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NORTH QLD FOREST RALLY 2001

Well QRC has finally gone, it in my opinion a succes, there has been no complaints of substance a few little ones though.

I would like to thank all our volunteers as we all know, no volunteer - no event so

THANK YOU ALL. Hope we can call on your support next time too.

And I must thank the competitors again without them – no event . THANKS

It has been decided to run QRC 2002 so hope you all can give that most treasured support as you gave the 2001 event.

Til next time I write – Thanks All, Creddo NB: We have plenty of new club shirts and hats for sale with the picture below on them. Help promote your sport & your Club, see BK.



Twin Cities Autosports Club

MEDIA RELATIONS

A lot of people would have noticed the Article in the Townsville Bully of 16th August regarding "Hoon showdown may prompt truce with city".

Obviously this was a misquote and not a representation of Twin Cities Autosports Club at all. But the damage is done in a public relations sense. To have our name mentioned in the same article as the "hoons" and "rev-heads" stereotype is not what we're after as promotional material.

I wonder how many people actually saw the retraction that occurred in Saturday's paper, I didn't and I wrote it.

The motive behind the article was probably pure, somewhere to participate in motor sport, but it's pretty clear to see what can happen when reporters "assume it was your club", it makes an Ass out of you and Me.

So the lesson in it for all of us.

- No news is sometimes good news.
- If you're are going to be published in the media make sure that both you and the media have got it right.
- If you've got time run it by someone like myself or some of the guys that have been around a while.
- At no time allow yourself to get carried away with the moment of showing off, the media will love this stuff as it's all the action they can handle
- Remember that the media can be either you friend or your foe and plan appropriately depending on the situation.
 Think before you speak!!!

Thanks

Belinda Kenney - Publicity Officer

"Team Orders -

aren't they great !!"

BOXHEAD'S KHANACROSS

!!!!! GO THE DATSUNS !!!!!!!

Saw some pretty stiff competition – these events are great for driver discipline, a slight error of judgement making it extremely hard to gain back that time by the end of the day.

The entire Datsun line up had "Starting Disease" at least once during the event, with the Mazda 323 (driven by Goof and Heckler) starting from a handicap – slipping clutch, ending in retirement.

Consistent times throughout the day lead to some very close racing between competi-

tors – "Team Orders" aren't they great !!! Good driving Ken.

This being only my second event for the year (not allowed out much these days) the 1600 seemed to be handling okay until the last run, stalling going into a tight right – "I taught you (1600) some manners".

All up a top day – thanks to Boxhead, officials and all other competitors.

Cheers Jason Keech

DANIEL'S KHANACROSS

GO SUBARU'S GO

Good to see somebody new having a go at Directing an event.

A fresh graded track awaited a keen 15 car entry list.

A few new faces turned up to drop some skids and after a short delay for the grader to finish off we went.

Dust was the order of the day making spectating a bit rough!

Jason Keech set the pace early in the scumrunner with myself having a DNF in the first run (BUGGER)

Heckler was driving well in the Turbo 323 keeping the pressure on in the top half of the field. Team Mazda in the 2 – 626's were doing battle with Belinda getting the drop over Creddo a few times. Greggy Wright in his Stanza was having a ball trying to match the pace of "B" man in my Stanza, "B" had a good day for his first drive, 5th outright.

Jason and myself entered two cars – with Jason breaking an axle in the X Tonka Escort.

Daniel set some pretty tight and tricky tracks which saw the track get very wide in places.

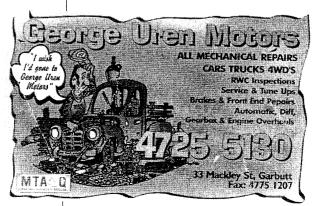
Karen built lunch for everyone through a cloud of dust, however they still tasted mighty fine – Thanks.

New member Philly in his Bluebird did a top job finishing in a top spot – even after his coil fell off.

Matthew Caruther's Gemini was showing plenty of pace but had to go home early. Dougle McCubben was sadly missed as he deserved a good flogging. I don't think he would have got a top 3 placing judging on the skill level.

Anyway, a top day was had by all with some very close racing. Next event at Nana's we'll have a water truck to keep the dust to a reasonable level.

Thanks Daniel & all your helpers – Boxhead



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TECHNICAL STUFF

ARCOM INVESTIGATES FUTURE RALLY VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY (taken from the Cams Website)

The Australian Rally Commission, at its meeting on the weekend of August 18 and 19, continued its deliberations on the matter of vehicle eligibility in the Australian Rally Championship.

ARCom has, for some time, been concerned with the "dominance of competition" by one or two manufacturers with World Rally cars and also with the problems associated with the withdrawal of one of those two vehicles from the Championship. The Commission was also mindful of the comments of the host broadcaster for the Championship and other media.

Therefore, the Commission, after careful consideration and upon receiving technical advice, has resolved to investigate a new strategy for the outright category in the Championship.

It should be stressed that this is the investigation phase only and is subject to the outcome of detailed research and input from interested parties.

The strategy envisaged by ARCom would be the allowance of certain freedoms in the existing Production Rally Car Regulations so as to enable manufacturers, or vehicle distributors, who currently do not have a vehicle homologated in Group N to use the PRC regulations with additional free-

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doms to produce a comparable, competitive four wheel drive vehicle.

It is envisaged that whilst such vehicles could enter ARC Super Series Rallies in 2002, the main impact would be experienced in the 2003 season.



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I thought it more than appropriate that all our sponsors go in the Mag for a special mention this edition – you all know the rule: "Support those that support you."

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- SeaFM
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- Ian's Service & Repairs
- Trax Car Repair & Car Sound
- Advantage Signs (Clubbie looks like new)

This may not be the comprehensive list, if not let me know and I'll get the certificates of appreciation out to them. Our major sponsors got a plug the week of the Rally on SeaFM. THANKS TO ALL SPONSORS

Sponsors and Fundraising are the lifeblood of organisations, ask any club.

There is no such thing as TRYing.

Simply put, there is really no trying--either you do it or you don't. Put your arms down in front of you; now try to lift your arm.

Did you do it? My point is that either you lifted your arm or you didn't. Trying is not full effort and doesn't portray your commitment.



HILLCLIMB

Firstly, I would like to thank all officials for kindly volunteering their time, once again allowing us to play. Without them, we obviously have no event and it would be nice to see a few new faces out there.

To all club members with all of those great little sports cars out there, give some thought to having a go. It's great fun and not necessary to be competitive with anybody other than yourselves. Large amounts of fun are had by all with no chance of the boys in blue wanting to talk with you.

A very disappointing field for round 3 of the series. Unfortunately, the Evo 5 blew a clutch whilst out Saturday night picking up dinner. (I have heard of a hot curry but that's ridiculous). To say that Brendan was upset is an understatement but I'm sure it will be back.

RUN 1

Amazingly, every competitor beats their previous best time up the hill. The only exceptions were Mat Carmichael and Leon Addison who must have stopped for a chat together on the way up. Unfortunately for Geoff Pickering, the timing system was switched off when the fire truck went through and he would have a rerun at the end of the day.

Tony Williams surprises everybody with his first run to set the early pace. Its amazing what \$8,000 dollars spent on a racecar will do. He takes 2.7 seconds off his fastest previous time and is extremely happy with himself.

I drove what I consider to be my most spectacular run up the hill ever (all opposite lock, big right pedal, lots and lots of wheel spin but by no means the quick way up), to get second fastest. That produced a time that was 0.3 seconds quicker than I have ever got before. Maybe it is quicker to rally up!

Glen Watson has the Integra into 3rd with Don Grierson pushing the Torana into 4th. The next 3 places are taken up by Class 1 duellers, Satchwell, Driscol and Jackson although Jackson did his utmost to put the Brick into the side of the mountain on the last corner. Mat Holmes in his Z is 8th, 9th is Cairns driver John Piper in his amazing Nissan 200SX, followed by the other Pat Driscoll in the other Suzuki Swift. 11th is Brock(hurst) in the Commodore, with first timers Vigor and Menso chasing.

RUN 2

Carmichael puts the WRX where it belongs with the quickest run to-date, 48.39 seconds. My time comes down to a 53.11 but still I am unable to get out of 2^{nd} gear. Geoff puts the Honda into 3^{rd} with his first timed run just tipping Glen into 4^{th} . Williams has been pushed back to 5^{th} , Don to 6^{th} , Jackson equals Satch-

well's first run to be =7th, Holmes holds onto 9th, with Piper and the 2 Driscolls in 11 and 12. Vigor and Menso pass Brock(hurst) and Leon takes over 5 seconds off his previous best run, not to mention 37 seconds off his first run.

RUN 3

Shane Satchwell is the only driver to improve on his second run, but that was probably because it was such a slow time that he had no choice but to improve. Everybody else went slower, probably because of the cyclone that followed the fire that came after the floods.

RUN 4

Tony Williams is once again the talk of the pits, but this time for a different reason. On the last turn of his run, he overdoes it and puts the Mitsubishi GTO into the side of the mountain. (I think we shall refer to this corner as BP Corner, in memory of the first person to get the corner wrong with panel damage, Brendan Pickering.)

Mat Carmichael lowers the mark once again with a run of 47.56, and I manage to sneak the Datsun up in 52.89. Don pushes the Torana with a 54.26, Jackson does a 55.64 in the Mini and the other big improver was Leon, with his first 60 second run. RUN 5

Mat is unable to improve, but the Datsun runs up in a 52.56 to once again better my quickest. Watson, Pickering and Satchwell also better their times to hold 3rd, 4th and 5th. Grierson holds 7th, Jackson 8th and Holmes moves his times down to 55.64. Vigor, Menso and Addison also improve their times whilst Brock(hurst) spins the Commodore on BP Corner, fortunately sustaining no damage from the spin.

RUN 6

Mat Holmes has the distinction of being the only driver not to improve his time. All other drivers set their fastest times for the day with my Datsun doing a time that would have won the previous hill climb meet but thanks to the amazing Mat, I will not get even close to the quickest time of the day. Satchwell flies up in his Datsun 1200 Ute for a time of 52.78 and 4th outright whilst Leon Addison, after some private coaching, pushes the Cortina under the 60-second barrier for the first time ever, well done.

RUN 7

Well, its actually RUN 1 for Geoff and it's a quick one. 52.84 is his quickest for the day.

Unexplainable as it is, the track was running much quicker than it ever has. This is the only reason I can give for the greatly improved

QUICK FIT TYRES BITUMEN SPRINT SERIES

Round 3 29/7/01 MT. STUART HILLCLIMB

DRIVER	CAR	No.	CLASS	FASTEST	O/RIGHT	CLASS POS	TIME1	TIME2	TIME3	TIME4	TIMES	TIME
Carmichael, M	Suburu WRX	44	5(4WD)	47.56	_	_	84.97	48 39	49 71		47.80	
Seymour, M	Datsun 260Z	25	3(2001-3000)	50.59	2		54.70	53 11	55.09	52 80	52.55	50 50
Watson, G	Integra Type R	15	2(1501-2000)	52.29	3	_	55.75	54.04	55 09	54.76	53.33	52.29
Satchwell, S	Datsun 1200 Ute	9	1(upto 1500)	52.78	4	_	56.52	58.28	57.12	54 81	53.94	52.22 52.78
Pickering, G	Honda Integra	2	2(1501-2000)	52.84	5	2	52.84	53.66	55.42	55.64	53.55	52 95
Grierson, D	Holden Torana	12	4(over 3000)	53.44	9	_	56.19	55.25	56.35	54.26	54.38	53.44
Jackson, L	Mini Clubman	18	1(upto 1500)	53.44	9	2	58.71	56.52	56.90	55.64	55.53	53.44
Williams, A	Mitsubishi GTO	6	5(4WD)	54.05	8	2	54.05	54.16	56.63	000	200	
Holmes, M	Datsun 260Z	က	3(2001-3000)	55.64	6	2	58.93	56.63	58 28	57.07	55.64	56.13
Piper, J	Nissan 200SX	16	4(over 3000)	56.41	10	2	59.10	56.90	59.05	56.41	t 0.00	2
Driscoll, P	Suzuki Swift GTI	88	1(upto 1500)	56.90	11	3	58.22	57.28	59.37	58 22		76.00
Vigor, P	Toyota Sprinter	7	2(1501-2000)	57.29	12	3	61.68	58.71	61.35	58.99	57.39	57.20
Brockhurst, G	Holden Commodore	11	3(2001-3000)	58.22	13	3	61.57	59.70	60.80	59.76	78 65	58 22
Menso, S	Holden Commodore	17	4(over 3000)	58.44	14	က	64.21	59.54	61.84	59.48	59.16	58 44
Addison, L	Ford Cortina GT	~	1(upto 1500)	59.04	15	5	66.66	62.40	63.27	60.97	60.80	59.04

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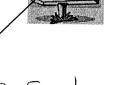
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CLUB CALENDAR

DATE	WHAT	WHERE	WHO TO SEE
18 August	Flag Marshalling	Kart Track, Bohle	Tracey Poore 4779 8750
19 August	Khanacross	Nana's (Majors Creek)	
20 August	General Meeting	Fitzpatrick Room THCC	Cretto 0428 618 125
15 September	Flag Marshalling	Kart Track, Bohle	Tracey Poore 4779 8750
15 September	Baley Powerline Rally	?	?
17 September	General Meeting	Fitzpatrick Room THCC	Cretto 0428 618 125
22 September	Byfield Rally	Byfield	?
23 September	Bitumen Sprint	Kart Track, Bohle	Ron White 4771 7928
29 September	Rallysprint	Cairns	
6 October	Bathurst	Telly	Take beer to friend's with Big TV
13 October	Flag Marshalling	Kart Track, Bohle	Tracey Poore 4779 8750
13/14 September	Proserpine Rallysprint TBC	Motts Farm	Trevor Mott
15 October	General Meeting	Fitzpatrick Room THCC	Cretto 0428 618 125
21 October	Hillclimb	Mt Stuart	Ron White 4771 7928
27/28 October	Indy		Take beer to friend's with Big TV
27 October	Rallysprint	Blackriver/Charters Towers	TBA



-9 Sept Lex K'cross O Nana's Majors Crk



- Is there items missing from the Calendar that you know about? Let me know
- 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. Karts is the only fundraising we do or we go back to car washes and cake stalls.

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

BULLETINS & STATE COUNCIL NEWS

Queensland State Council News

Meeting held 19th July 2001 (excerpts from minutes)

3350 Ref. QSC3320 – North
Queensland Licence Testing
Personnel.
Carried forward.

3352 Ref. QSC3326 – CTPI Extensions and Vehicle Registration QuMan advised that he had prepared a document for tabling at this State Council, however, at 4.45pm this evening the information contained herein had changed thus rendering the document obsolete. QuMan undertook to distribute a document to all clubs at the earliest opportunity.

Meeting held 9th July 2001 (excerpts from minutes)

01.072 Ref./ RAP01.065 – First Aid Survey/Certificates Reviewing the return surveys regarding the proposal of Certificates of First Aid for Motor Sport. Discussions with the appropriate Medical Personnel to the relevant information and course of action.

Ron White

Rally Advisory Panel

OMISSION

CHARTERS TOWERS RALLYSPRINT

Cretto sends his apologies as he forgot to provide a trophy for the Under 1600 class at the Rallysprint.

Robyn White won the class and a trophy will be forwarded shortly. There were no second or third placings.

Sorry Robyn. Cretto



HILLCLIMB CONT ("HUGE'ON")

had had some further development work done, but my Z was exactly the same as it has been for every other event, although I have to admit that I was playing with the suspension settings between the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th runs. I had the timing computers checked by Pat to ensure the times were correct and sure enough, they were right on. The track was cleaner and the temperature was right, so this must have assisted us.

Congratulations to all competitors, as everyone set new fastest times for a run up the hill. Class winner were Shane Satchwell - Class 1, Glen Watson - Class 2, my Z - Class 3, Don

Grierson – Class 4 and Mat Carmichael was the Class 5 and outright winner. Mat was absolutely stunning in the WRX, once again showing his liking for the climb. It will be interesting to see if he can maintain his dominance for the next event, which is back on the kart track, lets hope not.

Yours in Motor Sport Michael Seymour (Glad I didn't have to type that one up – BK)

PRESIDENTS REPORT

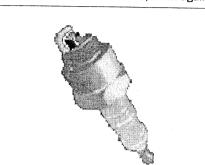
Well it's been a while but all things can now get back to some kind of normality and get on with some club stuff.

Well done to Dan for a great event and the support it was given. Hope we get the same support for the next one (Go the Lex!)

Go Karts – it is obvious the club must be a very financial, club house, grounds we call our own and so on "I WISH". It needs all club members to pull their weight and don't rely on the few. if it's such an effort we might as well let some one else do it but we tetter think hard 'cause if you think just putting up the entry fees will fix that, think again. You will lose all juniors

and those that don't have jobs and those on a shoe string budget. Sof if the club won't I will let the Kart people know.

Well I'll leave you on that note to think about it, stay sideways, see you at the next meet – Creddo



MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Quick update on magazine articles everyone.

Articles should be no more than 1 A4 typed page and 1 and a half hand written. If you own a computer don't print it out and give it to me to type again, email or give it to me on

disk.

If you want your mag delivered by email let me know. Feel free to submit anything it all gets in the Mag. Of course feedback is welcome.

LAND LINE (stay tuned for info on..)

- * Bluewater Airstrip is still zoned for aircraft so we're unable to use it.
- * BK's been working with the Thuringowa CC on some possible avenues out near the THCC Dump. Stay tuned.
- * We need a motorkhana pad

urgently. Please let some one on the Exec know if you have some where in mind!

FAREWELL

Good Bye and Good Luck to Kate and Tonka who are on the move to Tumut in sunny (not) NSW.

Apparently we can all visit Rally Country when ever we like.

Knock em dead guys, show them how it's done.





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