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Auckland Car Club Committee man, John Crombie, participating in the TISCO Trial Acceleration and Braking Test at Hamilton. PHOTOS - JACK INWOOD



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Thursday Evenings 8.00 - 11.00 p.m.
Saturday Evenings 8.00 - 11.30 p.m.
Sunday Evenings 4.00 - 10.00 p.m.

Members are welcome to bring friends along to enjoy the comfort and friendly atmosphere of the Club Lounge. Two Pool Tables, Table Tennis and Darts facilities are available. Pit Stop Bistro Bar also open for meals. Films are shown on the third Thursday of each month preceded by a semi formal Club meeting.

N.B. Please make sure you park clear of driveways and the local dairy and no noise when leaving.

5TH MAY - SATURDAY NIGHT - LADS & LASSIES SOCIAL:

Only the Lads pay and the Lassies (as many as you like to bring along) are charged no admission. Tickets \$4.00 each which includes your ale.

6TH MAY - SUNDAY - AFTERNOON TRIAL:

Fairly easy route in East to South of Auckland area. Simple timekeeping, interesting instructions. No maps required but take a sealed clock. First car leaves the Clubrooms, 44 Stoddard Road, Mt Roskill, at 1.00 p.m. Duration approximately 3 hours and the trial will finish at the Clubrooms. An explanation sheet will be handed out at the finish where usual refreshments plus the Club's new Bistro Bar service will be available.

9th MAY - WEDNESDAY EVENING - HOUSIE:

Held in the Members' Lounge at the Clubrooms commencing at 7.45 p.m. Everybody welcome.

Races for modified saloons, standard production saloons, Formula Ford, Formula Vee, Mini 7, Production Sports, Sports/Racing etc. Annual trophies will be awarded to the winner of each of the first round of scratch races. Entries (\$1.00) close on Monday, 7th May, with Miss C.E. Dewar, 273 Kepa Road, Auckland 5. Phone entries are acceptable (588-274 evenings). Late entries (\$2.00) can only be accepted to fill certain races. Scrutineering 9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. only. Practice commences 12 noon. Racing 1.00 p.m. Entry forms available at the Clubrooms. Usual refreshments service at the Circuit. A Bistro type meal will be available at the Clubrooms later at a reasonable charge.

17TH MAY - THURSDAY - CLUB NIGHT AND FILM EVENING:

At the Clubrooms, 44 Stoddard Road, Mr Roskill. 8.00 p.m. Good films, supper, discussion, etc. Mike Marshall's genuine Works Rally Escort will be on display. Mike will be on hand to give advice and help you with any problems you may be having with your entry for the forthcoming Heatway Rally.

27TH MAY - SUNDAY - HAMILTON CAR CLUB V. AUCKLAND CAR CLUB

ANNUAL GYMKHANA - This year's event will be held on the grass infield of the Hamilton (Claudelands) Showgrounds and no coarse treads will be permitted. Make it a day out for the whole family. All Club members elligible to compete. Convoy will leave from outside the Reidrubber Factory at the Great South Road, Penrose Motorway Junction at 8.30 a.m. Competition begins at 11.00 a.m. Hamilton say there's just no way we can retain the Winner's Medallion Chain so let's show them that last year's effort was no 'fluke'.

3RD JUNE - SUNDAY - QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND - THE 'ORIGINAL'

BEER & BURGER EVENING - See separate advertisement in this Bulletin.

12TH JUNE - TUESDAY EVENING - HEATWAY RALLY FORUM

To be held at the Clubrooms at 8.00 p.m. Heatway Rally Director, Mr Murray Thompson, will be present to discuss this year's event and answer your questions. As well, a number of top competitors and service crew managers will be on hand to help you with your route planning, etc. Full details will be announced in the June Bulletin.

16TH JUNE - SATURDAY - ANNUAL BALL & TISCO PRIZEGIVING

To be held at the Mandalay Ballroom, Newmarket. See separate advertisement in this Bulletin.

4TH & 5TH AUGUST - SATURDAY/SUNDAY - ROTORUA TRIAL

Entries are now open for the annual Rotorua Trial. Total cost of \$12.50 per person includes dinner, bed and breakfast, admission to Saturday night social and trial entry fee. A deposit of \$5.00 per person is required with your application form. These are available from Mrs Val Martin, 6 Melissa Place, Pakuranga, Phone 566-437, or from the Clubrooms. Further details in next month's Bulletin.





6TH MAY - SUNDAY - INVITATION HILLCLIMB:

Bright Road, Waiuku. (Sealed). Entries on the day 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Organised by the Pukekohe Car Club.

12TH MAY - SATURDAY - DUCKHAMS DAYLIGHT CAR TRIAL:

Starts Papakura 8.30 a.m. Finishes approximately 3.00 p.m. East Tamaki. Entries close 4th May at 5.00 p.m. Late entries accepted. Organised by the Auckland University Car Club, P.O. Box 22-360, Otahuhu.

12TH MAY - SATURDAY - SHELL TRIPLE HUNDRED RALLY:

300 miles. 12 hour event. North Canterbury area.

19TH MAY - SATURDAY - EBBETT MOTORS TRIAL:

Entries close 9th May. Late entries 15th May. A.S.R.'s and entry forms available from the Clubrooms or the Organisers, Hamilton Car Club Inc., P.O. Box 6029, Heaphy Terrace, Hamilton.

19TH MAY - SATURDAY - THE LESLIE MOTORS TOYOTA GOLD STAR TRIAL 10 hour event. A.S.R.'s and entry forms available from the organisers, Otago Sports Car Club, P.O. Box 299, Dunedin. Entries close 9th May.

26TH MAY - SATURDAY - MATAMATA MOTORS TRIAL:

8 hour event. Entries close 11th May. A.S.R.'s and entry forms available from the Matamata Car Club, P.O. Box 274, Matamata.

27TH MAY - SUNDAY - NATIONAL MOTOR RACES - RUAPUNA PARK:

Enquiries should be directed to the Canterbury Car Club, P.O. Box 25-050, Christchurch.

2ND JUNE - SATURDAY - CASTROL GOLD STAR TRIAL:

Starts Saturday evening at the Chateau Tongariro, finishes Sunday afternoon, Mt Richmond Domain (Northern Sports Car Clubrooms). Approximately 450 miles. A.S.R.'s and entry forms available from Mrs B.A. Chandler, 7 Carole Cres., Pakuranga. Organised by the Northern Sports Car Club.

9TH JUNE - SATURDAY - MONSOON TRIAL:

A Mercury Trophy event organised by the Pukekohe Car Club. All entrants enquiries should be directed to P.O. Box 174, Pukekohe.

7TH/14TH JULY - HEATWAY INTERNATIONAL MOTOR RALLY:

Starts Christchurch and finishes Auckland. Various stages of entry begin closing 1st June. Supplementary Regulations available from the Secretary, H.I.M.R., P.O. Box 5142, Wellington.

13TH/17TH JANUARY 1974 - SHELL '74 INTERNATIONAL MOTOR RALLY:

An associated activity of the 10th British Commonwealth Games to be held in Christchurch from 24th January. Entries open 1st May. Regulations now available from Rallysport Promotions Ltd, 989 Colombo St., Christchurch.



Gymkhana 17th March

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Driver	Car	Time Place	Driver Car Time Place
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B. KIRK-BURNAF C. TURNER A. JEFFRIES S. McHUGH J. RIDDELL	FIAT 1500	134.2 1 149.2 2 152.0 3 153.5 4 154.8 5 157.0	WHEELS W. PAINTER Sunbeam Alpine 142.0 1 = B. PLATT Holden XU1 142.0 1 = J. McCOMB Holden XU1 145.0 3 P. MEYER Triumph 2000 148.0 4 J. FOGELBERG Triumph 2000 148.4 5 K. BENNETT Ford Cortina 1993 149.8 G. HILL Holden Kingswood 151.5 B. CORK Capri 3000 155.7 R. SENNE Hillman 155.5 M. DAWSON Cortina 1600 158.4 R. McLEOD Humber 90 159.4 P. WARD Chrysler AP6 160.5 D. O'CARROLL Torana GTR 162.8 W. MINETT Zephyr 175.5 R. GRICE Escort GT 175.9 ★ FTD: R. DUNCAN, Morris Mini, 132.6.

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A disappointingly small number of cars faced the starter at Panmure Motors for the first section (stage) of the 1973 Economy Trial held on the 24th of March.

This event had been plotted by Phil Jukes to give realistic miles per gallon figures by use of testing roads and average speeds that could not be maintained by coasting. The route was roughly Auckland - Pukekohe - Te Kauwhata - Meremere - Pukekohe - Auckland and used virtually every hill and gravel road which was possible to use. By the use of such roads, everyone had to drive realistically and some quite surprising results emerged.

After tanks had been sealed, cars completed the 160 mile run and were then refilled to determine their actual miles per gallon figure. At a point near the finish of the event all cars were run over a weighbridge and their weight recorded in tons and part thereof. These two figures were then multiplied and an actual ton-miles per gallon figure obtained.

This was all very well but did not take into account those naughty people who haddriven too slowly so lateness at the checks was added in minutes and subtracted from the ton-miles per gallon figure as a penalty. This then gave the result which counted.

Sympathies to Robert Wylie in the MGB who recorded best ton miles per gallon but was something like 4 minutes slower than Peter Levet's Austin Maxi and so was relegated to second.

In point of fact the Maxi was fastest round the course being only one minute late overall. In third place came Bruce Blacklock in the Morris 1300 (second fastest and only two minutes late). The Economy Run turned out to be the decider for the Exide Trophy and produced the close finish shown elsewhere in the Bulletin.

The weighbridge provided food for thought. Would you believe a Maxi weighing 3,0801bs?

No! Well how about a Torana weighing 3,1851bs? (Heaviest of the day)

Thanks to Phil Jukes for plotting the event and to all the other members who did checks, weighed cars, and calculated results.

Thanks also to Panmure Motors for the use of their facilities.

Come on the rest of you - let's see a real big entry in the next Economy Run.

ECONOMY TRIAL RESULTS

CAR					TMPG WITH	
NO	EN	TRANT	CAR	M.P.G.	PENALTIES	PLACE
1	J.	WILSON	VAUXHALL VIVA	26.43	-20.35	15th
2	R.	GRICE	FORD ESCORT	25.02	18.66	6th
3	G.	CAMMICK	TOYOTA	42.14	9.54	9th
4	R.	SENNE	HILLMAN MINX	27.85	13.21	10th
5	R.	WHITE	MINI VAN	50.8	18.36	7th
6	Р.	LEVET	AUSTIN MAXI	28.60	38.22	1st
7	N.	KING	HILLMAN HUNTER	38.13	20.68	5th
8	Р.	GRIFFITHS	HILLMAN AVENGER	31.71	8.42	11th
9	R.	McRAE	SUNBEAM RAPIER	29.66	0.12	13th
10	J.	CARSON	HOLDEN	26.25	17.33	8th
11	R.	WYLIE	M.G.B.	35。99	36.39	2nd
12	R.	VISKOVICH	CORTINA	28.10	6.63	12th
13	М.	BOYLE	PEUGEOT	30.50	33.93	4th
14	В.	BLACKLOCK	AUSTIN 1300	34.10	34.50	3rd
15	N.	SILCOCK	HOLDEN XUI	RETI	R E D	-
16	s.	EMSON	FIAT 125	22.88	-4.85	14th





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P. BATTEN W. PARKIN P. HAUGH C. HUMPHREY K. SNOOK B. TREWIEELA R. UTTING	Mini	1298 1275 1098 1298 1298	38.313 39.302 40.011 40.754 42.161 42.707 44.471	1 2 3 4 5	SALOONS, 250 D. BREMNER N. SILCOCK P. WARD P. SWANN D. CLEMENTS J. McDONALD	VW Corvair Torana XU1 Valiant Falcon Ute Valiant	2700 3038 3700 4100 3750	35.617 38.422 41.724 42.863 43.797 44.807	1 2 3 4 5
SALOONS, 1301 - V. SMITH D. McCRAE M. KING	Cortina	1598	39.637 39.891 40.728	1 2	SPORTS CARS R. MILLEN P. BOYER W. PAINTER	V6 Buggy Triumph GT6 Alpine	1998	34.3874 39.650 40.509	¥ 1 2 3
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D. McCRAE



The race meeting on March 17th at Levin was the final of the Castrol GTX, the second to last for Formula Ford and the third to last for the Bank of New South Wales, and with most of these Championships cut and dried, there were no real surprises in store.

On the Friday sharp at 10-01 competitors started turning up in their droves for private testing and practice, and soon a full scale session was under way and it raged fast and furious till 6-00 p.m. The effort and action that went into this session sometimes put the race day to shame, with Graham Morris rolling his Mini and Norm Smith stuffing his Hustler FF into the fence - I wonder if he was trying to "out hustle a Hunter".

Race Day looked fine and it remained so except for a shor sharp shower in the morning. A tremendous amount of time, money and effort had been poured into promoting this meeting, and anyone who thinks it is easy should volunteer their services sometime, and at the end of the day when a disappointing crowd disperses to go home, I will personally lend them a length of rope, for that is how I felt at the end of this day! But I digress.

With "Hot Rod" Coppins in his Pontiac Firebird having sewn up the Championship, it remained for him and Red Dawson to dispute the two heats for Graham Baker in the PDL Mustang, although very happy with his times on Friday, was suffering from a faulty limited slip diff. and in each race was left well behind at the start. Dawson dominated both heats, and there was nothing very much Rod could do about it. Graeme Addis featuring extremely well in his Charger 770 mainly due to the lack of competitive cars in this class, and it seems laughable that a Standard Production car should be fourth though well in arrears.

One of the bad features of the day was the number of entries that entered but never arrived, quite a lot without even notifying of their scratching, the Mini 7 being extremely bad for this, and at one time having only five cars on the Circuit. This particular class of racing is not highly spectacular and if the competitors want the promoters to field races for them, they have only themselves to blame when next season they find themselves relegated to Club Circuit activities, as the promoters are all suffering from falling attendances, and it may well be the sheer boredom of watching such a race which could be one of the major factors. To be fair, some of the competition was eliminated from this event when

Reg Cook crashed John Provo's Mini during private practice on Friday, a broken rose joint was believed to be the cause.

In the final rounds of the Castrol GTX Reg Cook continued his domination of the series in the first heat with Dick Cook following all the way, but unable to make any impression on Reg. It turned into a bit of a procession for the two Escorts drew well clear of the field. Bryan Innes (Pacer) and "Gladdis" (Charger) fought it out for third position with Innes taking over on the 10th lap, only to leave the track at the Hairpin with the car on fire. The Fire Control Marshals were really on the ball and buried the Pacer in a sea of foam, such was their enthusiasm, they even tore the battery post clean out of the battery. In the second heat Reg Cook with a very sad engine finished fourth, after leading the field, with Innes taking the Chequer this time, Dick Cook second and Graeme Addis third. So Cookie sewed up the Castrol GTX Championship series for the 1972/73 season.

Six cars only turned up for the Castrol GTX Saloons Gp. I and Ron Rutherford put on a smooth polished armchair display in his E49 to win from Paul Hammond in the ex-Rod Coppins E49 and Ralph Emson was third in his Torana XUI. In the second heat Rutherford again disappeared into the distance, but a grand old battle was on between Paul Hammond and Dick Cook who was doing a Reg Cook Ruapuna effort by using Reggies racing tyres and wheels on his Escort RS1600, so Hammond and Cook battled it all the way and Cook just won after Hammond went wide at the Hairpin on the 10th lap and for the final two laps Hammond tried all he knew but just couldn't catch the flying Dick Cook.

Formula Vs, a very large field of them, put on their usual cut and thrust display and Ian Hodge and George Hetterschied led the field from start to finish with John Hatton and Marx Jones third and fourth. It seems a shame that this type of racing does not inspire the public for these little cars are very difficult to drive, deceivingly quick, certainly competitive and always have very full fields.

Formula Ford racing were probably the best events of the day. In the first heat McMillan led for the first two laps then Baker got through for a while with McMillan retaking the lead to win convincingly with Neville Bailey just displacing Robbie Booth. In the second round a tremendous tussle ensued with all the top drivers on each other's backs. On the 6th lap Bailey slid off the track at Cabbagetree Corner, taking Robbie Booth with him, Robbie actually flying through the air and demolishing the flag stand, both cars being damaged but fortunately not the drivers. Graham Baker won this one from Dave McMillan and an ever present Peter Hughes third.

The final race of the day was also for Formula Fords, and was called a "Black Flag Handicap Race". The Handicap consisted of a reversed grid with the slowest cars on the front row and the fastest cars at the back, they were then black away, and at the end of the 2nd lap the last car was flag flagged off and so it continued each time around till there were only two left. In theory it should have been about a 25 lap race, but with the odd one or two missing plus several of them flying off the circuit during the event it was all



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Peter Robinson





Doug Cowper

over in 15 laps leaving Peter Hughes to win from Bryan Scobie and Dave McMillan with Lloyd Owen fourth. It was very gratifying that the bulk of the crowd - all 1800 of them - stayed to watch the event and from general discussion everyone enjoyed it immensely.

As an additional feature that day Graeme Lawrence, Baron Robertson, Garry Pedersen and hopefully, Dexter Dunlop, along with about four others who were also supposed to come, it was hoped to field some sort of a race for these cars as a bonus for the competitors and public alike. Unfortunately you can't make much of a race with three cars for Dexter never arrived for the first event, and during a special practice session of which he completed not quite one lap, Dunlop suffered a hole in the sump of the McRae, but it was great to see Graeme Lawrence back at the wheel of a single seater and we wish him luck for the future. Adding spice to the cake was Rod Millen in his V6 Buggy and try as he might the whole deal was a bit of a farce, but you can't make a cake rise without baking powder.

And so wound up $3\frac{1}{2}$ weeks of very hard work doing three and a half thousand miles and spending $4\frac{1}{2}$ Thousand Dollars, with some very hard lessons learnt. I would like to add that if the competitors expect promotion by the organisers, late entries must become a thing of the past for there is no way to promote someone you don't even know you are going to have! the next time you receive an entry form or for that matter you intend to race at a meeting, fill in your entry immediately and send it straight back, and who knows, your name, your car and even your Sponsor might get themselves mentioned in some paper, radio or even TV, but if you don't enter on time, nobody wants to know and at a Race Meeting where about one in three people buy a programme and don't have a pen anyway, who knows who that guy is out there who is a late entry - so to the Press, the P.A., the Organisers and the public the late entry is just a damn nuisance.

DON HADFIELD

(Methinks that Don's opinion of any driver who enters and then doesn't turn up at the meeting would be greatly unprintable! - Ed.)



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THE PETER GILL COLUMN

Well, now it's happened.

The farcity of accepting special production hot-up jobs for the Benson and Hedges has shown up glaringly.

Production of the Fiat 125T is to end a long way short of the two hundred required to make it eligible for the race.

But of course, it's too late. The race is over and done with long ago.

It's this sort of thing that makes me think seriously about just how closely I want to be associated with motor racing.

The rules demand a production run of 200 and that's that. If the Grand Prix Association accepts any more hot-up jobs for the race without demanding a proper legal document assuring them that the two hundred qualification will be met, then they are making some sort of fun parlour out of the rule book, and letting down the public, other competitors and manufacturers.

Either it's two hundred cars or no start. Or a completely new set of rules. But for goodness sake, people must know where they stand.

Turning now to another tack: there are some very encouraging things happening in the local motor trade at the moment under the very no-nonsense leadership of Harley Russell, President of the Auckland Branch of the Licensed Motor Vehicle Dealers Association.

At last the LMVDA has begun to stand for something. With Harley at the helm on radio shows and through a public relations campaign, people are beginning to find out that there is such an association and that it will look into any genuine complaint. The news media now finds it can get simple, open, frank answers to its questions. And Harley has gone as far as collaborating with Labour MP Dr Michael Bassett to put together a private members bill to sort out some aspects of motor retailing. The Bill's provisions call for tougher licencing requisites for dealers, an industry ombudsman to hear dealer's and customers' complaints and re-designed registration forms to show whether a car is under hire purchase when it is put up for sale.

The industry has needed a man like Harley Russell for a long time.

1973 TISCO TISCO TISCO GOLD STAR TRIAL

"Just a few drinks" we agreed. We had an early number for a change this year in the long looked forward to TISCO Gold Star Trial so we went down Friday night to the start at Hamilton and stayed at the same hotel as the officials, the Army (who did a mighty job the next day on communications), and most of the other crews who had elected to travel down the night before the event.

We were woken up the next morning at 5.30 a.m., after retiring at 2.00 a.m., had a proper breakfast and then went to TISCO (Hamilton) for the start.

A straight forward run out of Hamilton, through the odo check which was very close to our Halda setting and then into the first mapreading which, in our mapreader's opinion, was one of the best parts of the trial. The second instruction involved going back to a point behind you and the nearest useable loop included part of HOWDEN RD but you were told not to use HOWNDEN RD. On the map there was a spot height of 255 feet, written sideways to HOWDEN, in a different type size, but the 2 almost made the road look as though it was HOWNDEN Well we got this check, quarter of an hour late, not by using our map index, but by the age old trick of following other cars!! Then a neat instruction to use a realigned road. Well of course you had to use the realigned road but on the next instruction coming back after using a small loop you were not told to use the realigned road and although the old bridge wasn't there any more, you still had to use the old road as per the map leading to it. Then pass Fletcher Rd which overlapped another intersection. You then had to go through a hole in the map. We fell for this two years ago in the Ebbett Motors Trial and our map was premarked "HOLE" (i.e. there was a gap in the road so you couldn't use it). Then a measurement exercise, then another more complicated alternative routes measurement. Then, with all the card complete so far, we got sucked in by being told not tuse Te Rore Paterangi Road during a measurement exercise but the road on the map was actually Rd The map reading ended at Ohaupo, where the Army were relaying results to TISCO in Hamilton.

Then followed a subsection with turns on time and on mileage which included an instruction to take the line of most deviation - which meant do a U turn. We then came to Section 2 Subsection B which at the last moment we remembered had a definition applying thereto back in the A.S.R.s. This subsection cost us a lot of checks even though we did find Bob Williams' home made signs. Then into lunch at Hamilton at the same hostelry, where we had wined, if not dined, the night before. This brought back painful memories but several (3) Disprins partly cured this and we had a mighty smorgasbord



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lunch. Then our driver took off like the wind, took the front wheels off the Cooper, put on the racing rubber to give us a psychological advantage for the Acceleration and Braking Test. The Honourable Mr Muldoon dropped the flag, our man spun the wheels, spun the wheels and continued spinning the wheels. However, Crumplecar made third fastest time and then let his friendly gymkhana rivals from Hamilton Car Club set about changing his wheels over again. They did this quite quickly. Very quickly, in fact - thank you Brian and Neil - in 105 seconds.

Then Section 3 subsection A which was a straight forward subsection except for instruction 23 which said Go first right after McRae St No Exit (in Morrinsville) except that those words were on two signs so we continued straight ahead and got a hand out check. Then onto the second mapreading



section on the Te Aroha map the main condition applying to the section, which had only six instructions, being to use as little as possible of all provincial highways. This involved a lot of out of the way travelling but got us two U-turn checks. We thought we were doing this all clean until we came to a check who gave us four gaps. This was funny as we had had three just out of Morrinsville. It transpired that inadvertently two checks had been told to fill in their checks on the wrong line, but it was amusing to see these gaps get filled up as we continued on our way.

Unfortunately, the major portion of this subsection was deleted.

Then a subsection of three columns of instructions with named no exit roads not existing overriden which had one trap where there was an extra no road sign put up. This gave us the only demon check in this subsection. We then arrived at Paeroa where we were mere minutes behind the lead cars, but our hopes of catching them up were dashed to nought as we had to take a half hour rest. We were treated to a free topping up of Duckhams and enjoyed the company of Wayne and Dale Painter who were in charge of the Control. Jackie Scott was also there and told us that she had heard the interim results on the radio and that Bruce Blacklock was very well placed. Unfortunately disaster was to settle on Bruce again (coming home from the Lemon & Paeroa Trial he had cracked his head - cylinder-wise that is) and he was to lose all his electrics. We knew our own Mickey Mouse electrics might play up and we took off.

This first subsection involved several overriders and a layout condition and had a lot of well placed checks, some of whom were not visited very often. This took us to Waitakaruru where we started another Backwards Benefield's subsection. Went past Mr Pix (Jack Inwood) in the dark who flashed his



camera at us and where we managed to drop yet another check, yet managed to sniff another one out, we don't know how, but it had been so long since we had the last one, we felt we had to get one somewhere.

Then from Mangatawhiri to Papakura we had named no exit roads are non-existent subsection where the plotters managed to sneak in four devious instructions

two of which caught us blind. Then onto the Clubrooms via Onehunga where we spotted a funny instruction, "Go right at " Go right at nothing, very funny, but we found Peter Levet waiting for us who gave us the additional word "Tee". Then on to Eric's Pit Stop Bistro Bar where we had another meal and in our own words "a few drinks".

We thoroughly enjoyed this trial as most people we spoke to agreed that they did as well.

In closing I would like to thank all the plotters, the checks, the officials, the results worker outerers and a very big thank you to TISCO. See you all next year.

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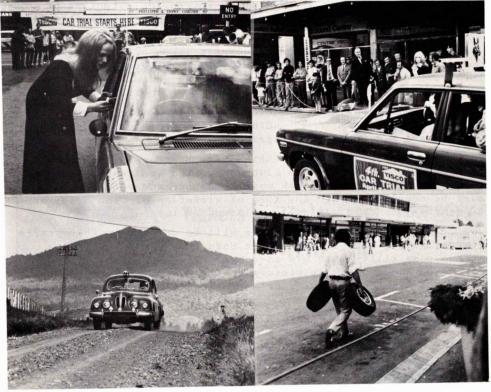


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SHOUTS

& murmurs

- Mike Marshall will be driving the car in which Roger Clark did not finish the East African Safari after building up half an hour's lead.
- . . . We understand that the inevitable has happened Roy Hanbury's Mini, following yet another roll, cannot be satisfactorily straightened and requires a new body. Any person knowing of a suitable body should contact Roy, through Mike Marshall (Phone 677-926) as soon as possible.
- . . . We hear rumours of rumours that Reg Cook may be purchasing Kevin Bartlett's (Big Rev Kev of Chesterfield fame) Lola T300. If this is true it adds to an increasing potential of New Zealand owner/driver cars and we all know how adaptable Reg is as a driver.
- • Disciplinary action was recently taken by the Executive Committee against two Club members for two separate incidents involving noise when leaving the Clubrooms and discourtesy to Club officials. The following members have incurred penalties:-

Mr P. Glamuzina - 3 months disqualification from all Club activities

Miss R.J. Wallace - Reprimand

Members are reminded that a high standard of conduct is required when attending the Clubrooms. You are responsible for visitors. The Visitors'Book must be signed and regulations must be complied with. Any form of violation of Club Rules or discourtesy to Club officials will not be tolerated.

- . . . We hear that Hannu Mikkola will be driving in this year's Heatway Rally, also in another ex Safari car, and there is a strong possibility that his co-driver will be Tony Mason who partnered Roger Clark to victory on the R.A.C. Rally. Andrew Cowan and Jim Scott, last year's winners, will also be competing.
- • Further way-out rumours are that Club member, Wayne Jones, may be appearing in the Heatway Rally co-driving with yet another international rally driver.
- • Barry and Marilyn Webber attended a function on behalf of the Auckland Car Club at the Museum of Transport and Technology, Western Springs, on 31st March last. The occasion was the opening of the new transport pavilion at the museum by the Governor General, Sir Denis Blundell. Included in the exhibits in the new pavilion is a stand dedicated to Bruce McLaren. This Club recently donated \$200 plus man power and technical assistance to have the stand completed. The stand will incorporate cars driven by Bruce McLaren.

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- . . . Robin Curtis, previously New Zealand Editor of Motoring News International, has resigned his post and will be editor of a new tabloid style magazine to appear shortly. We also hear that Donn Anderson has left for England and that Motorman will be published from Wellington. If current rumours prove to be true, there will no longer be any New Zealand motoring magazines with the folding of Autonews in the South Island.
- . . . Have you had a meal in the Clubrooms recently on a Thursday or Sunday evening? The Club Pit Stop Bistro Food Bar is now operating and we assure you that all appetites can be satisfied when you visit the Club on these evenings. Sit-down meals ranging from roast dinners to fish and chips are available and members have already shown their appreciation of this additional service in the Clubrooms. In future, bring the wife and kids on Sunday evenings. From 6.30 p.m. on meals are available for all the family.
- • We hear that the Gemco Olds Sports Car (holder of the outright lap record on the 2.2 Pukekohe Circuit before chicanes) will be featured on the Meremere Drag Strip.
- . . . The Pukekohe Stage of the Heatway Rally will see the cars being released in groups of twenty at a time. The Special Stage along Highway 18 (Riverhead-Albany area) has been cancelled due to expected problems with spectators and spectator parking.
- \bullet \bullet \bullet We hear that Kenny Sleath, who recently accompanied Mike Marshall to England for the R.A.C. Rally, has purchased a 1275 Cooper. We are now wondering just what was learnt at Boreham.
- • The Wool Board has developed a new stretch woollen fire proof overall fabric which will shortly be available in New Zealand•
- . . . In a recent letter addressed to the N.Z.I.G.P. from Graham McRae the following information is revealed:-

"Just a rough idea of what speeds I am getting according to Hewlands gear ratio charts and my tachometer, at Levin I pull approximately 152 on the main straight while at Pukekohe and at Wigram on the main back straight I pull approximately 182, by the time I get the car straightened up when I exit Rothmans, and that is well before the track crossing, I am doing approximately 143 and pull 168 before I shut off for the right hand Champion Curve (Pukekohe).

On the engine side, Bartz offers a complete engine on carbs for \$6,000 plus a complete engine less manifolds and ignition for \$4,300 (U.S.), so the New Zealand Racing Drivers Club should look into this perhaps a little more completely and find that they can get virtually two engines for \$8,000 (N.Z.), whilst our own car's price is completely open to private treaty.

Perhaps after Brands Hatch and some more racing during this year people will not be able to knock F.5000 any longer."

. . . Plans for the introduction of a New Zealand Racing Drivers Championship for 1973/74 have been announced by Mr Ron Frost, Managing Director of the New Zealand International Grand Prix and spokesman for the New Zealand Motor Race Promoters.

A series of at least seven rounds will be held at

New Zealand circuits and each will carry substantial prize-

money in excess of \$2,000 per race.

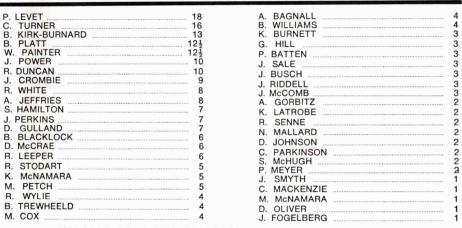
Proposals are for overall championship prizes of \$1,000, \$700, \$500, \$300; race prizes of 1st \$500, 2nd \$350, 3rd \$300, 4th \$250, 5th \$200, 6th \$100, and for the Series to commence in October. A novel proposal is that \$2 will be paid for each mile raced by each driver. The Series will be run under the M.A.N.Z. Gold Star single seater regulations which permit 5 litre and 2 litre racing cars.

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It was very pleasing to see the interest that the final rounds for this trophy drew, not only from competitor,, but also spectators. It is hoped that a couple of volunteers will be organising the next season's events to improve the interest in future.

Graham Spear reports

This year's racing season is drawing to a close and there has been considerable controversy regarding classes and various car eligibility to race. This affected us here at Spear's as much, if not more so, than a lot of other owners and sponsors. We sponsored Mark Petch by doing considerable work on the Datsun SSS Number 45 and although he won the Group 3 GTX Series, he has been relegated out of the results al-



together, subject of course to ratification. After we blue printed Mark Petch's motor the car went to the various circuits and had 13 wins, 11 of these wins in a row which is quite an achievement for both the motor and the driver. This car has won on Levin, Wigram, Teretonga, Timaru, Ruapuna and Pukekohe and actually finished 3rd overall in the GTX Series behind Cook and Leonard who are in Group 2 and 1 respectively.

After we prepared the motor it was inspected and sealed by a MANZ technical officer and was never touched apart from occasional oil changes during the whole racing season proving this to be one of the most reliable cars on the track.

It looks like the future class changes have caused a great deal of panic amongst the racing fraternity as these changes have affected many people and with the elimination of the big bangers from circuit racing, this leaves these vehicle owners with many thousands of dollars worth of cars laying idle.

Rumour has it that O.S.C.A. won't let the big bangers in their classes as they can't stand the competion and this rumour if it is true will completely wipe the big bangers from the circuit tracks. Other rumours floating about are that Ross Johnson and Jack Nazer depart for Australia in May of this year to purchase vehicles for the coming season and that Reg Cook is endeavouring to purchase Bartlett's Formula A car for the forthcoming season.

We at Separ's will be sponsoring a 2 litre sports car in the coming season, as this is a new class and will probably need support to make it successful. We will use one of our Lotus 1996 c.c. motors for this class and this will be in Frank Brae's car. I will go into this further at a later date.

With our other motors we will probably have a go at Drag Racing as I feel with the new track just opened, this sport will grow very quickly and probably pass circuit racing in popularity if the circuit track organisers and M.A.N.Z. continu to dramatically change the rules and classes each year.

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THE LEMON & PAEROA TRIAL

The Lemon & Paeroa started disastrously for us this year, as it did last year, except this year to the person, not the car. The trouble mainly was that the previous night we went to the Radio I Trial Prizegiving and had a few drinks, and a few more, and a few

Even starting at the tail end didn't give us sufficient recovery time. However, the trial was up to its usual standard of a well plotted, well checked, moderately hard trial. We started badly by spotting a trap early on, proceeded ahead looking for a check, and drove right past a manned check. That really upset us.

The first mapreading subsection was not too tricky, but being still unnerved at driving past a manned check, we went and used a named road instead of passing it. This set our standard for the day.

Eventually, about 4.00 p.m. we arrived at Waihi where we had lunch. After lunch there was a good pair of instructions which caught many. Instruction 1 read "Stay on this road to cross bridge" and Instruction 2 read "After crossing bridge, go first right". Well, needless to say, there was a road on the right just after the first bridge, but the secret was that one didn't complete Instruction 1 until one was off the bridge, and as each instruction must be completed in its entirety, and you cannot execute two instructions simultaneously, one had to cross a second bridge before going right.

Then we had a backwards subsection. I am told unofficially that these are called "Backwards Benefields" in honour of Doug who first devised them.

Then a subsection with lots of overriders which got us totally lost and a maximum late before reaching the free L. & P. break just out of Morrinsville and then onto mapreading. This subsection had only seven instructions and were all in the Manhire, No. 7, No. 4, and No. 8 roads area but with lots of U-turn checks involved, lots of replotting and good practice for the TISCO (even though we didn't know it at that time). Then followed an AA signpost only subsection that commenced the end of the trial. We dropped umpteen dozen checks overall but fortunately Bruce Blacklock's and Andrea Morley's crews both did well to finish 8th and 11th, so Auckland Car Club came out quite well up.

A good trial, ruined by a rotten hangover.



It has been very pleasing to see since my earlier stirrings that two clubs have run major trials to the new rules. I hope more follow suit.

Did you triallists also note that the Speed Committee are running hillclimbs with CONTROLS half way up the hill??

Getting back to my one and a quarter Favourite Theme (e.g. FT 1.25), I recently had to protest on one of his trials and this gentleman told me to pay no attention to local body whatknots or local body whizzos. Well this is quite okay if he puts it in the A.S.R.s in CAPITAL LETTERS. Still he made up for it by shouting me some of you know what.

In this respect the dozen brown I offered last month have gone unclaimed, (not even G.T.I.S. nee FT 125 or AUCC members have tried to obtain them) but I would still be cautious in this month's Mercury event at Controls, which said event is the University's Duckhams Daylight on the 12th. The weekend before is another of Kevin Lancaster's trials which judging by his last effort should be an enjoyable affair. (Further details in Coming Events).

Later in the month is the Ebbett Motors Trial run by the Hamilton Car Club which is always an enjoyable event, and the next weekend - the 26th May - is Matamata Car Club's open trial.

While you have still got your cheque book out and posting off entry forms don't forget the Castrol at Queens Birthday weekend, or the trial which in the last three years has been acclaimed by all as the most enjoyable, and that is the Levin Gold Star Trial at the end of June. And for good measure, there are the South Island events in between.

For this month's serious in-depth comment (You've got to be joking - Ed.) I have been worried about Rules 19/4 and 19/5 which, if applied absolutely, could make all trials solely speed judging trials with no navigational expertise required. I hope the day never comes.

For any of you hoping to go in the Castrol Gold Star Trial, I have just received an announcement and A.S.R.'s and these are readily available if you want one but I read in Canterbury's Bulletin that "This trial starts April 2nd in the evening and ends Sunday June 3rd". With this sort of event, who needs Heatways??

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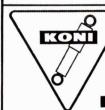
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Dennis Marwood Comments

April is the month following most Companies "end of trading" for the year - 31st March is here and we have been able to up our turnover by 25% over the previous year. Along with most trading companies though, we are find that with

wages rising, manufacturing raw materials rising, imports rising, transport costs, etc. rising, that it is very doubtful that our profits are rising. However, it is fun trying and much more interesting importing from other countries, designing new products etc. than milking the old herd of Jerseys twice a day. Now I have to learn a new trade - selling Datsuns. I am sure there will be no trouble in finding owners for lots of new Datsuns, but the trade-ins and used cars will not be so easy. The new Dealership is taking shape, with carpenters, painters, plumbers, electricians all working at the time of writing so that we can open the doors of Dennis Marwood Motors Limited on the 7th May, about the time you will be receiving your Bulletin.

It looks as though our F.I.A. Group II type car is being phased out after next season but I personally have reservations about the wisdom of the move. Replacing it with Australian Group 'C' specification cars, which are F.I.A. Group I with slight mods. allowed, is going to make racing cheaper (for the New Zealand Championship that is) but for how long? In Australia this season just commenced, their Australian Touring Car Championsip is for this type of car. The regulations allow the replacement of the carburettor with any other make or type but the original intake manifold must remain. They (the Aussies) are replacing the Strombergs on the Toranas with Webers and Dellortos-Lynx have made an adapter to enable this. ers of course already have Webers but some top runners are fitting the new 48mm DHLA Dellortos with success. We have just landed some of these 48 DHLA carbs which are ideal for a 2 litre 4 cylinder or 4 litre six, or even a V8 on a cross over inlet.

.... We at Performance Developments Limited have just had a visit from the General Manager of Lynx Engineering of Sydney - he is married to a Kiwi girl so he is a frequent visitor to Auckland - they have just opened a new tyre and wheel mart. similar to Bob Janes' 'T' Marts. in Parramatta Road, selling Shelby wheels and tyres. They are involved also in the new P76 which Leyland are releasing soon in Australia. The new V8 Alloy engine is balanced by Lynx but not in the usual way. They are delivered to Lynx as a complete engine assembly, hooked up to a drive shaft, and rotated by a 327 Chev through an auto trans and balanced. The new V8 Leyland engine should have

a lot of potential for tuning with its light weight. Lynx Engineering are now the Australian Agents for Dellorto carburettors, as well as Berkeley Jet-Drives and TRW performance replacement parts, three agencies which we hold for New Zealand.

.... Talking jet-drives, we have imported one of Berkeley's mini jets, and are fitting it to a Fyran aluminium dinghy (9ft 6ins) and powering it with a 2 stroke twin Hirth engine of 32 h.p. by courtesy of Richard Brocklehurst of D.I.S. Industries. The jet only weighs 24lbs and is suitable for Kart type engines up to 40 h.p. Should be a lot of fun as the whole set up will only weigh a bit over 200lbs, and should do around 28 to 30 mph. We are importing some more of these units which only retail for \$160.00.

.... Hot Rodding in New Zealand has reached maturity with the opening of the Champion Dragway at Meremere on Easter Monday. This is the first pure drag strip in New Zealand and although we are at least 25 years behind America in this respect, we have shown them up in Can Am and F5000 racing over recent years so don't be too despondent that we are so far behind in dragging. The Pukekohe Hot Rod Club are to be congratulated for their work in organising this strip. It is well worth while a trip down to see the events. They hope to run a monthly meet all year round with extra two day meets during the summer and long weekends.

***... Rally time is nearly with us again and everyone is again talking of the Heatway. I was considering running a car myself, but with the opening of the Datsun Dealership so close, very little time has been left for the Rally. Instead I will probably take the Performance Developments Escort Van round with all our goodies like SPAX shocks, overalls, Dellorto jets on board. More than ever this year I think the Rally will be won by the team who keep their cool and finish in one piece.

DENNIS MARWOOD



APRIL FILM EVENING



At our April Club night and Film Evening Graham Spear arranged the New Zealand premier of two excellent films - The 1972 Hardie Ferodo 500 and a portrayal of Clay Regazzoni - the Formula 1 driver. We had hoped to have Mike Marshall's Works Escort on display but unfortunately shipping delays meant that it was still four days from New Zealand. However, Mike's car will be on display at the next film evening on the 17th-May.

Murray Thompson, Rally Director of the Heatway, gave members an interesting insight into the 1973 Heatway including where it is going and what Works entries will be competing.



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Rallying in Britain

by Mike Marshall

After several weeks of negotiating with Ford Advanced Vehicles Operation I finally picked up my Escort RS 1600 only three days before the Dukeries Rally and it was hardly ready to "go". The braking bias was mainly to the front and the whole car was in need of a good tidy up. It had been used by A.V.O. as a development vehicle for production rally equipment and had also been lent to the Press for road tests, and in the process had suffered in the bodywork. It had only been used in three rallies by Roger Clarke, Mike Hibbert and Stuart McCrudden respectively and had not finished any of these events.

After collecting the car I gave it a good clean up and took it to Boreham to try it around the test rally circuit. It seemed to have about as much power as my Hitachi Escort, the Bilstein suspension soaking up the bumps with ease, but displaying strong understeering traits on the tarseal. In fact handl-



ing on seal was in no way as good as my previous car. The specification of the car was as follows - 1800 c.c. Iron block steel crank and rods, Mahle pistons, Weslake head, BD 3 Rally cams, 45 Dellorto carbs, Rocket gearbox, Atlan axle, World Cup crossmember, Tech Del mag sumpguard, Contour seats, Minilite wheels, Outboard rear shock absorber

turrets. The engine was built by Weslake and reputedly gave 165 B.H.P. on Lucas Opus ignition which was electronically limited to 7200 R.P.M. which with the 5.14 to 1 gave a top speed of only 98 m.p.h. which was somewhat of a handicap on the faster stages, but gave impressive acceleration. The fully developed Escorts run to about 125 m.p.h. using a 5.14 diff and 9000 R.P.M. My engine was later rebuilt and further modified to full specs. and gave only 5 B.H.P. less than the 1800 c.c. Boreham "Works" engines, with better low down torque, a feature which pleased both Ray Stone and myself.

After the shakedown on Borehams Circuit I made some adjustments to the braking ratio and set off to Nottingham for the Dukeries Rally with Peter Bruin who was to be my service "crew" and met my co-driver Dave Henderson at scrutineering. I was seeded number 31 and about 2 miles from the start our

first problem struck. The accelerator was sticking on full throttle: Fortunately a long touring section to the first stage gave us time to remedy the problem but we were both a bit uneasy on the first stage in case it re-occurred. In England, because of the nature of most of the stages, no route instructions are given for the stages, you simply follow the arrows. My first problem was to be slowing down enough following sighting the arrows, to take the corner, and we shot past two intersections on this first stage, dropping 1 minute to Roger Clarke in the process. However we made amends on the second stage by taking fastest time from Hibbert, Sclater and Clarke. the stages in this event did not suit the Escorts low top speed and we dropped a lot of time on an eighteen mile stage consisting of five laps of an airfield. The track used on this airfield was in places 80 to 100 feet wide, and you could indulge in some 90 m.p.h. sideways slides. It was during one of these slides that we hit a bad join where one of the concrete slabs had sunk and stripped two wheel nuts on one rear wheel. worth noting that the Minilite wheel did not suffer in any way.

At half way we were pleased to find we were in sixth place and had been fastest on two stages. The second half of the event went very well for us and we estimate that by the second to last stage we were up in fourth place behind Clarke, Hibbert, and Sclater when we overshot an intersection and stalled with the engine refusing to restart.

The delay dropped us to 7th and a protest scrubbed one of our better stages relegating us further down to 8th. The £10 prizemoney was enough to cover the petrol costs for the day and we were quite happy to finish 8th out of 180 starters.

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Norm Harvey, Motoring Correspondent, Sunday Herald



The announcement made by M.A.N.Z. recently giving details of the Black & Decker Gold Star Championship has been received with much relief by all those who are keen followers of motor racing.

Single seater racing has always been the premier class of motor sport and after some ten years it appears that this class is about to come in from the cold. With a total purse of \$17,000, the drivers of the 5 and 2 litre cars now have some money to race for. If only half the rumours regarding drivers moving up to big single seaters are true then the coming Gold Star series will be something to bring spectators to the circuits.

During this past season Formula Ford has provided the best competition of any class, due to the equal performance of both cars and drivers. Dave McMillan for whom I undertook some public relation work certainly had to drive for his win in the series.

At present Dave is instructing at Fred Opert's Race Drivers' School not far from New York. He will be contesting the U.S. Formula Super Vee Championship also this season. Super Vee it seems is growing quickly in the States, the championship races being run in conjunction with Can Am and L & M F5000 events. Prize money I understand runs at about \$10,000 per race.

One of the familiar faces at most of the motor race meetings up this way, Mike Stewart of Duckhams, leaves New Zealand shortly to take up a position in Duckhams Head Office back in the U.K. During his stay Mike has done much to promote his Company's excellent products in this country. To Mike and Janet all the very best on your return to England.

On Saturday, 14th April, my wife, Jo, and I took advantage of the Club's new cooking facilities. What with the competitors in the TISCO Trial arriving as well, the kitchen staff did a great job. Thank you Eric Mallard & Associates.

April 29th promises to be an interesting day, giving spectators the chance to see O.S.C.A. cars at Pukekohe for the first time. I hope to comment further on this class in my next offering.

NORM HARVEY



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. . . The brand new Alan McCall designed Tecno Formula 1 car recently took its first tentative test laps in the wet at Misano Adriatico in the hands of Chris Amon, and this was soon followed by the news that McCall was having nothing more to do with the Italian team and returning immediately to England.

It appears that this split is the result of mounting tension and aggravation between Pederzani and McCall and Eddie Weiss, who were both recruited before Christmas to go to Bologna and work on the new Grand Prix car.

McCall said "It's been developing over some time; we've put in one hell of a lot of effort over this car. I was originally hired to design a Formula 1 car for Tecno and I ended up virtually building the thing with Eddie Weiss; I reckon they got a pretty good and cheap deal for that chassis".

It appears that the Italian way of doing things in the racing car world was directly opposed to McCall's methods and the way in which they had to make their moulds for the body panels particularly aggravated the New Zealander. "Just every scratch showed on the surface of the fibreglass when it was moulded; and, believe me, Italian fibreglass is really bad news".

Before testing at Misano Adriatico the rolling chassis with oil and water weighed in at 12 kilos under the minimum weight limit and Amon expressed himself delighted with the flat-12 motor which he feels has more than adequate power. Apparently Martini & Rossi allowed snooping Italian journalists in to take photographs of the new car at Misano, but none are yet available outside Italy.

But the saga continues with the arrival, allegedly, of the first Gordon Fowler designed, John Thompson built chassis in Italy. In McCall's opinion it's unlikely that the English built car will ever run and he reckons "his" chassis could be race-ready for Silverstone mid April. Time alone will tell. Will the real Martini Rossi Tecno F1 car stand up please?

• • Former World Champion Graham Hill is one of the first entries to be announced for the Avon Motor Tour of Britain in July. Hill, who hasn't taken part in a rally since 1967, will drive a Datsun Bluebird 180B SSS in the £1,059-£1,500 class as part of a three car team entered by Datsun (Baker Street) Ltd. Managing Director of Datsun Baker Street is David Joliffe, who actually worked as a mechanic for Hill some ten years ago.

Hill thinks the event, which includes special stages at Llandow, Oulton Park, Silverstone, Snetterton and Brands Hatch, will give racing drivers a good chance of doing well. Says Hill: "The majority of the event will be run on racing circuits and I won't have to do any of that dangerous driving in the forests at the dead of night!"

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EUROPEAN RALLY SCENE

From an eighty strong field, two factory Alpines ran out clear leaders of Portugal's TAP Rally which finished at Estoril. Outright winners were Jean-Luc Therier and Jacques Jaubert ahead of their team mates Jean-Pierre Nicolas and Michel Vial.

In just seven years, the TAP Rally has developed from a recreational contest for members of the sports club of Portugal's airline to a full scale international rally with its own style and character. Its progress reaches the pinnacle this year with selection as a qualifying event in the World Championship for Makes.

The TAP got under way with various starting points leading to the converging point Coimbra in central Portugal. The majority chose Lisbon to start, the others starting from Copenhagen, Paris, Porto, London and Madrid. After the run down to Coimbra came a common run to a night stop at Ofir in the north. There was one special stage in the common run which served as a seeding test, to determine the order of restart from Ofir.

There were four stages in the leg from Ofir to Lisbon and another overnight halt. The next leg with twelve stages and tight road sections was the first of the difficult ones and was followed by a morning break at Viana do Castelo in the north. The final leg ran to Estoril and included fifteen stages and more tight road sections.

The Dieppe team of Alpines had very few problems and had Darniche not collected two rear wheel punctures on the same stage, they might have had a repeat of the Monte Carlo 1-2-3. With only five stages to go, the battering of rim against bed rock took its toll on suspension and eventually the car had to pull out. A petrol pump failed on Nicolas' car which was quickly changed.

Fiat had sent three of its 1.8 litre 124 Spiders and there were also three of the smaller 1.6 litre cars entered by the local distributors. The Fiats were not as fast as the Alpines, and at half way, the works cars were running as a group behind the Alpines and a BMW. The majority of retirements occurred in the final leg. Paganelli had his cylinder head gasket blow and the thick smoke from the exhaust pipe led to reports that he was so tenacious that he was continuing despite catching fire. Eventually the failure forced the Italian to retire, and they were soon followed by Pinto who had suspension problems and a wheel break. The third works Fiat disappeared when Waldegard went off the road and rolled down a mountain side to become totally wrecked in the undergrowth. But the Swedes emerged unharmed and climbed back to the road.

Warmbold had the only works BMW, a 16 valve 2002 Ti and this was the only other car to mix it with the Alpines. He had moved up to second place and was challenging for the lead when

the car's steering lost its precision and he found it impossible to prevent wander. Then the front wheel clipped a tree stump which bent the steering arm and the BMW retired.

Andersson again had the Toyota Celica and although still underpowered, he was putting up reasonable times. On one of the tight road sections, Andersson rounded a right hander a bit too fast and had the car go sideways with the back end hanging over the verge. Half way round the corner, the verge gave way to a solid wall, and as the car rammed the wall it instantly became banana shaped and rolled.

Although Romaozinho's Citroen was by no means the fastest of the locally entered cars, it was intelligently driven. When the works cars retired almost en masse on the last night, the big French car moved up behind the Alpines.

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Race of Champions, March 18th, the first Formula I meeting in England and to me one of the first signs of Spring. On Saturday, practice day, the weather lived up to my expectations by being warm and sunny. We left home (Walton-on-Thames) at about 8.15 a.m., with Denny and Greeta Hulme, plus their two children, Martin aged 6 and Adele aged 2. I had my daughter Julia aged 10 with me, so as you can imagine we were somewhat cramped in the car, but that's what family outings are all about, isn't it?

After a peaceful journey of about one hour we arrived at Brands Hatch. Phil and Denny did their usual disappearing act with a brief see you later, which, translated, means roughly about lunch time. Now, Greeta and I had to think, what to do with three kids until lunch. First, let's have some breakfast which, being well organised girls, we omitted to do before leaving home. That proved to be a good idea as it took up 45

minutes and by that time practice had begun. Not being allowed into the Pits with the children, Greeta and I joined the merry throng along the fence. Well, it was the most hectic practice I have attended for some time. I think we may have seen 15 minutes of the actual practice, the rest of the time was spent chasing Adele in and out of people's legs, retrieving Julia and Martin from a T.V. gantry which they had dec-



ided would be fun to climb, trotting off to find the 'loo', and in the end taking three grubby children for a good scrub-up.

Needless to say we gave up watching practice and retired to the comfort of the Yardley caravan where lunch was being laid out. Lunch at Yardleys is always very good and we can sit outside and enjoy a glass of wine as well as good food and sun-

shine. The children of course always enjoy themselves eating and drinking Cokes. This for us was a much better idea and far less strenuous!! Practice finished at 1 o'clock and the men returned with Denny somewhat down in the dumps as he had been stuck out in the country for about one hour due to a broken rotor arm in the distributor. Still he managed to get 9th place on the grid but not the 100 bottles of champagne which is given to the driver who has the fastest practice time; this being won by Beltoise in a B.R.M.

Lunch over and all the chit-chat finished, we decided the children had had their day's fun and bundled everyone into the car. "Let's Go", shouts Denny and we are off. Half way home I was about to become the most unpopular person of the day as I had suddenly realised I had left my handbag in the Yardley caravan at the track. My heart sank, my courage left me and I said nothing, I just crossed my fingers and hoped it would still be there the next day.

Sunday, Race Day, and even before the race day began we were all suffering. The clocks had been put forward so we were all up one hour earlier than usual, that meant it was 6 a.m., although the clocks said 7 a.m. For Greeta and myself this was to be our day, we left the children in the capable hands of my mother and took off - literally - from Fairoaks Airfield in a four seater Cessna 172. This is certainly the way to travel, only 20 minutes and almost door to door; in fact the plane lands in a car park on the circuit - what could be more convenient! It was rather early in the day but already the crowds were gathering even though the weather had turned much colder. Greeta and I, looking for somewhere warm went along to the Dog House Club room where we met Bette Hill who is the Club President, and incidentally Greeta is Vice Chairwoman. I am just a plain member being a comparatively new girl! We spent the rest of the morning wandering around the paddoch rubbing shoulders and bumping into well known celebrities from other forms of sport such as Henry Cooper, Ivan Mauger, Chay Blyth, Clement Freud, David Duckham, Reg Harris, Richard Meade, to name just a few. They were racing drivers for the day and entering the Evening News Champion Consul Race, in aid of SPARKS, the sportsmen's charity which aids research into crippling diseases. It was only a 10 lap race around the short circuit but it was great fun with more cars spinning off, going backward or cutting corners, than keeping in a straight line. The winner was Chay Blyth and for this he won £500. I think they should have a similar race for the wives of the drivers and their managers - I rather fancy the idea of winning £500.

As the day went on it seemed to be getting colder and colder so we retired to the warmth of the Yardley caravan where we enjoyed a cup of laced coffee and wow, does it warm you up. Oh, I omitted to mention that I found my handbag just where I had left it which was just as well as my fingers were going numb from being crossed so long!!!

Two o'clock, time to trot off to the Pits as the race was about to begin. We donned our ear muffs which made us look rather like ground aircraft controllers, but they really do keep out the roar as the cars take off. The start was not too

good as Jody, our number two driver almost stopped on the grid with clutch problems but finally took off in last position. He did very well though and worked his way up to third place before spinning off 18 laps from the finish. Denny was going like a bomb and Greeta was overjoyed. He was in the lead with only two laps to go. We thought he was home and dry but he began to slow down, his clutch had gone. What a disappointment but he did manage to scrape into second place. Well, you can't win 'em all. SANDY KERR

THE MOSS McKENZIE MOTORS TRIAL



This trial, organised by the Mount Maunganui Car Club, has had good reports in the past and in an endeavour, which proved highly unsuccessful, to get some experience, we packed our bags and took off for the Mount. We arrived five minutes before our start time but the organisers, recognising instant panic in our minds, gave us a new time out.

We set off to reach Te Puke where we started the map This map reading almost exceeded Brian Green's map reading exercise for sheer enjoyment. They even have a road down there named on the map as "No Road".

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After lunch we went north (around Bethlehem) in one of the best plotted sections I have experienced lately. Take "Roads signposted as No Exit are deemed to be no exit". So this didn't mean anything even if it did catch a number of people.

At the end of the trial the Mount Maunganui Car Club were running their annual social, which we attended, and had several servings of the great NOSH-UP and finally took off for home.

A long tiring day, but well worth it for experience and for sheer enjoyment.

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Fashion Parade

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This was very apparent at the recent fashion parade held at the Clubrooms on 4th April.

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Throughout the evening eight models presented an array of garments to compliment any wardrobe. For the younger set, flared trousers,

tank tops and colourful tartan ankle length skirts were well received, followed by fashions suitable for the more mature figure.

Eric Mallard proved to be rather overworked as a wine steward as assorted wines and sherries were available for tasting.

Our thanks go to all those who contributed in some way in making this the enjoyable but rather expensive eveing for some, it turned out to be.

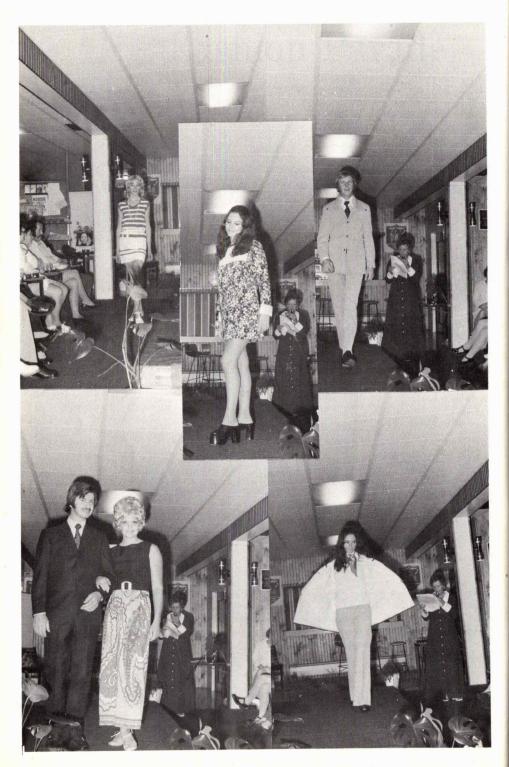
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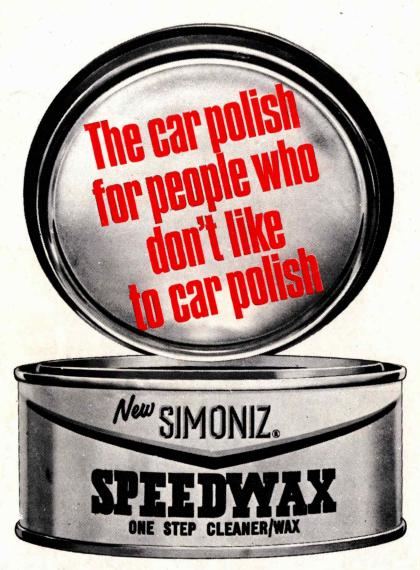




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