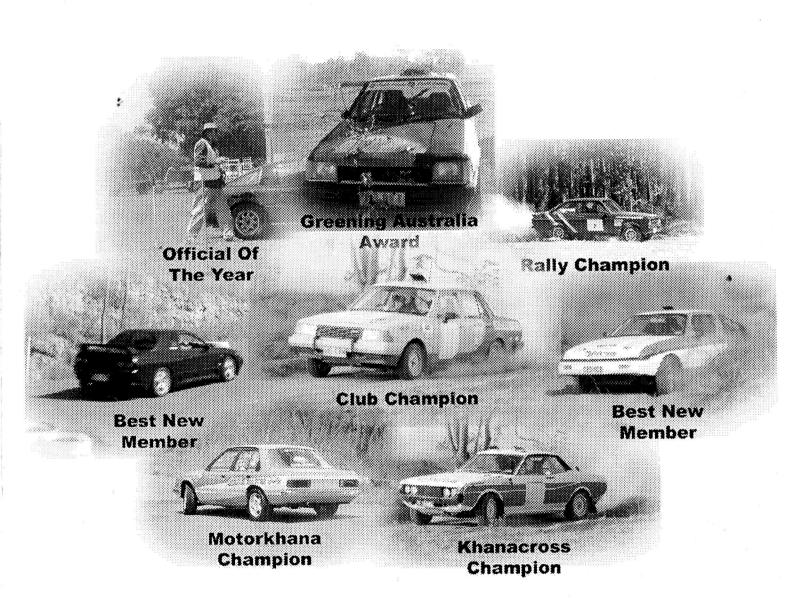
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MAGAZINE SUBMISSIONS:

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

Well 2007 is gone and a new year is upon us. I know the club is looking at bigger and better things this year and without everyone's support they just won't happen. I look forward to catching up with everyone and can't wait to get out there and get racing again!!

Oh yeah...HAPPY NEW YEAR...

Wade (Swadey) Hickey

Chronicles of the Club Captain

End of Year Function – I hope everyone enjoyed the end of year trophy presentation and Xmas party. Santa's helpers were kept very busy handing out some wonderful pressies to the accompaniment of astonished gasps and loud "what the..." Thanks Santa & Helpers you added a little "something" to the night. Congrats to Glynn Morice who scored himself a USB stick from Santa.

Santa's Helpers.....a **big thank you** from Santa and his courier to **Kaylene**, **Deb**, **Sandi and Lauren**. Could not have done it without you ... have to look at getting full outfits for you to wear next

Looks like shaping up to be a busy motor sport year with

Motorkhanas back on the agenda for the bitumen and dirt starved

Rallysprints for the ones that like something a bit longer

Rallies for the ones who like playing in the dirt and

Hillclimbs for the hard core bitumen fans

For more info on upcoming events of interest peruse the Newsletter and contact the dedicated organisers.

Queens Birthday Long Weekend 7th & 8th June – pencil this date in for the **Mt** Stuart Sprint Tarmac Rally. More info will be sent out as it comes to hand.

Club constitution – Ron has bought up that it may be time to **update** our constitution – please note the constitution is **available** for all financial members to *view or get a **copy** of at any time and is available from Kerry Cobbing.

AGM is being held in **March** please consider who you want in the club **committee** for **2008.** Nomination forms will be sent out shortly.

Congratulations to all our club trophy and award winners for 2007.

If you have a club related issue you want raised, or further information on club happenings please contact me.

Wendy Hickey 0418 245 401 wendyhickey@westnet.com.au whcc20.01.08

Secretary's Story

Meeting: 14th January 2008

11 Jackson St, Garbutt

Meeting Opened: 7.23pm

Present: Greg Van Dinter, Greg Wright, Wade Hickey, Leif Hickey, Wendy Hickey. Gary Hickey, Kerry Cobbing, Greg Fitzgerald, Murray Sutherland, Jared Anderson, David Dean, Ken Long.

Apologies: Ron White, Geoff Nicol.

Secretaries Report:

- Motion put:

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

Treasurers Report:

- Discussed figures for last year. See report in magazine.

- Updated Schedule of Fees for CAMS is available from the website. There has been an increase in prices.

Club Captain:

- The gates where the container is, we have been advised that they have been left open. It would appreciated if people could be mindful of the business premises and ensure that the gates are locked if no one is there.
- Airlie Beach Motorkhana will still be on at this stage despite heavy downfalls.
- Queried about how many current club members we have in the club.

Editor:

Website should be finished this weekend. Last touches going on now, ready to be launched. Email will be sent out to everyone advising of site address.

President:

Motion put about cones purchasing 100 for \$10 each. Gary put motion. Fitzy seconded. Passed.

General Business:

- DECAMAG (Driver Education Centre and Motorsport Action Group) update from Greg Fitzgerald. Next Tuesday at Riverway is a meeting. Brief was held outlining the structure of DECAMAG. All welcome to attend meeting at Riverway Stadium function room on Tuesday 22nd January 2008 at 7.30pm.
- Letter from Donn Vidler outlined. He is from down south and has shown interest in attending the hillclimbs.
- If anyone knows where the Traffic Management Report is for the hillclimb, please inform Kerry.
- Greg Wright outlined tender application for land from the council which was in the weekend paper.
- New members and renewal forms handed in for other members.

- Booked in a new member sign on day on the Strand 16th March. Booked in dates for Rallysprint Series.
- Tarmac Rally discussed. Advertising flyer will be going out shortly to attract interest. If anyone can think of improvements or items that would make the event either more appealing or run more effectively, please contact Wendy Hickey.

Meeting Closed: 9.05pm.

A Quick Note From CAMS

Just to let everyone know, CAMS will no longer be outsourcing the production of the CAMS Manual quarterly updates on CD. Melbourne is hoping to bring this function in house by purchasing a replication CD stacker which can burn multiple CDs at a time. Be advised that there is no ETA on when the quarterly updates will be available on CD.

Regards Lisa

CAMS Response to Ron's Letter Regarding moving of CAMS HQ to Melbourne

Hi Ron,

I am sorry for the delay in responding to you buy I have recently changed internet service providers and have had a lot of trouble retrieving email from my previous provider.

It is unfortunate that people have assumed that the CAMS State offices are going to be closed. I can assure you that there are no plans to close the State Offices, they will not close. One of the main focal points of the organisational review was better service to our members.

I hope that this will ease your concern about the State Office closing.

Regards, Peter

What's On! All dates listed below are subject to change. Organiser details provided after event name.

Events:

Sunday 24th February - BP Motorkhana Murray (0413 528 947)

Sunday 30th March 08 - Mt Stuart Hillclimb Round 1 Kerry (4775 2999)

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

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:

Rally Car Maintenance Training Contact Nathan (0413 836 954) to book a time CAMS Certified Officials Training - TBA

Socials:

If you have an idea for a social event please contact the social director. Contact details found on page 2

Non-TCAC Stuff:

Sun-Monday 27th-28th January 08 – Lake Mountain Sprint Sunday 3rd February 08 – Airlie Beach Motorkhana Thurs-Sunday 21st-24th February 08 – Clipsal 500

The Melrose's Multiple Adventures

By Deb Melrose

Boy have we had a busy time racing the mighty Escort on many different tracks. For all of you that say there are no dirt events, all I can say is dust off the cobwebs and go racing – there has been heaps everywhere.

Once the last Hillclimb was over, we have continued to tour around the area having a complete fun time. We've been to the Whitsundays for their Motorkhana – the are a great club and their events are always worth going to.

After that we went to Herberton/Tepon raceway for the FNQMSC Khanacross – another great group of people and a whole 2 days of racing with 20 runs for \$50, huge bonfire with dinner and breakfast provided. Really you should get off your butts and come and race!!

Then we had the rallysprint – excellent weekend of racing. Then, yes, there is more – we went all the way to Mossman to the Douglas Shire Club Khanacross. What a superb area they've got – a track that goes up a steep hill into the rainforest – some fast tracks and fantastic fun. We shared their Christmas/end of year presentation function and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We did warn them that we would be back for the 2 day events!

Then we went to Herberton for their Christmas/end of year "Do" with a few novelty events to complete blindfolded, picking up balloons etc – you know the deal, actually no you don't because none of you were there (except Wendy and Lew – who shared our fun). I could really go into huge detail about all of these events but you should come and try them yourselves. We are regulars at Tepon and Whitsunday events. Mossman was a first for us and we really did enjoy ourselves. Racing up and down hills is definitely different from around trees on the flat. Just to scare you – Lance came up to me after one round and said he was going to join the Holden Stunt Racing Team because he had just done the last rainforest corner on 2 wheels! It was an exhilarating weekend. It took us 5 and a half hours to get there on Friday night but it was worth it. They finished at 3.30pm Sunday so we had ample time to get home. That is unless the highway gets blocked by an accident and we had to detour up the Gillies and down the Palmerston to get home. We got home at 11.15 on Sunday night – definitely a long trip home, but we will return to Mossman.

Anyway we have had our complete fill of racing and we are really looking forward to a full year next year. Rallysprints, khanacrosses, rallies and tarmac rallies, hillclimbs and anything else we can participate in. Thanks to all of you for organizing these events – Douglas Shire Club, FNQMSC, Whitsundays and our club. We have had a great time.

Classifieds

NISSAN SILVIA

Engine rebuilt, new turbo, AC, Mags, CD. Currently registered but will run out shortly.

\$7600 ono

PHONE- 0439011083

DATSUN 1200 UTES

2x 1200 utes

Standard engines, breaks up graded on one ute to disc's, spare engine ready to put in. Need some work and TLC.

2x new front guards

1x new bonnet

1x new front grill and apron
1x pair of new rear tail lights

\$2500 ONO

Call Petrina 0439011083

DATSUN 1600

Heavily modified CA18 turbo. 6 mths rego RWC on

purchase

call for more details.

\$15,500 ONO

Petrina 0439011083

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

This car is freshly rebuilt, well sorted, fast and reliable. Ready for you to compete in any tarmac rally. Outright fastest Rd 2 Mt Stuart Hillclimb 2007

Asking **\$22,500**. Car must be sold, all offers considered. Located Cairns. Contact Neil on 0447 966 554 or neilj@iinet.net.au

1980 TOYOTA COROLLA, COUPE, KE55

1300cc with a down draft webber,

mags and tyres. Great club car for

motorkhana/Khanacross.

The car just won 1st outright at airlie beach motorkhana

\$300

Phone Murray on:

4788-8750 OR 0413-528-947

2004 Subaru RS AWD

low km's, log book. Only real difference between this and the normal RS challenge car is the near new STI close ratio box and 4.4 LSD front and rear (\$10000).

\$29000 but negotiable.

Phone Murdo 0418764226.

Classifieds

Car Parts/Accessories.

- 1) Ford 351 Cleveland long engine. Rebuilt with new +.030 pistons, new GT grind hydraulic cam and lifters, recon heads. Engine travelled only 1200km in XB GS. Complete except for distributor, 4bbl carby and fuel pump. \$2200.00 ono. Proserpine 49452808 / 0409 649001.
- 2) B & M Pro-Comp ratchet shifter and cable to suit TH 700/4L60E Commodore/Chev auto. \$250.00 ono. Proserpine 49452808 / 0409 649001.
- 3) Commodore V6 Ecotec wiring harness modified by Castle Auto Electrics to fit auto V6 into Bluebird or any other other vehicle. Complete with computer and reprogrammed Memcal. \$350.00 ono. Proserpine 49452808 / 0409 649001.
- 4) Nissan L series twin webber manifolds. \$100.00 ono. Proserpine 49452808 / 0409 649001.
- 5) Nissan Navara 2001 4wd diesel rear LSD complete drum/drum. 3400km only. As new. 750.00 ono. Proserpine 49452808 / 0409 649001.
- 6) Mitsubishi L200 4D55 diesel engine. VGC when removed from ute. Complete except for front pulley and flywheel. \$750.00 ono. Proserpine 49452808/0409 649001.
- 7) Ford 289/302 Boss hi-rise manifold, new, polished suit Windsor with Cleveland heads. \$500.00 ono. Proserpine 49452808 / 0409 649001.
- 8) Ford C4 auto suit drag racing. 3000rpm high stall converter, shift kit, B & M shifter. Test drive in V8 Cortina. \$1400.00 ono. Proserpine 49452808 / 0409 649001.
- 9) Ford Toploader . Perfect condition except for repaired mounting lugs. Complete with shifter. \$1000.00 ono. Proserpine 49452808 / 0409649001.
- 10) Nissan Patrol rear LSD suit 1984 ute. GC. \$450.00 ono. Proserpine 49452808 / 0409649001.

Cars.

Toyota Hilux 2000 model 2wd dualcab. 5L 3 litre diesel, 5 speed, AC, PS, CD player. Alloy tray, canopy(not fitted), new tyres, new head, timing set and recon injector pump/injectors. RWC on sale. Above average condition. \$12000.00 ono. Proserpine 49452808 / 0409 649001.

Wrecking.

Mitsubishi Magna Elite TM auto. Recon motor 1500km. Mechanically vg. Good auto. Rusty body. All parts available or sell complete \$750.00. Proserpine 49452808 / 0409649001.

Farming/Machinery.

Oily water separator. Never used. Stainless steel, complete with pump and all fittings in box. Safety-Clean brand. Cost \$4000.00 6years ago. Sell for \$2500.00 ono. Proserpine 49452808 / 0409649001.

Petter diesel genset. 2.5kVA. Old unit with rope type pull-start. Runs well. \$500.00 ono. Proserpine 49452808 / 0409649001.

Lister diesel 6.5 hp electric start c/w gearbox and clutch unit. Runs well. \$650.00 ono. Proserpine 49452808 / 0409649001.

Wanted to buy.

Ford 9 inch diff to suit TC/TD Cortina. With or without centre. Proserpine 49452808 / 0409649001.

TO ALL CAMS CLUBS

ACROSS AUSTRALIA

re: 2008 FORMULA 1tm ING Australian Grand Prix



Dear fellow CAMS members,

A few changes are anticipated for the 2008 FORMULA 1tm ING Australian Grand Prix and some of them will expand the opportunity for clubs and interested CAMS members to get involved with this incredible event.

Experienced race officials have always been welcome at the event and we have some twelve hundred participating year after year so I guess we are doing something right.

In addition, we also have some roles for volunteers who do not have experience and we are looking to CAMS clubs to help us fill some of these roles. What is required is assistance with co-ordination of the Support Event categories in their paddock areas, and also with their movement on and off the track. In some cases, there are also opportunities to assist the trackside teams by maintaining security in the Marshal Zone between the track and the spectator areas.

Either individual volunteers, or groups of members from a particular club will be most welcome. The event is spread from March 13 to March 16 this year. Uniforms and lunches are provided and we can assist with the issue of Official's Licences if necessary.

I have included a letter to interested persons, and also an Application Form to be completed and returned. To take your interest further, please contact me at the email address below. I will happily discuss the roles, and the potential for your club, and see where we can take it.

For further detail of the event, visit www.cams.com.au/go/agp

For further contact, use the Email address = agpofficials@cams.com.au,

Yours sincerely,

Peter Nelson

Secretary of the Meeting

2008 FORMULA 1tm ING Australian Grand Prix.

Coates Rally Queensland Letter

Hi all,

I trust you and yours had an enjoyable Festive Season, that Santa was particularly good to you, and that 2008 will be all you want it to be.

....and now to the very important news...

In a nutshell, and for reasons which will soon be announced in Media Releases, coates Rally Queensland will now be held from **20-22 June 2008** in place of the March date we have been working on. Please note your diaries accordingly and advise members of your respective teams. The SunCoast Classic Tarmac Rally was originally to run from 18 - 22 June, but has been deferred to 2009.

The date change for Rally Q, which was instigated by ARCom and Rallycorp, was discussed and negotiated over the Christmas/New Year period, and has been agreed to our major stakeholders, including coates, Maroochy Tourism, Pacific Ford and SurfAir. I do apologise for not advising you of this until now, but I had to get a "number of ducks in a row' before I could do so.

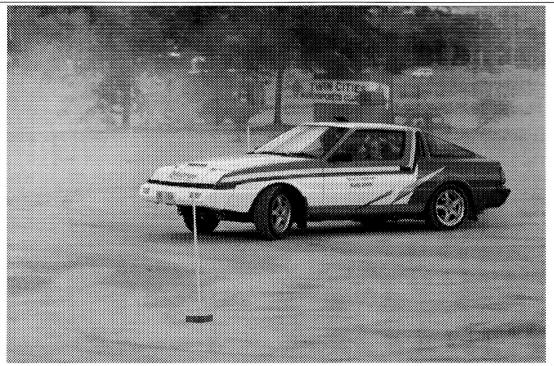
So instead of telling you that we have only 8 weeks to go before the event start at the Pacific Ford Shootout at Nambour, I can now say we have 23 - that time will pass quickly enough, and we must use the extra 15 weeks to make sure everything is in place to ensure our 2008 event is the best ever.

Naturally the training weekend planned for 16/17 February will be shifted to a later date in the year which will be decided by the Organising Committee when it next meets, and advised by Newsletter.

Til then Yours in rallying Errol

PS - did you see Jon Thomson's article in a recent edition of "Auto Action" in which he nominated coates Rally Queensland as being the best Round of the ARC in 2007? - heady stuff eh, and a challenge to make sure we repeat that performance in 2008 - with your help I know we can.

Errol



IT'S ON AGAIN BP MOTORKHANA

WHEN; 24 FEB 2008

WHERE; BP CLUDEN, TOWNSVILLE

TIME; 10AM TO 3PM

COST; \$50.00 ADULTS \$25 JUNIORS

SCRUTNEERING; 9.00AM TO 10.00AM

The motorkhana will go ahead rain hail or shine.

There will be a couple of changes this year, as we had some complaints last year. There will be zero tolerance for people who just want to do **burnouts**. There will also be some more tyre barriers, so keep your eyes open.

FOR MORE INFO; Contact Murray Sutherland on 07 4788-8750 or 0413-528-947.

Rally Update CAMS e-Newsletter - December 2007 5 Dec 2007

2008 Harness requirements for Tarmac Rallies

Following a recommendation from the CAMS Technical Committee, ARCom has approved the mandatory use of harnesses incorporating a crutch strap in tarmac rallies from 1 January 2008 which will see all harnesses needing to comply with the Type A provisions as outlined in **Schedule I**, Section 6 of the <u>CAMS Manual of Motor Sport</u>.

Many tarmac rally cars are already fitted with these harnesses and as such will not be affected. There are others however which are not. The Commission regrets any difficulties this may present to competitors, however the safety of participants in competition is considered paramount and this was felt to be a necessary safety improvement.

ARCom encourages all competitors, irrespective of the type of rally event that they are participating in, to give active consideration to the fitment of crutch straps as there is clear evidence that these enhance safety particularly in circumstances where a frontal impact occurs.

Boot and Sock standards – 2008 Australian Rally Championship and Tarmac Rallies

At the commencement of 2007, some crews were unaware of the change in relation to the adoption of the FIA 8856-2000 standard for Australian Rally Championship and Tarmac Rallies. As such, there was a moratorium implemented which has allowed the use of the FIA 1986 standard apparel for the duration of 2007.

We take this opportunity to remind crews in these two types of rally activities that this moratorium will expire at the end of the year and that the newer FIA 8856-2000 standard will be required for boots and socks from 1 January 2008.

Please note that for ARC events, the requirement will apply only to the ARC competition and not any piggyback activity.

AWARDS A PLENTY FOR MITSUBISHI PAIR IN THE AUSTRALIAN OFF ROAD CHAMPIONSHIP

The Mitsubishi Pajero team of Geoff Pickering and Glenn Watson have made another clean sweep of the 2007 motorsport awards by taking overall class honours in the gruelling Australian Off Road Championship.



Six times in the last seven years the pair has won the Class Championship, a feat more than likely without equal in any Australian motor racing series.

Pitted against the purpose built off road racing buggies and modified high performance 4x4's, Pickering and Watson rounded up the field to clinch the award in a season far tougher than usual in their production class Mitsubishi Pajero.

"We knew we were in with a chance again this year but a change in the qualification rules at the end of 2006 saw us often placed in the same class as those with a massive performance advantage," said Geoff after being advised of their success. "It's a fitting tribute to the effort of my long time navigator, Glenn Watson, that we should win this award having announced his retirement at the final event near Goondiwindi in October."

"If people could only see the punishment we hand out to the Pajero round after round it's simply amazing that a virtually standard vehicle can make the grade after several years hard competition and to have it carry us both home to another award is equally gratifying. Our small but dedicated team treat the Pajero like a member of the family. It's a true compliment their time and effort have been rewarded and should be a reminder that one should never give up no matter how tough the odds are stacked against you."

Glenn Watson added, "We headed into the final round with a slim chance we could take the award again but we were never certain until the finish. The retirement of a couple of other favoured crews at the Goondiwindi round in South East QLD meant the award was ours for the taking, we simply needed to bring it home at the finish."

"The Townsville community and local businesses along with Mitsubishi and Falken tyres have long supported their local team in the national Australian Off Road Championship and this is a fitting reward to their continued support," said Pickering. "Although Glenn is standing aside in 2008, I'm intending to be back out there aiming for championship number seven."

The Australian Off Road Championship takes place over five rounds from Easter until late October each year. Rounds are held over two days at Hyden in Western Australia, Alice Springs in the Northern Territory, Millicent in South Australia, Mildura in Victoria and Goondiwindi in Queensland.



GOLD COAST TWEED MOTORSPORTING CLUB Inc.

Patron President Allan Jones M.B.E. Jason Delaney

18 December 2007

Dear rally competitor,

With the end of the year fast approaching I would like wish you and your family a happy and safe festive season on behalf of the organising committee for the 1300NEWGLASS Border Ranges Rally.

It is also an ideal opportunity to let you know what to expect in the 2008 event so here are a few pertinent points:

- After some date changes in the Queensland rally calendar the 2008 1300NEWGLASS Border Ranges Rally is scheduled to run on Saturday 5th April - mark your calendar.
- The event will again be based at the Urbenville Showgrounds with headquarters at the adjacent Bowls Club.
- After considering competitor comments from this year's event, we plan to return to using only shire roads to give you approximately 80km of special stages. Some will be familiar to past competitors and some will be virgin territory.
- Liaison distances will be longer this year but I am sure the quality and challenge of the special stages will more than make up for the longer drive.
- To help you budget for the 2008 rally year, entry fees for the 2008 1300NEWGLASS Border Ranges Rally will be keep **less than \$300**.

If you have any questions about the 2008 event please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Gatton (<u>michelle.gatton@qimr.edu.au</u>) or John Hayden (which email??). Also, if you are not planning on competing please consider offering to help at the event. As with the 2007 event, we are developing the itinerary to ensure that most officials are back at rally headquarters for the presentation and post-event party.

Please stay safe over the festive season and we look forward to seeing you in 2008.

Michelle Gatton

On behalf of the 1300NEWGLASS Border Ranges Rally Organising Committee

Internet: http://www.GCTMC.org.au

PO Box 8582 Gold Coast Mail Centre Q 4127

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).

THANKS TO OUR REGULAR SPONSORS:





