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CHRISTMAS IN JUNE



2003 COMMITTEE

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Please note these are all honorary positions, carried out by members in their own time. If you call them, please accept that they may have to call you back at a time convenient to them.

General Meetings of the Club

Held on the second Wednesday of the month at the
Ryde RSL Bowling Club (Bowling Club Rooms)
724 Victoria Road, Ryde commencing at 8:00pm

OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

Fostering a better acquaintance and social spirit between the various owners of Thoroughbred Sports Cars in Australia

To help and advance Thoroughbred Sports Cars in Australia

To establish and maintain, by example, a high standard of Conduct and a Respect of the Laws of the Road

INCORPORATED AS AN ASSOCIATION
Registered No. Y15083-35
*TSCC is affiliated with CAMS Limited
(formerly Confederation of Australian Motor Sport)*

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SECRETARY
Sue Smart
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CALENDAR 2003

	DATE		EVENT	ORGANISER	PHONE NO.
JULY	Sun 6	R	Oran Park South	Lester Gough	9799 3209
	Wed 9	M	Monthly meeting	Sue Smart	9630 1050
	Sun 13	S	Brass Monkey run	Les Johnson	9412 1838
	Wed 16	F	Wednesday run	Vern Kelly	9651 2770
AUG.	Sat 2	R	Wakefield Park	Lester Gough	9799 3209
	Wed 13	M	Monthly meeting	Sue Smart	9630 1050
	Wed 20	F	Wednesday run	Vern Kelly	9651 2770
	W/E 23 & 24	S	Shannon's Display - Eastern Creek	Adrian Walker	9987 4299
	Sat 23	R	Oran Park G P	Lester Gough	9799 3209
SEPT.	Sat 6	S	Restaurant Night	John Dixon	9403 6905
	Sun 7	R	Oran Park South	Lester Gough	9799 3209
	Wed 10	M	Monthly meeting	Sue Smart	9630 1050
	Sun 14	S	Pride Ownership Day	Peter Smart	9630 1050
	Wed 17	F	Wednesday Run	Vern Kelly	9651 2770
OCT.	Wed 8	M	Monthly meeting	Sue Smart	9630 1050
	Wed 15	F	Wednesday run	Vern Kelly	9651 2770
	W/E 17-19	S	Temora Air Museum	Roland Clark	9653 2866
NOV.	Sun 8	S	Harbour Cruise	Colin Allerdice	9874 0356
	Wed 12	M	Monthly meeting	Sue Smart	9630 1050
	Wed 19	F	Wednesday run	Vern Kelly	9651 2770
	Sat 29	R	Oran Park South	Lester Gough	9799 3209
DEC.	Sat 6	S	Christmas Dinner	Col Allerdice	9874 0356
	Sun 14	R	Oran Park South	Lester Gough	9799 3209

NOTES:

- The events above are club sanctioned for the purposes of using club plates. Other events listed elsewhere may be sanctioned upon application at a monthly meeting of the Club.
- Wednesday Run destinations will be selected from the following: Lithgow Small Arms Museum, Berrima Historic Village, Mt Anna Botanical Gardens, Brooklyn, Megalong Valley, Fitzroy Falls, Toronto, Mt Tomah Botanical Gardens, Wallacia, North Head Artillery Museum, Berry, and the Central Coast. Suggestions welcome, Contact Vern Kelly 9651 2770.

LEGEND: M = Club Meeting (3 Points)
R = Racing Event (1 Point)

S = Social Events (2 Points)
F = Fun Run (No Points)

CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR: The above points are awarded to members for participation in the events specified in the TSCC Calendar as printed, and any later amendments. With racing events, one point is awarded either for racing or attending as a spectator. Also, you will be awarded two points for contributing an article to **Top Gear** (to a maximum of 10 points).



NOTE:
Terry Thompson OAM,
President of The
Council of Motor Clubs
will be attending the
AUGUST MEETING
as our guest.

COMING EVENTS

17-19 OCTOBER

Roland and Stephanie Clark have been kind enough to arrange a visit to Temora for flying days over the weekend of 18th and 19th October, 2003.

It is preferable for those who can do so to travel to Temora on FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER as there is a full day's flying on the Saturday. Vintage aircraft, e.g. Spitfires, Canberra bombers, etc. are on show and full details can be found at www.aviationmuseum.com.au

Accommodation is very limited in Temora during these weekends, and Roland has a hold on a few rooms at approximately \$75.00 per double per night for both 17th and 18th.

These will be allocated on a first-in basis, so if you are interested please contact Roland or Stephanie by phone on 9653 2866 or email rolandclark@bigpond.com.au

8 NOVEMBER

Event : CHICKEN & CHAMPAGNE HARBOUR CRUISE
When : SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2003
Aboard : THE 1919 RELIANCE
Departs : LANE COVE RIVER AT 6.00pm SHARP
Returns : 10.00pm
Cost : \$ 25.00 PER HEAD (\$ 50.00 A DOUBLE)
BYO: FOOD, DRINK, CHAMPAGNE
Afterwards : COFFEE, TEA AND SNACKS AT LES & ROSALEE JOHNSON'S
94 RIVER AVENUE, WEST CHATSWOOD

Join us for a fantastic night on Sydney Harbour. Park at 94 River Avenue, West Chatswood and walk (10 minutes) down to the wharf. Cater for yourselves or buddy up with another couple or two, but you must BYO. Afterwards, return to the Johnsons for some "after cruise" hospitality.

Numbers are limited - 30 maximum - so it must be "first in (with your money naturally) best dressed". Members interested, please forward your cheque made out to "TSCC" to Colin Allerdice, 4 Miriam Road, DENISTONE 2114

Members who are unable to come to the cruise but who would be available for the "after cruise" hospitality are most welcome, but please let either Les or Colin know.

ALSO PLEASE SEE FLYER FOR PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP DAY ON PAGE 17

SPORTING REPORT

By Lester Gough

Two events have been held since the last edition of Top Gear. There were no entries from the club for the Oran Park GP round on 25 May. However, Adrian Walker entered the Oran Park GP round on 6 July in his Mark II Jaguar saloon and posted a best time of 60.2 seconds out of 19 laps on the day.

The next round will be at Wakefield Park circuit on 2nd August. After Wakefield there are a further four rounds this year with the last round on 14th December counting towards the 2004 pointscore.

Any member wishing to compete, or just wishing to discuss competing or attending as a spectator should feel free to contact me on 0411 117 370 or 9799 3209.

THOROUGHbred SPORTS CAR CLUB
GENERAL MEETING HELD 11TH JUNE 2003

Meeting commenced 8.00 p.m.

20 MEMBERS PRESENT

Les & Roselee Johnson, Colin Allerdice, Vernon & Wendy Kelly, Chris & Joan Johnson, Sue & Peter Smart, David & Barbara Muir, Lindsay Day, Stephanie & Roland Clark, Lionel Walker, Malcolm Stephen, John & Val Dixon, Vic Andrews, Jim Peters.

The President welcomed Life Member Jim Peters, who now resides in Brisbane.

APOLOGIES: Ray & Margaret Ross, Ron Pulling, Adrian Walker, John Burton, Lester Gough.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved that minutes of the previous meeting held on 14/5/03 be accepted: Chris Johnson,

Seconded: Vern Kelly CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

- CMC re Shannon's Eastern Creek Classic (entry cards etc.)
- Motorex Flyer
- Automotive Freight Brokers Flyer and letter
- Email from Skylines Australia Car Club

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE

Shannon's Eastern Creek Classic – A committee will be formed to organize our club's display for this event.

Volunteers welcomed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Vic Andrews tabled financial statement from 8th April 2003 to date.

Bank Balance as at 11th June \$2,067.64 (Income \$290.00 Outgo \$1,543)

Outgo included deposits to venues for Pride of Ownership Day & Christmas Dinner

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Lunch at Ranelagh House this Sunday 15th June – Organisers are Stephanie and Roland Clark. 20 people going. Flyers handed out showing details of meeting place etc.

Wednesday runs – a very pleasant run to Mt Tomah Gardens in May. June run on 18th will be to Yarramalong Valley organised by Vern Kelly who handed out flyers.

Breakfast Run with AHOC – 13th July. Les Johnson advised that a venue for overnight stay had been found. A notice has been circulated by email and letter, 5 bookings already received. Full details will be posted to all participants just prior to the event.

COMPETITION SECRETARY

Lester Gough sent apologies, and advised that the next sporting event will be held on 6/7/03 at Oran Park South. Full details and entry forms available from Lester.

CLUB PLATES REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Roland Clark gave details of the new Historic Concessional Registration Scheme, especially regarding registration of cars where the owner has nominated more than one club on the registration. Roland suggested a log book/sheet in the car to record movements.

Discussion followed on reporting requirements where our club is the primary club.

It was moved by David Muir that our club adopt the following policy:

- (a) for vehicles which nominate TSCC as the primary club, movements be advised to TSCC Club Plate Registrar for our club sanctioned events.
- (b) when the vehicle is used for events organised by the other(secondary) clubs nominated on the HCRS registration, the member will be responsible for advice to the secondary club's registrar,
- (c) Servicing movements should be advised to the primary club's registrar.

Seconded by Roland Clark.

CARRIED

CLUB SHOP

John & Val Dixon advised they have club polo shirts, polar fleece tops with zip collar for sale.

EDITOR'S REPORT

More articles needed. Suggestion that magazine could be sent by email. This could be restricted by computer/email program capacity. Lindsay will investigate. Individual notices can be sent, but the magazine with colour photos may be a problem for some members to receive. Majority of members have email addresses.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.50 p.m.



Occasional jottings since the last edition of Top Gear. Keep the 'goss' coming.

- RAY and MARGRET ROSS moved in to new home at OBERON and have had their first snow up to their arm pits. Their phone should be on soon.
- LES JOHNSON is out of hospital. His LEGS feel as they have been run over by a bus and testicles feel as the williams sisters played a grand slam tennis final with them. He looks like half a mummy from the waist down.
- JOHN DIXON is still having trouble with kidney stones and is playing a wait and see game.
- VAL DIXON has given up work [RETIRED] but John has to stay on a bit longer.
- CHRIS and JOAN JOHNSON have purchased a BMW open top and went to on a Captain Cook cruise to celebrate in FIJI.
- PETER AND SUE SMART had a trip to Tamworth for a wedding recently and enjoyed getting out on the open road with no-one else there. The weather inland was cool in the mornings but glorious through the days.

<u>TSCC</u>	<u>FINANCIAL STATEMENT</u>	<u>6/11/03to</u>	<u>7/11/03</u>
Bank Balance as at	6/11/03.....		<u>\$2,067.64</u>
<u>Income</u>			
	Membership fees	\$170.00	
	Raffle Income	\$95.00	
	Shirts sale	\$70.00	
	Interest	\$2.23	
	Brass Monkey Income	\$1,160.00	
	Total Income		\$1,497.23
<u>Expenses</u>			
	Oatlands H,Display Day	\$500.00	
	CMC East Creek Day	\$60.00	
	Brass Monkey Run	\$1,205.00	
	Total Expenses		\$1,765.00
Total Funds	7/11/03.....		<u>\$1,799.87</u>
Monies In Hand		\$45.00	

Vic Andrews

WEDNESDAY RUN TO MOUNT TOMAH BOTANIC GARDENS

Wednesday 21st May 2003

The day dawned just as we had ordered it – beautiful blue sky with just a touch of freshness in the air. A lovely autumn morning. Great for soft tops down. The meeting place was the usual “western run” meeting place at the coffee shop opposite Richmond RAAF Base.

There gathered the usual interesting mix of cars which comprised:

Vern & Wendy Kelly in the pale primrose Jaguar “E” Type roadster
Peter & Sue Smart in the red BMW convertible
Colin Allerdice in the white Triumph TR6
Paul & Jan Goddard in the (beautiful, but don’t know the colour!!) Holden Calais
Supercharged six
Brian & Barbara Marshall in their new Mercedes SLK 230 sports
car (the one with the power-operated convertible hardtop)
Phil & Carmel Driscoll in their anthracite Jaguar X300 XJ Heritage model
Ken Parsons in his pale primrose Jaguar “E” Type Series 3 roadster joined us just
for coffee at the start of the run.

The early arrivers at the meeting place just had time to order coffee before one, two, three, then (count ‘em) FOUR busloads of high school kids arrived. This shattered the usual peace & tranquility (barring the occasional RAAF Hercules taking off) of the coffee shop & rendered any further ordering of coffee impossible as the kids took over the establishment.

We accordingly decided to head straight to Mt Tomah & have a coffee there before exploring the gardens.

The run up the Bell’s Line of Road was as pretty & exhilarating as usual. After coffee (plus cake for some!! – it looked nice, Peter) we conducted our own tour of the gardens which looked beautiful but probably didn’t quite have the autumn colours which we had expected.

Then followed a nice lunch - with all eleven of us surprising, & pleasing, the waitress by ordering one or other of the tasty pies which were a specialty.

After lunch, Colin & Wendy & I planned to do a further round of the gardens to see some of its more distant corners, but the rapidly deteriorating sky suggested that a quick departure in our soft tops was the more sensible option, which we followed. This didn’t stop Wendy & I, though, from a quick stop at Kurrajong Village on the way back to look at antiques.

I’m writing this because I forgot to ask anyone else to do it under the usual practice. I can’t, therefore, thank the organisers for a good day. I can, however, thank everyone else both for their attendance & support for these events, & for making this particular day a fun day for all concerned. Well done everybody!!!

Vern & Wendy Kelly

YARRAMALONG VALLEY WEDNESDAY RUN

Participants: Colin, Vern, Wendy, Brian and Barbara in E-Types

Colin and Ron in a Triumph

Norm and Pam in a XK120 Jaguar

John and Sue in an Amaroo

Ken and Ruth in a XK150S

Stephanie and Roland in a Lexus

Paul and Jan in a Calais

Pam and I were at the lookout just before Wisemans Ferry enjoying the views, when the silence was broken by the roar of the cars coming along in convoy. So, we quickly hopped into the XK120 and joined the convoy to the coffee shop in Wisemans. Upon arrival a very nice XK150S caught my eye. It's owner was Ken and Ruth (possible new members), friends of Vern and Wendy.

After a welcome cup of coffee we set off over the ferry heading towards Mangrove Creek Dam. The scenery on the way was great with excellent views of the river, and the roads were nice and bendy. The dam was a welcome stop with good viewing areas and amenities. After about half an hour Vern announced that we had better head off to our lunch stop which was still twenty minutes away. Because the weather was absolutely perfect, we opted to dine alfresco. Lunch was well worth the wait because the food was excellent and very reasonably priced.

After lunch, Pam and I decided to do the outward trip in reverse. Everyone else headed back down the highway. Apparently, Vern and Brian had a spirited drive down the old Pacific Highway

Vern and Wendy, thankyou from all of us who enjoyed a great day out!

Norm and Pam Johnson

CHRISTMAS IN JUNE- RANELAGH HOUSE

After having some fine tuning on the gold E-Type it was now a pleasure to drive. Roselee was happy the way it was running so it was a good start to a great day.

The run down to Pheasants Nest to the rendezvous stop for a coffee break was uneventful. It was here that we caught up with Ray, Margaret, Stephanie and Roland in the comfort of a Lexus. Sid and Anne Davenport were in their beautiful Maserati and Peter and Sue were driving their BMW convertible. Chris and Joan were also comfortable in their BMW coupe. Norm and Pam opted for something a little warmer by arriving in their diesel Land Cruiser. John and Val were in Dave Muir's council Ford sedan. (The Muirs were doing it tuff in Vanuatu!) It was great to see Judy and Vic in the might Amazon iced-vovo and Malcolm (in the middle) and Margaret in the family sedan.

After the coffee stop we set off on the road to Robertson, which was a very pleasant drive, through the crisp morning of the Southern Highlands. The E-Type purred along aided by Peter and Sue jammed up our exhaust pipe. We cruised to a stop at an antique shop in Robertson which filled in a bit of time because we were running early. The only purchase was by Sue who bought a needlework book. We were searching for a brass oil can but were unsuccessful in our endeavours. We then caught up with the main group that had passed us and driven on to the Christmas lunch stop at Ranelagh house, a lovely old guest house built in 1924, with high ceilings and open fire places. Sid parked his car next to a large aviary and he commented that he always had wanted a Maserati bird cage. Already parked were three magnificently restored MK11 Jaguar Saloons, complimenting the great collection of cars surrounding the mansion.



Wednesday Lunch at Mt Tomah



Christmas in June at Ranleigh House



Watch out Roland!



A Thoroughbred line up at the Fitzroy Inn

Two tables had been allocated to us. There must have been some cold bodies because the first table which was right next to the big open fire place filled up quickly. The room was decorated with Christmas decorations, including bon-bons on the tables. The theme was set and it was impossible not to enjoy ourselves especially with the added incentive of our BYO drinks. It was great to be alive!

Our table consisted of Roland, Stephanie, Vic, Judy, Ray, Margaret, Roselee and I. Ray and Margaret updated us on the progress of their new house, backed up with some very interesting construction photos. It looks great and we are eagerly anticipating the TSCC house warming barbecue in Oberon. We have just one request.....please schedule it for the warmer months, perhaps when the temperature gets over "zero".

It wasn't long before the wine was flowing and the noise went up a decibel or two. Then Santa arrived ushered in by the staff jingling forks and spoons in empty wine bottles, and we all must have been good because Santa gave everyone a present. The very nice meal consisted of soup followed by a baked dinner. We all felt great when a lone bagpiper, dressed in a traditional Scottish kilt lead the arrival of our hot custard pudding carried by some very nice waitresses. It was certainly a lunch to remember!

After saying our farewells to the day trippers, the serious drinkers (who were already primed up) made their way to the Robertson Country Hotel, to kick the night on. The stayers were; Chris, Joan, Vic, Judy, Peter, Sue, Roselee and me, together with John and Val who were last minute inclusions and didn't have a tooth brush between them. Upon arrival at the Hotel, I made an immediate impression by knocking over one of the local's schooners. After making amends by buying him another drink with two straws in it the other patrons roared with laughter. The guy kept us company for most of the night trying to find out what we were up to, and I must admit we gave him a hard time which he accepted very well. We loved Vic's dry sense of humour. Unfortunately Judy wasn't feeling too well, so after causing a little bit of mayhem Vic and Judy went back to the Robertson Country Motel, our bed for the night. It was at this time that John and Val made their decision to stay with us and forget about work and were lucky enough to score the last remaining room. After leaving the motel we went to the local club which was conveniently located next to the motel. Here, we enjoyed a Chinese banquet with all of us managing to fit around the one round table.

The next morning greeted us with very crisp air and the cars were covered by an icy frost. We breakfasted in the motel in the warmth of an open fire. Vic and Judy headed South and John and Val made a bolt for Sydney. The others ambled back to Sydney via antique shops in Mittagong searching for the elusive brass oil can. We had a coffee break in one of the antique shops, which is where Joan discovered a 1920's Sheffield Carving set made by Christopher Johnson. It was encased in a magnificent crocodile skin case. Chris had to have it! After \$195 had changed hands it was his and the Johnson's now have a family heirloom. (We hope they divulge the story of how it came into their possession, or it could get a little confusing in the future.) We parted company in Mittagong and headed home.

It was a great two days, so from all of us we say a big "THANKYOU" to Roland and Stephanie.

Here's looking along the bonnet.

Les Johnson

Brass Monkey Run Goulburn to Crookwell

Following a very healthy and hearty breakfast at the Big Merino the group split with a number returning home and 14 cars with 27 brave souls aboard headed to the historic and friendly township of Crookwell.

Crookwell is located approximately 60 kms to the northwest of Goulburn on the Great Divide and at 885 metres above sea level is known for its bracing climate, although it excelled itself in turning on a magnificent day allowing the topless drivers the opportunity to thaw out after the minus 3 degrees greeting in Goulburn.

The original name of Crookwell was Kiamma an aboriginal place name meaning “good fishing ground” and its origins date back to the early/mid 1800s. Bushrangers were particularly active during this era with the infamous Ben Hall creating a name for himself in the area. Today the area is rich in agriculture.

The highlights of the journey from Goulburn included:

- The highway patrol officer on the side of the road very cleverly disguised as Les Johnson taking photographs of the passing parade of vehicles. The detail of the disguise was incredible with the patrol car even camouflaged as an Aston Martin DB4, centre stripe and all.
- The sight of a fleeing red BMW roadster being hotly pursued by an Aston Martin AMV8. The drivers of these vehicles remain anonymous.

and to a lesser degree, a stop off to view the wind farm on the approaches to Crookwell.

On arrival in Crookwell the group took the opportunity of visiting the various places of interest with The Alpaca Shop and Santa’s Hideaway proving very popular with the credit cards.

A light lunch was enjoyed at Catherine’s CBD restaurant after which the Monday workers made for home, and a group of 8 cars proceeded at a leisurely pace to overnight at Mittagong.

Paul and Jan Goddard

CMC MAJOR EVENTS Issued APRIL. 2003

16-17/8/2003	COOTAMUNDRA WATTLE RALLY	COOTAMUNDRA
23-24/8/2003	SHANNONS EASTERN CREEK CLASSIC	EASTERN CREEK RACEWAY
31/8/2003	VSCC BOL' DOR	WAKEFIELD PARK - GOULBURN
5-7/9/2003	H S R C A HISTORIC RACING	EASTERN CREEK RACEWAY
7/9/2003	TWIN LAKES C. A. C. SHOW AND SHINE	WYONG RACECOURSE
7/9/2003	ROLLS ROYCE CONCOURS D' ELEGANCE	FOX STUDIOS – MOORE PARK
14/9/2003	MERCEDES BENZ CONCOURS	SILVERWATER PARK
14/9/2003	ROVER OWNERS CLUB DISPLAY DAY	DARVALL PARK – DENISTONE
21-27/9/2003	NETNRCC NATIONAL RALLY	PARKES
22-26/9/2003	GEORGE GREEN HUB RALLY - VSCC	ORANGE
3-5/10/2003	TRIUMPH TR REGISTER NATIONAL CONCOURS	ARMIDALE
4-5/10/2003	CENTRAL COAST HCC – OCTOBER RALLY	GOSFORD AND SURROUNDS
4-11/10/2003	TRIUMPH NATIONAL MEETING	QUEENSLAND
11-12/10/2003	50s & 60s TRIBUTE WEEKEND	QUEANBEYAN & CANBERRA
12/10/2003	ALL BRITISH DAY	TBA
19/10/2003	M. T. A. CENTENARY OF MOTORING	DARLING HARBOUR
19/10/2003	50 TH JUBILEE OF VW IN AUSTRALIA	DARLING HARBOUR
19/10/2003	ALL CHRYSLER DAY	FAIRFIELD SHOWGROUND
1-2/11/03	A R O C A SIX HOUR RELAY RACE	EASTERN CREEK RACEWAY
2/11/2002	TSOA CONCOURS & BRITISH SPORTS CAR DAY	McILWAINE PARK, RHODES
16/11/2003	NEPEAN MORRIS MINOR – BIRTHDAY BASH	PENRITH SHOWGROUNDS
22/11/2003	VICTORIA BARRACKS CLOSING RALLY - VSCC	VICTORIA BARRACKS – PADDINGTON
23/11/2003	AUSTIN 7 CENTENNIAL PARK DISPLAY	CENTENNIAL PARK
29-30/11/2003	H S R C A HISTORIC PACING	WAKEFIELD PARK – GOULBURN
15/2/2004	SYDNEY SUPER SWAP	HAWKESBURY SHOWGROUND

BRASS MONKEY RUN - CROOKWELL TO MITTAGONG

We departed Crookwell at about 3pm having farewelled a few who were unable to go the “whole hog”. They included Roland and Joe, Gareth and Richard, the Kelly’s, the Milats, Andrew Day, and one other I can’t recall. However, I’m not too sure that self preservation wasn’t the real reason as they were aware that Les was still brewing something up.

The 15 of us then had a fantastic run through to Goulburn, excellent road, little traffic and perfect weather as a bonus. We hit the real world at Goulburn (poorer roads and traffic) and motored north to Mittagong, where we descended on the Fitzroy Inn virtually en masse. Norm followed me into the golf course to turn around as we had overshot McPherson St. As we crossed back over the highway, he realized that he had to clear the throat of the XKSS.... which swivelled a few heads!!

We then settled in and proceeded to sample the spirituous liquor supply which took the form of brown foamy stuff for the men, while the ladies sampled the clear foamy stuff. Les and Rose were not with us at this stage as they were plotting stuff and supposedly marking the questions (yeah.... right).

Mine host, Paul, then announced that dinner was to be served in the conservatory, so we trooped into there at about 7pm and subsequently enjoyed an excellent meal. Even though the menu had been curtailed due to it being Sunday night, I don’t think any body had a problem with the quality of the food, or the menu selection.

We had of course sorted ourselves out into table 1, which had the Smarts, the Goddard’s, the Kelly’s, and then there was me. The others were on table 2. Of course all this time Les (table 2) had been pretty quiet, and there were several ‘sotto voce’ conversations (table 1) generally revolving what was going to happen and when would pandemonium erupt.

It started all right, but it was Pam (table 2) as the instigator. She produced a lifelike model of a frog’s thingamajig which turned out to be a slippery little crittur, (so!.....it happens!). We (at table 1) were beginning to wonder when Les would start wreaking havoc. Sue Smart started it off when she offered to massage Les’s hands with her shoulders, which she did. Les was very relaxed after that, so much so, that he very nearly created a “mammable” moment as a result.



Even greater mirth after that, when he decided that to display his haute couture experience, he could greatly assist Jan in redesigning her top, by employing the use of a table napkin. He was very nearly awarded a score of two points!

As you can see, Paul is looking up Les’s nose to see if there are any deposits there!!! Can’t help these bankers can you ???????? SUE gets a good back massage. We then consumed a bottle of port (only one?) and trundled off to bed at about 11.30pm.

We awoke next morning to a reasonably good frost, another perfect day, and not a sore head to be seen (or admitted to). Breakfast was delicious and set us all up for the day. Les and Pete Smart demonstrated their chill repellent abilities by wearing only club “T” shirts when everybody else had jackets and things on. They were really really cold but weren’t going to admit to it were you???

We then posed for group shots at the front of the Inn and dispersed from there. Some of us proceeded up to the Mt Gibraltar look out for a nice view out over Mittagong and Bowral, we then said our goodbyes and proceeded homewards.

As a relative new comer to the Club, I thoroughly enjoyed the run (again), the pleasure of your company, and wheeling Les’s E Type for the week-end. Sandra was sad that she didn’t make it but will certainly be there for the next one. Thank you to Les and Roselee for another well organised outing. They really do do it well, don’t they, guys?

TONY JOHNSTONE

CLARIFICATION OF LEADED PETROL (EA PASSBOOKS)

I have been informed that statements were made at the CAMS NSW State Council meeting in Lithgow on Saturday 31/5/03 which lead some delegates to believe that the Environment Australia(EA) logbooks issued by the Australian Historic Motoring Federation may be illegal or ineligible. Nothing could be further from the truth!

The AHMF has all documentation in place including an appointment letter from the Minister, David Kemp, signed agreement with Environment Australia and recognition on the list of approved bodies. As far as the question of using leaded fuel on public roads being illegal it is a simple matter of opening the logbook itself where clause 1 (a) iv states. "in the case of historic vehicles and street rods, these vehicles may be used on public roads to travel to and from, and at an event that has been duly sanctioned by an Issuing Organization; or for reasonable testing and maintenance runs on public roads". This is exactly the same as the RTA Historic Conditional Registration Scheme (HCRS). It is illegal to use the fuel in "modern" vehicles or for every day use on public roads.

The bare facts are:

- 1) The AHMF is one of 17 Issuing Organizations on the Environment Australia list. They range from the WA Tractor Pulling Association to the AHMF. Every one of these Organizations took part in lobbying the Minister to issue the exemptions we now have.
- 2) CAMS is not on that list. We understand that they have subsequently been added to the list sent to authorised leaded fuel retailers.
- 3) The Council of Motor Clubs (NSW) Inc. is one of nine members of the AHMF National Body and is therefore part of a recognized Issuing Organization so it's member clubs are also part of the AHMF. Any CMC club's event is covered by the legislation.
- 4) The fuels associated with the logbooks include BP100, Mobil Avgas 100 & 130 and Shell 100. There may well be others.
- 5) Strict rules apply and are printed in the documents issued with each and every logbook. Anyone breaching those rules will be dealt with and the Department may withdraw that logbook.
- 6) The logbooks are supplied free of charge by the Department to Issuing Organizations. The AHMF set a fee of \$20 to cover the paperwork, reporting and postage involved with their issue and upkeep by the AHMF's Honorary Secretary. If other bodies charge different amounts it is their decision.
- 7) An Historic Vehicle in NSW is just that. 30 years old or more and in original condition as per the RTA HCRS. It is understood that the use of the vehicle is as per the RTA HCRS although the documents do not mention such as they are meant to be used Australia wide. It is definitely forbidden to use the fuel for regular driving/riding or commuting even in a fully registered 30 plus year old vehicle.
- 8) The EPA of NSW has stated that they no longer have laws or rules covering this matter as it is now a Commonwealth Law and that takes precedence. They would however be involved in apprehending any wrong doers and passing them on to EA in Canberra.

At the reconvened CAMS meeting on Friday 13/6/03, I will be present to see that matters are corrected.

Regards

Terry Thompson OAM,
President, Council of Motor Clubs (NSW) Inc.

10/6/03



PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP DAY
OATLANDS HOUSE Circa 1823
42 Bettington Road, Oatlands

DATE: Sunday, 14th September, 2003

Please join us at this magnificent venue for our annual Pride of Ownership Day. Enter your vehicle in the display and enjoy the company of fellow members whilst admiring their 'pride and joy'.

Time: 10 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. for vehicles in the display.

11.30 a.m. drinks will be served in the display area and garden.

12.00 noon lunch will commence in the Rebecca Room

The cost is \$65.00 per person which covers pre-lunch drinks with nibbles, 3 course meal with wine, beer & soft drinks, tea, coffee & port.

Awards will be judged as follows:

1. Best presented car – built up to December 1972
2. Runner up “ “
3. Best presented car – built January 1973 onwards
4. Runner up “ “
5. Ladies Choice

For further information, contact Peter Smart or Colin Allerdice.
Please return the reply slip below with your payment and details of vehicles to be entered.

Cheques should be made payable to T.S.C.C. and forwarded to Peter Smart, 204 Bettington Road, Carlingford N.S.W. 2118, **by 1st September 2003.**

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