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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.

# TOP GEAR

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

### CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

Well, once again I need to revise Gary's work details. He now works at NQ Retrovision in Charters Towers (where Colin Ugarte works). Contact details as per page two.

### EDITORS REPORT

The results for Greg's Motorkhana are unavailable for this issue, as the classes were incorrect resulting in incorrect times for WD's. (slowest time in class plus five) and consequently, the results. Results next month.

### SECRETARYS REPORT

**TCAC General Meeting – 15th May 2000**

Not available.

### Queensland State Council News

Meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> April 2000 (excerpts from minutes)

- 2944 Ref.MAP00.011 – Minimum Age for Passengers. Resolved that this State Council recommends that the minimum age for passengers in Motorkhana events be 12 years of age.

### Rally Advisory Panel

Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> April 2000 (excerpts from minutes)

- 00.064 Ref.RAP00.046 & 99.171 – Modified Supplementary Regulations. Carried forward to next meeting.
- 00.065 Ref.RAP00.047 & 99.201 – Multi-club Supplementary Regulations. Martin Chambers supplied final draft Supp Regs for Multi-club events and are now available from the CAMS Queensland Office.
- 00.066 First Aid at Rallies. Andrew Gaston updated meeting. CAMS Medical Board assisting with requirements. Carried forward to next meeting. Andrew Gaston to follow up questionnaire and Errol Bailey on video.

### Scrutineering Advisory Panel

Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> April 2000 (excerpts from minutes)

- 00.020 Ref. ScAP00.011 – Re. Certified Person to Weld Roll Cages. Still awaiting reply. This minute has been passed through State Council to National Office. Ref; what certification requirements are required for construction and welding of roll over protection by non-professional builder.

### Motorkhana Advisory Panel

Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> April 2000 (excerpts from minutes)

00.011 SHEEHAN/SKYRING

This panel recommends that the minimum age for passengers in Motorkhana events be 8 years old.

CARRIED 6.0.0.

### EDITORS SAY

Will we ever get this Rallysprint Series off the ground? As you are no doubt aware, due to the weather, the first round will now be the Charters Towers event on the 17<sup>th</sup> /18<sup>th</sup> June. Supp Regs available from Gary Hewson (07) 4787 1616 (w) (07) 4787 3417 (h). Don't forget to register if you want to be in the running for Series Trophies.

It looks like Officials may be getting some training from CAMS up this way this year according to the flier sent out recently. There are two Generic Core Module Training Courses in Brisbane on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June and 8<sup>th</sup> July, but for those who cannot make the trip there is a chance to register for a possible course in your area later in the year. The registration asks for your preferred location, venue and time of year to hold the course (I nominated the Mecure Inn, as they have been our QRC sponsor for a number of years). So get those registrations in and demonstrate to CAMS the need for courses outside the South/East corner. If you are a licenced CAMS Official and haven't received your registration form, give them a ring and lets all send in a return.

Recently, I was given an old magazine article from years ago by James McCombe and I thought it was about time it was run again for the benefit of new members and those old members that may have forgotten

### **(UNOFFICIAL) CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT**

- I will endeavour not to give the Club a bad name by driving my signwritten rally car in a manner to attract attention by the police and public on city streets.  
\* DON'T BE AN IDIOT IN YOUR CAR IN PUBLIC.
- Likewise, when driving to Club events on unsealed roads, I will not exceed the Club limit of 70 km/h or engage in a competitive driving style, using techniques such as "Scandinavian flicks", "handbrake turns", "reverse flicks" or driving sideways around comers throwing "rooster tail's" onto oncoming traffic.  
\* DRIVE HOWEVER YOU LIKE IN COMPETITION, BUT DON'T BREAK THE RULES ON THE ROAD.
- I promise to attend as many working bees as humanly possible, as I know it is unfair to expect others to do my share of the workload.

\* A CLUB IS A JOINT WORKING EFFORT - EACH MEMBER HELPS MAKE IT WORK. DON'T BE LAZY

4. I promise not to speed, spin the wheels or drive in a dangerous fashion anywhere, except during official competition on the appropriate tracks. I would not like to be responsible for the death or injury of others, especially any of the children present at events.

\* SAME POINT AS #2.

5. If I engage in competition during the year, I will also try to assist in the direction of at least one event, even if only in a flag/fire marshall capacity or, more importantly, a control official.

\* SAME POINT AS #3. SOMEONE HAS TO ORGANISE AN EVENT FOR **YOU** TO COMPETE IN, SO RETURN THE FAVOUR.

6. If appointed as an Event Marshall, I will use immense effort to carefully witness any penalty. If the unfortunate occasion arises with a competitor expressing a difference of opinion concerning an alleged penalty, I WILL NOT back down until justice is done.

\* IF YOU'RE AN OFFICIAL, THEN DO YOUR JOB PROPERLY & DON'T LET ANYONE CHEAT. IF YOU THINK SOMEONE IS CHEATING THEN DON'T BE A WIMP, LET THE TRUTH BE KNOWN.

7. During Rally competition I will not abuse any control official but treat all with respect, as I am aware they are all an essential part of rallying. Also, while at a control point, I will not engage in unruly behaviour such as obscene language, or using control officials' cars as a dog would a tree. (Don't laugh, these types of animals exist!!!). If I stumble on a novice official who has obviously made a mistake to my advantage, I will endeavour to rectify it and not behave like a thieving cheat. Besides, who wants to win an event no matter what the cost?

\* COMPETE WITH A GOOD ATTITUDE. DON'T BE A F.... IDIOT AND DON'T CHEAT.

8. If elected to committee, I will do the job to the best of my ability for 12 MONTHS and not suffer "slack attacks" in the latter half of my term. I realise I hold this position only because members saw potential and had faith in my ability to handle the position as I was not (I hope) positioned only because of competition ability or just plain friendship.

\* DO YOUR JOB PROPERLY. DON'T LET THE CLUB SUFFER BECAUSE YOU'RE TOO LAZY.

## VIDEO OF THE Mt. STUART HILLCLIMB

Anyone wishing to obtain a copy of the Hillclimb from NorthWES Studios, keep reading.

Great news from the NorthWES Studios. The Inaugural Mt. Stuart Hill Climb Video is now complete and on sale. I know it took a little while, but I'm sure everybody involved will enjoy viewing and owning this historical production.

Every one of the 22 drivers and 18 vehicles features in the 15 minutes of highlights.

Without giving too much away, David Bradshaw's RX7 features just moments before it fell off the side and into a tree. Also there's a passenger's-eye-view from Col's Toyota Supra driven by Guy and himself.

Great Stuff!

There are copies waiting for sale and the way to order them is to telephone Wes Roe at NorthWES Sports Videography on 0414-18-MATE (0414-18-6283) and request delivery/payment methods, or an e-order can be made via an e-mail request on [sport@northwes.com.au](mailto:sport@northwes.com.au) The little beauties are only \$29.50

## BOWLING NIGHT

The Bowling Night organised by Geoff Nicol on the 20/5/00 saw a huge turn out (not) of six club members with only four bowling protagonists. The entry list was seeded with bowler No. 1 being Critto (because he bought his own ball) and the rest of the field followed with Daniel, Kate and Ron with Robyn as Timing Official. The night was enjoyable with the lead changing constantly. Leg one saw Ron rocket to the lead with two strikes but was quickly passed during Stage three by Daniel when Ron missed the lot and then followed by another strike. Close behind Daniel and catching, was Critto with Kate down the field after a bad start. A close finish to Leg one when Daniel was passed on the last Stage by Critto winning with 162 points just 5 in front of Daniel on 157. Numerous excuses by both competitors followed with Ron in third place on 99 and Kate on 91.

A short service and lane change and into Leg two with a reverse grid starting order. All were off to a slow start, with the track conditions being blamed unanimously. All competitors were a lot closer through the Stages with the hot favourites succumbing to the conditions providing an upset result to Leg two. Nearly a reverse order finish with Ron taking the money on 117 points followed closely by Kate on 113 and Daniel on 111. Fancied favourite Critto, following the field on 106 points.

It was an enjoyable night out for all and looking forward to the next one. Hopefully more members can make it.

PS: Who was the young male member who, in the rush to get to the bowling ally (or some other reason), had his pants on around the wrong way? Lucky they didn't have a fly!

## GOOF'S MOTORKHANA

Another weekend, another Motorkhana you say. Well, perhaps all was not as it seemed. The entrants arrived bright and early, which is definitely not normal for a Motorkhana, and proceeded to swamp our Director Extraordinaire with their enthusiastic entries. The favourites were expected to be Bruce The Unbeatable, or Muddy The Unfathomable. James 'Bronco' McCombe been nudging the leader board in the previous rounds so he was also expected to go well. As for myself, well seeing as I can't seem to stay off the poles, I thought my chances

were pretty slim. It was good to see a new face on the pad. Belinda Kenny in her Pulsar was keen to get into the spirit. Bruiser must have slipped the Director a couple of bucks, because for some reason I ended up car 1. The first few tests made us realise that the 'R' on our gear stick has other uses than just removing our cars from the scrub at the end of long straights. Everyone pretty much made idiots of themselves at some stage in the reverse tests. Ron White came closest to pulling off the mythical reverse flick, but alas, it was not to be.

At the completion of the reverse tests, the Stewards called for a drug test on the director. Who in their clear mind runs a test called a 'Multiple Loopy'. In a display of defiance the Director pissed in the Stewards pockets and not in the sample container to effectively clear his name of these heinous charges.

As far the competition was going, Muddy was having a rather bad day. The MudMobile did not want to go until he fiddled with this, mucked about with that and generally got pretty pissed off. By this stage it was too late and Muddy was out of contention. Bruce wasn't going much better. In a display of driving more reminiscent of Joomby, Bruce managed to collect more flags and WD's than anyone thought he could do on purpose.

Subsequently, he too was out of contention. I was starting to look pretty good about now. James McCombe was the big danger man left. He didn't last long though. The Sunny was not happy staying in gear (so I am told) and time was lost. Hooray for me, I won my first Motorkhana. There were other achievers in the event. Belinda Kenny in the Pulsar improved with every test, and will become more competitive with each event she does. Tracie whipped me pretty good in a couple of runs and being the good winner she is, didn't bag me too much. Stumpy was generally obnoxious with everyone (hope the toe still hurts) and Heckler almost looked like he was going to enter the Mazda. OK, so I made up the bit about Heckler almost entering, but everything else is true..... I think.

Thanks to Goof for a great day. Also to our tireless Katie for more timing and even Flange made a quiet calming appearance (yeh right!!). Steward Hewson did the official thing, while Robyn did photo thing. I hope the next Motorkhana has even more entries, as it is a great way to improve your skills. I urge everyone in the club to give it a go before we lose this fantastic pad

Kenovan

For those who compete in Motorkhanas and don't know their Class, following is a small list of vehicles and their classes according to the CAMS Manual. If your car is not there, or is incorrect, make the measurement and let me know. The measurement is of the wheelbase (check both side) or from your owners manual.

VEHICLE CLASSES FOR MOTORKHANA							
Class A:	Class B:	Class C:	Class DF:	Class DR:	Class E:	Class F:	Class G:
up to 2150mm (2WD)	2151 to 2390mm (2WD)	2391 to 2574mm (2WD)	2575mm and over (2WD) (FWD)	2575mm and over (2WD) (RWD)	4WD vehicles	'Specials' (FWD)	'Specials' (RWD)

Vehicle	Wheelbase	Class
Corolla wagon	2380	B
Cortina Mk3	2580	DR
Datsun 1200		
Datsun 1200 Ute	2325	B
Datsun 120Y	2330	B
Datsun 1600	2424	C
Datsun 180B	2505	C
Datsun 200B		
Datsun Sunny	2340	B
Escort Mk1	2430	C
Escort Mk2	2430	C
Galant	2426	C
Lazer	2400	C
Mazda 323		
Mazda 626		
Mazda 808	2265	B
Mazda Capella	2470	C
Mazda RX3	2325	B
Mazda RX7		
Mazda 1300	2230	B

## CLUB CALENDAR

27 <sup>th</sup> MAY	Flag Marshalling	Townsville Kart Track – Bohle	3.00pm – 10.00pm
28 <sup>th</sup> MAY	Bitumen Sprint	Tvl Kart Track	W. Skimmings 4772 5288 (Marque Sports Car Register)
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> JUNE	QRC 2/ARC	Brisbane	
17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> JUNE	Rallysprint Rd3	Charters Towers	A. Stevens (07) 4787 4987
19 <sup>th</sup> JUNE	Meeting *	Fitzpatrick Room – Thuringowa	Library building
24 <sup>th</sup> JUNE	Flag Marshalling	Townsville Kart Track – Bohle	3.00pm – 10.00pm
25 <sup>th</sup> JUNE	Motorkhana	Beside Toyota, Duckworth St	L. Stone 4774 5530 (h)
2 <sup>nd</sup> JULY	Khanacross	Club Grounds, Woodstock	G. Nicol 4773 4663 (h)
8 <sup>th</sup> JULY	Media Day (tentative)	Beside Toyota, Duckworth St	R. White 4771 7928 (w)
9 <sup>th</sup> JULY	Motorkhana	Beside Toyota, Duckworth St	R. White 4771 7928 (w)
15 <sup>th</sup> JULY	Flag Marshalling	Townsville Kart Track – Bohle	3.00pm – 10.00pm
15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> JULY	QRC2 Rally	Gympie	
17 <sup>th</sup> JULY	Meeting *	Fitzpatrick Room – Thuringowa	Library building
22 <sup>nd</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> JULY	Flag Marshalling	Townsville Kart Track – Bohle	2 Day
5 <sup>th</sup> / 6 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST	Short Rally	Cardwell	S. Cruttenden (07) 4725 2047 (h)
12 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST	Flag Marshalling	Townsville Kart Track – Bohle	3.00pm – 10.00pm
21 <sup>st</sup> AUGUST	Meeting *	Fitzpatrick Room – Thuringowa	Library building
2 <sup>nd</sup> / 3 <sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER	Flag Marshalling	Townsville Kart Track – Bohle	2 Day
18 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER	Meeting *	Fitzpatrick Room – Thuringowa	Library building

# 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.

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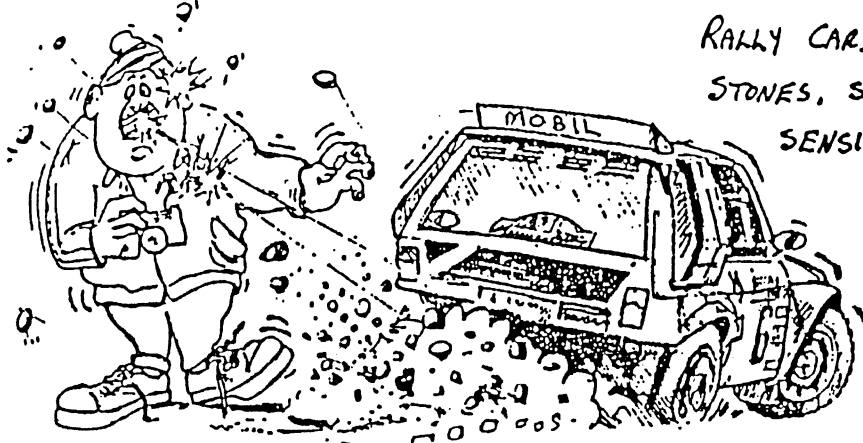
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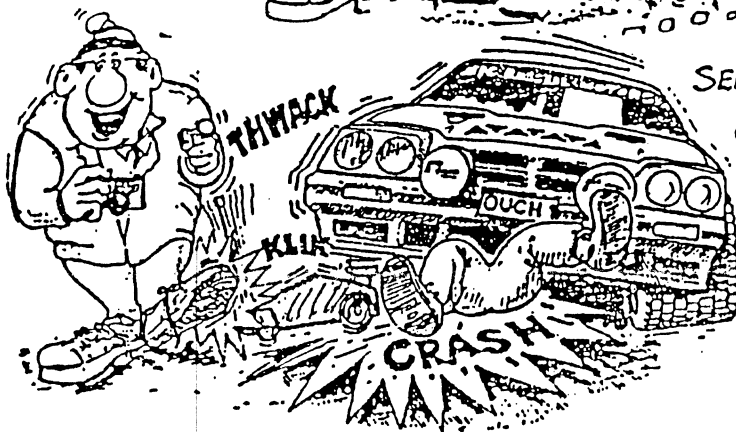
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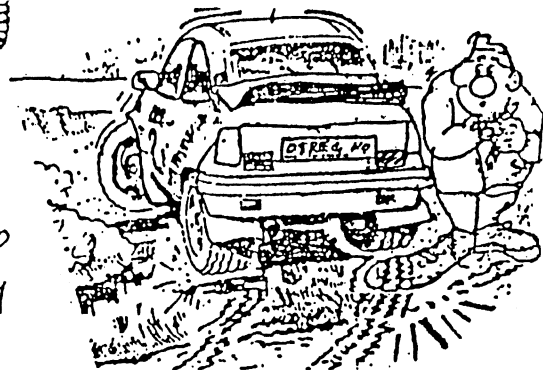
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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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Signature of applicant: ..... Date / /2000

I, the undersigned, a member of the association, nominate the applicant, who is personally known to me for membership of the association.

Name: ..... Signature of Nominator: ..... Date / /2000

I, the undersigned, a member of the association, second the nomination of the applicant, who is personally known to me for membership of the association.

Name: ..... Signature of Seconder: ..... Date / /2000

### FEES (2000):-

Social membership	\$10.00 / single
	\$20.00 / family
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Competitive	\$40.00 / single
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plus CAMS Licence	\$52 (Level 2 Licence)

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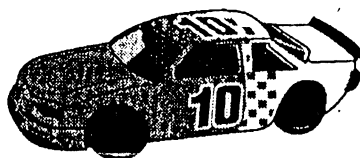
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