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Classic Touring Cars April 1996



GENERAL MEETING

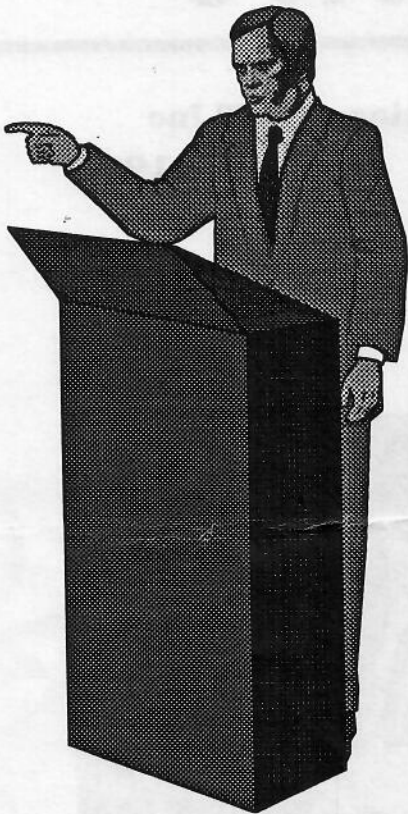
Tuesday May 7 8pm

*"Discussion regarding forthcoming Historic Car
Commission Meeting - Suggestions and ideas from Members
would be welcome"*

Burwood RSL Club

96 Shaftsbury Road, Burwood

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Well another month gone by and I am back at the typewriter reporting again. We have had a busy month culminating in the Truck Series last weekend, and what an event it was. The Sponsors were happy, Oran Park were happy, the weather was perfect and the racing from all accounts was brilliant. Certainly where I was it was good and judging by the crowd reaction from the other side of the circuit who just clapped and cheered at race end I think I can assume everyone else had a good time too. See what Harry has to say in his race report later in the magazine.

Our sponsors, Ray and Sue from Auto Fever came down to the BBQ/presentation and participated in the presentation

and Sue was good enough to also draw the lucky \$100 gift vouchers from the hat and present them complete with kisses for the winners.

The Oran Park meeting was also notable for some decisions being made to tidy up our "Home of Appendix J Racing" area. Several club members spent quite a deal of time discussing what should be done to the garage and surrounds. I have had a talk to Peter Longhurst of Oran Park and Alan Wick and a band of volunteers are in the process of planning what to do to restore the area to its former glory and beyond, hopefully by the next round of the Truck Series. If you have any ideas, please share them with Alan and I am sure there are vacancies in the volunteer club, so lets chip in and get it done. Entry forms are out for the next meeting at Oran Park on June 2 and also coming up is the "Jack Lacey Memorial Race" at Lakeside Historics, which the club would like to support. The Queenslanders support us well and there is nothing like a bit of Queensland hospitality at Lakeside. I was speaking to Greg Burrowes and Linda Jonathan today and they are keen to have as many as possible compete. They are prepared to do whatever is necessary to ensure we turn up in good numbers. I unfortunately will not be able to go as my family have refused me a leave pass for that weekend, insisting that their plans do not include motorsport of any kind. I guess I will have to wait till next year to enjoy that well known Lakeside hospitality.

The Club continues to prosper with many members rejoining after last months reminder notice and we have had several new members join also. The target I predicted last month now looks well within reach. Its great to see renewed interest in Nb with several marques not seen before threatening to appear and I believe that Nc cars are coming along well and should grace the track before years end.

Our eligibilty Officers report to the meeting last month gave an indication that nationally we are getting our house in order and I have also spoken to my Victorian counterpart, Wayne Thompson on several matters which will improve communications between the respective clubs so the future for our class could not look brighter. I look forward to seeing you at Burwood RSL for the General Meeting on Tuesday.

Regards,

Bob

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LIFE MEMBERS

Mike Dyer Max Stahl

Auto Fever Point Score

R. Donnelly	26.33
R. Asher	21.00
P. O'Brien	20.66
R. McKenzie	18.66
G. Smart	17.33
D. Beveridge	16.66
M. Glover	16.00
B. Tilley	15.00
P. Ward	14.33
G. Toepfer	14.00
A. Smyrnis	14.00
V. Vujadinovich	12.33
T. Bradley	12.33
C. Tilley	11.33
R. Brincat	11.00
A. Barrow	11.00
K. Ballantyne	9.00
R. Harris	8.00
J. Lyle	7.00
B. Brown	7.00
B. Peters	6.66
F. Burley	6.33
A. Wick	3.30
R. Tebb	3.00
S. Butchart	1.00

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Minutes of the General Meeting Tuesday April 2

Apologies

A. Huxley, M. Dyer, J. Dowsett, P. Powell, L. Walker, B. Ferguson, R. Donnelly.

Minutes of previous meeting were passed with correction to Lakeside being incorrectly shown as being included on the the point score

Correspondence

Letters from: Group N Australia; Syd Grevett; Wayne Thompson

Letters sent: to Group N Australia; Syd Grevett; seeking information from Wayne Thompson; thanking Andrew Manson and offering framed photo in appreciation.

It was moved by Marc Ducquet and seconded by Ross MacKenzie that the members present indicate by a show of hands that because of the actions of Syd Grevett which are seen as prejudicial to the interests of the Association that Syd be censured for those actions. A vote was taken and carried unanimously.

A further motion was moved by Marc Ducquet and seconded by Mark Edwards that this Association communicate with parties that we deal with, advising them that Group N Australia and its principals, Syd Grevett and Graham Harris do not represent in any way the Appendix J Association of NSW Inc. This motion was carried unanimously.

Presidents Report

-Sponsors pleased with Oran Park program

-Discussions held with T. Caldersmith re eligibility matters.

-Discussions held with Wayne Thompson re Historic Touring Car Association.

-Reported on CAMS related matters, particularly TEGA and their attitude on entry fees.

Matter to be communicated to CAMS.

Treasurers Report

Balance of Account \$5340

Fixed Deposit \$7000

Outstanding \$735-35

Balance \$11604-65

Public Relations

Still looking for magazine advertisers. Any "For Sale" or "Wanted" were welcome.

Competition

Oran Park on June 2 and Amaroo on June 23 are now open to all categories.

Best 6 results for championship still apply.

Eligibility Report

Lloyd Cleaver and Peter Sugden gave a lengthy report on matters discussed at the recent National Eligibility meeting in Melbourne. Further details will follow after ratification by the HCC.

General Business

-Hoosier Tyres now available for Minis.-A request to the CAMS delegate to raise with CAMS the timing of the compulsory drivers briefings.-Raffle was drawn.

Meeting closed at 10:58 with the club buying the drinks at the bar afterwards.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Falcon Flat"
via Ford River NSW
14/4/96

Dear Sir,

What a "Woolly Wuss" that Woolly J Jumper is. Whats he on about.? Is he trying to sell a poverty package or something? Let me tell you my friends, there are plenty of sheepstations about for a million or two, we dont have to change. If you cant afford the sheepstations you cant afford to race in this category. The trouble with you guys is you just dont spend enough on it, if you did we'd all be racing V8's and giving the Johnsons and Brocks curry. Come on you guys, get with it, all get V8's buy up big sheepstations, stop living in the sixties, we didnt race those Holdens because we liked them you know, they were all there were. But now you can get anything and big is better. Lash out, get with it, change the face of history, buy a big V8 and some real sheepstations.

Egos forever,

Nobby Twonose

Room 223
"Mustang House"
Daydream Rd,
Kirribilli NSW

Dear Sir,

A friend of mine passed on you club magazine to me with the letter from Wolly J Jumper. I read with interest and I think we can do something beneficial to both of us.

My brother in law knows a man who has a friend who is married to a girl who goes out with a man who has some very reasonably priced pieces of land in the Northern Territory. Granted they are not sheepstations but they were once Cattle Stations and they are very reasonably priced. They are not big but each has its own title and I think they could let you carry on as before for reduced cost. They are very cheap and I could discuss with you a bulk deal if you wish. Reason I can do good deal is this man has subdivided into five acre parcels and in Northern Territory you get big Cattle Station, makes plenty of five acre blocks.

I look forward to meeting you to discuss a deal.

Your Friend,
Rippem Offa

Group Na

Andrew "Axeman" Pursey

Group Na News and Views

Engine/gearbox rebuilds continue - my engine is almost finished, *Hux*'s engine has only just been started and *Mac*'s gearbox has gone for repair.

This activity raises serious doubts about the number of Na entries for the June NSWRRRC meeting at Oran Park. Current entries are me, *Ticko* and *Hux* (rebuild permitting). *Mac* is running the Austin 7 at Winton the weekend before, so he is excused duties. However, that does leave other people yet to enter - how about it?

Remember the old saying - "You have to be in it to win it". The June meeting counts towards the pointscore, and, it gives you a chance to limber up ready for Wakefield Park in July (be there, or face a very mad axeman!).

Not much new car activity to report after last month, but, there is an evil rumour doing the rounds that Grahame Hill is preparing an Austin Lancer, but not in British Racing Green. The continuing growth in the ranks of the BMC Brigade will be welcome and the racing should become even better with more cars of similar performance (can't comment on the drivers!).

Talking of performance - what about the carry-on in NZ with the fuel changes. You get ten extra brake horsepower for one week and then the car catches fire. Wait until our politicians latch onto that concept - mind you, based on their usual performance maybe it'll be Canberra that goes up in flames (we should be so lucky!).

Talking of cooking, I experienced a whole new culinary delight up in Cooloolah at a conference last week - Smoked Lamb. There were two large triangles of meat (I think) swimming in a sea of wine sauce - some people were unkind enough to suggest that it was actually a Queensland revenge on interstateers; it is the new way of serving Cane Toad and disposing of two types of pest in one hit.

However, such foodstuff does have one beneficial effect - reducing the weight of the driver has to be the cheapest way of improving the performance of the car.

See you at Oran Park in June, if not before at the next Club Night - and keep on building those Na cars in the meantime.

.... "Axeman"

Group Nb

Phil Powell

Speaking to fellow members, some interest has been expressed in organizing a team of Appendix J cars to compete in the 6 hour relay race at Eastern Creek in October. we could organize teams of Mini Coopers, Ford Cortinas, EH Holdens or mixed teams from Nb cars from a minimum of 3 to a maximum of 6.

Perhaps we could also get together a Group Nc team of Ford GTHO's and Torana XU1's as the number of these could support a team. Group Na also could run a team as sheer speed does not win the 6 hour relay. To compete in the relay you must practice all the cars in the team, then select the time that all team members can comfortably circulate at. Points are gained by driving as close to the nominated time and you will be penalised by travelling either too fast or too slow. If you break down you can take the sash off the car and run back to the pits (hope you dont break down on the outside of the back hill) so the next team member can take over.

The stress of running the car for 30 -60 laps of Eastern Creek should not be too taxing as you can drive at an easily maintained speed. If you consider a normal race meeting of practice and 3 races, the amount of laps is not that much further for each car, and unlike a race meeting your car is not travelling flat out.

We will also need a number of volunteers for Pit crew and Team managers on the day.

If you have any interest in competing, please speak to either myself or Lloyd Cleaver.

Keep up the good work Group Nb drivers!

Phil Powell

N^c NEWS

Mick Donaher

Hi there.

Well, another successful truck meeting has been run and won by Ross Donnelly in his familiar Nc Mustang and congratulations to him for a good drive, but of even more interest was the performance of the No. 77 Torana XU1 of Mick Glover which was driven extremely well into third place and made up an Nc 1, 2, 3 for the day.

Peter O'Brien's Falcon XY also put on a good display and battled hard for second place but the Mustang was too good on the day. Congratulations to Robert Tebb also in his yellow Nc Torana XU1 who I think experienced some teething problems and finished a little further down the order than he would have liked, but nothing a bit more work and experience wont fix, but nice to see the big Nc decals on the left and right hand panels.

Finally I would like to see some faxes with car and driver details so I can keep a record of who has what car and how I can spell your name and so on.

Thats all for now, see you at the next meeting.

Mick.

RACE NOTES

From The Pit Wall at Oran Park

by Mark "Harry" Edwards

Well the weekend for the Australian Super Truck Championship dawned with splendid weather and an air of anticipation around the track, hoping for a good days racing.

Ross Donnelly had been placed on pole in qualifying on Saturday with Peter O'Brien next to him in the Falcon GT. Brad and Cameron Tilley in their respective Valliants on three and four with the Holden duo of Ross McKenzie and Greg Toepfer behind and ready for a dog fight. Mick Glover in his XU1 Torana was next. Newcomer to the club "Farmer John" Lyle was in nine ahead of Bob Asher and a gaggle of Mini's, Cortina's, FJ's and EH's, oh and of course the Jag.

I don't really remember much about the specifics of the first race, except that the racing was so close and so exciting with lead changes every half lap. Ross Donnelly, Peter O'Brien and Brad Tilley diving around each other into Recaro corner and drag racing down the straight. Rosco and Greg chasing and dodging each other for the full five laps with a hint of tag "just for the fun" of it. All the usual dices all through the field gave the crowd all the entertainment that they could handle with Bob Asher and Val Vujadinovich leading the Cortina, Mini and FJ dices. All the usual battles and fun followed with Ross Donnelly 1st, Brad Tilley 2nd and Peter O'Brien 3rd at the chequered flag.

Race two saw everybody start in their finishing position in race one with the exception of Brad Tilley who didn't appear at the start. The red light flashed to green and a wall of cars erupted down the straight, this start was even closer than the first race and it seemed as though most of the field arrived at Agip at the same time but gladly not one car was pushed off. The racing was just as good for this race with the Ford muscle scraping over the lead with Mick Glover getting between Ross and Greg and off into third while excitement and action followed almost the full length of the circuit, there was action everywhere.

The crowd were yelling and cheering all around the track as there was action for all to see with Cortinas dodging FJ's, Mini's chasing EH's the Jag whistling down the straight and cars jostling for class positions everywhere.

Rosco's battle with Greg ended when Greg's car began failing with a misfire leaving him to try and catch Mick Glover's XU1 who being the big improver on race day was trying to catch the "Roaring Fordies" out front so race two finished with Ross Donnelly 1st, Peter O'Brien 2nd, Mick Glover 3rd, Ross McKenzie 4th and Val Vujadinovich 5th (possibly his highest placed finish, good one Val).

Race three was almost a non event with the officials in the dummy grid telling all the drivers this was a short and reverse grid race (oops who goofed) but after a little discussion with the officials everything was sorted out and away we go again. The Mustang jumped away from the line like a shot from a gun and everyone followed through at top speed. Greg Toepfer screamed away from the rear of the grid as though he was on a mission, he was as it would appear later. All was well for most of the first lap was just as in the previous races until Ross in his EH almost stopped forward progress as his gearbox wouldn't select a gear which allowed Bob Asher and Dave Beveridge in their Mini's to pass, as well as one or two others. Ross in his words, "reeffed the bastard into gear" and set off again to get back the positions he lost and put as much track as possible between his car and his black nemesis, car 88, driving like a man possessed he seemed to engulf the whole field and dices were going on everywhere. Rod Brincat and Fred Burley were racing close, real close, Allan Barrow signaling he had a problem with his car but not with his huge grin. Rosco deciding the best way to pass a Mini was around the outside at Agip corner "twice" and Greg Toepfer carving his way towards the front which led to another three lap tag match between the two EH's, the two locked together literally for the full radius of Agip corner. Entry to exit. They were side by side with of course Ross on the outside. What a last lap dice! The crowd were heard above the engines combined roar as they showed their appreciation for the great racing that had been displayed by all the drivers. The final race was won by the Mustang of Ross Donnelly, Peter O'Brien second and Mick Glover third.

Smiles and handshakes were the order of the day back in the pits as everyone said what a great race they had had. Thanking each other for such a great event. As soon as the loading of cars had begun the main event began, the ceremonial sparking of the BBQ and the beginning of the presentation which was presided over by our generous sponsors Sue and Ray Humphreys of Auto Fever. Many thanks to them for the support they have given us. So in closing, a really great day for all those who participated and for those who watched. It really was just like the good all days of Appendix J racing so if you feel as though you missed something special, you did! But dont despair, there are still two rounds to go. Great racing! Great mateship! Good times all round can be had by you if you just enter! If you dont, you could just miss out on the best time of your life, just ask anyone who was there. See you at the track!!!

1996 Pointscore

After 3 Rounds

Division 1

R.Asher	58.32
R.McKenzie	47.66
C.Tilley	46.65
D.Beveridge	36.32
B.Tilley	22.66
B.Pearson	22.33
S.Butchart	20.33
V.Vujadinovich	15.00
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A.Barrow	24.66
J.Dunning	23.66
G.Smith	18.00
B.Harris	17.33
L.Cowan	17.00
P.Ward	16.33
R.Owers	15.00
B.Callan	13.33
K.Brigden	6.66
C.Strode	5.66

Group Nc

R.Donnely	52.66
M.Glover	35.66
P.O'Brien	35.33
W.Bossie	15.00
R.Tebb	11.33
A.Puckett	11.00
M.Ducquet	7.66
R.Hogarty	1.00

Group Na

D.Titcume	20.00
M.St.John-Cox	18.66
A.Pursey	15.66
S.Edwards	13.00
B.Priddle	11.33
A.Huxley	1.66

Net News

Greetings from Cyberspace (not really, but it sounds suitably wanky) with the second in a continuing series of news from the Internet.

The Cortina crew from last column are still going strong and I hope to see Enfrdowner (Doug Thomas) next time I visit the US. Doug has an expat Kiwi mate called John Ayton (ToriteKiwi@aol.com) in Los Angeles who runs a couple of MkII Cortinas and is happy to get any MkII info.

I have now found a couple of A30/35 enthusiasts who would be happy to get any news, info etc:-

cdorranc@mail.llion.org (Cheryl Dorrance)
pb14@leicester.ac.uk (Phil Beesley)

Cheryl, based in Wisconsin, USA, has an A30 waiting a total restoration and an A40 Devon which they have just started restoring. Also, she has found a couple of Austin Americas, if anybody has any knowledge.

Phil, based in Leicester, UK (by coincidence near where I used to live), has an operational A35 and a Triumph Herald (remember that "interesting" rear suspension) that provides daily transport.

Both would be pleased to hear from fellow A30/35 enthusiasts - come on Mac and Grahame, this is your opportunity to hit the Net.

Finally, please note that my email address has changed slightly (have gone to a new ISP (Internet Service Provider)), should you feel the urge to dance the light fantastic across the keyboard and send me email.

Andrew Pursey (MorrisOxford@s054.aone.net.au)

Hey guys and gals! Lets surf the net as they say. Dust of the old surfboard and nail it to the roof of your latest set of wheels. Start perfecting that irresistable saying "Giddy chick, me and me mates really dig you". Head for the surf and look out for the shark nets. That is what they mean by 'surf the net' isnt it? This high tech stuff could seriously effect our current motor racer image, we might have to stop dragging our knuckles along the ground.

Fast Eddie (Drop@Valve.send.money.u.mug)

AUTO FEVER TRUCK SERIES "DRAW FROM THE HAT" WINNERS


Congratulations to the following five entrants in the **AUTO FEVER** Truck Series at Oran Park who win \$100 orders to **AUTO FEVER**.

Alan Puckett
Peter O'Brien
Rod Brincat
Barrie Brown
Steve Butchart

Remember, anyone who enters and turns up to the meeting is eligible for the draw. Enter one round and your name goes in the hat once. Enter twice and it goes in twice, and three times gives you three chances. Next rounds : August 18 and October 19.

SPECIAL THANKS to the following people for their help at Oran Park on April 21st. Their involvement made the day the success it turned out to be.

Ross Mckenzie
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