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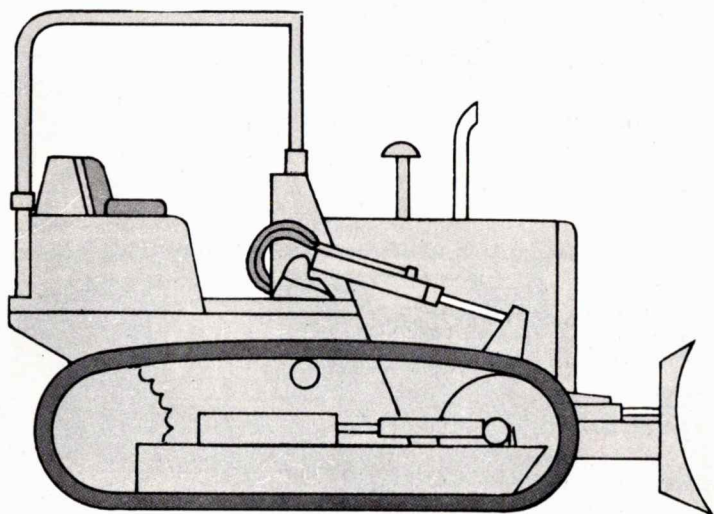
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Promotion for the TISCO TRIAL and associated Road Safety contest included displays such as the above at Manukau City Centre.

cover

Graeme Robertson & Crew, 1977/78 Gold Star Trials Champions, placed only 7th overall in the TISCO TRIAL, opening round of this year's series.

PIX - M. FISTONIC - PH. TGN 5295

AUCKLAND CAR CLUB

Clubroom Hours

	CLUBROOMS OPEN	BAR HOURS
THURSDAY EVENINGS	7.30 - 11.00 p.m.	7.30 - 10.00 p.m.
SUNDAY EVENINGS	4.00 - 10.00 p.m.	5.00 - 9.00 p.m.
*Wednesday Evenings *(When open for meetings and other events as advised)	7.30 - 11.00 p.m.	7.30 - 10.00 p.m.

Members are welcome to bring friends along to enjoy the comfort and friendly atmosphere of the Club Lounge.

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*** 3 POOL TABLES ***

*** DARTS BOARD ***

Films are shown on the third Thursday of each month preceded by a semi formal club meeting.

- * Members are required to carry Membership Cards when visiting Clubrooms - to be made available for inspection on demand.
- * Member's Guests are to be correctly signed into the Visitors Book on arrival at Clubrooms.
- * Legal restrictions apply to under 20 year olds consuming alcohol on the premises.
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COMING EVENTS



JULY 20
Thursday

CLUB NIGHT & FILM EVENING: To be held at the Clubrooms at 8.00 p.m. Good motorsport films, general discussion and supper. New car on display.

JULY 22
Saturday

POOL TOURNAMENT: To be held at the Clubrooms. Practice 2.00 - 3.00 p.m. Competition starting at 3.15 p.m. Entry Fee \$1.00 and will be accepted on the day.

JULY 26
Wednesday

NIGHT TRIAL: Starts at Otara Car Park at 6.30 p.m. Approx 2 hours duration, finishing at the Clubrooms with provision to buy your tea on the way to the finish. Don't forget your civil driving licence and current club membership card. Exide and Trials Trophy Points.

AUGUST 20
Sunday

MARAMARUA FOREST RALLY: Entry Forms will shortly be available for this years event, which will be run entirely in the confines of the Maramarua State Forest. Entries will be on a first in first accepted basis and limited to 120 starters.



JULY 1
Saturday

GARY CRANSTON THERMAL RALLY: Promoted by Rotorua Car Club, the rally covers 180 km of special stages. Approx 10 hours duration.

JULY 9
Sunday

WARKWORTH MOTORS MERCURY TROPHY TRIAL: Promoted by Hibiscus Coast Motorsport Club, the event starts at Warkworth at 11.00 a.m. and is approx 4 hours duration. Entries to the Secretary, 40 Patons Road, Howick.

JULY 15
Saturday

1978 BLOSSOM TRIAL: Promoted by Hawkes Bay Car Club. Approx. 7 hours duration. Entries to the Secretary, 182 Portsmouth Rd, Flaxmere, Hastings.

JULY 16
Sunday

EBBETT WAIKATO MOTORS MERCURY TROPHY TRIAL:
Round Four promoted by Hamilton Car Club.

JULY 22
Saturday

OLD TIME ENTHUSIASTS NOGGIN & NATTER NIGHT:
To be held at Northern Sports Car Club clubrooms at 7.30 p.m. A get together for the older generation of enthusiasts with nothing to stop you talking all night. Open to all.

JULY 22
Saturday

GOLD STAR/MERCURY TROPHY TRIAL: Promoted by Auckland Rallies and Trials Club, P.O. Box 55021, Mission Bay, Auckland.

JULY 23
Sunday

COCA COLA BOTTLERS RALLYCROSS - KAIPAKI: Final round of the series. Entries close 14th July.

JULY 29/30
Sat/Sun

PALL MALL RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP - ROUND 3:
Promoted by Northern Sports and Tokoroa Car Clubs. Stages range from 5 km to 100 km. Entries close 8th July to P.O. Box 22362, Otahuhu.

AUGUST 6
Sunday

SOUND AROUND REMUERA INVITATION MERCURY TROPHY TRIAL: Promoted by Auckland Car Club, the trial starts at the Clubrooms at 1.00 p.m., finishing approx 4 hours later at the Clubrooms. Maps N42 Auckland and N41 pt 46 Waitakere required. Entries to 57 Commissariat Road, Mt Wellington, Auckland 6.

AUGUST 12
Saturday

COBY PERFORMANCE EXHAUST EQUIPMENT GOLD STAR TRIAL:
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AUGUST 26
Saturday

MIDNITE GOLD STAR TRIAL: Promoted by Victoria University Car Club, P.O. Box 4102, Wellington.

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This year the Rally will start in Auckland on the 2nd September.
Start time will be 9.00 a.m.

It will run through the following centres:

FIRST DIVISION:	Auckland	9.00 a.m. Saturday 2nd
	Kumeu	
	East Coast Bays	
	Bombay	
	Hamilton	
	Tokoroa	
	Rotorua	12.00 Midnight 2nd
SECOND DIVISION:	Rotorua	10.00 a.m. Sunday 3rd
	Kawerau	
	Taupo	
	Turangi	
	Waiouru	
	Ohakune	
	Wanganui	
	Palmerston North	6.00 a.m. Monday 4th
THIRD DIVISION:	Palmerston North	4.00 p.m. Monday 4th
	Foxton	
	Fielding	
	Woodville	
	Dannevirke	
	Masterton	
	Featherston	
	Wellington	11.00 a.m. Tuesday 5th

The Rally Organisers will be pleased to hear from any enthusiast who would like to assist in the running of the Rally. Remember first in first served.

Please contact:

Mrs Elsie Russell,
Motogard Rally, P.O. Box 11129,
ELLERSLIE, AUCKLAND.



SHOUTS and murmurs

.....The Masport Team have announced that Ford Works team driver and current British Rally Champion, Russell Brookes will drive it's number one Escort RS1800 in the Motogard Rally. The rally will now start in Auckland on Saturday the 2nd September at 9.00 a.m. The start has been brought forward a day to give as many people as possible the opportunity to view various stages over the weekend. As is now well known the rally route is being organised by Club Member, Murray O'Donnell.

.....Congratulations are extended to M.A.N.Z. Vice President Keith Douglas on his recent marriage.

.....Congratulations to John and Denise Morton on the birth of a second son.

.....A letter recently arrived from Bill Ormand who for some years assisted Laurie Powell with flag duties at Pukekohe. Bill is currently working for the British High Commission in Cardiff. He tells us that he took a Page & Moy Tour (£27) to the Le Mans Race held on 10th June. Snippets from his letter include:- Race Admission £24 (\$42)!!; the traditional run and jump start has been replaced by a rolling start (the leading Renault was about 100 yards in front when they got the start flag); Swarms of gendarmes acting as pit marshals have no trouble controlling excitable mechanics etc. They only have to put a hand on the butt of their automatic pistols; At the end of the 24 hours there was no chequered flag in sight - when the winning Renault came around after the 24 hours, the crowd just swarmed onto the track; As could be imagined the race was hard to follow being held over such a long time, particularly when the commentary is in French.

.....Club Member Discounts:-

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.....A number of Trials and Club Circuit Trophies were presented at the June Film Night (see photos opposite). Bob Homewood was also presented with the Jim Boyd Trophy, awarded annually to the Club's most successful Sports Car Driver over the season.



BOB HOMEWOOD/RON BROWN



RAY WILLIS



JOHN MORTON



LAURIE BENNETT



JENNY WATSON



VERN MC LAREN



REX FINDLAY



N.Z. Motorsport Quiz

To help fill in those long cold winter nights we have included this Quiz.

Place your answers in the box in the Clubrooms or post to 'Motorsport Quiz', 80 Stottholm Road, Titirangi. Entries close at 5.00 p.m. on 31st July. Two winners will be drawn from all the correct entries received. Each will win an Auckland Car Club Dinner for two complete with wine. Don't forget to include your name and address and membership number with your answers.

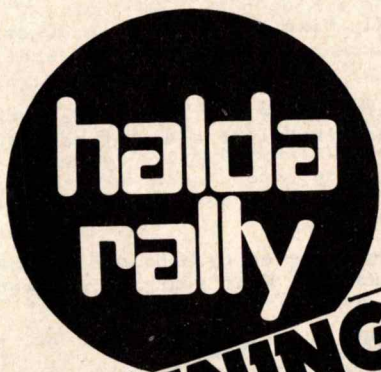
- 1) What year was the Wills 6 hour race first run and who won and what did they drive?
- 2) Who won the 10th N.Z.I.G.P. and where was it held?
- 3) Scuderia Centro Sud entered who in what car at which N.Z.I.G.P.?
- 4) They also provided a car for a New Zealand Driver, who was he?
- 5) There were three British works teams entered in the 1961 N.Z.I.G.P. Name the teams and the drivers?
- 6) There were also three British private teams. What were the teams, cars and drivers?
- 7) Two Super-Squalo Ferrari's raced in the 1957 N.Z.I.G.P. Who were the drivers?
- 8) The Super-Squalos were later raced by N.Z'ers. Which car was raced by whom?
- 9) What was the name of Ron Frost and Arnold Stafford's team of Cooper 500's?
- 10) In what years did a current formula one world champion race in the N.Z.I.G.P.? Who were the drivers?
- 11) What was the maximum number of past, present or future F1 world champions entered in a N.Z.I.G.P.? What year and who were the drivers?
- 12) What was the last year front engined cars raced in the N.Z.I.G.P.? Name the cars and drivers?
- 13) What is there in common in the racing careers of the present A.C.C. President and Club Captain?
- 14) On the 2nd February 1963 a former N.Z. Gold Star racing champion appeared in a car that was a forerunner to the Formula F1 cars of later years. What was the car and who was the driver?
- 15) At the same meeting a future N.Z. Saloon Car Champion won a race for factory production saloons. Who was he and what did he drive ?

- 16) In 1971 an A.C.C. Meeting at Pukekohe had seven saloon car races on the programme. One driver entered all 7 races and had the following placings - 1, 3, 5, 1, 4, 3, 3 - who was the driver and what cars did he drive?
- 17) In a 1973 Maramarua Rally Mike Marshall had a co-driver more usually seen at Pukekohe. Who was he and what was unusual about the car?
- 18) Also in the 1973 Maramarua Rally Jim Donald was entered as a co-driver. Who was his driver and what car did they enter?
- 19) Name the driver and co-driver who won the first Heatway Rally. What car did they drive?
- 20) What is the best placing achieved by a Holden Torana in the N.Z. International Rally? What year and who were the driver and co-driver?

Waiuku Rally



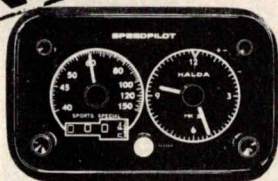
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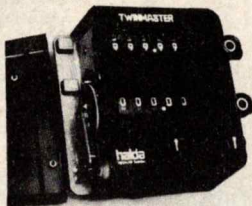
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TISCO Gold Star Trial

For once the Organisers were blessed with the fine weather they always pray for, a pleasant change from the cold wet windy conditions endured over the previous four years. We were flagged away at 10.00 a.m. by Tisco's Hamilton Branch Manager headed for a pleasant cruise through Hamilton and its outskirts to reach the ODO check. From there we went straight into Doug Bone and Peter Battens devious plotting to pick up a few checks and reach the end of Section 1.

Section 2 was straight into Mapreading with Rob 'the Pencil' Nasey discovering Fords are better than Mini's and John 'Chuck' Busch slowly starting to change colour. It was after a few navigational errors and a lot of backtracking that he finally deposited his breakfast on the side of the road, something he was to repeat another seven times before the day was out.

After Mapreading it was into the instructions again with some very good overriders and traps being pulled, before the lunchbreak at Morrinsville. We discovered we had a nasty looking Blank on our Card which fortunately turned out to be a passage check that had been knocked down. For some strange reason 'Chuck' elected not to eat any lunch while 'the Pencil' and I got stuck into the Coke and Greasies.

After lunch came a very well plotted exercise laid out like a section of a South Island Trial. We really enjoyed this part as it had a lot of traps of the type which we had encountered down South last year - like changing your average speed to the one you are already on and trying to cross one way bridges which you could never do because you can drive both ways over a bridge whether it's one lane or not.

We then went into a few more sections of instructions with the old devious overriders, ('Chuck' still crying from the Heart) to get us from Orini to Onewhero and to the second Mapreading Section.

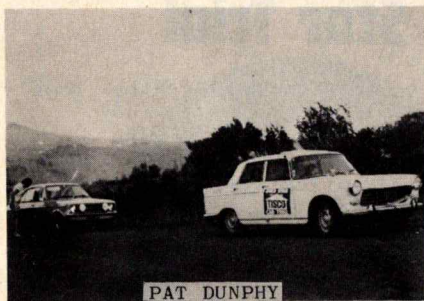
This was a really good section for us as we didn't have to stop from 'our convalescing passenger' and we managed to do it all right at last.

It was approaching darkness as we went through the last sections, at this stage getting more and more intricate with Peter Batten's rotten speed schedule to reach the final control at A.C.C. Clubrooms.

A vote of thanks must be passed to TISCO N.Z. LIMITED. The Trial Organisers, and everyone else who helped to make the event the success it was.

TEAM CHUCK

TISCO TRIAL



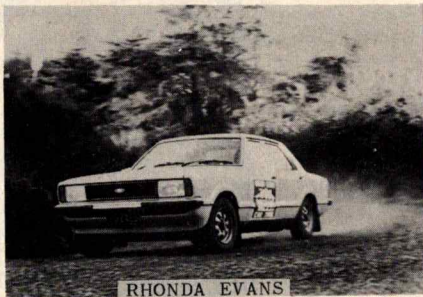
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GARY FOOTHEAD



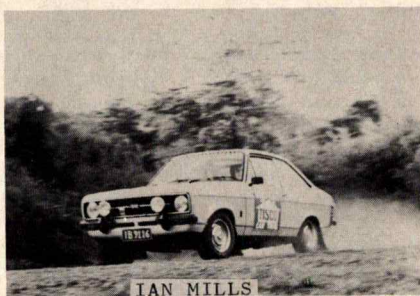
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1978 TISCO GOLD STAR TRIAL

FINAL RESULTS

PLACE	DRIVER	POINTS LOSS	CLUB	CAR
1	Ray Spence	183	ARTC	Ford
2	Peter Sergeant	569	AK UNIV.	Ford
3	Frank Mc Connell	570	Hamilton	Datsun
4	Chris Hudson	644	Auckland	Ford
5	Pat Dunphy	652	AK UNIV.	Peugeot
6	Trevor Manson	828	Mt Maung.	Mazda
7	Graeme Robertson	882	Auckland	Ford
8	Garth Benfell	896	Triumph	Datsun
9	John Neal	1075	Hamilton	Hillman
10	Eric Graham	1171	Matamata	Fiat
11	Rhonda Evans	1274	Northern	Ford
12	Gary Foothead	1289	Rotorua	Datsun
13	Mike Dempsey	1358	Hutt Valley	Toyota
14	Graham Beattie	1418	Hamilton	Ford
15	Ian Mc Leod	1498	TVCC	Ford
16	David Clendon	1621	Auckland	Morris
17	Jim Foster	1646	Hamilton	Mitsubishi
18	Roger Stewart	2423	Auckland	Ford
19	Ian Mills	2513	Northern	Ford
20	Laurie Bennett	2712	Hibiscus	Hillman
21	Terry Mc Namara	2733	Hamilton	Mazda
22	Keith Florian	2971	Auckland	Ford
23	Graeme Bennett	3480	Auckland	Ford
24	Ted Jarvis	3599	Auckland	Ford
25	Peter Goulter	4112	Auckland	Holden

PRIZE LIST - 1978 TISCO GOLD STAR TRIAL

1st Ray Spence

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Warren Strand

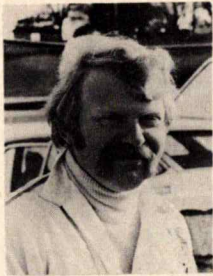
Navigator - POINT SERVICE STATION CUP
 and miniature

Bob Rose

Timekeeper - DOMINION RENTAL CARS CUP
 and miniature

Graham Craig	DON HADFIELD SERVICES LTD TROPHY - Mapreader for least points lost in mapreading sections.
2nd Peter Sergent	TISCO N.Z. LTD - \$60 AUCKLAND CAR CLUB (INC.) \$20 and Zambucka Cup and miniature CHEMICALS MANUFACTURING CO LTD - \$10 of Duckhams products CHAMPION SPARK PLUGS N.Z. LTD - one set of Champion plugs. HARVEY COOPER CUP - Highest placed car over 10 years old
Marion Sergent	SYLVIA PAULSEN MEMORIAL TROPHY - Highest placed lady navigator RAE'S AUTO VALET SERVICE - One engine clean for highest placed lady navigator
3rd Frank Mc Connell	TISCO N.Z. Ltd - \$50 AUCKLAND CAR CLUB (INC.) - \$10 and Rail- way Service Station Trophy and miniature CHEMICALS MANUFACTURING CO. LTD - \$10 of Duckhams products CHAMPION SPARK PLUGS N.Z. LTD - One set of Champion plugs NISSAN MOTOR DISTRIBUTORS N.Z. LTD - Highest placed Datsun: set of pewter wine goblets COWLEY MOTORS CUP - Highest placed car under 1200cc
4th Chris Hudson	TISCO N.Z. LTD - \$40 AUCKLAND CAR CLUB (INC.) - \$10 and True History Car Sales Trophy and miniature CHEMICALS MANUFACTURING CO. LTD - \$10 of Duckhams products CHAMPION SPARK PLUGS N.Z. LTD - One set of Champion plugs AUCKLAND CAR CLUB (INC.) - \$50 for first Auckland Car Club crew
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6th Trevor Manson	GOODYEAR TYRE AND RUBBER CO. LTD - two Goodyear guaranteed exchange retreads
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21st	Terry Mc Namara	CHAMPION SPARK PLUGS N.Z. LTD - one set of Champion Spark plugs
22nd	Keith Florian	CHAMPION SPARK PLUGS N.Z. LTD - one set of Champion plugs THE OAKS SHIELD - Oldest car to complete the course
23rd	Graeme Bennett	PURPLE HAZE DEODORANT CO. - \$5 of the firms products



Bryce Platt Shellsport Saloon Champion

There have been times when I have been watching a dreary motor race and my mind has wandered to that slogan that you sometimes see on the rear window of motor cars "I'd rather be sailing". I have never been a boatie, but the thought of cruising through the gulf on a keeler does seem to be attractive. But there are always two sides to a story and when I came to talk to club member Bryce Platt after he won this seasons Shellsport Saloon Car Championship, I found out that Bryce had traded his sails for the racing circuit.

Bryce used to sail a Paper Tiger Catamaran, but as Bryce puts it, he 'got sick of sitting out there on calm days going nowhere', so he turned to motor racing. Bryce has always been a regular club circuit driver. He started seriously in 1973 when he had his racing A40 Farina. The Farina was raced for two years and although it went well enough, it was never a contender for a championship. So the A40 gave way to the Ex-Murray Soames Escort and Bryce won the under 1600c.c. championship with the twin cam. In 76/77 the Escort was the open Clubmans Championship winner with the BDA engine. The saloon car regulations were about to be changed and when they came out the Platt team decided to have a go at the Shellsport Series.

Actually disaster struck long before the car got close to the first race. On the very last race of the Club Circuit season Bryce was running in the rain in a reverse-grid race when he got tangled with a V8 Escort. The Chequered Flag Escort, as it was then, finished its season in the ditch with the engine pushed under the firewall and many panels modified. Panelman and photographer Dave Hargreaves came to the rescue and he continues to be responsible for the cars good looks. Dave also helps to look after the publicity department with his photography efforts.

So from a rather sad looking club Escort, came the Skerry Escort, ready to do its first National Series. Bryce had managed to come by an English Brian Hart Twin Cam motor for the car. This engine had actually been used in Steve Millens 'old' Chevron that he raced in the Asian Series. The motor had sat on the wharf for twelve months and there were some hassles getting a licence to get it into the country officially. Needless to say the weather had not done much for the general condition of the unit either. Many people looked sceptically at the twin cam and wondered about its reliability. But Bryce has the services of a top motor mechanic in Randell Edgell and with money carefully spent on crack testing the top end of the

twin cam there were no problems at all. From 18 starts there were 18 finishes and only one rebuild. This year if the team had suffered a major blow-up, their racing would have been finished. Next season they will be in a stronger position as there will be an extra motor. The rest of the specifications include a four speed Rocket gearbox, ventilated Formula Pacific brakes all round with 9" wide rubber on the front and 10" on the rear on 13" rims. It is worth mentioning that Bryce always wears full fireproof clothing when he is racing, even at club circuit. Some members will remember the fire that Bryce had in the Escort at club circuit about 18 months ago. The fact that it is 'only' club circuit is no guarantee that there won't be an accident. Through some quick action, Bryce was lucky that he and the car came to no serious harm. Bill Leckie wasn't so lucky.

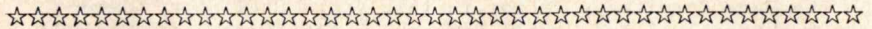
Bryce is 27 years old and is Production Manager at the family business of Skerry Knitwear. Two older brothers are also involved in the Mens Knitwear business and support the Platt team. But Bryce is actually a qualified engine rebuilder and did his time with John Nicholson. He is also a very active member of the Auckland Car Club being on the Executive and on the Race Committee. Prior to this years Shellsport Championship Bryce won the Club's Gymkhana Trophy back in '72 and a good second place in their class when he and Charlie Conway teamed up to race an RX2 in the Benson & Hedges.



Other than Randell Edgell and Dave Hargreaves, Keith Wilson, Kerry Bennett and Barry Nicol make up the rest of the team. Kerry is the Crew Chief and mechanic. He also supplies a home for the Escort in his garage. Keith does everything from checking tyre pressures to pitching the tent. Barry looks after the paper work and official side of things. The team were also helped last year by Shell, Union Travel and Champion. For 78/79 the Escort will be used to defend the title. There is also a plan to do the Benson & Hedges, probably in an Escort and probably with that hard charger from Australia Andrew Miedecke.

For those club circuit drivers who would like to move into the National scene, Bryce Platt has not only shown that it is possible, he has shown that you can move up and win. It is quite a feat to take on some of the countries top saloon car drivers and beat them first time out, but it can be done.. .. Bryce proved it!

PETER HILL.



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Our next event on the calendar is the quarterly Pool Tournament which is to be held on Saturday 22nd July with entries accepted on the day. Practice will be held from 2.00 - 3.00 p.m. with the competition proper getting underway promptly at 3.15 p.m. Entry Fee for the day will be \$1.00, normal refreshments will be available.

An event to look forward to is our Annual Beer & Burger Night being held this year on Saturday August 15th. The Band will be in true Bavarian style to compliment the German Beer Festivities type evening. Wine and a variety of beer will be served together with your choice from a wide range of hamburger fillings.

In conjunction with the Trials Committee we are organising a Pedestrian Trial on a date to be advised in the near future. This should be a great fun event with check points located in a number of well known 'spots' around the City.

EXIDE TROPHY

Listed hereunder are points covering all events up to and including the Club Circuit Meeting on 30th April:

J. Busch	10	J. Moses	6
G. Morrell	10	K. Masterton	6
B. Homewood	10	C. Hudson	5
R. Findlay	10	J. Crombie	4
V. Mc Laren	10	A. Fickling	4
D. Clendon	9	G. Barker	4
P. Sergent	8	P. Benbrook	4
T. Mc Lean	8	B. Powell	4
R. Willis	8	S. Graves	3
K. Butcher	8	T. Swinburne	2
G. Addis	8	P. Herbert	2
B. Faulkner	7	J. Morton	2
P. Levat	6	D. O'Connell	2
C. Conway	6	B. Clendon	1
R. Williams	6		

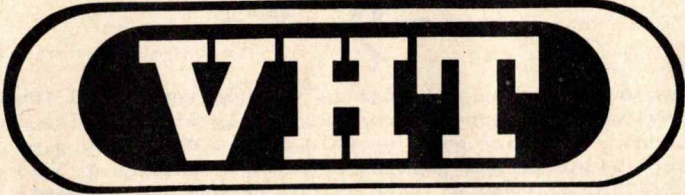
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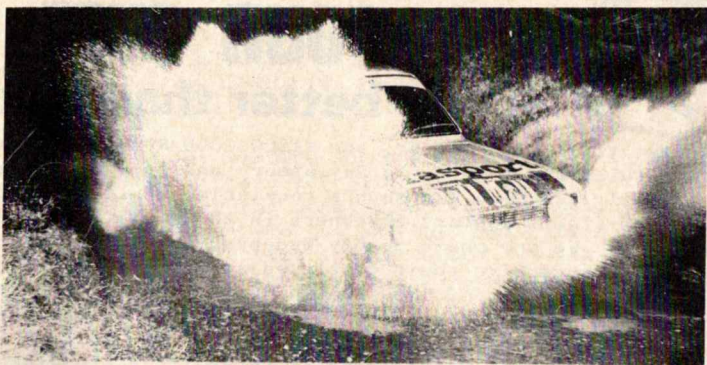
ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Approximately 56 delegates representing Clubs affiliated to the Motorsport Association of New Zealand assembled at the Vacation Hotel, One Tree Hill on Saturday and Sunday 10th and 11th June for the Associations 31st A.G.M. The Business of the meeting included the presentation of the Annual Reports, the Balance Sheets, Statement of Accounts and election of Office Bearers for the ensuing year. A large number of other Club Members were admitted to the meeting as Observers, many of these people had also attended Race, Rally, Trials and Speed Advisory Committee meetings held on the previous Friday.

M.A.N.Z.'s total operating income for the year ended 31st December 1977 was \$82717. Of this amount Competition Licences contributed \$36396, Capitation Levies \$17060 and Organising Permits \$8000. Total Operating Costs were \$86960 leaving a deficit of \$4243 on the years activities. Annual increases in running costs (around 20% per annum over the last few years) is a matter for some concern. M.A.N.Z. Executive Members are aware of this problem and no doubt will continue to make strenuous efforts to keep the situation in check.

Several Executive recommendations as well as Remits submitted by Member Clubs were considered by the Council. Many of these were of a tidying up or machinery nature and will probably be reported on in a subsequent M.A.N.Z. Newsletter.

On the recommendation of the Executive a Special Levy of \$5 per entrant has been applied forthwith on all Rallies. It was reported to the Meeting that the Rally Organisers Association of N.Z. has for known reasons accumulated a cash shortfall and is unable to meet outstanding debts of some \$16000. R.O.A.N.Z. is a private company formed three years ago to organise the International Rally and co-ordinate the National Series. M.A.N.Z. has a 51% shareholding with the remaining 49% being held by a few Car Clubs. It is hoped that sufficient funds will be raised over the next year or two to enable M.A.N.Z. to assist R.O.A.N.Z. out of its current financial difficulties. Various changes to the administration and organisation of the International Rally have also been implemented which should improve the situation. Rally Licence holders have been circularised individually by M.A.N.Z. informing them of the decision.



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FOUR EYES are better than two?

Our biggest trial of the year, the TISCO GOLD STAR is now over, and congratulations must go to Ray Spence and crew from Auckland Rallies and Trials Club for such a convincing win. An article on the event itself appears elsewhere in the bulletin, together with results. We are again deeply indebted to TISCO, and all our other sponsors, for their continued assistance on the event and I'm sure our claim of "New Zealand's richest car trial" was not made lightly, especially when only two competitors missed out on a prize of some sort. Eight of the 26 starters were Auckland Car Club entries and of these it is pleasing to see such a good effort for a relative newcomer in Roger Stewart, who finished 18th overall. The only real disappointment was the late protest lodged by a leading competitor, who as a matter of interest, has lodged protests on all three major events held so far this season. Perhaps we should introduce a 'Protestor of the Year' award.

Dates for the Mercury Trophy Series are changing constantly, and the following would now appear to be the position:



July	9	-	Hibiscus Car Club
July	16	-	Hamilton Car Club
July	22	-	ARTC (Gold Star combined)
August	6	-	Auckland Car Club
September	23	-	NSCC (Gold Star combined)

Our next major trial after the Spring Invitation will be Rotorua, tentatively set for the weekend of 14/15 October, followed by the Experts Trial in November.

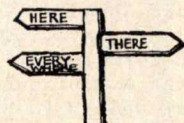
Recently I attended the MANZ AGM as the Clubs Trials Observer and the following major changes to Appendix T were passed and will become effective from the time of their publication in a MANZ Newsletter:

1. Rule 18/4 amended by appending "except for closed club trials of less than 75 kilometres at the Steward's discretion". This now permits intricate route finding in 50 km/h areas for such events, provided the Steward is happy with the areas and times of day etc. involved.
2. In Rule 26/3, the example "NO ENTRY" sign has been deleted, as it was felt that this could be confused by members of the public. It is also intended that "NO ROAD" and "PUBLIC ROAD" signs be phased out for the same reason, the former being replaced solely by the "X" sign.
3. A new clause is to be added as rule 29/2 (Mapreading) as Follows: "At the beginning of all sections and/or sub-sections a grid reference and a direction in which the competitor is facing must be specified". This is common practice in this area anyway.

4. In rule 31/2, the time limit for lodging claims is to be reduced to 30 minutes, as per last year's rules. The time limit for protesting remains at 1 hour at this stage because of confliction with the NCR's.
5. The penalty for missing an unmanned check is to be amended back to its original 180 points. It was felt that the idea of reducing the penalty to 100 points, introduced several years ago (ie. to prevent "saturation trialling") had not been effective and, secondly, it was thought important that any competitors missing the same number of traps be penalised equally.

The new Trials Advisory Committee comprises:

Barry Higham of Christchurch
 John Neal of Hamilton
 Graeme Robertson of Auckland.



A Chairman has yet to be appointed from MANZ Executive.

The Committee's function is to consider and implement any changes felt necessary, but not essentially only at the AGCM. Anyone who is not happy with something in Appendix T should approach our Trials Committee and we can make representations at any time to Trials Advisory if necessary.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the Northern Sports Car Club for running an excellent Sporting Trial recently, although most of the fun was taken out of an incredible "special stage" type road by a slow competitor who was happy to plod along without pulling over, when about six cars were following, for quite some distance. I also don't agree with a competitor helping with results, especially when he ends up winning.

The following are Mercury Trophy Series placings after the first two rounds:

ARTC	12	ACC	8
NSCC	12	HCC	4
TVCC	10	AUCC	3

Come on all you triallists, you're all needed to help the Club get into the lead.

DOUG BONE

Trials Trophy Points

Lister hereunder are points covering all events up to and including the A.U.C.C. Mercury Trophy Trial on 13th May:

D. Clendon	43	B. Faulkner	7
C. Hudson	39	P. Levet	6
D. Bone	38	J. Crombie	4
R. Stewart	16	S. Garves	3
R. Alder	14	T. Swinburne	2
J. Busch	10	B. Clendon	1
P. Sergent	8		

Mini 7 Prizegiving

On Saturday 17th June, a number of Mini 7 Competitors together with wives, girlfriends and supporters gathered at the Auckland Car Club Rooms for the Annual Presentation of Trophies and Prizes.

Unfortunately, with the exception of Cherryl and Peter Parnell and one or two others, few 'out-of-towners' made the effort to attend this year. Amongst those present were Mr & Mrs Cor Vandendungen representing 'Dunlop', Mr & Mrs John Cook, Chemical Industries Limited (Duckhams), Mr & Mrs Eric Mallard (N.Z.I.G.P.), Mr & Mrs Ron Brown (Auckland Car Club) and Formula Pacific Driver David Oxtan and his friend Kelly. After a few rounds of 'Bubbly' etc, all adjourned upstairs at what seemed to be an early hour, to partake of the supper... ..er banquet which had been laid on. The tremendous spread of food was again largely the work of Jenny O'Connor (her father and Graham were observed helping out with the final preparation). As is now traditional, Jenny had also prepared an appropriate celebration cake. This year it took the shape of a number '4' upon which was a section of track with a miniature version of the Neal Lowe Mini being chequered by a somewhat slimmer version of Laurie Powell. Truly a remarkable effort.

David Oxtan had been invited to give an address and this he did for an entertaining half hour or more recounting some of his competition background and experiences around the circuits.

At this stage Peter Parnell had an amusing - if a little naughty - story or two to tell, then it was over to Mini Seven Association President John Morton to present the various awards.

Again this year, after the trophies had been handed out all Mini 7 competitors numbers went into the hat with 4 numbers being drawn for the prize of either a race tyre or jacket per courtesy of Dunlop N.Z. Limited.

MINI SEVEN TROPHY SERIES RESULTS

1st	Neal Lowe
2nd	Jim Harvey
3rd	Cherryl Parnell
4th	Graham O'Connor
5th =	Brian Hartley
5th =	Colin Surrey
7th	Phil Moore
8th	Andrew Blackberry
9th	Rod Bickerton
10th	Mike Hannell





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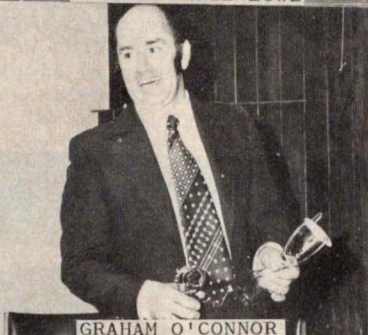
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DAVID OXTON

the Roadster Vinyltop Rally Team

At a time when most motorsport teams are finding it difficult to attract sponsorship, the Woolf/Adams team managed to put together an excellent arrangement with Nylex Fletcher N.Z. (Ltd). Nylex are advertising their 'Roadster Vinyltop' products by sponsoring John Woolf's Mazda RX3 Coupe and Paul Adams Escort Mk2 1800. The RX3 was built up from a damaged car that John obtained during the summer months. The 13B engine develops around 200 hp. Adams Escort is the car that Paul had last year. It is now fitted with a 1760BDA engine with the head from Allan Woolfs BDG and a four speed rocket box. The Escort is also down on power compared with other front runners but so far both cars have proven to be very reliable with the drivers ability making up for some of the lost horsepower.

Naturally with Nylex as the sponsor, interior and exterior preparation has been as careful as the mechanical preparation. Both cars are painted black and are fitted with the new lace pattern white vinyl roofs. The interiors have been re-upholstered with the latest new nylex materials. Two Transits and two trailers are used to support the team. These vehicles are also painted in the Nylex colours and the transits have matching Vinyltop white roofs! The general appearance of the team is professional with the vehicles looking particularly clean and uncluttered as simple but effective signwriting has been used. Shell, Champion and Ferodo have provided their valuable support.





The Vinyltop team have got off to a good start as far as competition results are concerned. Their first rally was the Cibie held at Maramarua. This was the shake-down event for the cars and both had minor troubles. Despite these, Paul Adams recorded a fifth place and John Woolf was ninth. Both drivers have close friends as their co-drivers. Grant Whittaker is now a veteran on many rallies with John's various Mazdas. Phil Dalzell works at Adams Products and is now getting a closer look at his bosses hobby. The drivers went it alone for the Rallycross. In the first round Paul came second and John third. In the second round of the series John got his revenge scoring a convincing win and gaining terrific television coverage, Paul suffered flooded electrics. Tokoroa brought a team managers dream as Allan Woolf was able to watch the new team clean-sweep the rally with John first and Paul second.

Behind the scenes are some ace mechanics whose preparation has already paid dividends. Roddy Parsons, Neil Silcock and veteran spanner-man John Barnard look after Johns car. Bruce Edwards, Mark Selman and Rodney Davies keep the Escort in good trim. Some readers might remember that Bruce used to be Allan Woolfs mechanic for the many Benson & Hedges races that the team did. The Vinyltop Team will compete in all the Pall Mall Series, the International and the Rallycross series. They will also be involved in another exciting Nylex scheme that has yet to be announced.

PETER HILL.



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.

Hugh Burrows
 Bruce Busbridge
 Colin Daken
 Philip Fava
 Harold Hawkins
 Robin Hoskings
 James Houliker
 David Johnson
 Graeme Mc Neill
 Irene Marley
 John Mathias
 Peter May
 Louise Olliver
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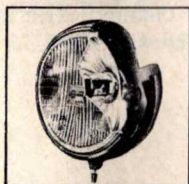
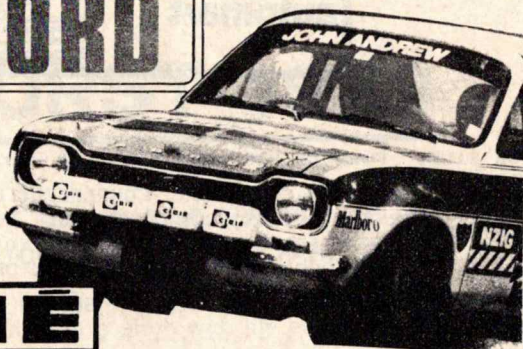
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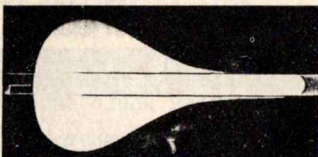
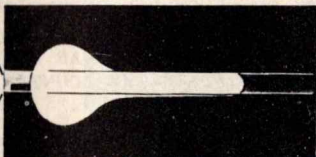


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