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BSCC Clubrooms are located on the corner of Reid and Hawthorne Streets, WOOLLOONGABBA, and are open every Wednesday from 8.00 pm.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The annual membership subscription is \$15 for ordinary members and \$6 for associate members. Associate membership is offered only to the wife and children of ordinary members.

CLUB BADGES:

The following Club badges may be obtained from the Club Captain:-

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All contributions for the magazine will be gratefully accepted. They should be posted to the Editor at the club address or placed in the Editor's slot in the club mailbox in the clubroom.

BSCC PROGRESSIVE FUND RAISING CLUB -- EVENT 2

CABARET NIGHT

FRIDAY 12th MARCH 1976 at 8.00 pm

P.A.F.S. HALL, Railway St, MILTON

This will be the second event in the BSCC popular fund raising club for 1976. The Cabaret will be held at the same location as the 1975 Xmas Party. (and by the way the 1976 party will be held there on 10th Dec; no excuse for not keeping that night free, write the date in your calender now!)

On Friday night there will be good music - refreshments - supper and the presentation of the Awards to the 1975 BSCC Club Champions.

Nominations are now being received for the first heat in the '1976 Club Champion Joke Teller'. This heat will be held on Friday night 12th March. Nominations close with Allan Lawson on Wednesday March 10th at 11.32 pm sharp.

Admission shall be \$5.00 single. \$8.00 double. Admission charges include Supper served from 10.00 pm.

Lucky Door Prizes - Chocolate Waltz Prizes - Statue Waltz Prize.

REMEMBER To be eligible for the "Grand Draw" in November you must attend at least eight out of the ten social nights.

Phone number for further details (before 4.00 pm) - 551257 (daily).

Event 3 will be a theatre night followed by coffee at the Club Rooms on Friday April 9th. More details later.

If any Club Member has any ideas for a permanent Public Address System for the Club Rooms, for such occasions as briefings, Bingo nights, etc, please talk to Gary Blower. It does not have to be portable or a very strong one; perhaps you have an old amplifier lying around that could be permantly set up.....Any ideas?.....

The club is building a catering trailer for use at B-B-Q's, Motorkhanas etc.. If you can help with any parts eg. wheels, steel etc, see Gary blower.

**** WANTED . WANTED . WANTED. ****

Wanted - Control officials for the Apple and Grape Festival Rally. Do your bit and help us to make it another great event for BSCC. See Chris Goodreid, John Hall, or Boyd Owens at the clubrooms or phone Chris on 556016.

NEW MEMBERS:

A very warm welcome is extended to the following people who joined the Brisbane Sporting Car Club during January:-

Bob Carpenter.....	Corinda
Les Johannesen.....	Kingston
Mike Leach.....	Fairfield
Keith McConnell.....	Corinda
Mark Pearce.....	Wynnum
Denis Rogers.....	Coorparoo
Steven Snell.....	Calamvale (Associate)
David Tempany.....	Sunnybank

MISSING PERSONS BUREAU:

Correspondence for the following members has been returned to the Club. If you know the whereabouts of any of these people, please either advise the Secretary or ask them to get in touch with us. The members are:- Paul Connell, Ross Capper, Karen Green, Howard Larson, Peter Moran and Bill Prentice.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS:

All unfinancial members have now received accounts for their 1976 membership subscriptions, due on the 1st January each year. If you have not yet paid your subscription this year, please pay the Secretary any Wednesday night or post a cheque to the Club.

1976 SUB-COMMITTEES:

To streamline the running of Club activities, sub-committees are appointed by the Committee each year for specific purposes. This year the number of sub-committees has been reduced and some functions previously carried out by separate sub-committees have been combined; If you would like to assist the Club by acting on a sub-committee, please get in touch with the appropriate Chairman.

Members of the sub-committees are listed below:-

Building Sub-committee: Gary Blower (Chairman), Hank Kabel, Neil Howard.

MotorKhana and Speed Event Sub-committee: Glen Carpenter (Chairman), Lee Drummond, Neil Howard, Larry Stinson.

Rally Sub-committee: Greg Weale (Chairman), Charlie Blake, Alan Lawson, Peter Whalley.

Social Sub-committee: Allan Lawson (Chairman), Dave Ambrose, Charlie Blake, Ron Dagg, Joe Deamicis, Boyd Ovens, Greg Weale.

Magazine Sub-committee: Boyd Ovens (Editor), Peter Cox, Chris Goodreid, Jan Goodreid, Col Young.

Daryll Kelly, well known BSCC committee member, will be keeping all rally enthusiasts up to date on the rally scene with his weekly reports in the BRISBANE MOTOR MARKET WEEKLY. The BMMW must surely be the lowest priced magazine on the market covering the Queensland Rally scene. It can be purchased from Service Stations or News Agencies for the humble sum of 10¢. It would be advisable to obtain your BMMW as soon as available each Friday because it promises to scoop the field on Queensland Rally news and will often carry important notices such as alterations to rallies, rally results, club news and, as recently printed, a complete list of competitor classifications.

1976 NAVIGATION SCHOOL:

Please spread the word to your friends about the 1975 Navigators' School. To be held on the first four Monday nights of March this year, in our clubrooms. The course carries a nominal fee of \$1.00 per night, and is designed for aspiring rallyists who would like to learn something from the professionals. Although designed primarily for budding navigators, anyone who wishes to learn more about rallying is welcome to attend, as the course touches upon vehicle preparation and driving techniques as well as including the usual map reading exercises. BSCC members and non-members alike are welcome and no special equipment is required on the first night - just roll up on the 1st March with your \$1.00.

1975 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The 1975 Club Championship scores have now been tallied and the six trophies (Motorkhana, Night Run, Rally, Speed Event and Working Bee Championships and the Club Championship) will be awarded at the Club Cabaret Night to be held on Friday 12th March. Because the Championships were hotly contested last year and because of the closeness of results in most categories, it has been decided to defer the publication of the results until after the presentations have been made. So if you think you might be in the running for a trophy, you might miss out if you don't come along on the 12th March.

CALLING ALL NEW MEMBERS:

For all new members we have planned a special night on Wednesday 3rd March. All members will of course be welcome on this night, but we particularly want to see all those members who have joined the Club since the last New Members' Night, that is, those with a membership number higher than 1243. This will be your chance to meet the President and committee as well as some of the older members of the Club. Contrary to rumours being spread by some of the older Club members, no initiation ceremony is involved! ??????????????

If any club members have anything to sell or buy - advertise in the club magazine - it's FREE!!

BSCC clubmembers, Allan Lawson and Greg Weale tied with Dave Ambrose and Ron Dagg in the NDSCC Night Run held on the 31st January. A full report in the next edition.

Darryll Kelly took a different view of the last Experts Night Run-- on his side!! Good to see this type of event getting into the scrub a bit.

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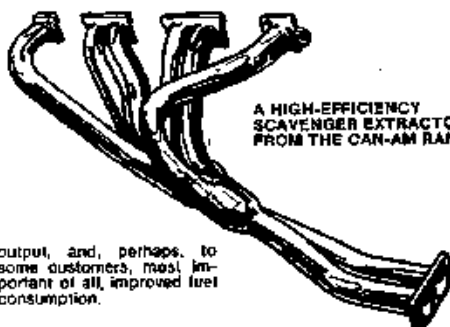
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THE ALLAN LAWSON STORYCon'd.Part 2

I soon found I had a lot to learn about this sport called Car Trials - that night it seemed each crew had a different excuse as to why he did not win, looking back over the last quarter century of many more such post mortems I can honestly say I do not think I have heard the exact same excuse twice - it always seems to be that little bit different - if it was not, of course; Allan T. Lawson and everyone else who have entered a trial or rally would have won many more trophies.

Motor Trials had succored me in - and how - life has never been the same since - Would you have it any other way? You may ask, well don't - just shut up and read on.

(At this point in print, I would like to explain that it is my intention to cover as many aspects of Motor Sport in Queensland and Australia, not only the Brisbane Sporting Car Club but many other clubs and people associated with its growth since 1952).

The Toowoomba Auto Club, known as the T.A.C., then a strong C.A.M.S. Club, under the presidential guidance of a man called Stan, sometimes called Mossey - also known as Zac - officially Mr. Stanley Mossetter - President of the T.A.C. for some twenty years, although in my nine active years in the club I had many a policy disagreement with the man called Stan, I rate him as the strongest and most efficient President of any Club I have been a member.

Mossey competed regularly at race meeting in Eastern Australia in an open wheel Riley Racing Car, later he was to become renowned as the strictest and most efficient Clerk of Course ever in Queensland, he was Queensland delegate to the N.C.C. during the foundation period in Australia, and until the Club withdrew from C.A.M.S. in 1959 was a dedicated C.A.M.S. man. He still occasionally acts as C of C at the clubs Echo Valley Motor Sport complex at Middle Ridge Toowoomba, a complex that would be a credit to any club in Australia, Echo Valley was included in the 1969 Southern Cross Rally Course and many Southern Rally Drivers still talk about the fantastic circuit where Doug Chivas clouted a Pine Tree, now known as 'Doug's Tree'.

During that period of the present century Motor Racing in Queensland was conducted at three circuits namely - Leyburn - Lowood - Strathpine - Leyburn was a war time airstrip situated about 40 miles S.W. of Toowoomba (a section of the circuit was used by Bob Dancer in the 1970 B.P. Rally) and was in use until 1956, in fact the first A.G.P. was held there after the war in 1949. The T.A.C. ran alternate meetings there and at Lowood, which became well known through the motor sport world. The first meeting was conducted at Lowood in 1949, at that time I was employed as a Control Operator at Radio Station 4 G.R. Toowoomba and I remember 4 G.R. being the first Radio Station to broadcast direct from a Car Race meeting - the commentator that day was the present horse racing comentator for 4 B.C. Vince Curry.

Con'd.

The third circuit where the Q.M.S.C. then held their race meetings was at Strathpine now a booming residential area of Brisbane. Lakeside and Surfers Paradise were to follow later. My local racing hero of the time - Chas Whatmore - known as the CHEWER, as he continually chewed gum (probably Chewing Gum) as hemasterley drove around the circuits. A C.A.M.S. delegate at the time (will they ever change) suggested that chewing gum be banned under the N.C.R.'s because if the driver had an accident he might bite his tongue off and would not be able to testify at a C.A.M.S. hearing.

While Motor Racing was receiving its fair share of publicity in the earlyfifties our branch of the sport was entering an era, probably unparrelled by any single sporting fixture before or since - THE REDEX TRIALS - WOW - If you are under, say 32 now, you probably have only heard stories of the Round Australia Trials of that time, but belive me they were true. The three Redex Trials received maximum coverage - some Queensland names that come to mind who competed include - Duck Anderson who presently owns the Seabrae Hotel Redcliffe and who finished Third Outright in 1954 in a Holden F.J. his co-driver was Tony Anthony (later prominent in the B.S.C.C.). - Jack McCafferty of McCafferty Buses of Toowoomba also in a Holden-Arthur Griffiths of Toowoomba Foundry in a V.W. - Keith Thallon of Boonah - Keith's Citeron I think is still out on the Nullabor. George Kahler Snr. with his wife entered a Jaguar. Bill Pitt of Jeguar racing fame entered a Morris Oxford in the 1955 event, and many other names too. I remember Harry Firth, then practically unknown, drove a Humber, Bob Holden behind the wheel of a Holden always went well. Laurie Whitehead started the V.W. craze by winning the 1955, and of course it is history how they went on to dominate all remaining round Australia Trials. Then there were the Rolls Royces - Austin A40's - Vanguard's - and the master of them all Jack Murray winner with a clean sheet in 54 in a 48 Ford. (By the way there is no truth in the rumor that Garry Connelly is contacting Jack Murray to flag the cars away in this Years Warrana to ensure a big crowd at the start - you know why? Because he only heard about it when he read this).

I helped with the manning of the Toowoomba Control Points in all the trials that passed through Toowoomba, in the Redex they opened for about Twenty Four Hours to allow the field of Three Hundred odd competitors, and odd they were, but a different sort of odd to to-day's odd rally driver, for instance they never slept in the comfort of a Motel room with their navigator as is the case to-day, they slept with their navigator in a sleeping bag under their Bell Housing - How Ducky.

After the Redex Company, headed by George Sheppards father, ceased sponsoring the event in 1955, it was taken over by Ampol in 56, then in 1957 Mobil applied for the C.A.M.S. permit - and got it - this upset the Australian Company no end so they ran one anyhow in competition to the official Mobilgas Round Australia, and all licences holders who entered the Ampol lost their licence - so with all this bungling the Media lost interest in the Magic of the Big Trials and they were buried - but names like Gelanite Jack Murray - Ken Tubman - Laurie Whitehead - Jack Witter - Doug Stewart, some of the winners will live on.



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1953 - In Queensland it was a very quite year - But something BIG was to hit us in Queensland in 54 - You with about Two Hundred and Fifty odd club members (not as odd as they used to be) will read about it in these pages next month.

PASTED EVENTS

The Australia Day Weekend Camp (as in tents) was a BIG success, despite the threat of another Cyclone and the thought of the camp turning into a huge muddy bog. The site at 'Little Yabba' scene of last Warana's service and spectator point, was supprisingly dry for the amount of rain that had fallen during the previous week. The weather was beautiful - even hot. Activities included a skid-p--kane organised by Allan (no exhaust) Lawson, and a gate-a-thon set up by Hank Kabel. Both these events were won by Simon (The ol' mans slowing down) KABEL. The only sad events were Pat Hetherman who broke his wrist playing cricket and Tony Kabel who tried riding the pipe (accidently of course) through a flooded causeway. Both of which only go to show that rallying is the safest sport going anyway a good time was had by all, and there will be more to come in the near future - so watch your magazine for details - ED.

TOURING ASSEMBLY, 7TH FEBRUARY

Fellow clubmembers and others, after weeks of preparation, organisation and financial outlay it was disheartening and very dissappointing to see the poor attendance at the Touring Assembly..

The lack of entries certainly displaced the enthusiasm shown by the clubmembers and friends that were present. These clubmembers it seems were mostly the same old happy bunch that attend most of the club's social outings.

Unfortunately the number of parties and other social functions on the same night had a detrimental effect on our run, but surely there could have been more than nine entries.

With the approaching rally season I only hope there will be a better attendance of other social functions in the future. Dispite the poor response everyone who participated and those who came just for the bar-be-que had a very enjoyable if not wet and hectic day. J. De Rooy and C. Slocombe proved they could handle the instructions and the conditions by winning the first division, but not having sufficient lights or tyres they decided not to try the second division. With only four starters for the second division, it appeared as though there would be a good competition on for 1st place. Not the case, with Peter and Betty Snell taking out 1st place, completing only half the course.

Nevertheless it was a good event and it is to be hoped that other club members will organize more events of this type in the future.

PETER COX

THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN ADVENTURE - Episode 1.

Two man made machines have influenced the development of the Australian way of life in gigantic proportions, the Aeroplane and the Motor Car. This story is about the Motor Car or rather a particular Motor Car and a certain part of Australian motoring history. The first successful drive around this continent and its subsequent Golden Jubilee celebration.

It all began way back in 1925 over in Western Australia. Nevill Westwood, a very determined and rather arrogant gentleman was also the proud owner of a 1923 model 5 c.v. Citroen. Nevill Westwood was very enthusiastic about the capabilities of his little Citroen. ALREADY the car had won an economy run and was the first to climb Mt. Cottesloe. Nevill Westwood was a devout member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, and the Church group approached him and asked if he would undertake a feasibility study in the wild Kimberley regions of Northern Australia. They wanted to know if it was possible to operate a mobile dental clinic in the area. Nevill agreed to go and thus was employed as a missionary. Plans were made and the departure date was set for 4th August 1925 - a Sunday. Everything was going fine until the Wednesday prior to departure when the co-driver for the survey withdrew. At the eleventh hour, Greg Davies, a strong willed man was invited to join Nevill and travel north to the unmapped regions of Western Australia.

So began a motorcar journey that was to finally be recorded as the first, completely around this continent of Australia.

Fifty years later in 1975, a team of six would set out in an identical car to that used by Westwood and Davies and drive around Australia. Three of the team were members of Brisbane Sporting Car Club, Jim Reddix, Pat Hetherman and Boyd Ovens. Team Leader was world famous Jim Reddix who is fast becoming Australia's leader in long distance events. How and why did such an adventure come about in 1975? What did it cost and what were the problems? These and many more points will be covered in a series of articles that will appear in the following months of this magazine.

DON'T FORGET - THE STANTHORPE APPLE & GRAPE RALLY 6 - 7 MAR

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GOOD START FOR MOTORKHANAS

Almost thirty competitors tried their skills in the second motorkhana of the year. It was held at the Samford grounds on the 8th February and was the first motorkhana under the new points system.

The new system has two classes, (under and over 2,400 mm wheel base). This allows cars like Mazdas, Toranas and Cortinas to have an equal chance with the Mini's for the clubs Motorkhana Championship.

The first event of the day was the very quick Tee Slalom. Jack Read was as quick as ever in the very potent 'Yellow Buggy', he took fastest time of 20.0 sec. John Maher in the same car was only .3 sec slower. Lee Drummond was fastest of the 'B' class cars with a time of 22.4 in the Mazda. Somebody must have prayed for rain, for just after Jack Read's run the rain poured down, leaving the rest of the field to do some opposite lock driving in the slosh.

The next event, the difficult manouvering caught a few competitors with a W.D. including the experienced Glen Carpenter. Yet again Read and Maher were quickest with 31.4 and 31.8 respectively. Lee Drummond was again best in B class on 36.2 followed by Wayne Simmons in 40.0 in a Torana.

Henry 'Horda' Ryman was the best 'dancer' of the day, taking out the Waltz Slalom in 38.0 driving the rally Honda. I was just behind on 38.1 while Jack Read could manage only 40.4 to be third fastest. New club member Bob Carpenter showed that he will be a force to reckon with in the future by running fourth quickest in the Waltz on 40.9 in his Mini Moke. Bob also came 8th overall on the day.

A few competitor had their troubles during the day. Mick Mathers in the big Monaro kept doing 360's half way through each event; Allan Lawson could manage only one run in each event, kept getting, too giddy in the RX 3 with the L.S.D. I am told. Keith McConnell was complaining about a non-working hand brake in the Cooper 'S', but he soon solved that problem, he ripped the whole hand brake lever straight out of the floor!!

A very quick but short autocross style event was run at the end of the day to give the bigger cars a chance to 'stretch their legs'. This event did not count for the times for the day but the drivers had a bit of fun sliding their cars around the pegs. Again Jack Read was fastest with 49.6 from Henry Honda with 54.0 sec.

All in all a very enjoyable day of motorsport was had by all. Jack Read won class 'A' and outright with a total score of 91.8, myself second on 92.3 and John Maher third with 95.2. Class 'B' was easily won by Lee Drummond with 101.6 from Ian Prescott on 119.6 and Rod Hannifey on 122.4.

GREG HEATH

COMING EVENTS

- Sun 22 Feb Surfers Paradise Races
- Wed 25 Feb Expert night run organised by Pat Hetherman & Hank Kabel.
- Fri 27 Feb Announcement of starting order for the Stanthorpe Apple & Grape Harvest Festival Rally, in the clubrooms at 8 pm.
- Mon 1 Mar Navigation School at the clubrooms, 8.00 pm start
- Tue 2 Mar Committee meeting
- Wed 3 Mar New Members' Night
- Sat 6 Mar Stanthorpe Apple & Grape Harvest Festival Rally
- Mon 8 Mar Navigation School at the clubrooms, 8.00 pm start
- Wed 10 Mar Novice night run organised by Peter Whalley & Greg Weale.
- Fri 12 Mar Club Cabaret Night and Presentation of 1975 Club Championship Trophies.
- Sat 13 Mar Working bee at the clubrooms, 1.30 pm start
- Sun 14 Mar HTCC Queensland Motorkhana Championship Round 1
- Mon 15 Mar Navigation School at the clubrooms, 8.00 pm start
- Wed 17 Mar Novice night run organised by Ian Huth & Dave Ambrose
- Sun 21 Mar Closed motorkhana at Samford, 10.30 am start, organised by Hank Kabel.
- Mon 22 Mar Navigation School at the clubrooms, 8.00 pm start
- Wed 24 Mar Family Film Night at the clubrooms
- Sat 27 Mar DDSCC Castrol Inter-City Cup Round 1, BSCC invited
- Wed 31 Mar Expert night run organised by Peter Wickham & Daryll Kelly.
- Sat 3 Apr Working bee at the clubrooms, 1.30 pm start
- Sun 4 Apr Lakeside Races

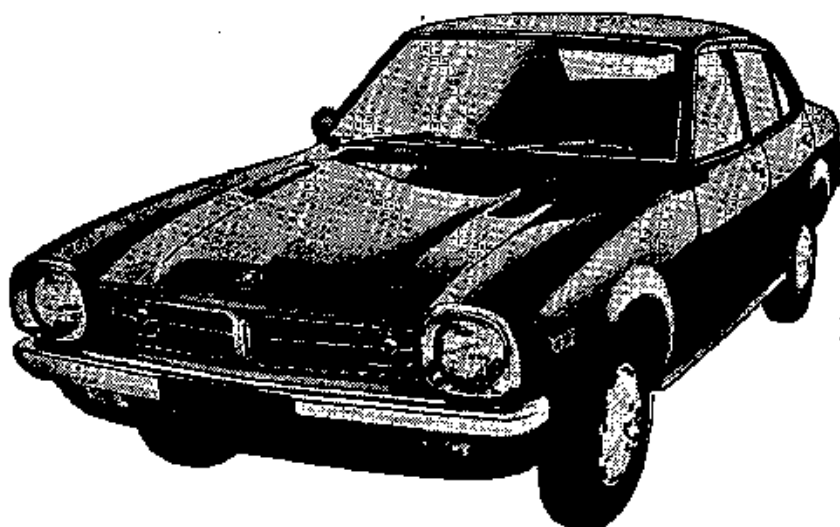
Heard on the grapevine that Club Captain, Neil Howard will not be given weekend leave from his honeymoon to compete in the Apple and Grape Harvest Festival Rally. Our congratulations to Neil and Carol and all the best for the 28th February.

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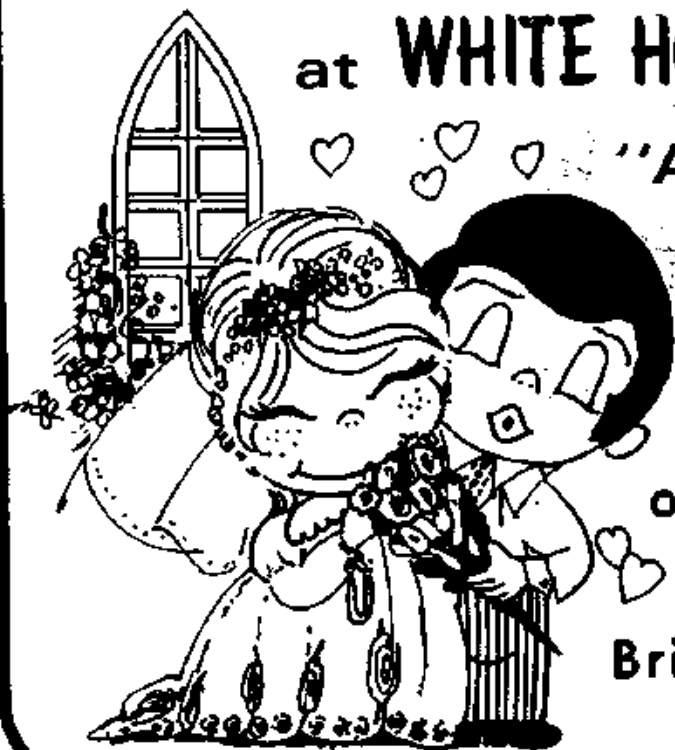
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