

Special Features

- 6 LOOK THE PART! WEAR AN ARA T-SHIRT.** We wanted to stand out at Gosford, so we had top-quality T-shirts and sweatshirts made. We were knocked over by the interest shown — and now it's *your* turn. Tell the world you're an amateur operator by wearing *our* shirts!
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Cover: Seductive new equipment was piled as high as the smiles were wide at the 1992 Gosford Field Day. And didn't it get 'em in, too! No matter how fast the happy purchasers were trudging each bargain to the car, the traders were wheeling the cash out in barrows even faster. We always thought that a Field Day was where they went to have a bit of fun, but it seemed the traders were having the most fun of all! Gosford is Australia's equipment bargain mecca. They talk in hushed, reverend tones about this place — and now we know why. Our slightly tongue-in-cheek report starts page 12...

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