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Official Newsletter of the **TWIN CITIES AUTOSPORTS CLUB Inc.**
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STOP PRESS:

The Cardwell Short Rally (4th November) has been cancelled due to the high fire danger in the Cardwell Forests.

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I am open to suggestions for articles in the magazine eg. Tech Tips, News and Views, etc. so don't be shy. A club magazine is the lifeblood of a club, it informs members, sponsors (I hope you give the people that support you a copy) and keeps the interest up. So if you have something to say, say it in the magazine so ALL members get to know about it.



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PRESIDENTS REPORT

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

EDITORS REPORT

There has been another change to our meeting place. We now conduct our club meetings back at the Thuringowa Library Building on Thuringowa Drive in the Fitzpatrick Room, at the usual time 7.00pm now on the third Monday of the month.

The Club Christmas Party will be on Friday night the 3rd of December at the Cluden Motor Inn at Wulguru and will cost \$16.90 each, that includes a 3 course meal.

If your going to the Cardwell by the Sea Rally, don't forget to cast your vote in the Referendum before you go.

I've managed to secure a deal for our club and another advertiser in our magazine. Firepro, who undertake all your fire installation and maintenance needs be they domestic, commercial or industrial, has agreed to come onboard to help out our club

Tony Lewis, the Customer Service Manager, has agreed to provide quality extinguishers to our club members at discounted prices (see list attached). As well as currently supplying large extinguishers for events, Firepro will inspect and stamp all extinguishers presented at selected times and places at no cost. (eg at scrutineering for the Cardwell Short Rally). I have also arranged for fire extinguisher demonstrations to be conducted at a date to be advised (probably a club event), and finally, Firepro will assist with Fire Marshalling at the Hillclimb (when I can organise it).

The extinguishers on offer are quality made units with brass heads and come complete with steel mounting brackets and test tag. (red-hot price for a 1Kg dry chemical with bracket \$29.00 – don't forget you need a total of 2Kg for a rally)

FP 10ABE	1KG ABE EXT	1A20BE	\$29.00
FP 20ABE	2KG ABE EXT	2A30BE	\$65.00
FP 25ABE	2.5KG ABE EXT	3A40BE	\$68.00
FP 45ABE	4.5KG ABE EXT	4A80BE	\$92.50
FP 90ABE	9KG ABE EXT	6A80BE	\$127.50
PF20CO2	2KG CO2 EXT	2BE	\$184.80
PF35CO2	3.5KG CO2 EXT	5BE	\$194.40
PF50CO2	5KG CO2 EXT	5BE	\$204.00
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FP90ARF	9LT ATC AFFF FOAM	20B	\$131.00
FP70WC	7LT WET CHEM	3A4F	\$244.80

Note: 'ABE EXT' are Dry Chemical.

'CO2 EXT' are Carbon Dioxide.

STOP PRESS

THE CARDWELL SHORT RALLY HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE HIGH FIRE DANGER IN THE CARDWELL FORESTS.

EDITOR'S SAY

Another good day/night at the Karts with attendance by a few new faces. Thanks to Shannon Croft, Mathew Fowler and Michael Harding as well as regulars, Critto, Ed, Robyn and myself.

Next year when we can get a calendar from the Kart Club, we can work our calendar around their events so we can generate a regular income for our club. With a few more people involved now there should be no reason why we can't provide enough people for each event.

While I'm on the subject, we need to be aware of our obligations in respect to providing flag marshalling at the track. We need to be able to provide and display a professional service, considering our club is being paid for the service.

To that end, just a few short recommendations for next year.

Wear your club shirt (then get one).

We are fed and watered during the day, but bring your own hat, water, sunscreen etc.

Know your areas of responsibility in relation to the track and flag requirements (outlined below).

Enjoy the day and have fun.

There are only a couple of points to follow and just use common sense. At the Townsville Kart Track there are four flag points, No.1 at the end of the straight (carnage corner), No's 2 & 3 are around the back of the course and No.4 at the Pit corner leading onto the straight, ideally two people at each point.

Each Flag Marshals area of responsibility begins at their flag point and extends all the way to the next flag point. Any incidents in that area of track where there is danger for following competitors, (eg; spin, crash etc) then the Yellow flag is shown until the danger is gone.

Be aware of the leaders in relation to the last competitor, and if the leaders are about to lap the tail enders, then the Blue flag is shown to warn the slower competitor they are being lapped.

It's also worth taking a notebook and pen to record any 'incidents' as the stewards like to know who's being naughty.

Robyn and I did some much needed work on the club car over the last few weeks to smarten it up a bit in time for the Cardwell Short Rally. Amongst other things, the speedo works now so the logbook can be filled out accurately for

servicing. Thanks to Mathew and Michael for the donation of a few parts to help out and Chris Harrison (Joomby) for the front oil seal. If anyone has gear for a Datsun 1600 to donate please give me or Critto a call. Still needed is a 50amp or bigger Lucas alternator to run the big high beam lights, and front tail shaft and outboard halfshaft universals.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- What do you think of our club and what we are doing?
- What could we do better?
- How can we encourage more members?
- How can we have more events?
- Where do we want to be in five years?

These are just a few questions I asked myself the other day about our club.

Where are we now and where have we come from? A simple enough question, but the answer is a reflection on our clubs basic plans and objectives. What are those plans and objective anyway? Well they come from the clubs constitution, which are;

- To promote and foster and conduct the sport of automobilism and motorsport generally in all it's branches,
- To promote friendship and courtesy on the road, socially and in competition between members of the club,
- To promote and engender social activities,
- To conduct meetings and classes whereby members may obtain knowledge enabling them to become better drivers and to maintain their vehicles in a high standard of efficiency.

Well we've achieved some of that I suppose.

But what about the future, Where do we want to be in five years? Well let's have a look at where we've come from and where we are now. We've come from a group of guys (and girls) disheartened by the direction of the previous club and decided to start our own in a direction we wanted to go. From that original meeting the Twin Cities Autosports Club was formed and continued to grow, providing lots of club events and social gatherings. Now we are at a point where we have grown into a club that can boast running a regular round of the Queensland Rally Championship each year, (the only round outside the Southeast corner I might add). But has that been to the detriment of more frequent club events, draining the resources of the club into one big event a year. (I'm not judging here, just making an observation.)

I feel we may have lost our direction, or at least some goals or objectives, because without these guiding forces, we have no direction. So, where do we want to be in five years?

OK, how about this optimistic view. In five years time we should have our own clubhouse that houses all our property and is where we conduct all our business and is hired out to other clubs. Our membership should be in the hundreds and include many registered officials of various disciplines and grades, (including at least one grade 2

Clerk of Course, Chief Scrutineer and Steward). In conjunction with CAMS State Office, we should be conducting regular training courses for these officials. And our calendar should be full of events both competitive and social. These events should vary from club events to State Rounds in most categories eg. Rally, Rallysprint, Motorkhanas and Hillclimbs, and in five years time how about a round of the Australian Rally Championship?

Sounds a bit much? Well, where were we five years ago? In 1994 the Twin Cities Autosports Club was conducting regular club events and had a good membership base and good selection of cars. Since then we have began running the QRC but have dropped in active member numbers and local club events and social activities (how many events did we have this year?). Have we advanced?

Now I'm not saying stop running the QRC, although there was a special meeting held last year to discuss this very issue, but we need to have a good hard look at our club and see how we can advance in the right direction. There is no simple answer, but we all need to think about it and discuss it.

Our club needs a business plan – "Where do we want to be in five years?"

QUEENSLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

Meeting dated 21st October (Excerpts of minutes)

2774 Resolved that, there being no other nominees, the nominees fore the following positions be so appointed for 2000

Qld State Council Chairman	Peter Marcovich
Qld State Council Deputy Chairman	Peter Overall
Qld Board Member of CAMS Ltd	Peter Marcovich
Qld Alt Board Member of CAMS	Bruce Nicol

2777 Rolling Licence Expiry Dates.
Resolved that the CEO be advised that there may be evidence that new C3 and C4 Competition Licences which were applied for during 1999 have expiry dates of 31st December 1999 which appears to be contrary to the Licence requirements as set out in Item 1, page 2-3 of the 1999 CAMS Manual of Motorsport. Further resolved that QuMan undertake to identify any such instances of the afore.

RALLY ADVISORY PANEL

Meeting dated 11th October (Excerpts of minutes)

99.179 Ref. RAP99.113 – Standardisation of Entry Forms
Martin Chambers presented a draft for discussion. To be finalised and carried forward for next meeting.

99.182 Ref. RAP99.171 – Rallysprint Supplementary Regulations
To be carried forward to November 1999 meeting.

I'M A MEMBER TOO

Hello, let me introduce myself, my name is CLUBBIE and I am the club car for the Twin Cities Autosports Club, and let me tell you that my job is not easy. I am used for finding roads for rallies, large and small, and I am often driven as sweep car or zero car for events. Different people are always driving me and sometimes quite hard and fast.

I really enjoy my job and I do my best not to fail, but because my job is so demanding, I need very regular upkeep. I have recently had a major going over by two

deep caring humans who bought a lot of pieces for me and tidied me up. It felt really stimulating and I am glad to say that I feel a lot better for it. Sometimes I feel like I am being driven into the ground and no-one cares, but I do love the attention when I get it.

Because of my age, parts are getting harder to obtain, so if any caring human out there has parts to donate for my upkeep, I would really appreciate it. Every little bit helps.

CLUBBIE
Datsun 1600



Christmas Function

SUNDOWNER MOTOR INN (Cluden)

Friday 3rd December 7.00pm



\$20.00 per person

includes:

Own choice of menu

Hors doeuvres on arrival

Bon bons and Christmas napkins

Nuts and sweets on tables

Room decorated Christmas style

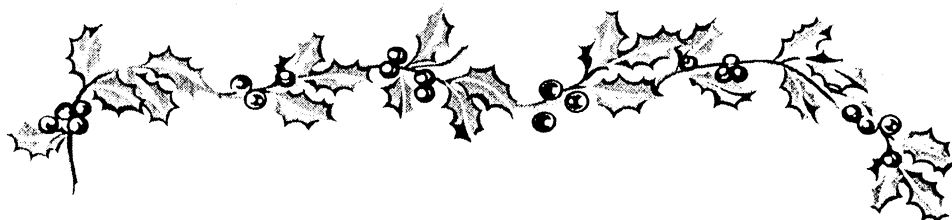
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 4 – 13 x 8 Magnums + 2 tyres \$250.00
 4 – 13 x 6 Cheviot same as 200B SX + motorkhana tyres \$150.00
 1 x Bluebird 5 speed (noisy bearings) \$100.00
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WHEELS & TYRES - 8 of x 14" Starion mags with 4 new Falken rally tyres.

BRAKES – Front - 4 spot alloy racing calipers—overhauled (+spare pair). Set of racing pads. Large ventilated rotors.

Rear - Nissan Skyline calipers – overhauled. DBA ventilated sports rotors – new. Ultimate pads – new. Twin master cylinders on peddle box – overhauled. Some braided lines. New flexible lines.

DIFF - 4.6 LSD TRD centre – Toyota.

MOTOR - Twin Cam 2TG. 180deg oversize – stroked 3T crank – 1957cc. Floating pistons. Balanced. Large cams. Yamaha head – with injection.

GEARBOX - Corolla GT. Standard ratios – larger shafts.

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CLUB CALENDAR

6 th NOVEMBER	Short Rally	CANCELLED DUE TO FIRE HAZARD.	
6 th NOVEMBER	Flag Marshalling	CANCELLED	
6 th /7 th NOVEMBER	Rally Australia	Perth	
13 th NOVEMBER	Fun Night	6.00 pm start at Unit 2/60 Ross River Rd Mundingburra Ph: (07) 4775 2344 (w)	
13 th /14 th NOVEMBER	V8 Touring Cars	Bathurst at Stumpies (Ken Long) 3 Bultarra Cres Kirwan	
15 th NOVEMBER	Meeting	Thuringowa Library building in the Fitzpatrick Room	
20 th /21 st NOVEMBER	Ironman Weekend	Nannas	TBA
27 th NOVEMBER	Flag Marshalling	Townsville Kart Club	Kate Brehaut 4773 3053 (h)
3 rd DECEMBER	Christmas Party	Cluden Motor Inn	7.00pm \$20.00 ea

FNQ Motorsports Club events

* Club Meetings are held third Monday night (7.00 pm) of every month at Thuringowa Library building in the Fitzpatrick Room. All welcome and why not bring along a friend or sponsor.

TWIN CITIES AUTOSPORTS CLUB FUN RUN

- 13th November
- 6.00pm start (don't be late)
- 60 Ross River Rd Mundingburra
- \$5.00 per car load
- Bring another car load of friends

Things to bring:- torch, pens, clipboard etc.

Finishes at the Strand for a BBQ (so bring chairs, blankets, etc.)

The Twin Cities Autosports Club Grounds (Nannas) can be found by travelling from Townsville to Woodstock and then turning south towards Giru, follow the road (approx 6 Km) until you get to the turn off at Majors Creek Road. Follow that road past the school and keep left at the Y junction and a further 200 meters and your there.

The grounds can be used for private practice when abiding by the following rules;

- Approval from the Club Captain (Kate 4773 3053 (h)).
- Minimum of two cars to be present at any one time.
- Payment of \$5.00 per person practicing.
- Prompt pick up and return of gate key to Club Captain.