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EDITORIAL

This month's magazine has been published a little ahead of time to pick up some important dates prior to the next meeting. The first is the return of the "1000 Cans" raffle money. This should be returned to Ron Lighton, either by post or at the next General meeting on the 1st of May. The raffle will be drawn as soon as all the tickets are back.

Secondly, the next meeting will feature a "discovered" Castrol film called "The Racing Geoghegans" which has some rare footage of Catalina and Warwick Farm back in the old days. Well worth seeing. The attendances at the meetings have been falling off so lets see if some interest can be generated with such film endeavours.

The magazine also contains the first new Club Regalia order form for shirts and caps for some time. Chris Wilson has organised the gear and I believe they will definitely prove popular. So return your orders to the Secretary at either a meeting or via the post.

There is rumour that there is going to be an Appendix J race offshore, not near, but in Macau as a support to the GP meet there in September. If you have some interest then contact either the Secretary, Marg or Marc for more details. Those who were at the last meeting of course already know about it.

There are no competition reports this month as there has been no competition except off the track. In that vein Dick Johnson's article in Auto Action sparked a number of letters to the editor, both on Auto Action and our magazine. Dick wants Appendix J relegated to club level only racing and so on Formula Sierra forever!

Regards,

Tom Amos

MOVIE AT THE MAY 1 Club meeeting:

"The Racing Geoghegans" historic footage of Catalina, Warwick Farm, etc in Appendix J heyday up to mid-70's.

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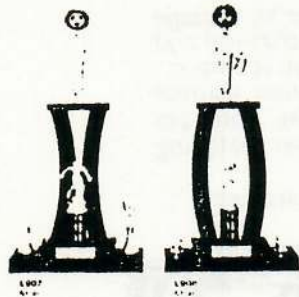
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

12 April 1990

I have heard that some "crybaby" (from NSW would you believe) has written to CAMS complaining about specifications of LOTUS Cortinas.

Well, to that person I would like to say I know what he is on about and he may or may not be right, it is a very grey area, and in any event, this is how they have been running for years.

When I came into Appendix J I was told my cars had to conform to specification, as they are currently running so I had them all built that way. If they had to be changed now, let me assure that person they would be no slower and in fact I firmly believe they would be quicker. The only thing he has achieved, if successful, would be to cost me some thousands of dollars to convert four cars.

Let me also assure that person that if forced in that direction I will convert one car only to prove my point and blow him to the weeds (if he is quick enough that is). My LOTUS collection will then be retired from active competition and Appendix J will lose competitive and, I believe, entertaining cars.

If the person is sore because Cortinas are beating him then he should check his history because they did most of the winning in 1964. Why not complain about eligibility of Mustangs, Iso's and Sprints? They didn't feature in a single win in Australia prior to 1965 in fact they never entered a race.

Anyway, seeing the word (on Cortinas) is out, why not identify yourself and let's see what skeletons you have in your cupboard. If your attack is more personal... like you don't like Marc Ducquet because he is the eligibility officer, then I am sure he would gladly hand you the job. Besides after the trouble you have gone to on this issue you may now be well qualified.

Regards
Bob Pearson

Editors note: I would be interested in any other views on the eligibility of leaf spring Lotus Cortinas...if you are game!

Letter from Rob Tweedie regarding Dick Johnson's column, Auto Action 5th April 1990. In particular, the following points:

"Close as a Formula Vee race might be, it doesn't make good television... the cars are slow and they don't make the right sort of noise to excite. The same goes for Appendix J... the racing might be good but the visuals, the image projected, is wrong."

"So the professional show at 'open' meetings I think should consist of Touring Cars, Production Cars, Formula Ford, top-class Sports Sedans and Formula Holden."

"...but seeing a 1959 Bellett or an EH Holden charging around doesn't do much for the sport's image."

"...'club' events should play a greater role... for Appendix Js and other classes... giving drivers plenty of racing and providing a stepping-stone for those with talent and determination to move on to the 'professional' categories."

"... more attractive, consistent, modern show for television."

continued... Rob Tweedie's letter to Graham Smith, Editor, Auto Action:

Dear Graham,

As a "touring car" competitor since 1968 and an occasional worldwide observer of motor racing from the spectator area, I ask you to consider these comments for print to your readers if only to offer a different perspective to Dick Johnson's column in your April 6 issue... yes I know you don't provide a "letters to the editor" section but hopefully fair play and reasonable opinions can find their way into your well read Motor Sport magazine!!?

"Top banana" is unquestionably king of the heap at present and undoubtedly a very marketable and knowledgeable exponent of his art... but with all this success has vision become a little blurred with self importance? I am referring to his distinctions and opinions on "professional" and "club level" motor racing and in particular Appendix J... the other categories mentioned deserve more qualified opinions than mine.

Regardless of how much big business is hand in hand with the front running group "A" brigade which I agree is unquestionably Australia's number one category, the spectator appeal of "Formula Sierra" has its ups and downs!

Is it possible Mr Banana, that the promoters want to sell the remainder of their race meetings to the public audience sitting on the hill on a cold or stinking hot Sunday afternoon?

Could it be contrived that as the pit counters all around this country are full of "upper class" motor sport participants when a good Appendix J race is on, they watch, and maybe the Mr Group A chaps feel a tiny bit of their limelight is being stolen by a bunch of "old crocks" who generally turn on a reasonable performance.

Mr Dicks' loyalties must lie in his and Group A's best interests but he does not own motor racing, the public, and to my knowledge any circuits, so I thank the promoters (and CAMS) for considering Appendix J at many open meetings. It can only be assumed they believe this country wants good "tin top" racing even as padding or lead up races to Formula Sierra which is unquestionably full of talent... but we (Appendix J), have a couple of good bobs at the wheel too? C'mon Dicky, come and have a go for fun... some of your blokes have and it wasn't as easy as it looked.. however, that is not the issue is it?

Maybe a few readers can write their comments to either CAMS, the promoters or this esteemed magazine and we might find out whether Queensland's "top banana" hasn't grown a set of single lens sunglasses to match his "ultra high"!!

Rob Tweedie (past President 1985-1988)
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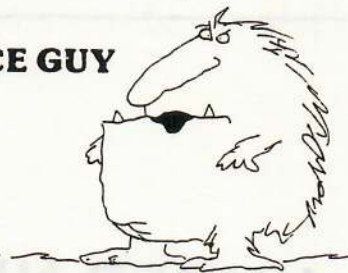


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NO MORE MR. NICE GUY



Well now, it's time I got a bit controversial again - "No more Mr. Nice Guy ..."

Being a principled person, I was pissed off with "top banana's" column in Auto Action (6th April) and whilst grinding my teeth about certain other factors in our own Appendix J, decided to get my "two bobs" worth (See elsewhere this mag). Where in hells name are we heading anyway? ... everybody knows some of the cars are a bit "suspect" in a few areas but lets not make a Federal Issue at every race meeting ... the answer is FIX THEM!!

God knows what has happened to all our would be stars ... the grids are looking pretty thin these days (and so are the club meetings). Do we need more reasons to communicate such as a stripper at every club meeting (or guest speaker etc.) or a pot of gold and TV at every race meetings?

Are our competitors and supporters really the bunch of Club wackers as Mr Banana intimates ... it seems Victoria has picked up its' act since a couple of years ago but NSW ???

Is the economy giving everyone a good excuse to temporarily retire from active participation ... don't forget "tall poppies" feel the crunch too ... eh!

Fingers out chaps ... lets get the show back on the road.

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HERE WE GO AGAIN!

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

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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 by May 1st, the next meeting. Remember that there is a book sellers prize of 100 cans of beer!

Buy big... and drink the prize!

T SHIRT and CAPS

New club Regalia is now available. On one side is embroidered the Appendix J Association and the other is your name and car type. Also available are Peak Caps with the Association insignia. Orders are now being taken and if you wish you can fill in the order form below and forward, with money to Secretary at 44 Canyon Rd, Baulkham Hills, or at the next meeting. No \$... No Gear!!

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courtesy Lloyd Cleaver

Extracts from an Appendix J race report, Oran Park, Sunday 20th September 1964:

43	Dee Why Beach Garage	J Cutler	Ford Anglia
23		Tom Thomson	Holden FJ
74	Dee Why Beach Garage	J Tilley	Holden FJ
78	Burwood Auto Repairs	Bruce Stewart	Holden FJ

Oran Park lap records as at 5 July 1964:

Outright	Leo Geoghegan	Lotus 27	
	David McKay	Recco Brabham	
	Spencer Martin	Recco Brabham	49.2 secs

Touring Cars:

Up to 750cc	G Howard	Renault 750	70.7
751-1000cc	L Stewart	Morris 850	60.3
1001-1300cc	B Foley	Morris Cooper "S"	57.7
1301-1600cc	Ian Geoghegan	Ford Cortina GT	57.4
2001-2600cc	B Seton	Holden FJ	58.3
Over 2600cc	B Muir	Holden 64	57.4

COMPETITION REPORT

MACAU GP Meeting.

As reported at the last general meeting there is the possibility of 16 cars going, with some limited expenses to compete at the Macau GP meeting towards the end of November 1990. The cars would be shipped there and back (15 days each way) and the races would be exhibition style over the very long Macau circuit.

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MAY	1	Club Night
		MOVIE: "The Racing Geoghegans" historic footage of Catalina, Warwick Farm, etc in Appendix J heyday up to mid-70's.
	6	Oran Park Restricted (NSWRRC)
	26/27	AMSCAR Amaroo ** BARBEQUE **
	27	Winton
JUNE	5	Club Night
	24	Wanneroo
	24	Oran Park Restricted (NSWRRC)
JULY	3	Club Night
	15	Amaroo Restricted (ARDC)
AUGUST	7	Club Night
	12	Oran Park Restricted (NSWRRC)
	19	Pepsi 300 Oran Park **BARBEQUE**
	26	Amaroo Restricted (ARDC)
SEPTEMBER	4	Club Night
	30	BATHURST
OCTOBER	4	Club Night
		** NOTE CHANGE OF DAY
	7	Lakeside Historic
	28	Amaroo Restricted (ARDC)
NOVEMBER	4	Australian Grand Prix, Adelaide
	6	Club Night
	17	Presentation Night/Dinner
	24	Oran Park Restricted (NSWRRC)
		Day/Night ** BARBEQUE **
DECEMBER	4	Club Night

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The following Calendar is for events last are currently held in our facility and will include all invitation events.

Club Night - 1st Floor
Club Night - 2nd Floor
Club Night - 3rd Floor
MAY

MOVIE:
The Pacific Express, Historic footage of California, Nevada, Texas, etc in Spanish. 1940s to mid-1950s.
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