



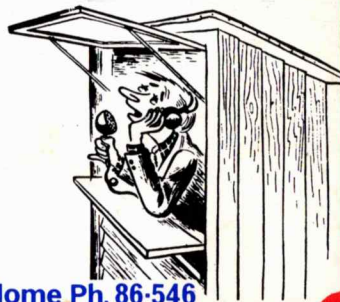
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Club Member Steve Millen (Co-Driver John Garner) finished 2nd overall in the 'Cibie' held on Saturday 6th August. Steve proved a worthy substitute for brother Rod who was out of town.

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### cover photo

Club Member Jim Donald, with Rusty Davidson navigating - 'just a couple of mechanics in an obsolete car??'-on the way to victory in the 1977 Cibie Rally.

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3rd SEPTEMBER - SATURDAY - REIDRUBBER G.T. RALLY:

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10th SEPTEMBER - SATURDAY - GOLD STAR TRIAL:

Promoted by Triumph Automobile Association. Further details from P.O. Box 383, Dunedin.

11th SEPTEMBER - SUNDAY - NATIONAL 'B' GRADE RACE MEETING:

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17th SEPTEMBER - SATURDAY - GOLD STAR TRIAL:

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24th SEPTEMBER - SATURDAY - PALL MALL RALLY - ROUND 4:

Promoted by Northern Sports Car Club, the Pall Mall Rally will start at 1.00 p.m. in Auckland and travel north. Approx. 760 km long with 380 km of special stages. Local entries close 1st September at \$40.00 with the Secretary Mrs B. Chandler, 7 Carole Crescent, Pakuranga.

1st OCTOBER - SATURDAY - OPEN HILLCLIMB:

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5th OCTOBER - WEDNESDAY - NIGHT TRIAL:

Plotted by Auckland Rallies and Trials Club with a specific invitation to Auckland Car Club Members only. The Trial will start at 7.00 p.m. at the Pakuranga Shopping Mall and finish at the Auckland Car Club Clubrooms.

9th OCTOBER - SUNDAY - MERCURY TROPHY TRIAL - FINAL ROUND:

Promoted by Northern Sports Car Club, the trial will start at Pt Chevalier with a loop north, returning to Northerns' Clubrooms for lunch. The second part of the trial will go south before returning to the finish. Approx. duration 4 hours.

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23rd OCOTBER - SUNDAY - NATIONAL RACE MEETING:

This is the traditional Labour Weekend meeting at Bay Park. Further details next month.

25th - 29th OCTOBER - MOBIL ECONOMY RUN:

This year the economy run will start in Auckland, passing through Rotorua, Gisborne, Rotorua and finish in Auckland. Entries close 16th September at P.O. Box 3814, Wellington. Observer entries close 23rd September.

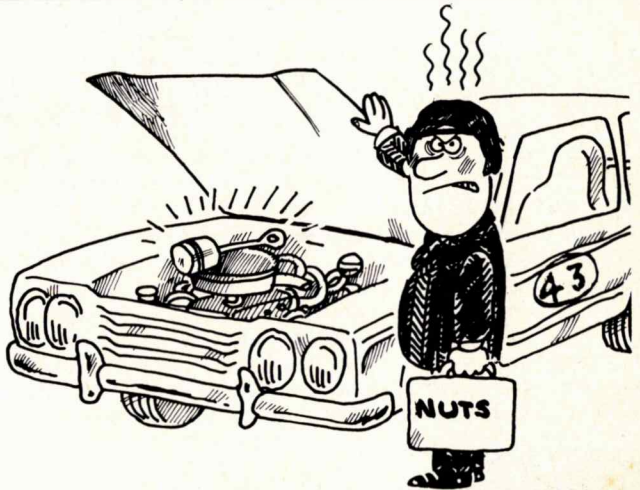
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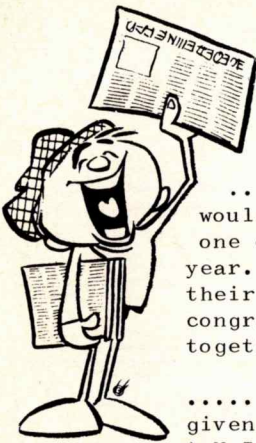


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..... Comments from Drivers, Spectators and others would indicate that this years Cibie Rally would be one of the best events held in the country this year. Rob Wylie, Murray O'Donnell, Bruce White and their many many helpers in various capacities are congratulated for a grand effort in getting it all together.

..... Naturally we are indebted to the assistance given by the sponsors of the Cibie Rally, Messrs A.H.I. Agencies Limited - represented by Mr Brendon Maloney and Motor Specialties Limited (Mr Tony Babbage). Our thanks to you both and also other prize donors as listed on the result page elsewhere in the bulletin.

..... Our thanks too, to Mr R.E. Morrissey, Deputy Mayor of Paeroa, for turning out to officiate at the start of the Cibie Rally. Paeroa General Motors Dealer, Linn Motors kindly made their premises available as the start venue.

..... Once again the co-operation of the N.Z. Forest Service at Tairua (Mr Te Aho) and Maramarua (Mr Les McDougall) was most appreciated.

..... Fortunately the casualty rate amongst Rally Competitors is minimal (their cars fairing not quite so well!) but members of the St Johns Ambulance Brigades at Paeroa, Ngatea, Maramarua, Whangamata were on hand - just in case. Thanks to you all.

..... Whilst on the subject of rallying plans are already under way for next years New Zealand International Motor Rally which will be held between 31st July - 6th August. The event will probably be a little shorter and will follow roughly the 1977 route in reverse - Auckland to Wellington. With the retirement of Mr Murray Thompson, R.O.A.N.Z., Directors are currently inviting enquiries from Clubs who may be able to form a Committee with its members or members of other Clubs or individuals who could handle the position of Rally Co-Ordinator.



..... Mike Marshall is to retire from rallying at the end of this season. His Ford Escort II RS1800 will be sold after the final Pall Mall Championship Round in September. It will be a pity to lose Mike from the rally scene, as he is still the fastest driver around. Maybe a sympathetic sponsor will come forward and help to change his mind?



..... Competitors in the Cibie Rally were amused to come across a sign reading 'Hugh Munro's Tree Ahead' near the end of Stage 8, followed later by a sign on a tree proudly proclaiming 'Hugh Munro's Tree!! Appears that said gentleman came into sharp contact with this tree on last Cibie. A well known Club Photographer, using a flash at the time, copped a full blast for the incident. (We understand that the print of the photo later proved the drivers theory on the cause of his misfortune was quite wrong - he was looking the other way).

..... Well known small Ford engine man, Ross Phillips (Dave Mc Millan's Mechanic) and Dennis Williams, Co-Directors of Papakura Training Centre offer Dynotuning discounts to Auckland Car Club Members, as well as 10% discount on Moblec Transistor Ignition Systems and M.A.N.Z. approved Graviner Fire Extinguishers. They can be found at 39 East Street, Papakura.



..... Club Member Blair Robson (pictured left), is to compete in Australia's 'Southern Cross Rally', which starts on 4th October, driving the Masport Escort RS2000. Blair, together with regular navigator Chris Porter will join top Australian drivers, Colin Bond and Greg Carr, to form the Ford Australian Team.

..... Fellow Club Members Rod Millen and Mike Franchi are taking the Phillips Mazda RX3 over for a try at the R A C Rally in England. They will be leaving shortly after the final Pall Mall Rally Championship Round which is being held in the Auckland and North Auckland area on the 24th/25th September.

..... A Mt Roskill Community Committee has been formed to help furnish the lower floor at the recently opened Mt Roskill Borough Library. These rooms will be made available to local organisations for meetings etc. An invitation has been extended to Auckland Car Club Members to take part in a 20 kilometre fund raising Walkathon to be held on Saturday 24th September. We seek the support of members in this project and wonder just how some will go - 'without their wheels'.

..... A Sponsor is required for a Formula Pacific car for the forthcoming Peter Stuyvesant Series. The car is to be driven by a top European driver. Overseas identity, Mr Max Amor will be Manager. For further particulars contact Pat Brosnan Telephone.. Glen Eden 8261 business hours.



# On The Social Scene...



A very successful pool tournament was held in July and the standard of play particularly from the ladies, was extremely high. After some hard fought games, the two pairs of finalists, Grant Russell and Trevor Swinburne, Chris Berridge and Roger Purdy battled for the first place honours. The winners were Chris and Roger and we congratulate them. The winning ladies pair was Vicki Baigent and Sue Johnston and we congratulate them also. Graeme Johnston and Laurie Baigent were the winners at the bottom end and I guess that one could say that they had really gone to 'pot'.

The Annual Ball was held on August 13th at the Sheraton Lounge and a good night was had by all who attended. It appears that there is no need for us to have guest artists any more as some of our members have the ability to provide a floor show, particularly around the bewitching hour of midnight. It is hoped that photos of the ball can be included in next months bulletin.

A Beer & Burger evening will be held on Saturday October 8th. We have a six piece Bavarian Band arranged and will have copious quantities of burgers and assorted brands of beer and wine. Tickets will be available shortly at a cost of \$ 3.75 per person all inclusive. A terrific night should be had by one and all.

We are dwindling in numbers on the Clubhouse Committee at present and we would like to hear from any persons who would be prepared to assist. You can either contact myself or any member of the Clubhouse Committee. Don't forget that the Club is run for Club Members by Club Members and it is only by your participation that any event is able to be successfully undertaken.

Congratulations to Stephen Cargill and Brenda Manning on their engagement.

RAY SMALL.



## Rotorua Weekend Trial

### 1st & 2nd October





# NEW MEMBERS

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

|                     |                |                 |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Allen Greenland     | Henderson      | Triumph         |
| Colin McEwen        | Massey         | Fiat 850 Coupe  |
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| Alan Watson         | Glen Eden      | Austin Mini     |
| Stephen Farmer      | Pakuranga      | Mitsubishi      |
| Evelyn Blacker      | New Lynn       | Holden          |
| Narinder Bajaj      | Remuera        | Peugeot         |
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| Christopher Tidmas  | Henderson      | Morris Oxford   |
| Colin Craig         | Mt Roskill     | Ford Anglia     |
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| Lindsay Walsh       | Auckland       | Valiant         |
| Susan Stowell       | Kelston        | Escort RS2000   |
| Sidney March        | Pukekohe       | Torana XU1      |
| John Hope           | Massey         | Fiat 125        |
| Ian Crowther        | Titirangi      | Ford Cortina    |
| Murray Adshead      | Blockhouse Bay | Datsun          |
| Anthony Woodworth   | Browns Bay     | Formula Ford    |
| Penny Woods         | Howick         | Mitsubishi      |
| Ralph Willmott      | Howick         | Monaro          |
| Steven Vujnovich    | Epsom          | Charger         |
| Trevor Skellern     | Titirangi      | Ford Capri      |
| Hugh Moran          | Hamilton       | Ford Cortina    |
| Michael Loverich    | Grey Lynn      | Cortina GT      |
| Brenda Manning      | Pt Chevalier   | Holden          |
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# POT BLACK

Another successful Pool Tournament was held at the Clubrooms on 23rd July, the results of which are as follows:

|      |                  |     |                 |
|------|------------------|-----|-----------------|
| 1st  | Chris Berridge   | and | Roger Purdy     |
| 2nd  | Trevor Swinburne | and | Grant Russell   |
| 3rd  | Kerry Brown      | and | Lange Wikaira   |
| 4th  | Vicky Baigent    | and | Sue Johnston    |
| 5th  | Brian Keach      | and | Les Thorpe      |
| 6th  | Des Gulland      | and | Maurice Cargill |
| 7th  | John Haglund     | and | Val Parkinson   |
| 8th  | Anne Blake       | and | Rick George     |
| 9th  | Mo King          | and | Rolf Lilleby    |
| 10th | Ann Collier      | and | Keith Florigan  |
| 11th | Ray Small        | and | Stephen Cargill |
| 12th | Terry Molloy     | and | Ian Palmer      |
| 13th | Pat Cargill      | and | Glennis Palmer  |
| 14th | John Crombie     | and | Ross Senne      |
| 15th | Betty Richards   | and | Carol Stoddard  |
| 16th | Dennis Johnstone | and | Chris Goodson   |
| 17th | Laurie Baigent   | and | Graeme Johnston |

Congratulations to Chris and Roger on their well deserved win for which they received 'The Trans 8 Ball Championship Trophy'. Chris has competed in previous tournaments and was placed 14th in March 1977. This is the first time he has partnered Roger and they certainly proved a good combination. Unfortunately Roger will have to seek a new partner for the next tournament as Chris recently left for Australia on a working holiday. We wish him well and hope that he doesn't have too much difficulty picking up those 'Aussie' pool rules.

Congratulations also to the second place-getters, Trevor Swinburne and Grant Russell.

The top ladies team of the tournament was Vicky Baigent and Sue Johnston, who, to the embarrassment of many men's teams were placed 4th overall. For their efforts they were presented with the 'Ladies 8 Ball Championship Shield' which was kindly donated by Brian Keach and Grant Russell. These girls certainly played well and a brief run down on their games is as follows:

In the 1st Round they beat Terry Molloy and Ian Palmer in two out of three games. The girls were later heard acknowledging that both Terry and Ian must have been playing with an arm tied behind their backs.

In the 2nd Round they beat John Haglund and Val Parkinson in two out of three games. Both John and Val won the Club's first Pool Tournament and since then have ranked in the top five.

In the 3rd Round they were beaten by Chris Berridge and Roger Purdy in three very close games.

In the Playoff with Kerry Brown and Lance Wikaira for 3rd and 4th positions, in the third game Sue was going for the black when the cue ball hit the yellow, sunk it, and as a result of this, they lost the game. Had the yellow not been accidentally sunk, then I am sure that Messrs Brown and Wikaira would also have gone down, with a roar from the crowd.

The 17th placegetters, or better still the last place-getters in the tournament were none other than Laurie and Graeme, the husbands of Vicky and Sue. As I have been telling them for some time now, their wives are far superior pool players than they will ever be.

Laurie and Graeme were presented with the plastic Baby's 'Poe' and on receiving this, Graeme commented that 'coming last wasn't easy'. Laurie's reply was that 'if it wasn't for his partner they wouldn't have it'.

The final was run on a best out of three basis and a brief summary is as follows:

In the 1st Game - with Chris and Roger having two overs and the black remaining, Russell sunk his last under in the side and then attempted to double the black into the side pocket. He missed. Chris then sunk one over in the top pocket, the second in the bottom pocket, then the black in the side pocket to put himself and Roger, one in front.

In the 2nd Game - with Chris and Roger on the black, Trevor and Grant had three overs remaining. Grant sunk one in the bottom right pocket and the second in the top left pocket. He missed sinking the third ball and left the cue ball directly opposite the black for a straight poke in the side pocket. Roger sunk the black to take the final for himself and Chris.

The next Tournament will be held sometime in either October or November.

Once again, our sincere thanks to Eric and Audrey Mallard for coming along and producing excellent meals for the participants.

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# 1977 CIBIE RALLY



What a cracka!! The 1977 CIBIE RALLY would have to be the most successful rally this Club has ever run. Organised in a very short space of time, the event turned out to be a more polished rally with a tremendous variety of roads than we'd ever run before.

## THE ROUTE:

The rally started at Linn Motors, Paeroa at 11.00 a.m. and the Deputy Mayor of Paeroa, Mr R.E. Morrissey flagged away the cars to the first stage - 'Green Acres' - a diabolical farm road just 3 kilometres south of Paeroa. The rally then toured through Waihi and Whangamata for three stages in the Tairua Forest. Last year the rally was only allowed to use a small portion of the forest, but this year we were given the lot!!

After Tairua the cars proceeded down to a refuel at Kopu, then on to four stages in the Maramarua Forest which was in slippery condition. A short coffee/service break was in-between these stages before the cars proceeded through Waitakaruru, Miranda, Kaihere, Matahuru to use four closed public roads before finishing at Te Kauwhata.

Special stage lengths ranged from 3.51 to 16.00 kilometres, for a total stage distance of about 125 kilometres.

## THE ENTRY:

As usual, the entry this year was a ripper. Micky Marshmellow was at No. 1 with Pam McKeown in the Motorcraft RS1800. Roddles Millen had to withdraw, so his racing driver brother, Steve, drove the Phillips Mazda with John Garner navigating. Sandro Carter had an emergency appendix operation and withdrew but Markkn Donald and Rusty Davidson were there in the RS1600 Masport Escort.

The Sofa Brothers (Bob and John Couch) also withdrew owing to lack of parts. Smithy and Cookie were ready in the Whitcoulls Escort on No. 6, as was Dave Coons and Rusty McKnight ('The Gawdy Boys') in the Komatsu Escort RS1800. Young Woolfy and 'Fingers' Whittaker were happy with 8 as were the Swiss Family Gibbes and Ken Clegi's in the Yamaha BDA on 9.

Interest surrounded Brian Green who was having his first go in the ex - Alan Mitchell RS1800 at No. 10. Other top drivers were entered including the Bakers, Rocky Cribb, Warren Hull, Morrie Chandler, Robert Harris, Quentin Phillips etc.

There were of course other entries of interest including the Jim Biddick/Bill Draper RS1600 Cardy Brakes Escort. They're actually Masport Mechanics and the car is Jim Donalds rebuilt 1700 BDA. Popular Club Member John Steward was having his first time out in his new Escort RS2000, having parked the Farina in a corner of the garage. Entries were received from far away, including the Chisolms from Wanganui, The Borehams and others from Rotorua and Tony Teesdale from Tokoroa.

The only other top driver missing was Blair Robson who had no car as his usual RS1800 was at the panelbeaters and getting ready for the Southern Cross and the Vatanen car was still under repair. Blair thus went service crew for Jim Donald and Jim Dick.



Green Acres was  $3\frac{1}{2}$  kilometres long and went over metal, mud, clay, dirt, grass and crossed a ford after climbing 3000 ft and descending. Drivers had mixed feelings about the stage, which was more of a spectator treat. Marshall reckoned she was great fun, whilst Donald

said it was terrible. Mike was quickest on 4.16 from Donald - 4.27, Gibbs - 4.25, Smith and Cooney - 4.28, and Green 4.33.

Several cars came a 'gusta' including John Woolf, who went off but got going again; Warren Hull (Hit Bank) and Rallying Roddy Peat (Hit Bank - By Gum, Lud!)

The three Tairua stages were 6.53, 15.29 and 10.81 kilometres long with the third being over real fast and wide, winding road.

The first stages saw Marshall and Smith fastest equal on 6.09 ahead of Gibbs - 6.17, Millen - 6.20, Donald - 6.23, Cooney - 6.26 and Green - 6.27. The second saw Marshall yet again - 13.53, followed by Donald - 14.18, Cooney - 14.28, Millen - 14.33, Gibbs - 14.35 and Phillips - 14.54.



The fast third stage saw a surprise as Smith flew through fastest on 8.15 ahead of Marshall - 8.17, Gibbs - 8.18, Millen - 8.22, Donald and Cooney - 8.24 and Green - 8.26.

The biggest drama in these stages was Smith on the second when he hit a bank and rolled onto his side losing a lot of time. Robert Harris hit another bank real hard, crunching one side of the Mazda after a blowout. Quentin Phillips also smote a bank as did Alan Turner. Marshall spun on the last corner of the last stage and lost time.





The Maramarua stages saw plenty of action although nobody demolished themselves over the yumps!! The first 12 kilometre stage saw the order go.. Marshall, Donald, Smith, Millen, Phillips, Gibbs, Cooney and Max Irwin (who was driving an incredible rally in the V8 Oldsmobile Escort!!) and Mike Limbrick flying in the Mazda.

The next 10.16 kilometre stage had the order Marshall and Donald (1st equal) Phillips, Smith, Millen, Cooney and Green (equal), Watkin (flying in the RS1600), Chandler and Limbrick.

The cars then had a coffee/Service break (that must be expensive Kevin, ours run on cheap petrol - Ed) followed by the 5.99 kilometre stage over the yumps where the order went - Marshall (Again!), Smith, Donald, Woolf, Hull, Phillips and Limbrick all 4th equal.



The fourth 12.97 stage saw Smith absolutely flying to win from Marshall, Donald, Millen Woolf and Hull. Other drivers who were impressive over the Maramarua stages included Steve Boreham, Tony Teesdale, Max Irwin, Sue Adams and Ole Sorenson.



A particularly good performance was coming from John Steward in the 'gayly' painted Escort which had been running about 11th and 12th in stage times, but it all came to an end for him in the first of the Closed Public Road Stages.

There were a few incidents in the Forest stages with the most serious being John McCormick who demolished the Telefix Escort Mexico after a big roll. Max Irwin's tremendous drive came to an end when he smacked a tree in a big way severely damaging the Escort V8 whilst lying in the top 10.

Over the closed road stages, dust proved a problem for some, but Jim Donald got it all together to win Back Miranda Road (8.29km) from Watkin, Marshall, Limbrick and Derek Laurent (all equal), Harris and Smith. It was during this stage that John

Steward went wide onto a grass verge, hit a hidden ditch, schmock a bank and somersaulted several times. The car had suprisingly little damage with the front untouched - as they wheeled her into the garage that night, the Farina smiled!!!



Mahuta Road North's times were cancelled after a faulty clock caused havoc, and so, it was on to the 16.00 kilometre Matahuhu Gorge Rd. Marshall was again on top from Donald, Millen, Gibbs, Phillips, Woolf and Baker. Smith broke a throttle cable and drove out on a pair of pliers whilst Warren Hull

'spoofer' and flipped the Escort onto its roof and was out.

So it was onto the final Waikere Lake Road Stage (12.27 k,) which saw Smith back on top ahead of Donald, Millen, Green, Baker, Chandler and Phillips (equal), Alan Draper (good performance) and Limbrick (equal), Woolf and Gibbs. But, where was Marshall? - out in some blokes paddock with a winch!! Trying in the dust, he missed a bridge approach and went backwards through a fence into a paddock. He got going again to finish 12th.

So then it was back to the Club for a meal and turps! Good performance.

Congratulations to Donald on a long overdue win - in an obsolete car too !! You must also hand it to Marshall who won most of the stages and Clive Smith who gave everyone a shot in the arm, but Donald stayed on the road with the right pace - sly ol' fox - that's what rallyings all about.



Good performances were also put up by Mike Limbrick, Morrie Chandler, Brian Watkin, Steve Boreham, Rob Aitken and Sue Adams.

Congratulations and thanks to Rob Wylie, Murray O'Donnell and Bruce White on a fantastic event.

Thanks must also go to all the Marshals, especially the Thames Valley Car Club who did a tremendous job. Thanks also to Mr Morrissey, the Transport Department at Paeroa, St Johns Ambulance, Forest Services, Hauraki Plains and Waikato County Councils and all the residents on the public roads.



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# CIBIÉ RALLY

|      |                                 |                   |         |
|------|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| 1st  | Jim Donald/Peter Davidson       | Escort RS1600     | 1.27.56 |
| 2nd  | Steve Millen/John Garner        | Mazda RX3         | 1.29.53 |
| 3rd  | Tim Gibbs/Ken Cleghorn          | Yamaha BDA        | 1.31.17 |
| 4th  | Dave Cooney/Russell McKnight    | Escort RS1800     | 1.31.33 |
| 5th  | Quentin Phillips/Linda Erceg    | Mazda RX3         | 1.32.16 |
| 6th  | Tony Baker/Marlene Baker        | Datsun 120Y SSS   | 1.32.49 |
| 7th  | Morrie Chandler/ Ian McMenigall | Mitsubishi Lancer | 1.32.55 |
| 8th  | Mike Limbrick                   | Mazda RX3         | 1.33.21 |
| 9th  | Brian Green/Cory McKema         | Escort RS1800     | 1.33.34 |
| 10th | Brian Watkin/Keith Robinson     | Escort RS1600     | 1.33.43 |



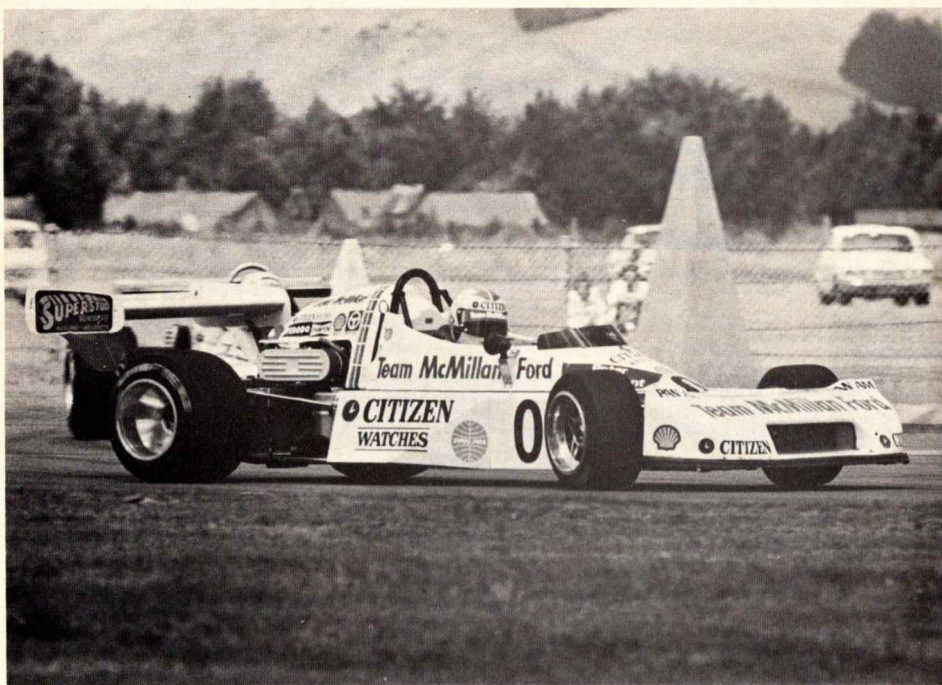
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1st Overall Jim Donald/Peter Davidson \$200 plus Floor Jack  
 2nd Overall Steve Milten/John Garner \$110 plus Floor Jack  
 3rd Overall Tim Gibbs/Ken Cleghorn \$ 70 plus Floor Jack  
 4th Overall Dave Cooney/Russ McKnight S.K. Socket Set  
 5th Overall Quentin Phillips/Linda Erceg S.K. Socket Set  
 6th Overall Tony Baker/Marlene Baker S.K. Socket Set  
 7th Overall Morris Chandler/I. MacMenigall S.K. Socket Set  
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# PETER STUYVESANT series

## information

On Monday August 8th details of the 1978 Peter Stuyvesant Series for Formula Pacific cars were revealed.

A substantial increase in prizemoney, raising the fund for each championship round to \$17000 from \$12000, was announced along with proposals to run each round over two heats.

A maximum of 20 starters will contest each round. Twelve drivers or fewer, if the organisers so desire, will be guaranteed a start in each round. The remaining eight or what ever number is required to make 20 will be decided by the results of a 10 lap preliminary race held on race morning.

All drivers who start in a Peter Stuyvesant Championship Round will automatically receive at least \$300 in prize money.

Under F.I.A. regulations where races are held in two heats, the prize money must be split with half being paid on the results of each heat.

The winner of each heat will receive \$2125.

Mr Ron Frost has been elected Series Director by the five organising clubs. Currently he is on a private business trip to Britain during which he is making contact with interested drivers.

To date he has reported interest from Keke Rosberg - 1977 Peter Stuyvesant Champion, Mikko Kozarowitzky, Bobby Rahal of Canada, Patrick Tambay the French Formula One driver plus a number of Australian drivers, including Bruce Allison and Andrew Micdecke both of whom are currently in Britain.

The increase in prize money lifts the total budget for the 1978 Peter Stuyvesant Series to around \$130,000. Of which approx. \$100,000 will be paid to competitors.

The opening round of the 1978 Series will be held at Bay Park on Monday 2nd January followed by:

Pukekohe  
Manfield  
Teretonga  
Wigram



Saturday 7th January  
Sunday 15th January  
Sunday 22nd January  
Sunday 29th January.

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## NEWS FROM ABROAD



### NEW F.I.A. LICENCE SYSTEM:

It has been announced in Paris that from the beginning of the new licencing year 1.1.78 the F.I.A. are to introduce a new system of international licences - Group C (Basic International) will enable the holder to race F3, Super Vee and Saloons. Group B (Improved International) relates to F2 F5000, 3 litre G5 and G6 etc. The Group A licence is an Unrestricted International which will be required before a driver may race in F1.

In order to move up to the next class of licence a driver must have finished in the top 5 places and 5 meetings counting for an international championship.

Clearly the new system is intended for the European scene with the aim of stopping inexperienced drivers competing in F1.

### SECOND F.1. SERIES:

A Second Formula One Series is being rumoured for Europe in 1978. the plan is to run races on circuits other than those used for World Championship Races. Only drivers who have never scored World Championship points would be eligible.

### DRIVER CHANGES:

From the beginning of September, so say the Formula One Constructors Association, drivers and teams may approach each other to discuss their driver/team arrangements for 1978.

Already Emmeson Fittipaldi is said to have signed for Ferrari - One week after the announcement was made a denial was issued saying he would stay with the Copersucar team run by brother Wilson - One must really wonder about the former World Champions loyalty - the Copersucar has hardly done anything to assist Fittipaldi since he left Mc Laren - He even failed to qualify for the German G.P.

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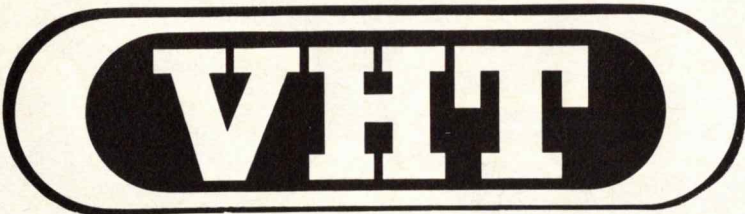
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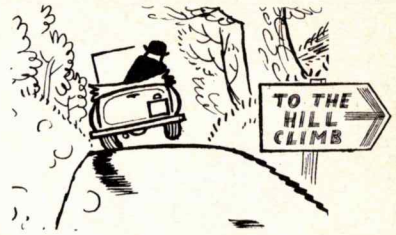
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# FULL SPEED AHEAD



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In the past, you have complained that there haven't been enough events. This season they have arranged them and now they need the competitors entries to make them work.

So get Mum's old shopping basket out, tune her up, fill her up with gas and roll along to the first event which is a Hillclimb at Chamberlain Road, Bombay on Sunday 18th September 1977.

A special invite has been made to Pukekohe Car Club, and the top club will take the 'Sodbusters and Beer Drinkers Championship Trophy' which has been kindly donated by the Pukekohe Car Club. For this trophy, points will be awarded for each class on a 3, 2, 1 basis with one additional point for F.T.D. Points will be totalled at the end of the day, and the Club with the most points will collect this 'Dagg' of a trophy.

Another challenge for this trophy will be held later in the season (date to be arranged) with the Pukekohe Car Club on its sealed venue at Bright Road.

Entries on the day between 9.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. Arrive early, no late entries will be accepted. Exide Trophy Points will be awarded. Classes will be:- 0-1000c.c., 1001-1300c.c., 1301-1600c.c., 1601-2500c.c., 2501c.c. and over, Sports and Racing combined. Certificates for class placegetters. Please note that unless your car complies with scrutineering requirements you will not be allowed to start. If you have any scrutineering problems please do not hesitate to contact Ray Willis at phone (Bus) 364745 or (Res) 868032.

Also arranged for this season are the following:-  
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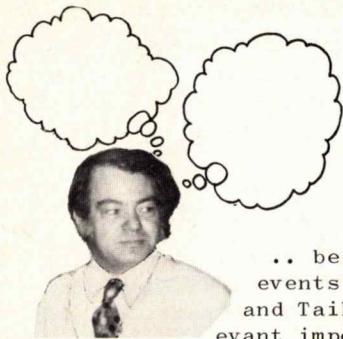
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| October 9th  | Sealed Bent Sprint            | Pukekohe      |
| November 6th | Hillclimb (1st Bardhal Round) | Mc Lachlan Rd |
| December 4th | 1½km Gravel Sprint            | Hunua         |

|            |                               |              |
|------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 1978       |                               |              |
| March 5th  | Hillclimb - Club Championship | McLachlan Rd |
| March 12th | Sealed Bent Sprint            | Pukekohe     |

There will also be six Gymkhana events for the 'Sandringham Tyre Service Shield' all of which will be held on grass.

In addition the Calendar has been set for eight 'Bardhal' hillclimb events and we hope to publish these dates in the next Bulletin.

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# The Mind BOGGLES

.. being a review and preview of trialling events around Auckland, Pukekohe, Hamilton and Taihape to Masterton, and sundry irrelevant important green meanies and other undigestible matters and a possible report on the new position 108a by Dr Herbert Ellis and the four Hunt Brothers.

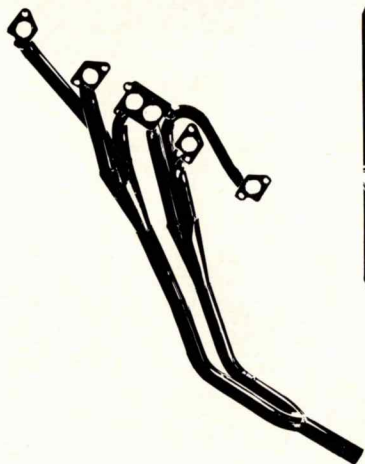
Another busy trialling month over and we are going to need a rest in September. The M.G. Car Club again ran their Octagon Mercury with their totally different approach to trialling. Again, as in all previous years, the M.G. Club had more fresh ideas - new traps in a Mercury trial - than all the other rounds put together, but, they spoilt it rather disastrously by advertising it as a four hour event and it actually took longer than eight hours. The only person I am aware of who likes the longer trials is Giles Pinfold of ex 'hairy lime mini' fame, leaping streams (unsuccessfully) who currently lives in Greymouth, which is a small town in a foreign country called the Mainland to which we export our electricity to enable them to raise their lakes so the tourists can look at them. Next we had another combined Mercury/Goldstar event of A.R.T.C. plotted by Warren Strand. Cookie Bear had trouble with his brakes prior to the event and substituted the old Holden for the 'Team Rubbish' Cortina. A mixed bag of results. 'Team Rubbish' and 'Team Overweight' were lying 4th and 5th at lunchtime - 2 points apart - but our Mercury placings failed to hold A.U.C.C. in their dedicated onslaught - and both teams dropped a zillion points in the afternoon to give provisional places of: Bone 9th, Hudson 10th and Robertson 14th. The next week was the Waikato Consortium (Thames Valley and Hamilton Car Clubs) Gold Star, organised by Tim Beale and Peter Crabb, sponsored by Coby Exhausts. Teams Bone and Hudson combined for this event - recipe take the four Coruba kids, Bone, Batten, Busch and Hudson and a bottle of Coruba on Friday to our back cover advertiser, start trial with massive hangover, sleep in pairs, listen to third test and win trial whilst Robbo only came 8th. This gave A.C.C. the two placings in the race for this years Gold Star Championship with both crews having a win and a second. Frank Cardwell, who had won the Canterbury event, had made the trip north with his gorgeous daughters and son in law Ray, was placed 11th in both events which was tough luck. Boy, do teams Cardwell and Harrow ever know how to play pool!

Then we had Allan Verry's midweek trial. A boomer - trialling is alive and well at the Auckland Car Club. 28 entries on a wet night. Most of the traps were flogged from this column - including a beautiful AA AUCKLAND ARROW sign - and one of the most

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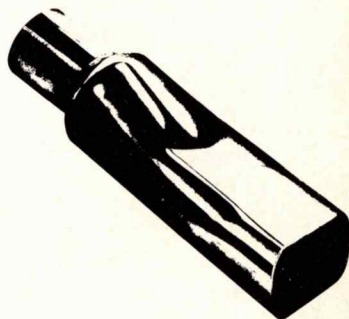
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heartening things - the following week I met three newcomers who had just joined the Club and done the trial. They had gone around the trial again with the handout explanation sheet to see where they had made their mistakes. Alan Jack reports elsewhere.

Back in the old foreign country I see that the Canterbury Car Club is advertising that its Wednesday night trials will be held on Thursdays. Yes, midnight is tomorrow.

Gold Star Trial Round 5: Round 5 was promoted by the Victoria University Car Club and ran for 11 hours, starting at Taihape and finishing at Masterton. Another event that had some really good trialling in it, but was ruined by over zealous scientists and rugby fanatics. Auckland Car Club had 3 teams entered in the team entry, being - Team Overweight, Team Overdraft and Team Overdressed and came 2nd, 5th and 14th provisionally. The trial is reviewed elsewhere by Doug Bone. The Gold Star points this time went to Robbo who led the trial for  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the distance but got sucked in by the nasties at the end. Team Rubbish did well, but following a bout of gastrointer-outer-something nasty, were fighting up hill all the way. The trial was provisionally won by Mike Dempsey and Rod Norris from the Hutt Valley Motoring Club (my old club) and if confirmed as winners, will be the first two person crew to win a Gold Star Trial since Barry Munro and Barry Spring Rice 10 years ago.

Coming events should include details on the Rotorua Trial, the October midweek trial on 5th October and the Experts Trial. Also there may be a new date for the last round of the Mercury, as I hear that Eric has flogged the original date for the Benson & Hedges 1000.

We would like to see as many as possible of you on our weekend wing ding away. A new format means you can miss out the trial on the way back on Sunday if your hangover is that bad, or can visit the tourist spots. The Sunday part is apparently a humorous gimmick trial with no emphasis on timekeeping or strict navigation. On the Saturday the trial down will have the odd misspelling trap and other - as explained in this column over the last two months. Don't hesitate to ask Busch, Batten or Bone if you have any qualms about starting for this event. It will be a boomer weekend and we have our own dance at the Travelodge that night.

This years Experts Trial will also be an easy one with no map-reading and most of the traps from this column or the Northern Sports equivalent, who have apparently found a road signposted which, as called CROMBIES ROAD CITY OF MANUKAU THIS IS A TRAP - always suspect a trap if there is a homemade sign. For all these events - and the midweekers - the driver must produce his club membership card and a civil driving licence, but does not require a competition licence. Don't hesitate to ask if you are thinking of entering any of these events and have any questions.

Explanations for last months traps:

- 1) Crossroads are always referred to in the plural as you cant have one road crossing itself. See appendix T.Note. A crossroads is any four road intersection regardless of the angles of the roads.

- 2) Appendix T says that a Tee junction has a capital T and lower case ee. Note that a sloping Tee can only be called a Tee.
- 3) Well it wasn't a grass island you were looking for, but a sign, and one that said CRASS ISLAND - not GRASS ISLAND.
- 4) The sign should say RIDDLE R as the d was not part of the quoted sign because it was not in capitals, even though the Automobile Association often record it as Rd.
- 5) Cross BRIDGE means cross the sign - not the bridge.
- 6) No trouble.
- 7) No trouble.
- 8) You have to cross a further bridge after 7 before going left as this is a separate instruction and must be done on its own.
- 9) Having finished instruction 8, you must now look for another two separate bridges.
- 10) Same as 9 except you are looking for three of them. In fact since starting instruction 7 you should have crossed seven bridges.
- 11) The National Roads boards signs have 70 KM/H on them - not just 70 so this sign was misquoted.
- 12) The road code has been amended and what were derestriction signs are no longer, but are called open road signs.
- 13) The AUCKLAND CAR CLUB INC sign. Well that nasty old Appendix T in rule 25/1 says that car club names play no part in the identification of a sign, so this instruction - even if the sign says that exactly - is a super trap because theoretically the sign has no words on it.

When is a Tee not a Tee - either when you go straight ahead or when it is a t and I leave it out of Judy Matthews name. Then, on the 12th evening God said to Adam..

'You've both been working hard and well, show your gratitude, go and give Eve a cuddle'.

'Yes God, but what's a cuddle?'

On the 13th day..

'Show your gratitude, go and give Eve a kiss'.

'Yes God - by the way, what's a kiss?'

On the 14th day (a Sunday)..

'Adam, go forth and multiply'.

'Certainly God'.

14th day plus a few minutes..

'God, what's a headache?'

Keep reading for more questions.

Just a few questions this month:

- 1) Keep ahead at WHITFORD RD signs until you can go right at MANUREWA 10KM
- 2) Go right when you are 9 kilometres from MANUREWA (by coincidence the next road on the right is sign posted MANUREWA 9KM)
- 3) Proceed ahead for 2.6 kilometres
- 4) Go right after travelling the above distance divided by half
- 5) Go right at MANUWERA 2KM
- 6) Go first left at multiple
- 7) Proceed to end of subsection check.

Well, we haven't made you drive into any signs this month (be kind to your friendly panelbeaters).

Before closing I would like, on behalf of all the CIBIE Rally Officials to thank the two teams HUSSAR who supplied us with their products. It was a real refreshing change to be on a pleasant receiving end even though Warren and Dennis didn't quite make our stage.

THE FIFTH COLUMNIST.



## TRIALS TROPHY POINTS

Listed hereunder are points covering all events, up to and including the mid-week trial on 15th June, together with the mid week trial on 27th July 1977.

|             |    |              |   |
|-------------|----|--------------|---|
| C. Hudson   | 66 | G. Woodman   | 9 |
| D. Bone     | 54 | G. Mains     | 8 |
| P. Clendon  | 39 | R. Jackson   | 6 |
| L. Shanks   | 36 | K. Bolton    | 5 |
| J. Crombie  | 19 | P. Finch     | 5 |
| P. Stone    | 16 | J. Cowan     | 4 |
| D. Bullas   | 14 | W. Hird      | 4 |
| P. Sergeant | 13 | S. Graves    | 3 |
| R. Bennett  | 13 | R. Senne     | 3 |
| R. Nasey    | 12 | S. Garmey    | 3 |
| L. Bennett  | 11 | J. Meads     | 3 |
| N. Mallard  | 10 | I. Lothian   | 2 |
| A. Jack     | 10 | S. Subritzky | 1 |
| S. Paulsen  | 9  | R. Clark     | 1 |

# MIDNIGHT MADNESS



(The Adventures of Team Cookie Bear down South)

Having reached the exalted position of second (provisionally) in the Gold Star Trial Series, Team Cookie Bear decided it would be worthwhile to compete in the VUCC Midnite Trial and give Ecurie Tokotoko a bit of a run for their money. As the trial started at about midnight on Friday, we set forth on Thursday evening and took about 6 hours to reach Taupo. (Funny that!). Friday was spent recovering from this ordeal before heading for the start at Taihape that evening.

After spending several hours filling in time by watching the local talent and the boys in blue chasing drunks up and down the street, we reported for documentation some 2 hours before our start time, thinking this would help the organisers. Not so, however, because although we carried out most of our documentation, we still had to report back 45 minutes before our start time for a final clearance. By that time the place was an utter shambles, with cars due to start before they had completed documentation etc. I can honestly say that I've never encountered such a slow and lengthy documentation procedure in my life!

Only one crew was representing Auckland Car Club and since prizes were to be awarded for teams of 3 crews, some rapid changing of clubs was effected, resulting in an ACC team comprising ourselves (ACC), Marion Sergent (AUCC), and Ecurie Tokotoko (NSCC).

The Trial itself was a bit of a disaster for us and although results are not yet known, it did nothing to help our Gold Star Points position. One section was set out in the format of rally instructions, with only an overall time allowance of 70 minutes given to complete the route. This was great fun, especially as we gained 7 start orders and clocked in at the finish 16 minutes early. We could have been earlier still if it wasn't for one competitor in front of us who didn't appear to know what it meant when a car sat 3 feet off his back bumper and repeatedly flashed 4 spotlights on and off. Not to worry, our enjoyment of the 'stage' cost us one passage check which had been placed deliberately in some diabolical position so that it could only be seen if the car had been totally crossed up through the corner. Not quite in compliance with Appendix T! I also heard that one of our team mates enjoyed the 'stage' so much that the name 'Spinner Hatrick' is now 'Drains Hatrick' much to the detriment of Robbo's car.

A coffee (service?) break was provided after the stage and some 3 hours later saw the sun rising while we endeavoured to complete a section of 'star diagrams' or some such silly thing. The usual rally style breakfast of runny mince on toast was provided near Woodville before we progressed into some real trialling rather than rallying. The mapreading was rather involved, so much so that a 10 minute time allowance for plotting was given at the start (or was it the start?). Unfortunately, the plotters had never heard of 'holes in the road' (viz. Papakura Military Camp) and this cost us a check, which we later claimed for.

Talking about claims, a strange set up exists in the Wellington area whereby the Clerk of the Course refuses to adjudicate upon, or initially even listen to claims at the finish of the event, making it impossible therefore to protest within 30 minutes of a claim being refused. Why they had 2 stewards at the finish was therefore rather hard to understand. Apparently, protests will be dealt with in writing unless, of course, we are prepared to travel to Wellington for a hearing!

Overall, we were not too pleased with the event, not only because of our envisaged result, but also because of the long 'touring stages' (sorry, 'special stages') and, in fact, the general standard of plotting. However, it wasn't all too bad - there were some very well thought out parts and we all got a packet of jungle juice at the finish.

Our return trip to Taupo took us through Napier, and a few more public places and, the following day, the Rotorua gimmick trial was plotted, so you better have a sense of humour if you're going in that trial.

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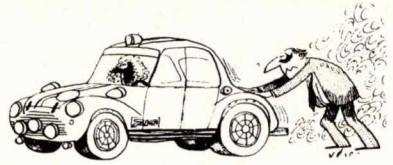
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# MID-WEEK TRIAL

## 27th JULY



As seems the norm recently, the night turned out wet but this did not seem to deter the 26 odd crews who turned up at Lynmall.

From the start we were directed up Titirangi Rd, through to the Scenic Drive, where we were told to drive through and at a few signs, which we avoided, not wanting to damage the car or A.A. property.

From here we were taken down through Oratia, where, in a mud loop off the main road, a certain dark blue Cortina went for a second look and was driven (on purpose?) into the soft side of the track to enable the ladies of the crew their exercise for the evening.

Up the road a ways, an unmanned check was causing some confusion as the plotter had apparently overlooked the fact that the word contained the letters D U L.

Having sorted this out, we just remembered in time an instruction which was given in the ASR's but not mentioned in the C.R.I.'s.

We then proceeded down through Henderson Valley and Swanson, through to the N.W. Motorway, where we did not find the sign we were supposed to, but found a plastic bucket instead. (They do not break when run over).

From here a run down the motorway to the Clubrooms, remembering that the Stoddard Rd. sign is not a AA sign to find a final check on the other side of May Rd.

Many thanks to Alan Verry for a most enjoyable evening, and also to Pete and John.

F.I.

### RESULTS OF MID WEEK TRIAL

|      |                |      |        |               |        |
|------|----------------|------|--------|---------------|--------|
| 1st  | Alan Jack      | 200  | 15th   | Neil Arnold   | 1500   |
| 2nd  | Chris Hudson   | 400  | 16th   | Paul Petersen | 1550   |
| 3rd  | Peter Clendon  | 450  | 17th = | David Tillett | 1600   |
| 4th  | Robin Bennett  | 600  | 17th = | C. McEwan     | 1600   |
| 5th  | Laurie Bennett | 610  | 19th   | Roger Purdy   | 1800   |
| 6th  | John Crombie   | 700  | 20th   | K. Skellern   | 1900   |
| 7th  | Peter Sergent  | 900  | 21st   | P. Dunkley    | 1950   |
| 8th  | Shirley Graves | 920  | 22nd   | Ian Lothian   | 2000   |
| 9th  | John Meads     | 950  | 23rd   | Kevin Oakden  | 2050   |
| 10th | R. Clark       | 980  | 24th   | P. Walby      | 2100   |
| 11th | Richard Jones  | 1100 | 25th   | Ian Mobberley | 2300   |
| 12th | Ross Senne     | 1200 | 26th   | S. Garmey     | 2600   |
| 13th | P. List        | 1250 | 27th   | Peter Vass    | 2800   |
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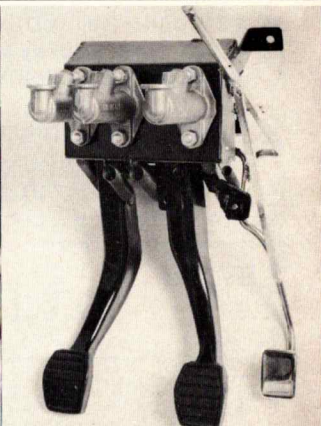
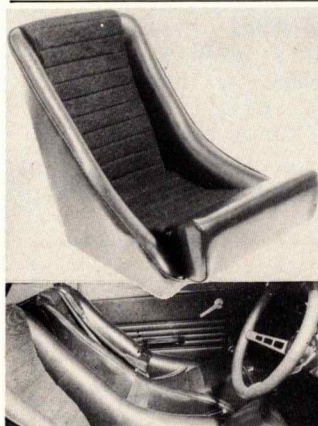
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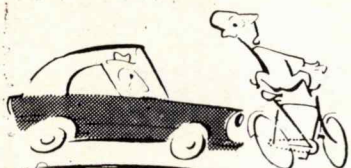
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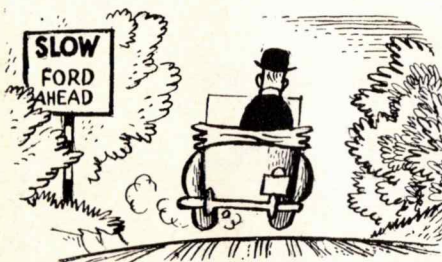
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