



## The Official Newsletter of the Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting Car Club Inc.

Next Club Meeting will be on 16th July 2008  
At Merrimac High School, Dunlop Court, Mermaid Waters,  
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### Australian Rally Championship News.

The Australian Rally Championship's leading drivers have thrown their full support behind the calendar's newest event, the Tasmanian Tarmac Challenge. The inclusion of the October 4 and 5 event will not only see the ARC return to Tasmanian for the first time since 2006, but it will be the first major tarmac round in the championship's prestigious 41 year history.

### Amalgamated Glass Border Ranges Rally. 27<sup>th</sup> September

With the Event fast approaching the committee is looking for members of the Gold Coast tweed Motorsporting Club to run a Stage of the Rally & would like to hear from somebody to be the Stage Commander & organise the Team to run the Stage.

Contact Jason Delaney or Simon Petty to Volunteer.

This is our Clubs Rally so come out & help make it a success again this year.

### Upcoming Officials Courses

30<sup>th</sup> August 2008 Silver Module

Both to be held at CAMS Auditorium Milton.

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> September 2008 Scrutineer Course at Winsor/ Slacks Creek



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## David & Quentin Nicholson Have been Competing again in the Land Cruiser

We did the Noosa Hillclimb (w-end before last) Loads of fun...incredible track. Got 4 runs in...not particularly happy with times...2<sup>nd</sup> was too low...3<sup>rd</sup> too high for all but the last 500mts or so! The track was pretty slow on the day...I believe the 'Top 10' were down almost 5secs on the Nov. event. It was very cold all day, I think our first run it was only 8 deg. C. Cheers, David.

Terry Chapman is looking to sell his '78 Two door Escort and if you know of anyone who is interested can you get them to contact me for further details. Home Phone- (02) 66 77 14 79, ring evenings for more info.



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Q. Why don't blind men skydive?

A. Because it scares the shit out of the dog



## In the wacky World of Motorsport

Mud Racing not a thing we get much in Queensland but big in the Southern United States either as an alternative to Drag racing or in a trench dug specially with water & earth mixed into a thick goo with the object to get furthest before bogging down.



# Coates Rally Queensland Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June

A number of club members went up to Imbil to help out & spent a great couple of days with great weather & some great action at Imbil.  
I worked on Lester's Loop a short Spectator Stage on the outskirts of Imbil & had a great view around the top part of the stage



Stepen & Lorrele Tonna Running in the QRC

Mark Casper & Mark Malpas running in the Mazda 323



Above are photos of club members doing their thing in Rally Qld held last weekend. This is Million LA stage – 1<sup>st</sup> stage of the Saturday and Sunday. Quite a few club members went and assisted with the control and stage. Their names for the point score are –

- Mick Bruce • Mitchell Bruce • Peter Preston & Jill • Ian Syme • Mike Page
- Thanks to Mick Bruce for them



The Toyota Team came well prepared .

Neal Bates & Coral Taylor at the start of Lester's Loop.



Michael Guest & David Green Preparing for Lester's Loop

The Awesome VW Polo S2000 of Marius Swart & Gerard McConkey

Thanks to Lynne Taylor For the above Photos



The Classics ran first on the Road But Keith Factrel & Catriona Kelly came to grief on one of the stages in the Escort RS.



## ***“The Brown Stuff”***

Things just keep getting better, Qld takes the Origin for another year and that's another carton of Corona's for the fridge.....

Obviously some of you are still doing the rain dance thing which saw our most recent khanacross date postponed. The paddock that we traverse across was basically flooded on the Saturday (it's actually called the Dam paddock, go figure...) and we would have cut it up too much if we had tried to get into the back paddock we use on the Sunday. We will have a replacement date within a couple of days, certainly by the time of next weeks meeting.

We will also hopefully have some more dates for club events at the next meeting as well. There are several events being worked on at present including a touring road event and a bitumen motorkhana. We will also be continuing on with our series of khanacross events as well.

It's great to see club members taking the time to do the ground work on some of these events least. It is the writers own opinion that we really do need to be seen running more events, particularly with the prospect of a club based motorsport precinct getting on the Councils radar. We will need to be seen to be active to be considered for space there if anything does come to fruition.

I have mentioned this to some mutual friends and members in the Gold Coast MG Club and hope that we can run at least a couple of local joint events this year, possibly motorkhanas but also maybe khanacross's if we ever get access to some more suitable open property.

Continuing the theme of the whys and wherefores of running events, the Committee have discussed the possibility of asking some members along as non executive committee members to assist particularly with events. This may be in the form of a track committee (as been suggested by one member) but this could be managed several different ways. This aspect will be discussed further at this months meeting.

One thing I will mention before signing off is that Denis Baker and Gary Mitchell have been doing some good work in trying to identify a final stage for the Red Centre To Gold Coast Trial in September. It is hoped that the club can contribute to the running of this event by assisting in running the last stage, stay tuned for more info as it comes to hand.

Lastly, don't forget that the easiest way you can make a contribution to your club is by getting qualified as an official. This is a classic case of everyone doing a small job once or twice a year making a huge difference. If we had another 3 or 4 qualified club chiefs we could run heaps more events with less reliance on people (particularly stewards) from outside our own club. It's not hard, get too it!

See you at the meeting.

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# Events Calendar Mid July till End October From QLD CAMS Calendar Version 15

Date	Organiser	Type	Status	Venue
18/20 July	V8 SuperCar Championship Series	Race	National Ch'ship	Queensland Raceway
19/20 July	South Burnett Motorsport Club	Khanacross	Multi Club	McKinnons Property
26/27 July	Gympie Auto Sport Club	Off Road Short Crse	Multi Club	Kilkvan
1 August	MG Car Club of QLD	Ironman Weekend	Multi Club	Roads in S E QLD
2 August	MG Car Club of QLD	Ironman Weekend	Multi Club	TBA
2 August	Brisbane Sporting Car Club	Rally	State Ch'ship	Jimna
3 August	MG Car Club of QLD	Ironman Weekend	Multi Club	Mt Cotton
2/3 August	Warwick Motor Sporting Car Club	Supersprint	Multi Club	Morgan Park
2/3 August	North Qld Off Road Racing Assn	Off Road Short Crse	Multi Club	Makay
2/3 August	Proston Car Rally Club	Khanacross	Multi Club	Proston Rally Track
3 August	Twin Cities Autosports Club	Hillclimb	Multi Club	Mt Stuart
9/10 August	Historic Racing Car Club Qld	Race	Nat Historics	Morgan Park
15 August	Marque Sports Car Club	Touring Road Event	Multi Club	Roads in S E QLD
16/17 August	Rally of the Great lakes	Rally	National Ch'ship	NSW Environs
17 August	Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club	One Car Sprint	Multi Club	Willowbank Park
23/24 August	South East Qld Off Road Racing Assn	Off Road Short Crse	Multi Club	Toogoawah
23/24 August	Leyburn Mtoe Sprints Committee	One Car Sprint	Multi Club	Leyburn
30 August	Porsche Club Qld	Supersprint	Club	Morgan Park
30 August	Brisbane Sporting Car Club	Touring Road Event	Multi Club	Roads in S E QLD
29/31 August	Powercruise	Drift	Multi Club	Queensland Raceway
6 September	Northern Districts Car Club	Rally	Club	Yarraman
6/7 September	Millmerran Auto Club	One Car Sprint	Multi Club	Pittsworth
7 September	Holden Sporting Car Club	Motorkhana	State Ch'ship	Willowbank Raceway
13 September	Porsche Club Qld	Hillclimb	Club	Mt Cotton
13/14 September	South Burnett Motorsport Club	Khanacross	Multi Club	McKinnons Property
13/14 September	Warwick Motor Sporting Car Club	Supersprint	Multi Club	Morgan Park
13/14 September	Australian Motorsport Enthusiasts Club	Off Road Long Crse	Multi Club	Bauple
14 September	MG Car Club of QLD	Hillclimb	Multi Club	Mt Cotton
15 September	Triumph Sports Owners Assn	Supersprint	Multi Club	Morgan Park
18 September	Triumph Sports Owners Assn	Hillclimb	Multi Club	Mt Cotton
8/20 September	Red Centre To Gold Coast	Rally	Multi Club	Alice Springs To GC
19 September	Marque Sports Car Club	Touring Road Event	Multi Club	Roads in S E QLD
20/21 September	Speed on Tweed	One Car Sprint	Multi Club	Murwilumbah
21 September	Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club	Autocross	Multi Club	Willowbank Park
<b>27 September</b>	<b>Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting</b>	<b>Rally</b>	<b>State Ch'ship</b>	<b>Urbenville</b>
27/28 September	Warwick Motor Sporting Car Club	Supersprint	Multi Club	Morgan Park
28 September	MG Car Club of QLD	Come & Try	Club	Mt Cotton
4/5 October	Warwick Motor Sporting Car Club	Race	State Ch'ship	Morgan Park
5 October	Brisbane Sporting Car Club	Motorkhana	State Ch'ship	Beenleigh
5 October	Twin Cities Autosports Club	Hillclimb	Multi Club	Mt Stuart
11 October	Porsche Club Qld	Supersprint	Club	Morgan Park
9/12 October	V8 Super Cars	Race	National Ch'ship	Bathurst
17 October	Marque Sports Car Club	Touring Road Event	Multi Club	Roads in S E QLD
18/19 October	Brisbane Sporting Car Club	Off Road Long Crse	National Ch'ship	Goondiwindi
18/19 October	Warwick Motor Sporting Car Club	Supersprint	State Ch'ship	Morgan Park
19 October	Holden Sporting Car Club	Motorkhana	Multi Club	Willowbank Raceway
19 October	Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club	Autocross	Multi Club	Willowbank Park
23/26 October	Lexmark Indy	Race	International	Gold Coast
25/26 October	Short Circuit Motor Sports Assn	Supersprint	Multi Club	Stanthorpe

**More New Computer Viruses on the loose** **Airline virus:** You're in Dallas but your data is in Singapore.

**Freudian virus:** Your computer becomes obsessed with marrying to its own motherboard.

**Public Television virus:** Your programs stop every few minutes to ask for money.

**Elvis virus:** Your computer gets fat, slow and lazy, then self destructs only to resurface at shopping malls and service stations across rural America.

## Ron King would be interested to hear from anybody else thinking of following the Red Centre to Gold Coast Rally.

As I mentioned I intend to do a 4x4 trip to Alice Springs in Sept for the start of the Red Centre to Gold Coast Trial, where I go from there I have not determined.

I have attached the trial route page which should be of interest to club members as some are competing Denis Baker, some are servicing John Jones, and some with organizing the running route, Garry Mitchell.

Also mention that I am taking my 4x4 and if there are members who would like to take a 4X4 as a convoy to Alice Springs contact me on 0414180546. Cheers Ron King.

## TRIAL ROUTE



**Note 1:** Exact course has not yet been surveyed

**Note 2:** On two legs (Mount Isa to Cairns and Birdsville to Bourke) competitors will drive through the night with an intermediate 6 hour rest break.



*Cortina*



Colin and Baden U'Ren have begun the pleasurable task of building the world's best rally car: a Mk2 Ford Cortina GT. The story begins in June 1999 when Colin contacted his daughter Natalie who was in Canberra on business and asked if she would check out a car he was interested in purchasing. Natalie agreed and, decked out in professional attire (aka business suit) headed out to the car's location and proceeded to climb under, over and around every area of it. Having received an excellent report from a discerning daughter, Colin travelled from Melbourne to Canberra with his good friend Ken MacDonald to negotiate a purchase. It was a genuine Mk2 GT that needed a fair bit of work, but it was generally rust free and pretty straight.

The two men drove up together, Colin bought the car, and they drove back in convoy. On the return trip Colin was pulled over by the police while doing the speed limit on a particularly long and straight piece of road. When he inquired of the officer the reason for being pulled over, the policeman simply replied "I haven't seen one of these for ages! I just wanted to have a look."

The Mk2 has that effect on people: its sleek lines and purposeful stance evoke images of sideways action through the forest and distant memories of induction roar bouncing off trees. Ken had built up a Mk2 Lotus Cortina replica rally car, and Colin was looking to revive the memories of his extensive rallying days in the 70s and early 80s.



Ken's Mk2 Lotus Cortina  
Replica =>

Colin began his labour of love and a couple of years later, after many evenings and weekends tinkering in the garage alone or with his rallying mates of yesteryear, the car was back to its prime. Resplendent in white with contrasting black GT stripes, Colin's beast now breathed through twin Webers and provided the perfect car to travel the 15km journey through the hills to Wandin Yallock Primary School, where he was the Principal.

The school kids were particularly enamoured with the car and it became an educational tool in the mechanics classes Colin delivered to the students. All polished with chrome accents sparkling, the car was a real stunner. A picture of the car is at the top of the next page.



Retirement and a move to the Gold Coast has meant a lack of use for the Mk2. It now sits in Baden's garage and has not turned over since it acted as the support car for the GT500 at last year's Speed on Tweed.

This is a travesty! The car was built to be driven, not to sit in a garage.

After the running of the Rallying of Classics, Colin and Baden decided they needed a rally car. The decision was made to miss one of the major tarmac events in 2008 and to use that money to start looking for a likely car.

Some investigations were made, but Colin chirped in and suggested that the Mk2 would be a perfect base for the project. Pictures like this of a Mk2 GT in action at the Alpine Rally cemented the decision.



The car is now in waiting. The roll cage has been ordered and received: all that is required now is some time! Does anybody know where a few extra hours in the day can be bought? We'll keep you updated on our progress ☺