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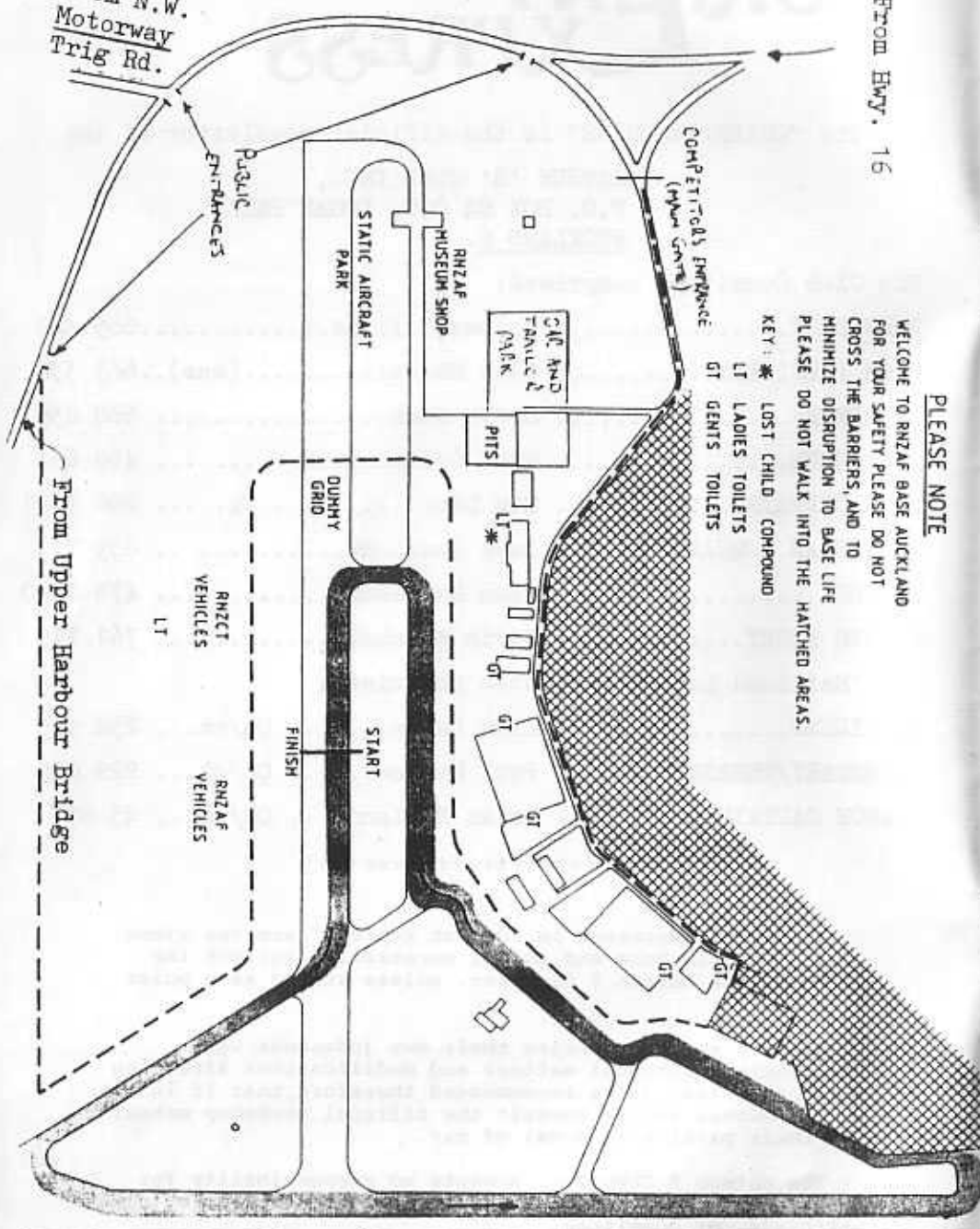
Readers should exercise their own judgement when considering technical matters and modifications affecting their vehicles. It is recommended therefore, that if in doubt, owners should consult the official workshop manual for their particular model of car.

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Coming Events

From Hwy. 16

From N.W. Motorway
Trig Rd.



PLEASE NOTE

WELCOME TO RNZAF BASE AUCKLAND
FOR YOUR SAFETY PLEASE DO NOT
CROSS THE BARRIERS, AND TO
MINIMIZE DISRUPTION TO BASE LIFE
PLEASE DO NOT WALK INTO THE HATCHED AREAS.

KEY: * LOST CHILD COMPOUND

LT LADIES TOILETS

GT GENTS TOILETS

From Upper Harbour Bridge

FENOOAPYE--DAMIT-- PHENU --DRAT !

WHENUAPAI! WHENUAPAI! WHENUAPAI! WHENUAPAI! WHENUAPAI!

SUNDAY 26th MARCH 1984

You are all invited to attend, ALL OF YOU! Wives, Girlfriends, Boyfriends, Aunties, in fact the whole family with the exception of Rover. The RNZAF has, for the first time ever, made the Whenuapai Airbase available to the Motorsport Enthusiasts for an Historic and Classic Race Meeting.

This event is being organised by the Thoroughbred and Classic Car Owner's Club, providing competition for all classes of Historic and Classic vehicles, from vintage to date.

Cars expected to run include some of the NZ Touring Car Big-Bangers, the fabulous ERA racer from the era of Prince Bira, a display of vintage speed-way cars, and five or six Datsun Z's. (expect the odd Ferarri, Lotus and the like also.)

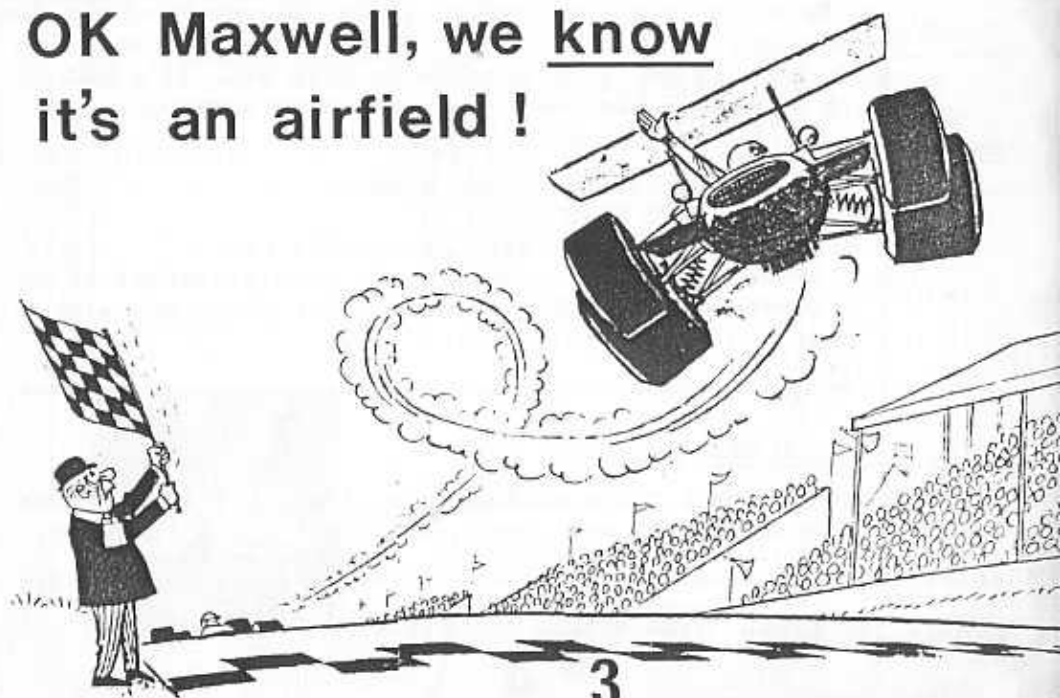
The RNZAF will be giving an air display at lunchtime, a show that's guaranteed to give you neck a lot of exercise!

Just fill the vacuum flask with dry Martini, stack the kids in the back, and drive on out.

Racing starts at 10.00 am with practice beforehand.

REMEMBER - IT'S THIS SUNDAY.

OK Maxwell, we know
it's an airfield !



MONDAY 12th MARCH 7.15 pm

Nosh Noggin 'n' Natter Nite, Duke of Wellington Hotel. Great to see the attendance up at the Duke last time. Hope to meet a few of you newer members this time.

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SATURDAY 17th MARCH

AUSTIN HEALEY HILLCLIMB. The Austin Healey Car Club offers this invitation to our members to participate in their annual sealed hillclimb. As this event is included in the inter-marque points championship, we require a team of three Z's to represent our club.

PLACE: Maioro Road, Otatau. (a little past Waiuku)

TIME: Scrutineering 8.00am at Tavern Car Park - Try and be there before.
Racing starts 9.00am on the dot.

ENTRIES: All entries with a fee of \$8.00 must be in the hands of our Prez no later than 1st March 1984. Late entries will entail an additional fee of \$10.00.
Phone G.C., 665 443 to obtain an entry form.

IMPORTANT! The organisers require the assistance of a number of Marshals from the invited clubs. Enough Marshals are absolutely necessary for a successful day - Please let Prez know if you will be able to help out. It's not hard work, and you can count on a mighty viewing spot.

IN GENERAL:

- 1.. Great entertainment and views.
- 2.. On the spot parking.
- 3.. Barbeque lunch at very reasonable cost.
- 4.. After event Noggin and Natter with presentation of Performance Certificates, and for those who wish, an excellent Bistro Meal.

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Saturday March 24th

Historic and classic races at Pukekohe. A wee bit too old for the Z's to qualify, but well worth going out for a spectate.

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MONDAY 9th APRIL Nosh Noggin 'n' Natter Nite. As Above.

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The Great Downhill Derby

& Intermarque Picnic - April 28th. The Alfa Romeo Club have challenged us to a trolley derby to find the iron man of marque car clubs. The venue is at this stage a secret, (so that only Alfa members can practice) and only four rules have been made - Maximum value \$100, minimum three wheels, brakes, crash hat and overalls. Other than that it's totally unrestricted, but drawing the line at physical violence. Harassment and distractions at the entrant's choice. Driving skill paramount if you don't want to retrieve your kart from a fence or a pond.

We can visualise Morgans with wooden frames and a suspension system that looks like it might work!

We can't visualise Porsches costing less than \$100. The rear wing must cost more than that on its own!

Healeys (and some others) will have Knock-ons on their wire wheels.

Daimler SP250's and Scimitars will be building in fibreglass.

Lotus, we are told, will drill so many holes in everything for lightness that they will either float away or break.

Alfa will have problems finding a NZ made steel that will rust soon enough!

An un-named club is said to be making body panels from old union jacks.

The Datsun Z's will COPY all the best ideas - and WIN!



Prez Sez

Dear and Gentle Readers,

On a recent Sunday evening Dee and I were invited (lured?) behind enemy lines to the Command Centre of the Porsche Club of NZ., the home of Allan and Judith Bremner. Finding ourselves surrounded by so many Porsche lovers, we were both very glad that we had taken our Datsun pills before leaving home! You would not believe the attempts made by these people at brainwashing and reprogramming! They kept showing us the intricacies and detail of fine German engineering, while we continued to mutter (quietly) "volkswagen volkswagen". These guys (and girls) are nearly as one-eyed as a group of 'Z' owners!

The reason for the invitation was to view the video 'Classic Cars', a documentary made under contract to TVNZ about the 1983 Perrier Porsche Relay, and the lead-up to the event. This one hour programme may be shown on TV within the next few weeks and for some of you it will be a chance to see some of us uglies (or our cars) in action for the first time.

You will see: Dave Lovelock beating the heck out of Mike C. at Mere Mere Dragway.

Goodself being interviewed (red overalls, nervous smile, tight jaw).

Self again in white 240 doing it sideways. (this was not in fact bad driving, but a very well planned and practiced manoeuvre intended to put Mr Thorpy's Porsche onto the lawn.)

Dave (yellow helmet, white overalls) and Dale Maxwell (bronze 280ZX) at the Le Mans start.

Derek Meadows scaring the jockeyshorts right off an MG driver!

Peter Meadows showing a 911 the superiority of 'Z' handling through 'Champion'.

Graeme Kirkman (205) showing off his smooth and consistent driving style.

This is without doubt the best TV documentary ever made on any subject. (unlike owners of some other un-named cars, I am never one-eyed.)

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Automatically yours,

Graham



From the Refuge
(not refuse Collins!!)
Of all Morgans in hiding
(don't laugh, seen many
lately .. ?)

To
The all proud
Sinking Sun Nipponese instant ~~not decomposing~~
rust retreat (and long may you do so)

Gray San

If it pleases you greatly. (Then I'm glad ..)

But about that Kraut wagon, you ruined an otherwise excellent publication by it's inclusion last time, so we British thought we would put on the STIFF UPPER .. (why did you delete lip?) and lower ourselves, to grace the pages of your highly illustrious periodical, and raise it's content to heights hitherto unknown before! (See, you're all feeling dizzy already)

The prize of a return trip to Tokyo to cheer loudly at the side of the almighty motor (well automobile is American) crushing machine, as it's fed it's daily diet of Fairlady's and the odd (aren't they all) Z, which will of course be given as a prize at our upcoming AGM. To, naturally, the person who has successfully "shut the gate" on Datsun Z's at Pukekohe, the most times.

I must add that the prize will only go to that Morgan driver who is deemed to have done the job correctly.

For example, leaving a Datsun Z sitting upside down on the catch fence at Champion, or right up the bank with irreparable frontal, side, and rear damage at Rothmans, or buried forever from sight, in the pond at the end of the hairpin. (What do you mean, what pond ..? Then you ain't been trying if you haven't seen it .. at least twice!)

Any of these will probably win inclusion in the
top ten finalists.

But I'm afraid hysterical laughter by a Morgan driver, whilst he removes three yards of paint from a Z will not qualify for the prize .. but if he manages to get the Z driver to lose control, (but thereagain they all look as if they're driven that way) And take a blasted 930 Porsche with him, who in turn rubbishs his car into a Mk 2 Jaguar.. then I'm afraid we would then have to consider that Mog driver for the award.

So here it is, for what it's worth .. The Winning Caption.

Driver of Porsche 930

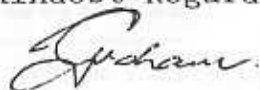
"Acht .. Dat is it, zee damned whale tail cums oft, dat is zee tird time todaay zis blasted car has tried to climb zee bank to vallow in zee puddle on zee udder side." (wallow get it?)

Please send the prize postè haste, oh.. and no TWA tickets written by Herr von Bremner please.

P.S. I enjoy taking the sh*t out of those squashed VWs.

Oh and until you get a decent British car .. Good luck!!

Kindest Regards



GRAHAM

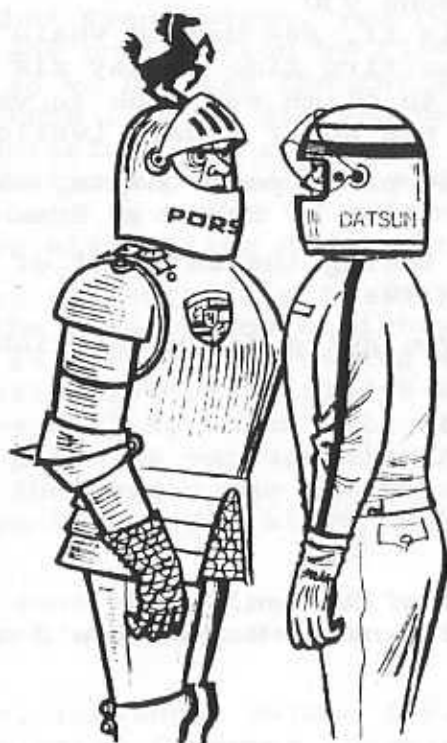
Head hierarchy of heaven.

(Listen if you owned a Morgan you'd understand)



FIRST AND LAST OF THE REAL SPORTS CARS

Caption Contest



Appendix K

THOROUGHBRED AND CLASSIC CAR COMPETITION REGULATIONS

AIM - To promote the use of Thoroughbred and Classic cars in sporting competition.....

At the risk of boring you all to death - what does Appendix K mean to our club?

This is a formular into which our cars fit, or nearly fit. The opportunity to compete in a form of motor racing with overtones of 'Gentlemans Motor Sport'. That is to say, in theory at least that you may go out and race your emaculate and valuable restored sportscar without the risk of being run off the track by a more serious enthusiast in a super-hot Toyota.

But why are you reading this? Because, for those of you who enjoy entering in speed events, this is a WARNING! Appendix K is a class for standard or near standard Sports and Touring cars. The modification permitted are few and limited. If you are thinking of any improvements to you car, and intend to race it, get hold of a copy of the new regulations (1985) and have a thorough study. Don't take the chance with those 8" wheels you are planning to buy and disqualify yourself before you start.

Rumour

It is now fairly certain that the new cars produced by Chevrolet-Toyota in Los Angeles, California will be called TOY-LETS!

Will The standard colour be Rustic Rambling-Rose?

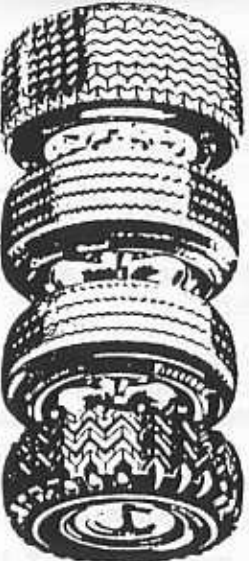
Are they going to release a two seat model with a moon roof?

Is it possible that the range will include a 'Caroma'?

New Members

Mr Michael Garland	Christchurch	260Z		HW9091
Mr Glen Tinsley	Hamilton	240Z	Red	KM240
Mrs Dunya Bilcich	Auckland	280ZX	Red	KE695
Mr Robin Boon	Wellington 2	240Z		GK6337
Mr Geoff Whall	Christchurch	240Z	Green	KU9372
Mr Jack Stevenson	Wellington 2	280ZX		KW9100

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"Come on in and save"

REMEMBER CHAINSAW.....?

Nothing more exciting (or frightening) than winding your mean machine towards the three figure mark on a Sunday afternoon's drive in the country. The tranquil scenery, cows grazing peacefully, kids in the distance trying to get their old nags to step over a little brick wall for the local pony club mistress.

Eyes off the blond with the big's and back on the road.

Hell! Corner! Hell, brakes? !

Right foot creating new shapes in the firewall as I pound the brake pedal through it. The front wheels appear to be doing a dance all by themselves and trying to shake the steering wheel free from my grip.

But why? I have replaced all the front wheel bearings; should be no front end problems? (good shocks) I think!

There are three pieces of very important rubber in the steering. If you look at the steering rack you will see that it is mounted on two rubber bushes. By getting somebody to move the steering wheel slightly (about 2" each way) you will be able to see the rack moving in the bushings. A little bit of movement is OK, but you will know a lot when you see it.

The bushing on the early models were superceeded after 1974. Replacement with the new type is simple and straight forward. (But he did not say easy! -Ed)

The rubber coupling in the steering shaft is the other flaw. Move the steering wheel again, while watching the steering shaft. There should be no movement to speak of. Removal of the old coupling and replacement with a new one is simple, just those four bolts, that's all.

Well maybe this might help you guys (and girls) with the wobbles in the front end.

For me, I'm going to stop looking at blonds with big's.

Well... Good motoring..... Chainsaw.

NOTE: American parts houses offer replacement bushings in SOLID plastic.

Other areas that may cause Chainsaw's symptoms (not blond watching!) are - Steering rack end bushes, worn shocks, mis-aligned wheels, incorrect tyre pressures or just plain bad tyres.

CARFILE

BLOWIN' IN THE WIND

IE9984, 1973 240Z, Metallic blue and silver - owner Derek Meadows of Milford. (The real Milford in the Head Island, not the Main Island you wet Southern lot!) Derek is a Sheet Metal Company Director, and is accustomed to getting results when he puts his foot down. It therefore follows that this Zed is no ordinary Zed. Anything less would bore him silly.

BODYWORK-

Spoilers front and rear.
Louvers.
Electrically adjusted mirrors.

SUSPENSION-

Fairly standard.

WHEELS & TYRES-

205 - 60 x 15" NCT's on 15" x 7" Cheviot Turbos.

ENGINE-

Rajay Turbo with Crown inlet manifold.
40mm DCOE Weber (what! only one?) and 2 fuel pumps.
Water injection. (sort of a sprinkler system)
Decompression plate to give a 7 - 1 ratio.
Cylinder head 'O' ringed.
Forged alloy pistons. (broke the last set)



PERFORMANCE-

Has done under 1.18 on the Pukekohe G.P. circuit.
Standing $\frac{1}{4}$ mile: 14.1 (over 20 lbs of boost!)

FUEL ECONOMY-

Will do about 20 mpg if driven with care.

OTHER CAR-

Daimler Sovereign, though wife Joan has not yet let
Derek take it to the track. (She's not silly!)

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS-

Several.

Do you just belong?

Are you an active member
The kind that would be missed?

Or are you just content that
Your name is on the list?

Do you attend meetings and
Mingle with the flock
Or do you stay at home
And criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
To help the work along
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that just belongs?

Do you ever voluntarily help
At the guiding stick
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the clique?

Come out to meetings often
And help with hand and heart
Don't just be a member
But take an active part.

Think this over, member
You know the right from wrong
Are you an active member
Or do you just belong?

Swiped from Healey Torque - Thanks Healey.

FOR SALE

260Z 2+2 1974

Copper Bronze, two owners, Automatic trans., chromed mags with Bridgestone tyres. A really nice car. \$16500.00.

Fava's of Greenlane, Phone 501 279.

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240Z 1972

Kermit the Diver type Green, fairly high miles, many many extras including (we think) sun-roof, mags and stereo. \$12500.

Fava's of Greenlane, Phone 501 279.

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260Z 2+2 1975

Gold Metallic, Spotlights, Spoiler, Sheepskins and Mags. Very neat order. \$15500.00.

Phone Mr or Mrs Retter, Titirangi 8547.

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Fairlady Z 1970

Silver with Black interior. Mags, stereo and louvers. An exceptionally tidy vehicle. \$11495.00. Note: This could be a collector's car.

Gt North Motors, 340 Gt North Rd., Phone 762 034.

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280ZX 2+2 Late 1981

White with Black interior. T Top, only 17000 kms, five speed, un-marked condition, good tyres. Price negotiable.

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