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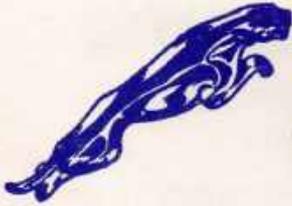
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Editorial.

As you probably know Mike Chapman is leaving with the Monaro Team shortly and he has handed the editorial pen over to me.

So firstly, I must express my personal distress at this turn of events, and extend to Mike assurances of highest esteem on behalf of our readers.

In short, the Newsletter under Mike's guidance has made a lot of progress. Mike has an enviable ability to extract interesting material from unwilling contributors and an equally useful ability to filch the best of contributions to other publications. For instance - who could ever forget the coffee beans?

All this brings me to a consideration of the functions of an editor, a subject that I have previously discussed in these pages. An editor is quite different to an author, an editor's function is to review, to determine suitability, to modify if necessary and to publish, the work submitted to him by an author. Any criticism of the Newsletter should be levelled with this in mind. The function of the Newsletter sub-committee is to sift through the pile of contributions, selecting the cream for publication, and composing suitable letters of consolation to accompany the rejected manuscripts. I want to make this clear as there seems to have been some hang up in the past, and people have sort of wandered up and "what's happened to the Newsletter this month" and not "here's an item for the newsletter this month".

Anyway, enough of this. Mike, we thank you for your Newsletters, which have been the most successful in the history of the club, we know that you are going to keep contributing while you are on your travels, and we look forward to some great material.

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STOP PRESS.

Wednesday 10th March. Mike Chapman was admitted to hospital today with severe burns sustained to both hands when a switchboard exploded.

This is terrible luck for Mike who has been looking forward to his first rally after an enforced layoff of some fifteen months. I doubt whether there is a more dedicated rally enthusiast in the sport in Australia than Mike and he is bound to be bitterly disappointed.

I understand that he is in Ward 2E at the General, and I am sure that the odd visit from club-members would be appreciated.

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PAST EVENTS:

3rd February: Night Run. Organised by Adrian Cox and hence known as the Coxed Pairs. Most competitors apparently were well and truly coxed up in the waterlogged thrash around the back of the airport and in the Serpentine area. Several unfortunates are still missing in action in the Luggage Point area, where straight ahead at T had particularly adverse results. Despite the inclement conditions Trev. Garbutt and Rod. Browning cleaned up the event.

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10th February: Mrs. Garth's run. A delectable dither around the southside suburbs. Coorparoo, Camp Hill and Mt. Gravatt were the scene, the instructions and questions were mean, but a good keen man in Ray Luckhurst assisted by Soapy Lather (sparkling CLEAN), was champeen.

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13/14th February: I.W.M.A.C. Summertime Rally. See full report elsewhere in this issue.

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17th February: Committee meeting was held at the Westacott residence while Cyclone Fiona (???) raged outside.

Items of interest arising from the meeting are:-

- (1) At that time the club had only 42 financial members. Gary Blower respectfully solicits an early remittance (ie. cough up please).
- (2) Midge is constructing identification badges for committee members so that they may be positively identified at the club events if they fail to stand their round of drinks.
- (3) Regrettably due to increased insurance charges, fees for night runs have been increased to 60 cents.

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24th February: President's Night Run. Another Ray Luckhurst/Les. Barron effort. There was a trick at Norman Park that confused a few competitors.

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COMING EVENTS:

17th March. Committee meeting at Garths. It is understood that a pipeline to the brewery has been especially installed as it is Laurie's birthday.

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21st March. Motorkhana. See attached sheets. This event has been laid on by Mrs. Garth, (and although squashed, is still servicable). Grounds at Mt. Cotton are said to be first rate, and are available by courtesy of the Qld. Quarter Speedcar Association, and through the effective negotiating of that old diplomat Charles Blake, (the club's number two indoor bowler). Dennis Brown has been assisting Mrs. Garth lay on the event...????!!\*\*\*.

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24th March. Man The Dykes!! Three Old Ladies Got Locked In the Zuider Zee etc. You guessed it, Hank Kabel is doing one of his renowned night runs. Guaranteed to take you down Hilda Rd, The Gap and get you lost. (Hank always uses this one, and a left turn into Alutha Rd. is veeery interesting).

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Presentation of Trophies, McCluskey Ford Rally at the showrooms at Upper Mt. Gravatt.

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7th April. New member Joe Deamicus is doing a run. Welcome to the Club Joe, and its good to see you settling into things so well.

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14th April. Peter Hillman and the Brameld Brothers are planning some nocturnal excursion.

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21st April. Committee meeting at Chas. Blake's place.

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RALLY NEWS:

I.W.M.A.C. successfully organised the first ever all novice Trial held in Queensland, (points counting towards the "Mayfairs" Cup) the "Summertime" on 13/14th February. Dave Potts, Bevan Harris and Peter Lettice were really well organised themselves, and this was reflected in the high standard of the event.

Something more than fifty competitors set off from the big W in Booval and rallied through the night and the mud via Lowood, Esk Hampton, Peachey and sundry intermediate loops to a brief refuelling stop at Crows Nest, and then did their thing all the way home again.

There were some very interesting contestants. The Taylor Torana from Sydney reputedly set up with the help of Harry Firth, was the glamour machine, a truly beautifully set up and turned out rally car. It was interesting to note that they had no answer to the problem of what to do with the sway-bar after a sump guard is fitted. The man to sort this problem will be able to name his own price. It was interesting to see a bevy (if that is the right word) of Peugeot 203's, and also to see how popular the Ford Cortina has become as a rally vehicle. Bruce Dalziel finally unveiled the Cortina that he has been building up and everyone was suitably impressed by the 12 inch rims he was sporting (twelve inches wide- you fool) on the front. Although the car otherwise looks like any rather well used family Cortina I noticed that it sounded rather more like a post war 2½ litre Ferrari, and I suspect goes rather like one too.

Charlie Blake was looking very much at home in the Firman Renault with the tremendous line up of lights on front, but I have to say that Normie Webster looked anything but happy in the navigators seat of the Leachmobile. However, that was nothing to his expression when I saw him outside the Dance hall at Mt. Perseverance. Ross Huston was securing his maps against the breeze in the Bob Lee-Harris J & S Buggy, and bobbing up everywhere were the Lime Greenies, the terrible twins Jan Sked and Margaret Dancer who didn't seem to have a care in the World. Not so Hank Kabel whose car they drove, and not so Bob Dancer and Greg Sked, all of whom were attempting to conceal their qualms behind a boisterous front.

And away they went, and there was very little drama until the section into Lowood which was rerouted at the last moment due to flooding. The time became rather tightish, and some of the turns

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were hard to pick up. Quite a few cars were running late and there was a noticeable divergence of opinion on which was the correct way into the control.

As the girls became later and later, their non-arrival was obviously causing some concern to Hank, who was beating his head against a convenient dike-like-bank, Bob was absently lighting three Camels at once, and Greg was pacing up and down the road muttering to himself and yelling at his boys. When the girls finally pulled into the control they denied getting lost, and claimed in fact to have gone very well except that the car had insufficient power and had to be pushed up the hills. Hank interpreted this as a direct slight on Mazda, but a quick investigation showed that something indeed was not right. After a cool off period the distributor was replaced in the correct position from which it had strayed and the girls roared off into the night to complete the following section only one minute down.

And so it went on to Esk, where a surprising number of hangers-on like myself, found it necessary to seek directions at the pub, then up to Ravensbourne, where there was a nice little navigation problem.

At the Mt. Perseverance control, we learned that the J&S Buggy was out after a little spin into the bank, and the Brazier/Thallon Ace Driving School Holden was treated to Metho in the brakes as the fluid had all gone. The Metho didn't work though, and the car retired. The Leachmobile appeared sans electrics and somewhat late and Norm, as stated earlier seemed disgruntled. Actually Mike the Chapman lost his grundle at about this time as the Leachmobile disappeared for the rest of the night and the Monaro flashed over the countryside in a vain search. I think that Norm was hiding from Mike.

George Jimmink at this stage was going like a bomb, as was John Lapworth, the demon watchmaker. The Hask Anglia from Murgon was going well too.

The second division seemed less eventful from the competitors point of view as they settled in to their work, but flood water on the approach to Lowood in the vicinity of Atkinsons Lagoon, woke a few dozing navigators, and some very nasty pot-holes in the vicinity of Scorcher Bognuda's control near Wanora caused some

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wheel alignment problems, noticeably in the Dazzle Ford.

And then a wild thrash to the showgrounds for a pie and peas and so to bed.

All congratulations must go to I.W.M.A.C. and Potts, Harris and Lettice, and particularly also to Bob Dancer and Brian Gemmell whose very popular navigators school enabled so many green navigators to put up such a good show.

- First place.....N.Coltrup/B. Farrell (Corolla)
- Second " .....B.Brain/R. Edwards (Datsun)
- Third " .....R. Firman/C. Blake. (Renault)

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GOSSOP AND GASBAG.

They Tell Me:-

That Bob Brain really drives on the doorhandles. Also that the Renault is so well dustproofed that small dents incurred by vigorous driving on and around the doorhandle area can be removed by slamming the doors with the windows closed. These Continental cars are solidly constructed.

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That the Gympie Car Club has organised a rally to be held on 24/25th April. The event is to be checked by our popular CAMS checker Brian Gemmell. Supp.Reggs. are available from Mr. N. Corbett of 8 Jones Hill, Gympie. It is good to see this event scheduled as there are some good keen men in Gympie. Who could forget Gary Meyer in his rude X2 Ute. for instance.

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That Roger Brameld is getting hitched on 11th September. All members would like me to pass on congratulations and commiserations.

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That Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hawkshaw are shortly celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. Our warmest good wishes go to them. Bill has been a tower of strength to the club over the years, and in fact but for his care in the early days, the club would have defuncted. Bill still makes a big contribution to our solvency, and comes down most Wednesdays for a yarn. Its about time that he competed in a trial again.....

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LITERATURE CORNER.

To keep the tone of this, the official organ of the BSOC, at a presentable level it has been decided to include an extract from one of the great works of English literature each month.

This month.      SENSE AND SENSIBILITY.      by JANE AUSTEN.

(Sir John Middleton)...in winter his private balls were numerous enough for any young lady who was not suffering under the insatiable appetite of fifteen.

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The MG car club sent me an Octagon this month, the Octagon of course being their official organ. A very good publication, and thanks to the editor for putting me on the list. I pass on an item of interest. "How do boy elephants find girl elephants in the long grasses and jungle growths of central Africa?" The answer..!"Delightful".

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CLASSIFIED AD.

The Navigator's Bureau is constipated at the moment with no prospect of relief until more drivers and navigators are listed.

I.D. WELLS Phone 301186.

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For Sale. Renault R10 door handles left hand side. Minor abrasions

Contact Bob Brain.

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"Frazier" Blake and "Cassius" Wells hereby formally declare that they hold the heavyweight indoor bowling championship of the club. They offer stakes of 20 turf and a box of Bryant and May and expect a stake of comparable value to be put up by all aspirants.

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THEY TELL ME:

That a Goggo became misplaced at the IWMAC moterkhana grounds, and was eventually located under the old bandstand. Strong fellows up there in the coalmining country, and it was carried out without too much trouble. No one knows who carried it in but John Connell and Laurie Garth have been complaining of bad backs lately.

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That Ray and Leonie Luckhurst have just moved into their new house. Please note that they have retained their old phone number.

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