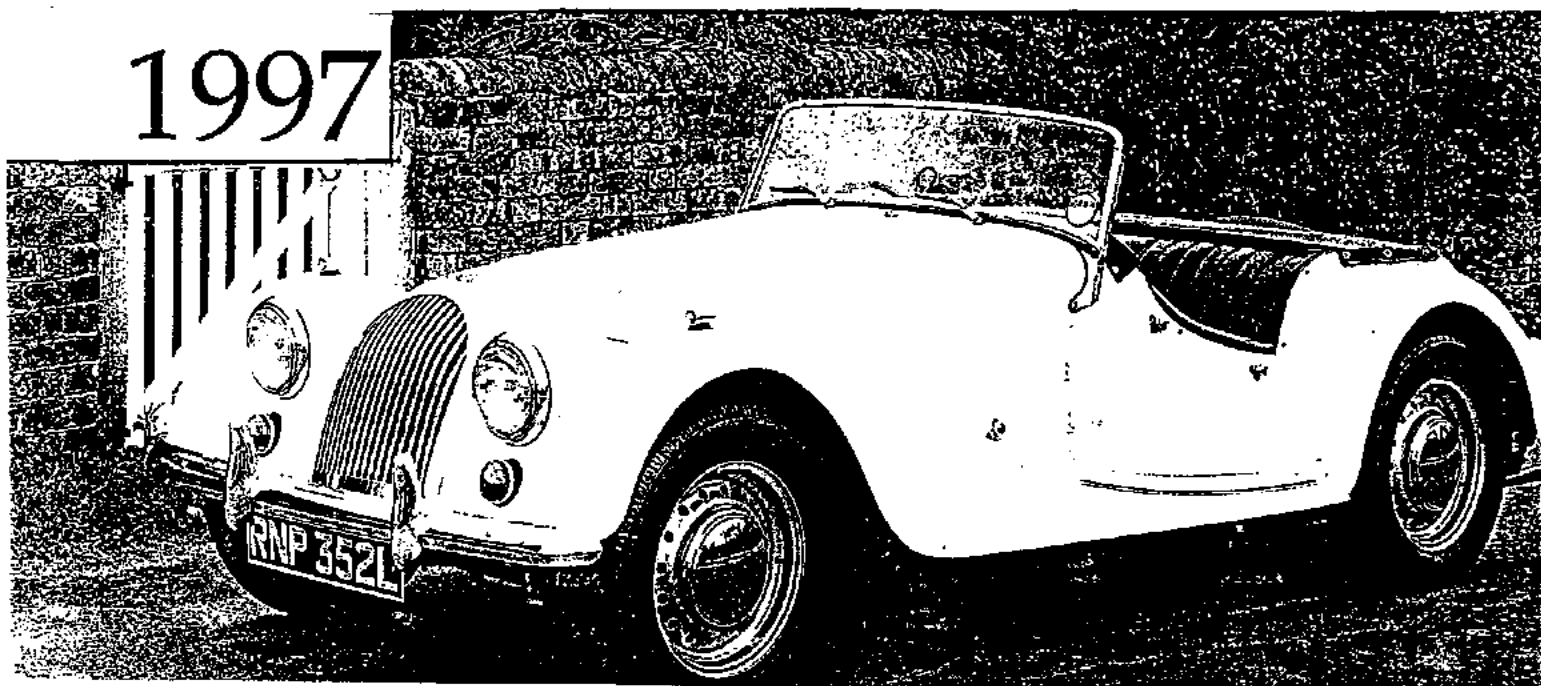


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THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE OF  
THE BRISBANE SPORTING CAR CLUB

## MOTORSHOW CLASSIC

1997



1st Round of the 1997 BP Historic Series was won and run on the 8th February in conjunction with the Motor Show. Extra classes were added to the event for more modern vehicles including those being exhibited at the Motor Show. The Motor Show class was won by the Nissan 200SX from Westpoint Autos. Although a special class was available for motorcycles, unfortunately none entered. Report and scores on pages 4 and 5.

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## EDITORIAL

It's that time of year again when the Annual General Meeting of the club looms and members need to consider taking an Executive position on the Board. The Brisbane Sporting Car Club cannot operate, grow or do anything without enthusiastic support from its members. It is truly amazing that in most clubs the vast majority are just willing to stand on the sidelines, make comments, yet never hold their hand up to assist.

Several members of the Board have indicated they are resigning and are not seeking re-election, this is a healthy sign as the ideal scenario is at least a 30% change over per annum.

The current Board has had a very good year although at times difficult and all attendees at the Annual General Meeting when they see the Financial Report will note a good job has been done. Every club member should consider seriously taking a position of responsibility.

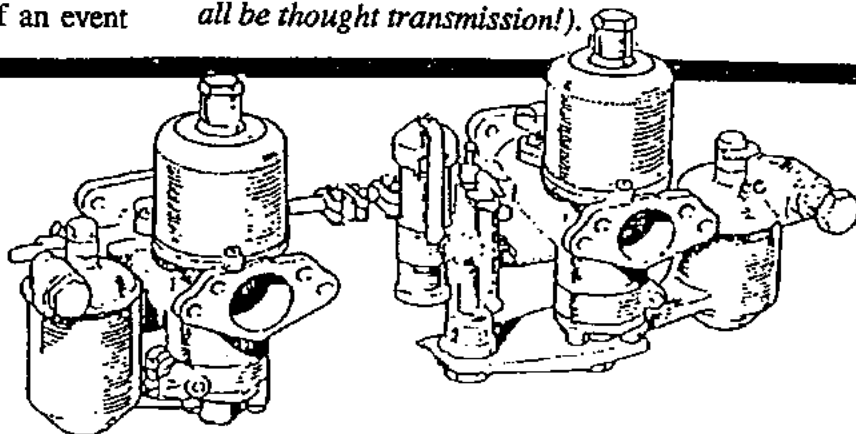
For many years, this Editor has been of the opinion that Motorsport Press in general falls short of the mark. One of the reasons for this, is that so much of the reporting is being done by "competitors" who really have quite a narrow view of an event

and have self interest at heart. Maybe this is why Organisers of events are only ever criticised by the press and nobody ever says "Well Done". When did you last read anything about the good atmosphere of an event or other activities associated with it.

The old Brisport magazine endeavours to notify club members of coming events, so that nobody can have the excuse, "I didn't know". We endeavour to bring club scores and event results in a general fashion, as most competitor's have full details of results mailed to them.

It is still true that this magazine certainly needs more members to contribute articles. Articles can be funny, serious, supportive and controversial. It is a healthy club that discusses general trends in the sport as a whole. To that end, this Editor hopes that in the new year, we can see some more regular writers joining the team.

Fortunately, we have found a new Editor for the magazine, as this one, due to work commitments has had to bail out. I wish to thank everyone who has contributed articles to the magazine and request they support our new Editor throughout the coming year. The format of the magazine did change and who know may even change again! But then again a change is as good as a holiday, so they say and if everyone talk their turn at doing such tasks in the club, then my next Editorship will be due in the year 2242, *(By that time, it should all be thought transmission!)*.



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## 1997 - the year of living OFFICIALLY

So 1996 was the CAMS year of the official.

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Meeting this month, the BSCC board decided to establish a points system for officials that will count toward the club championship in 1997.

It's about time our army of volunteers got something more than mud in the eye for a weekend in the dusty bush.

The scheme will involve the provision of club points on a sliding scale for everyone from road blockers to spectator marshalls and event directors.

So no matter what part you play, you'll be in the hunt for the official's championship.

If you take time out from racing during the year, just help at an event or two and your bid for the club championship will actually benefit!

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## BSCC on display - twice.

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The club needs your help to promote BSCC activities, with publicity displays of club cars, together with details of coming events.

In recent weeks, the club committee has been approached and has two fair-dinkum opportunities to present the BSCC, its members, events and vehicles in the best possible light.

These are events where the media spotlight will be at its brightest, so if you think your rally, historic, off road car or motorkhana special is a real crowd-puller, call 33918881 ASAP.

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## 1997 MOTOR SHOW CLASSIC

A Monte Carlo start from four different shopping centres around Brisbane saw the twenty seven entrants in the Motor Show Classic converge on Musgrave Park, South Brisbane. The field comprised the regular historic stalwarts, motor show participant vehicles and some "new" historic competitors.

From South Brisbane the cars scattered to points north and south as Clerk of Course Pat Hetherman and Jim Reddix schemed to confuse as many crews as possible. half the field toured through Newstead, Camp Hill, Mt Gravatt, Mot Cotton, Beenleigh, Browns Plains and Fairfield before returning to the Motor Show for the division break. The other half visited Newstead, Newmarket, Stafford, Strathpine, Pine Dam, Samford, Mt Nebo, The Gap, Bardon, Milton and returned to South Brisbane. The cars then swapped directions and headed along the other route. Several crews who had not read the sup regs anticipated several hours inspecting the exhibits at the motor show after finishing their run in the morning. Weren't they surprised when Jim R advised them, (with a grin on his face), "they had to go around again."

The entire event was based on the latest UBD street directory, with instructions being given as co-ordinate or street via's. Route checks/questions, were to be answered along the way. The location of these confused most crews as they could be located on the left, right, before, at or after the via's. The C of C's desire to make the route checks difficult was realised when 5 questions were answered correctly by fewer than four crews.

When scores were tallied, the Cortina, (resplendent in Lotus cream and green) of Tony Slattery and Tony Best triumphed with a loss of 8 1/2 questions and 2 minutes late time (172 points). Second was the well presented MG TF of Robin Edwards and Diana Kateley (234 points). Third place was a blanket finish with 5 cars finishing within 9 points. Dick Owen and Claire Swallows in the diminutive 850 Mini came out in front of the Wayne Johnstone/Michelle Gatton Datsun 1600, the Geoffrey Broad/David Abbott Lotus, McKeons in a surprising reliable BMW and Tony Perrit in his Cooper S.

Thanks to the organisers, control officials and the Motor Show Committee for a taxing but enjoyable event.

A. Owen.

## 1997 MOTOR SHOW CLASSIC ROLL OF HONOUR

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### Most desirable Vehicle

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### Not so desirable vehicle

Wolseley 24/80  
Peter Stringfellow and R. Hoskins  
(Sorry Peter, I couldn't resist the dig).

### Most Impressive esky

Holden utility cover  
GP Cars, Chris Michel and Dean Tighe.

### Furthest distance travelled

Lotus Europa  
Carol and Austen Horner, (Coffs Harbour).

### Best "Q" car

Dave Burnett and Brian Watelan

### Best MS 6 Class Car

Rover SDI  
Roger and Gail White



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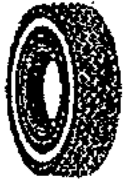
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# MOTORSHOW CLASSIC

An event that was different! The Organisers set out from the start to formulate an event which provided interest to Motorsport lovers, attracted the attention of the non-converted, gave mileage to the sponsor, (Motorshow Committee), and at the same time was fun.

This year, running as a Touring Assembly, the opportunity was there to add special classes to cover more modern vehicles, the latest on offer at the Motorshow and indeed motorcycles also.

The BSCC needs to thank CAMS for its assistance by way of special arrangements with regard the issue of special licences. There is no doubt that with some minor modifications this particular event has the potential to grow over the next two years into a major affair.

Because the event was designed primarily for beginners, first timers etc., in navigational runs and the maps used were entirely those in the Brisbane refidex, a special class for navigators was held on the Thursday evening before the event. It is interesting to note, that of the attendees who were all first timers all scored very well in the event, probably because they didn't have any pre-conceived ideas.

Each entrant received 2 complimentary tickets to the 1997 Brisbane Motorshow as well as a lunch bag to help them along the way.

The club expresses thanks to the Clerk of Course, Patrick Hetherman and the Assistant Clerk of Course, Jim Reddiex, Event Secretary, Sheridan Williamson, Club Members and their friends who got up extremely early on the Saturday morning to man the start controls, passage controls during the day. They are:

Margaret & Keith Mackay  
Don & Sandy Milner  
Claire Tew & Graham Beveridge  
Stephen & Julie Christensen  
Helen Best  
Stephen Hetherman

and most importantly, Ann Hetherman whose assistance and hard work on this event was unsparing.

At the presentation of trophies immediately after the event at the Motorshow, the Chairman of the Motorshow Committee, Henk Kabel, stated they had positive reports of the visual impression that the cars had made around Brisbane and the Hinterland. It was good for both the Motorshow and the sport in general.

We thank all the competitors who took part and it just goes to show, that there is more than way to run an event. *(And Tony Best can be challenged).*

*(The night of Champions the night before saw some Champion headaches on the morning, and some seedy looking faces by the afternoon. Typist)*

*(Next year, a control will be beside a fire hose for revenge on Errol Bailey and his pump action water "hose" - Ed)*

**Wanted:** Any information on this car. The above photo was taken circa 1948-'50 in Vulture St, South Brisbane. If you can help, call Tony Slattery 33913022 (h) 38057486 (w)



### Letter in the Mail Box!

This letter is of interest to most but needs careful consideration. Is there an inbuilt right to reproduce and publish. Worth a phone call!!



The Secretary  
Brisbane Sporting Car Club  
Cnr Reid & Hawthorne Sts  
Woolloongabba QLD 4102

13th February 1997

To the Secretary,

#### HELP....

We've got an exciting new project but we need your clubs' help

In May this year we will be launching a new style of photography with our Highway of Dreams exhibition. This exhibition will feature over 50 photographs of motor vehicles and their owners. Our goal is to feature as wide a variety of vehicles and photos as possible so this is where your club fits in.

We need 5 members from your club who would like to have their car photographed by one of Australia's leading photographers

Each volunteer would need to give up a few hours of their time for the shoot and they will also be required to sign a release allowing us to display their photo in public (the exhibition and any other promotional material relating to this project)

From our end we will also give up our time and your members will receive a photographic shoot normally costing around \$50.00. From this shoot we will choose one photo to appear in the exhibition. We will also make special prices available to your members if they would like photos for themselves

All in all we will be showing around 50 canvas images with a short background story of each vehicle and owner. This is a great opportunity for club promotion

If any of your members would like to be involved they can contact me on 32 561 557

Kind regards

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**TIMES UP!!!**

With the AGM coming up next month, a new Editor is waiting in the wings and hopefully a new Typist with him. Patrick, (Brisport Editor and my loving Dad), is hanging up his shackles as work commitments are getting hectic and he feels that he would not be able to spend quality time on the magazine. So this is my farewell as well.

Dad mentioned in passing twelve months ago, would I type a few articles for the magazine if he received hand written copy. I said sure! what's a daughter for. So when there was more white spaces than there was articles, I put fingers on the keys and typed out some drivel, much like the one you are reading now. My aim was to be light hearted and share a view that might be somewhat different to the norm. For I have never been called normal. It has been very flattering on the feed back I have personally received. If my stories have brought a smile to your face then I have achieved.

Please do not feel I am abandoning the club, I have volunteered my services on many occasions since the late 1970's and if I recall, (my memory isn't getting any better now that I am older), I was last a financial member of the club back in the late 1980's whilst I was navigating for Hubby. 1991 ARC Event Secretary, and then co-founder of the Road & Race rally sprint series followed competing whilst not being a financial member of the club.

Paul has now joined a car club on the Gold Coast and by the looks of it, we will be involved there. Paul & I will be organising the second round of the GP Cars Clubman Rally Series on April 19, so I look forward to seeing you there, and you never know, if I see you doing something worth mentioning, I'll be sure to let the rest of the club know. Until then, Au revoir.



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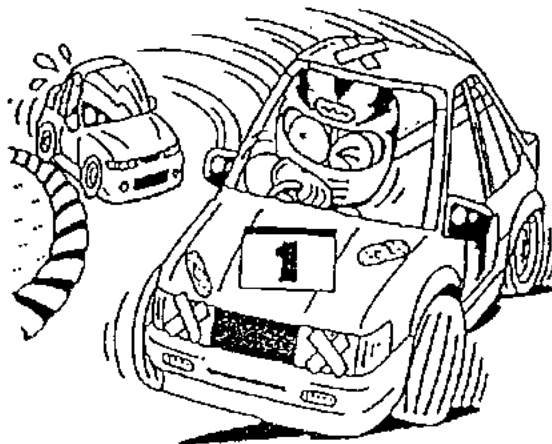
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## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Brisbane Sporting Car Club Ltd., will be held in the B.S.C.C. Clubrooms, corner of Reid and Hawthorne Streets, WOOLLOONGABBA on WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 1997 at 8.00 p.m.

The business to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting shall be:

- (1) To receive, consider, and if thought fit adopt the Financial Statements and the Reports of the President and the Auditors in respect of the year ended 31 December 1996.
- (2) To elect members of the Board, the Auditor and Life Members (if any).
- (3) To receive, consider and if thought fit, adopt a special resolution to amend the Articles of Association to include the interest of members in "Historic Vehicles" in accordance with the requirements of the Queensland Department of Transport's Special Interest Vehicles Scheme.
- (4) To receive, consider, and if thought fit adopt any other resolutions of which notice has been given.
- (5) To consider general business.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Club Captain and other members of the Board shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for one year, when they shall retire, but are eligible for re-election.

Each candidate for the Board must be nominated in writing by two financial members of the Club and with the written consent of the nominee. Such nominations must be lodged with the Secretary at least fourteen (14) days before the Annual General Meeting, (i.e. Wednesday 12 March 1997) at the latest.

If insufficient nominations are received for the positions to be filled, nominations may be called at the meeting. However, all such nominations take second place to the written ones received in the required time. Nomination forms are enclosed with this Magazine and are available from the Administration Officer - please use them. It is most important that we have an enthusiastic and active committee to act on behalf of the Club.

If you are unable to attend the meeting you may appoint a proxy to vote in your place. A person appointed as a proxy must be a member of the Club. Proxy forms must be lodged with the Secretary at least twenty-four (24) hours before the time for holding the meeting. Proxy forms are available, on request, from the Administration Officer (07 3391 8881) - please use one if you cannot attend in person.

## THE NASH GLASS & ALUMINIUM TABLE TOP RALLY SERIES

Do you want to improve your map reading skills, either for competition in rallies or just to find your way around town. If so the Table Top Rally Series is for you.

For those unsure, a Table Top Rally is a map reading exercise. Competitors are given a map and a set of instructions, and are then required to plot the route and answer some questions relating to this route.

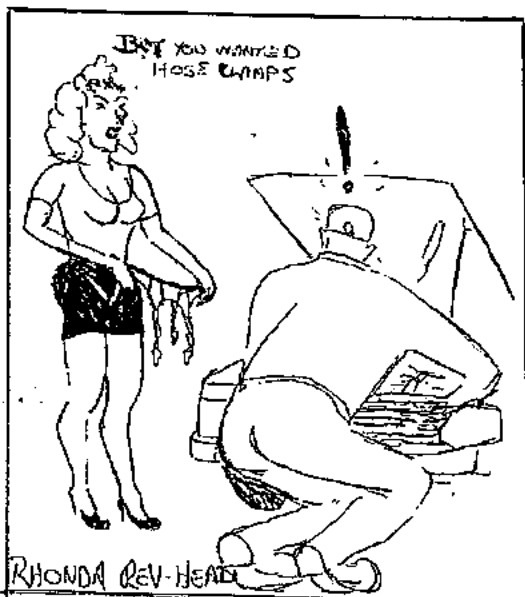
It is almost as good as going on a real rally without the expense of fuel and tyres, and competitors can't get carsick either.

Brisbane Sporting Car Club runs a series of six of these events during the year, the first round being on Wednesday 19th February. The Series is proudly sponsored by David Nash of Nash Glass & Aluminium, and the Series winner receives a very beautiful coffee table.

These events are held at the Car Club starting at 8.00pm. Maps are supplied by the organisers.

Dates for these events are:

|         |                             |
|---------|-----------------------------|
| Round 1 | Wednesday 19 February 1997  |
| Round 2 | Wednesday 23 April 1997     |
| Round 3 | Wednesday 18 June 1997      |
| Round 4 | Wednesday 16 July 1997      |
| Round 5 | Wednesday 17 September 1997 |
| Round 6 | Wednesday 15 October 1997   |



## GET WELL SOON

Club members calling 33918881 for rally advice and psychiatric assistance in the long Summer break are in shock.

Our hard working club administration officer, Esme Gibson, is taking time off due to a stubborn illness. We're being forced to do without Esme's kind advice.

Madness is likely to set in if this situation continues much longer.

Get well soon Esme!

Meanwhile, our heartfelt thanks to Lyndall Tighe for holding the fort.

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## WE TALK TO THE CHAMPIONS - LAURIE

Following the finalisation of the point scores for 1996, Pat Hetherman spoke to BSCC Off-Road Champion, Laurie Svenson about his view of the sport and the way ahead.

Laurie has been directly involved in off-road racing since 1980, having been directly involved in four-wheel drive clubs and the Qld off-road association.

He began helping out by providing recovery back up for off-road events. Next, he found himself in a service crew and before you know it, he was behind the wheel.

Laurie's first off-road machine was a Swing Axle Kelpie Buggy. The machine had a diminutive wheel-base of just 84 inches. It was powered by a 1200cc Corolla motor.

By using technology borrowed from some local circuit racers, Laurie began the task of extracting real horsepower. He ran the machine with a compression ratio of 11.5:1 and scored some good local results in class three, winning a couple of events outright.

Laurie says his most satisfying season came in 1983, when he stormed to the lead in the demanding Kempsey Off-Road classic. He was leading the field by 20 minutes from off-road veteran, Craig Martin, when the stub axle broke and, as they say, the wheel fell off.

It's a tribute to his battling spirit that Laurie was able to press on, finishing third outright.

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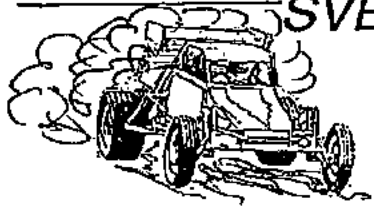
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At the other end of the spectrum of motorsport experience, Laurie's toughest results were again at Kempsey, where twice, he went out on the last lap.

Looking ahead, Laurie wants to see the establishment of a stable off-road series and point-scoring system so that all competitors can plan ahead with certainty.

Today, Laurie owns and races two buggies, having purchased a single-seater class nine machine in 1985.

He is concerned at the pressures that are undermining short-course events.

According to Laurie, there is nothing to compare to wheel to wheel competition as found on the short courses. When the crowd can watch your every move, there is no room for excuses.

Laurie says these days many competitors prefer long course events, because they represent better value for money.

All at Brisport wish Laurie good luck for round one of the 1997 series, which will be held at ~~Englewood~~ **CHICKWILLA** on March 2.

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# COMING EVENTS

## **OVERFLOW 100 OFF ROAD**

**1st - 2nd March 1997**

Toowoomba Auto Club are holding a Long Course Off Road at Chinchilla. This is the first round of the 1997 Queensland Off Road Championship. This event will consist of eight laps of a 20 km course.

The event will be held on the picturesque property "The Overflow" which is 18km north of Chinchilla. Starting time is 7.30 am and should be finished by mid-afternoon. Scrutiny, Prologue and reconnaissance will be on Saturday.

For further information contact Fred Berge on (076) 356 997.

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# COMING EVENTS

## **THE COOLOOLA CLASSIC**

**1st - 2nd March 1997**

Once again this event is supported by the Roadcraft Driver Training Complex at Gympie. It will start from Roadcraft at 1.00pm on Saturday 1st March. This event is the first round of the QRC and the first round of the GP Cars Clubman Series.

The QRC part of the event will have 175 km competitive and finish at approximately midnight. The Clubman section will have 90 km competitive and finish at approximately 6.00pm. Most of the servicing will be done at a central service area at Glastonbury where catering will be available.

There are eight (8) spectator points on the event and Spectator Guides are available from the Clubrooms, GP Cars, and Roadcraft.

Officials are still required, so please volunteer! As the saying goes, "Many hands make light work". (Note: Officials now score points in the Club Championship).

For further information contact Brian Everitt on (0754) 828 833(b/h).

## **CAMS RALLY FORUM**

**Saturday 8th March 1997**

CAMS Qld Rally Advisory Panel is arranging a Forum on Saturday 8th March for all people interested in Rallying. It will take place at the CAMS office, 621 Coronation Drive, Toowong between 12.30pm and 4.30pm.

Subjects that will be covered include Log Books, Roll Cages, Scrutiny, Pace noting, Seeding, Scoring and discussion of any problems that competitors and officials may have.

Everybody is encouraged to have their say, so it will be an ideal opportunity to have ones' ideas, concerns and solutions brought to the Advisory Panels attention.

Anyone wishing to attend this Forum must contact the CAMS office on (07) 387 00355.

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## **IPSWICH AUTOCROSS**

**Sunday 9th March 1997**

The Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club will holding their first Autocross for 1997 on Sunday 9th March 1997.

This will take place at their Willowbank track, commencing at 9.30am. Competitors will have six runs of the course which consists of one standing and one flying lap.

For further information contact John Slattery on (07) 3288 9787 a/h.

## **VIDEO NIGHT AT THE CLUBROOMS**

**Wednesday 14th March 1997**

Chris Lane will again be showing rally videos commencing at 8.00pm. Some very good videos of recent overseas rallies will be shown.

## **M.G. CLUB NIGHT RUN**

**Friday 14th March 1997**

The second round of the Inter Club Night Run Series will start at 7.30pm from Ivan Tighe Engineering, 225 Montague Road, West End.

Results for this event count towards the BSCC Night Run Championship.

For further information contact John Kingcott on (07) 3351 6541 a/h.

## **NORM SINGLETON'S RALLY CONNECTION RALLY**

**Saturday 27 March 1997**

BSCC is once again covering new ground with the above event. Rallysprints have previously been pace-noted and then run, however this is the first time a rally has been done reconnaissance in the morning and competed in the afternoon and into the evening.

Reconnaissance will commence from 8.00 and the event will start at 1.00pm. Total Special Stage distance is 84 km. Rally Headquarters will be at the Jimna Fire Tower and the best roads will be used. The last car should complete the event just before dark and trophy presentation will be held at approximately 7.00pm.

Supplementary Regulations are now available at the Clubrooms. Assistance from club members not competing in the event would be greatly appreciated.

For further information contact Tony best on (07) 3371 0367 (a/h).

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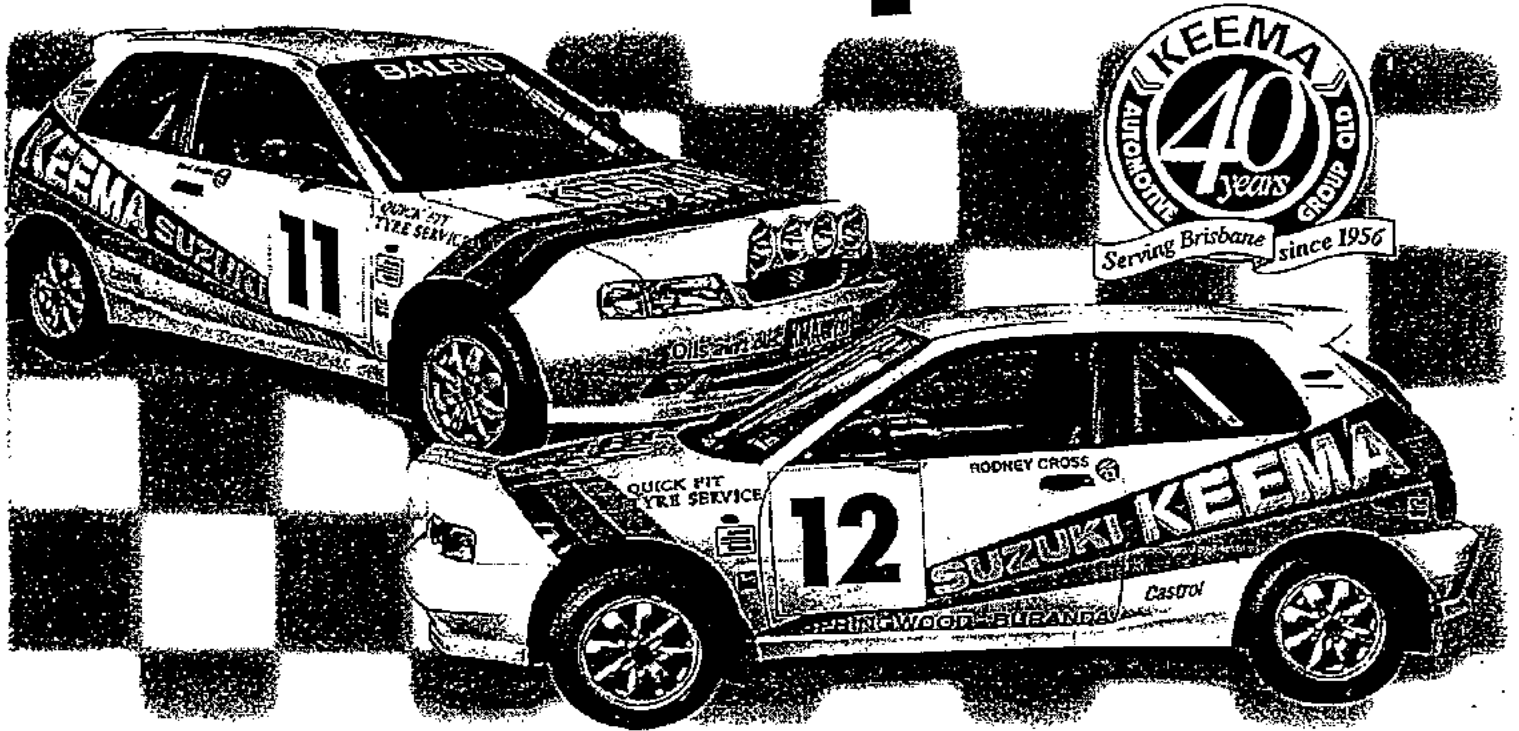
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