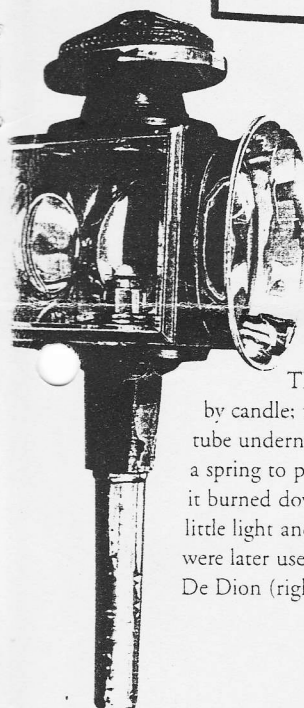


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DRIVING BY CANDLELIGHT

The first lamps were lit by candle; they usually had a long tube underneath that contained a spring to push up the candle as it burned down. They gave very little light and, therefore, oil lamps were later used, as on this 1903 De Dion (right).

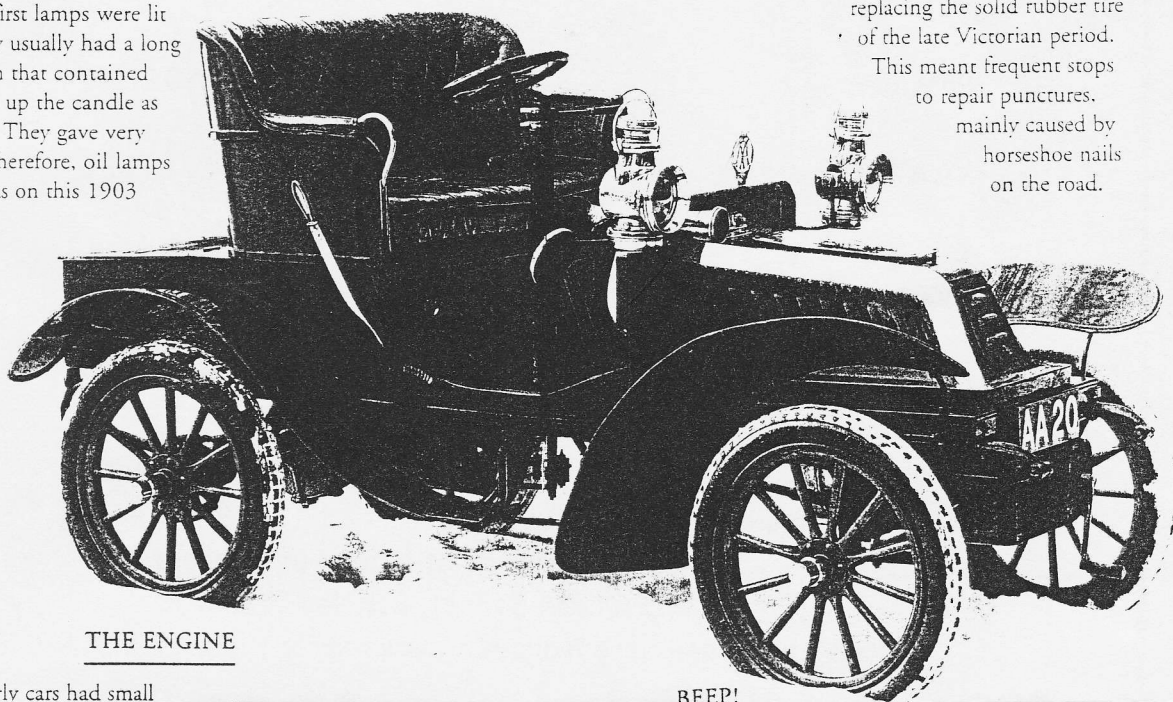
Early Automobiles

1903 DE DION

This is a typical example of an early Edwardian car. There was little or no protection for the driver; most of the driving would therefore have taken place during the summer. The wheels were made of wood and the tires were pneumatic,

replacing the solid rubber tire of the late Victorian period.

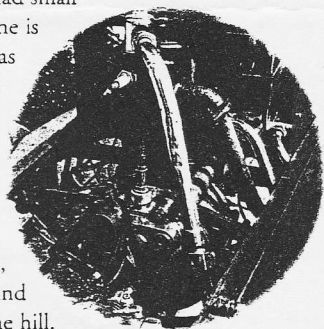
This meant frequent stops to repair punctures, mainly caused by horseshoe nails on the road.



THE ENGINE

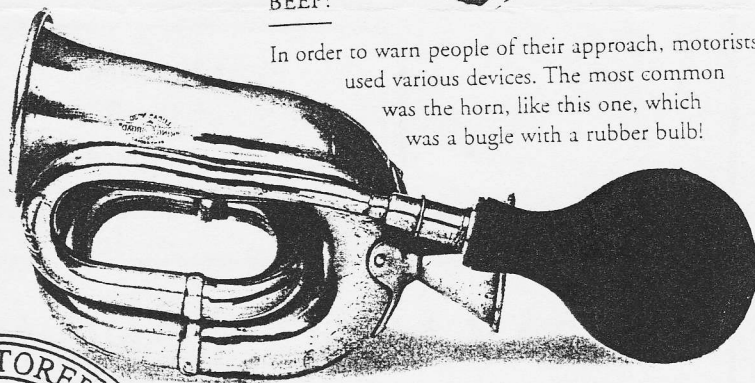
Many of the early cars had small engines. This De Dion engine is typical. There was no gas pump and so the gas was fed from the tank by gravity. This worked well for the most part;

but, when going up a steep hill, the tank dropped below the level of the engine and the gas ceased to flow. To continue, the car had to be turned around and be backed up the hill.



BEEP!

In order to warn people of their approach, motorists used various devices. The most common was the horn, like this one, which was a bugle with a rubber bulb!



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Next Meeting: Sunday 23rd March 2003
Meet at the Belmont Council Car Park - 9am
(opposite Belmont Forum)

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March 2003

Sunday 16th - Marlows Classic car show
Whiteman Park - Club Co-ordinator
Peter Gilberthorpe - [REDACTED]

Sunday 23rd - March Run
Meet at the Belmont Council Car Park - 9am
(opposite Belmont Forum)
Steve Read & John Moorehead organizing

Sunday 23rd - Vintage on Avon, Round the Houses
Northam (Vintage Sports Car Club)

APRIL 2003

Good Friday 18th am - Easter at Kirup
Meeting place yet to be decided

Sunday 27th - April Run
John & Gayle Easterbrook to organize

MAY 2003

Sunday 18th - British Car Day
Gingin (Jaguar Car Club)

May Run - Bob & Val Newton organizing
(date to be advised)

Wednesday July 2nd - Quiz Night

What's
On ??



MODEL A RESTORER'S CLUB WA INC.
GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 2003
AT NEIL MCDOUGALL PARK, LEY ST., MANNING.

The President opened the meeting at 8.37am.

Members present: as per attendance book

Apologies: John & Gayle Easterbrook, Ray Mahony, Loraine Sartori, Alan Jeffree.

Visitors: Bevan Sharp

Minutes from Previous meeting: Moved Lindsay Blacklock, seconded John Moorehead that minutes be accepted as written in January newsletter. Carried. No business arising from the minutes.

Financial Report as at 31st January, 2003

Balance Brought Forward 31 st December 2002		11225.32
PLUS: Income January		
Members Subscriptions	1238.25	
Raffle (Last meeting)	73.00	
Sale of buns (Last meeting)	44.00	
Concession Plates	30.00	1385.25
		12610.57
LESS: Payments January		
Donation (Dunn Family)	1000.00	
Copy Machine Toner	108.00	
Postage Newsletter	50.15	
Account Maintenance Fee	6.00	
State Debit Tax	2.80	1166.95
		11443.62
Account Balances as at 31 st January 2003		
Bank West	1621.57	
ANZ Term Deposit	9822.05	11443.62
Petty Cash Reconciliation		
Balance Brought Forward Nov/Dec 2002	17.40	
Sympathy Card (The Dunn Family)	2.95	
CASH-IN-HAND	14.45	

Correspondence: IN – Marloo Theatre newsletter – Mozart at Twilight on Friday & Saturday 21-22 March, 2003; Letter from West Coast Street Rod Club – announcing completion of clubrooms; Letter from Ross Chamberlain returning his Early Bird Registration Form; Community events, City of Wanneroo; Go Country Boyup Brook 14-15 February; Fremantle Motor Museum & brochure; Focus Screenprinters; Motoring South West memo; Collie Motorplex track with brochures; Newsletters from Model A club South Australia – shows our 2004 National Meet newsletter and Model A Club, Victoria – shows a write up of the restoration of 'Brum' by the students of the Denmark Agricultural College.

OUT – Letter to Dunn Family sent with donation; Letter to Bevan Sharp with membership form; Letter to Mr. Tony Hume, Manager, Development & Alumni Office of Marketing, Edith Cowan University informing him of our club; Letter to Dora Annear sending final cheque for Christmas Function; MAFCA Registration sent by Peter Sartori. Moved that correspondence be accepted by Dora Annear, seconded Pat Bussard, Carried.

General Business:

2004 National Meet – Toni asked for volunteers to assist with the Quiz Night organisation (July, 2003) and advised around 20 members will be required on the night to assist with door sales, games ticket sales, markers, etc. Asked that all members assist with the gathering of prizes for the night from contacts they might have.

2004 Committee meeting to be held at Merv & Kath Ward's home on Tuesday 25th February.

Bulb Fundraising – contact person Pat Bussard – a lovely array of bulbs are available at very good prices. Please canvass friends, family and workmates and lodge your orders with Pat by the March meeting. The National Meet coffers will benefit from 45% of sales made.

Steve Read urged members to support the Rock and Roll Night on at Barrie and Gwen Guest's home on the 16th February, and obtained names from members who were able to assist with the setting up on Friday. Dora expressed concerns that not everyone is into this sort of entertainment, which was acknowledged.

Trying to organise with the Ford Alliance dealers throughout the metro area for sponsorship for the Meet, where we may need up to 50 cars for display purposes.

Bob Newton will be running the sausage sizzles later in the year and is setting up times and venues. Please advise him now if you are able to assist for one Saturday for this activity, so he can roster you to help out.

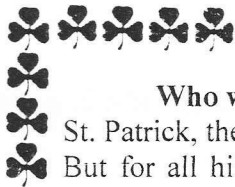
Pat Bussard advises that she has heard nothing more re the display of vehicles at Rockingham High School.

David Bussard hopes to have the ordered starter motors by next meeting.

Marlows Car Show – tickets have been received, distributed to Moorehead, Sartori, Annear, Ward, Forbes, Sutherland, Smith, Read, Blewett. Please contact Ray Mahony for your ticket if you are going to Whiteman Park in March.

Jack Berkshire is 81 years old today, birthday greeting were extended to Jack.

Meeting closed with a smattering of rain at 9.00am.



The history of St. Patrick's Day - (17th March)



Who was St. Patrick?

St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is one of Christianity's most widely known figures. But for all his celebrity, his life remains somewhat of a mystery. Many of the stories traditionally associated with St. Patrick, including the famous account of his banishing all the snakes from Ireland, are false, the products of hundreds of years of exaggerated storytelling.

Taken Prisoner by Irish Raiders

It is known that St. Patrick was born in Britain to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. He is believed to have died on March 17, around 460 A.D. Although his father was a Christian deacon, it has been suggested that he probably took on the role because of tax incentives and there is no evidence that Patrick came from a particularly religious family. At the age of sixteen, Patrick was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland where he spent six years in captivity.

(There is some dispute over where this captivity took place. Although many believe he was taken to live in Mount Slemish in County Antrim, it is more likely that he was held in County Mayo near Killala.) During this time, he worked as shepherd, outdoors and away from people. Lonely and afraid, he turned to his religion for solace, becoming a devout Christian. (It is also believed that Patrick first began to dream of converting the Irish people to Christianity during his captivity.)

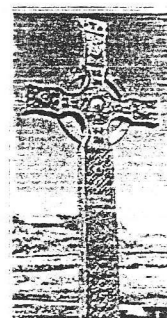
Guided by Visions

After more than six years as a prisoner, Patrick escaped. According to his writing, a voice - which he believed to be God's - spoke to him in a dream, telling him it was time to leave Ireland. To do so, Patrick walked nearly 200 miles from County Mayo, where it is believed he was held, to the Irish coast. After escaping to Britain, Patrick reported that he experienced a second revelation - an angel in a dream tells him to return to Ireland as a missionary. Soon after, Patrick began religious training, a course of study that last more than fifteen years. After his ordination as priest, he was sent to Ireland with a dual mission - to minister to Christians already living in Ireland and to begin to convert the Irish. (Interesting, this mission contradicts the widely held notion that Patrick introduced Christianity to Ireland).

Bonfires and Crosses

Familiar with the Irish language and culture, Patrick chose to incorporate traditional ritual into his lessons of Christianity instead of attempting to eradicate native Irish beliefs.

For instance, he used bonfires to celebrate Easter since the Irish were used to honoring their gods with fire. He also superimposed a sun, a powerful Irish symbol, onto the Christian cross to create what is now called a Celtic cross, so that veneration of the symbol would seem more natural to the Irish. (Although there were a small number of Christians on the island when Patrick arrived, most Irish practiced a nature-based pagan religion. The Irish culture centered around a rich tradition of oral legend and myth. When this is considered, it is no surprise that the story of Patrick's life became exaggerated over the centuries - spinning exciting tales to remember history has always been a part of the Irish way of life.)



Crossword Clues

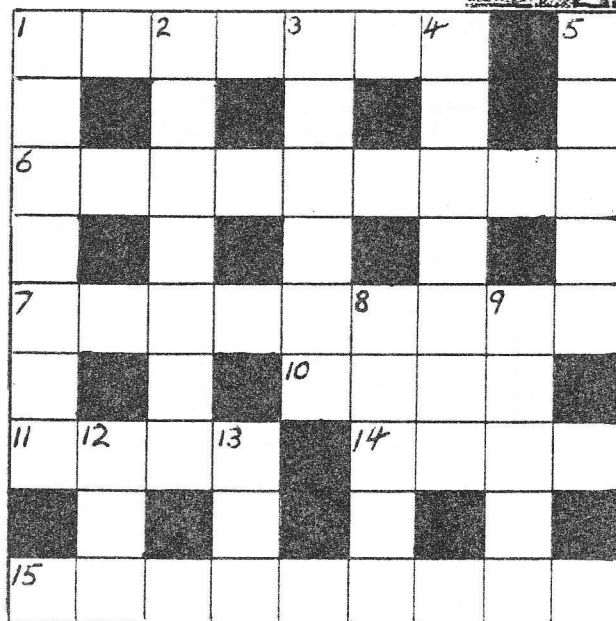
Across

1. Thin layer
6. Evaporating
7. Complex procedure
10. Trick
11. Hard shell of some animals
14. Allot
15. Renounced

Down

1. Young hare
2. Riding schools
3. East Indian sailor
4. Fatty
5. Diatom
8. Cuban dance
9. Oblivion
12. State of decline
13. Part of a stocking

Compiled by Sayle Easterbrook



BREAKFAST BARBIE IN THE PARK - 16th FEBRUARY, 2003

Breakfast meetings can be so much fun, especially in February, one never knows if it is going to be 43°C in the waterbag, or 19°C and raining.

February the 16th was neither of these, it was slightly humid but comfortable.

So that was the weather report.

We arrived about 7.45, but we weren't the last. Most people had finished cooking on the barbecue and were tucking into bacon and eggs, toast or just having a morning cuppa. As per usual with this gathering, chatting and eating are priority, with the actual meeting tagged on as last thing.

Heard a bit of talk around the traps that this was Edith Jeffree's second only breakfast meeting since joining MARCWA.

There was the usual turnout, a bit down on numbers this year I think, and our resident 'visitor' Bevan Sharp.

Our Hon. Secretary had 'gone bush' to Northam for the Avon Valley Fair, so our immediate past secretary stepped into the job for the day. Just as Toni had downed her brekkie and made ready for the meeting, President Pete took off in his Phaeton for parts unknown. He never did reveal where he had disappeared to!

Contending with a plane flying overhead, and hecklers complaining they couldn't hear, the meeting got underway. Short and sweet, done by nine o'clock. Barrie's biscuits went like hot cakes and I was intrigued to see Gwen with a wooden leg, or four. I'm not allowed to mention Kath Ward's name (aka The Nullabor Nymph) in write-ups, so I won't!

With everything done we had a few specks of rain, Darren tried to blame the birds, it was just enough to make a bit of humidity, not enough to clear the air.

See more of you at the next meeting, be it the Rock & Roll Nite, the Classic Car Show or our regular club outing.

Louise

Unfortunately Jack lost his fight. (See cut-out from Newspaper opposite)
Secretary has sent the Dunn Family a Sympathy card

Jack loses fight to burns

■ By Amanda James

COURAGEOUS Jack Dunn, the Padbury teenager who suffered burns to 95 per cent of his body in a paddock fire near Eneabba, has died.

Jack, 16, died yesterday afternoon after fighting for his life at Royal Perth Hospital since December 10.

His burns were among the worst hospital staff had seen — even more serious than those of Bali bomb victims.

But Jack soldiered on and a recovery seemed on the cards.

Last week, he spoke his first words and even sat up to eat ice-cream.

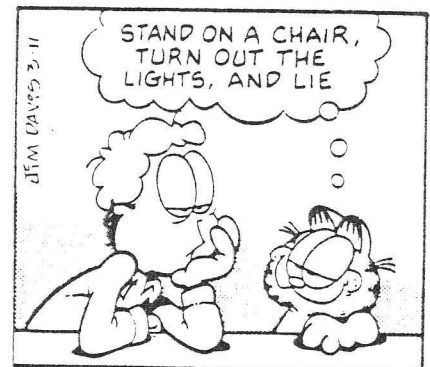
But his condition deteriorated dramatically over the weekend. He died



Flashback: Jack Dunn's mother Helen in her vigil three weeks ago.

from complications from infection. The news of his death came by text message to *The West Australian*. "Jack our hero has lost the battle. Jack the brave, one tough little bugger. Thank you all. Luv the Dunns."

Garfield



**ROCK AND ROLL NIGHT –SAT FEB 22nd - AT GUEST'S PLACE, CARDUP
FUNDRAISER FOR 2004 NATIONAL MEET**

For those of you who were unable to make it on Saturday night, you missed a grand evening – good music, good dancing, excellent food and companionship.

To Barrie and Gwen Guest, along with daughter Wendy and son in law Mike, have to go our congratulations for an excellent event.

We had some 219 people in attendance and Barrie was responsible for at least 140 of them being there, which says something about our membership's efforts. Barrie must have been baking forever as the food was magnificent and abundant, so much so that we were able to flog off the leftovers to the assembled company.

We appreciate also the donations made by people who could not make it to the night, but who still supported us financially in their absence, or who came and assisted with the set up on Friday or Saturday and the very few who helped with the cleanup.

Two raffles were run during the night, raising over \$500. Our thanks to Barrie and Merv Ward who made a lovely coffee table and to Peter Sartori who donated three bottles of wine and some cans of bourbon as prizes and for the ladies and men who sold tickets.

I think the band has been practising every day since the last time they performed for us as they were very good and highly versatile in their repertoire.

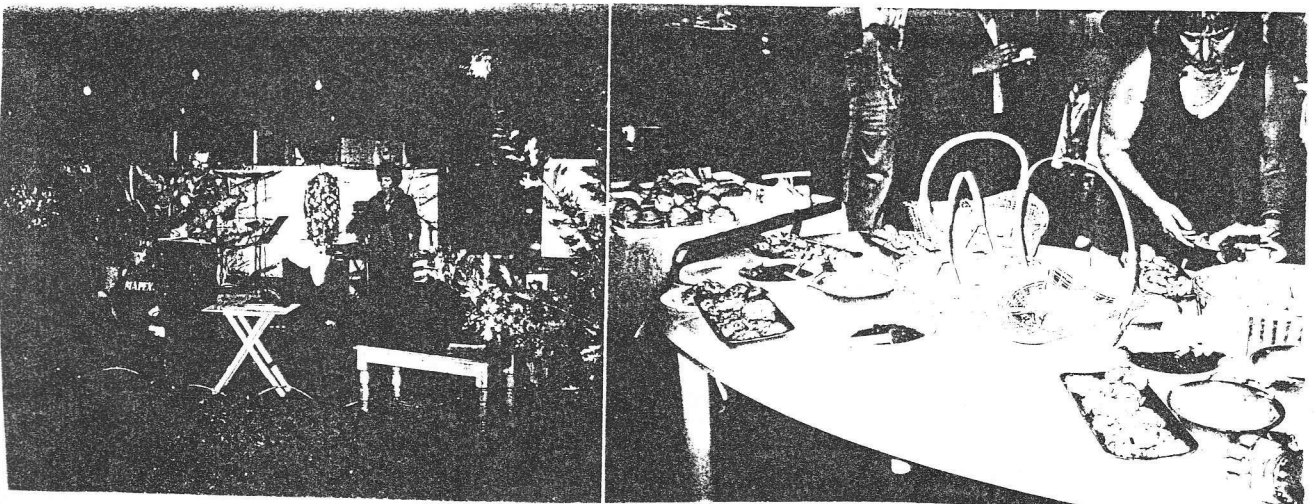
The work started on Friday for this grand occasion, with the guys, Steve Read, Merv Ward, Bob Newton, John Moorehead, Don Sutherland and Max Annear setting up the venue in co-ordination with Barrie and Gwen Guest and Mike.

The piece-de-resistance of the day was the 'crapper' (as the boys so delicately put it) – a toilet built for the occasion, complete with flushing loo and hand basin and the 'pissoir' for the gentlemen out the back. I was particularly taken with the pot plants in the loo, as it sat there roofless under the gum trees.

Saturday saw Ray Mahony deliver a trailer refrigerator and a second trip loaded with chairs. Ray said he went to bed around 2am and Gwen was running around setting up for breakfast the next day. When he awoke at 6am she was still running around getting things ready. He did wonder if she had been to bed at all. Who would have thought that would have happened a couple of years ago?

The final tally for the night is still being worked on as I write this, but I believe it is in the vicinity of the \$2000 mark, so a big thank you for all those who attended or helped out in some way.

Toni Mahony, Rally Secretary.





Notebook

BIRTHDAYS for MARCH Birthstone: Aquamarine Flower: Jonquil
Maxine Creedy, Frank Farrelly, Shirley Hall, Tom Hart, Bob Hembrough,
Daisy Jordan, Alex Kirkwood, Ruth Lucas, Neil Munro, Doreen Stathy,
Matthew White, May Wilson, Ivan Eatt, Tania Jansen, Valerie Yates.

Hope you have a great day!!

Wanted: R/H door for Tudor - Contact: Ivan Eatt on [REDACTED]

Complete rear axle assy - including track rods - torque tube -
rear spring assy etc - for restoration

Contact: Ian Cocks [REDACTED]

For Sale: Lathe-Sheriton/Conquest. All geared drive three phase motor,
10 inch swing, all normal accessories, plus 4 speed milling
attachment. Excellent condition \$3500.00 ono

Contact: John Moorehead [REDACTED]

1928 Ford Model A - 5 Window Coupe - Colour Mercedes white
with tan fabric upholstery - Good condition, many spare parts
included, only selling due to ill health \$17,500 ono

Ring John Easterbrook [REDACTED] Mob: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

1929 Ford Model A Truck - complete - unrestored

Phone: Duncan Stevenson [REDACTED]

Will swap for Morris Minor

1930 Roadster - full license \$21,000 ono Phone [REDACTED]

Just a friendly reminder

For those who have not as yet paid their membership renewal
Please don't forget!!!



BRISBANE IDOT

The North Shore Times News crime column reported that a man walked into
Brisbane McDonalds at 8.50am, flashed a gun and demanded cash.

The clerk turned him down because she said she couldn't open the cash
register without a food order. When the man ordered a Big Mac, the clerk
said they weren't available until 10.30am, as only the breakfast menu was on
offer. Frustrated, the man walked away.

Marlow's Classic Car Show

Info for members attending the Marlow's car show - Whiteman Park – Sunday 16th March

Our display area is just outside the museum. Members will be directed to the area by Marshals. Our Marshals, Gayle Easterbrook and Jeanette Hembrough will be attending a Marshals' Day at Whiteman Park on March 8th to make sure everything runs smoothly. They should meet Richard Peddel at the Administration building at 4.00 pm.

If anyone entering their car has not received their entry ticket by the time you read this please contact Ray Mahony. Phone: [REDACTED] e-mail: [REDACTED]

2004 National Meet

A short word on fund raising events for our National Meet. You will read elsewhere a report on the Rock and Roll night which was, mostly by the efforts of Barry and Gwen Guest and their family, a very successful night. Our next big fundraiser is the quiz night – Wednesday 2nd July, 2003. I know quiz nights are not everyone's cup of tea, but this is an opportunity to get money for jam, so to speak. We can get funds from people outside our own club members. It will, however, take some work from the club members. I already have four volunteers, but I estimate we will need at least 20 of our members to run the night. To help run the night doesn't cost you dollars, just time. Please don't wait to be asked, contact me and offer your service for your National Meet.

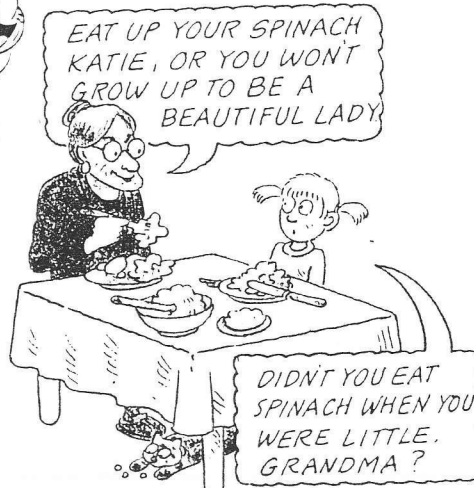
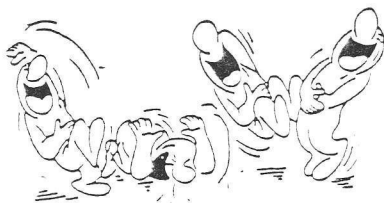
We also need lots of prizes. We have had some offers and letters are going out to businesses. If you know someone who might be able to help please contact them and ask the question.. If you think your contact may be on our mailing list ring and check. Phone: [REDACTED]

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the sausage sizzles. Please contact Bob Newton if you can spare a Saturday. Phone: [REDACTED]

Don't forget to get your bulb orders into Pat Bussard. Phone [REDACTED] - This is a great fund raiser as we keep 45% of all funds raised. Just think it will not do your garden any harm either.

Remember fund raising does not happen all by itself!!

Ray Mahony – National Meet Director.



Three Little Pigs went out to dinner one night. The waiter comes and takes their drink order.

"I would like a Sprite," said the first little piggie.

"I would like a Coke," said the second little piggie.

"I want water, lots and lots of water," said the third little piggie.

The drinks are brought out and the waiter takes their orders for dinner.

"I want a nice big steak," said the first piggie.

"I would like the salad plate," said the second piggie.

"I want water, lots and lots of water," said the third little piggie.

The meals were brought out and a while later the waiter approached the table and asked if the piggies would like any dessert.

"I want a banana split," said the first piggie.

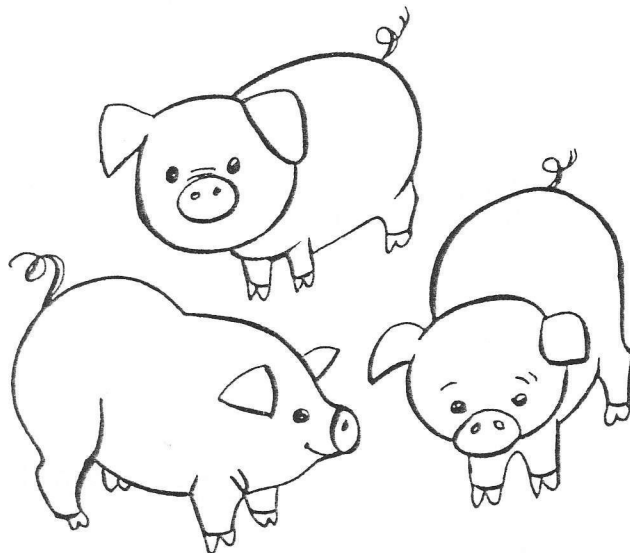
"I want a root beer float," said the second piggie.

"I want water, lots and lots of water," exclaimed the third little piggie.

"Pardon me for asking," said the waiter to the third little piggie, "but why have you only ordered water all evening

The third piggie says...

"Well, somebody has to go 'Wee, wee, wee, all the way home!'"



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