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EDITOR'S NOTE

Hello and welcome, with spring in the air it was time to get out and about, and so it's been a very busy couple of months for members of the Small Ford Car Club. Starting with a very important event that was held to help raise funds for former Club President and founder Roy Rogers and his fight with cancer. The generosity of fellow club members and staff at StarTrack (where he works) was outstanding for what is obviously a worthy cause.

One of the biggest events on our calendar is All Ford Day. We had one of our biggest displays ever with 48 cars on show, a very well organised event due to all the volunteers from all the clubs that help out on the day. Congratulations to Garry and Greg who represented our club in the concourse on the day.

The Shannon's Eastern Creek Classic proved to be yet another popular day with 15 members on the day showing off their skills on the track, and with all reports everybody involved had a get day and we will be certainly including it again next year.

The Calabria family are at it again with what's happening in my garage, but this time it ain't a Capri it's a mk1 Cortina. The boys give us an insight with a story and pics, look out for it as it will be hitting the streets shortly. All British Day was another great success, we had over 30 cars on display at The Kings School which holds the event. A very popular event as not only is it a car show but it is the school Fair which has something for the whole family. Amusement rides and games for the kids, arts and crafts, produce and wine tasting to keep the ladies entertained.

Once again Peter Meyer shares another story of his recent travels to the UK. So please feel free to send in any pictures or stories related to small fords so I can feature them in the magazine.

In this Edition we cover;

- Roy Rogers Fundraiser
- All Ford Day
- Shannon's Eastern Creek Classic
- What's happening in my garage
- Peter Meyers story
- All British Day

Adrian



*The magazine is provided to all members to enjoy, your contribution and feedback is much appreciated.
Please forward any suggestions to editor@smallfordclub.com.au*

EVENTS CALENDAR

2018

January

No Meeting

February

Sunday 4th
Wednesday 7th
Sunday 11th
Sat 17th - Sun 18th

Small Ford Sunday [Victoria] *
Club Meeting
Paceway Cars & Coffee Penrith
Gnoo Blas Classic Car & Bike Show [Orange] *

March

Sunday 4th
Wednesday 7th
Sunday 11th
Sunday 25th

Club Swap Meet
Club Meeting
Kidsfix Mystery Run*
South Coast Cruise/Picnic

April

Wednesday 4th
Sunday 15th
Sunday 29th

Club Meeting
Bus Museum Guided Tour
Economy Run

May

Wednesday 2nd
Sunday 6th
Sunday 13th
Saturday 19th

Club Meeting
Wings Over Illawarra [Air Display & Car Show]*
Paceway Cars & Coffee Penrith
C.A.P. Club Display Day*

June

Sunday 3rd
Wednesday 6th
Sat 9th - Sun 10th

Motorkhana
Club Meeting
Henry Lawson Festival, Grenfell Mid West [Weekend Away]

July

Wednesday 4th
Sunday 15th
Saturday 28th
Sunday 29th

Club Meeting - [Membership Renewal Due]
Track Day, Marulan Dirt & Tar Circuit
All Ford Day Super Swap Meet - Sydney Dragway*
All Ford Day Car Show - Sydney Dragway*

August

Wednesday 1st
Sunday 12th

AGM Club Meeting - [Committee Elections]
Shannons Classic - Sydney Motorsport Park*

September

Wednesday 5th
Sunday 23rd

Club Meeting
All British Day - Kings School North Parramatta*

October

Wednesday 3rd
Sunday 14th

Club Meeting
SFCC Mountain Cruise

November

Fri 2nd - Sun 4th
Wednesday 7th
Sunday 11th

Capri & Classic Small Ford Muster [Canberra]*
Club Meeting
SFCC Annual Concours' & Display Day

December

Wednesday 5th
Saturday 8th

Club Meeting
Club Christmas Party [Australian Botanic Garden Mt Annan]

Dates and Events are subject to change.
* Denotes invites from other car clubs.

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Roy Rogers Benefit Night

On the 17th August a special fund raising night was held at Halden House Lakemba to help Roy Rogers who is currently battling cancer.

For those new members who don't know Roy, without him our club wouldn't exist, he was one of our founding members and former president for many years. StarTrack, Roy's employer, provided a great night with guest speakers hosting games & auctions with prizes to help raise funds, plenty of food and drink was enjoyed by over 200 guests.

Along with Louise, Genna and Roy's other family members we also had club members sharing stories of Roy's long dedication to the Small Ford Car Club and his love for T-series Cortinas. Over the years a lot of friendships have developed through what Roy has started and for that we are forever grateful. We wish Roy all the best in the future and we hope he will beat the challenges ahead. We look forward to seeing him out and about in the future.

*Yours in fours
Adrian*



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Shannons Eastern Creek Classic

This year the Club decided to attend the Shannon's Eastern Creek Classic for the first time in a number of years. It was held at Sydney Motorsport Park on Sunday 12th August with 15 small Fords in attendance on what started out as rather brisk cold morning. By lunchtime though it had warmed up and the large number of spectators were appreciating the cars we had on display.

As usual, we had a good variety of models on display and surprisingly the T – series Cortina's almost outnumbered the Mk1 Escorts. The "I learnt how to drive in one of these" or "my father had one of these" comments were heard throughout the day from the appreciative crowds.

The actual show is one of the largest shows with over 1700 classic cars on display. Part of the program is for all the cars and clubs to get onto the track for a gentle lap around the circuit at various times of the day. Our Club's scheduled drive was around 1.00pm so everyone jumped into their cars and headed out onto the track. Luckily, for us our display area was behind the main grandstand rather than in the pit area of the track, so we actually got to do two laps of the circuit.

This was great not only for those who attended, but our photographer got the chance to take some great action shots of our cars as they stormed down the main straight in formation. Everyone agreed that they had a terrific time and would be back for next year. The Club only purchased 15 tickets for this event which were all snapped up quickly so we will definitely put this event back on the calendar and purchase more tickets for next year.

Thanks to Steve Lansley, our CMC delegate, who gives up his time to represent our club at their meetings and helped organise this great event for us.



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SMALL FORD CAR CLUB OF NSW

Concours' & Display Day

SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2018

9AM - 2PM

CAMDEN SHOWGROUND
ARGYLE ST, CAMDEN



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All Ford Day 2018

Held on Sunday 28th July, the All Ford Day meant one of the biggest shows of the year had arrived, and once again, the club was definitely flying the flag for small Fords with 48 cars on display. The All Ford Day is organised by the Combined Ford Clubs (CFC) of NSW of which our club is a member. We are actually one of the larger clubs in the CFC so our display area was rather central and placed next to the Concourse & Preservation Cars area. The gates for display cars are opened at 7.00am but several of our members turned up at 6.30am to help set up our club display.

Being part of the CFC means our Club helps with organising and running the day. We actually look after the parking of all the pre-paid car clubs who attend the event, which ties up our delegate Theo and his parking helpers Adrian, Alex and Paul for the morning.

Phil, Jim and Dave were also early to help set up our own club display, which as it turned out, was a challenge as we filled our allocated area and quickly ran out of room. We had to squeeze in some cars as the final members arrived at the show, so we will definitely have to ask for more space next year.

Our Club display was very impressive with again a wide mix of cars on show. There were plenty of spectators checking them out all day long. Many of the cars on our display were appearing for the first time so it was terrific to see a lot of new members turn up. We hope you enjoyed it and will be joining us on more and more events.

We had two cars represent the club in the concours' display area of the All Ford Day. Gary Newman's Cortina GT500 was in the Concours' DeElegance "Classic" category, while Greg Boscato's TE Cortina was in the Preservation "Classic" category. Unfortunately, Greg missed out on a trophy, but Gary's car was awarded third place in his class. This is an amazing achievement as that particular class is the one featuring all the high-end restorations of GT Falcons and Mustangs. Congratulations Gary, well deserved.

There are two other trophies handed out on the day, which are awarded to the best cars on our display, these trophies are actually judged by other CFC clubs. Moreover, it would seem that the judges enjoy motorsports, as the winners were Matthew Hemming's MK1 Escort racecar and Alex Bakasetas' Mk2 Escort dragcar. Both cars are actually red so maybe the judges like red cars, regardless congratulations to both Matt and Alex.

The other very pleasing aspect of the day was that our club won a trophy for Best CFC Club Display, so well done to all the members who displayed on the day and thanks to the early birds who parked up the cars and helped make the award possible. We will have to ask for more tickets to next year's show to defend our title.



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Trophy Winners



*Garry Newman - Mk1 Cortina GT500
"Third Place" Concours d'Elegance*



*Greg Boscato - TE Cortina
Preservation Classic*



Alex Bakasetas - Mk2 Escort



Matt Hemmings - Mk1 Escort

Top Judged Club Cars - as judged by the All Ford Day organisers

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All British Day

The All British Day is an annual event held at The Kings School, North Parramatta. This year's show was on Sunday the 23rd of September and is the largest show in Australia dedicated to all the British marques.

The weather was perfect with clear sunny skies early in the morning as our organising delegate Hilton greeted us on our arrival. From across the football fields we could hear his booming voice yelling at some of us for parking in the wrong spot. Oops sorry, good morning Hilton.

Before long, all our members had arrived where we were able to spread out across our allocated area and put on a great display for the large crowds we were expecting. With 35 cars on display, there was again a great range of small Fords to admire. From lovely original spec Cortinas and Escorts to sportier versions like Lotus' and bubble arched Escorts, through to some different versions of Sierras and Capris and on to the modern Fiesta and RS Focus.

The crowds grew throughout the day with many stopping to look, take pictures and more importantly ask plenty of questions about the cars. The crowds really do appreciate our cars, yes, we know we are biased, but the range of colours alone makes our cars stand out more among the expensive but dull looking Rolls, Bentleys and Jags.

Like the Shannon's show the previous month, it was pleasing to see a number of T-Series Cortina's on display. There were also a number of new members showing their cars for the first time, whilst other new and old members came along to the show for a look and to say hello. Overall, the All British Day is always good value with plenty to see and do on the day so we will be back again next year. Thanks to all the members who came along and displayed on the day. A big thank you also to our British Day delegate Hilton, who was able to organise some extra tickets and more importantly a larger area for the Club to display.



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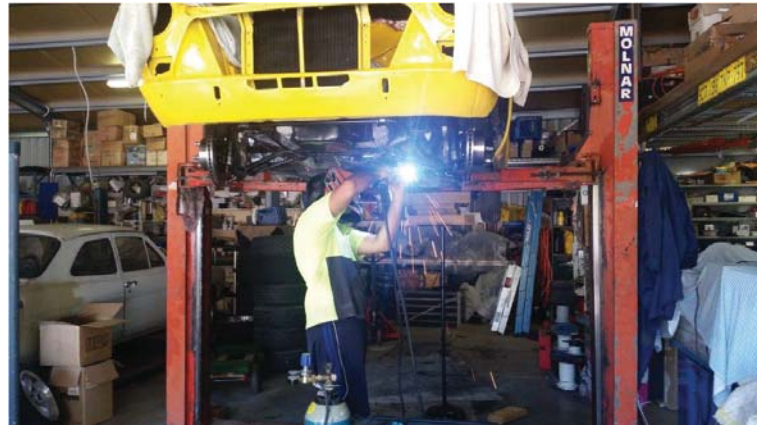
John & David's Mk1 Cortina



I purchased yellow 1965 4 door Mk 1 Cortina off ebay in December 2015. Soon as I got it home David claimed it so we set about restoring it.

It had a badly rusted LHS sill due to being left in an old carport for 15 years but otherwise virtually rust free.

Previously it was owned by someone who tried to make a show car as everything was chromed. The elements over 15 years did not help so all the chrome had pitted. A new LHS sill panel came with the car so this was welded in. We also Welded up all the extra holes in the engine bay, and prepared the body ready for paint.



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The body was sent away & painted in 2 pack Ford 'Yellow Ochre'. Once painted we started reassembling the car.



At the recent SFCC swap meet we picked up a brand new rear bumper, taillight assemblies & other bits & pieces. The interior was left as when we bought it – it had a custom trim which was ok. Mechanically it already had a 1600 KENT motor – the motor had been recond over 15 years ago with minimal km so we stripped it down replaced all gaskets, water pump, thermostat etc.



The car still needs minor work – door mirrors, windscreen chrome insert strips, front quarter window rubbers. The car drives well & is fun, it definitely gets noticed being bright yellow.

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AVO NATIONAL DAY, LCR NATIONAL DAY AND TWO GRAND PRIX, and a Greek Wedding! Story by: Peter Meyer

Sometimes I really land on my feet. Although I'm technically retired, I still do a bit for the business that carries my name and a couple of years ago a really good customer invited us to his wedding on the Greek Island of Folegandros in 2018. I nominated to take Helen and represent the family. Strike 1! A few months on and I was looking at dates for what was around the wedding and I realized it was lodged right between the French Grand Prix at the Paul Richard circuit (first time in 20 years but more of that to follow) and the British Grand Prix at Silverstone. Strike 2! Now to work out how to break that news to she who must be obeyed.

While I was contemplating this, I discovered that the Ford AVO (Advanced Vehicle Operation) National Day was the weekend before the French Grand Prix! And to make it just impossible to resist The Lotus Cortina National Day was just two hours away at Brooklands on the same day.....Strike 3.

Could I really pull all this off? Of course I could!

So I booked to leave Sydney (with Helen) on the 15th June, arriving in the UK on Saturday 16th in the morning in time to drive the two hours to Hatton near Birmingham in time for their AGM the AVO club on Saturday afternoon. I am a member of AVO UK. When I arrived at the field of play, there were several cars already in evidence plus a number of traders setting up. I was in heaven. I'd spoken to a number of the members on the AVO forum in the process of buying my RS1600 but never met them in person, they were very welcoming. Also, Stage1 Motorsport who are well known to Lotus Cortina and RS Escort owners, and who I'd spoken to regularly and even visited on my earlier trip to UK, had a big display. And I had my shopping list.

So I attended the AGM. Interesting how they run their club. About 60 members in attendance. Nothing earth shattering but I was there. Lots of talk and checking out cars and parts before heading back to our hotel for dinner and some sleep. It had been a long day.

My plan for the next day was to be up early and hit the traders before some of the rarer bits disappeared, have a look at the cars on show, naturally, and then drive the two hours to Brooklands to catch up with the Lotus Cortina Register of which I am the Australian representative.

Wayne the Champion had been over my car pretty thoroughly at the CAP Club Ettamogah day and I had a list of hard to source parts that he assured me I would find at AVO day. Bits like the plastic covers that go over the inside of the tail lights. Like the two metal brackets that go underneath the battery tray at the back of the car. Like the plastic fuel drain that goes under the back of an AVO car to take overflow and fumes to the outside and not into the boot of the car. Like a new grill. I can't tell you what I bought. I found a sticker to go on my Escort jack. I also collected the new AVO plate and id plate I'd had made by a member. Plus lots of tricky little bits and pieces. I was in ecstasy! Except for the 4 wheel caps that I bought for Wayne for £100 only to see them at another trader for £50 and he made me take the expensive ones back and buy him the cheaper ones!

Then to the cars, there were some outstanding cars and because it was celebrating 50 years of the MK1 Twin Cam there were over 20 in attendance. An absolute smorgasbord of pristine restorations to original unmolested cars. And everybody happy to talk about them and super friendly because I was from down under.

Lots of questions about how's our Wayne. And of course, a few people that Wayne had particularly suggested I speak to. It was a great experience and all to soon I had to leave.

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I made the run to Brooklands in around the expected two hours. I'd attended this particular event the year before as it turns out and I did already know a few members of LCR. Another great display of cars although not quite as extensive as AVO. There were a number of other car clubs having displays and Brooklands in itself, being one of the oldest race tracks in the world is steeped in history.

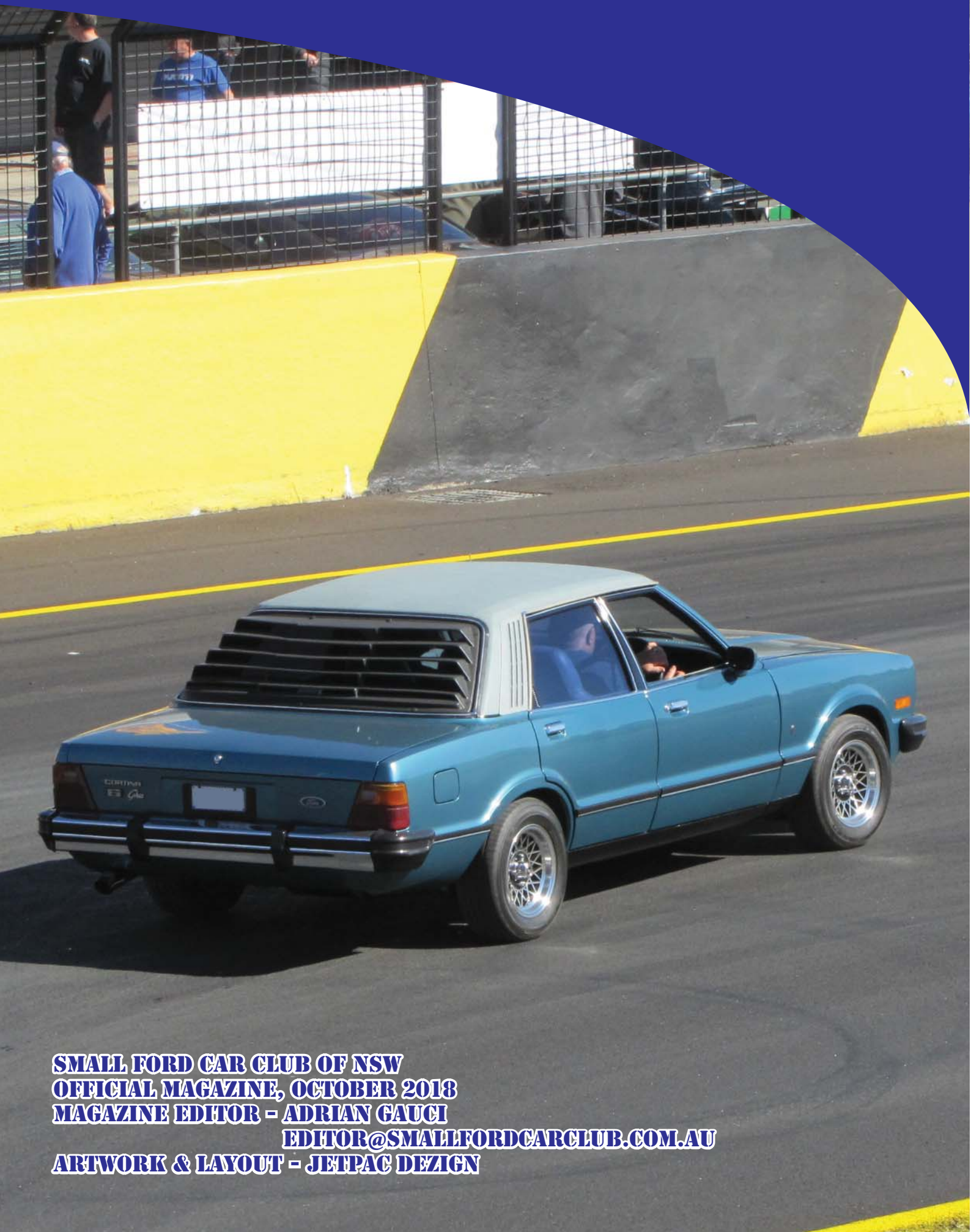
I was granted the impressive honor of presenting the trophies for the Lotus Cortina Register concourse and no, Geoff Bayliss didn't win this time! It was still a great display and most enjoyable and welcoming for Helen and me.

After leaving Brooklands we drove back to a friend's house in Forest Row in preparation for our next day flight to Nice. I won't go into great details about the French Grand Prix because I know you're more interested in the cars I saw, but I'd be remiss not to tell you it was a great race. Joey Mawson, a young Australian driver is acquitting himself really well in GP3 which is a F1 support class and of course Daniel Ricciardo is the name on everyone's lips at present. The traffic in and out of the circuit was a farce. Bad enough on the Saturday but on the Sunday, to get the 20km to the track and find a parking spot it was necessary to leave for the track at about 8.00am, for the race that started at 4.00pm. Parking was in the "bush" around the circuit and €45 for the privilege. Really a joke. There were people directing us where to park but if you can imagine mulga scrub with some clear areas and 10,000 cars randomly parked amongst them.

Getting in was ok because we were early. Getting out was impossible. We actually sat for two hours without moving. And then it started to rain. And really rain. Total lack of planning. There were people wandering around looking for their cars in the rain and hundreds of cars just sitting. And when we eventually got to the peripheral roads the one to Marseilles had a 10km queue. Fortunately, we were going to Toulon so it wasn't as bad. Would I do it again? Maybe.....I did learn a lot.

The British Grand Prix at Silverstone was a much more civilized event and a great race to boot. The Greek wedding was sensational but if you ever contemplate carrying an Escort Grill in your travels plus your normal luggage, I wouldn't recommend it!





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