

the paradise club

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This was the unofficial club housed in a loft at Progress Motors in Orchard Road, next to Macdonald House. It was first started in the mid-1960s by one of the company's managers. The loft housed vehicle body parts, a few aircraft wings and other spares. The manager got it cleaned out and outfitted for a few hundred dollars. He put in an air-conditioner, set up a bar and it looked very cozy indeed. Many managers would drop in for a drink after work.

Every fortnight, on a Wednesday, a special lunch was hosted and the guys took turns to bring an unmarried female guest. She could be local or Caucasian but the criteria was that she had to be under 30.

Informants say that some of the guys who either could not find a girl to invite, or were afraid their wives would spot them with another woman, cried off, and excused themselves.