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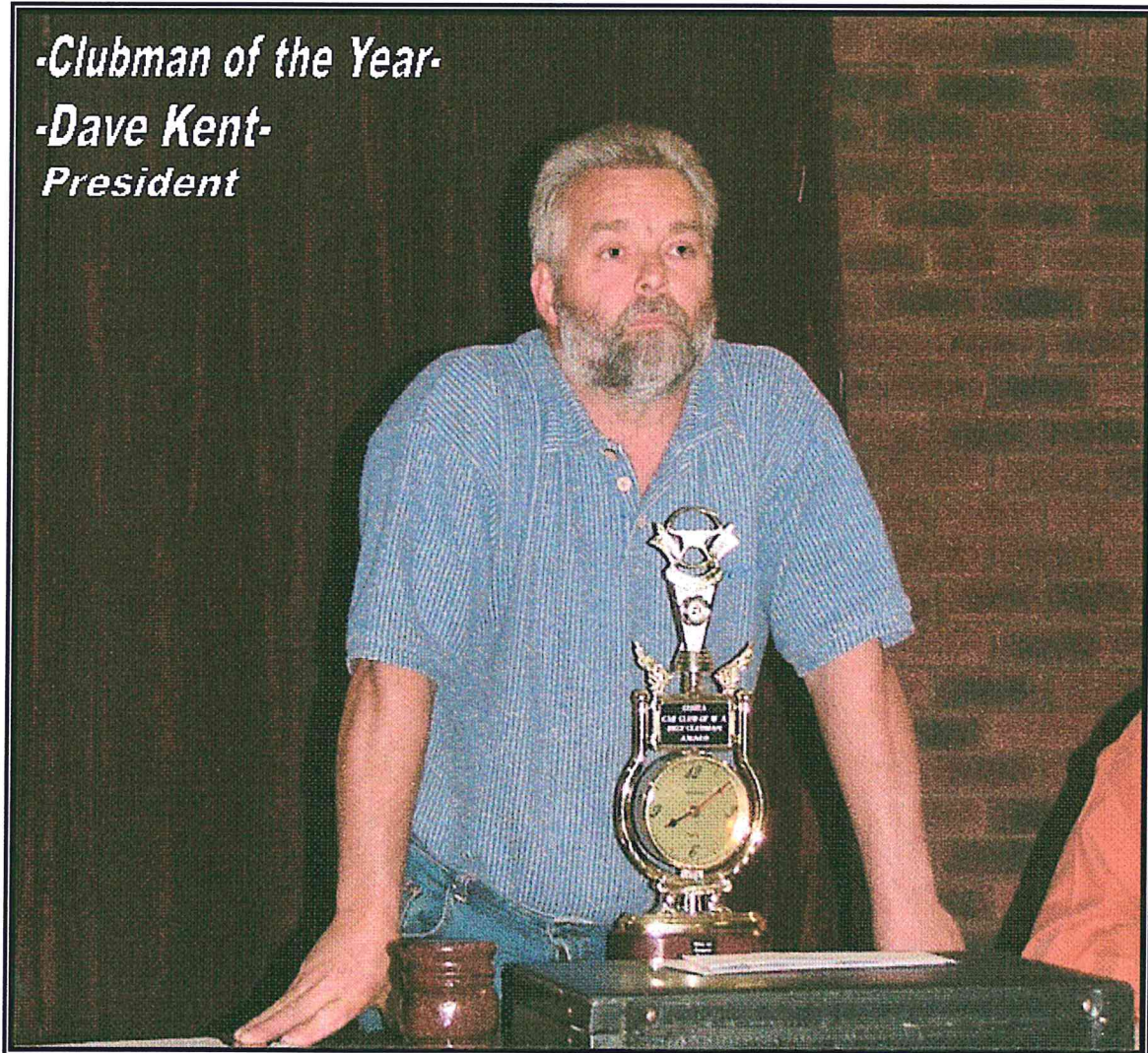
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Congratulations Dave Kent Clubman of the year 2004/2005

-Clubman of the Year-

*-Dave Kent-
President*



Welcome to the new committee For 2005 / 2006

Congratulations and Thanks to

President	Dave Kent
Vice President	Terry Lovell
Secretary	Ron McNally
Treasure	Dick Hogan-Esch
Club Captain	Dave Bennie with Roy James as Deputy
Webmaster	Tony Forder
Snakeskin Editor	Jessie Kent
Committee Members	Brian Plank Rob Keene Rob Payne Roy James

As you know there is a lot of work behind the scenes to make this club successful and enjoyable. And as we know this work is all voluntary and unpaid, so spare a thought for those elected for the next year. This is your club and if you want it to be successful and fun, then if you are asked to assist in some small way don't be afraid to put your hand up and lend a hand, as a club is only as strong as it's members, yes that's you, so let's make this a good year. Also we are interested in any ideas that you have.

So wishing all of those elected " Good Luck and best wishes"

PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR 2004/2005

Welcome to the AGM for 2004/2005. Another year has flown by and we gather again to elect those who will lead us in the next twelve months.

The past year has seen some high points and some low points with possibly one of the lowest points being here tonight, as we see the retirement of two of the hardest workers on our committee. The first of course are our dedicated Secretary, Rob Payne, who has beavered away behind the scenes for last couple of years not only looking after the clubs correspondence but also organising many of our functions with never a grumble and always a cheerful smile. Rob please accept our sincere thanks for your tireless efforts. The other, and certainly no less dedicated is our Snakeskin Editor, Harry Mac, who has travelled the length and breadth of the state with us to capture our history in words and images for us to enjoy and along the way has amused us with his witty anecdotes and Cobra trivia he has gleaned from the internet whilst cruising for a bargain on e-bay. I am sure these will be very large shoes to fill by the incoming editor. Harry, you have certainly raised the bar of the publication and I sure every member will be saddened by your retirement however we all eagerly look forward to the birth of your mechanical baby now you will have so much time on your hands.

Our monthly club runs over the past year have been somewhat of a mixed bag. Numbers have generally been down which is disappointing however those that have joined in the camaraderie have enjoyed themselves. We took the opportunity to try out twilight runs over the warmer months and these seemed to be well received. The idea of "if the weather a flop, come in the tin top" has been successful in the wetter months.

Once a again the annual overnights to Dunsborough and Wandering were a highlight even though we only had one brave couple make the journey to Wandering under questionable skies in their Cobra. Another highlight would have to have been the amazing turnout of couples for our Valentines Day run with many partying on well into the night.

A low point for the hard workers who put so much time into club events was the poor turnout of cars to our annual Show & Shine and the Classic Car Show. We should all be very proud of our toys and the effort that goes into them so lets get out there and promote ourselves. Lets hope that by combining these two events this coming year we put on a show that blows everyone away. We have shown we like to show off our steeds as evidenced by the large turnout for our visit to the "All American" showrooms in January.

Go Karting seems to be becoming a popular hobby for our apparently very competitive members with large numbers joining in both our outdoor meeting at Henderson and the recent indoor meeting at Belmont. The meeting at Belmont attracted no less than 36 members and family including many of the ladies.

Financially the club is again in a sound position as we move into the next financial year. Membership has remained fairly stable with current numbers around sixty.

In closing I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the hardworking committee who have supported me enthusiastically throughout the past twelve months. These people are the ones that make it all happen for you so lets put our hands together and show them our appreciation.

Remember a club is only as strong as its members so lets all work together to grow **our** club and consider putting your hand up to take on a greater role over the coming year.

Dave Kent
President 2004/2005

Profile
On
Dave Manson

Name Dave Manson
Lives North of the river
From Scotland
Owns Cobra G-Force. Space Frame Chassis. (Registered but not finished.)
Engine Windsor 351, 10.1 Compression, Dart 2 heads, Edelbrock Inlet
Manifold, forged Pistons, roller rockers crane cam, twin gas research
Carbies, side pipes.
Transmission Single rail 4 speed, with Jag 3.5 : 1 diff
Body Unpainted, white gel coat, new black leather seats, no carpets, aluminum
dash.
Comments Goes OK, but considering the added fruit, I would expect a better
performance.

First Bitten around October last year, I had the need to get a Toy, I made my decision that a Cobra was a good substitute for an E Type Jag which I have always liked. I had intended to build, but reality was that I did not have the time or facilities to do so.

Work Self Employed, (Sorrento Electronics Pty Ltd.) Computer and Electronics
Tech. But for the last 5 or so years have been installing Network Cables.
Typical Day Star around 8.30. Install data comms cables, fibro optics, telephone etc,
discuss solutions with clients.
Activities. With unlimited Time and Money!!! I would travel a lot, drive faster cars,
play golf.
Favourite My favourite thing to do on a day off. ? Relax, go to a nice café/
restaurant for lunch and a bottle of wine.
Admire most No one individual.
CD Player Pink Floyd/Santana/Genesis to Classical. I unfortunately don't read much.
Movies Probably "Lord of the Rings." because the story is fantastic and the effects/
scenery is superb. Having read the book, its how I would have imagined it to be.
Not a bad effort for a Kiwi!.

Editor.....Jessie Kent

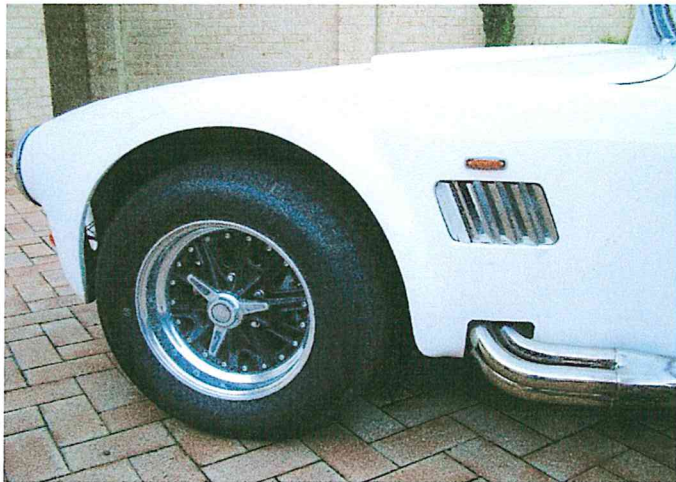
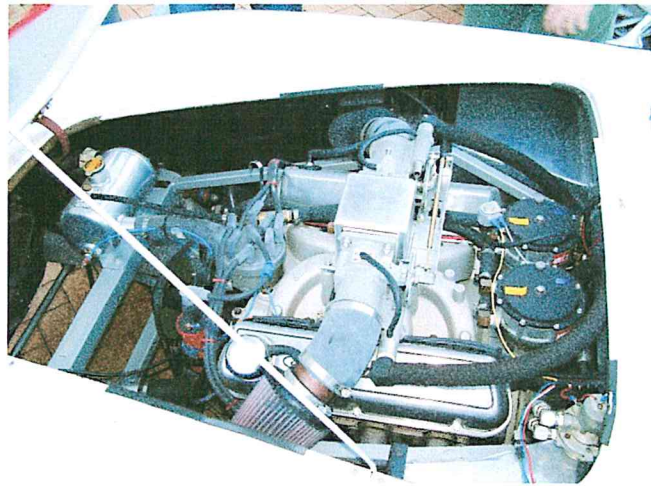
Big Thank you to Vicki Wilder for the for sending me the write up on Dave

Dave Manson's Car



G-Force Space Frame Chassis

Nice looking Windsor 351 Dave



Looking very smart Dave

She has a very nice looking rear end



The Eastern Cruz. Saturday September 10th.

The plan was to meet at Macas Forrestfield around eight, with the Mandurah Mob [sorry "Southern Chapter"] meeting at Bunnings Mandurah at 7.15 am, then heading north to join us with the group getting under way at 8.30. And what a group it was. Everyone had obviously been suffering withdrawals symptoms 'cos there was a plague of Cobras. And not just the usual runners. In the pack, Dave [the skipper] the Hogens, Roy [the sidekick], Ron & Nola, Dave & Frank, John [Albany], Keith, Tim, Tony & Pat, and Rob & Graham. Great to have some new blood in the lineup.

So away we went to Mundaring, over the highway [I could call it the Great Eastern, but at this time there is nothing great about it] to Stoneville where we / they missed the turn off to Mount Helena, then past the school and down the road to Wooraloo and Wundowie. The countryside showing us its best and not too many farmers and Fergies to hold up our progress. After Wundowie back to the highway, left to Inkpen Road then a great little zoom across to the York Road and on to the Lakes Roadhouse for well deserved vittles.

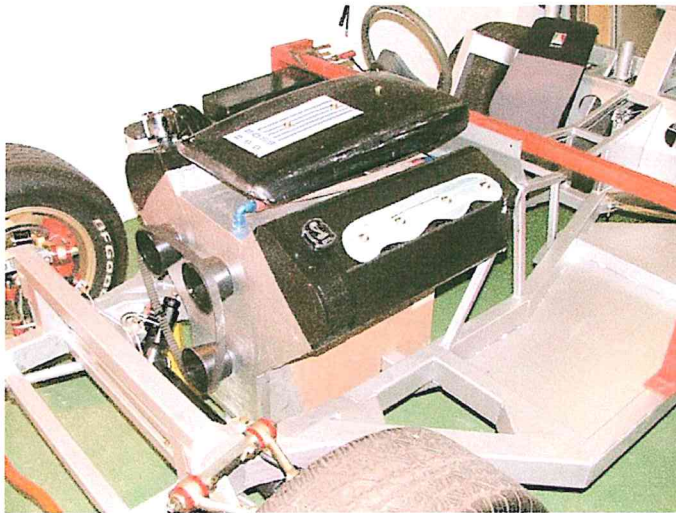
At this point we had an offer from Tony and Patricia Varis to detour to Gidgeganup for a BBQ lunch at a friends farm.....AND view a stage of Targa West Rally from the property off Clentin road. Only a few takers though as most had other commitments. Thanks anyway Tony.

A good day, even if a bit cool, much enhanced by several lady runners and all our new guys. Thanks all, we should do this more often.

Good to hear that you all had a good time, and it is great to see some of the new members out and enjoying their cars and this fine weather that we have had even though it is still a bit cool, on you guys, and a big thank you to Rob Keene for sending me the information as Dave and I could not make this trip. Cheers Rob.

Editor.....Jessie Kent

Just Add Petrol



This is Harry's new Engine for his Cobra that he is Building , a nice Box Boss 290 GT, it is one of a kind.

Looking good Harry but I think you might have to put some more weight in the front and lets just hope there is not sparkages around this boxed beauty.



Such detail Harry

Harry this is a credit to you she is so beautiful, and so light weight it would be interesting to see what she would pull on the quarter mile.



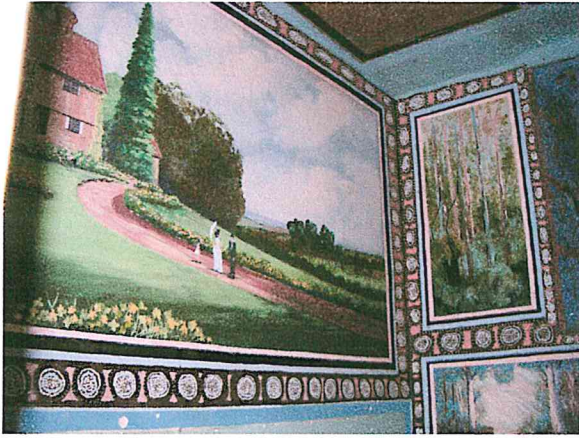
Stage 2

Well on Sunday 28 August stage 2 took place, with Dave and Jessie turning up first, followed by Dick Hogen Esch, Ron McNally and Dave Bennie, we started the day off by having a nice cuppa, and then got stuck into the work. Harry had carried out all that he had been told to do so that stage 2 could go ahead with no problems, so they began to work on that beautiful car. As Harry had put on the wheels, the boys could go a head and put on the pedal assembly, and the brake line's and that took time. As it must look good, just ask Dave Kent, he and the boys spent a lot of time with this as you have to have all the bends and curves in the right places and they must look good, and as Dave Kent is a bit of a perfectionist well all I can say is that yes it did look good Dave. Harry was very happy with the effort. I was very pleased to see that Dave Bennie, Dick, Ron and Dave Kent are willing to put themselves out like that, as Harry said "what are friends for". Well Harry that is what friends are for to give up there time for others, and for them to come all the way from Mandurah well that is great, good on you guys. With the help of you all Harry will get his car on the road by Feb 2006. Why the boys were working on the car I went and had a talk to Harry's Wife Colleen, she was saying that with all of this help and encouragement from all of the boys coming over and helping him on his car, it's like he has that spark back in his eyes, and he is really pumped about building his car again and it is so nice to see that, as he had lost interest in building his car and she did not know what to do to give him back that spark. So she would like to say thank you to all that is involved. I would also like to add that Harry cooks a mean B .B .Q. thanks Harry. Well as you can see from the pictures above the car is looking very nice and coming along very well, so to all of you guys keep up the good work and good on you for putting in the effort well done.

Fremantle Prison 09/09/05

The plan was to meet at the Sail & Anchor at 6 pm for a meal, and some drinks, Dave and I were the first to arrive, followed by Colin and Naomi Hall, Sue Payne and Murray Neindoif, then Dave Bennie and gang , Harry turned up with his grandson, and then Brian and Sue Plank. So it was time to get stuck into a very nice meal and some nice cold drinks and a chat. Around 7.20 we started our small walk up to the Prison and I must say it was a very cold walk to. Just as we almost got to the prison we were joined by Rob Payne, he had other things to do before the prison tour. When we got to the prison we were all very cold . We had around 10 min's before the tour started when someone said that was a information center to our right and it was very warm in side, so a you could imagine we all made a dash inside. Ah yes it was very warm inside, but it was also filled with a lot of good information and memorabilia, we were glad we went in, as it was very interesting, but it was time to go out into the cold again as the tour was about to start. So we made our way out back into the cold and yes it was very bloody cold. Then we were introduced to our tour guide, after a brief talk we went on our way, to the first place that the prisoners were taken to, this is also where we got our little torches (that we were told we would need) then on with the tour we went. One of the first things we were told was that yes the prison is haunted, well that put the fears up most of us, then we went into the first section, the kitchen and dinning rooms. From their we went into the first cell block, and why we were all standing listening to our tour guide, she was explaining to us the reason why there was a safety net above our heads, they had to put that there as some of the prisoners would jump from the second or third floor and try and commit suicide, just then we heard a scream and a body fell onto the net and I can tell you I for one sh-t my self a long with a lot of others and Harry's grandson whom was right under the net well you should have seen his face, he had this terrified look on his face mind you so did I, I must admit. You should have seen all of the torches come on and point up and to our surprise it was a dummy, thank god. But I can tell you we were all on the look out for the next scare. From there we went to look at some of the cells, and I can tell you I was so glad that I was not a prisoner in prison, they were so small and cold and the beds, well as you can see from the photos they were not the most comfortable beds we have seen. You should see the paintings, as a therapy and for good behavior some of the prisoners were allowed to do things in there cells, and some of them did paintings and as you can see below some of them were very good painters.





We also went in to the yard where they used to punish the prisoners by whipping them. The tour guide asked for two volunteers to demonstrate the whipping, and this young girl stood forward and then dragged her boyfriend forward, so the guide asked who wanted to be whipped and the young lady said me. So she was put in position and then the boyfriend started to whip her, and I think she was really enjoying it, and I must say so were some of the men watching as they did not stop talking about it. Get over it boys. We then went into the solitary confinement and I must say that I thought that the other

cells were small but these took the cake by far. While we were standing there you would not believe it, but the door to one of the cells burst open and out came a man, shouting “what the hell do you all think you are doing”, “the one place a man thought he could get piece and quiet would be solitary confinement, and then all of you come in and make all of that noise”. He went on to tell us all about solitary confinement, how you could be in there for weeks with no contact with anyone, but if you went in to what they called the number one cell right and the front, that was worse, as that is where you put if you were to be hung. You would be put in there for two hours and then the door would open and they would take you for a one minute walk and that is all it took before you were in the hanging chamber. Then that was it, it was all over red rover, we went into the hanging chamber and it was very eerie , I could not wait to get out of there. We then went on to the next block, that seemed to be much cleaner and not so cold, the cells were a little better to, we were led up to the second floor to see the cell that they held Moondyne Joe in. Moondyne Joe was first arrested in 1848 in this time he escaped many times, as Moondyne Joe was well known for escaping from prison. They put him into a cell that was lined on the floors, ceiling, and walls, he was also chained around his legs, hands, and neck so that he could not escape, but during this confinement Joe’s health began to suffer. On the order of the doctor, he was given daily exercise breaking stones in a prison yard near the perimeter wall; the broken rock was supposed to be removed at the end of each day, but his guards overlooked this procedure. Slowly the pile of rock grew so that it obscured him as he worked. At 5 pm on 7 March when the guards checked, Joe had cut a hole through the west wall at the front of the Prison letting himself to the back yard of Superintendent Lefroy’s house which backed up against the Prison wall. From there he passed through an unlocked side door to the front of the Prison ... (and)... a safe transit to the neighboring bush”. He remained at large for almost two years despite extensive searching soon after his escape. On 25 February 1869 Joe broke into Houghton’s vineyard in the Swan Valley. Unknown to Joe, police officers were at work nearby recovering the body of a man, the victim of a drowning. Joe hid in the vineyard cellars waiting for his chance to make off with stolen goods, once the coast was clear. Unluckily for him, a 1 am on the 26 February the owner of the vineyard brought the police officers back to the cellars for a social drink, a reward for their work in recovering the body of the drowned man. Dashing past the owner and trying to escape, Joe literally ran into the surprised long arms of the law as they were about to enter the cellar. Joe said I don’t know who was more surprised them or me, shortly after his recapture he was charged with escaping from legal custody and sentenced to twelve months additional imprisonment in irons, six months to which were to be passed in strict separate confinement. Joe made his final escape on 13 August, but he died and was buried on 15 August in a pauper’s grave that can still be seen at Fremantle Cemetery.



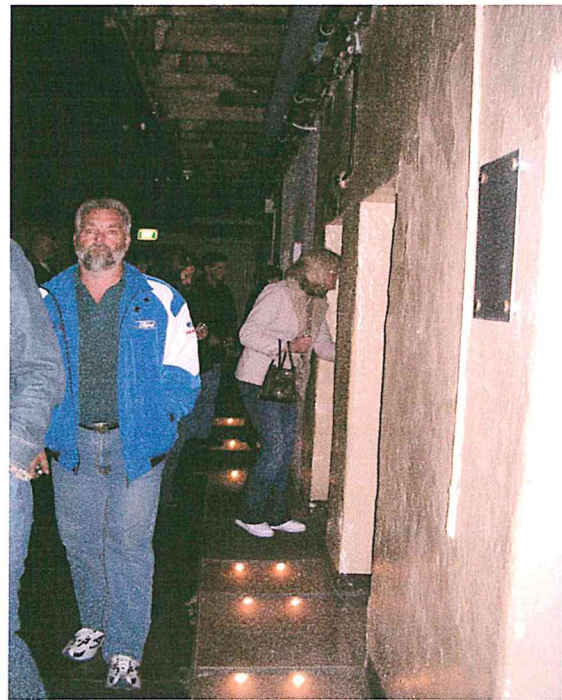
This is the inside of Moondyne Joe's cell



We also went in to the prison chapel of which is haunted , but a very nice chapel. That is were the tour finished our tour guide thanked us for coming and we thanked her for scaring us half to death. From there we went back down to the cappuccino strip for a nice hot cuppa and some nice cake. But where we stopped did not sell cake, so Rob Payne and I ran across the road to get some cake, when we got back our cupper was already waiting for us, so we go stuck right it to it. Some of the others had pizza that looked good to, well as the night went on it got colder and colder so we decided to call it a night so we all went on our way. Thought's go out to all those who did not go on the prison tour, you missed a really good night, and I recommend that you do it, it is really interesting. And I would like to thank all that came and made it a really good night.



This is the man who told The story of Moondyne Joe.



Sue Payne looking in one of the cells



Some of the guys getting stuck into dinner And Harry's grandson looking very happy

Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?

If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a song about him?

Why do people point to their wrist when asking for the time, but don't point to their crotch when they ask where the bathroom is?

Why does your OB-GYN leave the room when you get undressed if they are going to look up there anyway?

Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!

If Wile E. Coyote had enough money to buy all that Acme crap, why didn't he just buy dinner?

If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

Why do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him on a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

Does pushing the elevator button more than once make it arrive faster?

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

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