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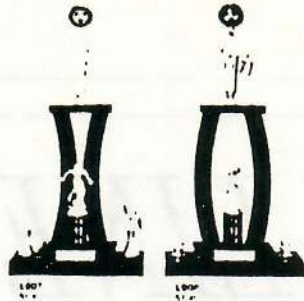


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PERMANENT RACING NUMBERS

The list of permanent racing numbers is being updated. Financial members can check with Chris Wilson.

EDITORIAL etc

The Easter Bathurst race, although not well attended, was, I believe, the forerunner of a future event which will shape the face of Australian touring car racing for some years to come.

Our poor attendance was a combination of scare mongering and misinformation. Our chances at being invited to Bathurst in October are now diminishing and for those who did not attend the Easter meeting, there may not be a Bathurst this year at all. Tough! Racing at Bathurst is just not available when the competitor wants and so I have always worked on the belief of "the quick and the disappointed".

Nowhere else in Australia is there such a good circuit, club meeting or not. Going on this Easter HQ's attendance, others outside of Appendix J think so also.

On other competition points, the Association has decided to accept the Eastern Creek meeting in May, rather than the ARDC event as the dates now clash. It is a pity that with smaller fields we are receiving invitations to an average of two meetings a month, with little or no apparent co-ordination on the promoter dates. I know of no speedy way of fixing this problem and would be glad of suggestions which would allow the Association to influence some of the future dates.

Speaking of dates, a date for the Warwick Farm day has been chosen - 23 June - and the event will be a promotion and social "race day". Rules and regulations will be applied along with an invitation to the media. It looks very good.

Regards,
Tom Amos

REPORT Bathurst 1991

Preliminary results

Practice on Friday resulted in Tweedie on pole (2.47) followed by Lacey (2.50) and Hutchins (2.53).

Race 1 was in the wet and first was Hutchins from Tweedie and Draper.

Race 2 was also in the wet and first was Tweedie from Stewart and Hutchins.

Overall results were Tweedie from Hutchins and Draper.

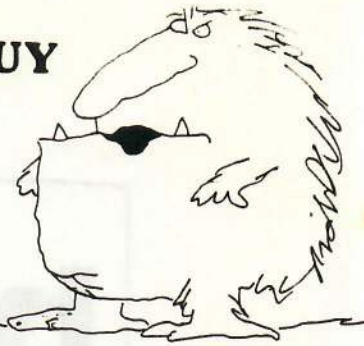
A good meeting but small grid.

Friends, Romans and Countrymen...

NO MORE MR. NICE GUY

By now, we will all know the outcome of Easter Bathurst 1991... but we didn't have a big entry list... no doubt a product of short notice, cost and the recession... still we were very lucky to get the opportunity to race at Bathurst again.

Phillip Island... what a buzz... anyone who hasn't been there doesn't know what they are missing.



Practice was wet and the "gentle giant" (Frank Dartell) had big lose on the straight on lap one when he hit a puddle and completely destroyed the red Mini. Frank is bruised but O.K. but the Mini!!! Denis O'Brien brought his protégé, Geoff Parker in a very quick orange Holden EH and was a threat to the Draper and Gretrix Mini's except he kept spinning - Mike, Greg, and co., watch out for this car... it's quick!

In the main 5 lap race, I tail-gated and pushed the "big" Mann in his Mustang for 3 laps but oil surge (and a lack of oil) forced me to back off a little so finished the last 2 laps second, 5 seconds behind him (s..t). Still I was pleased as it was a brand new motor and unsorted. Back to the drawing board... "Terrible" Tom Amos had a ball demoralising the good Mini's and Cortina's... says those new 6l Bridgestones really work. Good work Tom! Amazing this car... he races it everywhere and embarrasses a lot of good cars on the way and you never hear him complaining about cost or bad luck (E. Creek 1990).

Dubois and Ingram didn't make it so N.S.W. Competitors were a bit scarce but out of a total entry of 44 cars, the racing was great... Henry Draper's Mini even managing a 1m 59.9 sec lap in the process - very quick and earned him 3rd outright against a good field.

I managed to beat the "big" Mann in the handicap 3 lapper and have learned a new trick... bribe the handicappers (joke)... actually Mann jumped the start which didn't help his cause but the Sprint was "flying"...

Don Thallon's Nova was there but a bad tyre mix slowed him in practice, a problem that also re-occurred in the dry so the expected challenge for outright unfortunately never occurred... next time Donnie...

What a race track... flat out corners, smooth, fast and very safe. I hope the greenies don't get their wishes and close Australia's best track down...

Adelaide GP news is unchanged but rumor has it we won't be at Bathurst later this year... we warned you!

Saw the advertisements for Laurie's Mustang and Iso. What a shame losing a good competitor in two very entertaining cars... Appendix J needs all the good cars it can get to keep the audiences and promoters happy... besides Laurie's contribution to our category has been unequalled. Sorry to see you "retire" Laurie... please change your mind.

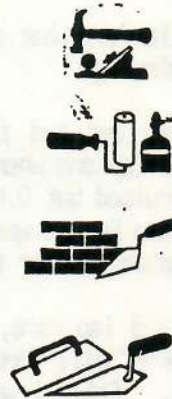
Bob Pearson has a black Mustang nearly built and I believe Norm Beechey in Victoria is planning a come-back. Kevin Anker and Ross Muller have Chev Nova's underway as does Gary Brown in Queensland. Great! I know it sounds as if I'm pushing the front running cars but it sells seats... and after all, motor racing is motor racing!! Appendix J needs all the drawcards available.

My Company has leased a workshop at Asquith (Hornsby) and my cars are now being prepared there by Les Laidlaw (big history in open wheelers and Group 'A'), Grahame Watson (Ralt Australia - ex Gold Star Champion) and top fabricator, restorer and panel man and lastly Peter Malloy who "fiddles" with motors in his spare time. What a team and they are not expensive either - they have the facilities to do almost "everything" and believe it or not, I do not receive any "income" from their services - I'm just a genuine "nice guy" enjoying what I love best (almost)... Appendix J and classic cars!! Call Les on (02) 482-2470 if you need some help.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Extracts from minutes of the General Meeting held 5 February 1991:

- . Letter from CAMS regarding eligibility for Lotus Cortinas.
- . Yokohama Series is aimed at club level competition with all cars using a specific type of tyre.
- . Syd Grevett clarified new rules for pointscore, ie that the 2 longest races per meeting would be used, except for Eastern Creek where only one race will be counted.
- . Steve Travica and assistant scrutineers are still working on rules for cars.
- . Letter of apology to be sent to organiser of NRMA MotorFest for non attendnace of Appendix J Association this year and a promise to support the event in future.
- . Any drivers experiencing difficulties with new medical examination requirements (eg costs between \$75 and \$150), should contact Chris Wilson so that he can pass information to CAMS for the National Council.
- . 10th Anniversary of the Association will be celebrated at a Warwick Farm Fun Day on 23 June; only Appendix J cars will be permitted on the track.
- . Country members should be encouraged to express their opinions in writing via the Secretary.
- . A drink waiter is now on duty in the meeting room. Members' opinions on this system to be canvassed.

Chris Wilson

WANTED

Any unused or unloved Appendix J car (Mini, GT Cortina, Anglia). Willing to spend around \$4,000. I don't want a winner, I just want to have fun and run last. Even willing to buy same type in road car and convert myself. All vehicles will be considered as I am keen to have a run.

Mark (Harry) Edwards (Roscoe's pit crew) (H)982 4536 or (W)418 6322

PRO-DUCT AIR CONDITIONING SERIES

Pointscore as at 26 March 1991

R Dwers	11
F Binding	11
T Amos	11
P Molesworth	11
J Tilley	11
B Tilley	11
D Stewart	10
G Hodges	9
B Brown	8
K Brigden	8
V Vujadinovich	8
C Tilley	5
T Gonn	5
D Winter	5
W Coote	4
M Kelly	2

Bob Pearson

PS. Sign the book at the meetings for attendance points!

RACE RESULTS

NSWRRC Restricted Race Meeting, Oran Park, March 23

No official results as yet so my memory will have to suffice until they come through. Two races on the day, the first a 10 lapper and the second 12 laps in duration. The weather was fine and sunny all day.

Race 1 was an all Tilley race with Cameron on pole from Brad and Jason. Lap 1 saw Brad from Jason and Cameron with Amos then Stewart and Binding. Final result was Brad Tilley from Jason and Cameron, Stewart, Amos, Binding, Gonn, Molesworth and

Race two was a rerun of the first except both Stewart and Binding passed Amos with the results for the minor placings remaining the same. I need more horsepower!

Tom Amos

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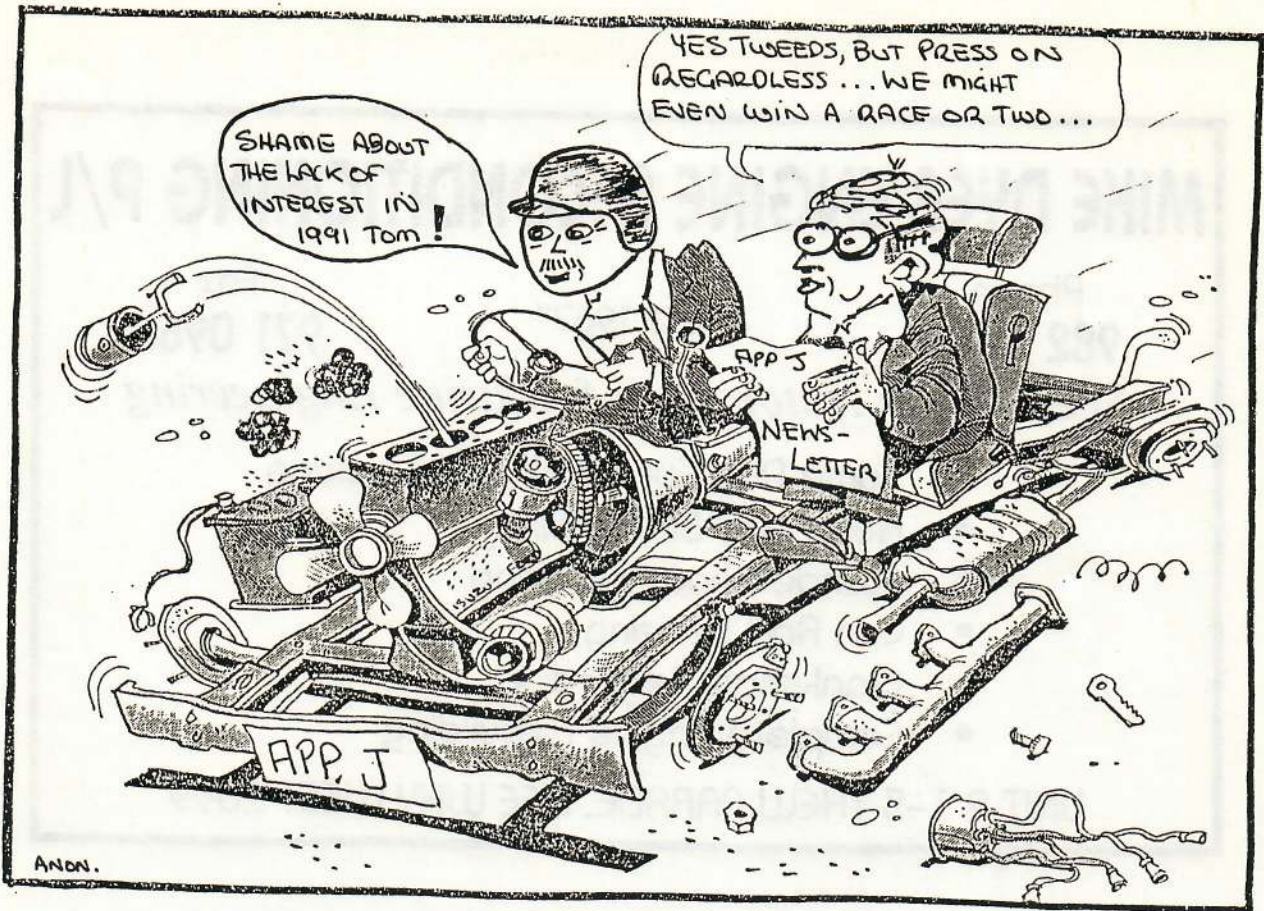
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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1991 APPENDIX J CUP

Rounds so far:

Rd 1 Oran Park 24 November Rd 2 Amaroo 2 December
 Rd 3 Amaroo 27 January Rd 4 Amaroo 3 March
 Rd 5 Oran Park 23 March

NB: There are no results for the Oran Park Preliminary race on 23 March. They will be added on next issue.

Division 1

Brad Tilley 57
 Steve Travica 55
 Jason Tilley 28
 Mike Dyer 26
 Greg Toepfer 18
 Darren Stewart 16
 David Beveridge 15
 Tom Amos 13
 Cameron Tilley 10
 Robert Tweedie 10
 Trevor Hutchins 7
 Kevin Anker 3
 Michael Donaher 2
 %Ross McKenzie 1

Division 2

Peter Molesworth 51
 Tony Gonn 42
 Russell Stanford 37
 Chris Dubois 25
 Brett Reeves 24
 Ken Brigden 23
 Barrie Brown 22
 Bill Coote 14
 Robert Owers 14
 Matthew Kelly 10
 David Winter 10
 Graham Hart 9
 K Ballantyne 8
 V Vujavinovich 7
 %R Bennett 4
 %Gary Hodges 3
 Geoff Hodges 3
 Lyndal Coote 2
 %G Ruttledge 2

Regards
 Syd Grevett

RACE RESULTS

Did you participate at the March 3 ARDC Amaroo meeting? Please fax or mail a copy of results to the editor for the next issue of 'Action Line'. A report would be a bonus....

Did you attend the Adelaide Historic Speedweek? A report on this event would be greatly appreciated.

CLUB CALENDAR

The following Calendar is for events that are currently held in our files. It does not include all invitation events.

APRIL	2	General Meeting
	8	Committee Meeting
	21	ARDC Appendix J Series Amaroo
MAY	5	NSWRRC Restricted Race Meeting, Oran Park
	7	General Meeting
	11/12	Street Sedan Assn, Eastern Creek
	13	Committee Meeting
	25/26	Winton Historic
JUNE	2	ARDC Appendix J Series Amaroo
	4	General Meeting
	7 10	Committee Meeting (Queens Birthday Holiday)
	23	WARWICK FARM FUN DAY
	30	NSWRRC Restricted Race Meeting, Oran Park
JULY	2	General Meeting
	7	Amaroo
	8	Committee Meeting
	28	ARDC Appendix J Series Amaroo
AUGUST	6	General Meeting
	12	Committee Meeting
	17/18	Eastern Creek Historic
	25	NSWRRC Restricted Race Meeting, Oran Park
SEPTEMBER	3	General Meeting
	9	Committee Meeting
	22	NSWRRC Restricted Race Meeting, Oran Park
OCTOBER	1	General Meeting
	7	Committee Meeting (Labour Day Holiday)
NOVEMBER	5	General Meeting
	11	Committee Meeting
	10	ARDC Amaroo
	16	Day/Night NSWRRC Restricted Race Meeting Oran Park
	16	Presentation Night

REPORT

"The Castrol Classic", Phillip Island, March 9/10

Tweeds, Dartell, Geoff Parker and I braved the trip to the insolvent State to test the locals on the old GP track. For those that have never been there the racing at the Island is good, almost as good as Bathurst except that it is more forgiving as there are places to have an indiscretion or two without the cement barriers to mess up the paint. It is also fast with the same gears as for Bathurst and two very long straights.

Practice was a wet affair, windy and slippery and after one lap Frank Dartell had rearranged the front of the mini by aquaplaning down the main straight into the tyre wall. Frank was alright except for some bruising and a sore neck but the Mini would look a lot better with a new shell!

Three races on the Sunday were all in the dry, the last race being a handicap for those so inclined. Race 1 was four laps and John Mann (Mustang) won from Henry Draper (Mini) with Gretrix (Mini) third. I managed 8th and was the only NSW runner to finish. Second race was closer with Mann again followed by Tweedie and Draper. Race three was a handicap affair with Tweeds off twenty seconds due to bribery and the Bellett off 1 minute! with Mann off 1.15 as the back marker. Needless to say Tweeds won by half a lap closely followed by Parker who had also benefitted from the handicap system.

A great weekend of racing and penguins.

Tom Amos

RACE RESULTS

Street Sedan Racing Association of Australia, Amaroo Park, Sunday
2 December 1990

The first race, a 7 lapper, was sponsored by Belgrave 2-Way Radio Centre Trophy Race Meeting.

The 10 lap feature race was sponsored by Ultra Tune, Penrith.

	Placings		Best time in feature.
	Feature	Prelim.	
Greg Toepfer	1	1	1:02.51
Peter Molewsorth	2	5	1:04.92
Tony Gonn	3	3	1:04.72
Robert Owers	4	4	1:07.17
Robin Bennett	5	7	1:13.11
David Winter	6	6	1:11.87
Russell Stanford	DNF	2	

Thanks to Frank Binding for forwarding these results.

REPORT

"The Coastal Classic", Phillip Island, March 1910

Twede, Bartoli, Geoff Parker and I braved the trip to the town of Phillip Island to test the local on the old GP track. For those that have never been there the racing at Phillip Island is good, almost as good as Bathurst except that it is more forgiving as there are places to have an indication or two without the legend barriers to mess up the paint. It is also fast with the same amount as for Bathurst and two very long straight.

Practice was a wet affair, wind and slippery and after one lap Frank Bartoli had rear-ended the front of the grid by approaching down the main straight into the tyre wall. Frank was alright except for some bruising and a sore neck but the mini would look a lot better with a new shell!

The races on the Sunday were all in the dry, the last race being a handicap for those so inclined. Race 1 was for Jack and John Mann (Mann) won from Geoff Parker (Mann) with Geoff (Mann) third. Race 2 was for Geoff and was the only NSW runner to finish. Second race was won by Geoff followed by Twede and Parker. Race three was a handicap affair with Twede off front, second due to Bartoli and the Bartoli off 1 minute with Geoff off 1.15 in the back marker. Twede won by half a lap closely followed by Parker who had also benefited from the handicap after.

A great weekend of racing and decisions.

Tom Snow

RACE RESULTS

Street Endon Racing Association of Australia, Ararat Park, Sunday 2 December 1990

The first race, a 7 lap race, was sponsored by Blairvale 2-Way Radio. The 10 lap feature race was sponsored by Ultra Tune, Phillip.

Driver	Class	Feature	Finals	Best time
Greg Toppin	1	1	1	1:02.51
Peter Holmberg	2	2	2	1:04.22
Tom Snow	3	3	3	1:04.22
Robert Davis	4	4	4	1:07.17
Robin Bennett	5	5	5	1:12.11
Geoff Twede	6	6	6	1:11.67
Russell Stenford	DNF	7	7	

Thanks to Frank Blading for forwarding these results.