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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's already '95 and January's gone. The Amaroo Historic is all over, and we're into the competitors' year. Unfortunately there are no race meetings in February for us, but it gives those of us who ran at Amaroo time to rebuild our rebuilds.

Amaroo saw, for the first time, an Nc car competing, with an ex-Grice series production XU1 in the hands of Garry Brown from Qld. The car created a lot of interest in the pits.

From the excitement of the track to the boredom of the committee room. It would appear that our recently formed Historic Car Association of Australia has succeeded in securing a representative on the newly restructured HCC. We believe that the official announcement is imminent and this will ensure that the combined Group N clubs of Australia (through the HTCAA) have a direct input into the future discussions of the HCC.

Elsewhere in the magazine you will find the competition calendar for 1995. As with every year, it is always hard to please everyone and provide an even mixture of events. Of course you can only pick from the events we receive invitations to, and with Amaroo being downgraded to a B Class track (no Open meetings), it made the usual difficult decisions even more difficult.

Basically the calendar revolves around clubbies and historics. The heavyweight meetings for the year will be the third truck meeting at Oran Park, and the committee is negotiating with Oran Park Motor Sport to provide an attractive package for competitors.

Bathurst in October is still under negotiation and the decision will not be made for some months.

Adelaide?? This appears to be the only subject I have talked about for the last four months. You've probably read various stories in motorsport publications about this subject. This is where we're up to.....The HTCAA associates are currently in final negotiations with the HCC and CAMS regarding windscreen signage, upon which our inclusion at the AGP hinges. WE have a deadline of 13 February so it must be resolved one way or the other by then. Further to this issue, you should have received a questionnaire in the post which, I believe, was self-explanatory. Have you returned it yet????

At our December meeting and information night for the new Group N classes, a number of people joined the club, so welcome to all of you.

A few potential Na competitors are concerned about the rule that prohibits the use of racing seats. I would like to hear from other potential or existing Na competitors on that issue, so that our committee can form an opinion on the subject and decide on a direction to pursue.

Finally, we still have a couple of positions available on the committee - trophies, pointscore and public relations. Maybe one of our new members is looking to expand involvement in the club or an old member is feeling guilty or bored! If any of you are interested, please see a committee member.

See you at the track.

Chris Dubois

EDITORIAL

Gee I'm glad I don't own a boat. I heard, during the week, that the boat that won the second heat of the NSW Soling Championships was disqualified after the event for using a kevlar jib. Not that the rules specifically stated that kevlar was out, but no one else had one and so it was thought that this material gave the boat an unfair advantage.

In the first heat of the same Championship, the boat coming last won because all the other boats lost count of the laps and did an extra lap. The last boat also lost count of the laps but finished because it was thought that the race was over.

Thank God for CAMS and their wise decision to allow the return of the last lap board.

Richard Petty was quoted by Peter McKay (Mixed Grill SMH) as saying "There are two kinds of racers in the world - losers and cheats". It seems a pity to me that the rules for historic racing are not more flexible. Move the goal posts every now and again.

You'll probably agree unless you're fortunate enough to have a car for each category. That way you can decide which set of rules you feel like ~~cheating~~, I mean meeting.

The other benefit of having a stable of cars is that breakdowns and blow ups use up more money and so much more time that the amount of racing you do gets smaller and smaller, probably until you become a spectator again!

Congratulations to Barrie Peters, the only competitor in Appendix J to race at Amaroo Historics in both 1984 and 1995. He improved his times by two seconds as well!

Bill Coote



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CASTROL CLASSIC - AMAROO

Unofficial practice was held on Friday with moderate temperatures and some overcast, the interstate visitors being in the majority and not many NSW Association members appearing. Unfortunately Lyndal Coote's Cortina dropped a puddle of oil and took the weekend off.

Saturday started overcast and cool. Most competitors were eying their wets but conditions stayed dry for the practice. Angelo Giannoulis got a little too close to the wall in the Fiat. A couple of non-starters but all others emerged unscathed. Rain started before the seven lap scratch race so there was plenty of time to fit wets. All drivers treated the drizzly conditions with some caution, resulting in little panel damage. Tom Amos in the Bellett splashed home ahead of Gary Brown in the XU1 and Wayne Vinkx in the Cortina. A little over-enthusiasm on the last lap amongst the back markers created some excitement at the hairpin.

Sunday's five lap handicap took a slightly different format that required drivers to nominate their own handicap time. The resulting grid produced close racing with several spins and one disqualification. Ken Brigden in the Peugeot won on handicap, followed by Graham Hill in the A35. The usual front runners powered through the pack led by Gary Brown in the Holden XU1 and Tom Amos, closely harried by Bob Asher in the Mini.

The temperature continued rising as the day progressed and was well into the 30s for the 10 lap scratch race. This settled into three groups of runners with Bob Asher in the Mini winning the tussle at the front, followed by Greg Neal in the Lotus Cortina. The Victorian Cortina contingent of Chris Ralph, Ian Robertson and Darren Collins was very competitive in this race as was Steve Russell-Clarke in the A40. Alan Wick and Chris Dubois were amongst those carrying the torch for

Ford and NSW. The "heavy metal" of the day was provided by Paul Warne in the MK1, Barrie Peters in the MK11 and Bill Calan in the Vauxhall Velox.

An enjoyable and varied two days racing with an indication of things to come; the Holden XU1 kicked off Group Nc and the beginnings of another dimension to historic touring car racing

Lyn Cowan

Race Results

Race 1	Handicap	Race 3
1. T Amos	1. K Brigden	1. B Asher
2. G Brown	2. G Hill	2. G Neal
3. W Vinckx	3. G Brown	3. W Vinckx
4. B Asher	4. B Callan	4. C Ralph
5. I Robertson	5. C Ralph	5. I Robertson
6. G Neal	6. C Dubois	6. D Beveridge
7. C Ralph	7. S Russell-C	7. S Russell-C
8. D Collins	8. D Collins	8. P Powell
9. S Russell C	9. W Vinckx	9. G Hart
10. C Dubois	10. P Powell	10. B Peters
11. P Powell	11. B Asher	11. D Collins
12. D Beveridge	12. T Amos	12. A Wick
13. A Wick	13. B Peters	13. G Hill
14. G Hart	14. G Hart	14. P Warne
15. K Brifden	15. D Beveridge	15. C Dubois
16. L Cowan	16. I Robertson	16. B Callan
17. P Warne	17. A Smyrnis	17. K Brigden
18. B Callan	18. L Cowan	18. L Cowan
19. G Hill	19. A Wick	
20. J Ward	20. S Schofield	
21. A Smyrnis		

Fastest lap time: 1:01.08 Garry Brown in the 1972 Holden XU1

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1995 CALENDAR

March 11/12	Historic	Phillip Island
March 26	NSWRRC	Oran Park
April 9	ARDC club	Amaroo
April 30-May 1	Open truck	Oran Park
May 6/7	SSRA club	Eastern Creek
May 21	NSWRRC club	Oran Park
May 28	ARDC club	Amaroo
May 27/28	Historic	Winton
June 11	Open truck	Oran Park
June 18	ARDC club	Amaroo
July 2	NSWRRC club	Oran Park
July 8/9	Historic	Lakeside
July 30	ARDC club	Amaroo
August 14 ¹³	SSRA club	Oran Park
August 14-23	Sydney Classic Rally	
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August 26/27	Valvoline 2-litre series	Eastern Creek
September 10	NSWRRC club	Oran Park
September 16/17	HSRCA Historic	Eastern Creek
October 5/6	Tooheys 1000	Bathurst
October 12/13 ¹⁵	NSWRRC club	Eastern Creek
October 22	Open truck	Oran Park
November 19	ARDC club	Amaroo
November 25	NSWRRC club	Oran Park
November 25/26	Historic	Wakefield Park
December 2/3	SSRA club	Eastern Creek

A NEW WAY TO HANDICAP

At the Amaroo Castrol Classic, a new approach was taken to the handicap event. Anyone who has ever been involved in handicapping cars knows how hard it is to "get it right", so the committee decided to try self-regulation.

On completion of official practice, drivers were required to nominate a fastest possible lap, to the nearest second, and this was used to decide grid positions. If, during the race, the car exceeded its nominated time, the driver effectively disqualified his or her self.

The result? Some of the closest finishes I've ever seen, plus no gripes about the "poor handicapping" and no foxing.

Congratulations for a great idea well executed.

Lyndal Coote

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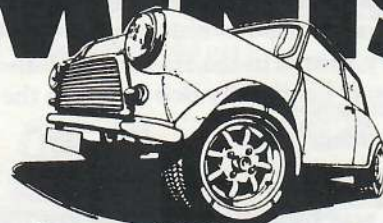
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(This video has good coverage of Group N including Bill Coote's dramatic spin at the beginning of the straight and Lyn Cowan's fortuitous evasion of one not-quite-out-of-control Cortina - also featured in the program for the Amaroo historics!!!)

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