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1993 CLUB CALENDAR

JANUARY

20th Special General Meeting - Clubrooms

24th Working Bee at Hill

31st Dawn Breakfast Run - Marque

FEBRUARY

4th Set up Night for Motor show - Contact D robinson
6th Presentation Night - Refer add in Mag
5-14th Motor Show
14th Lakeide Races - MGCCQ
20-21st Midnight to Dawn Run - Marque
28th Early Morning Run - Contact Peter Kerr For details Amaroo - ATCC1

MARCH

7th Working Bee At Hill
Symmons Plain - ATTC2
14th Hillclimb - Mt Cotton
21st Economy Run - Marque
Valley St Patricks Vintage Car Fest. - Brunswick Mall
28th Early Morning Run - Contact Peter Kerr For details

APRIL

4th	Phillip Island - ATTC3
🔞 9-12th	MG Nationals - Adelaide
18th	Grass Motorkhana – Marque
🕲 25th	Hillclimb - Mt Cotton
	Early Morning Run to Hillclimb

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MAY

9th McLeans Bridge - Mothers Day 16th Winton - ATTC5 25th Lakeside Supersprint - AROCA Early Morning Run - Contact Peter Kerr JUNE 6th Queensland Hillclimb Champs - Mt Cotton Eastern Creek - ATTC6 13th Grafton - Hillclimb 25th Night Run - Marque 27th Early Morning Run - Contact Peter Kerr JULY 4th Wanaroo - ATTC7 11th Mallala - ATTC8 Lakeside - Historics 18th Early Morning Run to Lakeside 60 25th Hillclimb - Mt Cotton AUGUST 1st Oran Park - ATTC9 🕅 27-29th Ironman Weekend SEPTEMBER 18th Concours - Marque 60 26th Hillclimb - Mt Cotton OCTOBER 3rd Bathurst 17th Australian Hillclimb Champs NOVEMBER 7th Australian Grand Prix 60 28th Lakeside - MGCCQ Early Morning Run to Lakeside DECEMBER Hillclimb - Mt Cotton MB 5th The MG Car Club of Queensland have Clubrooms located at 9 Nash St Rosalie (the old CAMS Offices). These are open EVERY Friday Night for the enjoyment of members & guests. Feel free to call in any time

after 7.30pm for a natter. For more details of coming events & activities in the clubrooms keep your eye on the calendar or contact David Robinson for more details.

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FROM THE

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PRESIDENTS DESK

Ho Ho Merry Christmas. Best wishes to all members for the festive season.

Another busy year has passed with the all the events that our Club runs. 1993 should be no different as the Calendar shows already. The Committee hopes that there will be something for all our members. If you wish to organise some function, then please talk to me or your other committee members and we will certainly try to accomodate your ideas.

Congratulations to those members that have won Club Trophies that will be presented at our Annual Dinner on the 6th February 1993.

There will be a Special General Meeting on Wednesday 20th January in the Club Rooms to accept the Annual Financial Statement. Afterwards we will have some videos and nibbles. Please bring a plate.

Look forward to seeing you all again in 1993

David Limson



You can't win 'em all! The Author's Falcon looks somewhat worse for wear following some trouble with a (Herry Firth) locked brake. AUSTRALIAN AUTOSPORTSMAN 1962 Bathurst 6 Hour

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THE KM200

STORY

BY RICHARD CROSTAIN

1959 FORD KM 200

I FIRST SAY THE FLOWING LINES OF THE 1959 KM200 BODY SHAPE IN THE FADING LIGHT OF A SUMMERS DAY IN 1977 AT LAKESIDE. IT STOOD OUT IN STARK CONTRAST IN ITS DULL RED LIVERY WITH THE MODERN SHOVEL NOSED, FAT TIRED, WINGED MONSTERS OF THE CURRENT TREND IN RACING CAR DESIGN. THE CAR APPEARED ONCE AGAIN BRIEFLY AT SURFERS PARADISE RACE MEETING IN THE LATE 70'S, THEN DIS-APPEARED. SOME THREE YEARS LATER, I RECIEVED A PHONE CALL FROM A FRIEND ASKING IF I WOULD COME AND MAKE SOME SUGGESTIONS ABOUT RESTORING AN Q'D RACING CAR. THERE IT WAS AGAIN! AS IT TURNED OUT, THE OWNER DIDN'T TAKE MUCH INTEREST IN MY ADVICE BECAUSE A COUPLE OF YEARS FURTHER ON, WHILE DRIVING IN THE COUNTRY, I SAW IN A DISTANT HOUSE PADDOCK, WHAT LOOKED STRANGELY LIKE A "D:TYPE JAGUAR. ON VISITING THE FARM, THERE WAS THE KM200 AGAIN (RESTORED)!

UP HERE IN SUNNY QUEENSLAND, WE HAD A TAXI COMPANY CALLED ASCOT TAXIS. THEIR COLOUR SCHEME WAS WHITE WITH YUCK GREEN DOORS, BOOT AND BONNET. THE OWNER OF THIS ONCE PRETTY RACING CAR ALSO OWNED A COUPLE OF TAXIS. ONE GUESS WHICH WORKSHOP PAINTED THE CAR FOR HIM AND WHOS COLOURS HE USED? NO AMOUNT OF CURVACIOUS BODYSHAPE COULD COPE WITH THAT COLOUR SCHEME, AND NO, THE CAR WAS NOT FOR SALE.

FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS, I WATCHED AND WAITED. EACH TIME I HAD OCCASION TO DRIVE PAST 'GEORGES GOAT FARM', I SLOWED ENOUGH TO ALLOW A GLIMPSE OF THE KM200. IT'S RESIDENCE WENT FR\$OM THE SHED- TO THE LEAN TO - TO THE PADDOCK IN WHICH THE SHED WAS SITUATED. TIME TO MOVE! THE CAR WOULD NOT LAST LONG OUT IN THE OPEN. YEARS OF EXPERIENCE OF CHASING VINTAGE CARS HAD TAUGHT HOW QUICKLY A MACHINE CAN DETERIORATE ONCE IT IS LEFT IN THE ELEMENTS, ESPECAILLY IN THIS QUEENSLAND SUB-TROPICAL CLIMATE.

A DEAL WAS DONE AND THE KM200 TOOK UP RESIDENCE IN MY HUMBLE HOME. I QUICKLY DISCOVERED SOME REMARKABLE THINGS ABOUT GOAT POO. IT STINKS! IT HAS SOME STRANGE PRESERVATIVE QUALITIES AND THE LITTLE ROUND PELLETS GET EVERYWHERE, UP THE EXHAUST, IN THE CARBIES. I DON'T KNOW HOW, BUT THEY DO.

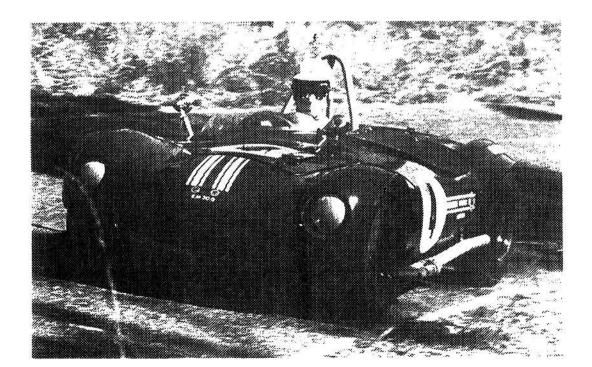
THE KM200 STORY

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STRIPPING THE CAR WAS A VERY SMELLY OPERATION. HOWEVER, ONE WAS SAVED FROM HAVING TO REMOVE THE STUFF FROM THE UPHOLSTERY. THERE WASN'T ANY LEFT! IT HAD BECOME PART OF A GOAT'S DIET.

THE CHASSIS WAS IN A SAD WAY. THE FRONT PORTION WHICH BOLTED ONTO A STANDARD TRIUMPH FRONT CROSSMEMBER. HAD BEEN FOLDED DOWNWARDS AND BACKWARDS IN AN ARGUEMENT THE PREVIOUS OWNER HAD HAD WITH A HUGE GUM TREE IN HIS PADDOCK. APPARENTLY HE HAD BEEN TESTING THE CAR PRIOR TO TAKING IT TO LAKESIDE. JUST AS WELL, BECAUSE THE REAR SUSPENSION PICKUP POINTS HAD ENORMOUS CRACKS AROUND THEM. THEY WERE JUST WAITING TO LET GO COMING THROUGH SOME PLACE LIKE SHELL CORNER. A LOT OF CAREFUL CUTTING AND WELDING OF NEW PARTS FOR THE CHASSIS TOOK PLACE. NEW ALUMINIUM PANELS WERE MADE AND FITTED, THE GEARBOX AND DIFF WERE STRIPPED, CLEANED AND REPAINTED AND REASSEMBLED WITHOUT REQUIRING A LOT EXPENSIVE REPAIRS.

THE ENGINE HAD A FEW PROBLEMS. INSPITE OF BEING ALMOST NEW, SOMEBODY HAD BORROWED THE SPARKPLUGS FOR HIS VW AND NOT REPLACED THEM AFTERWARDS ALLOWING THE BRAND NEW MAHL PISTONS TO SEIZE IN THE BLOCK. I SAID A PRAYER OF THANKS THAT I WAS ABLE TO GET THE CAR WHEN I DID. MUCH LONGER IN THOSE CONDITIONS WITH THE GOATS USING IT AS THEIR PRIVATE MOUNTAIN, I DON'T THINK THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH LEFT OF THIS PRETTY MACHINE.



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BY RICHARD CROSTAIN

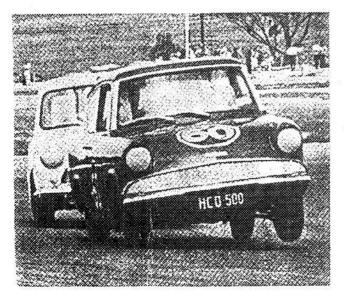
THE KIM2

THE BODY WAS A LONG BUT SATISFYING JOB. SANDING SO MANY LAYERS OF PAINT, WHITE, MAROON, YELLOW, GREEN, ORANGE, DIGGING OUT TONS OF BOG. IT WAS REWARDING TO REFIT THE DAMAGED FIBREGLASS PANELS TOGETHER, GLUE THEM UP AND USE THE MINIMIUM AMOUNT OF FILLER TO GET THE ORIGINAL SHAPE. PAINTED IN FRENCH BLUE WITH WHITE TRIMMINGS AND BLACK UPHOLSTERY, THE CAR IS ONCE AGAIN PLEASING TO THE EYE, FUN TO DRIVE AND VERY EASY ON THE MAINTAINENCE.

DURING THE RESTORATION, I WAS FORTUNATE TO CONTACT JOHN AND IVOR VALENTIN WHO OWNED THE CAR IN THE LATE 60'S EARLY 70'S. THEY PASSED ON SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE CAR AND THE SUCCESS THEY HAD WITH IT. APPARTENTLY THE KM200 WAS ORIGIONALLY BUILT

BY SPENCER MARTIN, USING A TRUIMPH ENGINE. THE VALENTINS CHANGED IT TO A FORD (WHAT A GOOD IDEA). IF ANYONE CAN GIVE ME ANY FURTHER HISTORY ON THE CAR, I WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED TO HEAR FROM THEM.

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Lou Molina corners on the limit in an attempt to get with the leaders in the small touring event.

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NINE NETWORK MOTORING

On 29 November. 1992 the Nine Network will commence a six hour television series depicting motor sport. "THE POWER AND THE GLORY" has been produced by the same team which created "Reaching For The Skies". It is a vivid account of the development of motor sport from its birth in the early 1900s to today's multi-million dollar industry.

Whilst some may have thought that "Reaching For The Skies" could have had more depth to it, the constraints of time obviously caused many interesting subjects to be treated briefly. Unfortunately, the same may apply to "THE POWER AND THE GLORY" but nevertheless if it is of anything approaching the same quality as its predecessor, it will certainly be worthwhile watching.

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PROFILE:

ANN THOMSON



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Ann Thomson at Lakeside in the lightweight Lotus Elan.

Ann Thomson

Mrs. Ann Thomson must surely be unique in the Australian motor racing world ... businesswoman, mother of a grown-up family of three, and with nearly 15 years active motor racing behind her. She could be anybody's mum but quickly dispels any maternal image the moment she rolls on to the starting grid in one of her

machines. Ann knows her home-State tracks of Lakeside and Surfers' Paradise like the back of her hand and was a' regular competitor at the now defunct Strathpine and Lowood circuits. Her racing stable over the years has included MG,

• Lakeside, Queensland, Australia's first advanced school for racing drivers, was staged on the weekend of October 6, 7. Instructor was none other than Lotus XIX pilot, Frank Matich, who flew in from Sydney on Friday night to join the Q.M.S.C. boys at their weekly club meeting.

• Twelve students were chosen out of the 20 originally invited by the club. They included competition drivers who wanted to improve and clubmen who had not raced but who intended to do so in the near future.

• Saturday, the theoretical side of the business, was covered by Matich, who walked and talked the class through the four corners, the back esses and the dog-leg in the straight of the $1\frac{1}{2}$ -mile Lake-side circuit.

• Sunday, pupils fronted for the scrutineering of their cars. A personal interest in each car's condition was taken by Matich as he was first to drive and then to be driven in each car on several flatout laps. Each car completed about 50 laps or lapped until they ran out of tyres, petrol or revs.

Morgan, Healey 100-4, Lotus 15 and Morris Cooper, and currently she is piloting the ex-Bill Gates' Lotus Elan and a Cooper S.

Her latest acquisition is a factory-prepared, ex-Harry Firth Cortina GT 500 which she uses for trials and rallies.

Last year Ann won the Queensland Motor Sporting Club's open championship, its driver of the year award and under 1500cc championship. With navigator, Toni le Franke, she also won the MG Car Club's trials trophy last year. Her club and track successes over the years are quite formid-

able.

This year she has scored a number of wins in the Elan, and Sydney fans saw her on August 10 at Oran Park when she finished third behind Bond and Wood, and in the women's race in which she predictably scored a comfortable victory when Chris Cole had to start from the rear of the field.

Her best lap that day was a 54.2s which was 2s behind the best time posted by Glynn Scott when he finished second to Bond in Ann's Lotus Elan in another race that day.

Ann entered her Cooper S in the Hardie Ferodo and was to be partnered by another Queenslander, Mrs. Carole Corness.

Matich proved his undoubted ability by invariably lapping much quicker than the students' best time in their own cars, despite the fact that there were only two cars of the same class, category and type present. Frank swapped seats in a Lotus XI, Ford Zephyr(s), Karmann Ghia, M.G.A., Morris 850, Elfin Sports, etc.

• Only trouble that occurred was when Matich, driving the Salter Brothers' Elfin Sports some 10 seconds a lap faster than it had gone before and with Noel Salter as passenger, spun in the K.L.G. corner; about half a lap behind, the Karmann did not see the obstruction until halfway through the K.L.G., applied brakes in the corner (tch! tch!) spun and finished nose first into the Armco.

• Mrs Ann Thompson, a regular Lakeside competitor in her Lotus XI improved on her previous best by several seconds to record a creditable 1.16.1, whilst in the same car, Matich scored a sensational 1.12.3. Towards the end of Ann's session she succumbed to motion sickness and in one spasm, lost it (the car) and spun out in K.L.G.— Perhaps Norm Beechey could help! IN PETER KERRS OWN WRITE

MG MAGNETTE WINS AUSTRALIAN HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP

This was indeed the headline in Australian Motor Sports magazine. One MG Magnette has won the Australasian Hillclimb Championship. The Magnette was chassis number K3030 and the year was 1949. was The MG Barraclough. owned by Lex Davison and driven at Rob Roy by J. Α. However, it was an expensive win as Backoff Barraclough revealed in his book: "When I Grow Up." (which he never did!)

"Backoff" tells it this way:

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"I had three runs and found if I used second gear for the short final part of the hill, that I was reaching 7000 rpm at the finish and had to knock off a bit."

who owned it said, "You've got to get that record Backoff, let Lex. her over-rev, it's only for a moment."

And so I did, and got the record, but seeing 7000 rpm on the clock

up for practice at Nuriootpa, at low speed, worried me. a Whilst warming threw itself out through the crankcase. It had connecting rod obviously been stretched at Rob Roy."

This Magnette is today owned by Phillip Brady in South Australia and he allows his father, Peter, to drive it also. It was bequeathed to him by his grandfather Tom, who bought it from the following advertisement in AMS for 750 pounds (It is said that a good rule of thumb with K3 prices is to add a "0" to the price each ten years!).

M.G. K3—This is the ex-Brown car from S.A., and is in excellent arder. The car, is suitable for racing, or would make an ideal sports car for the enthusiost who requires o car that is different from the ordinary run of road cers. Le Mans Motors, 5 Carlisle St., St. Klida, Vic., LU 6692.

The origins of this MG are of particular interest and were fully documented by the owners cousin in 1935. Wouldn't it be great to have a book on the first year of each of our old race cars. Anyway, I have "Wheels at Speed 1935" copy of the out of print book called: Prince Chula of Thailand. Actually, I cherish this book almost as much as my MGs. So then here is the story as a Christmas read:

K3030 was purchased new by Prince Birabongse of Siam from the Abingdon factory and raced under the name "B. Bira." His good friend manager, Prince Chula Chakrabongse of Siam wrote in the Autumn of 1935 the exploits of Bira as he says "as an attempt to keep alive exploits of my cousin Bira's first year as a racing motorist under my He describes the acquisition of the factory racing MG as management." follows:

"As agents could not help us, I decided to get in touch with the MG chief. Mr. Cecil Kimber himself. I rang him up at Abingdon from my desk in London and had immediate results. He had ready a brand new Magnette, the last one they ever made, which was prepared for two Italians to drive in the "Mille Miglia" - the Italian 1,000 mile race run across country from Brescia to Rome and back to Brescia again. At almost the last moment importation of this car into Italy was forbidden, and Mr. Kimber said we could have it. I talked with Bira and arranged with him to go to Abingdon to see the car and, if he was satisfied with it, would have it

This was on March 19, and Bira was engaged to go out to dine and dance at the Savoy. A twenty-first birthday party was being held there by one of his friends. So bitten was he with motor racing, that he did not hesitate a moment to go to Abingdon, and he arrived back some hours late for the party, but expressed himself fully satisfied with what he had seen of the Magnette.

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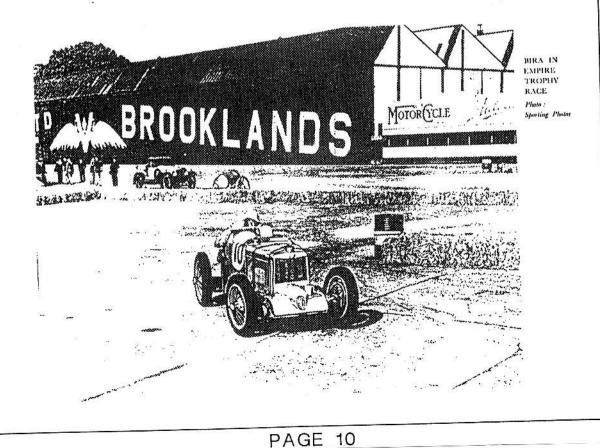
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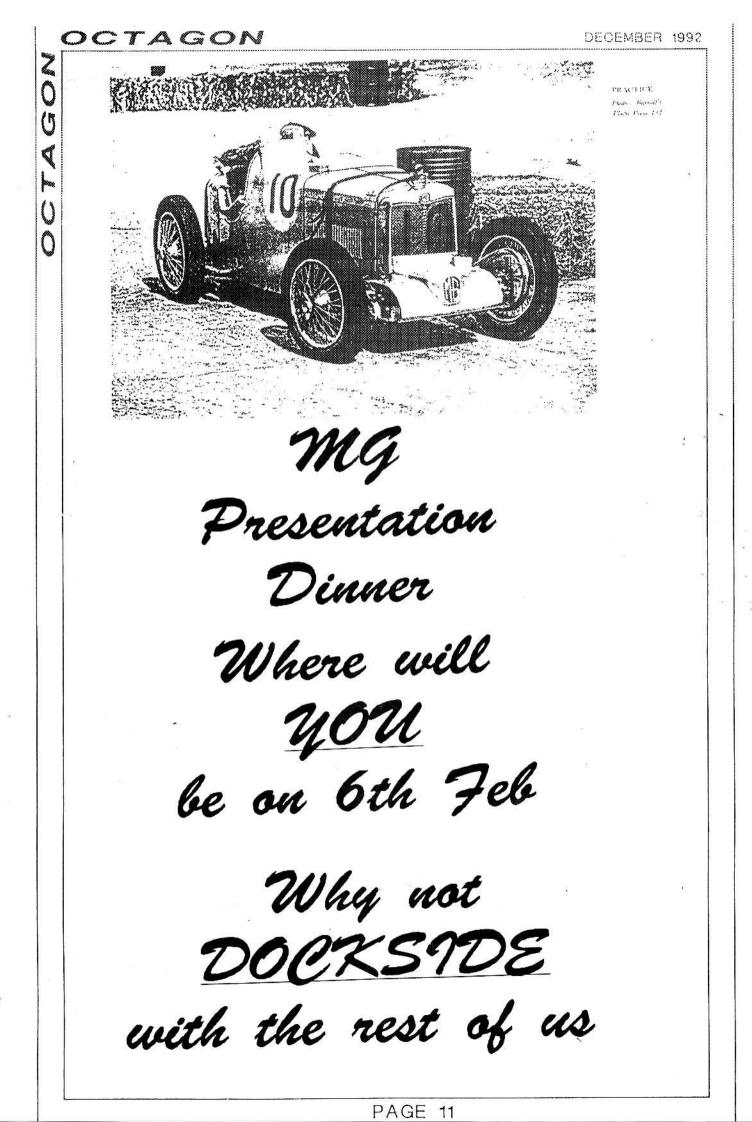
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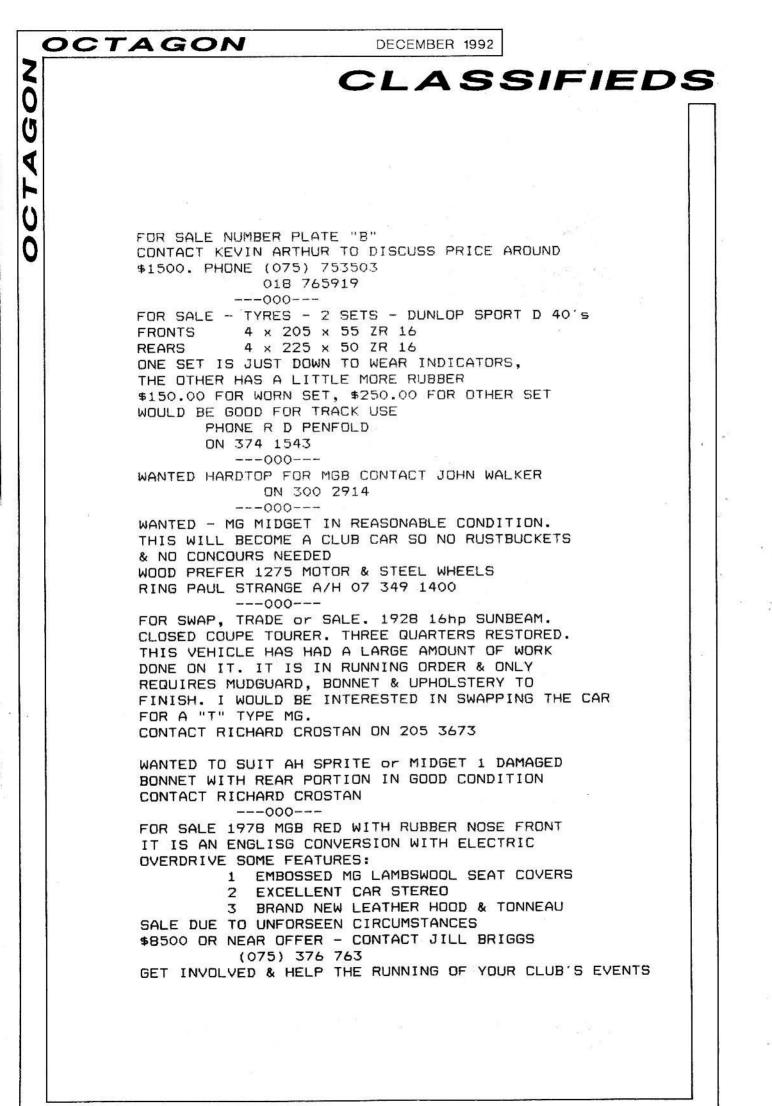
BIRA AN THE PITS Photo :

"This car was duly delivered to us the next day at Thomson and Taylor's workshop at Brooklands, and in the afternoon we went down to see it. It was painted in red, that being the official racing colour for Italians, it also had wings. Bira took the car round Brooklands for several laps and was thrilled, as this was the first time he had driven a supercharged car. I sat with him for a few laps. Of course, as the car was new and had to be run in, he could not exceed \$0 mph. We gave instructions to have the car stripped and painted our racing blue, complete with the two flags on the bonnet. Bira expressed his desire to run the car in himself."

In the belief that a picture is worth 1000 words. I conclude with some pictures of the Bira Magnette racing at Brooklands in the 250 mile 1935 British Empire Trophy race.







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POINTSCORE

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Hereunder is listed details of our Club's various Perpetual Trophies and how to obtain these. Placings are worked from financial members only in the class/competition. If you have any auestions contact your Club Captain - Peter Rayment. CLOSED TOURING ASSEMBLIES (DRIVER and NAVIGATOR TROPHIES) Points allocated to both Driver & Navigator on the basis of outright position. For scoring refer Table A. The setters when financial members shall score 1st Position Points ****Points gained are transferred to the....BEST: All Rounder, T-Type, MG & Ladies Award (Where applicable) MOTORKHANA TROPHY Club Motorkana's held during the year incl QMC rounds. Run over 6 classes. Class A - Production vehicles with a wheelbase up to 2150mm. Class B - 2151 to 2390mm. Class C - 2391 to 2650mm. Class D greater than 2651mm. Class F - Motorkhana Specials. Class H - Production 4WD vehicles. ****Points gained are transferred to the....BEST: All Rounder, T-Type, MG & Ladies Award SPEED TROPHY Points allocated from Club hillclimbs plus Iron Man Sprints & other notified events. To be eligble for this trophy the competitor must have actively participated at a minimum of two(2) Official Working Bees & it is the competitors responsibility to ensure there is no confusion over his/her eligibility to this trophy and the Marque Speed trophy. Points allocated for positions in various classes on the day as per Table A. Plus 2 for Fastest Time of The Day Overall. Plus 2 for a club record. Points for working bees shall be 3 points per working bee to maximum of 12 points. These will only be added to your speed & Marque Speed Trophy (where applicable) points but not carried to best Best All Rounder etc. ****Points gained sre transferred to the....BEST:All Rounder,T-Type,MG,Margue Speed & Ladies Award CONCOURS Class placings plus 2 points for Outright (However Determined). Points allocated for class positions as per Table A. ****Points gained are transferred to the....BEST: All Rounder, T-Type, MG & Ladies Award BEST ALL ROUNDER Points gained from ALL THE ABOVE EVENTS. To gain award competitor must have competed in at least 2 Closed Touring Assemblies, 2 Motorkhanas & 2 Speed Events. If ther are insufficient events in each category then points will be awarded on those events conducted. The following trophies(*) pointscores is derived from the above Trophies but are not further transferred *MARQUE SPORTS CAR SPEED TROPHY Eligible: Marque sports cars as listed in the CAMS Manual. Points, events & conditions as per Speed Trophy. *LADIES AWARD Points gained from all events nated above. To gain award, competitor must have competed in at least 1 Closed Touring Assembly, 1 Motorkhana & 1 Speed Event. *BEST T TYPE Points gained from all events as noted above plus 6 points from each nominated social function attended in an MG *BEST MG Points gained from all events as noted above plus 6 points from each nominated social function attended in an MG *BEST MG MOTORKHANA Points gained from all nominated motorkhanas. Placing are based on Production MG cars in classes as per Motorkhana Trophy. Plus 2 points for Fastest MG. (These points do not transfer to any other Trophy) RALLY TROPHIES (DRIVERS & NAVIGATORS) Points allocated from outright positions from Open & Closed Qld Rallies to which MGCC of Qld Inc. is invited & that does not exclude any particular grade of driver (Novice, Clubman, Recognized or Classified) from the event. To be included in Rally Trophy will be Sprint Rallies. (These points do not transfer to any other trophy) RACE CAR POINT SCORE Shall be conducted at all MGCC of Qld Inc Race Meetings. The number of races counted shall be the same for all class groups as listed:

SPORTS CARS: Upt to 1300cc 1301cc & over SPORTS SEDANS & GROUP A: Up to 2000cc 2001cc & over CATEGORY 1 RACING CARS: Formula Ford Formula Vee Racing Cars other than above TOURING CARS: 2E Club Cars Up to 2000cc **3E Street Sedans** 2001cc & over 3F Road Registered

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Points scored for positions in respective classes per race. Refer Table A. Result scored on number of events that is equal for all classes on the day/s. (These points do not transfer to any other trophy)

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TABLE A	
Place	Points
1st	10
2nđ	8
3rd	6
4th	4
5th	3
6th	2
7th to end of field for all starters	1

NOTE: If you have enetered more than one car in an event, for any of the above categories, points shall be scored only for one car in any of the trophies.