

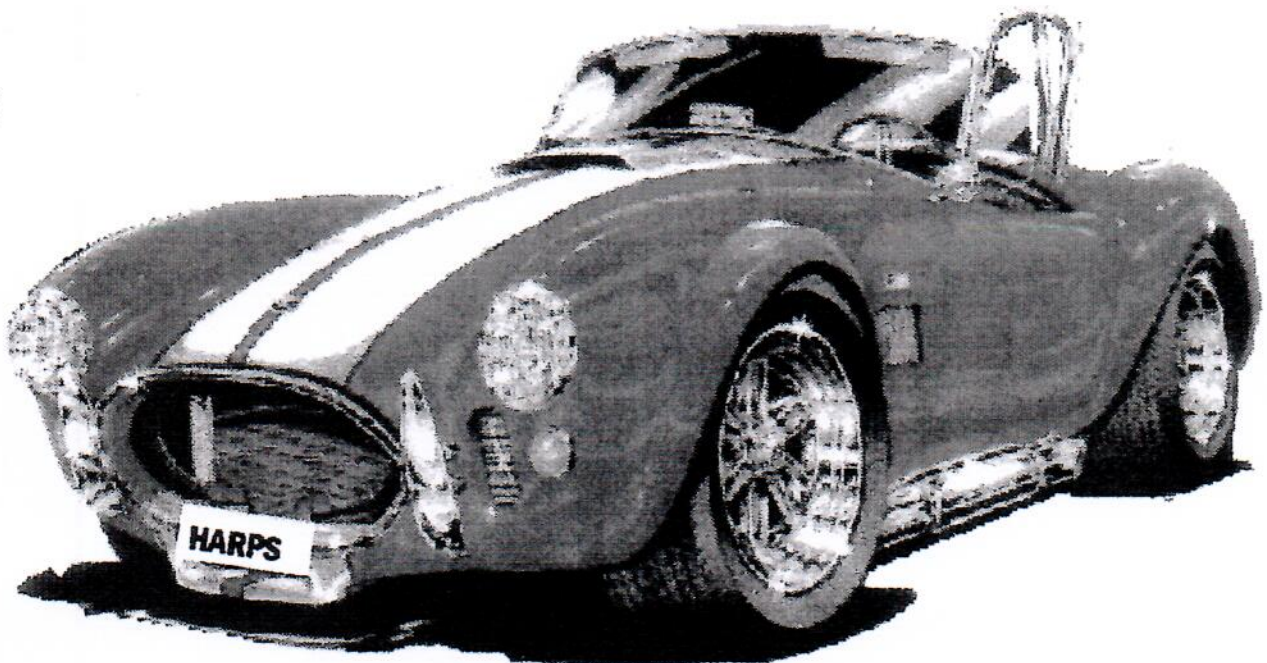
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THE SNAKE SKIN

Fangs and all.....

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JULY SHED RUN: COFFEE, SNAGS AND A BUN

Well the Shed Run was a good way to spend a morning. Brad Tomlinson and Barry Arnold made their sheds available for a good turnout of Club members, about 18 of us all up. Coffee at Brad's was a great way to start on a cold morning. Had a good look over Brad's set-up with his body mounted on a moveable trolley (see pics), great way to get to all the fiddly bits and pieces. Brad is hopeful of having his running by Xmas. (what year?)



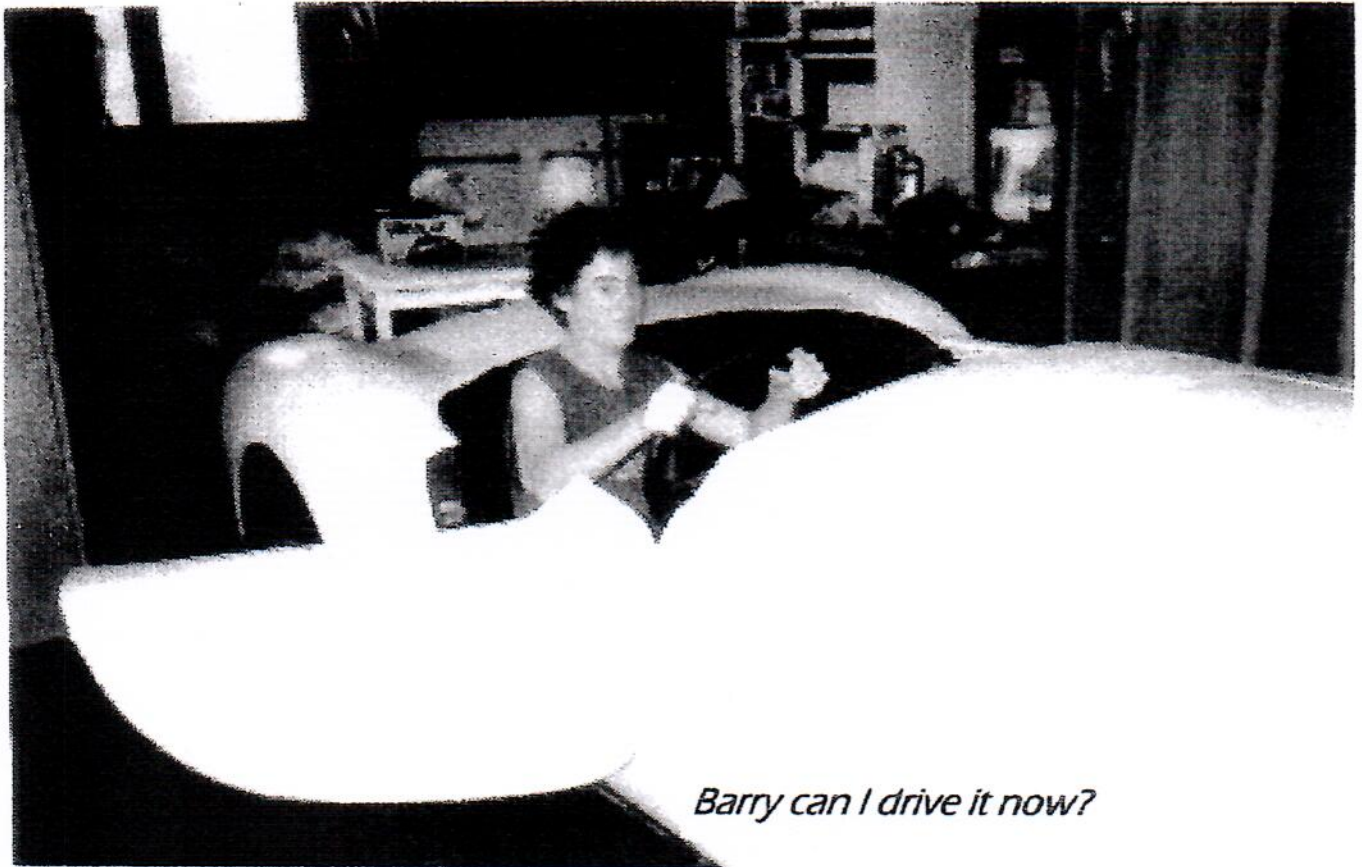
A young looking Barry Arnold and wife taking in the dream

Thanks to Brad's wife for letting all of us tramp around the shed and for the cups of coffee and tea.

From their it was all the way across town to Warwick (I think that's where we went) to Barry Arnold's shed. As you can see from the pics "dreams are made to come true, someday".

Again the boys poured over Barry's car and gave hints here and there, probably for both Barry and Brad there was a great amount of ready made information from a variety of Club members. Now it's just a matter of putting all that information together and finishing the project!

Barry's wife and son cooked up some morning refreshments in the form of snag-



Barry can I drive it now?

snaggers, meat balls, buns, sauces and drinks (soft sort) for all the mob. Must have had a good aroma about it because it wasn't too long before Plankie turned up in his *Cobra* (can smell food for miles this bloke). Thanks must also go to Barry's family for putting on a great little spread. No one went away hungry. Both Barry and Brad are building the Toyota/Holden/Ford set-up and purchase their *Cobra's* as unfinished projects. So now it's time to get a move on, get enthused and go for the big finish.

Our President, Rob Keene mentioned that this shed run was probably the best attend and thanked all those who made the time to get along.

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What can you say.....Here is a guy that drives all the way to Dunsborough, for a weekend away with the boys and their toys. Sun is shining' no sign of water anywhere and Colin Rain-bird take his own rain protector.

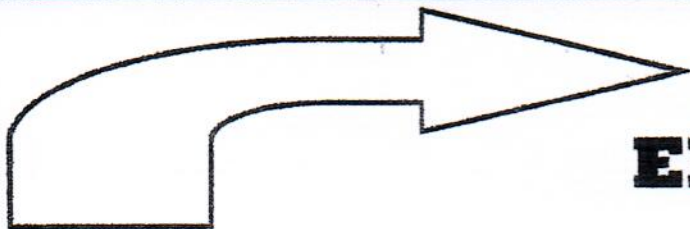
Mate, I can seeyou parked under a tree, no bird

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Brad holding conversation with Graham Sash. *"Well Graham it's like this . First of all I've got to finish the chassis, then it's all plain sailing from there on to Xmas. Got heaps of time mate."*

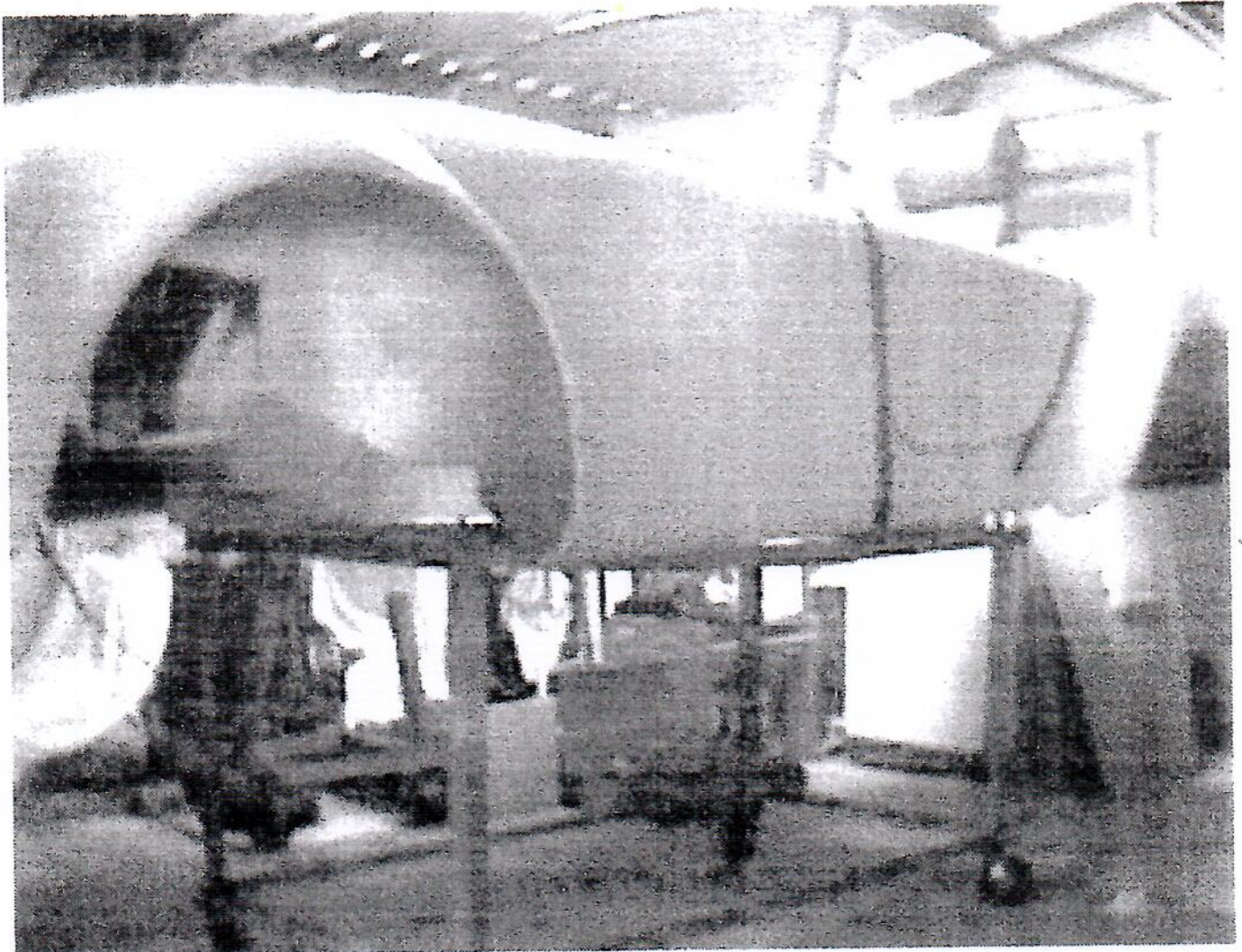
September update from Brad is that he will have it running by Xmas.....err 2003 mate?



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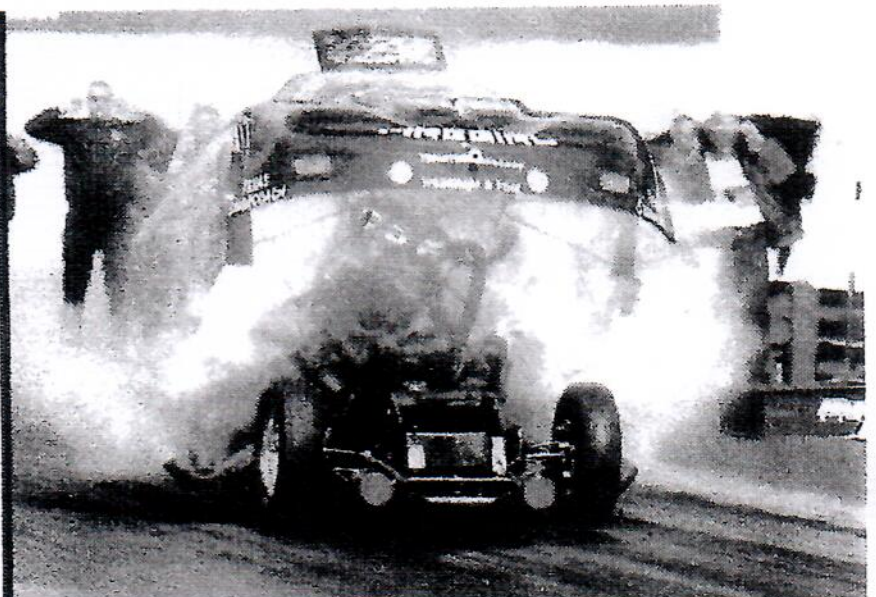
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Now this is the way that budding Cobra builders should set themselves up for moving the body around the shed and for doing all those little jobs. Ask Brad for details on this little beauty.

NO IT'S NOT A COBRA

This was taken at the Drags a couple of weeks back. Believe it or not, a fire mate of mine (Allan Dobson) is somewhere in the flames of this massive engine blow-up in his "Funny Car". Engine destroyed, driver OK. Tough lot us fires.
Tony, Paul, Wayne, the 2 Ronnies and Plankie take note of a heavy right foot.



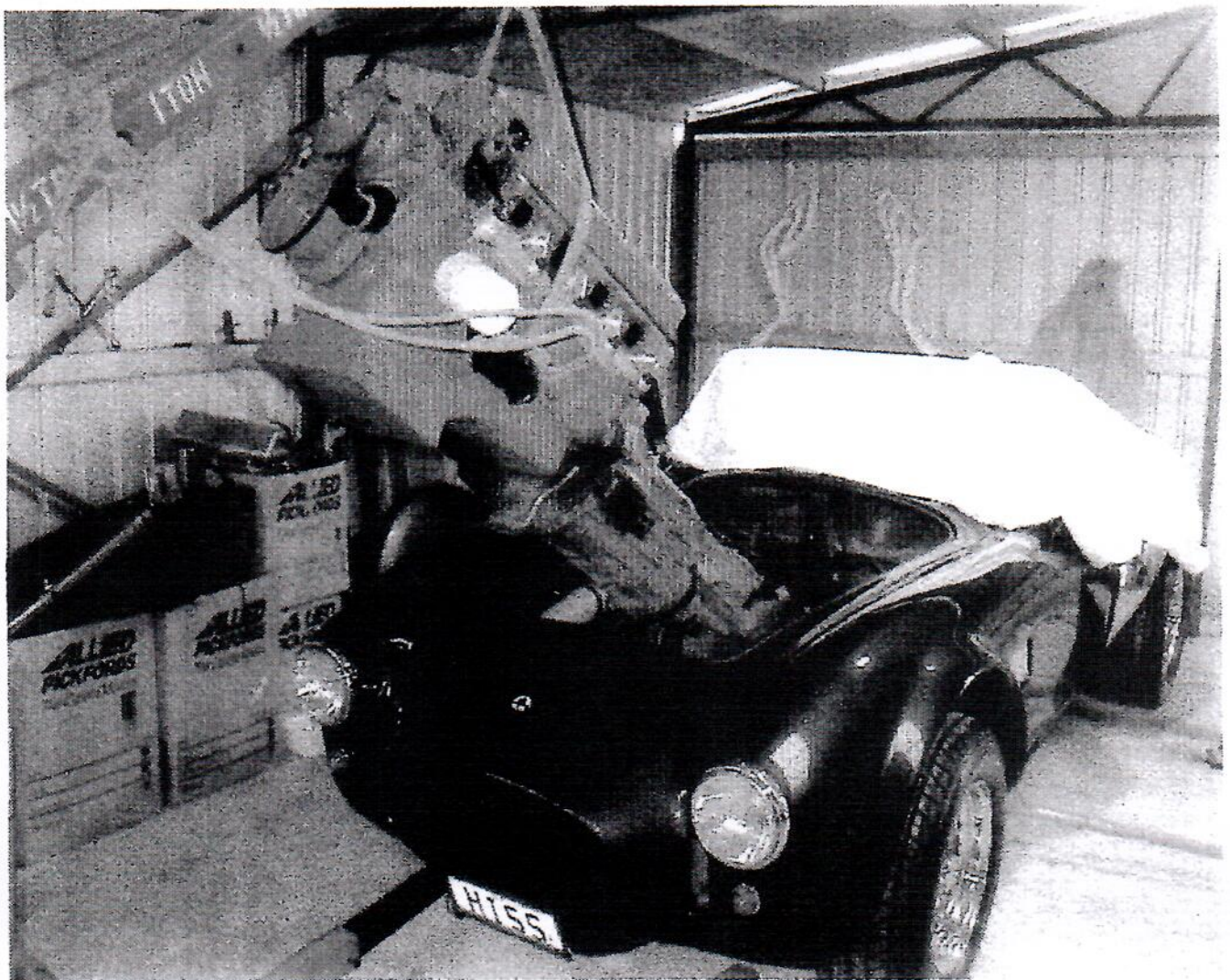
SOUTHERN SNAKES

From Dave Tadic—Albany

Howdy all, here's another instalment from your club member deep, deep down the south coast.

Well it would seem that winter is finally upon us. This is usually the time of year when most snakes are sound asleep in their little hideaways. Funny thing is I can't remember doing that last year. I recall ignoring the elements and freezing my you – know – whats off with drives through the forests near Denmark and the like. I will never forget the time I couldn't stop my feet from shaking 'cause they were so cold. How I managed to work the clutch and brake I'll never know. But this is what owning a cobra is all about. No roof. No heater. No stereo. That stuff is for pussies. Give me the wind in my hair any day!

This winter, though, I have decided to pull my beast off the road and finally fix all those little things that I was 'gunna' fix last year. And, come to think of it, the year before too.



As you can see I've ripped her heart out. That annoying gearbox leak is going to be fixed forever. I previously pulled the T5 box out and replaced front and rear seals only to have more fluid escape from the top cover. It's also suffered from a bit of a reluctance to downshift from 5th to 4th without clashing so I figured there could be a problem with the synchros. Combine this with a noticeable increase in whine whilst cruising at low speed in 2nd or 3rd so I've pulled the whole thing apart to find a couple of broken metal bits at the bottom of the case. A complete re-builder kit should keep me occupied for a while.

I've finally got the brakes sorted by finding the right proportioning valve for the master cylinder. Hopefully, no more front wheel lockup. And I also got a little surprise when I dropped the radiator fluid out (100% green stuff) to find that it was now a horrible muddy brown colour! So I've got my work cut out for the next couple of weeks. No worries, keeps me out of the missus' way.

Went over to check out Joe Baker's latest accessory for his cobra, you know the one with the Boss 302 running LPG. Anyway he's got this Vortech supercharger to bolt on. Reckons 8psi will give him an additional 160 odd horses. The unit is supposedly good for 20psi. That's some serious horsepower – 650 to 700, easy! I reckon he'll need some wings and a parachute to go with it. (I'm sworn to secrecy not to tell his wife what it cost.)

Well, that's all from this neck of the woods for the time being. Must go and play with that Borg Warner jigsaw puzzle and see if I can put it all back together. Drive safe.Cheers.



PS: Dave has had some disturbing news with regard to this rebuild of his gearbox. Looks like the main input shaft may have to be replaced with a new shaft. "Not happy, Dave".

But he assures all members that he will be back on the road again very soon, stirring up the residents of Albany.

COBRA CAR CLUB OF WA INC. CALENDAR 2002-2003.

OCTOBER	SATURDAY 12	CLUBRUN 8.30 AM
	WEDNESDAY 23	CLUB MEETING
NOVEMBER	SUNDAY 10	CLUBRUN 8.30 AM
	SUNDAY 24	SHOW'NSHINE B'WOOD 8.30 AM
	WEDNESDAY 27	CLUB MEETING BBQ 6.30 PM
DECEMBER	SATURDAY 14	CLUBRUN 7.30 AM
	TBA	XMAS FUNCTION
	WEDNESDAY 25	XMAS DAY
JANUARY 2003	SUNDAY 12	CLUBRUN 7.30 AM
	WEDNESDAY 22	CLUB MEETING BBQ 6.30 PM
FEBRUARY	SATURDAY 8	CLUBRUN 7.30 AM
	SUNDAY 9	CLASSIC ¼ MILE SANDAL- FORD 9 AM
	WEDNESDAY 26	CLUB MEETING
MARCH	SUNDAY 9	CLUBRUN 7.30 AM
	SUNDAY 16	CLASSIC CAR SHOW 8.30 AM
	WEDNESDAY 26	CLUB MEETING BBQ 6.30 PM
APRIL	SATURDAY 12	CLUBRUN 8.30 AM
	WEDNESDAY 23	CLUB MEETING
MAY	SUNDAY 11	CLUBRUN 8.30 AM
	WEDNESDAY 28	CLUB MEETING BBQ 6.30 PM
JUNE	SATURDAY 14	CLUBRUN 8.30 AM
	WEDNESDAY 25	CLUB MEETING
JULY	SUNDAY 13	CLUBRUN 8.30 AM
	WEDNESDAY 23	AGM COBRA CAR CLUB 7.30 PM

TWO SHED RUNS REQUESTED TIME AND PLACE TBA

MEETING VENUE

V&WA CAR CLUB CENTRE
CNR HALE RD & TONKIN HWY
FORRESTFIELD
7.30PM

CLUBRUN MEETING PLACE

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EDITORIAL

Well here we go again, another new financial year, with some new blood, some old stock making up the Committee.

Over the last few months I have had some interesting feedback from friends, workmates etc, saying how good our *Cobras* look on the road during Club runs. However on the downside of that is their comments on the SPEEDS at which we are travelling at.....well in excess of the 110 kph. Doesn't look good to the other road users and it only takes one to "dob" us in. Come on guys let's do the responsible thing and lessen the unnecessary attention drawn upon ourselves and the Club.

Looking through the Club minutes I have noticed that as a Club our financial position is looking reasonable (\$4000+). Now the question is: Are we going to save more? Are we going to spend it?.....on what? Or are we going to affiliate with other Clubs/Organisations (CAMS etc)? Just giving food for thought. It would appear that Club Membership is down on numbers from last year (60+ in 2001/02 to 40+ so far this year). What is happening? Have "you" contacted your mate/friend that has not signed on for this year.....come on give them a ring and get them back to the Club, don't just let them walk away.

Come on guys and gals, need plenty of information, pictures etc to make this magazine work. No use telling me; "*I should been on the run*", does not get a mag produced. Just take a few minutes and send me some brief details, hopefully I can make any story sound more outrageous than it really was.

Well, "Who's big bum is sticking from the boot, or is it the engine bay?".....
Trying to pull the wool over everyone's eyes, aye Keith. Seriously mate: "How's the V dub motor performing?"
Lacking a bit of top end, hey?"



Xmas Function

Put this one on the fridge as your reminder.....

Jolly Frog,
Dawesville
8.30 am, December 8th
Cost \$ 13.50 per head

Mornings tucker menu.....
Juice, cereals etc
Full cooked, eggs, bacon, snags, etc etc

Should you require extras etc, there may be a small extra charge.

Be early book now with Rob Keene, Club President



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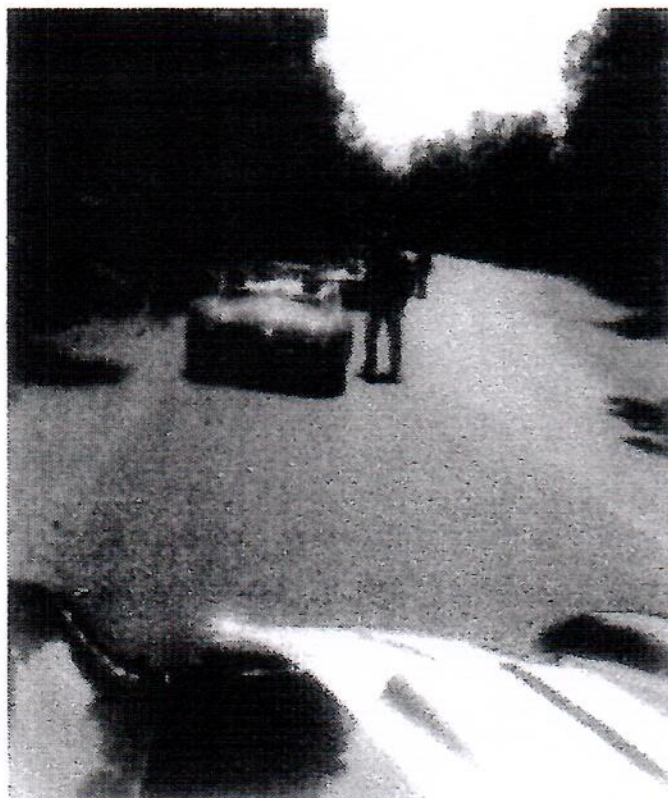
All parts and accessories for Cobra roadster, including VDO & SMITHS gauges, bumpers, over-riders, bonnet & boot hardware, lights, wiring looms, wind-screens & frames, body vents, Halibrand replica wheels etc.

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Mundaring, Gidgie and other places in October



Some pics of the October run. Looks like they're lost again.....or were they all looking for "Plankie".....nah, he's in Toodyay by now, reckons he took a wrong turn.



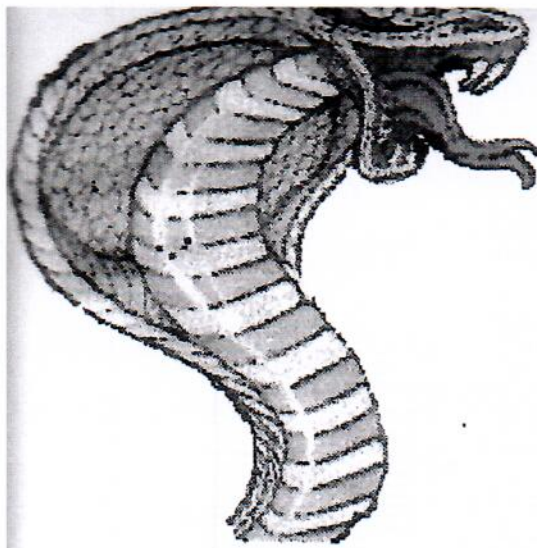
On a bright sunny Saturday morning the boys and girls (ah, yes; the ladies got to go out, about 5 in fact) took off from Macca's, Forrestfield for a quick run through the hills of Mundaring and across through to Gidgiganup and other points to the east.

Graham Sach had the misfortune to break an accelerator cable, but with some rapid roadside repairs got going again. The story goes that the front runners "bolted yet again" and left Graham and a couple of other cars to fix his mechanical mishap.

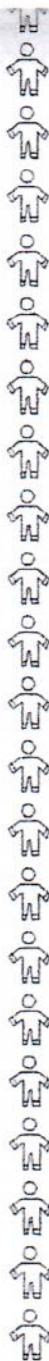
Ron McNally's Cobra looked a treat, sporting a brand new paint job and upholstered interior.....very smart looking Cobra (this will be a car to watch for in the annual "Show 'n Shine").

After the wind in the hair feeling and a few kilometres of driving the group headed back to Graham Sach's place for a bit of a barbie. Irene, Grahams better half put on a magnificent spread. Topped off with cheese cakes, fruit platters, and cheese and bikkies. All washed down with some very nice "whites" and a couple of "reds" and those that were driving, a coke or two. With about 8 or 9 Cobras attending it was a great way to finish a "run". Sitting around enjoying the conversations meeting new people and just generally whooping it up.....just ask Jessie! The last of us left the Sach's place well after 3 pm. (must have been a good day)

Thanks to Irene and Graham for making their home open to Club members and partners.



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