

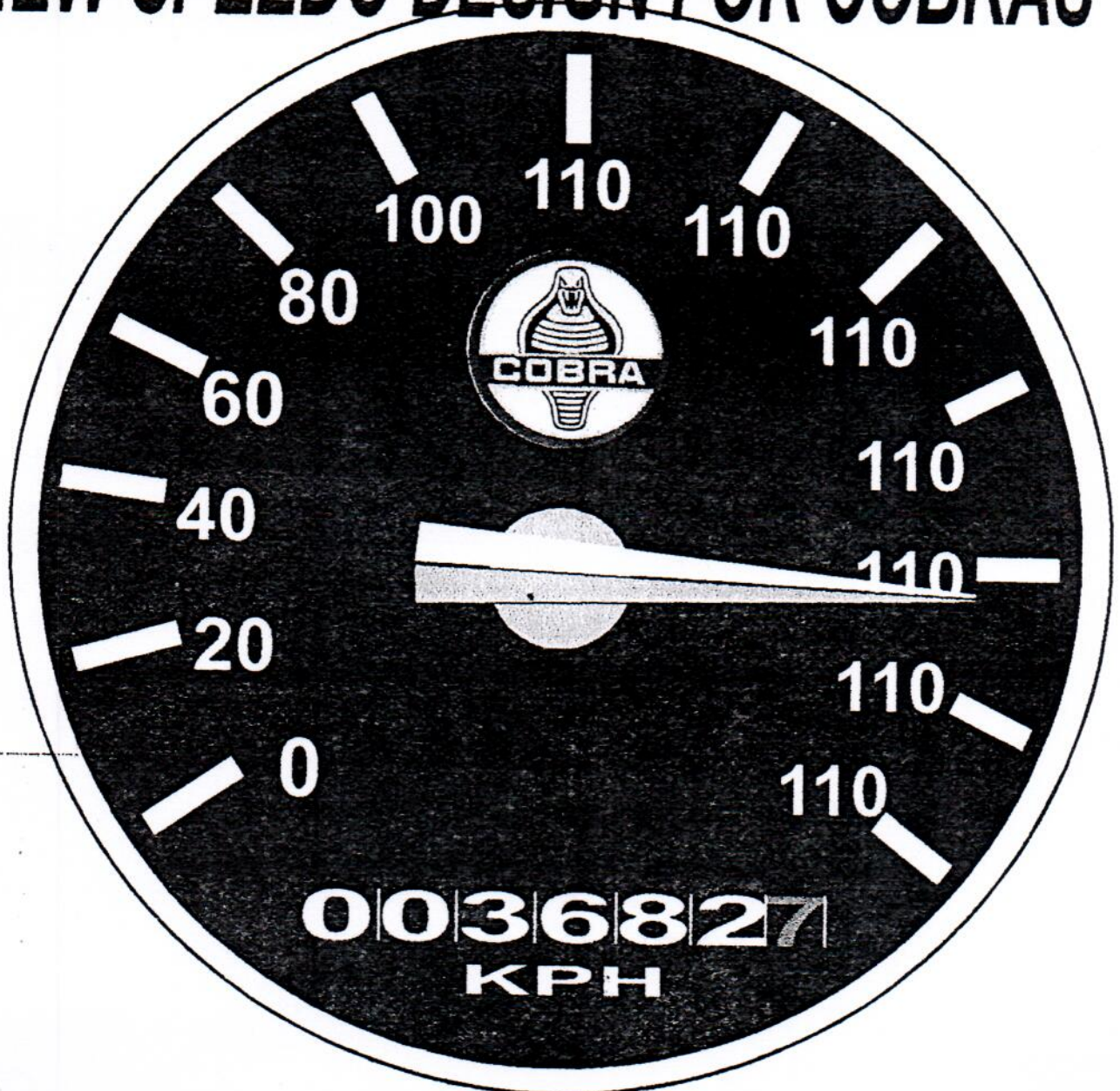
# SNAKESKIN

**Cobra Car Club of WA Newsletter**

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## **NEW SPEEDO DESIGN FOR COBRAS**



## Motorists urged to go nitro.

*Reporter : Meni Caroutas*

High-performance Formula One racing cars have been using it for years and large passenger aircraft won't take off or land without it.

Now Australian motorists are being told to convert.

Scott Cooper wants Australian motorists to let the air out of their tyres, and replace it with pure nitrogen.

"The tyre handles better, it runs cooler and if you're looking at a normal set of radials on a family sedan, you'll save between \$300 and \$500 per year, just on tyres alone, and that's a lot of money," he said.

"Nitrogen is a cool dry air, non-corrosive, non-combustible, environmentally friendly and it's been used throughout the world with success."

Mr Cooper runs a mobile filling station and claims nitrogen filled tyres don't deflate as much as tyres with compressed air, resulting in less wear and tear.

**He says that'll increase tyre life by a whopping 30 per cent, giving you thousands of kilometres of additional wear.**

"Once the Nitrogen's there, you set and forget, and you never need to check the tyres again," he said.

"It's great, then, for most of us because we do forget."

**He also claims you'll save on fuel costs: as much as five percent with no tyre drag, and your car's engine won't work as hard.**

"To most women it is a big issue, having to stop at a servo not knowing the exact amount to put in the tyres, getting hands dirty," she said.

For Jane Taylor, it's not only a matter of convenience; she says her car's now floating on air, since she pumped her tyres with nitrogen.

"Well it handles a whole lot better than it did," she said.

"Initially I was surprised as I didn't realise it would handle so well."

**Then there's the safety issue.**

Overseas evidence suggests a dramatic decrease in tyre blowouts because, unlike air, nitrogen is non-combustible.

"The safety factor is a huge one," Scott said.

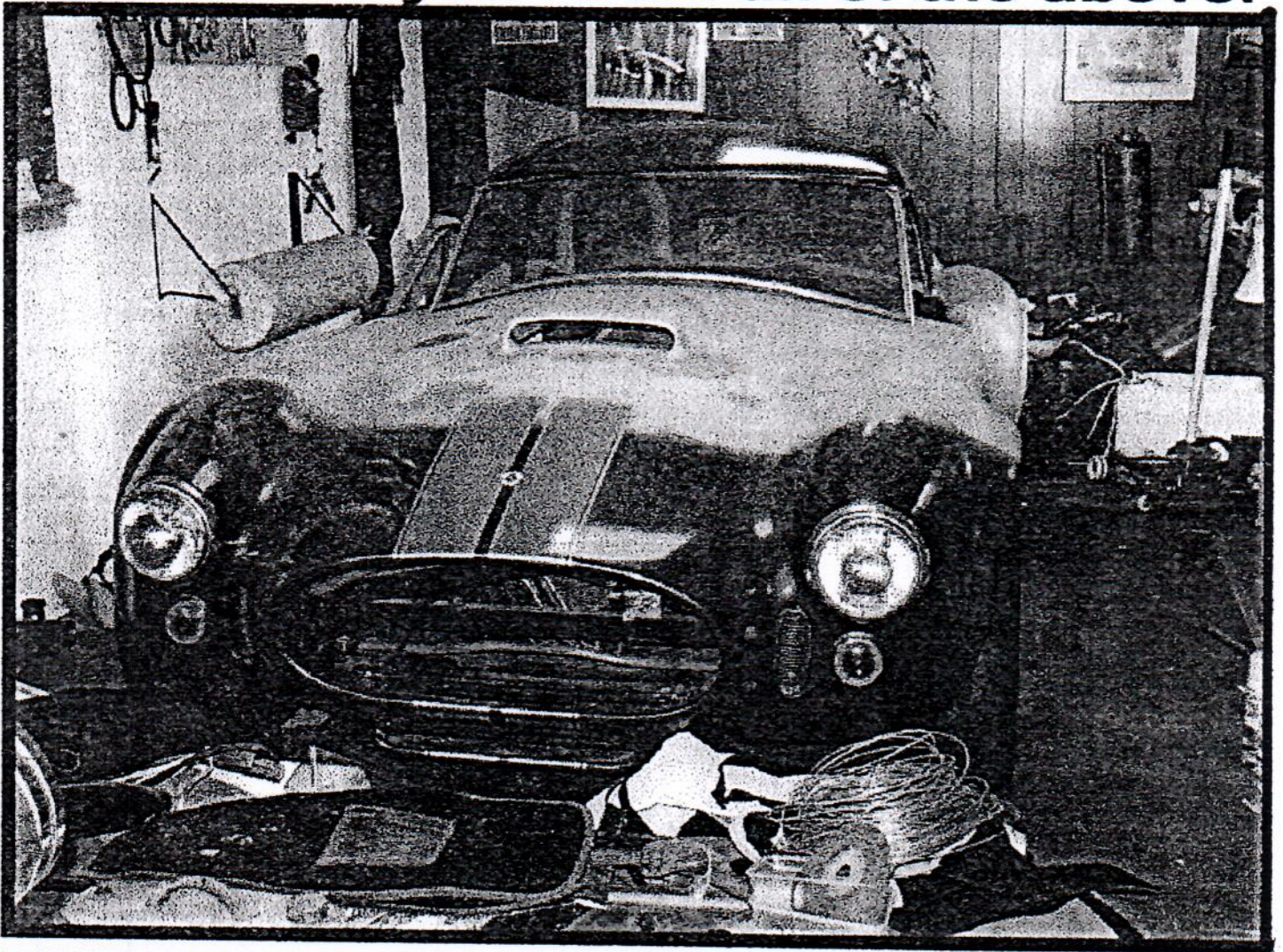
"The aircraft industry aren't silly - they brought down the blow-out rate from 76 per cent to nothing overnight."

Another claim is that tyres without air don't contain moisture, which can damage not only the rubber, but also the wheel rims.

"When you take oxygen out of the air, you're left with pure Nitrogen that's a cool dry gas, environmentally friendly, not corrosive and non evasive," he said.

"I think for only \$10 to \$15 per tyre you can't lose."

# **OWNERS ,BUILDERS and DREAMERS** **Which are you? I am all of the above.**



**How long does it take to build a Cobra? 3 months, 12 months, couple of years or perhaps 14 years and still no closer to even getting close. I built my Cobra body in 1989 on the verandah at home and with enthusiasm to spare I told people it would only take 1 year. Well here I am 14 years further on and still stuffing around. My big dream was to run a big block Ford 429 Cobra Jet and blow the doors off everything I came in contact with. Another dream was to widen the body 6 inches and make both sides of the car geometrically perfect and also change the bonnet to a full flip top front end, naturally having a wider car I could run full width Jag front and rear suspensions. I dreamt to always have the money there, to be able to do what I wanted, when I wanted, to my Cobra. I dreamt it would be a show piece and I could collect a few trophies along the way, I dreamt, that when I finished it I could sell it for mega dollars to fund a new project. Today I am still dreaming, but as life goes on, I have found that "LIFE GETS IN THE WAY OF OUR DREAMS."**

**Anonymous**

EDITORIAL..... "I'm baaaaaak"
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**Hello folks,**

With lots of new faces at the top table and also in the committee, along with a couple of old faces still at the top table (one face older than most!) welcome to the new Term.

After all these years in the club it was refreshing to see so many members interested in helping the club form the group that run the club. So often, when it comes to election time, a lot of people try to become invisible to avoid being picked or nominated to a position on the committee and for whatever reason it is their choice and should not be judged for their decision. For those who were elected a big Well done, congratulations and thank you. For the out going committee members for the past few terms, another well done and thank you for your time and efforts.

Although we are not a large club, I believe we are a great club and getting better every year. Personally my experience as a member at the top table as secretary was not the most enjoyable, however, I executed the position to the best of my ability. I would rather spend many countless hours working to produce "arty" things for the club e.g. poster, shirt designs, cards etc and now for the second time – editor of the **Snakeskin Newsletter**, that is my thing and something I enjoy doing. Thank you all for the position of editor although unopposed I still find it an honour and will endeavour to produce an item you will enjoy regularly.

If at any time you would like to add an article for publication, please do. This can be anything of interest whether its about a recent run you went on, a holiday, something about your car, how your 'chooks' are going, even a gripe about our club or the way it is run, possibly an article you have read somewhere else, please do not be afraid to put pen to paper or email me,

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and if you are concerned about your grammar, spelling or presentation of an article – don't be – becous I can fix ene speling mistaks and mak it look gooder. Even if you have seen a story in a magazine or on the net, just let me know and I can do something about getting it into the **Snakeskin** for all to enjoy.

**Snakeskin Editor**  
**Harry Mac.**

**SUCCESS:**

- At age 4 success is . . .  
not peeing in your pants.
- At age 12 success is . . .  
having friends.
- At age 17 success is . . .  
having a drivers license.
- At age 20 success is . . .  
having sex.
- At age 35 success is . . .  
having money.
- At age 50 success is . . .  
having money.
- At age 60 success is . . .  
having sex.
- At age 70 success is . . .  
having a drivers license.
- At age 75 success is . . .  
having friends.
- At age 80 success is . . .  
not peeing in your pants.

# WANTED

## DREAMERS, BUILDERS & OWNERS

# COBRA

## CAR CLUB

### WANTED

Owners, Builders & Dreamers  
of the

**Carroll Shelby AC COBRA**



Members of the Cobra Car Club of Western Australia invite you to join them for monthly meetings to discuss all things Cobra. The Cobra Car Club was formed in 1993 by enthusiasts with a common passion for the Shelby Cobra, to be able to meet and plan social functions, weekend country runs, night time cruises, assistance for those building new cobra cars, along with shed runs and our annual "Show and Shine".

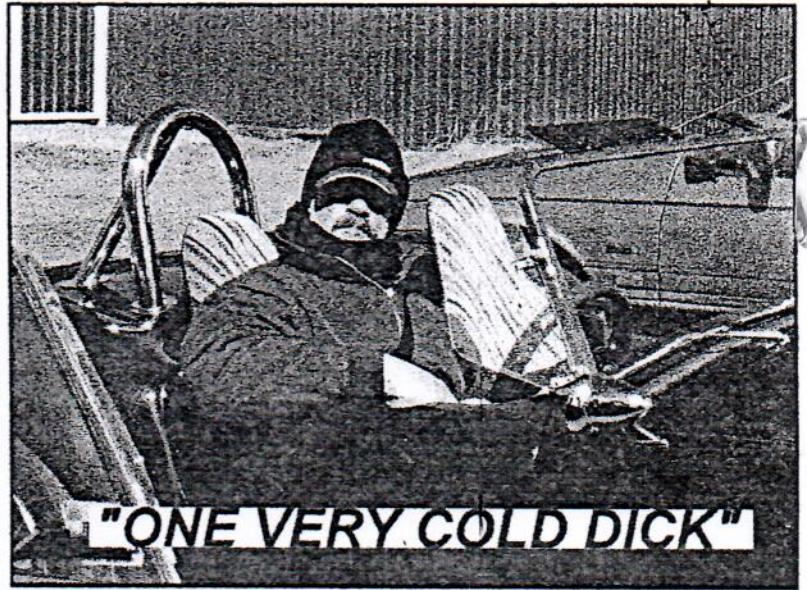
New members are always welcome to

**"Join the Cobra Car Club of Western Australia."**

The advertising poster to attract new members to join the Club, seven have already been allocated to companies such as All American, Aussie Muscle Cars, G-Force Cobra's Replica Motor Company, Cool Rides and Classics, Vince Shervington's shop and the Fremantle Motor Museum. The posters are A2 size in bright colours and framed with glass. Cost of each item was \$20.00, with special thanks to BRAD TOMLINSON for all the Aluminium framing, 3mm glass and backing board, artwork by Harry McClymans.

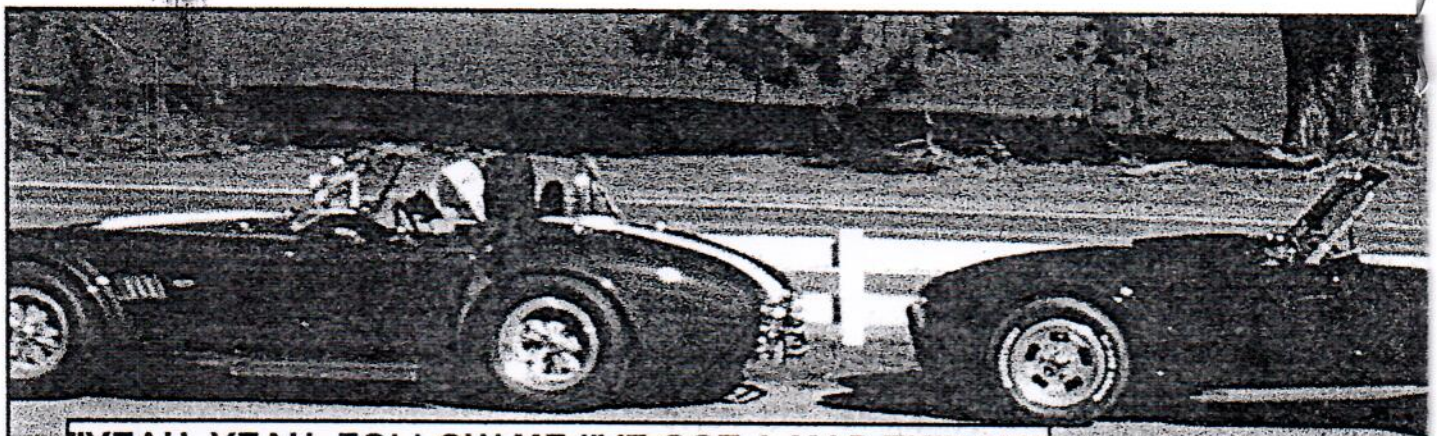
## BANNISTER RUN. Saturday August 9th.

Meeting at Pioneer Village in Armadale on a beautiful Saturday morning, 10 shiny steeds set off for Bannister down Albany Highway escorted out of town by Ron McNally's brother in law in his blue hot rod.



Brian Plank took the lead closely followed by Murray Neindorf, Keith Ennis, Troy Kent, Dave & Jessie, Karl Balling, Ron McNally, Rob Payne, Dick Hoges and Bernie Stellamans. After a short period of time Bernie had a thoughty and said "Oh my! its a long way to Bannister and I dont think I have enough LPG on board as I failed cruising school and forgot to fill up before leaving," so he turned around and went home.

Troy Kent was accompanied by his girlfriend Lisa in his recently aquired ex Graham "Spin" Sach green machine and was thoroughly looking forward to his first run as an owner after going on a run with the "Old Man" a few months back.



**"YEAH, YEAH, FOLLOW ME I'VE GOT A MAP THINGY."**

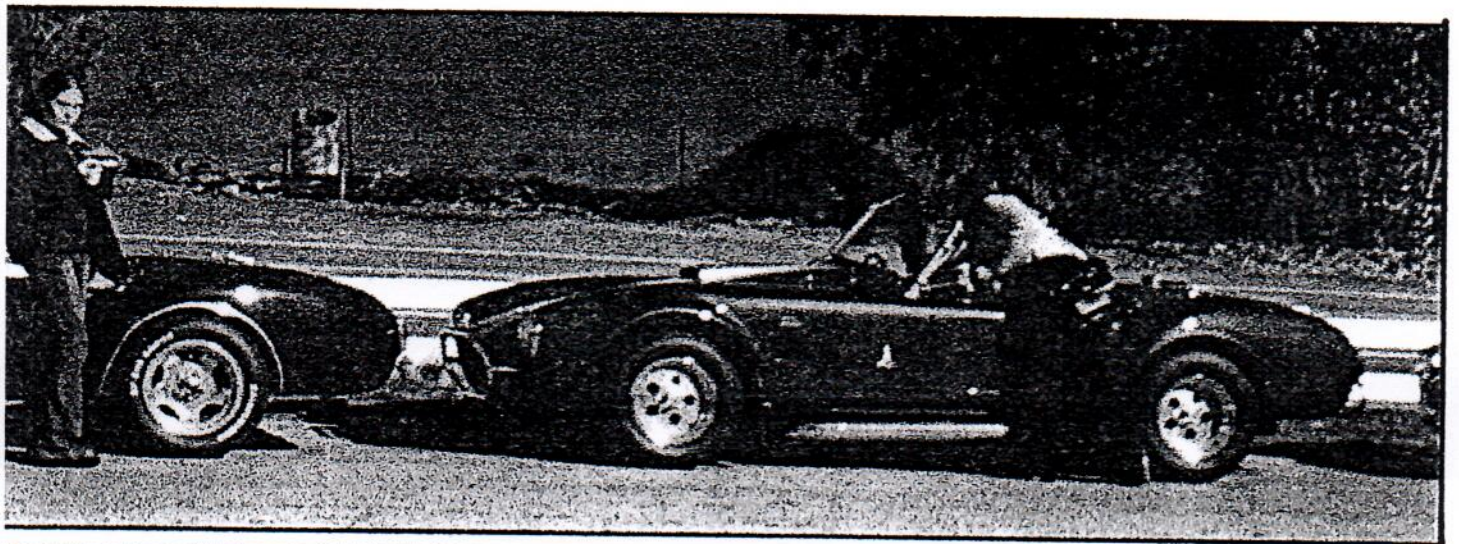
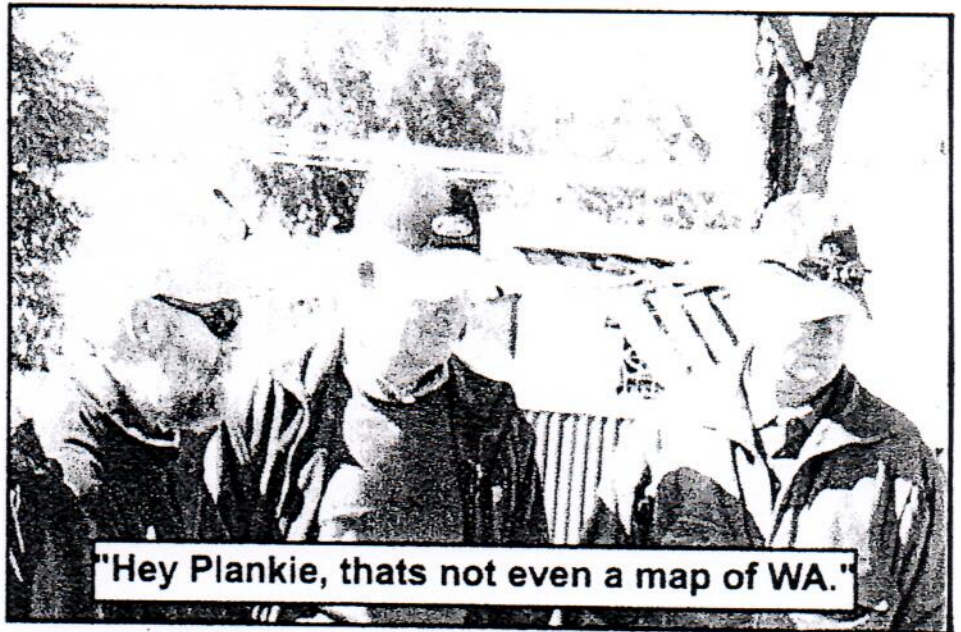
With everyone foot to the floor to keep up with the flying Plank mobile it wasn't long before some slightly chilled warriors rolled into Bannister Roadhouse for a filling breakfast and some coffee to thaw things out.

After much cheerful banter the procession hit the road again for a run over the winding roads through Boddington and on to Dwellingup then via Del Park Road out to South West Highway.

Whilst the Mandurah Muskateer crossed straight over the highway and headed home, the rest of the happy wanderers turned right and headed for Perth with a couple of Chinese Bladders needing an emergency stop in Byford to be drained before completing the journey.

A most enjoyable run for all with sunny blue skies all the way to top it off. Cheers

Jessie  
"The Scribe"  
Kent



# CONGRATULATIONS

to

**WAYNE and DUSKA FLANAGAN**  
*for the arrival of their new baby girl*  
**CHLOE**

*Best wishes from all the members of*  
**THE COBRA CAR CLUB of WA.**

## -Calendar 2003-

Date	Day	Meet at	Time	Route
14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Sun	McDonalds Forrestfield 70 Hale road	10.00 AM	Through the hills to the Lavender Patch on Mundaring Weir Rd for Lunch then via Mundaring and home
11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Sat	Ye Olde Narrogin Inne Cnr SW Hwy & Albany Hwy Armadale	8.30 AM	Bush Breakfast at Pipehead Dam (Jarrahdale) then via Dwellingup, Coolup, Mandurah and home
25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Sat Sun	Ye Olde Narrogin Inne Cnr SW Hwy & Albany Hwy Armadale	8.00 AM	Day 1 - Collie / Nannup / Manjilup / Margaret River / Dunsborough Day 2 - Bunbury / Mandurah for lunch? / Perth
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Sun	Gingers Roadhouse Great Northern Hwy - Upper Swan	10.00 AM	Via Gingin to 'Graham Sach' place 'off the track' for lunch - return via Bindoon, Toodyay, Wooraloo to home
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Sun	East Fremantle Ferry Car Park (on the south side of the river in between Fremantle traffic bridges)	8.000 AM	Early breakfast at 72 Beach St Café East Fremantle then a mystery cruise to finish at ????? for a bbq lunch.
TBA		Classic Car Show	All day	Overnight for some
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov		Show & Shine	9.00 AM	Burswood in conjunction with the Triumph Car Club
	Sat	Casual Cruise	6.00 PM	Meet underneath the South side Narrow bridge



# HEALTH WARNING

Due to increasing products liability litigation, American liquor manufacturers have accepted the FDA's suggestion that the following warning labels be placed immediately on all varieties of alcohol containers:

**WARNING:** The consumption of alcohol may leave you wondering what the hell happened to your bra and panties.

**WARNING:** The consumption of alcohol may make you think you are whispering when you are not.

**WARNING:** The consumption of alcohol is a major factor in dancing like your undies are on fire.

**WARNING:** The consumption of alcohol may cause you to tell your friends over and over again that you love them.

**WARNING:** The consumption of alcohol may cause you to think you can sing.

**WARNING:** The consumption of alcohol may lead you to believe that ex-lovers are really dying for you to telephone them at four in the morning.

**WARNING:** The consumption of alcohol may make you think you can logically converse with other members of the opposite sex without spitting.

**WARNING:** The consumption of alcohol is the leading cause of inexplicable rug burns on the forehead, knees and lower back.

**WARNING:** The consumption of alcohol may create the illusion that you are tougher, smarter, faster and better looking than most people.

**WARNING:** The consumption of alcohol may lead you to think people are laughing WITH you.

**WARNING:** The consumption of alcohol may cause pregnancy.

**WARNING:** The crumsumpten of alcahol may Mack you tink you can tipe real gode.....

# WISDOMS WORDS

## GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE, THAT LITTLE CHILDREN LEARN:

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

## GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE, THAT ADULTS LEARN:

- 1) *Raising teenagers is like nailing Jelly to a tree.*
- 2) *Wrinkles don't hurt.*
- 3) *Families are like fudge . . . mostly sweet, with a few nuts.*
- 4) *Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.*
- 5) *Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.*
- 6) *Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fibre, not the toy.*

## GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down
- 4) It's frustrating when you know all the answers, but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- 5) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

## NITRO TYRES.....cont:

Peter Hough has found the ride in his supercharged Commodore a lot smoother since he switched over.

"It makes a big difference in handling," he said.

"A lot softer ride also seems to stick to the road a lot better; cornering there's a big difference, not as much strain on the car."

While there appear to be benefits in running on nitrogen, motoring experts say there are other ways of increasing tyre life and getting better fuel economy.

It's as easy as following a few simple tips.

Russell Manning from the Royal Automobile Club of Queensland, says more than 80 per cent of drivers don't check their tyres regularly, and that costs them money.

"Things like keeping tyre pressure right, normal maintenance, rotation of tyres, wheel alignment and wheel balance," he said.

"If you do that, you will get much-improved fuel consumption and tyre life."

"Typically, tyres that are low in pressure add drag, so you use more fuel to overcome the drag."

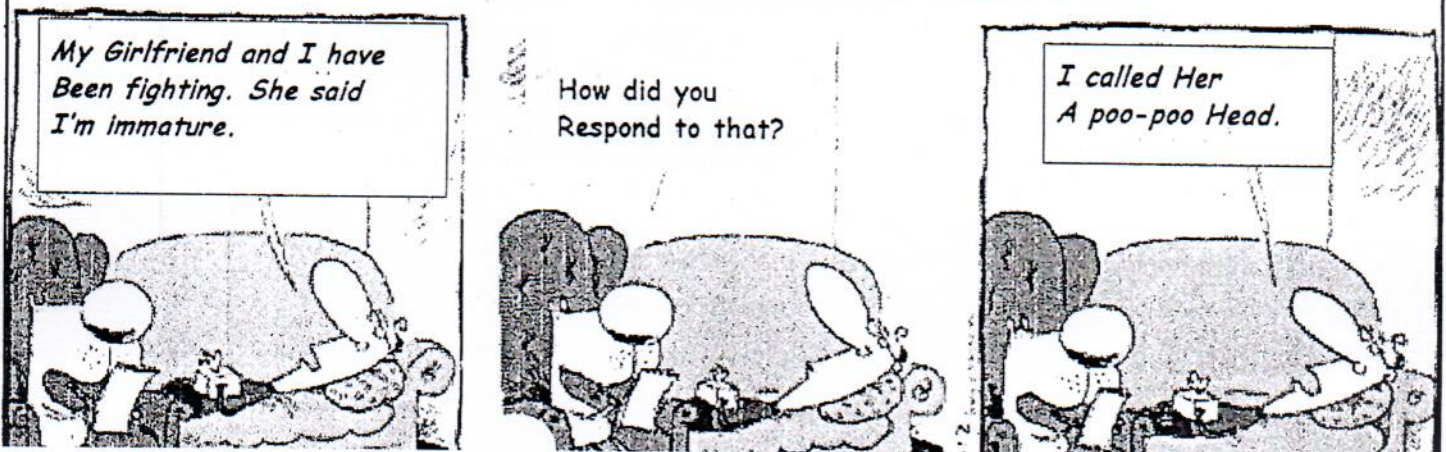
"If you pump up your tyres, you can get four-to-five per cent improvement in fuel consumption, by doing that alone."

However if, like most of us, checking your tyre pressure is a chore, then nitrogen might be the way the go.

**For more information on nitrogen tyres, contact your local Bob Jane T-Marts store.**

**Article from "Today Tonight Channel 7"**

## MAC MACHO



# Questions to a COBRA owner

Rob Keene

Hi Harry

As you would know I have been driving a Cobra around the streets for a while now and over time have collected some classic inquiries, which I would like to share with you and your Snakeskin readers

such as:

Q. Is it original ?

A. *Of course it is, it's the only one in the world built by me!*

Q. How fast does it go ?

A. *Faster than you can dream of sunshine !*

Q. Does it cost a lot to build one ?

A. *Mega hours, Mega devotion to complete, plus a thick wad of good ol' Aussie dollars.*

Q. Is it air conditioned ?

A. *Sure, NWD 100 system. No windows.....100kph !*

Q. Does it use much fuel ?

A. *Nah not much really.....bout the same as a Kenworth.....with three trailers !*

Q. Looks great. Is it the latest model electric powered eco car,..... or something M88888 ?

A. *Nothing I can print !!!*

Q. Will a baby capsule fit in the back so we can go out as a family ?

A. *Same as last question.....!!*

So there you go editor, might help fill a corner or so.

Go for it Harry

Cheers Rob

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