

Cogswapper

40th Anniversary
Souvenir Edition
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40 Years of
Motorsport
Huntingdale Auto Club **1961 - 2001**



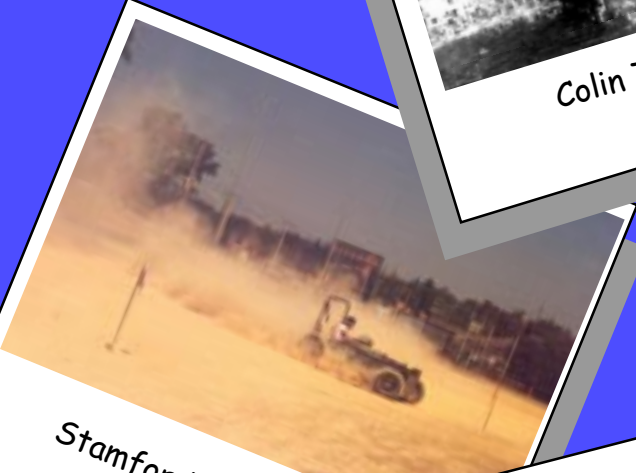
Dennis Morgan - 1963



Spida at Lakeland



Colin Turnbull - 1973



Stamford Hotel - 1976



BP Rally at Chadstone - 1967



HAC Interclub team - 1985



Maurice Monk & Donald Thompson



Early JRO 000 - 1979

WELCOME...

To those attending the HAC 40th Birthday Dinner, thank you for sharing the night with us. 40 years is a long time in anyone's language, and whether you have been with HAC for most of that time, or are just starting out with us, we hope the night will provide an entertaining insight into what has kept HAC going over the years.

Certainly we have had our ups and downs over the last four decades. From small beginnings, HAC grew to become one of the premier rally clubs in the 1970's, and the HAC Interclub Motorkhana has attracted record field sizes. In leaner times, our membership dropped to less than twenty financial members, and *Cogswapper* and regular meeting nights became casualties. However, unlike many other clubs who have sadly fallen by the wayside, we have managed to keep going, and our 40th Anniversary will hopefully spur a further resurgence in our growth. Thanks to the enthusiastic efforts of Diana-Lee Saville, *Cogswapper* has not missed an issue this year, and this Souvenir Edition is undoubtedly the best yet. Previous *Cogswapper* Editors, Roger Bonhomme (*VACC Journal*) and Allan Edwards (*Auto Action*) have moved on to become full-time professional editors, and hopefully Di will follow in their footsteps.

HAC has a proud history of achievement. Several of our members have become National Champions in their chosen sport. Jeff Beaumont, currently competing in the Classic Adelaide Rally, was Australian Champion Navigator three times with Ross Dunkerton, and has subsequently become Rally Champion in Singapore as a driver in recent years. George Fury was also an Australian Rally Champion, whilst in motorkhanas, Robin Mutimer took out the Australian Championship as a HAC member, before Bill Mc Carthy went on to claim four Australian titles. More recently, Jason Bargwanna scored a memorable FAI 1000 victory at Bathurst in 2000, before finishing a creditable sixth in this year's event.

HAC has also been involved in almost every form of motorsport organisation. In the early days, members traveled around the state to act as flag marshals, stewards, timekeepers and scrutineers at race meetings. Many nights were spent organising rallies, or manning check-points, often in miserable weather conditions. HAC has been represented at almost every level of CAMS administration, and we are very proud that the two CAMS co-founders, Maurice Monk and the late Donald Thomson have been awarded honorary life memberships of HAC. Members have served on State Council, Stewards Panel, Motorkhana Panel and many other Advisory Committees over the years. In the organisation of events we have been innovators, as is shown by the success of the HAC Interclub and the Avalon Autocross. HAC teams have played a key role in the running of the Australian Motorkhana Championship on each of its recent visits to Victoria. Several HAC members have had an active role in the running of the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix since its return to Melbourne.

Over the years, many friendships have been formed, both between individual members, and through our associations with other clubs. Perhaps it is those friendships that have kept the Club going through the tough times, and it is certainly shown by the enthusiasm for tonight's dinner. For those who couldn't be with us tonight, we look forward to continuing our friendships, in the hope that you may be able to come to our next anniversary.

40 years old!! Who would have thought in those very early days of the Club that HAC would still be going strong 40 years later.

Huntingdale Auto Club was formed 40 years ago by a small group of motoring enthusiasts who joined together to share in their common interest of the fun and excitement offered by the many avenues of motorsport.

The club met monthly, firstly in the local progress hall, before moving to East St Kilda. Guest speakers were invited and film nights were held.

Weekends were taken up with car trials, motorkhanas or treasure hunts. When the club affiliated with CAMS we were invited to compete in similar events run by other clubs.

In the early years of HAC, members competed in club sponsored teams in BP Rallies, Six Hour Relay races and Australian Motorkhana Championships whilst some members have gone on to become professional motorsport competitors. Others have remained at the club level to enjoy the social and competitive aspect amongst fellow competitors.

Huntingdale Auto Club has now widened its horizons and has earned a reputation among other clubs for running well organised events, particularly in the motorkhana area. Sprints, autocrosses and hillclimbs are also areas where our members participate, both as competitors and officials.

The original aim of the club was to promote all types of motorsport at all levels. This holds true to this day as we have the younger members coming through, still feeling their way in competition. The more experienced members of the club are always there to assist and advise those younger, less experienced members.

The club is a member of Group 5; a group of other clubs which provide speed events and a motorkhana series for our members to compete in. HAC annually runs a motorkhana and autocross within the Group 5 series, which are well supported by our members and by members from the other clubs.

The 33rd HAC Interclub Motorkhana will be conducted on December 9th this year. This event has for many years been attracting the best motorkhana drivers in the state. With entry numbers usually reaching around 100, fierce competition is assured in all classes with the club team's competition adding extra interest.

The club has had its ups and downs over the decades, and whilst many other clubs have fallen by the wayside, HAC has renewed enthusiasm with a new committee and an increased membership.

HAC will continue to prosper in the future and I feel proud to be associated with such a club.

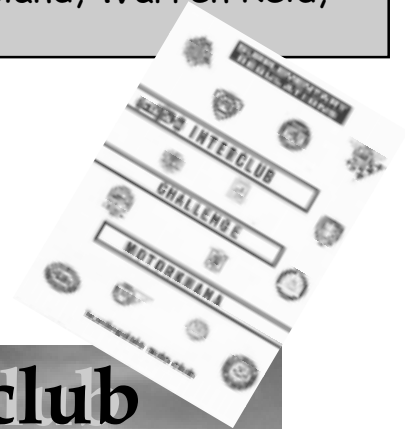
Jenny Rosengrave

Coming Events

Sunday October 21, VMCI G5 Motorkhana, Avalon, Noel Tippet
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Sunday October 28, RCCV VMC 8 Werribee, Leonie Wullemin
9886 8528

Sunday October 28, PIARC Sprint Phillip Island, Warren Reid,
9386 0646



The HAC Interclub Sunday December 9, Kooweerup Rd, Pakenham John Rosengrave



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Editor's notes

Welcome to HAC's 40th birthday and i hope you enjoy the night ahead. Firstly, I would like to thank the Rosengraves for their help on putting together this issue of *Cogswapper*. The long hours straining my eyes were well worth it- for a top club. I am proud to be involved with HAC and it's members. Thanks to all the committee members who sent me their profiles and especially to JR for the many photos that have been used for the cover.



Secondly, many thanks to HAC members for being 'there' to support me at the AMC and cheer me on. These little things will be remembered for years to come and I'm more than proud to tell people HAC are my *number 1* club!
Diana-Lee Saville



Di competing at HAC's G5 autocross, July 2001

Donald Thomson

The late Donald Kingsley Thomson was a co-founder of CAMS, a member of honour of the FIA and widely recognised in all facets of Australian motorsport. National Secretary of CAMS for many years, "DKT" was also Australia's delegate to the FIA for a number of years. A competitor then organiser in early trials and other events, upon retirement Donald happily returned to grass roots motorsport in his Monk constructed Datsun Demon, taking on competitors often more than fifty years younger.

Erik Ruse

Erik is HAC's longest constant member along with Geoff Dennis and served for many years on the committee as Competition Secretary. Eric organised the first of HAC's motorkhana/fun run days as well as rallies through the Dandenongs. Although Erik has contributed much to officiating and organising he also competed in a Triumph Herald and later in his XP Falcon Hardtop in many club events.

Geoff Dennis

An initial foundation member, Geoff was President from 1964 – 1969 and edited Cogswapper for three years. Geoff was made HAC's first Life Member for his services to the club.

Geoff was active in all facets of competition but particularly hillclimbs and open races where he powered his Austin Healey Special, Sprite, Spitfire and GT6 to several successes. Geoff also became the first HAC member to be elected to the CAMS Board of Management and helped initiate the Motorkhana Panel.

Maurie Monk

Maurice was co-founder of CAMS along with Donald Thomson. Maurice is the holder of the CAMS Award of Merit for his contribution to motorsport as a competitor, organiser and administrator. He was the first President of CAMS in 1953 and also served as President again in 1956. Over a period of years, Maurice constructed a line of some 17 competition cars, capable of competing in motorsport events ranging from mud-trials to sprints and hillclimbs. These were particularly successful in the hands of Maurice and other members of his family.



HAC was proud to bestow Life Memberships on the two founders of CAMS, in recognition of their genuine support of club motorsport.

**In February 1970
HAC had 104 mem-
bers, as told the
CAMS report.*

John Rosengrave

John has been a member of HAC since 1965 and has given many years of service to the club, having held most of the executive positions on the committee. John has competed in all forms of motorsport including BP Rallies in a VW Beetle and then in his Morris Nomad which was bought partly from his winnings in the 1970 Castrol Safety Drive. Motorkhanas are now his main interest and a variety of VW Golf's have led to many class wins in both Australian and Victorian championship events. In 1995 John was awarded the CAMS Service Award. This award was presented to John for his continuous service to the club and motorsport in general. Within a year of joining HAC John was elected to the committee and has served continuously to this day as either President, Secretary, Magazine Editor and delegate to the CAMS State Council. John has served on the State Motorkhana Panel since its inception in 1972 and has also been the Victorian delegate on the National Motorkhana Committee since 1975. During the year 2000, in recognition of John's services to motorsport he was awarded the Australian Sports Medal. This medal was awarded to commemorate Australian Sporting achievement and has been established as a commemorate award within the Australian honours system.



Autographs and Contact Details

The BP Oasis Truck-Stop in Somerton was the venue for this years Australian Motorkhana Championships, in late September. Many HAC faces were to be seen at the event, as Club members were involved both as competitors and as officials for the event.

Ian Sperling and David Isherwood were scrutineers for the event, whilst John Rosengrave was on the pre-event organising committee. One of the three test lanes was manned by a team of HAC officials, including Justin Shumack, Jenny Rosengrave, Allan

Edwards and Nicky Rosengrave, with Ian Sperling and David Isherwood also lending a hand, as did Bernd Wachs of VWCV. Many

favourable comments were heard regarding the efficiency of the HAC team, who had to operate under difficult conditions with a gusty wind all day threatening to blow everything away.

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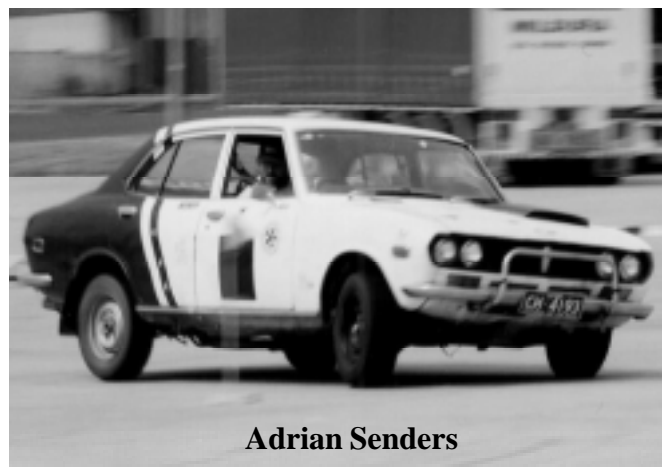
test. David suffered most, and dropped from second to fourth in class. JR just held on to win, with Elliott a close second, giving HAC a one-two result in Class C.

Diana-Lee Saville

and Adrian Senders also competed in Class C in Di’s Mazda Capella . Adrian was his usual spectacular self , but the sliding, tyre-smoking

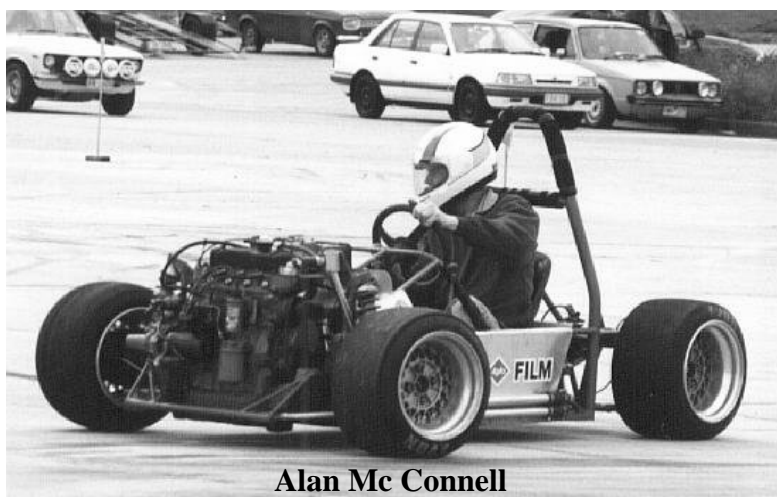


David Rosengrave 4th class C



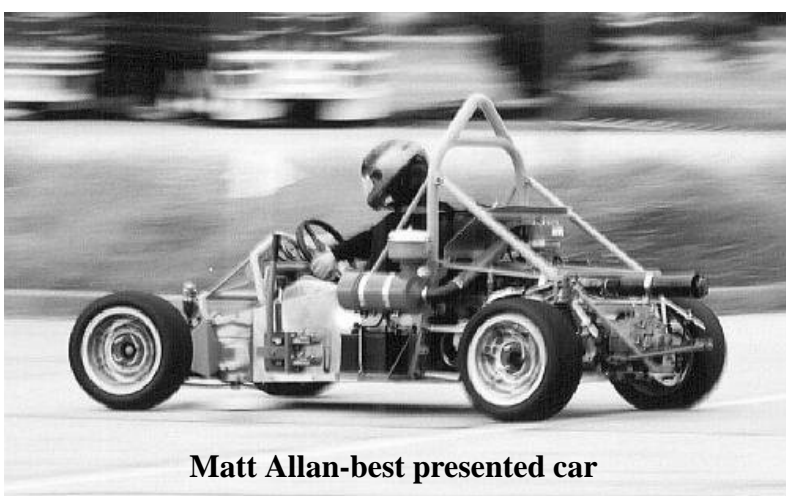
Adrian Senders

style wasn't enough to be competitive with the FWD cars in the same class, and he ended up ninth. We all thought Di had taken out the Ladies Production award, only to discover just before Allan Edwards was about to present the *Auto Action Ladies Award*, there had been a mistake in the results, and Di was in fact second. Still a great result in her first AMC, but disappointing nonetheless.



Alan Mc Connell

Overall, the Championship went to Queensland Mini Special driver, Alan Mc Connell, who became the first driver to win six Australian Motorkhana titles. It was a close call, however, as National Panel chairman, Wayne Griffiths



Matt Allan-best presented car

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(Honda Special) was leading until hitting a flag on his

final test, which dropped him to third behind David Collier (NSW - Renault Special) and the winner. Highest placed Victorian was State Champion, Richard Carlson, whilst PIARC's Warren Reid and Phil Torode (PCCV) were the only other Victorians to score class wins.

Overall the event ran very well, with the 75 competitors all completing their nine tests before 4 pm, and allowing plenty of time to relax before an enjoyable Presentation Dinner at the Coolaroo Taverner Hotel. Due to its assistance with the event, HAC is set to get a share of the event profits,



Richard Carlson, highest place Victorian driver at 7th O/R

the remainder of which will be put towards buying some sets of the excellent PIARC timing equipment similar to that used at this year's event.

President Jenny Rosengrave

As the recently elected President of Huntingdale Auto Club my goal is to re-ignite the enthusiasm of past and current members, increase the membership and to assist in the organization of events conducted by HAC.

I have been involved with the club for approx 25 years having served on the committee as Secretary, Magazine Editor and now President.

I competed in motorkhanas for several years but now find that my services can be better utilised as an official, either timekeeping, event check-in or whatever is required by the club.

I have worked as an Administration Officer at Deakin University for 13 years and my other interests revolve around athletics. I am currently a registered official with Athletics Victoria and am a regular announcer at Olympic Park and also at Knox athletics track.

I am also an avid 'fun run' competitor so find that most weekends are either taken up with motorsport or athletics. These sporting activities have been an integral part of our family life for the last 30 years.



Treasurer Jusin Shumack

My name is Justin Shumack, and I am the treasurer of Huntingdale Auto Club. I have held this position for many years. Whilst I have no formal accounting training, I have learnt all I need to know to perform this role through short courses I have undertaken. I also enjoy working with Excel, balancing the ledger each month. Somehow, I derive pleasure from reconciling the figures!

Aside from the position I hold on the committee, I don't do much competitive driving these days, though I am tempted to get back into motorkhanas. I just need a little motivation, and, of course, some time!

During the week, I am a Customer Service Manager for Reynolds & Reynolds, a medium sized business that provides IT solutions for the automotive industry. This job offers many challenges, and, in the fast-changing world of Information Technology, things are never dull. Sometimes, it is as much as we can do just to keep up!

My other hobbies include mountain bike riding, beach volleyball, and entering competitions with my dog. As well as off-road expeditions, I try to ride my mountain bike to work as much as possible; some weeks, that means only once, but others, maybe every day I leave the car in the garage. My dog is a 4-year-old Hungarian Vizsla named Oskar. We have achieved a lot together – he has his companion dog (CD) obedience title, his endurance (ET) title, and is also classified as a champion (CH) in the show ring. We are working on the next level in obedience, and also enjoy the Agility circuit. But most of all, Oskar is a great companion – man's best friend. And with my wife's dog, Bailey (a Welch Springer Spaniel), we are always entertained by our two dogs.

Social Secretary

Allan Edwards

I was introduced to the club by my uncle Stan in 1988. In 1989 I was talked into going onto the committee and soon became Cogswapper Editor. I have remained on the committee ever since except for a year's sabbatical (1993) when I was traveling overseas. I remained Cogswapper Editor until mid-1999 when I took over from JR as President, a position I held until the middle of this year. Now I am looking forward to the challenge of my new role as Social Secretary.

I have to say that I have enjoyed my time with the club, and like anything in life, I believe you only get out of it what you put into it, hence the reason I have stayed on the committee for so long. I have been a member of the club for the past 13 years and I certainly plan to still be a member when HAC celebrates its 50th birthday in 10 years time. I hope everybody enjoys the 40th celebrations and I look forward to seeing all of you at upcoming club events (especially the social ones) for many years to come.



Editor

Diana-Lee Saville

I became part of the HAC family in Feb 2000. I enjoy competing in motorkhana, autocross and I am starting rally next year (*Robson Cup Rallye Series*).

My achievements to date are: placing second in Ladies production class at the 2001 *Australian Motorkhana Championships*, competition champion for *Pakenham Auto Club*, second outright in Class B (standard cars over 2 litre) in the 2000 *Victorian Club Autocross Series* and finishing *The George Woods Introductory Trial* in 2001 in my 180B!

My outside interests?? (Yes I do have some) are: cartooning, writing, desk top publishing.

I love animals and have a 26 year old pony-Gypsy and of course, Cuda the red Kelpie dog who loves

Secretary

John Rosengrave

John Rosengrave was introduced to HAC in early in 1965 by a school friend, John Spain. Together they attended a motorkhana at Berwick airfield. The friend in a Mini won the event, whilst JR was (almost) last, in a field of over eighty. Aha, more practise was needed. So began a long and very enjoyable time covering most facets of motorsport. JR joined the HAC Committee shortly after that first event, and still remains today. After marrying Jenny in 1971, the pair have become regular attendees at many motorsport events, or working behind the scenes.

The early days involved stints as a flag marshal (HAC generally got the Winton rounds, whilst the VADC handled the new Calder and Sandown venues), scrutineering and assisting with rallies as well as competing in as many sprints, rallies and motorkhanas as possible. After a time as HAC secretary, he became President for the first time in 1974, and joined the Victorian Motorkhana Panel and the National Motorkhana Committee in the early seventies. JR has competed in every Australian Motorkhana championship event since 1973, except for last year. A serious road accident in May 2000 meant he was unable to compete, but he travelled to Qld. for the event and registered as an official. Founding the HAC Interclub Motorkhana in 1969 was one of his proudest achievements, only surpassed by a CAMS Service medal in 1995 and an Australian Sports Award in 2000 for services to motorsport.

motor sport as much as I do.

I used to compete in gymkhanas as a teenager on Gypsy. We did quite well in bending (which is like a slalom on horse back). My other love is my 1966 Dodge Phoenix. I have a passion for early 1970 muscle cars, Mopar especially!

I am at TAFE at the moment completing a certificate 4 in Professional Writing & Editing. Next year I'm going on to do Desk top & Electronic publishing full time at TAFE.

I am proud to be a HAC member and have always found it's members to be very supportive. I plan to be a member for as long as they'll have me!

Do you remember?



New Members Welcome

We welcome Michael Exell and his wife Caroline as recent additions to the ranks of HAC members. Mike works as an engine builder with Garry Rogers Motorsport. Over the last few months he has been building a motorkhana special from scratch, and was a keen spectator at the recent AMC to check out the latest features in the top specials. Expect to see the car at some forthcoming events, where it should be a handy addition in the Club's chase for vital Group 5 Series points.

Our latest new member is actually an "old" member. Upon hearing of the HAC 40th Birthday celebrations, Colin Turnbull immediately rejoined, as well as helping out with some photographs for our collection. Colin was a regular rally competitor in the seventies and early eighties, competing in many of the big events of the day in a variety of Ford Cortinas and then Datsun models. Although no longer competing in CAMS events, Colin keeps his hand in with a membership at the Oakleigh Go-Kart Club.

*On November 30, 1969 HAC held its first Interclub event. It was held at Brooklyn adjacent to the Brookway and Village Drive-speedway and outright and class awards were awarded and a ladies prize. Entry was two dollars and a CAMS road licence was required.

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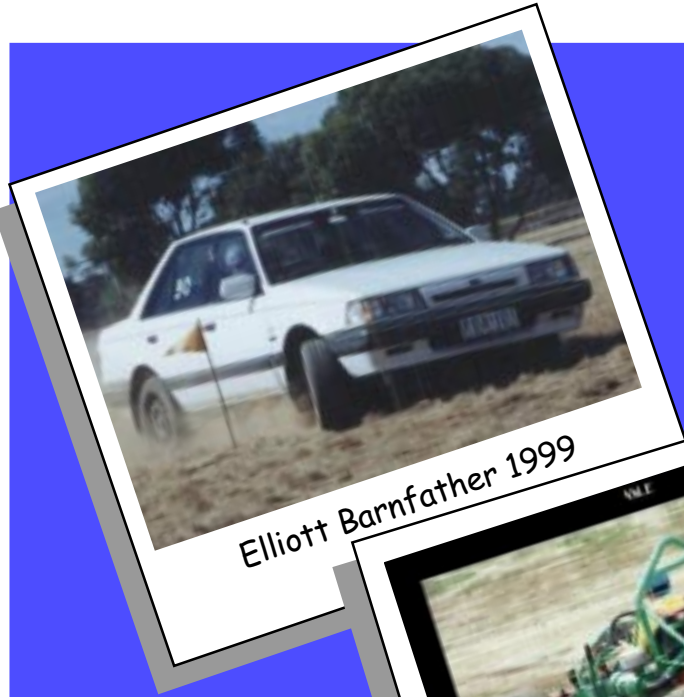
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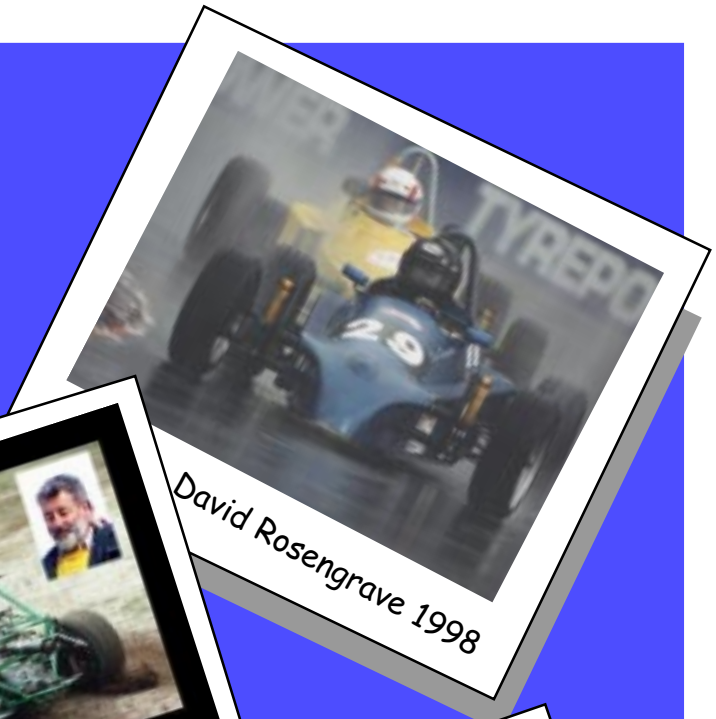


THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed to the HAC 40th Anniversary Celebrations. Much of the work has been done by the organising committee of Jenny Rosengrave, Diana-Lee Saville, Justin Shumack, Allan Edwards and John Rosengrave, but others have helped out with the various facets of helping with the organising as needed. Additional photographs have been supplied by Linda and Stan Edwards, Colin Turnbull and some last-minute additions from Tony Wunderlich. Mrs Dianne Edwards provided the decorated cakes for the night, whilst the excellent full-colour *Cogswapper* covers have come to us by courtesy of carsales.com.au. As usual, *Cogswapper* production has been done by Diana-Lee Saville, with this special edition the result of many hours hard work.



Elliott Barnfather 1999



David Rosengrave 1998



Rob Allan - 1992 - 2000

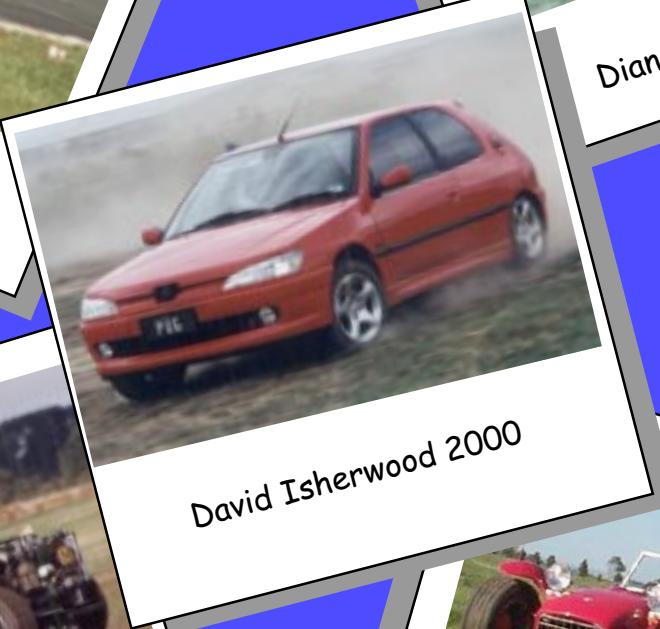
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Justin Shumack 1998



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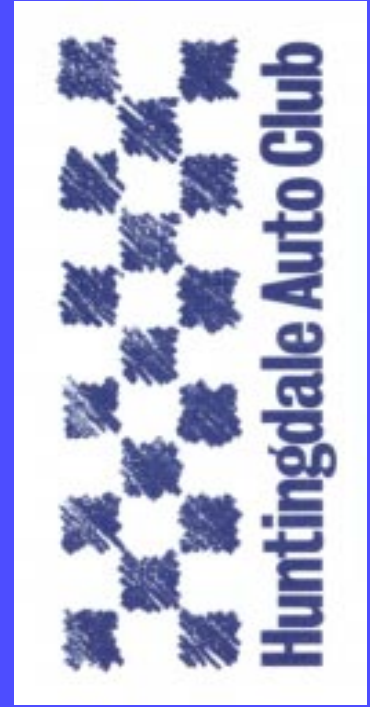
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