

Drive On Harvey!

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I came to know Harvey in the mid-60s when he as young man used to race privately on the streets of Kuala Lumpur.

I remember vividly in those early years when private races were organized for several groups of young men to compete in their modified cars.

They would race their machines to some town which was a few hours away from Kuala Lumpur.

The preferred race route would be along the narrow, twisty roads that ran through hills on both sides towards the small town of Rawang. A route that was considered highly dangerous.

Bets were placed and the prize money was transported to

the finish point to be collected by the winner.

Harvey in his BMC 1100 which had a 1275 Cooper "S" engine, was always the one to beat.

As a young onlooker, I was in awe of those who raced that route and looked forward to the day that I would join them.

My time arrived in 1970 when I returned to Kuala Lumpur. A friend invited me to race his Datsun SSS in a saloon event at what was known as the Batu Tiga Circuit.

It was at this event when I first got to know Harvey personally.

As I had won this event, Harvey who was in charge of the Tan Chong Motors Datsun racing team, invited me to join him and Abdul Malek.

I was given a drive the following year (1971) in one of the three Datsun SSS.

As time went by, we became good friends and at times we were adversaries on the track.

However, we always shared great moments. Sadly life is not liberal with time.

His passing not only comes with sadness for me but I'm sure to all who knew him.

Drive on Harvey! Make it to the top of the hill, your final destination. May it be as fast as you have done at Batu Tiga.

When you arrive at the top...
Rest in peace for evermore.

Always to be remembered.

