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Newsletter of the **Appendix J** Association of NSW Inc
Classic Touring Cars

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With everyone excited at the incredible field of Group N cars at Winton, we assumed that it would be the largest collection of group N cars in Australia for some time. Not so!!! The upcoming Eastern Creek Historic, at last count, had around 60 cars entered.

As a result of the large amount of entries, the HSRCA has decided to run two fields, and, in consultation with this committee, has split the field into Nc plus Division 1 Nb, and Na plus Division 2 Nb. If you disagree with this split....TOUGH! It was the only fair way we believed it could be done.

Still on Eastern Creek. It's great to see so many interstate entries. we elcome these competitors, and in keeping with our tradition, we know you will happily accomodate their preferences for race numbers.

Election time is coming around again, and I must remind you that last year we moved the date of our Annual Gneral Meeting to October. This year's AGM will therefore be held on Tuesday the 3rd of october.

I believe we are entering a period of excitement and expansion within this club with the introduction of the two new categories. With this in mind I

would ask that all club members, old and new, consider standing for positions on the committee, as fea few of the current committee have indicated that they are not seeking re-election due to work commitments. (You needn't worry about kicking someone out of a job. There's a place for YOU!)

See you at Eastern Creek.

Chris

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Mike Dyer
Max Stahl

POINTS SCORES

Drivers' Championship

DIV 1

B Asher	171.25
D Beveridge	146.00
B Pearson	98.66
L Donaher	38.33
C Tilley	35.66
G Toepfer	31.50
R Bailey	29.33
S Wilson	27.67
M Ducquet	18.33
D Stone	17.00
V Vujadinovich	16.50
F Binding	16.00
G Neal	15.67
T Amos	13.67
R Muller	13.17
B Tilley	8.33

DIV 2

C Dubois	111.67
P Ward	84.58
A Wick	80.16
D Sugden	63.83
K Brigden	57.41
G Hart	55.67
K Ballantyne	50.49
G Hill	47.55
B Peters	47.34
A Smyrnis	46.92
P Powell	44.33
B Brown	35.25
D Corner	34.00
P Heriot	32.33
R Cwars	30.50
J Tight	26.00
F Burley	25.33
A Barrow	23.67
P Corner	22.00
L Cowan	21.33
W Anderson	19.66
R Brincat	17.50
B Callan	13.67
L Coote	9.50
S Clifton	7.67
J Ward	4.67

Appendix J Cup

DIV 1

D Beveridge	106.92
B Asher	98.67
B Pearson	62.33
G Toepfer	31.50
R Bailey	29.33
D Stone	17.00
V Vujadinovich	16.50
F Binding	16.00
R Muller	9.50

DIV 2

C Dubois	80.33
P Ward	56.58
A Wick	44.83
K Brigden	42.41
G Hart	40.00
K Ballantyne	37.16
A Smyrnis	31.25
R Owers	30.50
B Peters	24.00
D Sugden	22.50
P Powell	22.37
B Brown	21.50
P Corner	21.00
W Anderson	19.66
G Hill	18.25
J Tight	18.00
P Brincat	17.50
L Cowan	11.00
L Coote	9.50

Group Nc Championship

R Hogarty	52.25
R Donnelly	30.50
G Angel	14.00

Group Na Championship

A Pursey	37.50
A Huxley	23.00

Wakefield Park Tin Tops Day

Here is a message from your intrepid reporter, who risked all by changing into race gear in the open whilst the Arctic winds blasted through the carpports at the frozen wastelands of Wakefield Park. *Thinks - why don't we have trophies for the drivers who have accumulated the greatest number of points, expressed as degrees of wind chill factor?*

Apart from the weather, which was f*****g (freezing), Wakefield Park was a terrific location for an all tin top day - many thanks to Paul Samuels and John Carter for bringing together the various tribes of the heavy metal brigade - there were some great Group C cars, amongst others.

Group N was there and for the first time in Australia we had Na (3 cars), Nb (13 cars) and Nc (2 cars) running. Your scribe brought up the rear in his 1955 Morris Oxford and can now understand why the tail gunners in Lancaster bombers felt so threatened - the swarms of faster cars charging down on car 55 were a pretty disconcerting sight.

Seriously though, this is perhaps the biggest concern at present - the speed differentials between the three groupings. Eastern Creek, with the big V8s and a large grid is going to put everybody on their mettle - slower divers to watch their mirrors and the flags, whilst the quick guys will need to be aware that Na cars lumber along through corners, especially as brake and suspension mods are very limited. If everybody exercises common sense and self-control we should escape major incidents but we would probably be advised to have a couple of informal discussions amongst the drivers so that we can try to identify concerns and then resolve them.

However, back at Wakefield Park - private practice on Saturday was fantastic value and everybody had more than enough laps (and it was a damn sight warmer in the car than in the carport) The only problem was the infield was still a bit soft and one car at least spun out, got bogged, and had to miss the rest of the session.

Sunday's weather was better - it

had qualifying, followed by three races - again good value for competitors.

The only notable problem in the Group N qualifying was right at the end when my Oxford lost the right front wheel part way through the Esses! The wheel nuts pulled right through the wheel centre, but fortunately there was no suspension damage and I was able to run in all three races. However, this is a potential problem for all Na competitors who have to run on steel wheels as per the originals. I have now got bracing plates in the wheel centres, as has Hux in his Morris Major (which previously cracked a wheel) - if you are preparing an Na car make sure you check the wheel centres on your car and brace if possible - check ours out at the next race meeting, we'll be happy to help.

Racing was all good clean family fun - that must be why certain EHs went out to play together on the grass on the outside of the first corner in the first race!

The winner of all three Group N races was Peter O'Brien in a 1971 Ford XY Falcon (Nc) who clocked 1:15:14 - the red monster was thundering around superbly and should be a real goer at Eastern Creek.

Other notable drives came from Gordon Mackinlay in his 1964 Studebaker Lark, clocking 1:18:60 - coming from down South, he must be used to the cold. He tows his car to race meetings backwards on an A frame - and on the way to Wakefield Park a stone was thrown up and broke his rear screen. The glass was knocked out, the vacuum cleaner given a run, and hey presto - thru-flo ventilation at the back (no wonder he didn't spin - he didn't want the cold draught down the back of his neck!)

At the sharp end it was also good to see Peter Heriot (Alfa) Val Vujadinovich (EH) Ray Bailey (EH) and Glenn Smith (EH) all keeping each other honest, whilst Phil Powell (Cortina) and Daniel Sugden (EH) also were in contention for a time.

In mid-field Gary Angel (Torana,

(EH), Jeff Hodges (Fiat) and Lynn Cowan (Cooper S) all had some good times together. Slightly further back three cars had a ball - Bob Harris (FX Holden) and Ken Oberman (Alfa) were given a real run by the first Na car, Bob Priddle's 1958 Ford Zephyr Mk II (which clocked 1:26:62) Bob's car was eventually finished on the Sunday morning at Wakefield, so he deserves a big cheer for making the effort to get out for the first Na event.

Finally, at the tail end were "The Morris Dancers" of Arthur "Hux" (1957 Morris Major), who clocked 1:34:53, and yours truly, who was slowest at 1:34:58 - we can only do better next time! If you look at those times you can see the difference in performance between the automotive technology of the '50s, '60s and '70s, plus the allowed modifications - the sooner we get enough cars to split Group N the better (and safer)

Final comment - it was a great "clubbie" meeting - just like being back at Mallory Park, Lydden Hill, Snetterton etc in the late '60s - everybody was friendly and helpful (especially the officials and circuit staff) - where else can you buy a new coil for a '58 Major at 6pm on a Saturday!

Message to Paul Samuels and John Carter - more tin top days, please - it was great fun. Message to the rest of the tin top brigade - hope to see you (probably in my mirrors) at the next tin top day.

Andrew "Axeman" Pursey

NEW MEMBERS

Ross Hogarty UX1 Torana
Peter O'Brien Falcon GT
Graham Russell Mini



Ken Brigden drives his Peugeot home to yet another win in front of a packed field of touring cars. *FIRST MOTOR SPORTS* JULY 92

GROUP N LAP RECORDS

(If anyone can fill us in on the most up-to-date records, please call Bill Coote on (02) 419 8389)

Amaroo

Na	Andrew Pursey	1:15:01	30/7/95
Nb	Bob Pearson	57.64	28/7/91
Nc	Ross Donnelly	49.36	

Eastern Creek

Nb	Bob Pearson	1:52:01	2/8/92
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Lakeside

Nb	1300-1600	Dave Auger	1:04:02	
	1601-2500	Eddie Dobbs	1:07:07	
	2501-3000	Gary Brown	1:03:42	
	3001-4000	Steve Travica	1:06:29	
	>4000	John English	1:02:26	

Oran Park

Nb	B Pearson	49.76	6/95
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Wakefield Park

Na	Bob Priddle	1:26:62	16/7/95
Nb	Peter Heriot	1:17:83	16/7/95
Nc	Peter O'Brien	1:14:26	16/7/95

Winton:

Na	>4000	Tino Leo	1:10:35	
Nc		Kent Youlden	1:10:30	03/95

COMING EVENTS

Sept 16/17

HSRCA Eastern Creek PS

Oct 3

Annual General Meeting
NSW Appendix J
Association

Oct 14/15

Historics Sandown

Oct 21/22

Trucks Oran Park PS

Oct 28

Presentation Night

Nov 11

Adelaide GP

Nov 25/26

Historic Wakefield Pk

PS - pointscore meeting

NOTICE OF MOTION

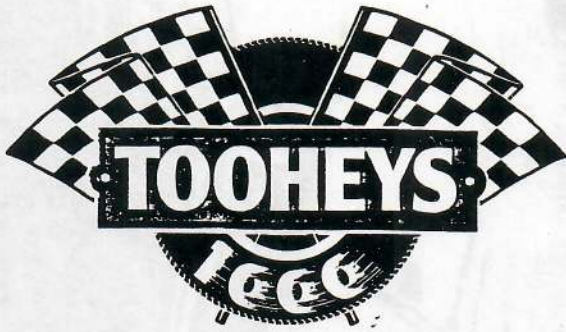
A motion was put at the last general meeting that "the constitution of the NSW Appendix J Association be changed in order to add three positions to the committee for liaison officers for each of the three Group N groups - Na, Nb and Nc."

A vote will be held on this motion at the AGM in October

Eastern Creek Historics

On Sunday, after the Group N races have finished at Eastern Creek, there will be a barbecue, drinks and the presentation of trophies

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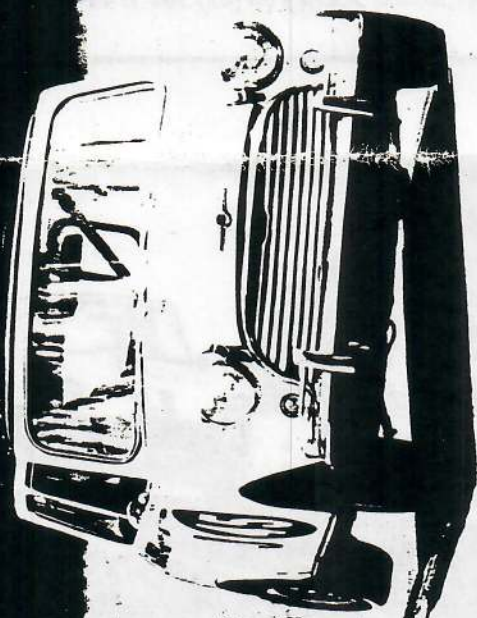
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OCTOBER 10
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I _____ Financial Member No: _____
(please print name)

hereby nominate _____
(please print name)

for the position of _____

Seconded by _____ Financial Member No: _____

Signature of person nominated; _____

Date: _____

Note: This nomination must be in the hands of the Club Secretary at least 24 hours prior to the Annual General Meeting

**1994/95 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OCTOBER 10
PROXY VOTING FORM**

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I _____ Financial Member No: _____
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(please print name)

as my proxy to vote on my behalf at the Annual general Meeting of the NSW Appendix J Association

Signatures: _____
(member appointing proxy) (voting representative)

Date: _____

Notes:

1. This form must be in the hands of the Secretary 24 hours prior to the meeting.
2. To be valid, this proxy must be signed by the voting representative, who is the Number 1 authorised representative, to whom the proxy form was addressed.
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