

# THE SNAKESKIN

After you've worked hard to get what you want, take the time to enjoy it.

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## COBRA CAR CLUB OF WA INC.

### EDITORS RAMBLINGS.....

Happy New Year, New Millenium, to all our members and families and the best of Aussie luck for 2000. After all the hoo-haa the actual changeover, in Perth City anyhow, was a bit of a let down after the mega shows put on in other centres around the globe. Maybe the powers that be should have moved our own wonderful Australia Day Skyshow forward so we could score some brownie points. Anyway back at the club things were going ok. Our November meeting kicked off with a Barbie, then Andrew from

Kostecki Engine Centre gave us the good oil on techniques and skills required for optimum engine performance. Kostecki's offer full inhouse rebuild, tuning and modification facilities,

also dyno testing if required.

The West Australian has favoured us with two feature articles in the motoring section, one on Ron McNally's project progress, the other on three registered cars of Keith Ennis, Murray Neindorf, and yours truly Rob Keene. Both articles were factual and went

some of the way of explaining why any sane person would want to copy a car design that was thirty five years old! But WE all understand.....The legend lives on.

Which brings us to the Annual Show'n'Shine held once again at the seaside Fremantle Esplanade, on Sunday December 8th. Boy was this a punt. Forecast weather: Unsettled thundery showers. Result: Near perfect with a light sprinkle late in the afternoon. The day turned out to be a huge success with around 24 entries on display, 20 of them being registered cars. Our location at the western end this year was an improvement over last year's and combined with comprehensive colour range, and good standard of cars on display, generated a steady stream of lookers all day. People's Choice Award went to Dave Tadic, who trailered his car all the way from Albany for the Show. Congratulations Dave, great to see it's nearly a goer. Also nice to see several other country members cars on site, John Davies [red rocket from Busselton], Dick H-E and Greg [both from Mandurah]. Thanks Guys for making the effort. And to all the other members who contributed.....WELL DONE!

Also on the winning list were our "Club Shirt & Cobra WILD RIDE" Raffle winners: Joe and David.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

**JANUARY CLUB MEETING**

**NOW**  
**TUESDAY 25TH JANUARY**

**BBQ START 6.30PM.**

### PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Just a quick message for the start of the New Year / Century, or Millennium, which ever takes your fancy. Our last meeting of 1999 was a great success and a credit to those involved who contributed to make it so. We were fortunate to have Andrew Kostecki from the Kostecki Engine Centre, who delived a presentation on Engine Rebuilding and Performance Enhancing relative to American V8s. Thanks Andrew for your time and expertise.

I would like to commend all our members for their efforts at our Club's Show'n'Shine last month at Fremantle Esplanade. The 24 cars on display were a credit to their owners, and the club acquired seven new members on the day. To our new people, welcome to the Cobra Club. The Raffle [Club Shirt & Cobra Ride x2] was well received by the public and raised \$350. The two winners were "over the moon" with their good fortune, and received the Ride of their Life in Cobras from Keith Ennis and myself the weekend following, mainly along the Darling Range and back via the Zig Zag.

I would also like to mention the excellent Christmas Lunch held at the Mahogany Inn earlier in December. This would be the largest gathering of members and their friends at any club function to date. Good food, great company made for an enjoyable and memorable afternoon. Compliments to Ron, our social organiser for getting it together.

In closing, our club is continuing to grow, and we are now entering an exciting time where we have the membership to pursue more and better activities.

See 'ya all at the next meeting. TUESDAY 25TH. 6.30pm. Graham Ullock

**EDITORS RAMBLINGS.....**

**CLUBRUNS**

As reported in the November SNAKESKIN, the club is trialling a set day for clubruns, ie the second Saturday each month, which turned out to be December 7th, the day before our Show'nShine. Not everyone had that much time to spare so a run to Bindoon was organised but not a lot of starters expected. We got three takers and departed Gingers Roadhouse Gt. Northern Hwy. heading for Bindoon around 7.30am. Brian & Gordon, Colin & daughter Kim and yours truly made up the faithful and away we went, via the Brockman River. Good drive, bit of a stopover in Bindoon, and home before the threatening rain.

Next scheduled run was for January 8th, 2000. A Sunrise Run sounded cool, so 6.30am we're gone. To Karragullen, Jarrahdale, Warnbro / Penguin Is. and home. Starters this time Harry, Colin, Murray, Brian, Keith, [hows the dog?], Ron, Terry yours truly up front. Only made a few wrong turns and apart from the rough bits, good stuff. Cuppa at Penguin Is. Cafe and home James.....by 10.30am.

Still on the cruising scene two of us joined in a VSCC organised " Hot summer night fang" on the following Monday 10th. Had a ball, left Kings Park Tennis Club 7.30pm and travelled via the Swan River thru' the suburbs ending up at Alfreds Kitchen in Guildford. The VSCC made us very welcome and combined with an interesting trail, it was fun. There should be more of this interclub stuff. Keep an eye on the " what's on" column in the "West" motoring as that's where we heard the word.

That's about the story for this time. Please note the meeting day change due to Australia Day being Wednesday 26th. Skyshow Night. And yes, by popular demand, we are having a pre meeting Barbie.

Cheers!

Editor.....Rob Keene

**CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCH  
THE OLDE MAHOGANY INN  
DECEMBER 5TH 1999.**

More than fifty members, friends and young people gathered at the Olde Mahogany Inn, for our 1999 Christmas Lunch. And we were not disappointed. Festive season decorations and a convivial atmosphere prevailed, combined with a traditional Christmas Dinner menu to mark probably our best ever social function.

The weather also proved to be reasonably compliant. around 30C, so those inclined could go topless.[in the Cobras, dummy!]. Let's hope we can do something similar in the not to distant future. Top show Ron.

**WARNING**

With the current boom in E-commerce, E-banking, E-mail, E-everything, I thought this quote from comedian PJ O'Rourke would gain a smile from those in the real world.....

*"E-commerce eliminates the nuisance of having to make a profit. This has been a stumbling block for businessmen for years. Now, however, Amazon.com can lose money on everything it sells and make their money back selling itself to Wall Street."*

**CALENDAR 2000**

**Meeting Dates**

- January 25th TUESDAY
- February 23rd WEDNESDAY
- March 22nd WEDNESDAY
- April 26th WEDNESDAY
- May 24th WEDNESDAY
- June 28th WEDNESDAY
- July 26th WEDNESDAY

**Social Activities**

- February 13th CLUBRUN
- ACE FORD CLUB NITE CRUZ
- March 12th TWILIGHT RUN
- April 15th CLUBRUN
- May 14th BRIT CAR GG.
- June 10th CLUBRUN
- July TBA SHED RUN
- TBA LADIES NIGHT DINNER

The Barbie start to our monthly club-meets seems to have caught on like the proverbial bushfire, but unlike the bush blaze I haven't heard of anyone who wants to put it out. So what's new?

Until now those attending have enjoyed a free-bee at the clubs expense, around \$140 a night. There are rumblings that we may have to introduce a small charge to offset this cost.

I gather the \$2 door charge may grow to \$5 on Barbie nights.

Still sounds like a gift to me.

Have your say  
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UARY.

## Cobra Car Club Inc.

A fair while ago now, enquiry was made to Bruce Munro, Vice President of the SA Chapter and Editor of the Snake-ales with regard to our West Australian Club becoming affiliated, on a club basis with the National group. From his reply it seems this [club affiliation] is not possible under the current structure and membership is only available as an individual, which as Bruce stated, we are most welcome to pursue.

OK, so how does one go about it, what is the cost and benefits of membership? Initial cost is \$45pa plus a once off joining fee of \$20. For this you get:

- Snaketales monthly. [25-40 pages of Cobra info and humour from SA, Qld, NSW, Vic, and ACT].
- Inclusion under the National Liability Insurance cover [Shannons/Cost \$500pa]
- Club membership cards.
- CCC of WA would receive \$10 joining fee plus \$5pa per member to assist club operations.
- Also available are various club assets, ie. timing equipment, flags etc. for speed events.
- The Cobra Car Club has a large cash reserve, some \$13000.
- Production print and mail-out of the magazine is around \$30pa.

So that's about the story. It is unfortunate we are so distant because from what I read via Snaketales etc. they, our Eastern counterparts, have some very active clubs, and are having heaps of fun at the same time.

For those wanting to join there is an internet site at [cobracarclub.org.au](http://cobracarclub.org.au) The catch is that by joining on-line our club will lose the \$15 fee mentioned earlier. It is a site well worth a look, particularly to read Ursala from NSW's comments, and discover what the movers and shakers are up to. Check it out.

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## Social Stuff.....

A group of us had a meeting at Ron's place recently to decide on some activities for the club and also see if some improvement could be made.

As can be seen from the Calendar there are things to do if you like. One change thought worthwhile was to alternate clubruns between Saturday / Sunday as some of our people are working Saturdays and are excluded from taking part. Maybe some new tour planners would make up something a little different?

The Collie trip is still in the planning stage as we have not secured a date but it will be in March. We have been assured by the Mustangers and the Corvette clubs that they will join us so it is realistic to expect 20 cars. More info will be available at our clubmeet from Terry on Tuesday.

Likewise we are short on info on Ace Ford Club's night cruise, but there will be a flyer at the next clubmeet. If you haven't been before it is a good night.

The Shed Run, very popular with the builders in the past, will be resurrected again this year, but later when winter weather makes indoors more attractive. To make it happen we will need three venues.

## TRUE STORY

Arther Davidson, the inventor of the f Harley Davidson motorcycle dies and goes to heaven. He is met at the Pearly Gates by Saint Peter who tells him that for his good work he can hang out with anyone he chooses.

Davidson thinks about this and replies that he wants to hang out with the Boss himself.

Straightaway he is ushered into the Throne Room and introduced.

"Hey" he says, "Aren't you the inventor of woman?"

"Ah yes," replies God.

"Well" says Davidson "You have some major flaws in your design."

- There's too much front end protrusion
- It chatters at high speed
- The rear end wobbles too much
- The intake is too close to the exhaust

"Hold on" replies God as he goes to the celestial computer to check data.

"H'mmm as I thought", he replies. "My invention may be flawed, but according to my calculations, more people are riding my invention than yours".

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#### Input From Members

Any gossip, reliable or otherwise, will be revealed to all and sundry, regardless of promises of confidentiality etc. for EVERYONE to speculate on, laugh, gasp, or any other emotive displays relating to the aforementioned snippets.....SO WATCH IT!

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