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The official newsletter of the



TWIN CITIES AUTOSPORTS CLUB INC

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Secretary's Report

Thanks to everyone who turned up to the AGM on Saturday 16 Feb 2003. It was advertised in the paper but I'd like some feedback from people as to whether or not anyone saw it, to see if we should use the paper again to reach the masses.

Welcome to all the new executive members, special thanks to Cretto for his hard work, yeah yeah I know I live with him, but that makes me the best assessor of how much time he spent doing the job. Maybe now he can drop some more skids!! Peter will no doubt pick it up and run with the job.

I began the year thinking, what do I want from TCAC this year and what does everyone else want from TCAC this year? Well I want to drive more, fair to say that probably everyone wants that. I want to meet more great people that speak the same mad motor sport language and I want to look back and say we did more than just the usual in 2003, we achieved great things for us and our sponsors and acquired great assets. I believe it is achievable.

The days of traditional clubs are long gone, as we all know. The pressure to perform as a profitable business is constantly thrust upon us, so it's up to everyone to pitch in and make things happen for TCAC. If you've got a good idea don't be afraid to put it out there, but, expect to be the driving force behind it's progress, don't leave it up to someone else, it never happens that way.

So my report might be a little bit out there in the deep thinking department but have a think about what you want from TCAC this year and see if there's anything you can do to make it happen.

See you on the 8th and 9th of March at Woodstock, if I can get the PSR team car back together!!

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Red - white - orange - green
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President's Report

Welcome all past and new members to the 2003 racing season; a year that should see some big changes for the club and some top quality events happening.

Freed from the burdens of the top job Steve (Credito) Cruttenden has put his prodigious energy and talents to good use as an event organiser and is liaising closely with the Townsville Motorcycle Club in planning a number of events at their Woodstock venue. This venue is a bit of a drive out of Townsville but I can't adequately express how fantastic value it is; the quality of the racing is second to none. Ask anyone who's been there and they'll all agree with me, it is the best

'Bang' for your buck in the North.

As a long-term member, I'm acutely aware that we have lost a number of talented drivers and key members over the past few years. There hasn't been any one reason for this but rather a number of contributing factors. What has been a problem is a lack of a cohesive purpose and because of that, a lack of growth.

In our club, as in many other sporting organisations, members all too often lose sight of the big picture and get wrapped up in infighting, lethargy or too often they focus on the negatives instead of seeing the great visions for what the club can become and achieve.

If Twin Cities Autosports Club is to not just survive into the future, but prosper, there needs to be a '**unified effort**' from all of our members. This prosperity isn't going to happen by itself, nor is one person able to single handedly change things enough to make a difference. So as a **whole club** our members are going to have to **take ownership** for the progress we can achieve and **take responsibility** for contributing to **make it a reality**.

From discussions I've had with people our Main focuses should be:

Raising the profile of the club and our activities.

Attracting new members to the club.

Finding club grounds

Setting a range of top quality events that cater for all skill levels

Training club personnel

I have my own ideas to share with you about how we might achieve these goals, but it isn't **my** club it's **ours**... so have a think about it and bring your thoughts to our next club meeting on the 17th of March at the drag club... in other words don't just think of problems... think of solutions...

So with that said I'll sign off until the meeting

Pete (Vigorous)

2003 EVENT CALANDAR

29 th March 2003	Saturday	Round 2	Sprint at SunCity Raceway (Go Kart Track)
18 th May	Sunday	Round 3	Hill Climb at Mount Stuart
29 th June	Sunday	Round 4	Hill Climb at Mount Stuart
6 th July	Sunday	Round 5	Sprint at SunCity Raceway (Go Kart Track)
10 th September	Sunday	Round 6	Hill Climb at Mount Stuart
6 th September	Saturday	Round 7	Sprint at SunCity Raceway (Go Kart Track)
4 th October	Saturday	Round 8	Sprint at SunCity Raceway (Go Kart Track)
1 st November	Saturday	Round 9	Sprint at SunCity Raceway (Go Kart Track)

Club Captains Report

Firstly welcome everyone to the new year. A Huge thanks to everyone who helped out with events last year and also to all of those who I hassled to help out at Karts. We have dropped Karts for this year so no more harassing phone calls.

Well done to Cretto for running the first event of the year. If anyone is interested in running an event please do not hesitate to call me and I will endeavour to point you in the right direction.

The Club championship points from last year are:

Outstanding Junior

Stephen Nicol

Motorhand Champion

1. Ron White (1st Class c)
2. Stephen Nicol (1st Class b)
3. Peter Vigor

Short Course Drivers Championship (combined hill climbs, kharacross & autocross events)

1. Peter Virgor
2. Matthew Carruthers
3. Phillip Mason / Glenn Morice

1st Class

1. Pat Driscoll
2. Peter Vigor
3. Greg Wright
4. Phillip Mason / Glenn Morice

Club Championship

1. Steven Cruttenden
2. Ken Long
3. Ron White

1st Female

Tracey Poore

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If anyone has any queries.

Tracey Poore

Editors Report

Welcome to the new year for TCAC. Already we have had 2 Khnanacrosses Woodstock. Phill Mason winner of the 1st and Stumpie the winner of the 2nd. Well done! A new committee has been put in place so I hope we can get a great years motor sport happening.

Whitsundays club also has a few events coming up so let see if we can support them and they may support us.

Oges is keen this year and has been in Brisbane competing in the first round of the QRC, good luck Oges in showing them what they are in for when they come up here.

A few events already on the calander which is good to see. Anyone wishing to set an event, there are still plenty of dates so don't be shy.

26th & 27th of April, I will be holding a Khancross at Woodstock Motor cross track. Food and drinks will be available– camping on site with hot showers – what a bonus! Racing will start at 11.00am sharp.

Cardwell rally is approaching so if anyone can help out please let Cretto or Belinda know as we need lots of volunteers.

A couple of cars shows coming up also so if you have a car to display please display it with some information about the car and the team.

Any articles you wish to put in the club magazine, just let me know by phone on 47288359 – Ads, for sale, stories – ANYTHING will go in.

That is about it for now. Don't forget the club meetings are the 3rd Monday of every month at Yarrowee Street, Drag Club rooms starting at 7.00pm.

See ya all at the next event.

Boxhead.

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1979 DATSUN STANZA
Silver – Blue – Yellow
1600cc motor - 4 speed
Recaro Seat & Harness
Hella 1000 driving lights
14" Bluebird mags
Great starters car

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Some important dates ...

April 6 th	Working bee at Nannas to clean up old gear left out there
April 12 th & 13 th	Car show – Wild on wheels – Entertainment Centre
April 12 th & 13 th	Rocky Rally
April 26 th & 27 th	Khanacross – Woodstock motor cross track – Director Boxhead
May 3 rd & 4 th	Dray Park
June 8 th	Whitsunday Khanacross
June 14 th & 15 th	ARC Brisbane
June 28 th	Redex Trial in town
July 11 th – 13 th	Car show – More information coming
July 26 th & 27 th	QRC Townsville – Ingham Cardwell Rally

Woodstock Khanacross 09/03/03

Cretto did it again at short notice we managed to get 14 brave souls to compete at the motorcycle club grounds. Many thanks to everyone who assisted in preparing the track. Bill was happy with his new upgraded water truck after hours of work on Saturday to whip it into shape by Cretto, Bill, Peter and Lance. Nathan seemed impressed during his stint as team test driver.

Heckla and Stephen showed up for a play with Heckla being rewarded by beating Box to fifth place after Box's indiscretions in round 2 getting a WD exploring fast lines that no one else had used – mainly because he was supposed to turn and garage woes in round 6. The new T18 was given a good first run with a trip to the panel beaters for a neaten up planned following the event.

Pete Vigor had a run in the Box/Bevan Stanza and had a penalty free run. Damien Meek brought out the upgraded Corolla for a run with only an incorrect garage in round giving him trouble.

Bruizer was convinced he should compete and was determined to make amends for an elderly gentleman beating him by .95 of a second in Khanacross on the 23/02 but alas a Sunday morning change of tyres putting the half worn Dunlops on the rear of the Escort seem to give him a bit of an advantage. Cameron was determined to improve on his run on 23/02 by treating the garage with a bit more respect and the plan worked with him splitting Bruce & I in the final results.

As per usual Matt Carruthers was wringing every last rev out of the Gemini and he never ceases to amaze with his performance in the 1600 car getting a deserved 4th outright.

Lance, Deborah and Peter enjoyed their run in their escort with another broken gearstick causing problems for the last round. Lance assures me the problem is now fixed for the next event.

Thanks to Belinda for looking after the Kiosk and to the ladies for volunteering to man the air conditioned scoring room.

There's no truth in the rumour that the ear to ear smile I was wearing is because I was enjoying myself – its just a nervous TIC – Really!!!! (someone tell Peter Miller)

Thanks to Cretto & all for an enjoyable event.

Stumpy

7-3-03

WOODSTOCK KHANACROSS

Car No	Driver	Car	Class	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Sub	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 8	Round 9	Sub	Total	Place
11	Stumpy	ESCORT	d	59.72	57.32	62.03	60.47	239.54	59.22	57.47	61.71	70.56	79.50	328.46	688.00	1
7	CAMERON	ESCORT	d	59.81	58.13	66.28	60.88	248.11	59.90	57.25	62.91	69.90	78.17	328.13	673.24	2
13	Brucey	Mazda	c	61.03	58.34	64.22	61.85	245.44	61.97	58.08	73.23	68.93	81.71	344.90	690.34	3
14	Gater	Gemini	b	61.94	59.47	64.12	62.90	248.43	60.92	59.47	73.44	71.39	83.35	348.67	697.00	4
10	Heckler	Mazda	d	64.19	61.84	68.72	65.69	260.44	65.33	61.90	68.45	76.03	84.97	366.68	617.12	5
8	Boxhead	T18	c	60.47	76.96	65.40	61.34	264.17	64.61	68.75	72.19	70.03	78.23	363.81	617.98	6
5	Peter Vigor	STANZA	b	66.12	62.21	71.46	65.63	265.42	66.53	61.50	81.25	74.18	85.06	368.52	633.94	7
3	Damien Meek	Corolla	b	61.97	58.71	79.03	64.65	264.36	59.38	59.19	90.75	73.36	87.84	370.52	634.88	8
2	Peter Hirschen	ESCORT	c	68.25	60.50	65.69	65.46	259.90	62.78	62.56	74.28	75.85	103.72	379.19	639.09	9
1	Greg Wright	T18	c	100.43	63.72	68.75	67.35	300.25	68.66	64.81	78.30	77.02	86.97	375.78	678.01	10
6	Lance M	ESCORT	c	96.40	61.37	69.41	64.54	291.72	61.77	62.49	76.19	86.44	103.72	390.61	682.33	11
12	Tony Pope	STANZA	b	100.43	65.03	79.03	68.41	312.90	70.62	61.84	75.75	77.97	87.16	373.34	686.24	12
4	Stevo	Mazda	d	76.03	71.96	79.03	77.85	304.87	79.34	69.01	83.68	81.44	98.72	412.19	717.06	13
9	Dabbie	ESCORT	c	95.43	68.38	75.03	82.85	321.69	68.31	84.28	80.75	83.10	103.72	420.16	741.85	14

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 = Incorrect Garage slowest + 5secs
 = Cones 5secs

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