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EDITORIAL.

Here it is, the one that Glenda and I have been looking for, the final edition of the newsletter of the election year. We hope that you have been stimulated by it, that you have learned from it, and that you have enjoyed it. We have had a lot of fun doing it, but one word of advice as it were, I hope that there will be more contributions from club ranks next year to help the new editor.

Looking back on the past 12 months from the Newsletter standpoint, I think it has been a year of progress. Two schemes are now coming to fruition, both of which have been cooking up for some time.

Firstly, the centre section which appears (I hope!) for the first time ever in this issue. We are very proud of our pickies, and hope to bring them to you fairly regularly in the future. Special thanks are due to Wally McGreal, who has not only taken a lot of the pictures, but has arranged the advertising to offset the costs, and completely organised the layout and printing. Graham Ruckert has given us free access to his magnificent material, thank you Graham..

Secondly, we are making real progress in the matter of registration of the publication as a periodical. This will reduce our postage bill by well over \$ 150 annually.

Taking a broader look at club activities over the year, I think that it has been a pretty successful period. Club membership, which must be some criterion of success, is at a record level. Still, I feel that in some respects we could have done better, and I am thinking particularly of social type activities. Charlie and Hank were forced to cancel their annual picnic, Ross and Shirley have been sorely missed as have their R & S train trips, socials etc, and apart from the magnificent fishing day organised by Connell, Hal l and Hillman Ltd, there has not been much to interest the wives and children. Even gymkhanas, which are an opportunity to get the family into the scene, have been conspicuous by their absence. Certainly the calender is becoming more and more crowded each year, but I would like to see more opportunities for family participation next year.

Finally, over the year a number of 'outsiders' have been very generous to the club. To name just a few, I am thinking particularly of our rally sponsors, Vic McClusky and Joe Brown, Gordon Phillips,

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Ampol and the Warana committee, Stones Corner Motors and Auto Centre:- also Roy Bender and Mr. Stevenson of Wilston Butchery, and John Connell and Mr. Ewin of Bardon Butchery, who have been very helpful with meat for club functions, as well as meat trays and chooks for raffles.

APOLOGY. Due to an inexplicable aberration of some magnitude, we fouled up the apology regarding John Lapworth's advertising, which appeared last month. John, of course, lives at 94 Sunbeam Street, not 79. The bloke in 79 is an apprentice brickies labourer, and has been using all the watches arriving in the mail to conceal the faults in his grouting.

To make up to John we take this opportunity to announce the Lapworth Halda maintenance service. John points out that our instruments are operating under extreme conditions of dust, vibration (and unfortunately quite often heavy impact forces.) He offers a routine overhaul at very reasonable rates. The suggested time interval, every 18 months. A great believer in preventive medicine myself, this sounds a good idea.

LITERATURE CORNER.

Our monthly incursion into the realms of the literary giants of the past.

Once again we dip into Martin Chuzzlewit.

"I deeply appreciate his talent for the organ, notwithstanding that I do not, if I may use the expression, grind myself."

Charles Dickens.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - NOVEMBER, 10th at CLUB ROOMS at 8.00 p.m.

PAST EVENTS:

29th Sept. Peter O'Connor and Gerry Brameld organised a Taxi Run. Voted a novel and successful turnout. Some criticism from one or two quarters because it didn't state whether shortest mapped route was the correct one. Shortest mapped route? Taxis? he would have to be joking!

6th Oct. Another sensible run by John Connell with no stroppery around town, and no ridiculous average speed requirement. Won by Denis Brown and Ian Huth, whose timekeeping was right on the button. John was hitting cars who stopped illegally to book in with a traffic breach, and caught nearly everyone. Denis and Ian would have clean sheeted had they not been nabbed.

13th Oct. Adrian (Rainmaker) Cox. The event of the little lane in the wet again. Herewith is Adrian's account of the proceedings.

Won by Greg Smith and ably navigated by Pam. At this stage I must apologise for the mistake in the instructions as my original run was put out of commission by the Petrie Shire Council so I found out on Monday night when I went to check it. So Tuesday night I had to make up a new one and in the confusion I missed out on one instruction.

Entrants headed out from the clubrooms through Sth. Brisbane, Red Hill and Bardon, Stafford Hts and Albany Creek, through Leitches Crossing through the Strathpine Industrial Estate with a big (Caution) so everyone found out when they hit the dip. Then over some very good dirt roads through the scrub, to Strathpine and then back to the Clubrooms.

22nd Oct. Presentation of Ampol Warana trophies.

A social night very ably organised by Hank and Bob, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The band was very smooth, and people had a great time dancing until they dropped from exhaustion.

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Ampol Presentation

It was fun for us guys to see the dolls all dressed up. I was especially taken by Mrs. Garth's army boots, Jan Connell's mini hot-pants and Glenda's fetching but maternal looking slack-suit.

For some reason Margaret Westacott developed a tie kleptomania as the evening progressed, and struck time and again leaving bewildered men with naked necks.

The night augered well for the Christmas Party, which will really swing.

24th Oct. The Interclub Gymkhana, which MGCC finally lost (after years of trying) to IWMAC. We came sixth, which was an improvement on last year when we also came sixth but there were only six clubs competing then.

27th Oct. Vic Brooker's night run. This was an exceptionally well received event as it was not too long and not too hard, and all the starters finished.

30/31st Oct. MGCC Novice Rally and Beginner's Rally.

No results yet to hand, but a fine effort on the part of Ann Thomson and Ross Moir. It was their first stab at doing a trial, and was put together in very great haste after the last minute dereliction of QMSC.

Norm Colthup expressed the general feeling very well when he said at the finish that it was a shame that it was wasted on the Novice Series.

Road conditions were interesting and the navigation was very demanding. I stood at one control in the early morning and saw six cars approaching at once - from six different directions. There was a honey of an OD control on an unmapped road which at first glance looked to be on the shortest mapped route. Only problem was that the road in question did not quite link with the main road on the map, and the control was placed on this unmapped

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MGCC Novice Rally (Contd.)

portion. It was significant that only two crews to miss this control had especially alert and observant service cars.

We rendezvoused at Mrs. Thomson's Kenmore home for breakfast and a swim at the completion of the event. Those of us who negotiated the hillclimb to the house on foot should have been given bonus points.

2nd Nov. Melbourne Cup.

Won by Silver Knight, a NEW ZEALANDER. with a KIWI jockey.
Second was Igloo, a NEW ZEALANDER. with a KIWI jockey.

The rest were R/S. although Tails, in third place is New Zealand born and bred.

PAST NON EVENTS.

BSCC CLUBROOMS: It sounds good doesn't it. Stop and think about it for a moment - BSCC Clubrooms: a few trophies on the wall like Norm Colthup's last Sprinter McPherson Struts but one, a pair of panties, a railway carriage notice or two, perhaps a matched pair of public convenience seats, a Mazda Rotary Motor Araldited solid..... And comfortable lounge chairs, a well stocked refrigerator, books and magazines. And a covered lockup area for car preparation. And a 20c billiard table machine. And so on and so on.

All paying its own way.....

This, dear members, is the non event of 1971. But it damn nearly came off. I think that most members know that the old Movie house at Ashgrove came up for public auction on Thursday 14th Oct. It is just 4.2 miles from the GPO, which has to be defined as centrally located. The building required painting and some window and plumbing repairs, but nothing that we couldn't handle ourselves with our own resources.

A licensed picture theatre. We had no problems with Council Zoning. A huge building of nearly 7,000 square feet, it contains the projection box/auditorium complex, several large rooms at the back of the

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PAST NON EVENTS: (Contd.)

building and a separate area in front nearly as big as our present meeting place. This last area was envisaged as the Clubroom. We had an offer from a well known movie entrepreneur who was interested in leasing the Auditorium for public movies two nights a week. This with other casual lettings of the hall would have come very close to meeting our loan repayment commitments. In addition other avenues of fund raising came to light.

Your committee took a hard look at the project, and canvassed opinion from within the club. The enthusiasm of Clubmen seemed to be there, and so began a series of committee meetings at 24 hour intervals at which the idea was discussed and rediscussed, taken to pieces and put together again, and the feasibility of raising and repaying the money was established. Mike Chapman was coopted to sound out one or two large companies for support. Wally McGreal and Hank Kabel took on the Bank and received a very favourable prognosis. I took on the City Council, who were more than helpful.

President Rick, Hank, Peter O'Connor and yours truly duly put in an appearance at the Public Curator's office where the auction took place, armed with instructions to bid up to 10,000 dollars for the property. This was the figure which we could see our way clear to cover with repayments over a reasonable period. To our disappointment the bidding opened at this figure, and subsequently went higher by private treaty, and so the thing went well out of our league.

We subsequently learned that there was a reserve of \$ 20,000 - a ridiculously high valuation dating back to the hey day of motion picture entertainment prior to television. We understand that the other parties at the auction represented roller skating interests.

I still believe that \$ 10,000 was a good figure, at this price we would have had good value. But I don't think the property was worth very much more, even had we had had the money.

A very interesting exercise all the same, and it demonstrated a number of points quite conclusively, viz.

1. The majority of members are enthusiastic about owning our own place.
2. The majority of members indicated their willingness to get right behind such a project with working bees, pub raffles etc.

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PAST NON EVENTS (Contd.)

- 3. The accumulation of club capital over the years proceeds at no greater rate than the rate of inflation of property values. i.e. to get anywhere we possibly should get into property soon.
- 4. On the right proposition we will have no trouble raising finance up to our repayment potential. The key to the whole thing is to be able to derive income from our investment. This was the attractive aspect of the picture theatre.

Several non club people put a great deal of time and effort into researching the theatre proposition and I would like to place on record our debt to Ken Woodhead, Con Peters, and Hal Gehrman of the Brisbane City Council.

Bill Hawkshaw of the Shafston, who made such a generous offer of financial backing and assistance without even having seen the place has done much for the club over the years, and I for one hope that he gets the recognition due to him at the Annual General Meeting on 10th November.

COMING EVENTS:

3rd Nov. Night Run by Greg (Capalaba) Smith.

10th Nov. Annual General Meeting at Club rooms.

11th Nov. Committee Meeting - venue and components to be arranged at Annual General Meeting.

13/14th Nov. Interclub Rally. I.W.M.A.C. Non championship open rally.

17th Nov. A film night is being presented by that ace cameraman and demon bowler, the mild mannered CED REINHARDT.

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COMING EVENTS:

- 21st Nov. Hillclimb. MGCC invitation event. BSCC and the rally type drivers made a very strong impression at Mt. Cotton last time and we hope to have an even better showing this time. Supp. Regs. will be circulated as soon as Ann Thomson has recovered from her rally.
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- 24th Nov. Night Run by Mike Collins.
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- 27th Nov. Close of Entries - Stones Corner Motors Rally. (Combined final rounds of Classified and Novice Rally Series.)
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- 29th Nov. Draw and briefing at Stones Corner Motors for rally on 4/5th December.
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- 1st Dec. Tabletop Rally. Directed by Laurie Garth. Laurie says competitors will need a ruler and a drawing type compass.
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- 4/5th Dec. Stones Corner Motors Rally. Blame Rick Westacott and Ray Luckhurst. Just between you and me this is a smooth rally in the coastal strip north of Brisbane. The navigation is straight forward, the last time that they checked it Ray hit a bank while only thirty miles off course.
- *****
- 10th Dec. The BSCC Christmas Party. Bring your friends and relatives, also bring your enemies as I understand that our unofficial women's auxiliary is concocting a punch. (Margaret Dancer is at present programming the computer to determine the exact recipe.)
- This is a Hawaiian Night and you are requested to arrive in suitable clothing (i.e. grass skirts etc). There will be a prize for the best costume.
- Spirits and Gold Top will be available for those who drink, and there will be the odd raffle including our usual

COMING EVENTS:

Christmas Party.

Xmas special. Laurie Garth is to be Master of Ceremonies, although we have someone else to do the cooking.

Music and entertainment is being provided by Terry Over and the Overlanders, who did such a good job at the Hangi night as a few of the soberer souls may remember.

All in all I can promise you a night to remember.

Ashgrove RSL Hall - Friday 10th December at 8.00 p.m.

12th Dec. Sunday. The children's Christmas Tree. LONE PINE.

Our final event for the year.

Starting time is 1.00p.m.. If you haven't given Midge your sheet yet you had better smarten up.

NEW MEMBERS: A warm welcome to:-

- P.J. Murray - Zillmere.
- Gary Chisholm - Paddington.
- Roger Lainsen - Rosalie.
- Paul Buda - Manly.
- Terence McCoy - Sunnybank.
- Ronald Battersby - Rosalie.

Note:- that new members now pay \$ 8.00 which entitles them to full rights for the remainder of this year and all of next year as well. A bargain.

For those interested here is next year's calendar.

Australian Rally Championship.

- 15th April. Bunbury Curran. NSW Round 1.
- 27th May Akademos. Vic. " 2.
- 10/12th June. Snowy. NSW " 3.
- 29th July Walkerville 500 SA " 4.
- 23 Aug. Ampol Warana Qld. " 5.
- 25th Nov. Alpine Vic. " 6.

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Queensland Rally Championship.

5th March	Ford Rally	BSCC	Round 1.
29th April	Gympie 500	Gympie	" 2.
8th July	Qld. Times	IWMAC	" 3.
25/27th August.	BP	BPAC	" 4.
2nd December	BSCC Summer	BSCC	" 5.

Queensland Novice Rally Championship.

12th Feb.	IWMAC	IWMAC	Round 1.
27th April.	Renault Car Club	"	2.
24th June	Ashgrove Esso	BSCC	" 3.
21st Oct.	Warwick Rally	BPAC	" 4.
2nd December	Summer Rally	BSCC	" 5.

It will be noted that there are six rounds in the national championships this year, and that we have retained the Ampol Warana as a national round. All credit to Hank and Bob for this achievement. The Warana is regarded as one of the premier Australian events.

There is only one combined round this year, the last rally of the year. This is a good thing from the organisational point of view, as combined events are harder to do.

Also of interest is the three day event that the B.P. mob plan.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Sir,

Last Saturday night 23rd October, the BP Car Club had a small get-together and of course up turns Ray Wood in the grooviest gear. (Brown and white floral shirt and brown pin-stripe pants.

Well after being ribbed continually all night Barry Farrell and friends composed this little ditty.

Ray Wood he came to town
Riding on a Vee Dub,
Body shirt and flares he wore,
Riding on a Vee Dub.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: (Contd.)

- He went down to Peter Shearers
- Riding on a Vee Dub,
- He did buy the spoofiest gear
- A riding on a Vee Dub.

Then he came on Saturday night
to Kedron in a Vee Dub,
To the B.P. Auto Club,
Instead of to the Pub.

Jeff Carr.

Dear Sir,

There was a remark in last month's mag. about A.Ellsworth having 5 V.W's.

It all started when I bought the ex. Jeoff Williams Elfin Ford. I intended to register it for the road till the machinery Dept. said no! - the space frame is not strong enough-they told me to make it into a Buggy with VW floor tray and parts so I did the obvious thing - I bought a V.W. \$ 40.00.

I parked it outside while I was watching TV and it was hit by a Valiant doing 85 mph so I got another one for \$ 35 and transferred the rego. plates and motor over. It was a bit rough so I traded it in on a 1600.

After the McClusky Rally the tyres were a bit thin so I looked around for some more.

I found a VW under a bloke's house 6 months rego. and good tyres. I made him an offer of \$ 25.00 for the lot meaning the tyres-he said O.K. meaning the car - so that was Number 4.

Number 5 came up at Doc Well's Maori night - I was talking to Greg Smith and told him I had a couple of VW's. He said a friend of his had one so I went and had a look see. I bought it for \$ 5 - towed it home and sold the body for \$ 15 so now I can build the Elfin on that floor tray.

I've got a set of mag. wheels, I swapped for a motor-bike I bought for \$ 10 so I am getting a cheap Elfin as the original price was only \$ 10.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (Contd.)

As I haven't a lot of spare money I have to swap parts to get everything I need but I am getting there slowly. When it's finished it should go pretty well as I will only have 11 cwt. all up weight.

My biggest problem will be to keep my wife out of it.

A.J. Ellsworth.

Dear Sir,

The Classic and Historical Automobile Club of Australia is hoping that you would be able to assist in finding space for this press release in your magazine.

A club has recently been formed in Brisbane to cater for cars manufactured prior to 1942 which are not eligible for Vintage and Veteran classes. The Classic and Historic Automobile Club of Australia is anxious to contact owners or interested persons with the view of perpetuating these cars.

Inquiries can be directed to Mr. W.B. Jager,
53 McBride Road,
PINKENBA. Phone:- 604317.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed two limmericks proving Wells is not the only poet in the club.

There once was a fellow called - ?
Whose ideals were decidedly rank,
And while out rallying around,
His rally machine he would pound,
And his opponent - he leaves down a bank.

There once was a Vet. named Ian,
Whose mechanicals were most European,
But then one day his Fiat he broke,
In company with a hairy young bloke,
And some party-hose they managed to glean.

"How long is it since your wife died?"

"Just the same thanks".

A PLEA FOR SOME SPORT IN MOTOR SPORT.

(This article is as topical here in Qld. as in Vic. & NSW - Editor)

An impassioned plea for a return to sportmanship in Motor Sport has been made by the Victorian council of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport.

The council has struck out at the growing number of protests arising from events held under it's sanction.

An article titled "Age of Protest" appears in it's latest monthly bulletin signed by the councils secretary, Mr. Ron Parkes.

"In another time, who would have thought that a protest and an appeal would rise out of a motorkhana" it says.

"Such an event was one of the last bastions of the competitive club spirit, the epitome of a good day's sport".

The article continues: "This has been penetrated by litigation".

"Will we soon be faced with a protest arising out of a treasure hunt or maybe even a touring assembly?"

"Whatever happened to the "Sport" in motor sport?"

The article suggests that many of the stream of protests and appeals lodged are frivolous.

"The standard practice these days, particularly in trials, seems to be to delve for a pretext upon which to protest, a loophole in the regulations, a slight miscalculation or error in organisation.

"This pounced upon and dragged through the process of litigation, more often than not - to prove what?"

"One has only to examine this years record to see what we are driving at - hardly an event takes place without the resultant protest.

"Organisers are not blameless, for time and again we find that poor attention has been paid to organisational detail, a control misplaced, an indistincty marker, an incorrect grid reference and so on."

"But does protesting really prove much in many cases?"

"It involves many people in a lot of work and to the protestant, if he wins, probably a slightly more opulent pot than he would otherwise have won or not have won."

A PLEA FOR SOME SPORT.....Contd.

The article concluded: "Let's have more sportsmanship in this sport of ours - before it is lost in the strum and drang of judicial processes and the spirit of competition forgotten.

(Filched from VW Club of NSW News, who flogged it from "Pinion" ESSCC who got it from "The Australian".)

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP POINT SCORE - 30.10.71. (29 events)

R. Luckhurst	212 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 events.	P. Smith	120 $\frac{1}{2}$	15
L. Barron	206 $\frac{1}{2}$	26	L. Palmer	68 $\frac{1}{2}$	14
A. Cox	175	28	H. Garth	66	21
G. Brameld	173 $\frac{1}{2}$	26	J. Sked	51	11
G.M. Smith	145 $\frac{1}{2}$	24	J. Connell	11	2
T. Best	133	23	K. Wells	11	1
John Connell	130	21	M. Dancer	10	3
G.W. Smith	103	23			
P. Hillman	101 $\frac{1}{2}$	21			
G. Blower	99	22			

GOSSIP AND GASEAG.They Tell me:-

That Hank Kabel is having a ball with the Geisha girls in Japan. Would you believe four baths a day?

That the John French Alfa of Brian and Greg had a serious altercation with a car that was overtaking a semitrailer on a crest, while they were returning from the Rally of the Hills. Poor old Alfa was biffed rather vigorously by this enterprising motorist, and so its back to the panel shop again.

That Greg Smith could be punting an imported type continental vehicle next season.

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GOSSIP AND GASBAG.They Tell Me:

That the great clubroom hunt is really on. We may be able to secure the basement of a service station in the Morning side area as an exclusive lease at a reasonable price. It is worth looking into.

That Ann and Ross swapped seats while directing the Rally . Ross drove while Ann navigated. Ross blotted his copybook with a little bit of sideways and backwards at one point, but is still trying to con Ann into navigating for him in the Interclub.

That the Garth's have installed a pool and a motor mower in their back yard. The neighbours are running a book on which will be mobile first, and you can still get tens on the mower.

That Lloyd Robertson will now be campaigning the ex. Holden Dealer team 350 Monaro under the banner of the Cleveland GMH Dealership of PETER STEWART MOTORS. With Ray Wood navigating and a service crew including Cliff Murfin (Bert Butlers Auto Electrical), Cliff Milne (GMH Service Garage Manager) and Ian Ridell who has rallied the red Monaro for Zupps, Queensland rallies are becoming really professional. The car will be repainted rally red with white sign writing to match Peter Stewart Motors colours. Good luck Lloyd.

That there is a famous Australian family of nine brothers: the first was a politician and the second couldn't read either, the third became an Archbishop and the fourth's morals were no better, the fifth was a prominent financier and the sixth is in the next cell, the seventh got an O.B.E. and the eight didn't go to the war either, and the ninth never married, but like his father remained a bachelor all his life.

That our old friends at McCluskey Ford will still be there when the new management takes over. It sounds as though it is still the best place in Brisbane to buy a Ford, and of course Ford is the best.



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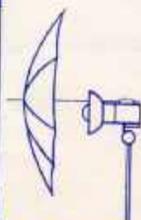
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