

WHEELSPIN MAGAZINE

Twin Cities Autosports Club

Daniel's Motorkhana By Ron White

March /April 2002

Round One 10/2/02

It was another fine, hot, sunny day that greeted us for the first event of the year, a motorkhana, with the concrete pad opposite Mike Carney Toyota copping another barrage of motor sport square dancing.

Eventually we ended up with six entries for the day, just enough to cover the cost of the permit (come on slackos get your act together).

It was decided to orientate the tests diagonally across the concrete pad to try and gain more of the available space. This led to the finish garage being close to the concrete blocks that surround the pad, so it was decided to swap the start/finish garages so that all tests had the same garages. This meant that all the tests had to be hand drawn to suit the new garage placements.

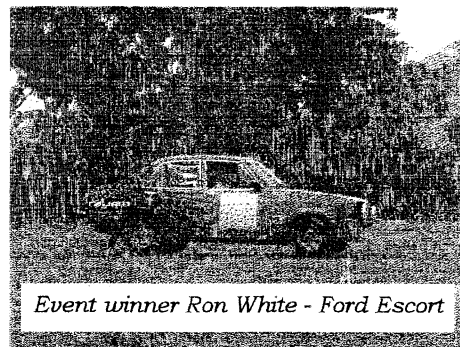
After the obligatory 'Drivers Briefing' was over, young Daniel got us off to a false start with Boxhead in his 'new' Stanza doing the first test different to the way everyone else was told. He would

get a re-run later. Peter (Ironman) Vigor was the next to blast out the cobwebs in his Sprinter, but unfortunately the hydraulic handbrake was playing up. I was next, giving the Esky a bit of a squirt and trying to remember how it's done again. Next was mini Heckler, allowed to have a go in dad's Mazda 323 with the old fella beside him for guidance and navigation. The starts were a bit rough, kangarooing out of the garage, and then strolling around the test in a casual manner, a good start to driver education. Next was new member Mat Struthers in a Corolla (with a strange noise) to give it a go and have some fun followed by Nathan Mullins in his works Mazda 626 (not).

After the first test and we all remembered how it was done, the serious work started. The field was rotated by one every test so we all got to make a fool of ourselves as car 1, me included with a WD. Don't you just hate it when your mind goes blank half way through a test. Boxhead had the Stanza wound up as usual and Peter Vigor must have thought he was at a burnout comp the way the Sprinter was smokin' the tyres (mechanical handbrake was working). After some work on the car over the break, I had the Escort putting in some quick times. Young Steven Heckler was still trying to get those starts right fol-

lowed by the stroll around the course. Mat was struggling a bit with the Corolla – open diff and no handbrake, and that funny noise wasn't getting any better. Nathan was struggling too with the Mazda, but that's normal.

On one test when I was car one, I got a WD, but luckily managed to get a re-run because one of the markers was in the wrong place - what a break. Meanwhile, Boxhead had a brain fade and gave us one of his 'driving demonstrations' and on the last run of the day, ran out of fuel with one pole to go. Is that being too precise with your calculations or just forgetting to fill it up? That maybe what happened to Nathan when he had fuel problems in the works Mazda and had to be pushed off the course. Mat had a day full of fun in his Corolla (we never did



Event winner Ron White - Ford Escort

find out what that noise was) and apart from a couple of WD's, Peter had an untroubled run. Young Stevo managed to smooth out his starts and get every test right without any WD's, with dad pointing the way, (well he could have walked beside the car I suppose). I'm just glad

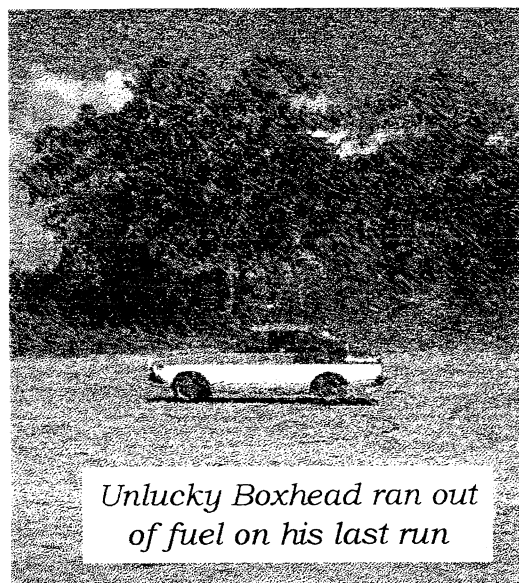
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I'm not in class B.

After all that I somehow managed to win the day, (see results elsewhere). Thanks for a good event Daniel and timers (Belinda and helpers). It's a pity we only had six entries, hopefully more will turn up next event in March. It was good to see interest from new and potential new members as well. This is the type of event that will draw in new members and is easy to compete in. Think about putting your hand up to run an event, just ask Daniel how easy they are.

Ron

... another barrage of motor sport square dancing....



Event Results-Daniel's Motorkhana

CAR	DRIVER	MAKE	CLASS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	TOTAL	PLACE
1	Boxhead	Stanza	C	27	34.94	47.78	WD	29.65	29.69	WD	WD	29.34	WD	WD	440.65	4
2	Peter	Sprinter	C	29.12	36.82	52.06	58.31	31.56	29.32	40.53	38.44	39.5	24.25	36.5	416.41	2
3	Ron	Escort	C	25.25	36.82	WD	41.09	31.6	29.85	WD	39.94	28.75	23.34	45.13	402.38	1
4	Steven	323	B	55.97	119.3	148.5	130.65	59.43	WD	154.41	110.97	54.15	38.4	58.09	764.72	6
5	Nathan	626	C	33.72	38.21	52.94	47.71	WD	WD	38.56	38.00	30.93	33.84	WD	434.56	3
6	Matt	Corolla	B	27.72	36.32	WD	43.53	WD	WD	34.75	39.78	31.00	25.41	41.66	532.95	5

Minutes: State Council Meeting...Jan17 '02

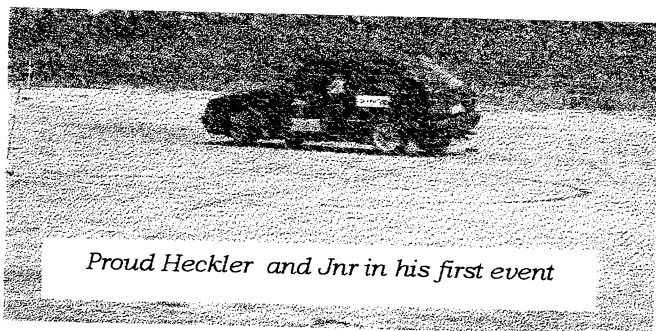
Queensland State Council News

Meeting held 17th January 2002 (excerpts from minutes)

- 3532 Ref. QSC3491 & 3454 – Fire Extinguishers
To be carried forward
- 3541 Ref. MRAP02.006 – Licence Lecture Test
Resolved that the Attendance Sheet be re-drafted to show if the applicant has a “Pass” or “Fail” grade.
- 3551 Dirt Sprint Speed Events – Proposed Supplementary Regulations
Resolved that these events are “Sprints” and as such are required to comply with requirements of Speed Event Regulations and shall be named as a lapdash/sprint in any Supplementary Regulations.
- 3556 Medical Declaration on Level 2S Licence Application Forms
Ferrabee/Mayberry
Moved that the Medical Declaration on the 2S and 2NS Licence Application Forms be amended as follows to address the intrusive nature of some of the questions and their relation to privacy standards:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 3557 2002 CAMS Manual of Motor Sport
State Council noted the comments from delegates regarding rolling licence renewals and the issuing of a CAMS Manual of Motor Sport late in the year to licence holders whose renewal dates were in the last part of the year, arising from which these licence holders start the new year with out of date Manuals.
- 3559 Officials – Training and Licences
State Council noted that planning is in hand for the following Training Courses
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| 20 th January | Stewards and Scrutineers Training Day |
| 10 th February | Grade 3 Generic Module Training Course |
| late February | Stewards Training in Townsville and Rockhampton. |
- State Council Chairman reminded delegates that from 1st January 2003 there would be a progressive introduction of compulsory licensing for Motor Sport Officials.
- 3560 The State Council Chairman advised the Queensland Government have approved a grant to CAMS under the Queensland Government's State Sport and Recreation Development Program for 2002. The grant includes provision for a measure of assistance to deliver training programs to motor sport officials and club administrators.



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Item	Action And/OR Change
Question 1	Delete
Heading	Change to: Do you suffer from or are you currently under treatment for:
Question 2	No Change
Question 3	No Change
Question 4	Change to: Heart or lung disease, blood vessel disease hypertension. Add – Do you have any coronary bypass or have you had any other surgical procedure pertaining to your cardiovascular system.
Question 5	Delete
Question 6	Delete
Question 7	Change to: are you allergic to any drugs or medications.
Question 8	Delete
Question 9	Delete
Question 10	Change to: Do you suffer from any disorder which effects or could effect your balance.
Question 11	Change to: If you answered YES to nay of the questions 2=10, please supply details of any ongoing therapy including prescription medications.
Question 12	No Change
Question 13	No Change
Question 14	No Change
Question 15	No Change
Question 16	Change to: Were there any abnormalities found during your medical examination, which could effect your ability to control a motor vehicle in a competitive environment?
Add additional question: Question 17	Are you aware of any disorder you may have which could effect your ability to control a motor vehicle in a competitive environment?

Twin Cities Autosports Club

Editors Blurp:

I'd like to thank Mark Lindsay for his digital photos and Ron White for contributing so much content... "you'll have to stop winning the Motorkhanas Ron."

I'd like to remind those members of the club who haven't been entering or helping with the organizing of events lately that this is **YOUR** club and to keep it alive you need to get involved. We all love to compete and when we can't do so I know from personal experience you feel reluctant to show up...but, if you don't chip in occasionally then you hardly have the right to expect others to help on those events you do want to enter. To all the new members Dave, Matt etc welcome.

Pete

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

♦ **March 10**

Lex's Motorkhana

♦ **March 23**

*Round One Quickfit
Sprint Series*

♦ **March 18**

Club Meeting

March 2002

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Karts	10 Lex's Motorkhana
11	12	13	14	15 Clipsal 500	16	17
18 Club Meet- ing	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Lex's Motorkhana

Lex's Motorkhana
10/3/02

Well, another Sunday spent playing Motorkhanas and it looks like it's up to me to add some content to the magazine again.

Following a few requests by members for a bit of training on how to negotiate Motorkhana tests, Sunday kicked off with Boxhead providing some training on the finer points of Motorkhana skills. A number of members and interested persons took the opportunity to jump in a car and find out how it was done and then try it themselves. From the appreciation shown for the opportunity, maybe we should try and do some more 'schools' again to hopefully get more competitors involved.

Of the six (I think) people availing

themselves of the training, four competed in the event. No doubt the increased level of confidence and skill made a difference in their performance.

After the training session was concluded, we kicked off the event proper. A late arrival was Greg Van Dinter with his 'new' Escort freshly prepared to sell to the highest bidder (the sale will help finance the rally car project). Goof and Stumpy first needed a bit of a warm up in the Escort to see how it would handle the day (gee it's starting to blow a bit of smoke Greg). A check under the bonnet to find oil spewing out of where the dipstick use to be. Some quick repairs in order.

With Stumpy driving Greg's Escort as well and Belinda having a steer of Boxhead's Stanza, the entry list topped nine for the day.

First test and Belinda starts off with Greg car two (still smoking?) followed by Daniel in the 'works' 626, young Steven with dad Heckler beside him, then Stumpy in Goofs Escort. Nathan next in the 626, me in the Escort, 'Nissan' Philly in his Bluebird (with a WD) and last of all 'Mr. Ironman' Peter Vigor in the Sprinter rocket.

The next test saw Goof go first, in rotating starters, and get a WD with the life blood of the engine pouring out from under the car entering the garage, but worst was yet to come. On Stumpies run the car finished with more than oil pouring out from under the car - water too. All others got through without too much trouble with 'Nissan' Philly getting a WD.

Test three and the verdict for the Es-

LEX'S MOTORKHANA RESULTS Round 2

CAR	DRIVER	MAKE	CLASS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL	PLACE
1	Belinda	Stanza	C	26.69	24.46	31.03	29.97	WD	33.56	37.6	41.03	50.32	33.22	358.36	3
2	Greg	Escort	C	25.68	WD	DNS									DNF
3	Daniel	626	C	26.44	33.40++	34.84	29.75	45.84	24.68	35.60+	41.4	48.72	30.75	366.42	5
4	Steven	323	B	32.4	29	36.56+	37.25	44.09	30.19+	43.88	48.28	101.34+	36.06+	459.05	7
5	Ken	Escort	C	26.97	25.91	DNS									DNF
6	Nathan	626	C	26.38	26.72	WD	33.25	WD	25.28	24.12	41.63	52.1	31.38	361.55	4
7	Ron	Escort	C	26.84	22.81	29.19	28.37	35.87	25	38.84	39.35	46.59	27.12	319.98	1
8	Philly	Blue-bird	C	WD	WD	WD	31.56	39.35+	25.4	34.47	46.34	WD	33.78+	381.53	6
9	Peter	Sprinter	C	23.9	22.47	28.84	28.44	WD	24.22	33.39	37.47	45.44	27.69	322.7	2

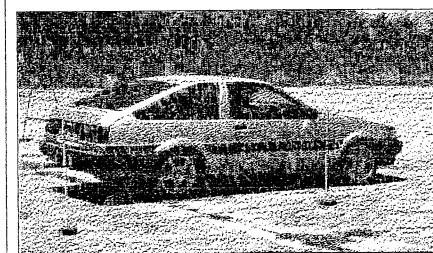
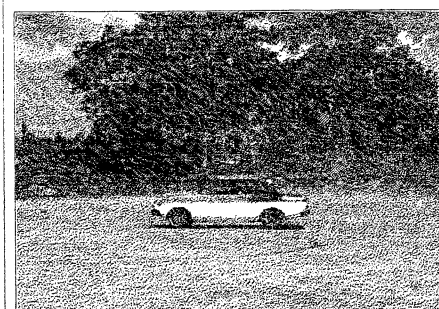
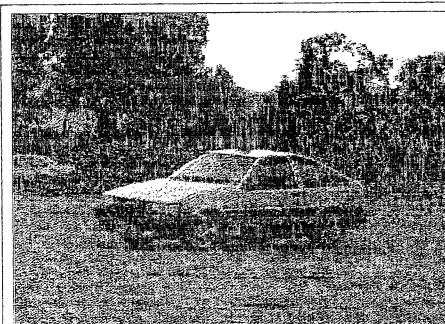
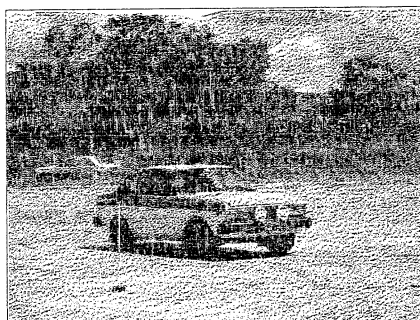
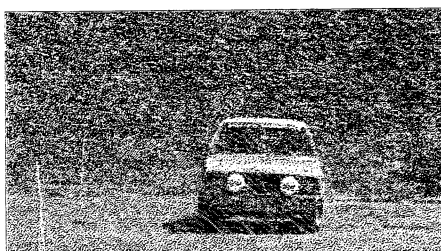
cort was not good. Oil spewing out and a fan through the radiator. It was time to call it a day. How are you going to explain that to the boss Greg? – that's right, Stumpy did it. So two down and seven left, Nathan and Philly get a WD. Test four and everybody passes with flying colours and the rest of the day went on without much of a drama.

The training was a great help to young Steven with his speed around the tests increasing from the last Motorkhana, however, the starts still need a lot of work. Heckler was last seen in a neck brace. Unfortunately Peter Vigor, who was quickest on most tests, managed to succumb to a WD on test five that would relegate him to second place with me just 2.7 seconds in front. I guess that's the idea of not getting a WD. A good result from a bit of training was Belinda in third place with Nathan in fourth and Daniel and 'Nissan'

Philly in fifth and sixth places respectfully.

Well done to Lex for having a go at directing an event and to Boxhead for offering to do the training and timing as well as the various helpers throughout the day.

Ron



Schedule of Events

April 2002

At a Glance:

- ♦ April 08 Nathan's Khanacross
- ♦ April 13 Karts...helpers needed
- ♦ April 15 Club Meeting
- ♦ April 21 Robyn's Motorkhana Canceled due to loss of venue
- ♦ Next month... Hillclimb
- May 12...KARTS ...May 4/5 ... Ravenshoe Rallysprint May 18/19... Tracey's Dayrun May 26

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Nathan's Khanacross

Well I certainly wasn't the winner of this event but here is publication time and no other article has appeared so for what it's worth here goes...

Pete

The weather was glorious ; the track grassy and thanks to a really positive, responsible and supportive performance as Director by Nathan - the day was a total success. Those that made the trip down to Nanna's for the Kha-

nacross weren't disappointed.

Dave Pearsall debuted this immaculate Sprinter rallycar (yes...it makes mine look like a scumrunner) and he drove with increasing confidence as the day progressed. I could see that he was enjoying the opportunity to blast a few cobwebs out of the system.

He finished the day in second place behind Matt Curthers in his Gemini. Also driving the Gemini was third

place getter Jason..

Little Heckler drove his first event solo and by the end of the day had gained a little more speed and a huge amount of confidence...well done Steve. Gregg Wright was there in his T-18 and had some fun (good choice of manufacturer Greg...go team Toyota)

Nissan Philly was there charging hard as usual and shooook hiiiiis Caaaaaar up a tad but was unfortunately unable to finish his last run .

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Nathan's Khanacross continued...

Young Dan shared the Bluebird with Phil and was obviously able to finish his last run as he finished 4th outright.

So that left me...well I was certainly burning up the track (Literally). On my third run I had a cabin fire due to some unused live wires under the dash and had to stop mid run to put the flames out...mind you I wasn't a real contender ...once the cars had cut through the grass and there was only dirt on the track; slick street tyres made for buckets of wheelspin ...but I was happy and I certainly got my money's worth of sideways fun.

Thanks to the regulars who helped as officials and to all the families that came out to support.

Well done Nathan for putting your hand up and setting a great event

The results are below for those interested.

Nathan's Khanacross Results

Name	Make	Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	O/right	In Class
Steven Nicol	Mazda 323 Familia	D	138.7	137.1	129.5	142.6	183.5	180.7	912.1	7	1D
Phil	Nissan Bluebird	C	115	110.7	115.8	115.3	182.4	DNF		8	5C
Jason	Holden Gemini	B	105.9	105.7	111.7	113.9	149.6	152.4	739.2	3	2B
Dave Pearsall	Toyota Sprinter	C	101.3	101.4	115.9	109.6	143.9	149	721.1	2	1C
Greg Wright	Toyota T-18	C	114.7	117	124.5	124.2	163.9	158.3	802.6	5	3C
Peter Vigor	Toyota Sprinter	C	103	104.7	184	114.5	152.6	153.3	812.1	6	4C
Matt Curuthers	Holden Gemini	B	98.7	95.8	106.7	106.1	144.1	143.7	695.1	1	1B
Daniel Weller	Nissan Bluebird	C	107.5	100.9	108.6	107.2	168.9	158.3	751.4	4	2C

On A Sadder Note

The Club lost a friend and member during Easter when Graeme (Tonka) Telford was tragically killed in a car accident.

Our thoughts are with Kate and family at this sad time.

Tonka was a great competitor and a good friend to all those who knew him.

He will be sincerely missed by all.

Tracey's Day Run 26th May

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