THE SNAKESKIN

A classic is a vehicle that creates an emotional response and reflects pride of ownership.

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COBRA CAR CLUB OF WA Inc.

Now that the winter months are approaching, Cobra activities tend to go on the back burner as crystal balling the weather more susceptible to error, and makes for planning open car activities difficult. The Shed run listed but some volunteers needed to provide venues for the action. So if you have a beast under construction, let all the experts peruse your handiwork! Let's see a few more contribu-

tors.....

Editors Ramblings......

Have you been standing in a group talking and someone says, "what ever happened to; or, where are they now?"

Just recently I took a look at the club register, and while we get up to thirty members at club meets and functions, many of our members, some originals and some new guys, we never see. Sure, we have ten or so country members, but there also must be around twenty metro guys we need if only to fill seats on clubruns. It's your club too, and as we're all on the same side let's see you soon. I'd like to see that.

Talking of attendances, our club run entries are on the improve, a few times we have had up to eight cars in the lineup. All we need now is a few extras to ride shotgun and we're on a winner. Maybe altenating Saturday and Sunday is working.

There have been a few changes within the club since our last Snakeskin. Terry Lovell and Harry Mac have relinquished their positions due to work commitments and John Harper and Peter Coleman have replaced them as Secretary and Captain to year end. WELL DONE guys......!!

At this point in time the day at the Powerhouse Circuit has failed to materialise. What happened? I was under the impression it was all go and then......nothing. Well fellow members, if you want things to happen, you will have to ask, because I heard that as "we would only get two or three cars there" it went in the too hard basket. The people who organise these events need confirmation that they are on the right track. Let them know you will / will not, be there. Or stay asleep.

Maybe time to duck for cover. Cheers, Rob Keene......Editor.

ት President's Piece

Not a lot of action on our club front but things are progressing and we have shared some good times since the last Snakeskin. The March club meeting had a good roll-up to our BBQ and we were fortunate to gain two new members. The downside of the night was the resignation of our Secretary Harry Mac, due to work committments just doesn't have time. I would like to thank him for the job he has done this year, and my appreciation to Brian Plank and John Harper for their offer to fill-in until the AGM.

Our Club again had a stand at the Classic Car Show, at Whiteman Park held on the 9th April. Numbers this year were down to seven cars on display, including two of our new people. Our designated area was occupied by another club, but we ended up in a better position any way, down by the lake. The day turned out really well, under some shady trees, socialising, and general

chit-chat. CONGRATULATIONS to the show-ers. Nice to see some ladies there.

During the day we had a few tyre kickers and time-wasters, but some lookers were genuinely interested.

We had a visit from none other than Peter Briggs and his wife, and as a result he offered the loan of his original 427SC [REAL ONE] for display at the 2001 Show. Something to work on for next year.

It was interesting to sometimes mingle with the crowd and listen to the "experts", expounding their knowledge [usually incorrect] about the cars, to their wives / girl-friends / mates. Quote " there were only 100 of these ever made and they are worth \$1M each". Dream on......And we had SEVEN on display.

Seeya at the next meet on Wednesday 26th. Yeah, that's right tonight.

Regards, Graham.



There have been a number of sorties into the hinterland since the last Snakeskin. Seems so long ago that I'll have to revert to the calendar. Two days later and STILL looking.....

At last, the good oil. All will be revealed to those who seek. [But does it always have to take so long].

At the January Clubmeet a suggestion that other members may like to put a run together, so Brian Plank stepped in to do the task, providing I [BP],can use a Cobra. No worries, says yours truly, use mine. [That locked him in!!] An early start again seemed to be the way to go and seven fronted at Maccas, Forrestfield, on Sunday 13th. Top day we all had, down through Bannister for breakfast then on to Dwellingup, Pinjarra, and back via Rockingham, arriving home just before it really warmed up around midday. WELL DONE Brian! [PS. Wayne, next time fillup before.] On the tour were: Gary, Murray, Keith, Tony, Brian S., Brian P. and Wayne.

A twilight run was planned for Saturday March 11th, meeting at Hilary's Boat Harbour, around 7pm, heading south along the coast to Port Beach and the Surf Cafe. A lack of communication seems to have taken place and only three people turned out. Pity as the weather was excellent and this scenario is Cobra driving at it's best: a warm summer night cruzing down the coast. As good as it gets.

Avon Valley via the West Dale Road was the run for April and a group headed off on Saturday 11th. Weather perfect but roadworks near Brookton made life a bit grubby. It seems someone missed the West Dale turnoff. Near the wheatbin. Oh well.....

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April Wed 26th May 14th

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Wed 28th June June 10th July Wed 26th July Shed Run

Clubrun Clubrun TBA. Family Dinner TBA.

Already new millenium provided some excellent spectaculars for the Rev-heads amongst The AGP Melbourne, a must-do-itonce event that is everything you would expect and more; Adelaide Production GT cars: V8 Supercars at Barbagello; Grand Finale Claremont Speedway; the Motorsport Expo at Belmont; culminating in th Auto-Expo at Burswood held just last weekend. What a feast. If you can't be at allof-em at least

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As we are trying to improve our communication with you, our members, it would be appreciated if you could advise the Snakeskin if your address/entry is incorrect or not listed. This way you can be contacted faster cheaper and easier. Sounds to good to be true but "trust me" this is fact. Get an Email address soon, and when you have, tell us about it.

VALE

ROBERT THOMAS SHANNON 1951-2000.

It is with regret that the "Snakeskin" notes the passing of the founder and principal of Shannons Insurance, Robert Shannon, on Monday, before the Melbourne AGP in March. A well known benefactor of the classic car movement, and other automotive categories, his enthusiasm for historic and classic vehicles was unsurpassed. Shannons Insurance was a sponsor at our 1999 Cobra Car Club of WA, Fremantle Show'n'Shine. Shannons are synonamous with quality classic car auctions, the first taking place in 1981. Their Classic Car Insurance policies have provided owners of these vehicles, cover at realistic prices.

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