

Could this start a new trend? I was thinking about an ad or 2 to fund the publication to ensure there are no out of pocket expense ?

I am sure that it would make people aware within the club that there are people within the club that could help for the right price or at least the right information to get help is passed on.

Someone at the last meeting did mention it, so I am starting it, lets hope I don't end it.

The other thing is the disclaimer towards others with in the club letting us know what they can help or do within our club. Just an idea to bring the shy and not so confident out into the open and play as well. Like the sheds for use. Me a business owner with great contacts in the Automotive trade.

There has to be more, print a line or two and work out a cost for my ad and I will bring my cheque book.

I am more than happy to share my business success wherever I can, either financially or informationally.

The Club has a Mobile Phone Number
0429789839 + Goof's home #

At the meeting the club asked to a price on some stickers "Twin Cities Autosports Club" for the windscreens of our cars.

We can get them and an extra on about 10cm long with the clubs contact number say for the front 1/4 panels or wherever for "\$15.00" the lot. Orders needed!

Damien

If you would like anything to be added to the newsletter please contact Heckler by the end of each month.

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ARC Spectators

Presidents Rave

The turn-out for the club's planning meeting last month was nothing short of extraordinary. It was morale boosting to see so many members (both new and old) who were interested in being part of the club's future and willing to put their hand up to accomplish some of the goals that we set for ourselves.

Now that we've established these targets and broken them up into tasks that challenge that faces everyone now is to maintain our commitment. Commitment to a task means being single-minded in your approach to accomplishing that goal.

If you don't follow through no-one else will and those goals fall into the bucket of slop called "wishes".

We have a real chance to achieve something for the club so let's not drop the ball.

That's not to say people haven't been hard at work already here are just a glimpse of the success stories so far...

- Deb Melrose followed through on the T.V advertising and has gotten some excellent prizes from channel 10. So using some digital video footage that Lance took in Mareeba and some old rally footage the 15 second ad has been given the green light and should begin airing during the Bathurst coverage.
- Big Murray Sutherland has been tirelessly searching for a Motorkhana pad and looks to have secured a large car park in the city for at least one event.
- Warren Maxwell and his wife have started work on the officials' vests.
- Ron White has begun his co-ordination of officials and paperwork...so if anyone has either qualifications or needs a form for anything he's the man to see.
- Tracey has some prototype club shirts (the long sleeve racing type) to share with us at the next club meeting.
- Bill's been getting the trailer ready for the next displ.

Welcome back to the management committee for Greg Van Dinter. Greg has generously volunteered to take on the club secretary role for the rest of the year which is a good thing because I didn't have the legs for the

Heckler's New Toy

Sad but true the Mazda will be going up for sale after Christmas. It will have a new paint job and an engine rebuild. I have bought a Mark II Ford Escort. What will we be doing to the Escort? The plan is to have it sand blasted, Goof has volunteered to seam weld it for me, then the roll cage will be fitted and the limited slip diff with disc brakes and slink fitted as well. Then it will be rewired. While this is going on the 2 litre cosworth engine will be at the engine shop having all the right bits fitted.

I am thinking about the gearbox whether to fit the quafe straight cut 4 speed on the 5 speed seirra gear box. Other bits to be fitted will be world cup cross member and strut tops bilsten shocks. The Escort will have the forestry flares fitted as Escorts don't look good unless they have the flares. I will let you know how its all going in the magazine and where the best places are to get the parts.

See you at the Ironman weekend.

Heckler

Trip Report Mount Carbine 27th – 28th September cont.....

just what the vending machine in the men's toilet had in it. All it said on the outside was information about "the product".

So of course Deb here, was the only one bright enough (and brave enough) to go and find out. I know you have all guessed it but, yes, it was condoms. Surprise! Surprise! We all knew what "the product" was as well, but it was fun to play the game. They came complete with the world's longest instructions that would have completely put a dampener on any evening!

Anyway we all got up the next morning and had a huge breakfast cooked for us – bacon, eggs, tomatoes, toast, tea, coffee and the chef tried all morning to get someone, anyone, to eat the cornflakes that were on offer too. Bad luck, bacon and eggs won!

We raced again on Sunday morning and finished by lunchtime. That gave us plenty of time to get home and time to begin the repair work to the poor battered Escort. Our plan or should I say "dream" was to get it in acceptable shape to pass scrutineering on Friday to compete in another round of the NQ Bitumen Series. Hopefully our dream will come true!

Well you slackers, you missed a great weekend of racing with a great bunch of people.

We ~~will~~ be going back.

Lance and Deb.

P.S. We did spend a fair bit of time trying to come up with a suitable story to tell Peter and Robyn about the car. I rang them on Saturday night full of courage brought on by Scotch and all I said was that we had broken a windscreen (Ha! Ha! Little did they know!) Anyway Peter thought we were joking! When he saw the car on our way home – he went into panic mode. Poor chap – it used to look so good and thanks to some kindly donated panel beating from a new sponsor, it should look good again!

P.P.S. If Lance hadn't rolled the car I wouldn't have wrecked the back door of the car by backing out of the garage with the door open. It is all his fault because I wouldn't have had to take the poor car to the panel beaters. So there!

Presidents Rave cont.....

job.

This weekend is Bathurst and everyone is invited to Box and Bevan's place to watch it on the Big Screen, to have a few drinks and a dip in the pool. Aristos (Steve) is catering so be there if you can.

Stumpy's Ironman is coming up in a couple of weeks time. The best thing we can all do to make sure we have our cars ready and all enter. We had 28 entry's at the last Khanacross and we should be able to do even better this time. It's a great weekend of competition regardless of your gender or expertise. Aristos has agreed to cater for us so we'll all be very well fed.

If you can help out with the preparation let Stumpy know ASAP.

There is a car show on at Rollingstone on the 9th of November and we've been asked to participate...the free advertising alone makes it worth the club putting together a display so keep it in mind I'll give more details at the next meeting.

Vigorous.

Calendar of Events

Date	Event
October	
11	Bathurst (8.30am Boxhead's)
18 - 19	???????????
20	Club Meeting
November	
9	Rollingstone Car Show
15-16	Ironman Weekend at Motor
	cycle Club
December	
5	Club Christmas Party

Trip Report Mount Carbine 27th - 28th September

Well, all you slackers who didn't come up to Mount Carbine missed a really good weekend full of racing, dust and plenty of action. Belinda and Steve, Bill, Lance and I drove up to Malanda on the Friday night, to break the trip a bit. A word of warning, when you go to hire a car trailer, make sure it has brakes and that they work! The one that we had organised turned out to have none of the above so after ringing every hire place in the world we found one with brakes that worked. What a circus. Anyway, the jockey wheel fell off and disappeared under Belinda and Steve's car and then out of sight before we even got to Cardwell! Luckily a motorbike wasn't behind us.

We got to Malanda at 11PM, had a relax and drink and then went to bed. The bloody rooster started crowing at 4.30AM!! Yes, I was awake after that! Should have strangled the mongrel thing! We went for a quick look at the Yungaburra Markets (lots of great stuff) and then had a yum breakfast at the Gem Gallery before driving on to Mount Carbine.

There was free camping at the track or rooms at the pub or roadhouse. The Mareeba Shire Council had very kindly graded the tracks for us to use - there were two tracks so two cars were going at a time. It was great - more runs, less waiting for "your go", lots of dust too. There were some examples of very fine driving to be seen. One of the tracks was marked out by those big wooden "cotton reels" (cable rolls) and Credde ever so gently "kissed" the roll, as did Peter Hendry and the guy in the green Torana whose name I don't know. Peter Hendry did have to go back and straighten the "cotton reel" he hit. But the finest display of skill was the slow motion roll over and park on the roof stunt driving technique exhibited by none other than Lance!!!

The poor Esky had some new style panel work to display after that. No front windscreen and not many straight panels (-the boot was still pristine!). Thank goodness for full roll cages, racing harnesses and helmets. The only injury Lance got was landing on his head when he undid the seat belt! Our side mirror is no longer, so we might have to steal Steve Nicol's trophy back! Anyway we all ran frantically to help but Lance was okay. We rolled the car back over and it still ran okay - except initially for a pile of blue smoke. So, of course, in the spirit of the occasion, we cleaned the broken glass out, hopped back in and kept on racing!! Poor little white Escort! Mind you we were hanging out for "beer o'clock" after that little episode.

The pub put on a Barbie with steak and salad for \$6.00 - nice to have someone cook tea - more time for us all to drink. We sat around at the pub for a few hours talking the usual nonsense. This included trying to find out