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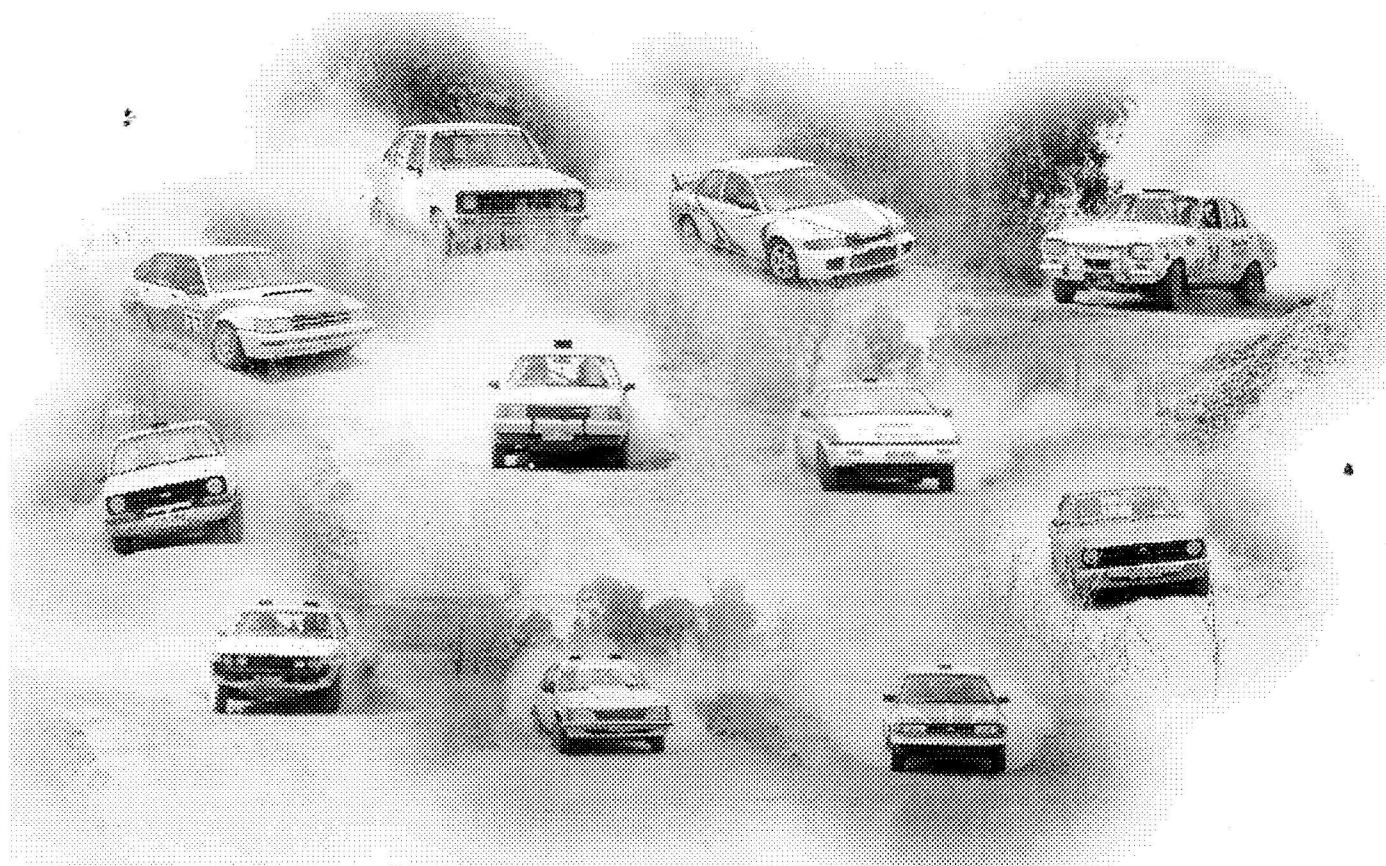
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The 2007 Charters Towers Rallysprint

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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.

Any club members that wish to promote their business please contact me with regards to magazine opportunities. The views and opinions expressed in this magazine are those of the author's and editors and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Twin Cities Autosports Club Inc.

Editor's Editorial

It looks like the club has finished any competitive events for the year (apart from the xmas fun run). I know I had a ball at the Charters Towers Rallysprint and from all reports I wasn't the only one. I must say thank-you to Deb Melrose for supplying the original pics that I used for the front cover...and unfortunately the escort looked too lonely sitting out on the front cover by itself. Hope to see you all at the xmas party!

Wade (Swadey) Hickey

Chronicles of the Club Captain

Charters Towers Rallysprint – Big thanks to Heckler & Greg for a great event. Lots of tall tales, dust, family fun, dust, fantastic food, dust, flies, and red ants scampering in the red dust. Have had excellent reports from all that attended. Congrats to all the competitors for a nail biting finish and brilliant survival rate. Roll on the next one. Heck & Greg I think you have created a veritable monster.

Murray Sutherland – always there, unflappable, dependable and a great cook. Thanks Murray for your hard work as chef extraordinaire and chief bottle washer. You bought the meeting together and helped cap off a memorable weekend at the Charters Towers Rallysprint.

Purchases – we need to look at what the club needs to purchase to keep our events running, make life easier on the officials and ensure the safety of competitors. Anything from chefs aprons to shades, timing and electrical equipment, generators, trailers, signs and cooking equipment. Your thoughts and input is appreciated.

Mt Stuart Sprint Tarmac Rally 08 – watch this space – dates are still being discussed and worked around other major state events. May and June are being hotly debated.

Training – dates are pending – courses are being weighed as to which will provide the most benefit to officials and events and be of interest to participants. We need a minimum of 5 persons to conduct a training session. Please register your interest with either Geoff Nicol (Heckler) 0417 614 663 or Wendy Hickey 0418 254 401

Fun Run – Sunday 9th December Start 3.00pm at Cutheringa Park playground - \$10.00 per car. Finish up at Christmas party Commonwealth Hotel. Contact Nathan Mullins or see enclosed flyer.

Christmas party and trophy presentation– Sunday 9th December, Commonwealth Hotel 46 Allen St South Townsville from 5.00pm til late \$20.00 per person - nibbles, BBQ and dessert. Drinks at own expense. Contact Wendy Hickey 0418 254 401 to RSVP and for more details. For catering purposes RSVP must be in by Tuesday 4th Dec. See enclosed flyer.

Data base / membership – please update and confirm your contact information. If you or someone you know isn't receiving their newsletter, emails or notice of upcoming events or whose membership has lapsed please contact Wendy Hickey 0418 254 401 so it can be followed up on. All information received is confidential and will be only be given to necessary committee members and event organisers. Privacy is assured in line with CAMS privacy policy.

Wendy Hickey Club Captain – Mob:0418 254 401 Ph/Fax/Ans: 4771 3349 or 47254 401 Email:wendyhickey@westnet.com.au whcc201107

Secretary's Story

Meeting: 12th November 2007
11 Jackson St, Garbutt

Meeting Opened: 7.30pm

Present: Greg Van Dinter, Geoff Nicol, Stephen Nicol, Aidan Kayrooz, Greg Wright, Wade Hickey, Leif Hickey, Wendy Hickey, Gary Hickey, Kerry Cobbing, Lindsay Stone, Greg Fitzgerald, Ken Long.

Apologies: Ron White, Nathan Mullins, Murray Sutherland.

Secretaries Report:

- Motion put:
 - o TCAC to accept that the minutes of last meeting be true and correct.
- ; Seconded: Greg Wright. Passed.

Treasurers Report:

- Bank account is looking healthy at the moment.
- Access numbers for new account will be finalised shortly with Greg F and Kerry.
- Club affiliation form is now available from CAMS. Details discussed and organised. Will complete form and send back.
- Asked for any objections for new members looking to join club.
- Motion put:
 - o TCAC to accept that the treasurers report be true and correct. Seconded: Wendy Hickey. Passed.

Club Captain:

- Thanks to Heck and Wrighty for rallysprint weekend. Everyone had lots of fun.
- Thanks to Murray for his help at rallysprint.
- Purchase of various items to keep the club running. Whether it be extension leads, power boards, trailers, generators, etc. Will discuss further in general business.
- Tarmac Rally date. Discussion held as Suncoast Rally has been set for 18-22 June (entry forms already out).
- Training dates need to be sorted out. Heck is following up.
- Christmas Party will be on Sunday 9th December at Commonwealth Hotel (where we have had it previously). Menu passed around.
- Approached the club about bringing back the Members Support person as the club is growing and the time taken to organise the records is increasing. Discussion held.

Editor:

- Club magazine going well. Stories from rallysprint would be great to see.
- Will be strongly enforcing articles to be written by event directors and winners to be included after the events.

Publicity Officer:

- Will look into getting something into a newspaper about the rally sprint.
- Greg Wright pointed out the article Colin Urgarte put into the Charters Towers Miner. It was a great article which turned many heads and created a lot of attention. Thanks to Colin for promoting our club.
- Thanked Heck and Wrighty for a great event.

General Business:

- Heck bought up that we should write a letter to CAMS to strongly oppose the moving of the CAMS office to Melbourne. This will cause major problems for towns such as Townsville which are so far away and being such a small club. Discussion held.
- Tonka Park discussed.
- Ironman Series discussed where and when we could hold it. This year has been cancelled, but looking into a social day somewhere. Discussion held.
- Cardwell and Ingham rally possibilities discussed.

Meeting Closed: 9.25pm.

Joke Time

These men have been installing bollards to stop cars parking on the pavement outside an Irish sports bar. They're cleaning up at the end of the day. How long do you think it will be before they realize exactly what they have done?



What's On!

All dates listed below are subject to change.
Organiser details provided after event name.

Events:

Looks like every TCAC competitive event has finished up for the year.

Meetings:

What: Twin Cities Autosports Club Meetings

When: 2nd Monday of each month @ 7.00pm

Where: 11 Jackson St, Garbutt (Hickey Cabinets)

Working Bee's\Training Days:

Rally Car Maintenance Training. *Contact Nathan (0413 836 954) to book a time*

CAMS Certified Officials Training - TBA

Socials:

Christmas Party – Sunday 9th December @ The Commonwealth Hotel
(See Flyer for more info)

Non-TCAC Stuff:

Sat/Sunday 24th – 25th Nov. – Mossman Khanacross *Tony: 4098 2222*

Sat/Sunday 24th – 25th Nov. – Classic Adelaide

Fri. - Sunday 30th Nov. – 2nd Dec. – V8 Supercars Round 14 (Season Finale)

Sat/Sunday 8th-9th Dec. – Shannons Nationals Motor Racing Championship



TCAC FUN RUN & XMAS PARTY

SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2007

FUN RUN

START: 3.00PM AT CUTHERINGA PARK PLAYGROUND

FINISH: 5.00PM AT COMMONWEALTH HOTEL (46 ALLEN ST)

COST: \$10.00 PER CAR

XMAS PARTY & TROPHY PRESENTATION:

START: 5.00PM AT COMMONWEALTH HOTEL (46 ALLEN ST)

COST: \$20.00 PER PERSON (KIDS 12 & UNDER FREE)

INCLUDES NIBBLES, BBQ DINNER, AND DESSERT

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0418 254 401 OR 47 713 349 OR WENDYHICKEY@WESTNET.COM.AU

Sobering Issue For Club Sport

There are many aspects of a motor sport event which can be potentially hazardous to the general public and spectators, if not planned and managed correctly.

With sporting events increasingly being considered a 'workplace', organisers need to be aware of the health and safety implications of staging a motor sport event, especially when addressing areas that are not directly within the immediate competition area. Organisers must also take precautions to ensure that steps are taken to minimise health and safety risks participants and spectators.

It is very important for event organisers to consult with all persons and external organisations associated with the planning and operation of the event, which may include local council, property owners, emergency services, community or private services.

A Queensland rugby sporting club was recently fined \$50,000 for a breach under the Workplace Health and Safety Act resulting from the death of a toddler from drowning after falling into an open septic tank which was on the property under control by the club.

This highlights the need for event organisers and venues managers to be vigilant on areas that are under their direct control. There are many day-to-day activities in which a club is involved which could lead to injuries in breach of the obligations under the Workplace Health and Safety Act.

Whilst it is understood that some motor sport events may not be considered by civil authorities as a 'workplace', CAMS encourages all organisers of volunteer-based, amateur motor sport to participate in risk management procedures which will assist in providing a duty of care in the spirit of the Health and Safety Act's within each state.

The process of applying risk management procedures will ensure that such a duty of care is being understood and applied. This is done by identifying situations which have the potential to cause harm to people or property and then doing something to minimise the risk and hopefully avoid the hazardous situation occurring or the person being harmed.

The CAMS Risk Management Project is about developing and maintaining systems to enable a "safe event for all" through the use of the risk management system which aligns with the Australian Standard (AS/NZ 4360:2004). For further information on the CAMS Risk Management Project go to www.cams.com.au/go/riskmanagement.

Classifieds

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oil / transmission / power steering coolers
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This is not a "abused" dirt rally shell.
Car is in excellent condition inside and out and has absolutely 'no rust'
Car currently setup for hillclimbs / sprints with front mount intercooler
Original intercooler / manifold supplied for 'Targa' type events
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RALLY AUSTRALIA

Following a request received by i-METT Queensland Group Pty Ltd, the promoters of the Australian round of the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC), CAMS has submitted a formal request to the FIA seeking a postponement of the first Queensland event until 2009.

In October 2006, CAMS reached agreement in principle with i-METT to promote and organise Australia's WRC round and a five year agreement (with two five year options) was subsequently signed by both CAMS and i-METT in March of this year.

Since that time, CAMS officials have been developing the sporting aspects of the event. A highly skilled and experienced team comprising senior rally personnel from Queensland and the former Rally Australia team in Western Australia has made significant progress in preparation for a September 2008 event.

In addition to promoting the WRC round, i-METT also proposes to develop a large tourism precinct in South East Queensland, comprising an international standard motor racing circuit, theme park, hotels, automotive technology park and education facilities.

As part of its due diligence process, CAMS required, and was provided with, proof of i-METT's funding for the overall project, estimated to cost in the vicinity of \$650 million (Australian dollars).

The World Rally Championship project is closely linked to the construction and completion of the overall i-METT project, which in turn is dependent upon various Government approvals that are being progressed but have not yet been granted.

Whilst the receipt of this request is extremely disappointing to CAMS, having regard for the timing imperatives, CAMS believes that the request by i-METT to postpone the first Queensland event until 2009 is in the best interests of the FIA World Rally Championship, Australia's standing in the eyes of the world's motor sport community and the long term future of rallying in Australia.

"CAMS will continue to work with all parties to retain Australia's place in the FIA World Rally Championship calendar and to support the development of a world class motor sport precinct," said CAMS President Colin Osborne.

Nissan Datsun Nationals 2009 (NDN09)

The Nissan Datsun Nationals is a biannual event drawing together motoring enthusiasts from around Australia. The inaugural event was hosted by the Z Car Club Q in 1991. The hosting has rotated between NSW, Vic and QLD every second year since then. To make this the biggest and best Nissan Datsun nationals we hope to attract a broad range of Nissan Datsun owners. We hope that some of your members may be interested in the event. To this end we are inviting your members to be involved in the event from the grass roots.

In 2009 the event will be held over the Easter long weekend at Warwick with the motorsport component to be held at near by Morgan Park. Our club will be planning the usual components for the event including a dinner, concours and sprint event. In addition to those we are considering ways to add something a little different. For example a state based competition where the best competitors from each state face off.

It might sound a long way off but we are hoping to have more than 250 entries from all around Australia so there are a lot of facilities and logistics to arrange.

Please contact me if you or your members are interested in playing a part in this event. We are looking for people to be motorsport competitors, concours entrants, social entrants, sponsors, officials, spectators and volunteers. Entrees for the motorsport and concours components are limited to cars made by Datsun or Nissan however everybody is encouraged to participate in the other ways listed.

Any expressions of interest will be maintained in a database to aid with coordination and communication as our plans progress. Please email any expressions of interest to **gregandmaddie@hotmail.com**

We are also looking for ideas so if you or your members have some thoughts please let us know now while there is still time to incorporate them in the plans. We have arranged a discussion within thezgarage forum. Please post your ideas there or Email them to me so we can generate some discussion.

In closing I would like to invite open and honest communication regarding the event. If anyone has any questions, suggestions or concerns please forward them to myself or Richard Graham.

Sincerely,

Greg Alderding
Secretary Z Car Club Queensland

Excerpts of Minutes

QUEENSLAND STATE COUNCIL

Meeting held on Tuesday, 16th October 2007

5269 Ref. RAP07. 170 Qld Transport Update

Resolved that this State Council notes the SC Chairman's advice that the matter is being addressed by the State Council Executive.

5273 Graham Fountain – CEO of CAMS

Paul Overell, State Council Chairman, welcomed Graham Fountain, recently appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport; Graham Fountain commenced his new position on the 18th of June 2007. In introducing Graham Fountain, Paul Overell related that Graham came to CAMS following many years of service with Victoria's Country Fire Authority (CFA) in a diverse range of senior operation and management positions including his most recent role as Deputy Chief Officer where he was responsible for managing the Emergency Management portfolio. Paul Overell then extended an invitation to Graham Fountain to address the State Council delegates.

Graham Fountain briefed delegates on issues of both state and national importance including that the CAMS Board, Management, and a range of Staff and State, Commission/Committee representatives, recently participated in a two day offsite workshop, the aim of which was to take time out to set the strategy and direction for CAMS over the next five years. The team listened to the results from a substantial body of research into how stakeholders and members see CAMS.

From this information, which highlighted some crucial areas for improvement, the team made some powerful decisions which included:

- The critical evaluation and restructuring of the leadership within CAMS – starting at the Board level and working downwards
- A renewed focus for CAMS which moved beyond regulation and extended to representing motor enthusiasts
- A redefined role for CAMS which will now more explicitly include being a facilitator for a wide array of avenues of motor sport and also motor enthusiasts
- A clear strategy of shifting and improving the brand of CAMS and communication within both the motoring and the wider community in general.

Graham Fountain stated that the outcomes clearly demonstrate that CAMS has listened and is willing to act to rectify the identified deficiencies and deliver a new revitalised product and service to its members and the community. Graham Fountain advised delegates that the first initiative being undertaken involves the centralisation of Event Permits and Vehicle Log Book administration to CAMS' Melbourne office saying that this work precedes the pending development of an online event permitting system as part of the new CAMS IT (Information Technology) Strategy and follows extensive consideration and analysis.

"CAMS recognises that this is a significant task and acknowledges that modifications, refinements and improvements will need to be made along the way as we progressively strive to achieve a best practice model. This is a clear demonstration that CAMS is listening to its stakeholders and striving to improve the way it does business, consistent with its new strategic direction", said Graham.

Additionally, in recognising a number of challenges facing CAMS and its new strategic direction, the Board and Management have announced an organisational review to examine the existing governance, organisational structure and consultative processes of CAMS. The review will involve extensive consultation with CAMS stakeholders (internal and external) and will recommend a structure, governance and consultative framework from which future strategies of CAMS can be optimised. A Board Steering Committee consisting of the President, two Vice Presidents and CEO will oversee the review and have recently appointed Ernst & Young as independent consultants to undertake the review.

A question and answer period followed Graham Fountain's address during which time delegates were spirited and vigorous with their questioning and appreciative of the answers received.

Paul Overell thanked Graham Fountain for his contribution to the meeting and in so doing extended an invitation to Graham to attend future meetings of the State Council.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

5275 Resolved that, arising from there being no other nominees, the nominees for the following positions are so appointed for 2008:

Queensland State Council Chairman Paul Overell

Queensland State Council Deputy Chairman Laurence Svenson

Queensland Alternate Board Member Bruce Nicol

5277 2008 Calendar – 'Calendar Co-ordinating Meeting'

Resolved that this State Council notes that the SC Chairman is scheduled to Chair a meeting, most likely in November 2007, of parties comprising of Advisory Panel Chairmen, event organisers, category representatives and others, as part of the process of coordinating and assembling the 2008 Queensland Competition Calendar.

QUEENSLAND MOTORKHANA ADVISORY PANEL

Meeting held on Wednesday, 10th October, 2007

CORRESPONDENCE:

066 Email from Townsville MP requesting written support to enable funding for proposed sports complex upgrade from Federal Government.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

068 Technical update re Harness withdrawal, dated 28/09/07.
3 point harness may effect Motorkhana competitors.

069 National Motorkhana Committee updates provided by Alan Wheeley.
Compliance Checker is not required for Motorkhanas below National competition level.

071 Qld Appendix to the National Motorkhana Code is to incorporate the 'Entry and Registration Procedure' for 2008. Revision is underway and to be submitted to the Qld State Council at November meeting.

QUEENSLAND RALLY ADVISORY PANEL

Meeting held on Monday, 8th October, 2007

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

161 Ref. RAP07.144 - 2007 Rally Dinner
Berenice updated Dinner to be held 2nd February 2008 at Carina Leagues Club.

162 Ref. RAP07.145 - Course Checkers Day 2nd February 2008 update from Ian Menzies.

163 Ref. RAP07.146 - Getting Started in Rallying Handbook
Panel requests QuMan to advise where this document is as it is in need shortly. Carry forward.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

165 ARCom Update - Nil as teleconference was not held
Margot updated Panel on meeting with Graham Fountain last week was very positive.
Graham will attend October State Council meeting.

166 CAMS Organisational Review
Panel discussed challenges facing CAMS. Panel members to report to Margot with challenges.

167 Summary of issues - ARCom Strategic Planning meeting
Panel discussed many issues from strategic planning. Scott Beckwith offered to summarise many of the issues identified. Carry forward

170 Qld Transport
Competitors have expressed concerns at lengthy delays in obtaining rally permit and dedicated rally registration. Panel believes that currently an unresolved matter is contributing to unnecessary delays in obtaining registration. Panel requests an update from the Qld State Council Executive regarding progress of the matter.

The Twin Cities Autosports Club is seeking expressions of interest from businesses within the club or involved with motorsport to have a nominated space allocated (in black & white) in the magazine advertising their business/services. This will be free. Anyone wishing to advertise please contact the Wheelspin Editor or Club Captain (details can be found on page 2).

IMPORTANT GENERAL NOTICE

The Club Meeting night is the 2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH, at 11 Jackson St Garbutt (Hickey Cabinets)

If the meeting night falls on a Public Holiday, the meeting will be on the Tuesday night instead. If you are unable to find the meeting, please contact one of the board members (details on page 2).

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