

# Brisbane Sporting Car Club

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15th Memorial Hall, Vulture Street  
South Brisbane-Next to the Fire Station



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## ITINERARY

TUESDAY	17th	JANUARY	Committee Meeting
WEDNES.	18th	JANUARY	Night Run
WEDNES.	25th	JANUARY	NIGHT RUN
WEDNES.	1st	FEBRUARY	Auction Social
SUNDAY	5th	FEBRUARY	Sunday Run and Gymkhana
WEDNES.	8th	FEBRUARY	Advanced Night Run

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### COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 17th JAN.

For the first time for quite a while the committee will not be meeting in the club rooms. The Committee Meeting on TUESDAY 17th January will be held in the dining room of Bill Hawkshaw's Yorke Hotel, on the corner of Stanley Street and Annerley Road. Bill, who is a member of the club has kindly offered to make this room available to the Committee-free. There is a lot of business to be done at this committee meeting and all committee-men are required to be there. PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

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### NIGHT RUN

WEDNES. 18th JAN.

The first night run this year will be organised by Les Barron and Ross Gillespie. As both these boys come from the north side you can bet your bottom dollar that's where the run will go. They say there will be nothing other than the usual night navigation equipment needed. As this is the first event for the new year roll up and make it a good 'un.

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### NIGHT RUN

WEDNES. 25th JAN.

The next event on the calendar will also be a night run organised by Ray Chayter. Knowing Ray's past record in the organisation of trials, this is sure to be a good one. Usual night navigational equipment is required for this one also.

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AUCTION SOCIALWEDNES. 1st FEB.

On February first there will be an Auction Social. In case you don't know what an Auction Social is, here is a briefing. Everybody attending will be expected to bring along some unwanted article from home so it can be auctioned off in aid of club funds (Mothers-in-law excluded). The article will go to the highest bidder. This night is being organised by Tony (Schemozzle) Anthony and if he doesn't make a good Auctioneer, no one will. There will be music and dancing as well as the auctions (plus a few other things Tony's got up his sleeve) and supper will be provided. There will be an admission charge of 2/- to cover the cost of the hall and supper. Starting time is 8 p.m. BE EARLY.

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SUNDAY RUN-GYMKHANASUNDAY 5th FEB.

We didn't have many Gymkhanas last year, so, to rectify this a Sunday Run with a Gymkhana to follow will be held on Sunday, February 5th. The Sunday Run will be a "Mystery Teams" event starting at the Clubrooms at 10 a.m. and organised by Jack and Mavis Barrow. Three cars will make up each team and competitors will not know until the end of the event which other cars are in their team. The Gymkhana side of the event is being organised by Merv. Schramm and Noel Spearritt. Both these boys have had a considerable amount of experience in gymkhanas, so there should be no lack of interest here.

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ADVANCED NIGHT RUNWEDNES. 8th FEB.

The first Advanced Night Navigational Run of the year will be organised by Club President, Bert Davis. As far as possible it will be on bitumen roads and definitely no horror stretches. The accent is on navigation. It will be of less than two hours duration and will cover a course of about 40 miles. Speedos will not be necessary.

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## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Well, the Christmas Party went off with its annual BANG again this year. Ably compered by Eric Rankin, who did such a good job last year, it started at 8 O'Clock and continued until the "Wee sma' hours" when the dickards finally gave it away at 2.30 a.m. A feature of this year's "do" was the showing of a newsreel, taken by Alan Larsen and Col. Holborn, of the recent Interclub Trial, which, incidentally was won by a B.S.C.C. team. New member, Tony Anthony, gave a good commentary on the film which showed some of the high spots of the trial. The photography and editing was very well done and is a credit to Alan and Col. After the film a new idea to the club was introduced. It was the raffling of fowls with a limit of 20 tickets to each raffle. A dozen dressed chicks were disposed of in this way and helped greatly to defray the expenses of the night. Thanks are due to Mrs Don. Harriett who provided most of the music for the evening (with the skiffle group) and she was still going strong at 1 a.m. Thanks Ellen! Another vote of thanks to Bill Hawkshaw who provided the liquid refreshment for the evening. Bill, who is Mine Host of the Yrke Hotel at Newtown, kept a sharp eye on the keg and as soon as it got a bit low he dashed back to his pub and brought back another cold one. Everyone enjoyed the dancing, especially the Monte Carlo, which was won by Tony and Leone Anthony, who, incidentally, has also become an associate member of the club. Did you enjoy that "wayward" check, Leone? A belated thanks also to Joyce Quill, Una Webb, Gwen Schramm, Mrs. Luckhurst and Mrs. Davis who decorated the hall and the tree for both the kids and the adults Christmas "do". They did a fine job. Thanks girls! More than 110 members and their friends attended the party and we hope to see some new names on the membership list this year. The spread, although not lavish, appeared to be adequate as there was quite a bit over. A general summing up of the party would be- "whacko"- how long to the next one.

## P A R S A B O U T P E O P L E

\*..Most upset member of the club on the morning after the Christmas Party was secretary, Ray Luckhurst. Ray got involved with a chook (the feathered kind) and mistakenly took New member, Leone Anthony's fowl home. When he discovered an omelette chook in the 'fridge in the morning it upset him so much he had to take the day off and spend it on the couch, holding his head in his hands.

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\*..A singular honour goes to John McMullen this year. He was the first member to pay his subscription for the year. Good on you, John!

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\*..Comparatively new faces at the Christmas Party were those of Jackie and Doug McLaughlin. Jackie and Doug were regular attenders at club nights but lately (T.V.?) we have not seen so much of them. Hope you two can rectify this this year.

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f..Another couple we haven't seen at the clubrooms for some time are Marie and Graham Reed who were married last year. How about organising a night run, you pair?

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\*..We're looking forward to keen competition for the President's Trophy this year. One of the men hardest to beat, we think, will be Mick Rogers. Mick hasn't been in tip top nick lately.

Are you're ready for the first event on 18th January, Mick.

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\*..THIS IS NO BULL. We don't know whether you've heard about it, but popular club member, Les Willis was injured just before the last Interclub trial by a bull. We believe Les just failed to clear the fence on his first try, but, with the help of the bull made it easily second go. Seriously though, he hurt his back and was laid up for about three weeks.

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\*..People shouldn't go to sleep in the sun. If you don't believe us, ask Una Webb. The stocks at the Gillespies' barbecue at Toorbul on New Year's Eve were grilled over her sunburnt legs.

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## H A N D Y H I N T S

### FIT NEW GASKET

The Petroleum Information Bureau (Aust.) suggests that it is poor economy to use gaskets more than once. This applies particularly to the cylinder head, manifold and other parts where a leakage will have serious effect or involve considerable extra work to rectify it if it does occur. Use factory made gaskets wherever possible; but if you must cut your own, use a material as close as possible to the original in both thickness and compressibility.....

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### FLUSHING FOR SUMMER

Early in the summer is a good time to flush out the radiator, using a suitable cleaning compound such as non-foaming detergent if grease is present. When refilling, add a corrosion inhibitor to the water. Some modern inhibitors also act as a sealing agent for any small leaks in the radiator or gasket.....

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### WATCH THOSE RUSTY STUDS!!

Be careful when loosening rusted nuts such as those holding on the mudguards as the rust is likely to have weakened the studs so they will readily twist-off if forced. The P.I.B. says the correct treatment is liberal soaking with penetrating oil. Several applications may be needed. In awkward locations a plug of cotton wool can be soaked with oil and fixed to the nut.....

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### DON'T BLAME JENNY!

If your ammeter fails to show a charge or the warning light is showing don't blame the generator-first check that you still have a fan belt. During the hot weather when there is more load on your cooling system a broken fan belt is quite common. The safe and prepared motorist (says Ray Chayte) always carries a spare-especially in a trial.....

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## TELETHON

You've all heard of Channel 7's Telethon in aid of the Spastics over Christmas. Well, the boys from the B.S.C.C. provided most of the cars to transport artists and other workers to and from the T.V. Station on the nights and day in question. It was not possible to contact every member of the club to see if he would be able to help, but secretary, Ray Luckhurst, managed to get in touch with about forty on the membership list with the result that 16 cars out of a total of 25 were provided by us for transportation. Those participating were Vern and Ross Gillespie, Gordon Rappel, Ray Chayter, Stew Hornibrook, Norm Gough, Les Barron, Jack Barrow, Ray Luckhurst, Bert Davis, Una Webb, Bob Hines, Milt Armstrong, Mike Chapman, Don Marriott and Des Kilmartin. Club members aggregated more than 1,600 miles over the period, so it was a worthwhile donation by B.S.C.C. members to the spastics.

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## LONG WEEKEND AT TALLEBUDGERA

The club has booked the National Fitness Camp at Tallebudgera for the long weekend—28th April to 1st May. Judging by the comments about last year's weekend down there, there will be a lot of members wishing to go this year. As accommodation is limited you will be able to nominate for this year's weekend right from now, and it will be a case of "first come, first served." When you nominate it will be necessary to pay a deposit of £1. If you find you can't go (after you have nominated) and providing you give the secretary a weeks notice, your £1 will be refunded. This £1 is to cover the cost of food should anyone who nominates not turn up. Last year the members who did not turn up after nominating cost other members who did go along about £1 more than it should. We don't want this to happen this year.

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## PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

Points for the President's Trophy will be taken from the first event of the year—the Night Run on January 18, not as previously stated, on first February. Don't forget, its your responsibility to sign your name in the points book. And, organisers, please see that the secretary gets a list of prizewinners in each event.

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UNAUTHORISED EVENT

29th DEC. TO 2nd JAN.

It is the sad duty of this scribe to report that some of the leading members of the B.S.C.C. took part in an unauthorised event over the New Year period. This event started from various places around Brisbane and finished on (and in) Elinbah Creek, Toorbul. Eight entries were received and starting times were decided by the individual competitors. First to leave the city were Bert Davis and Ray Luckhurst, closely followed by Ross and Vern Gillespie. Ray Chayter left some time later in his Austin and Una and Laurie Webb and Brian Jones tailed the field. In fact Una (as usual) was about a day-and-a-half late. The "Unauthorised Event" was a New Year's Party at the Gillespie Hacienda at Toorbul. Apart from the enormous mosquitoes, sandflies (and flathead) the party was a great success. The Gillespies really turned it on for the boys and by three a.m. on New Year's morning it was still going strong. During the outing a "grudge" fishing match between Ray Chayter and Bert Davis resulted in a win by Bert with an enormous (at least 15 inches long) flathead. This fish was landed after a tremendous struggle just before the festivities began on New Year's Eve. Before long the flathead was starting to increase in size and weight as the quantity of amber liquid started to flow. Just prior to "Auld Lang Syne" the whaler, Kista Dan, was sailing up Elinbah Creek to take this flathead in tow. (It wouldn't fit on the flensing deck) to Tangalooma, which was the only place big enough to allow it to be cut up in fillets. It was suggested during the evening that Bert could start in business as a beach umbrella manufacturer using the bones and scales, but this suggestion was vetoed when it was found that the scales were not brightly coloured enough (bad grammar, isn't it?). Another suggestion that the flesh be used to feed the starving poor of Asia and China was also knocked on the head when it was found that there were no refrigerated ships large enough to carry it. The party lasted until Monday when the last to leave were Ray Luckhurst, Bert Davis at 3 p.m. and die-hard Ray Chayter, who was still trying to catch a bigger flathead at 7 o'clock that night. On New Year's Night Ray Chayter got that disgusted with line fishing that he almost decided to do some spearfishing (twice) by moonlight. Those boats at the Gillespies are very unstable (ahem!) also and ditto old tree roots along the muddy banks of Elinbah Creek.



PARS ABOUT PEOPLE (cont.)

\*..After trying with rod and reel and handline too, a certain well-known redhead (not flathead) decided to have a go at spearfishing. Whilst his son and Ray Chayter were getting plenty of bites (sandflies and mosquitoes) this intrepid piscatorial expert was diving, snorkel and all, searching the "shark-infested" ocean (?) bed. After many appearances of the rear portion with porpoise-like regularity, our member appeared breathless but cheerful with a 3-lb blackbream (or nigger) on the end of his spear. Well done, Perry, maybe you'll have a bigger black beauty in 1961.

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\*..Late to arrive at Jacks' Gurnyah at the Tweed over the Christmas period were Alan and Alma Pitt and family. Alan blamed a party the night before for his late arrival, but we hear that more than butter is required to get rid of a shiner in 24 hours—it can't be welded.

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\*..We don't know whether its true or not but we have heard that a popular member (and many times dad) has sworn off it. On a very hot day recently we were going down to the local inn to have a quencher when we saw Jack (oops, sorry) and invited him to come along. But he declined. Just goes to show you, doesn't it?

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\*..Popular Past-President, Milton Armstrong is now racing around Carina like a mad thing. He's just opened a new Chemist's shop about half a mile away from his old one and he is flying between the two. We suggest that if he wants to lose some of that "businessman's paunch" he leave the car behind and use shank's... port instead.

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B.P. RALLY ON AGAIN THIS YEAR

The B.P. Rally is on again this year. In two stages—the Assembly Stage and the Trial Stage (which will be approximately 1500 miles) the Rally will take in Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales and Tasmania. Entry fee is £10.10.0. The main difference from the trials we have been used to is in the fact that times will be on "Official Time" not on competitors individual watches. This means that you will have to make sure that your watch coincides strictly with official time wherever possible. Altogether there is £1,000 prize money and the winner could take out £450. Prizes will be divided into four classes:  
Class A—up to 1,000 c.c.  
Class B—1,001 to 1,300 c.c.  
Class C—1,301 to 2,000 c.c.  
Class D—over 2,000 c.c.

Some club members have already indicated their intention of participating in this year's B.P., so if anyone is interested secretary, Ray Luckhurst has supplementary regulations and entry forms.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

In order that the secretary may keep his address records up to date, please fill out the form below when forwarding your Sub. for this year. We would like to see all members financial before the end of this month as the club has heavy commitments. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TOGETHER WITH YOUR SUBSCRIPTION...EARLY.....

NAME.....PHONE NO.....

ADDRESS.....

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I enclose Money Order/Postal Note/Cheque for £1.5.0 to cover cost of my subscription to the Brisbane Sporting Car Club for 1961.

(signed).....