday night. It is to be hoped that the Committee will draw up a set of House Rules, and give the House Committee something to work by.

Also it is pleasing to see that the Club now has an efficient refrigerator. This was purchased, after J. Muller had made a substantial loan to the Club. Now that Life Membership has been granted, it is to be hoped that the Committee can repay this Loan as soon as possible. ~~Thanks~~ to John for his timely financial assistance.

SOCIAL NOTES

Bill Manning was in for a brief visit composite with "Chumley" who is apparently allergic to uncovered floors, consequently, Bill had to carry this whole eighty plus pounds of him whenever he moved.

It was pleasing to see Edna Stewart and Dagmar Bishop welcomed to the Ladies' Circle recently.

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It is a pity that more Members do not bring their lady friends to Club Nights. We are quite sure that they would enjoy such a visit and they would be well looked after.

There was a gleaming array of cars to carry the "Miss Australia Day" contestants during the long weekend. M.G.A.s., T.F.s, T.C.s., T.R.s, a Buchanan and a Healy or two.

On arrival at the Exhibition grounds, Bruce McMillan, our Hon. Sec., had one of his contestants alight and shed her half slip, at the same time. Then lo and behold if the other passenger does not turn out to be the winner, Marlene Waddington, one of John Nash's staff at Shell House.

Ian Hamilton, complete in his Huckleberry Finn type hat, made a comprehensive photographic record of the day.

It is told that Mrs. Pres. is breaking into the fertilizing business in a big way. Instead of using a tea-spoon, like everybody else, the good woman used a tea-cup for a measure. The results were quite startling, for the shrubs grew, matured and withered all in the one night. Come out to my place Mrs. Pres. and try it on the weeds.

Our congratulations are extended to John and Maria Gill and the Club's future associate member, Toni, Marie. That is another head to wet, so bring her along, and he did. John and Marie, paid a short visit on Buck's Night.

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