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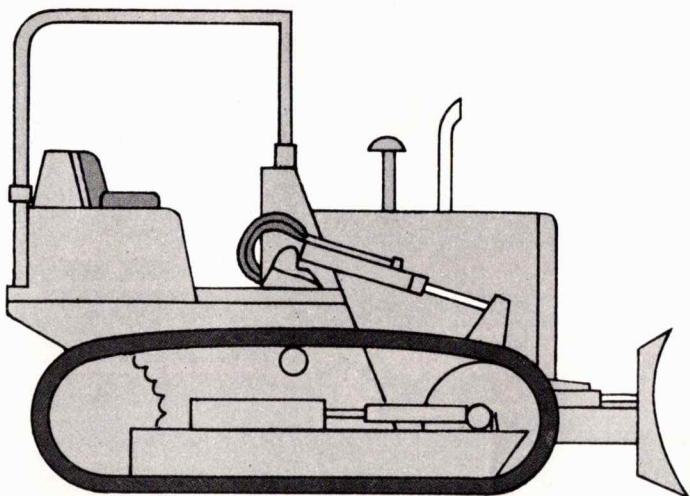
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Leo Leonard displaying the form that won him the Riverhead Rallysprint.

COVER

Club Member Jim Harvey shown here leading team-mate Cheryll Parnell regained the Mini 7 title for the 1978/79 season.

PIX...ROSS CAMMICK...PH 558-913

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COMING EVENTS



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JULY 10TH

Tuesday

INTERNATIONAL RALLY 'STAR TALK'

An opportunity to meet and hear some of the International personalities in N.Z. for the Motogard. To be held at the Logan Campbell Room, Vacation Hotel at 7.30 p.m. The evening will begin with the showing of a new Rally film 'A Little Bit Sideways' and possibly one other. Bar facilities will be available (at concession rates). Admission open to all at \$3.00 per person (Limited number of tickets). Available from Ross Montgomery, Rob Wylie, Doug Bone or ex Clubrooms. Organised in conjunction with Masport and Ford. A donation from the night will be made to an I.Y.C. Charity.

JULY 11TH

Wednesday

NIGHT TRIAL:

In conjunction with Northern Sports Car Club. Trial starts from their Clubrooms in Mt Richmond Domain at 6.30 p.m. The event will be easy. Duration 2 hours. Trials Trophy and Mid Week Series Points.

JULY 28TH

Thursday

CLUB NIGHT AND FILM EVENING:

To be held at Clubrooms commencing at 8.15 p.m. This night will feature Club Members who competed in the Motogard relating their experiences. Good Motorsport films. Supper. Late License to 11.00 p.m.

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MOTOGARD WEEK

JULY 14TH

Saturday

Scrutineering

From 11.00 a.m. at Epsom Showgrounds.

- JULY 15TH DIVISION ONE
 Sunday Starts Auckland 2.00 p.m. via Clevedon, Pukekohe, Coromandel to Tauranga for finish at 6.00 a.m.
- JULY 16TH DIVISION TWO
 Monday 4.00 p.m. start via Rotorua, Taupo, Turangi, Taumaranui, New Plymouth, arrival at 12 noon.
- JULY 17TH DIVISION THREE
 Tuesday Starts New Plymouth at 8.20 p.m. thence 15 Stages to Auckland.
- JULY 18TH FINISH OF RALLY at 4.30 p.m. outside Turners
 Wednesday Car Auction, Fanshawe Street, City.
- JULY 19TH END OF RALLY FUNCTION
 Thursday To be held at Trillo's Leger Room, Ellerslie Racecourse. Buffet Dinner, Dancing and drinks included in price of \$14 per head. Tickets available to everybody from Rally Office, Phone 593108 - 2 Findlay Street, Ellerslie.
- JULY 22ND EBBETT WAIKATO LTD MERCURY TROPHY TRIAL
 Sunday The third round of the Mercury Trophy Series starts in Hamilton 10.00 a.m. - Duration approx. 4½ hours. ASR's from 36 Fairview Street, Hamilton or Clubrooms - Promoted by Hamilton Car Club.
- JULY 29TH COCA COLA BOTTLERS RALLYCROSS
 Sunday The final round of this Series at Kaipaki. Contact Hamilton Car Club, P.O. Box 6029, Hamilton.
- AUGUST 4TH ACC'S GOLD STAR/MERCURY TRIAL
 Saturday Auckland Car Club's major Trial of the year. ASR's from Clubrooms or Mrs K. Pearce, 29 Norman Hills Road, Onehunga. Further details elsewhere in Bulletin.
- AUGUST 18/19 CIBIE LIGHTS RALLY
 Sat/Sun Auckland Car Club Promotion. 8 stages in this tremendous invitation rally. Entries from The Secretary, 1979 Cibie Lights Rally, 70 Allum Street, Kohimarama. Don't be late - entries close 28th July.
- AUGUST 18TH GOLD STAR TRIAL
 Saturday Manawatu Car Club Event. Enquiries to P.O. Box 1000, Palmerston North.

AUGUST 26TH

N.Z. MOTOR CORP CLUBMANS RALLY

Sunday

An M.G. Car Club organised Rally in Riverhead Forest. This event is only open to 5 members from our Club - See Rally Roundup elsewhere in Bulletin for details.

SEPTEMBER 1ST

NATIONAL RALLY SERIES - ROUND 3

Saturday

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Rally Night



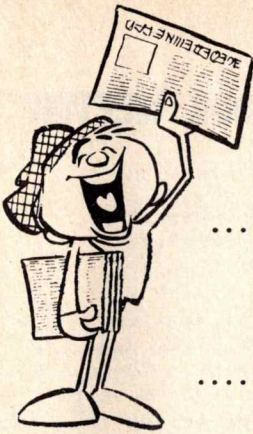
Guest Speakers: Hannu Mikkola, Mick Jones, Peter Ashcroft, Arnie Hertz,

At: Logan Campbell Room, Vacation Hotel,
Campbell Road, One Tree Hill.

Commencing: 8.00 p.m., Tuesday July 10

Admission by ticket only - \$3 per person

SHOUTS and murmurs



..... Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Glennis and Geoff Sibun on the birth of a son; Vern Mc Laren and Shirley Greaves on the announcement of their engagement; Geoff and Celia Cossey on the birth of a son.

..... The installation of 'on tap' beer facilities at the Clubrooms has now been completed. Many members have remarked that it should have been put in long ago. Hopefully we will now overcome the 'big' night problem of running out of cold beer. The existing refrigeration had served us well but was already dated when installed in the Clubrooms some 11 years ago. Now you can pop in for 'a pint' and chat on Thursday and Sunday Evenings.



Early in May the Auckland Car Club was invited to help set up a 'Mutant Machine Show' held in conjunction with Radio Hauraki. Several members responded and made their competition vehicles ranging from Minis to Formula Pacific available for display. The Show's Organisers and the Club thanks you all for your help.

Special thanks to Doug Bone for doing the spadework in getting such a good number of club cars together. The mini-circuit used at the Ellerslie Racecourse property has a lot of fun for little kids and big kids alike.

The recent sudden passing of Tom Walker whilst in the U.K. on holiday with his wife came as a great shock to all who knew him. Tom recently retired as President of the N.Z. International Grand Prix after a three year term. In the capacity of Track Manager, Pukekohe Motor Racing Circuit since its inception he has been of immense assistance and we at the Auckland Car Club are particularly grateful for the help he has afforded us over the years. He will be sadly missed. To his wife Dee and other members of the family we extend our heartfelt and deepest sympathy.

The 32nd Annual General Council Meeting of the Motorsport Association of New Zealand was held at the Hotel Russley, Christchurch over the weekend 8 - 10th June 1979.

The four M.A.N.Z. Advisory Committees i.e. Racing, Rallies, Trials and Speed events convened on the Friday at 11.00 a.m. to consider various remits submitted by member clubs. These Committees were formulated a few years ago to consider matters as they arise in regard to the sport and make appropriate recommendations to the M.A.N.Z. Executive. One of the most important topics to arise in recent years - the International fuel situation and its effect on Motorsport - became an underlying theme over the weekend. The fuel users survey carried out in 1974 shows our sport in extremely good light when compared with other recreational pursuits. However, P.R. exercises will probably do little to convince the man in the street, faced with carless days. With regard to the country's immediate supply situation, whether political or otherwise, various motor sporting events are being shortened and even cancelled to accede with Government wishes to reduce the National overall fuel consumption. In the longer term there is probably little doubt that we (N.Z.) will have to look towards indigenous fuels to keep our wheels turning. Those of us who are left here, that is! As far as our sport is concerned a 15% Methanol/85% Petrol blend seems likely to be introduced at an early date. The M.A.N.Z. is currently seeking further information on the whole subject (The Benson & Hedges Saloon Race later this year will use blended fuels and a class will be provided for L.P.G. Powered Cars).

The Motorsport Association Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1978 on an income of \$88882 and Expenditure of \$90376, thus a deficit of \$1494. Income included \$36577 from Competition Licences, \$17685 from Capitation Levies, and \$8900 from Organising Permits.

The estimates for the current year again show a large deficit. To counter this continuing shortfall the M.A.N.Z. Executive placed the following recommendation before Council.

FINANCE: Philosophy of restructured system

Problem:

- 1) We are unable to adequately finance our administration at the level we require from the present sources of income
- 2) In arriving at a solution we must not introduce income gathering systems that inhibit our sport at grass root levels.

Considerations:

- 1) Our problems are brought about by
 - a) The demands of our competitors for greater levels of administrative protection
 - b) The need to internationally communicate to provide the top tier of all sections of our sport as a target and to establish it in the minds of the public.
- 2) Our clubs are not in the position to carry greater financial demands from national administration as they have the same problem.
- 3) Basically a user pay system is a world wide accepted system for all financial considerations.
- 4) Our solution should ideally provide a method that encourages people into our sport i.e. within reason keep our initial costs as low as possible.
- 5) If we can get more active people into our sport this will assist in sharing the load.

Taking into account the above philosophy, which results from a great deal of study by the Executive Committee over the last few months, the following recommendation is placed before this Council Meeting for consideration and adoption:

APPENDIX B FEES

ADD:

18. Competition fees (effective from 1 August 1979)

Closed Club Races and Rallies	\$1.00 per entry
Restricted Invitation Events	\$2.00 per entry
National Open & Higher Status Events	\$3.00 per entry

Notes:

- (a) The above fees would be payable by each and every competitor in the specified events to the promoting club either as part of the entry fee or separately.
- (b) All the specified events would be the subject of a Fees Declaration to be submitted together with the remittance by the Club concerned to MANZ within seven days of the event.
- (c) The fee on rallies would not be imposed until the Special Rally Levy of \$5 per competitor has been discontinued.

CAPITATION LEVY 1979

In accordance with the notice of intent given at the 31st Annual Council Meeting it is proposed that the above levy will be \$2 per head for 1979.

After a great deal of discussion Council adopted the recommendations.

A further recommendation by the M.A.N.Z. Executive concerned Medical Certificates (N.C.R. 119). Following the policy of making it simpler for new entrants to try their skills in minor events and taking into account present medical evidence it was proposed (and adopted) that Medical Certificates be required only for drivers in Races, Rallies and Rallycross of INVITATION STATUS AND ABOVE. This means that Medical Certificates are no longer required for Closed Club Events.

Several General Remits submitted by various Clubs were considered and these were mostly lost on motions or withdrawn.

The question of mufflers was raised by one remit and whilst the noise of competition vehicles currently appears to be a local problem in certain areas, Council charged the Technical Committee with investigating the feasibility and desirability of introducing effective mufflers on competition vehicles at some time in the future.

M.A.N.Z. President Morrie Chandler and Vice Presidents Keith Douglas and Rob Lester were returned to office unopposed. A ballot resulted in the following three persons being elected to the Executive Committee. Mrs Isobel Boreham, Bill Forsyth and Barry Higham, unsuccessful were Graham Pierce (by one vote) and Paul King.

Results of election of Advisory Committees:

Racing: George Begg (Christchurch), David Oxtan (Auckland), Terry Rush (Fielding).

Rallies: Peter Cameron (Masterton), Kevin Lancaster (Auckland), Carl Rabbige (Timaru).

Speed: Ron Jackways (Hamilton) Dave Pilkington (Pukekohe), Peter Wood (Ashburton)

Trials: Warren Bent (Palmerston North), Graeme Robertson (Auckland), Graham Sharpe (Christchurch).

Various presentations took place at the Annual Dinner held in conjunction with the A.G.M. Robert Lester, Philips Electrical Formula Vee Championship Winner won the Jim Clark Trophy for 1979. A rare citation of merit was presented to Owen Steele, Motorsport Manager of the Shell Oil Company, and was accompanied by a standing ovation. Owen has had a long association with our sport as a Sponsors Representative and his enthusiasm has been of immense assistance over the years.

Auckland Car Club Members, Reg Cook and Blair Robson were both present to receive their Gold Star Awards and Gary Pedersen accepted the Gold Star on behalf of Dave Mc Millan who is still overseas.

On the Sunday afternoon after the MANZ AGCM had closed, the Rally Organisers Association of N.Z. held it's Annual Meeting. The financial report indicated a very healthy turnaround from previous years and it would seem possible that the Special Rally Competitor Levy adopted in 1978 will not need to continue beyond this year. However this will be notified at a later date.

Trials Trophy Points

The following are Trials Trophy points up to and including the AUCC Mercury Trophy Trial on 19.5.79.

Doug Bone	37	Richard Jones	8½
Peter Clendon	28	Colin Goldingham	8½
Wayne Rhodes	21	Peter Stone	7
Murray Catterall	21	Ross Montgomery	5
Kevin Lack	18	Vern Mc Laren	4
Richard Purvis	15	Steve Cargill	2
Neville Stranøe	11	Allen Hill	1
Chris Hudson	10	Jeff Law	1
Steve Morten	10		

CIBIÉ LIGHTS RALLY

SATURDAY 18th AUGUST

8 STAGES — MARAMARUA AREA

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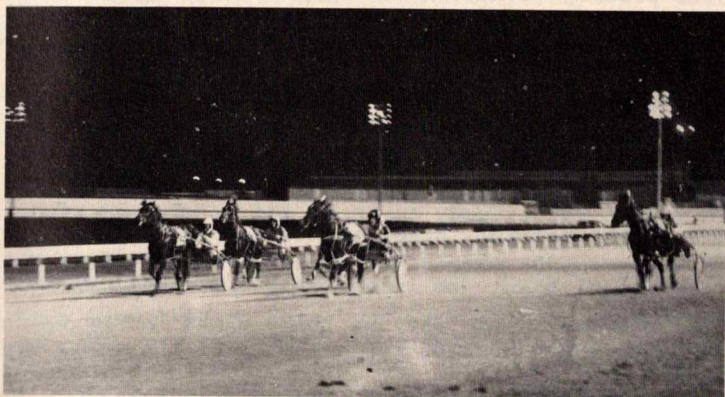
MOTOGARD RALLY FORD DEALER TEAM AT THE TROTS

In a successful promotion staged by Masport and the Ford Dealer Team in conjunction with the Auckland Trotting Club, members of the F.D.T. took to the sulkies and tried their hand with the four-legged horsepower. An exciting race resulted in a win for Jim Donald driving Carlton Club, Leo Leonard was 2nd, Blair Robson 3rd, Dave Parkes 4th, Paul Adams 5th and Tony Teesdale 6th. Trotting fans were also treated to some spectacular demonstration laps by Messrs Robson, Donald and Allan Draper.

RALLY TROTS?



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ADDITIONS & ALTERATIONS TO NATIONAL COMPETITION RULES

The following alterations and additions to the National Competition Rules were approved by the Executive Committee.

From the Rally Advisory Committee:

Appendix R (Rallies Regulations) Gold Pages 1979MANZ Yearbook

NEW CLAUSE - 16/8 ADD:

'Where competing cars or service cars are carrying radio communication equipment, all such equipment must be licensed with the New Zealand Post Office and all licences must be shown at documentation and produced on demand'.

Under the heading 'Schedule of Penalties' in Appendix R, the following is to be added:

'Exceeding the maximum legal speed limit on a road open to the public : Suffer a fine equal to that existing under the Ministry of Transport Instant Fine Schedule.'

A further amendment to the National Competition Rules, to be included in the next issue of the MANZ Yearbook is:

'REPRESENTATION AT PROTEST AND OTHER JUDICIAL HEARINGS

At any Judicial Hearing, other than a Hearing before the National Court of Appeal, the complainant/s and the respondent/s concerned shall state their own case in person and may call witnesses.

It is not permitted that they be represented in any way at such a Hearing by an advocate, whether a member of the Legal Profession or not.

Where either the complainant or the respondent is a Club, MANZ, or an organiser, then such body shall appoint an office bearer of that organisation to represent it. Such appointee shall not be a member of the legal profession.

Proof of the appointee's status within the organisation shall be provided to the Stewards, Judicial Committee, MANZ Executive Committee or any Committee of Enquiry appointed by MANZ as the case may be.

At a Hearing before the National Court of Appeal, the Court shall itself decide whether it will permit the representation of the parties by advocates'.

TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT

A new appointment has been made within the structure of the MANZ Technical Department and that is the position of MANZ Technical Administration Officer. Mr Malcolm Sutherland of Wellington has undertaken this task, and his duties will include the maintenance of registers of Vehicle Specifications from Manufacturers.

Also, a new Technical Officer has been appointed from the Manawatu Region - Mr Ralph Watson of Palmerston North.

RALLY SPRINTS

With the advent of the highly successful Rally Sprints overseas, many Clubs have expressed interest in running such events, and for the interest of those future promoting Clubs and interested competitors, the Executive Committee have laid down the following criteria:

Definition

A Rally Sprint is a timed competition where competitors compete against the clock and each other on an elimination basis with a minimum of two practice runs.

The fees set down for Rally Sprints, as advised by the Rally Advisory Committee, are:

Closed Club	\$30
Invitation	\$40
National Open	\$60

Eligibility

Cars to comply with Schedule A as per Rally cars, crew, route and marking, licences as per rallies.

Timing

At discretion of organisers, rules as per running a rally stage.

FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL COMPETITION RULES

At the April Executive Meeting, it was resolved that the following amendments be made to the National Competition Rules, with effect from 1 June 1979:

New Rule 68A : Conditions of Entry

It shall be a condition of entry of every competitor that he shall agree to have his vehicle/s made available to the MANZ Technical Officer of a Meeting upon the written request of such Technical Officer or a Steward of the Meeting setting down the time with a tolerance of 30 minutes, day and place for the purpose of disassembly and inspection to ascertain eligibility before and/or after the event or events in the meeting for which the competitor has entered, with such disassembly and reassembly at the competitors expense. Failure to present his vehicle/s for such inspection within the time limit set down shall exclude the competitor's entry from the results of the event or events in which the entry has been made.

NCR 145(a): New Paragraph : Add as penultimate paragraph of Rule 145(a) on page 74 of the 1979 Yearbook.

Breaking of MANZ Seals

When a sealed vehicle component or components are required to be inspected by a MANZ Technical Officer or the MANZ Technical Committee they shall be presented to the inspecting Officer or Officers at such time with a tolerance of 30 minutes, day and place as the Officers shall specify in writing, at the expense of the competitor. Failure to make such presentation at the time, day and place set down shall be referred to the Stewards of the Meeting at which the order was issued, and shall cause the competitor to be subject to penalty as provided in No. 153 and costs as provided in No. 178(a)

Competitors or officials who are found by the Stewards of the Meeting after an enquiry to have broken a MANZ seal on a vehicle component or components without the written authority of a MANZ Technical Officer so to do shall be subject to penalty as provided in No. 153 and costs as provided in No. 178(a).

RALLY SEATS

Over the last few years it has become quite common for rally competitors to use bucket rally seats constructed of fibreglass. Last year during the Motogard Rally, a competitor's car suffered a major roll, during which the co-driver's seat was partially fractured across the back. Further investigation has found that this type of damage had occurred previously during the season on two occasions that are known. The problem appears to be due to the fact that fibreglass shows fatigue after a period under rally conditions.

Competitors are therefore requested to regularly inspect rally seats, if these are of fibreglass type mentioned. The MANZ Technical Department has also been asked to check the seats during its eligibility checks.

RALLY COMPETITORS' HELMETS

The Rally Advisory Committee has expressed concern over competitors using helmets with chin protector straps. A few accidents have occurred whereby the chin straps have been displaced and helmets have, or nearly have, fallen off.

- LICENCE SUSPENSION

Mr G.I. Kirkham, 32 Rossiter Place, Hamilton, has had his licence suspended as a result of using a public road for the purpose of rally practice. Mr Kirkham admitted the offence before a Judicial Committee of the Hamilton Car Club, and as a result of this most serious breach of NCR's, he has had his licence suspended as he has failed to answer correspondence addressed to him by MANZ.

N.Z. RACE PROMOTERS MEETING 1979

The Annual Race Promoters Meeting for 1979 was held in Wellington on Friday 20 April. The main points arising from this Meeting were:

- 1) That the Union Travel Formula Pacific Championship will continue in full force during the next season, with a guarantee from the N.Z. Racing Drivers' Club that a minimum of 6 cars would compete in each round.
- 2) Mr Ken Sager, Secretary of the Shellsport Register, had stated that the majority of Shellsport Championship drivers were in favour of returned to the original weights, and problems had been experienced during the last season with the new weight regulations with some drivers choosing the wrong engines for their cars. It was therefore agreed that the weight for Shellsport cars be returned to the 1977-78 limits.
- 3) The Mini Seven Association is keen to promote races in the South Island, and members were generally agreeable to attending as many South Island promotions as were available.

- 4) The Pacific Racing Championship, having gained approval from the F.I.A. will commence in 1980. Mr R.W.A. Frost, Vice President of the C.S.I.A. (and N.Z. Delegate) will attend a meeting in Japan en route to England on business in mid June to discuss final details of regulations and specifications for the commencement of this Championship. New Zealand will be promoting two rounds of the Championship, and interest from overseas is very keen. A Rally Championship amongst the Pacific countries is also to commence in 1980.



GRAND END-OF-RALLY FUNCTION

TO BE HELD AT

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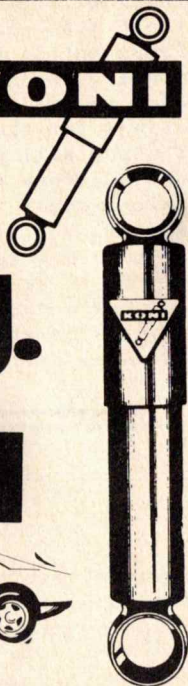
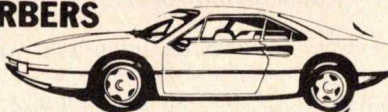
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FOUR EYES are better than two?

Dates for the Gold Star Championship Series now seem to be a little clearer and, to the best of my knowledge, are as follows:

28th	July	-	Auckland University
4th	August	-	Auckland
11th	August	-	Waikato
18th	August	-	Manawatu
22nd	September	-	Northern Sports
6th	October	-	Hawkes Bay



Both proposed South Island events have apparently been abandoned, making it a rather expensive proposition for any South Islanders to contest the Series. An interesting aspect raised at the recent MANZ AGCM was the possibility of introducing a National Championship similar to the rally series, involving only four events - two in each Island. I feel such an idea has considerable merit, and could do a great deal to encourage more competitors to contest the whole Championship, especially if the two events in each island are held on consecutive weekends. Clubs from the top half of the North Island would be responsible for one event, either as a consortium or on a rotational basis and, of course, there would be nothing to stop clubs organising open status to replace existing Gold Stars.

Our own Club's Gold Star and Mercury Trophy event this year will be held on Saturday August 4th, starting from Papakura at 8.00 am. The early start time has been set in the hope that petrol sales will again be operating on Saturday mornings and a refuel break can be held at Ngatea. If not, most cars should be able to complete the 350km route on a tankfull and a small reserve. Those Gold Star entrants from Mercury Trophy clubs will be automatically deemed to be entered in the Mercury event, and provision exists for competitors to enter the Mercury part only. This will start at Ngatea at about 12 noon. The entire event is basically straightforward, relying on a number of more simple traps rather than mind-bending exercises, as was the case in last years Gold Star. ASR's are available in the Clubrooms or from the Secretary, Mrs Kerry Pearce, 29 Norman's Hill Rd, Onehunga.

A number of trialling remits were discussed at the MANZ AGCM recently and the following is a summary of anything of relevance:

- 1) A remit from this Club on the "stay on this road" rule was adopted, resulting in the addition of the following to Appendix T - rule 24/2 (iii) "When instructed to stay on this road, at each intersection encountered the highest applicable in the order of priorities must be executed".

- 2) All references to "No Road" signs are to be deleted from Appendix T, and only the X boards used.
- 3) The M.G. Car Club, who have a reputation for involved and over-complicated trials submitted a remit basically suggesting that mapreading instructions be allowed to include additional information from the maps table of symbols, i.e. an instruction such as "proceed to GR123456 JNC maintaining a height between 200ft and 400ft, passing over 4 wooden bridges and 2 railway lines and passing beside a lake and 3 forests, but without passing through any plantations, fords or swamps in a north-westerly direction." The M.G. Car Club feels that mapreading is too simple at present, and such instruction will make events more interesting! Naturally the remit was lost, although some cognisance must have been taken of it as the Trials Advisory Committee is looking at the position. As far as I am concerned, there is quite sufficient scope within the existing mapreading rules for as complicated an event as desired. The addition of any further types of instruction can result only in events more like English road rallies where a competitor spends half an hour plotting each instruction and blasting flat-out between them to maintain time. I'm sure that's not what we want.
- 4) A futher remit from this Club concerning the definition of loops in mapreading was adopted in a modified form and, although the written decision of the Trials Advisory Committee is not clear, I am told that the intention is that the word "equidistant" be deleted from rule 29/6 (ii).
- 5) The question of penalties for unmanned checks is a hardy annual and this year the following has been added to rule 35/17 : "except in closed club events where the organiser may specify before the event the penalty for unrecorded passage checks but in no case can this exceed 180 points". I personally can't see the point and besides, there will now be argument over the difference between passage and unmanned checks!

The amendments mentioned in paras. 1, 2, 4 and 5, together with a couple of other minor changes will come into effect on 10th July 1979. On August 1st the MANZ competitor levies also commence, resulting in the \$3 increase in our Gold Star Entry Fee. Notwithstanding this, and the petrol situation, the prize list for our Gold Star and Mercury event must, once again, be the best in the country. Let's see a few competitors from the Club taking their share of the spoils.

See you at the next trial, the Hamilton Car Club Mercury on 22nd July (ASR's available from Clubrooms).

DOUG BONE.



on the SOCIAL SCENE

It's been a little quieter on the Social Scene last month. I think we needed it after the May Steakhouse Restaurant Night. As expected it turned out to be a grand evening. It was a full house - booked out weeks ahead. By popular request we are having another of these nights on Saturday 25th August, Dave Cowell was our entertainer at the last one. What a fabulous voice he has. We would personally like to thank Eric, Audrey Mallard and family for handling the cooking and table waiting etc. What a great meal it was, I have never seen such steaks. Thanks also to Paul Burnett for organising the 'Greenery' courtesy 'Green Fingers' of St Lukes.

Members will have noticed work going on in the Bar Area, with installation of Beer on Tap facilities. It'll make quite a difference on dance nights, maybe we wont run out of cold beer.

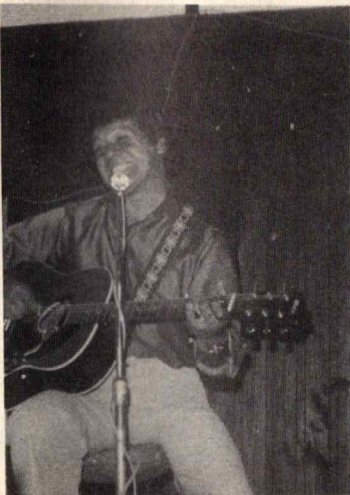
Coming up in July we have a Feature Movie Night. The film to be shown is 'Le Mans' starring Steve Mc Queen. A motor racing drama set at the 24 hour Le Mans race. Admission is \$1.00 per person, 50cents a child. Refreshments will be available throughout the evening. Come along and enjoy yourself.

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The National Rally Series has seen the first two rounds run, not without their problems. From all reports the Wellington event was a disaster but Nelsons looked good. See Coming Events for details of Round Three.

MOTOGARD INTERNATIONAL

The Motogard starts from Auckland Railway Station on Sunday 15th July. This years rally promises to be the best ever. At the time of writing there were 79 entries with 15 coming from our Club. The Club has decided to support our members and have entered 5 teams in the Club Teams Group. This will be the biggest number of teams from any Club in the country. Keep an eye on our fellow club members:

TEAM 1: Blair Robson, Jim Donald, Terry Bell.

TEAM 2: Mike Marshall, Bob Couch, Richard Kelsey.

TEAM 3: Glen Ellis, Barry Nichol, Rolf Lilleby.

TEAM 4: Denis Mc Connell, Peter Moore, Dave Mackrow

TEAM 5: Steve Thompson, Stewart Mc Kenzie, Brian Davis.



M.G. CAR CLUBS - "N.Z. MOTOR CORP CLUBMANS RALLY"

This event will be held in Riverhead Forest on 26th August. The event is an Invitation Rally but only 5 competitors from our Club are invited. M.G. have decided only competitors who have not entered a Rally before or have only competed in 2 Rallies since January 1978 will be eligible. The 5 entrants from our Club will be selected by Rob Wylie, Chairman of the Rally Committee. If you wish to be considered for an entry then write to Rob Wylie, 49 Hutchinsons Road, Howick advising full details of experience etc. Rob's decision will be final.

Have fun...Go Rallying.

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HANNU MIKKOLA

Is Hannu Mikkola the greatest rally driver in the world?

This question was posed recently by an overseas motorsport writer, who, equally quickly, countered that it was "an impossible question."

Already well known in New Zealand (he won the Heatway Rally in 1973) Mikkola will be back this month to drive for the Masport Escort Team in the Motogard Rally.

He comes with a huge reputation: Five times winner of the 1000 Lakes; winner of the 1970 London/Mexico World Cup Rally; the first European driver ever to win an East African Safari; the current British Rally Champion...

So far in 1979 he's taken fifth in the Swedish Rally, second in the East African Safari, won the Welsh Rally; accompanied as always by his regular co-driver Arne Hertz.

Now 36, Mikkola is in his 16th year in the sport, and reckons he has at least another four years at the top. There are still things he wants to do - such as winning the Monte Carlo Rally, and the Swedish Rally.

Mikkola is now one of an elite band of world class drivers handling the Ford UK works cars. The team of Ari Vatanen, Bjorn Waldegaard, Roger Clarke and Russell Brookes, and Mikkola, is enjoying great success and providing stiff competition in rallies around the world.

His entry into competitive rallying in 1963 was in an already extremely well-travelled Volvo (120,000 km on the clock!) which by the time it took the road had been hastily fitted with a makeshift sumpguard and decked out with a new set of tyres requisitioned from a friend's new VW.

History records that the novice driver took overall fourth, in a rally won by a works Saab piloted by Simo Lampinen.

In the years that have followed he's driven almost as many makes of car as there've been rally seasons - Volvo, Lancia, Datsun, Ford, Toyota, Peugeot, Mercedes...

His return to the Ford team at the start of the 1978 season was marked by victories in the Welsh, Scottish and Burmah International Rallies, and finally in the RAC Rally to give him the British Open Championship.

He comes to New Zealand as joint leader in the world rally championship for the current season.

Whether he will become the "greatest" in the world of rallying will be known a little later in the year as the season comes to a close, and there's no question that he'll be looking for a win in the Motogard to tighten his grip on the championship.



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.

Dennis Fyfe
Vivienne Fyfe
Kenneth Teale

Paul Castle
Wayne Baston
Alan Murie
Shelagh Murie
Adrian Landon-Lane
David Glover
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