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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

Not too much in this one as the Hickey family have only just returned from our NZ/Otago Rally trip. Will have a story in the next magazine.

The first dirt event for the year was held on the weekend and it was great fun...will just have to pull a plug lead or something on Leif next meeting!

Wade (Swadey) Hickey

Chronicles of the Club Captain

Club Membership is now well past due by date. Please ensure you have renewed your membership to ensure you can receive all the latest club news and can participate in CAMS sanctioned events. Hassle Treasurer Kerry with your membership dues to receive your CAMS membership card and receipt.

Mt Stuart Sprint Tarmac Rally competitor entries have closed but you can still be involved by becoming a CAMS official. Whether you have officiating experience or not, it does not matter, all help is greatly appreciated. Please contact Ron White or Gary or Wendy Hickey to register your name and interest. Should be an interesting event with competitors from northern, southern and central Queensland battling it out for honours. **Meet N Greet** tickets and **Presentation Dinner** tickets are still available and everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Wendy Hickey for more information and to obtain your tickets. Many local businesses have thrown their support behind our Mt Stuart Sprint Tarmac Rally in various ways, please support them in any way you can. Keep you ears and eyes open for more information in the lead up to this major club event.

Whispers of a **Cardwell Rally** can still be heard. Lots of frantic behind the scenes action is happening, whether it comes to fruition depends on lots of "politics", action and the timeframe allowed/required. Stay tuned.

New Zealand **Otago Rally** was brilliant. Congrats to all the Australians who competed particularly our own club members who, we know had a ball. As that well worn saying goes "they all did us proud ". Have a chat to the guys who attended, they have some eye opening "tall" tales to tell. The grape vine tells of a certain dynamic duo named Kenny and Oges who showed New Zealanders what vast knowledge NQ motor enthusiasts have about cars and their mechanics.

A **wake up** call came to us all in the wake of our very motor sport experienced and lovable couple, Deb and Lance's excursion over the hill and far away. Story did the rounds in New Zealand, let alone NQ. And that wake up call – **roll cage, safety harness** and **helmet** – ensure you have they best you can buy with no short cuts. They ensure you can attend/compete at the next club event, albeit with a bit of strapping to wayward wrists. **Lesson learnt** hold onto steering wheel or safety harness not collapsing car roof.

Charters Towers Khanacross was a huge success. More attention to organization, communication, and placement of radars will ensure this event becomes a staple of our club. A big thank you to Colin, Sylvia and the Charters Towers Motorcycle club. *Please invite us back soon.*

If you have any issues, problems, queries or questions please contact Greg Wright our club president, myself or your favored executive committee member who will be able to help out or point you in the right direction.

As always please ensure you represent the Twin Cities Autosports Club Inc in a reputable manner at all times and never leave bitter or ill feelings behind when dealing with people and businesses or attending motor sport events. Ill feelings can linger on for many years. This also applies to dealings within and between club members.

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Publicity Goes Public

We had an article in the courier mail stating that the 2 day Khanacross at Charters Towers was on. Murray managed to get on the radio waves again to give the event a plug. See you all at the Tarmac Rally!

Gary

Secretary's Story

The last club meeting didn't have a quorum, so it was turned into a general discussion. It sounded like it was a welcoming chance to relax and get up to speed with the progress of upcoming events and what everyone was up to. The next meeting will be the Tuesday after the Tarmac Rally, it would be good to see a high attendance from members.

Classifieds

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1967 Ford Mustang

Rolling Shell **\$2500** Phone: Norbert on 0418 774 901

What's On!

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

Events:

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:

What: Tarmac Rally Officials Briefing & Clean-Up

When: Sunday 1st June 08 @ 10am

Where: Mt Stuart Pit Area

Bring whipper snippers, shovels, rakes, etc and sunscreen, hats, water & food

CAMS Certified Officials Training – TBA *Geoff Nicol (0417 614 663)*

Non-TCAC Stuff:

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

Herberton Khanacross **May Day Weekend**

By: Deb Melrose

While you guys were all racing up the hill in Townsville, a few of us headed up to Herberton to have a play in the red dirt. A 2 day Khanacross combined with a long weekend is just too hard to resist. Plus, the thought of camping under the stars, having dinner and breakfast cooked for us and fun company – what can I say, but “let’s do it!”.

There was 15 entrants with a wide range of cars. The club Corolla was there too, just in case she was needed. Nicole was there too, to replace Paris who had died on her back with her legs in the air.

Sam and Peter were there with the Starion, Nikki and Travis with the Sunny and Deb and Lance with the Escort Mk2. As Sam and Peter were “Herberton Virgins” we felt it was our duty to warn them about how nice their car looked and how close the trees got to nice looking cars. They later found out just how close to the truth this was.

We had a lot of fun. A few cars were “injured” though – the Escort broke an axle, the Gemini belonging to “Stick” blew a water pump, Scott’s Laser broke an axle, Peter Hendry somehow lost the whole wheel and brake setup off his Stanza (we did stand around and offer a fair bit of advice to help him put it back on again though) and the Starion – well – on the 4th relationship with a tree (different one each time) they remodelled the front of the poor thing and it spent the rest of the meet on the trailer. Check out the photo of it on the next page! Kristy was in charge of photography and got the perfect shot of it all happening! Perhaps next time they will bring a car that doesn’t look so nice and one that actually misses trees!

But wait! I came first in the Ladies Class and Nikki came second! Travis got a trophy too and Lance missed out – only because the Escort broke an axle and there were already 3 people driving the club Corolla. So he took on a supervisory role. The club Corolla was an “interesting” (another way of saying scary) car to drive. Sam, Peter and I had a good thrash in it so that we could finish the event. It was good to have it there to use.

As I said, we all had fun and now we wait keenly for the next event.

The trees are known for their nasty bite up at Herberton



Photo By: K. Baldey



Photo By: A. Starnes

The mighty Stump and his brilliant blue escort return to take 3rd place honours and show the young-ins how a Khanacross is done

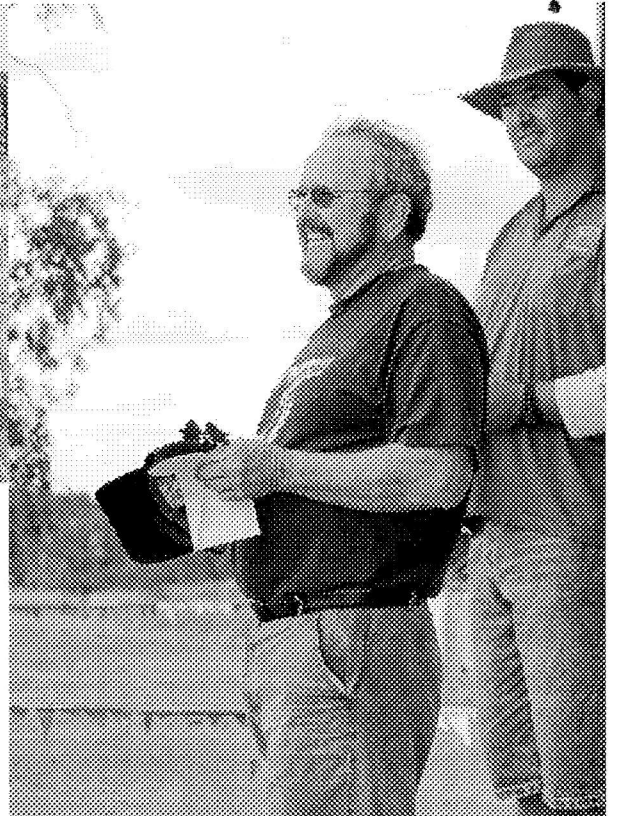


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CQP Kalpowar Invitational Rally **May 10th, 2008**

By: Deb Melrose

As both the Rocky and Kirknie Rallies have been cancelled this year, we got a bit excited about going down to Kalpowar to race in the Central Queensland Club's rally in the Kalpowar Forrest.

We headed off on Thursday afternoon and stopped for the night at Carmilla. We finished the drive down to Calliope and up into the forest park on Friday. What a top spot to have a rally and camping in the forest, camping area was excellent. We were greeted, on our arrival, by some of the organisers of the rally, Anthony and Vicki – what a nice friendly bunch of people, considering we didn't know anyone. But it goes to show that all the articles I have written, about events and people, actually get read – Anthony knew who I was!

The rally was organised so that we could do reconnaissance over the whole route on Saturday morning then start racing before lunch. Believe me, I do still get quite nervous prior to starting and yes I did get teased about that too!

Our rally adventure was quite short lived. We had a major off at the end of SS1 and took the scenic route down the steep bank. The corner went right and we went over the edge, rolled twice and landed on our wheels. The poor mighty Escort is a bit worse of wear and definitely needs major work. The rescuer/recovery crew was excellent and handled the incident really professionally. There was a possibility that Lance had major neck injuries, so the whole spinal injury procedure was put into the program. The guys were fantastic. When we rolled, the first point of impact was the drivers side roof, so Lance's helmet too a big hit when the roof squashed down. Then we rolled again and the same thing happened again. We were a bit concerned about his neck – he does wear a collar when he races and this probably helped. Luckily I was okay, only bruised and battered. The hospital staff and ambulance crew were excellent as were the Care Flight helicopter guys who flew him to Bundaberg for CT scans/X-rays. I would really like to thank everyone involved, from the rally organisers to FIV guys, ambulance crew, hospital staff and helicopter crew.

Peter and a couple of other guys spent a fair bit of time winching our car up the drop off and then Peter drove it back to rally HQ and put it on the truck. The next day I drove to Bundaberg and picked Lance up complete with neck collar and drove back to Townsville. Peter drove our truck and caravan back on Sunday night.

Further x-rays showed that Lance had 2 compressed vertebrae in his Thoracic spine, but we are okay. The Escort looks a bit sad though!

We have learnt from the little experience. Next time, I will practice riding in a tumble dryer before we go racing! Seriously though, thank goodness for roll cages, 3 inch harnesses and new helmets. They all saved our lives. So, all you guys who have read this and have rally cars, please have a look and make sure you have the best safety gear you can manage!

We will be out of action for a while, rebuilding the lean, mean racing machine – but we will be back!

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3. They enjoy a much shorter braking distance.
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6. They have a much tighter turning radius.
7. The floor is shaped like an ashtray.
8. They only burn the cheapest gas available.
9. They do not have to be garaged at night.
10. They can be driven up to 150 miles with the oil warning light on.
11. They need cleaning less often, especially inside.
12. The suspension and trunk floor are reinforced to allow concrete slabs and other heavy building materials to be carried.
13. They are adapted to allow reverse to be engaged while the car is still in forward motion.
14. The tire side walls are designed for bumping into and over curbs.
15. Unusual and alarming engine noises are easily eliminated by the adjustment of the radio volume control.

No.	CLASS	NAME	CAR	RUN1	RUN2	RUN3	RUN4	RUN5	RUN6	RUN7	RUN8	RUN9	RUN10	RUN11	RUN12	TOTAL
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16 F		Peter	Evo 3	00:48.80	00:48.88	01:03.57	01:24.98	02:02.08	00:33.07	01:07.23	00:43.67	00:42.59	02:22.63	02:12.85	01:00.32	14:50.67
9 D		Ken	Escort	00:51.30	00:49.79	01:10.10	01:23.67	01:26.46	00:34.52	01:12.22	00:47.33	00:45.57	02:53.67	01:53.67	01:03.29	14:51.59
2 C		Leif	Mazda 626	00:58.44	00:48.64	01:14.11	01:52.60	01:40.15	00:33.13	01:15.79	00:47.68	00:43.17	02:05.70	01:57.04	01:02.13	14:58.58
6 D		Steve	Familia	01:04.19	00:53.15	01:14.09	01:26.03	01:34.53	00:35.61	01:13.32	00:47.71	00:46.49	02:05.73	02:12.85	01:08.48	15:02.18
15 B		Sam	Datsun 1600	00:52.51	00:50.11	01:10.73	01:35.81	01:35.97	00:35.46	01:13.44	00:50.34	00:46.49	02:31.17	02:02.85	01:03.65	15:08.53
5 D		Joel	Skyline	00:55.66	00:53.28	01:13.72	01:38.11	01:37.24	00:35.28	01:12.54	00:49.36	00:46.19	02:03.24	01:55.21	01:30.89	15:10.72
10 D		Colin	Commodore	00:50.99	00:48.34	01:08.69	01:27.61	02:02.08	00:40.43	01:10.41	00:47.47	00:43.93	02:31.95	01:56.43	01:08.19	15:16.52
14 C		Murray	T-18	00:52.63	01:01.44	01:22.39	01:24.29	01:29.45	00:35.00	01:09.89	00:45.57	00:43.47	02:38.92	02:12.85	01:10.50	15:26.40
4 C		Deb	Escort	00:55.97	00:52.63	01:10.38	01:39.63	01:47.87	00:39.09	01:15.67	00:54.09	00:47.14	02:12.82	02:02.17	01:09.48	15:26.94
13 C		Wade	Mazda 626	00:57.13	00:57.70	01:07.23	01:22.31	01:45.66	00:33.77	01:27.83	00:48.67	00:43.43	02:53.67	02:12.85	01:07.33	15:57.58
7 D		Matt	Cortina	00:59.53	00:57.28	01:14.29	01:42.35	01:36.10	00:37.75	01:23.91	00:52.47	00:48.33	02:29.59	02:00.06	01:23.92	16:05.58
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18 C		Justin	T-18	00:54.61	00:59.63	01:16.30	01:31.32	01:45.59	00:34.67	01:11.14	00:50.35	00:48.29	02:53.67	02:12.85	01:23.92	16:22.34
21 D		Silvia	Commodore	00:59.05	00:56.24	01:18.85	01:46.05	01:57.08	00:38.87	01:16.89	00:50.57	00:49.88	02:30.18	02:12.54	01:09.06	16:25.26
3 C		Lauren	T-18	01:05.43	00:53.30	01:26.62	01:34.08	02:02.08	00:38.29	01:16.53	00:54.13	01:00.07	02:53.67	02:12.85	01:09.43	17:06.48
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12 C		Nikki	Sunny	00:57.03	00:54.14	01:19.05	01:59.05	02:02.08	00:50.43	01:37.83	00:53.59	00:49.69	02:43.67	02:12.85	01:08.64	17:28.05
17 D		Shannon	Cortina	00:56.53	00:53.09	01:10.90	02:10.98	02:02.08	00:50.43	01:37.83	00:48.28	00:46.17	02:53.67	01:59.02	01:20.89	17:29.87
24		Goof	Escort	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	00:41.61	00:41.87	02:02.73	01:44.66	01:02.84	06:13.71
22		Peter Trezona	Datsun 1600	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	00:48.48	00:45.50	02:53.67	01:57.22	01:01.97	07:26.84
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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)**

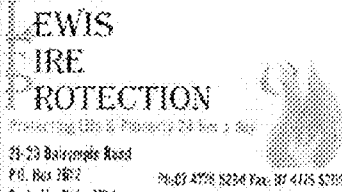
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