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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

VALE - RON HODGSON

I was saddened to hear of Ron Hodgson's passing. Ron contributed so much to Appendix J and Motor sport in general. There will be more eloquent words said by people who knew him better, suffice it to say he will be missed by many and to Anne and his family I extend the Associations sincere condolences.

### General

Your Committee has been busy with organising the behind the scenes activities that always are necessary for the smooth running of any club. Quotes for T shirts have been organised along with club caps. An order form is included in this magazine. - next month.

Rob Ingram has done a great job in organising a stand at the club motorshow with 4 cars displayed with a racing theme. Castrol will be helping out with videos and display material. Robs just found out about who can help and my thanks go to Bill Coote and Boss, Marg and Ron L, Tom and Julie Amos, Ray Bailey, Frank Binding, Tweeds, Mick Donaher and all the other people who helped out on the stand and during the weekend.

### Lakeside

If you haven't already heard or been contacted yet, Lakeside is on and the Old Appendix J association will billet competitors who wish to go and compete. The meeting is on May 6th (clashes with O/P Ed). If you are interested then phone me on 546 4452 and I will forward info onto Don Thallon.

### Phillip Island

A good weekend! Great circuit. Unfortunately CAMS implemented the first of no doubt a number of charges for repeated infringements. A competitor was given a 3 month holiday for failing to comply with a log book entry. In fact, the car had been logged twice before. Tch Tch! You have been warned.

### Raffle

Some people will do anything for a drink. Ross McKenzie sold eight (8) yes 8 books in the first three days. With such gusto the raffle will be drawn as soon as all the book butts are returned to Ron L. There are very few tickets left.

Enjoy your racing.

Marc Ducquet



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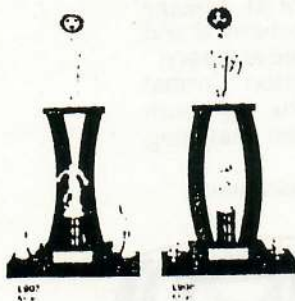
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## EDITORIAL

This months magazine has our first cut at a full calendar for the remaining 9 months of 1990. The calendar is not complete although there are meetings almost every month. If you know of any events which are coming and are not on this list I would be pleased to hear of them and include them in future issues.

The raffle has commenced and the response has been good with most members being given books of tickets to either sell or buy. It looks as though the raffle will be gdrawn at the May Amaroo round and so start getting your butts to Ron Lighton as soon as possible.

On a final note, Lloyd Cleaver sent in some old, 1964 race times for Appendix J at Gran Park. Look at them and ponder why the cars now are several seconds faster than in their heyday.

Regards,  
Tom Amos

## GOSSIP

NISMO Electronics Expert Mr Stho from Japan savoured his first taste of Australian Group A after arriving in Sydney on Saturday. Although he expressed some surprise at the shortness of the Amaroo circuit, and a love of Appendix J racing, he was reticent to comment further of the state of our racing in comparison to the Japanese competition.

Following his introduction, he journeyed to Melbourne to join Fred Gibson's team to help with the development of the electronic systems of the new Skyline GTR. Stho apparently arrived with a 'big suitcase', and it's hoped he'll be able to stay for about four weeks to get the 4WD-4WS supercar onto the track at Phillip Island as scheduled.

## 1000 CANS OF BEER RAFFLE

Many of you have already received books of tickets for the Appendix J, Classic Touring Cars Guessing Competition. The prize is 1000 cans of beer of your choice with a prize of 100 cans to the seller of the most tickets.

Tickets are numbered and a record of who has each book is with Ron Lighton..... the treasurer.

Please return the butts and money to Ron as soon as possible.  
Remember that there is a book sellers prize of 100 cans of beer!

Buy big... and drink the prize!



## Obituary - Ron Hodgson

Ron Hodgson, aged 60 was a founding member of the Appendix J Association and President in 1981/82. He was found dead at Watson's Bay on Wednesday 28th March.

Ron Hodgson loved cats - especially Jaguars. He sold them for a living and drove a convertible Jaguar V-12 XJS with HODDO on its numberplates.

A dab hand at driving them quickly, he set a lap record around Mt Panorama in the early 1960s in his red 3.8-litre Jaguar.

Late last year he took that car to Oran Park raceway, where some of his Jaguar customers were receiving driving training. Ever the boy racer and ever eager to have a bit of fun Hoddo showed he had lost none of his driving skills and rocketed around the track.

As he drove into the pits, he was laughing and waving at his customers, who looked a little stunned that their Jaguar dealer should behave with such exuberance.

In many ways Mr Hodgson was the last of the old-style dealers. He represented an era of flamboyant car salesmen who aimed at a high public profile.

He was one of the first to advertise on television and appeared personally in his commercials. In the late 1970s he boasted he was spending around \$500,000 a year on TV advertising, as well as being a prominent supporter of motor sport, both as a competitor and as a team backer.

Ron was the business himself - he was such a charismatic and colourful person. Hodgson was a tireless worker for charities and a generous donor. After two heart attacks he also became a champion for the National Heart Foundation.

It became one of the legends of Australian motor sport that his Hodgson-sponsored Torana won the 1976 James Hardie 1000 by limping home in the final laps with smoke pouring from the rear end.

Sydney businessman Sir Arthur George said he believed the secret of Mr Hodgson's successes, given his background, was his cheerful nature and great ability to win friends.

Sir Arthur and Mr Hodgson had been under pressure for some time after his original business faltered in October 1987. "But he seemed to be able to wear his problems - always charming, affable, always polite and civilised," he said.

Ron had many friends within the Appendix J ranks and will be sadly missed by all who knew him or shared his dreams and ambitions.

Mr Hodgson leaves a widow and stepson from his second marriage and two daughters and a son from his first.



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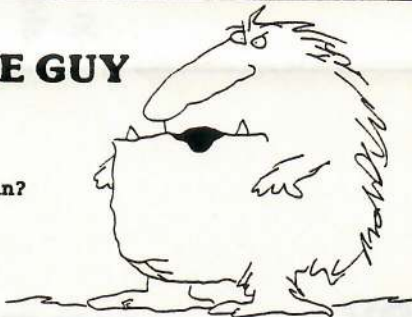
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### HERE WE GO AGAIN!

In order to get around this tedious telephone fiasco, I have instigated a new business line, due this month. The new number is **(02) 740 6199.**

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## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

G'day! After being pestered by Tom to put pen to paper, here at long last is a president of "vice" report. As a lot of you are aware, we started scrutineering cars to the updated specs at Amaroo.

Most people took it on the chin to do a few minor things to their cars, but some who think they are somebody, whinged like stuffed pigs. Well, if you think we were hard, just ask some of the competitors who went to Phillip Island. Reports of two pages long in their logs books! So all I can say is its time to toe the line.

Oran Park clubby on 18th March, where were the division two cars?

At Amaroo there was a full field of you, come a clubby where most of the top cars don't run, a couple turn up. If more cars don't front at these events, we won't be invited at all. So come on all you division two guys, enter the events which are meant for you and give the other people a fair go at the open meetings. As there is no TV anymore, no glory and you only detract from the whole event by not being on the pace and spreading the event out.

It's pleasing to see people like Rob Ingram, Ross McKenzie, Marc Ducquet, and Tom Amos having a go to try and make our club self supporting. So if you are approached by any of them for a hand, please oblige.

Again our members owe a big thankyou to Laurie and Noelene Donaher for their firm Hesonne Engineering, picking up the tab for our Amaroo and Bathurst races after the other parties went on to bigger and better things.

Laurie and Noelene have been long time supporters and travel to as many events as possible either home or interstate representing our club as they can, so if you or your employer are looking for extra labour for a day or a week, contact Laurie or Noelene and support the supporters of Appendix "J".

Wasn't it good to read in the Auto Action the Amaroo report on the touring car round where the so called "cream of Australia" were racing and Mr Stho of N.I.S.M.O. was rapt in Appendix "J" only? Bet it ruffled a few feathers back at Camberwell!!! Maybe we should honour him with associate membership to our club - "another sponsor"!

For those who have not read about it, Tom is reprinting the article elsewhere in the magazine.

That's all for now,  
Regards,  
Lloyd Cleaver.



# RACE RESULTS

NSW Road Racing Club, Trophy Race Meeting (Restricted), Oran Park, Sunday 18 March 1990

\* Event 9 was the trophy (pointscore) race.

## Finishing Places

| Event |     |     |                 |               | *Best time |
|-------|-----|-----|-----------------|---------------|------------|
| 1     | 9*  | 17  |                 |               |            |
| 1     | 1   | 1   | Jason Tilley    | Valiant       | 52.1       |
| 2     |     | DNF | Darren Stewart  | Holden EH     | 52.3       |
| 4     | 3   | 3   | Mike Dyer       | Holden EH     | 52.8       |
| 3     | 4   | 6   | Cameron Tilley  | Valiant       | 53.3       |
| DNS   | 5   | 4   | Frank Binding   | Cooper S      | 53.4       |
| 7     | 6   | 9   | Tom Amos        | Belleltt      | 54.2       |
| 5     | 7   | 5   | Syd Grevett     | Holden EH     | 54.4       |
| 8     | 8   | DNF | Barrie Brown    | Cooper S      | 55.6       |
| 9     | 9   | DNF | John Ward       | Holden EH     | 56.4       |
| 6     | 10  | DNF | David Beveridge | Cooper S      | 54.0       |
| 11    | 11  | 8   | Ken Brigden     | Peugeot 403   | 58.5       |
| DNF   | DNF | 7   | Brett Reeves    | Cooper S      |            |
| 10    | DNF | DNF | Alan Barrow     | Holden FJ     |            |
| DNS   | DNF | 2   | Bob Pearson     | Lotus Cortina |            |

## Race Report

The Oran Park Clubbie boasted 18 entries prior to the event but on race day there were only 14 starter which dwindled to less than double figures for the final race.

The first race was a shoot out between Jason Tilley and Darren Stewart with Mike Dyer close behind in third. Bob Pearson did not start due to engine problems along with Frank Binding. The racing was good and Syd Grevett showed that he had not lost much by circulating the Holden very fast.

The second race was over 10 laps and was rerun of the first except for some mid field dicing and place swapping as Bindings Mini started to oversteer.

The last race saw both hail and torrential rain and about an hours delay. It was the second last event for the day which was shortened and in the rain much slipping and sliding occurred. Ken Brigden spreadeagled the field off the start with better traction and some real weight whilst I executed two very fast 360 spins in 3rd gear going down the straight on the second lap. Jason Tilley again from Bob Pearson and Mike Dyer.

A good day again but more entrants required.

Tom Amos



## RACE RESULTS

Castrol Classic Phillip Island Historic Race Meeting, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>  
March 1990. Results for NSW competitors only.

\* Event 15 was the trophy race. \*\* Event 21 was handicap race.  
+ 1 minute penalty applied

### Finishing Places

| Event |     |      |                |               | *Best time |
|-------|-----|------|----------------|---------------|------------|
| 8     | 15* | 21** |                |               |            |
| 4     | 2   | 20   | Rob Tweedie    | Falcon Sprint | 2:01.47    |
| 11    | 3   | 28   | Bob Pearson    | Lotus Cortina | 2:02.24    |
| 8     | 7   | 18   | Frank Dartell  | Cooper S      | 2:05.08    |
| DNF   | 14  | 19   | Tim Bradley    | Cooper S      | 2:08.95    |
| DNF   | 16  | 22   | Robert Ingram  | Lotus Cortina | 2:03.21    |
| 23    | 18  | 14   | Tom Amos       | Bellett GT    | 2:06.20    |
| 3     | 25+ | 29   | Laurie Donaher | Iso Rivolta   | 2:00.79    |
| 5     | DNF | DNS  | Marc Ducquet   | Lotus Cortina |            |

### Race Report

There were over 40 starters for the first car races at Phillip Island for many years. The Mexicans were there in force along with some from SA and Qld. The largest foreign contingent was from NSW with 8 competitors making the trip.

It was great weekend with rain and fine weather all combining to make this fast track a most challenging circuit. The first race was a rushed affair with much pushing and leaning as the Mexicans came to grips with lots of others on the track. Up front John Mann's Mustang was doing its thing, hounded by Lauries Iso and Rob Tweedie in the Falcon. Ducquet was just a bit behind, discussing painting schemes with Virgo. Up the back (grid 32) where I was from a bad practice there was much excitement at each corner as some were learning about brakes and all that stuff. Surprisingly there was little carnage considering the large number of cars and the speed differential.

Race 2 was a more controlled affair with now a few less cars and a longer journey of 5 laps. This time Bob Pearson got a good start and he, Rob Tweedie and Frank Dartell chased Mann from beginning to end. They split Hunt's Mustang and kept the rest of the Mexicans honest. Up the back again I managed to dispose of a number of cars including Sala and a rather strange sideways BMW. Similar tales were told by Tim Bradley and Rob Ingram.

Race 3 consisted of a handicap reverse grid for the speed handicapped. Cars were flagged off at delayed intervals and I remember giving away about 60 secs to the slowest cars. The front runners gave away even more! Unfortunately the race was over 3 laps and definitely the lead was out! An interesting race, good restaurants and a great weekend. Pity about the drive.



## CLUB CALENDAR

The following Calendar is for events

|                  |            |   |
|------------------|------------|---|
| <b>MAY</b>       | 1          | Club Night                                  |
|                  | 6          | Oran Park Restricted (NSWRRRC)              |
|                  | 26/27      | AMSCAR Amaroo                               |
|                  | 27         | Winton                                      |
| <b>JUNE</b>      | 5          | Club Night                                  |
|                  | 10         | Wanneroo                                    |
|                  | 23/24 → 24 | Oran Park Restricted (NSWRRRC)              |
| <b>JULY</b>      | 3          | Club Night                                  |
|                  | 15         | Amaroo Restricted (ARDC)                    |
| <b>AUGUST</b>    | 7          | Club Night                                  |
|                  | 12         | Oran Park Restricted (NSWRRRC)              |
|                  | 19         | Pepsi 300 Oran Park                         |
|                  | 26         | Amaroo Restricted (ARDC)                    |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b> | 4          | Club Night                                  |
|                  | 30         | BATHURST                                    |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>   | 4          | Club Night                                  |
|                  | 7          | ** NOTE CHANGE OF DAY                       |
|                  | 7          | Lakeside Historic                           |
|                  | 28         | Amaroo Restricted (ARDC)                    |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>  | 4          | Australian Grand Prix, Adelaide             |
|                  | 6          | Club Night                                  |
|                  | 17         | Presentation Night/Dinner                   |
|                  | 24         | Oran Park Restricted (NSWRRRC)<br>Day/Night |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>  | 4          | Club Night                                  |

## FOR THE TRAVELLERS

Any member planning to go to UK this year and might want to see some pre-65 racing, here are the dates and places:

|          |              |              |               |
|----------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| March 17 | Silverstone  | June 17      | Lydden (Kent) |
| April 1  | Donnington   | August 11    | Lydden (Kent) |
| April 22 | Sentterton   | August 27    | Penbrey       |
| May 7    | Castle Combe | September 16 | Mallory Park  |
| May 28   | Thruxton     | October 7    | Brands Hatch  |
| June 3   | Cadwell Park | October 13   | Oulton Park   |

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