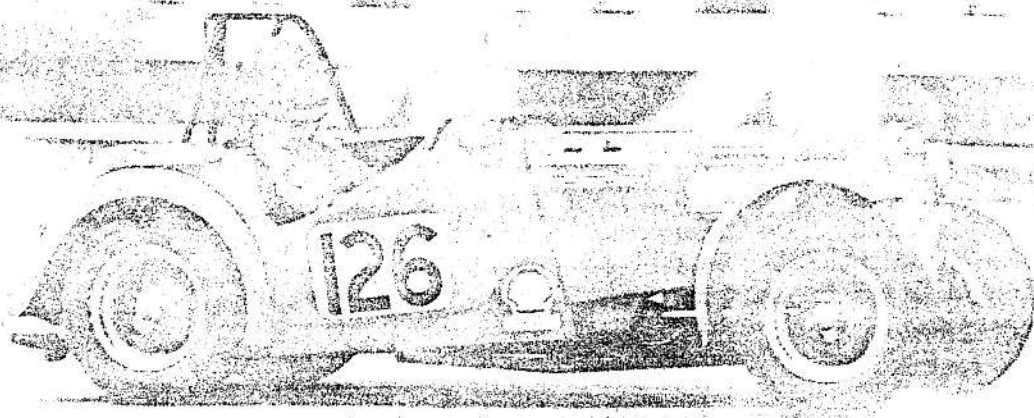




THE OCTAGON

Official Journal of the MG Car Club of Queensland



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Dear Members,

Salutations and felicitations to all club members. As promised awhile ago, here is your very first "Octagon" with A Gaelic editor and a Gaelic editorial. Unfortunately the typewriter objected to typing gibberish, which is what Gaelic looks like, so it's back to good old Strine. I know Geoff Smallman will be disappointed- he was looking forward to translating it. At this point I must thank The Irish Assoc for trying to find someone who could not only speak it, but translate English into Gaelic as well.

Now onto other things; To keep the magazine packed full of interesting reading, could we PLEASE have - PHOTO'S, ARTICLES, (FUNNY, SERIOUS, OR OTHERWISE), BITS OF GOSSIP, and any other material you think might help make the covers bulge!!!!!! By the way, if you phone me at home and I'm not there, please oh please, leave a message. It's very frustrating to arrive home and be told that someone phoned, but no one knows who.

The Hillclimb for this month has been cancelled because the Mt. Cotton circuit won't be ready in time. As you probably know, fire damaged the circuit last year and a lot of work still needs to be done to get it into tip top shape. If you could possibly help one weekend, you can contact Neil McNeil and he will fill you in with all the details.

Our Night Runs and other Club events are still not being well attended. Remember, if you'd like a big silver trophy (most of which are at the Rayment House), at the years end, you have to compete in as many club events as you can. Night Runs are on every 3rd Friday of the month, and there are several Hillclimbs and Motorkhanas which all count towards club trophies. The Club also has plenty of social functions throughout the year - they are organised for you, so please support them. There are also many club members who some of us have never met; so how about coming along to the Clubrooms, renewing old friendships, making new ones, and generally getting to know your club.

Well, our first major event for the year was run and won last weekend. The STANTHORPE APPLE AND GRAPE HARVEST FESTIVAL (How Many of you guessed it's real name?) RALLY was really successful, and a big "thank you" goes to all you Officials and Unofficials who helped the organisers make it a tremendous event!!!!!!!

Our next major event is to be the State Hillclimb Championships in June. We will need many volunteers for this event also, so keep the date open, and keep your eyes glued for further details.

Well that's about it for this month, I think. Keep those articles rolling in, and hopefully the next Gaelic edition will be thicker. I've had a crash course in typing, but----- If your Octagon is upside down, has pages where there shouldn't be any, or has pages missing, then please

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be patient. I'm a one finger typist, and I'd never seen a stencil until Delia showed me one!!!!!!!.

Happy Octagonal Driving,
Meg O'Shanesy

STANTHORPE APPLE AND GRAPE HARVEST FESTIVAL RALLY RESULTS.

1st OUTRIGHT.	CAR 1	T.Gynther/S.Paulsen/
1st CLASSIFIED	CAR 1	T.Gynther/S.Paulsen.
2nd CLASSIFIED	CAR 3	A.Parrett/A.Best.
1st RECOGNISED	CAR 6	L.Lowe/J.Moroney.
2nd RECOGNISED	CAR 12	A.Cutts/M.Ryan.
3rd RECOGNISED	CAR 9	D.Power/A.Neilson.
1st CLUBMAN	CAR 15	S.Kabel/T.Kabel.
2nd CLUBMAN	CAR 20	P.Lockhart/D.Dunstan.
3rd CLUBMAN	CAR 24	N.Trust/D.Weir.
4th CLUBMAN	CAR 19	P.Jones/N.Bearman
1st NOVICE	CAR 39	S.Ainscough/D.Underwood.
2nd NOVICE	CAR 32	L.Pratt/L.Pratt.
3rd NOVICE	CAR 35	R.Kimcklis/P.Smith.
4th NOVICE	CAR 27	R.Falldt/B.Deam.

DIVISION 1 AWARD (Presented by GP CARS)
CAR 17 M.O'Shanesy/B.Leam.

DIVISION 2 AWARD (Presented by PEAK PERFORMANCE)
CAR 7 J.McLear/P.Clydesdale.

DIRECTOR'S AWARD This is known only to the director. Come to the presentation and see who won it.

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HELMETS

PLEASE NOTE REQUIREMENTS AS FROM 1.1.1978 WILL BE

THAT ALL HELMENTS MUST COMPLY WITH AS 1698/76

NOT AS 1698/74 AS STATED IN THE C.A.M.S. MANUAL

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following new members; we hope to see you at the Clubrooms in the very near future.

Robyn Rutyna
Henry Rutyna
Rhonda McKercher
Warren Bentley
Peter Bashford
Annette Johnson
Beth Woodward
Keith McConnell
Louise Vellerman
George Haseler
Ian Warmett

If any of you have trouble translating the terms that are used to describe our events, all you have to do is approach one of our "older" members and I'm sure they'll be of assistance to you. A full list was published in our last edition; however there will be another list in the next Octagon.

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M.G. NATIONAL RALLY NEWS BULLETIN 3. 24 JANUARY 1978

FRIDAY 24th MARCH

REGISTRATION 12NOON - 7PM. SHERATON HOTEL

FEE \$15 INCLUDES Free beer, food, and soft drinks
at Friday nights nog and natter.
Entry fee to concours.
Entry fee to circuit sprint.
River cruise ticket (buy your own drinks).
Entry fee to motorkhana.
Chicken and Champagne breakfast.

SATURDAY 25th MARCH

CONCOURSE 9AM Convoy leaves Sheraton for the Esplanade.
10AM Judging.
3PM Judging for best overall.
On site fast food/drink van available.

NATIONAL RALLY NEWS CONT.

SUNDAY 26th MARCH

CIRCUIT SPRINT 7.45AM Convoy leaves SHERATON for the
WANNEROO Circuit.

9AM - 10.30AM Scrutineering.

10.45AM Drivers Briefing.

11AM Sprints begin.

All will get several runs with two flying laps each run
on the newly completed G.P.circuit.

Fast food van available.

5PM Homeward bound.

RIVER CRUISE

7PM Barrack St. Jetty to board "Temeraire
2". Band, BBQ, Buy your own Drinks.

MONDAY 27th MARCH

MOTORKHANA

10AM Bitumen car park; to be run in a 2 car
side by side fashion. 6 different events
from C.A.M.S. Motorkhana Book.

PRESENTATION DINNER DANCE

Golden Ballroom at the SHERATON.
\$15 a head plus drinks.

TUESDAY 28th MARCH

CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST

Canning Bridge Boat Club. Serving Champers,
chicken, orange juice, Alkaseltzer, and
Aspro.

DELEGATES MEETING

Sometime after Breakfast, at the
SHERATON.

There is to be a final bulletin 4 weeks before Easter;
(Funny--- This one only arrived 4 weeks before Easter.-Ed.)

* MORE UNDESIRABLE NEWS*By STUMPY (WHO?) SMALLMAN.

After receiving a constant barrage of letters, telephone calls, etc., because I missed writing for last months mag, I have decided to please the minority of people and write another article. (He calls it writing, you should see what the typewriter calls it!!!!!! - Ed.)

The first event to comment on, is the Stones Corner Motors Rally, which is really history for most competitors- except for me as I'm still trying to put the Escort back together after an unfortunate incident (hence the name "Stumpy"- that's the version I prefer anyway).

Only one of our Club members finished with a result, that was J John Hall who guided Rod Browning home in 4th outright. A commendable effort as the drop out rate was worse than my Kindergarden days. (And his Kindy days were BAD*****Ed.)

Our new Irish editor played a major part in this event by insisting that everyone- well almost- came into her control by the wrong direction. Laurie Garth is convinced she is Irish after that. (But Laurie doesn't need much convincing -ED).

Whilst I'm having a rave about the Stones Corner-contrary to that other local magazines report, the reason Laurie and I jumped up and down at the start of the event was not because we didn't like what draw we got, but because we weren't included in draw No 2. Draw No1, we were Novice, but finally, on draw No3 we were placed in our correct class; Clubman.

After all that fuss, and Laurie pointing me in the right direction 99.9% of the night, I buried the front of the Escort into a stump - vice versa actually, with only one competitive section to go, and lying in 3rd place outright. It obviously wasn't my night. Actually I am about to be drummed out of the Rally Drivers League because the 1st stump I hit (yes, I managed to find several during the night.) was on the drivers side door-- the code of ethics (the what?? Ed) demands that it be the navigators side!!!!

The next major event in which my presence was noted (we shall go into why later)(We will will we,), was obviously the best event we have seen for some time; The Apple and Grape Festival Rally organised by M.G.C.C. of Qld in Conjunction With B.S.C.C. Why it was the best event is self explanatory by mentioning the organisers. If I went through and thanked or congratulated everyone who did pull their weight, this article would run into pages....But to mention a few; Ross Moir, Ann

UNDESIRABLE NEWS CONT.

Thomson, John Hall for their efforts long before the event and on the night; John Hall especially for clearing away dog chains with the \$90 cross member of his Escort!!!! Neil McNeil, Beth Woodward, Judy Hall, and Midge Garth for operating and cooking in the Canteen for 13 hours continuously--- truly a marathon effort, especially from Neil, who hadn't stopped for several days prior to the event and who wouldn't stop during the night.

And finally, for all of those other members and friends who worked scoring, manning controls, and checking the route on the night -- oops-- not to forget those two gallant young ^{men} who normally drive Escorts (I didn't know we had any such fellows- Ed) but who would prefer to remain nameless, who were forced to leave their wife/friend to escort young ladies/lady on the night--- truly a brilliant piece of public relations, and they gained a lot of notorious acclaim for their efforts!!!

I really cannot comment on the actual Rally as I wasn't competing, but from comments received later, it was obvious that to all those who assisted, your efforts were appreciated by the competitors.

"STUMPY" SMALIMAN.

(As a competitor in the above rally, I just hope that the other 9 rallies this year are of the same standard and as enjoyable as The Apple and Grape. Ed.)

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FRUSTRATED NAV'S NIGHT

Orders have been given, they sit tense, pencils poised..... the tension mounts higher and HIGHER AND HIGHER----- and then Neil says "Go". This was the scene at the clubrooms on Friday 24th February as the Table Top Rally got under way.

Laurie led from the start line, but his table mate, Allan, would chip in with "Hey Neil" just when Laurie was adding 2+2 and getting 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. Greg was battling along quite well despite having to stop and help Julie. She was, at one stage, hopelessly lost somewhere around Taree.

Ross didn't compete but he managed to add to the confusion. John Hall had plenty of advice for Allan and Laurie, but that still didn't help Laurie solve his problem of how to get 2+2 to make 4.

Steve battled along over 14 creek crossings, while George got out the Rally Code to check some of the directors dubious directions. Greg and Julie had sorted out North from South, meanwhile, and had suddenly jumped up the field (one detects some husbandly or wifely assistance there). Ian Dwyer and Louise just couldn't figure out a way around all those "out of Bounds", but they both struggled on valiantly to the end.

All the frustrated and would be navs who had entered managed to finish the course, which was quite a feat, considering the comments flowing freely from the onlookers (among them a navigator, a director, and a couple of drivers). It was a fun night for both participators and spectators, and results are as follows.....

RESULTS

1ST LAURIE GARTH	62PTS.
2ND GREG FINDLATER	65PTS.
3RD JULIE FINDLATER	67PTS.
4TH STEVE PHONEIX	77PTS
EQ 5TH ALAN DWYER	91PTS.
GEORGE VELLEMAN	91PTS.
7TH PHIL (Neil can't remember your last name. Ed)	106PTS
8TH LOUISE VELLEMAN	115PTS.
9TH IAN DWYER	120PTS.

ROTHMANS INTERNATIONAL MEETING 18-19th FEB

We have some results for some of our Club members who participated in this meeting. Rick Warland is, was, or will be writing a little article for every race meeting (providing he's written to his mother-in-law, that is.).

Peter Aldridge.	Class	1x3rd 1x4th	
Rick Warland.	Class	1x1st 1x4th	Outright 1x3rd.
Dick Johnson	Class	1x1st 1x2nd	Outright 2x2nd
Geoff russell	Class	2x1st	Outright 1x1st 1x2nd
Ivan Tighe	Class	1x1st	Outright 1x1st

Not a bad effort at all. We had plenty of other members competing as well as those above. Denis Carroll and Gerry Bezett had several good races; each breathing up the others tail pipe at regular intervals. Tony Jay Had some problems but he went and hid in his Campervan, so we couldn't find out what went wrong.

As mentioned previously, Kerry Horgan went looking at the scenery. Bruce Allison couldn't shed his problems from the previous weekends and recorded a DNF in the main event.

Gregg Hansford had a drive in Bob Holdens Escort and turned in some very quick times. Robbie Wardrop had improved his times a great deal; now he says all he's got to do is drive around the corners...

If you were at the meet as a competitor, and you didn't get a mention, then maybe after the next meeting you could contact Rick or The Editor, with any news you have. Both those people are usually in the pits at race meetings.

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FROM AUTOSPORT, 15.12.77.

ENTRIES NEEDED FOR DUBLIN BAY GP.

Very late in the day, the DUBLIN BAY MC & AHDC (Motor Car & After Hours Drinking Club) have contacted us to ask for our help in drumming up some entries for a pre-Christmas FORMULA THREE race which they have decided to run on a makeshift circuit at Dublin Bay.

The decision to run the Dublin Bay GP was taken only last week, when club secretary, Seamus Flynn hurriedly contacted local dignitary the Earl of Meath & Most of Mayo to obtain a sanction for the event. A number of leading Irish drivers have been in touch with Flynn and indicated their willingness to take part, since the club hope to stage a full World Championship Grand Prix on the Dublin Bay track on St. Patrick's Day next year. However, since Mr. Flynn does not yet know how he is going to mark out the circuit, he is afraid that they might lose their way unless there are some English drivers they can follow for a little while.

The race will take place next Saturday (December 17) after practice tomorrow (Friday) at Phoenix Park, which the Irish drivers know so well. Mr. Flynn has asked us to say that he will be in London for the rest of the week and will accept entries in the snug bar of the Shamrock Shillelagh in Kilburn until Sunday.

One of our Irish reporters, Maurice Hamilton, will report on the Dublin Bay GP in next week's issue. For those interested in taking part, Mr. Flynn has given us the regulations.

GRAND PRIX DE DUBLIN BAY.

The circuit will be approximately a couple of miles long except on Friday (Market Day) when the market square will be full of cattle and practice will be held at Phoenix Park instead.

LAP RECORD

Rory 'Spinner' O'Drom (V7 Dumper), 4m 71.4s.

Scrutineering will be carried out by Seamus Flynn in the back yard of Kelly's Bar any time after opening time. All cars must conform to Adenoid J of the FIA Green Book and the following points noted:

- (A) All cars to be right hand drive single seaters.
- (B) Turbocharging not permitted as Mr. Flynn does not know what this means.
- (C) Alcohol-based fuel is permitted. (Mr. Flynn doesn't know what this means either but says it sounds like a nice idea).
- (D) Fuel Injection or Carburettors are permitted but normally aspirated engines are banned.

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STOP EVERYTHING: NOT JUST THE PRESS!!!!

NATIONAL MEETING 1977- RESULTS

Guess what arrived in the post the other day??Yes, the results from the 1977 National Meeting at Katoomba, are here. Our club had a successful meeting, with around 20 brave souls making the trek. Despite being blown away on the Thursday night, And nearly being snowed upon on the Friday night, All thawed out sufficiently to show those Southern Octagonalists a trick or two. Here without further ado, are the results.....

MOTORKHANA

- CLASS 1 Vince Appleby 2nd(by.1 sec)
- CLASS 3C Peter Rayment 2nd (in Don's TD)
Don Webster 3rd.
- CLASS 3I Mal Spiden 1st.

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FORMULA LIBRE

Vince Appleby 1st.

PRODUCTION TOURING 1301-2000

Steve Austin 2nd.

PRODUCTION SPORTS 1700& over

Greg Findlater 3rd.

SERIES PRODUCTION SPORTS 0-1700

Mal Spiden 2nd.
Peter Frazer 3rd.

TOURING & SPORTS CARS 31.12.40. TD'S

Peter Rayment 1st.
Don Webster 2nd.

CONCOURSE

NON-MARQUE CLASS

Steve Austin 2nd.

Well, there you have it. We apologise that the results were so long in coming, but we have only recently received them from down south in Sydney Town.

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DUBLIN BAY GP. CONT.NOTES

- (1) Flame-proof wellies will be provided; only one size available. (Drivers who find the boots too tight are advised not to wear them until they get used to them.)
- (2) Practice times will be given in GMT.
- (3) 20ft starting handles will be provided for those cars with rear engines.
- (4) There will be a pre-race warm-up on Saturday morning unless it is wet, when the warm-up will be held on Friday morning.
- (5) To avoid 1st lap accidents, the race will commence on lap 2.
- (6) Any non-starters will receive a ten second penalty.
- (7) Anyone found cheating during the race will their practice times.
- (8) During the 'Holy Hour', drivers are requested to engage neutral and free-wheel past the Chapel.
- (9) At half distance, the Dublin Bay Mounted Foot Girl Pipers will play on the starting grid.
- (10) In the event of a civil commotion, competitors should proceed to the Greyhound stadium and race there until Opening Time.
- (11) In the event of 'Bad Light' team personnel may be called upon to help bump-start the city generators.
- (12) The winner will receive the chequered flag twice -- to be sure, to be sure.
- (13) Fire fighting will be handled by modern appliances on loan from the G.S. The Dublin Bay engine, due to age, will only be used for false alarms.
- (14) Drivers must stop for a voluntary random breath test in Slattery's car park. Anyone found not to have been drinking will be deemed to be without the spirit of the meeting and will be disqualified forth with.
- (15) The winner will receive a magnum of Guinness from Moet & Shannon.
- (16) Points will be deducted if the winner either sprays the stuff over the crowd or stomps off early without buying a round.

FLAG SIGNALS

- BROWN (Waved) Dunc on the track.
 RED WITH GUINNESS EMBLEM (Held) Driver ahead is drunk.
 " " " " " " " (Waved at random-) Marshal is drunk.
 2 MARSHALS WAVING DITTO Your drunk, keep going.
 GREEN (Waved) They're open.
 BLACK WITH NUMBER (Held) It's your round. Stop at once.

BODS AND BENDS

We seem to have members trotting all over the Globe at present; Peter and Delia Rayment left for Perth and the National Meeting on February 18th.

Gary Scott has not only fled the State---- He's fled the country!!!!!! He left on February 23rd, and we hear that he's already spending up big - £60 for a Ford truck. Nicely done Gary, it should lap Lakeside in 1min 40's or 50's no trouble. We also hear that he hopes to have his first race in England on March 19th.

Un-noted surgeon, Dr. Laurie Garth, thought his thumb needed a trim along with the neighbours trees. Since when have axes been used as scalpels???? To top it off, he then played Florence Nightingale to the stitches with a pair of sidecutters!!!!**** Heaven help us should he ever join the Medical Profession.

The Baby Boom is back----- Kees and Helen Koppenol are the proud parents of a beautiful big (9 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb) baby boy, Anthony. Congratulations to you both.

Eranny Annie it is! Congratulations to you as well.

A certain member of the car club was caught speeding along Gladstone Road not long ago. 16kph over the limit and no fine ----The trick - drive a Blue Nursing Service car and look DESPERATELY worried*****.

Rick And Karen Warland celebrated their wedding anniversary recently. Congratulations!!

While Kerry Horgan was admiring the scenery around the back of the Surfers Paradise circuit, Rick Warland was busy setting records. Looks like Dracula went to the races with you , Kerry.

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