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Official Newsletter of the **TOWNSVILLE CITY AUTOSPORTS CLUB Inc.**

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V8 Supercar Track Motorkhana



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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

It's been a while since we've had a magazine out...but here is my last one before AGM and a new person can take over the fun role that is Editor. Good Luck to ya!! I've heard whispers of someone that wants it...

I'd like to thank everyone that has helped me put this magazine together over the past 3 years, namely mum.

Bring on 2010!!

Wade (Swade) Hickey

Presidents Perspective

First of all I would like to welcome everyone into the year of 2010. It looks like being a very good year. That is of course Mother Nature plays her part. This will be short and sweet, just to let you know what lies ahead. Thanks to Ron's efforts we have Motorkhana's back on the programme. They will be run behind the pit building at the V8 track. Also the planning is well advanced for the Mt Stuart Sprint. The Hillclimbs are kicking off shortly along with 2 rallysprints and possibly 2 rallies. We also have Khanacross's so this year there is something for everyone. Also there is going to be quite a bit of training happening for those who want to improve themselves as far as being an official goes. Last off, remember if you do not wish to compete you can still participate by being a official at a event.

Greg

Chronicles of the Club Captain

Club Point Score Results from 2009 Season:

Motorkhana

1st Sam Woodger
2nd Joel Humphries
3rd Peter Trezona

Khanacross

1st Ken Long
2nd Travis Mauger
3rd Leif Hickey

Rally Driver

1st Greg Van Dinter
2nd Shane Ogilvie
3rd Peter Trezona

Rally Navigator

1st Wade Hickey
2nd Richard Wall
3rd Ken Maluga

Club Official

Gary Hickey

Club Champion

Nathan Mullins

Publicity Goes Public

For the year 2009 there were 31 articles published on events that TCAC ran with photos of a large contingent of competitors.

The majority of these were in the Townsville Bulletin, some in The Townsville Sun and a few in regional papers from Ayr to Cardwell.

We had articles on our major rallies and rally sprint posted on Rallysport Magazine website as well as photos from Cardwell rally on the same site.

Tarmac magazine has given our club national exposure via articles on our Mt Stuart Sprint.

If you are running an event please send details to your publicity officer so they can get the word out there on what is happening in the world of TCAC to potential members, competitors and interested persons.

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

Gary

Mt Stuart Sprint 2010 Report

Issue 6 of Tarmac magazine is in newsagents and on page 21 is a full report with photos from the 2009 event and an ad for this year is on page 18, so check it out as this is a quality national magazine.

The supp regs and expression of interest / intention to enter form are up on the website on www.tcac.net.au

If you are thinking about competing in the event please fill in the form and email back to hickeycabinets@westnet.com.au

Sponsors back on board so far this year are.

Key Motors, Thrifty car and truck rental,
Fulcrum Suspension, Brakemart,
Mecure Accor Hotel,
Battery World, iLasercut

New sponsor has come on board, Living On The Outside, located at domain central and are putting a substantial \$\$ gift voucher up as an officials prize.

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 12th & 13th June

What's On!

All dates listed below are subject to change.

Events:

- Sunday 14th March 2010 - Motorkhana Round 2 (Venue TBA)
- Sunday 28th March 2010 – Mt Stuart Hillclimb Round 1
- Sunday 11th April 2010 - Motorkhana Round 3 (Venue TBA)
- Sunday 30th May 2010 – Mt Stuart Hillclimb Round 2
- Sat-Sunday 12th-13th June 2010 – Mt Stuart Sprint (Tarmac Rally)
- Sunday 25th July 2010 - Mt Stuart Hillclimb Round 3
- Saturday 7th August 2010 – Cardwell Classic Rally
- Sunday 22nd August 2010 - Motorkhana Round 4 (Venue TBA)
- Sunday 19th September 2010 - Motorkhana Round 5 (Venue TBA)
- Saturday 25th September 2010 – Charters Towers Rallysprint
- Sunday 3rd October 2010 - Mt Stuart Hillclimb Round 4
- Sunday 17th October 2010 - Motorkhana Round 6 (Venue TBA)
- Sunday 21st November 2010 - Motorkhana Round 7 (Venue TBA)

Meetings:

What: Townsville City Autosports Club Meetings
When: 2nd Monday of each month @ 7.00pm
Where: 11 Jackson St, Garbutt (Hickey Cabinets)

What: Annual General Meeting

When: Saturday 20th March 2010

Where: Where: 11 Jackson St, Garbutt (Hickey Cabinets)

Working Bee's\Training Days:

Sunday 21st March 2010 – Mt Stuart Hillclimb Working Bee – Contact Kerry Cobbing for more info

Classic Adelaide 2009 from the LivingStones Motorsport Team

(Lindsay, Kaylene Stone and Keith Dixon in a 1989 MAZDA RX7)



We are glad to say that we have returned home safely & victoriously and have now recovered from the event and all its preparation. Albeit, we will never be the same either.

Getting to and from there was even an adventure!! After sorting out unexpected issues with the tow vehicle and car trailer we had a great trip of over 6,000kms. A big thanks to Martin for the loan of his newly built enclosed trailer. It did the job very well.

Upon arriving in SA and experiencing 40+ degree days, we felt quite at home. We had so many blessings come our way and answers to our prayers in the way of a Service crew and workshop support being provided to us by Jason at 'REVS Motorsport', Adelaide. Our appreciation goes out to him and his team, as he and one of his customer's were also Rookies in this event. Yes, thankfully all three RX7's finished successfully.



Reconnaissance was even fun (including Kaylene in the back seat) as it was partly done in a hired Excel the weekend before. There are so many incredible 'drivers' roads around the Adelaide Hills, past the vineyards and down the Peninsula, and we knew we were in for a treat. We chose to acquire a good set of Pace Notes, (good cheap insurance!) which showed every detail of the road and so we were able to drive much more confidently at speed.

The tarmac rally event comprised of 32 'Special Stages' of competition held over 4 days. We started cautiously and were seeded in 26th place from the Prologue and progressed up to a best of 5th on one wet stage, as we gained confidence in man and machine!! Overall we came in 11th in the 'Late Classic' class (1982 -1991).

Other cars in our class included the gaggle of 'common' Porsches (911, 944 & 928) and Triumph TR7V8s, Escorts, 240/260Zs, Commodores, Toranas, RX7s, BMWs, MGBGTs. The stages varied from tight, windy and often hilly to the open country with some straights getting you up to 230 kmh. We were fortunately never passed and only caught one older car on a fast section. We had a ball blasting down these spectacular roads.

The Mazda went extremely well, despite minor issues - one turbo hose leak being fixed by a stick off the road side!

The major car upgrades in engine cooling, front brake size, racing seats, etc paid off well.

It was a wonderful event despite two lives being taken in a Porsche 911 on the first day. It made us all the more cautious, as we imagined thoughts of eternity were on many minds. We met up with the incorrigible Todd Martin in his element, looking after all and sundry, and the Event Chaplain (who did a marvellous job in the circumstances) and we also made other local contacts, who we will no doubt link up with in future events.

Much appreciation to Keith Dixon for coming on board without racing experience, yet with great enthusiasm in the preparation and Navigating. A great job well done!

Socially, the event is a real winner, as they give you plenty of time to mix with other people at lunches, evening street parties, etc as it is purposely aimed.

It was great to hear the responses from people seeing our Townsville AutoSport Club decal, and even one surprise comment "What does 1 Corinthians 9:24 say? "

Many thanks also goes to Murray, Nick, RJ, Peter, Stuart, Wade, Sam and others who helped get us going to make it a 'revving' success, and we would recommend it to anybody even though it took a major effort.

Take care on the roads and God bless you in all your endeavours,

Lindsay & Kaylene Stone Ph 4774 5530



Secretary's Story

Meeting: 08th February 2010
11 Jackson St, Garbutt

Meeting Opened: 7.24pm

Present: Ron White, Lindsay Brown, Peter Trezona, Gary Hickey, Wendy Hickey, Leif Hickey, Wade Hickey, Deb Melrose, Geoff Nicol, Stephen Nicol, Ken Whitby, Ken Long, Kristy Baldey, Travis Mauger, Nikki Mauger, John Womersley, Greg Wright, Nathan Mullins, Lex Ainscough, Kerry Cobbing, Greg Van Dinter, Greg Fitzgerald, Lindsay Stone, Kayleen Stone, Marc Fisher, Aidan Kayrooz, Grant Cooper.

Secretaries Report:

- Minutes read from last meeting.
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Treasurers Report:

- Reports are in at the auditors.
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Club Captain:

- Nothing to report.
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Editor:

- A magazine will be published this month as we have received content from members.
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Publicity:

- Mt Stuart Sprint Sup Regs are on the website.
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Social:

- NA.

Motion:

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

President:

- Planning of events for this year are being looked at.

General Business:

- Ron – Motorkhana venue will be the sealed truck parking area behind the V8 pit building. There are 7 motorkhanas proposed for this year. Guidelines for use of the area was discussed.
- Ron – Mt Stuart Sprint – The V8 track will be used for the prologue in conjunction with the Marque Sports Car Club who is using the track on the Sunday.
- Ron moved motion:
 - o TCAC to accept the proposed budget of \$10,000 for the Mt Stuart Sprint. Seconded: Greg Fitzgerald. Motion didn't pass. Written budget submission was requested before passing.
- Ron – Training courses and dates were discussed.
- Kerry – Discussion on Council's response to the use of Mt Stuart for use for hillclimbs and tarmac rally. Budget proposal for 2010 hillclimb series passed around for consideration.
- Kerry put motion:
 - o TCAC to accept the budget proposal submitted to the club for the 2010 Hillclimb Series. Seconded: Greg Wright. Passed.
- Greg W – Discussion about TCAC to participate in the NQ Khanacross Series.
- Greg W moved motion:
 - o TCAC to purchase four fire extinguishers as per advice from Ryan Lacaze. Seconded: Geoff Nicol. Passed.
- Greg W – At this stage two ralliesprints are pencilled in, keep an eye out for further information.
- Nathan – Discussed water truck bill from 2009.
- Leif – Board nominations will be placed on the club website. Nominations close 2 weeks prior to the AGM. Exact date will be confirmed on documentation.
- Kerry – 21st March will be a working bee for the hillclimb. Contact Kerry for further information.
- Kerry – Discussion on shade coverings for hillclimb checkpoints.

Meeting Closed: 8.24pm.

MINUTES QUEENSLAND RALLY ADVISORY PANEL

Meeting held on Monday, 8th February 2010
at 'Sports House', 150 Caxton St, Milton

PRESENT:

David Grundy (Chairman)	Ian Gorski	Sheridan Hetherman
Peter Marcovich	Barry Neuendorff	

APOLOGIES:

Eddie Fowler	Andrew Longuet	Justin Sinclair
Berenice Stratton		

VISITORS:

Errol Bailey

Important Note: *Advisory Panels are appointed or elected annually by the Sport & Club Development Council-Queensland to provide advice to the Sport & Club Development Council on an area of particular knowledge. Each Panel also has a direct reporting relationship with the relevant Commission on discipline specific matters. Any advice or recommendation recorded by Advisory Panels does not have any regulatory effect until such time as the Sport & Club Development Council-Queensland or the relevant Commission adopts such advice or recommendation.*

Queensland Rally Panel Chairman, David Grundy, opened the meeting at 7.05pm and welcomed Panel members and visitors.

04-1002-42-**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

- 021 Reviewed the Minutes of the Rally Advisory Panel meeting of 11th January 2010.
- 022 Reviewed the Minutes of the SSDC-Q meeting of Tuesday, 19th January 2010.
- (a) Ref. SCDC-Q 10-5894 – Emergency Pro Forma Document
Forwarded onto ARCom for approval and distribution.
- (b) Ref. SCDC-Q 10-5895 – Queensland Levy Fund Distribution
BSCC approved for Levy entitlement \$2100.00 for 2009.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

- 023 Ref. SCDC-Q10-5895 – Queensland Levy Fund Distribution
Panel discussed submitted Invoice from BSCC and will remind Clubs of the requirement to submit a copy of an Invoice for Safety Equipment purchases.
- 024 Ref. RAP10-003 - 2009 Rally Presentation Dinner
Berenice had provided a written report in her absence, with a detailed report to follow next month. The Endeavour Foundation was the adopted charity for the evening and the donation cheque could possibly be presented to them at their "Ride of a Life Time Day" at Willowbank on 28th February 2010.
- Panel wished to thank Berenice and her team for another successful dinner.
- 025 Ref. RAP10-004 & 10-012 & SCDC-Q10-5897 - Rally Handbook for 2010
Approval granted for Handbook & Validation Form amendments and Qld Office advised posting to the website will occur over the weekend 6th-7th February.
This advice to be passed onto Clubs. Action: JS.
- Chairman's Note: Posting to website completed.
- 026 Ref. RAP10-006 - Queensland Rally Drivers' Seeding List
List finalised and to be distributed to Clubs for information. Action: JS.

Chairman's Note: Errol Bailey joined the meeting at 7.55pm.

At this point the Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Errol Bailey to address the Panel.

- 027 Update on the Proposed International Rally of Queensland
Errol brought the Panel up to date on the planning and arrangements of this Event.
The Panel thanked Errol for his information and attendance.

Chairman's Note: Errol Bailey departed the meeting at 8.40pm.

- 028 Ref. RAP10-008 - Rally Website
Ownership of website has been clarified and discussions concerning the necessary changes required improving the exposure and updating content.
- 029 Ref. RAP10-011 - Willowbank Tarmac Challenge
John Careless and BSCC advised that this event will not be happening. BSCC wrote and advised CAMS Qld Office to remove from the calendar.
- 030 Ref. RAP10-017 - Information and Training Events
Sheridan updated Panel on the training weekend combined with the Test & Tune for practical training on 19-23 February 2010.

Panel would like to express its thanks to Andrew Crawford for this presentation on CRO & Zero Car procedures and duties. Attendees found the night very informative.

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE & BUSINESS ARISING:

- 031 Email from CAMS Qld Office dated 15/01/2010
Re: Biloela Coal Road Inspection Report. Noted.
- 032 Email from Hyundai Max Attack Challenge (Excel Series)
Re: General Meeting and finalising of series regulations.
Chairman attended meeting. Regs to be presented to Panel's March meeting.
- 033 Email from BSCC requesting Date Change
Re: Qld Challenge TRE from 23rd October to 30th October 2010.

Resolved that QRAP recommend to SCDC-Q that this date change be granted.
- 034 Email from BSCC requesting Date Change
Re: KCF Round 1 from 6th March to 13th March 2020.
Approval was granted by SCDC-Q in conjunction with handbook amendments at January meeting.
- 035 Email from Jamie Lawson
Re: Endeavour Foundation's "Ride of a Life Time" Day 28th February 2010 Noted.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

- *****
- 19th, 20th and 21st February 2010 Rally Organisers Training Weekend at Gallangowan
 - *****
 - Saturday 13th March 2010 KCF Short Course Rally Round 1 - Benarkin
 - *****
 - Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th April 2010 Philcomm Rally Round 1 - Jimna
 - *****
 - Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd May 2010 NDSCC Rallysprint Round 2
 - *****
 - Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd May 2010 Kalpowar Invitational Rally

GENERAL BUSINESS:

036 ARCom Meeting Topics
Panel discussed the received information obtained from various people and subsequently passed onto the Qld ARCom Commissioner, for meeting arranged for 12th February 2010.

037 Touring Road Events Working Group
Panel discussed the members of this Group for 2010.

Resolved that QRAP recommend to SCDC-Q that the following people be appointed to this Working Group for 2010:

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|------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Tony Best (Chairman) * | Steve Jones * | Brian Krieger * |
| Ted Looi * | Chris McMahon | Andrew Owen * |
| Malcolm Spiden | Alan Stean * | Peter Stringfellow * |

* Denotes members in 2009.

038 Qld Transport Department - Update
Barry updated Panel on progress and advised this is progressing, slowly.

039 Club Development
The Panel discussed how alternative events and recruitment could be planned to encourage new organisers and competitors.

MEETING CLOSED: 10.35pm

NEXT MEETING: Monday, 8th March 2010.

“I have signed this draft document and believe it is a true and accurate record of the meeting”.

Signed:.....
David Grundy,
Chairman: Rally Advisory Panel.

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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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