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Classic Touring Cars

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GENERAL MEETING

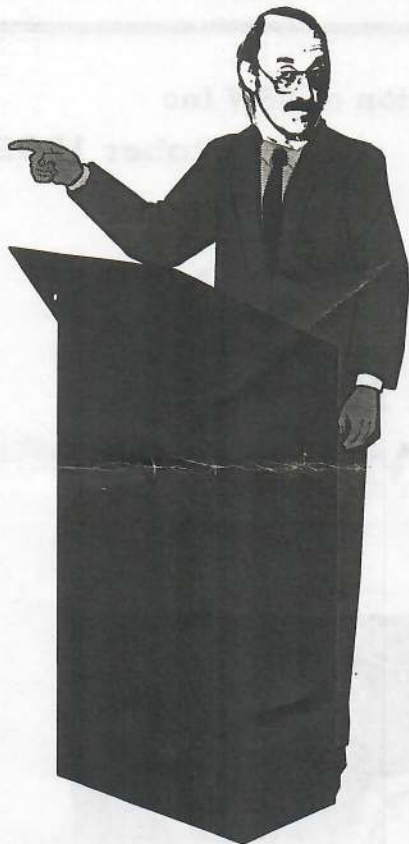
Tuesday November 7 8pm

Main topic *"The Future Direction of
Group Na, Nb & Nc"*

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



It was sure great to see such a large roll up to the last General Meeting, many faces not seen for some time, and some new ones. For whatever the reason, I hop it is a sign of things to come. Fields at the racetrack have been generally thin this year but if the Eastern Creek Historic, Oran Park Truck meeting and Wakefield Park are any indication of things to come we are back in business in a big way!!

I am not quite sure how I got to be President of this Association but I would like to thank the members for your support and the trust you have put in me. Having been on the committee for the past two years, I am well aware of the problems confronting us and am determined to deal with them in the Clubs' best interest. Your committee has identified many

meetings both on and off the track and have already taken measure that will return us to the position we wish to enjoy. Discussions with the race promoters are under way already to secure the best calendar we as a Club can best support. To that end, we are meeting with Oran Park this week to hopefully secure the Truck meeting series for 1996. So the new year is "looking good".

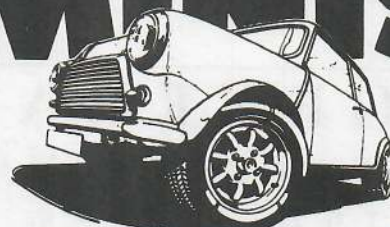
I would like to thank Chris and the outgoing committee for their fine efforts over the last year in steering the club in the right direction. Welcome to the new committee, especially those filling the newly created positions which have been formed to steer the incorporation of Na and Nc into our fold so that we may all prosper. I am sure we can work together to forward the Club in the right direction.

Our special thanks must go to Greg Neal who, on top of his role as Public Relations Officer, has taken on the production of this magazine in the interim so that we may sort out how to continue to produce what I believe is a pivotal point of the Club. Any budding editors out there?? We need someone who can at least help; typing? race reports? recipes? anything!

The next few weeks are so busy with the fully booked Presentation Night on the harbour, then Adelaide which is promising to be a big event, Wakefield Park and then the resurrected and I hope, well attended Christmas get-together - details of which can be found elsewhere in this magazine. For those requiring Santa, he will be present during the day. See you there

Regards, Bob Asher

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POINTSCORE

DIV 1

B Asher	202.58
D Beveridge	162.00
B Pearson	106.99
L Donaher	43.33
C Tilley	43.32
M Ducquet	34.66
G Neal	34.00
G Toepfer	31.50
R Bailey	29.33
G Neal	28.00
S Wilson	27.67
V Vujadinovich	25.83
T Amos	22.00
T Hutchins	19.66
D Stone	17.00
F Binding	16.00
R Muller	14.17
G Smith	13.66
R McKenzie	13.33
A Heath	9.00
B Tilley	8.33

DIV 2

C Dubois	142.67
A Wick	116.82
P Ward	98.24
D Sugden	82.16
G Hart	72.00
A Smyrnis	71.58
F Burley	70.66
K Brigden	67.74
K Ballantyne	62.82
D Corner	60.00
B Peters	58.00
G Hill	53.55
A Barrow	50.66
B Brown	47.25
W Anderson	46.32
P Powell	44.33
P Heriot	40.66
R Owers	30.88
L Cowan	27.66
P Corner	22.00
R Brincat	21.16
B Callan	18.33
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
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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	78.24
R Donnelly	45.16
P O'Brien	21.33
G Angel	14.00

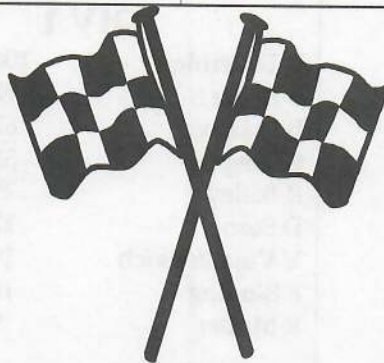
Group Na

Championship

A Pursey	57.83
A Huxley	41.33

K MAC POINTSCORE

B Asher	44	C. Dubois	13.33
P Ward	33	W. Anderson	12.0
B Pearson	32	M. Ducquett	10.0
D Sugden	30.33	B. Brow	9
C Tilley	28.33	R. Hogarty	9
A Barrow	28	G. Hill	8
R Donnelly	26	K. Brigden	8
A. Wick	24.66	J. Tight	7
F. Burley	24.6	G. Hart	7
S. Wilson	24	G. Neal	5.66
D. Beveridge	23.96	B. Peters	5.33
L Donaher	23.66	K. Ballantyne	5.33
D Corner	20.0	B. Tilley	4.33
P Hariott	18.00	R. Muller	2.66
T. Hutchins	16.66	S. Clifton	2.33
A. Smyrnis	15.66		



CLASS WINNERS

Nb

0 - 1300
 1301 - 1600
 2000 - 2600
 2601 - 3000
 3001 - 4500
 4501 - over

F. Burley
 A. Wick
 A. Barrow
 D. Sudgen
 C. Tilley
 L. Donaher

Nc

R Donnelly

Group Na

Andrew "Axeman" Pursey

Welcome to the first of a regular (that's what the editor insists) column on the topic of Group Na. This Group is pre '58 Saloon Cars, commonly known as "Classic Saloons"

The CAMS Manual states that these cars must have minimum modifications and are really "improved road cars".

Bodywork and trim must be unmodified but floor coverings may be removed. Additional instrument, such as oil temp gauges and tachometers are allowed but must be period.

Engine capacity up to 6000cc over original block but allow alternative heads with larger valves. Carbs, must be of period but can be larger and can have up to one per pair of cylinders. Manifolds can be modified, extractors are allowed. Gearbox, location and selection must be original but different ratios are allowed. No locked or limited slip diffs are permitted.

Suspension location must be retained but shock absorbers and springs may be stiffened. Suspension can be lowered. Tyres must be not less than 65% profile and from CAMS approved list. Wheels must be steel original but can be widened up to 5 inches.

Full roll cages are permitted and at least half cage is mandatory. Full harness is compulsory. Racing seats or modified original seats are allowed. Fire extinguisher is compulsory, as is a laminated windscreen.

The category started in January this year and there are only a few operation cars (which have raced at Amaroo Park, Eastern Creek, Oran Park and Wakefield Park) but more are being constructed.

Currently competing are:

Andrew Pursey - 1955 Morris Oxford
Arthur "Hux" Huxley - 1957 Morris Major
Bob Priddle - 1957 Ford Zephyr

Now you have read the notes on the regulations you will understand why Hux and I in our Major and Oxford are politely referred to as "The Morris Dancers" whilst Bob Priddle in his Zephyr is referred to as an "Old Rock & Roller". There are some unkind souls who refer to the ride and handling characteristics of Na cars as "character building".

However, there are some other people who also exhibit a determination to face challenges, with the result that new cars scheduled to make their debut at HSRCA's Wakefield Park meeting in November are:

Don Titcume - 1957 Morris Major
Stewart Edwards - 1955 Austin A30
Terry Thompson - 1957 Volkswagen Beetle

Additional cars in build include Holden FJ, Austin A90, Wolseley 1500, Riley 1.5, Austin Lancer, Mercedes 220, Renault 750, MG Magnette, plus some unconfirmed reports of Ford Customline and Jaguar Mk VII.

We need more cars and we need to maintain the variety - have a think about what you could prepare and feel free to discuss the concept with "Axeman" or "Hux".

Finally remember the Group Na slogan (not the one about growing old disgracefully, although that does apply)

Na - "Not really a firebreathing doorslammer - but still fun!!"

Regards Andrew



NEWS FROM THE BUSH

Smokey Dawson get exemption from CAMS to install a John in his Group Na Daimler - now competitors with the sh _ ts can deal with Smokey face to face

Bob & Jenny Adams implicated in cattle rustling activities.

Bob said "I was just stocking up for the next Appendix J BBQ" (Bob & Jenny thanks for your efforts - it's really appreciated.)

Did you know the real Graham Hill (father of Damon) raced an Austin A35 in Britain in the late fifties. Did you also know that Frank Williams is exchanging technology with the other Grahame Hill but Grahame assures us there is no truth in the rumour he's running the Renault engine at Adelaide.

POTENTIAL CLUB ANTHEM

South of the Border
Down eligibility way
That's where the people who
Live in glass houses come out to play
And now as I wander
South of the Border
Down Adelaide Way

Chorus

Hi Yi Yi Yi Yi
Hi Yi Yi Yey

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BINDING SMASH REPAIRS

Group Nb

Phil Powell

The role of the Appendix J Association is to duplicate historic racing of the early 60's, the days of Appendix J racing is coming to a close. Possibly the club would be better known as the Classic Touring Car Association as appears on the Club Sticker which you can see on the back of my Cortina (quality) Panel Van.

With the inclusion of Group Na early classic production cars and Group Nc the modified production touring cars pre 1972, we are no longer only an Appendix J Association. The Club is beginning to increase in numbers as well as competitive members and this is great news!

The majority of the growth is coming from the Group Nc category. This is the class in the Club with large numbers of cars accessible at reasonable prices.

This was the same in the early days of Group Nb, with a Mini, Cortina or Holden available for as little as \$500. This unfortunately is no longer the case and these vehicles are becoming scarce.

So is the future of Group Nb to become an Historic Category? Perhaps if you consider the interest and number of entries of over 50 cars in the last Historic Meeting and that there are already over 20 entries for the next event at Wakefield Park still 6 weeks away. Is this the direction the majority of Group Nb members wish to pursue?

Or should we endeavour to remain the dominant category within the club pursuing a full calendar of open and Club race meetings as well as the 3 Historic events?

I am interested in your comments as your Group Nb committee representative. I would very much like to know your opinion
I'm waiting to hear from you!

Best Regards, Phil Powell



Bob Asher serves notice on Steve

MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING 10.10.95

- * Great attendance - 61 members
- * Fantastic entry for Eastern Creek resulted in two divisions racing
- * Eligibility checks undertaken at Easter Creek with assistance of Carl Hecker from Queensland. Appreciation expressed from eligibility officers on co-operation of members. Presentation of cars very good.
- * Wakefield Historic 25th and 26th November - 24 entries to date.
- * Colin Osborne re-elected to CAMS.
- * Motion moved and carried that Association write to HSRCA regarding delay in rendering assistance to Laurie Donaher following incident at Eastern Creek. Issue has been raised with panel.
- * All competitors for Adelaide should make arrangements to have motors sealed

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MATTERS FROM ON HIGH

John Dawson-Damer has conducted a survey on entrants at all historic race meetings and has found that, apart from regularity runner Group N competitors outnumber any other category by an approximate factor of 2:1. A total of 137 Group N entries were received for meetings in NSW, Victoria, ACT, Queensland, South Australia & Western Australia, 28% of all historic entrants, Group M being the second most popular with 72 cars or 15% of the entry.

The 2nd HCC meeting has taken place and the work of Bob Cracknell and Wayne Thompson has been recognised in sorting out the rules and making Nb and Nc more compatible, defining criteria for cars to be accepted and a rewrite of the preamble to our section in the CAMS Manual etc.

ELIGIBILITY NOTE: Group Nc brakes are free as long as there is no increase to the swept area of the disc or drum. Front and rear wheel offset is free, as long as the measurements of the track are not increased

MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 10.10.95

Elections held. Details in magazine - still looking for editor.

Motion put and carried to have Liaison Officers for Groups Na, Nb and Nc elected to committee.

Discussion on future of children's Christmas party. Motion put and carried that a Christmas party continue to occur, not necessarily for kids, at a venue to be decided.

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BOB TWEEDIE

THE LEGEND LIVES ON!

Nc NEWS

Mick Donaher

Fellow Nc Competitors

Welcome the what I believe will be the beginning of an extremely competitive, popular and most of all enjoyable category of motorsport.

Firstly, let me begin by introducing myself, I am 32, married with 3 children and have been a member of the Appendix J Association for approximately 8 years. I have raced an EH and the late number 17 Mustang belonging to my father and have done some racing in a Group A Commodore (great fun, too bloody expensive). I am currently in the process of building an XU-1 Torana (just to be different) and look forward to getting out there and having a go.

Now to the tricky parts, how to get Nc off the ground well and truly. I see this as my objective over the next 12 months. I have lots of ideas and avenue that are to be explored but I need some input from you, the members so we can work towards a common goal, that goal I believe can be summed up in 1 word - "numbers".

Currently the Nc arm of the Victorian Club have some 16

means we are dragging the chain somewhat, even in Queensland there are I believe about 7 cars with books and more underway.

It is important to note that we must work in conjunction with Na and Nb classes for the time being until such time as we have the numbers to run our own class races. I think though there should be some easily identifiable way of marking the different categories i.e. a single capital letter adjacent to the racing number for the benefit of the spectators and the officials alike.

I would like to know who is racing or building a group Nc car in NSW so I can keep a record of numbers and types of cars, so could you please talk to me at the November meeting or fax me on (02) 526 2515.

I will require:

- car type
- colour
- engine type and capacity
- race no.
- driver name
- contact phone number

Also should you require any information relating to your car, please contact me on 525 5368 and I will try to assist you if I can.

I would appreciate these details as soon as possible, thanks.

I spoke with Rian Knott, the Nc rep in Victoria about the race meeting at Sandown on the 15th and apparently the Group N guys stole the show, especially the demonstration

likes of Brock, Gibson and Moffat, to name a few, wearing their Sunday best put on an exciting display and lapped within a second or so of the outright Nc record in only 8 laps (maybe these guys can drive!?) Sunday also produced some close Nc racing, unfortunately for some a little too close with a lot of the top ten cars sustaining damage mostly from turn 1 but all concerned were overall very happy with the meeting especially circuit owner Mr Davison Marc Duequet from NSW was also at the meeting and qualified well for Nb but got involved in an on track tangle with John Manns Mustang and sustained some damage on the Galaxie.

And last but certainly not least I will be seeking absolute clarification of the rules nationally. After speaking with NSW and Victoria reps it seems there are different interpretations depending on who you talk to (very hard to build a car on an opinion eh!) so obviously this is something I will be working on in conjunction with the other committee members and other state reps

I think that's enough for now and I look forward to talking with you at the meetings and the circuit.

Regards,
Mick

RACE NOTES

ORAN PARK 21ST OCTOBER 1995

RACE REPORT BY LIONEL WALKER & DANIEL SUGDEN

RACE 1 - Lionel Walker

As the official racing started so did the consistent rain so that Race 1 was very wet.

It was a diminished field with both Toepfer and Tight not starting due to oil pump and clutch problems respectively.

With both Bob Pearson and Cameron Tilley on the front row it was an interesting start which was won by Cameron. From where I stood the spray at the bottom corner was horrendous. Cameron led around to Energol where Bob drove under Cameron to lead into the straight.. To my surprise I noticed Greg Neal who, longing for his sports car days, decided (with the help of the scrutineers) to race in an open car by removing the front and rear windows (picture of a drowned rat).

Starting the second lap Ross Muller's Mustang was miss firing and managed to complete that lap to pull out on the third. In the slippery conditions everyone was racing with caution especially with the water stream at entry to Suttons and the mud on the top of dog leg.

Bob Pearson increased his lead lifting wheels even in the wet through Energol to finish comfortable ahead of Cameron, Trevor Hutchins who put on a good show exiting Energol. Bob Asher was fourth and a well deserved fifth was Fred Burley who finished only one second behind Bob Asher. The ever exuberent Alan Barrows acknowledged the applauding and wet audience at Energol as the field came in.

RACE 2 - Daniel Sugden

Pearson won the start from Bob Asher, Trevor Hutchins, Daniel Sugden, Fred Burley, Dave Beveridge, Allan Wicks, Ross Hogarty, Peter Ward, Ken Brigden, Andrew Suryres, Bob Harris, Chris Dubois and Allan Barrows and Wes Anderson. As Beveridge caught Hutchins and Asher, Hutchins passed Asher into turn one.

The finishing order was Pearson, Hutchins, Asher, Beveridge, Burley, Sugden, and Hart with Alan Wicks breaking a rocker shaft and Ross Hogarty having brake failure at the end of the straight.

RACE 3 - Daniel Sugden

A brilliant start by Bob Asher but he was passed by Hutchins in the first corner, then followed Beveridge, Burley and Sugden. Beveridge came off in turn one allowing Burley and Sugden through. A couple of laps later Beveridge regained his lost spot as Asher retired. Hutchins won followed by Beveridge, Burley & Sugden.

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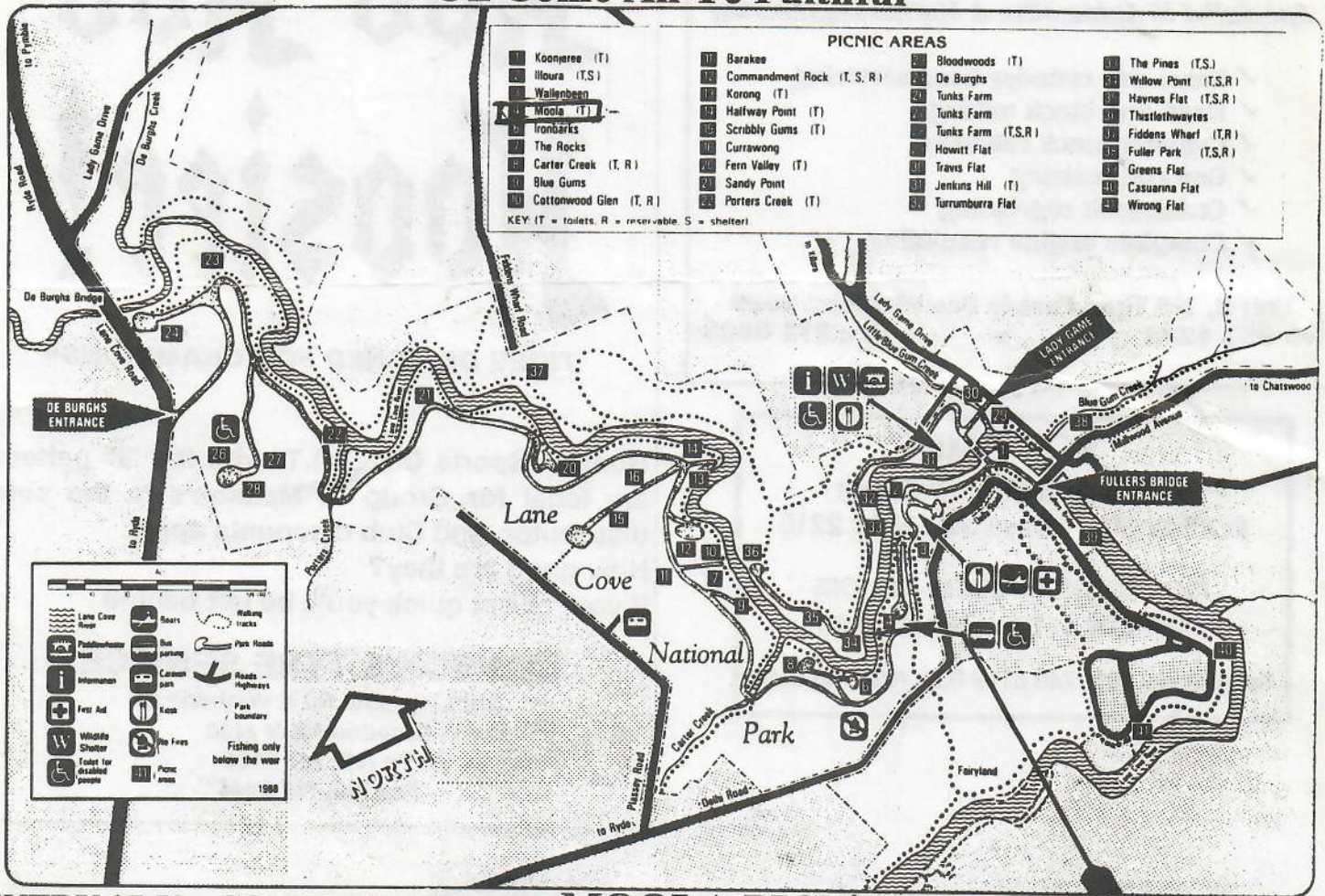
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