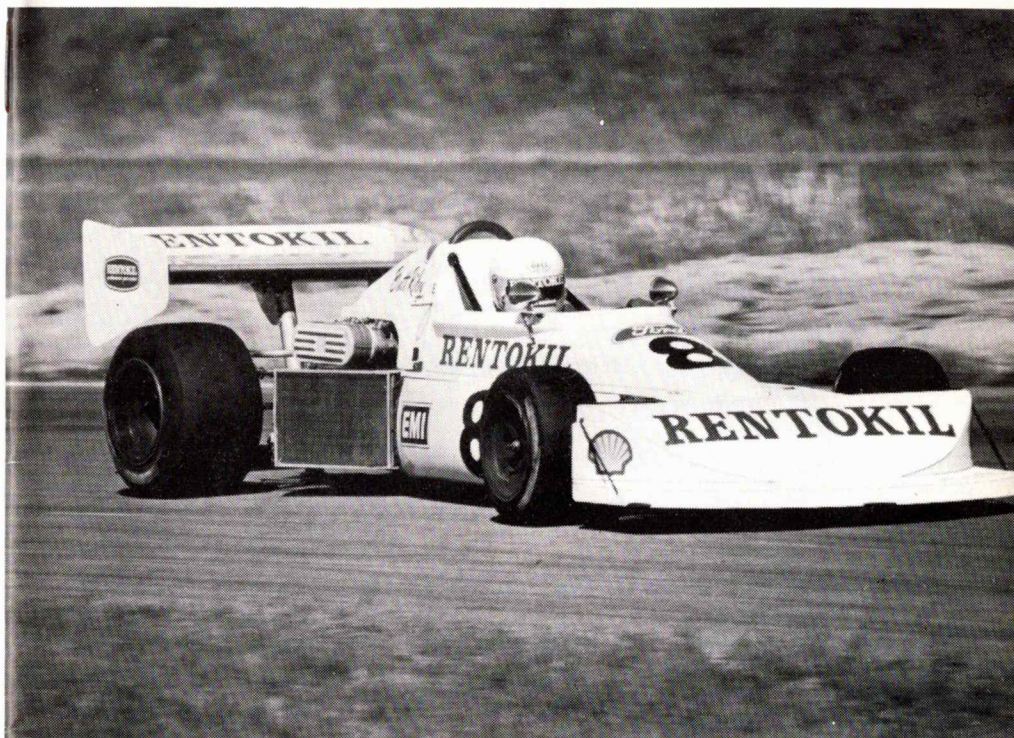




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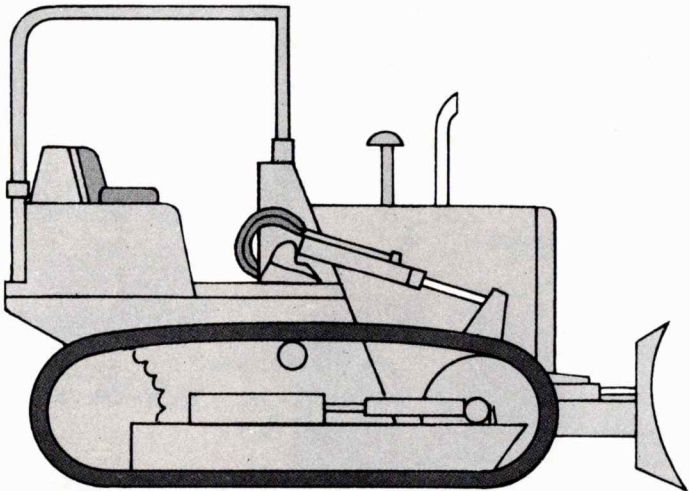
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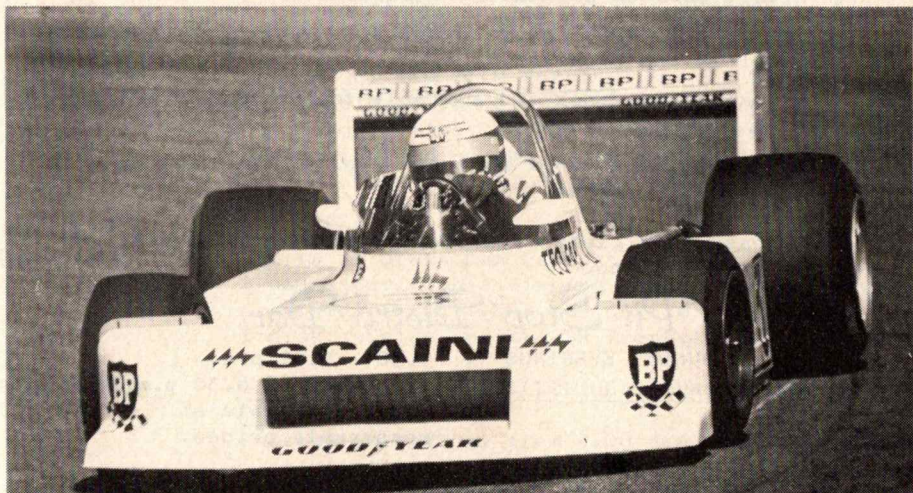
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Twenty-three year old Italian, Teo Fabi driving a works March 782/79B was clearly the man to beat in this year N.Z. International Formula Pacific Series.

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Expatriate Aucklanders, Brett Riley, Rentokil March 77B, pictured at Baypark, and Larry Perkins in the Colin Giltrap March 77B have been the closest to Fabi throughout the Series.

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

FEBRUARY 3
Saturday

GYMKHANA : WESTERN SPRINGS:

Entries on the day from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. at our usual venue - Western Springs outer car park. No knobbly tyres. Sandringham Tyre Service and Exide Trophy Points. A good opportunity to practice for the Interclub event on 11th February.

FEBRUARY 14
Wednesday

TRIALS INSTRUCTION EVENING:

To be held at the Clubrooms at 8.00 p.m. An introduction to basic trialling before the first trial of the season gets underway. All members and friends invited.

FEBRUARY 15
Thursday

CLUB NIGHT AND FILM EVENING:

To be held at the Clubrooms commencing at 8.15pm. Motorsport films, trophy presentations, general discussion and supper. New car on display. Late license till 11.00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 21
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. Exide and Trials Trophy Points.

FEBRUARY 25
Sunday

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP HILLCLIMB : CHAMBERLAIN ROAD, BOMBAY:

Entries on the day from 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Club hillclimb championship will be run over two events, the other will be held on March 25th. Exide Points. Also incorporates the Sodbusters and Beer Drinkers Challenge with Pukekohe Car Club.

MARCH 3
Saturday

GYMKHANA : WESTERN SPRINGS:

Entries taken on the day from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. at Western Springs outer car park. No knobbly tyres. Sandringham Tyre Service and Exide Trophy Points.

MARCH 4
Sunday

GRAVEL BENT SPRINT : JONES ROAD, HUNUA:
Entry forms and A.S.R.'s available from the Clubrooms from mid February. A maximum of only 50 entries can be received. Exide Points. A barbeque will be held at the venue after the meeting.

MARCH 7
Wednesday

TRIALS INSTRUCTION EVENING:
The second instruction evening to be held with the emphasis on map reading. To be held at the Clubrooms at 8.00 p.m.

MARCH 11
Sunday

AFTERNOON TRIAL:
A short trial starting at the Clubrooms at 2.30 p.m. As a followup to the mapreading instruction night, an ideal opportunity to put theory into practice. Maps will be supplied. Exide and Trials Trophy Points. Come along. We hope that you will enjoy it.



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FEBRUARY 3
Saturday

GOLD STAR HILLCLIMB:
Promoted by Pukekohe Car Club, P.O. Box 174, Pukekohe at Bright Road.

FEBRUARY 4
Sunday

GOLD STAR HILLCLIMB:
Promoted by Northern Sports Car Club, P.O. Box 22362, Otahuhu, at Cossey's Farm, Drury.

FEBRUARY 6
Tuesday

GARRICK NISBET GRASS TRACK RACE MEETING:
Promoted by Thames Valley Car Club at Kerepehi on Waitangi Day. Entries close 1st February. Late entries accepted until 9.30 a.m. on the day.

FEBRUARY 10
Saturday

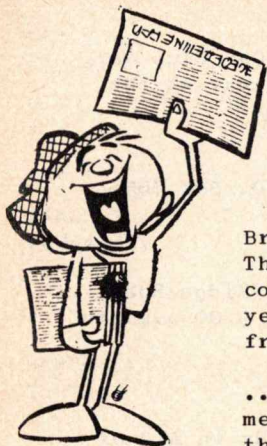
GOLDSTAR HILLCLIMB:
Promoted by Thames Valley Car Club, P.O. Box 22, Paeroa, at Waitekauri Road, Waikino.

FEBRUARY 10
Saturday

ALBERT AUTO 500 LONG DISTANCE RACE:
For N.Z. assembled standard production saloons. Promoted by Manfield Autocourse Promotions.

- FEBRUARY 11
Sunday INTERCLUB GYMKHANA:
Promoted by Auckland University Car Club at Western Springs. Entries on the day at the venue from 9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.
- FEBRUARY 11
Sunday GOLD STAR HILLCLIMB:
Promoted by Rotorua Car Club, P.O. Box 365, Rotorua at Penny Road.
- FEBRUARY 18
Sunday INVITATION GRASS TRACK MEETING:
Promoted by Pukekohe Car Club at Ridge Road, Pokeno. Entries on the day from 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Barbeque afterwards.
- FEBRUARY 18
Sunday CLUB CIRCUIT RACE MEETING:
Pukekohe 1.2 km Circuit. Proceeds in aid of Club Circuit Track Improvement Fund. Promoted by Auckland Car Club. Races will be provided for Formula Ford, Formula Vee, Sports/Racing, Production Sports, Modified Saloons, Standard Production Saloons (on road tyres), Mini 7. Scrutineering (to Schedule A) and documentation at the venue between 9.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Practice 12 noon. Racing 1.00 p.m. Remember to take your MANZ Medical Certificate, Competition Licence, Drivers Licence, Club Card etc. Under 20 year old competitors also require Cadet Licence Authority. Entries close Wednesday 14th February. Forward Entry Form (together with \$3.00 Entry Fee) to Secretary of Meeting, Mrs R. Brown, A.C.C., P.O. Box 27063, Auckland 4. Telephone 678739. Late entries will be an additional \$3.00. A poolside barbeque will be held at the Olympic Swimming Pool near the circuit after the racing finishes. Bring your own food, Cold cans available. All welcome.
- FEBRUARY 24
Saturday BEACH DRESS DANCE:
To be held at the Clubrooms commencing 7.00 p.m. Live music. Admission 50cents each.
- MARCH 18
Sunday INVITATION TRIAL:
A straight forward event of about 2½ hours duration promoted by Auckland University Car Club. Starts at Pakuranga Town Centre at 1.00 p.m. and finishes at NSCC Clubrooms. Essential map NZMS1 Sheet N42 Auckland (1971 Revision).
- MARCH 25
Sunday INTERNATIONAL RACE MEETING : MANFIELD:
Events for Union Travel Pacific Cars, Escort Sport Saloons, Formula Ford and Formula Vee, Sports Cras and Mini Sevens. Entries to P.O. Box 1959, Palmerston North.

SHOUTS and murmurs



.....We have heard very strong rumours that Bryce Platt's Fountain Escort is up for sale. The price rumoured is extremely realistic considering the fact that the car won last years Shellsport Saloon Series and is a front runner this year.

.....A pleasing aspect of this years Grand Prix meeting was an area of the Grandstand opposite the Start/Finish line especially reserved for competitors and their crews - at no extra charge. The facility was made full use of and proved extremely popular with competitors and crews.

.....We have heard that once again the Rally Committee will be holding another Rally Symposium Night on Wednesday 28th March. These evening are held to enable the more notable and experienced participants of the sport to advise newcomers and novices on how to go about rallying. Last year's symposium was a great success with such speakers as Paul Adams, Jim Donald, Murray O'Donnell, Mike Marshall and Alan Draper.

.....New Zealand Gravel-rashers Champion - Blair Robson drove the Masport/Panmure Motors Escort 1600 Sport at the Grand Prix Meeting and surprised all - including himself with a creditable 6th place. Blair qualified ninth on the grid and set the second fastest lap time for the race (1:26:1). The Masport Team also won the Ross Jensen Motors (B.M.W.) prize for best team appearance and performance for the day. The T.V. Commentary of the race pointed out that Blair was driving his "Masport Escort Rally Car, converted to track specifications especially...." Looks like the boys have got a tough job ahead of them converting it back!!!!

.....We have received a letter from an Italian Collector of photos and catalogues on the motor industry who is looking for correspondents in New Zealand. Interested persons are asked to write to Anacleto Carrera, Via Tortona 68, 20144 Milano, Italia.

.....Les Rankin, National Race Committee Chairman has asked that we convey to all marshals, officials and other personnel sincerest thanks for their assistance with the TISCO Race Meeting held November last and in particular for enduring the very wet conditions on practice day.

TISCO TV MOTOR RACE MEETING

PUKEKOHE

SUNDAY, 26th NOVEMBER, 1978



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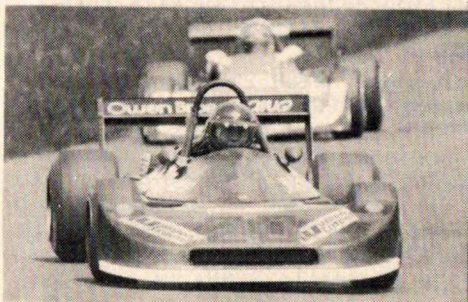
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.....Regulations for the National Rally Championship will be available at the end of February as will the Motogard Regulations. If you want to be on the mailing list, drop a note to the MANZ Office - P.O. Box 3793, Wellington.

Financially, ROANZ is going well. A very satisfactory result was achieved from both the Motogard and Pall Mall event and this, together with levies, has seen a significant improvement in ROANZ's position. It will be necessary however to continue the levy during 1979.

Back to the National Rally Championship. MANZ will again administer the Series and a full Championship registration of \$140.00 will be payable on registration. Local entries will again be \$40.00 per event. The \$5.00 levy is additional and is to be paid by all competitors at the start. Unfortunately late advice by Rothmans had left little time to negotiate a new sponsor and as a result, prize schedules will be determined when this matter is finalised.

National Rally Championship Classes will be:

Modified: 0 - 1300c.c., 1301 - 1600c.c., 1601c.c. and over

Unmodified: 0 - 1600c.c., 1601c.c. and over.

Technical Regulations will be the same as for 1978.

.....The C.R.C. Rally Team would like to thank John Steward for the loaning of a gearbox, so that Mike Marshall was able to enter two of the Bardahl Hillclimb Rounds in an effort to win points in the Series for the Auckland Car Club.

.....We understand that Club Member Andrew Miedecke is making good progress following his unfortunate accident during practice for the Grand Prix. It appears that the accident which wrecked his Australian built Galloway was caused by either a puncture or a tyre leaving the rim.

.....We've heard a rumour that 'Stretch and Eight Off the Break Palmer' are going to do their floorshow at the Beach Dance coming up. That'll be something to see!!! SHA-NA-NA would love them.

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RACE ONE : MINI 7 SALOONS: Jim Harvey, Leyland Mini, 850, 1st: Dave Strong, Austin Mini, 863, 2nd: Wayne Lack, Leyland Mini, 850, 3rd: Ray Mc Laren, Austin Mini, 850, 4th: Alex Lamb, Austin Mini, 850, 5th: Ken Mc Manemin, Austin Mini, 850, 6th.

RACE TWO : PRODUCTION SALOONS: Charles Conway, Mazda RX2, 2200, 1st: Trevor Mc Lean, Capri V6, 3000, 2nd: Stephen Wily, Mazda, 2292, 3rd: Kirk Stoneman, Ford Escort, 1600, 4th: Philip Fava, Ford Escort, 1600, 5th.

RACE THREE : SPORTS/RACING: Bob Homewood, Rhubarb, 2000, 1st: Alan Johnson, Lotus Gemco, 1998, 2nd: Sidney Gardiner, Lotus, 1600, 3rd: Hugh Schollum, Elden, 1600, 4th: Peter Herbert, Lotus Europa, 1558, 5th.

RACE FOUR : MODIFIED SALOONS 0 - 1600: Robert Medhurst, Austin Mini, 850, 1st: Ross Vickery, Datsun SSS, 1298, 2nd: Dennis Mc Connell, Ford Escort, 1600, 3rd: Gary Rush, Imp, 916, 4th: Geoff Pachnatz, Morris Cooper 'S', 1000, 5th: Ron Mc Millan, Ford Escort, 1600, 6th.

RACE FIVE : MODIFIED SALOONS 1600 AND OVER: Fred Bailey, Ford RS2000, 1998, 1st: John Steward, Ford Escort, 1998, 2nd: Harold Wootten, Ford Anglia, 1700, 3rd: Dave Wallace, Mazda RX2, 2200 R, 4th.

RACE SIX : SPORTS/RACING HANDICAP: Alan Johnson, Gemco, 1998, 1st: Peter Herbet, Europa, 1558, 2nd: Hugh Schollum, Elden, 1600, 3rd: Barry Weaver, MG BGT, 1800, 4th: Marsden Robinson, Sunbeam Alpine, 1600, 5th.

RACE SEVEN : MODIFIED SALOONS HANDICAP: Dave Wallace, Mazda RX2, 2200 R, 1st: Ron Mc Millan, Ford Escort, 1600, 2nd: Steve Clare, Ford Escort, 1600, 3rd: Des Bullas, Hillman Avenger, 1600, 4th: Warren Maskell, Ford Escort, 1300, 5th.

RACE EIGHT : SALOONS HANDICAP: Geoff Pachnatz, Morris Cooper, 1000, 1st: Gary Rush, Imp, 916, 2nd: Philip Fava, Escort, 1600, 3rd: Pam Tindill, Escort, 1600, 4th: Kirk Stoneman, Escort, 1600, 5th: Ken Mc Manemin, Mini, 850, 6th.

RACE NINE : SALOONS HANDICAP: Fred Bailey, Ford RS2000, 1998, 1st: Harold Wootten, Anglia, 1700, 2nd: John Steward, Escort, 1998, 3rd: Ross Vickery, Datsun SSS, 1298, 4th: George Sheweiry, Mustang, 6000, 5th: Charles Conway, Mazda RX 2, 2200, 6th.

RACE TEN : SPORTS/RACING HANDICAP: Bob Homewood, Rhubarb, 2000, 1st: Barry Weaver, MG BGT, 1800, 2nd: Peter Herbert, Europa, 1558, 3rd: Hugh Schollum, Elden, 1600, 4th: Sidney Gardiner, Lotus, 1600, 5th: Alan Johnson, Gemco, 1998, 6th.

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RACE THIRTEEN : MODIFIED SALOONS HANDICAP: Ken Hobern, Anglia, 1600, 1st: Geoff Pachnatz, Cooper 'S', 1000, 2nd: Ron Mc Millan, Escort, 1600, 3rd: John Tindill, Escort, 2000, 4th: Gary Rush, Imp, 916, 5th: Ross Vickery, Datsun, 1298, 6th.

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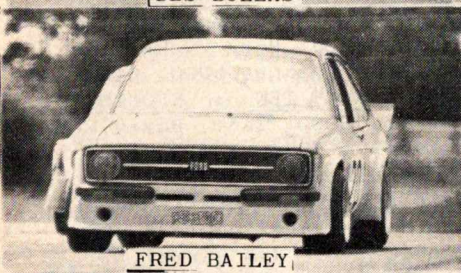
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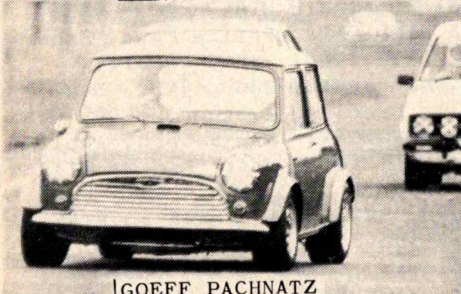
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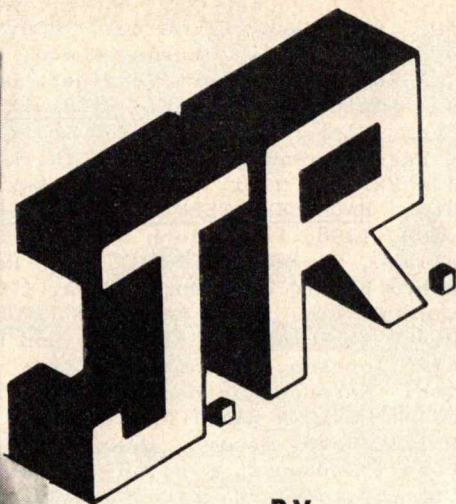
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BY

KEVIN LANCASTER.

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New Zealand has always been extremely proud of its international racing drivers and all can easily recall the enthusiasm with which names such as Hulme, Mc Laren, Amon, Mc Rae, Ganley, Oxton, Murdoch and Riley have been followed around the motor racing circuits of the world.

However, over the past few years another Kiwi racing driver has been followed with equal enthusiasm and support to gain almost equal media coverage although he hasn't raced outside Australasia. Since he began his motorsport career in go karts during his mid-teens, he has progressed through various forms of motor sport to become one of the highest rated saloon car drivers - not only in Australia and New Zealand, but the World!!! He is none other than the brilliant JIM RICHARDS.

Jim was back in New Zealand recently for the Saloon Car Series (run in conjunction with the Formula Pacific Series) driving his incredible WINFIELD Falcon Cobra Coupe. We were fortunate to grab Jim for a few moments for a yarn about his career and current racing commitments.

THE STORY SO FAR

Briefly, let's look at J.R.'s career up to the present day.

He began racing go-karts during his mid-teens and showed examples of his skill in winning the N.Z. Junior Go-Kart Championship before entering Saloon Car Racing, in a 1300 Anglia, during 1965.



He persevered with the Anglia on the National and Club scene until becoming the first recipient of the Westover Endeavour Trophy for the most promising driver of 1967.

Jim then graduated to the newly announced Escort and achieved moderate success in a 1300 version and in Jim Carney's 1600 twin cam version. Jim Carney gave Richard's his big break in 1969 when he brought out one of the Williment Group's Escort Twin Cams which proceeded to annihilate everything in sight although Roger Anderson's BMW took the touring car title that season.



The 1970/71 season was the first real busy season for the Richards campaign as he drove the Escort together with Brian Patrick's Hillman Imp and a Holden Monaro in Production Races, under Jerry Clayton's colours. That year he won his first Championship - the 0-4200cc Touring Series. The 1971/72 Season saw him runner-up in that Championship to Don Halliday's RS1600 and he still campaigned the Imp under Sidchrome colours and, 1972/73 began well with a win

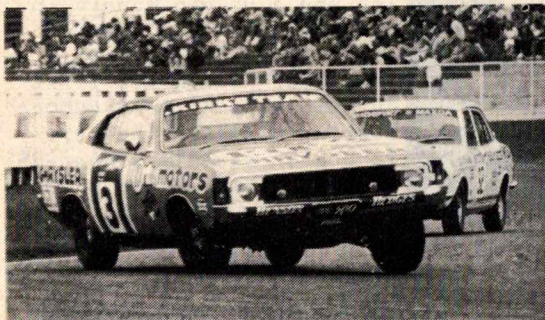
of course, the impressive Monaro. in the Benson & Hedges 500 when Jim partnered Rod Coppins in a Charger and then went on to win the Production Saloon Title in Mc Millan Ford's Phase 3 Falcon GTHO. That season also saw the building of the famous Sidchrome Mustang which he began sorting out at the end of the season.





Together with his racing skills Jim was then proving himself a capable rally driver with excellent drives in Triumph 2.5 and Works Leyland Marinas in various Heatway Rallies. In the 1973 Heatway he won the most special stages in a works Escort RS1600 under Dulux/Ford Sponsorship with Richard Halls as navigator. In that event they consistently headed off Finland's Hannu Mikkola but, alas, a severe roll dropped them into the minor placings.

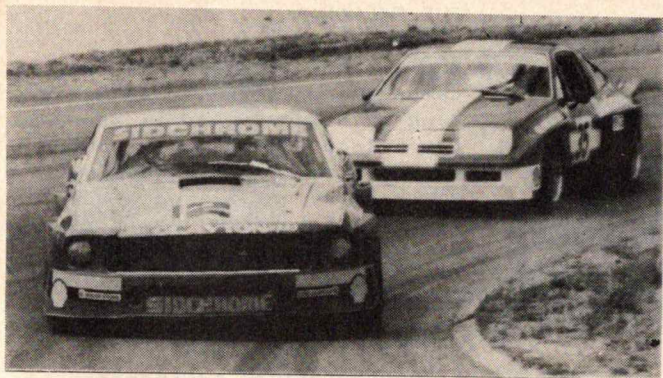
Another busy racing season followed and in the 1973/74 season Richards won the North Island Production Series and was runner-up in the National Series in McMillan Fords Falcon GT together with winning the 6 litre N.Z. Saloon Championship in the Sidchrome Mustang. The same season also notched up another Benson & Hedges 500 victory, again with Rod Coppins in the Charger.



The following season saw things fairly quiet with more campaigning in the Mustang and another Production Championship under his belt - again in McMillan's Falcon GT. A few rallies in Fred Watchlin's Escorts and Torana XUI saw him keeping in trim over the winter months until the big announcement was made -

"J.R. WAS GOING TO AUSTRALIA - PERMANENTLY!!!".

Jim had a dab at racing in Aussie when he partnered with Rod Coppins in an L34 Torana - in the Hardie - Ferodo 1000 at Bathurst - where they finished a creditable 3rd outright. In 1975 Richards burst onto the Aussie scene with the Sidchrome Mustang with much assistance from Jerry Clayton. In that season he won the Tasmanian Sports Sedan Challenge together with the Adelaide



Challenge Series. He also finished runner-up in the Rothmans Sports Sedan Challenge and third in the Calder \$100,000 classic

During 1976 and 1977 J.R. strengthened his grip on the Wombat scene with wins in the Calder \$100,000 Classic: The Rothmans Sports Sedan Challenge: The Tasmanian \$10,000 and finishing third in the Aussie Sports Sedan Championship. 1978 proved a good year also when he ran his Falcon to second outright in the Sports Sedan Championship and Co-drove with Peter Brock to a win in the prestigious Hardie-Ferodo 1000 - in a Torana SLR 5000.



THE TEAM

The Richards Team is by no means large, although Jim's a professional racing driver. Well known Hastings driver Brent Bullivant is Jim's full time mechanic, with Jim looking after his own management and administration. He has to rely on appearance sponsorship for income although prizemoney is fairly good - mind you - a new set of tyres per race cuts a fair hole in that!!

Earlier on Jim also had Grant Walker (of Formula Ford fame) on as a mechanic and Arthur Baynes handling administration and P.R. etc. However, owing to the tightening financial situation Brent was the only one he could afford to have on full time. Jim's wife, Faye, also assists with on the circuit promotion etc to ease the work load.

THE FALCON



The car the team's currently campaigning was built by Murray Bunn of Papakura and is based on the Falcon Cobra 2 door coupe which incorporates Aluminium doors, boot and flares and fibreglass bonnet. She's powered by a 366 cubic inch (incorporating Gurney-Weslake Heads), Fuel Injected, Ford V8 Cleveland Motor which develops 550 B.H.P. at 7800 r.p.m.

The engine is centrally mounted beside the driver to increase handling and stabilisation and transmits through a Hewland 5-speed Gearbox. The Body's hung on independent suspension all round, extremely similar to a Formula 5000 Single Seater set up. Four wheel ventilated disc brakes are used to stop the 10" and 15" rims from turning!! These rims actually were especially designed to suit the suspension Geometry of the car.

GENERAL

This season in Aussie will see the Richard's Team take on another attempt at the Sports Sedan Championship with the hope of knocking last year's winner, Alan Grice off his perch. Jim will also be driving a Formula 5000 Single Seater in various races but not necessarily to win. The idea of the F5000 campaign is mainly financial in that good prizemoney is paid throughout the field and thus will contribute handsomely to the team's fund. There is also the fact of additional experience in yet another form of motor racing which should benefit his Sports Sedan Campaign.

J.R. is now 31 years of age and resides in Fern Tree Gully, Victoria with his attractive wife, Faye together with their three children. Motorsport and family life take up most of his time to the point where he hasn't much time for other interests.

Since the early Anglia days Jim has matured into a perfect professional. His friendliness and good nature have remained the same throughout his career - especially towards the media and motorsport enthusiasts. With Jim and Faye having been keen Auckland Car Club members we wish them good luck and much success over the next years motorsport.

1. Anglia at Pukekohe....Photo Unknown.
2. Williment Escort at Pukekohe....Photo by Kevin Lancaster.
3. Production Monaro in wet....Photo by Kevin Lancaster.
4. Three wheeling Imp....Photo by Kevin Lancaster.
5. Works Rally Escort....Photo by Ross Cammick.
6. Falcon GTHO....Photo by Kevin Lancaster.
7. Benson & Hedges Charger....Photo by Ross Cammick.
8. Sidchrome Mustang....Photo by Ross Cammick.
9. Bathurst Victors....Photo Courtesy Union Travel.
10. New Falcon....Photo by Ross Cammick.



Out and About

with

PETER HILL

There is no way to describe that sick feeling after you have taken avoiding action in the wet and you try to control the car as the brakes lock. It seems like time has stopped when you fight with the wheel, press even harder on the brakes (when you should release them) and then the 'thud' as you make contact with the 'enemy'. The sick feeling comes in the next few seconds when the world suddenly seems silent. You feel twice as sick if the car you are driving is not your own... that was my initial introduction to the Honda Civic ZR. After weeks of trying to arrange a mutually suitable period in which to use this little scorcher, there I was on a wet November afternoon swapping names and addresses with some startled Auckland visitor who was lost and had 'U' turned in the middle of Great South Road at 5.00 p.m.

Fortunately Percy Motors are not only one of the most switched-on dealers in Auckland, they are also one of the most understanding. After the necessary panel work, they once more trusted me with their demonstration ZR which I then used to shuffle to and from Pukekohe during Grand Prix week. The performance of the white Honda Civic with its distinctive ZR stripe reminded me immediately of the Cooper S. Certainly it is far more refined than the popular little Mini, but it gives away nothing when compared on performance. If I have the story right the genuine Japanese ZRs are the racing cars prepared by the factory. From these the Campbell brothers at Percy Motors got the idea of developing a local high performance version of the already popular Civic. At this stage that master of conversions, Dennis Marwood, got involved and he developed the necessary package to turn the Civic into a rubber burning sports saloons that gives most of the high dollar saloons a run for their money.

The main modifications are in the engine department and include twin Dellorto side draft carburettors, a mildly modified camshaft and an extractor exhaust system. With the required labour involved this package costs close to \$700. There are no suspension modifications listed for the ZR but I suspect that the test car had stiffer 'corners'. After the engine work most of the mods are cosmetic.

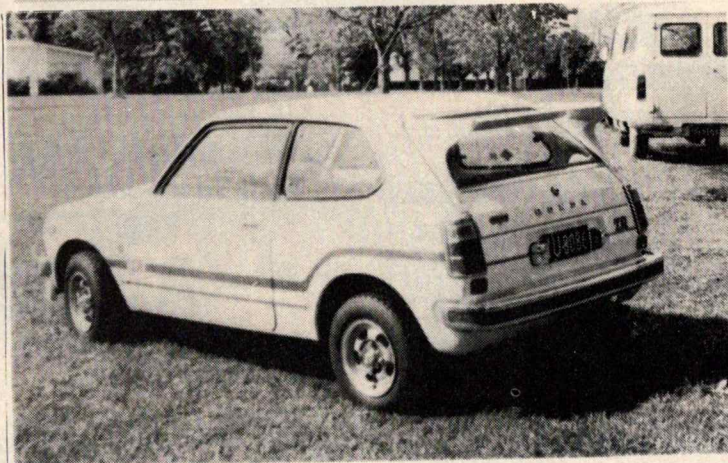
Aunger wheels can be fitted as can a very smart front spoiler, a rear wing (which is of dubious aerodynamic use), a tacho, sports steering wheel, stripes, badges and other paintwork embellishments. The total package can come to \$1,500 but the selective buyer can nominate only the important items and save \$500 or more. Perhaps one of the most attractive deals is that Percy Motors will take a used Civic and perform their magic tricks on it. An owner of a standard Honda can turn his car into an excellent road and track club car for under \$1000.

What you get for your money is at least as much fun, and a lot more comfort than the old Mini Cooper S. The ZR offers a 20bhp increase over the standard car at 5,200 revs. The ZR records 56bhp at these revs. The ZR travels from 0 to 100kph (approx 60 mph) in 10 secs flat, the standard version took 14.6 seconds while the 1071 Mini Cooper S took 10.4. We had trouble gauging the top speed of the car as the standard speedometer only goes to 160 kph and we got a reading a long way past that mark! I would make a guess at 180kph (110mph?). Despite the noise from the air intake to the Dellortos even when driving quietly around town, the ZR appealed to me as an excellent club car. Perhaps when the Escort finally does die and I win some money in the Kiwi I will make a change to a fast Honda.

But while I was enjoying myself there was some drama going on in the Campbell camp as club member Grant had taken delivery of a Chevron B34 Formula Pacific and he and his team worked night and day to have it ready for the G.P. Unfortunately the effort and long hours caught up with them and poor Grant had the timing belt jump when he was running the car in at Pukekohe. The resulting bent valves forced the sensible decision that the G.P. should be forgotten and the team decided to slow the pace down and concentrate on the Manfield meeting. This allowed time for careful development and sensible acclimatisation for the driver, (who admitted that this was a hell of a lot different than a Formula Ford). The car looks immaculate in an orange/red with white 'Percy Motors' advertising. The Stone brothers had checked out the car in the 'States' and it was indeed in great condition when it arrived in Auckland. Grant has a spare motor and will use the rest of this season to get used to the car.

As for the G.P. itself most members seem to have attended this year but it would be interesting to know whether the Formula Pacifics or the saloons attracted the crowd. Ex Club member Jim Richards must have been responsible for at least a few extra thousand people as the incredible Winfield 25 car was almost worth the entrance fee by itself. Jim was in good spirits although I am sure that sitting next to that motor has made him partially deaf! It was good to see Robbie Booth back for a drive this time in the old March he rented from Ken Smith, a clutch problem caused his early demise.

There were all sorts of rumours that Mario Andretti would be coming for speedway this year, and I would not put anything past those blokes, but sadly Mario did not make it. (There was



even a hint in Rob Walkers column in Road and Track Magazine). As it was speedway seems to have attracted the big crowds this season but Mario in a midget would have been very special.

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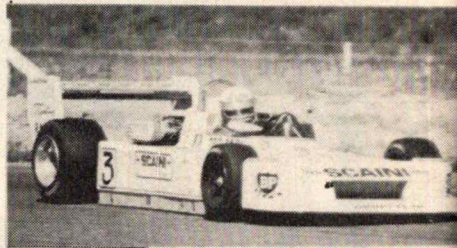
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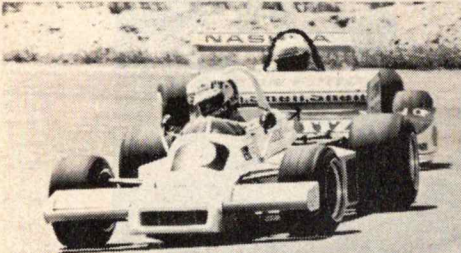
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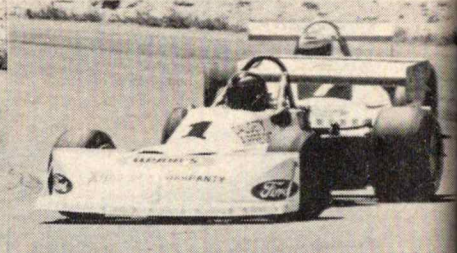
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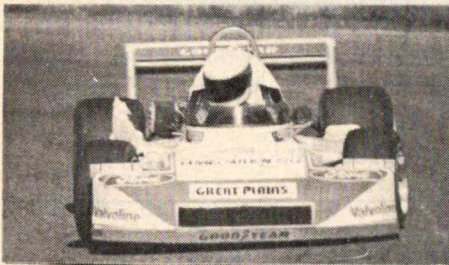
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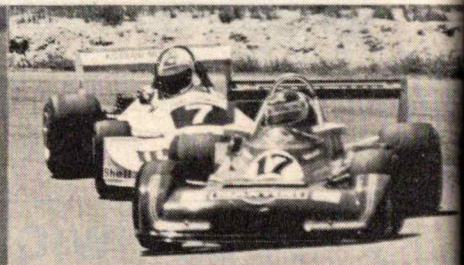
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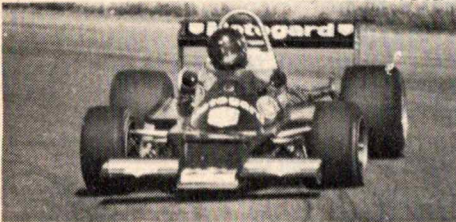
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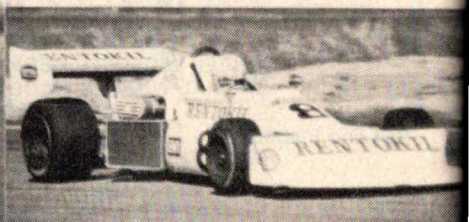
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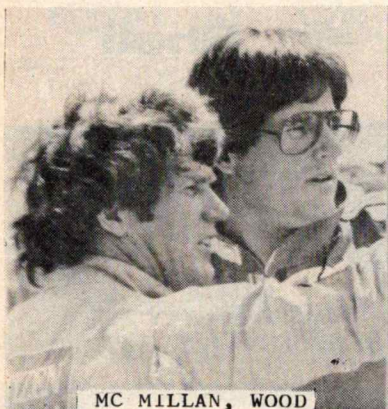


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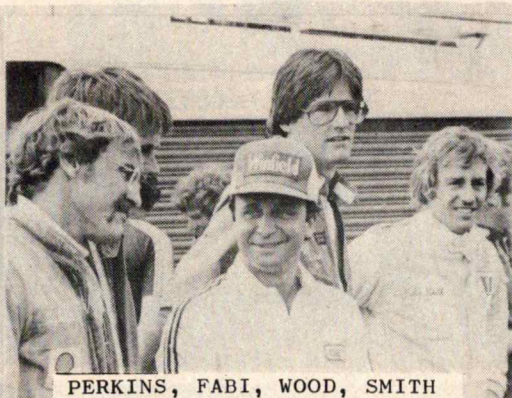
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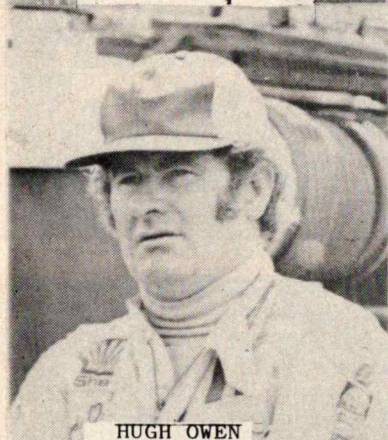
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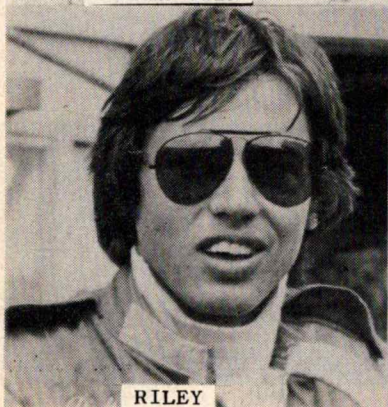
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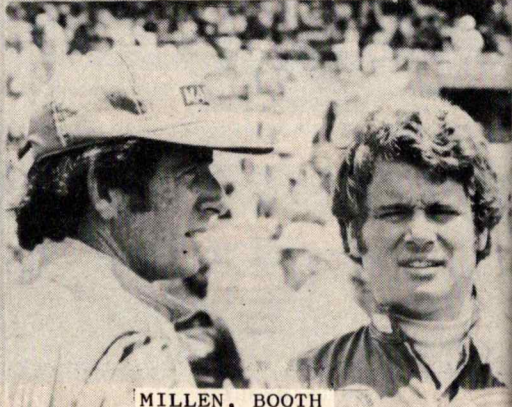
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The following items of general interest have been reprinted from the latest M.A.N.Z. Newsletter. Full copies of the M.A.N.Z. News are available from the Clubrooms. Post Office Regulations now preclude us from enclosing the M.A.N.Z. News with our Bulletin and still enjoy the special registered magazine postal rate. The additional cost to the Club (per posting) is \$75.00. A great deal of correspondence has emanated between the M.A.N.Z. office and the Postmaster General on this matter however no dispensation to Affiliated Clubs has been forthcoming.

F.I.A. ANNUAL CONGRESS : PARIS 1978

Most of you will now be aware that Messrs R.W.A. Frost (President D'Honneur of MANZ) and A.J. Smithard (Secretary General of MANZ) travelled to Paris in October as the New Zealand delegates to the F.I.A. Annual Congress.

One of the aims of the delegation was to be elected to the F.I.A. Committee, and this was achieved with the appointment of Mr Frost as Vice President of the C.S.I. The whole trip was an outstanding success, with New Zealand achieving very satisfactory results and answers to all proposals. Briefly, the benefits gained are:-

Confirmation that the 1979 Rally of New Zealand has been accepted as the 6th round of the 1979 World Championship, and will take place on 14-21 July 1979.

The establishment and recognition of a Pacific Regional Committee by the F.I.A. subject to formal ratification by the FIA/CSI, and the granting of FIA Championship status to the proposed Pacific Championships subject to the submission of agreed articles and the listing thereof in the FIA Yearbook. In explanation, this means that the FIA agreed to the setting up of a Committee in the South Pacific to organise Pacific Racing and Rally Championships. Mr Smithard has unanimously been elected as Secretary to this Committee, as it is recognised that all the work gone into the organisation, presentation of ideas, and ratification by the C.S.I., is largely to his credit. The main interested countries involved are Japan, Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, Hong Kong and New Caledonia. The abovementioned Articles have now been prepared and forwarded to the F.I.A. for approval, and steps are now being taken to organise a programme of events for the Racing and Rally Championships, which will commence in 1980. Mr Smithard stated that during the visit to the Congress, New Zealand, through its delegates, has gained tremendous manna in the eyes of the C.S.I. and all Pacific countries with its responsible attitude and all the work that has gone into this project. Glowing praise was received by both he and Mr Frost from all sides, and this undoubtedly reflects the trust and confidence that all the Pacific countries have in New Zealand, which is recognised as the 'leader' on the Pacific Committee.

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RADIO NEW ZEALAND RALLY POSTERS

A considerable stock of posters from the 1977 Radio New Zealand Rally are available at the MANZ office at a cost of 50 cents each, or 15 for \$5.00. Although the event is long passed, for those of you that remember, this poster was a particularly fine piece of artwork by well known New Zealand Motorsport artist, Michael Nidd, featuring a very attractive collage of ten rally cars, and is now becoming recognised as a collector's item.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM NOVEMBER MEETING

At its last Meeting, the Executive Committee requested that the following recommendations be published in MANZ News:

With regard to specifications and regulations of MANZ Championship races, if information or interpretation is requested by competitors from MANZ Officials, such interpretation or information must be given by those Officials in writing, otherwise such interpretations would not be recognised. This arises from occasions in the past whereby competitors had alleged that they had had verbal interpretations or approval for dispensation from regulations, and this had been very difficult to disprove.

On the recommendation of the Rally Advisory Committee, it was also requested the Clubs be requested to forward information on when they would be holding rallies as soon as possible, in order that the National Calendar can be kept up to date and to avoid clashing of dates with nearby Clubs.

The following amendment has been made to Clause 4 of the Thoroughbred & Classic Car Racing Regulations appearing on page 200 of the 1978 Yearbook.

4. Vehicles

1. Eligibility: Out of production sports cars and touring cars which must be to original factory specifications and be smartly maintained mechanically and with regard to paintwork and general condition, registered, warranted and in full road going condition.

2. Specifications: The above vehicles must comply with the requirements of Schedule A, however, the following waivers may apply:

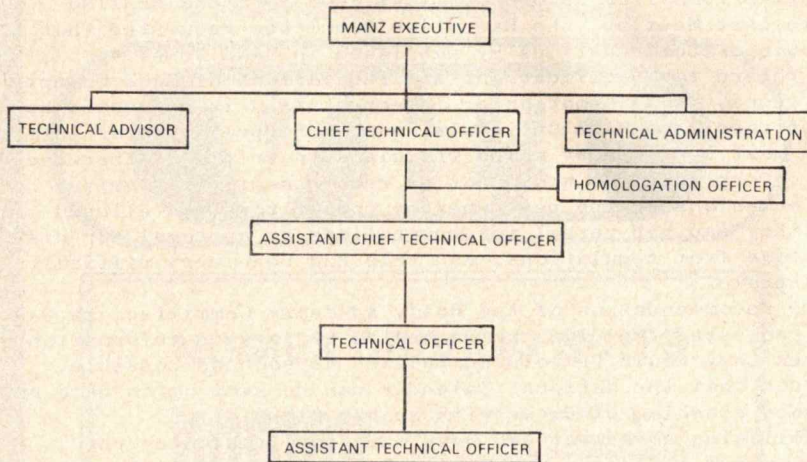
**Where the fitting of seat belts or roll bars is impractical, some specific cars may be exempted on application to the Organising Committee.

RESTRUCTURING OF MANZ TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT

The restructuring programme for the MANZ Technical Department was approved by the Executive Committee at its last Meeting. Basically, it consists of the appointment of a Technical Administration Officer and the appointment of several more Technical and Assistant Technical Officers. Initially, all new applicants will be appointed as Assistant Technical Officers and a registration form has been forwarded to all new applicants to enable us to compile an adequate schedule of Technical Officers. As they gain experience, several will be promoted to the position of full Technical Officers. The appointment of a Technical Administration Officer is in hand and it is hoped to make formal appointment at the next Executive Meeting.

Appointments are being made on an area basis, which is aimed at having Officers in the area where most of the activity requiring the assistance of Technical personnel exists. To date, the response has been very good. However, there are still some areas where further support is necessary, and if members have any other ideas on suitable persons, you are asked to urgently contact the MANZ office.

A breakdown of how the new system will operate is as follows:



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.

Kieran Wills
 Dave Wallace
 Brian Todd
 Gary Mattson
 Graeme Cossey
 Ted Cunningham
 Wayne Deighton
 Christine Faulkner
 Brett Mc Carthy
 Ron Mc Millan
 David Murray
 Clive North
 Hugh Schollum

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D. Clendon	19.8	28.0	30.0	30.2	108.0	4
K. Saunders	19.9	31.6	27.2	35.2	113.9	8
P. Levett	18.0	24.2	27.0	27.2	96.4	1
N. Mallard	20.0	25.8	27.4	30.2	103.4	2
C. Mallard	22.1	27.8	28.4	32.0	110.3	5
CLASS B						
P. Walby	22.0	28.0	28.1	35.4	113.5	7
J. Perkins	20.2	27.8	28.2	31.6	107.8	3
CLASS C						
S. Subritzky	22.1	30.0	28.8	30.6	111.5	5
G. Hewitt	23.1	31.6	29.4	-	-	-
W. Maskell	25.1	35.6	31.1	-	-	-
G. Russell	23.1	31.0	-	-	-	-
R. Stewart	23.1	27.2	29.1	33.0	112.4	7
R. Purvis	19.8	29.6	29.8	31.2	110.4	4
W. Matthews	21.6	31.0	31.1	33.6	117.3	8
R. Hazelwood	21.6	29.8	28.6	31.8	111.8	6
H. Burrows	20.2	27.4	28.1	30.2	105.9	1
T. Jarvis	21.1	27.8	27.4	32.4	108.7	2
B. Faulkner	21.0	27.8	28.3	32.0	109.1	3
M. Kaye	24.3	30.0	31.3	36.4	122.0	9
CLASS D						
N. Strange	19.9	27.2	29.2	32.0	108.3	3=
H. de Thierry	20.2	28.6	28.0	30.0	106.8	2
A. Veltmeyer	18.5	31.2	30.2	32.2	112.1	5
D. Gulland	24.4	29.6	29.3	31.8	115.1	6
C. Moat	21.8	27.4	28.3	30.8	108.3	3=
M. Adams	20.0	26.0	28.2	30.0	103.2	1

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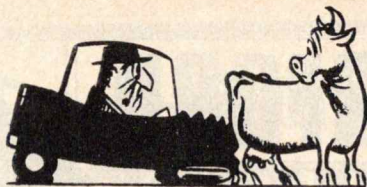


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P. Meadows	17	T. Skellern	4
B. Faulkner	15	C. Faulkner	4
J. Perkins	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	L. Thorpe	4
J. Busch	13	C. Moat	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
K. Short	12	C. Mallard	3
C. Hudson	12	P. Clendon	3
P. Van Dorsten	12	M. Finch	3
R. Nasey	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	M. Kaye	3
H. Burrows	11	B. Cargill	3
R. Purvis	11	P. Coleman	3
T. Jarvis	10	R. Jones	2
A. Veltmeyer	10	R. Hazelwood	2
J. Hope	10	B. Keach	2
N. Mallard	9	J. Ferrall	2
P. Walby	9	D. Wilson	2
H. de Thierry	9	A. Jack	2
R. Alder	9	L. Goodman	2
B. Mc Carthy	8	L. Busch	2
J. Mair	7	G. Johnston	2
H. Wilson	7	B. Peacock	2
R. Ferrall	7	S. Subritzky	2
R. Carlsen	7	B. Clendon	1
R. Stewart	6	B. Hird	1
W. Parkin	6	I. Crowther	1
G. Mc Gregor	6	P. Vass	1
M. Adams	6	T. Gillard	1
N. Strange	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	R. Lilleby	1
A. Ornstein	5	M. Thomas	1
N. Rogers	5	W. Matthews	1
R. Senne	5	K. Pearce	1
K. Saunders	4	K. Lancaster	1
D. Clendon	4	D. Oliver	1
W. Rhodes	4	D. Meadows	1

LADIES TROPHY

Kim Saunders	14	Barbara Clendon	3
Carol Mallard	9	Brenda Cargill	3
Marilyn Kaye	7	Christine Faulkner	2
Jannie Ferrall	7		

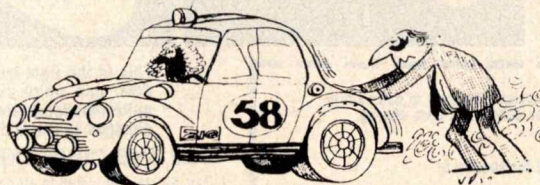
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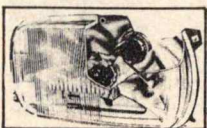
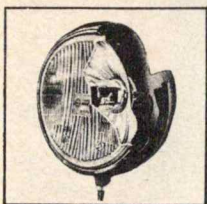
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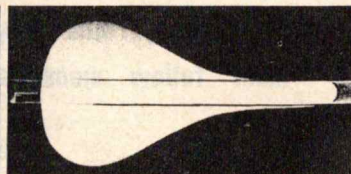
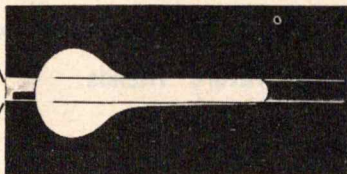


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Trust everybody had a good Christmas and New Year and were able to take a break from work on Rally Cars.

The local Rally calendar is looking good with events as follows:

April	8th	Northern Sports	Woodill Forest	C/C
April	28/29	Auckland Car Club	CIBIE lights	Inv.
May	19th	Pukekohe Car Club	Meyers Pharmacy	Inv.
June	23rd	NSCC/Tokoroa	Tokoroa Forest	Inv.
July	14th	Motogard International		
August	12th	MGCC	Riverhead Forest	C/C
August	19th	Auckland Car Club	Maramarua Forest	C/C
September	29/30	NSCC	North Auckland	Nat.

NATIONAL RALLY SERIES:

At the end of last season's series, Pall Mall unfortunately withdrew their sponsorship. At this stage a new sponsor has not been found. The club's which had agreed to organise the four rounds intend never-the-less to promote a National Rally, so a series will definitely be held this season along the same lines as previous years. The first round will be in the Wellington/Wairarapa area and is organised by the Victoris University Club. Round two promoted by the Marlborough Car Club will be held in the upper South Island. This is the only South Island round of the series. The third round will be run around Rotorua by, naturally, the Rotorua Car Club. The final round will be held in the lower Northland area and is to be organised by Northern Sports. It is possible that a Rally Sprint organised by the Auckland Car Club will conclude the championship.

RALLY SYMPOSIUM:

The Club's Rally Committee has arranged a general discussion - come talk on March 28th by leading Drivers, Navigators and Service Crew personnel on preparation, organisation and techniques. The emphasis for this night will be Rally servicing, and service crew route finding. The final round of the Pall Mall series last year saw many service crews getting lost and servicing anywhere they happened to meet the competitors. We intend to explain how to arrange servicing, before, during and after the event. The driver must have faith in the preparation of the car before and during the rally. ➡

MOTOGARD INTERNATIONAL:

This year the International will be a World Championship round for Manufacturers and Drivers. The event is once again being organised by Murray O'Donnell and the same committee co-ordinated by Motorsport Management. The Rally will start in Auckland on Saturday 14th July and is scheduled to finish back in Auckland the following Tuesday. Murray has been working on the event since last years finished. Tentatively the route will leave Auckland proceeding south via Coromandel Peninsula, Tauranga to Rotorua for the first Division. The second Division leaves Rotorua and heads wouth through Taupo, Turangi then across country to New Plymouth for an overnight stop. From New Plymouth the rally heads north to finish back in Auckland.

The Organisers are hopeful of a good entry from overseas. At this stage it has been confirmed that Hannu Mikkola with co-driver Arne Nertz will be entered in a left hand driven Escort, specially sent out from Boreham. They will be the No. 1 car for the Masport Team. The No. 2 driver has not yet been announced. Masport boss Doug Benefield has the task of selecting either National Champion Blair Robson or top local finisher in last years Motogard Jim Donald, to fill the No. 2 berth. I don't think anybody would like Doug's job on this one.

CIBIE LIGHTS RALLY

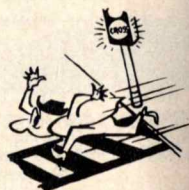
This very popular invitation event will be held at the end of April. Keep an eye on coming events for full details and don't be late putting an entry in.

Remember the holiday's are over so get back into the workshop and prepare the Rally Car for the action ahead.

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After saying farewell in May '77 Bulletin I didn't think I would be writing this column again. Never-the-less it's good to be back. Aussie was a real experience, but it's great to be back in Kiwi land. We saw a lot and did a lot, but missed the good old A.C.C. and all the friends we have made over the years down at the Clubrooms. Now as Clubhouse Chairman again, Pat and I both hope you will support your Club and us in getting the Club Socials rocking along. As a starter we have organised a 50 cents per head Saturday Dance Night. This will be a 'Beach Dress Dance' so you can all come along dressed in shorts, bikini's etc. Come straight from the beach and have some fun. (The usual Clubrooms dress standard will be relaxed for this night). It'll be the fun night of the year and you couldn't get one any cheaper. Lucky door number, also spot prizes and a raffle or two. We have heard a rumour that 'Stretch and Eight Off the Break Palmer' are going to do a 5 minute floor-show - something not to be missed. As yet we haven't had time to work out a social calendar for the year, but when we do it'll be in this column, so keep watching.

If you have any ideas about socials you would like to see organised by the Club, please approach me, we are all ears!

Well that's all the news for this month, see you at the Beach Dance.

MAURICE CARGILL.



A good number of children attended the Clubs Junior Xmas Party held in early December. As well as consuming all the usual party goodies, soft drinks, ice cream etc, watching cartoons and being entertained by Jon Zealando, a traditional visit was made by that all important gentleman Santa Claus (pictured left). There was a suggestion, would you believe, that he bore a strong resemblance to a local fellow who is very prominent in rally officialdom - great imagination these kids!!

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D. Bone	104	S. Snaith	7½
B. Keach	34	M. Kaye	7
J. Busch	32½	A. Mowatt-Wilson	7
P. Batten	28½	S. Graves	6
B. Faulkner	27	P. Levet	6
S. Cargill	24	D. Hamilton	5
P. Sergeant	23	A. Jack	3
G. Bennett	21½	G. White	3
P. Coleman	21	L. Bennett	2
R. Alder	19	T Swinburne	2
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D. Clendon	56	P. Van Dorsten	18
J. Busch	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	T. Jarvis	16
R. Stewart	37	M. Finch	16
P. Levet	36	T. Mc Lean	16
B. Faulkner	35	C. Conway	16
C. Hudson	33	H. Burrows	16
P. Batten	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	J. Hope	16
P. Meadows	28	D. Mc Connell	16
P. Coleman	23	R. Purvis	16
P. Sergent	23	G. Bennett	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
J. Perkins	23	N. Mallard	14
B. Homewood	20	H. de Thierry	14
K. Short	20	A. Veltmeyer	14
R. Alder	19	M. Catterall	13
R. Nasey	19	B. Mc Carthy	12
K. Lack	18	P. Walby	12

10 POINTS: G. Morrell, R. Findlay, V. Mc Laren, R. Millen, J. Tee, D. Macron, S. Cargill, G. Mc Gregor, D. Bone, B. Keach, I. Mair, H. Wilson, W. Parkin, M. Adams, R. Ferrall, J. Harvey, P. Medhurst, F. Bailey.

9 POINTS: J. Crombie, P. Stone.

8 POINTS: R. Willis, K. Butcher, G. Addis, M. Marshall, A. Turner, A. Ornstein, N. Rogers, R. Carlsen, D. Strong, A. Johnson, R. Vickery, J. Steward.

7 $\frac{1}{2}$ POINTS: S. Snaith.

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

6 POINTS: R. Williams, J. Donald, S. Wily, H. Wootten, P. Moore, W. Hull, S. Gardiner, J. Moses, K. Masterton, S. Graves, W. Rhodes, L. Thorpe, R. Senne, W. Lack.

5 POINTS: D. Hamilton, N. Strange, C. Moat.

4 POINTS: A. Fickling, G. Barker, P. Benbrook, B. Powell, H. Collier, G. Rush, C. Houltram, M. Wright, D. Wallace, D. Guiland, T. Skellern, S. Subritzky, C. Faulkner, R. Mc Laren, K. Stoneman, H. Schollum, P. Herbert.

3 POINTS: A. Jack, G. White.

2 POINTS: L. Bennett, T. Swinburne, P. Adams, B. Peacock, J. Morton, G. Harriman, R. Abbott, K. Saunders, D. Wilson, C. Mallard, A. Lamb, P. Fava, G. Pachnatz.

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