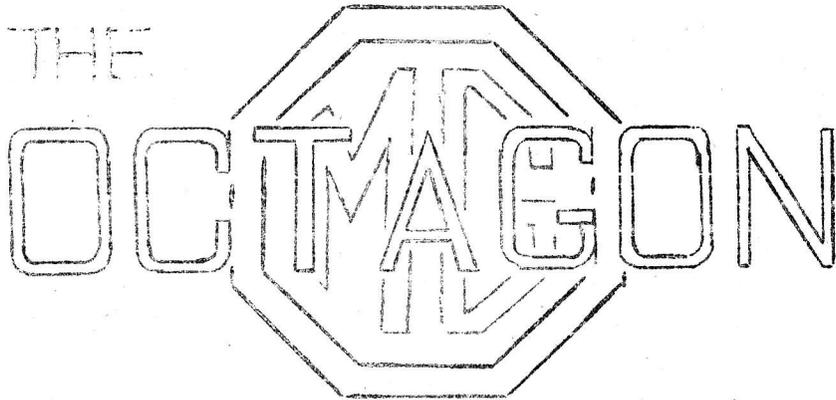


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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Here we are in 1957. This year promises to be a full and interesting one for the Centre, with two Open Road Race Meetings, Closed Sprints, Rallies, Gymkhanas and Social Events.

I will need the full co-Operation of all members either as Officials or Competitors to ensure the successful promotion of these events.

The undoubted enthusiasm and efficiency of the Committee will help considerably, but they cannot carry out all the official duties without assistance, as after all this is YOUR club as well as theirs.

This magazine will take the place of the regular News Letters, and the Editor will appreciate any contributions so that it will become a really interesting booklet as well as your notification of the Centre's activities.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all happy and successful motoring in the New Year.

Miles E. Hunter.  
PRESIDENT.

THE AIMS OF "THE OCTAGON".

The object of introducing this magazine was to obviate the News Letters of the past. The news of the Centre- past, present and future will, therefore, appear in these pages, so please read and remember each month's programme.

Items of general ~~with~~ interest, will published whenever there is sufficient space and if they are available- so any contributions will be appreciated.

The important things will be, therefore, our programme and official information from C.A.N.S., the lighter side will depend upon news, results and your contributions.

THE EDITOR

COMING EVENTS.A.G. CAR CLUB.

February	7th (Thursday)	Film Night at the "Cecil"- Films of the 1956 Australian G.P. 8 pm. Admission 2/- for supper.
	9th (Saturday)	Night Treasure Hunt. 7:30 pm Mt Gravatt Tram Terminus.
	29th (Saturday)	Barbecue, in the Brookfield area.
March	3rd (Sunday)	Gymkhana.
	23rd (Thursday)	Meeting- "Cecil".
	29th (Sunday)	Club Run.
	31st (Sunday)	Barbecue.
April	4th (Thursday)	Meeting- "Cecil".
	13th (Saturday)	Closed Sprints.
May	12th (Saturday)	ROAD RACE MEETING.

C.A.M.S. STATE CALENDAR.

<u>ROAD RACING.</u>	March	16th	QMSC	Strathpine.
	April	7th	QRDC	Lowood.
	May	12th	MGCC	Strathpine.
		27th	QMSC	Strathpine.
	June	9th	QRDC	Lowood.
	July	6th	QMSC	Strathpine.
	August	11th	QRDC	Lowood.
	Sept	7th	QMSC	Strathpine.
		22nd	TAC	Leyburn.
	Oct	13th	PGC	Southport.
		19th	QMSC	Strathpine.
	Nov.	3rd	QRDC	Lowood.
		16th	MGCC	Strathpine.
<u>SPRINTS.</u>	Jan	26th	QMSC	Strathpine.
	April	13th	MGCC	CLOSED.
	May	19th	TAC	Leyburn.
	June	15th	QMSC	Strathpine.
	Aug	17th	QMSC	Strathpine.
	Nov	24th	TAC	Leyburn.
<u>HILL CLIMBS</u>	Mar	23rd	TAC	Toowoomba.
	Apr	21st	PGC	Surfers.

STATE CALENDAR (Cont'd).

<u>HILL CLIMBS</u>	July 20th	TAC	Toowoomba.
	Dec 29th	PCC	Burleigh.
<u>TRIALS.</u>	Feb 16th	PCC	
	Mar 10th	BSCC	
	Apr 28th	QMSC	
	May 26th	VWCC	
	June 23rd	B'desert MC	
	30th	Millmerran CC	
	July 21st	BSCC	
	28th	QMSC	
	Sept 1st	BSCC	
	15th	MAC	
	28th	QMSC	
	Oct 26th	IWMAC	
	Dec 1st	BSCC	

Alterations and additions will be advised from time to time. Intending competitors in any of the above events can obtain Sup Regs from the Hon. Sec.

GENERAL NEWS.

At the Annual General Meeting the Local Rules of the Centre were ammended to provide a position of Vice-President. The Committee announce that they have appointed Mr A.E. Ansell to that post. There are few, if any, members who do not recall the "best job Ernie has done as Club Captain in both 1955 and 1956. He has organised a super NIGHT Treasure Hunt to be held on February 9th.

The Committee also announces the appointment of John Muller as Club Captain. John's boundless energy and flair for organising those interesting and subtle Treasure Hunts and Barbecues will be "flat as a tack" this year.

A gentle reminder, they will improve as time goes on, that your SUBSCRIPTION is now due. The amount is still £2/2/0 - and the Treasurer still expects to receive them promptly. In this issue there is a slip to which you can pin your cheque, money order or postal notes.

GENERAL NEWS (Cont'D)

General Meetings of the Centre will be held on the FIRST Thursday of each month at the "Hotel Cecil" in George Street-- in case you've forgotten that is "Joe's Pub" or "The sign of the Flying TF". The form of entertainment will be advised and a reminder that there is a small charge (2/-) to cover supper. The February 7th meeting will feature films of the 1956 Aust. GP taken, produced and shown by Fred Foster of QATC. Don't forget your friends are always welcome. B/C License holders will be able to have suits of clothes pressed each prior to this meeting.

The Night Treasure Hunt - Saturday 9th February - will carry points for Trophies and the Special Prizes of an Open Order on Howards Ltd (to the value of £1/1/0) for winner and an interesting Motoring Book for his navigator, an Entry Fee of 2/- is all you need!!!! ????

ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

BARBECUE Dec 8th 1956. This function took the form of an outing for "Hoboes" - and have we some specimens in the Centre. The impact on the public along Coronation Drive was amazing! The feature was "whiskers and his popsy", the only identification of Laurie and Pat Barron was the immaculate TD. I wish I could record all the



conversations around that evening - the character complaining about his spent cutting "mothholes" in a tie.

The assembly was taken to the Host's Residence for the

barbecue by an ingenious "Muller Map" - allegedly part of Brisbane - on which streets had to be named - the variations were infinite!!!!

The barbecue proved the culinary ability of John East - tasty steaks, a tasty drop of tonsil lube and glamorous scenery added up to an extremely enjoyable evening.

Our sincere thanks to Mrs East for the use of the barbecue and to the cook - 1956.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Dec 7th 1956.

The formal closing of the years activities was held at Howards Ltd Assembly Plant at Hendra and as usual we picked a wet night for it.

Notwithstanding cramped quarters, a sticky night, the affairs of 1956 were properly wound up and new Office Bearers and Committee elected, the details of which appear at the beginning of this issue.

The meeting concluded with the now famous "cuppa" brewed and served by our female supporters in the best tradition of the Toowong Recreation Club days.

PRESSENTATION OF TROPHIES Dec 21st 1956.

Believe it or not- another deluge- however the large quantities of dampness did not stop a good attendance to witness the presentation of the Nuffield Trophy and the Centre's Trophies by Mr George Reid of Howards Ltd. We were also honoured by the presence of Mr Salmon, the Queensland Representative of Nuffield Australia.

The winners were:-

Howards Trophy (All Round)	J.G.Gill
Nuffield Cup (Speed)	P.Uccinski
Gymkhana Trophy	G.Newton
Trials Trophy	D.Carr
Ladies Trophy	Mrs E.A.Hunter

We are extremely grateful to Howards Ltd who not merely allowed us the use of the rooms but provided the refreshments as well.

The function, after the formal presentation, as a most convivial gathering- particularly after the expert found that a "four Bob" gasket was essential for the tap operation.

It has been suggested that we must provide a "Hill Billy" trophy next year, we are not sure whether certain members are tone deaf or really good!

A most hilarious evening was had by all, even the "bloke" who nearly got the lid of his beer stein jammed in his ear.



C.A.M.S. NEWS.

D/C LICENCES. All intending licence holders are reminded that old licences expired on 31/12/56 and that renewal must be made for 1957. A brief outline of requirements is set out hereunder:-

1. New Application Form to be used.
2. Medical Certificate.
3. Photograph. Size  $\frac{1}{2}$ "x $\frac{3}{4}$ ".
4. Fee £1 ( 10/- Driver, 10/- Competitor.

The correct procedure is to forward your application with all the above to our Secretary. The application will be recommended by the Committee and passed to C.A.M.S. for issued. Where a change from "provisional" to "full" is required with the renewal send in the old licences.

Prompt attention to these details will enable you to get your licence back early and so you'll be in the "money" at the early meetings. Remember C.A.M.S. need, at least, a week before an event- so it is your own fault if you miss out.

If there is any doubt in your consult the Secretary- he is our C.A.M.S. delegate and he, alledgedly, knows "the secre".

Arrangements have been made to have an expert photographer at the General Meeting (Feb 7th) so that any member requiring a cheap and suitable photo can have it taken.

CHAIRMAN. It is with pleasure we notify members that Mr W.Pitt is again the Queensland Chairman of C.A.M.S., and we tender our congratulations to him on his appointment, with the assurance of our support and co-operation.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS.

If you have anything to sell let the Secretary know and it will be published at the low rate (special to members) of 2/- a time. No trade ads accepted- unless you can fool me!

SPECIAL NEWS - NIGHT TREASURE HUNT.

The Centre will hold it's first event for 1957 on Saturday evening February 9th- a Night Treasure Hunt. The arrangements are:-

PLACE Mt Gravatt Tram Terminus.  
 TIME Assemble 7:30 pm  
 Start 8:00 pm.

MILEAGE ?

DURATION Approximately 1½ hours.

CONDITIONS 90% bitumen roads (unless you get lost)

To enable a check to be kept on all participants and to help you find the "clues" mileage instructions will be issued.

To finance the special prizes an entry fee of 2/- per car will be collected at the start. These prizes are an Open Order for £1/1/0 for the winner and a copy of "Wheels of Fortune" for his navigator.

Further details will be given at the next General Meeting on February 7th.



"Just what kind of a drive in the country had you in mind?"

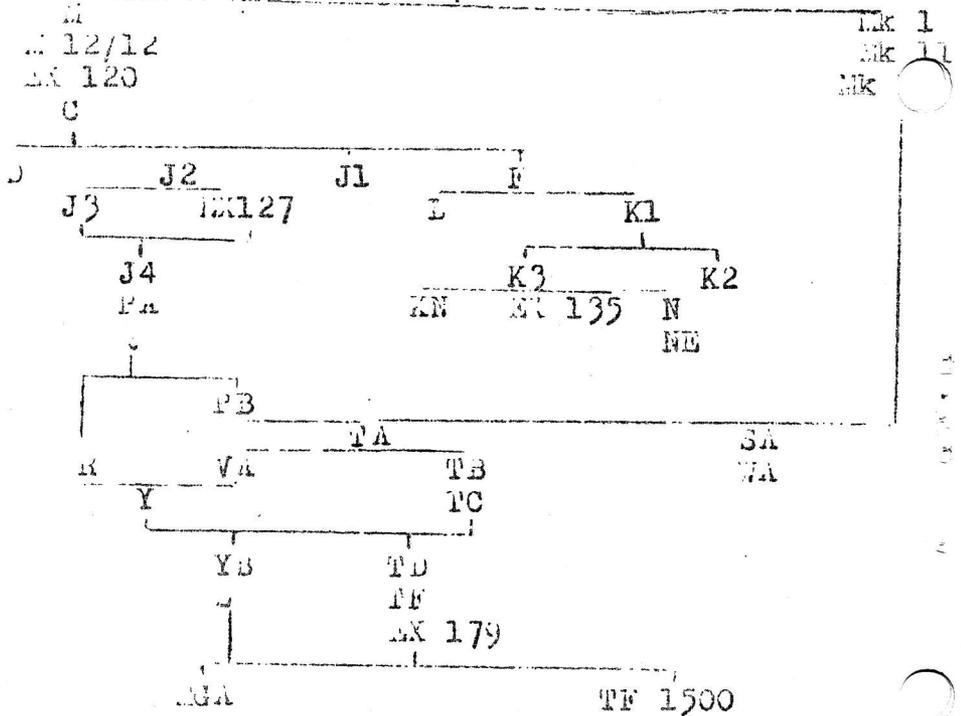
THE "GP" STORY.

The first of a series of articles to enable you to appreciate the traditions and history of the marque.

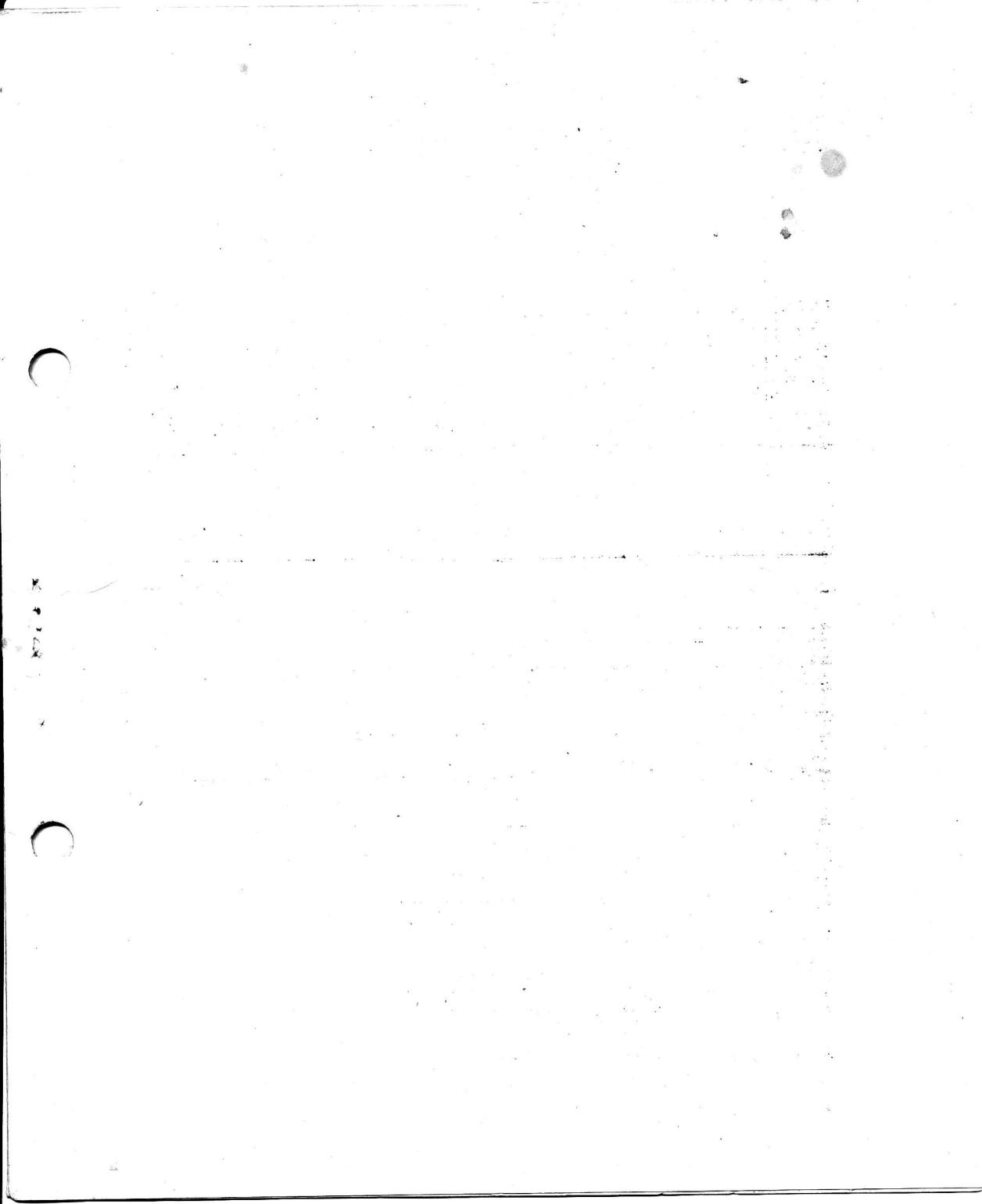
To study the development of the "breed" I set out below "the pedigree" or the chain linking the fabulous "Gs" of the past to the present models.

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Next month we will tabulate the more important specifications of the various models.



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