

A History of the
AUSTRALIAN
MOTORKHANA CHAMPIONSHIP

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This document was created to provide a history of the Australian Motorkhana Championship.

There were many ways I could have changed the emphasis of this history. Probably most contentious was my decision to concentrate the commentaries and results on the outright championship contenders and focus less on the class competition. My personal view of the action has usually seen little other than the specials because of the way the field is split up. If anyone wants to write up a paragraph or two on the class action for each year, I would be happy to insert it provided it readily cuts and pastes into Word.

In early years, I have ignored team awards as they often had no apparent consistency of rules or membership from year to year. The team results are, however, included in most recent years as are full results. I have used Excel format for results files where available, to enable keen competitors to track times and organizers to assemble stats.

Any and all comments are invited. Information to expand the commentaries is particularly welcome. I would appreciate it if you can replace any of the ??? words or confirm (or not) any item followed by ?? and advise me of the corrections/additions by email at:

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I hope you enjoy the read.

Bill McCarthy

Introduction

Motorkhanas have been run in most states of Australia for many decades. Some State Championships were conducted for a number of years before the Australian Motorkhana Championship (AMC) was first held in 1972. State delegates were selected to form a National Motorkhana Committee in 1971??. The Committee formulated a National Motorkhana Code consisting of the rules for the conduct of an Australian Motorkhana Championship and dimensions of the tests which could be used. Former CAMS Board member and CAMS President Peter Bready was instrumental in driving this process to a successful conclusion.

The first Code was based on the NSW Code with some amendments from other states' practices. Victorians noticed that many of the tests were similar to those they used but the dimensions were often smaller.

To save confusion, the basic penalties were:

- Hit a marker (flag or cone) – plus 5 seconds

- Go the wrong way (WD) – slowest time on that test plus 5 seconds

In later years, the basic penalties are:

- Hit a marker (flag or cone) – plus 5 seconds

- Go the wrong way (WD) – slowest time with no penalty plus 5 seconds or double fastest time, whichever is faster

1972

The 1972 AMC was held on Sunday, 24 September at Young, New South Wales. It was run by the Young Car Club on a grass/dirt surface. There were 50 starters.

A mainly windless day combined with a dry dirt surface so dust caused severe visibility problems. Current NSW Champion Peter Deck and leading Qld driver Phil Griffin both ruined their chances by scoring WD on Double Loop due to the dust. With a competitive Double Loop time, Peter would have won easily.

Classes

- A: Registered - wheelbase to 85 inches (2159 mm) and Special or Unregistered
- B: Registered – wheelbase over 85 inches (2159 mm) and up to 95 inches (2413 mm)
- C: Registered – wheelbase over 95 inches (2413 mm) and up to 105 inches (2667 mm)
- D: Registered - wheelbase over 105 inches (2667 mm)

Ladies

Results

1	Martin Lawrence	Renault Special	NSW	258.9	A1
2	Tony West	Morris Moke	NSW	259.2	A2
3	Bill West	Morris Moke	NSW	259.5	A3
4	Les MacKenzie	Mini Special	NSW	263.5	A4
5	John Solman	Mini Special	NSW	264.9	A5
6	Charlie Gruber	Mini Special	NSW	265.8	A6
20	Chris Gabriel	Renault R12	ACT	284.5	C1
26	Milton Smith	VW 1200	NSW	289.1	B1
29	Carol Witherdin	Mini	NSW	294.3	Ladies
39	Roger Mail	Renault 16TS	NSW	318.5	D1

Test Times

1	Straight Slalom	Tony West	Morris Moke	22.0
2	Double Garage	John Solman	Mini Special	41.1
3	Serpentine	Les MacKenzie	Mini Special	27.0
4	Double Loop	Ian Langfield	Morris Moke	28.3
5	Tee Slalom	Bill West	Morris Moke	20.0
6	Hopkirk	Peter Deck	Morris Cooper S	34.5
7	Lazy Eight	Ian Langfield	Morris Moke	27.4
8	Crossover	Martin Lawrence	Renault Special	51.0

Many thanks to Peter Deck for the above information.

1973

The 1973 AMC was held on Sunday, 5 August 1973 at Frankston, Victoria - a south-eastern outer suburb of Melbourne. It was run by the HMAS Cerberus Car Club on a bitumen surface at Balmoral Shopping Centre. There were 70 entries and 58 started.

John Latham was fastest on only one of the 8 tests but his consistency won the day. This was the only time a production or registered car won the AMC. Declan Ohara was second in a near standard Mini Clubman GT. John Gwynne in a much modified Moke was leading when he made a major error in the cross garage of the Tee Garage and dropped about 9 secs. Bill McCarthy was easily fastest on the forward tests but was let down by his reversing.

Classes

A	Touring Cars 1 - 1000cc
B	Touring Cars 1001 - 1300cc
C	Touring Cars 1301 and over
D	Sports Cars
E	Specials and Lightweight Vehicles

Results

1	John Latham	AH Sprite Mark IIA	VIC	222.1	E1
2	Declan Ohara	Mini Clubman GT	VIC	224.7	B1
3	John Gwynne	Morris Moke	VIC	225.5	E2
4	Dennis Trigg	Renault Special	NSW	225.8	D1
5	Rick Perry	Perry Mk. IV	VIC	227.1	E3
6	Bill McCarthy	Morris Cooper S	VIC	228.6	B2
8	Alan Hall	Morris Mini	VIC	233.9	A1
20	Wal Pywell	Colt 1100SS	ACT	253.7	C1
29	Lesley McCarthy	Morris Cooper	VIC	262.9	First Lady

It is doubtful if Dennis Trigg's special should have been in Class D when John Latham's moderately modified Sprite was in Class E. Other entries in these classes are similarly anomalous. There was no Ladies award presented in 1973 but it's not worth a divorce to leave Lesley out. She was driving a Mini Cooper borrowed from Peter French as multiple entries in one car were not permitted.

Test Times

1	Forward and Reverse Slalom	John Latham	AH Sprite IIA	21.3
2	Double Kidney	Bill McCarthy	Morris Cooper S	26.7
3	Hopkirk	John Solman	Mini Special	29.8
4	Opposite Garages	John Gwynne	Morris Moke	25.0
5	Tee Garage	Bill McCarthy	Morris Cooper S	30.5
6	Manoeuvring	John Gwynne	Morris Moke	26.1
7	Crossed Four Point	Phil Griffin	Morris Cooper S	20.9
8	Double Bone	Phil Griffin	Morris Cooper S	30.8

1974

The 1974 AMC was held on Sunday, September 8 at Surfers Paradise in south-east Queensland. It was run by the Surfers Paradise Auto Racing Club on a bitumen surface - the main straight of Surfers Paradise Raceway. There were 52 entries and in spite of serious floods in much of NSW, 47 started.

Dennis Trigg recorded fastest time on 5 of the 7 tests in his 4 wheel steer special to easily win the event. Local Phil Griffin gave Trigg his only serious competition. The National Motorkhana Committee decided after this event to ban 4 wheel steering in specials for future AMCs. The State Panels followed suit for state championship motorkhanas.

Classes

Classes are not known but were probably based on wheelbase. Malcolm Spiden thinks they were:

- A Specials and Production cars with short wheelbase
- B Production cars with medium wheelbase
- C Production cars with longer wheelbase

Other awards went to fastest on each test, First Lady, First Ford, First Holden and fastest team

Results

1	Dennis Trigg	Renault Special	NSW	180.2	A1
2	Phil Griffin	Morris Cooper S	QLD	185.8	A2
3	Harry Greening	Leyland Clubman GT	NSW	197.3	A3
4	Kevin McCloy	Mini Special	QLD	197.9	A4
5	John Gwynne	Morris Cooper S	VIC	198.5	A5
6	David McCaig	Minigog Special	NSW	201.2	A6
17	Russell Worthington	Mazda RX4	QLD	226.4	B1
19	Bob Jennings	Holden Torana XU1	QLD	230.4	Holden
26	Malcolm Spiden	Ford Escort	QLD	239.3	Ford
28	Maya Wheatley	Morris Special	NSW	239.7	Ladies
36	A Frierichs	Renault 16TS	QLD	253.4	C1

Test Times

1	Open Slalom	Dennis Trigg	Renault Special	23.7
2	Hopkirk	Dennis Trigg	Renault Special	27.4
3	Forward and Reverse Slalom	Phil Griffin	Morris Cooper S	18.4
4	Cloverleaf	Phil Griffin	Morris Cooper S	22.0
5	Reverse Garage	Dennis Trigg	Renault Special	25.0
6	Waltz Slalom	Dennis Trigg	Renault Special	28.6
7	Eccentric	Dennis Trigg	Renault Special	33.8

1975

The 1975 AMC was held on Sunday, September 7 at Penrith, NSW - approximately 50 kilometres west of Sydney. It was run by the Datsun Drivers Club of New South Wales on a bitumen surface at Penrith Plaza shopping centre. There were 91 entries and 82 started.

This event was notable for being prematurely stopped by police. The story goes that a “person of influence” was having a drink in the adjacent RSL club and found the car noise annoying. He called the local police traffic branch and they stopped the event. Results were thus based on only 4 tests, even though many drivers had completed 7 tests.

Terry Goodacre recorded fastest time on all 4 tests to score an effortless win. Dennis Trigg converted his winning four wheel steer special of 1974 to 2 wheel steer for this event due to a change of regulations. Trigg came second. His effort is especially noteworthy as he had been ill for much of the intervening time.

Classes

A	Registered - wheelbase to 215 cm
B	Registered - wheelbase to 215 - 240 cm
C	Registered - wheelbase to 240 - 265 cm
D	Registered - wheelbase over 265 cm
E	Ladies
F	Specials and Unregistered Vehicles

Results

1	Terry Goodacre	Subaru Special	NSW	86.2	F1
2	Dennis Trigg	Renault Special	NSW	90.1	F2
3	John Gwynne	Morris Cooper S	VIC	94.9	F3
4	Phil Griffin	Morris Cooper S	QLD	95.7	F4
5	Bill McCarthy	Morris Moke	VIC	96.2	F5
6	Hugh McCausland	Coopermac	NSW	98.7	F6
7	Harry Greening	Leyland Clubman GT	NSW	99.7	A1
26	Maya Wheatley	Morris Special	NSW	115.5	E1
30	John Rosengrave	Morris Nomad	VIC	117.9	B1
32	Wayne Griffiths	Ford Escort	NSW	119.0	C1
38	A Frierichs	Renault 16TS	QLD	122.6	D1

Test Times

1	Triple Garage	Terry Goodacre	Subaru Special	27.1
2	Forward and Reverse Slalom	Terry Goodacre	Subaru Special	16.8
3	Tee Slalom	Terry Goodacre	Subaru Special	16.3
4	Hopkirk	Terry Goodacre	Subaru Special	26.0

1976

The 1976 AMC was held on Sunday, 29 August in Canberra, ACT. It was run by the Renault Car Club of Australia on a bitumen surface at Woden Plaza shopping centre. There were 66 entries and 63 started.

Terry Goodacre became the first driver to win 2 consecutive AMCs. He drove a mid-engined, Subaru 1400 powered, self-built special with 7" and 9" wide racing tyres. This was the last time a rear wheel drive car won the AMC until 2005. The next 10 places were taken by FWD cars.

This was the first year when purpose-built motorkhana specials took the first 3 places. In some earlier years, modified production cars had been almost competitive but this was no longer the case. The obvious potential of Rob Mutimer's and Brian Hughes' Mini Specials led to a rash of front wheel drive (FWD) specials in coming years.

After this event, Terry Goodacre sold his Subaru Special and bought the more sophisticated Delta VW Special from its builder Peter Tucker. In spite of many modifications, he didn't have the same success in that car.

Classes

A	Registered - wheelbase to 215 cm
B	Registered - wheelbase to 215 - 240 cm
C	Registered - wheelbase to 240 - 265 cm
D	Registered - wheelbase over 265 cm
E	Ladies
F	Specials and Unregistered Vehicles

Results

1	Terry Goodacre	Crypton Subaru Special	NSW	207.1	F1
2	Rob Mutimer	RWM Mini Special	VIC	213.3	F2
3	Brian Hughes	Mini Special	VIC	213.7	F3
4	John Gwynne	Morris Cooper S	VIC	215.1	F4
5	Phil Griffin	Morris Cooper S	QLD	215.9	F5
6	Bill McCarthy	Morris Moke	VIC	217.5	F6
17	Mike Hayward	AH Sprite	VIC	236.4	A1
=21	Lesley McCarthy	Morris Moke	VIC	246.2	E1
29	Simon Browning	Ford Escort TC	VIC	259.2	B1
40	Milton Karis	Holden Torana XU-1	VIC	274.0	C1
50	V. Fifield	Renault 16TS	NSW	302.6	D1

Test Times

1	Lazy Eight	Rob Mutimer	RWM Mini Special	21.6
2	Crossed Four Point	Peter Collins	Mini Special	18.9
3	Triple Garage	Terry Goodacre	Crypton Subaru Special	27.0
4	Double Loop	Rob Mutimer	RWM Mini Special	22.3
5	Tee Garage	Brian Hughes	Mini Special	27.3
6	Forward and Reverse Slalom	Terry Goodacre	Crypton Subaru Special	18.1
7	Crossover	Phil Griffin	Morris Cooper S	41.5
8	Hopkirk	Terry Goodacre	Crypton Subaru Special	25.5

1977

The 1977 AMC was held on Sunday, 28 August in Dandenong, VIC. It was run by the Chrysler Owners Car Club of Victoria on a bitumen surface at Dandenong Saleyards. There were 90 entries and 84 started. The higher entry number reflected the increasing interest in championship motorkhanas.

Bill McCarthy won his first AMC. This was the first year a front wheel drive car won the AMC. In fact, FWD specials took the first 5 places. The winning Delta S, built by Peter Tucker, was a refinement of the concept pioneered by Rob Mutimer and used modified Mini Cooper S engine and brakes with a Mini front subframe and front suspension. For more details, see [Motorkhana Cars](#)

As drivers aged 16 or over were now permitted by CAMS to compete, a Juniors Class was run for the first time for those under 18 years. It was fittingly won by David Monk, a son of CAMS co-founder Maurie Monk, a great supporter of “grass roots” motorsport.

Classes

I am not sure of the classes but have given likely specifications:

A	Production cars - wheelbase to 220?? cm
C	Production cars - wheelbase 220?? to 245?? cm
E	Production cars - wheelbase over 245?? cm
G	FWD Specials
H	RWD Specials
I	Ladies
J	Juniors

Results

1	Bill McCarthy	Delta S Mini Special	VIC	218.2	G1
2	Robin Mutimer	RWM Mk IIIA Mini Spl	VIC	218.7	G2
3	Brian Hughes	Cosmos II Mini Special	VIC	225.8	G3
4	Graeme Adams	RWM Mk IIIA Mini Spl	VIC	227.6	G4
5	Peter Deck	Deck Mini Special	ACT	229.8	G5
6	Terry Goodacre	Delta V VW Special	NSW	230.0	H1
10	Lesley McCarthy	Delta S Mini Special	VIC	238.9	I1
12	David Monk	Subaru Special	VIC	243.7	J1
19	Don Lemm	Honda Scamp 600	SA	260.9	A1
=36	John Gwynne	Holden Torana XU-1	VIC	277.2	E1
43	Michael?? Monk	?????	VIC	284.5	C1

Test Times

1	Gate Slalom	Bill McCarthy	Delta S Mini Special	20.9
2	Square Slalom	Bill McCarthy	Delta S Mini Special	19.9
3	Hopkirk	Bill McCarthy	Delta S Mini Special	25.0
4	Double Bone	Bill McCarthy	Delta S Mini Special	27.1
5	Multiple Loop	Phil East	Mini Special	28.0
6	Opposite Garages	Rob Mutimer	RWM Mk. IIIA Mini Spl	23.7
7	Double Loop	Phil East	Mini Special	22.5
8	Reverse Lazy Eight	Rob Hume	Mini Special	23.8
9	Butterfly	Bill McCarthy	Delta S Mini Special	21.5

1978

The 1978 AMC was held on Sunday, 27 August in Deniliquin, NSW - about 270 km north of Melbourne. It was run by the Deniliquin Sporting Car Club on a grass surface at the Club ground. There were 57 entries and 47 started. With a location away from a capital city and with few local entries, the lower entry was not a surprise.

This was the first time a grass surface had been used for the AMC since 1972. A number of competitors suffered this time because the greasy surface became muddy during the course of tests. As a result, it was decided that future AMCs should be run on sealed surfaces to minimize these inequities.

Ronn Jay in an XP Falcon was unable to fit his car through the Double Kidney test. Measurement showed that the test was slightly smaller than the required size and it was dropped from the results. The National Committee considered later that the test was too cramped for larger cars and the dimensions of Double Kidney and some other tests were increased as a result.

Bill McCarthy won his second AMC. Geoff Thomson's 4th place outright while aged 16 was exceptional.

Classes

- A Production - wheelbase to 220 cm & capacity to 1200 cc
- B Production - wheelbase to 220 cm & capacity over 1200 cc
- C Production - wheelbase over 220 cm & to 245 cm
- D Production - wheelbase over 245 cm & to 265 cm
- E Production - wheelbase over 265 cm
- F FWD Specials
- G RWD Specials
- H Ladies
- I Juniors (under 21)

Results

Note: I have adjusted some class results as Colin Edwards' special was shown as winning class C when, in fact, he was 3rd in Class G.

1	Bill McCarthy	Delta S Mini Special	VIC	243.2	F1
2	Harry Pearson	Mini Special	VIC	254.4	F2
3	Robin Mutimer	RWM Mk IV Mini Spl	VIC	255.2	F3
4	Geoff Thomson	Delta S Mini Special	VIC	255.9	I1
5	Graeme Adams	RWM Mk IV Mini Spl	VIC	259.1	F4
6	Terry Goodacre	Delta V VW Special	NSW	259.5	G1
7	Harry Greening	Leyland Clubman GT	NSW	265.8	B1
11	Lesley McCarthy	Delta S Mini Special	VIC	275.1	H1
17	Peter Johns	Leyland Moke	VIC	282.3	A1
21	Larry Bensch	Datsun 1600	VIC	290.1	C1
29	Gary Young	Hillman Hunter	VIC	316.4	D1
=43	Ronn Jay	Ford Falcon	VIC	363.8	E1

Test Times

1	Forward & Reverse Slalom	Don Lemm	Honda Scamp 600	25.1
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2	Straight Slalom	Robert Death	VW Special	23.7
3	Gate Slalom	Lesley McCarthy	Delta S Mini Special	28.9
4	Waltz Slalom	Rob Mutimer	RWM Mk. IV Mini Spl	35.6
5	Opposite Garages	Bill McCarthy	Delta S Mini Special	29.2
6	Plumb Crazy	Bill McCarthy	Delta S Mini Special	29.7
7	Double Kidney	Maurice Monk	Subaru Special	35.3
8	Reverse Lazy Eight	Geoff Thomson	Delta S Mini Special	31.9

1979

The 1979 AMC was held on Sunday, 25 August in Adelaide, SA. It was run by the Modified Mini Car Club of SA on a bitumen surface at Tea Tree Plaza shopping centre. There were 78 entries and 67 started.

This event was dogged by rain which fell all day. Bill McCarthy won his third AMC in succession, setting fastest time on all the tests, the only time this has been achieved in an AMC to date (2015). Geoff Thomson's 2nd place outright while aged 17 will probably never be matched by another Junior driver.

10 Western Australian drivers made the journey across the Nullarbor Plain, a trip of 2700 km (1675 miles) each way. This stimulated a burst of special building in the West in subsequent years. After the event, McCarthy sold the Delta S to Ross Whitbourne and started the construction of a new special.

Classes

A	Touring Cars to 1100 cc
B	Touring Cars FWD 1101 to 1500 cc
C	Touring Cars RWD 1101 to 1500 cc
D	Touring Cars 1501 to 2000 cc
E	Touring Cars 2001 cc and over
F	Sports Cars including Mokes
G	FWD Specials
H	RWD Specials
I	Ladies
J	Juniors (under 21)

Results

1	Bill McCarthy	Delta S Mini Special	VIC	149.22	G1
2	Geoff Thomson	Delta S Mini Special	VIC	156.66	J1
3	Robin Mutimer	RWM Mk IV Mini Spl	VIC	162.06	G2
4	Graeme Adams	RWM Mk IV Mini Spl	VIC	167.17	G3
5	Harry Pearson	Mini Special	VIC	175.84 *	G4
6	Neil Turner	Morris Cooper S	SA	175.39 *	B1
11	Ross Whitbourne	Leyland Moke	VIC	180.2	F1
13	Lesley McCarthy	Delta S Mini Special	VIC	182.62	I1
14	Ross Hutchison	Subaru Special	VIC	183.63	H1
19	Larry Bensch	Datsun 1600	VIC	186.51	D1
30	Peter Drew	Mini	SA	196.1	A1
35	Robert Lee	Renault 750	SA	197.03	C1
52	Michael Darling	Datsun 240K	VIC	218.43	E1

* It appears that Neil Turner was actually 5th.

Test Times

1	Double Loop	Bill McCarthy	Delta S Mini Special	23.58
2	Eccentric	Bill McCarthy	Delta S Mini Special	32.1
3	Crossed Four Point	Bill McCarthy	Delta S Mini Special	17.74
4	Hopkirk	Bill McCarthy	Delta S Mini Special	24.4
5	Butterfly	Bill McCarthy	Delta S Mini Special	22.2
6	Waltz Slalom	Bill McCarthy	Delta S Mini Special	29.2

1980

The 1980 AMC was held on Sunday, 31 August in Dandenong, a suburb of Melbourne, Victoria. It was run by the Datsun Car Club of Australia on a bitumen surface at Dandenong Saleyards. There were 88 entries and 85 started.

A few showers fell during the day. Some squabbling over running order with the eventual winner trying to run out of order to gain an advantage resulted in stricter regulations in following years. This was the closest finish to date with the first 3 within 0.38 of a second. Rob Mutimer (RWM Mk. IV, Vic) won his first AMC from Ross Whitbourne (Delta S, Vic) and Phil Griffin (Ventura, Qld).

Classes

A	Production - wheelbase to 220 cm & capacity to 1200 cc
B	Production - wheelbase to 220 cm & capacity over 1200 cc
C	Production - wheelbase over 220 cm & to 245 cm
D	Production - wheelbase over 245 cm & to 265 cm
E	Production - wheelbase over 265 cm
F	FWD Specials
G	RWD Specials
H	Ladies other than Class I
I	Ladies in registered vehicles
J	Juniors (under 18)

Results

1	Robin Mutimer	RWM Mk IV Mini Spl	VIC	172.47	F1
2	Ross Whitbourne	Delta S Mini Special	VIC	172.60	F2
3	Phil Griffin	Ventura Mini Special	QLD	172.85	F3
4	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Special	VIC	174.47	F4
5	Bill McCarthy	Delta SS Subaru Special	VIC	178.75	F5
6	Terry Goodacre	Mini Special	NSW	181.18	F6
10	Neil Turner	Morris Cooper S	SA	185.98	B1
11	Don Lemm	Leyland Moke	SA	189.95	A1
12	Paul Monk	Subaru Special	VIC	191.05	J1
13	David Monk	Subaru Special	VIC	191.80	G1
16	Theo Wintels	Toyota Corolla	VIC	208.14	C1
18	Dianne Mummery	Morris Cooper S	VIC	209.68	I1
20	John Gwynne	Holden Torana XU-1 V8	VIC	211.10	D1
21	Lesley McCarthy	Delta SS Subaru Special	VIC	211.36	H1
72	Mal Rutherford	Holden EH	VIC	256.08	E1

Test Times

1	Opposite Garages	Rob Mutimer	RWM Mk. IV Mini Spl	22.91
2	Double Bone	Rob Mutimer	RWM Mk. IV Mini Spl	27.24
3	Hopkirk	Phil Griffin	Ventura Mini Special	24.76
4	Manoeuvring	Phil Griffin	Ventura Mini Special	24.32
5	Reverse Garage	Bill McCarthy	Delta SS Subaru Special	23.86
6	Double Loop	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Special	23.24
7	Trefoil	Phil Griffin	Ventura Mini Special	20.62

1981

The 1981 AMC was held on Sunday, August 30 in Canberra, ACT. It was run by the Brindabella Motor Sport Club on a bitumen surface at the Woden Town Centre shopping centre. There were 79 entries and 79 started.

Bill McCarthy led for most of the day until a shower fell before the Tee Garage on which he and Ross Whitbourne hit flags. Geoff Thomson became the youngest AMC winner aged 20 years and 1 day. After finishing 2nd in 1980 & 1981, Ross Whitbourne sold the Delta S to David Beames who was to keep it for over 30 years and win 6 AMCs and 12 SAMCs in it.

Classes

A	Registered Production FWD - wheelbase to 215 cm
B	Registered Production RWD - wheelbase to 215 cm
C	Registered Production FWD - wheelbase over 215 cm & to 240 cm
D	Registered Production RWD - wheelbase over 215 cm & to 240 cm
E	Registered Production FWD - wheelbase over 240 cm & to 265 cm
F	Registered Production RWD - wheelbase over 240 cm & to 265 cm
G	Registered Production FWD - wheelbase over 265 cm
H	Registered Production RWD - wheelbase over 265 cm
I	FWD Specials, non-production or unregistered
J	RWD Specials, non-production or unregistered

Results

1	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Special	VIC	183.4	I1
2	Ross Whitbourne	Delta S Mini Special	VIC	186.7	I2
3	Bill McCarthy	Delta SS Subaru Special	VIC	188.1	I3
4	Phil Griffin	Ventura Mini Special	QLD	190.8	I4
5	Don Lemm	Manta MS-2 Mini Spl	SA	193.3	I5
6	Roy Randall	Manta MS-2 Mini Spl	SA	199.3	I6
9	Cedric Green	VW Special	QLD	206.7	J1
10	Ron Brown	Leyland Moke	VIC	208.1	A1
18	Carol Griffin	Ventura Mini Special	QLD	223.7	First Lady (no Class)
21	John Rosengrave	VW Golf	VIC	228.4	C1
25	Larry Bensch	Datsun 1600	VIC	237.8	F1
=30	Phil Lemm	Renault	SA	240.2	D1
44	Geoff Boyd	Peugeot 404	ACT	252.7	H1

Test Times

1	Triple Garage	Bill McCarthy	Delta SS Subaru Special	25.2
2	Crossover	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Special	38.3
3	Lazy Eight	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Special	19.8
4	Forward & Reverse Slalom	Bill McCarthy	Delta SS Subaru Special	16.1
5	Double Loop	Ross Whitbourne	Delta S Mini Special	23.4
6	Tee Garage	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Special	29.6
7	Hopkirk	Ross Whitbourne	Delta S Mini Special	25.9

1982

The 1982 AMC was held on Sunday, August 29 at Ipswich, QLD. It was run by the Ipswich and West Moreton Auto Club on a bitumen surface at Centenary Shopping Centre. There were 73 entries and 72 started.

After 4 tests, Don Lemm led Bill McCarthy by 2.61, Geoff Thomson by 4.18 and Arthur Latta by 4.64. After 7 tests, Don led Bill by 1.65, Geoff by 7.68, Greg Wolski by 12.72 and Phil Griffin by 13.57. After all 10 tests, Don led Bill by 2.99, Geoff by 8.74, Phil by 15.64 and Greg by 19.53.

Don Lemm became the first South Australian to win the AMC and he did it convincingly with 8 fastest times from 10 tests. This was one of the few occasions when the Manta had good tyres which released the car's potential. By contrast, the Delta SS suffered from graining front tyres which hampered Bill's and Geoff's efforts.

Phil took an early flag but pegged Greg back to finish as first Queenslander.

Classes

Class descriptions have been deduced from a magazine article and may not be accurate.

A	Registered - wheelbase to 215 cm
B	Registered - wheelbase to 215 - 240 cm
C	Registered - wheelbase to 240 - 265 cm
D	Registered - wheelbase over 265 cm
F1	FWD Specials
F2	RWD Specials
L1	Ladies in Registered vehicles
L2	Ladies in Specials

Results

1	Don Lemm	Manta MS-2D Mini Spl	SA	242.80	F1 1
2	Bill McCarthy	Delta SS Subaru Special	VIC	245.79	F1 2
3	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Special	VIC	251.54	F1 3
4	Phil Griffin	Ventura Mini Special	QLD	258.44	F1 4
5	Greg Wolski	Mini Special	QLD	262.33	F1 5
6	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	WA	267.80	F1 6
9	Lesley McCarthy	Delta SS Subaru Special	VIC	276.70	L2 1
14	Alan Wheeley	VW Special	QLD	289.07	F2 1
20	Dennis Williams	Mini	NZ	300.51	A 1
25	Alan McConnell	Mazda RX2	QLD	311.03	C 1
28	Ray Vandersee	Datsun 120Y	QLD	316.05	B 1
39	Robyn Jenkinson	Mini Cooper	QLD	325.51	L1 1
63	Ean Rapley	Leyland P76	QLD	368.91	D 1

Test Times

1	Crossover	Don Lemm	Manta MS-2D Mini Spl	39.32
2	Multiple Loop	Don Lemm	Manta MS-2D Mini Spl	26.62
3	Hopkirk	Don Lemm	Manta MS-2D Mini Spl	21.46
4	Plum Crazy	David Beames	Manta MS-2D Mini Spl	22.30
5	Double Loop	Don Lemm	Manta MS-2D Mini Spl	21.46
6	Reverse Garage	Bill McCarthy	Delta SS Subaru Special	21.48
7	Crazy Square	Don Lemm	Manta MS-2D Mini Spl	16.00

8	Square Slalom	Don Lemm	Manta MS-2D Mini Spl	18.38
9	Tee Garage	Don Lemm	Manta MS-2D Mini Spl	26.98
10	Double Bone	Don Lemm	Manta MS-2D Mini Spl	26.02

1983

The 1983 AMC was held on Sunday, 4 September in Maribyrnong, VIC. It was run by the Victorian Motorkhana Panel on a bitumen surface at Highpoint West Shopping Centre. There were 119 entries and 111 started. This was still the highest ever AMC entry in 2015.

The sandy bitumen surface troubled most of the drivers. After 4 tests, Geoff Thomson lead by 0.74 secs to Phil Griffin, 3.1 to Bill McCarthy and 3.98 to Ross Bennett. After 8 tests, Phil had dropped back on the reversing tests to finish 5th, Ross held on to 4th, David Beames recovered from an early garage penalty to 3rd, Bill hit a flag but managed 2nd.

Geoff Thomson put in a fast, consistent performance to take his second AMC by 6.53 secs. Bill McCarthy struggled for pace after a lengthy layoff due to a back injury. This was to be his last AMC until 1993 as his back pain became chronic. This was David Beames' first AMC in the Delta S which had been owned first by Bill McCarthy and later by Ross Whitbourne. David was to become the most successful AMC driver in the 1990s.

Classes

Classes are uncertain but appear to be:

A	Production - wheelbase to 220 cm
B	Production - wheelbase over 220 cm & to 245 cm
C	Production - wheelbase over 245 cm & to 265 cm
D	Production - wheelbase over 265 cm
F	FWD Specials
G	RWD Specials
H	Ladies other than Class I
I	Ladies in production vehicles
J	Juniors
K	Novices

Results

1	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Special	VIC	180.71	F 1
2	Bill McCarthy	Delta SS Subaru Special	VIC	187.24	F 2
3	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	SA	189.24	F 3
4	Ross Bennett	Turben Mini Special	WA	194.71	F 4
5	Phil Griffin	Ventura Mini Special	QLD	196.27	F 5
6	C Terlick	Turben Mini Special	WA	198.92	F 6
7	Ron Brown	Leyland Moke	VIC	199.89	A 1
14	Lesley McCarthy	Delta SS Subaru Special	VIC	207.09	H 1
16	Greg Colgan	Hillman Special	VIC	211.35	G 1
19	John Rosengrave	VW Golf	VIC	213.53	C 1
20	David Brown	Leyland Moke	VIC	215.17	K 1
24	Ken Douglas	Mazda RX3	VIC	222.57	B 1
56	Mike Krauth	Peugeot 404	VIC	245.63	D 1
63	Stewart Hall	Renault Special	VIC	249.54	J 1
80	Helen Palmer	Celica	VIC	258.30	I 1

Test Times

1	Plum Crazy	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Special	23.14
2	Crossed Four Point	Phil Griffin	Ventura Mini Spl	18.85
3	Gate Slalom	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Special	20.24
4	Crazy Square	Phil Griffin	Ventura Mini Spl	16.44

5	Manoeuvring	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Special	24.37
6	Waltz Slalom	Bruce Mills	Redback S Special	24.38
7	Opposite Garages	Bill McCarthy	Delta SS Subaru Special	27.35
8	Hopkirk	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	23.40

1984

The 1984 AMC was held on Sunday, 2 September in Perth, WA. It was run by Mini Car Club of W.A. on a rather slippery and, later in the day, wet bitumen surface at Southlands Shopping Centre. There were 87 entries and all started.

Geoff Thomson got away to a good start to lead Don Lemm by 3.81 secs, Jim Newell by 4.31, Ross Bennett by 4.78 and Murray Turner by 5.26 after 4 tests. After 8 tests, Geoff led Ross by 7.01, Jim by 8.31, Don by 11.36 after a flag on Hopkirk and Murray by 12.09. After 12 tests, Geoff led Don by 14.41, Murray by 17.06, Jim by 23.45 after dropping about 11 secs on Triple Garage and Ross by 24.83 after dropping about 13 secs on the last 2 tests.

David McDonald had a consistent run to 6th place. David Beames had an early flag and struggled with the surface to come 7th. A WD and a flag kept Roy Randall from a top 5 finish

Classes

Classes are uncertain but appear to include:

- A Registered - wheelbase to 215 cm
- B Registered - wheelbase to 215 - 240 cm
- C Registered - wheelbase to 240 - 265 cm
- D Registered - wheelbase over 265 cm
- F FWD Specials
- G RWD Specials

Results

1	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Special	VIC	275.56	F 1
2	Don Lemm	Manta MS-2 Mini Spl	SA	289.97	F 2
3	Murray Turner	Turben Mini Special	WA	292.62	F 3
4	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	WA	299.01	F 4
5	Ross Bennett	Turben Mini Special	WA	300.39	F 5
6	David McDonald	Turben Mini Special	WA	301.19	F 6
15	Alan Wheeley	Kwakakart	QLD	345.00	G 1
16	Lyn Bennett	Turben Mini Special	WA	350.77	Ladies in
Specials					
18	John Rosengrave	VW Golf	VIC	351.80	C 1
21	J Cottam	Morris Moke	WA	356.36	A 1
22	A Taylor	Honda City Pro	WA	356.37	B 1
44	Mike Krauth	Peugeot 404	VIC	395.21	D 1
45	Allison Palmer	Toyota Corolla	WA	396.15	Ladies in
Prod'n					

Test Times

1	Crossed Four Point	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Spl	18.02
2	Butterfly	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Spl	20.53
3	Open Slalom	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Spl	20.23
4	Six Gate	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Spl	15.68
5	Cloverleaf	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Spl	19.65
6	Manoeuvring	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	23.73
7	Forward & Reverse Slalom	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Spl	16.23
8	Hopkirk	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	24.21
9	Star	Don Lemm	Manta MS-2 Mini Spl	20.83
10	Triple Garage	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Spl	25.08
11	Crossover	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Spl	41.72

1985

The 1985 AMC was held on Sunday, 1 September in Wodonga, VIC, 300 km. north-west of Melbourne. It was run by the Albury-Wodonga & Districts Car Club on a dirt and gravel surface at Wodonga Saleyards. There were 84 entries and 82 started.

This was the first AMC held on an unsealed surface since 1978. The supp regs specified that hand-cut and winter tread tyres could not be used and some competitors were unhappy about what was accepted. In addition, the 1978 problem of the surface changing during the course of each test recurred. The National Motorkhana Committee resolved that only sealed surfaces would be used in future AMCs.

Classes

A	Production - wheelbase to 2150 mm
B	Production - wheelbase 2151 mm to 2390 mm
C	Production - wheelbase 2391 mm to 2650 mm
D	Production - wheelbase 2651 mm and over
F	FWD Specials
G	RWD Specials
H	Ladies in specials
I	Ladies in production vehicles
J	Juniors
K	Novices

Results

1	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Special	VIC	313.67	F 1
2	Harry Pearson	Mini Special	VIC	314.93	F 2
3	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	SA	319.46	F 3
4	Don Lemm	Manta MS-2 Mini Spl	SA	320.41	F 4
5	Neil Edwards	Renault Special	NSW	322.23	G 1
6	Phil East	Mini Special	NSW	323.37	F 5
13	John Rosengrave	VW Golf	VIC	334.70	C 1
14	Neil Boyd	Morris Cooper S	VIC	336.11	A 1
17	D Cavanagh	Ford Laser	VIC	340.66	B 1
19	Allison Palmer	Turben Mini Special	WA	342.39	H 1
33	Chris Allan	Mini Special	VIC	354.39	J 1
39	Jim Richards	BMW 635	VIC	357.92	D 1
44	S Taylor	Morris Cooper	NSW	371.04	I 1

Test Times

1	Eccentric	Phil East	Mini Special	41.04
2	Waltz Slalom	R Clarke	VW Special	37.03
3	Forward & Reverse Slalom	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Special	23.48
4	Triple Garage	Harry Pearson	Mini Special	34.55
5	Manoeuvring	Alan Upton	Mini Special	33.11
6	Atom	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	39.48
7	Plumb Crazy	Alan Upton	Mini Special	31.48
8	Double Kidney	Wayne Griffiths	Mini Special	33.02
9	Star	Alan Upton	Mini Special	29.64

1986

The 1986 AMC was held on Sunday, 31 August in Adelaide, SA. It was run by a group of SA car clubs on a bitumen surface at Colonnades Shopping Centre. There were 70 entries and all started.

Geoff Thomson led after 4 tests by 4.99 secs from David Beames, 5.14 from Don Lemm (Turben), 5.45 from Jim Newell and 6.83 from Peter D'Angri (Delta SS). After 8 tests, Geoff led David by 11.62, Jim by 13.92 and Don by 15.93. Don had a slow time on Reverse Garage in the unfamiliar Turben, while Peter could have been 3rd but for a WD on Atom. In the last 4 tests, Geoff increased his lead, followed by David, Jim and Don.

Geoff Thomson was 0.13 seconds away from having fastest time on all 12 tests. Having won the last 4 AMCs and aged 25 years and a few days, he retired after this event to the relief of the other drivers. His record in only 9 AMCs was 5 firsts, 2 seconds and 2 fourths (while aged 16 and 18). He is to date (2015) the only driver to win 4 consecutive AMCs. His winning margin at this 1986 AMC is also the greatest to date (2015) at 19.49 seconds. The Delta SS was sold to Phil East.

Classes

Classes are uncertain but appear to include:

- A Production - wheelbase to 2150 mm
- B Production - wheelbase 2151 mm to 2390 mm
- C Production - wheelbase 2391 mm to 2650 mm
- D Production - wheelbase 2651 mm and over
- E FWD Specials
- F RWD Specials

After discussion with David Beames and Jim Newell, we believe that there were no awards for Ladies, Juniors or Novices at the 1986 AMC. I have added our best guesses below for reasons of consistency and marital peace.

Results

1	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Spl	VIC	267.82	E 1
2	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	SA	287.31	E 2
3	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	WA	289.53	E 3
4	Don Lemm	Turben Mini Special	SA	293.93	E 4
5	Phil East	Mini Special	NSW	302.04	E 5
6	Harry Pearson	Mini Special	VIC	303.25	E 6
9	Colin Edwards	Renault Special	NSW	314.63	F 1
11	Lesley McCarthy	Delta SS Subaru Spl	VIC	319.86	First Lady
17	Neil Boyd	Morris Cooper S	VIC	345.87	A 1
19	Graham van der Hoek	VW	SA	350.87	C 1
24	C Bastian	MGB	SA	358.07	B 1
34	Clare Kissack	Honda Civic	NSW	374.82	First Lady
in Prod'n					
50	Darren Colgan	Galant Special	VIC	390.61	First
Junior					
53	John Boston	VW	NSW	410.41	First
Junior in Prod'n					
68	D Brown	Ford Fairlane	SA	536.37	D 1

Test Times

1	Multiple Loop	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Special	26.69
2	Trefoil	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Special	17.40
3	Hopkirk	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Special	22.45
4	Double Loop	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Special	22.01
5	Reverse Garage	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Special	21.85
6	Straight Slalom	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Special	17.27
7	Atom	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	28.27
8	Opposite Garages	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Special	20.43
9	Forward & Reverse Slalom	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Special	15.40
10	Double Bone	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Special	25.83
11	Gate Slalom	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	20.49
12	Double Garage	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Special	29.60

1987

The 1987 AMC was held on Sunday, September 27 on the Gold Coast, Qld. It was run by Gold Coast Tweed Motor Sporting Club on a bitumen surface at The Pines Shopping Centre, Elenora. There were 63 entries and 63 started.

Eventual place-getters David Beames, Phil East and Ross Bennett dropped 6.38, 10.75 and 17.26 secs. respectively to Jim Newell on the Paddy so after the first 3 tests, Jim led Alan McConnell by 1.63 secs., David by 6.43 and Wayne Griffiths by 8.09. With fastest times on the next 3 tests, Jim led Alan by 6.17 secs., David by 10.80 and Wayne by 15.86. Alan and Wayne dropped 19.55 and 8.05 to Jim on Hopkirk so after 9 tests, Jim cruised home to beat David by 12.28 secs. and Phil by 20.34.

Jim's blend of speed and consistency dominated the event with 7 fastest times and each of his other times within .57 seconds of fastest. Alan McConnell showed promise in a typically mercurial performance in the Mini Special built by his father, Keith. David Beames, apart from a slow Paddy, had another consistent day for second placing. Jim said later that he came to the event expecting to battle for second behind Geoff Thomson only to find that Geoff had retired.

Classes

Classes are uncertain but appear to be:

- A Production - wheelbase to 2150 mm
- B Production - wheelbase 2151 mm to 2390 mm
- C Production - wheelbase 2391 mm to 2650 mm
- D Production - wheelbase 2651 mm and over
- F1 FWD Specials
- F2 RWD Specials

Other awards:

- L Ladies
- LP Ladies in Production vehicles
- J Juniors

Results

1	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	WA	286.69	F1 1
2	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	SA	298.97	F1 2
3	Phil East	Delta SS Subaru Special	NSW	307.03	F1 3
4	Ross Bennett	Turben Mini Special	WA	312.23	F1 4
5	Wayne Griffiths	Mini Special	NSW	313.21	F1 5
6	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	QLD	313.24	F1 6
7	Kerry O'Sullivan	Renault Special	QLD	322.89	F2 1
8	Alison Palmer	Turben Mini Special	WA	328.69	L 1
12	Lindsay Jenkinson	Mini Moke	QLD	338.70	A 1
13	I Brown	VW Beetle	QLD	348.40	C 1
20	Rod Asher	Ford Laser	SA	367.60	B 1
50	K Gay	Commodore	QLD	484.15	D 1
44	R Jenkinson	Mini Moke	QLD	409.99	LP 1
53	M O'Sullivan	Renault Special	QLD	432.87	J 1

Test Times

1	Paddy	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	21.40
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2	Atom	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	27.46
3	Manoeuvring	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	23.23
4	Reverse Garage	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	24.78
5	Opposite Garages	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	21.69
6	Gables	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	31.07
7	Hopkirk	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	24.04
8	Butterfly	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	20.81
9	Double Bone /	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	26.31
		David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	26.31
10	Reverse Lazy Eight	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	20.22
11	Corridor	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	25.19
12	Square Slalom	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	18.65

1988

The 1988 AMC was held on Sunday, September 25 in Sydney, NSW. It was run by the Mini Car Club on a bitumen surface at Australia's Wonderland - a fun park. There were 102 entries and 101 started.

The surface started gravelly and broke up into rough dirt as the event progressed - hence the slow times and more than usual flag and garage penalties. Jim Newell claimed an early lead, heading David Beames by 4.01 secs after 4 tests, Kerry O'Sullivan by 5.45, Ron Dean by 6.67. After 8 tests, Jim led David by 8.46, Phil East by 13.76 and Ross Bennett by 14.33. After 12 tests, in spite of a 5 second garage penalty on Hopkirk, Jim led David by 6.20, Ron by 12.94, Ross by 13.30 and Phil by 14.95.

Jim Newell won his second AMC in convincing fashion with 4 fastest and 5 second fastest times. Davis Beames drove steadily but slow reversing hurt his chances. For the first time in many years, a rear wheel drive special made an impression on the AMC with a VW Special coming 3rd driven by Ron Dean. Phil East was quick but 2 penalties and a slow Paddy inflated his total. Alan McConnell was surprisingly off the pace all day.

Classes

Classes are uncertain but appear to include:

- A 2WD Production - wheelbase to 2150 mm
- B 2WD Production - wheelbase 2151 mm to 2390 mm
- C 2WD Production - wheelbase 2391 mm to 2650 mm
- D 2WD Production - wheelbase 2651 mm and over
- E1 Ladies in Production Vehicles
- E2 Ladies in Specials
- F1 FWD Specials
- F2 RWD Specials
- G1 Juniors in Production Vehicles
- G2 Juniors in Specials
- H unknown - perhaps 4WD Production Vehicles??

Results

1	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	WA	336.63	F1 1
2	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	SA	342.83	F1 2
3	Ron Dean	VW Special	NSW	349.57	F2 1
4	Ross Bennett	Manta Mazda Special	WA	349.93	F1 3
5	Phil East	Delta SS Subaru Spl	NSW	351.58	F1 4
6	Robert Clarke	VW Special	NSW	358.45	F2 2
12	Andrew Clarke	VW Special	NSW	377.11	G2 1
14	Alison Palmer	Turben Mini Special	WA	383.31	E2 1
18	Garry Elliott	Subaru	NSW	390.42	C 1
21	Lindsay Jenkinson	Moke	QLD	395.01	A 1
28	Peter Otzen	Honda Civic	VIC	402.08	B 1
46	Phil Torode	Peugeot	VIC	428.90	D 1
68	Gavin Lake	Mazda	NSW	455.56	H 1
76	Susan Jones	Moke	NSW	466.74	E1 1
88	Derek Lane	Mazda	NSW	495.53	G1 1

Test Times

1	Manoeuvring	Wayne Griffiths	Mini Special	26.22
2	Paddy	Kerry O'Sullivan	Renault Special	23.60
3	Cloverleaf	Phil East	Delta SS Subaru Spl	22.05
4	Triple Garage	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	29.10
5	Double Bone	Phil East	Delta SS Subaru Spl	29.79
6	Waltz Slalom	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	32.04
7	Tee Garage	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	30.05
8	Lazy Eight	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	22.65
9	Double Loop	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	27.40
10	Hopkirk	Matt Allan	Renault Special	29.00
11	Corridor	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	29.89
12	Open Slalom	Ross Bennett	Manta Mazda Special	24.77

1989

The 1989 AMC was held on Sunday, 8 October in Somerton, VIC. It was run by a consortium of car clubs on a grippy, brushed concrete surface at the BP Oasis Truck Park. There were 83 entries and 83 started.

Alan McConnell and Jim Newell traded fast times but Jim's slow Tee Garage early and a flag penalty later allowed Alan a comfortable win. David Beames drove steadily all day but would have been disappointed with his reversing times. Ross Bennett rolled Jim Newell's Turben special while attempting to finish the Hopkirk - their last test. Jim's quote at the presentation was memorable - "I said to Ross "You need to do something to upset McConnell. Sacrifice the car if you have to""

Jim's idea didn't work and Alan McConnell won his 1st AMC by a comfortable margin.

Classes

Classes are uncertain but appear to include:

A	2WD Production - wheelbase to 2150 mm
B	2WD Production - wheelbase 2151 mm to 2390 mm
C	2WD Production - wheelbase 2391 mm to 2650 mm
D	2WD Production - wheelbase 2651 mm and over
F	FWD Specials
G	RWD Specials
H	Ladies in 2WD Production Cars
J	Juniors

Results

1	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	QLD	269.20	F 1
2	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	WA	277.77	F 2
3	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	SA	278.05	F 3
4	Phil East	Delta SS Subaru Special	NSW	285.05	F 4
5	Alan Upton	Renault Special	VIC	300.57	G 1
6	Bill Nealy	Mini Special	VIC	304.02	F 5
10	Peter D'Angri	Leyland Moke	VIC	307.67	A
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15	Corinne East	Delta SS Subaru Special	NSW	319.48	J 1
16	Ken Graham	1600	QLD	323.81	C 1
24	Dennis Kavanaugh	Ford Laser	VIC	334.40	B 1
36	Phil Torode	Peugeot 404 Wagon	VIC	356.48	D 1
58	Pauline Graham	1600	QLD	383.90	H 1

Although it seems there wasn't a class for Ladies Outright, it would have been won by Corinne East.

Test Times

1	Tee Garage	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	26.81
2	Square Slalom	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Spl	18.70
3	Crossed Four Point	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Spl	18.15
4	Straight Slalom	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	16.89
5	Triple Garage	Phil East	Delta SS Subaru Spl	25.93
6	Gables	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Spl	30.70
7	Opposite Garages	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	22.73
8	Cloverleaf	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	19.54
9	Tiger Moth	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Spl	19.39
10	Corridor	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	24.98

11	Trefoil	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Spl	18.06
12	Hopkirk	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	23.22

1990

The 1990 AMC was held on Sunday, October 7 in Perth, WA. It was run by the xxx Car Club on a bitumen surface at Southlands Shopping Centre. There were 69 entries and all started.

Alan McConnell got away to a quick start to lead Jim Newell by 4.04 secs, Ross Bennett by 4.06, Phil East by 5.74 and David Beames by 6.89 after 4 tests. He extended his lead after 8 tests to Jim by 5.83, Ross by 9.69, David by 10.90 and Phil by 13.59. Alan further extended his lead to 11.03 secs. over the last 4 tests.

Alan McConnell won his 2nd AMC following up on his win in 1989. He was now the dominant force in national motorkhanas. All the front-runners had consistent times with the exception of a 5 second flag penalty to David Beames on the Paddy.

Classes

Classes are uncertain but appear to include:

- A 2WD Production - wheelbase to 2150 mm
- B 2WD Production - wheelbase 2151 mm to 2390 mm
- C 2WD Production - wheelbase 2391 mm to 2650 mm
- D 2WD Production - wheelbase 2651 mm and over
- F FWD Specials
- G RWD Specials

Categories:

- L Ladies (Highest Placed Lady Driver)
- LP Ladies in production vehicles
- J Juniors (Highest Placed Junior Driver)
- JP Juniors in production vehicles

Results

1	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	QLD	286.16	F 1
2	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	WA	297.19	F 2
3	Ross Bennett	Turben Mini Special	WA	307.82	F 3
4	Phil East	Delta SS Subaru Spl	NSW	308.21	F 4
5	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	SA	310.48	F 5
6	Peter Turner	Turben Mini Special	WA	316.11	F 6
7	Allison Burges	Turben Mini Special	WA	319.88	Cat L 1
10	Corinne East	Delta SS Subaru Spl	NSW	328.18	Cat J 1
12	Tim Harland	MGB	WA	347.03	B 1
13	Graham Igglesden	MG Midget	WA	356.36	A 1
14	John Rosengrave	VW Golf	VIC	358.85	C 1
35	Kim Byett	Ford Special	WA	408.84	G 1
44	Margaret Knight	Mini Moke	WA	430.26	Cat LP 1
46	Kevin Little	Holden Commodore	WA	438.18	D 1
58	David Rosengrave	VW Golf	VIC	474.11	Cat JP
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Test Times

1	Gables	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	30.20
2	Butterfly	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	20.60
3	Open Slalom	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	19.56
4	Cloverleaf	Ross Bennett	Turben Mini Special	20.58
5	Six Gate	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	16.09
6	Atom	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	28.17

7	Forward & Reverse Slalom	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	16.91
8	Tee Garage	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	26.80
9	Double Garage	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	32.91
10	Manoeuvring	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	23.12
11	Paddy	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	20.49
12	Eccentric	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	29.36

1991

The 1991 AMC was held on Sunday, September 29 in Adelaide, SA. It was run by a group of SA car clubs on a bitumen surface at Tea Tree Plaza Shopping Centre. There were 59 entries and all started.

15 tests were run in sets of 5 although the Atom was later deleted due to a dispute about flag colours. David Beames led all day with an ever increasing margin. Jim Newell put in a typically consistent performance for second as did Phil East for third. 1989-90 Champion Alan McConnell had an unhappy day with no fastest times, WD on Six Gate and a flag on each of Hopkirk and Paddy to finish 4th.

David Beames finally won his 1st AMC after having been second or third 6 times previously. A change to Avon tyres seems to have helped David considerably. Noteworthy was Craig Williams' rapid 22.50 secs run on the Paddy in a Moke. For the first time since 1988, a rear wheel drive special made an impression on the AMC with the Renault Special coming 6th for Matt Allan and setting fastest time in the Hopkirk for his father Rob Allan.

Classes

Classes are uncertain but appear to include:

A	Production - wheelbase to 2150 mm
B	Production - wheelbase 2151 mm to 2390 mm
C	Production - wheelbase 2391 mm to 2650 mm
D	Production - wheelbase 2651 mm and over
F	FWD Specials
G	RWD Specials
L	Ladies in Specials
LP	Ladies in production vehicles
J	Juniors in Specials
JP	Juniors in production vehicles

Results

1	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	SA	326.01	F 1
2	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	WA	338.84	F 2
3	Phil East	Delta SS Subaru Special	NSW	349.89	F 3
4	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	QLD	357.45	F 4
5	Ross Bennett	Turben Mini Special	WA	358.19	F 5
6	Matt Allan	Renault Special	VIC	363.02	G 1
9	Corinne East	Delta SS Subaru Special	NSW	376.99	L 1
10	Craig Williams	Leyland Moke	SA	377.92	A
1					
17	Graham van der Hoek	VW Beetle	SA	405.53	C 1
18	Graham Loader	Datsun	SA	409.12	B 1
19	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Special	WA	409.82	J 1
37	Karien Heimsohn	Datsun	SA	455.35	LP 1
50	David Rosengrave	VW Jetta	VIC	495.78	JP 1

Test Times

1	Crossover	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	38.38
2	Gate Slalom	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	19.60
3	Serpentine	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	19.27
4	Double Kidney	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	21.04

5	Crossed Four Point	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	17.21
6	Reverse Lazy Eight	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	19.86
7	Triple Garage	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	25.22
8	Six Gate	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	16.05
9	Butterfly	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	20.14
10	Double Bone	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	25.10
11	Triple Loop	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	34.98
12	Paddy	Craig Williams	Leyland Moke	22.50
13	Hopkirk	Rob Allan	Renault Special	24.06
14	Opposite Garages	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	20.93

1992

The 1992 AMC was held on Sunday, 27 September in Brisbane, Qld. It was run by Holden Sporting Car Club on a bitumen surface at Old Brisbane Airport. There were 82 entries and all started.

Defending Champion David Beames got away to a good start, trailing Alan McConnell by 0.19 secs. after 4 tests. Jim Newell was 2.98, Matt Allan 4.19, Ross Bennett 4.79 and Wayne Skyring 5.01 behind Alan.

After 8 tests, David led Matt, who ran a fast Paddy, by 1.44, Alan, who hit a flag on Paddy, by 1.86, Jim by 3.16, Ross by 8.18 and Wayne by 8.28 secs.

David Beames won his 2nd AMC. For the first time since Terry Goodacre's wins in 1975 & 1976, a rear wheel drive special threatened to win the AMC with the Renault Special coming 2nd for Matt Allan and setting 3 fastest times in the process. Jim Newell came a solid 3rd with Alan McConnell 4th, ruing 3 hit flags.

Classes

Classes are uncertain but appear to include:

- A 2WD Production - wheelbase to 2150 mm
- B 2WD Production - wheelbase 2151 mm to 2390 mm
- C 2WD Production - wheelbase 2391 mm to 2650 mm
- D 2WD Production - wheelbase 2651 mm and over
- F FWD Specials
- G RWD Specials
- L 4WD Production Cars

Categories:

- L Ladies in Specials
- LP Ladies in production vehicles
- J Juniors in Specials
- JP Juniors in production vehicles

Results

1	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	SA	247.43	F 1
2	Matt Allan	Renault Special	VIC	249.67	G 1
3	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	WA	250.59	F 2
4	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	QLD	261.74	F 3
5	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	QLD	261.82	F 4
6	Phil East	Delta SS Subaru Special	NSW	265.90	F 5
8	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Special	WA	271.19	Cat J 1
11	Craig Williams	Leyland Moke	SA	280.22	A
1					
12	Corinne East	Delta SS Subaru Special	NSW	283.29	Cat L
1					
13	Ken Graham	Datsun	QLD	285.08	C 1
17	Terry Scharf	Datsun 1200	SA	409.12	B 1
60	Steve Price	Holden Commodore	QLD	348.21	D 1
28	Pauline Graham	Datsun	QLD	303.71	Cat
LP 1					
78	David Rosengrave	VW Golf	VIC	386.43	Cat JP 1

Test Times

1	Manoeuvring	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	22.17
2	Gate Slalom	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	19.64
3	Cloverleaf	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	18.97
4	Reverse Lazy Eight	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	19.99
5	Plumb Crazy	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	21.33
6	Forward & Reverse Slalom	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	17.53
7	Corridor	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	25.57
8	Paddy	Matt Allan	Renault Special	19.12
9	Crazy Square	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	15.81
10	Open Slalom	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	20.37
11	Six Gate	Matt Allan	Renault Special	
16.33				
12	Hopkirk	Matt Allan	Renault Special	23.65

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1993

The 1993 AMC was held on Sunday, 10 October in Quakers Hill, NSW, on the western periphery of Sydney. It was run by the Mini Car Club of NSW on a bitumen surface at HMAS Nirimba airfield. There were 97 entries and 93 started.

After 5 tests, Bill McCarthy led Alan McConnell by 5.07 seconds, Phil East by 5.11, Scott Bennett by 5.52, Wayne Griffiths by 5.89 and Jim Newell by 7.98 secs. Defending champion David Beames was 8th after hitting a flag on his first test, Multiple Loop.

After 10 tests, Bill led Alan by 6.08 seconds, Jim by 8.52, Phil by 8.69, David by 9.20 and Wayne by 12.57 after a slow Double Garage.

In the last 5 tests, David moved up to 3rd while the other leaders maintained the previous order.

Bill McCarthy returned after a 10 year absence due to a chronic back injury to win his 4th AMC.

Classes

A	2WD Production - wheelbase to 2150 mm
B	2WD Production - wheelbase 2151 mm to 2390 mm
C	2WD Production - wheelbase 2391 mm to 2650 mm
D	2WD Production - wheelbase 2651 mm and over
F	FWD Specials
G	RWD Specials
L	4WD Production Cars

Categories

L	Ladies in Specials
LP	Ladies in production vehicles
J	Juniors in Specials
JP	Juniors in production vehicles

Results

1	Bill McCarthy	Delta S2 Mini Special	VIC	378.23	F 1
2	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	QLD	385.10	F 2
3	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	SA	388.07	F 3
4	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	WA	389.36	F 2
5	Phil East	Delta SS Subaru Special	NSW	393.38	F 5
6	Wayne Griffiths	Mini Special	NSW	394.13	F 6
9	Chris Allan	Renault Special	VIC	408.81	G 1
14	Corinne East	Delta SS Subaru Special	NSW	421.18	Cat L
1					
22	Craig Williams	Leyland Moke	SA	445.31	A
1					
27	John Rosengrave	VW Golf	VIC	459.63	C 1
28	Terry Scharf	Datsun 1200	SA	461.59	B 1
37	Paul Newell	Turben Mini Special	WA	473.33	Cat J
1					
48	Les Payne	Ford Laser TX3	NSW	494.96	L 1
52	Julie Evans	MG Midget	NSW	510.57	Cat
LP 1					

Test Times

1	Triple Loop	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	37.06
2	Triple Garage	Wayne Griffiths	Mini Special	26.02
3	Hopkirk	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	23.31
4	Multiple Loop	Bill McCarthy	Delta S2 Mini Special	28.27
5	Waltz Slalom	Bill McCarthy	Delta S2 Mini Special	27.37
6	Manoeuvring	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	22.65
7	Reverse Lazy Eight	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	20.18
8	Corridor	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	25.53
9	Double Garage	Rob Allan	Renault Special	33.82
10	Gate Slalom	Bill McCarthy	Delta S2 Mini Special	20.48
11	Gables	Wayne Griffiths	Mini Special	31.00
12	Trefoil	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	18.21
13	Crossed Four Point	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	17.71
14	Butterfly	Bill McCarthy	Delta S2 Mini Special	21.35
15	Straight Slalom	Chris Allan	Renault Special	16.52

1994

The 1994 AMC was held on Sunday, 9 October in Mangalore, VIC, about 120 km north of Melbourne. It was run by a group of car clubs on a bitumen surface at Mangalore Airfield. There were 68 entries and all started.

The surface was initially abrasive and grippy but the spray sealed surface became gravelly as the day progressed. It seemed that the cars were pulling the fine aggregate off the top of the bitumen.

After 4 tests, Wayne Skyring led Alan McConnell by 2.14, Jim Newell by 2.49 secs, David Beames by 3.49 and Corinne East by 6.10. After 8 tests, Wayne led Jim by .91 and Alan by 1.93. David had WD on Tiger Moth to drop about 19 secs. In the last 4 tests, Wayne suffered a gear linkage failure to drop about 48 secs and lose by 48 secs. Jim had a slow Forward and Reverse Slalom to let Alan back in front.

Alan McConnell won his 3rd AMC by 1.84 secs from Jim Newell. Corinne East's third outright was easily the best outright placing to date by a woman. Craig Williams' outstanding Paddy time of 20.57 in a road-going Moke was notable as was defending champion Bill McCarthy's collection of six flags. Wayne Skyring was to rue having the only leading Mini special without a "straight-shift" gearchange.

Classes

A	2WD Production - wheelbase to 2150 mm
B	2WD Production - wheelbase 2151 mm to 2390 mm
C	2WD Production - wheelbase 2391 mm to 2575 mm
D	2WD Production - wheelbase 2575 mm and over
F	FWD Specials
G	RWD Specials
L	4WD Production Cars

Categories

L	Ladies
J	Juniors

Results

1	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	QLD	281.01	F 1
2	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	WA	282.85	F 2
3	Corinne East	Delta SS Subaru Special	NSW	298.78	F 3 & Cat L
1					
4	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	SA	299.57	F 4
5	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	NSW	304.87	G 1
6	Phil East	Delta SS Subaru Special	NSW	308.01	F 5
7	Craig Williams	Leyland Moke	SA	312.56	A
1					
15	Brian Shanahan	Toyota Corolla	VIC	340.00	B 1
17	John Rosengrave	VW Golf	VIC	341.07	C 1
36	David Holtkamp	Renholt Special	VIC	378.28	Cat J 1
46	Les Payne	Subaru Liberty	NSW	391.13	L 1
47	Jim Halkyard	Holden Torana	VIC	403.18	D 1

Test Times

1	Double Kidney	Bill McCarthy	Delta S2 Mini Special	22.65
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2	Cloverleaf		Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	19.77
3	Eccentric		Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	30.59
4	Reverse Lazy Eight		Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	19.77
5	Noughts & Crosses		Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	20.30
6	Hopscotch		Jim Newell	Turben Mini Spl	26.05
7	Paddy		Craig Williams	Leyland Moke	20.57
8	Tiger Moth		Bill McCarthy	Delta S2 Mini Special	19.22
9	Gables		Bill McCarthy	Delta S2 Mini Special	31.80
10	Forward & Reverse Slalom		David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	18.48
11	Hopkirk		David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	25.18
12	Crossed Four Point	/	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Spl	18.20
		\	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	18.20

1995

The 1995 AMC was held on Sunday, 24 September in Canberra, ACT. It was run by the Brindabella Motor Sports Club on an excellent bitumen surface at the Police Driver Training complex. There were 62 entries and all started.

A wet Saturday had many drivers worried but the rain held off on Sunday. The event suffered from a lack of experienced officials. One of the first set of tests, Gables, was dropped from the results because of timing errors.

After 3 tests, Alan McConnell led David Beames by 1.08 secs., Jim Newell by 2.32, Bill McCarthy by 3.05 and Wayne Skyring by 5.66 after a slow Triangles.

After 7 tests, Alan led David by 1.02, Jim by 2.79, Wayne by 8.97 and Bill by 10.46 after a flag on Open Slalom.

After 11 tests, David won by 7.22 from Jim, 12.81 from Wayne after a slow Reverse Garage, 12.89 from Alan after a slow Reverse Garage including a flag and another flag on Paddy.

David Beames won his 3rd AMC with a relentless consistency while all except Jim Newell made errors to fall behind.

Classes

A	2WD Production - wheelbase to 2150 mm
B	2WD Production - wheelbase 2151 mm to 2390 mm
C	2WD Production - wheelbase 2391 mm to 2575 mm
D	2WD Production - wheelbase 2575 mm and over
E	4WD Production Cars
F	FWD Specials
G	RWD Specials

Categories

L	Ladies
LP	Ladies in Production vehicles
J	Juniors
JP	Juniors in Production vehicles

Results

1	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	SA	257.15	F 1
2	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	WA	264.37	F 2
3	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	QLD	269.96	F 3
4	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	QLD	270.04	F 4
5	Bill McCarthy	Delta S2 Mini Special	VIC	277.79	F 5
6	Corinne East	Delta SS Subaru Special	NSW	282.85	F 6 & Cat L
1					
7	Andrew Fifield	Renault Special	NSW	288.59	G
1					
15	Aaron Wullemin	Renault Special	VIC	307.67	Cat J 1
19	Brian Shanahan	Toyota Corolla	VIC	321.70	B 1
20	John Boston	Honda Civic	NSW	322.45	C 1
31	Kelvin Goodman	Morris Cooper S	NSW	343.50	A 1
45	Gary Elliot	Subaru	NSW	379.57	E 1
50	Ray Rowe	Nissan	NSW	394.54	D 1

The results do not identify Category winners. I was unable to deduce the winners of LP or JP.

Test Times

1	Gables	Excluded from results due to timing errors		
2	Try Angles	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	23.78
3	Hopskotch	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	25.13
4	Noughts & Crosses	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	19.58
5	Double Bone	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	25.66
6	Crazy Square	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	15.73
7	Open Slalom	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	19.58
8	Opposite Garages	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	22.06
9	Triple Loop	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	36.24
10	Plumb Crazy	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	21.35
11	Reverse Garage	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	24.19
12	Paddy	Andrew Fifield	Renault Spl	19.73

1996

The 1996 AMC was held on Sunday, 13 October in Canberra, ACT. It was again run by the Brindabella Motor Sports Club on an excellent bitumen surface at the Police Driver Training complex. There were 62 entries and all started.

As in the previous year, the event suffered from a lack of experienced officials.

After 4 tests, David Beames led Wayne Skyring by 1.88 secs., Craig Williams by 2.11, Corinne East by 2.65 and Andrew Collier by 3.53 while Alan McConnell lost about 17 secs. with a WD on Star.

After 8 tests, Andrew took the lead with fast Hopkirk and Waltz Clover times to lead Wayne by .63, David by 1.27 after a slow Waltz Clover, Corinne by 7.68 and Phil East by 8.19. Craig's Manta blew a diff after 5 tests.

After all 12 tests, David won by 1.20 from Andrew, 2.20 from Wayne who had a slowish Reverse Garage, 8.95 from Alan, 12.20 from Corinne and 12.55 from Phil.

David Beames won his 4th AMC with a typically consistent day. Andrew Collier put in his best performance to date for a close 2nd. Wayne Skyring was let down by his reversing but scored a solid 3rd. Alan McConnell's WD on the Star probably cost him the title but he made a great recovery to 4th place.

Classes

Classes are uncertain but appear to be:

- A 2WD Production - wheelbase to 2150 mm
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- C 2WD Production - wheelbase 2391 mm to 2575 mm
- D 2WD Production - wheelbase 2575 mm and over
- E 4WD Production Cars
- F FWD Specials
- G RWD Specials

Categories

- L Ladies
- LP Ladies in Production vehicles
- J Juniors
- JP Juniors in Production vehicles

Results

1	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	SA	275.98	F 1
2	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	NSW	277.18	G 1
3	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	QLD	278.18	F 2
4	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	QLD	284.93	F 3
5	Corinne East	Delta SS Subaru Special	NSW	288.18	F 4 & Cat
L 1					
6	Phil East	Delta SS Subaru Special	NSW	288.53	F 5
16	Ashley Skyring	Mini Special	QLD	328.58	Cat J
1					
17	Warren Degnan	Holden Gemini	QLD	328.94	C 1
20	Terry Scharf	Datsun 1200	QLD	332.93	B 1

27	Warwick Butt	Morris Cooper S	NSW	353.89	A 1
33	Avis Fowler	AH Sprite	VIC	368.92	Cat LP
1					
34	Bruce Moxon	Holden Camira	NSW	371.71	D 1
44	David Burgess	Nissan Skyline GTR	VIC	399.77	E 1
52	Megan Elliot	???	???	441.61	Cat JP
1					

The results do not identify Vehicles, States and Category entered. I am not sure of the Category winners above.

Test Times

1	Manoeuvring	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	21.75
2	Forward & Reverse Slalom	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	17.20
3	Crossed Four Point	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	16.38
4	Star	Corinne East	Delta SS Subaru Spl	20.19
5	Double Bone	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	24.55
6	Hopkirk	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	22.50
7	Lazy Eight	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	19.59
8	Waltz Clover	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	28.75
9	Gables	Corinne East	Delta SS Subaru Spl	30.22
10	Reverse Garage	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	23.51
11	Reverse Lazy Eight	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	19.28
12	Cloverleaf	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	19.37

1997

The 1997 AMC was held on Sunday, 28 September in Adelaide, SA. It was run by Terry Racz for the MG Car Club on a somewhat gravelly bitumen surface at the Port Adelaide truck park. There were 74 entries and 73 started.

Alan McConnell got away to a good start and after 4 tests, led Bill McCarthy by .28 secs, David Beames, the defending champion, by 1.57 secs, Wayne Skyring by 1.93 and Jim Newell, who had hit a flag on Atom, by 5.64 secs. After 8 tests, Alan led David by 4.52, Jim by 7.48 and Steve Byett by 9.42. Wayne and Bill had dropped back with slow Paddy times. After all 12 tests, Alan led David by 7.28, Jim by 13.43, Steve by 14.04 and Wayne by 14.59 secs.

Alan McConnell led all the way to win his 4th AMC. David Beames had a typically steady run to second. Jim Newell recovered from an early 5 sec. penalty for third ahead of a steady Steve Byett. Wayne Skyring was, once again, let down by his reversing. Bill McCarthy was quick early but was later hampered by failing brakes which were traced to crushed brake shoes.

Classes

Classes are uncertain but appear to be:

- A 2WD Production - wheelbase to 2150 mm
- B 2WD Production - wheelbase 2151 mm to 2390 mm
- C 2WD Production - wheelbase 2391 mm to 2575 mm
- D 2WD Production - wheelbase 2575 mm and over
- E 4WD Production Cars
- F FWD Specials
- G RWD Specials

Categories

- L Ladies
- LP Ladies in Production vehicles
- J Juniors
- JP Juniors in Production vehicles

Results

1	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	QLD	269.99	F 1
2	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	SA	277.27	F 2
3	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	WA	283.42	F 3
4	Steve Byett	Mini Special	WA	284.03	F 4
5	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	QLD	284.58	F 5
6	Corinne East	Delta SS Subaru Special	NSW	292.14	F 6 & Cat L
1					
10	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	NSW	297.35	G 1
12	Craig Williams	Morris Cooper S	SA	309.75	A 1
22	Wayne Griffiths	Honda Civic	NSW	329.99	C 1
23	Michael Heslewood	Mitsubishi Lancer	NSW	334.34	B 1
42	Bruce Moxon	Holden Camira	NSW	371.71	D 1
43	Tim Playford	Leyland Clubman GT	SA	363.40	Cat
JP 1					
49	Bev Waters	MGB GT V8	SA	377.37	Cat
LP 1					

58	Nathan Wuillemmin	Renault Special	VIC	394.43	Cat J
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Test Times

1	Serpentine	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	19.07
2	Atom	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	27.77
3	Six Gate	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	15.53
4	Triple Garage	David Collier	Renault Special	25.74
5	Gate Slalom	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	20.44
6	Try Angles	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	24.33
7	Moth Balls	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	21.09
8	Paddy	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	21.23
9	Open Slalom	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	20.41
10	Double Loop	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	23.14
11	Corridor	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	24.19
12	Hopkirk	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	23.94

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1998

The 1998 AMC was held on Sunday, 11 October in Perth, WA. It was run by the Mini Car Club of WA on a smooth, gravel-free bitumen surface in the car park at Belmont Park Racecourse. There were 116 entries, 12 from interstate, and 109 started.

The event was very well run in spite of the near record entry. Alan McConnell, narrowly ahead of Wayne Skyring, took a steadily increasing lead of 2.50 secs in the first seven tests. Four of the last five tests included reversing where Wayne slowed and dropped to fourth. David Beames recorded steady times in early runs but came home with a hit flag and fast times on the reversing tests.

On his 10th and 11th tests, Alan recorded fast times but struck a flag on each. To cap it off, a heavy shower of rain descended for Class F during the last test, the Hopkirk, and Alan struggled on the wet surface. As a result, David's fastest time on the Hopkirk won him the championship by .82 seconds from Alan.

Ross Bennett had a steady run to third. Jim Newell came fifth in spite of two penalties and Bill McCarthy came sixth in David Beames' Delta S which Bill owned in the late 1970s.

David Beames won his 5th AMC - the second driver to do so (Geoff Thomson was the first in 1986). Alan McConnell suffered, especially on the reversing tests, with pain from a couple of ribs he broke in the previous week.

Classes

- A 2WD Production - wheelbase to 2150 mm
- B 2WD Production - wheelbase 2151 mm to 2390 mm
- C 2WD Production - wheelbase 2391 mm to 2575 mm
- D 2WD Production - wheelbase 2575 mm and over
- E 4WD Production Cars
- F FWD Specials
- G RWD Specials

Categories

- L Ladies
- LP Ladies in Production vehicles
- J Juniors
- JP Juniors in Production vehicles

Results

1	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	SA	280.32	F 1
2	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	QLD	281.14	F 2
3	Ross Bennett	Turben Mini Special	WA	283.25	F 3
4	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	QLD	283.89	F 4
5	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	WA	288.31	F 5
6	Bill McCarthy	Delta S Mini Special	VIC	293.60	F 6
9	Corinne East-Johnston	Delta SS Subaru Special	NSW	298.96	Cat L 1
12	Brent Matthews	Morris Moke	WA	315.52	A 1
15	Peter Folland	Mazda MX-5	WA	332.90	B 1
17	Kim Byett	Ford V8 Special	WA	336.89	G 1
27	Sue Elliott	Morris Moke	WA	348.47	Cat LP

36	Mike Brewer	Ford Escort	WA	361.38	C 1
47	Simon Lingford	Mitsubishi Lancer GSR	WA	377.43	E 1
61	BD Soutar-Dawson	Lotus 7	WA	390.08	Cats J 1&
JP 1					
68	Simon Loh	BMW M3R	WA	397.90	D 1

Test Times

1	Hopscotch	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	24.21
2	Manouevering	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	21.85
3	Renno Diamond	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	24.12
4	Star	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	19.01
5	Atom	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	26.75
6	Square Slalom	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	18.32
7	Paddy	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	19.08
8	Butterfly	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	19.05
9	Forward & Reverse Slalom	Steve Byett	Mini Special	17.00
10	Double Bone	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl	25.52
11	Hopkirk	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	25.31
12	Triple Garage	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Spl	25.39

1999

The 1999 AMC was held on Sunday, 26 September in Sydney, NSW. It was run by the Mini Car Club of NSW on a bitumen surface in a car park at Nirimba TAFE, Quakers Hill. There were 91 entries and 89 started.

The event was run on a mixture of surfaces – three tests on good, slightly gravelled bitumen and two on broken, dusty, gravelly bitumen. None of the leading group recorded penalties or made serious errors in the five tests before the lunch break.

Heavy rain commenced during the lunch break which was extended. When the rain showed no sign of abating after several hours, the officials decided that there would not be time for another set of tests to be completed before sunset. The remaining tests were abandoned and results based on the five morning tests.

Alan McConnell won his 5th AMC. Bill McCarthy was happy with his second place but rued a poor Waltz Clover. Andrew Collier, Wayne Skyring and David Beames were clustered together for the next 3 places.

Classes

Classes were:	A	2WD Production - wheelbase to 2150 mm
	B	2WD Production - wheelbase 2151 mm to 2390 mm
	C	2WD Production - wheelbase 2391 mm to 2574 mm
	DF	FWD Production - wheelbase 2575 mm and over
	DR	RWD Production - wheelbase 2575 mm and over
	E	4WD Production Cars
	F	FWD Specials
	G	RWD Specials

Categories

L	Ladies
LP	Ladies in Production vehicles
J	Juniors
JP	Juniors in Production vehicles

Results

1	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	QLD	118.57	F 1
2	Bill McCarthy	Delta S2 Mini Special	VIC	118.90	F 2
3	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	NSW	122.82	G 1
4	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	QLD	122.86	F 3
5	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	SA	123.46	F 4
6	Corinne East-Johnston	Delta SS Subaru Special	NSW	128.35	F 5 &
Cat L 1					
14	Michael Heslewood	Mitsubishi Lancer	NSW	140.26	B 1
21	Warren Degnan	Holden Gemini	NSW	146.30	C 1
28	Brett Manewell	Morris 850	NSW	152.13	A 1
32	Bruce Moxon	Holden Camira	NSW	154.74	DF 1
36	Phil Torode	Peugeot	VIC	155.85	DR 1
46	Wendy Gibbs	Austin-Healey Sprite	NSW	161.12	Cat LP
1					
57	David Lucas	Mazda 121	NSW	175.10	Cats J
1 & JP 1					

Note: no entries in Class E

Test Times

1	Reverse Garage	Bill McCarthy	Delta S2 Mini Spl	23.01
2	Star	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	19.70
3	Waltz Clover	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	28.80
4	Try Angles	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	26.34
5	Forward & Reverse Slalom	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	17.25

2000

The 2000 AMC was held on Sunday, 13 August in Willowbank, QLD. It was run by Holden Sporting Car Club Qld on a grippy, smooth, bitumen surface in the pit area at Queensland Raceway. There were 76 entries and 75 started.

After the first 3 tests, Wayne Skyring led by 0.79 to Alan McConnell, 2.01 to Bill McCarthy, 2.03 to David Beames, 2.51 to Andrew Collier and 3.27 to David Collier. After 6 tests, Alan's car had a crownwheel and pinion failure and Bill had a brain fade on Atom, leaving Wayne 1.61 ahead of Andrew Collier and 2.39 ahead of David Collier. After 9 tests, Wayne led Andrew by 2.37 and David by 7.33. After 12 tests, Wayne led Andrew by 4.12 and David Collier by 9.37.

After many years of just missing out, Wayne Skyring had won his 1st AMC with a convincing performance. Peter Deck made a cameo return driving Bill McCarthy's special and showed that the old flair was still there. Once again, a RWD special threatened to win but couldn't quite get there with Andrew and David Collier coming 2nd and 3rd in their mid-engined Renault Special.

Classes

Classes were:	A	2WD Production - wheelbase to 2150 mm
	B	2WD Production - wheelbase 2151 mm to 2390 mm
	C	2WD Production - wheelbase 2391 mm to 2574 mm
	DF	FWD Production - wheelbase 2575 mm and over
	DR	RWD Production - wheelbase 2575 mm and over
	E	4WD Production Cars
	F	FWD Specials
	G	RWD Specials

Categories

L	Ladies
LP	Ladies in Production vehicles
J	Juniors
JP	Juniors in Production vehicles

Results

1	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	QLD	274.05	F 1
2	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	NSW	278.17	G 1
3	David Collier	Renault Special	NSW	283.42	G 1
4	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	SA	287.14	F 2
5	Jim Newell	Turben Mini Special	WA	292.22	F 3
6	Ross Bennett	Turben Mini Special	WA	298.09	F 4
11	Brent Matthews	Leyland Moke	WA	315.04	A 1
12	Larisa Skyring	Mini Special	QLD	317.89	Cat L 1
14	Terry Scharf	Datsun 1200 Coupe	QLD	323.64	B 1
24	Scott Rayment	Renault R12	QLD	347.72	C 1
26	B-D Soutar-Dawson	Leyland Moke	WA	349.07	Cats J 1 &
JP 1					
28	Melinda Both	Honda Civic	QLD	352.06	Cat LP
1					
33	Alan Moore	Peugeot 405 SRi	QLD	358.52	DF 1
42	Ken Graham	BMW 318i	QLD	367.36	DR
1					

47 Leslie Payne Ford Laser NSW 372.24 E 1

Test Times

1	Serpentine	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl	19.02
2	Hopscotch	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	24.40
3	Try Angles	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	23.87
4	Opposite Garages	David Collier	Renault Spl	20.30
5	Hopkirk	David Collier	Renault Spl	
22.56				
6.	Atom	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	26.92
7	Corridor	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	23.74
8	Paddy	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl	18.82
.9	Double Kidney	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	21.55
10	Mothballs	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl	20.84
11	Eccentric	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	28.22
12	Noughts & Crosses	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	19.59

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2001

The 2001 AMC was held on Sunday, 26 September in Melbourne, VIC. It was run by a group of clubs on a grippy, brushed concrete surface in the truck park at BP Oasis, Somerton. There were 74 entries and 74 started.

After the first 3 tests, Wayne Griffiths led by 0.31 secs from David Collier, Andrew Collier by 0.78, all three being very fast on Triple Garage. Wayne also led Alan McConnell by 4.07, Bill McCarthy by 4.86 and David Beames by 5.04.

After 6 tests, Wayne led Alan by 4.20 secs, David Collier by 4.35, David Beames by 6.45, Richard Carlson by 12.20 and Warwick Butt by 12.97. Andrew hit 5 flags on Hopkirk and one on Multiple Loop while Bill had a WD on Hopkirk and a flag on Waltz Clover,

Wayne hit a flag on Corridor and Alan won from David Collier by 1.69, leading Wayne by 1.95, David Beames by 4.82, Warwick by 11.46 and Corinne East-Johnston by 12.65.

Alan McConnell won his 6th AMC - the first driver to do so – in spite of a nose and throat infection. David Collier put in his second podium performance. Wayne Griffiths showed that he and the Terrier had the pace to win and just needed some luck.

Classes

Classes were:	A	2WD Production - wheelbase to 2150 mm
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	E	4WD Production Cars
	F	FWD Specials
	G	RWD Specials

Categories

L	Ladies
LP	Ladies in Production vehicles
J	Juniors
JP	Juniors in Production vehicles

Results

1	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	QLD	251.24	F 1
2	David Collier	Renault Special	NSW	252.93	G 1
3	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	NSW	253.19	F 2
4	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	SA	256.06	F 3
5	Warwick Butt	Mini Special	NSW	262.70	F 4
6	Corinne East-Johnston	Delta SS Subaru Special	NSW	263.89	F 5 & Cat
L 1					
17	John Walker	Leyland Moke	???	289.49	A 1
20	Michael Heslewood	Mitsubishi Lancer	NSW	310.57	B 1
25	Scott Gibbs	Austin-Healey Sprite	NSW	315.08	Cats J 1&
JP 1					
28	John Rosengrave	VW Golf	VIC	319.30	C 1
38	Leslie Payne	Ford Laser TX3t4	NSW	326.90	E 1
50	Wendy Gibbs	Austin-Healey Sprite	NSW	345.05	Cat LP 1
53	Warren Reid	Mazda MX6	VIC	347.27	DF 1

57 Phil Torode Peugeot 404 VIC 351.00 DR 1

Test Times

1	Eccentric	David Collier	Renault Special	27.37
2	Gables	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	29.13
3	Triple Garage	David Collier	Renault Special	23.52
4	Hopkirk	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	22.99
5	Double Bone	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	24.97
6	Multiple Loop	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	25.52
7	Waltz Clover	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	29.70
8	Triple Loop	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	33.98
9	Corridor	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	24.51

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2002

The 2002 AMC was held on Sunday, 26 September in Melbourne, VIC. It was run again by a group of clubs on a grippy, brushed concrete surface in the truck park at BP Oasis, Somerton. There were 81 entries and 81 started.

The 2002 AMC was to have been held in Canberra, ACT but when the Canberra organizers had major problems, the event was moved to Melbourne and successfully run with only a few months preparation thanks to the efforts of Duncan Sides and Director, Bill Bennett.

After the first 3 tests, Wayne Griffiths led by 2.34 secs from Andrew Collier and by 2.64 from Matt Allan. After 6 tests, Wayne led by 1.63 secs from Andrew and 2.61 from Allan. Andrew slowed in the last 3 tests and Wayne won by 3.04 from Matt and 4.90 from Andrew.

Wayne Griffiths won his 1st AMC. The defending champion, Alan McConnell, suffered a differential failure on his first test.

Geoff Thomson entered the AMC for the first time since his 1986 win, had trouble with the Delta SS recently re-acquired from Phil East, and finished 8th. It was to take another year for Geoff, Bill McCarthy and Link Automotive to sort out most of the problems which had accumulated in the Delta SS.

Classes

Classes were:	A	2WD Production - wheelbase to 2150 mm
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	DF	FWD Production - wheelbase 2575 mm and over
	DR	RWD Production - wheelbase 2575 mm and over
	E	4WD Production Cars
	F	FWD Specials
	G	RWD Specials

Categories

L	Ladies
LP	Ladies in Production vehicles
J	Juniors
JP	Juniors in Production vehicles

Results

1	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	NSW	258.42	F 1
2	Matt Allan	Clipper VW Special	VIC	261.46	G 1
3	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	NSW	263.32	G 2
4	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	SA	268.41	F 2
5	David Collier	Renault Special	NSW	263.32	G 3
6	Warwick Butt	Mini Special	NSW	270.09	F 3
16	Lesley McCarthy	Delta S2 Mini Special	VIC	305.03	Cat L 1
20	Gary Kotzur	Leyland Moke	SA	308.78	A 1
25	Terry Scharf	Datsun 1200 Coupe	QLD	316.99	B 1
27	John Rosengrave	VW Golf	VIC	318.19	C 1
33	Corinne East-Johnston	Mazda 121	NSW	329.90	Cat LP 1
34	Simon Ridgewell	Leyland Moke	WA	329.97	Cat JP
1					
48	Jason Spencer	Fiat 500 Special	VIC	345.18	Cat J 1

49	Warren Reid	Mazda MX6	VIC	350.32	DF 1
80	Phil Torode	Peugeot 404/Ford XR8 Ute	VIC	419.75	DR 1

Test Times

1	Triple Garage	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	23.69
2	Triple Loop	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	34.39
3	Eccentric	Warwick Butt	Mini Special	28.15
4	Multiple Loop	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	25.48
5	Gables	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	29.09
6	Waltz Clover	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	27.60
7	Crossover	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	37.52
8	Try Angles	Matt Allan	Clipper VW Special	23.57
9	Hopkirk	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	22.64

2003

The 2003 AMC was held on Sunday, 28 September in Adelaide, SA. It was run by MG Car Club of SA on a slippery bitumen surface in the staff car park of the Mitsubishi Engine Plant at Lonsdale, about 25 km south of the Adelaide CBD. There were 63 entries and 63 started.

The venue was to have been the Colonnades Shopping Centre but was changed five weeks prior to the event due to problems in gaining police permission. Many drivers had trouble with the slippery surface, especially on the reversing tests, and there were many penalties and other errors.

After the first 3 tests, David Beames led by 0.56 secs from Geoff Thomson and Scott Bennett while Andrew Collier scored a slow time on the 3rd test - Dollar. Scott had a disastrous Paddy and Geoff a slow Manoeuvring due to electrical trouble so after the 6th test, David led Andrew by 2.89 secs and Geoff by 3.60. Geoff overtook Andrew in the last 3 tests but David held on to win by 3.15 secs.

David Beames became the second driver to have won 6 AMCs, Alan McConnell having achieved this in 2001. McConnell did not enter the 2003 AMC and sold his motorkhana special to Phil East in late 2003. Defending champion Wayne Griffiths was one of many drivers who struggled on the slippery surface and finished 5th.

Classes

Classes were:	A	2WD Production - wheelbase to 2150 mm
	B	2WD Production - wheelbase 2151 mm to 2390 mm
	C	2WD Production - wheelbase 2391 mm to 2574 mm
	DF	FWD Production - wheelbase 2575 mm and over
	DR	RWD Production - wheelbase 2575 mm and over
	E	4WD Production Cars
	F	FWD Specials
	G	RWD Specials

Categories

L	Ladies
LP	Ladies in Production vehicles
J	Juniors
JP	Juniors in Production vehicles

Results

1	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	SA	197.69	F 1
2	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Spl	VIC	200.84	F 2
3	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	NSW	201.44	G 1
4	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	QLD	210.12	F 3
5	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	NSW	210.85	F 4
6	David Collier	Renault Special	NSW	215.29	G 2
9	Corinne East-Johnston	Delta SS Subaru Spl	NSW	222.98	Cat L 1
14	Gary Kotzur	Leyland Moke	SA	233.64	A 1
16	Sam Collier	Renault Special	NSW	240.06	Cat J 1
19	Paul Whiting	Mitsubishi Mirage	SA	245.43	C 1
22	Karein Heimsohn	Leyland Moke	SA	246.14	Cat LP 1
26	Simon Ridgewell	Leyland Moke	WA	248.17	Cat JP 1
34	David Batchelor	Toyota Corolla	VIC	259.67	B 1

39	Graham Vanderhoek	Mitsubishi Magna	SA	267.85	DF 1
41	Leslie Payne	Ford Laser	NSW	270.56	E 1
59	Paul Keane	Datsun 240K	SA	322.04	DR 1

Test Times

1	Double Loop	Warwick Butt	Mini Special	22.50
2	Cloverleaf	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	18.86
3	Dollar	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Spl	19.46
4	Try Angles	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	23.76
5	Paddy	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	19.23
6	Manoeuvring	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	22.19
7	Atom	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	26.66
8	Hopkirk	Geoff Thomson	Delta SS Subaru Spl	22.17
9	Butterfly	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	19.75

Detailed Results

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2004

The 2004 AMC was held on Sunday, 24 October in NSW. It was run by the Renault and Mini Car Clubs of NSW on a mixture of concrete and bitumen surfaces at Oran Park Raceway at Narellan, about 50 km south west of the Sydney CBD. There were 83 entries and 82 started.

The test areas were a bitumen road which joined a concrete skid pan and a smaller bitumen area with one test on each. All competitors started at the skid pan and upon completing their run, did the test on the road. They then had to drive through that test to the third area, compete there and wait there until all drivers had completed the 3 tests.

After the first 3 tests, Wayne Griffiths led by 1.52 secs from Wayne Skyring, 1.93 to Corinne East-Johnston, 1.99 to David Collier and 2.01 to Andrew Collier.

The early leader, Wayne Griffiths, dropped back in the reversing tests and the event was won by Warwick Butt in a Mini special. Rain commenced during the second set of tests and while Class E (4WD Production) and Class F (FWD Specials) had 6 dry tests, Class G (RWD specials) had one or two wet tests and most Production classes had 3 wet tests. The event was halted after 6 of the 9 planned tests.

The rain caused some hard luck stories among the leaders of Class G in their struggle for outright honours. David Collier (NSW) was second after 4 tests but a wet, slow 5th run dropped him back. This left Matt Allan (Vic) and Andrew Collier (NSW) first and second after 5 tests but both hit flags on the final, very wet test to drop back. The organisers took some risks in using this site and they lost the bet. The running order, which was forced on them by the site layout, undoubtedly changed the outright results.

One young competitor in a Renault 12 lost control on the wet 6th test and slid off the test area, down a fairly steep, grassy embankment and the 12 finished up, apparently undamaged, 2 or 3 metres below the bitumen. It had to be retrieved by a four wheel drive (on the bitumen) and a stout cable. It was lucky that it didn't roll. Perhaps that area wasn't quite large enough.

Jim Newell was the only WA entry and was a bit disoriented in his first drive in the Delta SS Subaru special. The car steers and turns more quickly than Jim's Turben Mini special which made it hard for him to find a rhythm. Differently placed pedals didn't help either. Even so, Jim came 14th outright and was improving with every test.

Warwick Butt put together 6 good runs with excellent reversing times and thoroughly deserved his win. Defending champion David Beames suffered an engine misfire, hit a flag and finished 7th. Wayne Skyring once again put in a solid performance for 4th, less than 3 seconds behind the winner.

Sam Collier's 12th outright was the best result by a Junior for 14 years.

Classes

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	C	2WD Production - wheelbase 2391 mm to 2574 mm
	DF	FWD Production - wheelbase 2575 mm and over
	DR	RWD Production - wheelbase 2575 mm and over
	E	4WD Production Cars

Categories	F	FWD Specials
	G	RWD Specials
	LS	Ladies in Specials
	LP	Ladies in Production vehicles
	JS	Juniors in Specials
	JP	Juniors in Production vehicles

Results

1	Warwick Butt	Mini Special	NSW	127.70	F 1
2	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	NSW	128.51	F 2
3	David Collier	Renault Special	NSW	130.52	G 1
4	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	QLD	130.57	F 3
5	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	NSW	133.31	G 2
6	Corinne East-Johnston	Mini Special	NSW	133.46	F 4 & L 1
12	Sam Collier	Renault Special	NSW	140.35	Cat J 1
18	Kevin Goldfinch	Mini	NSW	153.57	A 1
24	John Boston	Renault Clio	NSW	163.09	C 1
27	Michael Heslewood	Mitsubishi Lancer	NSW	167.73	B 1
33	Leslie Payne	Ford Laser TX3	NSW	170.59	E 1
36	Graham Vanderhoek	Mitsubishi Magna VRX	SA	171.86	DF 1
37	Craig Hornibrook	Holden Commodore	QLD	173.03	DR 1
57	Janene Carrad	Holden Commodore	QLD	191.74	Cat LP 1
66	Matthew Goldfinch	Mini	NSW	206.42	Cat JP 1

Test Times

1	Corridor	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	23.78
2	Historic Straight Slalom	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	14.27
3	Reverse Lazy Eight	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	19.42
4	Waltz Clover	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	27.37
5	Forward & Reverse Slalom	Matt Allan	Renault Special	15.27
6	Double Kidney	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	21.92

Detailed Results

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2005

The 2005 AMC was held on Sunday, 6 November in Western Australia. It was run by the Mini Car Club of WA on a smooth, grippy bitumen surface at the AHG Driver Training Centre near Perth Airport. There were 70 entries and 66 started, including 16 from interstate.

As in previous WA AMCs, the organization was excellent. The 12 tests offered plenty of variety and the weather was good for practice and the event, though there was rain on the Friday before and the Monday after.

Class A consisted of 5 Moke drivers led home by Brent Matthews who was 1st on handicap.

The 18 cars in Class B included Westfields, MG TFs, Lotus Elises, etc. The Westfields dominated the class, coming 1st, 2nd and 4th with Peter Morley beating Phil Morley by 2.09 secs.

Class C was a tussle between Craig Williams in a MINI Cooper S and Duane Joubert in a Corolla Sprinter with Craig coming out ahead, 2nd on handicap.

DF saw Ian Towart (Camira) and Julian O'Hara (Peugeot 405) locked together all day. Julian took an early lead but Ian regained time on Noughts & Crosses to win by 0.63 secs.

Gavin Little (Rover SDI) easily won Class DR while Ruari Soutar-Dawson (Nissan Pulsar GTiR) comfortably won Class E.

The 2002 champion, Wayne Griffiths, led David Collier after the first set of four tests by 1.17 secs., Scott Bennett by 2.17, Andrew Collier by 2.52 and Wayne Skyring by 3.34. Steve Byett had dropped back with a seized diff.

After 8 tests, Scott, after two hot reversing runs, led David Collier by 2.10, Wayne Skyring by 2.88, David Beames by 6.28 and Ross Bennett by 7.76. Andrew had dropped about 7 secs on Dollar while Wayne Griffiths had hit 2 flags on Dollar, dropping him to 6th place.

During the last 4 tests, two of them having reversing, Scott was plagued by his gearbox jumping out of reverse and dropped back. David Collier won his first AMC, 0.02 secs ahead of Scott. Wayne Skyring was a second behind them, followed by David Beames, Andrew Collier and Bill McCarthy. Defending champion Warwick Butt did not enter, deterred by the 8000 km round trip.

David Collier's AMC win was the first by a RWD car since Terry Goodacre in his Subaru Special in 1976. The Colliers partied long and hard on Sunday night, having finally taken a win after more than a decade of being in contention including 3 second and 2 third places..

Classes

Classes were:	A	2WD Production - wheelbase to 2150 mm
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	E	4WD Production Cars
	F	FWD Specials

Categories	G	RWD Specials
	LS	Ladies in Specials
	LP	Ladies in Production vehicles
	JS	Juniors in Specials
	JP	Juniors in Production vehicles

Results

1	David Collier	Renault Special	NSW	273.84	G 1
2	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Special	WA	273.86	F 1
3	Wayne Skyring	Mini Special	QLD	274.90	F 2
4	David Beames	Mini Special	SA	279.12	F 3
5	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	NSW	280.79	G 2
6	Bill McCarthy	Mini Special	VIC	291.00	F 4
10	Brent Matthews	Moke	WA	303.68	A 1
19	Craig Williams	MINI Cooper S	SA	323.76	C 1
22	Tracey Killick	Turben Mini Special	WA	338.70	LS 1
23	Peter Morley	Westfield SE	WA	342.86	B 1
31	Ruari Soutar-Dawson	Pulsar GTiR	WA	357.08	E 1
37	Ian Towart	Camira	WA	370.96	DF 1
44	Sue Prance	Toyota Sprinter	WA	394.48	LP 1
49	Gavin Little	Rover SDi	WA	407.28	DR 1
62	Tegan Stewart	Mazda MX-5	WA	442.09	JP 1

Test Times

1	Double Kidney	David Collier	Renault Special	21.16
2	Eccentric	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	27.52
3	Crossover	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	37.84
4	Double Hat	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	21.15
5	Dollar	David Beames	Delta S Special	20.57
6	Forward & Reverse Slalom	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Special	16.24
7	Spiro Slalom	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	21.79
8	Reverse Lazy Eight	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	18.96
9	Noughts & Crosses	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	18.72
10	Paddy	David Beames	Delta S Special	19.80
11	Opposite Garages	David Collier	Renault Special	21.07
12	Plumb Crazy	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	20.51

Detailed Results

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2006

The 2006 Castrol AMC was held on Sunday, October 1st in Queensland. It was run by the Holden Sporting Car Club of Queensland on a grippy bitumen surface at the Willowbank Raceway, about 50 km south west of Brisbane. There were 83 entries and 77 started, including 31 from interstate.

As in previous Qld AMCs, the organization was excellent. 4 of the 12 tests included reversing but the other 8 were a bit too easy. The weather was fine and hot for both Saturday practice and Sunday competition. The heat and bright sun warmed the specials' slick tyres and made them quite sticky.

Former champion Bill McCarthy led Wayne Griffiths after the first set of three tests by 0.74 secs., Wayne Skyring by 0.85, Warwick Butt by 0.88, David Collier by 1.97 and David Beames by 2.02. Andrew Collier had a brain fade on Plumb Crazy and dropped about 5 secs.

After 6 tests, Bill led Wayne Skyring by 3.31 secs, Wayne Griffiths by 4.28, David Collier by 4.70, David Beames by 5.59 and Steve Byett by 6.29. Warwick took a 5 second flag penalty on Forward and Reverse Slalom.

After 9 tests, Wayne Griffiths led Wayne Skyring by 0.47 secs, Steve by 3.48, Bill by 3.65, David Collier by 4.21, Andrew by 5.25 and Warwick by 5.82. Bill had been slowed by problems selecting first gear during front throws, while David Beames took a 5 second flag penalty on Hopkirk.

After 12 tests, Wayne Griffiths won the AMC, 0.14 secs ahead of Bill, Andrew 1.12 behind after a late sprint, 2005 Champion David Collier 1.17, Steve Byett 2.58, and David Beames 6.04 behind. Wayne Skyring suffered a driveshaft failure on Bowler while Warwick hit 2 flags on Paddy.

As often happens, there were plenty of hard luck stories in the AMC, but Wayne Griffiths put in a safe, consistently fast performance to become the 2006 Champion. Wayne is the oldest winner to date, aged 57 (sorry to mention that Wayne but we have to keep the stats straight). Just 1.17 seconds covered the first 4 placings at the end.

In Class A, Alan McConnell in a Mini Cooper S narrowly beat Greg Dobson also in a Mini Cooper S with Andrew Mitchell in a Mini third. This was Alan's first motorkhana in a car with a handbrake for a couple of decades so he did well to beat Doogie (Greg)

Class B was easily won by Terry Scharf (again) in his Datsun 1200 from Tony Galletly in a Lotus 7 and Brian Shanahan in a Corolla.

Class C was headed by Stephen Gabb and Ken Graham in Datsun 1600s, followed by last year's class winner Craig Williams in a MINI Cooper S.

Craig Hornibrook easily won Class DR from Janene Carrad and Barry Hayes, all driving Commodores.

Class E was exclusively Subaru WRX territory with Peter McCloy beating Evan Wheeler by only 0.04 secs with Neville Scott close behind.

In Class F, Wayne Griffiths in the Honda Terrier was 0.14 secs in front of Bill McCarthy in the Delta S2 with Steve Byett third in the Delta SS.

Class G had Andrew Collier 0.15 secs ahead of his brother David with Aaron Wullemmin third, all in Renault Specials

Juniors and Juniors in Production Cars were won convincingly by Cameron Beller in a Mini with Alex McCloy second in a Mini Cooper S and Michael Galletly in an Alfa Sud third.

Ladies was headed by Corinne East Johnston in a Mini Special with Larisa Skyring in a Mini Special second and Lauren East-Wullemmin third in a Renault Special.

Ladies in Production Cars was won by Janene Carrad in a Commodore with Pauline Graham in a Datsun 1600 SSS second and Cindy Cook in a Mini Cooper third.

Craig Hornibrook was fastest on Handicap, followed by Stephen Gabb and Wayne Griffiths, who just edged out Terry Scharf and Bill McCarthy. The winning team was Comb Over - Wayne Griffiths, Andrew Collier and David Collier.

This was Wayne Griffiths' second AMC win. Phil East remains the only driver to have driven in all 35 AMCs, followed by John Rosengrave with 34.

Classes

Vehicle Classes were:

A	2WD Production Cars - wheelbase to 2150 mm
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E	4WD Production Cars
F	FWD Specials
G	RWD Specials

Driver Categories:

L	Ladies
LP	Ladies in Production vehicles
J	Juniors
JP	Juniors in Production vehicles

Results

1	Wayne Griffiths	Honda Terrier Spl	NSW	251.65	F 1
2	Bill McCarthy	Delta S2 Mini Spl	VIC	251.79	F 2
3	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	NSW	252.77	G 1
4	David Collier	Renault Special	NSW	252.92	G 2
5	Steve Byett	Delta SS Subaru Spl	WA	254.23	F 3
6	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	SA	257.69	F 4
7	Corinne East Johnston	Mini Special	NSW	261.19	L 1
19	Stephen Gabb	Datsun 1600	QLD	292.34	C 1
20	Terry Scharf	Datsun 1200	QLD	292.68	B 1
22	Craig Hornibrook	Holden Commodore	QLD	296.64	DR 1
25	Alan McConnell	Mini Cooper S	QLD	302.79	A 1
32	Tony Galletly	Lotus 7	QLD	306.23	B 1
42	Peter McCloy	Subaru WRX	QLD	322.16	E 1
45	Janene Carrad	Holden Commodore	QLD	323.45	LP 1

46 Cameron Beller Morris Mini VIC 324.89 J 1 &
JP 1

Test Times

1	Straight Slalom	Bill McCarthy	Delta S2 Mini Special	16.67
2	Plumb Crazy	Bill McCarthy	Delta S2 Mini Special	21.33
3	Double Loop	Bill McCarthy	Delta S2 Mini Special	23.15
4	Forward & Reverse Slalom	Aaron Wullemin	Renault Special	15.37
5	Crazy Square	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	15.30
6	Try Angles	Bill McCarthy	Delta S2 Mini Special	24.22
7	Hopkirk	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	23.67
8	Dollar	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	21.46
9	Star	Bill McCarthy	Delta S2 Mini Special	20.36
10	Paddy	David Collier	Renault Special	20.88
11	Double Kidney	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	21.88
12	Bowler	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	16.06

Detailed Results

Download [2006 AMC Results](#)

2007

The 2007 NGK AMC was held on Sunday, September 23rd in Victoria. It was run by the Ford Four Car Club and other Victorian car clubs on a bitumen surface at South Pacific Tyres, Somerton, about 20 km north of the Melbourne CBD. There were 62 entries and 61 started, including 27 from interstate.

Saturday was a fine spring day. Licence check, Scrutiny and Practice went smoothly for most people, though some drivers had trouble adjusting to the slightly slippery surface.

Sunday was a challenge for the organizers as the wind howled in from the north and flattened the flags. They coped with double and triple flag bases plus glue under the lowest bases, and then it was up to the drivers and officials to not get blown away.

The event organization was fairly good. Space was limited so that restricted the range of tests. 5 of the 12 tests chosen included reversing but the other 7 were a bit too easy.

Championship Battle

In the battle for Outright, Andrew Collier (Renault Special, NSW) blew his competition away with a faultless display. Andrew had fastest time on 6 of the 12 tests and was within half a second of fastest on the other 6.

Andrew led Aaron Wullemin after the first set of three tests by 2.81 secs., Scott Bennett by 3.47, Warwick Butt by 4.04, Wayne Griffiths by 5.22 and Sam Collier by 6.57. The apparently simple test Bowler claimed a few scalps as David Beames and Bill McCarthy each hit a flag and Jim Newell had navigation trouble.

After 6 tests, Andrew led Warwick by 5.91, Scott by 6.10 secs, Wayne by 7.72, Sam by 13.03 and Aaron by 14.20. Aaron, Bill and David each hit a flag on Hopkirk. Bill's car expired with a cracked clutch hydraulic pipe, ending his day.

After 9 tests, Andrew led Scott by 7.62 secs, Warwick by 12.86, Wayne by 13.26, Sam by 20.94 and Ross Bennett by 24.98. Wayne had hit a flag on Gables, Warwick had dropped back with a slow Paddy, while Ross hit a flag on Paddy.

In the final 3 tests, Scott had a 6 second "brain fade" on Top Hat and Warwick hit a flag on Reverse Garage. In a complete contrast to 2006 when the top 4 finished within 1.2 seconds, after 12 tests, Andrew Collier won the 2007 AMC by 14.28 secs from Scott Bennett. Scott was 0.87 secs ahead of Wayne Griffiths who was 8.35 secs ahead of Warwick.

Sam Collier was 5th - the best placing by a woman since 1996. A jet-lagged David Beames recovered from a poor start to finish sixth.

Andrew Collier put in a safe, consistent and very fast performance to become the 2007 Champion. This was only the second AMC win by a rear wheel drive car since 1976, but the other time was 2005. Is a trend appearing?

Classes

Vehicle Classes were:

- A 2WD Production Cars - wheelbase to 2150 mm
- B 2WD Production Cars - wheelbase 2151 mm to 2390 mm
- C 2WD Production Cars - wheelbase 2391 mm to 2574 mm
- D 2WD Production Cars - wheelbase 2575 mm and over
- E 4WD Production Cars
- F FWD Specials
- G RWD Specials

Craig Williams (Mini Moke) won Class A from Gary Kotzur (Mini Cooper S) and Greg Dobson (Cooper S).

Class B was easily won by Michael Heslewood (Lancer), followed by Brian Shanahan (Corolla) and Terry Scharf (Datsun 1200).

Class C was comfortably headed by John Rosengrave (Golf GTi), from Peter Otzen (Civic) and Robert Rigg (Peugeot 205GTI).

Andrew Lau (Vectra) won Class D from Steven Champion (Falcon) and Megan Boyes (Falcon).

In Class F, Scott Bennett (Mini Special) narrowly beat Wayne Griffiths (Terrier Honda Special), while Warwick Butt (Mini Special) was third.

Class G had Andrew Collier followed by his daughter Sam with Aaron Wullemin third, all in Renault Specials.

Andrew Collier was fastest on Handicap, followed by Scott Bennett and Wayne Griffiths..

This was Andrew Collier' first AMC win. Phil East remains the only driver to have driven in all 36 AMCs, followed by John Rosengrave with 35.

Categories

- J Juniors
- JP Juniors in Production vehicles
- L Ladies
- LP Ladies in Production vehicles

Juniors and Juniors in Production Cars were won convincingly by Cameron Beller in a Mini, followed by Matthew Gold, also in a Mini.

Ladies was headed by Sam Collier (Renault Special), Corinne East Johnston (Mini Special) was second with Shannon McCarthy (Delta S2 Mini Special) third.

Ladies in Production Cars was won by Cindy McMechan (Morris 850) with Megan Boyes (Falcon) second.

Total Times

1	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	NSW	254.93	G 1
2	Scott Bennett	Mini Spl	WA	269.21	F 1
3	Wayne Griffiths	Honda Terrier Spl	NSW	270.08	F 2
4	Warwick Butt	Mini Spl	NSW	278.43	F 3
5	Sam Collier	Renault Special	NSW	281.13	G 2 & L
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6	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	SA	283.03	F 4
14	Craig Williams	Mini Moke	SA	305.67	A 1
22	Michael Heslewood	Mitsubishi Lancer	NSW	318.15	B 1
26	John Rosengrave	VW Golf GTi	VIC	337.77	C 1
31	Cameron Beller	Morris Mini	VIC	347.22	JP 1
50	Andrew Lau	Holden Vectra	VIC	401.98	D 1
51	Cindy McMechan	Morris 850	NSW	404.71	LP 1

Test Times

1	Opposite Garages	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	20.38
2	Six Gate	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	
14.99				
3	Bowler	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	16.71
4	Hopkirk	Scott Bennett	Mini Special	
23.69				
5	Double Bone	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	25.08
6	Star	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	
20.16				
7	Paddy	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	20.56
8	Gables	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	
30.25				
9	Pentagon	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	19.44
10	Reverse Garage	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	24.35
11	Square Slalom	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	18.47
12	Top Hat	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	18.47

Shootout

A Top Ten Shootout was held after the main motorkhana.

The first ten place getters in the championship motorkhana were given a single run at a Hopkirk with \$1000 awaiting the victor. All the drivers went hard at the test and more than a few mistakes were made and flags flattened.

The running order was from tenth to first and Ross Bennett was the only driver in the first six to have a penalty free run!

Andrew Collier capped off his weekend, winning the Shootout by just 0.01 seconds from Scott Bennett.

The Shootout placings and times including penalties in their running order were:

10th	Nathan Wullemin	45.58	WD
5th	Daniel Wullemin	27.91	+
9th	Aaron Wullemin	32.82	++
4th	Ross Bennett	24.65	
7th	David Beames	30.50	+
8th	Sam Collier	31.27	+
3rd	Warwick Butt	24.07	
6th	Wayne Griffiths	27.97	+
2nd	Scott Bennett	22.75	
1st	Andrew Collier	22.74	

Detailed Results

Download 2007 AMC Results – [Class](#) and [Outright](#)

2008

The 2008 Smartwax AMC was held on Sunday, October 5th in South Australia. It was run by the SA Motorkhana Panel and several SA car clubs on a concrete surface at the Big W Distribution Centre at Monarto South, about 60 km east of the Adelaide CBD. There were 69 entries and 67 started, including 39 from interstate, 21 from Victoria.

Saturday was a fine spring day. Licence check, Scrutiny and Practice went smoothly for most people, though most specials drivers had trouble adjusting to the surface. An interesting addition to scrutineering on Saturday was a weigh-in available to all and ready to trap any underweight production cars. Some of the specials gave surprising results with a range from 340 (XL Honda) to 570 kg (Wuillemin Renault).

Most of the FWD specials were around 360 to 375 kg on 13x8 wheels while the RWD specials were all quite a bit heavier. The likely lightest in each group, the Griffiths and Collier built cars, chose to skip the scales – have to keep their secrets. I'm guessing 330 and 410 for them.

Most of the specials' drivers were moaning about lack of side grip on the driven wheels and many started on different tyres on Sunday. Sunday was a finer spring day which started early due to the commencement of Daylight Saving – groan.

Like the 2007 AMC, the organization was fairly good. Space was similarly limited so that restricted the range of tests which could be chosen. 4 of the 12 tests chosen included reversing but of the other 8, most were a bit too easy. It didn't help that the scoreboard was well behind the competition and had no sub-totals.

Championship Battle

In the battle for Outright, as in 2007, it came down to a tussle between Andrew Collier (Renault Special, NSW) and Scott Bennett (Mini Special, WA).

After the first set of three tests, Scott led Bill McCarthy by 1.89 secs., Don Lemm by 2.01, Corinne East Johnston by 2.05, Andrew Collier by 2.38, David Collier by 3.06 and David Beames by 3.08. The first test for the specials was Hopkirk and it bit 2004 champ Warwick Butt who hit a marker.

After 6 tests, Scott led Andrew by 1.96, Bill by 5.25 secs, Corinne by 5.71, Aaron by 7.56 after a fast Paddy, David Beames by 6.72. Don and David Collier each hit a marker on Paddy and dropped back.

After 9 tests, Scott led Andrew by 1.18 secs, Corinne by 4.50, Bill by 4.95, DavidB by 9.98, Aaron by 10.57 and DavidC by 11.78.

In the final 3 tests, Andrew overtook Scott to win by 0.99 seconds from Corinne by 7.36, Bill by 10.55, DavidB by 13.54 and David C by 14.58.

Andrew Collier put in a safe, consistent and very fast performance to become the 2008 Champion. After a careful start, Andrew had 5 FTDs and drove to a deserved win. This was Andrew's second AMC win.

Scott Bennett was unlucky to once again finish second after a fine effort with 12 fast test times including 3 FTDs.

Corinne East-Johnston took to the Terrier, a very different car to the Mini special she usually drives, and produced consistently fast times including an FTD. Corinne's third outright was the equal best placing by a woman ever in the AMC, the other third place being by Corinne in the Delta SS in 1994.

Bill McCarthy made a good start, drove well on 11 tests but paid for being too aggressive on his last test, Waltz Clover. He finished with one FTD and was first of the geriatrics.

David Beames put in a characteristically strong performance after a slow start, although he seemed unsettled as a result of being heavily involved in the organization of the event.

Aaron Wuillemin put in one of the best drives of the day in a slow car to finish 7th including an FTD on Paddy.

Wayne Griffiths was fast in the Terrier on the forward tests but had a difficult time on the reversing tests.

Don Lemm, making a comeback after a serious illness, set some very fast times in the Manta but had a couple of forgettable tests.

Phil East remains the only driver to have driven in all 37 AMCs, followed by John Rosengrave with 36.

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- G RWD Specials

Simon Ridgewell (Moke – WA) won Class A convincingly from Craig Williams (Moke - SA) and Gary Kotzur (Moke - SA). Simon had second fastest time outright on Dollar, shaming many drivers of specials, and he finished eighth outright.

Class B was taken by Peter Lepherd (Eunos Roadster - Qld), followed by Michael Heslewood (Lancer - NSW) and Paul Whiting (Datsun 1200 - SA).

Class C was headed by Graham Vanderhoek (VW Beetle - SA), from Scott Browning (200SX - SA) and Robert Rigg (Peugeot 205GTI - NSW). Robert was consistently fastest in class but 2 markers and a WD dropped him to third.

Craig Michelmore (Falcon - SA) put in an outstanding performance in the Falcon EB to win Class D in spite of a WD on Try Angles. Next were Andrew Lau (Vectra - Vic) and James Crinson (Skyline - SA) .

Michael Clements (Celica GT4 - SA) easily took Class E from junior driver Jake Clements in the same car.

In Class F, Scott Bennett (Mini Special - WA) won from Corinne East-Johnston (Terrier Honda Special - NSW) while Bill McCarthy (Delta S2 Mini Special - Vic) was third.

Class G had Andrew Collier (Renault Special - NSW) followed by his brother David (Renault Special - NSW) with Aaron Wuillemin third (Renault Special - Vic).

Categories

J	Juniors
JP	Juniors in Production vehicles
L	Ladies
LP	Ladies in Production vehicles

Juniors and Juniors in Production Cars were won convincingly by Jake Haines (Barina - SA) from Lachlan Eames (MX5 - SA) and Jeremy Lopherd (Eunos Roadster - Qld).

Ladies was comfortably headed by Corinne East Johnston (Terrier Honda Special - NSW) from Sam Collier (Renault Special - NSW) who suffered a car failure on Hopscotch and Karien Heimsohn (Manta Mini Special - SA).

Ladies in Production Cars was led by Heather Daff (Civic - SA), Laura Goldsworthy (Corolla - SA) and Megan Boyes (Falcon EF - Vic).

Total Times

1	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	NSW	271.70	G 1
2	Scott Bennett	Mini Spl	WA	272.69	F 1
3	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Terrier Spl	NSW	279.06	F 2 & L 1
4	Bill McCarthy	Delta S2 Mini Spl	Vic	282.25	F 3
5	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	SA	285.24	F 4
6	David Collier	Renault Special	NSW	286.28	G 2
8	Simon Ridgewell	Moke	WA	288.29	A 1
21	Peter Lopherd	Eunos Roadster	Qld	312.94	B 1
26	Graeme Vanderhoek	VW Beetle	SA	323.63	C 1
37	Michael Clements	Celica GT4	SA	344.95	E 1
40	Jake Haines	Barina	SA	357.15	J 1 & JP
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43	Craig Michelmore	Falcon	SA	363.52	D 1
55	Heather Daff	Civic	SA	402.55	LP 1

Test Times

1	Hopkirk	Scott Bennett	Mini Special	
23.25				
2	Try Angles	Bill McCarthy	Delta S2 Mini Special	24.67
3	Double Kidney	Scott Bennett	Mini Special	22.38
4	Paddy	Aaron Wuillemin	Renault Special	19.34
5	Double Loop	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	23.33
6	Dollar	Scott Bennett	Mini Special	19.66
7	Hopscotch	Corinne East-Johnston	Terrier Honda Special	26.86
8	Lazy 8	Wayne Griffiths	Terrier Honda Special	19.45
9	Crazy Square	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	15.91
10	Waltz Clover	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	28.30
11	Star	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	
20.19				
12	Plumb Crazy	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	21.40

Shootout

A Top Twenty Shootout was held after the main motorkhana.

The three fastest times Hopkirk in each class of the championship motorkhana plus a couple of wild cards were given a single run at a Hopkirk with \$500 awaiting the victor. All the drivers went hard at the test and we saw some great runs and plenty of markers flattened.

Interestingly, the Colliers' special broke a driveshaft on its first Shootout run (both David and Andrew were to have been included). Had this happened a little earlier, Scott Bennett would have gone home a lot happier.

Fastest time of 22.58 seconds in the Shootout was set by Aaron Wullemin but he didn't win. The results were based on the SA handicap system and the winner was Robert Rigg in a much modified Peugeot 205Gti with a time of 28.10 seconds, over a second faster than the previous Class C record.

Robert narrowly beat Craig Williams and Gary Kotsur in Mokes, to take out the \$500.

Detailed Results

Download 2008 AMC Results – [Outright](#) and the [Shootout](#)

2009

The 2009 Renault AMC was held on Sunday, October 4th in New South Wales. It was run by the Renault, Thornleigh and Hills District car clubs on a bitumen surface at the Nirimba TAFE, Quakers Hill, about 35 km west of the Sydney CBD. There were 69 entries and 68 started, including 20 from interstate (14 of whom were in specials).

Saturday was a fine cool day until about 11 am when gentle rain started and continued for most of the afternoon and into the night. Licence check, Scrutiny and Practice went smoothly for most people, though most specials drivers had trouble adjusting to the wet surface. Sunday started with a shower that left the surface damp in patches all morning but then dried as the day proceeded, with a light shower at the end to make us thankful it was mostly dry.

As in 2008, Sunday started early due to the commencement of Daylight Saving – groan. An AMC Sunday is tough enough without getting up before dawn.

Championship Battle

In the battle for Outright, as in 2007 and 2008, it came down to a tussle between Andrew Collier (Renault Special, NSW) and Scott Bennett (Mini Special, WA).

After the first set of three tests, Scott led Andrew Collier by 0.83 seconds, Warwick Butt (Mini Special, NSW) by 1.75, Ross Bennett (Mini Special, WA) by 2.77, Samantha Collier (Renault Special, NSW) by 3.64 and Bill McCarthy (Delta S2, Vic) by 4.14. David Beames (Delta S, SA) was next and was the only other driver to break 80 seconds to that point.

2006 Champion Wayne Griffiths had a Wrong Direction on test 1 to wreck his chances. Jim Newell hit 2 markers on test 2 to drop back. Warwick's engine lost oil pressure at the end of test 3 and he switched to the Terrier for the other 9 tests.

After 6 tests, Scott led Andrew by 7.06 seconds after Andrew hit a marker on test 6. Bill trailed by 10.42, Sam by 11.08 after hitting a marker on test 5, Ross by 12.93 after hitting a marker on test 4 and David by 13.42.

After 9 tests, Scott led Andrew by 11.98 secs, Bill by 15.18, Sam by 21.17 after another marker on test 7, Warwick by 25.77 and Jim by 26.36. Scott opened the gap with a rapid 18.24 on Paddy. David dropped back when he hit a marker on test 7.

At the end, Scott led Andrew by 11.58 secs, Bill by 20.78, Sam by 24.32, Jim by 31.43 and Warwick by 32.68 after hitting a marker on test 12.

Scott Bennett put in a consistent and very fast performance to become the 2009 Champion. Scott had 5 FTDs and all his other times were within 0.6 secs. of fastest. This was Scott's first AMC win after finishing second in '05, '07 and '08.

Andrew Collier was the only driver to regularly match Scott's speed and he also had 5 FTDs on his way to second.

Bill McCarthy was unhappy with the handling of his car but had no mechanical problems or major errors and fell into third after faster drivers had problems.

Sam Collier had a mixed day with some fast times and 2 hit markers to capture fourth

Jim Newell had a fast steady day to recover to fifth after hitting 2 early markers.

Warwick Butt was very quick until his car expired and he switched to the Terrier. He had some difficulty in adjusting to a quite different car, especially on the reversing tests, and so finished sixth with 2 FTDs – one in each car.

Ross Bennett (Scott's father) was on track for third or fourth until penalized (correctly) about 15 seconds for not stopping in the finish garage on Paddy. What's that about senior drivers' brain fades?

Phil East remains the only driver to have driven in all 38 AMCs, followed by John Rosengrave with 36.

Classes

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- B 2WD Production Cars - wheelbase 2151 mm to 2390 mm
- C 2WD Production Cars - wheelbase 2391 mm to 2574 mm
- D 2WD Production Cars - wheelbase 2575 mm and over
- E 4WD Production Cars *
- F FWD Specials
- G RWD Specials

* the lone Class E entry was transferred to Class D prior to the start

Greg Dobson (Cooper S, NSW) won Class A narrowly from Kelvin Goldfinch (Moke, NSW) and Gary Kotzur (Moke, Qld).

Class B was taken by Michael Heslewood (Lancer, NSW) from Leo Yu (PRB, NSW) and Jack Phelan (Colt, NSW).

Class C was won by Warren Degnan (Gemini, NSW) by just 0.41 secs. from Robert Rigg (Peugeot 205GTI, NSW) with Nathan Jackson (Gemini, NSW) third. Warren and Robert both scored WD on Triple Loop but Warren's 2 flag penalties to Robert's 3 eased him over the line.

Reece McIntosh (Skyline, NSW) easily won Class D from Jeff Salmon (WRX Sti, Vic) and Bruce Moxon (Clio R27, NSW).

Jeff Salmon was the only driver in Class E and was included in Class D which he might have won but for some major problems on the reversing tests.

In Class F, Scott Bennett (Mini Special, WA) won from Bill McCarthy (Delta S2 Mini Special, Vic) and Jim Newell (Delta SS Subaru Special, WA).

Class G had Andrew Collier (Renault Special, NSW) followed by his daughter Sam (Renault Special, NSW) with Aaron Wullemin third (W002 Renault Special, Vic).

In spite of the damp patches and puddles, 29 times were set which were the [fastest ever in class](#) at an AMC for that test.

Categories

- J Juniors
- JP Juniors in Production vehicles
- L Ladies

- LPO Ladies in Production vehicles Outright
 LPH Ladies in Production vehicles Handicap

Juniors in Production Cars was won convincingly by Jack Phelan (Colt, NSW) from Robyn Annabel (Mirage, NSW).

Ladies was won by Sam Collier (Renault Special, NSW).

Ladies in Production Cars was led by Wendy Gibbs (Skyline, NSW) from Jayne Annabel (Mirage, NSW).

Winning Team was RZR Racing from NSW – Reece McIntosh, Zane Robertson and Robert Rigg.

Total Times

1	Scott Bennett	Mini Spl	WA	300.76	F 1
2	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	NSW	312.02	G 1
3	Bill McCarthy	Delta S2 Mini Spl	Vic	321.54	F 2
4	Sam Collier	Renault Special	NSW	325.08	G 2 & L
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5	Jim Newell	Delta SS Subaru Spl	WA	332.19	F 3
6	Warwick Butt	Mini Spl / Terrier Spl	NSW	333.44	F 4
15	Greg Dobson	Cooper S	NSW	356.83	A 1
18	Reece McIntosh	Skyline	NSW	363.69	D 1
25	Michael Heslewood	Lancer	NSW	383.10	B 1
28	Warren Degnan	Gemini	NSW	389.24	C 1
33	Jack Phelan	Colt	NSW	401.78 (331.26)	J 1 &
JP 1					
34	Jayne Annabel	Mirage	NSW	402.09	LPO 1
46	Wendy Gibbs	Skyline	NSW	437.19 (317.58)	LPH 1

Times in brackets () are handicap times

Test Times

1	Manoeuvring	Warwick Butt	Mini Special	24.67
2	Pentagon	Scott Bennett	Mini Special	21.31
3	Reverse Garage	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	24.75
4	Gables	Scott Bennett	Mini Special	32.34
5	Top Hat	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	19.25
6	Hopkirk	Scott Bennett	Mini Special	
22.72				
7	Double Bone	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	25.44
8	Bowler	Scott Bennett	Mini Special	
16.91				
9	Paddy	Scott Bennett	Mini Special	18.24
10	Triple Loop	Warwick Butt	Terrier Honda Special	35.24
11	Star	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	
20.02				
12	Crossover	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	38.09

Shootout

Two Top Eight Shootouts were held after the main motorkhana – one for specials, the other for production cars.

The drivers with the eight fastest total times after 9 tests of the championship motorkhana were eligible. Two Crossovers were set up and pairs of drivers started simultaneously and the faster one graduated to a semi-final. The semi-final winners fought for a carton of beer in their final.

The “two at a time” format had the potential to make great viewing but with the tests well apart, it didn’t really work.

Unfortunately, the organisers did not release the shootout times or results apart from the winners’ names so all I can tell you is that Scott Bennett won the specials carton and Gary Kotzur the production one.

[Detailed 2009 AMC Results](#)

The official results layout was difficult to read so this is an unofficial reformatted version.

2010

The 2010 KYB Shock Absorbers AMC was held on Saturday, October 23rd in Victoria. It was run by the Bendigo Car Club and the Victorian Motorkhana Panel on a bitumen surface at the Bendigo Livestock Exchange, Huntly, about 165 km north-west of Melbourne. There were 81 entries and all started, including 37 from interstate.

Friday was a fine cool day. Licence check, Scrutiny and Practice went smoothly on Friday evening. After overnight rain, Saturday was also a fine cool day. The first three tests had some damp patches but the surface was dry after that.

Championship Battle

After the first set of three tests, David Collier (Renault Special, NSW) led Andrew Collier (Renault Special, NSW) by 0.49 seconds, Samantha Collier (Renault Special, NSW) by 1.01, David Beames (Delta S, SA) by 2.28, Ross Bennett (Mini Special, WA) by 3.17, and Jim Newell (Delta SS, WA) by 3.29.

Bill McCarthy (Delta S2, Vic) was 7th after a 5 second marker penalty on Bull's Eye and Warwick Butt had a miserable start with a slow time on Bull's Eye and a marker hit on each of the other tests. The biggest surprise was 2009 Champion Scott Bennett scoring a Wrong Direction on Bull's Eye and losing about 23 seconds to the leaders.

After 6 tests, Andrew led Sam by 4.00 seconds, David Beames by 4.74, David Collier by 7.60 after hitting a marker on Waltz Slalom, Jim by 9.45 and Bill by 10.36.

After 9 tests, Andrew led David Beames by 5.34 secs, David Collier by 5.40, Jim by 9.67, Ross by 10.75 and Sam by 13.99 after she hit a marker on Paddy and had slow times on Paddy and Opposite Garages. Scott stalled his recovery with 2 markers hit on Paddy. Bill topped that with 3 markers.

At the end, Andrew led David Collier by 4.30 secs, David Beames by 6.41, Jim by 13.24, Scott by 15.74 and Ross by 16.04 after he hit a marker on test 12.

Andrew Collier put in a consistent and fast performance to become the 2010 Champion, scoring 3 FTDs along the way.

David Collier matched Andrew for pace but his marker penalty on the difficult Waltz Slalom test cost him the championship. David could feel hard done by as many observers thought Andrew hit at least one marker.

David Beames had a typically consistent day including FTD on Paddy to finish 3rd.

Jim Newell had a fast steady day to take fourth.

After his early WD, Scott Bennett had 8 FTDs in his recovery to 5th place.

Ross Bennett (Scott's father) was on track for fourth until hitting a marker on his last test and letting Scott through.

Phil East and Corinne East-Johnston looked fast at times in their new Terrier but had major problems with engine tune. Phil remains the only driver to have driven in all 39 AMCs, followed by John Rosengrave with 37.

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- G RWD Specials

Roger Tite (Moke, NSW) won Class A and was fastest production car. 2nd in class was Greg Dobson (Cooper S, NSW) just ahead of Don Lemm (Moke, SA).

Class B was again easily taken by Michael Heslewood (Lancer, NSW) from Robert de Bont (MX-5, Vic) and Stephen Reimers (Suzuki GTi, Qld)

Class C was won by John Panozzo (Datsun 1600, Vic) from John Rosengrave (Golf, Vic) and from Robert Rigg (Peugeot 205GTI, NSW). Robert hit 7 markers and lost the class by less than 9 seconds.

Reece McIntosh (Clio 197, ACT) easily won Class D from Zane Robertson (Skyline, ACT) and Roger Williams (Clio Sport, Qld).

Class E was won by Brad Hall (WRX, Vic) from Jeff Salmon (WRX Sti, Vic) and Malcolm Irwin (WRX, Vic). Jeff had pace but 3 markers cost him the class

In Class F, David Beames (Delta S, WA) won from Jim Newell (Delta SS, WA) and Scott Bennett (Mini Special, WA).

Class G was a Collier whitewash with Andrew followed by his brother David and daughter Sam, all in a Renault Special from NSW.

Categories

- J Juniors
- JP Juniors in Production vehicles
- L Ladies
- LP Ladies in Production vehicles

Placings in the production categories were based on handicap times

Ladies was won by Sam Collier (Renault Special, NSW) from Corinne East-Johnston (Terrier 2, NSW) and Wendy Gibbs (Skyline, NSW).

Ladies in Production Cars was taken out by Wendy Gibbs (Skyline, NSW) from Melissa Meins (Skyline, ACT) and Caroline Vale (Corolla, NSW).

Juniors saw Corey Talbot (Corolla, Vic) win from Luke Farrar (Pulsar, Vic) and Billy Burns (Moke, NSW).

Juniors in Production Cars had Corey Talbot (Corolla, Vic) win from Luke Farrar (Pulsar, Vic) and Andrew Murdoch Jnr (Corolla, Vic).

Winning Team was RZR Racing from NSW – Reece McIntosh, Zane Robertson and Robert Rigg.

Total Times

1	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	NSW	282.55	G 1
2	David Collier	Renault Special	NSW	286.85	G 2
3	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	SA	288.96	
F 1					
4	Jim Newell	Delta SS Subaru Spl	WA	295.79	F 2
5	Scott Bennett	Mini Spl	WA	298.29	F 3
6	Ross Bennett	Mini Spl	WA	298.59	F 4
7	Sam Collier	Renault Special	NSW	299.29	L 1
12	Roger Tite	Moke	NSW	330.97	A 1
14	Reece McIntosh	Clio	ACT	331.64	D 1
18	Michael Heslewood	Lancer	NSW	341.70	B 1
28	John Panozzo	Datsun 1600	Vic	359.08	C 1
38	Brad Hall	Subaru WRX	Vic	374.07	E 1
51	Corey Talbot	Corolla	Vic	395.15 (322.84)	J 1 & JP 1
60	Wendy Gibbs	Skyline	NSW	413.70 (304.48)	LP 1

Times in brackets () are handicap times

Test Times

1	Straight Slalom	Scott Bennett	Mini Special	16.32
2	Bull's Eye	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	23.09
3	Gate Slalom	Scott Bennett	Mini Special	20.46
4	Waltz Slalom	Scott Bennett	Mini Special	23.74
5	Enterprise	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	22.23
6	Crossover	Andrew Collier / Scott Bennett	Renault Special / Mini Special	39.04
7	Paddy	David Beames	Delta S Mini Special	21.43
8	Serpentine	Scott Bennett	Mini Special	19.22
9	Opposite Garages	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	20.99
10	Hopkirk	Scott Bennett	Mini Special	22.44
11	Spiro Slalom	Scott Bennett	Mini Special	21.99
12	Forward & Reverse Slalom	Scott Bennett	Mini Special	16.01

Shootout

Two Top Ten Shootouts were held after the main motorkhana – one for specials, the other for production cars – with \$100 and a trophy for each winner. The specials Shootout was judged on outright time, the production cars on handicap time so the big cars had a fair chance.

The drivers with the ten fastest total times after 9 tests of the championship motorkhana were eligible for a single run at the Hopkirk. The spectators really enjoyed seeing the 19 drivers (one didn't compete) fight it out. In the end, the winners were Scott Bennett and Reece McIntosh.

[Detailed 2010 AMC Results](#) include Outright, Classes, Categories, Teams and Shootouts.

2011

The 2011 AHG AMC was held on Sunday, October 2nd in Western Australia. It was run by the Mini Car Club of WA on a bitumen surface at the RAC Driving Centre, Perth Airport. There were 59 entries and all started, including 20 from interstate.

Saturday was a fine warm day. Licence check, Scrutiny and Practice went smoothly. After overnight rain, Sunday started with a few showers and some lightning and became a fine cloudy cool day. The first couple of tests were damp but the surface was dry after that.

Championship Battle

After the first set of four tests, Corinne East-Johnston (Honda Special, NSW) led Scott Bennett (Turben Mini Special, WA) by 4.07 seconds, Andrew Collier (Renault Special, NSW) by 4.26, Ross Bennett (Turben Mini Special, WA) by 4.36, Phil East (Honda Special, NSW) by 4.38, Aaron Wullemin (W-003 Honda Special, Vic) by 5.51 and Jim Newell (Delta SS Subaru Special, WA) by 5.75 secs.

After 8 tests, Corinne led Andrew by 3.93 seconds, Scott by 5.80 after hitting a marker on Paddy, Jim by 9.66, Ross by 10.08 and Matthias Schwartz (Datroo Subaru Special, SA) by 12.71 secs. Aaron dropped back with a hit marker on each of Dollar and Paddy and Phil lost time on Dollar and Paddy.

Corinne and Phil were unlucky that their car broke a front upright after about 5 tests. They were fortunate that it broke at a time when it could be repaired and they could complete the first 8 tests during the lunch break, the Director having been kind enough to leave the flags in place for them.

At the end, Corinne led Scott by 2.29 seconds, Andrew by 3.93, Jim by 9.66, Ross by 10.08 and Matthias Schwartz by 12.71 secs.

Corinne East-Johnston put in a fast consistent performance to become the 2011 Champion, scoring 6 FTDs along the way.

Scott Bennett had enough pace to win with 3 FTDs but a hit marker dropped him to second. Andrew Collier had a consistent day including two FTDs to finish 3rd.

Jim Newell had a fast steady day to take fourth.

Aaron Wullemin was fast with FTD on Manoeuvring but two hit markers and some vehicle issues saw him take 5th place.

Matthias Schwartz put in a fast steady performance to finish 6th.

Phil East remains the only driver to have driven in all 40 AMCs, followed by John Rosengrave with 38.

Classes

- A 2WD Production Cars - wheelbase to 2150 mm
- B 2WD Production Cars - wheelbase 2151 mm to 2390 mm
- C 2WD Production Cars - wheelbase 2391 mm to 2574 mm
- D 2WD Production Cars - wheelbase 2575 mm and over
- E 4WD Production Cars
- F FWD Specials

G RWD Specials

Class A was a Moke clean sweep with Simon Ridgewell (WA) first production car at 10th outright. Dave Elliott (WA) was 2nd in class with John Rosengrave (Vic) third. Dave and John each had a WD and a marker, making life easy for Simon.

Class B was dominated by MX-5s from WA with Brent Matthews winning narrowly from Peter Corboy and Frank Ferrari.

Class C was won by Duane Joubert (Sprinter, WA) from Shay Ward (Vectra, WA) and Andrew Lau (Clio, Vic).

Reece McIntosh (M3, ACT) easily won Class D from Ian Towart (Sonata, WA) and Brian Shanahan (Falcon, Vic).

Class E was a close battle with Alex Butler (WRX, WA) winning from Liam D'Olimpio (Impreza, WA) and Jarrod Ferrari (Lancer Evo, WA).

In Class F, Corinne East-Johnston (Honda Special, NSW) won from Scott Bennett (Turben Special, WA) and Jim Newell (Delta SS, WA).

Class G was headed by Andrew Collier (Renault Special, NSW) followed by Aaron Wullemin (W-003 Special, Vic) and Blair Jones (Sweet 16, Vic).

Categories

J Juniors Outright

JP Juniors in Production vehicles *

L Ladies Outright

LP Ladies in Production vehicles *

* Placings in the production categories were based on handicap times

Ladies was won by Corinne East-Johnston (Honda Special, NSW) from Lisa Bruce (Moke, WA) and Amy Bennett (Moke WA).

Ladies in Production Cars was taken out by Lisa Bruce (Moke, WA) from Janelle Cadd (Clio, Vic) and Amy Bennett (Moke WA)..

Juniors saw Nathan Byett (Mini Special, WA) win from William Bennett (Moke, WA) and Amy Bennett (Moke, WA).

Juniors in Production Cars had William Bennett (Moke, WA) win from Amy Bennett (Moke, WA).

The Winning Team was CAR from NSW – Corinne East-Johnston, Andrew Collier and Reece McIntosh.

Total Times

1	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special	NSW	278.44	F 1 & L 1
2	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl	WA	280.73	F 2
3	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	NSW	283.03	G 1
4	Jim Newell	Delta SS Subaru Spl	WA	291.96	F 3
5	Aaron Wullemin	W-003 Honda Spl	Vic	297.00	G 2

6	Matthias Schwartz	Datoo Subaru Spl	SA	306.80	F 4
10	Simon Ridgewell	Leyland Moke	WA	299.29	A 1
18	Brent Matthews	Mazda MX-5	WA	336.97	B 1
19	Reece McIntosh	BMW M3	ACT	337.62	D 1
24	Nathan Byett	Mini Special	WA	355.71	J 1
25	Duane Joubert	Toyota Sprinter	WA	358.22	C 1
31	Alex Butler	Subaru WRX	WA	380.50	E 1
39	Lisa Bruce	Morris Moke	WA	390.70 (342.49)	LP 1
47	William Bennett	Leyland Moke	WA	407.82 (362.68)	JP 1

Times in brackets () are handicap times

Test Times

1	Manoeuvring	Aaron Wullemin	W-003 Honda Spl	22.49
2	Noughts & Crosses	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special	18.68
3	Double Hat	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special	21.41
4	Atom	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special	26.39
5	Crossover	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special	37.29
6	Dollar	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl.	19.42
7	Paddy	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	21.18
8	Double Bone	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special	25.16
9	Forward & Reverse Slalom	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl.	15.95
10	Double Kidney	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	21.70
11	Hopkirk	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl.	21.09
12	Pentagon	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special	18.85

Shootout

Two Top Ten Shootouts were held after the main motorkhana – one for specials, the other for production cars. The specials Shootout was judged on outright time, the production cars on handicap time so the big cars had a fair chance.

For each Shootout, the drivers with the ten fastest total times after 8 tests of the championship motorkhana were eligible for a single run at the Hopkirk. The spectators really enjoyed seeing the 20 drivers fight it out. In the end, the winners were Scott Bennett and Dave Elliott.

[Detailed 2011 AMC Results](#) include Outright, Classes, Categories, Teams and Shootouts.

2012

The 2012 AMC was held on Sunday, October 14th in Queensland by the Holden Sporting Car Club of Qld on a bitumen surface at the Willowbank Raceway near Ipswich, about an hour from Brisbane. There were 69 entries and 67 started, including 29 from interstate.

Due to limited availability of the competition venue (there were drag races on Saturday night), Licence check and Vehicle Scrutiny were on Friday night in SE Brisbane. Practice went smoothly on Saturday morning which was warm (hot for Southerners) and sunny. Sunday was another warm sunny day and wheel changers were sweating in the fierce sun. The surface was rippled in places and quite grippy but not abrasive.

Championship Battle

After the first set of four tests, in a very even start, Scott Bennett (Turben Mini Special, WA) on 92.36 seconds led Corinne East-Johnston (Honda Special, NSW) by 1.00 seconds, Alan McConnell (Mini Special, Qld) by 1.82, David Beames (Delta S Special, SA) by 4.15, Bill McCarthy (Delta S2 Special, Vic) by 5.10, Phil East (Honda Special, NSW) by 5.20. Scott led Aaron Wullemin (W-003 Honda Special, Vic) by 5.64, Ross Bennett (Turben Mini Special, WA) by 6.14, Andrew Collier (Renault Special, NSW) by 6.25, Noel Caplet (Renault Special, Qld) by 6.39, and Michael Exell (XL Honda Special, WA) by 7.34 secs, all under 100 seconds.

Andrew Collier, usually a front runner, made a slow start.

Jim Newell was hampered by using different tyres making for a very slow Hopkirk.

Warwick Butt hit a flag on Straight Slalom.

After 8 tests, Scott on 168.80 led Corinne by 2.09 seconds, David by 5.96, Aaron by 6.83, Alan by 9.56 after hitting a marker on Paddy, Andrew by 10.49 and Noel by 11.38.

Bill hit a marker on Star after a bizarre distraction when a fire truck blocked the start garage immediately ahead of him for a few minutes.

The Wullemins' special was troublesome. The front suspension broke on one of Nathan's runs giving him a DNF. They rewelded it and the scrutineers then failed the repair. After some more repairing, they then rushed to complete that set of tests, doing the last test about 10—15 minutes after the other cars had finished. That was eerily reminiscent of last year's incident involving their relatives the Easts.

At the end, Scott led Corinne by 1.88 seconds, David by 9.41, Aaron by 13.68, Andrew by 13.92 and Noel by 17.20 secs.

Aaron suffered a puncture on Try Angles losing 6 or 7 secs.

Alan was given a dubious marker penalty on Bowler which compensated for one which was not counted on Paddy.

Scott Bennett put in a very fast consistent performance to become the 2012 Champion, scoring 3 FTDs along the way.

Corinne East-Johnston had enough pace to win with 3 FTDs but was a little slower than Scott on the reversing tests.

David Beames had a fast consistent day to finish 3rd but couldn't threaten Scott and Corinne.

Aaron Wullemin was fast with 2 FTDs including an AMC record on Paddy but vehicle issues saw him take 4th place.

Andrew Collier had a consistent day with no penalties but was a bit off his usual pace to finish 5th.

Noel Caplet had a fast steady day to take 6th, easily his best AMC performance to date.

Phil East remains the only driver to have driven in all 41 AMCs, followed by John Rosengrave with 39.

Coming back after a 10 year break, Alan McConnell was very fast on the forward tests with 4 FTDs but his reversing let him down.

Classes

A	2WD Production Cars - wheelbase to 2150 mm
B	2WD Production Cars - wheelbase 2151 mm to 2390 mm
C	2WD Production Cars - wheelbase 2391 mm to 2574 mm
D	2WD Production Cars - wheelbase 2575 mm and over
E	4WD Production Cars
F	FWD Specials
G	RWD Specials

Class A was a Moke clean sweep with Gary Kotzur (Moke, Qld) first production car at 13th outright. Kelvin Goldfinch (Moke, NSW) was 2nd in class with Gavin Turner (Moke, WA) third.

Dave Elliott (Moke, WA) was generally fastest in class but 2 WDs and a hit marker dropped him to 5th.

Class B was dominated by four MX-5s split only by Michael Heslewood's aging Lancer. Peter Lepherd (MX-5, Qld) won easily from Stewart Bell (MX-5, Qld) with Michael 3rd.

The placings in Class C were extremely close with winner Ken Graham (Datsun 1600, Qld), Michael Parker (Sigma, Qld), Dan Cullen (Prelude, Qld) and Brian Shanahan (Pulsar, Vic) covered by 4 secs.

Once again, Reece McIntosh (Skyline, ACT) gave the other drivers of production cars a driving lesson. His large Class D Skyline (2WD, wheelbase over 4575mm) was beaten only by some specials, a Moke and a well driven and modified MX-5. He easily won Class D from Terry Scharf (Skyline, Qld) and Craig Hornibrook (Commodore, Qld), both quality drivers.

Class E saw a convincing win by Jeff Salmon (WRX Sti, Vic) over Ken Dixon (WRX Sti, Qld).

In Class F, Scott Bennett (Turben Special, WA) won from Corinne East-Johnston (Honda Special, NSW) and David Beames (Delta SS, SA).

Class G was headed by Aaron Wuillemin (W-003 Special, Vic) closely followed by Andrew Collier (Renault Special, NSW) with Daniel Wuillemin 3rd (W-003 Special, Vic).

Categories

J	Juniors Outright
JP	Juniors in Production vehicles *
L	Ladies Outright
LP	Ladies in Production vehicles *

* Placings in the production categories were based on handicap times

Ladies was won by Corinne East-Johnston (Honda Special, NSW) from Cordelia Jones (Locost Special, Qld).

Ladies in Production Cars was taken out by Janene Carrad (Commodore, Qld) from Pauline Graham (Datsun 1600, Qld) and Jennifer Jones (Swift, Qld).

Juniors saw William Bennett (Turben Mini Special, WA) win from Cordelia Jones (Locost Special, Qld).

Juniors in Production Cars had Jeremy Lepherd (MX-5, Qld) win from Joel Christofis (Pulsar, Qld).

The Winning Team was Mexican Allsorts from Victoria – Jeff Salmon, Aaron Wuillemin and Bill McCarthy. Bill commented that this was his first Teams win in 28 AMC starts.

Total Times

1	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl	WA	251.79	F 1
2	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special	NSW	253.67	F 2 & L 1
3	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	SA	261.20	F 3
4	Aaron Wuillemin	W-003 Honda Spl	Vic	265.47	G 1
5	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	NSW	265.71	G 2
6	Noel Caplet	Renault Special	Qld	268.99	F 4
13	Gary Kotzur	Moke	SA	285.86	A 1
16	Peter Lepherd	Mazda MX-5	Qld	293.13	B 1
17	Reece McIntosh	Skyline	ACT	296.50	D 1
21	William Bennett	Turben Mini Spl	WA	306.11	J 1
27	Jeremy Lepherd	Mazda MX-5	Qld	321.10 (262.93)	JP 1
28	Ken Graham	Datsun 1600	Qld	323.20	C 1
33	Jeff Salmon	Subaru WRX Sti	Vic	326.03	E 1
46	Janene Carrad	Commodore	Qld	360.38 (275.40)	LP 1

Times in brackets () are handicap times

Test Times

1	Hopkirk	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl.	22.16
2	Top Hat	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	17.41
3	Triple Loop	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	35.31
		Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special	35.31
4	Straight Slalom	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special	16.85
5	Paddy	Aaron Wuillemin	W-003 Honda Spl.	18.16
6	Star	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special	19.49
7	Diamond Slalom	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	21.27
8	Historic Straight Slalom	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl.	14.67
9	Reverse Garage	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl.	23.82
10	Bowler	Ross Bennett	Turben Mini Spl.	15.83
11	Try Angles	Alan McConnell	Mini Special	23.95
12	Forward & Reverse Slalom	Aaron Wuillemin	W-003 Honda Spl.	16.49

Shootouts

Two Top Ten Shootouts were held after the main motorkhana – one for specials, the other for production cars. The specials' Shootout was judged on outright time, the production cars' on handicap time so the big cars had a fair chance. There was a long delay in starting and some cars were already on trailers leaving the venue when the Shootouts began.

An odd test was used and the Shootout winners were Corinne East-Johnston and Stewart Bell in an MX-5.

[Official 2012 AMC Results](#) include Outright, Classes, Categories, Teams, Handicap and Shootouts.

[Unofficial 2012 AMC Results](#) in Excel .xlsx format for those who want to extract statistics.

2013

The 2013 AMC was held on Sunday, October 6th in South Australia by the South Eastern Auto Club on a bitumen surface at the Mount Gambier Saleyards, about 5 hours south east of Adelaide. There were 63 entries and 61 starters.

Licence check, Vehicle Scrutiny and Practice went smoothly on Saturday afternoon which was fine and sunny. Apart from a pre-event shower, Sunday started fine but rain arrived at lunch time and we had enough showers that the surface was wet all afternoon. The surface was rippled in places and quite grippy when dry. The grip was still quite good when it was wet.

The event ran very well though inexperienced officials missed some penalties.

Championship Battle

After the first set of three tests, Scott Bennett (Turben Mini Special, WA) on 79.44 seconds led Corinne East-Johnston (Honda Special, NSW) by 0.12 seconds, Ross Bennett (Turben Mini Special, WA) by 2.76, Phil East (Honda Special, NSW) by 3.40, Bill McCarthy (Delta S2 Special, Vic) by 3.82, Rhys Howell (AV2 Special, Vic) by 3.85, Andrew Collier (Renault Special, NSW) by 3.91 and Jim Newell (Delta SS Special, WA) by 4.99 secs. Within 0.24 secs. of Jim were Rick Grigsby, Noel Caplet and Michael Exell, with Aaron Wuillemmin on 85.31 secs.

The Wuillemmins had another AMC when their special broke. Aaron and his brother Daniel completed the first test but brother Nathan came to a sudden halt halfway round the test when a rear wheel with its upright and driveshaft went bounding into the bushes. Aaron switched to Blair Jones' special for two tests and lost time in the unfamiliar car. After repairs were completed, Aaron returned to W-003 for the remaining 9 tests.

At lunch, after six tests, it was a battle of two with Corinne on 149.36 leading Scott by 0.51, Ross by 6.0 secs., Andrew by 6.21, Phil by 7.76, Aaron by 8.22, and Michael by 10.25, then a 6 second gap to Jim and Bill.

Bill McCarthy made a geriatric navigation error on Bullseye.

Rhy and Andrew Howell withdrew the AV2 special with the throttle jamming open, later traced to a small stone caught in the linkage.

Then the rain came and the surface remained wet for the rest of the day.

After nine tests, Corinne on 226.52 led Andrew by 1.24 seconds, Aaron by 1.83, Scott by 2.01, Ross by 2.48 and Michael by 4.29.

It had closed up at the front because Corinne did a slow Triple Garage while Scott did a slow time on Paddy and hit a marker on it. He made some of that back on Triple Garage.

Phil lost time on some of the reversing tests.

At the end, Corinne led Aaron by 6.39 seconds, Ross by 7.71, Scott by 8.46, Andrew by 9.83 and Michael by 10.97 secs.

Scott hit 2 more markers on Dollar.

Michael made a navigation error on Three Lanes resulting in an unintended reverse which might have cost him second place.

2011 Champion Corinne East-Johnston won her second Australian Motorkhana Championship with 6 FTDs in spite of a neck injury which made reversing difficult. Aaron Wullemin finished second outright, recovering from his vehicle woes. Ross Bennett slipped into third place with a fast consistent performance, the oldest driver to make the AMC podium by a considerable number of years. 2012 Champion Scott finished with 5 FTDs but the 3 flag penalties dropped him to fourth place. Andrew Collier had a consistent day with no penalties to finish 5th. Michael Exell was sixth, only 4.38 seconds from second.

Nathan Wullemin missed two and a half tests when his car broke but he resumed, setting fast times including a record 17.57 secs. on Paddy, very fast on a wet surface. Phil East remains the only driver to have driven in all 42 AMCs, followed by John Rosengrave with 40.

Classes

- A 2WD Production Cars - wheelbase to 2150 mm
- B 2WD Production Cars - wheelbase 2151 mm to 2390 mm
- C 2WD Production Cars - wheelbase 2391 mm to 2574 mm
- D 2WD Production Cars - wheelbase 2575 mm and over
- E 4WD Production Cars
- F FWD Specials
- G RWD Specials

Class A was a Moke/Mini clean sweep with Don Lemm (Moke, SA) first production car at 14th outright. Craig Williams (Moke, SA) was 2nd in class with Greg Dobson (Cooper S?, NSW) third.

Class B was close fought with Ashley Tyson (240Z, Qld) just winning from Bob de Bont (MX-5, Vic) and Michael Heslewood (Lancer, NSW).

Class C had Graham Vanderhoek (VW Beetle, SA) first, followed by David Masing (Lancer, NSW) and Ken Trimmell (Barina Gsi, SA) who just edged out Brian Shanahan (Pulsar, Vic) and Robert Rigg (Peugeot 205Gti, NSW).

Reece McIntosh (BMW, ACT) easily won Class D from Zac Edwards (Peugeot 405MI16, Vic) and Phil Wilson (Toyota Soarer, SA).

Class E saw a close battle between Garry Dodd (WRX, SA) and Jeff Salmon (WRX Sti, Vic) with Garry winning and Russell Marker (Forester, SA) third.

In Class F, Corinne East-Johnston (Honda Special, NSW) won from Ross Bennett (Turben Special, WA) and Scott Bennett (Turben Special, WA).

Class G was headed by Aaron Wullemin (W-003 Special, Vic) closely followed by Andrew Collier (Renault Special, NSW) with Samantha Collier (Renault Special, NSW) third.

Categories

- J Juniors Outright
- JP Juniors in Production vehicles *
- L Ladies Outright

LP Ladies in Production vehicles *

* Placings in the production categories were based on handicap times

Ladies outright was won by Corinne East-Johnston (Honda Special, NSW) from Samantha Collier (Renault Special, NSW) and Karien Heimsohn (Flame Special, SA).

Ladies in Production Cars was taken out by Lynette Marker (Forester, SA).

Juniors outright was won by Brodie Heenan (Suzuki Alto, SA) from Ivan Heenan (Civic, SA) and Sam Becker (Sigma, SA?).

Juniors in Production Cars was won by Ivan Heenan (Civic, SA) from Brodie Heenan (Suzuki Alto, SA) and Sam Becker (Sigma, SA).

The Winning Team was Melbourne Renegades – Jeff Salmon, Aaron Wullemin and Michael Exell.

Total Times

1	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special	NSW	293.48	F 1 & L 1
2	Aaron Wullemin	W-003 Honda Spl	Vic	300.07	G 1
3	Ross Bennett	Turben Mini Spl	WA	301.19	F 2
4	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl	WA	301.94	F 3
5	Andrew Collier	Renault Special	NSW	303.31	G 2
6	Michael Exell	XL Honda Spl	Vic	304.45	F 4
14	Don Lemm	Moke	SA	342.18	A 1
18	Graham Vanderhoek	VW Beetle	SA	364.72	C 1
19	Reece McIntosh	BMW	ACT	366.63	D 1
24	Ashley Tyson	Datsun 240Z	Qld	376.07	B 1
26	Garry Dodd	Subaru WRX	SA	379.27	E 1
40	Brodie Heenan	Suzuki Alto	SA	416.78	J 1
43	Ivan Heenan	Honda Civic	SA	429.40 (351.68)	JP 1
58	Lynette Marker	Subaru Forester	SA	565.88 (417.62)	LP 1

Times in brackets () are handicap times

Test Times

1	Manoeuvring	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl.	22.91
2	Offcentric	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special	20.90
3	Triple Loop	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl.	34.49
4	Naughts & Crosses	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special	19.55
5	Eccentric	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl.	27.27
6	Bulls Eye	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special	22.61
7	Double Kidney	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl.	23.27
8	Paddy	Nathan Wullemin	W-003 Honda Spl	17.57
9	Triple Garage	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl.	24.64
10	Dollar	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special.	20.70
11	Hopkirk	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special	23.31
12	Three Lanes	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl.	20.23

Shootouts

Two Top Ten Shootouts were held after the main motorkhana – one for specials, the other for production cars.

An unusual and challenging test was used and the winners were Scott Bennett in a Turben Mini special and Greg Dobson in a Morris Cooper S.

Official 2013 AMC Results are a bit limited.

Note that times do not include penalties which are added separately in the adjacent column.

Unofficial 2013 AMC Results in a more usual format are a bit more readable.

2014

The 2014 AMC was held on Sunday, October 5th by the Mini Car Club of NSW with assistance by the Renault, Hills District and Thornleigh Car Clubs. It was run on a bitumen surface at the Nirimba TAFE in the north-western Sydney suburb of Quakers Hill. There were 67 entries and all started.

Licence check, Vehicle Scrutiny and Practice went smoothly on Saturday afternoon which was fine and sunny. Sunday started fine and became quite hot with the temperature venturing into the 30s during the afternoon.

The event was run very well.

Championship Battle

After the first set of three easy tests, Corinne East-Johnston (Honda Special, NSW) on 50.88 secs. led Scott Bennett (Turben Mini Special, WA) by 0.21seconds, Aaron Wullemin (W-003 Special, Vic) by 1.05 secs., Samantha Collier (Renault Special, NSW) by 1.39, Phil East (Honda Special, NSW) by 1.55, Ross Bennett (Turben Mini Special, WA) by 1.72, Andrew Collier (Renault Special, NSW) by 2.26, Jim Newell (AV2 Special, WA) by 2.32 secs, Nathan Wullemin (W-003 Special, Vic) by 2.55, Warwick Butt (Mini Special, NSW) by 2.55 secs. in 10th place. Close behind Warwick were David Beames, Daniel Wullemin, Keith Butcher, Blair Jones and Rob Holtkamp followed by first production car driver Kelvin Goldfinch. None of the potential winners scored penalties.

At lunch, after six tests, it was close at the front with Corinne on 110.00 leading Scott by 1.05, Aaron by 2.31, Nathan by 4.22, Phil by 4.97, Andrew by 5.32, Samantha by 6.42, Warwick by 7.13, Jim by 7.29, David by 9.15 in 10th followed by Daniel, Ross, Blair and Rob. The leading 4 all made ground on the Forward & Reverse Slalom, especially Nathan with a 15.89. Ross lost 6 places after hitting a marker on F&R.

As it became hotter after lunch, some drivers' tyres gave better grip while others' softer tyres overheated, especially the multiple entries.

After nine tests, Corinne on 185.25 led Scott by 1.04 seconds, Aaron by 1.45, Nathan by 6.32, Samantha by 10.76, Phil by 11.85, Warwick by 14.51, Jim by 14.58 and David by 14.61 in 9th. Ross, Blair, Daniel and Rob followed them. Andrew dropped back to 14th place after breaking a driveshaft and scoring a DNF on Waltz Slalom. He chose to retire at that time while his daughter Samantha continued in Blair Jones' car.

With one test to go, Corinne led Scott by 0.93 seconds but a very fast Hopkirk took Scott to the lead and the Championship win by 1.01 seconds. Aaron just missed out again by 1.82, Nathan by 9.16. Samantha lost time in Blair's car due to the unfamiliar controls – the fiddle-brake lever and its pushbutton gear change are on the opposite side to her usual car – to finish 11th. Ross hit another marker and dropped to 10th.

2009 & 2012 Champion Scott Bennett put in a very fast consistent performance to become the 2014 Champion, scoring 3 FTDs along the way.

2011 & 2013 Champion Corinne East-Johnston was second after leading for 11 tests, finishing with 5 FTDs.

Aaron Wullemin finished third with 2 FTDs.

Nathan Wullemin finished fourth with an FTD.

Phil East slipped into fifth place with a fast consistent performance and an FTD, his best finish for some years. Not bad for an old bloke.

David Beames, Jim Newell, Warwick Butt, Blair Jones and Ross Bennett filled out the first 10.

Phil East remains the only driver to have driven in all 43 AMCs, followed by John Rosengrave with 41.

Classes

A	2WD Production Cars - wheelbase to 2150 mm
B	2WD Production Cars - wheelbase 2151 mm to 2390 mm
C	2WD Production Cars - wheelbase 2391 mm to 2574 mm
D	2WD Production Cars - wheelbase 2575 mm and over
E	4WD Production Cars
F	FWD Specials
G	RWD Specials

Class A was a Moke/Mini clean sweep with Kelvin Goldfinch (Moke, NSW) first production car at 14th outright and well ahead of Greg Dobson (Cooper S, SA) with Paul Ellis (Mini, NSW) a close third.

Class B was large, 14 drivers, and very close fought with Scott Gibbs (MX-5, NSW) finishing only 0.41 secs. ahead of Robert de Bont (MX-5, Vic) with Ashley Tyson (240Z, Qld) 3.48 seconds behind in third.

The Class C lead swapped between David Masing (Lancer, NSW) and Robert Rigg (Peugeot 205Gti, NSW) with David winning. Warren Degnan (Gemini, NSW) was third after scoring WD in Waltz Slalom.

Reece McIntosh (BMW, ACT) easily won Class D again from Terry Scharf (Skyline, Qld) and Justin Chiew (Golf, NSW).

Class E saw a clear win for Garry Dodd (WRX, SA) followed by Brett Manewell (WRX Wagon, NSW).

In Class F, Scott Bennett (Turben Special, WA) won Corinne East-Johnston (Honda Special, NSW) and Phillip East (Honda Special, NSW).

Class G had an all Victorian podium headed by Aaron Wullemin (W-003 Special, Vic) followed by Nathan Wullemin (W-003 Special, Vic) with Blair Jones (Toyota Special, Vic) third.

Categories

J	Juniors Outright
JP	Juniors in Production vehicles *
L	Ladies Outright
LP	Ladies in Production vehicles *

* Placings in the production categories were based on handicap times

Ladies outright was won by Corinne East-Johnston (Honda Special, NSW) from Samantha Collier (Renault Special, NSW) and Lauren East-Wuillemin (W-003 Honda Special, Vic).

Ladies in Production Cars was taken out by Deborah Wright (Mazda 121, NSW) by 0.21 secs. from Emma Goldfinch (Moke, NSW) with Kathryn Goldfinch (Moke, NSW) third.

Juniors outright and Juniors in Production Cars were won by Cooper Ellis (Mini, NSW) from Matthew Cleave (Honda CRX, NSW) and Jack Gutmann (Golf, NSW).

The Winning Team was Team Vic No1 – Brian Shanahan, Aaron Wuillemin and Robert de Bont.

Total Times

1	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl	WA	249.70	F 1
2	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special	NSW	250.71	F 2 & L 1
3	Aaron Wuillemin	W-003 Honda Spl	Vic	251.53	G 1
4	Nathan Wuillemin	W-003 Honda Spl	Vic	258.86	G 2
5	Phillip East	Honda Special	NSW	265.35	F 3
6	David Beames	Delta S Mini Spl	SA	267.67	F 4
14	Kelvin Goldfinch	Moke	NSW	294.01	A 1
15	Reece McIntosh	BMW M3	ACT	304.33	D 1
17	Scott Gibbs	Mazda MX-5	NSW	308.59	B 1
19	Garry Dodd	Subaru WRX	SA	379.27	E 1
21	David Masing	Mitsubishi Lancer	NSW	310.27	C 1
29	Cooper Ellis	Mini	NSW	319.19 (274.82)	J 1 & JP 1
54	Deborah Wright	Mazda 121	NSW	372.99 (300.26)	LP 1

Times in brackets () are handicap times

Test Times

1	Square Slalom	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special	17.86
2	Bowler	Aaron Wuillemin	W-003 Honda Spl	16.35
3	Straight Slalom	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl.	16.28
4	Double Bone	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special	24.80
5	Top Hat	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special	17.91
6	Fwd & Reverse Slalom	Nathan Wuillemin	W-003 Honda Spl	15.89
7	Gables	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special	29.48
8	Star	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special	20.08
9	Waltz Slalom	Aaron Wuillemin	W-003 Honda Spl	23.22
10	Manoeuvring	Phillip East	Honda Special.	22.10
11	Pentagon	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl.	19.48
12	Hopkirk	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl.	21.72

Shootouts were not held at this AMC.

Official 2014 AMC Results include Outright, Classes, Categories, Teams and Handicap.

Unofficial 2014 AMC Results in a more usual format are more readable for some purposes.

2015

The 2015 NGK Spark Plugs AMC was held on Saturday, September 26th by the Bendigo Car Club and the Victorian Motorkhana Panel and several other clubs. It was held at the Bendigo Livestock Exchange, Huntly, about 165 km north-west of Melbourne. There were 72 entries and 71 started, including 27 from interstate.

Licence check, Scrutiny and Practice went smoothly on a fine cool Friday evening. Saturday was fine, sunny and warm for the main event.

Championship Battle

After the first set of three easy tests, Scott Bennett (Turben Mini Special, WA) led Corinne East-Johnston (Honda Special, NSW) by 0.95 seconds, Aaron Wullemin (W-003 Special, Vic) by 2.23 secs., Phil East (Honda Special, NSW) by 2.68, Andrew Collier (Renault Special, NSW) by 2.86, Daniel Wullemin (W-003 Special, Vic) by 3.01, Nathan Wullemin (W-003 Special, Vic) by 3.29, David Beames (Delta S, SA) by 3.64, Rhys Howell (AV3 Special, Vic) by 3.69, Michael Exell (XL Honda Special, Vic) by 4.26 secs. in 10th place. Close behind Michael were Jim Newell and Bill McCarthy. The first production car driver was Garry Dodd (WRX, SA) in 20th, closely followed by Mathew Webb (Mini, Vic) and Kelvin Goldfinch (Moke, NSW). None of the first 37 scored penalties.

At lunch, after six tests, it had opened up at the front with Scott leading Corinne by 6.27, Nathan by 8.11, Daniel by 10.45, Michael by 10.56, Phil by 15.74, Jim by 16.37 with a 4 second gap behind him. Aaron blew his chances with a WD on Waltz Slalom as did Andrew on Big Eyes. Both had been in podium contention. David hit a pair of flags on Three Lanes. Phil East had lost ground on the two reversing tests. The first production car driver was now Reece McIntosh (BMW M3, ACT) in 12th, closely followed by Kelvin Goldfinch (Moke, NSW). Mathew had lost about 10 secs. on Three Lanes while Garry lost about the same on Waltz Slalom and Three Lanes.

Due to extreme delays in one test area, the last 3 tests of the planned 12 were cancelled. The third set of tests was fairly uneventful for the leaders apart from a flag penalty each on Hopkirk for Daniel and David. Among the production cars, Kelvin Goldfinch took a comfortable lead after Reece McIntosh dropped back on Hopkirk.

2009, 2012 & 2014 Champion Scott Bennett put in a dominating performance to become the 2015 Champion, scoring 7 FTDs in the 9 tests.

2011 & 2013 Champion Corinne East-Johnston was second, finishing with 2 FTDs.

Nathan Wullemin finished third, his best AMC placing to date.

Michael Exell finished fourth, also his best AMC placing to date.

Daniel Wullemin was fifth, also his best AMC placing to date.

1987 & 1988 Champion Jim Newell dropped into sixth place with an error-free performance, the best of the older brigade.

David Beames, Blair Jones, Aaron Wullemin and Phil East filled out the first 10.

Classes

- A 2WD Production Cars - wheelbase to 2150 mm
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- C 2WD Production Cars - wheelbase 2391 mm to 2574 mm
- D 2WD Production Cars - wheelbase 2575 mm and over

- E 4WD Production Cars
- F FWD Specials
- G RWD Specials

Class A was a Moke/Mini clean sweep again because all 9 cars were Minis or Mokes. Kelvin Goldfinch (Moke, NSW) first production car at 16th outright and well ahead of Mathew Webb (Mini, Vic) who had a slow Three Lanes and Greg Dobson (Cooper S, SA) whose car left CV joint fragments scattered around the Waltz Slalom.

Class B had 7 drivers and was very close fought with Wayne Casey (MX-5, SA) finishing only 0.39 secs. ahead of Michael Heslewood (Lancer, NSW) with Damien Tangey (Bullet, Vic) well behind in third.

The Class C had 26 starters and Robert Rigg (Peugeot 205Gti, NSW) won with only one flag hit, followed by Brian Shanahan (Pulsar, Vic) with Damien Wilson (Onevia, SA) was 21.6 secs. back after hitting 5 flags.

Reece McIntosh (BMW, ACT) easily won Class D again from Phil Wilson (Soarer, SA) and Ben Elsey (300ZX, Vic) in a class of 5.

Class E saw a clear win for Garry Dodd (WRX, SA), the only driver in the class.

In Class F, Scott Bennett (Turben Special, WA) won from Corinne East-Johnston (Honda Special, NSW) with Michael Exell (XL Honda Special, Vic) in third of 14 FWD specials.

Class G had 9 RWD specials and an all Victorian podium headed by Nathan Wullemin (W-003 Special, Vic) followed by Daniel Wullemin (W-003 Special, Vic) with Aaron Wullemin (W-003 Special, Vic) third after a WD.

Categories

- J Juniors Outright
- JP Juniors in Production vehicles *
- L Ladies Outright
- LP Ladies in Production vehicles *

* Placings in the production categories were based on handicap times

Ladies outright was won by Corinne East-Johnston (Honda Special, NSW) from Lauren East-Wullemin (W-003 Honda Special, Vic) and Kylie Flack (MX-5, SA).

Ladies in Production Cars was taken out by Kylie Flack (MX-5, SA) followed by Alison Boreham (Escort, Vic).

Juniors outright and Juniors in Production Cars were won by Michael Flynn (Lancer, Vic) from Thomas Blackberry (Corolla, Vic) and Mitchell Hanger (Corolla, Vic).

The Winning Team was RCR from NSW – Corinne East-Johnston, Robert Rigg and Reece McIntosh.

Phil East remains the only driver to have driven in all 44 AMCs, followed by John Rosengrave with 42.

Garry Dodd was fastest on Handicap.

Total Times

1	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl	WA	225.53	F 1
2	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special	NSW	234.36	F 2 & L 1
3	Nathan Wullemin	W-003 Honda Spl	Vic	236.69	G 1
4	Michael Exell	XL Honda Special	Vic	240.33	F 3
5	Daniel Wullemin	W-003 Honda Spl	Vic	242.47	G 2
6	Jim Newell	AV2 Honda Spl	WA	246.97	F 4
16	Kelvin Goldfinch	Moke	NSW	271.66	A 1
19	Reece McIntosh	BMW M3	ACT	279.35	D 1
23	Robert Rigg	Peugeot 205 GTi	NSW	282.94	C 1
24	Wayne Casey	Mazda MX-5	SA	283.75	B 1
27	Garry Dodd	Subaru WRX	SA	287.59	E 1
43	Kylie Flack	Mazda MX-5	SA	317.94 (256.58)	LP 1
61	Michael Flynn	Mitsubishi Lancer	Vic	364.45 (299.68)	J 1 & JP 1

Times in brackets () are handicap times

Test Times

1	Straight Slalom	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl	16.63
2	Bull's Eye	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl	22.52
3	Crossover	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl	38.14
4	Waltz Slalom	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl	23.27
5	Three Lanes	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special	19.79
6	Big Eyes	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl	39.89
7	Hopkirk	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl	23.57
8	Spiro Slalom	Corinne East-Johnston	Honda Special	21.77
9	Gate Slalom	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl	19.49

Top Ten Shootouts were held for 10 Specials and 10 Production Cars with the Production cars scored on handicap times to allow for different size cars. The test was Hopkirk.

Special	Scott Bennett	Turben Mini Spl	WA	22.16
Production	Kelvin Goldfinch	Leyland Moke	NSW	22.74 (on handicap)

Best Presented awards were given for Specials and for Production Cars.

Special	Blair Jones	BJ008 Toyota Spl	Vic
Production	Paul Robinson	Morris Mini	Vic

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