



Rally Directions

The official Organ of the Classic Rally Club Inc.
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In this issue: ...is small and a little late.

Thank you to the contributors . Every article helps. It is late as I have been OS at an International Conference.

Upcoming events: *
(Full details inside)

The 2017 MG Classic and The Alpine Classic.

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JOHN'S JABBER

Hi everyone, it's magazine time again!

A lot has happened in the last two months. A great Rally of The South for CRC, put together by Phil Stead, Bob Morey and a host of other helpers from the Club. With my regular navigator overseas I opted to run sweep with my brother Ron and managed to find and pick up all the boards. A great entry list with good numbers made for a great day. I am sure others will write up a full report elsewhere in this mag. Results and trophies were presented at the June General Meeting, with a follow up presentation held in Canberra with a lot of Canberrians taking out awards. Thanks Rob and Jane for organising that get together.

The regular annual AROCA Tour d'Course rally was put on hold this year due to Carol's unavailability to put it together. Great to see Carol on the mend and over all the treatments, a very courageous effort. A joint lunch run was put together by Tony Wise and we had good numbers of CRC and Alfa Club members and cars meet up at Riverside Oaks Golf Club for morning tea, followed by a great drive along the river to lunch at Linton Gardens at Somersby where we were made most welcome and fed some excellent food. Those that wanted to ventured onto Gosford to the Motor Museum where we strolled amongst the many vehicles on display. Thanks Tony and the Alfa Club; I certainly enjoyed my day and finally clocked up the first 1000 kilometres on my Falcon Sprint just before reaching home. Not bad for 12 months old.

Our June General Meeting was very informative with our guest speaker Matt Bryson enlightening us with his latest adventures with Gerry Crown in the Leyland P76, with a talk about their recent Japan rally. Matt is our club's International Ambassador and certainly spreads the word about our club wherever he goes, also good to have his dad out with him, CRC Rally Legend John Bryson is always welcome.

Another CRC Rally was just run down the South Coast areas, in and out of Kiama, put together by new Rally Directors Johnathon Mansell and Tina with a lot of assistance from Tony Norman. Thanks to everyone that competed and all those officials that helped put it all together so successfully. I competed back in the Ford Escort with Ross Warner guiding me along the way, uphill and down dale. This marked the first full day in a manual gearbox car since last September, due to my back fusion and drop foot problems. I got through the day reasonably okay and look forward to it getting better with time and more physio. Bring on the MG Rally, two days might test it out! P.S. Ross has asked for a lock on the motel door this year so he knows where I am at this year's MG Rally.

Don't forget this year's club Alpine Classic Rally. I can assure you it is a great drive down through the Snowy Mountains. We will be at Yass for the start and finish and will coincide with "Classic Yass" a nostalgic weekend of classic cars in Yass. Entries are already flowing in so don't miss out.

Our Treasurer, Tim McGrath, has given me plenty of notice that due to his circumstances he will not be standing for the club's Treasurer's position again at this year's AGM. We will be looking for a reliable replacement. Have a think about it and say to yourself, "what could I do for the club?" instead of what the club does for you. On that note, my sincere thanks to everyone who does get in and help out. There are quite a few and it makes my life a lot easier with so many good friends and helpers within our members.

Our annual display of CRC rally cars is coming up at the Eastern Creek Shannon's Display Day. If you haven't got a ticket why not come out anyway to say hi and look at over 1900 different cars on show, all happening on Sunday 13th August 2017.

MG Car Club will be hosting the annual MG Classic on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th September 2017; if you haven't entered yet you'd better hurry up!

Don't forget our Magazine Editor Jen Nevan is always looking for content to fill the mag for our reading pleasure, all photos and articles are most welcome.

Congratulations to John Henderson and Jeff West for their 1st Place position in the recent Trans Am Rally in the USA. One hell of a way to crunch so many numbers on regularity from the East Coast to the West Coast and everywhere in between. Well done Hendo and Westie, we expect a long engagement at a CRC meeting to tell us all about it.

See you on the rally road!

John

COMPETITION SECRETARY REPORT

Now let me think - what's happened during the last 2 months! I know I forgot to put the bins out one week so hope I didn't miss a

any CRC events. So here goes:

RALLY OF THE SOUTH - Seems a long time ago now but I can report that my son Matt and I, entered in the Social Run, had a

great day. Matt and the Evo enjoyed the roads and I enjoyed the scenery - to the extent that your favourite Rally Director managed to miss some questions!

Many thanks to the organisers and officials for their hard work. AROCA TOUR'COURSE - Organised this year as a social Lunch

Run. I understand that all who entered enjoyed the day and that after lunch a number of participants made a visit to a car museum in Gosford on their return trip to Sydney. Many thanks to AROCA for including CRC members on the day and we look forward to the possibility of a Touring Assembly rally in 2018.

SHEEP STATION RALLY - This new event, organised by Jon Mansell and his partner Tina Porod, was held on Sunday 23rd July.

The start venue at the Kiama Blow Hole would certainly be a contender for the most scenic we have used, but the weather reflected the venue's name as it was blowing a gale through out registration and the briefing. Jon organised a 'Driver Reviver' stop during Division 2, which was much appreciated by most crews. This is certainly something to be considered by Event Directors in the future to reduce the possibility of driver fatigue but finding a suitable location similar to the Fitzroy Falls rest area

may not always be possible when trying to keep the rally route away from major roads. But food for thought no less.

I hope that by the time you read this results will have been finalised and that all teams are aware of how well - or conversely how

badly - you fared!

MGCC SPRING CLASSIC - 9TH/10TH SEPTEMBER - This is the next event on the CRC points core calendar and is being organised by Jim Richardson, Doug Barbour and their band of merry men - oops, sorry Xanthea! I believe that entries close on

the 28th August - keep in mind that with accommodation and catering to be arranged the organisers need to finalise entry numbers as soon as possible. So get in quick or miss out. I will not be in attendance as either competitor or official since the Saturday is my wedding anniversary and the Sunday my wife Loraines birthday. Hope I've got my priorities right.

ALPINE CLASSIC - 4TH/5TH NOVEMBER - Still a little way off but entries are already coming in for this event, the only timed

Touring Road Event on the CRC calendar. Always a great closing event for the year and well worthy of your support. Supp Regs

(always a good read) and Entry Form can be found on our website so get in early to avoid dis-appointment.

Finally in closing I would like to acknowledge and thank our small band of members - you all know who they are - who turn up for

our events whatever the weather to allow our events to keep going. Volunteers are always welcome and you still score points in

the championship, even if your car is too sick to leave the garage - we can never have enough Passage Controls!! Please consider how you may be able to get further involved in the Club, as well as competing in our events. Here endeth this months

sermon.

Stay safe on the road - TONY NORMAN COMPETITION SECRETARY

A Recipe For the Alternative to High Pressure Classic Car Rallying.

*Take one glorious Sunday in June. Blue skies, warm sun and the country side of the Hawkesbury that seemed to sparkle.

*Take 60 cars and 100 people. Many of those cars being the 'specials', those that aren't driven on those other CRC rallies where stretches of dirt can cause havoc with old suspensions and old bones.

*Take the Alfa Tour de Course Rally with a new look, and a new taste (just this once) and you have a social run with no navigation, nor Z boards, passage controls, manned or otherwise, no questions and no domestics! Just simple directions ...Yeah!

It was a chance for us to bring out Pa's black Porsche 928 for a spin. We had Jack on board and he loves cars, he loves every thing to do with cars and was so looking forward to the car museum at Gosford. Jack also loves motor bikes of which he saw many during the run. Cordelia when asked about coming wasn't really interested. No horse riding draw card this time, like there was at Targa Tasmania.

*Add to this mix a ferry crossing for a bit of spice. There were two ferries working the crossing at Wiseman's Ferry. The queue was long and the man selling the local honey was doing well. Jack had difficulty in comprehending the car ferry and was concerned that the ferry might sink. There was a relieved sigh from the back seat when we reached the other side safe and dry.

*This recipe for the glorious Alternative to High Pressure Classic Car Rallying also included alcohol, a beautiful catered lunch, silver service, table clothes and serviettes with drinks in glasses. We had time to talk and enjoy each others company without the pressures of 'time out'. This time, time was our friend and we embraced it happily.

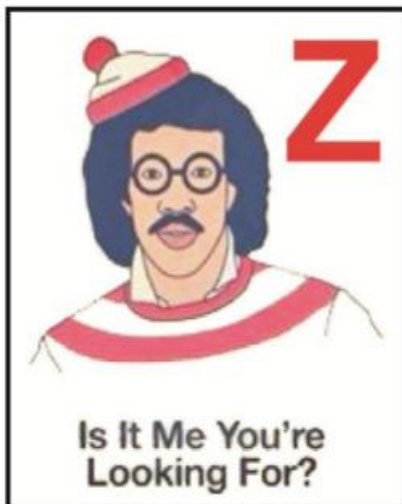
*The car museum was great with enough classics and moderns to look at and satisfy any car buff's desires. I found my Pink Cadillac and the Mercedes McLaren with those great gull wing doors, totally impractical ... A fantastic day. Thank you Tony and Carol for organising the event.

Jen Navin



“Where’s Wolly – A Little Dilly Dally Down the Wollondilly – Part 1”

Phillip Stead & Graham Pettit



This was our first Batten/Reed Wollondilly rally after last year's participation was abruptly curtailed and what a interesting, challenging and fun event it was using those old 1960's pre-expressway maps. It was a given from the start that the event was going to be a head turner and not just because of the good looking cars and women. Lionel Richie's lyrics were going to ring true with Z Boards playing a major part in the event. However, we didn't think that we would add another 100 kms to the advertised 260 trying to find them. Thank goodness that we only had to look out for them within 1 mile (loved using the old lingo) of a plotted point and Mike had also given us some much needed plotting time with his NCOBITN café latte periods – No Coffee Or Biscuits In The Next 2 Km. Another interesting twist was no cumulative odometer readings as well as none for the questions so you really had no idea where you were.

After a quick breakie at the Penrith Panthers Peter's driver briefing had no major surprises or cryptic clues as to what lay ahead in what would be a very busy 9 hours for us. Mike was obviously already off hammering his Lionel Richies all over the countryside. It was all smiles at the start and we were off travelling via a short route chart in the opposite direction to what I had expected – north instead of south to the old Great Western Highway. Mike had sent us this way to find a Z board on the other side of the river where an old road had been closed due to the new expressway over the Nepean. The redirection sent us to our first manned passage control where we were issued with another redirection around Leonay to the unmapped expressway – OK, I think I am starting to understand what to expect from Mike for the rest of the day, ie. expect the unexpected. Our first 10km café latte period took us to a little detour around Mulgoa to avoid the OOBs to M2 at Wallacia.

Section 2 sent us on a loop around Luddenham to comply with a TJ instruction to our first confusing moment. Question 3 was meant to be at 600m after the TJ which was on an old alignment at a curve in the road where we found a VRC but no answer. Multiple rally cars were going back and forth looking for the elusive CRASH ZONE sign. After a bit of consultation we all resumed the route south to an unmapped road which took us to a lovely NCOBIN 12km drive along Greendale Road back to Wallacia. Well Graham enjoyed it – I was too busy working out where in hell we were going next ! As we crossed the Nepean towards Warragamba out of the corner of my eye I saw that bloody Crash Zone sign – we noted the answer for what it was worth. Around Warragamba Mike got a bit tricky throwing in an UM RD which we didn't have to use and an instruction to pass SILVERDALE ROAD which at first glance sent you on a loop travelling north on this road. It took me a while to realise that we had already passed to the left of it within 1 mile (1.6km) going south though the town. A detour around Silverdale using another UM RD with a compass bearing instruction gave us another much needed café latte break for me to plot ahead after M3.

Little did we know but Mike's little realignment through Theresa Park at the start of section 3 was going to win us the rally. The road at first glance looked similar to the mapped road except that there were no signs of an old school house and post office on the right hand side as per the map and also why had Mike made specific reference to 120m FCOR from the TJ. A quick back track measuring out the 120m from the old TJ and just after that we found the old alignment complete with old school and post office and of course another Lionel Richie! Woo Hoo!

Another café latte break into Camden where the plotted route was blocked by a new football field complete with you guessed it, another Lionel Richie. A quick replot took us around the corner to the welcoming smiles of a passage control. I was obviously in need of a sugar fix and having brain fade when I misread the directional to/from instruction coming into lunch at Thirlmere. Why was Tony Norman waving to us next to the bus shelter and why was the M board facing the wrong way. "Graham, drive straight ahead, keep your head down, they may not have seen us". A quick u-turn and we casually entered M4 with the smile and confidence of someone on the correct route. But to no avail – an IR – as we say in the rally game "It's always going to be a bad day if you seen Tony Norman". Our morning adventures and detours saw us the second last into control with only minutes to spare. So yet another rushed rally lunch and cake grab running to get the afternoon's instructions. I have to make serious comment that the lunch at Thirlmere School was fantastic.

We had only gone 200 metres down the road and we did our first u-turn of the afternoon. Thanks, Mike for the first question before the first corner.

TO BE CONTINUED

Note from the editor:

At the last CRC meeting I raised the issue of driver fatigue in relation to the distances that we travel without a break on rallies.

Depending on where the start of the rally is, some competitors may have driven an hour or so before the commencement of the rally. Then it may be another four to five hours until there is a recognised stop, the lunch stop. Considering the Driver Reviver mantra of taking a break ever two hours, it is worth considering some regular breaks for the driver in a rally to reduce driver fatigue and the implicated risks this may have not only to Classic Car Club members on the road but to the civilians who also drive the roads.

In the Alpine Rally this was taken into consideration by Ross and John and the plan was well received. The simple direction, that the driver stops a few hundred metres from the Manned Passage Control and runs/walks the route card to the Officials, was well received.

When I was reading Tony's report of the Sheep Station Rally I was pleased to read of John's driver stop at Fitzroy Falls. A good initiative John!

Jen.



2017 MG CLASSIC

SAT 9th & SUN 10th SEPTEMBER

Join the MG Car Club (Sydney) and friends from other CAMS Clubs for a weekend in the beautiful Upper Hunter area. The Event will commence at Corrugated Café 780 Peats Ridge Rd Peats Ridge with a breakfast pack, great touring roads and lunch on Saturday.

Overnight in Muswellbrook with dinner next door and finishing in the area of Cessnock for lunch on Sunday early afternoon. Enjoy approximately 700 kms of GREAT classic car roads for an untimed Touring Assembly with 4 levels of participation:-

Tour – a fun run that is route charted to enable entrants to successfully complete the Event. No CAMS Licence required.

Plus a tour with some map reading for those who want a challenge.

Masters & Apprentice categories to please the experienced crews.

For an entry fee of \$ 495 per crew of 2 (additional crew \$195) you get:-

Rally pack and maps – breakfast, lunch, dinner and accommodation on Saturday plus breakfast and lunch on Sunday with a chance to enjoy great new roads, varied scenery and a first-hand view of the changing vista as the wineries, farmers and coalminers alter our landscape.

Friday night accommodation and registration available in west Gosford at Galaxy motel 26 Central Coast Hwy West Gosford 4323 1711 or Ashwood motel 43246577 (opposite & cheaper) Advise you are with the MG rally. We will have a noggin and natter on Friday night at RSL club next door if you are interested.

Entries open on 14th June 2017 and are limited to 50 starters so please register your interest and have details forwarded to you by contacting either Jim or Xanthea as early as possible to assist directors planning

Supplementary Regulations and all forms will be available on www.classicrallyclub.co.au , www.mgcarclubsydney.com.au and facebook (contact Xanthea for details)

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Your chance to experience some great touring roads and a fun weekend with other classic car people.

2017 CRC Events Calendar.

27/01/2017

CRC meetings are held at the Carlingford Bowling Sports & Recreation Club and Denistone Bowling Club, 59 Chatham Rd, West Ryde. The meetings start at 8.00pm sharp. Members often arrive early & enjoy a meal and a chat.

| Date | Event - CC indicates CRC championship event | Note | Contact |
|---------------------|---|---|---|
| 3/02/17 | F.F.F.F. | Details T.B.A. | |
| 19/02/17 | Wollondilly 260 C.C. | 1 day T.A. Starts at Penrith Panthers , finishes in Picton | Mike Batten – 02 46 809 269 or 0400 174 579 Peter Reed – 0418 802 972 email: crc@leyton.com.au |
| 28/02/17 | CRC Meeting | | |
| 3/03/17 | F.F.F.F. | Details T.B.A. | |
| 28/03/17 | CRC Meeting | | |
| 1/04/17 | April Fools Fun Run - Part 2 CC | 1 day T.A. - Start and finish at Mittagong R.S.L. Club | Tony Norman on 0402 759 811 |
| 7/04/17 | F.F.F.F. | Details T.B.A. | |
| 24/04/17 or 26/4/17 | CRC Meeting - April's meeting will not be on the 4th Tuesday as that is Anzac Day | Final date T.B.A. | |
| 5/05/17 | F.F.F.F. | Details T.B.A. | |
| 24/05/17 | CRC Meeting | | |
| 28/05/17 | Rally of the South CC | 1 day T.A. Start & finish at Sutton Forest | Jane Morey 0423 385 404 email: janemorey@ozemail.com.au |
| 2/06/17 | F.F.F.F. | Details T.B.A. | |
| 25/06/17 | A.R.O.C.A. Tour d' Course C.C. | 1 Day T.A. details T.B.A. | T.B.A. |
| 27/06/17 | CRC Meeting | | |
| 7/07/17 | F.F.F.F. | Details T.B.A. | |
| 25/07/17 | CRC Meeting | | |
| 4/08/17 | F.F.F.F. | Details T.B.A. | |
| 13/08/2017 T.B.C. | Sheep Station Rally CC | 1 day T.A. Start & finish at Kiama | Jon Mansell 0467 632 755 email: sheepstation.rally@gmail.com |
| 22/08/17 | CRC Meeting | | |
| 1/09/17 | F.F.F.F. | Details T.B.A. | |
| 9/09/17 10/09/17 | MG Spring Rally CC | 2 Day T.A. in Hunter Valley T.B.C. | Jim Richardson/Doug Barbour |
| 26/09/17 | CRC Meeting | | |
| 6/10/17 | F.F.F.F. | Details T.B.A. | |
| 24/10/17 | CRC Meeting | | |
| 3/11/17 | F.F.F.F. | Details T.B.A. | |
| 4/11/17 5/11/17 | Alpine Classic C.C. | 2 Day T.R.E. - region T.B.A. | John Cooper/Ross Warner |
| 28/11/17 | CRC Meeting - AGM | | |
| mid December | Club Christmas Party | T.B.C. | |

Information, entry forms and supplementary regulations for C.R.C. events can be downloaded from www.classicrallyclub.com.au

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