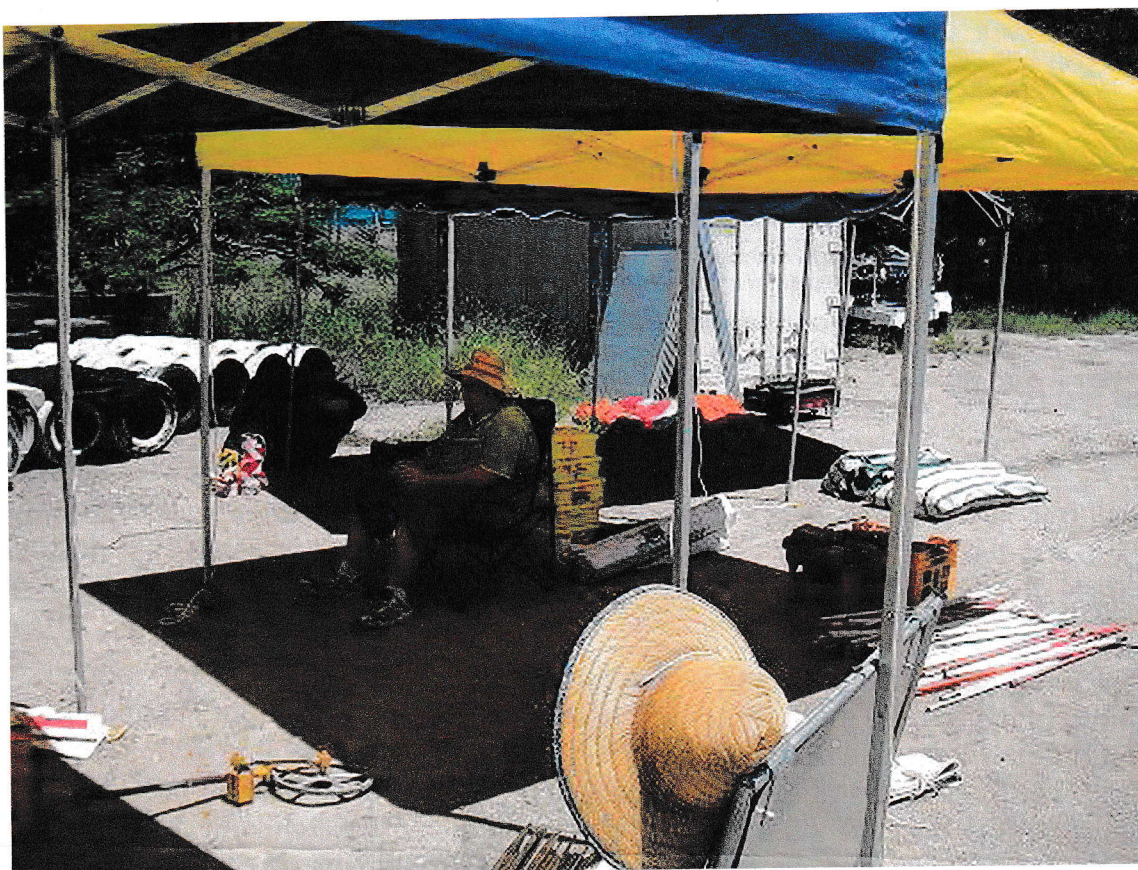

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Here's a nice one of Matthew Cobbing helping out at the container cleanup.

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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.

Editor's Editorial

Well what can I say about my first magazine production...it's an experience!
I have plans to give the magazine a new look this year (I thought I would keep the first one the same as before to get the process worked out). If anyone has any suggestions or ideas about the magazine please let me know so I can look into incorporating them in. As a regular email user myself I will now be emailing out a copy of each magazine to everyone I possible can as well as producing the existing hardcopy for those who still wish to receive it that way. A big congratulations to Stumpy for finally being able to collect on some of that well overdue long service leave from Treasurer.

I look forward to an...interesting...year doing the magazine!

Wade (Swadey) Hickey

The President's Perspective

Thanks to Deb for giving me a heads up on how hard it is to chase reports for the magazine...

Wade

Chronicles of the Club Captain

Well, I'm sorry / happy to say you are stuck with me for another year.

Welcome to our **2007 committee** I look forward to working along side of you in expanding club membership numbers, and social and competitive activities. Members, remember you voted the committee in as your voice and as such, we welcome your views and ideas.

Thank you to all the **members**, new & renewing that made it to the annual AGM meeting. It was a good turn out for an AGM and hopefully, it is the start of members becoming more involved with, and in the club.

Again, this year I will be harping on the **mentoring / buddy system**. Please help each other out whether it be with cars, competing, paperwork or through organisational skills. Young, old, new or renewing members are **all eligible to learn**.

Varying our **meeting venues** (occasionally) - with the success of our Sprint tarmac rally meetings at various venues Ron & I will be providing our social director Nathan with our findings of which he can correlate and put forth to the club if found feasible.

A BIG THANKS to **Ron, Hans, Travis**, Cobbing boys – **Kerry, Matthew & Justin** and Hickey boys – **Gary, Leif & Wade** for an enormous effort to sort, throw, clean, tidy, horde and reclaim the contents of the club container. By the look of the photos, dirty clothes, cuts and bruises and sunburnt skin, mayhem reigned supreme – thank goodness I had to work.

Over the past few weeks I have gathered all the information I can from CAMS to update, renew and create 2 **event director portfolios**. They contain the information an event director will need to follow to organise and run a CAMS sanctioned event.

Members may have seen my own **big white plastic container** full of stuff plus the sink that I lugged everywhere. I have now made up one for the club. It contains (hopefully) all that is required **onsite** at an **event** from entry **forms**, **CAMS** – competition / official licence forms, score sheets, disclaimers, club membership forms, folders, stationery – pens, pencils, paper, tape, tie cables and wire, and 4 **stop watches** plus the 2nd directors portfolio. I will be endeavouring to keep CAMS forms and stationery updated as they become available or are needed.

Please treat these items as if they were your own - they do cost a hell of a lot of money and time to replace.

Membership - due by **1st April 07** – new forms are now in place . There are 3 different forms – **new** membership applications, **renewing** members and if joining as a **family** membership, a form for ALL family members to individually fill in their details & sign acceptance of the club rules. Please fill in all relevant details for our membership database. If you require any of these forms, please contact me.

Database contact information – will be selectively used to inform you of upcoming events, changes to events, organisational help needed and newsletter postage. So to be in the know, **fill in your membership forms fully**, - email addresses enable information to be forwarded very cheaply, fast and efficiently.

Our **website** is slowly being looked at. Our main club contact will be **Wade** who is trying to organise services in his spare time. Wade will keep you updated on progress.

We are still meeting **Thursday nights** for the organisation of the **Mt Stuart Sprint – Tarmac Rally**. If you can make it, please **come along**, all input is valuable and very much appreciated. Your knowledge or skills may be just what the event is lacking or needing. Our meeting of the 15th March had WICEN – Wireless Institute Civilian Emergency Network in attendance. Each week we review what is in place and discuss and implement the next stage or requisite. Again contact me for information.

Several issues have been brought to my attention recently by club members. One has been a lower than desired level of acknowledgement, help, support and interaction towards **females**. An **equal focus** on men, women and junior – male and female competitors would make for a more unified club and possibly attract more members and event entrants. Think about it.

If there are any issues about anything within our club, and you want it anonymously brought up at a meeting, please contact me and I will bring it to the club's attention. WHCC120307 Mob: 0418 254 401

The Secretaries Story

I was told part of the secretaries job is to include a couple of words in this newsletter other than the minutes. So here's a few words..."A Few Words".

Thanks for the nomination as secretary, I'll try to do the best I can.

Meeting Minutes

Annual General Meeting: 12th March 2007

TDRC, Yarrowee St, Currajong

Chairperson: Ron White
7.30pm

Meeting Opened:

Present: Geoff Nicol, Ian Vass, Hayden Vass, Ron White, Ken Long, Leif Hickey, Wade Hickey, Gary Hickey, Wendy Hickey, Aidan Kayrooz, Lindsay Stone, Kaylene Stone, Dan Chambers, Jason Keach, Petrina Gotani, Greg Wright, Nathan Mullins, Kerry Cobbing, Greg Van Dinter, Peter McMillan, Ian Ogilvie.

Apologies: Greg Fitzgerald, Deb and Lance Melrose, Nikki and Travis Mauger, Chris and Gail Beckett

Secretaries Report:

Minutes from previous Annual General Meeting read. Seconded: Nathan Mullins. Motion carried.

Inwards Correspondence:

- Newsletter – Early Holden Club
- Invitation – Thuringowa City Council - NQ Wheels 2007
- Catalogue – Performance Metals
- Catalogue – Empire Office Furniture
- Catalogue – Aon Insurance
- Magazine – Variety Australia
- Entry Brochure – Suncoast Classic Rally

Club Position Nominations:

Positions Accepted:-

President: Ron White

Vice President: Greg Van Dinter

Secretary: Leif Hickey

Treasurer: Kerry Cobbing

Club Captain: Wendy Hickey

Editor: Wade Hickey

Social Director: Nathan Mullins

Publicity Officer: Greg Fitzgerald

Committee Member: Greg Wright

Committee Member: Gary Hickey

Committee Member: Ken Long

Treasurers Report:

- Motion moved to accept financial audit. Seconded: Gary Hickey. Motion carried.
- New members names read.
- Financial records are open for inspection.
- Ron thanked Ken for 15 years of service as Club Treasurer.

Club Captains Report:

Nothing to report

Editors Report:

Going to try and send newsletter out as both email and hardcopy. Please let Wade know how you would like to receive your newsletter.

Publicity Officers Report:

Not Available.

Social Report:

- What type of interest is there to run an education workshop on own cars a few days before an event.
- Require venue ideas, need to get club members input as it is for the club members.

Presidents Report:

- Attended Townsville City Council Sports Summit at Jupiters. Look at what has been planned for the next decade.
- Will attend a meeting with Mayor Mooney this week regarding development plans for Mount Stuart. Such issues that will be raised include motor sport venues and potential for land at Woodstock.
- Thanks to those who helped at the container cleanup on the weekend.
- Raised issue about raising or keeping the same membership fees. Put to members for thoughts and input. Motions Raised:-
Motion 1: Membership fees to stay at present fee structure. Raised: K Cobbing. Seconded L Stone. Motion carried.
Motion 2: Prorata membership fees if joining after due date. 6 months after membership renewal date get 50% discount. 9 months after membership renewal date get 75% discount. Raised: K Cobbing. Seconded G Hickey. Motion carried

General Business:

Geoff Nicol - raised query about changes to stewards names on supplementary regulations due to CAMS. Discussion held. Action: Ron to follow up and clarify/confirm.

Nathan – club car and the ute from Ian Ogilve. Raised question, what are we doing with it and the clubby. Discussion held. Action: Ron and Ian to make a decision whether it is a viable exercise for both parties and then prepare and present a proposal to the club.

Ron – NQ Wheels 2007. Asked for show of interest for this event on the 13th May at Rollingsstone. Action: Petrina and Nathan to follow up.

Nathan – Showgrounds car show. Asked for show of interest for this event.

Greg Van Dinter – Has spoken to Woodstock CWA people. They are happy for us to continue using their facilities once the track is dry. Discussion held.

Ron – Asked for interest from people to plan the events in upcoming months.

Geoff and Greg VD – Discussion on rallies this year. All dependant on weather. To be advised at a later stage.

Wendy – Expressed concerns from a number of people about needing recognition for both the competing and non-competing women. Discussion held.

Gary – Displayed post supports that have been constructed, free of charge by Combined Metal Fabrications, for the Mt Stuart start line.

Meeting Closed: 8.30pm.

What's On!

All dates listed below are subject to change.

Events:

Sunday 25th March – “King Of The Mountain” Hillclimb Round 1

Sunday 22nd April – BP Motorkhana

Sat/Sunday 5th/6th May – Mt Stuart Sprint Tarmac Rally

Sunday 22nd July – “King Of The Mountain” Hillclimb Round 2

Sunday 2nd September – “King Of The Mountain” Hillclimb Round 3

Sunday 14th October – “King Of The Mountain” Hillclimb Round 4

Meetings:

What: Mt Stuart Sprint Tarmac Rally Organising/Information Group

When: Every Thursday Night @ 7.30pm

Where: The CenTen Lounge Bar, French St Pimlico

What: Twin Cities Autosports Club Meetings

When: 2nd Monday of each month @ 7.00pm

Where: Drag Racing Club Rooms, Yarrowee St Currajong

Working Bee's:

TBA

Socials:

TBA

Non-TCAC Stuff:

For any dates beyond April please contact the organising club

Wednesday 21st March – FNQ Motorsport Club Meeting

Saturday 24th March – Marquee Bitumen Sprint Titles Round 1

Sat/Sunday 7th/8th April – Race to the Sky (New Zealand)

Fri/Sat/Sunday 13th-15th April – Otago Classic Rally (New Zealand)

Wednesday 18th April – FNQ Motorsport Club Meeting

Saturday 21st April – Marquee Bitumen Sprint Titles Round 2

Sat/Sunday 28th/29th April – Herberton Khanacross.

A lady was shopping for a turkey at the grocery store, but she couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy replied, "No ma'am they're dead."

The cop got out of his car and the kid who was stopped for speeding rolled down his window. "I've been waiting for you all day," the cop said. The kid replied, "Yeah, well I got here as fast as I could." When the cop finally stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his way without a ticket.

A truck driver was driving along on the freeway. A sign comes up that reads, "Low Bridge Ahead." Before he knows it, the bridge is right ahead of him and he gets stuck under the bridge. Cars are backed up for miles. Finally, a police car comes up. The cop gets out of his car and walks up to the truck driver, puts his hands on his hips and says, "Got stuck, huh?" The truck driver says, "No, I was delivering this bridge and ran out of gas."

Ferrari sack pit crew

Modena, Italy

The Ferrari Formula 1 Team fired their entire Pit Crew yesterday.

The announcement followed Ferrari's decision to take advantage of the Australian Government's Work for the Dole Scheme and hire unemployed aboriginal youths.

The decision to hire them was brought on by a recent documentary on how aboriginal youths were able to remove a set of car wheels in less than 6 seconds without proper equipment, whereas Ferrari's existing crew can only do it in 8 seconds with millions of dollars of hi-tech gear.

This was thought to be an excellent yet bold move by Ferrari Management. As most races are won or lost in the pits, Ferrari would have an advantage over every other team.

However Ferrari got more than they bargained for. During the Aborigines first practice session, not only were the Crew able to change the tyres in under 6 seconds, but within 12 seconds they had resprayed, rebadged and sold the vehicle to the McLaren Team for four dozen cans of VB, a carton of Wirfield Blue and 4 litres of turpentine.

- AAP-Reuters, July 21, 2003

If you have any funny jokes or old stories PLEASE send them to me so I can include them in the magazine and hopefully provide everyone with a bit of comical relief.

TECHNICAL BULLETIN**APPAREL****AUSTRALIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP & TARMAC RALLIES****REFERENCE:**

2007 CAMS Manual of Motor Sport, Section 6, Schedule D – Apparel, Article 3(c)(ii), Australian Rally Championship & Tarmac Rally Events.

http://www.camsmanual.com.au/pdf/0604_0701.pdf

RATIONALE:

To temporarily broaden the acceptable standards to allow more time for the adoption of new apparel requirements for the Australian Rally Championship and Tarmac Rally Events.

AUTHORITY:

This amendment was approved by the Australian Rally Commission via email vote on 1st March 2007.

ACTION:

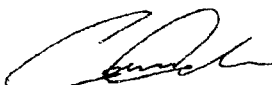
Amend Article 3(c)(ii) as follows:

“(ii) Australian Rally Championship & Tarmac Rally Events:


In addition to (i) above, during all special stages, crew members are required to wear socks and boots complying with the FIA 8856-2000 or FIA 1986 standard.

From 1 January 2008, only socks and boots complying with the FIA 8856-2000 standard will be permitted.”

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March 1, 2007

Ron White
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Dear Ron,

Here's an opportunity too good to miss – you win and your car club wins!

Extreme Motorsports for the months of March, April and May are holding a great competition for CAMS Affiliated Car Clubs ONLY. Purchase any item from our massive range of parts, apparel, competition suspension or competition hardware and you go into the draw to win \$1000.00 worth of Koni Racing Suspension or Murray Coote Automotive (MCA) Suspension.

The winning doesn't stop there because the successful club member will also win **\$500.00 in CASH FOR THEIR CHOSEN CAR CLUB.**

The more times you buy the more times you can enter.

Come and check out the great range we stock including; Sparco, ERG, OMP, Willans, Motec, Terratrip, Peltor, Stilo, Turbo Smart, plus many Street & Performance parts.

Don't forget we can also offer great club nights with informative presentations on suspension & set up for all motorsport applications. Our design experts Murray Coote or Edgar Salwegter can offer you and your fellow enthusiasts an edge in competition.

And if you're looking for a new start venue for your next social run or touring road event consider our central location at Northgate with free sausage sizzle or pizza nights available.

Contact us now to book your club night or just to chat about how we can help.

Yours in motor sport,



MARGOT KNOWLES
Sales Manager

Below is an article found in the Townsville Bulletin on a local racer who is one of the major sponsors of our very own Tarmac Rally.

Ute racing keeps Lamont's adrenalin revving

By JOSH ALSTON



NEVER GROW OLD... Wayne Lamont says ute racing keeps him young at heart

TOWNSVILLE business-
man Wayne Lamont is liv-
ing his dream behind the
wheel of a V8 ute.

Lamont recently returned
from the Chipcal 500 in Adel-
aide where he competed in
the V8 Utes Championship
as part of the Lamont Con-
struction racing team.

And despite engine prob-
lems with his Holden
Commodore in the first two
races he managed to fight
out a tough 16th-place finish
in a field of 30 from the back
of the grid.

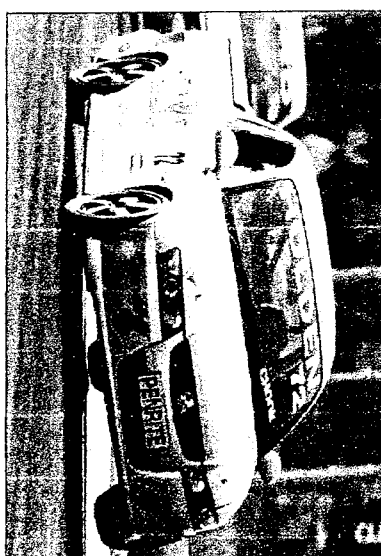
"I love speed and I love
racing things, I've never
quite gotten out of my child-
hood really," Lamont said.

As well as his better-than-
expected finish, Lamont
also turned in the 10th best
lap time for the race.

"We blew the engine in
the first race and the new
engine had a fault so I had to
start at the rear of the field in
the third race," he said.

"I was extremely happy to
finish 16th and it was even
more surprising clocking
the 10th fastest lap."

Ute racing is a young
man's game with most



FLYING... Wayne Lamont and his Commodore ute
contest the V8 Utes Championship event in Adelaide

racers in the 25 to 30 year
old bracket.

But at 42 Lamont is con-
fident he can mix it up with
the younger drivers.

"I love it, it's good fun," he
said.

"It's good to stir the
younger drivers and play
with their heads a little bit.

"I just hang around them
and intimidate them by say-
ing I don't have a care in the

world and I'm just doing it
for fun.

"That rattles them a little
bit."

The next race in the
championship series will
take place in Wakefield in
New South Wales where
Lamont will be looking to
improve his standing.


There are nine rounds in
the championship with
seven of them supporting
the touring cars.

IMPORTANT GENERAL NOTICE


The **Club Meeting night** is 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. If we aren't at the Drag Racing Club we will be meeting at the Dalrymple Hotel.

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