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LEO LEONARD LEADS JACK NAZER THROUGH THE SHELL CHICANE ON THE FIRST LAP OF THE O - 6000 UNION FAST FREIGHT RACE AT THE GRAND PRIX MEETING, PUKEKOHE, 8TH JANUARY 1977.

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PHOTG CLUB MEMBER DAVID OXTON (CHEVRON B29) IN ACTION AT THE NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL GRAND PRIX, PUKEKOHE, 8TH JANUARY 1977. WE CONGRATULATE DAVID ON BEING THE FIRST NEW ZEALAND DRIVER HOME. PIX ACTION PHOTOGRAPHY Ph 760-009



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CLUBROOM HOURS:

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Please Note live entertainment is presented in the Clubrooms periodically on Sunday evenings. On these occasions a nominal cover charge will be made for those remaining after 6.00 p.m.

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9TH FEBRUARY - WEDNESDAY - TRIALS INSTRUCTION EVENING:

This will be held at the Clubrooms at 7.30 p.m. All members welcome. Please bring along your clock and Lands & Survey Map N.Z.M.S. 1 Auckland N42 3rd Edition, 1966 etc. This evening will cover all stages of trialling and any queries you may have and with Mercury Trophy coming up, you should have plenty.

12TH FEBRUARY - SATURDAY - GYMKHANA - WESTERN SPRINGS:

Auckland Area Interclub Gymkhana. Entries on the day 9.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. at \$1.50 per car. No knobbly tyres permitted. Points for S.T.S. Trophy only for A.C.C. members

13TH FEBRUARY - SUNDAY - CLUBMAN'S RACE MEETING - PUKEKOHE:

To be held on the 1200 km Club Circuit. Invitation Event. Races will be provided for all usual circuit machinery. Scrutineering/Documentation at venue 9.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Practice 12.00 noon. Racing 1.00 p.m. Entry Fee \$3.00. An after race barbecue and pool party will be held near the circuit.

16TH FEBRUARY - MID-WEEK TRIAL - WEDNESDAY EVENING:

A simple event for learners and others. Starts Otara Shopping Centre Car Park at 6.00 p.m. and finishes at the Clubrooms approximately two hours later. No map but sealed clock required. Points for Trials and Exide Trophies also Novice Trials Trophy.

26TH FEBRUARY - SATURDAY EVENING - HAWAIIAN DANCE:

To be held at the Clubrooms commencing 8.00 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$1.50 per head. Come in your grass skirts and dance to the Music Convention.

27TH FEBRUARY - SUNDAY - GIMMICK TRIAL:

Starts at 2.00 p.m. at the Clubrooms. No maps or clock required. Driver requires club membership card, driver's licence and if under 20, parent's consent. All crews require a sense of humour and should bring their bathing suits and food for a barbecue at the finish at Ricardo's Hot Pools. This trial is plotted by Alan Jack and is an easy one with the accent on enjoyment.

6TH MARCH - SUNDAY - CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP HILLCLIMB:

To be held at MacLachlan Road, Kaukapakapa. 1.28 km metal road. Entries 9.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. on the day. Entry • Fee \$2.00. No provision for late entries. Further information elsewhere in this Bulletin.

12TH MARCH - SATURDAY - POOL TOURNAMENT:

To be held at the Clubrooms. All entries must be in by 3.30 p.m. NO late entries will be accepted. Practice from 2.30 p.m. Entry Fee is 70 cents and participants must produce current membership cards. Mens and Ladies Doubles Trophies.

20TH MARCH - SUNDAY - INVITATION & CLOSED CLUB HILLCLIMB:

This event is organised by the Pukekohe Car Club with a special invitation for Auckland Car Club members only to compete. This event will take place at their Bright Road venue. Entries 9.00 - 10.00 a.m. Entry Fee - \$2.00.





5TH FEBRUARY - SATURDAY - GOLD STAR HILLCLIMB:

Organised by the Pukekohe Car Club this event will take place at their Ridge Road, Pokeno, venue. This event also has an Invitation Permit for Non-National License holders. Entries on the day 9.00 a.m. for other than Gold Star entrants. Further details available from Box 174, Pukekohe.

6TH FEBRUARY - SUNDAY - GOLD STAR HILLCLIMB:

Organised by Northern Sports Car Club. Venue - Cossey's Farm, Drury. Further information from P.O. Box 22-362, Otahuhu.

6TH FEBRUARY - SUNDAY - NATIONAL RACE MEETING - TIMARU:

Events include Motorcraft Formula Ford, Shellsport Saloons. Details from the South Canterbury Car Club, Box 121, Timaru.

11TH FEBRUARY - PALL MALL NATIONAL RALLY CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Entries close on this date with ROANZ, P.O. Box 3814, Wellington. Entries for the Radio N.Z. International Rally close 1st April.

12TH FEBRUARY - SATURDAY - INTERCLUB GYMKHANA - WESTERN SPRINGS:

Entries on the day from 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. \$1.50 per entry. Further details from Bob White, phone HSN. 38-335.

19TH FEBRUARY - GOLD STAR HILLCLIMB:

Organised by the Thames Valley Car Club, Box 22, Paeroa.

20TH FEBRUARY - SUNDAY - CHARITY GRASS TRACK MEETING - H.C.M.C.

Entries, which are now open for this event close 6.00 p.m. on Monday, 7th February with Ray Wilson, 14 Miles Avenue, Papatoetoe, Phone POP 84-289. The venue is Peak Road, Kaukapakapa.

20TH FEBRUARY - SUNDAY - GOLD STAR HILLCLIMB:

Organised by the Rotorua Car Club, Box 365, Rotorua.

26TH FEBRUARY - SATURDAY - GOLD STAR HILLCLIMB:

Organised by the Otago Sports Car Club, Box 299, Dunedin.

26TH FEBRUARY - SATURDAY - DUCKHAMS HILLCLIMB - ROUND 3:

Organised by A.U.C.C., this hillclimb will be held at their Andersons Farm, Paremoremo, venue.

27TH FEBRUARY - SUNDAY - GOLD STAR HILLCLIMB:

Organised by the South Otago Car Club, Box 175, Balclutha.

27TH FEBRUARY - SUNDAY - GRASS TRACK MEETING:

Organised by the Rotorua Car Club. Venue - Paradise Valley, Rotorua. Full details from P.O. Box 365, Rotorua.

27TH FEBRUARY - SUNDAY - BENT SPRINT - H.C.M.C.

This will be held at their Pebblebrook Road Venue. Full details from P.O. Box 56, Orewa.

6TH MARCH - SUNDAY - NATIONAL RACE MEETING - RUAPUNA:

Events for Formula Ford, Shellsport Saloons, etc.
Organised by the Canterbury Car Club, Box 1726, Christchurch.

6TH MARCH - SUNDAY - GRASS TRACK MEETING - PUKEKOHE CAR CLUB:

Venue - Ridge Road, Pokeno. Details from Box 174, Pukekohe.

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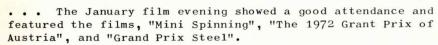
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- . . . Congratulations go to Des and Margaret Bell on the arrival of their son, Bryan, recently.
- . . . Congratulations also to Noeline and Vern Ruffles on the birth of their son, Jayson.



"Mini Spinning" was, of course, the Castrol film showing Paddy Hopkirk demonstrating how spinning a car can be advantageous in a rally situation for quick turning. "The Grand Prix of Austria" was a twenty-nine minute Castrol film which virtually secured the World Championship for Emerson Fittapaldi. "Grand Prix Steel" showed Jackie Stewart tyre testing for Goodyear in the U.K. This film was of special interest as Jackie Stewart visited the Clubrooms on his visit to New Zealand at Labour Weekend.

Films for next month include "One Man's Camera" covering Dolomites racing in the U.K, "The Grand Prize" showing the 1973 Le Mans and "Challenge of Champions" featuring the 1974 Indianapolis 500.

- . . . At the March film evening to be held on Thursday, 17th March, Mr Ian Langley of Siddons Industries (N.Z.) Limited, the agents for Sidchrome Tools, will have a special display of Sidchrome tools to show members. Tools will be able to be purchased from him on the spot at this March film evening. On production of your membership card you will be entitled to a discount of 25% and if you are a club member and an apprentice the discount to you will be 30%. This discount does not apply only at the March film evening but is available now to members from Siddons Industries (N.Z.) Limited who are at 20 Poland Road, Glenfield, Auckland.
- . . A Super Stars Sporting Contest is to be promoted and run by TV 2. This will be shown on Television in six half-hour programmes on successive Saturdays, commencing 19th February. The final of this programme series will be held on 2nd April. Unfortunately, at the time of going to press the times of these programmes were not known but we will keep you posted on this.



Club Member, Rod Millen, representing rally driving is the only person competing connected with motor racing. However, Stuart Avant will be competing from the motor cycling sport.

The other sportsman chosen for this contest are Peter Snell, John Walker, Rod Dixon, Dick Quax (Athletics),
Jo Karam (Rugby League), Earl Thomas (Soccer), Tony Ienson
(Hockey), Peter Whiting (Rugby), Mark Burgess (Cricket), Brett
Naylor (Swimming), Paul Jessom (Cycling) and Tony Ebert (Weightlifting).

Each participant must compete in ten of the selected sports, excluding his own speciality. The following are the sports selected -

Tennis
Golf
Swimming
Weightlifting
Archery
Gymnastics

Rallying
Cycling
Athletics 110m sprint and
800 m
Cricket

Goal Kicking for Rugby & Soccer Hockey

We can expect to see Rod starring fairly well in the archery and weightlifting!!

Rod will actually be racing on one of the weekends of these competitions but his place will be taken by his codriver, Mike Franchi.

We will be keeping members posted, through this column, of Rod's sporting achievements and hope to capture him in action, which we will reproduce in photographic form in the Bulletin.

. . . Recently released on the New Zealand Market are Canon 8-T Sexigesimal Electronic Calculators. These should be of special use to Rallies and Trials Competitors in that they are programmed to handle all time calculations in hours, minutes and seconds - something which cannot be achieved by a conventional calculator. Normal calculations can be carried out also, thus making their purpose two-fold.

The club has purchased two of these calculators to assist in speeding up Results of Rallies and Trials.

The calculators may be purchased from VILLAGE APPLIANCES LIMITED, 129 PARNELL ROAD, PARNELL. John Bruce, Chief Time-keeper at Pukekohe Motor Races, is the manager there and, upon production of membership cards, is offering a discount to Auckland Car Club members.



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On The Social Scene...



We hope everyone had a happy Christmas and are now ready for the New Year ahead of us. What we have lined up for the start of this year is a Hawaiian night on the 26th February. The Music Convention will be providing the Music with Hawaiian brackets, plus their normal good sound. We suggest everyone comes dressed in the appropriate gear. Tickets are now available at \$1.50 per head. You would be advised to purchase yours early as once again there is only a limited number.

Looking forward into March, we have an afternoon Pool Tournament on the 12th. Practice will be from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. and all entries must be in by 3.30 p.m. Unfortunately, no late entries can be accepted. Current membership card must be produced. There will be a mens and ladies doubles trophy. Some come along ladies, show the men how it's done. The evening usually finishes about 9.30 or 10.30 p.m.

Looking back at past events, the children's Christmas Party went off very well with about 130 children attending. I am not sure who enjoyed Crunchie the Clown the most, the adults or the children. Santa was the popular man of the day with his two helpers, a fairy and an elf. It was quite an afternoon. Just as well it only comes once a year!!!!

The adults Christmas Social seemed to go off with a bang. Pat and I certainly enjoyed ourselves and even got a dance together. Bunny Walters was an extremely good entertainer and we hope to see him back at the Clubrooms again. Our thanks go to Brian Keach for being Santa and his two helpers and good fairies, Dennis Johnston and Stephen Cargill. They really made the night. A special thanks to Mr Brent Lincolmn of Avondale Wholesale Meats for donating the lucky ticket number prize - a pressed ham. This was a good night to end our social functions for the year.

Don't forget to keep the dates I have already mentioned free and come along and enjoy yourselves.

See you next month

MAURICE CARGILL



Trials Trophy Points

D.	BONE	118	P.	FINCH	11
R.	MONTGOMERY	92	J.	BUSCH	10
C.	HUDSON	90	R.	BENNETT	10
Α.	VERRY	58	W.	SERGENT	10
I.	STEPHENSON	45	G.	BENNETT	8
L.	SHANKS	40	R.	HAYMAN	8
L.	BENNETT	38	G.	WOODMAN	6
L.	BAIGENT	35	Μ.	FINCH	4
P.	THOMPSON	26	Μ.	O'DONNELL	4
R.	NASEY	19	Α.	COLLIER	4
В.	SERGENT	18	Τ.	McCLEAN	3
В.	MERRETT	18	R.	WALLACE	3
В.	DOUGLAS	18	J.	COWAN	3
В.	NICHOLL	16	D.	GOOCH	2
R.	SENNE	16	P.	FONG	2
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DATE - 6th March, 1977

LENGTH - 1.28KM

VENUE - MacLachlan Road, Kaukapakapa

SURFACE - Metal

This event will be known as the Henderson Rentals Limited Hillclimb.

Entries 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. at \$2.00 each. No provision for late entries.

Scrutineering 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Cars must comply with Schedule 'A' M.A.N.Z. Year Book, i.e. Fire Extinguisher, Two Throttle Return Springs, etc.

Driver must wear overalls, shoes NOT jandals, sandles,

etc., and an approved helmet.

<u>Licence</u> - Minimum Club Restricted and Civil Driving Licence required, together with current membership card. Under 20 year olds must have a Cadet Licence Authority or parent's signature of approval on entry form. Entry forms available from the Clubrooms - Speed Event Form required.

The following classes will be run -

0 - 1000 c.c., 1001 - 1300 c.c., 1301 - 1600 c.c., 1601 - 2500 c.c. 2500 c.c. and over. Also events for Sports and Racing cars if enough entries.

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Auckland Car Club Cup

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As most people will be aware, there have been no trials over the Christmas period, so if you find this month's column padded out with the odd bit of motor racing, don't be surprised.

First of all, congratulations to Mrs Wendy Sergent for winning the Experts Trial, a trial won about two years previously by her husband Bruce (Sergent). Also congratulations go to Bruce Sergent and his crew - or rather the crew of which Bruce was a sometimes member - on pulling off trialling's premier award - the Gold Star Trials Championship. Barry Higham, whose crew Bruce joined, has of coursee been one of the top scorers before when he navigated for Noel Curtis, brother of Motoraction's Robin Curtis, but in those days only the driver was recognised.

Congratulations also to Mark Reynolds who organised the National Open Weekend Nostalgia Trial held in December and to all those who helped, particularly Joan Greenwell for organising so many competitors. It was really refreshing to see so many faces from yesteryear and the totally unbounded enthusiasm of so many such as Aub Highstead. Kerry Lay also was grinning from ear to ear and really had the writer worried with his threat of "protesting the whole trial" (Kerry used to be No. 1 Area Steward and must have had a fair guts full of hearing protests). The opportunity was also taken to make a small presentation to 'Snasher', a scribe from A.R.T.C. who in days gone by was the sternest critic of A.C.C. but later mellowed more than sufficiently to such an extent he even supported this writer's pleas occasionally.

For all those people who took my advice and applied early for their new licences - good work - and if you are still looking for those amendments to Appendix 'T', I mentioned, well stop looking, there are not any, apart from the corrected drawing for named roads. This year, being a year of no change to trialling rules is a real compliment to Jim Scott and his crew for drafting the current rules, and also to the triallists for accepting them and not wanting to change them.

Before getting onto Speedway and the story of why
Steward Ross Montgomery is called "hopalong", I would like to
suggest a remit for this year's M.A.N.Z. A.G.C.M. Conference
which is "That M.A.N.Z. A.G.C.M. conferences be abandoned" as far as applying for, getting approval and having a date
inscribed for a National Championship, the date being free
from other championship events, it just does not work. For
the third year in a row we are being ridden over roughshod.

Why, there is one major branch of the sport that does not even apply for its dates at conference!!

Coming events include a mid-week trial and a beach gimmick trial for February which should both be very enjoyable events.

JOHN CROMBIE

John didn't get round to telling us how Ross Montgomery got the name "hopalong" but I would advise all readers to watch next month's 'Straight Ahead' column for this explanation - Ed.



NEW MEMBERS

We sincerely welcome the following new members and hope to see them taking an active part in Club events. New members are cordially invited to seek the assistance and advice of any Club Official (see Page 1) to help them settle in.

David Lawn
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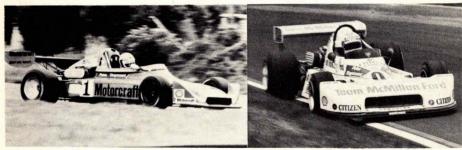
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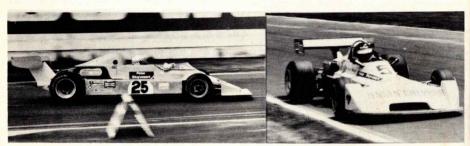
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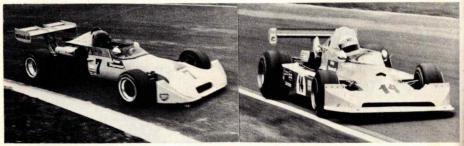
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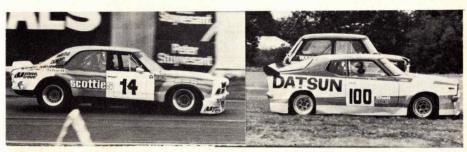
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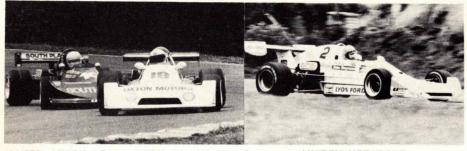
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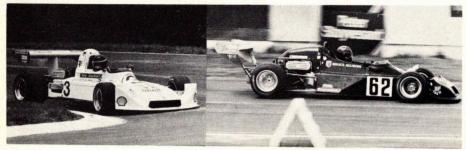
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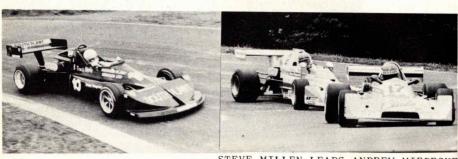
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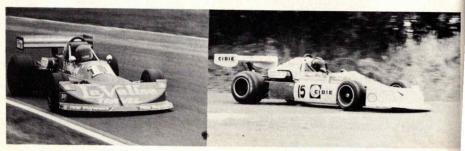
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HAPPENINGS



At the time of writing, two rounds of the Peter Stuyvesant Series have been run.

Bay Park will certainly be remembered as one of the most exciting races seen by many and whilst the Grand Prix lacked the closeness of racing the three top contenders, Rosberg, Kozarowitzky and Tom Gloy lasted considerably longer than they had at Bay Park.

And what of the reaction to the new formula - to date it has been most favourable. A number of people, less than twelve months ago, were saying that Formula Pacific would fail and that drivers such as Ken Smith and Graeme Lawrence wouldn't race the cars. Many of those people are not particularly vocal today.

Speaking at the Buffet Dinner prior to the Grand Prix, David Oxton made the very pertinent remark that he hoped that all parties involved in motor racing would work for the continued success of the new class.

Over the past seven years F5000 failed to get the support of many drivers. Compare the numbers who did run F5000 cars with the numbers who are this year racing Pacific cars and one cannot help but be encouraged.

The first season of any new formula is generally problematic, the present season has followed that path with difficulties regarding tyres in particular. Graeme Lawrence as the Goodyear Racing Tyre distributor deserves a great deal of understanding for he has had plenty to contend with. For example - the wrong compound tyres arriving - U.S. tyres not U.K. as ordered, then the wrong size front tyres and just lately, what appears to be the wrong size front wet weather tyres.

Such problems are not easily overcome and I am quite sure Graeme must have asked himself why he had bothered to get involved.

Whilst not forgetting these problems I for one remain convinced that the one brand one compound principle is the right course to follow.

Hopefully the 1977/78 season will see a return to the running of the Gold Star Series prior to Xmas as has been the case over recent seasons (this season excepted). This schedule gives resident drivers time to develop their cars before the international series.

For three or four years motor racing has

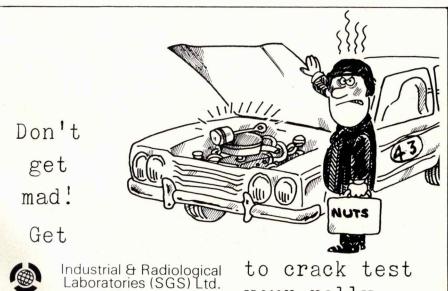


been in something of a trough. Let us hope that with this new class and all of us supporting it and working for its continued good health that things are on the way up for single seaters.

I wonder at times if our small country is capable of supporting all the various forms and classes of racing which are presently being pursued. For as enthusiasm builds for Formula Pacific, the modified saloon class appears to be in poor health. I don't think it is unfair to say that this class has a thin base, having only the cars of Nazer, P.D.L., Halliday, Harrington, Lancaster and Walker in the leading bunch. And to date I don't think we have seen all those cars on the grid together.

As exciting as the new P.D.L. Mustang II is, in my view it will help kill the big saloon cars in this country, it's speed is impressive - but let's face it the car just runs away and hides from the opposition - and that is not competition. Speaking to one person who has been around motor racing for many years, I was lost for words when he said the way to fix big saloon car racing was for Jack Nazer to go out and spend more money. The man in question was a South Islander so understandably he was biased towards Leo Leonard and P.D.L.'s new I just hope that this line of thinking does not find support among the governing powers of New Zealand motor racing.

If anything has been learned or should have been learned about motor racing in the past decade it is that competition is best promoted by ensuring similarity of performance, legislating against the big cheque books, not by allowing those with the big cheque book to buy their way to the flag ahead of the rest.



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Happy New Year and all that drama!!!!

We're already a hell of a busy with this forthcoming rally season especially with our involvement in the Radio New Zealand International (Round 5 of the World Championship) and our frist event three weeks later:

She's certainly a busy time with the Stuyvesant Series just past and the "Big Honker" Saloons still fighting out the "Shell Sport" Series.

Unfortunately no national calender has been received yet so I can't give you much information regarding rallies this season.

However, I can give you some dates for rallies in our immediate area. Firstly, I must point out that these dates are merely at the application stage and are by no means definite yet.

First up is the first round of the Pall Mall Series to be held at Wanganui on 26th March. If you haven't entered the series yet - start panicing because closing date of entries is 11th February.

Next event is the Northern Sports Car Club's Woodhill Forest Rally on April 3rd and is a closed club event to members of that club.

May 1st - 7th is the International and the Riverhead Forest Rally follows on May 22nd. This event is closed to members of the M.G. Car Club.

Auckland Car Club's first rally is a closed club affair on Sunday 29th May, in the Maramarua Forest. Entry Forms will be available in a few weeks so get on the mailing list now by contacting the Secretary, 1977 Maramarua Forest Rally, Flat 3, 53A Mt St John Avenue, Epsom, Auckland. 3.

The Pukekohe Car Club is running a Closed Club Rally in the Maiora (Waiuku) Forest on June 12th and this is followed by Round Two of the Pall Mall in the South Island on June 18th.

July 3rd sees Round Three of the Pall Mall, again in the South Island with the Auckland Car Club's second rally on

August 6th.

This event will probably be the Cibie Invitation of about ten hours duration, through venues which we ain't sayin' nothin' about!!!

September 24th will see the N.S.C.C. 4th Pall Mall Round up in this area.





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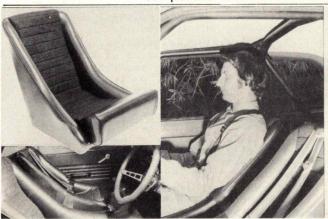
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I didn't have any dates for the Thermal, Reidrubber, Lion Super, etc., so we'll have to keep our eyes on Motor Action to see how the calender goes.

Just for your information, I guess I had better introduce you to the Rally Committee.

As you probably know, I am Chairman, although we have a brand new secretary-typist -- Glenda Styles. The rest of the committee (some new faces, some old) are as follows:-

Peter Batten Results Roy Hanbury General Graham Hill Equipment, etc. Grant Howard Publicity & P.R. Barry Kirk-Burnnand Plotting & Survey Arthur McWatt Marshalling Willard Martin Services & H.Q. Murray O'Donnell Lead Car & Prizes Bruce Sergent Marshalling Geoff Sibun Communications Publicity & P.R. Warren Thomas Bruce White Scrutineering & General Rob Wylie Plotting & Survey

That's about it for this month, hopefully I'll have a lot more to report on in the next issue.

KEVIN LANCASTER

ATTENTION ALL RALLYISTS - USE OF MARAMARUA FOREST

A week before the Cibie Rally last year, we had a person break into the Maramarua Forest, for a "bit of practice" which saw one broken gate, one dead cow and an extensive crash over a bank. This person's identity was discovered, given to M.A.N.Z. and other Clubs, etc., in case he appeared on the scene again. Well, he has, but unfortunately for him he is in for a big shock - like no rallies for him this year!!

As a result we have had no alternative but to ban all private testing sessions in the Maramarua State Forest. There are now plenty of Club rallies in the Auckland area in which competitors may "set up" their cars and improve their driving techniques without special private sessions.

Furthermore, if we let people test in the Forest, we will have someone down there every weekend for a "thrash"!!

The Forestry have been a tremendous help to us in the organisation of our rallies but have warned us that whilst the State Forests are available for public use we must ensure not to abuse them or we they will have to re-consider their policy.

Unfortunately, failure to co-operate with this request could see a competitor declined an entry for rallies using this Forest. I trust I will have everyone's co-operation in this matter.

Thanking you

Kevin Lancaster Chairman Rally Committee



EUROPEAN RALLY SCENE

Both Fiat and Lancia will embark on comprehensive rally programmes this year. Lancia will be tackling some fourteen or fifteen events of various grades from World to National Championship status and Fiat tackling the whole of the World Series apart from the Safari.

The two Turin teams are within the same vast company structure. Lancia has kept its sporting image with the Stratos whilst Fiat has stopped using the Spider and appeared with the 131 Abarth, a car which the vast buying public can readily identify.

It seems likely that Hannu Mikkola will contest a number of R.A.C. Championship rounds this year. Toyota Europe driver Mikkola gave up his Finnish licence last year when he contested both the Castrol 76 and Lindisfarne rallies prior to the R.A.C. There will be no problem for Hannu to drive a Corolla on this year's qualifiers and it appears he will be a starter on the opening round, the Shellsport Dean.

First round of the Rothmans Hong Kong Rally Championship took place in Hong Kong in December. Organised by last year's champions, the event had a 250 mile route and took crews all over Hong Kong Island using main public roads and private Waterworks roads. After the island sections, crews went through the Cross Harbour Tunnel to use the roads in Kowloon and the New Territories.

Many new roads had been "discovered" for this event, several roads being in name only. The navigation was relatively straightforward by Hong Kong standards but the driving was fairly tight. Winners were the local crew of Johnston Li with David Leung and Henry Heung all in a Fiat 128 Ralley.

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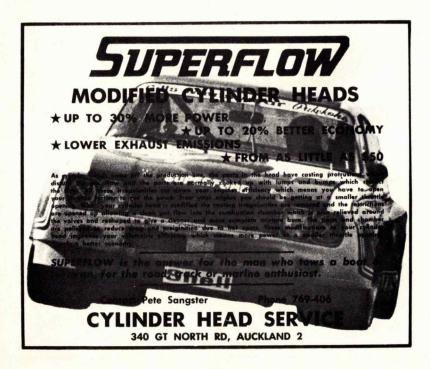
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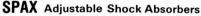


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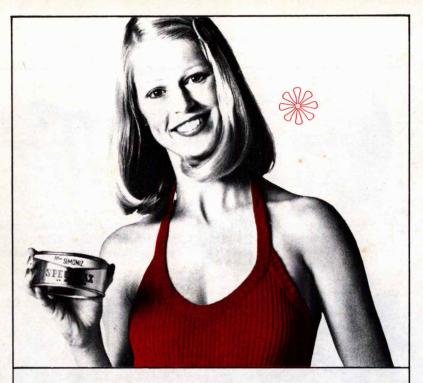
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