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# Twin Cities Autosports Club Inc.

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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.

Ph & Fax; (07) 4771 3349 (H) E-Mail: wade.hickey@townsville.qld.gov.au

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.

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### **Editor's Editorial**

Last magazine for 2008 and what a year it has been. There has been everything from outstanding victories to car ending incidents. Let's hope we can have a few more of the victories next year and not so many incidents!

I'd like to personally thank everyone who has contributed to the magazine in 2008. I look forward to getting your stories, photos and reports next year!

Wade (Swadey) Hickey

## **Publicity Goes Public**

Nothing to report this time as work commitments and family issues have kept me busy.

I would like to thank all of the newspaper and magazine editors who have published our reports this year. Particular thanks must go to Bob Thompson at Bayswater Road Radiators for his generosity in donating the centre section of his front page ad in the Sun newspaper to promote our upcoming events.

On behalf of myself and the Twin Cities Autosports Club Inc. I wish all our promoters and their families a very Merry Xmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

For info on what is happening keep checking our website [www.tcac.net.au](http://www.tcac.net.au)

Gary

## **Mt Stuart Sprint 2009 Report**

The permit application and supp regs are now with ARCOM for approval and the supp regs will go on to our website [www.tcac.net.au](http://www.tcac.net.au) in early January. If they haven't been fully approved they will be in draft form subject to approval.

I would like to thank all of the sponsors for the 2008 event and wish them a safe and happy festive season. We look forward to having you on board again in 2009.

We will start to have regular meetings in the new year to co-ordinate officials etc. early on for our 2009 event.

I would like to wish all of our fellow club members a Merry Xmas and Safe and Happy New Year from the Hickey clan.

## **2009 North Queensland Khanacross Championship**

[www.nqkhanacross.com](http://www.nqkhanacross.com)

## **New QLD Rally Website**

[www.qldrally.com.au](http://www.qldrally.com.au)

## **Chronicles of the Club Captain**

**Charters Towers Ironman Aluminium Lady**- an excellent weekend was had by all. Thanks must go to Greg Wright for organising and running the event, the officials for their very valuable help and the competitors for making the event fun and competition enjoyable. Congratulations to the winners – I look forward to helping you out when you run the 2009 event. (New members may like to note that winning an Ironman Aluminium Lady event entails running the following year's event.) Hopefully we will be able to gain access to the track a little earlier in 2009 as the December heat was nearly unbearable.

Our **Awards Presentation** night held on Saturday 13th was well attended. Santa left a present for each of the children in attendance and around 40 trophies and awards were presented to deserved club members. Congratulations to all trophy, award and lucky door prize winners. Unfortunately some trophy winners were unable to attend the function due to other commitments - please contact Kerry Cobbing or one of the Hickey's to arrange collection of your trophy. Thank you to MR RENTALS for the use of projector and screen for club photos on the night.

A reminder that if you have confirmed your attendance at an event and are no longer able to make it please let the event organiser know ASAP. If things continue a system will be put in place where you will be liable for any costs incurred whether you have attended the event or not.

**Name change** - we still come under the banner of Twin Cities Autosports Club Inc as paperwork has not been finalised as of yet. Lots of members are already using the proposed name change which is legally not recognised. Once the legalities are completed all members will be notified and we can commence using the new name. If you have any queries please direct them to our President Greg Wright.

**2009 Committee** – please start thinking about who you want on the committee in 2009. Our AGM is in March with nominations opening well in advance of the meeting. When looking at nominees remember to factor in who has the time and will - best represent you and the club, will and can be available to attend committee and general meetings, will and can follow official procedures, and will progressively advance the club, its image and events.

**Upcoming events** – lots being talked about and dates being banished around. Dependant upon competitor numbers, officials available, access to venues and local and world monetary issues we could have either a very busy year or a very slack one. Please keep your event thoughts and ideas coming in as changes are happening daily.

Have a safe and happy festive holiday season. Whcc191208

## **Secretary's Story**

**Meeting:** 08<sup>th</sup> December 2008  
11 Jackson St, Garbutt

**Meeting Opened:** 7.40pm

**Present:** Wendy Hickey, Leif Hickey, Wade Hickey, Nathan Mullins, Greg Wright, Greg Van Dinter, Greg Fitzgerald, Lindsay Stone, Ken Haughton, Peter Trezona, Sam Woodger, John Womersley, Aidan Kayrooz.

**Apologies:** Gary Hickey, Mark Fischer, Daniel Weller, Ken Long, Kayleen Stone.

### **Secretaries Report:**

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

### **Treasurers Report:**

- N/A.

### **Club Captain:**

- Anyone that went to Charters Towers looked like they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The camaraderie was fantastic to see. Well done Greg W.
- Christmas Party, we have 19 people currently attending. If you can please let Wendy know as soon as possible if you are attending or not.
- Need to consider changing the date for the award presentation to coincide with our membership year.

### **Editor:**

- Nothing to report.

### **Publicity:**

- N/A.

### **Social:**

- N/A.

### **Motion:**

- o TCAC to accept reports. Seconded: Lindsay Stone. Passed.

### **President:**

- Nothing to report.

### **General Business:**

- Mt Stuart Sprint supp regs are down with ArComm at the moment. As soon as we receive them back approved, we will put the draft supp regs up on the website.
- Greg Fitzgerald gave an update on DECAMAG.
- General discussion and praise about recent Airlie Beach motorkhana, and the land they have down there.
- Discussion about Charters Towers motorcycle track, and the available land.

**Meeting Closed:** 8.11pm.

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### 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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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.**

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### Wanted

Extractors to suit Toyota 3t motor. Twin side draft webbers with or with out linkages and manifold to suit same

Call Mark on 0407 935 919

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# What's On!

All dates listed below are subject to change.

## **Events:**

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

Sat-Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> August 09 – Classic Cardwell Rally

## **Meetings:**

What: Twin Cities Autosports Club Meetings

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month @ 7.00pm

Where: 11 Jackson St, Garbutt (Hickey Cabinets)

## **Working Bee's\Training Days:**

## **Non-TCAC Stuff:**

## Whitsunday's A Winner

*By Wendy Hickey*

The Whitsunday Sporting Car Club motorkhana and sign on day held recently was an enormous success for their club. Numerous people joined the club and event entry was high. The PCYC bitumen car park proved to be a tuff course for tyres with many tyres well worn or shredded by days end. With a variety of cars from big commodores and falcons through to Subaru wagons and skylines the event held everyone's interest.

TCAC club members provided some impressive action coming out winners on the day. While WSSC members kept that time old Ford - Holden rivalry well and truly going.

Many driver - navigator communication skills were sorely tested with some drivers questioning the reasoning behind putting a rival in the navigators seat. A highlight of the event was seeing two floppy hatted ladies serenely directing each other sedately around the courses in their unpretentious little car. Congratulations ladies on your win.

Stay tuned for information on up coming events being planned for the new Tonka Park track near Proserpine airport.

## The IronMan

*By Nathan Mullins*

Well another year over and done with, and what a great way to finish it off, with 'The Ironman' event at Charters Towers. After much indecision about whether to go or not (due to Sam being sick with tonsillitis all week), Dan and I headed out in our Skylines about lunchtime Saturday, and made it there in time to join our fellow race mates. With the weather glorious, a field of around 20 competitors and the track not 'too wet', the weekend was perfect. It was meant to be, and I was thrilled to take 1st place, after all these years of competing in this event. Thanks to all those people behind the scene who organized and officialled. Hope to see you all in 2009, although I've been told by the boss that I have to have the year off from racing, maybe I can sneak a few in if I behave!!! If not, I will still be around, probably help out with officialling etc. Have a safe and Merry Xmas.

## The Grand Finale

*By Wendy Hickey*

Charters Towers Ironman Aluminium Lady – what a great way to end the years events. Words such as fun, enjoyable, laid back, great, hot and water were tossed around freely all weekend. Acknowledgment must go to Greg Wright for organising a well run, fun event that had a little bit of everything in it to keep all and sundry happy. From what I saw and heard in the pits the competitors had a ball. Competition, depending on the course set out, ranged from fiercely competitive to “bugger the comp lets have some fun”.

The Madaz – Gary, car proved to be a hit over the weekend with some pretty impressive driving being done in it. Ken’s driving prowess came to the fore with some pretty impressive lines, gear changing and braking. Lindsay’s grin was infectious particularly when he was waltzing the car through the corners. And Kaylene’s happy laughter and shrieks could be heard by all as she dexterously proved new grandma’s can drive.

Seems late night campfire talk has turned to having 2 madaz cars – one for the senior statesman and one for the junior braveheart members of the club to compete in. Stay tuned for more on this intriguing idea.

A big thank you must go to my parents, sister and nephew, on holidays from the Gold Coast. Parents, Gilian & Ian keenly manned the spotter’s tower and radio all weekend. They showed us all how nimble footed they are by climbing up and down the tower, thermos and sandwiches in tow, with no worries. Sister Debbie, ably backed me with the entry paperwork and timing. Uncannily, we had nearly identical times on every run – must be a sister thing. Hope you enjoyed your “holiday” guys. You are welcome back anytime - to help out.

Congratulations to Nathan & Lauren the winning pair who are now down to run the 2009 event.

There is already talk of “when is the next event”. Fingers crossed we might be able to use this track on a regular basis and with a little bit of fine tuning to the courses we could end up with a very good venue.

Wanted 1981 Mazda 626 4 door sedan/s for some serious fun. Contact the Hickey Boys or Nathan, Sam, Daniel or Pete

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## IMPORTANT GENERAL NOTICE

The **Club Meeting night** is the **2<sup>ND</sup> 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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