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Editorial

WELCOME to the new members who are listed in the "Notebook" in this issue - add them to your Club Register. There are also two more restored vehicles to add to the list. So, a total of 88 members with 115 Model A Fords (60 of which are restored).

YOUR Secretary/Treasurer and your Editor have deserted you again but left you all in the more-than-capable hands of LOUISE READ who will, no doubt, look after you even better. Where have they both gone? On another Volunteer Assignment - this time to Western Samoa for about six weeks, then to the New Zealand Model A Ford National Meet. After that it's all a bit vague but there is another Assignment in The Kingdom of Tonga in July and the possibility of two more in the middle. Although the Sharps are actually working 7-days-a-week, this quote by J. B. Priestly probably sums up their position:-

"A good holiday is one spent among people whose notions of time are vaguer than our own."

Which actually makes the situation extremely frustrating rather than relaxing!

The point being that you may wish to consider alternative individuals who spend more time in Australia for the positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Editor at the elections during the AGM in July.

The AGM is actually only 5 months away.

President LAUREL will have served her two year term and has indicated that she feels it is time for someone else to take up the steering wheel. So, thinking caps on please for a change of office-bearers come July.



Sunday, March 14 - Avon Valley Vintage & Classic Fair - Northam
Assemble at Midland Centre Point car park at 7.45am for 8am departure

OFFICE BEARERS: President: LAUREL COOKE [REDACTED] Relief Secretary/Treasurer: LOUISE READ [REDACTED]
Vice-President: ANGELO CALLEJA [REDACTED] Vehicle Examiner: STEVE READ [REDACTED] Editor: LOUISE READ [REDACTED]

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Saturday, March 6, 1993

Big Al's Poker Run

\$16 per car - Give-aways and trophies. McCallum Park 11am -3pm
Run starts at 4pm - mystery destination.

Sunday, March 14, 1993

Official Club run to Avon Valley Vintage & Classic Fair at Northam.
Meet at Midland Centre Point car park at 7.45am for 8am departure.
Current participants, family: BENNIE, COOKE, READ, D. BLEWETT,
CALLEJA, PARIN.

Contact Secretary LOUISE now if you would like to join in so she can
advise the organisers in Northam to make arrangements,
A good run and an interesting day - be there.

Sunday, March 21, 1993

Classic Car Show - Whiteman Park. Not an official Club event so
contact the Combined Car Club if you wish to enter privately.

Saturday/ Sunday, March 27/28, 1993

TracMac - Wyalkatchem - phone ALAN SMITH for information.

April, 1993 - Organised by PEPPER family.

May, 1993 - STEVE READ.

Sunday, June 20, 1993 - SMITH family.

Sunday, July 25, 1993 - Annual General Meeting.

August, 1993 - GUEST family.



ADDITIONS TO CALENDAR AND NOTEBOOK:

The Andrews family are organising a run during the Easter
break - up around Southern Cross area. If you would like to
participate - please phone Ron & Gail on [REDACTED]. NOW !!

The Belvoir Classic is on again: Date , **Sunday April 4, 1993**

Time: 11am to 4pm Venue: Belvoir Valley Amphitheatre -
Licenced Venue - NO BYO food or drinks.

Talent: Elizabeth Sanderson and the Shining Hour.

Cost: \$12 per adult (incl. complimentary bottle of wine per
car (for display cars). Children 15 & under are free.

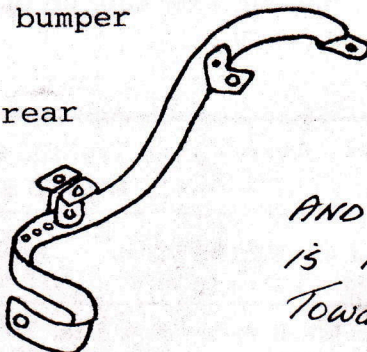
Display cars meet at 10am Causeway Carpark for convoy drive.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS - LETCH family to [REDACTED] Wanneroo.
Phone: [REDACTED] Please alter Register.

WANTED: Roadster rear bumper
brackets '28-29.

Also wanted Roadster rear
mudguard braces.

PHONE: RON ANDREWS
[REDACTED]



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TOWARDS THE REAR.*

MINUTES

meeting held at Ley Street, Como with 32 members, 3 children, 1 visitor, 8 Model A-s

President LAUREL opened the meeting at 8.50am and welcomed country members GEOFF & LINDY INGRAM from Dampier, new members MEL PENN, JOHN & SHIRLEY HALL, prospective members ROBERT & JENNY SCAFIDI and visitor Mike Wringe.

Apologies received from:- families: ANNEAR, BENNIE, CALLEJA, D. BLEWETT, PEPPER, JEFFREE, SMITH, WRINGE, J. RICHARDS, M. SPENCER.

Secretary HELEN read minutes of previous meeting, passed REG BLEWETT/BARRIE GUEST.

Business arising:- Decided to order restoration books from MAFCA.
VCC sale of parts still planned - on February 21 open day.
ALAN SMITH still has parts available and may take those still at JOHN LUCA's factory to the farm in Wongan.

Treasurer reported a total financial balance of \$13,118.34. One account received for renewal of Public Liability insurance taken out during National Meet - decided to cancel.

Secretary read correspondence from:- S.A. Rally, Avon Valley Fair, Beehive Industries, VidPro, 96FM, COLIN DAVIDSON, Postfair Pty Ltd.

General Business - BEVAN reported that:- 1. The CCC were disappointed that we would not have a display at Classic Car Show. 2. Noalimba management had received complaints about our cars and the night security lighting. 3. Maurice Brockwell had phoned to discuss the mistaken belief that Model A Fords attending our National Meet had been stopped at the SA/WA border and turned back if they did not have a full or WA Concessional Licence. 4. Read highlights from the CCC Minutes and tabled copy of letter from Federal Parliament denying any "Plan to take old cars off the road."

Events:- JIM WILLIAMS and JOHN McLEAN working on a Wildflower Run in mid-September for about a week staying at motels and Stations. Contact JIM for details.

LAUREL to contact KELVIN PEPPER about a date and details for a run in April and discuss if for Easter or just a day run somewhere.

Details on other runs as in the Calendar. LAUREL mentioned that the AGM was in July and asked members to consider a complete change of office-bearers.

Bits & Pieces:- JOHN HALL asked about greasing his Model A. JIM WILLIAMS advised that an adaptor was available for a grease gun or to change the nipples for modern ones.

RAY MAHONY has 3 x 21-in bald tyres suitable to use while working on a restoration to give away; he is seeking a good exhaust manifold.

BARRIE GUEST is looking for a crank handle.

Possible names to date for the S.A. National:- ANDREWS, DAVIDSON, BENNIE, WILLIAMS, GUEST, READ, KIRKWOOD, COOKE, LAURIE, HALL, SHARP, SMITH, CHAMBERLAIN, COWLIN, J. TEALE. A meeting to be arranged at a later date to discuss plans.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.50am.

LONG WEEKEND JAUNT TO KIRUP AND SURROUNDS

Participants for the weekend were: Steve & Matthew Read with friend; Gail, Ron & Wade Andrews and friend; Rita & Tony Parin; Reg & Coral Blewett, Alma & Ross Letch, Darren & Germaine, Leanne & Chris (in a modern), Linda & Alex Kirkwood; Edith & Alan Jeffree and Gail & Alan Duns and girls drove up from Manjimup to join us.

The Perth group left Pioneer World at 9:30 am on Saturday morning, along with Don & Vi Philp and four/five other VCC members who were heading for the Boyanup Gymkhana. We headed down the SW Highway and stopped at the Burekup Vintage Fair for lunch. While there, we lined our cars up with the local exhibits and went off to look at the impressive displays and working models. At around 1:30pm we left Burekup and journeyed on down the SW Highway to Kirup - arriving approx. 3:30pm.

Mike and John Wringe, our hosts for the weekend, had gone to a lot of trouble to instal a hot water shower, hand basin and toilet. It was almost like home !! A couple of families opted for tents and the rest spread out over the shearing shed floor. (They didn't know Steve Read snores!)

Mike & Chris took our party to the four corners of the farm for a looksee. It's surprising how many people can cram onto a small flat top farm trailer. There are certainly some steep hills on the property. On one of these jaunts Ron and Steve both found out the 'shocking' way that electric fences do carry a thrill - (I mean current!).

One extra steep hill fascinated Steve so much he took up the challenge in his Roadster (with three other foolhardy passengers). Roadster made it to the top - full power in low gear - then it was hard on the brakes on the rather fast trip back down. (Were the two in the back standing up for a better view or ready to jump out!?)

Sunday saw the group head off on a 100 mile scenic tour through Kirup, Balingup, Bridgetown, Nannup and back to Kirup. The run took us through picturesque farmland and lots of Jarrah forest. Lunch stop was in a small Karri patch close to Nannup. Dora & Max Annear found us while we were in Nannup and we had our usual "A" Model chat.

Sunday evening saw most of us sitting around an old fence post fire, doing the usual things, downing warmers, and enjoying one another's company. Spies informed up of Alex Kirkwood's birthday so out came an icecream cake, which he had no option but to share with the rest of us as part of the BBQ evening meal.

Monday arrived too quickly and after devouring their bacon and eggs, toast etc. for breakfast, the group packed up and headed to Donnybrook. On the way a stop was made at James Wringe's tomato patch where we checked out the seven crew mechanical picking machine and the packing shed.

Special thanks to Mike & John Wringe for the use of their great facilities and also for their friendly hospitality. Let's do it again some time!!

.....JEFFREE & CO

INFORMATION SHEET

13th NATIONAL RALLY

SOUTH AUSTRALIA MARCH 31 - APRIL 4
1994

Time is marching on and plans are well in hand for a great time, all you have to do is turn up.

We anticipate that entry forms will be sent out some time in MARCH/APRIL.

A short rundown on the Rally as planned is

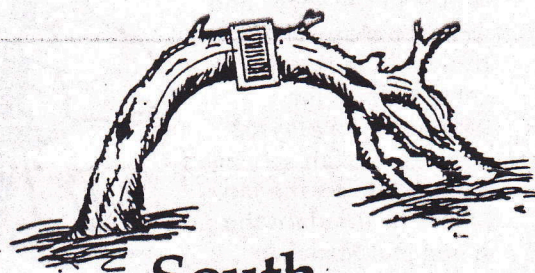
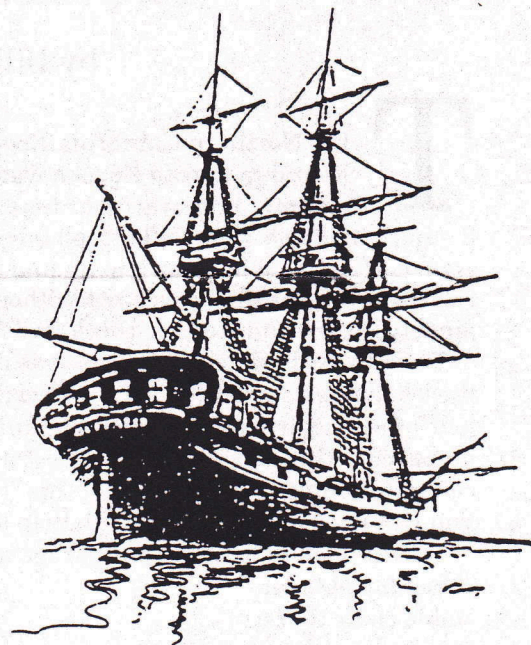
Thursday	March 31	Welcome evening
Friday		Concours judging Technical talks Fashion parade Tours & evening concert !!
Saturday		Mandatory tour to VICTOR HARBOR
Sunday		Gymkana This is to be a State V State competition, so get some practice
		More Tours PRESENTATION DINNER please dress 20's style
Monday		More Tours Farewell evening

We would like to point out that the Rally is being held at GLENELG, a beach suburb some 6 miles from the city of ADELAIDE. The routes planned for the runs during the rally will be away from main stream of traffic, so DONT WORRY about the city traffic. We are aware that some of you are concerned about this fact, but we can assure you that it will NOT be a problem. We plan to send to every entrant an easy entry map to the GLENELG area for your ease of mind.

SEE YOU AT GLENELG MARCH 31 1994 FOR
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GLENELG

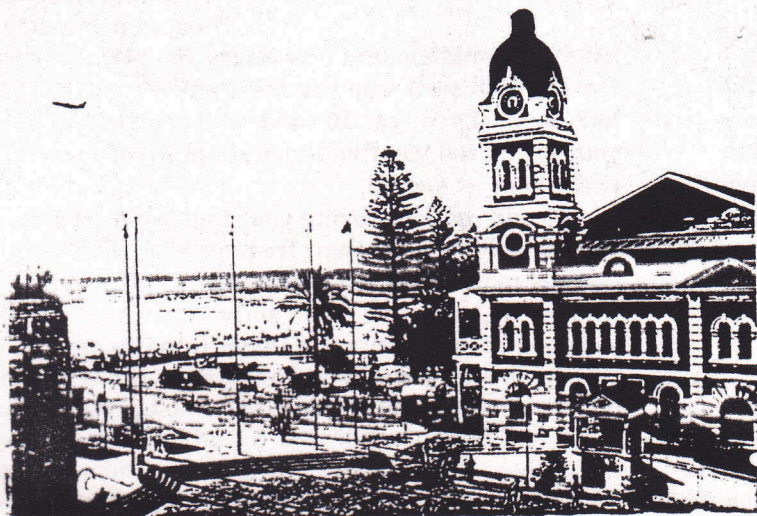
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South Australia's Birthplace

For over a century Glenelg has attracted holidaymakers from within South Australia, interstate and overseas. Glenelg is the State's birthplace - where Governor Hindmarsh first proclaimed the foundation of South Australia in 1836. The tree where that proclamation was read still stands today and can be

viewed along with much of the original architecture of colonial times.



How to enjoy Model A touring in your own home

(Even before you complete restoring your car)

by Bill Cassels, Marin A's, Alameda, CA

THE Northern California Regional Group's Roundup tour to Eureka was our (my wife's and my) first overnight tour of significant distance in which we relied completely on the "A" for transportation. While our trip up and back was relatively uneventful, it was not without a lot of anxiety, worry and stops to check and fix things. It is difficult to explain to anyone who has not taken one of these long tours what it's like - especially for the fearful novice driving an unproven, unreliable car. To prepare for this experience, I suggest a simulation you can try at home to get the feel of this "fun" experience. You will need a sadistic friend to help you.

Clear a small area in your garage and place an uncomfortable, unstable chair there. Place a large loud industrial type fan about five feet in front of you, so it blows into your face as you sit in the chair. If it's hot in the garage, add a heater to the space and wear too many clothes. If it's cold in the garage, dress for summer. Pin playing cards to the fan screen so they flap on the fan blades to simulate the sound of a Model A engine pushing the "A" at 45 m.p.h. Now smear grease on your traveling clothes in a few places and a little on your face and hands to simulate the last minute mechanical work you did the night before to get the "A" to run. Also, crush two fingers in a door hinge or with a hammer to simulate injuries you suffered in trying to rush that work so as to make the tour. Also, assume that you are not sure whether you fixed the problem or made it worse. Finally, assume that you have brought every tool you own . . . except the one you will need on the tour.

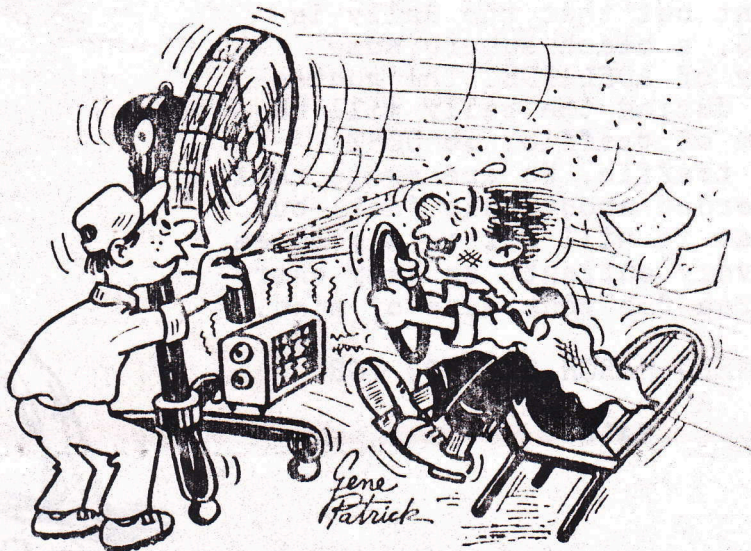
Now that you're ready, sit in the chair and have your friend turn on the fan (or heater, if applicable). Tell your friend that the tour will last eight hours, and give him these instructions: during the tour period, he will unexpectedly do all of the following as many times

as he wants and in any order - he should spray WD-40 into the fan so it blows into your face to provide that great smell of the Model A engine and simulate oil blowing up past the filler pipe cap. Once, he should jam a pencil into the blades of the fan to make a terribly exciting racket similar to a fan blade hitting the radiator. He can hold a folded-up newspaper against the fan blades occasionally to slow the fan RPM and generate a sound like chugging up a hill. Periodically he should toss small items into the fan to simulate clanks and bangs of engine and body parts slamming together or falling off. He should frequently pour water into the fan to give the effect of overheating. He should, once or twice during the tour, kick one

leg off your chair to simulate a flat tire or wheel separation. After each one of these simulated events, you must get out of the chair, correctly diagnose the problem, smear more grease on yourself, smash, burn or cut some area of your arms or hands, and delay the continuation of the tour by however long your friend says (in determining the stop time he should consider how well you diag-

nosed the problem and how angry you are at the time). During each such stop you must politely tell the year and make of your car 10 times and courteously listen to your friend tell you five times about his Model A experience as a child.

To add realism during your tour, your friend should walk by your chair frequently as if he is a passing motorist. If he waves and gives you the thumbs up, you must smile and do the same. If he yells at you and points one finger into the air, you must still smile and wave. The final step in the simulation is that when the tour is over, you must pretend you are at a social function, tell your friend how fun the trip was, that you can't wait to do it again, and agree to write an enthusiastic trip report for the newsletter on the anniversary.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY- MAXINE DAVIDSON, HAZEL GROWNS, IVY McLEAN, DANIEL PINNINGTON, LESLEY POLLEY, ALEX KIRKWOOD, TOM BARRY, MAXINE CREEDY, MAY WILSON.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS-JOHN & SHIRLEY HALL, [REDACTED] Salter Point, 6152, [REDACTED] 1930 Roadster (restored). RICHARD & PAMELA MOODY, [REDACTED] Kingsley, 6026. [REDACTED] 1930 Phaeton (restored). MEL & BETSY PENN, [REDACTED] Mosman Park, 6012, [REDACTED] Add them to your Register. Another member who has not been officially welcomed is: CHARLES & SHENA KENDALL of [REDACTED] Esperance, 6450 who have a 1928 Roadster.

REGISTER - KYM GREENFIELD's phone: [REDACTED]. Change of address:- MICHAEL & IRENE BELL - [REDACTED] Waterloo, 6228. [REDACTED]

WANTED - Powerhouse generator, housing only, by JOHN LAURIE - [REDACTED]

PAN PACIFIC RALLY VIDEO - 60 minutes. NZ\$50 by Bank draft or credit card only from: Vidpro, [REDACTED], Fendalton, Christchurch, New Zealand.

WASHNOKS - Had a letter from Dick and Marvel from South Dakota (who bought their '31 Tudor to Perth). They received the Tudor back safely after shipping by Bevan. Marvel has been VERY ill (diagnosed with a slow-growing type of leukemia and a couple of other, as yet, unidentified viruses). She has now recovered but, as Dick says: we can "put a man on the moon and shoot a missile through a front door, down a staircase and out the back door" but even the Mayo Clinic could not diagnose Marvel's illness. Dick is working on his Model A-s and stationary engines; Marvel is working on her crafts and an original, red, 1930 evening gown.

DELIBERATE - did YOU spot last month's error designed to see if anyone reads this epistle? Bevan could always rely on one particular family to pick up ANY errors - at least they must read the Newsletter! Anyway, Morticia and Cousin It were from The Addams Family, NOT The Munsters - that was Herman, Lilly, etc, wasn't it? Really relevant stuff this!!

'94 NATIONALS - did you see the recent advertisement for car transport to Adelaide for \$150? May be of interest to some considering this low-cost alternative to train or driving to the next National Rally. Australian Car Transporters Pty Ltd, Cnr Ryelane & Haley Streets, Maddington. [REDACTED]. An indication if you intend to participate in the S.A. Nationals would be useful to see if we need any forward planning, organising convoys, etc.

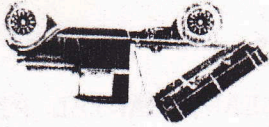
REMINDER!! - Five months until the AGM. President LAUREL will have executed her two-year term and feels it's time for someone else to take over. It is possible that your Secretary/Treasurer and the Editor MAY be spending time out of the country, so you could consider replacements.

PARTS CATALOGUE circa 1932 - another win from Bevan's endeavours. Copies of a complete, ILLUSTRATED Parts Catalogue for Ford Models A, AA and AAC by Ford, Canada. Heaps of detail, and descriptions. In the Club Library.

OMAN UPDATE - MAXINE has returned to Oman; the DAVIDSONS send best wishes to members. COLIN sent a cutting about the Royal Oman Police adopting a system of demerit points for naughty drivers similar to our own. 3 points for disobeying a traffic light or endangering road users, loss of 12 points in any 2 year period means the license is suspended. Speeding fines are one Riyal (about A\$3.80) for every one kilometre over the limit.

ZELAMBO - Remember Carl & Ethel Zelambo from the US at our National Meet? MAXINE CREEDY has heard that Carl was recently in two commercials and a movie. Ethel says Carl is still working on his Chrysler (it's a big'n-BS).

ENGINE AGE - ROBERT TEALE suggests you add 3 months to the dates given in the November issue to allow for shipping, etc to date your Model A engine.



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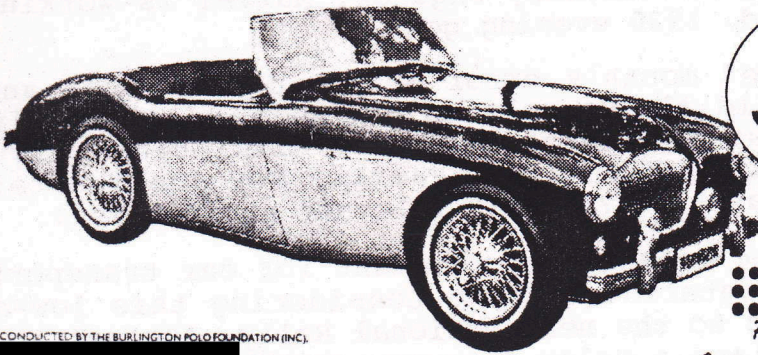
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Auto politics

This story by Micheline Maynard of USA Today from our friends at San Fernando Valley Chapter, California. via several newsletters.

Around the turn of the century, Clinton hit the road first. But Bush stayed on the highways longer. A car called the Clinton sold during two years: 1889 and 1912. Then it disappeared from the market according to the Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Association, the US auto industry's trade group.

The Bush auto rolled out in 1902 but didn't get very far. But in Chicago, the Bush left the scene until 1916, when it made a comeback that lasted until 1925.

MVMA says there was never a car called Perot. But a Perret electric car sold briefly in 1900. The best known of automotive Presidents is Lincoln, sold since 1920. Few other politicians have made the jump from voting booth to hood ornament.

As for other historical figures, there have been cars named for a French general, the Marquis de Lafayette, explorers DeSoto and LaSalle, Detroit's founder Antoine de La Mothe Cadillac, and even Notre Dame football coach Knute Rockne.

Political hopefuls might have liked the Dodge Victory, sold in 1928. The same year, Studebaker brought out Commander and President. President lasted throughout the 1950s, longer than most politicians stay on the scene. Political developments in the 1930s probably influenced Studebaker to drop another model: - the Dictator.

Lawrence has been building Bentley Specials in the UK since 1972 - BS