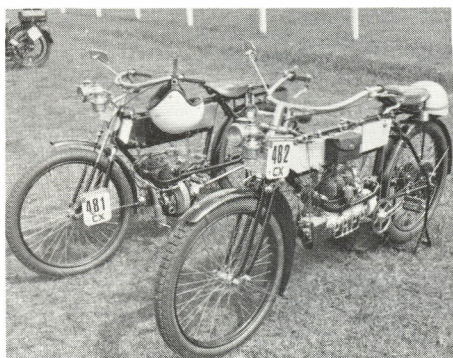


Cruiser Club whose members backed up the Rally supplying floats for broken down vehicles which were unable to be repaired on the spot by the mechanics.

Bill and Margaret's Fiat 509A went through the 2 000 km of the Rally and another 1 000 km on the way home without missing a beat. However, we feel that this was largely due to the very extensive pre-Rally preparation on Bill's part. Everything was thoroughly checked and there was no doubt in their minds that the 990 cc motor, developing a whole 22 brake horsepower, would falter. To compete in and complete an event such as this gave Bill and Margaret a wonderful sense of achievement for only a few short years ago this immaculate little machine was but a rusted relic of a car on which Bill has spent many hundreds of hours of painstaking restoration.



Two of the veteran motor cycles entered in the Rally. No. 481 is a 1907 FN and No. 482 a 1909 model of the same make.

Coming 3rd in his class over the whole Rally was a terrific achievement and proved to Bill that his efforts were not in vain. Points were allocated for originality, appearance, gymkhana, sub-events (such as small driving tests along the way), and observation sections, where contestants were checked regularly to ensure that they did not stray from the prescribed route. The last of these carrying the highest percentage of points.

Driving in Category C (maintaining an average speed of 40 kph) Bill and Margaret found the slower travel of the less powerful car much more relaxing, and they were able to take in more of the countryside than they could when "cruising" in their Valiant. Bill feels that there is a lesson to be learned here, in this age of powerful motors soaking up gallons of fuel and polluting the atmosphere, and that is **slow down** and enjoy it.

There is no doubt that to participate in the 1978 International Rally was a marvellous experience. The world's largest Vintage and Veteran Car Rally with some 2 000 people from all over the world with a common interest. Many friendships were renewed and new ones made.

Interest in the Rally was not restricted to the competitors and Officials. For those who took the opportunity to view the cars during their Newcastle stop-over, it was an occasion that few cities in the world would have the pleasure of witnessing. The whole spectrum of motoring history in a matter of a few hours. The crowds that gathered to witness this passing parade extended through every town and hamlet along the route. Even children from schools along the way were given time off to line the roads and watch the world's motoring history performing at its best.

SULPHIDE TO GET CREDIT UNION

Approval has been granted for the establishment of the Collins Credit Union facilities at Sulphide.

This credit union, which is based in Melbourne was formed several years ago to offer savings and lending facilities to employees of the CRA Group Companies and its extension to Cockle Creek will give Sulphiders access to the facilities of an established source of credit which already has a pool of funds available.

What is a Credit Union?

A credit union is a group of people who pool their savings and lend to each other. The aim being to provide a convenient means of regular saving and borrowing of money.

Savings

Savings at call can be withdrawn at any time and interest, calculated on a minimum monthly balance, is credited to the member's account at regular intervals. Interest rates on savings are currently:

- savings at call 6% p.a.
- fixed terms up to 9.5% p.a.

Loans

The Credit Union will lend up to \$3 000 to its members qualified to apply



Credit Union Assistant Secretary Frank Scanlon.

for loans, for the purchase of motor vehicles, consumer goods, or any other acceptable purpose. The current interest rate payable on moneys borrowed is 1¼% per month on the reducing balance which is approximately 8½% p.a. flat.

Savings and loan repayments will be made through payroll deductions.

Administrative arrangements are under way and it is expected that the Credit Union facilities will be available shortly.

A separate advice will be distributed to all employees at the appropriate time.

RESCUE SQUAD VISIT

Sulphide recently received a visit from the newly formed Newcastle Division of the Police Rescue Squad. The purpose being to look over the Works and familiarise themselves with our type of operation and the facilities available in case of an emergency. Whilst Sulphide is equipped to cover all anticipated crises it is heartening to know that there is a backup team on duty 24 hours per day, 7 days per week — we appreciate their interest in our well-being.



Standing in front of the Police Rescue Squad vehicle are L. to R. Superintendent Safety & Hygiene George Barnier (Sulphide), Constables Brian Cherry, John Crowe, Senior Constable Brian McDonald (Acting Officer in Charge), Constables 1st Class Allan Thompson, Bob Barrett, Frank Peitsch, Safety Officer George Brown (Afrans), and Safety Officer Bob Esdaile (Sulphide). Other members of the Police Squad not in the photo Sergeant Anforth (Officer in Charge), Senior Constable Crowley, and Constable McConville.