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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well Bathurst is over for another year and wasn't it great. A full entry, great racing and top presentation and dinner (thanks Syd and Rosco) And a Ford won again(our race - not the other one. Of course they won all three categories, didn't they?)

I must congratulate all participants on the standard of driving with basically an incident-free weekend, Lionel Walker's Jag being the only real casualty. Bathurst Rookies Duane Corner, Gary Smart and Barrie Brown showed a mature respect for the track and were rewarded with excellent times and respectable finishes.

To my personal combatants, Alan Wick, Bill Callan and Phil Powell, well driven. Even trying to squeeze me three abreast up thru the cutting didn't work and we still finished with no panel damage.

To our new committee members, Fred Burley (Secretary) Bill & Lyndal Coote (Magazine) and Lionel Walker (Competition) welcome to the fold. Also Lloyd Cleaver and Peter Sugden have now been officially appointed as our new eligibility officers. So to all these people, I look forward to working together to take the Club into the forthcoming year.

With the introduction of two new Group N classes, Na and Nc, next year, this club has to decide how we cater for these classes. The rules have now been finalised and I hope to have full details and a list of proposed eligible cars at the next general meeting.

Early this month I had the "pleasure" of being invited to attend the October meeting of the Historic Car Committee as several Group N matters were on the agenda, on which our opinions were requested. These issues took up most of the Saturday and I was assured that this amount of time spent on group N related issues was not uncommon!! It proved to be an interesting day and certainly gave me a great insight into how this committee operates.

Our last few "events" for the year are upon us with the annual Presentation night this weekend. Following that, we have the Wakefield Park Historic at Goulburn (19/20 November), a competition event??? well mostly social with a few races to give us something to talk about.

The final "event" for the year is the Christmas Party, to be held on the 27th November at Symbio Koala Gardens. Definitely a social event! But with the ultimate competition event, namely the annual "Tug of War" North vs South to be held over the pool!

So see you on the boat, at the track or in the pool.

Chris

EDITOR'S COLUMN

They say practice makes perfect but if the 1994 Appendix J sojourn to Bathurst is considered, practice can also take its toll. You have heard of people dyno-tuning an engine to death. Well, what happened to the 25 cars out of 50 that failed to finish the Trophy race?

I read in the Herald recently that swimmer Fanny Durack won Olympic gold in the 100 metres freestyle in 1912 with a time of 1 minute 22.2 seconds. Dawn Fraser was 20 seconds faster when she won the event at the 1956 Olympics. China's Zhuang Yong was 8 seconds faster again when she won in 1992.

Now look at the results for tourers at Bathurst. In 1964 a Cortina GT driven by the Geoghegans won, with a top lap time of 3 minutes 21.3 seconds and the quickest Cortina in 1994 shows what a difference 30 years can make. Tasmanian Darren Pearce bettered our own Dave Stone's time of 2 minutes 57.7658 seconds with a time of 2 minutes 57.1227 seconds. That's an improvement of more than 24 seconds on 1964. Even my own time of 3 minutes 18 seconds would have raised eyebrows back then.

Of the 50 entrants accepted for Bathurst, 11 failed to start the first race, and a further 9 started but failed to be among the 30 finishers. Race two saw 36 starters and 11 of these did not go the distance. For half the field to be lost in only 8 laps I pose the question. What's the benefit of going 20 seconds plus faster but not going the distance?

Bill Coote

PS Letters to the Editor are welcome and will always be published, providing they are publishable!!!

CHRISTMAS PICNIC

Sunday 27th November

SYMBIO KOALA GARDENS

Lawrence Hargreave Drive, Stanwell Tops

FREE BARBECUE LUNCH PROVIDED

Bookings/ Enquiries: Anne Bailey 452 2242

1994 FINAL RACING RESULTS

Appendix J Association(NSW)

Driver's Championship (11 rounds)

DIV 1		DIV 2	
S Williams	144	C Dubois	99
D Beveridge	87	D Corner	90
B Asher	84	B Brown	80
R Donnelly	63	M Edwards	63
G Toepfer	46	A Wick	61
C Tilley	44	L Walker	58
L Donaher	34	S Clifton	53
S TRavica	34	K Ballantyne	46
F Binding	32	F Burley	44
A Heath(SA)	30	A Barrow	38
R Tweedie	28	J Tight	30
T Hutchins	27	D Oakey	28
T Amos	26	R Owers	28
P Heriot	19	G Smart	27
D Stone	18	L Cowan	23
B Tilley	16	G Hill	12
P Ward	15	G Hart	11
S Grevett	10	P Sugden	10
F Dartell	9	M St John Cox	9
R McKenzie	8	M Decaux	8
R Muller	8	A Smyrnis	6
G Neal	8	B Peters	4
R Bailey	4	M Curry	3
G Pallister	3	L Coote	2
		R Goutman	2
		B Callen	1

Appendix J Cup (5 rounds)

DIV 1		DIV 2	
S Williams	61	C Dubois	62
D Beveridge	41	B Brown	54
F Binding	27	K Ballantyne	46
B Asher	26	J Tight	29
G Toepfer	20	D Corner	20
R Donnelly	18	R Owers	20
A Heath(SA)	17	L Walker	20
S Travica	17	L Cowan	14
F Dartell	11	G Smart	14
S Grevett	10	D Oakey	13
C Tilley	10	S Clifton	12
R Tweedie	8	G Hill	12
R Bailey	6	A Barrow	10
T Amos	3	A Wick	10
		M Decaux	8
		A Smyrnis	5

BATHURST MEETING October 1994

What a great weekend. I arrived Tuesday and it was snowing and very cold. By Thursday everybody had arrived that was going to arrive. John English got pole position, the Mustang was really flying. The weather changed, it was very windy and dusty. By Saturday the sun started to show as we lined up for the Trophy race which was won by Rob Tweedie.

The presentation night was fantastic. We had over 200 people there and Peter Brock arrived and handed out the main trophies. This topped off a great weekend.

I would like to thank the following people who made Bathurst a success: Barry Jupp, Graham Harris, Ross McKenzie, Allan Wick, Martin Morgan, Andrew Smyrnis, Jenny & Bob Adams, the ARDC and all its staff and the drivers and their pit crews that came from all over Australia.

Trophy Race Results

0 - 1300cc

1	S McKay(Vic)
2	G Harris(Vic)
3	B Brown(ACT)
4	S Russell-Clarke(Vic)
5	C Dubois(NSW)

2601 - 3000cc

1	G Toepfer(NSW)
2	T Hutchins(NSW)
3	L Cripps(Vic)
4	G Brown(Qld)
5	B Trengrove(Vic)

1301 -1600cc

1	D Davies(Vic)
2	D Pearce(Tas)
3	G Smart(NSW)
4	I Robertson(Vic)
5	A Wick(NSW)
6	G Cox(NSW)
7	B Coote(NSW)

3001 - 4500cc

1	B Callan(NSW)
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Over 4500cc

1	R Tweedie(NSW)
2	A Heath(SA)
3	J Mann(Vic)
4	M Duquet(NSW)
5	J Beatty(Qld)
6	J English(Qld)

Wooden Spoon
Best Presented Team
Bad Luck Trophy

Jim Burns(WA)
Gary Smart
Barrie Peters

RETURNING TO THE MOUNTAIN

"Who could ever forget the miraculous survival of Phil Powell whose Cortina GT tripped and barrel-rolled as many as four times across McPhillamy Park last year"

Toohey 1000 1994 program.

In Phil's words, this is what happened last year.

"I missed second coming out of the cutting and went into top. This gave a few slower cars a chance to catch up. The BMW came alongside and stayed there as I got going again. He stayed alongside on my left, right through McPhillamy taking most of the road. I moved over (right) and into the sand at McPhillamy. My experience with rally driving lead me to try driving out of the sand. All was going well until the ripple strip and my right rear tyre came together. It went! I thought it was never going to stop. When it did stop I got out to enormous applause. The bow was all part of the act."

This year Phil came back to the mountain, so we asked him how he felt about it.

"Fine, until I got to Skyline and found I had to back off at McPhillamy, whereas the young guys, Duane Corner and Garry Smart, went through full tilt."

One can well understand Phil's reluctance to floor his car, after the tumble he took. However, the diffidence didn't last for long. By the Friday race he had matched his best 1993 time of 3:07.91 exactly.

Which goes to prove that old proverb. "You may take the car away from the boy(temporarily) but you'll never manage to keep the boy out of the car" - or something like that.

Well done Phil!

NOTICEBOARD

REWARD

At the September Club meeting the master tape of the Appendix J history went missing from the committee table. There is no other copy of this material, which took months to compile. If anyone knows its whereabouts, please call Syd on 9799890

ADVERTISING

No advertisements have been included in this issue of the newsletter whilst we sort out artwork etc. If you are interested in advertising, the rates are:

Quarter Page \$200

Eighth Page \$125

Forward artwork or instructions to Lyndal Coote

Fax : (02) 411 4020

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING October 4th 1994

Year end bank balance: \$11,142.01

Eligibility: Lloyd Cleaver and Peter Sugden have been nominated and are awaiting acceptance by CAMS.

New Committee: as outlined on Page 1. Any one who is interested in the roles of Public Relations or Trophies and Poinscore should contact Chris Dubois.

General Business: Two motions were put to the meeting and carried.

1) That a motion be put to the February meeting that the Constitution be altered to change the financial year of the Association to end on 30th September rather than 31st October each year.

2) That the Annual General Meeting be moved to the second Tuesday in October each year.

CALENDAR

November	19/20	Inaugural All Historic Meeting at Wakefield Park, Braidwood Rd (11kms south of Gouldburn)
	27	Christmas Picnic Symbio Koala Gardens Lawrence Hargreave Drive, Stanwell Tops

ALL ABOARD!

For those who didn't make it, Saturday was a great night on the waters of the Parramatta River and Sydney Harbour, aboard the Gerry Bailey (funny 'bout that name, but no connection, I understand, to anyone we know)

A full boatload of 130 club members, families and friends, piled aboard at 7.45 and headed straight for the bar whilst the boat headed for the open river. The informal seating arrangements ensured lots of mixing and joie de vivre, plus a few "driving" tales no doubt.

After a filling buffet, presentations were made to the competition winners and the perpetual trophies were awarded.

Drivers Championship Div 1 Runners Up Steve Williams
Dave Beveridge
Bob Asher

Drivers Championship Div 2 Runners Up Chris Dubois
Duane Corner
Barrie Brown

Appendix J Cup Div 1 Runners Up Steve Williams
Dave Beveridge
Frank Binding

Appendix J Cup Div 2 Runners Up Chris Dubois
Barrie Brown
Ken Ballantyne

Most Improved Driver of the Year Steve Clifton

President's Award Barrie Brown

Achievement Award Syd Grevett

Sportsmanship Award Alan Wick

Awards were also to our 1994 sponsors in appreciation of their contributions:

Bars-N-Racks
Amos-Aked-Swift
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and to Georgie Grevett, Bob and Jenny Adams and Bill and Lyndal Coote for their contributions to the club throughout 1994.

It was a most successful and enjoyable evening and thanks go to Anne Bailey for all the work she put in.

Lyndal Coote

THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER. IF YOU WANT TO CONTRIBUTE, HERE ARE SOME IDEAS.

Who's building what? - dob in a mate.

Cartoons, illustrations or photos.

Letters to the Editor

For sale, swap, wanted to buy

Members' Business directory

Eligibility matters

New products

Gripes and gossip

Recommended workshops

Good places to stay when racing

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

Trailer: Large tandem car trailer with new 8 ply tyres and rego to July 1995 **\$1500.00 (ono)**

Tyres: 1 set Bridgestone tyres - RE71 205-60x13
Brand new buffed to 3mils **\$350.00**

Wheels: 1 set Cheviot Hustler mag wheels, 13", suit
EH Holden, complete with nuts **\$350.00**

Syd Grevett 979 9890(hm) 018 217831(wk)

MEMBER BUSINESS DIRECTORY

A new feature of this newsletter will be a directory of members' businesses. If you would like to have your business listed, **free of charge**, so that others in the club can use your services, please complete the form below and return it, by fax, mail or hand, to either Bill or Lyndal Coote

Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____

Mobile Phone #: _____

Services Offered: _____
