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Official Newsletter of the **TWIN CITIES AUTOSPORTS CLUB Inc.**

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Sign On Day @ The Strand
(And yes that is goof's car over on the right)

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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 looks like you are stuck with me as editor for another year...yay me!!

We have got reports in from most of our committee members in this issue...we will see how long it lasts. If you want anything included in the magazine just let me know and I will be happy to add it in.

The events have started for the year so I look forward to catching up with everyone as the year progresses.

Wade (Swadey) Hickey

Presidents Perspective

Allow me to introduce myself to new members my name is Greg Wright. I am the new president of the club. Before going any further, I would like to thank Ron White and the outgoing committee for a job well done last year.

This year, hopefully, one has any problems with the running of the club and events, that they come and have a talk so if any changes have to be made, we know about them.

Event side of things, we have started a rallysprint series this year. The first one had to be postponed as the roads got washed, and after that the land has been sold. We are at present looking at another block out at Charters which is bigger than the last block, so stay tuned.

Hillclimbs are about to start again this year, as you read this the application for the extension has gone in to increase the length to 2.2 klms. Just for the extra challenge. Tarmac rally is back on, bigger and better than last year, already gathering a considerable amount of interest from down south.

Motorkhanas are back at BP Cluden we hope they are there for the long haul. Judging by the first one they are still very popular.

Khanacrosses, I am trying to acquire a block of land so we can get into these popular events again.

Last of all Cardwell rally may be back on the agenda, a application is in with forestry at the moment for us to use Cardwell again, you will be informed more about this event as time goes on.

To close just a reminder the club can not exist on competitors alone, we need helpers so if you can help please do so.

Thank You
Greg Wright.

Publicity Goes Public

Hi everyone thank you for voting me in. First thing is that I would like you to send to me anything that needs to go out including flyers. I will endeavor to get as much coverage as possible as I feel that is part of my job as some email lists have addresses that only require certain items. We had Murray on SeaFM 100.7 on Thursday and myself on Friday getting airtime for the promotion day last Sunday.

Gary Hickey

Chronicles of the Club Captain

Welcome to the new membership year

The 2008 club committee has a few new faces on it this year. Check out the committee members list for all the names and positions.

Greg Wright has stepped in as **President** allowing Ron to take a bit more of a relaxed approach to club activities as **Vice President**.

A big Thank you goes out to **Ron** for the many hours of tireless work he has put into the club over the past few years. I'm sure Ron will be called on regularly for ongoing advice and guidance.

Our first committee meeting for the year has been held with a variety of ideas and proposals being looked at closely. Once more information is to hand they will be presented at our general club meetings.

Strand Sign On Day – thank you to all who attended the club sign on day at the Strand on the 16th March. Turn out started slow but gained momentum as the day progressed. A particular mention goes to little Sam who's car detailing and meticulous displaying of his vehicle drew audible gasps of delight. With a variety of vehicles on display it showed the general public we are as our name suggests an "auto sport" club.

Club House – has had a bit of renovation work carried out on it thanks to Gary. Nothing flash or fancy just practical. Chairs will be looked at next.

Decamag has approached joining club representatives for their views on the proposed layout and setup of their Bohle land. This is a positive step forward and brings us all a small step closer to fruition.

Venues – we are always on the look out for viable areas to hold events at. If you have any ideas please let the committee know.

Officials – are always needed to ensure events are held and run smoothly. If you are interested in becoming an official please contact Wendy Hickey.

Events -If you or your friends are interested in **entering an upcoming event** please contact the relevant event organizer for more details.

Web site is up and running with a few minor glitches here and there which are being looked into. If you have any major problems accessing the site or wish to contribute to it please contact Wade.

Image – is everything and well remembered. If representing the club or using the club name for whatever reason please ensure you use it in a reputable manner and not leave a bad taste or ill feelings behind.

MEMBERSHIP NOW DUE

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Secretary's Story

AGM Minutes

Meeting: 10th March 2008
11 Lakeside St Garbutt
AGM Opened: 7.20pm

Present: Kerry Cobbing, Gary Hickey, Wendy Hickey, Leif Hickey, Wade Hickey, Nathan Mullins, Daniel Chambers, Ken Long, Greg Wright, Greg Van Dinter, Murray Sutherland, Susan Sutherland, Travis Mauger, Nikki Mauger, Ross Johnson, Janette Johnson, Luke Dean, Jarrod Anderson, Lindsay Stone, Geoff Nicol, Peter Vigor, Joel Humphries, Sarah.

Apologies: Ron White, Matthew Cobbing, Justin Cobbing, Gillian Land, Stephen Nicol, Kayleen Stone.

Chairman: Greg Van Dinter

Secretaries Report:

- Motion put:
 - o TCAC to accept that the minutes of last AGM be true and correct.
- Seconded: Gary Hickey. Passed.

Election of New Board Members:

- Positions nominated and accepted:

President:	Greg Wright
Vice President:	Ron White
Treasurer:	Kerry Cobbing
Secretary:	Leif Hickey
Newsletter:	Wade Hickey
Social:	Murray Sutherland
Publicity:	Gary Hickey
Club Captain:	Wendy Hickey
Committee Member:	Greg Van Dinter
Committee Member:	Nathan Mullins
Committee Member:	Geoff Nicol
Committee Member:	Ken Long
Committee Member:	Sam Woodger
Committee Member:	Lindsay Stone

Meeting Closed: 7.37pm.

General Meeting

Meeting: 10th March 2008
11 Laburnum St Garbutt

Meeting Opened: 7.38pm

Present: Kerry Cobbing, Gary Hickey, Wendy Hickey, Leif Hickey, Wade Hickey, Nathan Mullins, Daniel Chambers, Ken Long, Greg Wright, Greg Van Dinter, Murray Sutherland, Susan Sutherland, Travis Mauger, Nikki Mauger, Ross Johnson, Janette Johnson, Luke Dean, Jarrod Anderson, Lindsay Stone, Geoff Nicol, Peter Vigor, Joel Humphries, Sarah.

Apologies: Ron White, Matthew Cobbing, Justin Cobbing, Gillian Land, Stephen Nicol, Kayleen Stone.

Secretaries Report:

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

Treasurers Report:

- Expenses for the year are rolling in so the bank account is decreasing, but when the events start this should begin to recoup.
- CAMS renewals haven't been received yet by members. This is an issue when attending an event and licences have expired. This will hopefully be rectified very soon. In the meantime bring any and all documentation you can if participating in an event.

Club Captain:

- We are trying to organise quite a few events this year, but so far weather is defeating us.
- Have spoken to Warren Skimmings about tyre barriers being built by the prison. All materials including machinery need to be supplied. If we are to do this ourselves, we need to all participate at the working bees. Discussion held.

Editor:

- Nothing to report.

Publicity:

- If anybody has anything that they would like put around to all club members, get in touch with Gary Hickey.

Social:

- 16th March is the sign-on day for the club. Strand Park, please bring all cars, whether working or not. Its designed to get people interested in what we do and that you don't need to spend huge amounts of money to participate.

President:

- Nothing to report

Motion

TCC to accept reports. Seconded: Geoff Nicol. Passed.

General Business

- As things are coming up, CAMS have changed the supp regs. Any competitors or service crew are not to consume alcohol until after the event. If you withdraw from the event before the finish time of the event, the person must make sure that it is noted that they are withdrawn from the event.
- Permit from council is only interim for hillclimb while the amalgamated interim council is operational.
- Needs to have procedures in place regarding the timing and communication of the hillclimb. Discussion held.
- We are having a lot of interest from people down south for the hillclimb. This is good to see.
- This year the timing of the hillclimbs will use the "break the beam" system, with the "reaction time" system as backup.
- Motorkhana championship will be up and running, discussion was held in regards to the officiating/participating rulings discussed and moved at earlier meeting.
- 6th April will be a BP Motorkhana again.
- Tarmac Rally Discussed. Supp regs have been sent into CAMS as a first draft.
- Promotional magazine received on rallying was discussed. Kerry put motion:
 - o TCAC to pay 10% of overall promotion bill to help support the cause.Seconded: Geoff Nicol. Passed.
- The first rallysprint is postponed until further notice. The second rallysprint is on track though on a new block of land, which is adjacent to the existing rallysprint site. Greg Wright will keep all posted on happenings.
- Cardwell rally can be looked into being held on 12 & 13 July or 19 & 20 July. Discussion held.
- Kalpower is on, 10th May. Its longer than previously, and it is not run under CAMS. Contact Greg Wright for information if interested.
- Greg Wright and Gary Hickey had a meeting with Tony Mooney regarding Mount Stuart, and also thanked TCC for their support with our events. Update given on proceedings.
- Club car needs attention, it is also eligible for club registration. Discussion held about possibilities. Nathan to look over car and give rough costing to present to club to know what extent of work is required.

Meeting Closed. 8.50pm

What's On!

Prices listed below are subject to change.
Further details provided after event name.

Events:

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

→ Sunday 6th April 08 – Motorkhana Round 2 *Murray (0413 525947)*

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

Sat-Sunday 2nd - 3rd June 08 – Rallysprint Series Rd 1 *Greg (0417 609 577)*

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

Sunday 3rd - 4th August 08 – Mt Stuart Hillclimb Round 3 *Kerry (4775 2999)*

Sat-Sunday 9th - 10th August 08 – Rallysprint Series Rd 2 *Greg (0417 609 577)*

Sat-Sunday 13th - 14th Sept. 08 – Rallysprint Series Rd 3 *Greg (0417 609 577)*

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

Sat-Sunday 15th - 19th October 08 – Rallysprint Series Rd 4 *Greg (0417 609 577)*

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:

Saturday 5th April 08 – Sea FM Bitumen Sprint Series Round 1

Fri-Sunday 10th - 20th April 08 - V8 Supercars Rd 3 (Hamilton, NZ)

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

Classifieds

1990 Celica ST185 T FOUR

JDM engine gear box
 Factory fitted 5 speed spec gearbox
 Log book (Cairns Rally)
 CAVS approved (F-RS Rollcage)
 'No rust'
 Great condition
 Car has been built for Targa style tarmac rallies, hillclimbs and sprints
 Full wheelie motorsport suspension kit including Koni adjustables
 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 rigid pads and steel brake lines and full overhaul
 This is not a "abused" dirctally shell.
 Car is in excellent condition inside and out and has absolutely 'no rust'
 Car currently setup for hill climbs / 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 5 Mt Stuart Hillclimb 2007

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Classifieds

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- 2) B & M Pro-Compominator 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 Hiux 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.

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NISSAN SILVIA

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

\$5200 ono with RWC
PHONE- 0439011083

EP MOTORKHANA

I arrived at the EP around 8am, only to find that I was not the first one there. Some people were keen to give the first event for the year a go.

The racing got underway at 10am with 30 entries, what a great way to start the year. We had 7 drivers come up from the Whitsundays car club. Chris Lewis brought his V8 Ford Cortina up for a run, only to find it does not like to turn corners, but I am sure he had a ball.

A big turn out from Townsville, with all different types of cars. It was good to see Nathan make a come back in his burnt orange colour Nissan Skyline (ha-ha). There were a lot of new entries, one of these was Ken Whitby our friendly scrutineer, and there were also 4 juniors and 3 ladies.

Grant Cooper took out 1st in his (girlfriends) Nissan Silva, Peter Trezona took out 2nd in this Nissan Skyline and Joel Humphries took out 3rd in his Nissan Skyline. It must have been the day to own a Nissan. Judi from the Whitsundays car club took out first lady and 5th outright in the little Daihatsu. Daniel Angelo from the Whitsundays car club took out the junior class in his (dads) Datsun Stanza.

We made it through 8 runs, and a visit from our friendly police officers who declined the offer to give their cop car a go around the course, sighting you-tube as a good reason not to. They were happy to see people doing this sort of thing in a controlled environment.

A good day was had by all and I would like to thank Heckler and Greg Wright for being the officials, Kerry, Wade and Leif for giving me a hand with the scoring and Dan Weller for giving us a hand in the pit area and taking the most passengers. I would also like to thank all the drivers for making the day run smoothly and incident free. (Thank You).

See ya at the next one

Murray

SIGN ON DAY STRAND

The day started off slow. The time reached 10am and the only things on display were Lauren's car and the club trailer (pretty sad).

People and their cars slowly turned up, Kerry brought the Cortina and Leif turned up with the Mazda. Soon after that a brand new Ford Cobra turned up and we were thinking who the hell is this? Ken Houghton winds down the window and said "where do you want it"? After we stopped drooling he found a spot and settled in for the day.

Susan brought the VR4 down for me, Nathan turned up in this Skyline and Wade came down in his HSV. That was if for a while, and we thought we were in for a pretty poor looking display. A couple more turned up a bit later, Ross in his Paseo and Sam in the Starion.

A bit of ringing around happened and a big thanks to Glen And Trish from the Cyclone Car club who brought their XY GT down to try and make up some numbers.

A few members turned up to renew their membership, have a snag, a drink and a bit of a chat.

Goof finally got the Escort running again after nearly 2 years and brought it down, come on Stumpy yours can't be that far away.

We had a bit of interest about the club from the public and a lot of lookers. It turned out to be an OK day with 10 cars on display. The club trailer was set up showing up coming events, pictures and video's (thanks Gary and Wade).

We all packed up around the 2pm mark and headed our own separate ways. A big thanks to all those who brought their cars down, came down to renew their membership and stayed for a chat.

See ya next time

Murray

Mt. Stuart Sprint Tarmac Rally Update

Pickering Mitsubishi have come on board with a new Evo X for zero car which will again be driven by Boxhead and Wade as navigator.

After negotiations by Ron ARCOM have reduced the fees significantly for each car which is good news for competitors. Will inform everyone of new info as it comes to hand.

BP MOTORKHANA

Round 2

WHEN: 6 APR 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

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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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