



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

Next Club Meeting will be on 18th June 2008
At Merrimac High School, Dunlop Court, Mermaid Waters,
UBD 49 H 4

www.gcimc.org.au

Message Received from Tony Taylor Regarding the Next Round of the
Hornibrook Motorsport Queensland Interclub Challenge

The results for the 2nd Round of ICQ have been posted online @
<http://www.icq.org.au/node/32> The 3rd round is on the 5th July @ the
Mt Cotton Hillclimb, so please write this date into your diaries. Entry
Forms and Sup Regs will be sent out shortly. The MG Car Club have
been very nice and have organised this special Saturday running of the
hill climb for the Interclub Challenge. This will ensure we all can
complete and get up to 5 runs for the day. For those that have entered
to running on the 6th of July hillclimb, you will be eligible (if registered
in an ICQ team for the day) to run free of charge on Saturday. Since
the MG Car Club have gone out of their way to organise this private
round, please ensure your club puts in an effort to attend and make up
2 x teams where possible.

Please give me a call if you have any queries. Regards, **Troy Adams**

Eastern Creek dumped from A1GP

TEAM Australia boss Alan Jones is determined to resurrect Australia as an A1GP host
after Sydney's Eastern Creek was dumped from the list of venues for the 2008-09

Upcoming Officials Courses

30th August 2008 Silver Module

Both to be held at CAMS Auditorium Milton.

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



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WRC News Atkinson still third in series, with high hopes for remainder of the season

Subaru Rally driver Chris Atkinson's final day at the Acropolis Rally ended early after a small spin resulted in suspension damage, but the Australian remains in third place in the World Rally Championship as the half-way mark of the series nears.

Sebastien Loeb won the rally to moved into the lead of the championship with 50 points after seven of the 15 rounds. He finished the brutal Greek event one minute 9.5 seconds clear of Atkinson's team mate, Petter Solberg, which brought much joy to the Subaru World Rally Team with its debut of the Impreza WRC2008.

Mikko Hirvonen took third place in the rally and slipped back to second on the points' table, just one behind the Frenchman with 49 points.

Atkinson remains third with 31 points, although the buffer over his other rivals is reduced, with Jari-Matti Latvala fourth with 26 points and Daniel Sordo fifth with 25.

Atkinson's early retirement came after a brilliant start to the day when he set the fastest time on the opening test by six seconds, recording the first stage win for the Impreza WRC2008. The next round of the series is Rally Turkey is in two weekend's time, from June 12 to 15. The event was last on the WRC calendar in 2006, and it will be the sixth gravel event in a row for the 2008 Championship.



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Thought for the Day

On the keyboard of life, always keep one finger on the Escape

Please Note

The Dead Line for any article for next Months Pitstop is 7th July please send any info to:
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In the wacky World of Motorsport Hillclimbing Rachau Style

From 1995 to 2004 Rachau had hosted a [hillclimbing](#) event. This had the objective that riders on motorbikes and also quadbikes and even the occasional car or converted jetski / snowmobile had attempted to ride up as far up the hillside as possible without falling off the bike (with the rider reaching the furthest distance winning the event).

The hill goes up approx 150 Metres getting steeper the further the competitor travels most competitors try to drop the bike at the highest point but as the hill is so steep some machines manage to make their way back down the hill on their own with varying degrees of damage. Other competitors just like to look good at the start with fancy costumes.



"The Brown Stuff"

All is good in the Brown household, Queensland has just thrashed NSW 30 blot in game 2 and I have just finished sending all my NSW mates text messages calling into doubt the sexual orientation of the NSW team....but I digress.....

RDA has been run and won by Thomas Rosengreen in the Celica with Ivan Voevodin third in the RX7 and David McNab upholding Escort honour in third. I think all who competed or attended had a great day, the new paddock at the RDA has some potential and hopefully the next event there will see us iron out the kinks in that property with some longer runs etc easily able to be worked up.

A couple of highlights from the day: Young Mitch Bruce having his first run in dads car as well as the debut of the Graham Hodges Anglia, anyone know where I can get a Prefect?

Next event will be 6 July and will be a khaanacross at either Pimpama (The Nursery) or back at the RDA. We are working on getting the basics done at the Nursery however the weather has not helped of late and we will have to see how that pans out over the next week to 10 days.

Please keep your eyes on the website, I will try and get sup regs up asap, off possible it will be pre entry only but again watch the website. (With the respect to the website I would ask people have just a little patience with me as I am still learning some of the finer points on this).

As well as attending to sorting out some stumps at the Nursery property we will also be getting a grader in to skim the property. PLEASE NOTE: Once we have put the grader through, the Nursery will be off limits for private practice or testing, no excuses. We can prep the track while the weather does its raining on and off again thing, but we cannot allow anyone to run there once it is prepped before our first actual event.

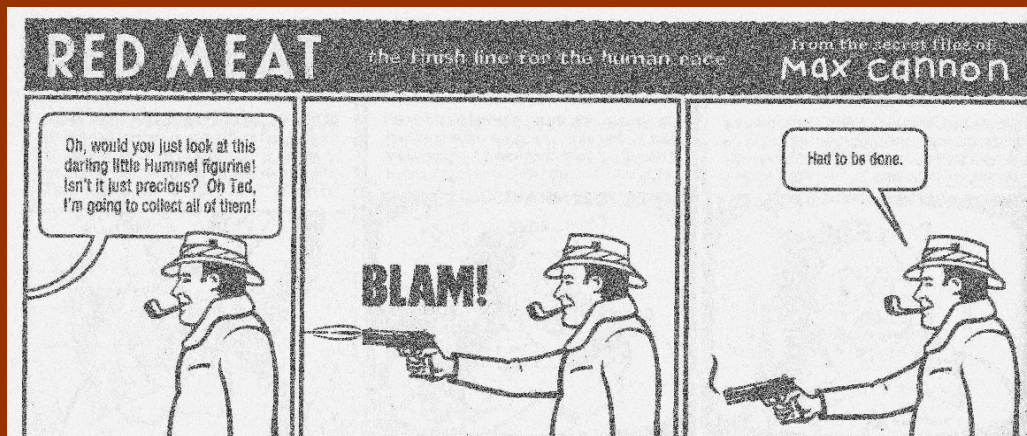
On the 29th of June we are looking at holding a club display at the Gold Coast Worongary Muscle Car Expo at the Worongary Primary School (Nerang). This is "too local" not to make the effort and get some exposure for our club. Display set up will be from 7 to 9 am and the day should be wrapped up by about 2.00 pm. If you can make your car available please ring or email me. Please DO NOT rock up on the day without having let me know you would like to display. More details at the meeting.

With respect to the charity ride day planned for the 6th it does look like we have been snookered for a suitable property. I am still speaking to the TACQ people and should have an update at the meeting.

Finally, thank you to the 3 other club members who attended the club chiefs course on the 25th of May. We are on the way to getting some more members qualified which will make it so much easier for us to run events. For those of you who would like to compete in more local events but cant be bothered stepping up and getting an officials licence,.....well you figure it out.....

See you at the meeting.

Brownie



New Viruses on the loose!:

Oprah Winfrey virus: Your 200MB hard drive suddenly shrinks to 80MB and then slowly expands back to 200MB.

AT&T virus: Every three minutes it tells you what great service you are getting.

MCI virus: Every three minutes it reminds you that you're paying too much for the AT&T virus.

Politically Correct virus: Never calls itself a "virus", but instead refers to itself as an "electronic microorganism."

Arnold Schwarzenegger virus: Terminates and stays resident. It'll be back.

Government Economist virus: Nothing works, but all your diagnostic software says everything is fine.

New World Order virus: Probably harmless, but it makes a lot of people really mad just thinking about it.

Federal Bureaucrat virus: Divides your hard disk into hundreds of little units, each of which does practically nothing, but all of which claim to be the most important part of your computer.

Texas virus: Makes sure that it's bigger than any other file.

Adam and Eve virus: Takes a couple of bytes out of your Apple.

Congressional virus: The computer locks up, screen splits erratically with a message appearing on each half blaming the other side for the problem.

The Clubs 1st competition of the year got off to a great start at the Riding for the disabled facility at Arundel on Sunday the 18th of May, We had not run an event at RDA due to the Equine Influenza outbreak & just as the restrictions where being lifted the late summer storms waterlogged the Paddock that our events are run in.



(Above) Mick Bruce's Escort

(Right) Rob Clarke found how slippery the new Course was.



With a shower of rain on Saturday night damping down the course Sundays meeting went ahead on a perfect surface & with 20 competitors from GCTMC & other CAMs affiliated Clubs the competitors tackled 6 different courses which then left time for any Junior club members to take a car around the course either for their first chance to experience driving or ones that have driven in competition before to have a experienced driver coaching them on how to negotiate the course better.



Graeme Hodges Great looking Ford Anglia

David McNabs Escort was also going well



We are Indebted to RDA for allowing our Club to use their Grounds as it's difficult to find a suitable place to run these Competitions with out upsetting local Residents.

Results : Overall 1st Tom Rosengreen, 2nd Ian Voevodin, 3rd David McNab, 4th Scott Dean, 5th Mick Bruce, 6th Arron Hodges, 7th Tom Clarke, 8th Randold Ditrich, 9th David Nicholson, 10th Graeme Hodges, 11th Matt Lining, 12th Quinton Nicholson, 13th Dion Jarvis, 14th Tony Taylor, 15th Ashley Jarvis, 16th Rob Clarke, 17th Mark Crapper, 18th Joel crapper, 19th Lyn Taylor, 20th Mitch Bruce.

Events Calendar Mid June till End September From QLD CAMS Calendar Version 15

| Date | Organiser | Type | Status | Venue |
|---------------------|--|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 20/21 June | Brisbane Sporting Car Club | Touring Road Event | Multi Club | Roads in S E QLD |
| 21/22 June | Brisbane Sporting Car Club | QRC Rally | State Ch'ship | Sunshine Coast |
| 21 June | Powercruise | Burnout | Multi Club | Queensland Raceway |
| 28 June | Australian Motorsport Enthusiasts Club | Motorkhana | State Ch'ship | Marybrough |
| 28/29 June | Australian Motorsport Enthusiasts Club | Wheels on Wide Bay | Multi Club | Marybrough |
| 29 June | Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club | One Car Sprint | Multi Club | Willowbank Park |
| 5/6 July | Warwick Motor Sporting Car Club | Supersprint | Multi Club | Morgan Park |
| 6 July | MG Car Club of QLD | Hillclimb | Multi Club | Mt Cotton |
| 12 June | Brisbane Sporting Car Club | KCF 2 | State Ch'ship | Benarkin |
| 12/13 July | Warwick Motor Sporting Car Club | Race | Multi Club | Morgan Park |
| 13 July | Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club | Autocross | Multi Club | Willowbank Park |
| 13 July | MG Car Club of QLD | Come & Try | Club | Mt Cotton |
| 13 July | Holden Sporting Car Club | Motorkhana | Multi Club | Willowbank Raceway |
| 18 July | Marque Sports Car Club | Touring Road Event | Multi Club | Roads in S E QLD |
| 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 | Toogooawah |
| 23/24 August | Leyburn Motoe 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 |
| 27 September | Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting | Rally | State Ch'ship | Urbenville |
| 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 |

A DAY ON THE SICK

An employee who had a terrible history for taking time off phoned in again one Monday morning: "I'm sorry, but I'll not be able to come in today as I'm too sick. "On hearing this his exasperated boss could barely conceal his anger and retorted in a rage: "well, just how sick are you?" "Well" the employee sighed, "I'm in bed with my sister!"

Ron King Sent the following he Received from a Friend

I don't know what you guys are paying for petrol... but here in Durban, we are also paying higher, up to 47.35 per litre.

But my line of work is in petroleum for about 31 years now, so here are some tricks to get more of your money's worth for every litre.

Here at the Marian Hill Pipeline, where I work in Durban, we deliver about 4 million litres in a 24-hour period thru the pipeline.

One day is diesel; the next day is jet fuel, and petrol, LRP and Unleaded.

We have 34-storage tanks here with a total capacity of 16,800,000 litres.

ONLY BUY OR FILL UP YOUR CAR IN THE EARLY MORNING WHEN THE GROUND TEMPERATURE IS STILL COLD.

Remember that all service stations have their storage tanks buried below ground.

The colder the ground, the denser the fuel, when it gets warmer petrol expands, so buying in the afternoon or in the evening.... your litre is not exactly a litre.

In the petroleum business, the specific gravity and the temperature of the petrol, diesel and jet fuel, ethanol and other petroleum products play an important role.

A 1 degree rise in temperature is a big deal for this business.

But the service stations do not have temperature compensation at the pumps.

WHEN YOU'RE FILLING UP, DO NOT SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER OF THE NOZZLE TO A FAST MODE.

If you look, you will see that the trigger has three (3) stages: low, middle, and high.

In slow mode, you should be pumping on low speed, thereby minimizing the vapours that are created,

while you are pumping. All hoses at the pump have a vapour return. If you are pumping on the fast rate,

some of the liquid that goes to your tank becomes vapour.

Those vapours are being sucked up and back into the underground storage tank so you're getting less worth for your money.

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TIPS IS TO FILL UP WHEN YOUR TANK IS HALF FULL.

The reason for this is, the more fuel you have in your tank, the less air occupying its empty space. Petrol evaporates faster than you can imagine.

Petroleum storage tanks have an internal floating roof.

This roof serves as zero clearance between the petrol and the atmosphere, so it minimizes the evaporation.

Unlike service stations, here where I work, every truck that we load is temperature compensated,

so that every litre is actually the exact amount.

ANOTHER REMINDER, IF THERE IS A FUEL TRUCK PUMPING INTO THE STORAGE TANKS, WHEN YOU STOP TO BUY, DO NOT FILL UP -

most likely the petrol/diesel is being stirred up as the fuel is being delivered, and you might pick up some of the dirt that normally settles on the bottom.

Hope, this will help you get the maximum value for your money.