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Official Newsletter of the TWIN CITIES AUTOSPORTS CLUB Inc.
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21st CENTURY

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Anyone wishing to submit Articles, Information, For sales, etc. for the next magazine please call me or send the article. Closing deadline for magazine is the Thursday following meetings.

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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

Well, happy new year to all and I hope you had, or are having, a good break. Not much to report at this point, except that the AGM is on us again (24th January) so don't be shy in nominating for a committee position (nomination form enclosed).

So, hope to see you ALL there.

SECRETARYS REPORT

QUEENSLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

Meeting dated 18th November (Excerpts of minutes)

- 2802 Ref. MAP99.039 – Vehicle Eligibility
Resolved that Organisers of Motorkhana competitions should be aware that the Director of a Motorkhana event shall be ultimately responsible for the conduct of the event including decisions concerning eligibility. (Ref. National Motorkhana Code: Article 18 "Duties of Officials").
- 2806 Ref. ScAP99.100 – Production Rally Cars, Rule 3.10(ii)
Resolved that the text of ScAP be communicated to Peter Lawrence.

MOTORKHANA ADVISORY PANEL

Meeting dated 10th November (Excerpts of minutes)

- 99.030 Re: Helmets
Discussion was held on helmet use in all Motorkhana Vehicles.

SCRUTINEERING ADVISORY PANEL

Meeting dated 1st November (Excerpts of minutes)

- 99.101 Panel seeks urgent clarification with respect to Production Rally Cars, Rule 3.10(ii).
"Trimings below the dashboard, and which are not part of it, may be removed.
It is permitted to remove the centre console so long as it does not hold any heating controls or instruments"
What constitutes a dashboard? Is it the same in the FAI Group A Rule 5.7.3.3 and Diagram 255.7? If so, can this rule be included in the PRC Rules in the 2000 Manual or clarified by way of a Technical Bulletin to avoid any further competitor and Officials confusion.

RALLY ADVISORY PANEL

Meeting dated 9th November (Excerpts of minutes)

- 99.196 Ref. RAP99.113 – Standardisation of Entry Forms
Martin Chambers presented draft new forms updated from last meeting. Martin undertook to supply it to CAMS office for distribution and use.
- 99.197 Ref. RAP99.171 – Rallysprint Supplementary Regulations.
To be carried forward to next meeting.
- 99.198 Ref. RAP99.193 – Forum – Timing and Scoring for Rally Organising.
To be carried forward to next meeting.
- 99.199 Ref. RAP99.191 – Lack of Volunteers Officials on Rallies.
A lot of discussion took place in regard to various scenarios to ensure sufficient officials are on hand to enable rallies to be run efficiently.
Panel notes Victorian situation in that competitors are required to have helped out on a rally in the last 12 months to be able to enter a Queensland Rally in following year.
Panel is to consider this matter and various alternatives during the next month with a decision deciding the matter for recommendation to State Council being made at the QRAP meeting for December 1999.
- 99.200 Ref. RAP99.192 – QRC Registration Fees – Purchase of Safety Equipment.
After discussion items identified as relevant, Barrier Mesh Bunting and Fire Extinguishers for service areas. Barry Neuendorff undertook to investigate prices of these various items and to report back next meeting.
- 99.201 QRC/Clubman and Multi-Club Supplementary Regulations for Year 2000.
Errol Bailey reported he has drafted a set that should prove adequate for next year, they will be available to be distributed at next Panel meeting.
- 99.214 QLD Rally Handbook for Year 2000
Discussion took place on necessary amendments – Errol Bailey and Barry Neuendorff agreed to review and prepare in draft for next meeting.

QUEENSLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

Meeting dated 16th December (Excerpts of minutes)

- 2830 Ref. RAP99.221 – Officials at Rallies.
HODGSON/HETHERMAN
Moved that from 1st January 2000 in order to validate the QRC Registration of a person, that person must act as an Official in at least one event which may be either a State, Multi-Club or Club Rally or Rallysprint in the calendar year in which they register. CARRIED

SCRUTINEERING ADVISORY PANEL

Meeting dated 6th December (Excerpts of minutes)

- 99.104 Ref. SC2804 – Pre Log Book Inspections.
This matter has been discussed with State Council Chairman, QuMan and ScAP Chairman and resolved that this would be left to the discretion of the individual Scrutineer.

STATE OFFICIATING PANEL

Meeting dated 6th December (Excerpts of minutes)

- 99.053 Various aspects raised in S. Chopping's letter were discussed with clarification of the following points being requested.

- Auto Issue of Grade 4 Licence.

Panel queries if the automatic issue of Level 4 Licences applies to Stewards at remote events (ie Nth Qld) it may well be difficult to ensure a Grade 3 (or higher) Steward can attend to act as the Senior Steward. Panel feels that all applications for Stewards Licences need to be reviewed in light of this possible inability to ensure supervision will be provided.

- Upgrade from 4-3.

Panel notes the relevant paragraphs of Mr. Choppings letter in applications for upgrading in Categories (specifically, Stewards, General Competition Area and Scrutineering) are required to complete Applications for recognised Prior Learning etc., or in the case of other categories to submit evidence to confirm criteria have been met.

Panel notes that while Mr. Chopping's letter is dated 28/10/99, a number of applications which have been assessed by this panel prior to this date have been returned as not meeting the criteria.

Panel notes that the authority to assess upgrades lies with the State panel and is of the opinion, that provided Panel is satisfied that criteria has been met, no further correspondence (other than issue of the relevant licence) is necessary.

Whilst Panel understands the intent of such verification, we feel that to make the matter retrospective, is creating unnecessary and frustrating aggravation to volunteer officials. Members of this Panel have been appointed by Qld State Council with regard to their knowledge of personnel and their experience and compliance, with a view to expedite licence issue of upgrades. If these aspects are to be paper based and handled by clerical staff we suggest that all State Officiating Panels be disbanded.

- 99.054 Panel approved the following Applications for Officials Licences: (Townsville)

Stephen Cruttenden S4
Michael Harding S4, T4, F4

- 99.057 Panel wishes to publish that promotion/upgrade from Grade 4 to Grade 3 requires attendance at Generic Core Module Training. QuMan is asked

to circularise all clubs and groups to inform the next Generic Core Module Training will take place in February 2000.

RALLY ADVISORY PANEL

Meeting dated 13th December (Excerpts of minutes)

- 99.219 Ref. RAP99.171 – Rallysprint Supplementary Regulations for Year 2000
Barry Neuendorff advised will be completed by next meeting.
- 99.220 Ref. RAP99.191 – Lack of Officials at Rallies
QRAP recommends to Queensland State Council that from 1st January 2000 in order to validate the QRC Registration of a person, that person must act as an Official in at least one event which may be either a State, Multi-club, Rally or Rallysprint in the calendar year in which they seek registration.
- 99.221 Ref. RAP99.192 – QRC Registration Fees – Purchase of Safety Equipment.
Update on prices of Barrier Mesh, Bunting and Fire Extinguishers.
It was agreed to purchase 10 Fire Extinguishers from the QRC Registration Fund at a total Price of \$1500.
- 99.222 Ref. RAP99.201 – QRC/Clubman and Multi-club Supplementary Regulations for Year 2000.
Errol Bailey presented a draft set of Standard Supplementary Regulations that are to be presented for approval at the January 2000 meetings of Queensland Rally Advisory Panel and Queensland State Council.
- 99.223 Ref. RAP99. 214 – Qld Rally Handbook for Year 2000.
To be carried forward to January 2000.
- 99.237 RAP meeting dates – Year 2000
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| 10/01/2000 | 10/07/2000 |
| 14/02/2000 | 14/08/2000 |
| 13/03/2000 | 11/09/2000 |
| 10/04/2000 | 09/10/2000 |
| 08/05/2000 | 13/11/2000 |
| 13/06/2000 | 11/12/2000 |

EDITORS SAY

I hope my last column got you thinking and provoked some comment, because I want to Kick start the club this year as I discussed at the Club Presentation Night (if you were there).

Firstly, I have been able to secure the old concrete pad we used to use behind where the BMX Club used to be. It is now owned by Mike Carney Toyota and he has agreed to let us use the pad for six months until he starts to develop the area. So the first event will be a Motorkhana/Sign on at the site beside Toyota on Sunday 6th February starting at 10.00am sharp.

Next, there is the Rallysprint Series that Sean Hampson from the Cairns Club is getting underway as you read this

magazine. Basically, two events to be run by each of the three clubs. The series is to be controlled by one co-ordinator from each club, Sean for Cairns, me (haven't I got enough to do?) for Townsville and another for Whitsunday Club. Stay tuned for more details.

Lastly, (what you've all been waiting for) the Hillclimb. Both the Motorkhana and the Hillclimb are tentative dates at the moment as they need to go to the Club meeting for conformation (not clashing with any other local events) however I am planning to run the Hillclimb on Sunday 5th March (still a lot of work to do yet).

"But wait, there's more" through discussions with Warren Skimmings (Top Gear Auto Parts), we could be running a Bitumen Sprint Series, comprising Hillclimbs and Sprints at the Kart Track. We haven't decided how many rounds to run as yet, but Warren is keen to put up trophies at the end of the year for the series. Stay tuned.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of

TWIN CITIES AUTOSPORTS CLUB Inc.

24th JANUARY 2000

Fitzpatrick Room Thuringowa Library at 7.00pm

The voting form for office bearers is to be completed and lodged with the Secretary prior to the AGM.

Only financial members of the Twin Cities Autosports Club Inc. will be eligible to vote.

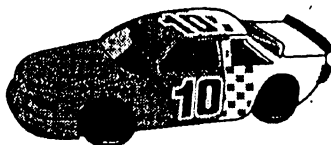
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CLUB CALENDAR

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| 24 th JANUARY | AGM* | Fitzpatrick Room, 7.00pm | |
| 6 th JANUARY (<i>Tentative</i>) | Motorkhana/Sign-on | Duckworth St beside Toyota | R. White 4771 7928(w) |
| 21 st FEBRUARY | Meeting* | Fitzpatrick Room, 7.00pm | |
| 5 th MARCH (<i>Tentative</i>) | Hillclimb | Mt. Stuart access road | R. White 4771 7928(w) |
| 20 th MARCH | Meeting* | Fitzpatrick Room, 7.00pm | |
| #25 th /26 th MARCH | Rallysprint# | Herberton | Sean Hampson |

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.

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.

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What is a hillclimb?

It's an event which pits you and your car against a challenging uphill course.

It's the art of driving a car on cold tyres as quickly and neatly as possible around the corners and up the hill, up a bitumen road sometimes no wider than a garden path.

Each run up the hill provides its own challenge to improve on your past times and beat the other cars in your class, or to aim for the fastest time of the day.

The event comprised of competition timed runs, allowing drivers to try their hardest to improve their times during the event. The winners are the ones with the fastest times for the event in each class, and the overall winner is the one with the fastest time on the day.

One of the most social motorsports, hillclimbing at all levels provides a friendly atmosphere for you to gather with co-competitors and spectators, to watch and assist each other while providing an exciting competition.

What can I drive?

Hillclimbers run virtually anything from their everyday road car through to purpose built 500 horsepower open wheeler 'specials'.

Your chose of vehicle will determine the class in which you compete.

Competitors often change their cars and classes as they become more involved and more competitive in hillclimbing.

What do I need?

If your starting out, your road car is fine, as long as you meet CAMS basic safety requirements, including a seat belt, a fire extinguisher and an AS 1698 helmet.

You will also need flame resistant clothing (not necessarily a race suit) that protects you from your neck to your ankles and wrists. And of course, you'll need a CAMS licence.