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BOGGY SAFARI TO ANDERSON AND WUNDERLICH

Report from Colin Wood



THAT WIN BY TED Anderson and Tony Wunderlich has been long overdue. They always seem to go extra well when the conditions are at their worst. Remember last year's Experts! Klaus Ferck photo.

CARRAJUNG, OCTOBER 13. — TED ANDERSON AND TONY WUNDERLICH BROUGHT THEIR DIMINUTIVE Datsun 1000 home to a hard-fought victory here today on 136 points from John Coleman/Bernard Peasley (Torana 2850) in the Chadstone Chrysler Hunter Safari, the sixth heat of the Victorian Rally Championship.

Coleman/Peasley dropped 148 ahead of Bob Bird/Warwick Smith (Torana) who came in third on 150 points.

Fourth were Cliff Stevens/Raymond Daniel (Torana) who were the first grade three crew home on 165 points.

Fifth were Robert Atkinson/Frank Trouw (Renault 10) while sixth place went to Norm Wagner/Gael McLean in the ever-swift Kingswood.

TITLE WON

This means that the Victorian Rally Championship has been won by Gary Harrowfield and Geoff Boyd for 1974. No other crew can possibly overhaul them.

Even if Coleman/Peasley win the remaining two heats their maximum points would be 37 which is one under the current Harrowfield/Boyd aggregate of 38.

Provided the provisional results stay basically as they are, hearty congratulations are due to this crew which is relatively new to this standard of competition and which got the measure of its opposition, took preparation very seriously and then went out and did their best, which as it turned out was indeed good enough!

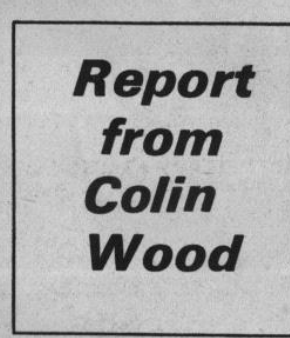
It was definitely a night of drama.

SANDY BOGS

Bruce and John Tassel broke an axle in the sandy bogs in the APM Forest. Graeme Horsfield/Bruce Norton (Capri) crashed into a ditch and badly misaligned the front end and then stopped with what they thought was a broken tailshaft.

After being stopped for some time they discovered that the car was just resting on the body and that in fact they were bogged!

The blue Datsun 1600 of Bruce Wilson/Mike Pren-



crews simply carried on and swapped them back at the halfway.

Dalle and Wallis also did their fair share of good deeds on the night.

At one stage they passed a lesser experienced grade 3 crew who were hopelessly bushed. Graham promptly gave them a grid reference which soon had them on their way again.

On section 20 they happened along just in time to get bogged alongside Bird/Smith, whose winch had got jammed helping the club course checker earlier in the event.

After winching themselves clear they were able to get Bird's flying Torana launched again.

Ross Turner/Ian Pearson (Galant) broke a tie rod end on the second section and made contact with a tree.

BROKEN CABLE

Gill Davis/Peter Haas (Torana) broke a speedo cable early in the event resulting in a distinct shortage of Halda function.

Fortunately a service point was not far away so they were able to get under way again without too much loss of time.

But Davis/Haas, together with Hartley Ruskin/Peter Burley (Renault 16), all of whom know the area extremely well, WD'd the loop control 30.

In fact, the control official was handed the Davis/Haas card ripped in two, and the crew had to be talked into finishing the event!

Judging from the standard of paperwork distributed by the director, the event had the required high standard of organisation for a Victorian Championship event. This is a credit to the director, Tony Allan, and the Chrysler Owners Club.

AMBITIOUS

But perhaps the total of 45 competitive sections was a little ambitious, and left them a trifle short of experienced control officials.

There were 38 entries from which 17 got to the finish, although only nine cars actually completed the whole route.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

1st Anderson/Wunderlich	136 pts.
2nd Coleman/Peasley	148 pts.
3rd Bird/Smith	150 pts.
4th Stevens/Daniel	165 pts.
5th Atkinson/Trouw	182 pts.
6th Wagner/McLean	190 pts.

dergast hit a bank and had to be taken back to Melbourne on a trailer.

The Ted Anderson/Tony Wunderlich Datsun 1000, which is fitted with a warm 1200 motor, managed to disgorge six pints of oil all over the engine compartment when the dipstick worked loose.

Fortunately it happened at a control and another competitor was able to donate some GTX.

GOOD OUTRIGHT

The Anderson/Wunderlich combine have been knocking on the door all this season and it's good to see them score an outright.

Unlike many of the crews, this particular one carries no sponsorship whatsoever and driver Anderson carries out all his own repairs and maintenance — in fact they were doubtful starters in this event as Anderson was short of both time and money to fully prepare the car — however, this time the effort paid off.

It would seem that Pierre Dalle, who teamed with ace clubman navigator Graham Wallis for this event, can't win a trick in a Hunter Safari.

Last year he stuck a stick through the radiator.

This year the radiator gave out on the second last section when Pierre was the leading grade 3 and certain of gaining an outright place.

SWAPPED

During the first stage the road cards of Dalle/Wallis and Pender/Baldock got accidentally swapped over. Both

NUMEROUS PROBLEMS BESET Gill Davis and Peter Haas, including a fairly wild "domestic" which resulted in a shredded route card! Klaus Ferck photo.

