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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

This is my second report for the year, and Club activities are continuing very successfully.

We are averaging over 30 cars in the night runs, and I would urge competitors to turn up early so that we can get the first few cars away before eight o'clock. With 30 odd competitors, last man out often doesn't leave until the first man has nearly arrived back, and he might miss out on the chooks.

Talking of chooks, these pay our nightly rent for the hall, and I thank you for your continued support and assistance.

I would remind you of our calendar of coming events, and draw your particular attention to the R & S Cabaret which is going to be a "bottler", the Motorkhana for which Salty Briner and Les (The Red) Barron, have high hopes, and of course, the McCluskey Ford trophy night.

Yours in motor sport,

CHARLES M. BLAKE.  
(President)

Editorial Note.

This is an emergency edition compiled in the absence of Mike the Firth and Leadfoot Lloyd by Sleepy Dalziel and Ole Doc. We hope that you will bear with us.

RAILWAY TRAVEL IS CONTAGIOUS

YOUR MOTORKHANA NEEDS YOU

COMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, 26th March

Basher Blake's Bottler Night Run.

Charlie is praying for rain and suggests that all competitors carry deditching equipment, collapsible rubber dinghies, signal flares, and a wide mouth shovel.

Wednesday, 1st April

R & S Night (note change of date)

Treasure Hunt: After the first successful R & S event we have planned another event which we hope will be just as successful. With this event it is planned to have various articles hidden around a prescribed route and your job will be to find these various articles a road also find your way around the route. Start from Club rooms at 8 p.m. We suggest that you bring a good hand torch. Remember this R & S event is worth valuable points to you towards the R & S Trophy, so enter this event.

Ross & Shirley.

Sunday, 5th April - Time 11.30 a.m.

Grand Motorkhana

Place: I.W.M.A.C. grounds at Dinmore. This is a Trial to select a team of 8 for a possible trip to Port Macquarie later in the year to meet a challenge from a N.S.W. Club. Salty Briner, the Red Barron, and Sleepy Dalziel are working like men possessed to organise the best Motorkhana ever and are looking for a large entry to reward their labours.

Prizes: Trophy for best male  
" " best female  
" " best front wheel drive  
" " rear wheel drive

Entry Fee: 70 cents.

Food: Luncheon and snacks will be available on the ground.

Directions: Ipswich Road, V.L. Toowoomba, R first marked X, immediately R again, keeping abattoir on L, dirt .5 miles, grounds on R.

Enquiries: Phone 912441.

Wednesday, 8th April

McCluskey Ford 500 Prizegiving Social. Films and refreshments are being provided by McCluskey Ford. (What's that Peter ...? Yes -- free beer!)

McCluskey Ford workshop, Mt. Gravatt, 7.30 p.m. Bring the wife and/or girlfriend.

Wednesday, 15th April

Committee Meeting.

Saturday, 18th April

Ray Luckhurst's super Barbecue. Starting from Club room at 2 p.m., lasts about 2 hours and finishes at Ray's and Leonie's for steak and whatsit.

Wednesday, 22nd April

This is Gary Blower's hairy night run. Just the cat's whiskers for a few close shaves and should razor laugh or two.

Sleepy says it promises to be a good event.

Don't forget Cabaret Night -- another R & S event.

This is a very important night for Members and their friends as this will be the first Cabaret Night to be held by the Club. The location will be at the Ashgrove Services Club, Nathan Avenue, Ashgrove.

Tickets for this event will be on sale soon and these will cost \$2.50 each. A lot of thought has gone into this event to give each person attending as much as we can for their money.

We have organised a 4-piece band and a top line entertainer has also been hired. A Compere has also been hired and we are doing as much as possible to make this the night of all nights.

Remember this event is worth quite a lot of Points towards the R.S. Trophy so start getting ready for it. More information will be in the next Newsletter and please remember we are organising this event for your benefit so we hope that you will show your appreciation by purchasing your Tickets early.

P.S. Tables will be arranged for 6 or 8 guests and as these are limited, book your table early.

PAST EVENTS: NIGHT RUNSReason

This run was another "reason" why you should not go on any of Tony's runs because you need enough petrol to go from here to Bourke and back. Actually it was a very good run and took the competitors through the southern suburbs and then out into the near bushland around Rochdale where Tony has a block of dirt. The majority of people got lost looking for "who built the bridge" which was in the bush off the road, which was built for a reason or two.

The run finished fairly late but was most enjoyable.

Valtunen

This was the first run organized by Freddie Valtunen which did him <sup>2000</sup> justice for a first attempt, it travelled through the northern suburbs out towards the back of Kernmore. The "Flying Ford" had plenty of navigators aboard including Brian Mills and Jeff Carr who was about to bail out when we had a lose on the bitumen. The navigation in a few places was a bit vague, but all the same a very good run.

The Red Barron

The first Table Top Rally for 1970 was organized by the Red Barron who treated us to all the little towns between Brisbane and Sydney. To start with, we had to name all the suburbs in Brisbane and Sydney beginning with each letter of the alphabet, which confused the majority of people, including the mad typist.

I think most people enjoyed it as I did. Mrs. Jan Sked won the night.

McCluskey Ford 500 Ruminations

Early competitors are pondering the origin of the skid marks disappearing into the grass near the Somerset Dam turnoff in Division 1. Ian Wells is positive he didn't see them when he approached the corner. Can it be he didn't see the corner either???

HAPPINESS IS AN R & S CABARET.

RAILWAY TRAVEL IS CONTAGIOUS.

McCluskey Ford 500 (contd.)

Mark Canaway, a first time control official, was seen ashen faced at the finish, muttering something about his driver "hanging five" over a cliff edge, while drinking cold pea-soup from the tin.

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Mike the Firth Chapman was spotted fronting lovely starter, Miss Robyn Usher, at the starting line, thus interfering with the fall of the flag. Can't say I blame him either.

By the way, Mike, where's your little Firth Cap?

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Incredible effort by the Red Barron, who navigated Soapy Iather through almost the entire event without a speedo. He didn't put a foot wrong in the speedo reading section.

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Sleepy Bruce Dalziel drove most of the way without the benefit of all his shock absorbers. The monster is hard enough to point in a straight line with suspension system A-1, so he must have had a busy night.

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The creek crossing in the early morning was good value indeed from the spectator viewpoint.

Observations:

Fiats seem to have trouble in the water, two stopped, but one just got through on one cylinder. Could it have been the desiccating effect of all that macaroni or is it equipped with special hot air apparatus?

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Charlie Blake, for your information, the navigator usually sits in the front seat on the lefthand side, not perched on the back seat with his feet pulled up above water level.

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Most effortless ascent from the creek award to the Woolnough VW --- putter putter and not a scrap of wheel spin.

Most dramatic ascent had to be Sleepy Dalziel in the big V-8, ably assisted by 1476 pushes coated in four inches of mud.

Most dramatic entry into the water award goes to Mrs. Thompson who disappeared for several minutes in a tidal wave system, and subsequently emulated a stationary steam engine for a few minutes.

Most relieved driver must have been Ole Doc, the co-director, when his drowned motor fired up just as the leading car came into view. He fortunately, burned Soapy Iather off and was able to set up E.C.S. control. (Just).

DID YOU KNOW

That the McCluskey Ford Trial was the first event Mr. Dave (Soapy) Iather has competed in since his desperate deeds of some 2½ years ago. It was good to see some of the old hands back for another squirt.

Mr. Ron Daniels has a very interesting number plate "P00-000". Maybe something smells in his new Renault, or is he just trying to ward off other Rally cars?

That Jeff Carr, Les Ward, and Peter Hillman have started a specialty Rally type repair and fabrication business. They will undertake any bracket, roll bar, etc. manufacture, and repair the ravages of rabbit fence type sections. Actually this is why Jeff set the rabbit fence in the first place.

An unsolicited testimonial has been supplied by Doc for a small fee, who says they did a mighty job on the Fiat, which had a small problem in the shape of a hole in the floor.

DON'T FORGET THE McCLUSKEY FORD PRIZEGIVING.

LASSIE IS A BITCH.

DID YOU KNOW (Contd.)

That Laurie Garth has joined the Chapman electrical combine -- now who gets lit up every Friday night at Newmarket?

Which assistant secretary has bought a new wig? Do you know which secretary had to pay for it?

That Hank Kabel has a new Sprinter -- white bonnet and sporty matt black boot lid complete with lifting handles. Must be planning to drive backwards this year to give the rest of us a sporting chance.

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Dear Doc,

Since Sunday morning I have noticed that I am afflicted with a peculiar foot condition -- my feet are not covered and my toes have a wrinkled and soggy appearance. What could have caused this?

Toni.

Dear Toni,

Shipping has been alerted and I understand that your shoes were last seen partially submerged near the Pile Light.

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There was an old fellow from Tyre,  
Who constantly sat on the fire  
When asked "Aren't you hot?"  
He said "No, I am not"  
"I'm James Winterbottom Esq."

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There was a young fellow called Clyde  
Who dropped in the toilet and died  
The next day his brother  
Fell into another  
And now they're interred side by side.