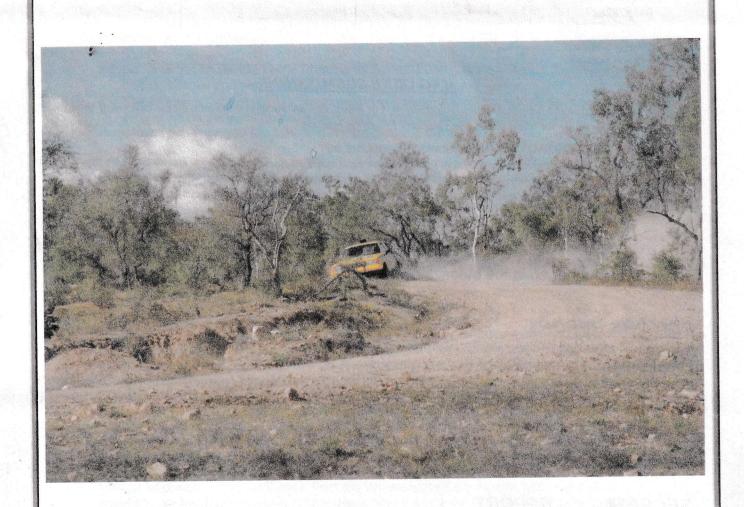
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Anyone wishing to submit Articles, Information, For Sales, etc. for the next magazine please call me or send the article. Closing deadline for magazine is the Thursday following meetings.

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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.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The report is further on in the magazine.

EDITORS REPORT

It is good to see all these events happening and then actually receiving articles to put in the newsletter from the winners of the events. Keep it up you guys!

If any of the competitors from Kirknie Rally want copies of some really great photos that were taken at a couple of the stages/gates, please contact me because I can arrange it. A friend of ours was there and he took some excellent photos - one of them is on the front page.

Deb & Lance Melrose

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Greg had the night off due to work commitments and Peter Vigor stepped in - I wait with baited breath!!

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Boxheads Ingham Rally has been run and won since my last report with a good number of entries (15) enjoying the new camping grounds and a new stage. Thanks to Boxhead for taking the time and effort to organise and run the event.

Kirknie, well what can I say. Very disappointing entry with only 8 competitors. Hardly worth Greg's effort to run the event (thanks Greg). I just hope that in running the event people are encouraged to support further events.

Unfortunately, as you read in last months newsletter, the Townsville Motorcycle Club has decided not to hire their Woodstock track to us anymore. So we need to follow up on any leads for new grounds that you might know of. If you know of somewhere, please let me know (we need somewhere to run the Ironman weekend).

Now for some good news. We now have a location to store our club equipment. I am making arrangements for our 'stuff' to be stored at Lew Thomas's work premises at Stuart. It will be under cover and room for the trailer's, clubbie, and all the signs, bunting etc, but still needs a secure storage container for the smaller valuable bits. So if anyone can 'acquire' a shipping container please let me know.

Update on what's happening.

- No news yet on the Gambling Community Benefit Fund grant application for more Rally clocks, shades and generator.
- The Planning Dept of the TCC has contacted me about their plans to develop the parking area at Mt.Stuart Hillclimb into a Motorkhana pad and what our requirements are. The council has surveyed the area and are progressing the design.

Remember that a club is only as good as it's members, so if you have an idea or a suggestion, please raise it.

Ron	
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Whitsundays Motorkhana Sunday 11th September

We would like to thank the Whitsundays Car Club for running another excellent Motorkhana at the Jubilee Tavern at Airlie Beach. The Tavern sponsors the event and provides the use of their carpark and adjacent grass area for the entrants to legally "do donuts" in a public place. It is such a good day. A few more TCAC members entered this time – Phil, Stumpy, Lew, Daniel, Peter Hinrichsen in the Mighty Melrose Escort, Nathan and Murray. Unfortunately we couldn't race, but I had more runs than anyone else on the day as the "Car Tart" – I went in any car that would have me! A few people really needed navigators so that they wouldn't get lost in the carpark – yes, Kay, Trevor, Murray, Nathan, Peter, Ross – where would you be without me, probably still driving around in the carpark looking for the right pole to drive around! I had a lot of fun!

I was a bit concerned about Dianne from the Whitsundays Club though. Last week she started to get her Bluebird ready for the event. She got in it, turned the key a few times and wondered if the battery was disconnected when the car wouldn't start. She got out, looked under the bonnet and lo and behold there wasn't even an engine there anymore! No wonder it wouldn't start! Chris had sold it and didn't tell her! What a laugh!

It is a great spot to have an event – the Tavern provides the spectators and lunch. Everyone seems to have a good time.

It was good to see a few more TCAC members who made the effort to "go away for the weekend". It is good to support nearby Car Club events.

See you next time, for sure!

Deb and Lance Melrose

Excerpts of minutes

QUEENSLAND STATE COUNCIL

Meeting held on Thursday, 18th August, 2005

4618 Ref. RAP05.151 - Rally Organisers Handbook

Resolved that the RAP make available the BSCC document, "Event Organisation Guide", to any parties who are interested on the basis that the document may be merged with the "Queensland Rally Organisers Handbook" as part of the process of an update of the "Queensland Rally Organisers Handbook".

Further resolved that the RAP draft update of the "Queensland Rally Organisers Handbook be tabled at the November 2005 State Council meeting.

4620 Ref. RAP05.133 - Admin Checkers

Resolved that the following people be appointed as Rally Administration Checkers for the remainder of 2005:

Andrew Crawford Trevor Neumann Barry Neuendorff Martin Chambers

Further resolved that this State Council review the criteria for appointing Administration Checkers for 2006 onwards.

QUEENSLAND RALLY ADVISORY PANEL

Meeting held on Monday, 8th August, 2005

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

05,151 Ref. RAP05.142 - Rally Organisers Handbook

Craig Porter spoke at length on the 1995 version of CAMS Rally Organisers Handbook and 2005 version draft by Craig. Panel discussed.

Panel requests that State Council present updated and amended new version of this document.

Panel would like to express it's thanks to Craig Porter for his efforts on updating the 1995 version of this document originally written by Peter Marcovich and Iain Stewart.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

05.159 Update of Queensland Rally Website

Greg Latham discussed suggestions for improving the site.

The World's Shortest Fairy Tale

Once upon a time, a guy asked a girl "Will you marry me?" The girl said "NO!" And the guy lived happily ever after and went fishing, hunting and played golf a lot, drank beer and farted whenever he wanted.

THE END

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• 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

Sunday 25th September – Mossman Pony Club Khanacross

FNQMSC. Contact Bob Erry 40981652h

Saturday 1st October - Hillclimb No 4. Commencing at 12pm and

finishing at 8pm approx. Yes, racing up Mt Stuart in the dark!! Enter or come and watch.

Contact Ron White 0438710262 or 47717928

Monday 10th October – Club Meeting

Sunday 16th October - Mt Molloy Khanacross. FNQMSC.

Contact Sean Hampson 041762163,

40453891 h or 40307442 w

Sunday 30th October – Fun Day/Club Day at Townsville Dragway

Do some timed runs down the drag way then test your skills at the Motorkhana. Come and try!! See attached flyer.

To enter contact Murray NOW. Twenty entries are needed. Ph 47230269

Monday 14th November - Club Meeting

Sat/Sunday 26th/27th November – Ironman/Ironlady Competition.

More details later.

Dates may change without the Editors knowledge

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	Street, Currajong. on a Public Holiday, the meeting will be on the Tuesday night instead.
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Navigating from a Novice's Point of View

Well, I have finally had a reason to use my Navigators Licence. ChrisLewis, our navigator, had to unexpectedly work on the weekend of Kirknie Rally, so at the last minute, panic set in when I realised it would be me sitting in the "silly" seat in the Escort.

When Joombi arrived at Kirknie, I gave him time to set up his tent and then I trotted on over and found out some useful information about navigating, road books and drivers and their strange ways. Did it do anything to calm my nerves you might ask — no- I really wasn't feeling too confident at all.

The next day my bladder was working overtime. I was having a few "nervous ones" you might say! I now was about to find out just why it was called the "silly seat".

There is definitely a knack in doing the Terra Trip thing, reading the road book, and counting the driver down to the next approaching obstacle, especially when the driver points at the speedo and the needle is off the gauge! So, the mighty Escort can really go that fast and stay in one piece — coping with airborne flights, sideways flat out in sand, scraping it's guts through rocky riverbeads and hesitant navigator instructions at night because I couldn't see without my bloody glasses. I only missed one corner — a hard to see right turn — but I was pleased to hear that everyone missed it. Perhaps I wasn't so dodgy after all!

The intercom system is great. It means that any shouted abuse, such as "Where the f... is the track?" is clearly heard!

Night stages are completely different from day time. You can't see! That is, you can't see anything passed the headlights, so the driver really needs accurate instructions. Triple Caution Grid means just that — slow down! Not us — I think we were airborne. At least I pressed the terra trip in mid flight! Holy Shit! Wow! Whew! We landed and kept on driving, around the corner to have another shock, with our introduction to a "Wokka Wokka" (ask Boxhead about that one!) My heart hadn't stopped racing from the grid and then to have a full display of a "Wokka Wokka" shocked me into existence again! I was actually quite relieved when the Flying Finnish appeared out of the darkness. Thank goodness it was over! Time to get rid of all of the dust in my eyes, ears, nose and hair. But first I had to get my helmet off. The double sided tape holding my intercom on had fallen off, so some hastily applied racing tape (thanks Robyn) saved the day. But, unbeknown to me, my hair was also stuck together. Now that hurt, pulling the helmet off and just about scalping myself as well.

I was asked if I had enjoyed myself. I'm not sure about an answer to that. It was something new, done at speed. I couldn't look out the window much and I was too concerned about making a mistake. I was exhausted afterwards from concentrating, but wide awake with adrenalin. I guess it was fun. I will do it again though – if someone needs a navigator. I can only have more fun, can't I!!!

Debra Melrose

Ingham Rally

The result was almost a carbon copy of the last years Ingham rally where that saw Keach 1^{st} and Robinson 2^{nd} , but after the penalties were dished out this year Robinson was 4^{th} and the mighty 1200 coupe of Ogilvie moved into 2^{nd} .

Saturday morning arrived and the early morning start saw engines come alive in the cool air. Drivers were keen and had visions of speed and 1st 2nd or 3rd and navigators were still in their beds dreaming of an accident free day ahead.

Racing started with a promise, the top 4 cars would set the pace and only a handful of seconds separated them after the first stage. Nerves were a plenty. New time keepers were nervous as well as the Drivers and Navigators, with just about all teams copping time penalties for breaches of start times by the end of the event.

Jason drove a calm risk free opening stage which settled his nerves and paved the way for a smooth rally. Not bad for a guy that hasn't driven for a while. Jason knew that a broken turbo pipe on SS4 would limit the RX Subaru's maximum power and not even two flat tyres could halt his times, he just drove smarter. Starting SS5 we clipped a pole due to the two spare tyres being the best from a bad bunch, was all the cosmetic damage the Subaru would have.

With the limited horse power and the two aged tyres we were thinking of settling for a top 5 finish but other teams were finding the course a challenge and a flat tyre here and a broken suspension mount there, would see team Keach claw back into contention. Night air, cool and clean would raise our hopes high and after a faultless run through the SS10 & 11 saw the RX Subaru take out Box's Ingham Rally.

Jason and crew would like to thank all of the volunteers that personed the start and finish lines as well as the station owners whom made this event happen. With out those people especially the first timers the events just don't run.

Damon Meek

Try this!

Thought this was another joke, but it's not. It's very strange.....

Left brain, right brain trick.

While sitting at your desk, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circle. Now, while doing this, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction and there is nothing you can do about it.....

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KING OF THE HILL

It all started on Saturday arvo when I was dropping tyre barriers on Mount Stuart Road for Sunday. All good! Time to go! Try to reverse, no go! I've bogged the work ute and trailer on the hill! Got out ok though apart from some minor scratches.

Sunday finally here and I thought I was at a Show'N Shine! A line up of Gt Fords and a flash GT 40. Good to see out of towners travelling to and competing at this event.

The racing started on time with me being first cab off the rank out of nineteen competitors. The day was filled with plenty of laughs, including Wendy in the Skyline spinning out, Anthony Solomon's Death Defying to Torana Stunt Car and a GT 40 race car that could spin the rollers on the back to the first corner. I tackled some tyre barriers and finished the day of racing as No1. 48.51 seconds. Personal Best time and my first run equalled best Round 2 time. All but three cars completed all the runs.

I'd like to thank the cooks, Murray, Marie and Debbie, Chris Lewis, all the Officials and Safety Crew and CAMS for letting us drop skids on public roads!! Also thanks to Lewis Fire Protection and STI dealership.

Looking forward to seeing new machinery at the next and final round of the hill climb. Racing goes into the night!! See you there!

Nathan Mullins King of the Mount Stuart Kingdom

I feel sorry for people who don't race. When they wake up in the morning, that's as good as they're going to feel all day.

NO FEAR

Many Thanks from Moranbah Trio

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Moranbah people who attended the Hill Climb, to thank all involved in organising the event, for a great day on Sunday, Well done all. It is a long trip over and costly for all (accommodation etc)but it was worth it. I had friends from Mt Isa over for support etc and I believe they are going to step up work on the Datsun 1600 to try and prepare for October We shall see! Everyone from our camp thoroughly enjoyed the day. Once again, thanks. John Corica.

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DRAG RACE AND MOTORKKANA FUN DAY

WHERE- TOWNSVILLE DRAG WAY, ON SHAWS RD BOHLE.

WHEN- SUNDAY 30 OCT 05.

TIME- DRAG RACING START 10.00am TO 12.00pm

LUNCH 12.00pm TO 1.00pm

MOTORKANA FROM 1.00pm TO 3.00pm

COST- DRAG RACING ONLY \$20.00

MOTORKHANA ONLY \$30.00 BOTH \$40.00

SPECTATORS \$8.00 (AS STATED BY

THE DRAGWAY)

WHAT YOU NEED-

DRAG RACING- YOU WILL NEED AS A MINIMUM, A HELMET, LONG SHIRT, LONG PANTS, AND CLOSED IN SHOES.

MOTORKHANA- YOU WILL NEED AS A MINIMUM, SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT, SHORTS AND CLOSED IN SHOES.

-YOU WILL NEED TO HOLD A CAMS LICENCE AND BE A MEMBER OF A CAMS AFFILIATED CLUB TO COMPETE. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN A LICENCE AND MEMBERSHIP ON THE DAY FOR AN EXTRA FEE. - PASSANGERS WILL BE ALOWED TO RIDE IN CARS AS

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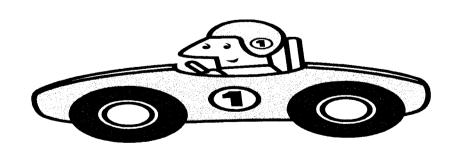
WHAT YOUR CAR NEEDS-

- -THE CARS DO NOT NEED TO BE REGISTED. HOWEVER THEY WILL GET CHECKED BEFORE YOU START RACING FOR SAFETY.
- -ROAD TYRES NEED TO BE FITTED TO THE DRIVE WHEELS DURING THE MOTORKHANA.
- -A LAP SASH, SEAT BELT AS MINIMUM.

OTHER INFO-

- I NEED 20 CARS / ENTRANTS FOR DRAG RACING BEFORE THE DRAGWAY WILL OPEN THE GATES, SO BRING MUM'S CAR OUT AND GIVE IT A GO.
 - -YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CLUB TO COME ALONG, SO PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING A FRIEND.
 - -NO TROPHIES WILL BE ISSUED AS THIS IS A FUN DAY. HOWEVER EVERYTHING WILL BE TIMED AND A SCORE WILL BE KEPT.
 - -THERE WILL BE A FREE SAUAGE SIZZLE DURING LUNCH FOR ALL THE ENTRANTS.
 - -DRINKS WILL BE FOR SALE.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT- MURRAY SUTHERLAND ON (07) 4723-0269 OR 0143-528-947.



Kirkney Rally 2005

Eight cars lined up for the start of the 2005 Kirkney Rally; LUCK was to play a part for most during the day.

Prior to the start of **SS1** the Callinan boys, seeded 1, were unable to start their WRX STI. Problem sorted, they slotted in down the field, only to finish the stage in blistering pace - cracking 49 seconds ahead of the pack.

SS2 – luck was starting to turn for some in the field. Steven Robinson in the mighty Escort had reported a horrible knocking in the diff prior to the start of the stage, first corner into the stage it gave up - blown crown wheel and pinion. Peter Hendry in his Datsun Stanza blew a head gasket. I also had an electrically problem, the Subaru wouldn't rev above 5000rpm without the limiter cutting the engine. Once we pulled up at time control the engine stopped not to start again, but as luck would have it there was a 2 hour break until SS3 was to start. Adventually the problem was found, internal broken wires within the distributor and a sensor that had dislodged, but we couldn't get the distributor apart. With the assistance of Stumpy, his soldering iron and some telephone wire, Scott and I managed thread the wires down past the shaft, out the side using silicone for insulation. Fixed with 8 minutes to spare.

Peter had fixed the Stanza's head gasket and had rejoined the race.

During the later stages luck was not to last for Ron Moore in the *cool* MK1 Escort, mechanical failure, nor Graham Struber in his Holden Commodore which lost oil pressure – for second rally in a row.

SS5 – Luck was not on Skippy's side when he jumped out of the rubber vine in front of us, we were doing around 160 kmh, luck was with us for a change. Poor Skippy! By the start of **SS7** Daniel and Tim Callinan looked to have 1st place all wrapped up, but their luck was to run out, engine failure.

Finial Result – 1st went to Myself and Jombie in Subaru Leone, 2nd Hendry crew with their Datsun Stanza, 3rd Melrose crew with their *cool* MK1 Escort who just scrapped in by 4 seconds over Matt Carruthers.

Great days racing well run by all. Big thanks to all time keepers and gate people, and all others that were involved.

Again thanks Stumpy for the soldering work.

Cheers
Jason Keach

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A blonde decided she needed something new and different for a winter hobby. So she went to the bookstore and bought every book she could

find on ice fishing.

For weeks she read and studied every book, hoping to become an expert in the field.

Finally, she decided she knew enough, and out she went for her first ice fishing trip.

She carefully gathered up and packed all the tools and equipment needed for the excursion. Each piece of equipment had its own special place in her kit.

When she got to the ice, she found a quiet little area, placed her padded stool and carefully laid out her tools. Just as she was about to make her first cut into the ice, a booming voice from the sky bellowed "There are no fish under the ice!"

Startled, the blonde grabbed up all her belongings, and moved further along the ice, poured some hot chocolate from her thermos, and started to cut a new hole. Again, the voice from above bellowed "There are no fish under the ice!"

Amazed, the blonde wasn't quite sure what to do, as this certainly wasn't covered in any of her books. She packed up her gear and moved to the far side of the ice. Once there, she stopped for a few moments to regain her calm. Then she was extremely careful to set everything up perfectly - tools in the right place, chair positioned just so, everything. The voice came again "There are no fish under the ice!"

Petrified, the blonde looked skyward and asked "Is that you Lord?"

The voice boomed back "No. this is the Manager of the Ice Skating Rink!"