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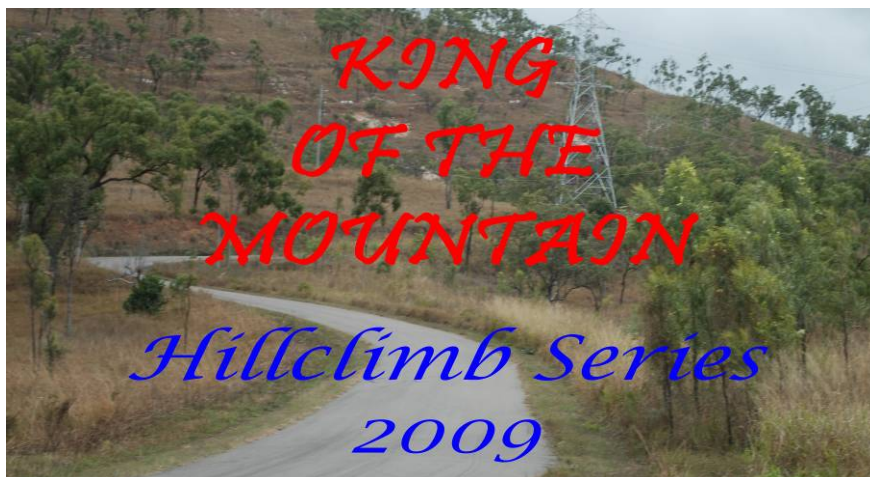
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MAGAZINE SUBMISSIONS:

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 Townsville City Autosports Club Inc.

Editor's Editorial

2009 is flying along...we're already at the end of January...where has the time gone!

Well after the first club meeting it is looking like it could be another action packed year with talks of a Kirknie Rally, the NQ Khanacross Championship, Classic Cardwell, Mt Stuart Sprint and our never failing Hillclimb. It will be good to see everyone out there and remember if you aren't competing a few extra bodies for officials never goes astray.

Wade (Swadey) Hickey

Presidents Perspective

Happy New Year to all club members, I hope everyone is ready for a year of competing. Just to give everyone a brief idea to what is happening this year. Our first event is a Khanacross out at Charters Towers on March 7 & 8. The first Hillclimb is to be run on Sunday 29th of March. I believe that the N.Q. Khanacross is up and running, it will consist of 4 rounds to be held in Mossman, Townsville, Herberton, and Airlie Beach. I do hope everybody supports this as it should turn into a good thing.

For all the dirt fans Cardwell Rally is back on 8 & 9 Aug. Strong rumours that Kirknie is to resurface later in the year well worth entering.

The land at Charters Towers is ongoing we are getting a little bit closer.

There will be a change on the web site shortly, and that is the club will no longer be called Twin Cities Autosports. Our new name is TOWNSVILLE CITY AUTOSPORTS CLUB INC. With the name changed we have received a grant to promote the new name, this will happen latter on in the year. The club is also getting new shirts and caps. If you have any ideas on this please feel free to discuss it with me.

We have a bit of a serious issue to address in the club, which will only get worse as time goes by. That is there are not enough officials in the club. At present if at least 6 main people left the club the club would not be able to run events. It is time that some of the younger people started to learn how to run events. On the rally side with the twin cab we can now take people out with us when the roads are set. As well as the training you need to start is online, and can be done at your leisure. You can still race you only need to do a couple of events for the year to help out. Cause if we get the new complex out at the Bohle it will be of no use if we do not have the officials.

The next section is not directed at anybody but just reminding all members that when we have meetings or functions could you please drink inside the fence line as it is against the law and the police if by some chance did go by it would reflect on the club. Also if anything is broken or damaged please bring it to the attention of the committee so we can get it fixed.

That is enough ranting for the moment. Don't forget if you have anything you wish to discuss you can ring me 0417609577.

Greg

Publicity Goes Public

Well we have started the year on a good note with an article spread across 2 pages about the 2008 club winners for the Twin Cities Autosports Club Inc. being published in the Townsville Bulletin Cars Guide complete with a few photos.

That report was the end of one era and opens up the start of a new ball game as who will be in the first article we get published under our new club name Townsville City Autosports Club Inc.

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

Gary

Mt Stuart Sprint 2009 Report

The next issue of Tarmac magazine will hit the stands in the first week of February. Close to the front of the magazine is a report with photos from last year's event and another ad for this year so check it out as this is a quality national magazine.

The supp regs will go on to our website www.tcac.net.au to coincide with the magazine coming out. If they haven't been fully approved they will be in draft form subject to approval.

Also going on the site will be an expression of interest / intention to enter form to gauge the level of interest early on. If you are thinking about competing in the event please fill in the form and email back to me at hickeycabinets@westnet.com.au

We have the majority of our sponsors back on board at this stage.
Key Motors, Thrifty car and truck rental, Fulcrum Suspension, Brakemart, Mr Rentals, Kennards Hire, Mecure Accor Hotel, Battery World, Townsville Engraving Worx.

If you know of a business interested in coming on board email details through to me at hickeycabinets@westnet.com.au and I will follow it up.

Keep a check on the website for updates as they come to hand on the
Mt Stuart Sprint 6th & 7th June

Chronicles of the Club Captain

Name Change- we are now legally registered as Townsville City Autosports Club Inc. The new name will be used for any dealings involving the club. Over the coming months the name change will be initiated on merchandising goods, banners, web site, advertising, newsletter and other sundry items. For more details please contact the club President Greg Wright.

TCAC Events – numerous events were discussed at the recent club meeting. Our biggest problems seem to be the timing of dates to work in with the wet / dry seasons, limited access times to some areas, and not clashing or being held too close to already calendared events. As soon as a date is set for an event it will be put on the website and published in the Wheelspin newsletter with relevant organizer contact details.

Other Club Events – keep an eye out for other events being held in various Queensland areas. Often other clubs are able to get access to competition areas and resources TCAC can't. A bit of inter club rivalry and new tracks and challenges can help hone skills and provide different styles of competition.

2009 Committee – nomination forms have now been sent out. Please consider carefully who you want on the committee to represent you, fellow club members and the club. Please ensure all nomination forms are received by the Secretary Leif Hickey by 5.00pm Friday 27th February.

Club Membership – is due at the end of March. Renewal notices will be sent out shortly. If you know someone who would like to become a club member contact the Secretary Leif Hickey to organize a membership nomination form.

Contact Details – are your details up to date if not contact Wade or Wendy Hickey to update them.

Working Bees – please watch for dates and times on website and in Wheelspin newsletter. Your help ensures TCAC events, facilities and equipment operate smoothly and run efficiently.

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2009 North Queensland Khanacross Championship
www.nqkhanacross.com

New QLD Rally Website
www.qldrally.com.au

Secretary's Story

Meeting: 19th January 2009
11 Jackson St, Garbutt

Meeting Opened: 7.33pm

Present: Kerry Cobbing, Gary Hickey, Wendy Hickey, Leif Hickey, Wade Hickey, Ken Long, Greg Wright, Greg Van Dinter, Travis Mauger, Nikki Mauger, Kristy Balding, Grant Ross, Ken Maluga, Greg Fitzgerald, Deb Melrose, Geoff Nicol, Stephen Nicol, Ron White, Ken Whitby, Aidan Kayrooz, Daniel Weller, Sam Woodger, Lindsay Brown, Mark Fischer, Peter Trezona, Nathan Mullins.

Apologies: Lindsay Stone, Kayleen Stone.

Secretaries Report:

- Minutes read from last meeting.

Treasurers Report:

- Last financial years figures were passed around and discussed.
- The bank account is healthy, which is positive with the potential outlays we have this year.
- One member voted on and accepted by members.

Club Captain:

- The date for the awards presentation/Christmas party should be reviewed as the start of the membership year is March.
- Had plenty of queries regarding the 2009 dates for events.
- Ensure your contact details are up to date for the club to ensure continued contact from the club.

Editor:

- Have had some issues with sending out attachments. If you do not receive the attachments to emails sent, please check the internet site as the same information is posted at the same time there available for download.

Publicity:

- Had a publicity article about the presentation night in the Cars Guide on the weekend.

Social:

- NA.

Motion moved by Greg Fitzgerald:

- o TCAC to accept reports. Seconded: Deb Melrose. Passed .

President:

- Received a letter from Townsville City Council regarding holding possible events around the Townsville 400 dates. It was decided TCAC will not act upon the letter due to costs imposed.
- We have received a notification letter and are now officially known as Townsville City Autosports Club Inc.

General Business:

- Discussion about dates for 2009 events, including promotional event for name change and hillclimb.
- The club made a unanimous decision that the luge people will not use Mt Stuart before and/or after our events while our road closure permit is still active. This is due to liability issues.
- AGM to be scheduled for 14th March starting at 3.00pm. This meeting will be followed by a free barbeque. There will be no meeting on 9th March.
- There has been no new news regarding the Charters Towers land.
- Kalpowar is on early May, see Greg Wright for further information.
- Call for interest regarding Fire and Rescue training held on 1st February. Discussion held.
- Ron discussed training courses to be potentially run this year in Townsville. It was decided that Ron will decide what courses members may be interested in attending and to organise sessions in Townsville.
- Discussion held regarding safety for competitors at hillclimb events.
- Date scheduled for working bee at container to fix tyre barriers, check club magazine for dates.
- Mt Stuart Sprint supp regs are still with ArComm.
- Discussion about possible motorkhana venues.
- Kirknie Rally date discussed.

Meeting Closed: 8.49pm.

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Call 49452808 or 0409649001.

Wanted

Extractors to suit Toyota 3t motor. Twin side draft webbers with or without linkages and manifold to suit same

Call Mark on 0407 935 919

What's On!

All dates listed below are subject to change.

Events:

Sat-Sunday 7th-8th March 09 – Charters Towers Khanacross

Sunday 29th March 09 – Hillclimb Rd1

Sunday 17th May 09 – Hillclimb Rd2

Sat-Monday 6th-8th June 09 – Mt Stuart Sprint (Tarmac Rally)

Sunday 19th July 09 – Hillclimb Rd 3

Sat-Sunday 8th-9th August 09 – Classic Cardwell Rally

June-July-August – Kirknie Rally (Date to be Confirmed)

Sunday 27th September 09 – Hillclimb Rd 4

November 09 – Ironman (Date to be Confirmed)

Meetings:

What: Townsville City Autosports Club Meetings

When: 2nd Monday of each month @ 7.00pm

Where: 11 Jackson St, Garbutt (Hickey Cabinets)

Working Bee's\Training Days:

Sunday 8th Feb 09 – Working Bee @ The Container (See Flyer)

Non-TCAC Stuff:

Sat-Sunday 28th Jan-1st Feb 09 – Herberton

Saturday 21st March 09 – Mareeba

Sunday 26th April 09 – Mareeba

Sat-Sunday 30th-31st May 09 – Herberton

Sunday 28th June 09 – Cairns

Sat-Sunday 25th-26th July 09 – Herberton

Sunday 30th August 09 – Mareeba

WORKING BEE

AT THE CONTAINER

(HOGAN ST Stuart)

CHANGED
TO
SUNDAY
08/FEB/2009

Due to Weather Forecast Thunderstorms all weekend
The working bee scheduled for the 1/02/09 has been changed
to the 08/02/09.

Please bring along tools to fix tyre barriers i.e. Drill, Spanners,
etc.

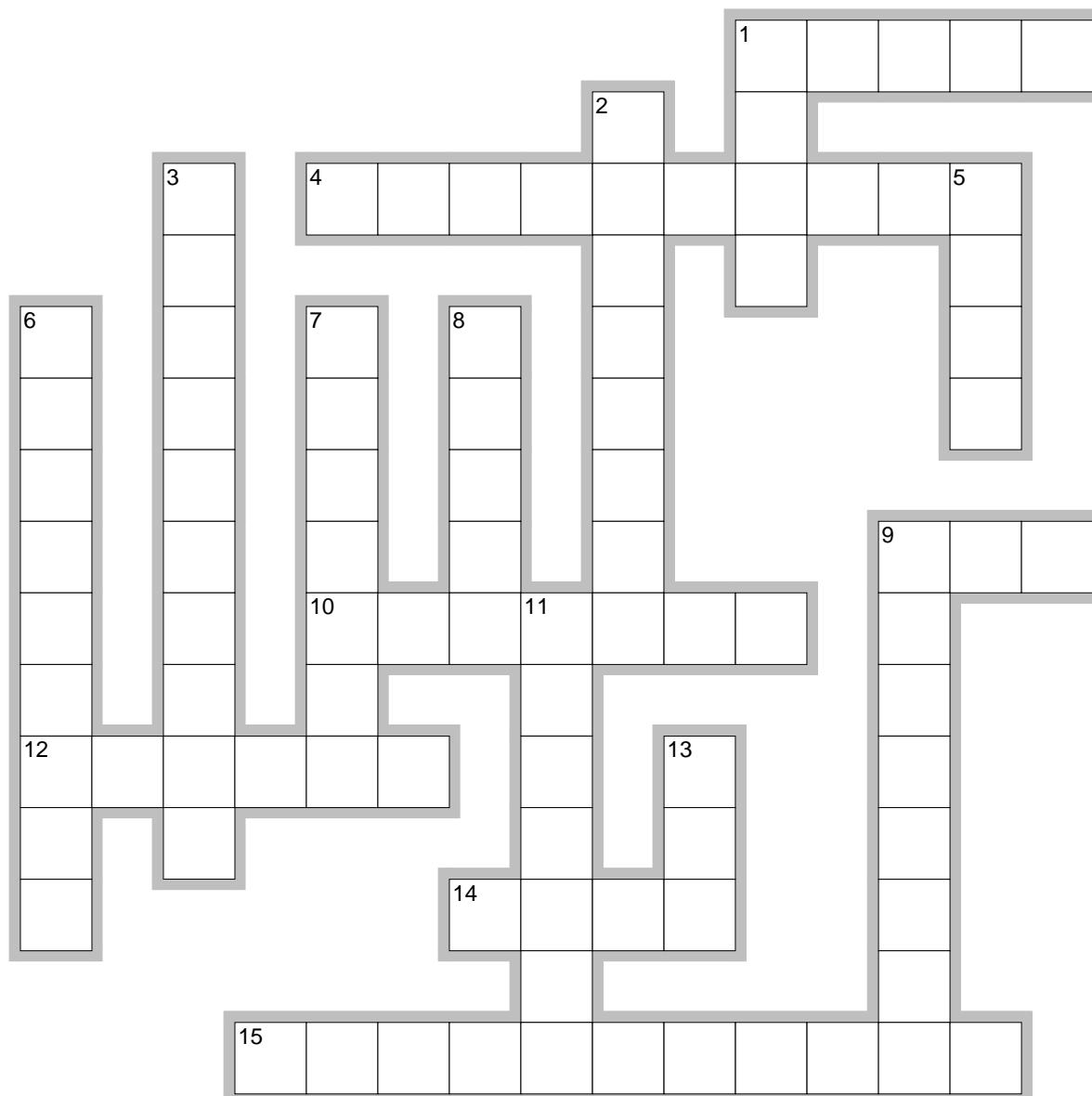
For Further information please Call

Kerry on

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EclipseCrossword.com

Across

1. What do you get when you jumble up the word 'Mazda'
4. What was the last driving event for TCAC in 2008
9. What model car does our 2008 Club Champion compete in
10. A popular brand of suspension supplier in Townsville
12. Nickname for the Queensland ARC round
14. Which navigator puts his best work in for Ian Ogilvie
15. Who is looking for a navigator in the Supaloc Lamborghini for 2009/2010

Down

1. What boys name do you associate with Escorts
2. What relationship is Molly to Coral
3. What does the 'T' in TCAC stand for now
5. Headquarters for the Australian 2009 WRC round
6. What position does our 2008 Official of the Year hold
7. One of our sponsors for the last 2 Mt Stuart Sprint Tarmac Rallies
8. Who is the official fuel supplier for the 2009 ARC
9. Who was our previous club president
11. What car does Chris Aitkenon drive in the first WRC for 2009
13. One of the sponsors for the 2009 Mt Stuart Sprint

Excerpts of Minutes

QUEENSLAND STATE COUNCIL

Meeting held on Tuesday, 16th December, 2008

ADVISORY PANELS:

5628 Ref. RAP08.142 - Amendments to 2009 Qld Rally Handbook

Resolved that the authority of the '2009 Queensland Rally Handbook', as annexed to these Minutes, be confirmed and that the document authority be identified as '2009 Queensland Rally Handbook - QSC08.5628'.

5630 Ref. ScAP08.077 - Camera Mountings in Competition Cars

Resolved that the text of ScAP08.077 be communicated to the Technical Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

5638 2008 Queensland Motor Sport Official of the Year

Resolved that this State Council congratulates John Courtenay on becoming the 2008 Queensland Motor Sport Official of the Year.

5639 Life Membership of CAMS This State Council notes that the Board of CAMS has bestowed Life Membership upon Mrs Ann Thomson.

Resolved that this State Council unanimously congratulates Mrs Ann Thomson upon her becoming a recipient of CAMS Life Membership.

5640 This State Council notes that the Board of CAMS has bestowed awards upon a number of Queensland Officials and staff. The awards and recipients are as follows:

Errol Bailey CAMS Service Star

Milton Brennan CAMS Service Star

John Donnelly CAMS Service Award

Resolved that this State Council congratulates Messrs Bailey, Brennan and Donnelly upon becoming recipients of CAMS awards.

5641 2009 Queensland State Council meeting dates

Resolved that Queensland State Council meetings be held on the third Tuesday of each month in 2009. The following are the scheduled 2009 meeting dates:

20 th January	17 th February	17 th March	21 st April
19 th May	16 th June	21 st July	18 th August
15 th September	20 th October	17 th November	15 th December

Secretary Note: Effective 1st January 2009 the 'Queensland State Council' will be known as the 'Sport & Club Development Council – Queensland'.

MOTORKHANA ADVISORY PANEL

Meeting held on Wednesday, 10th December, 2008

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

056 CAMS has released a document on guidelines for running Motorkhanas at airports. We would like a copy. Re VMAP 18/06/08 Minute 7.10.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

058 CAPLET/SCHARF

Moved that the handicap factors for the Queensland Motorkhana Series be as follows:

AF 0.86	AR 0.86
BF 0.86	BR 0.86
CF 0.82	CR 0.81
DF 0.81	DR 0.80
E 0.81	
F 1.0	
G 1.0	

CARRIED

059 Discussion was held on the CTP extension problem.

060 We ask what has happened to our recommendation from 14/05/08 regarding passengers/observers/trainers in Motorkhanas. Has National Office replied regarding this.

061 Motorkhana Queensland website has been set up and we request that CAMS advise all Qld Clubs of this fact. We ask that CAMS provide a link to the website from the CAMS website.

SCRUTINEERING ADVISORY PANEL

Meeting held on Thursday 11th December 2008

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

083 Cameras in Competition Cars

It has been brought to the attention of the Panel that in NSW it is considered obligatory for a competitor to notify officials by filling out a specific form, advising that a camera is mounted in a competing car. Can Panel be advised of the NCR of this requirement and also the number of the specified form?

GENERAL BUSINESS:

086 Scrutineering Training Days

Panel notes the training days scheduled for 7-8 February at Hervey Bay. Panel suggests incorporation of scrutineer training days in conjunction with general officials training days in early part of 2009. Could possibly be incorporated with the Historic Clubs Triple T Day at Morgan Park. Peter Herlihen advises he is available to assist on these days.

088 Scrutineers

Panel seeks more encouragement for people interested in becoming scrutineer. There is a perception that there are too many obstacles placed before potential scrutineers, including too much paperwork and training in their own time. Current system of bronze, silver and gold smacks of elitism and has been shown to be counter-productive. The previous system of numbering from 4 to 1 was more suitable and had greater relevance to an individual's position.

This system gave more inspiration to upgrade and for scrutineers to seek to better themselves. New applicants should be encouraged to attend an event as an observer.

Whilst all should be encouraged to attend training modules these should only be mandatory for scrutineers seeking to upgrade to a category 2 or 1.

Initial training for new scrutineers should be done in CAMS time, with emphasis on race meetings. A more specialised course for up-grading can be arranged at selected appropriate venues or training days. Panel feels that on the job training provides more practical experience and gives encouragement and assists in developing self confidence.

This could be applied to all officials training. Panel suggests that State Office forward an invitation to car club member to canvass for new scrutineers.

089 National Office Appointments

Panel suggests that appointment of officials should return to state office. An example shows that National Office requested a scrutineer based in Rockhampton to attend a meeting at Stanthorpe. National office person had no idea of the travel distance to the venue. The decentralization would halt argumentative responses and stupid situations that have arisen.



Townsville City Autosports Club Inc.

The 2009 Mt. Stuart Sprint will be held over two days in Townsville on the Queens Birthday long weekend, 6th-7th June 2009.

- The Tarmac Rally course up the mountain will be the same as previous years
- Mandatory Reconnaissance of the course along with Shakedown and Stages 1-2 Saturday 6th June and Stages 3-8 Sunday 7th June
- Entries are open to Drivers and Navigators who are members of CAMS affiliated clubs and who hold a CAMS National Rally Licence.
- Only Road registered Rally cars (with CAMS Log Book) complying with Tarmac Rally Regulations and CAMS Manual of Motor Sport will be eligible.
- Full Tarmac Rally apparel for both crew is required.



For details contact Gary Hickey on 0400 810 232

Wendy Hickey on 0418 254 401 or go to www.tcac.net.au

Nomination Form for Office Bearers 2009 Townsville City Autosports Club Inc

This nomination form for office bearers is to be completed and
lodged with the Club Secretary by 5.00pm Friday 27th February 2009

Post to: TCAC Secretary PO Box 7697 Garbutt Q 4814

Email: ldhickey@westnet.com.au

Fax: 4771 3349 or 4725 4401

Only financial members of the Townsville City Autosports Club Inc are eligible to vote

One nomination form only per member to be lodged

For "how to nominate" rules please read the enclosed Incorporation Act

If unable to obtain candidates acceptance of nomination signature, it will be sourced on receipt of this form by the secretary

Position	Name of Candidate	Proposed By	Seconded By
President			
<i>Signatures</i>			
Vice President			
<i>Signatures</i>			
Secretary			
<i>Signatures</i>			
Treasurer			
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Club Captain			
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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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