



Presidents introduction

We have just had to face arguably the most nervous time in the clubs short history – the first lot of membership renewals. For us as a committee this was really the biggest test on the success of the club as far as the members response would be concerned. Due to the original set-up with the “bonus” months given to our founding members we had over 100 members due for renewal.

Skylines have traditionally been a reasonably high turn-over vehicle so we had a fairly conservative target in mind for renewals given many of these people had signed up over 16 months earlier. But I’m pleased to report that the early level of renewal rate has exceeded our original expectations. For this I’d personally like to thank everyone that has renewed and I hope we can continue to provide a club you will want to be a part of in the future.

The number of renewals has given our cash flow a bit of a boost so we are currently working on a new range of club merchandise including t-shirts that should be available in the near future.



Rewnewing memberships in the sun

Also, based upon some very productive discussions from a recent club meeting the club will be holding a “learn to drift day” at the DECA facilities in Shepparton, where club members will have the opportunity to learn the basic skills of drifting on the safety of a skidpan as opposed to a track surrounded by walls and other cars. We’ll have experienced guys on hand giving lessons for the day hopefully this will provide members with a new avenue of fun for their cars. Look out for this event coming up in July.

Finally – we have the club AGM due in May. During the AGM the entire committee will stand down and new committee will be elected. This will be the first time the club has had elections so I hope that many of you will be present to help shape the future of the club. If anyone is interested in being part of the committee please forward your nomination to:
nominations@jamezilla.com.

Consequently this may be the last time I write in here as Club President. I must say it has been an honour to represent SAU during this past year or more and I look forwards to continuing to be part of the SAU community in the future in what ever manner is determined after the AGM

Cheers
Andrew Richmond
(Snowman)



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Jack (JagR33)

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Editor's note

Welcome to this, our ninth edition of Vic-spec, the SAU Vic club newsletter. It seems hard to believe that a little over a year ago, we were cobbling together a few bits of information to make up a simple Microsoft Word document.



This latest format change will allow us to put everything together more easily - which in turn we hope will provide for a more enjoyable read.

As always, submissions to the newsletter are more than welcomed. Any story, review or just fun ideas you have - please send them through to: editorial@jamezilla.com

Cheers
SAU Vic Committee

News

Sponsorship developments

Building on the growth of the club, the committee have revamped our sponsorship proposal document for 2006. Expect to see more discounts and offers soon!

2006 AGM coming up

Don't forget the 2006 Annual General Meeting will be held at the May monthly club meet. Not only will the club's financial year be presented in the Annual Report, but the executive committee must stand down and be re-elected by the members.

Motorkhana championship hotting up

With the first of four motorkhana rounds at DECA in Shepparton being hailed as a big success (see the article later in this issue) - the entries are surely going to fill up fast for the next event in May.

SAU Vic club members get first dibs on places, so get in quick if you want to take part! Expect the entries to open in late April.

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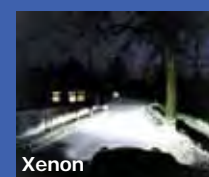
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Cruise Rules

With some good fun cruises being planned for the coming months, we thought it would be good to recap our 'rules' for club events on public roads...

1. **Have fun!**
2. **Stick to the speed limit** - cruises are not races.
3. **No-one likes a show-off** - if you want to smoke your tyres, hit Calder on a Friday or come to DECA.
4. **Don't pass the lead car** - don't fall behind the chase car either.
5. **Other people use the roads too** - always be courteous to others.
6. **Drive to your level of comfort** - if someone wants to pass, let them do so when it is safe.
7. **Bring a CB** - always handy, plus it makes convoy driving fun.
8. **Make sure your car is prepared** - the usual things: fuel, tyres, rego etc
9. **Don't talk about fight club**

2006 Membership Renewals

Renew your SAU Vic membership for 2006 and get this stylish, personalised membership card.

Use it to identify yourself to club sponsors and supporters or simply to impress your friends!

Details on the club forum.





Event review

Track championship round 1: Calder Park Twilight - 11.02.06

The first event of the SAU Track club championship has kicked off with a bang, even though some of the key players were absent. In the early afternoon the track was damp, due to persistent light showers, lap times reflected the conditions as drivers favoured the side of caution. By the second session the circuit had dried and times improved dramatically, with Aaron Panozza producing the best time of the day, stopping the clock at 1:02.67. Unfortunately mechanical trouble forced Mr Panozza to retire after only 2 short sessions.

The day continued to progress smoothly till word spread that a silver R34 GTR had spun off the track and hit the tyre wall. Our hearts sank, as we all knew that this was SAU's "Best of show" R34 (Show N Shine BBQ). The wait was tense, but the damage was only superficial with rubber scuff marks along the driver's side side-skirt and some minor damage to the body kit; it could have been a lot worse. In true SAU spirit Clayton Sinclair was not deterred by his misfortune and continued to race for the following sessions.

The most impressive car of the event was by far Jack's R33 GTR, not for it's cosmetic appeal or it's flame throwing prowess, but for it's consistent performance. As Jack grew confident in his car's abilities, the lap times plummeted, producing the second fastest time on the day.



We'll just assume that's Mark Skaife in the Commo ;-)

Another impressive Skyline, which is worth a mention, would have to be Matt's R34 Gtt. His latest performance and handling upgrades proving to be a worthwhile investment, as he brought it all together and managed a respectable 1:08.33, asserting that his car has the "go" to match the "show".

Congratulations to all who participated, as all cars looked awesome on the track. The day was a great success for both drivers and spectators. The twilight sessions prove to be an entertaining event, as it is great to see the red glow from the ultra hot rotors and the trade mark flame throwing Skylines. Good luck with the remaining rounds!!

Alan Calleja (AI)

The morning followed on by myself having boost controller problems which ended my day early.

The Good news is the rest of the day was full of personal bests. Frank went on to run the quickest time of the day, and a PB on 2nd hand tyres, 1.43.5. Followed by Aaron with another PB of 1.45.95. And yet another PB by Jack cracking a sub 50, with a 1.49.5.

Andrew Dean (Ferni)

What do you need for a track day?

- CAMS L2S or better licence
- Helmet
- Secondary bonnet restraint
- Fire extinguisher
- Metal tyre valve caps
- Full length, cotton clothing
- 4-point racing harness (modified category only)
- Check your fluids, brakes and tyres
- Take it easy, and have fun!

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Track championship round 2: Phillip Island - 11.03.06

The day started of a bit unsteady with both Aaron and Frank having Cooler hoses come off in the morning. This was sorted after a quick ride to the local servo in the BMW M5 support car for replacement hose clamps.



Calder Rally Masters

The weekend of March 11 and 12 marked the inaugural running of the Rally Master's event at Melbourne's self proclaimed home of motorsport, Calder Park. Spread over the 2 days were a number of driver and navigator events ranging from drags through motorkhanas to laps of the famous Calder Park Thunderdome.

There was a wide array of entries ranging from the usual Japanese muscle of GT-Rs, 300s, Evos and WRXs, some classics including a Batmobile CSI BMW and some Nissan Zeds - all the way to showroom spec Monaros and a Subaru Outback!

SAU Vic was well represented with Jeff and Nerida Beable, Chris Thomson and Troy Brisby and Andrew Richmond and myself making up three teams.

The Calder Park facility has certainly seen better days, with some parts resembling a modern wasteland - more than living up to the Thunderdome's Mad Max namesake. However the ability to run all the varied events in one location definitely made up for any short comings.

The events were good fun for both drivers and spectators - the laps around the steeply banked Thunderdome being an assured highlight. There was a fair amount of sitting around between activities - but as a first of its kind, the Calder Park staff did a good job of running the two days.

Techsport's Jeff Beaumont and his partner in crime Ken Garrioch dominated all events in their supremely quick 'cheater spec' Evo VI. They didn't falter once all weekend and certainly deserved the outright win.

The SAU teams were the real ones to watch though...

All three with top-ten finishes, Chris and Andrew 2nd and 3rd respectively

both in class and outright! Taking into account the calibre of both competitors and cars, this is a fantastic achievement for both drivers!

Calder Park are already planning a follow-up event which will likely expand to a series of four annually.

James Ward (Jamezilla)

Dromana Drive-In Cruise

The day started out with another textbook SAU Vic meet at Elwood Beach carpark.

A mildly hot and kick ass blue sky offered a fantastic drive down to Portsea as part of our Portsea/Dromana dinner and drive ins night.

Attendance was up from last year

and with more new faces to the club scene it proved a successful day.

Dinner was a group event with a discussion on up coming events, what's happening in the club behind the scenes and the who's who of the club.

The pricing for the Dromana drive ins had changed due to School Holidays so we opted to see only 1 movie. Upon a vote for movie interest an overall decision was made to skip the drive in movie. Albeit part of the cruise, it was opted to be skipped due to lack of interest so headed back to Melbourne.

The final destination of the cruise took us down Chapel St for a bit of humour. Checking out all the glamour and expensive cars was a great way to end a great cruise.

Paul Rivoli (PaulR33)



Jeff Beable shows his experience at Rally Masters



Australian F1GP Autosalon

Deck chairs? Check.
Umbrellas? Check.
Clean cars? Check.
Banner? Check.
Boots filled with copious amounts of alcohol? Check.

Let the fun begin!!!

For the second year running, SAU joined with the FangArtists to produce the largest car club showing at the AutoSalon Australian Grand Prix display. With a total of 18 cars on display, SAU/FA took home a number of trophies including Dane's (Phunky Monkey) 180SX taking best wheels, Jacks (JagR33) for Editor's Choice and the almighty SAU Lada for "Dare to be Different". It's amazing what drunken people can get up to in a night...

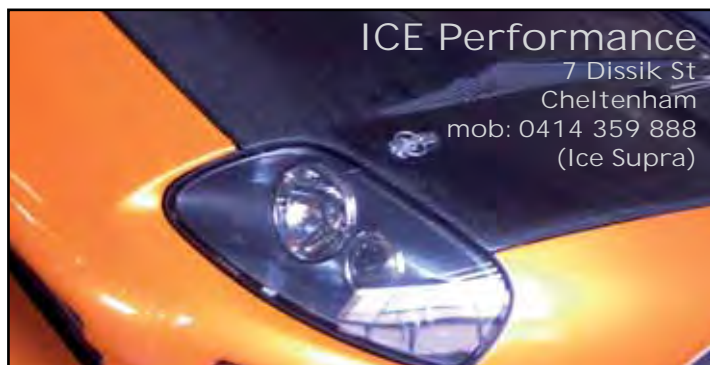
As for the racing, Thursday was a practice day for the V8s with Todd Kelly coming out trumps but it was a real busy day for the Formula 3, Porsches and utes who had a practice, qualifying session and their 1st race. Great viewing for everyone.

Friday morning I was woken up by a phone call from AutoSalon asking me to come down early to do an interview for Grand Prix TV so that they

had something to show about the AutoSalon display. It was quite amusing being told by the interviewer what to say but still look as though it was my opinion. This 2 minute interview was screened a few times through the weekend which needless to say added to my D grade celebrity status amongst our crew.

Friday also saw the F1s out on the track for the first time in with the new V8 configuration (with the exception for the lower budgeted teams). General consensus was that they still sounded like the V10s with a high-pitched scream that only a F1 could produce but still tops to watch. The celebrities also had their first sighting of the track with qualifying for the big celebrity race. I still think I should have been part of it now that I've had exposure on both TV and on Grand Prix TV. The V8s had their first race while the Formula 3 and Porsches had race 2 of the weekend.

Saturday saw the qualifying of the F1s and race 3 for the utes, Formula 3 and Porsches. With the exception of the F1s, people had come to see the



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V8 do battle in the main race. Steven Richards took the honours from Mark Skaife and Todd Kelly in the longest race of the weekend. Even though there were no points on offer, these guys raced like they were fighting for sheep stations.

F1 qualifying was quite sight with Jenson Button piloting a the BAR Honda heading up the field in a time of 1:25.229. Fisichella and Alonso in their Renaults rounded off the top 3 with no more than 0.5 of a second separating them.

Race day was perfect. Great weather, great turnout and no rain! All was set for a great race. As usual, it didn't disappoint with cars tussling for position through the entire race. Pit strategy played an important factor with the reintroduction of tyre changes. Both Michael Schumacher and Juan Pablo Montoya wrote their races off coming onto the straight too hot and Jenson Button blew his engine up a few corners from the finish line to give away valuable points. In the end though, it was Alonso taking the win from Kimi Raikkonen in the McLaren-Mercedes and Ralf Schumacher taking the final podium position.

My thanks go to those who participated in the display and those who came to say hi on their round of the GP track. It was a delight and pleasure to be part of the display again and word has it that next year will be even better with some secret prizes for the trophy winners.

Dave Lee (Leewah)



*Apparently there was some racing at the Grand Prix.
For the most part - we didn't notice*



race brakes

Great Ocean Road Cruise

Well for the first time in SAU Cruise history... I was Early :)

Much thanks to Paul & Sarah who were to be my chaperone for the next 2 days. Paul, as usual, is far more reliable than myself so he actually arrived 15mins early. This can be simply put down to excitement. Even I was excited as the years SAU-Vic GOR Split cruise was set to be another record breaking cruise.

For newer members, the GOR spit cruise is a 2-day event. We cruise down to Apollo Bay on the Saturday and grab the good old Fish'n'Chips or a Burger. Chill out under the massive foreshore trees while people go around taking the glamour shots of all their cars.

Then the Sat night we stay at pre-

booked accommodation and do a BBQ dinner and have a few social beverages.

The Sunday then revolves around going to Port Campbell and driving the best roads in Victoria as after Apollo Bay the quality of the roads is excellent. Then coming home via Colac and the surrounding Ranges.

This year we had 31 cars/55 odd people attend the first day of the cruise

There were a lot of new faces, I would say over half of the attendee's were members who had joined within the 6 months prior which was great to see.

The cruise down was smooth, the weather was just perfect.

Later that arvo it was time to head to the accommodation, which I must add... was simply amazing for

the price we paid. So we had then, around 19 cars/30 people who would be staying overnight it was a really great evening of food, chat and of course, beers :)

The Sea Fog that came in late arvo was very unusual, and its definitely the first time I've seen that in over 20 years down the coast.

The Sunday, as usual, was brilliant. It was a little cool early on, but around 11am the sun poked out and made it a superb day. The other problem was going home through Geelong late arvo with the shocking traffic.

Rest assured that wont happen next year, we'll take "Berin's special" detour :)

Thanks to all that came along for the (days) and hopefully we see you at future cruises throughout the year. There is virtually an event on every 6 weeks so make sure you come along. Rain, Hail or Shine our events always go ahead

Ash Cosgriff (R31Nismoid)



A line of 'lines' - the annual Great Ocean Road cruise

Top 10 Reasons to come along on an SAU cruise...

- 10: See some of Victoria's best roads and fantastic countryside
- 9: Meet some friendly new people with common interests
- 8: A chance to take some terrific photos
- 7: Always some fun stories
- 6: Country town bakeries
- 5: Talk the talk - there's always someone who can help you with a query or problem
- 4: Put faces to forum usernames
- 3: The long line of stove tops
- 2: Buxton Burgers
- 1: The cars!



Not a very promising sky at DECA in Shepparton

DECA Motorkhana Championship Round 1

The success of the two motorkhanas run at DECA in Shepparton last year have led to a 2006 Championship series of 4 events - the first of which was run in February.

Due to this being a busy time of year, the usual punters from the WRX club weren't able to make it - so whilst we were down a bit on numbers, it gave a chance for some more SAU Vic members to take part. Incidentally - the day ran better with fewer cars, so entries for the remaining events will be capped.

The ad hoc exhaust modifications and painted flames were to be a hard act to follow for the support Lada, but flanked by two BMW X5s (kindly provided by L'Oreal) and sporting a hurriedly painted, rally-look black bonnet and new sticker upgrade - it met the challenge.

Despite the intense and careful planning that goes into each DECA event, there is always one element we have no control over... the weather.

For the first time it seemed that the rain might dampen our entertainment - as we arrived to find a very wet facility. Sruutineering and the driver briefing were all completed under constant showers, but as the cars started to move off for the first events - the skies cleared and the course began to dry out.

As always, the skidpan and 'Long Wang' tracks were used, with new motorkhana courses across the board. The rain made for an added challenge, but everyone managed with no incidents.

Again the variety of cars was great. More Skylines than ever before competed with some other Silvia based Nissans, a range of Mazdas (RX7, MX5s - even Justin's mum's Mazda-6!). A BMW M5 mixed it up with DECA regulars with the yellow 240z and white XR6 again stealing the show.

The lower numbers allowed a few more runs at each of the afternoon 'battle' motorkhanas. People took the opportunity to experiment with video camera placement - which will surely

produce some great footage for the next SAU Vic DVD.

The clear skies didn't last forever - with the rain coming down in buckets as we were finishing up the last events. It was nature's way of telling us to get ready for Shepparton she-nanigans once again.

Taco Bills manager 'Taco' Bazz welcomed us with open arms as the margaritas and silly hats flowed once more. Shepparton doesn't stand a chance when we're in town - and a great fun night was had by all.

All in all, another fun and successful event. A massive thanks to all the officials - without who these types of events simply cannot go ahead. We all look forward to seeing you at the next one in May!

* Remember the entry forms are open to SAU Vic members before they go to anyone else - so get in early!

James Ward (Jamezilla)



Event Gallery

Calder Park Twilight - round 1



There's nothing quite like a flaming Skyline



Clayton's rotors getting a smidge warm...



Event Gallery cont...

Phillip Island - round 2



White GT-Rs - certainly the quickest on the day



The Ferarri 550 Maranello. Going... Going... Gone.



Event Gallery cont...

Calder Rally Masters



The big yellow pony was a real animal



Calder Park - in need of some TLC



SAU cheer squad working hard



Thunderdome!



Scottie Puff Junior suuuuuukkss...

Event Gallery cont...

Dromana Drive-In Cruise



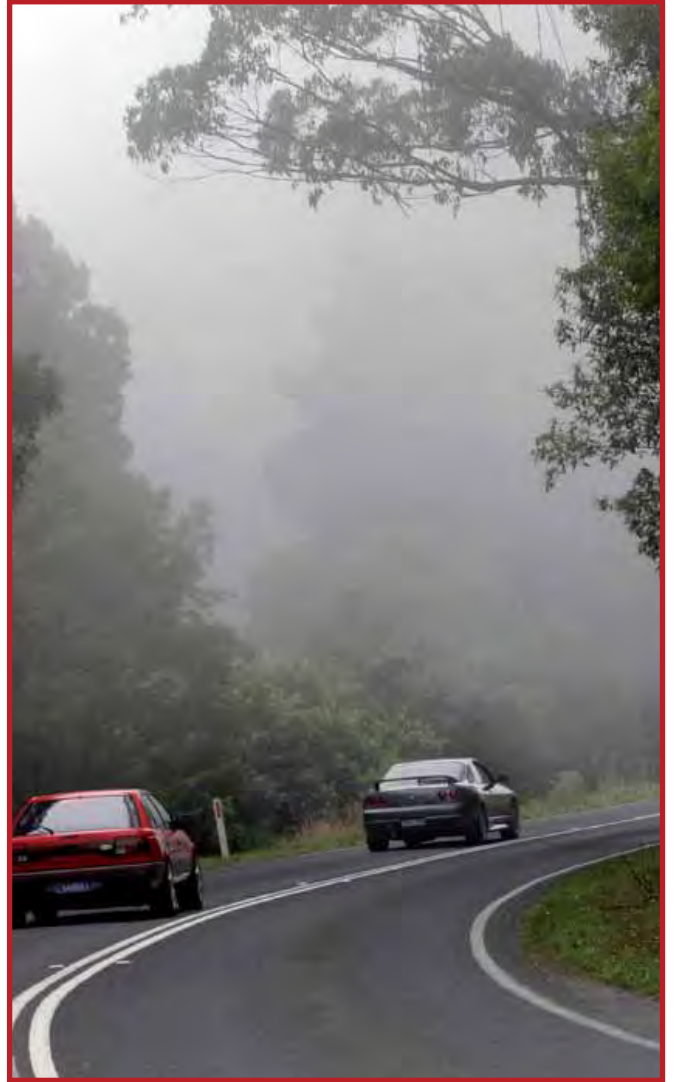


Event Gallery cont...

Great Ocean Road Cruise



Genuine amazement from all that Ash was on time to the meet!



More fantastic photos from Tharaka



A great variety of Skylines in Apollo Bay



Event Gallery cont...

Australian F1GP Autosalon



Team SAU in a rare moment of non foolish antics



Skaife doing what he does best



The 'Team Lada Pit Crew' were hilarious



Event Gallery cont...

DECA round 1



Once again - the DECA officials were the heros of the day



The L'Oreal Model Taxis showing off their fancy eyes



Eager racers at the skid pan



Note the Pres has shelter, everyone else stuck in the rain



Skyline Lessons

Diagnosing problems in an R33 with an Active LSD and PowerFC

!!!Caution/Achtung/Attenzione!!!

*Follow this guide at your own risk. You have been warned. We are not responsible for any actions you take. The information contained herein is a guide and should *not* be acted upon with consultation from your local tuner (he/she may not agree with my comments / suggestions). If you are unsure or are not confident don't do it.*

This guide is a how-to guide to correct issues with the Active LSD system featured in some ECR33 Skyline's that are using an after market ECU (such as the Apex'i PowerFC).

Cars that have the Active LSD factory option have the following features:

Skyline GT-R Vspec Differential (finned cover)



SLIP and A-LSD lights on the dash inside the tach



Problem:

You experience intermittent A-LSD fail on your dashboard after you have fitted an after market ECU to your ECR33 Skyline.

This may be because the ECU you are using is not suited to the Active LSD model.

It seems the stock ECU present on the Active LSD model cars performed a TPS signal relay to the ABS/ALSD computer in the boot. The Apex'i PowerFC (and possibly others) don't relay the TPS signal and therefore the A-LSD system fails intermittently.

Read below for instructions on how to correct this.

Please note this involves tampering with your wiring loom. You need to make sure you cut and splice the correct wires, if you do it incorrectly it could be fatal to your ECU and/or Engine so please double check, triple check or get a mechanic or someone who is confident to do it if you are unsure.

Tools:

Wire Splicer + Pliers
Phillips Head Screwdriver
Electrical Tape
Soldering Iron + Solder (ideal)

1. Undo the kick panel and ECU bracket and place the ECU on the floor
2. Locate wire #38 (TPS Signal) and expose some of it's copper wire (DO NOT CUT THIS WIRE)
3. Locate wire #56 (To ABS/ALSD Computer) and cut it
4. Join the car loom end of wire #56 onto the exposed copper wire of #38
5. Tape up (or ideally solder) the join so its secure
6. Tape up wire #56 going into the ECU (one end goes into the ECU, the other end should go nowhere)

Start the car up, check for A-LSD errors and all is done. Be sure to cut the correct wires and double check, use the pin-out layout to work out which way you are looking at the ECU.

It's formation is 8-pin, 10-pin, 10-pin, 10-pin, so use this in accordance with the diagram to work out which way the ECU is facing.

Special thanks to T04GTR and Moanie for the extraordinary efforts in getting this problem solved. Thanks guys really appreciated.

For a detailed discussion on the problems and notes check out:

<http://www.skylinesaustralia.com/forums/in...owtopic=106326>

You can download a wiring diagram:

<http://www.skylinesaustralia.com/forums/index.php?act=Attach&type=post&id=24750>

Paul Rivoli (PaulR33)



Pintarapalooza!

When you turn 20, you deserve a party... and the last weekend of July 2006 will be no exception!

The 7th generation Skyline - the R31 - celebrates two decades of road going glory this year, and as such the Nissan Datsun Sports Owners Club are hosting a national Skyline meet in Shepparton.

Open to owners of all Skylines and 'related' cars (Pintaras and Stageas), there will be a concourse show and

some driving activities at DECA. We're told some special Skylines will be on hand, including ex Group A DR30, R31 and R32 race cars!

Entry forms are available from the website at:

<http://www.skylinenationals.com>

Details will be posted online shortly so that SAU Vic member can both enter and show our support!

James Ward (Jamezilla)

Feel like having your own R31 to sit on top of the TV - or any other Skyline for that matter...

Check out the Ebbro model car web-site. You can buy the models direct from the website or from any decent hobby store here:

<http://www.ebbro.com/>



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Brain Buster

What car is that?

Name each of these VERY obscure cars and win a prize!



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