



MARCH 2009

The Official Newsletter of the
Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting Club Inc.
 (Patron Alan Jones, MBE)

Welcome to the March newsletter and remember the club will be meeting on Wednesday night, the 18th, at the Merrimac High School in Mermaid Waters at 7.30am.

Remember, consult the GCTMC Inc website for up to date event information, news and club activities. The **Club Membership Form** can be found on the Home page – just click on the link.

Club Members in Action

We have been fortunate to have a number of motorsport events to participate in over the recent weeks and many in the club took to the opportunity with gusto. The Willowbank Tarmac Rally Challenge (initiated by John Careless last year) was a great success again and well managed by the BSCC with John as Assistant Clerk of Course. And just down the road on the same day was the IWMAC Autocross well attended by 60 plus entrants. Then we followed this up with Round #1 of the GCTMC Khnacross at Peter Prestons nursery. All events were well attended by the GCTMC members.

(below left is Fred Frech, Peter Lockhart and Tony Taylor at the Tanah Keta Khnacross)
 (below right is Mike Page and team at the Tarmac Rally Challenge)

- President:** Ron King
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PRESIDENTS PRATTLE

The clubs first event for 2009 has been run at the Tanah Keta Khanacross under hot and dusty conditions.

The event was successful with a small field of competitors getting 8 runs using a new track layout, allowing cars to start as soon as the previous cars finished. (thanks to Pete Preston on the bob cat, slasher and chain saw,) Thanks to Clerk of Course Den Baker, again !, Event Sec Pete Lockhart, Tony Taylor Dep secretary, and Lloyd Evans, scrutineer.

The event was also important as Tony was successfully assessed for his event administration which will allow him to be event Secretary for the Border Ranges Rally. I was also assessed for my bronze event command so I will be right to be the deputy Clerk of course for that rally also.

The club is beginning to look good for officials to share the load with Den, Simon and myself as Cof Cs and if Shaun Brown can be accessed for his club chief at the next Tanah keta Khanacross on the 29/3/09, that will be great.

The club is still looking for members to step up to be officials, so contact someone in the committee and we will personally help you achieve your goals.

The other event I have to mention (rave about) is the IWMAC new sandy surface autocross track. I competed and I was rapt as the new surface suits rally car driving, sliding from corner to corner, it wont pack down to a bitumen type surface like it did in previous years so high powered bitumen setup cars cant get their power down. Just ask Bob Bowden who tried out his new turbo charged Datsun SSS. See photos of Bobs Beast in this mag. A large field of 58 entries competed and I cant wait to compete again on this track, in their Dirt sprint on the 15th March.

When we were not competing we had a good view of the bitumen boys belting around the Tarmac Challenge event, a BSCC event with John Careless heavily involved, and several GCTMC entries, I am told it was a great event, it looked good from where we were and hopefully it will attract a larger field in future years.

The committee has decided to sell the small club trailer with the fire extinguishers and get what it can. The trailer is a little too small and we have sufficient extinguishers already.

The Border Ranges Rally is looking good with planning going on in the background, for a back to the future, clubman rally suited to classic cars due to the smooth roads planned.

I see that Baden's new MKII GT Cortina is up on the hoist at Jason Ruse's workshop and if Jason can get his Lancer going and Jason Delany in his Escort, we should have a cracker of an event with members at the Border Ranges Rally.

Gentleman and ladies start rebuilding your engines for this event.

See you at the meeting Wed night.

Ron King





BOB's BULLDUST – Secretary's Report

Great to see a good number at our Feb meeting and also the chance to welcome many new members. Would previous members who have not renewed their membership at this stage please see Peter Preston to arrange renewal as the year is well under way. Speaking of well under way we have of course started our events and have 29th March and 26th April not far away. A special thanks must go to those members who stand up to run these events for the enjoyment of others and put in considerable effort to attain CAMS qualifications. Perhaps risking leaving out someone I would recognise Denis Baker, Peter Lockhart, Tony Taylor, President Ron King, Shaun Brown, and Simon Petty and John Careless for their work in 2008, as well as our faithful scrutineer Lloyd Evans.

A busy committee meeting was held last week and looking at the agenda and minutes it seems that we are in for a busy and enjoyable year. It would obviously be a great help if all members could contribute at some time towards club activities.

Short and sweet this month.

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The **RepcO Rally Australia** has announced that a WRC based training event will take place on the 8th and 9th of August to allow the organisation to train and finalise stage operating procedures prior to the WRC in September. The event will include a series of very short stages, possibly on one length of road, where club based competitors will be asked to compete to test the operating systems. Remember, please register your interest in helping this event by going to www.rallyaustralia.com.au

The Willowbank Tarmac Rally Challenge

BSCC conducted a tarmac rally similar to The Rallying of Classics at Willowbank on Sunday the 1st March. A small but varied field of 21 were entered. Three crews from the GCTMC had a run but unfortunately two had the gremlins strike. Pagie entered the Escort and was his usual spectacular self but again had overheating problems. Rob Clarke had a run in his Escort but lost drive before the last run. Son & Dad combo Baden and Colin Uren drove the pants of their Cortina. Simon Petty did the finish control and I was Assistant Clerk of Course.



The course was tarmac only and not as open and fast as the first event. Hence the winning car, an Ultima crewed by Guy Beddington and Alan Stean, averaged approximately 89km/h whilst the first event won by Stewie Reid in his Corolla averaged just on 100 km/h. The Ultima not surprisingly won by a country mile. It sounded fantastic. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day and there were a few drivers out there having a look. Unfortunately not much publicity surrounded this event so it went a bit unnoticed.

Interestingly, and as expected, a lot of the hoopla that surrounded the GCTMC event re CAMS requirements was missing from this event. As usual, once an event has been run and the governing authority is OK with procedures, it appears they are happy to let the organisers do their own thing. More work is being done to try and simplify even further the set up of the event as well as trying to lower the entry fee. Keep tuned!

Guess Who?

Well it's not that hard really is it! There are very few people who drive a Falcon 500 GS like this. Yes it is Bruce Hodgson in the 1970 Ampol Trial. I remember, as a kid, going into town late at night to see entrants from this event pass through Cairns.

Australian Muscle Car Issue 42 (March/April on sale now) has a great read on the rivalry between the Ford and Holden V8s. Bruce is featured in a double page spread being pushed out of a slippery mud hole.

John Careless



ACTION PHOTO PAGES from Tarmac Rally, Autocross and Khancross



Bob Bowden 180B SR20



Baden and Colin Uren Mk I Cortina GT500



Ron King Datsun 1600



Mike Page MkII Escort



Peter Preston Mazda R100



Fred Frech Subaru WRX



Dion Jarvis Holden Gemini



Shaun Brown MkI Escort



Recon starting at lower level garage



The timing crew at work with the Gemini



Ivan Veovodin Mazda RX7



Mick Bruce MkII Escort (he did not hit the hat!)



David/Quinton Nicholson Turbo Landcruiser



Shaun Brown MKI Escort



Dion Jarvis Holden Gemini



Thomas Rosengreen Celica GT+4

The other piece of rally news is the **REPCO Reliability Trial RERUN** taking place on the 8th to 17th August 2009. Organised by the **Historic Rally Association** and directed by Graham Wallis, this event will celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the 1979 Repco Round Australia Trial. The RERUN will start in Melbourne and follow the original rally route through to Kingoonya in a more leisurely fashion than the original event. Climb onto the Historic Rally Association website and click on the links.

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