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The Juniors are out in force and they mean business...so watch out!!

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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

Gees this year seems to be going fast...this is my 4th magazine for the year already!

Next months edition of wheelspin may be a little late as the Hickey family are off to New Zealand to support the local boys in their attempt to conquer the Otago Rally. Then when we get back we will have about a day to get the mighty mazda ready for the 2-day Khanacross at Charters Towers.

Speaking of which...this will be our first dirt event for 2008...so I hope all you dirt boys dust off the cobwebs and come out for a play!!

Happy Racing Everyone!!

Wade (Swadey) Hickey

Presidents Perspective

Well it is that the again For those who do not attend meetings the last one was quite a success as Yuna, but on a sausage sizzle prior to the meeting starting. The one important thing that has happened is that the club has bought a new vehicle. You can expect to see it around at the various events. It will not be stored like the datto. Cams invited a plub president down to Brisbane to here about the restructure of CAMS if anyone is interested give me a call to get a update. It is unfortunate but the Rally Sprint Senes has to be cancelled, this does not mean there will be no more rally sprints, it just means the series as such has been canned owning to us still not having grounds.

On the land side, we have had some positive news come out of charters towers Colin on behalf of the club had a meeting with the council out there to inspect our possible new grounds. The tarmac rally is rolling along and looks like being a good event. The clubs web page is doing quite well down south as I am getting good phone calls and a possible couple of new members.

On closing there a couple of things I have to bring up. The first is Working Bees it would be nice if all the drivers who compete in our events could lend a hand for a few hours. The event in particular is the hillclimb, if we had more people attend it would make the directors job a hell of a lot easier. The course would end up being a lot safer. The Working Bees are usually held one week prior to the event. So get on the phone and call the director to see what you can do. The last thing is IF ANYONE HAS ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT ANY DIRECTOR, CLUB OFFICAL OR CLUB MEMBER I DO NOT WANT IT BOUGHT UP AT A CLUB MEETING WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT OR COMMITTEE as it only causes rifts in the club which we can do without.

See you at the next meeting or event Greg Wright

Rally Quotes

Quote 1: There are only 2 things you need in a tool box. WD40 and Race tape. If it isn't moving and it should, spray it with WD40 and if it is moving and it shouldn't, tape it.

Quote 2: If you can't fix it with a hammer, it's an electrical problem

Chronicles of the Club Captain

Club meetings – Thanks Murray for giving us food for thought at our last general meeting. Hit the spot and set the night for some camaraderie. Great to see a few old... sorry.... onger term members returning to the fold. If you have any ideas that we add interest variety and amity to our general meetings please let Greg and his committee know.

Events organized; with fingers crossed in February, seem to be hitting a bit of an ant hill at the moment for various reasons. The Rally Sprint Series has been cancelled for this year after a very promising lead up with the proposed venue having changing ownership. Fortunately *rally sprints* are still on the agenda, so check our web site and stay tuned for dates and venues. Goof's Kirknie Station Rally is under a cloud after the massive rains we had in the early part of the year playing havoc with our tracks. Cardwell Rally is still pending with some heavy investigation and frantic calls being made to the right authorities. Again stay tuned, as soon as we know anything we will let you know.

Motorkhanas are still gaining momentum with Murray looking at filling any breaches in our calendar with BP Cluden Motorkhana meetings. Whispers doing the rounds at the moment about a spur of the moment **dirt** based event for **May**. With dirt events so few and far between please help out and support this event in any way you can. Information will be sent out as it comes to hand

Dirt vs Bitumen boys and girls— each to his/her own but remember events don't run by themselves. Both need organizers, officials, entrants, working bees and setup/packup at venues. Try helping out at your un-preferred event choice, show some club solidarity, you might even learn and grow to like the "other" events. Many of our dirt and bitumen events are organized and run by the same few people often to the detriment of competing themselves. Just once a year help out.

Mt Stuart Sprint Tarmac Rally – drawing closer with organization well under way. We will be on the lookout for a variety of accredited and trainee officials very soon. If not entering, please give some thought to volunteering some help on the mountain. Check out other regional club events - Whitsundays, Herberton and Mossman— we all try to work in with each other to provide you with a variety of action without too much clashing of dates. By supporting each other, be it by competing or officialling, our favourite motorsports can only grow in strength and hopefully gain the general public backing we so greatly need.

Which leads me to the **Twin Cities Autosports Club Inc**, now to be known as the **Townsville City Autosports Club Inc**. So hang onto your hats for a big re-launch of the club name and its new logo over the next few months..... after legalities have been attended to. Aaaahhhh council amalgamation.

Complaints personal or otherwise please direct to whom ever you feel most comfortable with on your nominated committee. Often a quiet chat, a different prospective and reassurance can alleviate a volatile confrontation in front of an unsuspecting viewing audience

If you are the **organizer/director** of an event please send me a full list of all competitors' names and finishing positions and officials' names and positions held at the event. All go towards the end of year **club awards**.

Lastly, don't forget to regularly check the CAMS website for updates, our club website www.tcac.net.au for the latest information and in May the New Zealand Otago Rally website for regular updates on fellow club members who are racing. Good luck Phil and Fitzy, Goof and Stump, Keachy and Pete and KC and Maryanne.....some achievement for a small club.

Wendy Hickey 0418 254 401 <u>wendyhickey@westnet.com.au</u> whcc200408 PS: Bye DATtoSUN hello cUTEsy

Publicity Goes Public

Hi Everyone,

Don't forget to support the people that support our club.

Bayswater Road Radiators has kindly donated the middle section of their front page ad in the Sun newspaper advertising our next event, but that doesn't mean you have to let Casey win.

I have also have had a good response from one of the journalists at the Sun and she is going to do what she can to have a story on each event in the lead up paper.

The Courier Mail has been running a feature or paragraph, depending on space in the Car Liftout section of the Saturday edition of each event so that is good publicity down in South East Qld as a lot of people are looking at coming up for our hill climbs as they want new tracks to run on. We also had a line in AutoAction the week of the last hillclimb in their "Whats On" section. Don't forget to tell everyone about our web site www.tcac.net.au as it has all of our upcoming events and photos from previous events on it. This is a good way to let people know what sort of vehicle can run in the competition, and what the different events are all about.

Check out the back page of this weeks edition of the Townsville Sun.

Thanks Gary

Secretary's Story

Meeting: 14th April 2008

11 Jackson St, Garbutt

Meeting Opened: 7.18pm

Present: Kerry Cobbing, Gary Hickey, Wendy Hickey, Leif Hickey, Wade Hickey, Nathan Mullins, Ken Long, Greg Wright, Greg Van Dinter, Murray Sutherland, Susan Sutherland, Lauren Sutherland, Ashley Sutherland, Travis Mauger, Nikki Mauger, Sam Woodger, Peter Trezona, Deb Melrose, Ron White, Aidan Kayrooz, Daniel Weller.

Secretaries Report:

- Motion put:

TCAC to accept that the minutes of last meeting be true and correct.
 Seconded: Nathan. Passed.

Treasurers Report:

- Very little came in for March, but there were many expenses.
- At present 67 people have renewed their membership, there is still a lot outstanding. Please pay your membership as soon as possible.
- New members presented to club.
 - o Moved: Kerry, Seconded: Murray, Motion Passed.
- We will put 6 months registration on club car to see it through while we work out what happens to it. Paperwork for new club ute still being sorted out for change of ownership, but club has purchased it.

Club Captain:

- Very good to see high attendance at meetings.
- Thanked Murray for putting on a barbeque.
- Thanked Kerry for handing slips regarding the club point score system for the last few events he has held. If everyone could follow it would be appreciated.

Editor:

- Supp regs and entry forms up on website.
- Photos of events on website at a lower resolution. This is only a small selection, if anyone would like higher resolution or to see the full selection, please contact either Leif or Wade.

Publicity:

- Bob at Bayswater Radiators has given us his ad on the front page of the Sun newspaper to promote events. Thanks goes to him.
- Local and State newspapers have received information on past and future events.
 Hopefully we will see our events being showcased widely.

Social:

- Strand sign on day was a poor showing to start with. It was a disappointment to see such a lack of attendance. There was a lot of attention from the public.

Motion: Murray

o TCAC to accept reports. Seconded: Nathan. Passed.

President:

- The club has a new club vehicle, as mentioned earlier. It is to replace the existing club car, as this one was no longer a viable investment for the club. We will sell off the cub car.

 Kalpower will no longer be coming under AASA, it will now fall under the CAMS banner. The event is shaping up to be a good event. For further information

contact Greg Wright.

- Rallysprint series has been cancelled for this year due to issues with land. Individual rallysprints will run when land is available. Whitsundays are able to access land so we may see events popping up there soon. A letter from Colin Urgarte was read regarding use of land in Charters Towers.

Greg was able to attend a CAMS conference in Brisbane on behalf of TCAC. A

detailed briefing of the conference was given.

General Business:

- Ron Tarmac Rally supp regs. We have received quotes for the use of ambulances for the two day event. Because it is a two day event, there will be additional expenses that last years event didn't have. We have not received a response in regard to the use of the Rural Fire Brigade. There will be an expense here as well. We still need many more officials, so if anybody is interested, please let Ron know. Further outlined the supp regs and the running of the event.
- Deb Communication prior to events needs to be looked at for helpers. If everyone could communicate it will save many hassles.
- Deb A motorcycle training person from Rising Sun Honda has highlighted they
 will have a large bitumen area where we may be able to hold motorkhanas. This
 will be looked into further by Greg Wright.

 Deb – Asked whether Kirknie will be on this year. Greg Van Dinter replied that they have been flooded out with recent rains and will be very doubtful to happen.

- Herberton is running on the May Day long weekend.

Murray put motion:

- o TCAC to purchase 20 plastic chairs for club use. Seconded: Deb. Passed.
- Nikki Outlined some points of issue from last hillclimb. Long discussion held.
- Murray Talked about possibility of using weekends set aside for cancelled events such as Rallysprint for smaller events like motorkhanas. Murray will look into holding another event.
- Question asked about DECAMAG. Quick DECAMAG update given by Greg Wright.

Kerry moved motion:

- TCAC to reimburse Greg Wright for flight expenses to the CAMS meeting attended in Brisbane. Seconded: Greg Van Dinter. Passed.
- In light of recent amalgamation, Greg Wright moved motion:
 - Twin Cities Autosports Club to now be called Townsville City Autosports Club. Seconded: Ron. Passed.
- Murray to move motion:
 - TCAC to allocate funds towards a budget in advertising the club name change. Seconded: Greg Wright. Passed.

- Murray Will approach Ayr Showgrounds to see if we can utilise their facilities again. Murray to follow up further.
- Greg Before events, SeaFM have been broadcasting the Gary and Murray promoting events. 4TTT will be looked into as they have a person interested in motorsport, we may be able to get exposure through the radio station.
- Ron Outlined the proposal from the luge club in Townsville about using Mt Stuart Road, Discussion held.

Meeting Closed: 8.53pm.

Mt. Stuart Sprint Tarmac Rally Report

Well the supp regs and entry forms for the Mt Stuart Sprint are now available for download from our website www.tcac.net.au

After my 3 months in Sydney, the organization is progressing and will soon need to start our regular meetings to start finalizing things.

Negotiations are still happening with Australian Rally Commission (ARCom) on what Officials we will need to bring up and who can be the Course Checker.

Hopefully we will get more entries than last year and the event builds.

We would like to thank all the sponsors who have come on board so far -

Pickering Auto Group, Key Motors, Lamont Constructions, Thrifty Car and Truck Rental, Kennards Hire, Brakemart, Fulcrum Suspension, Mr. Rentals, Mecure Accor Hotel, Performance Plus Parts, Dynolink, Drill Torque Qld, Applied laser and Battery World.

We will need lots of officials for a variety of tasks so whether you have accredited CAMS licensing or want to become an official please notify Ron White or Gary and Wendy Hickey.

Classifieds

NISSAN SILVIA 2 x Monza Evo Race Seats Engine rebuilt, new turbo. Size: Small Colour: Black AC, Mags, CD. Currently Never been used. registered but will run out shortly. Retail for \$650, will sell for \$400 pair \$5200 one with RWC or \$250 separately PHONE- 0439011083 Phone: Kerry on 0411 491 350 1967 Ford Mustang **KE70 Corolla** Rolling Shell Twin carbies, extractors, welded diff, \$2500 5k motor, lowered. great club car. Phone: Norbert on 0418 774 901 Comes with a spare car for parts. \$450.00 Phone Murray on 0413 528 947

Classifieds

1990 Celica ST-185 GT FOUR

JDM lightweight rally version

Factory fitted close ratio 'rally spec' gearbox

Log booked CAMS rally car

CAMS approved ROPS (Rollcage)

No rust

Great condition

Car has been built for Targa style tarmac rallies, hillclimbs and sprints

Full 'whiteline' motorsport suspension kit, including Koni adjustables

Velo lightweight race seats

6 point harnesses

2 x Fire Extinguishers

Full Engine / Gearbox rebuild just completed

Race bearings (ACL)

Forged pistons (JE) / rods (eagle H-beam)

S/S manifold and dump pipe

5 puck competition clutch

Lightweight flywheel

oil / transmission / power steering coolers

Brake upgrade including pagid pads and steel brake lines and full overhaul

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

Near new set Dunlop R tarmac race tyres

Spare set wheels

Car has good horsepower but further development is avail with ECU or bigger turbo

Competed in Targa Tasmania in 2005

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Sean Tiernan 0400 055 279

What's On!

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

Events:

Sunday 4th May 08 - Mt Stuart Hillclimb Round 2 Kerry (4775 2999)

Sat-Sunday 24th-25th May 08 - Charters Towers Khanacross Murray (4788 8750)

Sat-Sunday 7th-8th June 08 - Mt Stuart Sprint Tarmac Rally Ron (0438 710 262)

Sunday 3rd August 08 - Mt Stuart Hillclimb Round 3 Kerry (4775 2999)

Sunday 12th October 08 - Mt Stuart Hillclimb Round 4 Kerry (4775 2999)

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:

CAMS Certified Officials Training - TBA Geoff Nicol (0417 614 663

Non-TCAC Stuff:

Sunday 27th April 08 – Mossman Khanacross Saturday 10th May 08 – CQP Kalpower Invitational Rally

Saturday 24th May 08 – Sea FM Bitumen Sprint Series Round 2

Saturday 21st June 08 – Sea FM Bitumen Sprint Series Round 3

Sat-Sunday 26th-27th July 08 – Sea FM Bitumen Sprint Series Round 4 & 5

Saturday 23rd August 08 – Sea FM Bitumen Sprint Series Round 6

Saturday 4th October 09 - Sea FM Bitumen Sprint Series Round 7

Event Permit System Improvements Identified

CAMS Media Release 15 Apr 2008

The processing of event permits has now been centralised for a few months. During this time a number of suggested improvements have been identified by event organisers and the permit team. CAMS is now in the process of actioning these improvements to make the system more user friendly for all involved.

A Reference Group has been established to work in partnership with the permit team to implement the following three part project.

Part 1: Report Rationalisation

Part 2: Standardisation of Supplementary Regulations (including standing and series regulations)

Part 3: Transfer to an Online Environment

The Reference Group, consisting of participants representing various disciplines drawn from each state, has already held its first teleconference.

Reference Group Members:

(VIC) Darren Snooks, Marilyn Emmins, Jim Reark, (TAS) John Palmer, (SA) Jason Lange, Kathy Schmidt, Adrian Flynn, (WA) Karl Drummond, Ann Percival, (QLD) Graeme Offer, Geoff Nicol, Ann Thomson, (NSW) Adrian Dudok, Geoff Arnold and John Young.

CAMS CEO Graham Fountain acknowledged "The process has achieved its objective of allowing us to fully understand and appreciate the differences that have previously existed and to work towards establishing a standard process and system nationally, prior to moving to an on-line environment as part of our IT strategy".

Fountain added "We understand and appreciate this process has caused some frustration to event organisers and is a learning curve for us all, but we have listened and will act to implement improvements consistent with our renewed continuous improvement philosophy".

The suggested improvements currently being progressed include:

- Confirming receipt of applications and providing an indication of our target timeframe for processing
- Publishing a matrix on-line to provide clarity of the paperwork required for specific event types
- Establishing a link which directs organisers to the current library of paperwork
- Expediting the implementation of the simpler and more streamlined Safe Event Package (formally referred to as the Compliance Checklist) for Motorkhana/Khanacross events.

Excerpts of Minutes from QUEENSLAND STATE COUNCIL

Meeting held on Tuesday, 18th March, 2008

5406 Ref. ScAP08.017 - Safety Harness - Test E35

Resolved that this State Council notes that safety harness testing is currently in progress.

5407 Ref. ScAP08.019 - Towing Points

Resolved that the text of ScAP08.019 be forwarded to the Manager Technical Services.

5408 Ref. ScAP08.020 - Race Refueling

Resolved that the text of ScAP08.020 be forwarded to the Manager Technical Services.

QUEENSLAND SCRUTINEERING ADVISORY PANEL

Meeting held on Monday 3rd March 2008

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

015 Ref ScAP08.008 - Targeted Scrutiny

Panel was made aware of two occasions during 2007 where the Scrutineers at an interstate meeting had not accepted targeted scrutiny on Queensland owned competing vehicles. It was reported that the interstate Scrutineers 'had no confidence in Queensland targeted scrutiny''. Panel requests this attitude be advised to National Office.

016 Ref. ScAP08. 011 - Fire Extinguishers

Visitor Allan Young (Senior Official with Qld Fire & Rescue Club) advised the panel that Australian Standards had a clause covering 'rough use' of fire extinguishers, and although it was specifically targeted at the construction industry it was equally applicable to motor sport. Alan Young distributed a sheet covering this standard to members and spoke with members offering suggestions regarding testing of fire equipment.

017 Ref. ScAP08.012 - Safety Harness - Test E35

Panel requested that State Council seek approval from the Australian Institute of Motor Sport Safety for an immediate review of an extension clause to cover the life of seat belts in motor racing. The Panel also suggests that State Council seek input from Off Road and Rally Advisory Panels on this issue with reference to their particular dispositions.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

019 Towing Points

Panel discussed this situation following receipt of memo from concerned scrutineer John Preston and recommends State Council endorse a request to make the CAMS manual clause covering towing point directive clearer. Also seeks further discussion on alternatives to cover different categories.

022 Insurance for Scrutineers

Panel attention was drawn to the issue of personal accident insurance cover for scrutineers when carrying out targeted scrutiny or other inspections in premises that are not at a race circuit or nominated in supplementary regulations. Panel seeks clarification.

023 Paper work with Targeted Scrutiny

Paper work is still not clear and extremely difficult to work with. Requests this matter be conveyed to National Office with a request for a full review.

024 Apparel for Scrutineers

Panel recommends that some uniformity of apparel be defined for officials in the manual. Currently the only recommendation for apparel in Schedule D page 6.8 paragraph 3 refers to drivers and pit crew only.

QUEENSLAND RALLY ADVISORY PANEL

Meeting held on Monday, 17th March, 2008

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

032 Ref. RAP08.020 - Course Checkers Training Day Margot Knowles to finalise ASAP.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

041 Qld Transport update by George Shepheard Panel requests update from QSC following meeting with George Shepheard and Milton Brennan and Qld Transport as to action planned by QSE and QuMan.

042 Website in progress.

044 Panel would like to communicate with rally clubs with possible events for 2009 with possible WRC in 2009 a consolidation of rounds is required to ensure sufficient competitor numbers and officials to cover events and ensuring quality of events. Communicate to all clubs – BSCC, GCTMC, CQMSC, Cap Coast and NDSCC to gain interest in their participation in championship or various series for 2009.

046 GCTMC has decided not to run Rally of Classics for 2008. John Careless has offered to assist another club in paperwork and logistics for the event. Clubs interested should contact John Careless.

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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