

P R O G R A M M EFEBRUARY

Saturday 11th Working Bee -
at Mt. Cotton Hillclimb Circuit

Sunday 12th Economy Run -
C.S.C.C.A. organisers - all sports
cars invited - leave Shell Roadhouse
Gailes 8.30a.m. BBQ lunch Dalby.
BYO. Facilities provided.

Friday 17th Night Run - Clubrooms 8.15 p.m.

Saturday 18th Working Bee - Mt. Cotton

Tuesday 21st Entries Close - Club rooms
Stanthorpe Apple & Grape Rally.
(See Pages 9 & 10 this issue)

Friday 24th Table Top Rally - Clubrooms 8.15p.m.

Saturday 25th Working Bee - Mt. Cotton

Saturday 25th C.A.M.S. Annual Dinner (See Page 5)

Sunday 26th Q.M.S.C. SPRINT - Lakeside

MARCH

Friday 3rd Natter Night - Clubrooms

Sat/Sun 4/5th Stanthorpe Apple & Grape Rally
(See Pages 9 & 10 this issue)

Friday 10th Film night - Clubrooms

Sat/Sun 11/12th I.W.M.A.C. - Motorkhana QMC RD.1

Friday 17th Night Run - Clubrooms

Sat/Sun 18/19th Biggenden Bush Bash Rd. 1 QRC

Sunday 19th Club Hillclimb - Mt. Cotton
(Entries open now - Close 15th)

EASTER 24/47th National Meeting - Perth

Friday 24th Natter Night - Clubrooms

Friday 31st Natter Night - Clubrooms

APRIL

Sat/Sun 1/2nd Lakeside Races

Friday 7th Natter Night - Clubrooms

EDITORIAL

Dear Members,

And a Happy New Year to you and you and you boy, what a way to fill up the editorial, this time - wishing each and everyone of you a happy New Year. But, really all the best and we look forward to seeing all your happy faces at all the events marked on our Club calendar this year.

Our first major event this year will be the Stanthorpe Apple & Grape Harvest Festival Rally on the 4th/5th March. Supplementary regulations are out now for this event, so send your entry in if you wish to enter. We are in need of officials for this event, if you are available, and can lend a hand please contact either Ann Thomson on 378 1368 or Ross Moir on 265 1000. For more details see pages 9 and 10 of this issue.

Working Bees head this editions programme and continue to be noted at various intervals throughout same. We want your whole support (whether you be male or female) at these please. Mt. Cotton has to be in tip top condition for our opening Hillclimb on the 19th March. Contact a committee member for details, see Neil McNeil at the Clubrooms on Friday nights or be at the Hill on the days indicated in the programme.

TO IMPROVE YOUR CLUB FURTHER - WHY NOT IMPROVE WHAT WE'VE
GOT FIRST.

Your support re the Centrefold we promised for this edition -----as you can see was a 100% disaster.

Another reminder to the multitude out there, please keep your ears and eyes open for a sponsor for another major event this year ---the Queensland Hillclimb Championships in June. Any clues would be much appreciated, if any then contact a committee member.

Those of you who have not paid your Club membership are reminded that same is now due.

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The Editor leaves on!

If your 'section' of our club has not received a report in this or previous editions of our fair Octagon, maybe you could be the 'correspondent' or maybe you know of someone who will.

In either instance contact our Editor, Meg O'Shanesy by phoning her on 391 3443 and she'll take the necessary steps to see that 'your' news is in next time. OK

May we wish Meg good luck, as our new Editor and urge all members to help her as much as possible.

It's only 10 days before we depart for Perth and the National Meeting (Easter), so we must close and start packing etc. See you all.

Peter & Delia Rayment.

P.S. We've been unable to finalise a calendar for the year ---- events wise. However, Meg has promised that she shall collate one for next issue.

SICK PARADE

Jim Milliner out of hospital now - well on to the road of recovery, we hope.

Hope Greg Findlater is soon up and about, as a nasty little virus took an intense dislike to him recently.

RICHARD CROSTON'S RAMBLINGS!!!!

Remember the bad old days when the car for the young man about town was a Cooper 'S'? - Flat chat along Coronation drive - get to the twisty bit near the A.B.C. - A wheel falls off - they weren't too bad on 3 wheels either!!!! Attempt to go parking up Mt. Coot-tha and end up stradling a log with all four wheels dangling in the midnight air?

To explain what bought on that fit of nostalgia, the other day a bright red Cooper pulled in to the garage - Mag wheels - fog lights - the Works -. The 'Dad's Army' type driver poked his head out - "Fill her up and check the oil Sonny".

On checking the oil the attendant - Dave - put a quart in (oops Litre) dipped it again and the level was still low.

"Shall I put in another pint Sir?" said Dave.

"I am having an oil change next week do you think it will be OK until then?" Said 'Dad's Army'.

"It'should be alright if you don't go dragging the Cops or anything like that."

"Good!" the driver said, "Put in another pint." And with that he roared off with the typical "Cooper S" scretchhh as the port wheel drive bit into the concrete.

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The above rambling may help to fatten up good old Octagon for New Year. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year.

R.C.

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CONFEDERATION OF AUSTRALIAN MOTOR SPORT

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A N I N V I T A T I O N

TO;
EXECUTIVES OF CLUB AND ALL MEMBERS WHO WISH TO ATTEND
STATE COUNCIL DELEGATES
MEMBERS OF SUB -COMMITTEES (AND THEIR PARTNERS)

C.A.M.S. ANNUAL DINNER

SATURDAY 25th FEBRUARY, 1978

VENUE: Queensland Soccer Club,
Perry Park, Mayne

PRE-DINNER DRINKS 7.30 p.m.

DINNER 8.00 p.m.

MENU - HOT ENTREE
SMORGASBORD
Roast Baron of Beef
Decorated Leg of Lamb
Dresses Whole Snapper
Decorated Leg of Ham
Selected Cold Meats and Salami
King Neptune Platter
FRUIT IN SEASON
SWEETS
PERCOLATED COFFEE

SUBSCRIPTION: \$26.00 Double. \$13.00 Single
(All inclusive - excluding liquers)

Please confirm to CAMS office by Friday, 17th Feb.
The names of intending diners. This is absolutely
necessary for finalisation of catering.

If possible forward subscriptions to Secretary
C.A.M.S. by Wednesday 22nd February.

B.J. MOY
Secretary.

THE PEOPLES CAR -

By Club Member 565 - Iain Corness

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Ever since motor vehicles became readily available to the general public there have been attempts to produce a true 'peoples car'. Probably the most successful concept to date has been the 'Beetle' which began pre- World War II in design and lasted till very recently.

However, even the Wolfsburg designers lost track of the original purpose - a simple car to suit the motoring needs of the majority. Here is where an international peoples car has great problems - the motoring public needs in Europe may not necessarily be the needs of the Australian public.

I believe that the Big 3 in Australia do not produce a car for the Australian motoring masses and are guilty of attempting to force the public into buying a car which is neither suitable nor correctly priced for them. As the 'terrible three' appear unable to design the true Australian car, as a public service, I present the blueprint and approximate costing of the Aussie car.

Firstly, imagine the three big volume sellers - Holden Kingswood, Ford Falcon, and Chrysler Valiant. For our purposes they are the same - 6 seater, 6 cylinder, 4 wheel transportation - adequate space, adequate power, and adequate in all departments, according to GMH/Ford/Chrysler. Wrong! These cars are far too technical, too ornate and over-equipped for a peoples car.

Take the window area for example - no true blue ocker actually looks out of the rear window - its only use is to prop up cushions and floppy-eared dogs with illuminating eyes. The side windows too are superfluous. By glancing sideways the driver may have to acknowledge that there is another vehicle on his right and perhaps give way - Not on, mate! So a true peoples car (Australian style) needs one forward facing glass only (cost saving \$500).

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The Peoples Car Cont'd..

Now take other equipment and see how much can be taken off. The following list contains most of the unnecessary items;-

- a. 4 headlights - one is sufficient - permanently on high beam. (Cost saving - \$100).
- b. Rear vision mirrors (2) none required (never used) (\$50)
- c. Windscreen wipers (2) - one only (driver does not look through both sides of the screen) (\$50)
- d. Spare wheel & tyre & tools - none required - spare is either bald and/or deflated also, and jack inoperable (\$80)
- e. Name badges - none required - most drivers like to put sunstrip on their windscreen with the name of the car on it anyway. (\$20)
- f. Windscreen washers - see (c.) above (\$50)
- g. 4 Doors - 2 only required - front drivers side and rear passenger side (\$600)
- h. 6 Seatbelts - totally unnecessary - either never used or worn too loose as silent protest (\$150)
- i. Assorted instruments none necessary - audible warning of high speeds (e.g. 65 kph) only required (\$160)

The Peoples Car Cont'd.

- j. Indicators - none required - use of these removes freedom of choice, important part of Australian democracy (\$90)
- k. Rearward adjusting seats - forward adjustment only required (if any) - nobody likes to get so far away from the steering wheel that you can't lean over it while cornering (\$40)
- l. 4 Arm Rests - totally unnecessary - keep a 'sill' where the windows used to be (\$60)

The cost saving so far is close to \$2,000 and brings the cost of a Kingswood/Falcon/Valiant down to the \$3,000 mark - true 'peoples Prices'!

I do realise that a certain individuality is lost with this type of car, so consequently I would suggest one optional extra. This would be a smooth steel plate approximately 4' X 1' affixed to the car, upon which all the necessary stickers (e.g. 'I've been to', 4BK, 4LP, CX-3, Channel 9 News etc.) can be fixed. The individual personality of the driver can thus be catered for and displayed prominently.

So there you are Australia - a car designed for your needs - a chance for the Big 3 to invigorate the Australian motoring industry. I've even thought of the advertising slogan :- "Drive Australian? Buy Australian".

Footnote; This article was penned after driving down the Coast at Christmas with roads clogged with 'Norms' yer average Orstraylian driver, every single one of them obviously confused by all the unnecessary equipment on their costly transportation.

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DE CIDER & DA VINO

Alias the Apple and Grape. It has a ruder name and if you're any good at rhyming slang you'll guess what it is.

After that you're doubtless still bemused. The explanation --- our biggest event next month is the

STANTHORPE APPLE AND GRAPE HARVEST FESTIVAL RALLY.

DATE --- 4th/5th MARCH.

ENTRIES CLOSE - 21st February.

PRIZE MONEY --- \$1,400.00 plus.

COMPETITIVE --- mostly short and sharp.

ROADS ----- Blacksoil to granite and various substances in between.

ROUTE CHART --- Will keep Navigators awake.

TRANSPORTS ---- Longest between competitiveness is 12km.

SERVICE CREWS - Stay put at point (so it's a cheap rally to run in).

SPECTATORS

Rally cars will take part in the Festival Parade which starts at 3.30, the cars join in at 4.30. They'll be parked in Rogers St. and that's where you can pick up spectator instructions. The New England Highway through Stanthorpe will be barricaded off - use the Stanthorpe by-pass and turn left at the 'Rally' sign. If you're not a rally or service car, park in Railway Street.

There's plenty to see and do in Stanthorpe, but when you want some motor sport we have the best ever spectator point for you.

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DE CIDER & DA VINO - 4th/5th MARCH CONT'D

Each car may be seen in action more than 20 times at various points within 1 km. of the spectator parking area.

In fact, if you're name's Paul Narracott, you might be able to see a car start and finish a section and take in a couple of corners on the way!

If you've never seen a Rally before, come and have a look at this one. Spectator Instructions will be available from B.S.C.C. on Wednesday, 1st March; from M.G.C.C. on Friday, 3rd March.

A word of warning. You can't light a fire for a barbecue and the police will probably be there to see that you don't.

WE NEED CONTROL OFFICIALS. Please contact Ross Moir on 265 1000 or Ann Thomson 378 1368. If you've never done the job before we'll teach you.

BE IN IT or WATCH IT or OFFICIAL IT !!!!!!!!!!!

REMEMBER THE DATE --4th/5th MARCH

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS OUT NOW.

FOR THE STANTHORPE APPLE & GRAPE HARVEST

FESTIVAL RALLY

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response we received
photographs taken last year
as you - fair enough. How about
our magazine. Ed.

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***** MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

YOUR

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

IS DUE NOW *****

FOR 1978

MEMBERSHIP NOW \$17

Joining \$3

COUNTRY \$12

Associate (i.e.wife)
\$8.50

(but can't score to annual trophies)

OVERSEAS if posted to Australian
\$5

ATTENTION!!ATTENTION!!ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!ATTENTION

AND DRACULLA CAME TOO!!!!!!

The scene -

Horgans' House New Year's Eve - All was quiet until the clock struck 12. But as the clock began to strike, another noise could be heard - a chain rattled on the tiles along the corridor of their new home - it was one of the Horgans' guests (John Moorehead), as this was a costume party. (Who said houses have to be old to have ghosts)

Worn out by his day work the Wharfie (alias David Miles) lie asleep on the floor, oblivious to all the goings on around him. Sadie (Meryl Miles) was doing her normal job to, keeping everything in order.

To keep the party clean (Sue McCracken) a tube of Colgates Toothpaste was presented to all, by Rocker (Cam).

Dracula (?) harrassed people left and right all night, with one poor guy receiving so many wounds from his flights of panic that he was bandages from head to toe (Tom Storrie)

Gary Scott had 'wings' for the night - as a TAA Hostie - bet he wishes he'd have 'em more often. But it was a swap role with his new fiance Fiona - who arrived in racing gear (minus the car though). Bad bit of planning by the Horgans - that you can't get a racing car in the family room. Not like Editor's house - Cooper Ford lives in rumpus room.

As two indians (Anna Fraser and Dale Johnson) danced a war dance in preparation to attack St. Trinian's school. Beethoven (Jill) played his last movement (Chris Burke) and 007 (with flippers - Rick Warland) rescued much prepared Schoolgirl (Ailsa Storrie) in time for lunch.

The morning became older as Madame (Karen Warland) advertised her prices to all in sight, including Dracula(?) and a Pirate friend (John Fraser).

All during the party a preggy 'Lil Abner (Helen Koppenol) cursed Charlie Brown very soundly.

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And Dracula Came Too!!

From all accounts a good time was had by all - if we've missed you out - you must have been that 'invisible person' - who kept drinking peoples drinks and pinching bottoms and the likes.

So until next New Year just watch out for 'him'.
And - by the way Dracula - who was that guy.....

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BODS & BENDS

Hear tell that Kaiser Stuhl's man Rick Warland has a new toy - ---Racing car - more details please.

Peter & Lorell (Frazer) have acquired a piece of land on the Atherton Tablelands - a long way from MG activities --- future investment apparently.

Received a letter from Jeannette & Robert Jones (Too-woomba) to say that they hope to be giving people a bit of competition down here on the Hillclimb scene this year as they're recently come back from Sydney and the House of MGs, where they purchased a BOBBIN FORD which was built specially for Hillclimbing in 1966. Good luck Jeannette & Rob.,

Strange noises like wailing Mini's and lots of mid night oil smoke are drifting down from Murgon way indicating that Robbie Wardrop is up to something. We think he's got little A. Jays in both eyes.

FOR OUR NEW MEMBER

We have frequently had our attention drawn to the fact that some members find they need to learn a new language to translate the programme. Here are some brief and straightforward descriptions of what the various events entail.

TABLE TOP RALLY.

Map provided by organisers unless otherwise stated. You require pencil, rubber and ruler. Rally type navigational instructions are given. You have to ~~work~~ work out the route and answer questions thereon. Usually divided into timed sections as for the real thing. All this happens in the club-rooms - hence the name.

NIGHT RUN.

Exercise in alertness conducted in the city and suburbs. Directions of the first right, second left, straight ahead at crossing variety. You have to answer questions to indicate that you went where you were meant to. No special equipment needed, but a street directory and torch are handy for when you get bushed. You hunt in pairs - navigator and driver. Usual duration $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 hours. Usual distance 20 to 30 miles. Passengers allowed. Enter on the night.

SCAVENGER HUNT.

Amounts to a list of unobtainable articles to be collected from ungetable places. Usually the route is free. Duration usually $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 hour. Number of passengers limited by number of seat belts. Enter on the night.

MOTORKHANA.

Test of driving skill at low speeds. Event consists of a number of short tests involving forward and reverse slalom, garaging, figure eights etc. Times to 1/10th second. Points lost for touching markers. May be held on grass or bitumen. For club event enter on the day.

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FOR OUR NEW MEMBER CONT'DHILLCLIMB

Test of driving skill and car preparation. Cars are electronically timed, one at a time. Field is divided into numerous classes, but unless you're one of the few fast ones, your aim is to get your own time down. Can't enter on the day.

SPRINT

Usually consists of a flying and standing 400 meters and flying and standing lap at one of the race circuits. Cars compete one at a time. Can't enter on the day.

AUTOCROSS

One at a time speed event similar to a Sprint, but on a grass circuit. Not suitable for cars with low ground clearance. Enter on the day.

FOR SALE: COOPER S Mini - either for the road or for Hillclimbing \$1,000 ONO Also trailer \$600 ONO
For full particulars contact Jeannette & Robert Jones
P.O. Box 579, Toowoomba.Q. 4350.

TROPHIES AVAILABLE IN THIS YEARS COMPETITION.

Ear mark one for your mantle piece now by competing in the required events.

BEST ALL ROUNDER; Member who has competed in at least
2 night runs
2 motorkhanas
2 speed events

BEST LADY COMPETITOR;
Member who has competed in at least
1 night run
1 motorkhana
1 speed event

SPEED TROPHY; Highest total after all speed events

GROUP D TROPHY; Prod. Sports Cars - MGBs, Midgets etc.

BEST T TYPE } Member who has competed in at least
BEST MG } two types of the following events;
night run
motorkhana
speed event

BEST NAVIGATOR; For night runs.

BEST TRIALS DRIVER; For night runs.

RACING CHAMPIONSHIP;

(a) Points scored in each class will be 5,4,3,2,1,1 etc. These points will be calculated from all competitors in that class, irrespective of club membership.

(b) Vehicle classes; All categories and groups will be Up to 1300cc; 1301cc -2000cc 2001cc and over.

(c) Events to count will be all unrestricted race meetings held in Queensland. Points will be awarded for the best

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TROPHIES FOR 1978 Cont'd.

performances on the day. The number of races scored per member at each meeting will be equal to the number of events open to the M.G.C.C. member having the best number of available starts in anyone car.

(d) Members entering more than one car in a meeting will only score with the car giving the greatest number of points.

(e) In the event of a tie the trophy will be awarded to the member who scores the greater number of points at the last meeting of the year.

RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP;

(a) Points will be awarded; 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 1 etc. to M.G.C.C. competitors according to their outright placings in any open rally or any closed rally to which M.G.C.C. is invited. Restricted events will not score.

(b) A trophy will be presented to the leading driver and navigator at the end of the year.

(c) In the event of a tie the trophies will be awarded to the members who scores the greater number of points at the last event of the year.

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BODS & BENDS

Believe Greg Findlater has painted his bug-eyed SPRITE 'Fast Red' -----to make him go faster.

Congratulations to Gary Scott & Fiona on the announcement of their recent engagement.

Dale Johnson has a new racing car - TRE Ford - good luck in same Dale.

ATTENTION BOOK -WORMS

Hereunder we mention just 2 books from a recently received list of books from -R. Dansterville's,
P.O. Box 155,
WILLOUGHBY.N.S.W. 2068

the complete list appears on the Club room walls, for your perusal.

"THE IMMORTAL 'T' SERIES" - Chris Harvey

According to the critics - the ultimate book for anyone who owns, has owned or pines to own a 'T' series. It is made up of history, biography, anecdotes and technical chapters, also interviews, advice and hints on maintenance. 250 pages, 22 colour plates and 150 B & W prints; it sells for \$20 + \$2 postage/packing

"THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE WORLD'S CLASSIC CARS" -

Graham Robson

A very well illustrated book. Abounding with colour photographs, colour side elevations and $\frac{3}{4}$ views of 250 of the world's classic cars. This one retails for \$15 + \$2 postage/packing.

BODS & BENDS

Neil Swaysland looks good in flippers, snorkel and goggles especially recently at a Kilcoy drinking house.

Geoff Smallman also had a moment in his rush to get to the same house!!! Nearly had a car moresmall that normall. (And he didn't write a Fifth Volume for us this issue either. Ed.)

Greg Fahey accomplished a fete extroadinere back in Dec.- 10 beers in 10 minutes - Any witnesses please step forward as this should go in the Guinness Book of Records!! (And Greg says there were no Bl..... witnesses that's what the whole problem was Ed.)

Dracula seen at Horgans party - who was he?????????????

FOR SALE: M.G.A. 1600 Diff. \$100 O.N.O. Grant Beaumont
Phone 391 - 2631.

WANTED BY OUR CLUB: One 7 H.P. Briggs & Stratton Engine
Horizontal output shaft, suitable for Rover Rider lawn
mower. Contact a Committee Member if you have any leads.

WANTED: Bulldozer & Operator, to do work at Mt. Cotton
Hillclimb i.e. level out area below machinery shed for
a motorkhana, parking, picnic, concours area etc. Price
- preferably nothing. Any clues contact a committee
member now.

FOR SALE: MGTF - suit restoration. Partially dismantled.
See Don Webster at the Clubrooms or Phone 225 7386(W).

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE IRISH TRUCK DRIVER -----

HE OPENED THE DOOR TO LET THE CLUTCH OUT....

BODS & BENDS

Don Webster took his Cooper MG down to the Oran Park
Historic Race Meeting on the January long week-end.
The car decided to get up to a few of it's old tricks
- 2 spins in the 1st run. However, after a stern
warning from Don, it behaved and allowed Don 4th
place in a handicap race.

Peter Rayment very sad this week after he had to cut
down an old iron bark tree at Mt. Cotton. It was in
the 'road' of the new fence alignment.

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Your C.A.M.S. Delegate is Ann Thomson - if you have any problems contact Ann on 378 1368.

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DONT FORGET C.A.M.S. DINNER ON 25th FEBRUARY - see page 5.

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Your Octagon Editor now will be MEG O'SHANESY
Contact Meg on 391 3443 -