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Wheelspin



Something to do between runs at Kirknie rally sprint.

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Give me a call on 0413 528 947 or email me at sslam42000@yahoo.com and I will do my best to get it in the next news letter.

All submissions need to be into me, by close of business Wednesday after the club meeting.

Jokes of the month

There is a grandfather, father and a son in a car. There is a terrible accident. The grandfather and father die at the scene. The son is transported to the hospital with very bad injuries requiring surgery. The doctor comes out and says I can't operate on him, he is my son????

Go figger???? Answer is later in the mag, keep looking.

THE FINAL THREE

AT KIRKNIE



PRESIDENTS DRIBBLE

Well another month has gone, on the club house scene nothing has changed the council worker who does the leases is back at work so here is hoping we will have a lease in the near future. I would like to thank Greg van Dinter for getting Kirknie off the ground as a rally sprint. Only 8 cars turned up, but those 8 cars had a ball. Job well done to all involved in running the event. Just a reminder that there is another rally sprint coming up in 5 weeks time, this time out at the Charters Towers Airstrip, this is a good track with plenty of spectator points.

It is coming to the close of the year and plans are already under way for our end of the year party, I believe this year we are going to on the strand which will be nice. Location at present yet to be released, so stay tuned.

For all those competitors who cannot go in rallies and rally sprints due to the rules and expense. In November we are going to be putting on a level 2 rally sprint to go in this event you only need a 2s license no cage in the car and no terra trip, just your basic car. Keep an eye on our web site or our face book page for more details. It is your chance to see what rallying is all about without the expense.

So just in closing don't be a stranger come along to a meeting or come along to a event just to either watch or help out. Also if there is something you wish to talk about ring me on 0417609577 or heartbeat53@msn.com.

Bye 4 now Greg Wright

BATHURST PARTY

AT

BOXHEADS

All day LONG

BYO Drink beer / drinks

Bring some Nibbles

PIZZA 4 DINNER

SUN 9 OCT `WHEN U GET THERE TILL, U

FALL OVA

The Australian Government and the NSW Forestry Service were presenting an alternative to NSW sheep farmers for controlling the dingo population.

It seems that after years of the sheep farmers using the tried and true methods of shooting and/or trapping the predators, the Labour Government (Peter Garrett - Environmental Minister), the NSW Forestry Service and the Greens tree-huggers had a 'more humane' solution.

What they proposed was for the animals to be captured alive, the males would then be castrated and let loose again. Therefore the population would be controlled.

This was ACTUALLY proposed to the NSW Sheep Farmers Association.

All of the sheep farmers thought about this amazing idea for a couple of minutes. Finally, one of the old boys in the back of the conference room stood up, tipped his hat back and said, 'Mr Garrett, son, I don't think you understand our problem,

'those dingo's ain't f---ing our sheep, they're eatin' 'em.'

You should have been there to hear the roar of laughter as Mr Peter Garrett and the members of the NSW Forestry Service, the Greens and the other "tree huggers" left the meeting very "sheepishly".

Kirknie Rallysprint 2011

Janette Johnson

Goofs Rallysprint 2011 took place on the weekend of the 16 & 17 September at Kirknie Station a diverse and scenic grazing property, approximately 60km inland of Home Hill.

The week before the rally, my enthusiastic husband told me how great this would be, a time to kick back, relax and unwind away from the pressures of life. Is this man crazy, I thought! Is he talking about rallying? His narratives had me picturing an ahhh-mazing lomi-lomi, pick-me-up, relaxing massage. Never the less, I'm a believer so I gave him a beaming smile and a positive nod with the knowledge that actions speak louder than words with 'RJ'.

So early Friday afternoon, like two kids setting off to camp, we jumped in the car (rally car securely attached) and the camper and headed south to relax, unwind and have fun. Through the creek and around the last bend we cruised to be greeted by the Taj Mahal on wheels and a friendly wave from Deb and Lance, while over yonder was ever helpful Murray, jackhammering his tent pegs into the ground with an ill-equipped implement.

As the colourful sunset faded into a gentle evening sky, we relaxed into an evening of good company, colourful conversation, tasteful nibbles and preferred beverages - then a new arrival, Kenny our Chief Scrutineer who quickly rolled out his swag and joined the group. The evening adjourned after a pleasant BBQ at Melrose's place.

You know, my helmet goes off to all the people who get the wheels turning for these events, it's not the driver's, and the navigator's although they play their part. For this event, I have to thank:

- Clerk of Course: Greg VanDinter
- Assistant Clerk of Course: Geoff Nicol
- Event Secretary: Emma Nicol
- Administration Checker: Trevor Neumann
- Chief Scrutineer: Ken Whitby
- Compliance Checker: Geoff Nicol
- Stewards Greg Wright, Samatha Scaife and Collen Scaife

Not forgetting the timekeeper's, the Heckla family with their own brand of humour and of course the Mason family with their pint-sized helper who will undoubtedly be a chip of the old block. As well as, Pete, Col, Greg and others, who I did not have the pleasure of meeting.

Saturday morning was a hype of activity as the competitors arrived and set up their camps. The camaraderie between the competitors was evident from the beginning;

meaning the blokes good-naturedly banter with each other about their cars, equipment and driving with no hard feeling. Before long, it was time for the driver's briefing.

The field consisted of Sam Woodger and navigator Alex driving Sams newly purchased Mitsubishi Galant VR4 a very tidy competitive car that finished first for the weekend. The Hendry's made the long trip down from Cairns to race their Nissan Bluebird, a very well prepared car which unfortunately ended up having suspension issues. Ken Long and navigator blasted around the track in the Ford Escort until suspension issues also caused an untimely exit from rally. John Sutton and his daughter attended their first rally sprint in his Holden Torana supercharged V6 and although the rough track injured the car before the final stage they certainly made the most of their time on the track. After a year off from rallying Lance and Deb Melrose rose to the occasion in their Ford Escort but unfortunately, they had fuel issues and had to retire from the race at the beginning of the second day. Phil Mason and Greg Fitzgerald ran the quick little Toyota Celica starting strongly only to be hampered by a couple of issues after four runs. Greg navigated for Kenny Haughton on day two while Phil and family helped Marshall on Sunday. Kenny Haughton in his very competitive Ford Escort finished in the top three. Ross Johnson and I hit the track in our hardy recently rebuilt Toyota Corolla with the motor perfected by Kenny Haughton. By the close of Saturday, the motor was run in and we went on to complete six runs on Sunday *almost* intact, finishing in the top three.

Both tracks were awesome fun. The first stage was a smooth armchair ride over gravel with a couple of creeks, a dip or two and some nice long runs. The second stage was on rougher terrain through paddocks with a couple of washouts, creeks, and grids to challenge the competitors and cars. My favourite stretch was the lead up to the double gates, a hard left, and go, go, go along the fence line. All competitors maintained awesome speeds both on Saturday and on Sunday when the stages were reversed.

After two days of kicking back, relaxing and unwinding away from the pressures of life, I drove the camper sedately around the bend and over the creek homeward bound but I had to admit, this had been a ripper of a weekend!

2011 Calendar

Rally sprint caged cars 22 & 23 October

Rally sprint caged and uncaged cars 12 & 13 October

NQ Khanacross 19 & 20 November, anyone can enter this khanacross

These events are all at Charters Towers

Check out the website for an up to date events calendar

*Where's Murray
Its back*

*Just email or
Call me
And tell me
Where I am
.*



Gillian Cobbing found me at Billabong last month.

Answer----- the doctor was his mum

KIRKNIE

Kirknie rally didn't go ahead due to poor numbers, but a brilliant two-day rally sprint sure did last weekend. Two tracks 6 & 7km's long were run 7 times each by competitors which lead to some great racing. Over 90km's of racing wow that's better than some full rallies down south.

Saturday started strongly with 8 entrants however by the end of the day we were two cars down. Phil Mason went out with engine oil dramas and Curly our most northern competitor out with a broken front strut top. Was a pity to see these two bow out as they put in some very quick times Curly even matching my 4wd turbo car for a run in his 2wd Bluebird, shows I have a lot to learn with this new car.

Sunday was set to be a big day with 6 cars lining up at the start line and 4 runs of each track planned. That was until 3 decided to pull up stumps in the 1st km of the first leg of day 2 leaving only 3 cars remaining. Deb and Lance out with alternator and flat tyre issues, Stumpy with steering issues and John Sutton having a little off road excursion over a large rock damaging rims and diff components under his LJ Torana. This meant that myself, RJ and Kenny Haughton were all in with a podium position if we could just keep it in one piece till the end. Goofa made a wise decision to drop the final run so as to have some competitors left at the finish, this worked in favour for some (RJ you lucky bugger).

I feel as though I cheated having two more wheels that drove and a turbo but I managed to keep it in one piece (just!) thanks to Alex Scomazzon for sitting next to me to take out the event, followed by RJ and Kenny Haughton. This is part of a 3 round series so lets get some more competitors next time at Charters Towers in about 5 weeks time? (check up and coming events). Anyone with a logbooked caged car come out for a run in the Towers as its a brilliant track and is the best bang for buck dirt racing that you can do.

A big thank you to Goofa, Stump, Heckler. Emma, Kay and Richard Wall for organising the event, entrants and families for the great competition action and the officials who ensured it happened. A special mention to Glen Rea & family for the use of Kirknie Station without their support and interest in motorsport we wouldn't have had such a wonderful event.

Regards till next time, **Sneaky** (aka Sam)

HECKLER'S KHANACROSS

I was upset at not being able not to compete at Kirknie Station. Thanks to the arsehole that spread the stories round about the rally not going to happen. Luckily a khanacross was quickly organised and I could try out my new toy, the Evo3. Being the kind and wonderful son that I am, I let the old man have a drive as well. We only got 8 entries which wasn't many but it meant we got a lot of runs for the weekend.

It was good to see Darren and Natasha bring out their Datsun 1600 for a run. Natasha was squealing so much while driving the car and scared the shit out of herself doing big tank slaps up the main straight and nearly slapping the water tank.

My cousin Paul bought Box Head's Sigma and he was learning how to drive a car with real horsepower. Stumpy was having a ton of fun with his trusty Escort and stirring up Goof especially when Ang broke their Escort. I thought there was nothing more disgusting than the thought of old people having SEX but I was wrong. What is more disgusting is having the old man beating you in your own car not once but twice. He scared himself a couple of times and the only time the old fart was on the track was when he crossed it. So it's got me stuffed how he did it.

A good time was held by all. A big thanks to Sam, Kenny and Chook Legs for their help with the water truck. Also thanks to Emma and Aiden for timekeeping.

Drinkie Drinkie (Steve Nicol)

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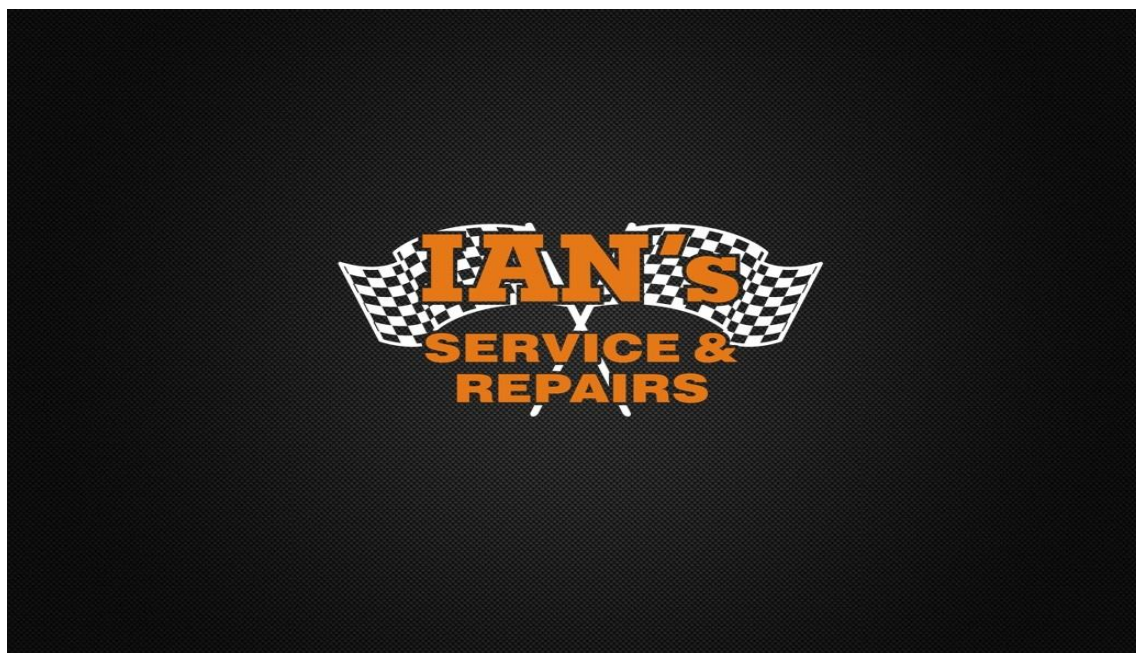
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