



## JULY 2011

*The Official Newsletter of the*

### **Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting Club Inc.**

Welcome to the July newsletter and remember the club will be meeting on Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of July, at the Mudgeraba Showgrounds from 7.30pm (*Gold Coast UBD, Page 47, Q-13*).



**Tommi Mäkinen's WRC career is covered in this months newsletter**

# **GOLD COAST TWEED MOTORSPORTING CLUB (INC.)**

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Please consult the GCTMC Inc website for up to date event information, news and club activities. The **Club Membership Form** can be found attached to this edition and also on the GCTMC Home page.

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### **Khanacross #2 – 24 July 2011**

The second GCTMC Khanacross of the year is to be held this weekend at the Tanah Kita Nursery, Yawalpah Rd, Pimpama. You can get the Supp Regs and Entry Form from the GCTMC website. Remember to bring your CAMS licence, CTP extension and don't be late as entries close at 8.30am.

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### **Changes to Khanacross Regulations** – CAMS – John Bruning – Senior Manager – Sport & Club Development

At the ASCDC meeting in mid June, the Commission made a number of changes to the Khanacross regulations and the Speed Event Standing regulations. The new regulations are attached and they will be released tomorrow. The changes are about making these events more accessible and helping inexperienced and young people get involved in them.

A summary of the key changes are below:

### **Khanacross Regulations:**

- Will now allow bitumen khanacross competitions and a combination of bitumen and unsealed surfaces (used to be only unsealed surface with a maximum of 50m of bitumen). There will be a 50% increase in the permit fee for bitumen khanacross and combined surfaces khanacross events compared to the unsealed surface khanacross events (with a maximum of 50m of bitumen allowed).
- Passengers are allowed in khanacross competitions (used to be only allowed in non-competition). This is for the purposes of instruction from an experienced driver supporting and guiding an inexperienced driver.
- The age for competitors has been lowered from 14 years down to 12 years. 12 and 13 year olds are required to have an experienced passenger/instructor with them at all times (i.e. they must have an instructor with them while they compete)
- There are a number of other changes to simplify the running and organisation of khanacross events (which David and Richard need to be across)

### **Speed Event Standing Regulations:**

- Will now allow passengers (in the form of an instructor) for inexperienced drivers, but only for non-competitive/untimed events. This covers all Speed events.

Please contact me if you want any further information.

Thanks

John

**Cars for Sale** – Cars taken from <http://www.rallycarsforsale.net/>



**1998 Subaru Impreza 22B** - 1/400 ever produced. TWO OF THESE WENT TO THE WORLD RALLY CAR DRIVER'S FOR SUBARU AT THE TIME, COLIN MCRAE AND NICKY GRIST, A THIRD WENT TO SUBARU AMERICA FOR USE AS A PRESS CAR. Immaculate condition, comes with DOTARS paperwork for race/rally registration. \$50,000 ph 0402317513



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**GCTMC at the Mudgeeraba Show** – June 2011

Jason Ruse organised a stand for the Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting Club at the recent Mudgeeraba show hopefully attracting new members.



## **Editors Blurb** – Thomas Rosengreen

Hey all, I'm currently enjoying a few weeks leave so apologies for this month's newsletter as there's not a great deal in here. I have to start by congratulating Queensland in beating the blues in the State of Origin which now makes it 6 in a row; you know I almost felt sorry for the blue supporters in the 3rd game after the first half..... almost. Just wish the Titans could have won a few more games this year.

Like the Titan's, Mark Webber is also having a bit of a shocker, especially in terms of being beaten by his teammate which has happened in all 9 races this season. With a bit of luck, Sebastian Vettel will get some of Webbers bad luck in the second half of the year for a hope of any other driver catching him with his current lead in the championship. Still it's good to see some close racing and overtaking.

The WRC seems to have lost some of its sparkle, I just don't seem as interested as I once was; maybe because it's still only the same two manufacturers driving uninspiring cars (in road-going terms). Could it be due to the random reply times on channel One? Or it could be the tighter and tighter crowd controls at events which is taking the wow aspect out of the TV coverage (watching the Origin on telly with empty grandstands just wouldn't have the same excitement factor). Or maybe Loeb is making it all look to easy, now chasing his 8<sup>th</sup> World Championship in a row which he has a good chance of acquiring.

Hopefully we will get a good turn-out for the GCTMC's second Khanacross of the year which is to be held this weekend at Pimpama, just north of the Gold Coast. Entry Forms on the website.

This month's article is on someone who won four straight drivers' Championships against some of the best drivers to ever take on the WRC.

**Tommi Mäkinen** was born in Puuppola, Finland on 26 June 1964. Mäkinen driving career started on tractors and he won the Finnish national ploughing championship in 1982 and again in 1985, the same year he started rallying. The chosen car was a Ford Escort 2000 and within a year, he was Finish Junior Champion.

The next move was to acquire a Group N Lancia Delta HF. He was unsuccessful in the big rallies but in 1988, he won the Finish Group N title. The following year, still in Group N he won the Arctic Rally outright and, with the help of his Italian suppliers, won an Italian Championship event.





***Tommi Mäkinen wasn't known as a tarmac specialist but shows full commitment in the Lancer Evolution VI which went on to take Mäkinen to his fourth and final WRC Championship in 1999.***

Then came his meeting with Seppo Harjanne, previously co-driver to Timo Salonen and immensely experienced. Harjanne persuaded Mäkinen to spread his wings and chase the FIA Group N title. The car they chose was the Mitsubishi Galant VR-4 and, at once Mäkinen made his mark finishing in the *top 10 in both Australia and New Zealand.*

Despite starting his campaign mid-season, Mäkinen was third in the championship and ready for

more. He did three rallies at the start of 1991 in rented Group N cars before being offered a Group A Mazda for the 1000 Lakes. He drove well in a less than competitive car and finished fifth but in a second outing with Mazda slid off in Kielder Forest on the RAC Rally.

Promotion to full works driver in the Nissan team for 1992 was not all it sounded. The Sunny GTI-R was not competitive but somehow Mäkinen got top 10 placings on Monte Carlo and RAC Rallies. With Nissan 'resting' the GTI-R, his next season was in a Lancia Delta run by an Italian team with good results from too few rallies. Nissan offered him an F2 Sunny for Portugal in 1994 where he led F2 until the engine failed and he drove for them in the British Championship finishing eighth overall. But for the 1000 lakes, Ford asked him to become their eighth works driver in one year in their Escort Cosworth. He returned the favour by winning the rally outright. From then on, his career never looked back. Ford was not in a position to sign him so he tried a Mitsubishi – unsuccessfully – in San Remo and then signed a contract that was to keep him with the Japanese company for seven years. During that



***Tommi Mäkinen with co-driver Kaj Lindström celebrate winning the 2002 Monte Carlo Rally. This was the first event for Tommi with the Subaru team, and ultimately, this was to be his last victory on the WRC.***

time, he carried out a personal blitz on the World Championship and in 1996, five wins were enough to give Mitsubishi the Manufacturer's title as well. Mäkinen went on to win the 1997, 1998, 1999 Drivers Championships, unprecedented until 2008, when Loeb won his fifth in a row.

At the end of 1997, Harjanne retired and Risto Mannisenmaki stepped in. The winning continued until



Mäkinen had a bad accident in Corsica 2001 where Mannisenmaki was injured. Just prior to that, he had decided to change teams for next year to improve his motivation. Mitsubishi had hit a bit of a wall with its first World Rally Car and it was retirement or Subaru for Mäkinen. On his debut event in the Impreza WRC he won













*The Subaru Impreza WRC that Mäkinen to victory in the 2002 Monte Carlo was the same 2001 model that took Richard Burns to the 2001 Championship.*

the Monte Carlo but after that, retirements outweighed successes and at the Rally GB of 2003, he confirmed his own retirement.








Information from:  
'The Complete book of the World Rally Championship', Henry Hope-Frost & John Davenport, 2004.

### **2010 FIA WRC Start Dates**

1.  Rally Sweden — 12/02/2011 (1<sup>st</sup> – Mikko Hirvonen – Ford Fiesta RS)
2.  Rally Mexico — 03/03/2011 (1<sup>st</sup> – Sebastien Loeb – Citroen DS3)
3.  Rally de Portugal — 24/03/2011 (1<sup>st</sup> – Sébastien Ogier – Citroen DS3)
4.  Jordan Rally — 14/04/2011 (1<sup>st</sup> – Sébastien Ogier – Citroen DS3)
5.  Rally Sardegna — 05/05/2011 (1<sup>st</sup> – Sebastien Loeb – Citroen DS3)
6.  Rally Argentina — 26/05/2011 (1<sup>st</sup> – Sebastien Loeb – Citroen DS3)
7.  Acropolis Rally — 16/06/2011 (1<sup>st</sup> – Sébastien Ogier – Citroen DS3)
8.  Rally Finland — 28/07/2011
9.  Rally Deutschland — 20/08/2011
10.  Rally Australia — 08/09/2011
11.  Rally de Espana — 22/10/2011
12.  Rally of Great Britain — 11/11/2011




















Points: 1<sup>st</sup> Loeb 146 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Hirvonen 129 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Ogier 124 - 4<sup>th</sup> Latvala 76 - 5<sup>th</sup> P Solberg 73

### **2010 ARC Start Dates**

1.  Quit Forest Rally (WA) — 15/04/2011 (1<sup>st</sup> – Ryan Smart – Toyota Corolla)
2.  International Rally (QLD) — 13/05/2011 (1<sup>st</sup> – Ryan Smart – Toyota Corolla)
3.  Scouts Rally SA — 30/07/2011
4.  Rally Australia (NSW) — 08/09/2011
5.  Rally Victoria — 12/11/2011

Points: 1<sup>st</sup> Smart 157 - 2<sup>nd</sup> M Pedder 134 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Dowel 127 - 4<sup>th</sup> Knowles 68 - 5<sup>th</sup> Shephard 60

### **2010 FIA F1 Dates**

1.  Australian Grand Prix (Melbourne) — 27/03/2011 (1<sup>st</sup> – Sebastian Vettel – Red Bull-Renault)
2.  Malaysian Grand Prix (Kuala Lumpur) — 10/04/2011 (1<sup>st</sup> – Sebastian Vettel – Red Bull-Renault)
3.  Chinese Grand Prix (Shanghai) — 17/04/2011 (1<sup>st</sup> – Lewis Hamilton – McLaren-Mercedes)
4.  Turkish Grand Prix (Istanbul) — 08/05/2011 (1<sup>st</sup> – Sebastian Vettel – Red Bull-Renault)
5.  Spanish Grand Prix, (Catalunya) — 22/05/2011 (1<sup>st</sup> – Sebastian Vettel – Red Bull-Renault)
6.  Monaco Grand Prix (Monte Carlo) — 29/05/2011 (1<sup>st</sup> – Sebastian Vettel – Red Bull-Renault)
7.  Canadian Grand Prix (Montreal) — 12/06/2011 (1<sup>st</sup> – Jenson Button – McLaren-Mercedes)
8.  European Grand Prix (Valencia, Spain) — 26/06/2011 (1<sup>st</sup> – Sebastian Vettel – Red Bull-Renault)
9.  British Grand Prix (Silverstone) — 10/07/2011 (1<sup>st</sup> – Fernando Alonso – Ferrari)
10.  German Grand Prix, (Hockenheim) — 24/07/2011
11.  Hungarian Grand Prix, (Budapest) — 31/07/2011
12.  Belgian Grand Prix, (Spa-Francorchamps) — 29/08/2011
13.  Italian Grand Prix, (Monza) — 11/09/2011
14.  Singapore Grand Prix, (Singapore) — 25/09/2011
15.  Japanese Grand Prix, (Suzuka) — 09/10/2011
16.  Korean Grand Prix, (Yeongam) — 16/10/2011
17.  Indian Grand Prix, (Greater Noida) — 30/10/2011
18.  Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, (Yas Marina) — 13/11/2011
19.  Brazilian Grand Prix, (Sao Paulo) — 27/11/2011

Points: 1<sup>st</sup> Vettel 204 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Webber 124 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Alonso 112 - 4<sup>th</sup> Hamilton 109 - 5<sup>th</sup> Button 109

## Funnies

### A MOTHER'S DICTIONARY

**Bottle feeding:** An opportunity for Daddy to get up at 2 am too.

**Defense:** What you'd better have around de yard if you're going to let the children play outside.

**Drooling:** How teething babies wash their chins.

**Dumbwaiter:** One who asks if the kids would care to order dessert.

**Family planning:** The art of spacing your children the proper distance apart to keep you on the edge of financial disaster

**Feedback:** The inevitable result when the baby doesn't appreciate the strained carrots.

**Full name:** What you call your child when you're mad at him.

**Grandparents:** The people who think your children are wonderful even though they're sure you're not raising them right.

**Hearsay:** What toddlers do when anyone mutters a dirty word.

**Impregnable:** A woman whose memory of labor is still vivid.

**Independent:** How we want our children to be as long as they do everything we say.

**Look out:** What it's too late for your child to do by the time you scream it.

**Prenatal:** When your life was still somewhat your own.

**Prepared childbirth:** A contradiction in terms.

**Puddle:** A small body of water that draws other small bodies wearing dry shoes into it.

**Show off:** A child who is more talented than yours.

**Sterilize:** What you do to your first baby's pacifier by boiling it and to your last baby's pacifier by blowing on it.

**Storerroom:** The distance required between the supermarket aisles so that children in shopping carts can't quite reach anything.

**Temper tantrums:** What you should keep to a minimum so as to not upset the children.

**Top bunk:** Where you should never put a child wearing Superman jammies.

**Verbal:** Able to whine in words

**Whodunit:** None of the kids that live in your house.

**Whoops:** An exclamation that translates roughly into "get a sponge."



**CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM**



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**I hereby apply for membership of Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting Club Inc. I agree to be abide by a spirit of fair play and good humour and by the Constitution of the Club and any amendments thereto.**

**Signed:** ..... **Dated:** .....

**Please note, newsletter will be sent via email only.**

**This is an Individual membership (\$60): (tick one)**

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**Family Membership (\$80):**

**A family membership caters for 2 adults and 2 children up to 18 yo, additional under 18's \$10.00 per membership. Please note, 1 newsletter will be distributed per family membership.**

**All family members are asked to complete and sign a membership application form.**

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