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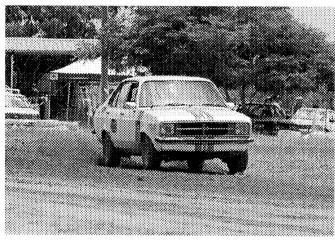
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Anyone wishing to submit Articles, Information, For Sales, etc. for the next magazine please call me or send the article. Closing deadline for magazine is the Thursday following meetings.

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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

Bit late this time but I got there!

A big thanks to Kristy for running the khanacross the other weekend...was a great weekend. Must also say thanks to all the officials...I know what it's like to sit there and watch us race around so thanks!!

Well I managed to get a trophy (medallion) at the khanacross. I must say I wouldn't have stood a chance if it wasn't for the help of Weller & Pete helping us put the mighty mazda back together...I owe you boys a few beers!!

Wade (Swadey) Hickey

Presidents Perspective

Hello everyone, I got a little slack last month and did not put a report in. But nothing much had happened so I did not do a report. This month I thought I had better, on the land front out at Charters Towers it is progressing nicely and should see some definite progress the start of next year. There is also a NTH. QLD Khanacross Championship going to be held next so look to hearing more about that as the year progresses. Another Khanacross was held out at Charters Towers all with a new director Kristy for her first event it went quite well hope to see her organise more in the future. By the way we had 34 entries which made it a great success.

On another subject I have been hearing grumblings around the traps about certain things which I hope I can clear up in this report. This article really only applies to the likes of rally sprints and rallies. When these events are being run, there is only one person who has control of the event and that is the Director. or. The director is the only person that authorises the expenditure of money and who he uses in the events. From time to time the club can call a meeting just to find out if everything is on track and on budget.

On closing I am going back to the Khanacross on the week-end. I was a little disappointed with the attitude of a few people, These events are put on for drivers to have fun and for new drivers to progress from the likes of motorkhanas to events with a bit more speed. Now if people think that they can run them better by all means put your hand up and run them. If there are issues with events or how they are run RING ME and talk about it.

My number is 0417609577. I would also remind these people that we have competitors from out of town so at a event is not the place to go around bitching.

Thank You PRES Greg Wright.

Publicity Goes Public

On the print side of publicity:

Courier Mail cars guide 11th October ran an article on the 12th October hillclimb and on the 18th / 19th October khanacross in their What's On section

Townsville Bulletin cars guide Saturday 18th October ran a story on the hillclimb record being lowered again including a photo of Paul White and listed all class winners.

Courier Mail cars guide 18th October ran another article on the khanacross with photos of Lauren Sutherland and a story about her competing as a junior.

Glynn Morice from the Atherton Tablelands ran an article in the lead up to our khanacross with a photo and story on competitors from up there coming down to play in his Motorsport Torque section in the Tableland Times.

For info on what is happening keep checking our website www.tcac.net.au

On the fun side of publicity:

I had a ball in the MADAZ at the khanacross, bring on the next one.

Chronicles of the Club Captain

The much awaited Charters Towers Khanacross is now a pleasant memory. **Thanks** must go to **Kristy**, her family and everyone who helped and supported her. Thrown in the deep end you did a great job Kristy. We are all looking forward to your next event. A big **thanks** must also go to **Mum** and **Dad** the chefs extraordinaire for the great cook up Saturday night and Sunday morn.

Flying through the air seemed to be the theme at Charters Towers.

We were all kept on our toes with several whirlwinds taking quick shades and marquees into the air, missing several competitors' partners and landing nicely on top of nearby cars to the shock and amazement of the owners. Superman Sam was even seen at one stage flying blissfully through the air on the end of an errant marquee.

Dan and Jason, individually, provided everyone with **spectacular**, hopefully never to be seen again, aerial events, by flying through the air with the greatest of ease. Once seen, always remembered and **never** to be **repeat**ed, ok guys.

Marc was seen to leave his mark on a wayward post or was that the other way around. **Bugger**!!!

The timing tent occupants where gob or was that **cob** smacked and let loose a loud cheer when some nifty **sideways** parking was preformed in the stop garage totally within the boundaries and no markers touched. Very well done and oh so lucky.

Credit must also go to our timing ladies, both of whom were regularly having kittens when their respective partners were on the course. **Alex & Jess** you coped brilliantly albeit I think the camera clicking and score sheet doodling alleviated some of the nervous tension. The ladies clicked the exact same time more often then not. We all thank you for your very **valued and appreciated** help.

Good also to see the support we had from other clubs, I hope you enjoyed yourselves and we look forward to your return

If you missed Charters Towers this time, be sure not to miss the next event, it'll have you talking and reminiscing.

Mark your diary. TCAC end of year **party** and **award presentation** will be held on the **13**th **December** at the **Commonwealth Hotel** South Townville. All are welcome to attend. More information will be forthcoming very soon.

Our proposed BP Cluden service station motorkhana, scheduled for the end of November has been cancelled by BP Australia due to unforeseen circumstances. If you know of a large area of flat bitumen we can legally use without upsetting neighbouring properties please contact Gary Hickey on 0400 810 232.

Good to see regional clubs banding together to organize a North Queensland Khanacross championship to be run throughout 2009. Please support, compete and help out as and where you can to ensure the events' success. Further details will be forthcoming.

And the usual

If running an event please ensure all details are sent to the club captain for club championship end of year awards.

Support local and regional events by either competing or officiating

Got an idea, a gripe or need some info please contact your preferred committee member or event organizer.

Buddy / mentor system, share your knowledge, provide some timely advise, ensure new members feel welcome.

Keep your contact details updated, contact Wade Hickey if they have changed.

Wendy Hickey Club Captain 0418 254 401 wendyhickey@westnet.com.au whee120908

Secretary's Story

Meeting: 13th October 2008 11 Jackson St, Garbutt

Meeting Opened: 7.25pm

Present: Kerry Cobbing, Gary Hickey, Wendy Hickey, Leif Hickey, Wade Hickey, Nathan Mullins, Ken Long, Greg Wright, Travis Mauger, Nikki Mauger, Kristy Balding, Lindsay Stone, Kayleen Stone, Geoff Nicol, Stephen Nicol, Daniel Weller, Aidan Kayrooz, Deb Melrose, Sam Woodger, Peter Trezona, Marc Fisher.

Secretaries Report:

- Previous minutes and incoming correspondence submitted.

Treasurers Report:

- Nothing to report financially, no reports compiled.
- One new member voted in.

Club Captain:

- Hope everyone supports the upcoming events, and if not participating then please come and help out.
- If organising an event, please forward on all officials and competitors for club championship.
- Need to look at Christmas function.
- Congratulations to Kerry regarding the appreciation for Tony Mooney at Rd 4 of the hillclimb

Editor:

- Thanks to Deb for submitting a story for publication.
- Directors, board, and other club members please submit reports.

Publicity:

- The Courier-Mail has shown the hillclimb and upcoming khanacross, and appears to be running a story when the event is on. Keep an eye out in all publications.
- There has been good response in advertising the club and the events.

Social:

- NA.

Motion:

TCAC to accept reports. Seconded: Gary Hickey. Passed.

President:

- Nothing to report.

General Business:

- Kerry When unloading the tyre barriers after the hillclimb it was noticed that they are completely deteriorated. A working bee needs to be organised to make new tyre barriers before next year.
- Kerry The visit by Tony Mooney at the hillclimb was well received. Tony has given the club his full backing in every venture we proceed with in the future in regards to the hillclimb.
- Deb If there are any complaints within the club, please bring them to the club meetings rather than spreading facts outside that may be incorrect.
- Ken We are still missing a club radio, please have a look and if found please contact Ken Long.
- Geoff The club needs to look at purchasing more rally clocks to ensure we don't have any problems like what happened in the Cardwell Rally.
- There was a discussion on club fire extinguishers, how many we own, where they are, etc.
- Greg There has been a concept plan distributed for a North Queensland Khanacross Championship for 2009. A discussion was held as to the clubs opinion towards this. Greg Wright was to follow this up on behalf of the club
- In light of recent amalgamation, Greg Wright moved motion:
 - o Twin Cities Autosports Club to now be called Townsville City Autosports Club. Seconded: Lindsay Stone. Passed.
- Greg Discussed a letter received by club regarding the potential for holding the Qld Motorkhana Championships. He will get into contact and pass on the points discussed.
- Greg The land at Charters Towers appears to have gone through Native Title with no issues, the government is currently doing a survey to outline what exactly is there before proceeding any further.
- Greg 23rd November 2008 a BP motorkhana will be held. This does not form part of the Ironman trophy.
- Leif A portable hard drive will be present at all club meetings. This will hold any
 motorsport video footage and photos that club members have taken at any and all
 events, not just TCAC events that they have visited. It's to start sharing of
 information and create a social side of meetings that is lacking as the year is
 progressing. Everyone is encouraged to bring in their materials to share.
- Greg We need to search for more directors to run events. This way the load gets shared around and we can start to hold more events. Discussion held.
- Christmas party function was discussed.

Meeting Closed: 8.39pm.

Classifieds

1990 Celica ST-185 GT FOUR

This car is freshly rebuilt, well sorted, fast and reliable. Ready for you to compete in any tarmac rally.

Asking \$20,500. Car must be sold, all offers considered. Located Cairns.

Contact Neil on 0447 966 554 or neili@iinet.net.au

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Size: Small Colour: Black, Never been used. Retail for \$650

\$400 pair or **\$250 separately** Phone: Kerry on 0411 491 350

Motorsport Photos

Contact Daniel Gilbert

Email: gibba27@live.com.au

Photos cost \$5-\$15

Ford Cortina TD V8

Strong 302 Windsor, extractors, 3"exhaust, 5 speed, new twin-plate clutch/steel flywheel, 3.7:1 LSD with new 28 spline billet axles. 14" hotwires with 235 and 245 tyres, bolt-on flares, side skirts and front spoiler. Excellent body, good blue paint, good interior with new Racer ADR approved seats. New suspension, upgraded brakes. Currently unregistered. Very quick nice looking classic car. Can assist with registration if required.

\$15,000.00 as is or \$12,500.00 as a rolling chassis with exhaust system.

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Ford Cortina TD

2 litre 4 speed manual. Yellow with original black vinyl roof, 1 owner from new, all service records, original wheels and hubcaps, excellent interior, good mechanicals. Excellent unmodified example of this model. Drives well. Unregistered. \$3500.00

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Ford Laser KF TX3 turbocharged 4WD rally car

1800cc turbo, water/air intercooler, 5 speed dogbox, centre and rear LSD, 5.2:1 gears, power steering, Terratrip, Terraphone intercom, harnesses, FAI approved seats, CAMS logbook, all safety gear, Proflex 55mm front and 40mm rear fully adjustable struts, drilled and slotted rotors, racing pads, stainless braided brakelines, adjustable brake bias. Full competition history. Full Australian compliance and full Qld road rego (435-KHN) until November 08. Very competitive rally car with many outright and class wins. \$11,500.00.

Call 49452808 or 0409649001.

Classifieds

Hyundai Excel 1992

5 speed, AC, PS, 4 door. Good condition for age. Suit first car. Unregistered. **\$950.00**

Call 49452808 or 0409649001

Mitsubishi VR4 RS 1990

2lt turbo AWD, 160 000 kms, white with a blue pearl and blue met (two tone), very quick car (sleeper), rego

\$8500.00 ono

Call Murray on 4788 8750 or 0413 528 947

Wanted

Extractors to suit Toyota 3t motor. Twin side draft webers with or with out linkages and manifold to **\$**uit same
Call Mark on 0407 935 919

Mareeba Khanacross

When: 15th-16th November 2008
Scrutineering 12noon Saturday, Racing Starts 1pm Saturday, Finishing
2pm Sunday
\$50 Adults, \$25 Juniors
\$10 Dinner, \$5 Breakfast
For more information contact Andrew Horn on 0407 161 175

Mareeba Khanacross - September 28th By: Deb Melrose

Lance and I decided to make the extra effort and go up to Mareeba to race in the FNQMSC's inaugural khanacross at the Mareeba Speedway on Sunday 28th September and boy did it turn out to be a really good idea!

What a top place for a khanacross. Andrew Horn has spent a fair amount of time, including almost every day of his week off prior to the event getting everything organized. You have to remember that this was the first time for this event. That means making totally new tracks and establishing a good relationship with the Mareeba Speedway Club, so we can all go back there again. He did a great job and the event went off with out a hitch. Andrew you deserve a pat on the back! Nobody had driven on the tracks, so that was a great leveler.

We all had a great day and there were no major incidents. No crashes or dents and only one flat tyre. There were 3 tracks to race on.

The Speedway Club members were all on hand to drive the water trucks and man the canteen. They even stayed around for the presentation of the awards. Their President got up at the end and said it was great to have us there and we were welcome to come to their Christmas social event in December to have a bit of fun. Sounds good to me! One of the highlights of the weekend was when they announced the 1st place getter in the 1600 – 2000 class, it was non other than Lance Melrose!!! It is surprising what a bit of maintenance to the Escort resulted in! But another highlight or should I say, surprise, was the announcement of the driver who came 3rd overall. Wait for it ----- none other than the incredibly skilled Lance Melrose, driving the mighty Escort!! Yes Andrew, this time Lance did beat you!! (see attached retraction relating to a previous event and statement by me)

Scott Cahill still completely amazes us with just how fast he can go round the tracks in his battered looking Laser. He beat everyone by miles again! But I think I had better hurry up and get racing again so that Anne Thornbury has some more competition – it definitely isn't good seeing her on the Ladies Winners Podium every time! It actually wasn't too bad driving up there on Saturday, racing until 3pm on Sunday and then driving home. We got home at about 9.15pm, and that included 2 stops to let the "children" run around and a dinner stop at Cardwell.

Look out all you FNQMSC car racers – we will be back! Deb Melrose

RETRACTION (AS PROMISED, ANDREW)

In last month's newsletter I took some Editorial License and slightly exaggerated the truth. After a couple of alcoholic beverages on Saturday afternoon I shook Andrew's hand and stated that I would admit to this slight error, in this retraction! In the newsletter I indicated that Lance beat Andrew at the Herberton Khanacross. This was sort of true in that on the races that Lance competed in, before the Escort broke, he did beat Andrew. But Andrew finished the day, competing in all the races whereas Lance didn't. So therefore in theory Andrew beat Lance. In all the races that they both competed in, and that Andrew came over to check his times against Lance's, Lance did beat him. However, I still stand by the fact, proven magnificently this weekend, that if Andrew had been driving an Escort things might have been different! How is that Andrew, did I do well?

Marcetta Khanacross Provisional Results. 28-09-2008

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So much for my proof readers.....

What's On!

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

Events:

Sat-Sunday 6th-7th December 08 – Iron-Man

2009 Dates:

Sat-Monday 6th-8th June 09 – Mt Stuart Sprint (Tarmac Rally) Sat-Sunday 8th-9th August 09 – Classic Cardwell Rally

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:

Non-TCAC Stuff:

Sat-Sunday 15th-16th November 08 – Mareeba Khanacross (See page 8) Wed-Sunday 19th-23rd November 08 – Classic Adelaide Sat-Sunday 29th-30th November – Mossman Khanacross

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4	Nathan Mullins	Skyline	2001-3000	0:00:48.86	0:00:54.60	0:00:48.19	0:00:52.66	0:00:46.71	0:00:56.24	0:00:56.93	0:00:57.92	0:00:46.71
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19	Peter Trezona	Nissan R32	>3000	0:00:50.70	0:00:50.70 0:00:49.64	0:00:50.05	0:00:50.68	0:00:49.74	0:00:51.13	0:00:51.04	0:00:50.94	0:00:49.64
11	Ken Houghton	Escort	1501-2000	0:00:54.05	0:00:54.05 0:00:52.96	0:00:50.79	0:00:53.47	0:00:52.40	0:00:50.25	0:00:51.13	0:00:51.19	0:00:50.25
18	Greg Grierson	Datsun	>3000	0:00:54.22	0:00:52.64	0:00:53.25	0:00:57.48	0:00:52.29	0:00:52.59	59 0:00:50.71 0:00:50.77	0:00:50.77	0:00:50.71
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12	Daniel Weller	Skyline	2001-3000 0:00:54.82	0:00:54.82	0:00:53.32 0:00:52.19	0:00:52.19	0:00:53.35	0:00:52.99	0:00:52.94	0:00:53.95	0:00:52.36	0:00:52.19
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16	Ben Littlefield	Sylvia	>3000	0:01:00.98	0:01:25.01	0:00:59.49	0:00:56.36	0:00:55.89	0:00:57.52	0:00:56.64	0:02:06.05	0:00:55.89
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9	Neil Jaunzems	Celica	4WD	sup	dns	gup	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns
7	Greame Stuber	Commodore	/8	sup	sup	sup	sup	sup	dns	dns	dns	dns
8	Marcus Nuutinen	Porsche Gt2	>3000	sup	sup	sup	sup	sup	sup	dns	sup	sup

AIMSS achieves a major benefit for CAMS competitors

The Australian Institute for Motor Sport Safety (AIMSS) has succeeded in achieving a major cost-cutting benefit while maintaining optimum safety levels in the area of safety harness life in Australian motor sport.

Following a recommendation by AIMSS, the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport Ltd (CAMS) Board has approved an extension of the validity of FIA racing harnesses in non-international events from five to ten years.

The amendment to CAMS regulations is effective immediately, and will ease a substantial cost burden for most CAMS competitors. Competitors in FIA international competition will still be required to comply with the five-year restriction.

At the suggestion of its National Technical Committee, earlier this year CAMS requested that AIMSS undertake a scientific study of this issue. Previous studies known to AIMSS had raised the possibility that the validity period for non-international CAMS-sanctioned competition might be extended, if justified by its new research.

AlMSS contracted Autoliv, a major FIA-approved crash and equipment test laboratory, to examine and test a wide variety of competition harnesses that could no longer be used as their validity had expired. The ages of harnesses tested ranged from six to approximately thirty years.

The results demonstrated that there was no measurable deterioration in webbing or harness component strength for many years after the end of the five-year validity period, and none within a ten-year period.

AIMSS will now arrange for the testing of harnesses complying with the American SFI specification, which are very popular among off-road competitors. Currently, the webbing for these harnesses must be renewed every two years and it is possible, although as yet unproven, that this period might also be safely extended.

AIMSS Chairman Dr Michael Henderson welcomed the approval by CAMS of the Institute's recommendation.

"AIMSS is a research and educational organisation and we totally understand the cost pressures on competitors, especially at national and club level," said Dr Henderson.

"Safety must be affordable, and we are joining with the FIA in further international studies of cost-benefit issues facing motor sport safety."

CAMS CEO Graham Fountain agreed that the outcome for most Australian competitors will be greatly welcomed.

"This is a great outcome and cost saving for competitors across all areas of motor sport in Australia, particularly at the club level of the sport," said Fountain.

"This clearly demonstrates the value of AIMSS and the commitment of CAMS to pursue

improvements which result in the maintenance of a safety-first environment while providing real savings for competitors.

"We are committed to continuing this approach and AIMSS is already working on protocols to extend these harness studies and use similar methodology to examine other safety regulations."

Other projects recently undertaken by AIMSS, with some soon to be reported, include the effects of carbon monoxide and heat stress, mass data processing of CAMS incident and injury reports, and a review of rollover protection requirements.

AIMSS has also recently presented several workshops on the use of head and neck restraint devices, and last year held Australia's first motor sport safety seminar.

ABOUT AIMSS

The Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) has founded the Australian Institute for Motor Sport Safety (AIMSS) to promote improvements in the safety of motor sport and the relationship between motor sport and road safety in Australia.

The Institute, which is a non-regulatory body, aims to encourage excellence across all aspects of motor sport safety through research, education, and the coordination of safety-related programs. Its formation provides an important step in the evolving history of safety in motor sport.

AIMSS was launched by Sir Jackie Stewart at the 2007 Australian Grand Prix, and is now accredited as a Research Partner Organisation for the FIA Institute for Motor Sport Safety.

Excerpts of Minutes

QUEENSLAND STATE COUNCIL

Meeting held on Tuesday, 16th September, 2008

ADVISORY PANELS:

5543 Ref RAP08 101

This State Council notes the proposed date for Cap Coast Rally Club event on 03/05/09.

5544 Ref. RAP08.103 - Handbook Review

Resolved that the Queensland Rally Handbook and Clubman Rally Series Regulations be updated for 2009 and that the resultant documents be presented to State Council for authorisation.

CORRESPONDENCE:

5552 Letter from BSCC re date changes, 08/09/08

Resolved that the Philcomm Rally Jimna, organised by BSCC, be conducted on 8th November 2008.

5556 Paul Overell, Chairman, Queensland State Council, noted that delegates had been provided with a copy of the document 'Organisational Review - Summary Report of the CAMS Board' and in so doing briefed delegates on matters arising from the State Council Executive's perusal of the 'Organisational Review - Summary Report of the CAMS Board'.

Delegates were invited to peruse the document and comment as they chose to either the State Council Chairman and/or the Elected Director-Queensland.

The State Council Chairman invited delegates to entertain a brief period of informal 'across the table' discussion regarding the 'Organisational Review - Summary Report of the CAMS Board'.

Delegates expressed concern that Section 12 of the Constitution of CAMS, the section that defines the fundamental existence of State Council and their roles, may be changed at any time by the Board without consultation or vote by the State Councils.

Delegates expressed the opinion that State Councils need to act immediately to ensure that State Councils, as the representative bodies of the Members of CAMS, remain alive and intrinsically linked to the management of their sport and in so doing State Councils must demand of the CAMS Board of Directors that Constitutional changes be made immediately that will ensure that the roles, responsibilities and powers of CAMS Clubs via their State Council may not be withdrawn or altered without the agreement of the majority of State Councils thus ensuring that CAMS Clubs retain their say and their involvement within CAMS.

5557 OVERELL/SVENSON

Moved that **Clause 7(b) ADDITION ALTERATION OR AMMENDMENT** of the Constitution of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport Limited be immediately amended from:

- (b) Clauses 23, 37, 38 and 52 shall not be amended unless the notice of motion proposing the amendment has been approved by at least 4 State Councils. to read:
- (b) Clauses **12**, 23, 37, 38 and 52 shall not be amended unless the notice of motion proposing the amendment has been approved by at least 4 State Councils.

CARRIED with 1 abstention

5558 OVERELL/SVENSON

Moved that **Clause 12 (a) STATE COUNCILS** of the Constitution of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport Limited be immediately amended from:

- (a) The Board authorises the establishment of a State Council in each State and delegates to that State Council the responsibility for ensuring the efficient administration of motor sport in that State Council's area strictly in accordance with the Objects. to read:
- (a) The Board **shall** authorise the establishment of a State Council in each State and delegates to that State Council the responsibility for ensuring the efficient administration of motor sport in that State Council's area strictly in accordance with the Objects.

CARRIED with 1 abstention

5559 OVERELL/SVENSON

Moved that **Clause 12 (b) STATE COUNCILS** of the Constitution of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport Limited be immediately amended from:

- (b) The composition, operation, duties and functions of State Councils shall be in accordance with this Constitution and as determined by CAMS from time to time in consultation with State Councils and prescribed in Standing Orders. to read:
- (b) The composition, operation, duties and functions of State Councils shall be in accordance with this Constitution and as determined by CAMS from time to time in **agreement** with State Councils and prescribed in Standing Orders.

CARRIED with 1 abstention

5560 OVERELL/SVENSON

Moved that Minutes 5557, 5558 and 5559 be communicated to the President of Confederation of Australian Motor Sport Ltd, each Elected Director of Confederation of Australian Motor Sport Ltd, each Appointed Director of Confederation of Australian Motor Sport Ltd and to the CEO of Confederation of Australian Motor Sport Ltd and in so doing make the recipients aware that this State Council places on record its clear and unequivocal message to the Directors of Confederation of Australian Motor Sport Ltd that to fail in delivering on the required constitutional changes is unacceptable to this State Council.

CARRIED with 1 abstention

5561 OVERELL/SVENSON

Moved that this State Council requires the Elected Director-Queensland to put to the next meeting of the Board of Confederation of Australian Motor Sport Ltd the changes identified at Minute numbers 5557, 5558 and 5559.

CARRIED with 1 abstention

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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