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Official News Letter of the
TWIN CITIES AUTOSPORTS CLUB Inc.

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Drag way Motorkhana
Sunday 19th March 2006
Lauren and her Blue Belle competing for the first time

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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.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ron is away so there is not a lot to report. He did pass on the assessment report conducted by Greg Carr on the Mt Stuart Sprint report. It can be seen further in news letter.

EDITOR'S REPORT

Well this is to be my first newsletter by myself. I don't have a lot to report. A huge thankyou to Murray for putting on such a great event at the Dragway, we all enjoyed the day. I am open to suggestions for the magazine so feel free to give me a call with any new ideas. I hope you enjoy this months magazine. Oh and I can't forget a Big Congratulations to Chris and Gail on their Wedding Day.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

There is not a lot from Chris this month. He did say if anyone would like any information on the brochures received this month, to contact him.

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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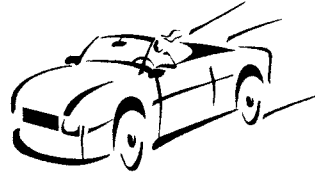
Weight Saving Ideas

Remove one wheel nut from each wheel and valve caps.

Empty out ashtray.

Clothing only weigh you down why not go topless ?

DRAG WAY MOTORKHANA



Well the scene was set, Cyclone Larry was bearing down on the North Queensland coast but that wasn't going to intimidate the 17 keen competitors who gathered to compete in Murray's Motorkhana held at the Townsville Drag Way on Sunday 19th March.

The days racing was held on two different surfaces. First up in the morning were 6 courses on bitumen, the tight course and hard surface made for some great action for spectators. Tragedy struck early for Wade Hickey who snapped an axel on their Mazda 626 in the first run. For junior Lauren Sutherland it was an exciting day being her first event it gave her a chance to stretch her Toyota's legs. Travis Mauger maintained his Crash King title by mowing down a steel barrier pole. With all the runs complete on the bitumen it was time for a BBQ lunch graciously cooked by Deb Melrose and Susan Sutherland THANKS GIRLS it was delicious.

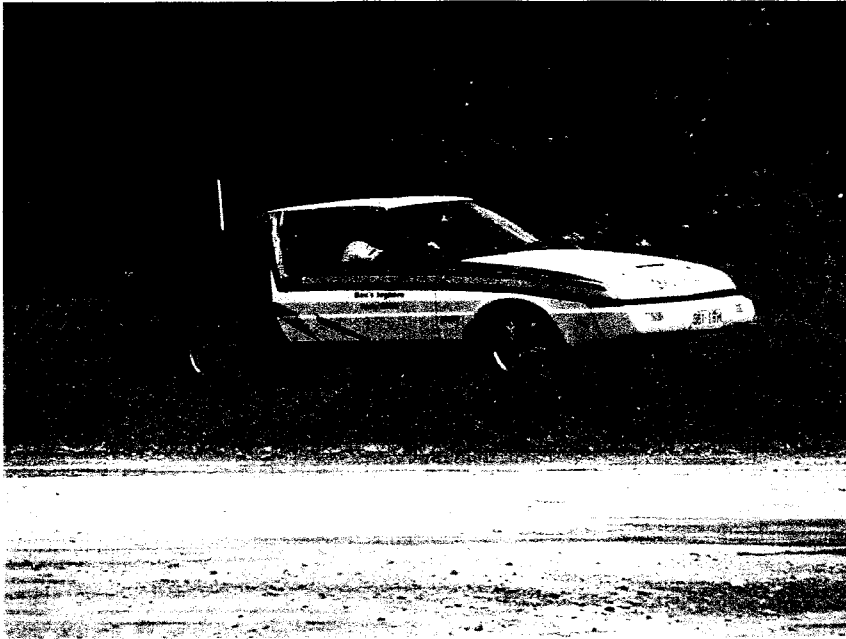
With the heavy clouds rolling in the drivers were briefed on the second surface. It was going to be a repeat run of the morning courses only on dirt. The dust was flying as the first competitors hit the course, sending the time keepers into a frenzy moving the time tent out of the dust clouds. The competition was fierce with sideways action off every corner. Lance Melrose and Peter Hinrichsen had a tough afternoon first damaging the exhaust and later breaking an axel. It became obvious who was fighting for top honours.

At the end of the day 3rd place went to Greg Fitzgerald in a Toyota Corolla, in 2nd place was Boxhead and his Mitsubishi Starion and top honours went to Greg Van Dinter and his Ford Escort. Taking out the junior win was Chris Towner who commented he loved the dirt rounds. Congratulations go to Lauren Sutherland who went extremely well for her first event.

Hats off to Murray Sutherland for organising a fantastic day of racing, which has improved with the introduction of the dirt rounds. Thanks to all time keepers and officials who made the event possible.

We hope everyone involved had a great day and we look forward to seeing you all at the next event 📱

DRIVER PROFILE



NAME: BOXHEAD

ALIAS: GRANT ROSS

AGE: 42

DRIVES: YEAR MITSUBISHI STARION

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE: I have been driving competitively for many years, and enjoy all forms of racing. There has not been a lot of time for competing in Rallies as I have has been organising them for the past couple of years. I do enjoy Motorkhanas and Khanacross, as they are more competitive.

MOST UNFORGETTABLE MOMENT: I would have to say navigating for Rob Ambrose around 1995 in the Kathu Forest Rally. It was the first time I thought to myself **Thank God There Is A Tree** as we plummeted over a cliff. End result, the tree saved our lives and I was knocked out on the roll cage, obviously the car was destroyed.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO NEW DRIVERS: It is always best to have some general driving experience under the belt before adding horsepower to the equation 📱

MT. STUART SPRINT

REPORT BY THE CAMS TARMAC RALLY SAFETY ASSESSOR

On 26 February 2006 I inspected the course to be used in the forthcoming rally. It should be noted that the name of the rally has not yet been finalised, but for the purposes of this report Mt. Stuart Sprint will do.

The format of the rally will be similar to the Mt. Buller Sprint in that only one piece of road will be used. It is envisaged that something like six runs will be made with the lowest aggregate time being declared the winner.

The road climbs Mt. Stuart and like Mt. Buller it is the only road. There is no other access (by vehicle). A section of the road is currently used as a hillclimb course. The rally course will be approximately 7.5 km long.

The organiser, Ron White, accompanied me during my inspection. The weather was fine and hot.

The road is a narrow two lane road with an average quality surface, although the first 2 kms have recently been resurfaced with a beautifully smooth hotmix. The road while not racetrack smooth is not bumpy and is fairly typical of what you would find in a tarmac rally. There is good use made of Armco barriers. However the "end plates" which are designed to be hit by cars traveling downhill will need to be removed (easily done apparently) as they could catch on cars traveling up the mountain. While the road goes up a mountain there are generally good sized verges and there is only one spot where the edge (and a large drop) is close to the road (at 4.6). I don't think we need to do anything other than cautioning this in the roadbook. It is a "rally" and not a "race", and this feature is similar to what is found in most other rallies. The road is generally lined with either trees, Armco, or earth/rock banks. Not unusual in tarmac rallies. It is mainly uphill but not totally and has numerous sharp bends as well as some fast straighter bits. Average speeds will be below 132 kph.

As this was a first step in getting the rally off the ground a road book had not been produced, in fact only broad level planning had been done. It will however be run as a rally and will only accept approved rally cars. It should be noted that the hillclimb that currently runs on part of this road, accepts vehicles without rollover protection. These vehicles will not be competing in the rally. Pacenoting will be encouraged.

I spent a lot of time locating a safe flying finish point. As usual with these types of road there are not many straight sections. I located the flying finish at 7.1. This is on a straight and approx 100 meters before a right hand bend but as it is uphill and speeds not excessive, the bend should not pose a problem. It is a further 400 meters to the stop point which is sufficient distance. However as the bend after the flying finish restricts the sighting of the stop point it is recommended that some method of reminding the crew that they have passed the flying finish and should now be stopping, be implemented. This could be done with signage, or flashing red lights, or an official waving a red flag.

I also spent some time looking for a suitable SOS point. I found one at 3.0, on the right side near an electricity tower. While this tower is well off the road, it would be a good idea to place some form of barrier in front of the tower in case a driver lost control and crashed into it. An unlikely event, but the consequences of hitting it could be severe.

To assist the clerk of course (yet to be appointed) I have written a rough route chart for the stage. The final route chart should bare some resemblance to this: 1.1 Care RGL tightens, 1.4 RGR, 1.8 RG sharp L, 2.3 RG sharp L, 2.6 RGR, 3.0 SOS on right, 3.1 Caution road narrows, 3.4 RGR, 3.8?? RGL then RGR, 4.1 RGR, 4.2 RGR, 4.5 RGL, 4.6 Caution RGR drop on left, 4.8 RGL, 5.4 RGR, 6.2 RGL, 7.1 FF, 7.5 Stop.

From a competitor's view point the stage has nothing especially out of the ordinary and while relatively easy to read it has enough in it to provide a challenge for the crews. I rate it 3 out of 5 for its degree of difficulty and 2 out of 5 for its level of danger.

Greg Carr
CAMS Tarmac Rally Safety Assessor
2 March 2006

- 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

Sat/Sunday 22nd /23rd April – Static display at Mototmania the Showgrounds followed by Promo Motorkhana. See Nathan for Further details *Cancelled*

Sunday 30th April – Mount Stuart Hillclimb Round 1

Sat/Sunday 29th/30th May – Whitsunday's Khanacross, at Ross D'Angelo's property just south of Bowen

May – Possible Social evening at Simulator Raceway see Nathan

Monday 8th May – Club Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 17th May – Fight Night at Boxheads Danny Green Vs Mundine Pizzas are on the menu.

Sat/Sunday 10th/11th June – Kirknie Rally

Sat/Sunday 24th /25th June – Training weekend for Module Rally/Offroad

July – Ingham Rally. Postponed at this stage due to wetness

Sunday 9th July – Mount Stuart Hillclimb Round 2

August – Watch this space for the return of Woodstock

Sunday 27th August – Mount Stuart Hillclimb Round 3

Sunday 1st October – Mount Stuart Hillclimb Round 4



Dates may change without the Editors knowledge

PLEASE NOTE: CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE
\$60 PER FAMILY - \$50 SINGLE - \$10 SOCIAL

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I, the undersigned hereby apply to become a member of the above-mentioned association. In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the association for the time being in force.

Name:

Address:

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Telephone: () (Work) () (Home)

Occupation:

Any qualifications held (e.g. First Aid etc):

Make of competitive car:

Signature of applicant: Date / /20

How did you learn about our club? Word of mouth ☐ Advertising ☐ Spectator ☐

I, the undersigned, a member of the association, nominate the applicant, who is personally known to me for membership of the association.

Name: Signature of Nominator:
 Date / /20

I, the undersigned, a member of the association, second the nomination of the applicant, who is personally known to me for membership of the association.

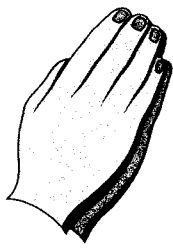
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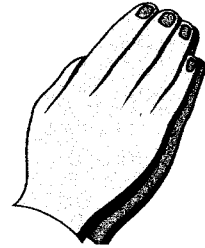
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(1 st March – 28 th February)	\$20.00 / family	(1 st March – 28 th February)
\$60.00 / family		
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(Junior Licenses)	\$22 Level 2NSJ	\$40 Level 2SJ
		\$149 National Rally
		\$77 Junior National Rally Navigator.

NB: 'CAMS Manual of Motor Sport' available from CAMS for \$44 with License + postage (\$50 without License)

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Thank You



A big thank you goes to all the helpers, who contributed in the working bee.

All equipment is now at the container. Another working bee is needed to audit equipment and carry out some general maintenance eg: shelves need to be made at the moment everything is on the floor. If anyone discovers they still have club equipment can you please bring it to the first Hill Climb to be taken to the container.

A great job by all!

Name Change Top 5

It has been decided to change the name of the club. Below are the top 5 new club names. Please note they are in no particular order or preference.

**TOWNSVILLE RALLY & AUTOSPORT – CLUB,
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BITUMEN HILLCLIMB TITLES

Round 1 - 30th APRIL 2006

Round 2 - 9th July

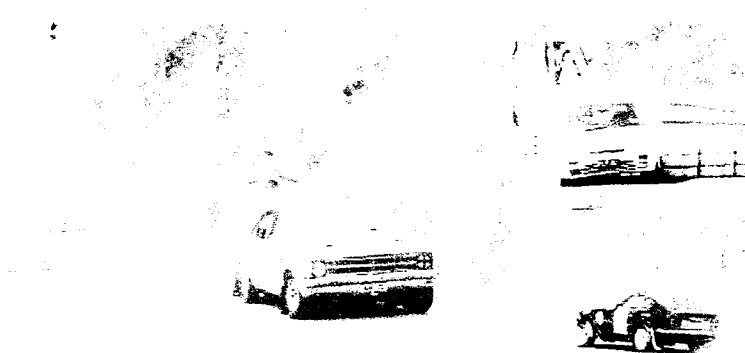
Round 3 - 27th August

Round 4 - 1st October

The Mount Stuart Hillclimb course is on the Mount Stuart access road, is 1.2 km long, has a HOTMIX surface and rises approx 150m from start to finish.

The event will take the form of individual times run with your best run of the day to count.

Trophies will be awarded to place getters.

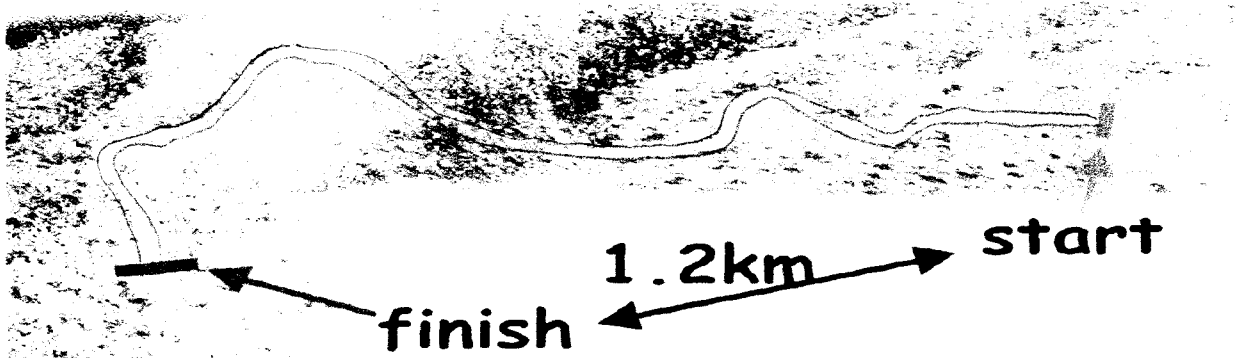


Most Classes catered for.

Day licences available on the day.

Entries are open to Cams licence holders till
28th of April

EVENT STARTS 9 AM
FINISH 3.30 PM



For Details Contact Ron White - 4771 7928

Or

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