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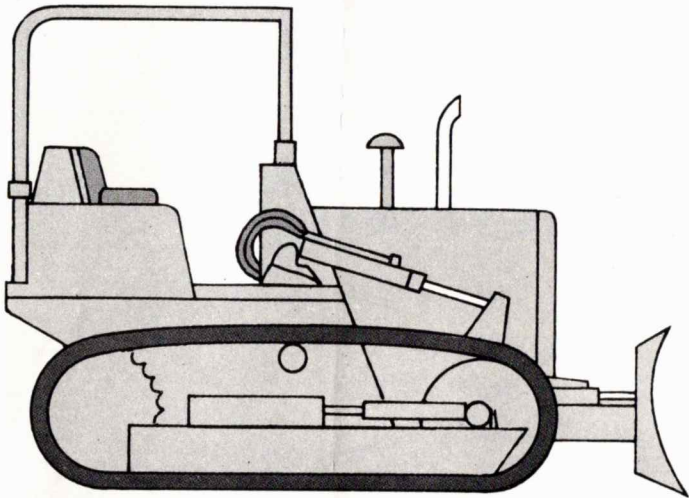
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Good to see new member Dave Parkes from Nelson come all the way to Auckland for the CIBIE and also to take a class win.

PHOTO: DAVE HARGREAVES

**cover**

In his first outing in the 'works' Chevette Club Member Steve Millen finished a very creditable 4th overall.

PHOTO: ROSS CAMMICK



# 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 \*\*\*

\*\*\* 2 POOL TABLES \*\*\*

\*\*\* DARTS BOARD \*\*\*

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

- \* Members are required to carry Membership Cards when visiting Clubrooms -to be made available for inspection on demand.
- \* Member's Guests are to be correctly signed into the Visitors Book on arrival at Clubrooms.
- \* Legal restrictions apply to under 20 year olds consuming alcohol on the premises.
- \* Clean and Tidy dress and suitable footwear is required during Clubroom Hours.
- \* Consumption of alcohol must cease within 30 minutes of Bar Closing time.

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A light snack service is available on Thursday Evenings.



# COMING EVENTS



**CLOSED  
CLUB**

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

- SEPTEMBER 9th      NATIONAL & CLUBMANS RACE MEETING:  
Sunday              See Open & Invitation for details of this  
                             Auckland Car Club Event.
- SEPTEMBER 13th    ACC GOLD STAR MERCURY TROPHY TRIAL PRIZEGIVING:  
Saturday            Clubrooms from 7.30 p.m. An enjoyable even-  
                             ing in pleasant surroundings. Open to all.  
                             50 cents cover charge includes light supper.  
                             Bar open till 12 p.m.
- SEPTEMBER 20th    CLUB NIGHT & FILM EVENING:  
Thursday            To be held at Clubrooms at 8.15 p.m. General  
                             discussion and motorsport films. Car on dis-  
                             play. Bring a friend along. Bar open till  
                             11.00 p.m.
- SEPTEMBER 23rd    SPRINT MEETING - PUKEKOHE:  
Saturday            Our first speed event of the season. This  
                             sprint will be on the full 2.8 km B & H Cir-  
                             cuit. Timed standing and flying laps -  
                             plenty of runs. Competitors need Civil  
                             Driving Licence, ACC Membership, MANZ Com-  
                             petition Licence, Car - to Schedule A of  
                             MANZ yearbook, approved Fire Extinguisher  
                             and wired sump plug. Entries at Pukekohe  
                             from 9.30 a.m. with first run at 11.00 a.m.  
                             Exide Points Event.
- SEPTEMBER 26th    MIDWEEK TRIAL:  
Wednesday         Starts from Kelston Shopping Centre at 7.00 p.m.  
                             and finishes at the Clubrooms about 2 hours  
                             later. Provision to buy tea. Exide, Trials  
                             Trophy, and Midweek Trophy Points.
- OCTOBER 14th      HILLCLIMB:  
Sunday              Watch next months bulletin for details - Our  
                             first hillclimb on a new venue.





## OPEN & INVITATION

- SEPTEMBER 9th      NATIONAL & CLUBMANS RACE MEETING:  
Sunday      Auckland Car Club promotion. - Pukekohe 2.8 km. Championship rounds for Formula Ford and Escort Sports. There will also be events for Sports Cars, Formula Vees, Production Sports Cars, Clubmans Modified Saloon Cars, Mini 7, and Standard Production Saloon Cars. Scrutineering (to Schedule A) and documentation at Circuit between 9.00 and 10.30 a.m. Official Practice 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. (Note - Free Testing Session for competitors on Saturday 8th September 12.30 to 3.30 p.m. Bring documentation papers with you. Racing starts at 1.00 p.m. Sunday. Remember to take your MANZ Medical Certificate, Competition Licence, Drivers Licence, Club Membership Card. Under 20 year olds need Cadet Authority Card. Entries close with the Secretary, Auckland Car Club, P.O. Box 27063, Mt Roskill on Monday 3rd September. Further information from Race Organiser Eric Mallard Phone 593108 Bus 677519 Pte or Ron Brown Phone 678739
- SEPTEMBER 9th      N.S.C.C. MERCURY TROPHY TRIAL:  
Sunday      Starts Glenfield Shopping Centre 1.30 p.m. Approx. distance 250 km. Entries on day, \$4.00 per car. Essential Map N41, Part N46 Waitakere 4th Edition 1977. Further details contact Doug Bone. ACC Trials Trophy Points.
- SEPTEMBER 15th      N.S.C.C. BEER, WINE & BURGER NIGHT:  
Saturday      Invitation to A.C.C. Members. 8.00 p.m. NSCC Clubrooms, Mt Richmond Domain. \$6.00 per head includes drink. Burgers extra.
- SEPTEMBER 16th      BENT SPRINT:  
Sunday      Hibiscus Coast Motorsport Club event with invitation to A.C.C. Members. Cowans Bay Road, Warkworth. Scrutineering 8.00 a.m. Entry Fee \$5.00. Barbeque after. Further info - Ray Wilson Phone OH65133 Ext 77.
- SEPTEMBER 22nd      A.U.C.C. GOLD STAR TRIAL:  
Saturday      Starts Papakura 9.30 a.m. Duration 6 hours; 250 km. Entries close 10th September with the Secretary, 56 Milton Rd, Papatoetoe.



Saturday

The final round of this years series will be organised by the Rotorua Car Club. The event starts at 2.00 p.m. covering 12 stages in forests in the Thermal region. Speed stages 180 k with 120 k of Touring. Entries closed 1st September.

OCTOBER 6th

HAWKES BAY GOLD STAR TRIAL:

Saturday

Entries for the Flaxmere Auto Centre Gold Star Blossom Trial available from P.O. Box 323, Hastings.

OCTOBER 7th

BENSON & HEDGES PRODUCTION SALOON CAR RACE:

Sunday

OCTOBER 14th

C.I. MUNRO GOLD STAR HILLCLIMB:

Sunday

Barbers Rd, Otorohanga. Entries close 10th September. Further details contact W. Lee, Secretary, Waitomo Car Club, P.O. Box 111, Otorohanga, Phone 7124 (Bus) or 8141.

OCTOBER 20/21

INVITATION SPEED WEEKEND:

Sat/Sun

Bright Rd, Waiuku. Hillclimb Saturday 9.00am, Straight Sprint Sunday (12 noon). Entries on day \$5.00 each event. Pukekohe Car Club.



# 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.

Peter Bish  
 John Flannery  
 Mr & Mrs Atkins  
 Neil Cammell  
 Nicholas Hardy  
 Michele Hardy  
 Gary Langley  
 Ross Latham  
 June Latham  
 John Lawton  
 Paul Lincoln  
 Kim Mc Intyre  
 Bruce Manon  
 David Peters  
 Maria Watkins  
 James Watkins

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 Ellerslie  
 Western Springs  
 Mangere East  
 Murrays Bay  
 Murrays Bay  
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 Oratia  
 Westmere  
 Takapuna  
 Henderson  
 Takapuna  
 Manurewa  
 Te Papapa  
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 Galant  
 Mk 3 Ford  
 Escort  
 Escort  
 Avenger  
 Civic  
 Civic  
 Cortina  
 Belmont  
 Simco 1000  
 Escort Turbo  
 Spitfire  
 Spitfire.



# SHOUTS and murmurs



.....Congratulations to Jim Donald and Kevin Lancaster on their fine win in the CIBIE Lights Rally. Their win is more than overdue after the many mechanical misfortunes they've experienced this season.

.....Congratulations are also in order for Steve Millen, John Garner and the GM Dealer Team on their performances in the CIBIE event. After the stage times which were put up we can look forward to seeing some spirited drivers for the rest of the season.



.....Many thanks to Les Mc Dougall and the N.Z. Forest Service for their continued assistance in the running of our rallies in the Maramarua Forest. Without their help we simply wouldn't be able to hold mighty events such as the CIBIE.

.....Many thanks also to the Mayor of Auckland Sir Dove-Meyer Robinson who officially started the Cibie Rally. Robbie is an avid motorsport fan from way back and appeared to thoroughly enjoy his task.

.....Bad luck for the Cibie Rally Trail Car - a Falcon Ute driven by Stuart Harper - which found itself well and truly wrapped around a tree. Hopefully the Ute will be repaired soon and Stuart will be back for another thrash at the back of the field.

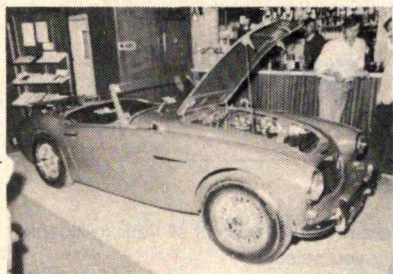
.....Great to see Dave Parkes join the Club and come all the way from Nelson for the Cibie Rally. Dave and his team thoroughly enjoyed the event and hope to be back up for next year's.

.....Congratulations to Robin Curtis and Motor Action on the presentation of the 'Motogard 79' Book which has been published to commemorate the Motogard Rally. The magazine is nothing less than excellent and congratulations are also due to Dennis Green for taking the magnificent photo printed in the centrefold.

	<p><b>BULLETIN CLOSING DATE 15th SEPT</b></p>	
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.....Members attending the August Film Night had an opportunity to inspect a magnificent 1959 Austin Healey 3000 Mk I, BN7, beautifully restored by Photographer Ross Cammick. Originally brought into the country and raced by Bill Dunster in 1964, the car was damaged badly at Levin when a front wheel collapsed on Cabbage Tree Corner. The car was repaired and sold to Bob Reed in 1967 and used as a road car by his son Gary until he sold it to Ross Cammick in 1973. The car was taken off the road and rebuilt over a period of 4 years. It was stripped to the chassis and many new parts fabricated or imported from overseas to try and return the car to as close to original as possible.



The rebuild was completed in January 1978 but is only used as a 'weekend car' so it has travelled less than 3000 miles since returning to the road.

- .....The marriage between former N.Z. Saloon Car Champion and Auckland Car Club Executive Member, Bryce Platt and Annie Mac Lennan will take place on Saturday 15th September. Congratulations and best wishes to you both.
- .....Congratulations also to Ray and Dreenagh Stodart on the birth of their second son.
- .....Your Committee from time to time looks at ways in which the Members of our Club could receive certain purchasing advantages because of the collective purchasing power of our Membership as a whole and also provide the Club with funds through a commission return.  
We have arranged, through the Group Health Co-operative Society a discounted premium for a Health Benefit Scheme. The offered Scheme, if a minimum of 30 members join, will afford the benefits to you as outlined in an advertisement in this magazine.  
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Highest placed Datsun

-Nissan Motor Distributors (NZ) Ltd - Set of pewter wine goblets.

Highest placed car under 1200cc - Cowley Motors Cup.

H. MELLOR (Navigator)

-Point Service Station Cup and miniature.

I. MCCONNELL (Timekeeper)

-Dominion Rental Cars Cup and miniature.

2nd: WAYNE RHODES

-Tisco (NZ) Ltd - \$75; plus Zambucka Cup and Miniature; Chemicals Manufacturing Co Ltd - \$10 of Duckhams Products; Champion Spark Plugs (NZ) Ltd - One set of Champion Plugs.

Highest placed ACC crew

-\$50

Highest placed Ford

-Panmure Motors Challenge Trophy

Highest placed car over 1200cc - Shamrock Auto Services

Highest placed car over 10 <sup>Trophy</sup> years old - Harvey Cooper Cup

ROGER STEWART (Mapreader)

-Don Hadfield Services Ltd Trophy for least points lost in mapreading sections.

3rd: PETER SERGENT

-Tisco (NZ) Ltd - \$50; plus Railway Service Station Trophy and Miniature; Chemicals Manufacturing Co Ltd - \$10 Duckhams Products; Champion Spark Plugs (NZ) Ltd - One set of Champion Plugs.

Highest placed Austin

-New Zealand Motor Corporation Ltd - \$25, plus Austin cup.

Highest placed car using Champion Spark Plugs

-\$20 plus one set of Champion Plugs

JUDITH LINES (Navigator)

-Rae's Auto Valet Service - One engine clean for highest placed lady navigator plus Sylvia Paulsen Memorial Trophy.

4th: RAY SPENCE



-Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Co - 2 guaranteed exchange retreads; plus True History Car Sales Trophy and miniature; Champion Spark Plugs (NZ) Ltd - one set of Champion Plugs

5th: CHRIS HUDSON

Highest placed Mazda

-Champion Radio and T.V. Ltd - Goods to the value of \$50

-Five Star Mazda - 2 car seat covers

6th: VINCE LONG

-Performance Developments Ltd - One Royale Sports Steering Wheel.

7th: PETER CLENDON

-Lucas Industries (NZ) Ltd - Rule Automotive Car Care Products to value of \$35

Oldest car to complete the course - The Oaks Shield

8th: PAT DUNPHY

-Geoff Sutherland Panel Repairs - \$25

9th: CHRIS SMALL

-Papakura Tuning Centre Ltd - One dynamometer tune

10th: TERRY MC NAMARA

-Perillo Bros Ltd - footwear to value of \$25

11th: DOUG PARKER

-Cerebos Foods (NZ) Ltd - Products to value of \$20

12th: LORRAINE DEWSTOW

Highest placed Mini

-N.Z. International Grand Prix (Inc) - 2 passes to the Benson & Hedges Saloon Car Classic

-Peter Levet Motors - 6 bottles sparkling wine

Highest placed lady driver - Wrightcars Ltd - \$25; plus G. Mayo Cup

13th: ALLEN HILL

Good Sportsmanship and high ideals shown during the trial

-Hope Gibbons Ltd - One President Car Care Kit

-Alfred Bowring Memorial Cup

14th: IAN MILLS

-Hope Gibbons Ltd - One President Car Care Kit

15th: BARRY NICHOLL

-Arthur Waters Ltd - \$10

16th: MURRAY CATTERALL

-Gordon & Gotch NZ Ltd - One book

17th: TED JARVIS

-Champion Spark Plugs NZ Ltd - One set of Champion plugs.

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AUCKLAND CAR CLUB (INC.)

1979 GOLD STAR TRIAL

Incorporating Mercury Trophy Trial

Place	Car No.	Name	Club	Points Loss
1	3	F. Mc Connell	HCC	247
2	2	W. Rhodes	ACC	616
3	8	C. Hudson	ACC	624
4	16	P. Sergeant	AUCC	641
5	5	R. Spence	HCC	685
6	1	P. Dunphy	AUCC	900
7	12	P. Clendon	ACC	1054
8	23	S. Sinclair	NSCC	1184
9	22	J. Neal	HCC	1235
10	26	J. Ashby	AUCC	1483
11	9	C. Smaill	AUCC	1549
12	15	T. Mc Namara	HCC	1602
13	13	D. Parker	TVCC	1711
14	14	L. Dewstow	HCMC	1853
15	7	A. Hill	ACC	2285
16	10	B. Nicholl	ACC	2330
17	21	J. Law	ACC	2424
18	6	I. Mills	NSCC	2771
19	11	M. Catterall	ACC	3291
20	17	T. Jarvis	ACC	3891
21	24	S. Vivian-Greer	AUCC	4508
22	25	S. Morten	ACC	4685

MERCURY TROPHY AWARDS

- 1st: FRANK MC CONNELL -Tisco NZ Ltd - \$25; plus Victoria Trophy and miniature; Champion Spark Plugs NZ Ltd - One set of Champion Plugs
- Highest placed car under 1300 cc - Trophy
- H. MELLOR (Navigator) -Caulfield Cup and Miniature
- 2nd: WAYNE RHODES -Chemicals Manufacturing Co Ltd - \$10 of Duckhams Products
- 3rd: CHRIS HUDSON -Champion Spark Plugs NZ Ltd - One set of Champion Plugs
- PETER SERGENT -2nd highest placed car under 1300 cc - Trophy
- PETER CLENDON -3rd highest placed car under 1300 cc - Trophy
- TEAM TROPHIES - HAMILTON CAR CLUB TEAM OF:
- Car 3 - Frank Mc Connell  
 Car 5 - Ray Spence  
 Car 22 - John Neal





## “Donald Ducks Thru !!!”

After a season dominated by mechanical break-ages, Jim Donald brought his Masport Escort RS1800 home to a most popular victory in the Club's annual CIBIE LIGHTS RALLY on Saturday 18th August. Paul Adams brought the vinyltop Escort home in second ahead of John Woolf in the Vinyltop Mazda RX3. Surprise of the rally would have to be the fourth placegetter - Steve Millen in the G.M. Dealer's Chevette which was still in left hand drive trim.



The Rally started at Motorspecs in Nugent Street at 2.30 p.m. and were flagged away by Mayor Robbie. The whole start area was a sight to behold with the start ramp, Cibie Lights banners, P.A. system and Commentator together with several hundred spectators and perfectly turned out cars - quite a sight.

Major pre-event interest surrounded Millen's Chevette and Dave Parkes who came up from the South Island specifically to compete in the rally in his Escort 1600. Unfortunately Mike Marshall was unable to get his gearbox together and was forced to withdraw.

The first three stages were in the Maramarua Forest and saw young Woolfy take out fastest time from Adams, Donald, Millen, George Kuttell (Escort RS1800) and Tony Baker (Chevette). Adams took



the second stage from Woolf, Donald, Millen with Tony Teesdale (Escort RS1800) and Robert Van Gisbergen (RS2000) equal fourth ahead of Baker. Donald began to step up the pressure on stage three and won heading off Woolf and Adams who were equal ahead of Millen and Teesdale followed by Van Gisbergen.



The third stage was followed by a meal break and she was all on. Woolf leading on 22.90 ahead of Donald 22.97, Adams 22.99 and Millen 23.50.

The cars then headed off up to Huntly to start the first of three closed public roads and it was here Donald made his attack, coming through Frost Road about 10 seconds quicker than Adams who was ahead of Millen, Woolf, Teesdale and Kevin Rand (Escort RS1800). Lake Road was in magnificent condition and saw Adams quickest by about seven seconds ahead of Donald, Millen, Teesdale, Woolf and Graeme De Pina (Mazda RX3). At the start of Mahuta Road Donald lead Adams by a mere three seconds, so she was all on!!! Donald was quickest through ahead of Adams and Millen with Woolf and Alan Fergus (Mazda RX3) equal ahead of Kevin Rand who was absolutely flying at this point.



The cars then toured back to the Maramarua Forest where they competed the last and longest two stages of the rally. Donald literally romped through the first of these, fully aware of how close Adams was and won the stage from Paul who was followed by Woolf, Millen, Fergus and Van Gisbergen.

The last stage was the infamous loop stage used in the Maramarua Rally earlier this year. It was on this stage the rally was to be won or lost, so she was all on with heaps of psyching at the start. But there was no stopping Donald who really had the bit between the teeth and same through ahead of Adams, Millen, Woolf, Van Gisbergen and Teesdale. This stage also saw the most spectacular shunt in the rally which was that of Dave Glenn who more or less demolished the Group One Escort Sport in a high speed roll.





So that was it - a good win for Donald although Adams pushed him all the way and was hampered with dust in places. Woolfy put up a good show in the early stages but fell back after the meal break. No doubt, driver of the Rally was Steve Millen who put up a splendid performance for fourth after some most impressive stage times. Steve will definitely prove a threat in the remaining championship rallies. Teesdale drove consistently for fifth despite distributor problems early on and one of the highlights of the event was Robert Van Gisbergen's delightful 6th overall which shows him as somewhat of a man to watch.



Another impressive performance was that of Dave Parkes who finished a very creditable 11th in his first ever rally in this area.

The Rally Prizegiving was held on the Sunday Evening and was a real ripper!! Neville Holland from AHI Agencies presented the prizes and confirmed the CIBIE sponsorship for next year - good one!! Interesting to note that Motorspecs man - Gordon Seager (known to the boys as 'Gin Seager') was navigating in the lead car and was reported to be thoroughly enjoying himself.



So that's it for another year, and with two championship rounds to go we can look forward to a summer break and eventually next years CIBIE to be run at the end of April.

**PIX = Ross Cammick Ph. 558-913**

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# CIBIÉ LIGHTS RALLY





# CIBIÉ LIGHTS RALLY



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# COMPETITION CALENDAR

Further details will be advised as they come to hand.

## RACE MEETINGS:

September	9th	Pukekohe (Auckland C.C.) FF, ES
October	7th	Pukekohe (B & H Long Distance)
	21st	Timaru OSCA
	21st	Baypark FF, ES, FV, M7, SC
	28th	Manfield FF, ES, FV, M7, SC
November	11th	Pukekohe (Northern Sports) UT, ES, FV, M7, FF
	18th	Ruapuna UT, SS, FF, OSCA, SC
	25th	Timaru UT, SS, OSCA, SC, FF
December 1980	30th	Baypark FP, FF, SS, ES, FV, M7
January	13th	Pukekohe - Grand Prix - FP, SS, FF, ES, FV, M7, Sports
	20th	Manfield FP, FF, SS, ES, FV, M7
	27th	Wigram FP, FF, SS, ES, OSCA
February	3rd	Timaru FF, SS, ES, OSCA
	10th	Teretonga FF, SS, ES
	17th	Taupo FV, M7, SC
	23rd	Manfield FF, FV, M7, SC
March	2nd	Ruapuna (Long Distance)
	9th	Pukekohe UT, SS, ES, FV, M7
	15/16	National Motorsport Weekend
	23rd	Manfield UT Final, FF, ES, FV, M7, SC, SS
	30th	Taupo FV, M7, FF
April	6th	Baypark FF Final, ES Final, M7 Final, SS Final, FV Final
	27th	Timaru OSCA Final
June	1st	Taupo
September	14th	Pukekohe (Auckland Car Club)
October	12th	Pukekohe (B & H Long Distance)
	19th	Baypark
	19th	Timaru
	26th	Manfield
November	9th	Pukekohe
	16th	Taupo
	23rd	Ruapuna





# 1979-80

## RALLIES:

September	1/2	N.Z. Rally Championship Round 3 (NSCC)
	22nd	R.A.T.E.C. (Invitation)
	29/30	N.Z. Rally Championship Round 4 (Rotorua CC)
October	6th	Southland Sports Car Club (Invitation)
	6th	Victoria University Car Club (Invitation)
	20th	South Canterbury Car Club (Invitation)
	26or27	Wellington Car Club (Invitation)
March	1st	Wellington Car Club (Invitation)
	1/2	Pukekohe Car Club (Rallysprint - Invitation)
	8th	Westland Car Club (Invitation)
	15/16	National Motorsport Weekend
	22nd	Eastern Southland Car Club (Invitation)
	22nd	Wellington Car Club (Rallysprint - National)
	30th	North Otago Car Club (Rallysprint - National)
April	5th	Otago Sports Car Club (Invitation)
	12th	Wanganui Car Club (Invitation)
	13th	Hamilton Car Club (Rallycross National)
	20th	Northern Sports Car Club (Closed Club)
	26th	Auckland Car Club (Cibie - Invitation)
	May	4th
10th		Pukekohe Car Club (Invitation)
17th		Thames Valley Car Club (Closed Club)
17th		Autosport (Invitation)
18th		Hamilton Car Club (Rallycross National)
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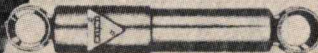
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# on the SOCIAL SCENE



This will be a short column this month as things are a little quieter at the moment. By the time this goes to press the second Steakhouse night will have been held and should have been just as successful as the first. The small number of people (80) that can be handled on these nights is a bit of a problem as demand outstrips the supply of tickets.

August Film Night was great with Ross Cammick bringing down his Austin Healey. What a fabulour car! Thanks Ross for bringing it along. Films shown were (Reidrubber) "Tap Rally" and a film called "The Vintage Years",

Last month I mentioned a feature movie night on Saturday 15th September. This has been cancelled and replaced with the Auckland Car Club Gold Star Trial Prizegiving/Social which is open to everyone.

Looking briefly into October. Keep October 13th free. We have the Presidential Cocktail Party on that night. This will be a little different this time. We are extending it into a semi-reunion night. (A build up to our 50th Anniversary in 1982?) Past Presidents and members will be invited. Tickets will be on sale from the middle of September. See Ron Brown or myself. Get in early as this will be a popular night. We'll have old photos around and many pictures of bygone days will be flicked up onto a screen. If you've got a nostalgia streak in you, don't miss this one. We'll have to show the films early for after a few of Graham Spears and John Bigelow Cocktails we might not be able to see it.

I apologise to the members who have approached me down the Club on a Sunday about seating room. I am looking into this but bear with us in the meantime. The Club has already added six new tables recently.

Dates to remember....

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# "IT'S TOUGH AT THE TOP"

That could well have been the feelings of the survivors in the Motogard Rally 79, sixth round of the World Rally Championship of Makes and a round of the World Rally Drivers Championship.

For tough it was. With 41 special stages packed into just four days driving, a new international system of timing and very tight regulation by the organisers.

This tight regulation and the new timing system resulted in the exclusion of 15 cars at the finish to produce 23 classified finishers from the original 82 car field.

It also saw the sensational exclusion of the two Deam Datsun Europe cars from the final standings. Although they had finished the event in second and sixth places overall and first and second in class, they were excluded when team mechanics refused to dismantle the engines for scrutineering by Rally Officials.

Team Leader Andy Dawson pleaded with the Japanese factory to let the cars be dismatted. Approval came too late and the popular Englishman with co-driver Kevin Gormley and the two Finns Timo Salonen and Seppo Harjanne were out.

This year the event, reduced to 2100 km to save fuel attracted five top overseas entrants, plus all top local drivers for a total entry of 82 cars. The rally ran from Auckland to Tauranga, Tauranga to New Plymouth and New Plymouth back to Auckland in three divisions with daytime rest stops in the main centres.

Number one seed for the rally was Finland's Hannu Mikkola driving a Masport Escort, one of four cars maintained during the rally by Masport Escort Service.

Right behind him in the number two spot was fellow countryman Pentti Airikkala who was debuting the General Motors Dealer Team Chevette in New Zealand. This was a particularly important event for them as a new car launch was timed to coincide with the Chevette's competition baptism of fire against the established rallying might of Ford.

This was Airikkala's first appearance in New Zealand unlike Mikkola who had competed and won here before during the 1973 international in a Ford Escort RS 1600.

Third seeded driver Ari Vatanen had also competed in New Zealand before. The young Finn drove a Masport Escort in the 1977 Radio New Zealand Rally with spectacular results.

Pitted against the might of a three-car Fiat entry Vatanen drove the rally of his life. Despite crashing three times and losing more than 30 minutes he finished second to the Fiat of Fulvio Bacchelli, only a minute behind. On one long special stage near the end of the rally, he passed all three Fiats!



Consequently, Vatanen's performances in the Rothmans Escort (supported by Masport) was keenly watched.

The shield for fourth seed went to yet another Finn, this time Timo Salonen in the first of two Team Datsun Europe 160Js which were competing in the less modified group 2 category. Salonen visited New Zealand with the Fiat Team in 1977 as a spare driver, but this was his first competitive showing here.

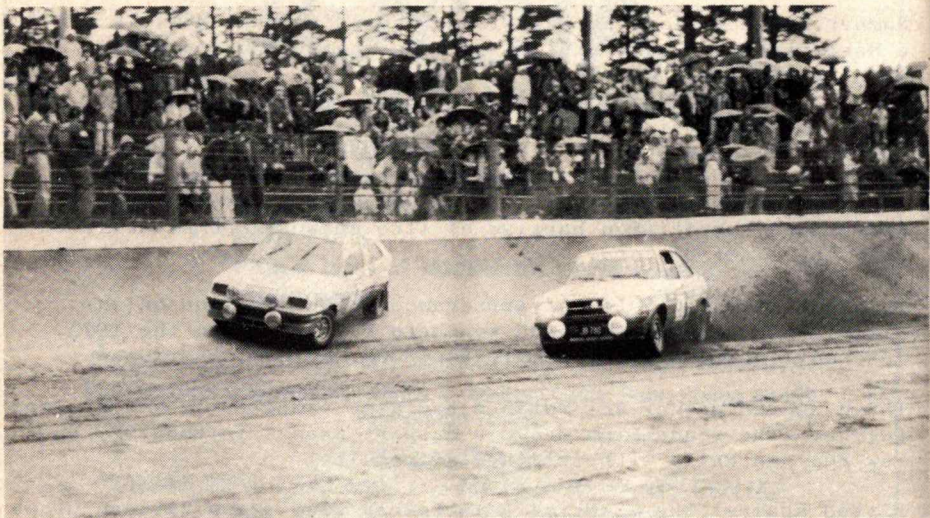
Fifth spot went to top New Zealand driver Blair Robson of Auckland in a Masport Escort. Robson is the current National Rally Champion and his performance more than justified his seeding.

Outspoken Andy Dawson leading the Datsun team filled sixth starting position in another Datsun 160J with Jim Donald (Masport Escort), Paul Adams (Nylex Escort), John Woolf (Nylex Mazda), Mike Marshall (CRC Escort), Howard Collier (Escort), Leo Leonard (Escort) and Bob Couch (Escort) behind him.

In 15th starting spot was Tony Teesdale in the Engine Rebuilders Escort. Tony was competing in Group Two this year and was only one of a number of top locals in direct competition with the two Datsuns.

Other leading and up and coming New Zealand drivers made up the remainder of the 82 car field with particular interest being the entries of Alf Goldsbury in a Fiat 131 Racing and Shane Murland in a Group Four Chevette, built to works specifications in New Zealand.

#### RAINY START



After a rainy start in Auckland at 2.00 p.m. on Sunday the 15th of July, the field headed off towards Western Springs stadium for one of a number of 'spectator' stages near Auckland.



Pentti Airikkala (seen over with Mikkola) in the Chevette was a clear victor here and at the next special stage.

From there the field went to the Coromandel peninsula where II special stages before the first divisional stop in Tauranga tried car and driver. Heavy rain fell, a stage was cancelled and all drivers experienced difficulty in the trying conditions.

So by the time the weary survivors of Division One arrived in Tauranga at 6.41 a.m. on Monday July 16th the field had been pruned considerably.

As expected, Mikkola the highly professional Finn had pulled out a lead on his countrymen. He led the field,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  minutes clear of Vatanen, with Airikkala nearly three minutes behind the leader. Already showing his promise was Masport Escort driver Blair Robson, up to fourth place ahead of Paul Adams and Mike Marshall in the CRC Escort.

Upsetting the start order was a young Waihi farmer, Allan Fergus in a Mazda RX3. Originally seeded 35th he was up to ninth overall at this point just seconds in front of Nelson's flying Dave Parkes who was already up to 10th in his pushrod-engined Escort. Parkes finished sixth in last year's Motogard and is established as one of the most promising young rally drivers now competing.

#### TELLING INCIDENTS

But already two telling incidents had taken place which would have a big effect on the result of the rally overall.

In special stage 9 a car became stuck and traffic banked up behind it. Some cars did get past, but those who waited behind the stuck vehicle were subsequently considered to be excluded due to lateness and continued from the start of the second division under protest. Twenty-six cars were involved, although only 15 of these finished.

Also during this division, Team Datsun Europe leader Andy Dawson rounded a bend in a special stage at full power and with opposite lock on. A rock lodged itself in the Datsun's steering, jamming it and putting Dawson off the road for 20 minutes. He rejoined the rally but was well down in 20th starting position for the second division.

#### CHAMPION STARTER

Division Two with 12 special stages started in Tauranga at 4 p.m. on Monday July 16th with Denis Hulme, former world motoring racing champion as starter.

Hulme flagged away 46 cars, quite a lot fewer than had been sent off the Auckland start ramp by the Mayor of Auckland, Sir Dove-Meyer Robinson, a little more than 26 hours previously.



It's history now that the second division was very tough with long, fast forest stages interspersed with twisty touring and special stages. This division saw the beginning of a run of head gasket failures by nearly all the leading Escorts.

The vehicles of Mikkola, Vatanen, Marshall and Couch all blew head gaskets during this division. For Marshall and Couch it meant the end of their rally. For Mikkola and Vatanen it meant some very speedy repairs at the end of the division, which patched their cars up just enough to finish.

Special stage 19 in this division was the end of the Chevette's run. Pentti Airikkala and co-driver Rodger Freeth rounded a corner and the car's engine died. Unable to fix it in the darkness of the forest, their car was mobilised within three minutes of the arrival of their service crew.

A minor electrical connection had come astray, halting the car. By the time the repair had been made their penalty time was up and they were out of the rally. A sad end to a bold effort by General Motors Dealers in international rallying.

This division also saw retirements by Leo Leonard (engine), Jim Donald (engine failure), Howard Collier (engine), Tony Teesdale (broken driveshaft) and John Woolf (broken axle).

So it was a much depleted and weary field that drove into the New Plymouth parc ferme at about noon on Tuesday July 17, with the toughest division yet to come.



At this stage Mikkola and Vatanen were well clear of the field, despite losing considerable time having the head gaskets of their vehicles seen to by the Masport service crew.



Paul Adams, driving the rally of his life, had displaced Blair Robson for third place behind Vatanen with the hard charging Dave Parkes fifth, Allan Fergus sixth and the second Chevette of Shane Murland and Peter Parnell in seventh place overall.

#### TOUGH FINAL DIVISION

Just 33 cars lined up for the final 15 special stages, to be fought out over a virtual non-stop 18 hours of driving.

This was where the rallying professionalism of Mikkola paid off. He had been ordered by team mechanics to keep his engine revs down to preserve the engine and this he did, driving just fast enough to stay ahead of the opposition without damaging his car.

After the mayor of New Plymouth flagged the cars away they completed a number of special stages in the immediate New Plymouth area before heading up the west coast of the island to the first meal break in Otorohonga at 5.40 the following morning.

Once the daylight stages began, spectators flocked out to see the cars in action in this most challengeing part of the entire event.

Throughout the long night, Mikkola and Vatanen maintained their lead, opening it out as necessary to stay ahead of New Zealand drivers Paul Adams and Blair Robson who by this stage were closing in as fast as they dared.

Then Vatanen's car suffered a mechanical setback which slowed him and let Robson slip into second position. Adams, lying ahead of Robson before Vatanen's mechanical troubles, lost valuable time changing three flat tyres and slipped back to fourth just ahead of Murland in the Chevette.

Parkes was four minutes behind Murland but could not close the gap despite some hard driving. Of the very fast Allan Fergus there was no sign. His engine had ingested a quantity of dirty fuel, sidelining him with just a few stages to go.

And that was how they crossed the finish line outside Turner's Car Auctions in central Auckland shortly after 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday July 18th.

Mikkola a clear victory, despite his car showing signs of another head gasket failure. Blair Robson second in a car damaged on the penultimate special stage, but still well up behind Mikkola.

A good third spot went to Vatanen. Although he crossed the finish line ahead of Paul Adams it was only by the narrowest of margins. Vatanen's car was running on three cylinders at the end and there are those who will say that it is just as well that Nelson Street (leading to the finish) is downhill, one way and that Vatanen got all the traffic lights in his favour!





Paul Adams confirmed his position as a top local driver with fourth position 35 minutes in front of Shane Murland's Chevette with Parkes sixth in the final classifications.

The Motogard Rally 79 is over now but already the planning for the next year's event has started and all indications are that we will retain our international event status. The Motogard has established New Zealand on the map of international rallies and built a firm foundation for the future of the event.

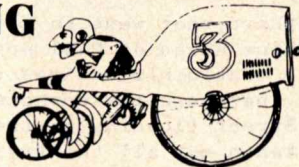
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Hannu Mikkola (Finland) Masport Escort,	485.78	1
Blair Robson (Auckland) Masport Escort,	507.05	2
Ari Vatanen (Finland) Rothmans Escort,	509.68	3
Paul Adams (Auckland) Nylex Escort,	509.90	4
Shane Murland (Paraparamu) Chevette 2300,	544.39	5
Dave Parkes (Nelson) MSM Escort	549.57	6
Brian Green (Bunnythorpe) Escort RS 1800	552.61	7
Roger Goss (Napier) Mazda RX3	566.25	8
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Dear Raewyn,

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I am writing to you in your capacity as Magazine Editor of the Auckland Car Club. Ari and I would like to pass on to all the members of your Club our sincere thanks for the reception and the hospitality extended to us on our recent visit for the Motogard Rally.

We were particularly honoured to be made Members of the Auckland Car Club and will follow the Club's activities with interest for the coming year.

Once again thank you to everyone, particularly those who marshalled on the rally and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

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Murray Catterall	29	Simon Snaith	7½
Chris Hudson	28	Steve Cargill	7
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