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I can almost reach the steering wheel. Dad!
Samuel Joseph Weller/Mullins
22 November, 2005

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MAGAZINE SUBMISSIONS:

Anyone wishing to submit Articles, Information, For Sales, etc. for the next magazine please call me or send the article. Closing deadline for magazine is the Thursday following meetings.

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I am open to suggestions for articles in the magazine eg. Tech Tips, News and Views, etc. so don't be shy. A club magazine is the lifeblood of a club; it informs members, sponsors (I hope you give the people that support you a copy) and keeps the interest up. So if you have something to say, say it in the magazine so ALL members get to know about it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greg's problem with lack of reports seems to be a bit contagious!

EDITOR'S REPORT

Well another year is over and another 12 magazines have been printed, read and enjoyed, I hope. This is the last one for the year. The next magazine will be printed after the February meeting.

Thanks to all of you who wrote articles for the magazine, it was nice not to have to do it all! Keep it up next year!

Thanks to Murray for organising a really great Christmas function. We all had a lot of fun and the venue at the Commonwealth Hotel was excellent. The custard tart wasn't too bad either, was it Murray?

Merry Christmas to you all!

Deb & Lance Melrose

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I really don't think Greg, the Honourable Secretary, knows what the word report actually means! As usual there is no report. Ho hum!

CHRISTMAS PARTY BLURB

Well the scavenger hunt started about 5 minutes early for a change. I was the first to leave, as one of the questions was, what colour shirt was I wearing? Only to have to turn around and come back to give Ian, Jan and Nathan the questions. I arrived and found other people were waiting to see what colour my shirt was.

The first people finished in about 1 hour and started drinking while I marked their sheet. The rest came in dribs and drabs until about 6.30pm (2 ½ hours after we started). I marked all the questions with the usual arguments, but I don't care what you say, rocks can't talk.

Ian and his crew arrived late and started last, they took the longest time and still ended up winning (well done), it goes to show, there is no need to speed. Lance, Deb and Co came in second with Stumpy finishing third.

The pub put on a nice BBQ around 7pm and everyone had their fill.

On to the presentations, a lot of trophies were handed out for the hill climb and to my surprise I came 2nd in class (woo hoo). Nathan came up with a new trophy called the CRASH KING trophy. This year it went to Travis for smashing Nikki's car. Watch out for this trophy, as it will be back next year.

Then it was into more piss. Deb threw a custard tart in my face after she was awarded it for the biggest car tart, and a quick dip in the pool soon got rid of that.

A good night was had by all and I will see you next year.

Murray

Editors Note: How could I resist throwing a custard tart at Murray, but Loren topped it off by shoving the remains of the tart into my face! Loren, be warned, you will keep!!

For Immediate Release

CAMS FOCUSES ON REDUCING COSTS OF GRASS ROOTS MOTOR SPORT IN 2006

Grass roots motor sport has been the focus for the CAMS Board in its review of fees for 2006, the Board announcing that there will be reductions in CAMS club affiliation fees and CAMS permit fees for club and state level motor sport and no cost increase to CAMS competition licences across the board.

The CAMS Board has continued its policy of creating a stabilised environment for Australian motor sport competitors with CAMS competition licence costs remaining unchanged for the second year running.

CAMS affiliated clubs are the big winners with a 20% reduction in CAMS affiliation fees in 2006. This follows a reduction in affiliation fees in 2005, resulting in a 40% decrease over two years. Of further benefit to grass roots motor sport is the reduction of CAMS permit fees, taking permits for club and state level events back to 2002 cost levels.

Rally competitors will welcome the introduction of a Clubman Rally licence, for rally drivers and navigators participating in events up to and including state level, which will help to contain the costs of rallying at the entry level of the sport. Complementing this new initiative, the cost of an International Rally licence has reduced by 5%.

CAMS Audit and Finance Committee Chairman Andrew Papadopoulos said that the focus on the grass roots level of the sport was important.

"It was imperative that we concentrate on keeping costs at the entry level of the sport maintained to encourage more people to get involved in motor sport activity. Stable licence costs and reductions in CAMS permit fees, particularly for speed and circuit events, provides CAMS affiliated car clubs with opportunities to run successful events with improved competitor numbers and the flow on effect is a healthy motor sport industry.

"Initiatives such as the Clubman Rally licence and the reduction in CAMS club affiliation fees are directed at growing the membership base and getting more people involved at the entry levels of the sport."

Further information and the full schedule of fees for 2006 can be found by visiting the CAMS website, www.cams.com.au/go/2006fees.

An Investment Tip

In 2001 if you had bought \$1000.00 of One-Tel stock, it would now be worth about \$9.00 to you as an unsecured creditor if you are lucky.

In 2002 if you had bought HIH stock, you would have about \$6.50 left of the original \$1000.00.

In 2003 if you had gone overseas and bought Enron, you would have less than \$5.00 left.

But, if you had purchased \$1000.00 worth of beer only one year ago, drank all the beer, then turned in the cans for the aluminium recycling price, you would have \$24.00.

Based on the above, the best investment advice is to drink heavily and recycle.

IMPORTANT GENERAL NOTICE

The Club Meeting night is now the 2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH, at the Drag Racing Club Rooms in Yarrowee Street, Currajong.

If the meeting night falls on a Public Holiday, the meeting will be on the Tuesday night instead.

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Congratulations to Karen and Nathan on the birth of their son, Samuel Joseph on 22 November, 2005.

Check out how much hair the little fellow has already!
So, do you reckon he will be any competition in the car racing stakes just yet?

Scavenger Hunt and Club Christmas Party

We arrived at 3.50pm at Gill Park – we weren't sure where to go – Gill Park is big! We did find the Club after all, but we passed Murray (on the run) and thought "that's funny"? Nathan said that the Director of the event left first, but, hold on, we didn't have any instructions! Do we write a copy? Photocopy or what? A quick phone call and the Director returned with a set of Destructors.

It had been said that one of the calls was to check out his shirt. Lucky for us, Murray still had a shirt on! Teal, I believe the colour was teal!

Hold on, stand still for a few seconds to decipher the instructions. First something pink – Oges found something. Jan and I had towels in the car, Nathan and I see a Sun newspaper, we all had business cards and we hadn't even left the Park yet!

We were off down to Warrina Fish Shop to get 4 cooked prawn cutlets with a receipt. Then we carried on to the Drag Club to make sure it was still there.

What? Number 10 was scared?? We were still driving, looking everywhere at everything – flowers, feathers, on our way to Murray's front fence. Was it "at the side of the house" or was it "a front fence?" The vote was the guys were right – no fence. The next question – hillclimb up which hill? It's Mount Stuart you silly duffer!

And since when do rocks talk (Jan – 'I know Oges talks to rocks! And Nathan has rocks in his head for getting in the same car with us pair!). Lucky Nathan did settle some heated discussions though!. 215 was a quick lap up Stuart Drive to discover it's not Boxhead's place! It's between 195 and 217. Where is the fence? Found it somehow! Off to Murray Netball Courts to count goals and watch Nathan scare the living daylights out of a poor innocent bird, sitting alone, enjoying life and a cool breeze – to be chased by a raving looney. You'd drop a feather or two if you had seen that coming at you!

Purple eats people? Buildings, songs, signs – this continued from start to finish – deciding it must be a song after asking the Hickey Family and exchanging some valuable information. Glass coke bottle! Huh! That was easy.

In the middle of all of that, we stopped and had icecreams at Maccas and found some kind of whitish sand and tried to get the No 10 scared thing. We got stuck there because ten, 10, Ian Ogilvie, 1.0 – this is the family number of Oges! Yes, some great stories surround this number 10. Is it racing? What did Oges do that everyone will know about? Was it the wife? Looking at every house number 10 on the way, we ended up finding The Cri on The Strand is No 10 and it is getting rocked this Christmas by Santa. That is enough to be scared of – that was the best we could come up with for No 10.

All in all we had a lot of fun. Jan wants to say that it has been over ten years since she has competed in any club events. She will try not to take that long to do the next one!. She also said that she will get together with the boys to organise a day night run in 2006!!

Thanks Ian, Jan and Nathan

PS Can't forget the Christmas Party and Presentations. Wasn't that fun, from having tarts being thrown around to trophies made of broken car parts and some Booby prizes/naughty prizes!

Wanted to Buy

We need a pair of **RACING SEATS**, if any of you have any hiding in your piles of "useful stuff" in your shed. Give us a call.
Lance Melrose Ph 47727292

FURTHER COMING EVENTS

The Whitsundays Car Club is having a Motorkana at the Jubilee Tavern, Airlie Beach on Australia Day Weekend in January.

Come on all you guys who haven't participated in one of these fun events before, now is your chance! Believe me you will have a really great time!

Contact Debra Melrose and hopefully she will have more info! That is if the guys down at the Whitsundays give me more info to pass on!!

Merry Christmas to you all!!
May you have many happy hours of racing in 2006!

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Reconciliation Summary

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BANK STATEMENT -- CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Previous Balance:		17,515.86
Cheques and Payments	8 Items	-655.05
Deposits and Other Credits	5 Items	1,727.90
Ending Balance of Bank Statement:		18,588.71

YOUR RECORDS -- UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Cleared Balance:		18,588.71
Cheques and Payments	4 Items	-530.68
Deposits and Other Credits	0 Items	0.00
Register Balance as of 07/12/05:		18,058.03
Cheques and Payments	0 Items	0.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0 Items	0.00
Register Ending Balance:		18,058.03

Why does someone believe you when you say there are 4 million stars but check when you say the paint is wet?

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

- Club Meetings are held (second Monday night of the month at the Townsville Drag Club Yarrowee St Currajong at 7.00pm). All welcome, and why not bring along a friend or sponsor.

Calender of Events

Monday 13th February – Club meeting

Please attend this meeting to discuss and ratify the Business Plan and to discuss changing the Club's name. *This is important!*

February 2006 – “Come and Try” Day. Run by Philip Mason.

Date announced at a later date.

February 2006 – Motorkhana. Run by Murray Sutherland.

Date announced at a later date

Monday 13th March – AGM and Club Meeting

April 2006 - Ingham Rally. Date announced at a later date.

May Day Long Weekend – Mount Stuart Rally.

Watch this space!

10th/11th June – Kirknie Rally

Dates may change without the Editors knowledge

How is it that we put a man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on bigger suitcases?

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