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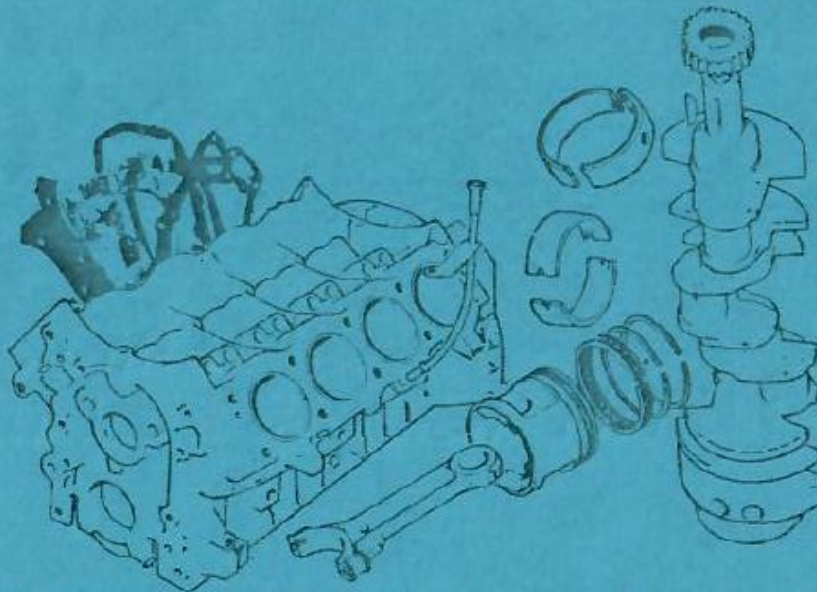
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FROM THE
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DESK...



Dear Fellow Members...

What a year 1985 is going to be! Getting away to a bright start, it gives me great pleasure to announce an annual pointscore competition for a PRESIDENT'S TROPHY.

Points will be gained at all NSW race meetings and hillclimbs in which we take part as an Association. And, to make it fair for everyone, we will establish a Division 1 and Division 2 with a line approximately halfway through the practice times - as they do so successfully up in Queensland.

First, second and third placegetters in each Division will gain points which then accumulate through the year, till we find an eventual worthy recipient of the President's Trophy. I'll be providing this Trophy, of course, along with a couple more for the runners-up, and I hope that each successive Association President will continue the idea.

The last six weeks have been busier than I'd intended, following an urgent call from Don Holland just before Christmas. The former Mini "great" had made a comeback, as you know, but unfortunately he can't continue with Appendix J, so was offering his Cooper S for sale.


Well, I can't stand to see old racing drivers crying, so I bought the little rocket - would you believe it's done 63.3 at Amaroo, so it's no slouch! - and since Christmas have given it a tidy-up, a respray and fitted one of our "trick" heads.

I'll be running it for the upcoming Oran Park and Amaroo meetings, and Dave Clement will give it a run at the March 10 Sandown Historic. Then, my friends, I will be offering this trick little device for sale at a sensible price - a top car with all the assistance needed to knock off Bruce, Frank and myself!

Meanwhile, my No.79 car has been getting the treatment, too, with a New Year dust-up that includes rings, bearings and front suspension bushes that will keep the wheels pointing in the right direction. (Dartell, please note!)

Thanks to some excellent negotiation work by our former Trophy Marshall, Roland Hill, and our new one, Pat Peck, we will have a magnificent line-up of trophies for events throughout 1985. Negotiations are also being conducted with the CAMS to secure more Open meeting appearances - two per year at each circuit is disgraceful.

As you know, there are a lot of new faces on the Committee for 1985, and I'm pleased to say they've been working hard already. My thanks to Ray Bailey and John Tilley for organising the new T-Shirts, caps and badges you'll see at the February meeting, and to Max S for arranging our new Licence/Membership Cards. See you on the 5th...


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FROM THE
SECRETARY'S DESK...

FIRSTLY, a Very Happy and Successful New Year to all members - and, especially for the circuits, a safe and enjoyable one. Let's all have a lot of fun this year, with emphasis more on the camaraderie than the competition.

GRAEME and Roberta Douglas have sold their home at St Clair and have moved to Brisbane, where they plan to open a small business, probably a sandwich/coffee shop. Graeme will soon be terrorising our Queensland friends with his new Studebaker Cruiser, which he plans to bring down to Sydney occasionally. Quite a change from his previous Minis, the Stude features a 283 Chev V8, T10 box and Jag discs and is very close to hitting the track - and nothing else, we hope, Graeme!

ALSO changing his mount is Marc Ducquet, who has bought Mike Westall's Triumph 2000. Marc has already done a 56.5 at Oran Park with the car "as is", and he expects it to give the EHS a lot of hurry-up when it gets the full treatment.

MARC still has his Falcon, of course, but is still having transmission trouble, although it's moved from the 2-speed automatic box to the diff, of which he has now blown three! Still, he's doing the same times he reached in the Chevy Nova, so he can't complain, he says. On the Nova, by the way, Marc says he's quite disgusted at the amount of money being spent on that car - \$7000 on the brakes alone, he hears.

ANYBODY want a good apprentice? Committeeman Bruce Smith has a 16-year old son, Mathieu, who is busting his neck to be a motor mechanic. He will be a good one, too, Bruce reckons - all he needs is a start. Call him on 487-1460.

THOSE of you who haven't entered for Oran Park on February 17 should grab the opportunity to run at magnificent Mt Panorama. It's in the opposite direction, I hasten to point out, and just that section from the top of Conrod Straight to Skyline, in the "Civic Centenary Historic Hillclimb", organised by the Bathurst Light Car Club. Entries close February 17 (or Feb 15 for only \$15) and each entrant should get six runs. I'll have Entry Forms/Supp Regs at the General Meeting.

OUR Trophy Marshalls, Roland Hill (past) and Pat Peck (present) have done a great job in the past few months and for 1985 we'll be more than adequately provided with trophies. As you know, Appendix J rules prohibit the payment of prizemoney, so trophies become our valued reward. This year we welcome with much warmth the following sponsors:

LES VAGG HOLDEN, Pennant Hills - Trophies for main event, Amaroo Park;

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At ORAN PARK Open meetings, trophies will be provided for 1-2-3 Outright and five classes by LTR Properties Oran Park Pty Ltd - thank you, Jim Ferguson;

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The ARDC will provide Trophies for 1-2-3 Outright in the main event at the two Amaroo Park Open meetings - thank you, Ivan Stibbard.

YOU will have noticed a new Sponsor in that list - WINDSCREEN WORLD, with brand new branches at 603 Parramatta Rd., Leichhardt and 544 Pacific Highway, Chatswood, both of which are being run by our old pal, Ernie Clark, who gave us so much support when he was with Windcreens O'Brien and, of course, is an Association member with a GT Cortina.

SPEAKING of Ernie Clark and his Cortina: he won't have to share it with son, Steve, any more. Thanks to a couple of generous friends and lots of hard work the past few months, the Clarks will have a Cortina each. This father-and-son thing is catching on. Better hurry, Rob!

DOUBLE congratulations are in order for hard-working Committeeman, Mike Dyer, winner of the 1984 Most Improved Award. Peter and Betty Lopez observed every race last year and kept a meticulous pointscore. From it all emerged Mike, who wins that handsome perpetual trophy made and donated by David Clement's father, Les. Then, following the retirement of the equally hard-working Geoff Simmons from his long-held position as CAMS Eligibility Officer, Mike was unanimously voted in.

GEOFF'S last duty coincided with Mike's first, as the pair of them combined to clarify the position of the Yokohama A001R tyres that a few people thought were eligible for Group N. Being included on the list approved for Group E, the A001R was nevertheless not intended for us, and a letter sent from the HCC to Geoff confirmed that fact. Meantime, Mike established that the new Goodyear Grand Rally S will replace the popular Super Steel. Stocks of the new 75 ratios - P165/75 SR13 and 14 - are steadily improving, along with the P195.

FOLLOWING a suggestion by John Williams, our raffles at future Club meetings will be limited to \$1 tickets, but buy as many as you like.

BUSY 1985 CALENDAR. As you will see on your new Club Licence/Member-ship Card (which you receive on payment of your fees), your Committee has tabled quite an extensive and active Competition Calendar for the year ahead. As it is the practice of your Association to advise race organisers of our members' names and addresses (with updates every few months), Supp Regs/Entry Forms for all these programmed meetings will be posted directly to you. If, however, they don't for some reason, then it is your responsibility to contact the relevant race organiser - after first making sure, of course, that you are financial in this Association. Meanwhile, here is the calendar...

FEBRUARY	17	Oran Park races (Open)
	17	Bathurst Hillclimb
MARCH	3	Amaroo Park Races (Open)
	10	Amaroo Park races (AARC)
	10	Sandown Historic races (Open)
	24	Oran Park races (NSWRRC)
APRIL	21	Oran Park races (MRA Restricted)
MAY	5	Oran Park races (Open)
	26	Winton races (Historic) *
JUNE	2	Oran Park races (NSWRRC)
JULY	7	Amaroo Park races (Open) *
	28	Oran Park races (NSWRRC)
AUGUST	11	Amaroo Park races (Historic)
SEPTEMBER	8	Oran Park races (NSWRRC)
	22	Oran Park races (Open)
		22 Lakeside races (Historic) *
	20	Huntley Hillclimb (W'gong SCC) *
NOVEMBER	3	NSSCC Six Hour Relay (Amaroo)
	17	Oran Park races (NSWRRC)
DECEMBER	14	Oran Park races (MRA Restricted)

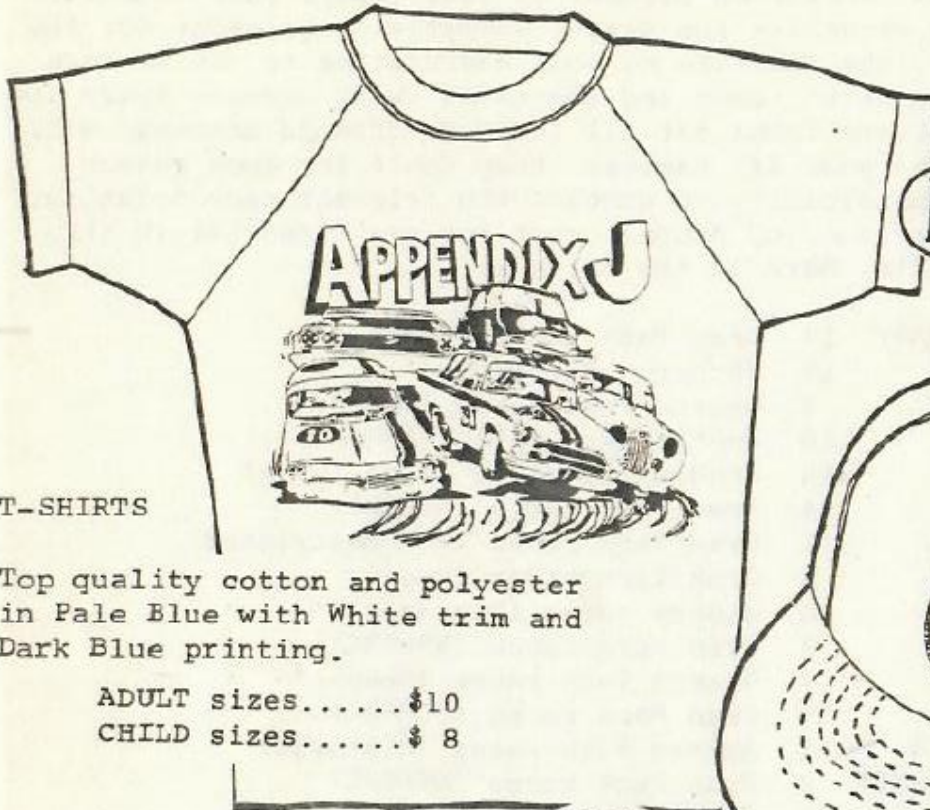
* Rounds of the Tri-State Challenge

YOU will have noticed the profusion of race meetings at Oran Park - ten meetings altogether - and because of this your Committee has made some very interesting decisions that will increase our enjoyment of those Oran Park meetings during this and future years. There'll be an exciting announcement on this subject at the Feb 5 General Meeting.

AN interesting suggestion was made at last month's Committee Meeting: that we discuss with race organisers the proposition that, because of the restriction of Appendix J races to only two Open meetings at each circuit, Interstate entries be arranged by invitation. Rob Tweedie is to discuss the idea with the Vic and Qld Associations before putting it to the circuit managers. It would certainly save the frustration of not getting a start Interstate, as well as ensure a good visiting line-up.

SUCH an arrangement would, of course, facilitate the organisation of this year's Tri-State Challenge rounds (see Calendar), for if each State organises its team to be invited, then race organisers will know well in advance who is coming. Who knows, we may even get some publicity!

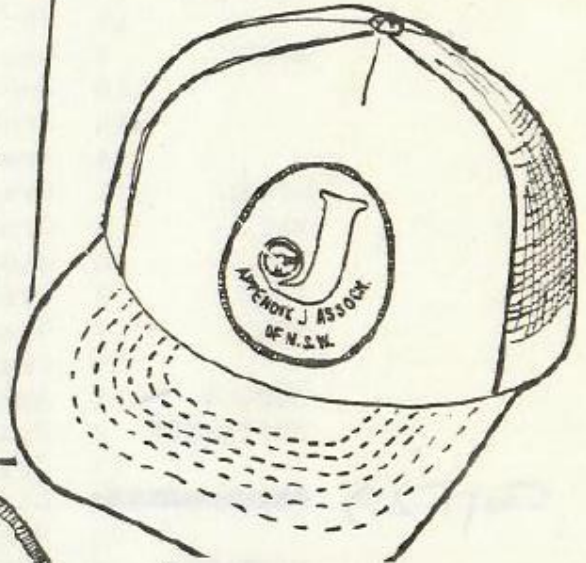
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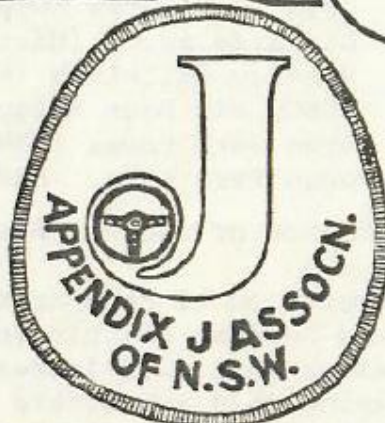
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This will show that you are a financial member of the Association and the card will be sent back with your Licence.

I'm signing up to have some fun!

The Treasurer,
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THE time: 10.30am. The day: Sunday, December 16. You know who was first to arrive at Paradise Gardens, but only 10 minutes from Chris Strode and family, then the rest rolled up in dlibs and drabs.

Frank Dartell came and set up the table and shade. Close behind him - just like on the track - it was "Big Bob" Tweedie and his mighty Mini, loaded to the gunwales with small table, food, beer, McGoo (the dog) and Peg - but no shade! S'pose you can't fit everything into a Min!

With everybody there at last the day began with the odd can or three. The decorations were hung and the raffle tickets made ready for the all-important draw scheduled for later in the day.

All these odds and ends out of the way the stage was set for the day's sporting events. Ray Bailey and his work party put up the tent known as "The Big Blue Thing", providing lots of welcome shade. Thanks, folks.

The Tiny Tots races were first, followed by the various age groups up to the geriatrics. We didn't keep any accurate results or records, but congratulations to all the winners and all those who made the effort to have a go.

Santa and his helper arrived at 2.00pm and handed out a huge selection of presents. He was a big hit with the kids - and his helper a bigger hit with the bigger kids! Yep, the lovely Lisa was there again - and her extra special Christmas kiss for one lad made us all wish we could lose a few years (or decades!)

Oh, boy, it was hot now, so we all made for the shade. Except the kids, of course, who headed for the waterslide or anywhere else they could be wet and cool. We preferred the cool stuff to be on the inside.

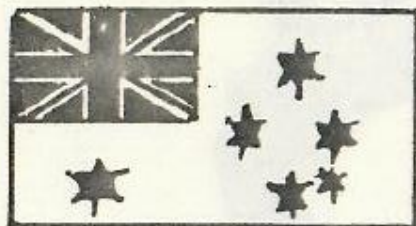
Time to leave, 4.30, came all too soon, but for many it was a long trek home. It had been a great day and well worth the effort.

There'd been even more effort behind the scenes and before the event. I'd like to say a big "Thank You" to Santa and his helper for the fine job they did to make the kids happy, and to Anne Williams and Anne Bailey and their helpers for all their organising work. Thanks, girls.

We'll do it again next Christmas, too. See you there.

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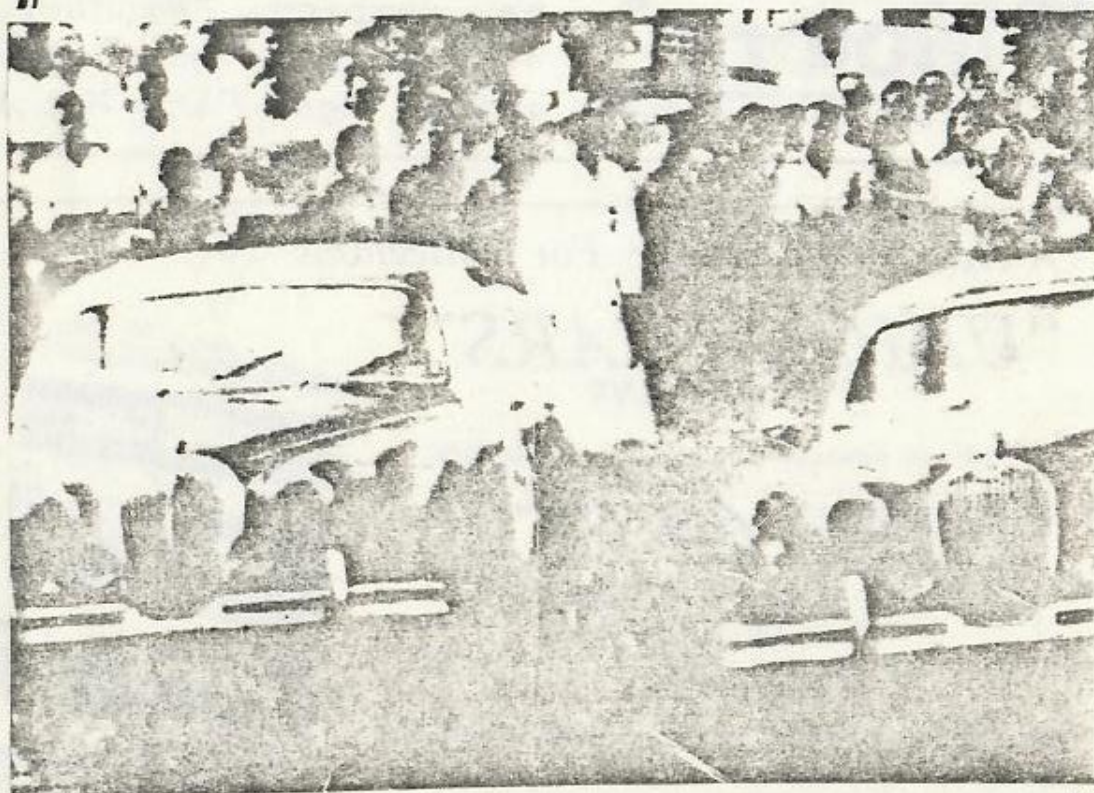
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THE MT PANORAMA ASSOCIATION

In conjunction with the Historic Bathurst Hill Climb on Sunday, 17 February 1985, the 50 Years of Bathurst Steering Committee will be reporting to a public meeting at the Mitchell College Union Auditorium on Saturday 16 February at 2.30 pm.

At this meeting the Steering Committee will outline its proposals for February 1988 which include the foundation of the Mt Panorama Association to promote a major historic car and motor cycle race meeting, to preserve the history of the circuit, and support the proposed museum.

Applications are invited for two categories of membership:

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The inaugural general meeting of the Mt Panorama Association will be held at the conclusion of the public meeting to conduct the following business, and nominations are invited for President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Committee:

1. Adoption of draft constitution
2. Election of Officers and Committee
3. General business

At the conclusion of business, B.B.Q. facilities will be available at the Bathurst Light Car Club, Conrod Straight, which will be open for a social evening.

Enquiries: Terry Wright 888 2875 (h) Ross Hodgson 498 5398 (h)

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MOTOR SHOW at MT DRUITT

IT was a bit short notice, but two of our members were able to get themselves and their cars organised and go on display at the BEAMES AVENUE MOTOR SHOW early in December.

Ron McDonnell had his Mini and Mark Oberg his Chevy, and they joined a large number of Street Rods and Walter Giles' speedway car in a Motor Show organised by Beames Avenue Auto Spares - one of our Club's regular supporters.

Trade support came from Bardahl, Spartan Paints, Repo and Valvoline, who presented our boys with some special prizes by way of thanks for making an appearance. Naturally, they were keen to know if we could come back in 1985, so let's see what we can do with a bit more notice.

Events like this are invaluable to our Club, providing an opportunity to publicise both ourselves and our sponsors. And it's a good social outing, too. Be ready for 1985, OK? Thanks.

Allan Garner - Club Social Committee.



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