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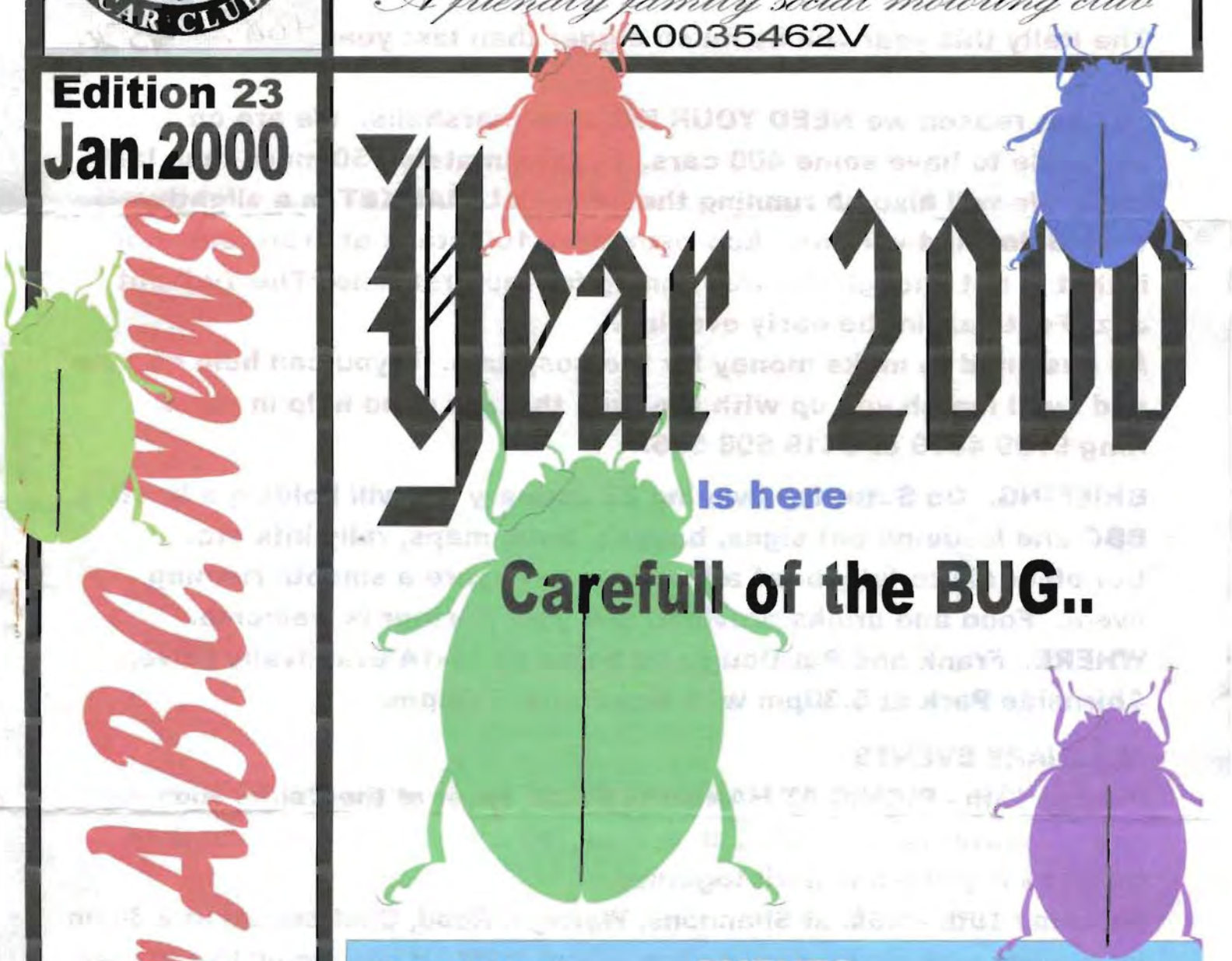
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R.A.C.V. GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY SUNDAY 23 JANUARY 2000

The Rally this year will be much bigger than last year.

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For this reason we **NEED YOUR HELP** as marshalls. We are on schedule to have some 400 cars. Approximately 150 more than last year. We will also be running the **RED HILL MARKET** in a slightly scaled down version. Approximately 100 stalls of craft, eats and if that is not enough we are running for the first time "The Twilight Jazz Festival" in the early evening.

All designed to make money for the hospitals. If you can help ring me and I will match you up with the area that we need help in most. Ring 9739 4829 or 0419 598 505.

BRIEFING. On Saturday evening 22 January we will holding a briefing, BBQ and issueing out signs, badges, hats, maps, rally kits etc. Our object is to fully brief all officals to ensure a smooth running event. Food and drinks provided and your partner is welcome.
WHERE. Frank and Pat Douglas's home as 12-14 Grandvally Drive, Chirnside Park at 6.30pm with briefing at 7.30pm.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Sunday 13th - PICNIC AT HANGING ROCK meet at the Calder Highway on the Western end of the Calder Park Raceway at 9am we can then travel as a group and park together.

Saturday 19th - AGM at Shannons, Warrigul Road, Cheltenham at 2.30pm for a quick look at the cars before a 3pm AGM. If you would like to take part in running the Club - this is your chance, put your hand up.

Sunday 27th - Visit to a Lavender Farm. For details ring Lyn Higginson 9336 7306 or read the February magazine.

Join in & ENJOY life

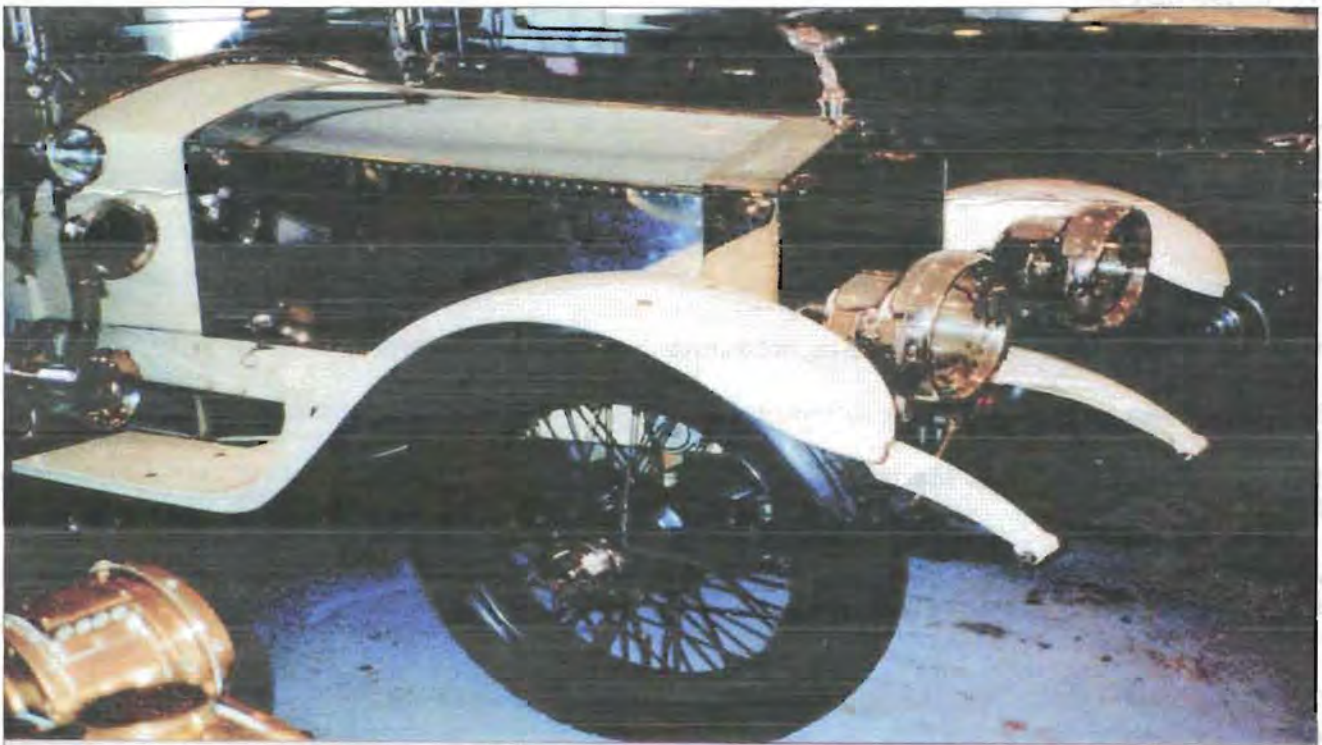
You will only have **ONE LIFE..** This is it, use it or lose it

FOR EVER



Recently our members had the pleasure of visiting Ken Russell's private collection of cars. Over 30 in total & including some 10 Rolls Royces. Ken entered the red Stanley Steamer {above} in the last Great Australian Rally & will be entering his Silver Ghost Rolls {below} in the Jan rally..

It was a pleasure to see such nice cars & an even greater pleasure to have a ride in the Stanley Steamer.. Boy, can that car accelerate.



Subject: Angel

One particular Christmas a long time ago, Santa was getting ready for his annual trip... but there were problems everywhere. Four of his elves got sick, and the trainee elves did not produce the toys as fast as the regular ones, so Santa was beginning to feel the pressure of being behind schedule.

Then, Mrs Claus told him that her Mom was coming to visit. This stressed Santa even more. Then when he went to harness the Reindeer, he found three of them were about to give birth and two had jumped the fence and were out, heaven knows where. More Stress. Then when he began to load the sleigh one of the boards cracked and the toy bag fell to the ground, and scattered the toys.

So, frustrated, Santa went back into the house for a cup of coffee and a shot of whisky. When he went to the cupboard, he discovered the elves had hid the liquor and there was nothing to drink. In his frustration, he accidentally dropped the coffee pot and it broke into hundreds of little pieces all over the kitchen floor. He went to get the broom and found that mice had eaten the straw it was made from.

Just then, the doorbell rang and Santa cursed his way to the door. He opened the door and there was a little angel with a great big Christmas Tree. The angel said, very cheerfully, "Merry Christmas Santa. Isn't it just a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Isn't it just a lovely tree? Where would you like me to put it?"

Thus began the tradition of the little angel on top of the Christmas Tree.

An extraordinarily handsome man decided he had the God-given responsibility to marry the perfect woman so they could produce children beyond comparison. With that as his mission he began searching for the perfect woman. After a diligent, but fruitless, search up and down the east coast, he started to head west. Shortly thereafter he met a farmer who had three stunning, gorgeous daughters that positively took his breath away. So he explained his mission to the farmer, asking for permission to marry one of them.

The farmer simply replied, "They're all lookin' to get married, so you came to the right place. Look them over and select the one you want."

The man dated the first daughter. The next day the farmer asked for the man's opinion.

"Well" said the man, " She's just a weeeeee bit, not that you can hardly tell, but pigeon-toed."

The farmer nodded and suggested the man date one of the other girls; so the man went out with the second daughter.

The next day, the farmer again asked how things went.

"Well," the man replied, "She's just a weeeeee bit, not that you can hardly tell, cross-eyed."

The farmer nodded and suggested he date the third girl to see if things might be better. So he did.

The next morning the man rushed in exclaiming, "She's perfect, just perfect! She's the one I want to marry!" So they were wed right away.

Months later the baby was born. When the man visited nursery he was horrified: the baby was the ugliest, most pathetic human you can imagine. He rushed to his father-in-law asking how such a thing could happen considering the parents.

"Well," explained the farmer, "She was just a weeeeee bit, not that you could hardly tell, pregnant when you met her."

For ABC Car Club News.

Feature Car is a 1973 Jaguar XJ12 Series 1, belonging to club member and treasurer, Tony Hodges.

This car is number 392 of only 3220 units produced by Jaguar during the 13 months of production. (July 1972 - August 1973). It was delivered to my late father on 27 March 1973, by local Canberra dealer Larke Hoskins. He had to wait nearly 18 months for the car, having previously cancelled his order for an XJ6, when he heard that they were going to make a 12 cylinder model.

Of the 3220 Series 1 XJ12's produced, 750 were long wheel base versions, which leaves 2470 short wheel base models made. Of these about $\frac{3}{4}$ were left hand drive and exported mainly to USA. So only about 620 RHD SWB XJ12's were built and most of these would have been for the home (UK) market.

So it is quite a rare car. Compare this with 58,972 Series 1 XJ6's produced, and 155,000 Series 3 XJ6 saloons built between 1979 and 1986.

This particular car has now covered 124,000 miles from new, most of which were covered during her early years, when it was used as an every day car. It has been well maintained and is still in pristine condition, and her performance is stunning!. She now only comes out on special occasions, being garaged and covered when not in use.



Subject: Dogs and men and women and cats

DOG PROPERTY LAWS

1. If I like it, it's mine.
2. If it's in my mouth, it's mine.
3. If I can take it from you, it's mine.
4. If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.
5. If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way.
6. If I'm chewing something up, all the pieces are mine.
7. If it just looks like mine, it's mine.
8. If I saw it first, it's mine.
9. If you are playing with something and you put it down, it automatically becomes mine.
10. If it's broken, it's yours.

HOW DOGS ARE BETTER THAN MEN:

1. Dogs do not have problems expressing affection in public.
2. Dogs miss you when you're gone.
3. Dogs feel guilty when they've done something wrong.
4. Dogs admit when they're jealous.
5. Dogs are very direct about wanting to go out.
6. Dogs do not play games with you-except fetch (and they never laugh at how you throw)
7. You can train a dog.
8. Dogs are easy to buy for.
9. The worst social disease you can get from dogs is fleas. (OK, the really worst disease you can get from them is rabies, but there's a vaccine for it and you can kill the one that gives it to you).
10. Dogs understand what "no" means.
11. Dogs mean it when they kiss you.

TOP TEN REASONS WHY A DOG IS BETTER THAN A WOMAN:

10. A dog's parents will never visit you.
9. A dog loves you when you leave your clothes on the floor.
8. A dog limits its time in the bathroom to a quick drink.
7. A dog never expects you to telephone.
6. A dog will not get mad at you if you forget its birthday.
5. A dog does not care about the previous dogs in your life.
4. A dog does not get mad at you if you pet another dog.
3. A dog never expects flowers on Valentine's Day.
2. The later you are, the happier a dog is to see you.
1. A dog does not shop.

WHAT IS A CAT

1. Cats do what they want.
2. They rarely listen to you.
3. They're totally unpredictable.
4. When you want to play, they want to be alone.
5. When you want to be alone, they want to play.
6. They expect you to cater to their every whim.
7. They're moody.
8. They leave hair everywhere.

~~Conclusion: They're tiny women in little fur coats.~~

WHAT IS A DOG

1. Dogs spend all day sprawled on the most comfortable piece of furniture in the house.
2. They can hear a package of food opening half a block away, but don't hear you when you're in the same room.
3. They can look dumb and lovable all at the same time.
4. They growl when they are not happy.
5. When you want to play, they want to play.
6. When you want to be alone, they want to play.
7. They leave their toys everywhere.
8. They do disgusting things with their mouths and then try to give you a kiss.

Conclusion: They're tiny men in little fur coats.

Incidentally, if you have had enough jokes, contribute some reading matter for printing in the magazine.. If not.....more jokes.....