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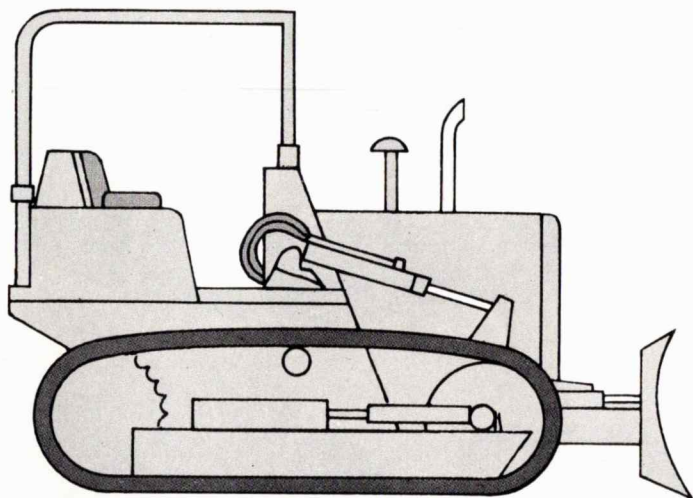
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The Escort Sport Series held during the past season has provided some very close exciting racing with many bent panels resulting from some rather close contact.

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cover

Club Member and International Rally driver Allan Carter held off allcomers to win the Tectyl/T.V.1. Rally Sprint held at Pokeno recently.

photo by .. ROSS CAMMICK Ph558913

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	5.00 - 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.

*** LICENSED PREMISES ***

*** 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.
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COMING EVENTS



**CLOSED
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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 IZB.

MAY 17 CLUB NIGHT AND FILM EVENING:

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

MAY 19 STEAKHOUSE RESTAURANT NIGHT:

Saturday At the Clubrooms from 7.30 p.m. Select your own steak, trimmings, side salads etc. Wine, dine, dance to live music. Sorry, Sold out.



**OPEN &
RALLY**

MAY 6 TV2 WOOLF MUFFLERS RALLYSPRINT:

Sunday Promoted by Hibiscus Coast Motor Club. 10 invited drivers including Jim Richards plus the fastest 6 from 22 selected entries in the Riverhead Forest.

MAY 9 INVITATION MIDWEEK TRIAL:

Wednesday Promoted by Northern Sports Car Club. Starts at NSCC Clubrooms at 6.30 p.m. and is approx. 1½/2 hours duration with provision to buy your tea on the way to the finish at the NSCC Clubrooms Trials Trophy Points.

MAY 12 NATIONAL OPEN HILLCLIMB:

Saturday Promoted by Waitomo Car Club at Barber's Rd, Otewa, Otorohanga. This is a 1.9 km sealed venue. Further details from P.O. Box 111, Otorohanga.

MAY 13 COCA COLA BOTTLERS RALLYCROSS - ROUND TWO:

Sunday Promoted by Hamilton Car Club, P.O. Box 6029, Hamilton. Entries close 4th May.

MOTOGARD INTERNATIONAL RALLY:

A.S.R.'s available mid-month from P.O. Box 11129, Ellerslie.

MAY 19

INVITATION NIGHT HILLCLIMB:

Saturday

Promoted by Northern Sports Car Club at Cosseys Farm. Entries and scrutineering 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. at Drury Hall.

MAY 19

MERCURY TROPHY TRIAL:

Saturday

A.U.C.C. Mercury Trophy Trial starts at Auckland Car Club Clubrooms at 10.00 a.m. and finishes back at the Clubrooms about 4 hours later. Essential Map NZMS1 Sheet N42 Auckland. Entries to 20 Marie Crescent, Te Atatu South. Trials Trophy Points.

MAY 20

CLUBMANS RACE MEETING:

Sunday

Promoted by Northern Sports Car Club on the 1.2 km Circuit. Entries to P.O. Box 22362, Otahuhu.

MAY 26/27

NATIONAL RALLY - ROUND ONE:

Sat/Sun

First round of the National Rally Championship promoted by Victoria University Car Club.

JUNE 10

MERCURY TROPHY TRIAL - ROUND THREE:

Sunday

The Ebbett Waikato Motors trial promoted by Hamilton Car Club, P.O. Box 6029, Hamilton.

JUNE 16/17

NATIONAL RALLY - ROUND TWO:

Sat/Sun

Second round of the National Rally Championship to be run in the South Island by Marlborough Car Club.

JUNE 24

COCA COLA BOTTLERS RALLYCROSS - ROUND THREE:

Sunday

Promoted by Hamilton Car Club, P.O. Box 6029. Entries close 15th May.

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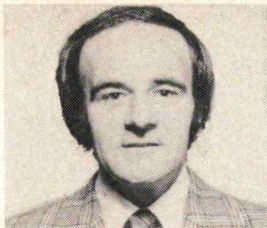
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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1979

On behalf of the Executive Committee I have pleasure in reporting to members on the activities of the Club during the financial year which ended on the 28th February 1979.

The Club has continued to cover a wide variety of social and competitive events in the interest of all members.

Our Financial Membership for the year totalled 1,079 members and 330 wife members thus easily retaining our position as the largest Car Club in New Zealand.

The Balance Sheet records that a nett income of \$6175 was achieved after allowing for depreciation at \$2595. The nett Book Value of the Club's assets rose from \$94,043 to \$100,218.

You will all be aware through your personal circumstances that costs of one sort or another are forever increasing. Naturally enough these rising costs and the continuing elements of inflation have a significant effect on Club Finances. Although the Subscription Fee remains at a modest \$15 for the 1979/80 year, it is quite apparent if the Club is continue to progress, some future adjustment will need to be considered by the incoming Committee.

A Capitation Levy of \$1874 was paid to the Motorsport Association New Zealand and notice has already been served that this Levy will increase to \$2 per member in the coming year.

CLUBROOMS:

Regular use is made of our greatest asset, the Clubrooms and it's facilities. Apart from regular Club Nights many meetings and other events are held throughout the year. At the beginning of the year some interior work was completed, mainly to satisfy the fire safety requirements of the Licensing Commission. The area surrounding the Clubrooms was revealed which considerably improved conditions under foot. A general face lift to the front of the Building is being investigated and may be undertaken in the near future together with some upgrading of equipment which is due for replacement.

A short while ago our Clubrooms Custodian for more than ten years, Bill Ferris, returned to retirement. During his long term with us Bill earned the admiration, respect and thanks of all members who use these facilities. We are indeed grateful for his past services to the Club. A farewell presentation was made on behalf of the Executive and Members.

SOCIAL EVENTS:

Various socials were held throughout the year and although generally enjoyable functions they sometimes suffered from lack of support. Monthly film nights together with the informal Thursday and Sunday evenings attracted a regular attendance. Sunday evenings, particularly after events proved most popular, the availability of good quality meals via the Bistro Bar was a service greatly appreciated by Members.

The Club was granted a general Ancilliary License restricted to certain hours on certain days which hinders the organisation of activities on other nights to some extent. It is hoped the Licensing Commission may eventually adopt a more flexible attitude in this regard reducing the necessity and workload in making special permit applications.

Some changes to our Clubroom operations were introduced in the latter part of the year. The employment of a regular Lounge Bar Steward resulted in a more professional standard of service which has drawn favourable comment from regular and casual lounge users. At the same time the Social Committee was reformed with re-defined responsibilities. A number of top class socials have been planned for the next few months which we are sure will cater for all tastes.

COMPETITION EVENTS:

A full calendar of racing, rallying, speed, trials and related events have been organised through the year at both National and Club level. We again express our gratitude to Tisco N.Z. Limited, A.H.I. Agencies Limited, Motor Specialties Limited, and Rothmans for their sponsorship support. It is also opportune to thank our many other subsidiary sponsors and prize donors for their contributions.

Whilst the Club recognises it's responsibility to provide National and even International competition, we are also mindful of the need to adequately cater for the average club man who perhaps has neither the desire nor the means to transgress beyond that level. The number of members who gained points for the Exide, Gymkhana, and Trials Trophies is indication of a good healthy interest in basic Club Events. National Motor Racing is still troubled as far as covering organisational costs is concerned and the viability of maintaining and operating racing circuits is on the line. Although we have seen some excellent class racing over the past season, the spectacle, particularly in the upper formulae, which attracts the paying public, must be improved.

We were pleased however that our racing account for the year ended with a small surplus.

Rallying holds it's place as probably the most popular branch of the sport at the present time. The Rally Committee organised two successful events, The Cibie Lights Rally and Maramarua Forest Rally as well as the final round of the Pall Mall Championship.

The Speed Committee were kept busy with a number of hillclimbs and sprints and the S.T.S. Series of gymkhanas proved very popular.

Club Trials were also well supported with a number of newcomers being encouraged through a series of instructional evenings. Major event of the year for the Trials Committee was the Tisco Gold Star Championship Trial.

BULLETIN:

During the year various measures were taken to hold the steadily rising costs of producing the monthly bulletin. We are pleased to report that the previous year's cost has been reduced by approximately \$1800.

Our grateful thanks go to the writers and photographers who voluntarily donate their efforts supplying material for our use. We also appreciate the support given by the various bulletin advertisers.

GENERAL:

The Exide Trophy, an award made to the top points scorer in Club Competition went for the second successive year to Rob Nasey.

The Horace Robinson Trophy, an award made for commendable assistance to the Executive during the year, from other than an elected officer, went to Mrs Raewyn Brown.

At the last Annual General Meeting a long standing member Laurie Powell was elected to a Life Membership of the Auckland Car Club.

Congratulations are extended to Club Members who won National Championships including Ross Stone, Formula Pacific Champion; Bryce Platt, Shellsport Saloon Champion; Mike King, Formula Vee Champion; Neil Lowe, Mini 7 Champion; Grant Campbell, Formula Ford Champion and Blair Robson, National Rally Champion.

Guests at the Club's International Rally Night included the U.K. Rally Champion Russell Brookes together with Ford U.K. Competitions Manager Peter Ashcroft.

Messrs Brown, Martin and Bruce were elected to the Executive Committee of the New Zealand International Grand Prix Inc. with Les Rankin being re-elected as vice President. Jim Waygood continued as our Director on Motorsport Management Limited.

We take this opportunity to thank all members too numerous to mention individually who have come forward during the year to assist in some way with Club affairs or activities. Your help is greatly appreciated by myself, the Executive Committee and all members and competitors. We have no doubt that all can be justifiably proud of being a member of this organisation.

R.E.BROWN.....PRESIDENT

on the SOCIAL SCENE



Looking back at past events, the dance held on the 24th March was a great success. Between Balloons and streamers being thrown and hot chickens being auctioned yours truly was having to sing so that members would buy raffle tickets. What a night!

By the time this bulletin goes to press the Wine & Cheese/Fashion Parade will be over and hopefully most will have recovered. Dave Cowell was booked to entertain at the Clubrooms after the Club Circuit Trophy Meeting on Sunday 22nd last. Promised to be a great weekend. It is pleasing to see older members that we haven't seen for a while supporting our Socials. Ray Stodart and wife were at the last dance, great to see you back Ray & Dreenaugh.

Coming Events: We have our Steak House Dine and Dance on 19th May. This is something new we are trying and promises to be a night to remember. The Clubrooms top floor will be transformed into a Steakhouse Restaurant. It will be select your own steak which will be cooked to your taste. Serve yourself to the side salad etc. There will be a choice of wine available and John, our Bar Steward will be at your service. Usual Ale & Spirits will also be available. Top guitarist/Vocalist Dave Cowell will be providing the music for guests to dance to. Tickets are limited to 80 people. See Eric Mallard, Ron Brown or myself. We will be taking table reservations. You'll have to be early - this will be a popular night.

During June we will have regular Club nights only as there is so many other events on in the Club, Rallies and so forth.

July we are having a Saturday Night Movie evening. \$1.00 a head. Normal bar facilities will be open. Watch for posters down the Club. More details next month.

We will be having live entertainment on Sunday 13th May, 6.00 to 9.00 p.m. Our entertainers are very popular with the members. May film night is Race Night with Trophies being presented.

Dates to remember !!! 13th May "Live Entertainment"
19th May "Steakhouse Night".

MAURICE CARGILL.



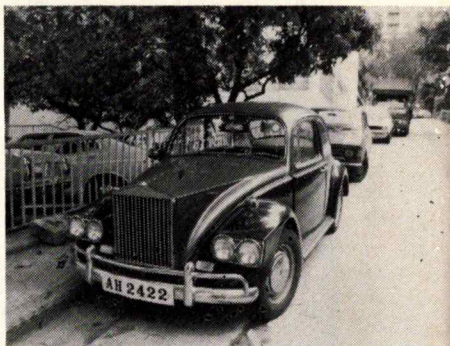
SHOUTS and murmurs



.....The Annual General Meeting of the Club was to held a day or two after this bulletin goes to print. The President's Annual Report can be read on Page five. The election of Office Bearers and any changes to the Executive Committee resulting from this meeting will be reported upon next issue.

.....We recently received a note from former Rally Committee Member Bruce White who has been working in Hong Kong for the past 3 - 4 months. He tells us that he is due to leave H.K. early in May bound for London via Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Jordan, Cairo etc and expects to be in the U.K. around mid June.

Among the Ferrari's, Lambo's, Porsche turbo's, Mercedes and Rolls Royces which abound in Hong Kong Bruce sent the adjacent photograph of a car he sees regularly parked a few hundred yards from the apartment block he has been staying at. We look forward to hearing from Bruce again over the next few months.



.....Congratulations to Mike and Wendy Smurthwaite who were recently blessed with not only another son but also a daughter as well.

It is with much sadness that we record the death last month of a cherished Club Member Sandra Findlay. Sharing a love for motor racing with husband Rex who finished 3rd in this past season's Shellsport Saloon Championship, Sandra often competed at Club meetings in Production Saloon events. The esteem in which she was held by motor sports people and the many other friends she had made was clearly evident by the large crowd who gathered to pay their last respects. We extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to Rex and their two children in the sad loss of a wife and mother.



Club Member Jim Donald (pictured left) competes in two British rallies this month.

Jim, is taking up an invitation from Ford of Britain to drive a works Escort RS1800 in the Esso South West Stages Rally in Devon on May 5, and in the Welsh Rally between May 10-12.

A performance mechanic by occupation, Jim has made a big impact on the sport in a relatively short time. He was Ari Vatanen's service manager in the international rally in New Zealand in 1977 and the wonders which he and his service team achieved as the Finnish driver charged through from 32nd to second place, earned him a reputation as a 'miracle worker'.

Since taking to rally driving his record is :

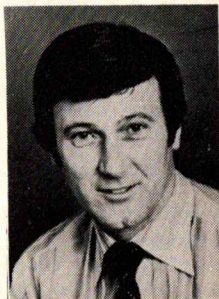
- 1974 - Won the Rally Pilots Novice Championship
- 1975 - Joined the Masport Escort Team; won four club events
- 1976 - Third in the international rally, 6th in the national championship
- 1977 - Fourth in the national championship
- 1978 - Second in the International Motogard Rally; second in the New Zealand national championship

He left for the U.K. on April 23 and will spend some time on familiarisation at the Ford competitions department at Boreham.

The visit will also provide an opportunity for Jim to renew acquaintance with current British Champion, Hannu Mikkola, who will also be competing in the Welsh Rally, and who will be in New Zealand to drive for the Masport team in the international Motogard Rally in July.

The two rallies will be Jim's first overseas driving experience, and he is conscious of the strong competition and the different conditions which he will face. "My hope is to learn something, and at least to finish," he says.

His co-driver for the U.K. rallies will be Derek Tucker, whose motor sport experience both as a driver and navigator goes back to 1960. Derek, 42, (Pictured right) is retail sales manager for Saab of Great Britain. His first competition experience was driving a Volkswagen in local rallies, and in 1963/64 he progressed to Motoring News and Welsh Championship events, often competing as a navigator for the late Malcolm Gibbs with whom he won several Motoring News rounds.



In last year's RAC Rally he navigated for Russell Brookes who earlier had won the 1978 Motogard in New Zealand in a Masport Escort.



It is very hard to know what is happening at the moment. Rallies are being postponed and cancelled or cut down.

NATIONAL RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP - ROUND ONE 26TH MAY

This Championship is still on. Regs for full championship entries are available through M.A.N.Z.

The first round promoted by Victoria University Car Club, Wellington is on May 26. This rally is running 2 events together. There is the National event then right behind that an Invitation even for competitors whose cars do not qualify under the National Regs. Entries close for National 7th May and the Invitation event 19th May.

Of the 300 odd Kms there are 130 Km of special stages. The organisers advise the wide variety of roads cover, seal and gravel public roads to clay and grass private access tracks. Alan Martin, organiser of the event, claims Aucklander's will moan about how rough the event is.

The rally is low key and starts in the middle of nowhere on Saturday night 10.00 p.m. finishing at Trentham Race Course 11.00 a.m. Sunday.

MEYERS PHARMACY - 19TH MAY

The Pukekohe Car Club has unfortunately cancelled this event. It was proposed to be run entirely on public roads. The road closures would have had to be in by the second week of the fuel business. Naturally public reaction at that time would not have been good. The Club is running a Closed Club Rally-sprint on the date in place of the Rally.

TOKOROA FOREST - JUNE 23

Regretfully this rally apparently has also been cancelled. Tokoroa C.C. and N.S.C.C. have decided due to many different reasons not to run this rally. If the national series for any reason is cancelled this event will be then run in September like the old Reidrubber event.

MOTOGARD INTERNATIONAL

By the time you read this the date for the event should be finalised.

Entries for the event open on May 14th. Regulations are available from P.O. Box 11129, Ellerslie, Auckland.

The event route has been completely plotted. There are 46 special stages totalling approx 1000 Kms of the total, 2200 Kms of the event.

A few points to members intending to enter the International for the first time. You need an Entrants Licence as well as an International (FIA) Rally Licence. The Entrants Licence you get from the MANZ Office. When you put your entry in it is necessary to forward the homologation papers with the entry. If you have problems with any requirement for the international then contact either Murray O'Donnell or myself and we will try to help. If an Aucklander you will never be able to compete in an International Rally cheaper than this year. This will probably be the best event ever for the top line competitors who will start. Have a go - it's good fun.

ROSS MONTGOMERY. ●

ANNUAL TROPHY DAY

PUKEKOHE 1200m CIRCUIT

TROPHY WINNERS

LODGE CUP.....Jim Clark, Morris Mini
MOTORWAYS TROPHY.....Kevin Butcher, Austin Cooper
AUCKLAND CAR CLUB CUP.....Bryce Platt, Escort
AUCKLAND CAR CLUB CUP.....Warwick Gray, Viva
ROSS JENSEN CUP.....Rupert Gardiner, Formula Ford
JENSEN MOTORS CUP.....Simon Boag, Mistral
AUCKLAND CAR CLUB CUP.....Trevor Mc Lean, Charger
REGENT CATERING CO. TROPHY.....No Formula Vee Entrants

The above trophies will be presented at the May Film Evening together with the Denis Hulme Trophy, the Bruce McLaren Motor Racing Trophy and the Jim Boyd Sports Car Trophy.



MAKE THURSDAY NIGHTS "CLUB NIGHT"

Meet at the Clubrooms
44 STODDARD ROAD, MT ROSKILL
7.30 p.m. — 11 p.m.

NEXT FILM NIGHT..... 17TH MAY



TEAM DATSUN EUROPE CONFIRMS MOTOGARD ENTRY

One of U.K.'s top rally teams, Team Datsun Europe, have confirmed their entry in the Motogard Rally '79 which is a qualifying round of the World Rally Championship of Makes.

Team Datsun Europe will enter two cars in the Motogard, to be run in the upper half of the North Island in mid-July.

The cars will be 2000 c.c. Datsun sedans and will be driven by Englishman Andy Dawson and Finn Timo Salonen in Group 2 form.

Andy Dawson, the Manager of Team Datsun Europe won recognition with New Zealand audiences last year through a T.V. Programme on the Texaco Rally Sprint which was held during October 1978.. This entertaining confrontation between five Grand Prix drivers and five rally drivers included a circuit race in standard production cars and a special stage test using rally cars. Dawson was the overall winner of this event.

Last May Dawson was approached by Datsun Japan to establish a professional rally team in Europe. Thirty two year old Dawson who has recently won the Wyedean National Rally as well as the Texaco Rally Sprint first met the Japanese in 1975. Having graduated from Chryslers competition centre to the ranks of the top six rally drivers in Britain he was awarded the Kleber Scholarship. Effectively this was a rally season sponsored by the French tyre manufacturer in a Datsun 160J. Dawson won the Snowman Rally and finished 2nd of Harry Kallstrom's Datsun in the RAC that year. In 1976 and 1977 he had considerable success in Lancia's and Fords.

This will be Dawsons first trip to New Zealand and he is expected to adapt well to New Zealand driving conditions during the course of the three-day, 2500 kilometre international rally.

Timo Salonen, is just one of a number of highly successful Finnish rally drivers. Until his switch to Datsun, he was a Fiat works driver and came to New Zealand in 1977 as a 'spare' driver for the Fiat team which won the international rally that year.

The Datsun 2 litre Sedan represents the massive Japanese manufacturers' spearhead in international rallying and is readily adaptable to compete in events as different as the East African Safari and ice and snow of the Swedish Rally.

The cars are expected to arrive in the county by late June.

The Datsun entry brings the international entry for the Motogard to two manufacturers - Ford and Datsun - and four international drivers, Hannu Mikkola (Masport Escort): Are Vatanen (Rothmans Escort) and Dawson and Salonen (Datsun 2000c.c.).

And Dawsons chances? Andy says "I think the Escort is dead as a competitive rally car after 1979 and with Datsun we have all we need to replace it".



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.

John Blokker
Gregory Forde
Christopher Gates
Rex Haslip
Ross Jenkins
Reece Jones
Ian Noble
Donald Rubie
Kenneth Shaw
Karen Sims
Brandon Wilcox
Kevin Wootten

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Auckland
Penrose
Bucklands Beach
Birkdale
Glendene
Epsom
Northcote
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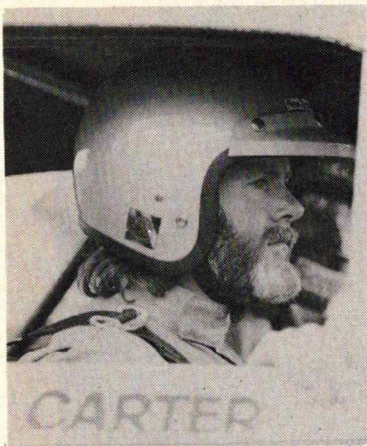
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RALLY SPRINT



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THE ALAN CARTER REPORT

As you know we finished the 78 Rally in 16th place overall and 2nd in Group One, a very satisfying result for a bunch of kiwis! Post Rally inspection of the engine revealed that we were very lucky to finish. Two pistons had started to collapse as a result of a piece of air-cleaner breaking off and being sucked down the carbs and the block was also damaged requiring replacement.

Our English Co-Driver didn't do much for Anglo-Kiwi relationships when we incurred a 10 minute penalty for clocking in early at one control. Fortunately (for both of us) we were far enough ahead of the third placed Group One car for it not to matter.

For the 79 season I have renewed my sponsorship with Apex Leisure Hire, the London based Motor Caravan Hire Company. I also receive assistance from F. English Ltd, a Ford Rallysport Dealer in Bournemouth. Trade support comes from Champion, Duckhams, Goodyear and M. & H. Tyres. I will be contesting 2 Championships. The Sedan Products (British Open) and the Tarmac Championship, a total of about 10 rallies. These are all full internationals and with only one exception form part of the European Championship as well. It is a very extensive (and expensive) programme and I estimate we will probably go broke about halfway through the season, which is better than last year where we were 'flat' all season.

The Galway Rally was our first outing this season and my first attempt at a secret Tarmac Rally. I'm sure our Irish hosts tried to sabotage us on the night before the rally. They got our entire team as inebriated as newts at the pre-rally do! I crawled into bed about 3.00 a.m. and was still drunk next morning at the start of the Rally. No-one noticed though - I think they were all suffering from the same complaint.

The first division saw us blown into the weeds - I can't take all the credit for that though! We had slight tyre and brake problems plus a broken shock absorber - plus the Irish Group One drivers are very quick. At the start of Division Two we were about 17th overall and 5th in Group One. After 6 stages we had pulled back about 3 minutes and were leading Group One - quite pleasing. The car we had just taken the lead off wasn't as pleased though and they went off on the next stage trying a bit hard. We also did a bit of damage to the car passing a VW Sirrico in the snow, experience gained in racing(?) Saloons in N.Z. comes in handy at times. We eventually finished 1st

in Group One, 5th overall and 1st overseas driver. The Irish roads are very good to drive on, a bit bumpy but generally predictable. The organisation was good with a lot of emphasis on enjoying yourself and rallying for the sports sake. The prizes are very realistic too. Our winnings were over £500.00.

Our next rally was the Mintex in Yorkshire. Unfortunately the snow messed the organisers up a bit and the rally wasn't too good, starting 24 hours late and with a lot of stages missing.

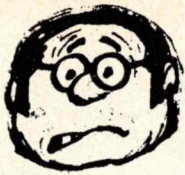
Blomquist in the Turbo Saab made everybody look silly and won as he pleased. My main competition was Inurrieta (RS2000) and Brise (Opel) who both go far too quickly. Halfway through the event we were all within 14 seconds so it was all on. Inurrieta put himself out, and the spectators entertained, by rolling end for end down a fast straight in the snow. I got held up a few times by cars blocking the stages and lost about 5 or 6 minutes. Brise had a better run, though in one stage I caught him and he promptly went off blocking the road, spectators got him going again so he went and did the same thing again and again. The roads were so bad that I doubt if I could have got past even if he had wanted me too. These stages were just snow ploughed 'tunnels', through snow up to 14 feet deep in places. I cursed by luck that we hadn't started that stage in front of him. We also had to dig ourselves out of the snow a couple of times after burying ourselves into snowbanks - good fun. We managed to avoid most other obstacles and eventually finished 9th overall and 2nd in Group one.

Our next Rally is the Circuit of Ireland at Easter and if I can win Group One I will be leading that Division in both championships.

Peter Bryan now does all the preparation on the car single handed and John Halse helps with service. Pete does an 'Ace' job and since he's done the car we have had a 4th, two seconds and two firsts and no D.N.F.'s.

That's all for now but we should be down with something exciting for the Motogard.





FOUR EYES

are better than two?

The 1979 Mercury Trophy Series has got off to a great start with, on provisional placings, Auckland Car Club coming first overall. Roger Stewart won the 1st event with yours truly coming second, giving the Club a 9-point start. Congratulations to Roger, Wayne and crew on winning their first Mercury Trial. The trial itself, although not quite up to the standard of Mt Maunganui's previous open events, was an excellent start to the series. There was no mapreading, and the event was basically quite straightforward with several good traps to sort out the men from the boys. A few avoidable typing errors in the ASR's and CRI's unfortunately meant a little confusion, and the deletion of a few checks for the whole field. Talking about the field, I was quite surprised at the number of competitors, taking into account the apparent fuel crisis and the distance from Auckland. All clubs appeared to be well represented with very few of the regulars missing.

Our Series of 3 Instruction Evenings concluded recently, with an excellent response from existing and potential competitors. I hope everyone has learnt something and will be supporting the Club in the remaining Mercury events, and taking part in the next few closed club trials. At this stage the Thames Valley Mercury Trial has been cancelled, and the TISCO GOLD STAR postponed - to be run in conjunction with our round of the Mercury Series on 4th August. I estimate that the concurrent running of our two events will result in an overall fuel saving of 60%.

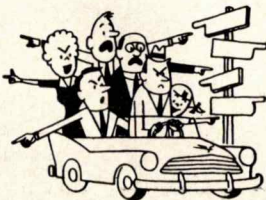
The following are the dates of forthcoming major events in this area:

19 May	AUCC Mercury
10 June	HCC Mercury
28 July	AUCC Gold Star
4 August	ACC Gold Star and Mercury
11 August	Waikato Gold Star
22 September	NACC Gold Star and Mercury.

Let's see a few more aspiring competitors along to support the Club.

See you at the next trial.

DOUG BONE.



Trials Trophy Points

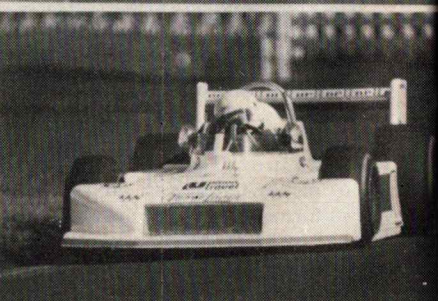
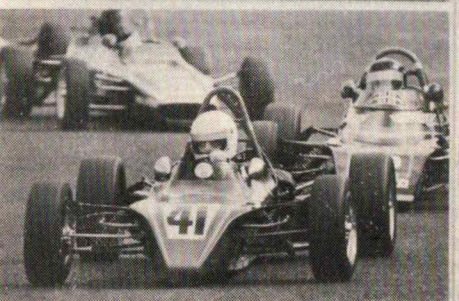
The following are the amended final points for the 1978/79 season:

R. Stewart	173	K. Florian	8
D. Clendon	172	B. Clendon	8
C. Hudson	129	D. Hamilton	8
D. Bone	122	S. Snaith	7½
J. Busch	46½	A. Mowatt-Wilson	7
B. Keach	34	S. Graves	6
P. Batten	33½	P. Levett	6
K. Lack	33	I. Perry	5
B. Faulkner	31	P. Vass	4
P. Coleman	27	W. Rhodes	4
S. Cargill	25	R. Jones	3
P. Sergeant	23	A. Jack	3
M. Catterall	22	G. White	3
G. Bennett	21½	R. Purvis	2
M. Kaye	21	H. Burrows	2
R. Alder	19	L. Bennett	2
M. Finch	15	T. Swinburne	2
J. Legg	10	S. Subritzky	2
R. Nasey	10	S. Morten	2
J. Crombie	9	M. Verry	1
P. Stone	9	C. Goodson	1
R. Montgomery	8	J. Fryer	1
A. Verry	8		



Yes, it's that season again! The tally of new recruits for that illustrious Club has already begun to climb as a result of over enthusiasm shown during the early season rally events. Unfortunately the banner which has done the rounds of many past rallies was purloined by persons unknown a short time after the above photograph was taken. No doubt the intrepid 'Koruba Kids' also seen in the photo, would be interested in it's present whereabouts.

Pukekohe National Race Meeting



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1979 PUKEKOHE SALOON CAR CLASSIC

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SUNDAY, 7TH OCTOBER 1979

DURATION: 5½ hours.

ELIGIBILITY: A number of alterations have been made for this year's race. There will be two major classifications of vehicle eligibility.

SECTION A : NEW ZEALAND ASSEMBLED CLASSIFICATION

1. To be run in three reciprocating engine capacity sub-classes 0-1300c.c.; 1301-1600c.c.; 1601-2000c.c. The list of eligible vehicles, which will be published, will be similar to the list published in 1978, and in addition will contain cars recently released on the New Zealand market.
2. New Zealand assembled models of which no fewer than 100 examples have been produced in a 12 month period.
3. Performance models will not be eligible.
4. Limited Slip Differentials will not be permitted.
5. The vehicles entered in this classification must have been originally registered subsequent to 7th October 1976.
6. Competing vehicles are permitted to use New Zealand manufactured alloy wheels. Aunger Alloy Wheels are recommended.
7. Exhausts are free beyond the point where the front pipe enters the first muffler-expansion chamber.

SECTION B : OVERSEAS ASSEMBLED CLASSIFICATION

1. Vehicles as originally listed under Series Production Touring Cars - Group One of the 1979 F.I.A. Yearbook (commencing pink pages, page 12) - with an engine capacity not exceeding 2000c.c.
Supercharged or Turbocharged vehicles will NOT be eligible.

NOTE Cars in this classification are to be the original specification except for the items that are listed in Section B. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7.

Components subsequently homologated will not be authorised. Intending entrants in this classification are urged to contact the organisers prior to making firm commitments.

2. Shock Absorbers may be replaced.
3. Carburettor Chokes and Jets may be changed or modified.
4. Camshafts may be modified, though no increase in valve lift will be permitted.
5. Exhaust systems will be free beyond the point where the front pipe enters the first muffler-expansion chamber.
6. ONLY Standard Fuel Tanks will be permitted.

7. *Alloy Wheels may be used.
8. Vehicles entered in this classification must have been originally registered subsequent to 1st January 1974.
9. A professionally-produced workshop manual in English must be submitted.
10. Competitors entering cars imported into New Zealand shall ensure that homologation papers for the vehicle entered are supplied to the organisers.

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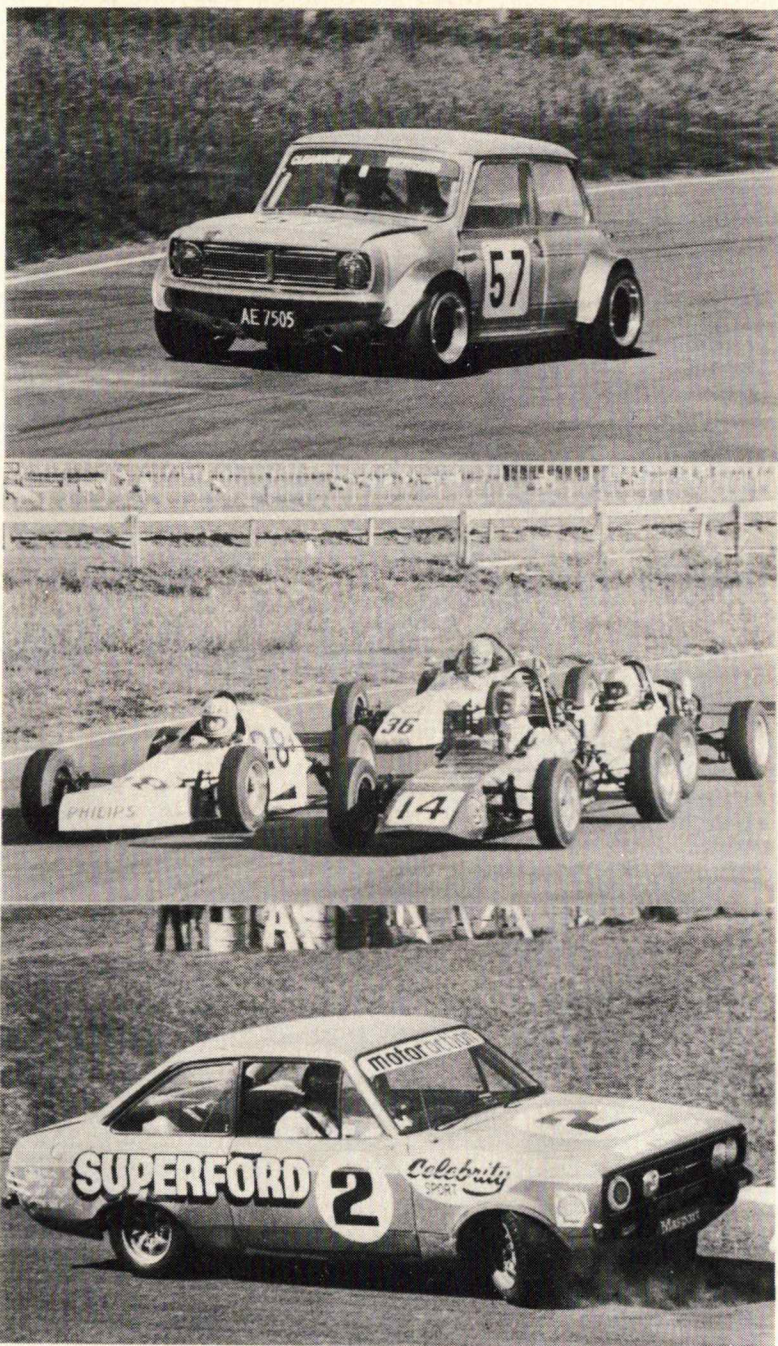
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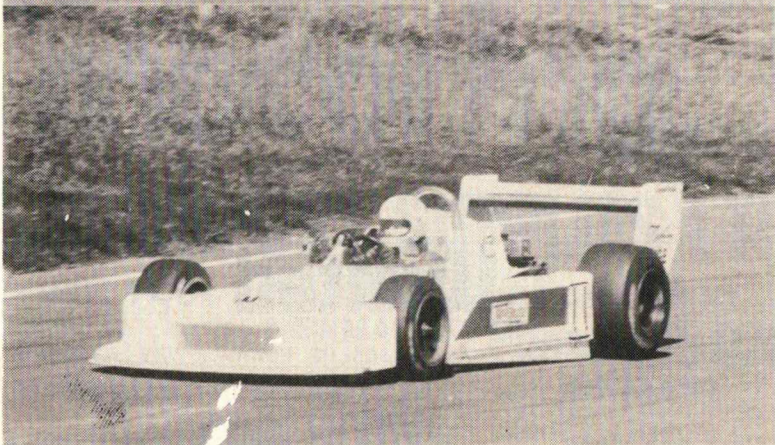
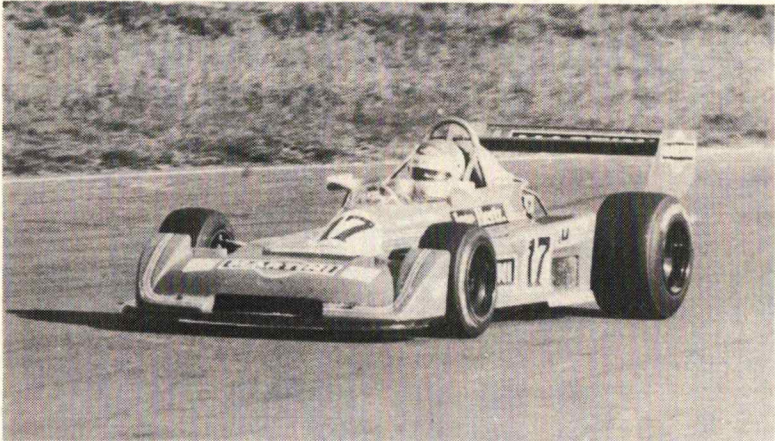


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Dear Readers,

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I am trying to put together some information about N.Z. designed and/or built cars, from Mistrals to GT 40 replicas and would appreciate any help or information available. I am most interested in road going cars of the Sports and Grand Touring nature, whether the spartan road racing sports cars of the Buckler 'mould' or the fully equipped road car like the Goodwin. "One offs" or "Many offs", I would like to hear about them all.

Although my main interest is in the above types, information on any worthwhile project, road or track, would be gladly received. As you may have guessed, I am not interested in N.Z. assembled, mass production cars. However, projects that have been developed in N.Z. from overseas origins such as the Lotus 7 and Eureka are definitely included.

The type of information I am requesting is anything related; from racing, construction, performance figures, handling, photo copies of articles, general history and background to the personalities involved and eventually any photos than can be copied and later returned to the sender.

I have a "questionnaire" that conveys much of the types of information I am seeking, a copy of which will be sent to anyone on their request.

Once again, may I say that anything, no matter how small, would be greatly appreciated.

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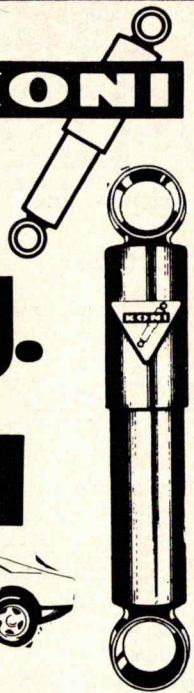
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K. Lack	Mini	45.680	1st
P. Lack	Mini	47.107	2nd
R. Stewart	Anglia	58.424	3rd

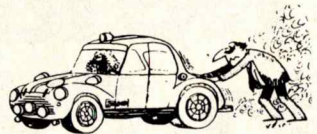
1001 - 1300c.c.

R. Wilson	Clubman GT	44.945	1st
P. Levet	Cooper S	45.529	2nd
E. Mc Laren	Escort	49.323	3rd
A. Brook	Escort	51.353	4th

1301c.c. and over

D. Mc Connell	Escort	46.070	1st
D. Rubie	Anglia	46.095	2nd
M. Adams	Escort	46.692	3rd
P. Dunkley	Mazda RX3	49.232	4th
S. Browne	Beast	Retired	

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3rd	Roger Stewart	980.5	A.C.C.
4th	Peter Sergent	1512.1	A.U.C.C.
5th	Sue Dawson	1763	N.S.C.C.
6th	Alastair Bell	1835.8	A.U.C.C.
7th	John Sinclair	2147.7	N.S.C.C.
8th	Doug O'Shea	2265.6	N.S.C.C.
9th	Ross Mc Corquodale	2715.7	A.U.C.C.
10th	Murray Catterall	3082.3	A.C.C.
11th	Judy Coker	3111.2	N.S.C.C.
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Listed hereunder are final points for the 1978/79 Season:

J. Busch	70 $\frac{1}{2}$	M. Kaye	21
R. Stewart	69	P. Fraser	20
D. Clendon	64	B. Homewood	20
K. Lack	63	A. Ornstein	20
P. Levet	62	J. Hope	20
P. Meadows	58	R. Alder	19
B. Faulkner	55	M. Finch	19
C. Hudson	53	M. Limbrick	18
D. Mc Connell	42	A. Veltmeyer	18
K. Short	38	R. Ferrall	18
T. Jarvis	34	H. de Thierry	18
P. Batten	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	R. Wilson	18
J. Perkins	33	T. Mc Lean	16
P. Walby	32	C. Conway	16
M. Adams	32	G. Bennett	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
H. Burrows	30	E. Hunter	14
R. Nasey	29	A. Turner	14
P. Coleman	29	N. Mallard	14
R. Purvis	28	H. Wilson	14
J. Steward	26	N. Mc Carthy	14
P. Van Dorsten	26	N. Strange	13
B. Powell	24	K. Lancaster	12
P. Sergent	23	R. Vickery	12
M. Catterral	22	S. Cargill	11

10 POINTS: G. Morrell, R. Findlay, V. Mc Laren, R. Millen, B. Keach, D. Macron, G. Mc Gregor, D. Bone, J. Tee, I. Mair, W. Parkin, J. Harvey, P. Medhurst, F. Bailey, W. Rhodes, R. Mc Corquodale, K. Saunders, M. Parsons, P. Farrell, M. Irwin.

9 POINTS: J. Crombie, P. Stone.

8 POINTS: R. Willis, K. Burcher, G. Addis, M. Marshall, N. Rogers, R. Carlsen, D. Strong, A. Johnson, A. Verry, B. Clendon, D. Hamilton, C. Faulkner, B. Lindsay, S. Browne, M. Wright, G. Johnston, P. Lack, S. Schwarz, R. Montgomery.

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

7 POINTS: 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, L. Thorpe, R. Senne, J. Holster, A. Lamb, P. Vass, K. Lovell, K. Rand, E. Mc Laren.

5 POINTS: C. Moat, I. Perry, R. Jones.

4 POINTS: A. Fickling, G. Barker, P. Benbrook, H. Collier, G. Rush, C. Houltram, D. Wallace, D. Gulland, T. Skellern, S. Subritzky, R. Mc Laren, K. Stoneman, H. Schollum, A. May, P. Herbert, P. Freeth, S. Thompson, C. Mallard, D. Rose, A. Brook, P. Dunkley.

3 POINTS: A. Jack. G. White.

2 POINTS: L. Bennett, T. Swinburne, P. Adams, B. Peacock, J. Morton, G. Harriman, R. Abbott, D. Wilson, G. Pachnatz, P. Fava, S. Morten, P. Clendon, S. Kahn, R. de Jongh, S. Augustowicz, I. Hawes, L. Goodman, G. Hunter.

1 POINT: M. Verry, C. Goodson, F. Fryer.

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