

WHEELSPIN

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2001

Thanks to those that turned up to the AGM on 24 February at Stumpy's place. Thanks to Stumpy for letting us in the front door.

The committee was voted in and I have listed everyone's position on the left. A few stalwarts returned to office and a few newbies joined the crew.

If anyone's interested in the who, where, what, why and when then you'll have to go to the next meeting to read the minutes because a few of us kinda kicked on afterwards and I had a few drinks and it got a bit blurry.

All jokes aside (I'm not like that really), there was some things discussed like the Rallysprint series (navigators etc), delegates from TCAC for the series, the QRC and how it's travelling, land issues, membership dates (see page 7) and lots of other stuff.

Those that signed up for jobs now realise that there's a lot of work ahead of us. For people matters please talk to Tracey Poore, as club captain she's responsible for getting us organised (poor Tracey). Warren has taken on the Social Director job and there's been a couple of events already, (see page 2 for the golf



What Ron is doing now that he's handed over the magazine to me!!
A well earned break!

low down), thanks Warren. Ron and Doug have taken on the job of being the TCAC delegates for the North of the Tropic Rallysprint series so see them if you have any questions. James took on the Vice President role so we are expecting big things. Me, well I signed up for a double role, so everyone can see me for magazine articles and the like out also the Publicity role as well.

As everyone knows it's a hard task to find time between your paying job and your non paying hobby.

RON'S' LAST WORD

Well as you guessed, this is my last magazine as Editor after three years so I'm not going to fill these pages with sentimental rhetoric, (I can't wait to hand over the baton) just to say, lets try and keep the momentum of the TCAC rolling into the future.

Oh yea, don't forget to get your 2001 CAMS Manual. \$44 with Licence + postage (\$50 without Licence) and if you are an accredited Official it's only \$33.

"Thanks Ron for all your hard work on the Mag over the past 3 years from everyone at TCAC"

MORE LAST WORDS FROM RON

This month we welcome Brakemart Pty Ltd as a new advertiser to WHEELSPIN. As many members know, Brakemart has been one of the few businesses that have helped out our club over a number of years. From helping out with sponsorship for several events, including QRC's, to providing discounted goods and services to club members. So next time your in need of any brake parts, call in and see the guys at Brakemart for a great deal and don't forget to tell them where your from. You're probably sick of hearing me say it but remem-

ber to support those that support your sport.

Once again we're into a new year and by the time you read this the AGM will have decided the committee for another year (see front page) with myself stepping down after three years and passing the role of Editor onto Belinda Kenney (yeeaaaaa). Thanks for your support and (some) articles and hope it continues onto the new Editor.

So far there's not many club level events to put on the calendar, so lets see some directors come forward to put on a few events.

SOCIAL GOLF DAY – 21 JANUARY 2001



"They couldn't hit out of sight on a dark night"

Warren Maxwell put on his first social event for the year & he wasn't even social director yet. A small but keen looking roll up of 12 people headed for the 1st tee. The venue was Rowes Bay Par 3 Course, only 9 holes but a very trying 9 holes.

The first group consisted of 5 main roads workers, oops do they fall into that category or retirees. Some of these people told me they play golf a fair bit, what a bloody joke. They couldn't hit out of sight on a dark night.

After finishing the first hole we had a couple of minutes to watch the second group tee off, 7 in a group. I think the only person to get anywhere near the hole was Credde. Warren Maxwell was starting a new turf Business with dirt & grass flying everywhere & the ball not yet moving.

On to the third hole for us, walking down the fairway when Goof teed off on the second sending a ball flying through us, only about 20 – 30m too long Gregg!

We didn't see much of them after that as they fell behind a little. In our team Terry & Dave were trying to peg back a few shots but I couldn't miss a putt. 3 feet or 33 feet.

The last hole was meant to be for a carton for nearest to the pin. This hole has water down

one side, very tricky if you don't hit straight. Kai hit straight only it went about ten feet, Terry put one in the water & one about 50m left of the green. Young Mick went down the middle but short, Dave looked like he went in the water just right of the green. The pressure was on, easy shot I thought, yes straight down the middle but only about 30m bugger. On closer inspection Daves ball was still on the fairway about 1m from the green & 3 from the pin.

After putting out we stood back & had a bloody good laugh at the other clowns. There were balls flying in all directions. Rapid fire into the drink – into the scrub, young Daniel missing my head by about six inches – try harder next time!

After losing about 25 golf balls they gave up & headed for the green. David (Poore Tracey's Dave) was taking a video of all the action – walking backward taping when he missed the bridge & fell down the ditch, 10 points for effort, it did look good on the video.

Back to the bar for refreshments & then back to my place for a BBQ & swim. Thanks to Warren & those who turned up, a great time had by all. See ya at the next one. - Boxhead

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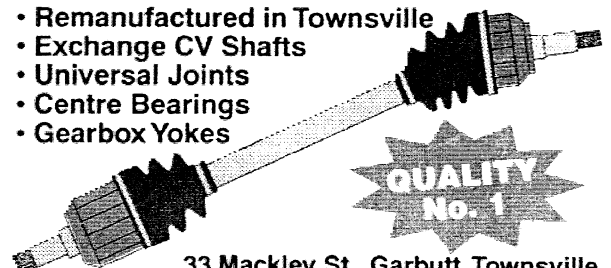
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TECHNICAL STUFF

Bulletin Number:
Date of Implementation:

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TECHNICAL BULLETIN Roll Cages, Tee Clamps

REFERENCE:

CAMS 2001 Manual of Motorsport, Section 6,
Schedule J, Roll Over Protection Structures (page 6-18)

RATIONALE:

To introduce a new type of demountable joint for use in roll cage manufacture.

AUTHORITY:

This amendment was approved by the Board of CAMS at its meeting of November 9 & 11, 2000 (CO2204).

ACTION:

(i). Amend Article 3.2.7 as follows:

3.2.7 Removable members: Should removable members be used in the construction of a rollcage, the demountable joints used must comply with a type approved by the FIA/CAMS (see drawings 253-27 to 253-36 37). They must not be welded.

The screws and bolts must be of at least ISO standard 8.8.

It should be noted that demountable joints must not be used as part of a main, front or lateral rollbar because they act as hinges in the principal structure and allow deformation. Their use is solely for attaching members to the rollbars and for attaching a lateral rollbar to a main rollbar (drawing 253-4). In this last case, hinged joints illustrated in drawings 253-30, 253-33 and 253-37 must not be used.

(ii). Re-number drawings 253-36 and 253-37 as 253-37 and 253-38 respectively.

(iii) Add the following new drawing 253 -36

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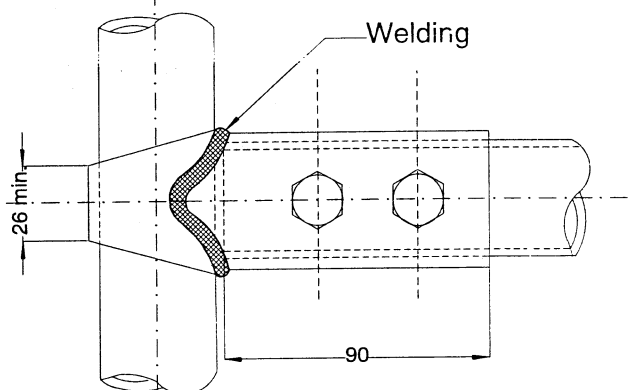
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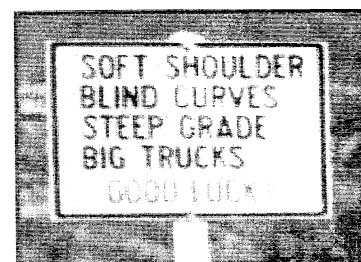
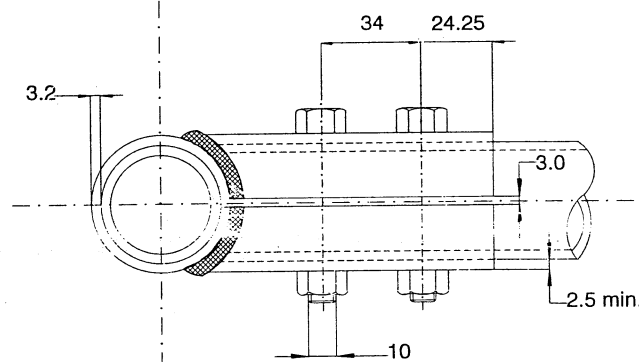
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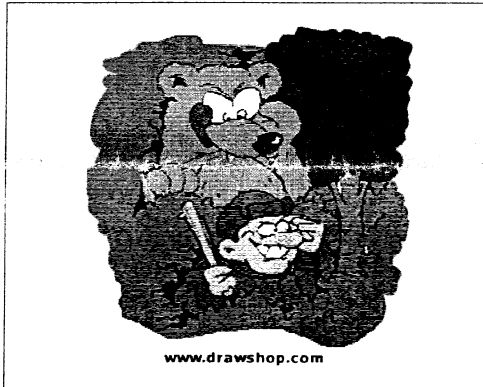


QRC preparations are well underway though we could still use a few extra hands to help out, please see Creddo.

NQ FOREST RALLY 2001 UPDATE

Well what can I say, preparations are well under way for 14-15 July 2001 NQ Forest Rally.

Creddo, Goof, Heckler, Stumpy and myself are the main people to chat to if need any info or want to offer your services. The boys have been putting my little Bundera through it's



Creddo looking for new roads in Cardwell and Ingham

paces looking for roads and for a girls car it's holding up quite well.

ROADS – well some will be the same and some will be different. We've slowed it down a bit so those in the serious machines can stay off the rev limiter in 5th, so expect it to be

a bit more tricky. This year the Townsville stage is set for the Townsville Showgrounds and looks to be a great stage with a lot of exposure to the public. Ingham is looking longer and Cardwell is looking good as usual but don't expect all the same roads.

SPONSORSHIP – For those that don't know the club invested a good deal of money in a professional Marketer this year. Terry Hurlock and Associates has been employed to make this years QRC the best ever from a sponsorship point of view. If you have any potential sponsors all calls must go to 4728 1211, they're professional at what they do and so far are doing a great job. Talk to Judy or Susi if you've got any good potential sponsorship ideas or clients. Money is starting to come in already and a naming rights sponsor is just about signed up.

The Cardwell community is looking forward to having us so don't forget to return the favour when in Cardwell next time. It looks like the Cardwell Carnival will run in conjunction with the Rally and the Sunday night presentation dinner is set to be a smash.

We still need people to help out with small jobs between now and then and also over that weekend, con your kids, neighbours and relatives because this year you don't want to miss it.
- Belinda Kenney

NORTH OF THE TROPICS RALLYSPRINT SERIES

Hopefully this year the weather will allow us to spread out the rounds throughout the year and not have them condensed into the last six months.

As you should be aware, the first round has been run by the Whitsunday Club at Mott's farm. The next round will be in Ravenshoe conducted by the Cairns Club on the 7th, 8th April. Series Regs should be out by now to all previous entrants with event Supp Regs to be mailed out prior to each event. If you don't have a copy, give Sean Hampson (Series Administrator) a call on (07) 4045 3891.

Due to concerns within the TCAC about the option to run Navigators, a motion was passed that requires any Rallysprint run by this club must have a navigator. This requirement will place an onus on the club to provide a list of 'freelance' Navigators for those competitors that wouldn't normally run a navigator to be able to compete in the series at

Townsville events. This list will accompany the Supp Regs for the event.

While we're on the subject, anyone wishing to Direct a Rallysprint as part of the Series, needs to contact Sean Hampson or one of the Club Delegates for a copy and/or assistance with the Supp Regs to ensure compliance with the approved Series Regs.

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CLUB CALENDAR

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19 MARCH	Meeting*	Fitzpatrick Room	Thuringowa Library building
24 MARCH	Flag Marshalling	Townsville Kart Track – Bohle	3.00pm – 10.00pm
1 APRIL	Khanacross	Club grounds	G. Nicol 4773 4663
7 APRIL	Rallysprint Rd 2	Cairns	S. Hampson 0417 625 163
16 APRIL	Meeting*	Fitzpatrick Room	Thuringowa Library building
21 – 22 APRIL	Flag Marshalling	Townsville Kart Track – Bohle	3.00pm – 10.00pm
28 APRIL	Bitumen Sprint Rd 1	Townsville Kart Track – Bohle	TBA
5 - 6 MAY	Kalpower Rally QRC 2	Gladstone	
12 MAY	Flag Marshalling	Townsville Kart Track – Bohle	3.00pm – 10.00pm
13 MAY	Kirknie Rally	Kirknie Stn via Home Hill	Richard Wall (07) 4782 6227
21 MAY	Meeting*	Fitzpatrick Room	Thuringowa Library building
26 MAY	Rallysprint Rd 3	Charters Towers	TENTATIVE DATE ONLY
2 JUNE	Flag Marshalling	Townsville Kart Track – Bohle	3.00pm – 10.00pm
10 JUNE	Hiliclimb Rd 2	Mt Stuart	R. White 4771 7928 (w)
16 - 17 JUNE	ARC/QRC3	Rally QLD	
18 JUNE	Meeting*	Fitzpatrick Room	Thuringowa Library building
14 - 15 JULY	QRC 4	Cardwell	Steve Cruttenden 0428 618 125



- Club Meetings are held third Monday night (7.00 pm) of every month at Thuringowa Library building in the Fitzpatrick Room. All welcome.
- Help wanted picture means just that, can you help out. The regulars that do would really appreciate a day/night off. Contact Club Captain Tracey Poore 4779 8750 if you can spare some time.

STATE COUNCIL NEWS

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SPORTING BULLETIN Route Instructions & Road Books

REFERENCE:

2001 Manual of Motor Sport, Section 11 - Road Events, National Rally Code, Article 3 - Competitor Instructions, sub article 3.1 - Route Instructions, sub sub article (ix), (page 11-7).

RATIONALE:

To require route instructions and road book pages to be numbered sequentially.

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SPORTING BULLETIN Route Instructions Disclaimer

REFERENCE:

2001 Manual of Motor Sport, Section 11 - Road Events, National Rally Code, Article 3 - Competitor Instructions, sub article 3.1 - Route Instructions (page 11-6).

RATIONALE:

To introduce a disclaimer relating to route instructions.

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SPORTING BULLETIN Australian Rally Championship Parc Ferme

REFERENCE:

A. 2001 CAMS Manual of Motor Sport, Section 11 - Australian Rally Championship Regulations Part 1 - Sporting Regulations, Article 11.11-Parc Ferme (P11-29).

B. Sporting Bulletin B00/69 of 15th September 2000.

RATIONALE:

To correct an omission from the 2001 CAMS Manual of Motor Sport.

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These Sport Bulletins are obviously shortened versions. If you require further information on these topics please see the Qld State Council News. "I didn't know about that" doesn't count for much these days

THE CLUBBY

The Clubby has been having a little face lift lately. SeaFM has offered to sign write it this year as part of the sponsorship deal (see QRC update). The boys involved with QRC (and some of us girls too) have been using Ian's workshop [thanks Ian] to pull bits off, weld

bits on, clean it up etc. We urgently need to know if anyone has got any automotive paint and a set of 14" wheels and tyres to complete the picture. Please ring Creddo or Combie (no.s on the front page). SeaFM want to start the advertising straight away. Again many thanks to Ian Ogilvie.

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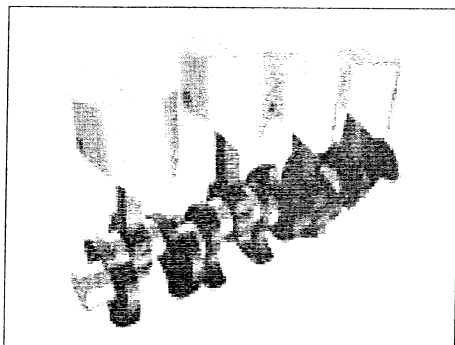
You may have noticed that the membership form is missing from the newsletter this month.

Membership forms are available from general meetings, events and by request by post.

Please turn up to a general meeting to join up. we'd like to see some new faces. Existing Club memberships expire on 31 March 2001.

MAGAZINE

The magazine will be distributed to club members, sponsors, other car clubs, media and assistance organisations. So if you've been getting the magazine lately and your not a member anymore then it may not turn up in your



mailbox for much longer.

If you'd like to continue to receive the magazine and you're not in any of the above listed groups or organisations then you can still subscribe to the magazine for a small fee to cover pa-

per and postage for the year.

I guess the point of this is to try to get members involved and informed for the whole year. I know some people don't want to do anything more than turn up for event, join the club and run the race and that's ok but if we can get your commitment for the year that would be great. The price doesn't vary if you join early or late.

LAND LINE

(stay tuned for info on..)

- * *a response from Dept of Natural Resources regarding land next door to Tsv Kart Club*
- * *Warren & Credde are working on approval to use the Bluewater Airstrip for Motorkhanas etc*
- * *Boxer still trying for space at the Stuart Drive Inn*
- * *If you've got a spot we can use let some one on the committee know !*

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

As this is my first magazine I wanted to get some feed back on what you think of Wheel-spin's new format.

Not just the pretty stuff (that's because I'm a technology junkie) but content and the like.

- What's missing?
- What should be missing?
- Is it easy to read?
- What needs work?
- What you'd do differently?

I don't bite and you can ring me or catch me at our next event.

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Thanks

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Driver charged by Police at Batemans Rally

NSW rally competitors are up in arms after a driver was charged with dangerous driving at a spectator point during the recent Bay Stages Rally at Batemans Bay on the South Coast of the state.

Shawn Urquhart was fined and excluded from his third place in the rally after officials were apparently prevented from doing so by police who were at the spectator point where the incident occurred.

The driver has appealed the charge but the precedent has aroused a barrage of criticism over the handling of the situation which undermines the entire principle of special stage closed road rallying.

Officials have admitted in print that there were problems with the route chart for the particular intersection and video footage reveals that a number of other drivers had problems negotiating the spectator point in a similar way to that which led to Urquhart being charged.

The charge came despite the fact that no property was damaged and no spectators injured or even touched by Urquhart's Mits-

bishi Lancer.

One state championship level driver (who asked not to be named for fear of prejudice in future) told Motorsport News that the fact that a driver who is attacking a stage could be charged for spinning at a badly route charted spectator point threatens the collapse of rallying as we know it.

"If he can be charged by CAMS stewards and found guilty then what would prevent us from being charged by the police and being sued by spectators. It is a very dangerous precedent," he said.

"This means that we can no longer attack a stage with confidence, knowing that if we make one little mistake we could be charged and fined and possibly excluded," he added.

"If spectators get covered in dust and rocks at a spectator point then perhaps they are standing in the wrong place - that is the responsibility of the organisers not the driver who arrives blind and has to cope with split second decisions. It is just ridiculous," he concluded.

Urquhart has appealed the decision with the appeal expected to be heard in the next few weeks.

-Jon Thompson

