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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 has passed on the minutes for the last Queensland Rally advisory panel and Queensland Stewards advisory panel meetings. There are also details for members to receive discounts through Meridian Motorsport Pty Ltd. Details about the above can be found through the newsletter. Ron's president report can also be found later in the newsletter.

EDITOR'S REPORT

Finally we are back on track. The Cluden Motorkhana was a great success once again thanks to Murray for organising a great event; the next round should be great. Herberton Khanacross is on again details can be found in the calendar of events. I am still looking for any articles and anything that you would like to see in the magazine.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Chris has done the minutes and secretary report this month, which can be found later in the newsletter.


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Secretary's Report

By Chris Beckett

Meeting: 14th August 2006 held at the Dalrymple Hotel.

Chairperson: Chris Beckett

Start time: 7.40pm

Present:

Chris Beckett, Greg Wright, Nathan, Ian & Hayden, Nikki & Travis, Stumpy, Hickey Family, Deb & Lance, Murray, Heckler and Tony Anchor

Apologises: Ron White

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from previous meeting read.

Inwards Correspondence

- Cams winter magazine
- Letter from Queensland sport and Recreation regarding club development programs
- Letter from Townsville city council regarding seniors lifestyle expo
- Memo from CAMS in relation to Emergency response
- Information from CATS regarding training for MYOB
- Townsville early Holden club newsletter
- Letter from Dalrymple Shire Council in relation to Mingela
- Shannon's winter auction flyer

Moved: Nathan

Seconded: Greg Wright

Motion Carried

Treasures Report: As tabled.

Club Captain: Good to see support for the BP Cluden motorkhana. All club members to be aware of the club image. Need to be a member to be part of the club championship scoring system. Existing club members should look at being mentors for new members like a buddy system.

Editor: Monthly newsletter will be sent out this week, still looking for more articles for the magazine. Discussion held in relation to if you win an event you need to put an article in the newsletter about the event.

Presidents: Thank you to Murray and Nikki for organising the Motorkhana last Sunday and Wendy and Stumpy for the timing. Good to see a healthy field of entries. We now have approval from BP Cluden to run regular events at the roadhouse and are happy with the way things are run. So when is the next one.

I am in the process of organising with the Police and Emergency Services versus Club day at some time in the future, possibly this year. It will be a Motorkhana at the BP Cluden Roadhouse and can include anyone interested. More details to follow.

Following a letter sent to the Dalrymple Shire Council requesting use of the Mingela Rodeo grounds, I received a call from the CEO of DSC last week advising that at present we cannot use the Mingela Rodeo Grounds (or other sites in the area) as they are gazetted Camping Reserves and do not allow our activities. The DSC have sent a letter to Dept of Natural

Resources, Mines and Water (DNRMW) requesting secondary use approvals so that we can conduct our activities. The off road club had approval to run one event only at the site but have continued to run events there ignoring the condition on approval. They have now been informed that no more events will be allowed until/ if approval from DNRMW is gained. Stay tuned.

I have submitted a grant application for two 3m x 3m quick shades.

I have sent a proposal to ARCom requesting approval to run the Mt Stuart Sprint next year and have nominated the May day long weekend (if there is one next year). I have spoken to Errol Baley and he has agreed to assist with the event (the regulations require a CI Event Director). The ARCom meeting should have been held 4-5 Aug, so it shouldn't be too long before I know what the decision is. Once we have approval to go ahead, I will need to pass on the organization of the Hillclimbs so that I can devote time to the planning and organization of the rally. Please consider if you would like to help with the event.

Social director: Working B on Saturday the 19th Aug at Mt Stuart Hillclimb track to clean up and prepare for the next Hillclimb Anyone willing to help with the Hillclimb please see Nathan Mullins or Chris Beckett.

General Business:

- Recently CAMS has introduced a policy on OH&S and Risk Management. Part of the Risk Management Safety System is the introduction of a Compliance Checker to all Motorsports events. Presented at the meeting was an explanation of the requirements and is to be phased in for our events by the 1 April 2007. It will become another onerous task for event directors, but it's coming so, it may be worth getting use to filling it out before April next year.
- 10% of entry fee's to be set aside for the purchase of land for the club. Murray asks for the clubs opinion on the use of sand at the Motorkhana held at BP Cluden and a discussion was held. (Murray)
- The issue of passenger's assisting drivers in Motorkhana was discussed, as there seems to be uncertainty if this should be allowed, Discussion held. (Deb)
- Still no word back from the Woodstock motorcycle club in relation to holding events there, but will follow up. Have followed up the Black River Rodeo Grounds and should be a going the only issue is the creek crossing. Discussion held (Greg Wright)
- More social events need to be organized to keep members interested and to fill in the caps between events. (Wendy)
- There will be a training weekend in Brisbane possibly late November for the people interested in being a Compliance Checker, Heckler needs three names to put down, names put forward were Murray, Nikki & Travis and Greg Wright. (Heckler)
- New Venue: Chris and Gail Beckett. Sent a letter expression our interest in running an event at the Ayr showgrounds, the first event would be a 2-day Motorkhana and would utilise the local Loins and Rotary clubs for Catering. The proposed dates for this event should we get approval will be the 28th & 29th of October 2006. I am also planning a 2 day Touring Road Event for the 17th & 18th of February 2007. Should this event be a success I am planning to run 4 of the Touring Road Events in 2007. Discussion held.

Meeting closed at 9pm.

- 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 27th August – Mt Stuart Hillclimb For details contact Chris Beckett ☎ 0439 994 934

Sunday 24th September – Cluden Motorkhana @ BP truck stop
Cluden details contact Murray Sutherland

Sat/Sun 30th Sep/Oct – Herberton Khanacross Tepon Raceway
contact FNQ Motorsports

Sunday 1st October - Mount Stuart Hillclimb Round 4

28th & 29th October – Chris & Gail's 2 Day Motorkhana @ The Ayr Showgrounds. Camping, showers and toilets available. Further details to be provided **Watch This Space**

17th & 18th February 2007 – Chris & Gail's 2 day Touring Road Event
(Family fun event further details to be provided **Watch This Space**)

May Day Long Weekend 2007 – Mt Stuart Tarmac Rally Sprint
Watch This Space for further details

Queens B'Day Long Weekend 2007 – Ingham Rally **Watch This Space** for further details

July 2007 – Rydges Capricorn Rally. Further details to be provided



Dates may change without the Editors knowledge

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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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RYDGES CAPRICORN RALLY

29TH JULY 2006

And we were there!!! What's more we will be back again next year!

I will admit to having the worse case of pre-event nerves in the living history... I think they started two months ago when Lance and I decided to do the Rally. They peaked on Saturday morning with two many trips to the toilet! At the media day, the day before the Rally, Stumpy was giving me the drill on vomiting in the car and then on the day of the racing he even asked me if I had been into town to buy a bucket! Thank Goodness I'm not the vomiting type - but thanks for your advice Stumpy!!!

Once I got over my nerves I was really enjoying the Navigating/Rally (I don't know what Lance thought of my ability though!). Lance was driving well, no doubt because he had such a talented Navigator!!! There had been a lot of rain and there was a lot of water on the roads. All the dips had turned into irrigation channels. One of these dips was about 20m across and knee deep in water.

Goof and Richard tried to see how far an escort could fly - they went flat out through a dip full of water, followed immediately by a !! Double caution jump, followed 20m later by a !!! Triple caution jump - landing front first on the second jump and no doubt they shook a few car parts around. They went straight into the big 20m puddle and that was the end of that. Bring on the trailer! We were still going at this point - so we waved at them as we went pass. However on the next stage, we were racing along, around a corner when Lance went to put the car into 3rd gear ...oops... nothing. No connection with the rear wheels that tended to mean that our Rally was over. We were well into Stage 6, with only one normal length stage and one very short sprint stage to go. So close and yet so far. Put it on the trailer.

Ian Ogilvie had some terminal damage to his engine and was going through a lot of oil - smoke screen out the back and apparently spewing oil in the engine bay, onto the navigator's legs and generally everywhere. But, he finished the Rally. Well-done Ian.

There were quite a few Townsville people at the Rally, including the Hickey Family, who drove down especially to watch the Melroses! Oops, sorry about that, I mean to watch Ian, Goof and the Melroses race! It was good to have some support. Heckler and Mrs Heckler (Kay) were there as well.

It was quite an exciting weekend, especially when my nerves settled. It was a shame we didn't finish, but next year we will try again. These events cannot be run without the service crews, organizers and numerous volunteers who sit out in the forest all day. There are so many people behind the scenes as well. I would like to thank you all for providing such a great Rally. Thanks also must go to Petee, our "Service Crew" - without him we couldn't have managed.

Look out next year!!! Bring it on !!!
Lance & Deb Melrose

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