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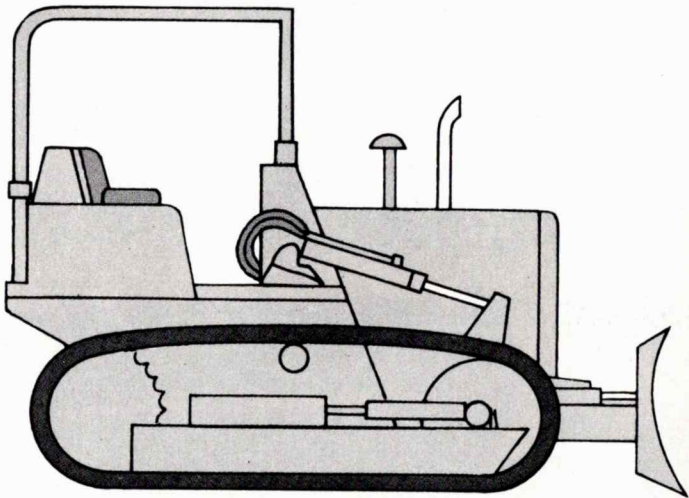
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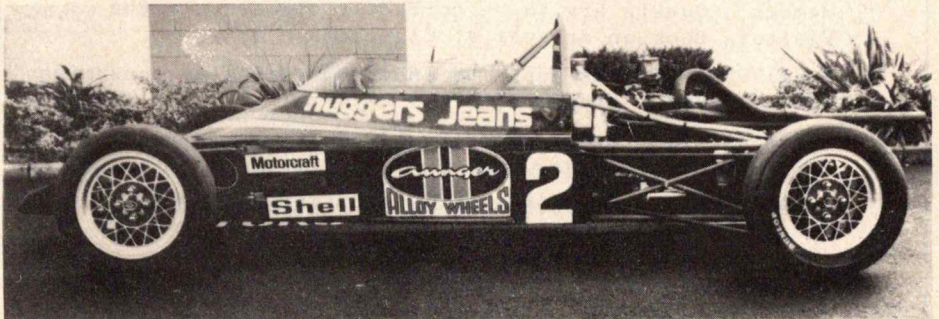
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The 1978 Benson & Hedges winning Chrysler Charger was co-driven by Club Members Wayne Wilkinson and Roy Harrington. Wayne was a previous winner of the race in 1974.

# 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	7.30 - 11.00 p.m.	7.30 - 10.00 p.m.

\*(When open for meetings and other events as advised)

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

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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.
- \* Clean and Tidy dress and suitable footwear is required during Clubroom Hours.
- \* Consumption of alcohol must cease within 30 minutes of Bar Closing time.

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A light snack service is available on Thursday Evenings.

# COMING EVENTS



If any Club Sporting event is cancelled because of adverse weather or other force majeure, the cancellation will be broadcast from Radio 1ZB.

- NOVEMBER 1  
Wednesday      NIGHT TRIAL: Starts at Otara car park at 6.30p.m. Approx. 2 hours duration finishing at the Clubrooms with provision to buy your tea on the way to the finish. Exide and Trial Trophy Points.
- NOVEMBER 16  
Thursday      CLUB NIGHT AND FILM EVENING: To be held at the Clubrooms at 8.15 p.m. Good motorsport films, general discussion and supper. New car on display. Late Licence till 11.00 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 18  
Saturday      GYMKHANA - WESTERN SPRINGS: Entries on the day from 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon at the venue at Western Springs. No knobbly tyres. Sandringham Tyre Service and Exide Trophy Points.
- NOVEMBER 19  
Sunday      EXPERTS TRIAL: Starts Manukau City Centre at 1.30 p.m. Approx. 4 hours duration to finish at the Clubrooms. Essential map N46 pt 46 Pukekohe 1974 Edition for simple map reading section. Trophies for driver and navigator. Exide and Trials Trophy Points.
- NOVEMBER 26  
Sunday      SPRINT MEETING: To be held at the Pukekohe Circuit with a flying lap of the club circuit, straight sprint down the back straight and bent sprint through the hairpin. Entries and scrutineering on the day from 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Exide Points. Competition Licence, Safety Helmet etc required.
- DECEMBER 2  
Saturday      CHILDRENS XMAS PARTY: To be held at the clubrooms from 2.00 p.m. onwards. Closing date for enrolment is 17th November. An enrolment form appears elsewhere in this bulletin.

## Shell SPORT

DECEMBER 9  
Saturday

GYMKHANA - WESTERN SPRINGS: Entries on the day from 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon at the venue at Western Springs. No knobbly tyres. Sandringham Tyre Service and Exide Trophy Points.

DECEMBER 10  
Sunday

CLUB CIRCUIT RACE MEETING: Pukekohe 1.2 km circuit. Races will be provided for all circuit categories, provided sufficient numbers forthcoming. Scrutineering and documentation at the venue between 9.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Practice commences 12 noon. Racing 1.00 p.m. Usual racing requirements called for including M.A.N.Z. Medical Certificate. Under 20 year old competitors also require Cadet Licence Authority. Entries close Wed 6th Dec with Mrs R. Brown, Auckland Car Club, P.O. Box 27063, Auckland 4. Telephone 678739. Exide Trophy Points. Light refreshments will be available at circuit.

\* Our End-of-Year Barbeque will again be held after this meeting at the Pukekohe Swimming Pool complex near the Circuit. Barbeque facilities are on site for those not taking their own and a good supply of cold cans will be available. All members, competitors and crews most welcome.

DECEMBER 16  
Saturday

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL & DANCE: To be held at the Clubrooms. A good band and a floor show has been arranged. More details next month.



**OPEN &  
INVITATION**

NOVEMBER 4  
Saturday

GOLDSTAR HILLCLIMB: Promoted by Hawkes Bay Car Club, P.O. Box 323, Hastings.

NOVEMBER 4/5  
Sat/Sun

N.Z. MOTOR GYMKHANA CHAMPIONSHIP: Promoted by Taranaki Car Club, the event will include 14 tests over two days. Entries closed October 20th. Further information from the Secretary, P.O. Box 704, Taranaki.

NOVEMBER 5  
Sunday

INVITATION HILLCLIMB: Promoted by Pukekohe Car Club at Ridge Road, Pokeno. Entries on the day from 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.

NOVEMBER 11  
Saturday

GOLDSTAR HILLCLIMB: Promoted by Wairarapa Car Club, P.O. Box 19, Masterton.

- NOVEMBER 12  
Sunday TISCO T.V. SERVICE MOTOR RACE MEETING - PUKEKOHE:  
Promoted by Auckland Car Club on the 2.8 km circuit, without chicanes. Championship races for Union Travel Formula Pacific, Shellsport saloons, Ford Escort Sport Saloons, Izona Jeans Mini Seven Series and Phillips Electrical Formula Vees. Entry enquiries to The Event Secretary, Eric Mallard Telephone 593108 (Bus) 677519 (Pte) Telegraphic address GRANPRI. Club Members are reminded that on production of your Membership Card you will be admitted free to the mighty Members Stand with its magnificent view of the Circuit.
- NOVEMBER 19  
Sunday BARDAHL HILLCLIMB - ROUND 2: Promoted by Northern Sports Car Club at their Cossey's Farm venue. Entries close 15th November to P.O. Box 842, Auckland. Access to Cossey's Farm is to be via Waihoehoe Road and Drury Hills Road.
- NOVEMBER 26  
Sunday BARDAHL HILLCLIMB - ROUND 3: West Road, Clevedon. Promoted by Triumph Sports Car Club, P.O. Box 1775, Auckland.
- DECEMBER 2  
Saturday NATIONAL RACE MEETING - TAUPO: Events for Ford Escort Sport and Mini Seven Saloons, Formula Fords and Vees and Sports Cars. Entries to Taupo Car Club, P.O. Box 27, Taupo.
- DECEMBER 2  
Saturday GOLD STAR HILLCLIMB: Promoted by Wanganui Car Club, P.O. Box 366, Wanganui.
- DECEMBER 3  
Sunday GOLD STAR HILLCLIMB: Promoted by South Taranaki Car Club, P.O. Box 310, Hawera.
- DECEMBER 10  
Sunday BARDAHL HILLCLIMB - ROUND 4: Promoted by Pukekohe Car Club at Bright Road. Entries to P.O. Box 174, Pukekohe.
- DECEMBER 16  
Saturday BARDAHL HILLCLIMB - ROUND 5: Promoted by Auckland University Car Club at Andersons Farm. Entries to P.O. Box 22360, Otahuhu.
- DECEMBER 17  
Sunday BARDAHL HILLCLIMB - ROUND 6: Promoted by M.G. Car Club at Baldhill. Entries to P.O. Box 6483, Auckland.



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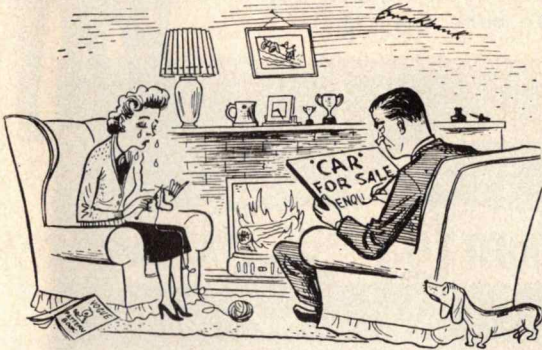
# SHOUTS and murmurs

...The World governing body of Motorsport, the F.I.A. held it's Annual Congress in Paris recently. Good news to come out of the meeting was that The President de Honneur of M.A.N.Z. and Managing Director of Motorsport Management Limited, Ron Frost, has been elected Vice President. Congratulations Ron on your worthy recognition. M.A.N.Z. Secretary General Alan Smithard also represented New Zealand at the Meeting. 1979 will also see the inauguration of the South Pacific Formula Pacific Championship Series with several countries taking part including Japan and, we believe, Australia. It was also confirmed that the Motogard International will be a World Championship round.

.....Reports from around the Country would indicate that the National Motorsport Weekend held at the end of September was most successful in-so-far as drawing members of the public to have a go at various competition events. Whilst rally and circuit driving proved the most popular, gymkhanas also attracted a great deal of interest. Events such as trialling didn't fair quite so well, possibly due to the fact that they didn't receive as much publicity or maybe the attraction to motorsport involves an element of speed. For our own part, the Club held a public film night at which several member speakers also gave a short address on various aspects and benefits of belonging to a Car Club. A display of cars to help publicise the weekend was undertaken at all the main Auckland Shopping Malls. We drew Lynmall. Our thanks to Paul Coleman, Mike Austin and Dennis Mc Connell for the loan of vehicles and also Audrey and Carol Mallard who manned - er um - womanned? - the stand throughout the afternoon. Out at Pukekohe approx. 120 cars turned out for timed runs on the Club Circuit, a straight sprint and bent sprint using the hairpin. Members of the N.Z. Racing Drivers Club and the Thoroughbred and Classic Car Owners Club assisted with the running of this event. Our thanks to everyone who helped. A Ministry of Recreation and Sport Grant was made to the M.A.N.Z. to help finance the project on a National basis. An appreciation must also be made to Shell, Goodyear and Castrol for their significant contribution.



.....Congratulations to: Laonie and Ivan Read on the birth of a daughter, Sue and Paul Adams on the birth of a son. Les and Carol Stoddard on their recent marriage.



.... We are certain that we miss acknowledging many births and marriages etc along the way. If you have fallen into this category, our apologies. The reason is usually quite simple. Your special happening hasn't been brought to our attention. A note or phone call from either yourself or a

fellow member is all it takes.

.....On the same theme, like all publications of its type, your Bulletin relies heavily on contributed articles, mainly from amateur writers. We are always receptive to articles, reports and items of general interest. If you want some free publicity for yourself and your sponsor, remember we have a good circulation. Trade advertisements also welcome. (Contact us as per directory - Page 1.)

.....An acknowledgement is due to both Television One and South Pacific Television for the generous inclusion of motorsport in their sports programmes. As well as an excellent coverage of major local events, films shown of World Championship Formula One rounds have been superb. Other outstanding films have been the Indianapolis 500 and the Texaco Rally Sprint. We guess these films don't come cheap so on behalf of all motorsport enthusiasts we say 'a big thanks' to all responsible.

.....Congratulations to Club Members Wayne Wilkinson and Roy Harrington who won this years Benson & Hedges Classic in fine style. The new format for the race appeared to work well and the race was full of interest right to the end.

Older Members, particularly those with trialling interests were saddened to learn recently of the sudden death of Veronica, Wife of John Kilmartin who a few years ago was a popular and active member of the Trial Sub Committee. We extend our deepest sympathy to John and his three young children.

.....Members fortunate enough to have been able to join the Union Travel Tour to Bathurst recently report that it was again a most enjoyable trip. They say that the Ford and G.M.H. rivalry is really something and makes for a lot of fun although it gets a little more than that.



Congratulations to our expatriate Jim Richards who won the race starring a Torana A9X with Australian Peter Brock. N.Z.'s Graeme Lawrence co-driving a Falcon with Murray Carter finished 3rd.

.....Congratulations to Club Members Blair Robson and Chris Porter who after three consecutive Pall Mall Rally wins became the 1978 National Rally Champions. Masport team mates Jim Donald and Kevin Lancaster finished second (again) and ended second overall in the series. The Masport Team have completely dominated the Rally Scene this year. Other locals to finish in the first ten overall were Mike Marshall (who won the first round) sixth; Paul Adams eighth; Brian Watkin ninth and John Woolf tenth.

.....We remind competitors that all competition licences expire on 30th December. Renewal forms are now available at the Clubrooms.

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# 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.

Steve Hallet	Glen Eden	Charger
Willbert Ross	Mt Wellington	Cortina 2000
Laurie Gilbert	Massey	Nomad
Sherry Gilbert	Massey	Nomad
David Steward	Howick	Cortina
Stephen Little	Massey	Datsun 120Y
Paulind Freeth	New Lynn	
John Fryer	Ellerslie	Cortina 1600
Rex Hawes	Devonport	Mazda RX2
Richard Kelsey	Remuera	Torana GTR
Bernard Lauchlin	Titirangi	Cortina GT
Derek Mac Donald	Remuera	Charger
Ross Mac Donald	Remuera	Charger
Daryl Muir	Sandringham	Clubman GT
Marsden Robinson	Pakuranga	Jaguar
Ian Bias	Mt Wellington	Mazda RX3
Grant Boylan	Glen Eden	Falcon
Lorraine Clifton	Glenfield	Cortina 2000
Christopher Dorrington	Remuera	Chevette
Kevin Dunn	Hamilton	
Sandra Hermiston	Glenfield	Suzuki Coupe
Herb Hunt	Torbay	Mini
Grey Hutchinson	Orakei	Mazda RX3
Wayne Lack	Drury	Cortina
Ross Wilson	Takapuna	Cortina 1600
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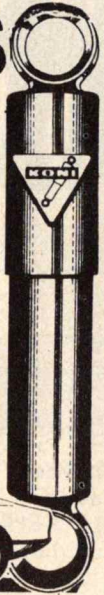
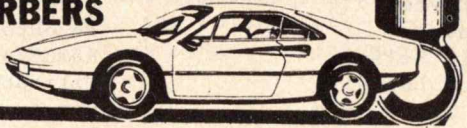
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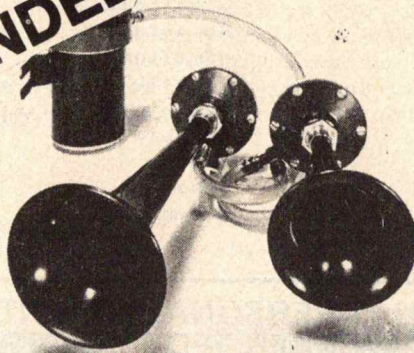
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(a) Meals on Wheels: We need additional volunteer drivers with cars to bring meals from hospitals in different areas to patients of the Extramural Hospital and thereby keeping many out of hospital, which frees beds for people who are more seriously ill. Volunteers work on a roster basis calling for about two hours over two weeks.

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(c) Hostess Scheme: The ladies who volunteer for this work help patients by letter writing, conversation and companionship, reading, hair brushing, assistance with feeding, escorting patients to the Xray room or the hair dresser and various other non-medical duties. These are on a roster basis, normally several hours each fortnight.

We would appreciate a telephone call from any of your members, their wives or friends who would like to offer their services or who wish to obtain further information. We are as near as the telephone. Our number is 774175.

Yours truly,

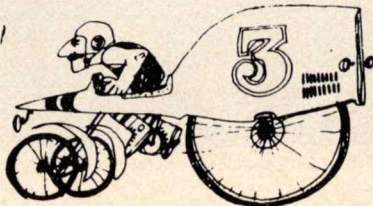
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# *Sprint Meeting*

PUKEKOHE MOTOR RACING CIRCUIT

26.11.78



# *Rothmans* **Pall Mall Rally**



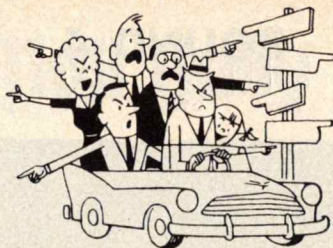
# ROUND 4 30 Sept/1 October

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# Midweek Trial

20.9.78



About 20 or so competitors turned out at the Kelston Shopping Centre for the start of Verry's Mid Week Trial, not a bad turn out but we could still do with a few more competitors.

We read through our A.S.R.'s and found a few traps like words in brackets being for competitors guidance only, and a couple of signs to go right or left after.

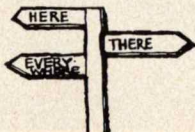
We left the start and headed for Glen Eden where we missed the first sign in our instructions and almost ended up at Oratia. We eventually got ourselves back on course again to pick up a few checks for misspelt signs and a few devious little tracks. We then headed up to Oratia and back down to Henderson Valley with a lot of good traps, until we got an instruction to turn right at a Traffic Island which wasn't to be as the intersection had Traffic Islands. We went straight ahead and got the check however it didn't delete the instruction so we were following check codes for the next eleven instructions until we had finally got the check that sorted everything out.

We then proceeded down through Henderson and towards the Motorway. Our next instruction was to follow a Sign which said AUCKLAND ARROW. A lot of suckers followed AUCKLAND → but the smart jokers went ahead to follow a homemade AUCKLAND ARROW sign and to get the check to put them back onto the motorway. Having made a few blues and going off course several times we decided to forget about timekeeping, but travelling down the motorway we thought we'd have a rough guess at how long it should have taken us and clocked in that time.

It was later on over a few bottles of turps, we learn't that our accurate time keeping had won us the Trial.

I would like to thank Alan, Anne and Margaret Verry for an excellent Trial which I think can only encourage learners to come back for more.

FRONTWHEEL DRIVE FREAK. ●







# RESULTS

## MIDWEEK TRIAL 20.9.78

1st	K. Lack	204	10th	P. Stone	1692
2nd	D. Clendon	210	11th	K. Taylor	1764
3rd	M. Catterall	304	12th	S. Snaith	1924
4th	R. Stewart	411	13th	N. Strange	2046
5th	J. Busch	540	14th	R. Nasey	2100
6th	P. Coleman	600	15th	M. Kaye	3828
7th	B. Keach	1116	16th	S. Morten	4320
8th	S. Graves	1344	17th	N. Dancy	5040
9th	G. Bennett	1674			



## BULLETIN CLOSING DATE 15th NOVEMBER





## AUCKLAND CAR CLUB

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# ***BENSON & HEDGES*** ***Saloon Car Classic***



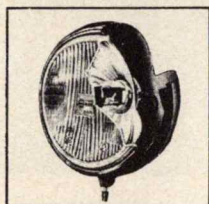
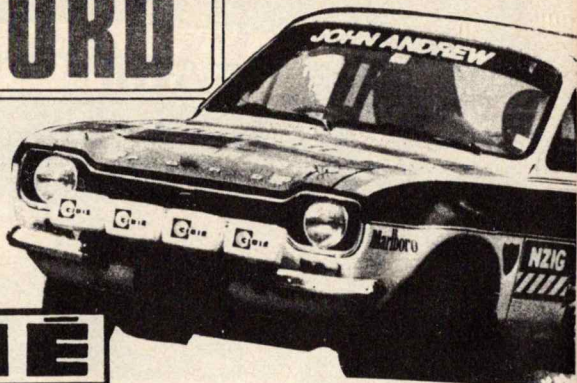
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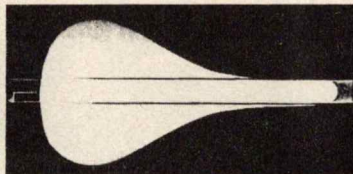
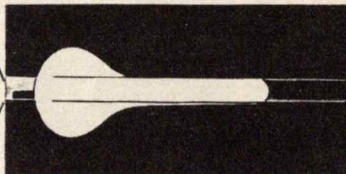


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John W. Andrew

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# Comment



Recently American U.S.A.C. Championship cars made their first appearances in Britain. U.S.A.C. cars are similar in appearance to World Championship Formula One cars but use smaller 2000c.c. engines - turbocharged - which produce 850 - 900 h.p.

Regrattably it appears if both meetings held, one at Silverstone the other at Brands Hatch, will be financial losses - substantial losses at that.

The Silverstone meeting was predominantly wet - and of course U.S.A.C. don't race in the wet. Brands on the other hand was run in fine weather on the short circuit thus aiding the Television coverage of the race.

In a recent editorial the respected English magazine Autosport remarked on the differing approaches to safety taken by U.S.A.C. and Formula One.

Under the title "USAC - an eye opener" the editorial commented that in the 30 dry race laps there was more overtaking than in the 68 laps British G.P. held on the same track a year ago.

On the subject of safety they remark that U.S.A.C. has worked to improve safety systems embodied in the cars and to place emphasis on race rescue procedures.

On the other hand the Formula One approach has been to impose greater safety criteria on the circuits - in some cases to the extent of forcing the closure of some tracks.

Tyres also come in for comparison. In U.S.A.C. the tyre size in strictly governed, as it is here in N.Z. for Formula Pacific. Formula One tendencies have been to permit tyres to get wider and wider - not just making for higher cornering speeds but producing vehicles which are incredibly wide and difficult to overtake.

Autosport puts forward the view that U.S.A.C. has pursued an infinitely better course than Formula One, and says of the U.S.A.C. cars "they are wonderful to see and hear, they are shatteringly fast; they are difficult to drive; and above all these things, they can entertain to an extent which Formula One has recently been unable to match on a regular basis."

A.J. Foyt won the Silverstone race and is reported to be very keen to see the U.S.A.C. cars return to Britain in 1979 - and to race in the wet if necessary.

It seems that those spectators who went to see the Americans race at Silverstone and Brands Hatch were greatly impressed by what they saw.

At Brands the Parnelli Cosworth DFX of Danny Ongais was timed through the speed trap at 173 m.p.h. - The acceleration of the cars being described as breathtaking - and the fastest lap times for the short Brands Circuit - Al Unser in the Lola T500 40.95s.

Well the experiment is over and very sadly for the Organisers a financial drain. It does present race organisers in Britain with a dilemma - the only motor racing which brings the crowds in substantial numbers is Formula One - A category which in the eyes of some journalists is not as exciting as the U.S.A.C. cars.

NORMAN HARVEY

## EXIDE TROPHY

Listed hereunder are points covering all events up to and including the Rotorua Gimmick Trial on 15.10.78:

D. Clendon	45	K. Lack	18
J. Busch	32½	C. Hudson	15
P. Sergent	23	M. Catterall	13
R. Stewart	23	M. Finch	12
P. Coleman	21	B. Faulkner	11
P. Batten	19½		

10 POINTS: G. Morrell, B. Homewood, R. Findlay, V. Mc Laren, R. Millen, J. Tee, D. Macron, S. Cargill.

9½ POINTS: G. Bennett.

9 POINTS: J. Crombie.

8 POINTS: T. Mc Lean, R. Willis, K. Butcher, G. Addis, M. Marshall, A. Turner, D. Mc Connell.

7½ POINTS: S. Snaith.

7 POINTS: M. Kaye, A. Mowatt-Wilson.

6 POINTS: P. Levet, C. Conway, R. Williams, J. Donald, P. Moore, W. Hull, J. Moses, K. Masterton, S. Graves.

5 POINTS: D. Hamilton, R. Alder.

4 POINTS: A. Fickling, G. Barker, P. Benbrook, B. Powell, H. Collier, C. Houltram, M. Wright, B. Keach, P. Stone.

3 POINTS: A. Jack.

2 POINTS: S. Subritzky, L. Bennett, T. Swinburne, P. Herbert, J. Morton, D. O'Connell, P. Adams, G. Harriman, R. Abbott.

1 POINT: B. Clendon, M. Verry.

# MERCURY TROPHY SERIES



## FINAL POINTS

	ARTC	AUCC	ACC	NSCC	TVCC	HCC	HCMC
TVCC - 1.4.78	6	-	4	3	9	2	-
AUCC - 13.5.78	6	3	4	9	1	2	-
HCMC - 9.7.73	4	9	6	3	-	-	2
HCC - 16.7.78	9	6	3	2	1	4	-
ARTC - 22.7.78	9	4	6	3	-	2	-
ACC - 6.8.78	6	9	4	3	-	2	1
NSCC - 16.9.78	2	6	4	9	-	3	-
	42	37	31	32	11	15	3

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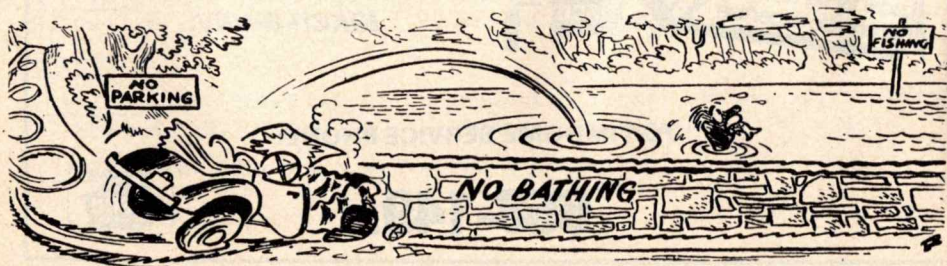
After my 'faux pas' of last month not getting 'a' into 'g' in time, we are now back in action.

Our Thursday Night and monthly film evenings have been a little down in numbers lately which is a matter of some concern however there are probably several reasons for this, including economic considerations - though our bar prices must be amongst the cheapest around town.

We have not had a good trot with films over the last couple of months having to resort to re-runs and then finding some wrongly canned and in tatty condition etc. Fortunately we have access to a couple of new releases which we hope to show in the near future. Information on availability of suitable films is always invited from members. Check your Company's library - remember, not only the motor industry is involved with motor sport. Until the supply position improves we intend to slot in an appropriate feature film from time to time. First up, shown at the October film night was one entitled "Moving Violations". Turned out to be a hilarious escapade of the 'car chase' variety across America with umpteen dozen, mainly highway Patrol cars being written off in the process. It was well enjoyed by most present. The film selected for this month will be advertised on posters in the Clubrooms. If you can't get down to the Clubrooms before hand come of Film Night anyway and see the Clubs 'Mystery movie of the month'.

Christmas is approaching super fast. Our big kids Xmas party is being held on the 16th December and will include a good band plus a floorshow. The childrens Xmas party this year is on Saturday the 2nd December. A registration form is elsewhere in this Bulletin. Please fill this in and return as soon as possible, noting the closing date of November 17th.

TREVOR SWINBURNE. ●





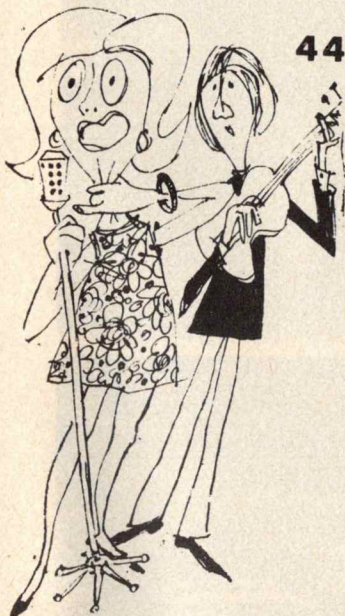
# CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

16th December



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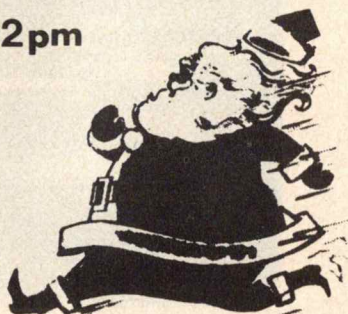


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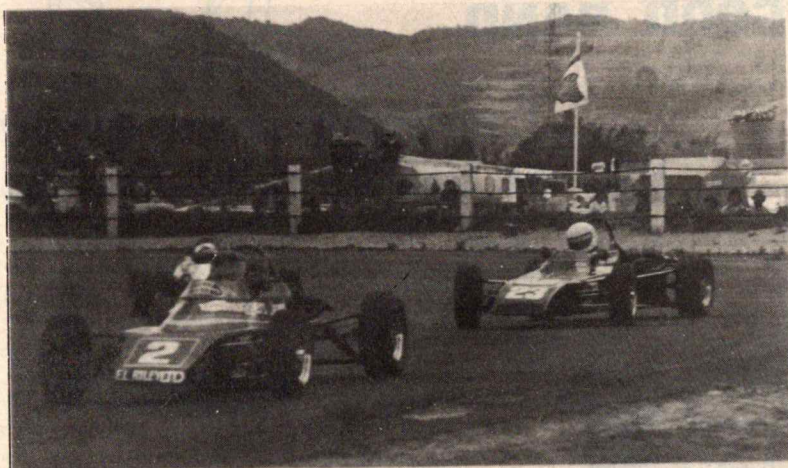
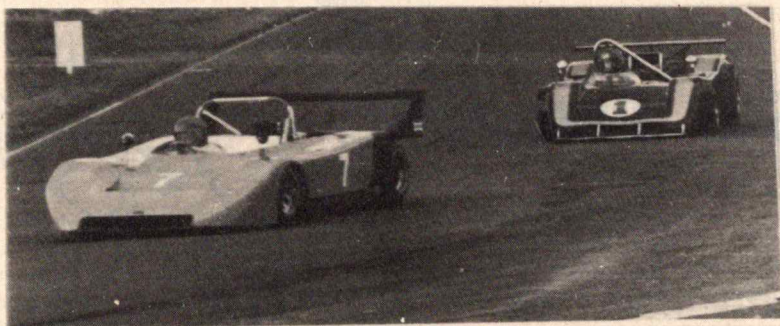
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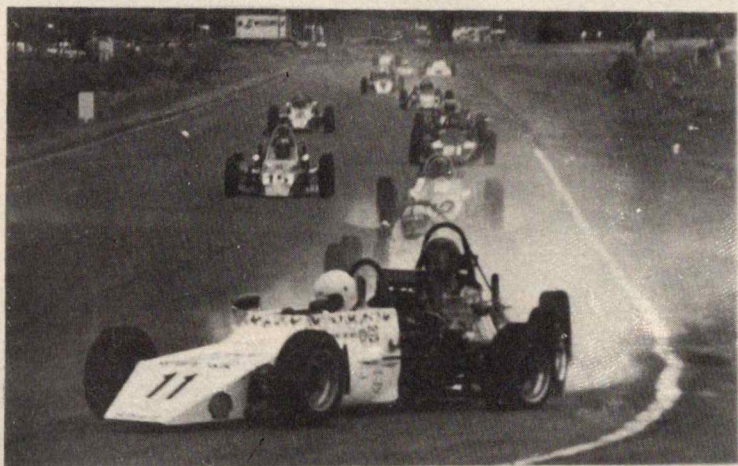
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# Rotorua Weekend Trial

## 14th & 15th October



We went on a trial last weekend to Rotorua. The start was interesting as we seemed to have a Fred Dagg starting the trial with a maze of blood shot vessels across his eyes and I believe his name is Hudson.

We set off south towards Morrinsville via Bombay. I was very sorry we had to avoid Chamberlain Road, as I thought we might be able to do a hillclimb on the way. Coming out of O'Leary Road on State Highway 2 we nearly lost it and we discovered we had a flat tyre. Thanks to all the cars that stopped to offer us assistance. On the way to Rotorua we managed to kill some dinner for Adrian Mowatt-Wilson, as a cock pheasant flew straight into the front of the car.

We had a most enjoyable evening and some people were given parts of their clothing back in the morning, others were shown to bed by the manager.

After a hearty breakfast several of the group slowly moved off to look at the wonders of Hells Gate and feed the birds, (feathered variety). The afternoon was spent travelling home doing crosswords and discovering that there is such a thing as a wishing tree and its found on Hongi's Track. Also we found there is a Wardens Post in the Kaihere Hills. We also happened to see some certain honeymooners heading south on Sate Highway 27.

I must say we found the Gimmick Trial a lot of fun and found out some very interesting information.

The weekend was most enjoyable, Thanks Doug.

### THE FLATS.

#### ANNUAL ROTORUA TRIAL 14.10.78

1st John Busch 277: 2nd Peter Batten 455: 3rd Dave Clendon 1011: 4th Adrian Mowatt-Wilson 1634: 5th Chris Hudson 1670: 6th Di Hamilton 1986: 7th Rex Alder 2153: 8th Marty Finch 2495: 9th Steve Cargill 2675: 10th Paul Coleman 2889: 11th Norman Dancy 2997: 12th Mike Gabriel 4293: 13th Lindsay Campbell 6496.

#### ROTORUA GIMMICK TRIAL 15.10.78

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Sunday	29th October
Saturday	18th November
Saturday	9th December
Saturday	3rd February
Saturday	3rd March
Saturday	17th March





# Trials Trophy Points

Listed hereunder are points covering all events up to and including the Rotorua Gimmick Trial on 15.10.78, but not including the NSCC Mercury Trophy Trial on 16.9.78:

D. Clendon	141	S. Cargill	10
C. Hudson	109	J. Crombie	9
R. Stewart	101	K. Florian	8
D. Bone	94	S. Snaith	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
J. Busch	32 $\frac{1}{2}$	M. Kaye	7
B. Keach	30	A. Mowatt-Wilson	7
B. Faulkner	27	S. Garves	6
P. Sergeant	23	P. Levet	6
P. Coleman	21	D. Hamilton	5
P. Batten	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	P. Stone	4
R. Alder	19	A. Jack	3
K. Lack	18	L. Bennett	2
G. Bennett	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	T. Swinburne	2
M. Catterall	13	S. Subritzky	2
M. Finch	12	B. Clendon	1
J. Legg	10	M. Verry	1

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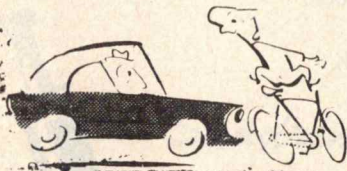
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		Loss	
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W. Hull	Pukekohe		
D. Glenn	Pukekohe		
C. Taylor	Wellington 1	634	2nd
A. Brough	Wellington 1		
G. Hughson	Wellington 1		
M. Marshall	Auckland	732	3rd
J. Donald	Auckland		
T. Bell	Auckland		
T. Teesdale	Northern Sports	782	4th
M. Chandler	Northern Sports		
M. Parsons	Northern Sports		
P. Adams	Hibiscus	1035	5th
J. Woolf	Hibiscus		
P. Fraser	Hibiscus		
B. Thompson	Wellington 2	1937	6th
I. Mollison	Wellington 2		
B. Angus	Wellington 2		



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