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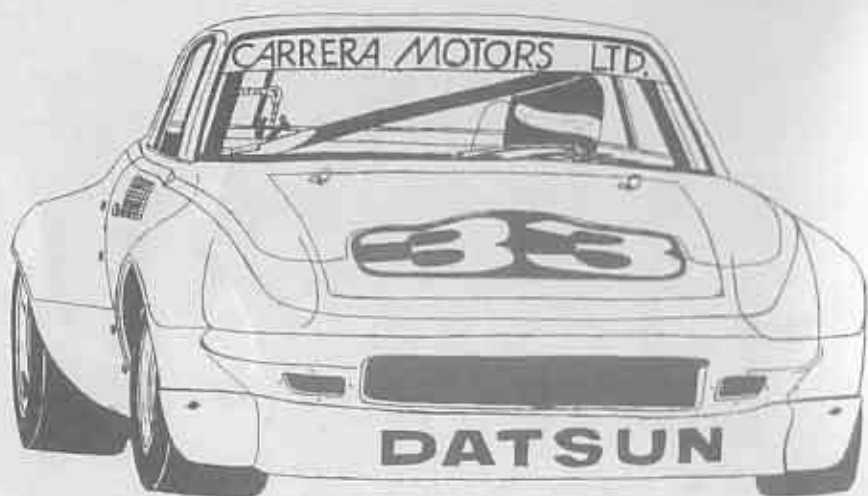


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FUTURE EVENTS

- 11th June (Sat) Scrutineering for Spen Farm Sprint. 32 Ethel St., Sandringham, 2pm to 4.30pm.
- 12th June (Sun) Note change of date. SPAN FARM BENT SPRINT, off Hepburn Rd., Kelston, (UBD map 28, ref. 4 F.) 10 am.
- 13 June (Mon) Nosh Noggin 'n' Natter Night, Duke of Wellington Hotel, 7.15 pm.
- 19th June (Sun) Biggles Trial, 10 am, Masius House, Manukau Rd. (opposite Epsom Girl's Grammar) Formation trialing & low flying !
- 19th June (Sun) The Annual General Meeting of the Datsun Z Club. 7 pm, 24 Nikau St., Mt Eden.
- " " (Sun) 8.30 pm approx. Film, The Gumball Rally. Above address.
- 6th July (Wed) Workshop Evening, 78 Carr Rd., Mt Roskill.
A practical demonstration by a master panel beater.
- 11th July (Mon) Nosh Noggin 'n' Natter Night, Duke of Wellington Hotel, 7.15 pm.
- 17th July (Sun) Morgan's Mere Mere Speed Trials. See enclosure.
- 24th July (Sun) Mazda Rotary Club Gymkana, 1pm, Thunderbird Valley Inn, Glenfield.
- 8th Aug (Mon) Nosh Noggin 'n' Natter Night, Duke of Wellington Hotel, 7.15 pm.
- 20th & 21st August Porsche Perrier Relay Race. See 'Prez Sez' and enclosure.
- 29th Sept (Thur) Bathurst, Australian Touring Car Championships.
- 15th & 16th October Freezing Cold Ruapehu Ski Trip. Bookings for this trip are now being taken by Dave Lovelock.

'PREZ SEZ'

PORZCHE

Yes Nearest 'n' Dearest, PORSCHE! Why Porasha? Did you not read your last Orient Express? That word Poor-Shah appeared eleven times, making it a total of 53 known cases of our editorial executive (no capitals) uttering, spluttering or muttering Pawsher throughout the pages of an otherwise clean and respectable publication. Grand total now 58.

I at least have good reason for saying Porsche (59), in that I wish to draw your short attention span to the forthcoming Porsche (60) Perrier relay race. The Porsche (61) Club Inc. promotes the most flamboyant and extravagant speed event on our annual calendar, all the hoo-hah, non-classic commercialism, flags, crowds and smoking P7s. I know we'll never beat them, but what the heck, it's great fun trying.

We have entered three teams, four each plus one reserve, in this year's event. Our race committee must know URGENTLY if you're interested in either running or helping on the day. For this reason a form is included with this issue. Please all fill it out and return it (only 24c), yesses, noes, but no maybees. Please no maybees !

Automatically yours, *Graham*.

NIP SWINE ! NEXT LAP I GET HIM !



Plastic brakes ?

Wanna hear any more about silicone brake fluid ? Boring ! Well, I don't care, I'm telling you anyway. If you wash your braking system out with methylated spirits, make very sure you get rid of all of it. I mean the lot ! That stuff boils real well, and brakes don't work good on meths vapour !

CLUB TRIAL

On the 24th of Jan last, my navigator, myself, and my 240, gathered with 13 other 'Zs', and later (expectedly) one 'Eek type banana, at the sunken garden in Cornwall Park. This was to be the first and last annual (?) Gary/Linda Palmer pentamime Tiki Tour.

We received 'instructions'. Not only directions, but rules to observe, questions to answer, and items to find. Included was a 'panic pack' (for operating instructions refer Mike C.). We're off. Around One Tree Hill, through to Newmarket, and down to the waterfront, smack into the regatta day traffic ! Stand-still traffic, calculations - 50 kmph equals 1 mile every two minutes - oh no , we're $\frac{1}{4}$ hour slow already!! (all in vain as this was allowed for) Name the park - look for that road - find a pine cone, and miss the little old lady, the mind boggles.

South to the Colonel's letter-box, contents advertising, a trip up Mt Gumboot (Wellington?). Navigator's local knowledge helps get us un-lost, (where did she gain such knowledge?). Several times around Panmure looking for an elusive sign, then out east to Half Moon Bay and Musik Point.

Progressed past groups of 2 or 3 'Zs' - were we fast or were they slow??? We spotted Graham & Dee (several times!!) - We couldn't be wrong, or could we ?

Find a bi-valve, muddy sand, back to the car, darn things empty ! To the sea once more, and borrow one from a nice lady who was fishing. Why was she laughing at my sneakers ? Onward to Whitford.

Now for the wood, three metres of rough sawn timber they want. Half a fence ? Building sites ? Ah, a goat's kennel. Our delemma solved, an abandoned car case.

Finally, our destination and a small no. of 'Zs' already there. Why the gesturing and laughing at our timber ? How am I supposed know that there is three metres of timber in a match box ? I don't smoke. Anyway matchbox timber is dressed, not rough sawn, even non-smokers know that !

Slowly, very slowly, the contestants assembled, handing their papers to the lovely Linda. The bar-b-que was started, and we warmed our hands and things and waited. It seemed like hours later when the 280 ZX, with colourful pair, arrived. They had managed to travel to Remuera three (!) times, had numerous curbside disputes, been asked to move by the man in blue, forgot several of the questions, yet the results below show things are not always what they seem.

We were expecting the moon to rise, when someone cocked an ear to the wind - and a truck was heard in the distance. The noise grew to a roar - what's this ? A Z type Jaguar ? A 260 E ? Good to see Mike and Annette arrive though, we had been expecting them, and they were early. A standing ovation ! Stop those gestures Mike, your panic envelope's a-flap ! The results were a shock, I was sure we were last. Thanks Gary and Linda for a most enjoyable day. Special thanks Bernie, with-out you I'd still have been looking for Mt Gumboot.

Stuart Horne

RESULTS:

1. Bernie & Stuart	290 points (the stars)
2. Maria & Alan	282 "
3. Navigator & Dave T.	277 "
4. Sue & Dale	195 "
5. Navigator & Michele	190 "
6. Wife & Paul	166 "
7.= Navigator & Darren	145 "
7.= Paula & Dave F.	145 "
9. Dee & Graham	140 "
10. Thingamy & Alan H.	138 "
11. Daphne & Don	95 "
12. Simone & Kevin	72 "
13. Annette & Michael	MINUS 465 "

CLUB SHOPPE

The club has in stock a limited supply of Z spares. Send us your cheque.

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6th May 1983

Datsun "Z" Club Inc
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ATTENTION: Mr Graham Collins

Dear Sir

Thankyou for your recent letter relating to the 'Datsun Z Club'.

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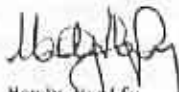
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If you have any queries please do not hesitate to call the Manager, Mr Peter Goodwin.

We trust otherwise, that this is to your satisfaction and we look forward to being of service to your club and members in the future.

I remain
Yours faithfully
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SECRETARY

RESULTS

THE SAND IN YOUR SHOES TRIAL, MT. MAUNGANUI.

1st - Stuart & Lewis. A fine effort or a massive fluke ?

Last - Michele & Kevin. They took their ribbing with dignity.

Disqualified - Alan & Jenny. Trials aren't won from hotel rooms !

T.A.C.C.O.C. Race Day, Pukekohe, April 17th.

An enjoyable day on a wet track. A new experience for most of us.

Best times recorded were:

Dale Maxwell	1.27.9
Doug Leigh	1.31.6
Graham Collins	1.31.8
Mike Cvitanovich	1.32.4
Alan Harrison	1.34.5
Derek Meadows	1.35.8

BAYPARK SPRINTS, May 8th.

A fine day brought out thirteen entries, including Paul Barrett all the way from Wellington.

Best practice times recorded were:

Darren B.	1.17.68	.	Stuart H.	1.16.69
Paul B.	1.18.77	.	Michael C.	1.16.23
Graham C.	1.18.49	.	Alan H.	1.15.66
Dale M.	1.17.02	.	Michele B.	1.22.99
Doug L.	1.17.75	.	Ian S.	1.15.52
Pancho M.	1.24.41	:	Alan R.	1.18.27
Brenda L.	1.19.00	.	Beth (14?)	1.32.00

Four on the grid for scratch races, and the times came down.

Noteably, Ian (1.14.58), Stuart, Mike and Alan H.. On a points system prizes were awarded to:

1st - Dale, 2nd - Graham, 3rd - Alan H.

S.C.C.N.Z's tour of interesting sporting cars.

Please note this type of event in your programme, excellent value five of us attended, well worth it, thanks S.C.C.N.Z...

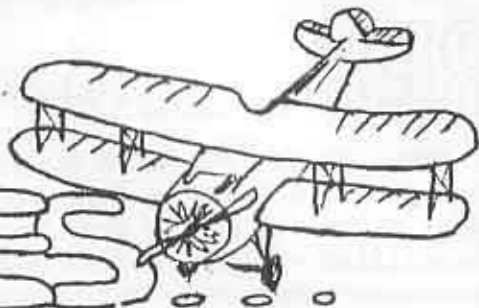
SUNBEAM CLUB'S CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST.

Attended by Graham & Dee. The rest of you missed a beauty.

SCIMITAR & SABRE OWNER'S CLUB, Video evening, May 31st.

Very well attended by Zedders. Old G.P. film bringing back some memories of the 50's & 60's (to those of us who go back that far the Sandown Park Classics and the Perrier Relay. Great night.

BIGGLES



Recently after an excellent fun trial around the best countryside of Mt Maunganui/Tauranga, it was impossible not to notice that Slix had got lost with the Daughter of a certain Mother related to an un-named President. This incident alone does hardly need mentioning, but taken overall and taken out of context it still doesn't need mentioning, but I thought I should.

Anyway, after a certain hill climb, six weeks had still not seen the return of the Red Zap, (strawberry flavoured milk? -Ed) so a certain Corona Stationwagon was seen exercising around Baypark.

With some huffing and puffing the above 1800 cc was actually challenging and exceeding times set by unnamed Z's. How you ask? Well I guess as the two types of vehicles were not put on the track at the same time, that 10yr old plus Z's are sadly lacking in the braking dept. in comparison to 1980 brake technology.

With 1977 and older cars that you wish to put in a demanding environment, please take the time to check brake pad thickness, rear brake linings and the state of the rubber seals. Consider that in Japan where your baby was born, 'they' require that all brake components be replaced after 5 years. ie From the pedal to the discs to the rear drums.

Till next issue, Gorsebush Bigglesworth.

SUBS DUE

The Club's Membership year expires on the 30th of this month. Next year's subscriptions, to be decided at the AGM, must be paid by the 14th July. Please pay promptly on invoice, as slow payments create extra work for Treasurers, and Treasurers get real heavy when you give them extra work. So - when you receive your bill, payment is requested. Don't risk falling off the mailing list.

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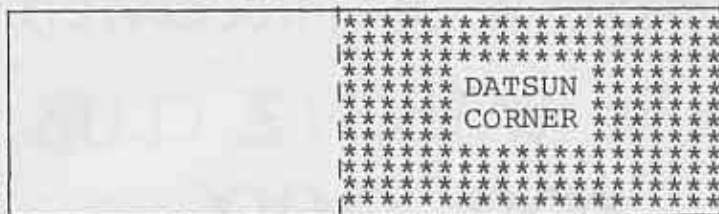
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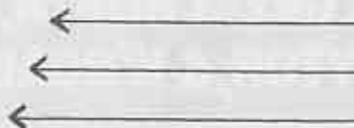


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OTAUA HILLCLIMB

One cold but sunny March Sunday, a few of the more irresponsible club members decided to do battle against the clock, a hill and other irresponsible owners of expensive sportscars.

We arrived only a little late (in what is rapidly becoming a bad habit) and all passed the usual scrutineering (mentally thanking Joe Ishuzmi and his fellow assemblers (robots?) for tightening his nuts properly.)

One practice run later we had all supposedly learnt where the corners, lamposts, haybales and other obstacles to avoid, miss, navigate or negotiate, were located.

The first timed run claimed it's first casualty. A beautiful 911 challenged the hill, and the hill won. Sadly, the owner was up for a re-build a lot sooner than anticipated.

A fine lunch catered by the Otaua P.T.A., and then - seemingly all too soon strapped tightly, helmet too loose, a slip of the clutch and Zap and I were off:

1. down the dip veering to the left.
2. 20° turn to the right.
3. still in second up the hill.
4. blind corner, 60° left.
5. miss the haybale shrouded lampost.
6. stay on the road.
7. straight ahead climb for 100 metres

Hang on, instruction six not completed !

The consequences of not completing instruction 6 were not insignificant, however, these are the joys of motorsport.

Results:

Jim Short	Porsche (63 !)	liquorice allsort	48.4
David Turner		240 Z	54.5
David Lovelock		240 Z	54.8
Alan Harrison		240 Z	54.8

An enjoyable day overall.

Our gratitude to the Austin Healey Club for a well organised event. (please note that the cars entered were all 240 Z's, not as the official certificates show)

1981

AT THE EDITOR

Dear Ed,

As a new overseas subscriber to Orient Express, I find the exploits of Pancho and Biggles etc totally unbelievable.

Those up there with their heads in the clouds can expect to hear from the fully extracted pumps of the mainland mob of tail-draggers. (Different language down there, Brian ? -Ed) We may be thin on the ground, but nothing can beat the Mainland Mob at full song, formation flying across the unobstructed plains or punching through the ice and snow of alpine passes at vero zisibility.(?)

Aluminium bananas and other European dust collectors have only ever seen the back pipe and tow ball of a true Taildragger.

Mainland Taildragger,
Z Wheel, Brian Rowland

(Was great to see Brian thru for the Mt Maunganui weekend. He stayed away from Baypark though, just in case someone turned up with an E type ! -Ed)

Overseas Goodies

For the past couple of months your committee has been corresponding with both the Z Club America and the Datsun Z Club U.K.. The result of this contact has been quite impressive. We now have a reasonable collection of newsletters from both of these clubs, being cared for by Dave Lovelock. If you wish to see (or borrow) these ASK, they are very informative and interesting. While on the subject, Dave also has quite a library of magazines from other N.Z. sports car clubs.

The British Z Club has offered us the following items:

Car sticker	£1.50p	
T shirts	£3.00	White with UK. emblem
Sweat shirt	£5.00	White with UK. emblem
Biros with club name	.30p	
Aerial pennants	£3.00	White with UK. emblem
Leather key rings	.40p	Any colour, gold lettering 240Z, 260Z, 280Z or ZX

We may order a few pocket patches from these clubs, just let us know if you're interested.

Prez did some of this typing - you can tell by the spelling !

New Members

In the last issue of Orient Express you may just have noticed an occasional asterisk used to fill 'annoying gaps' in our pages. The probable reason for these 'gaps' was that our New Member's list had scurried to the bottom of the folder and hidden. We now bring you the following most impressive update.

We bid warm welcome to:

Andrew & Dianne Thurlow of	Milford	240Z	FZ 6106
Michael Kruishoop	Twizel	240Z	JI 9204
Darren Borrie	Auckland	240Z	GA 5105
Peter Harding	Whangarei	240Z	FV 4591
Roy Larsen	Wellington	240Z	GE 3457
Mrs Dot Larkin	Auckland	260Z	HO 7861
Derek Meadows	Milford	240Z turbo	IE 9984
Trevor Smith	Wellington	260Z	IZ 9999
Brian Rowland	Riccarton	260Z	IX 8661
Mike Timmer	Auckland	260Z	HB 22
Graeme Kirkman	Te Atatu	240Z	DM 6086
Heath Dann	Auckland	240Z	GS 1685
Graeme Bredesen	Beachhaven	240Z	FP 5960
Don Lidgard	Northcote	260Z	IU 8152
Mark Broadhurst	Auckland	240Z	LB 349 :
John van Heezik	Dunedin	240Z	GH 6211
Arthur Dunkley	Auckland	240Z	KJ 4622

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next event.

Datsun Corner

A few weeks ago, a man of obvious wealth and importance in the motor retail business, parked his LTD at Datsun Corner, walked into Alex Fowler's office, and made Alex 'an offer he couldn't refuse'. A BIG cheque changed hands, and Datsun Corner was no more.

Our good friend and adviser, Colin Briscoe, must have been 'sold into slavery' as part of the deal, as he will be remaining on the premises selling Ford parts.

Alex, and Datsun Corner, have willingly given this club most generous discounts, assistance and sponsorship. It will be very hard to find equal, or even near-equal support in future.

Alex hasn't told us his plans, but we sure hope it will be another Datsun dealership. However, whatever it might be, we wish him well.

MEMBER'S LETTER

Behold ! Most honorable new member submits most honorable story for much needed padding in not so honorable Orient Express magazine. Ah so ! (Korean accent ? Ed.)

HOW MY TURBO WAS 'S U P E R T U N E D'

I relate this story to you lest there is someone still out there who is having the same trouble as myself. Knowing you can wind the old crate out to over 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ without valve bounce and not being able to crank it past 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ R.P.M. without back-firing and carrying on, is just the ultimate in frustration. To get done by a piece of rubbish like a Jaguar saloon at 115 M.P.H. just leaves you cold and munching on barbed wire !

My wheels is a 1978 twentysix ounce Zed 2+2, with an Air Research turbo at 8 lb thrust, with waste gate. Neat. Since bringing it from the land of the great under-arm to the land of the long white shroud (er, cloud), I just haven't been able to get that performance I was used to.

Many wise sages offered their advise and inspected the machinery and cockpit (though none were actually allowed to fly it solo). Suggestions were many and varied : Have you been to Honest Bill's,?, or Burglar Barnes ? Maybe the coils not coiling, or the battery's not batting, or the radiator's not radiating, or the distributor isn't distributing, maybe the pistons arn't - er, um, working either.

Meanwhile I had literally tried and checked everything except a new car. I was going through plugs every 1000 k's or so. Champion (good on you chaps) were supplying this one and that one while I continued to eat them and kept on checking the dizzy, the timing, the leads etc etc. There wasn't a genius that didn't know - and who couldn't fix it. I was ready to buy roller skates.

(And now the fairy godmother section ; Read on ;)

One day I related my miserys to a friend who had also been jinxed. "Let a computer look at it" he sez. "I've had a computer look at it" I sez. "This computer's different" he sez. "This one's smart and cost \$38,000 or so". "Where is it" I asks. "Taupo". (I hit the roof) So I drove from Hastings to Taupo and took the day off. Ron was there to greet me and at a glance I could see he was up to his ears in aligators. The computer apparently knew I was coming and had shot a silicone chip in protest, however it was fixed by lunch time, and this gave Ron time to study the 'works' and spot a few minor points.

CONT. 

Quote from Reg Cooke (you know, drives that 260 hp Sunny)
"God made a lot of good heads, then ruined some by
putting hair on the top".

CAPTIONS_____

Well, he's done it again, our SOUTH ISLAND CONVENOR, (note the new title) Brian Rowland submitted the grand-prize-winning entry:

SORRY SIR, WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH GRASS HERE FOR ALL YOUR HORSES !

Congratulations Brian, a pair of used Sunny cuff-links are on the way.

And the also-rans, examples of the garbage that fills our post box. Well, the best (cleanest?) examples anyway :

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Addressed to the 'Dataun 280 ZX Club' (we almost returned it)

Dear Sir,

"CAPTION CONTEST"

Bottom photo

"Shit"

Top photo

"Sssshit"

Please send prize money direct to P.O. Box 13 096, Onehunga.

Thanking you in anticipation,

D. A. Maxwell (ex Smokey) 280 ZX.

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and - THOSE SPOILERS ARE GREAT. THAT'S RUINED MUM'S DAFFODILS.

also - THIS IS CALLED A 'CONFIDENCE TRICK'.

plus - MARYSON DOES IT ON THE SIDE.

with - EXCUSE ME MR FLAG MARSHAL, DIDN'T THE REST OF OUR TEAM COME THROUGH THIS WAY ?

as well as - THAT non-qualifying entry on the other page. Still, we printed it anyway, mainly because we particularly liked the letterhead logo and the little Brit at the bottom of the page.

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From the camp of that quality British Sports car, Morgans, to the concentration camp of those crappy Jappies pretend Sports cars.

Dear Mr Gray Collins San
(what a bloody strange Jap name)

Kowbawah,

That's if you read this in the morning.

I would like to tender the following captions to your contest, featuring as usual Alan Harrison.

- (1) Marshall leaning furthest (?) over bonnet (or that's what us Britishers call them) "Yes he is changing them".
- (2) Chap in white cap. "Gees me photography bag, is under there?"
- (3) Chap looking at driver. "Oh heck, I think I've just lost my truss".
- (4) Chap looking at the front of the car. "Try to even it up next lap, by reversing in".

If you don't think these are good enough for first place, a weekend in Tahiti I believe, then I wish to tender another ten shots at the contest,

Lvu



WANTED

TYRES - Set of 225 or 205, 60 profile x 14" steel belted. Any brand considered. Having some tread left would be an advantage.
Phone Graham, Auckland 665 443.

280 ZX RACECAR - I urgently require a 280 ZX that has some hope of catching an average 240 Z around Pukekohe.

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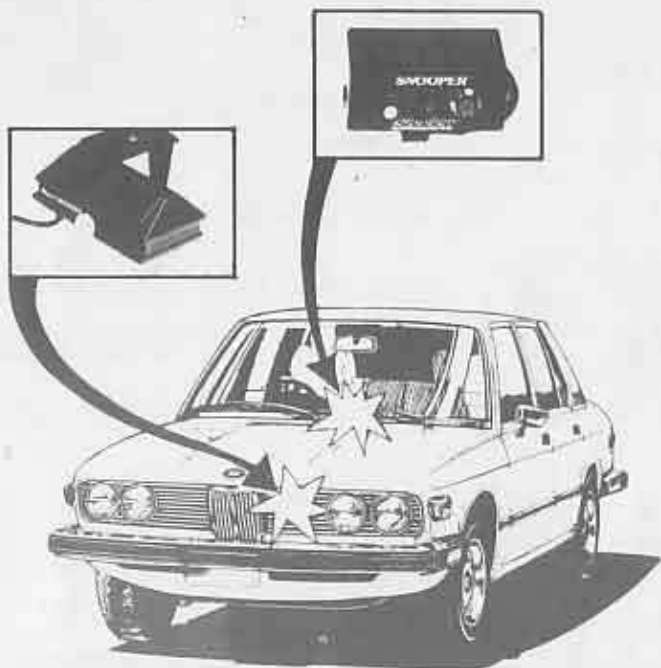
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