

The Historic Rally Association is holding The Red Centre to Gold Coast Trial in September. For more Info Log in to www.hra.org.au they are also looking for Officials to help on this event as the Rally nears the Coast.



Round Australia adventure is go!

A Red Centre to Gold Coast Trial in the style of the traditional Round Australia events has now been confirmed for 2008.

The commitment to stage the 10-day 6,500km outback event follows an enthusiastic response from potential entrants by the end of July, with more than 70 participants already pledging to enter.

“The interest in the event has been overwhelming,” said organiser and former Australian Rally Champion Bob Watson. “Based on this, we have made the firm decision to proceed.”

Starting in Alice Springs and finishing at Australia’s round of the World Rally Championship– Rally Australia – on the Queensland Gold Coast, the event has been designed as a true adventure in the 45-year tradition of classic trials.

Entrants in Historic, Classic and Production rally cars built prior to 1986.

However a special highlight, not available to pioneering Round Australia drivers is the possibility that the ‘Centre to Coast’ drivers may in front of the public over some of the Special Stages used by the WRC cars.

The 2008 WRC calendar and hence the date for Rally Australia has yet to be confirmed, but it is expected to be staged in mid-September next year.

Now that the decision to run the event has been made, potential entrants will need to get busy, as for reasons of accommodation and other logistics, the field may be limited to 120 cars.

“We would obviously like to run more, but to keep the authentic flavour of a traditional Round Australia event it may not be possible,” said Bob Watson.

Intending competitors will need to complete an ‘Application for Invitation to Compete’, which the organisers will consider before issuing an invitation to compete.

Entry in the Red Centre to Gold Coast Trial costs \$5,500 for the Trial category and \$4,250 for the less-competitive Challenge category, both prices including GST.

Interested parties should contact Bob Watson on (03) 9646 1066 for detailed event information, or email bobwatso@bigpond.net.au.

Important Information

ARCom Representatives Brisbane Visit

All Rally Partisapentance. Margaret Knowles sent the following E-Mail. (Below) Please Register your interest in attending Contact Margaret on.

mknowles@torquegroup.com.au

Col Trinder, ARCom Chairman along with Deputy Ben Rainsford will be visiting Brisbane on Saturday 1st March 2008 to hold a meeting with the rally community. This meeting is open to all and I would encourage ALL interested parties to attend. Col would like to see all members of the rally community from all levels attending this public meeting to see first hand the issues that are faced by competitors, officials, event organiser, spectators, service crew etc etc.

The meeting will be held at Sports House in Milton with times to be advised.

Please pass this onto as many people as possible – post it on your forums and get everyone possible to attend.

Mt Cotton Hill climb

The first round of the Tighe Cams Series Hill climb is to be held at Mt Cotton on Sunday 9th March, Supp Regs & Entry Forms will be out this weekend.

Go to www.mgccq.org.au

Hoping to Dust off the Commodore & give it a bit of a clear out at Mt Cotton.



From the Wacky World of Motor Sport

Where motor racing is not quite as regulated as it is in Australia a couple of pictures from Banger Racing in the UK where the aim is to knock as many of the opposition off the track & still come First



Some people Just need some help to get out of the way



Looks like it’s racing days are over.



Each Month we Aim to Profile one of the Club Members, This Month we Feature Tom Clarke who is one of the Top Juniors in the Club. Pitstop would be Pleased to receive any Profiles from Members along with Photos of your Cars. Send any files to simon.petty@virginbroadband.com.au

Member Profile: Tom Clark



Tom Clark

Born : Brisbane Queensland 18/5/1992

Tom is the eldest of 3 children, currently attending Assisi Catholic College, Coomera. He is a Year 11 student studying to be a Civil Engineer.

Tom started driving the family 4WD at the tender age of 9, as have all of the Clark kids, mainly on a mate's property and during 4WD camping trips. Tom over the years has to shown a number of his friends how to drive.

Tom trained for 2 years on Motorbikes and raced at track days: at Stanthorpe and Darlington Park. In the recent past he has ridden his 450 KTM recreationally.

Tom has adapted to the Rally Car like a duck to water. In 2006 he was Junior Club Champion, and is looking good to back up his title in 2007.

He is proud to be at the wheel of the Greatest Rally Car in the history of the sport, the mighty Mk 1 Escort.

Tom is also involved with the sport by way of a Cams Official Licence and has assisted with QRC Events working to assist a Stage Management Crew.

He looks forward to competing in 2008 and is expecting some stiff competition from the other up and coming Juniors.

A doctor, George Bush, a Priest, and a little boy were on a plane when it started having engine trouble. In spite of the best efforts of the pilot the plane started to go down. Unfortunately there were only 3 parachutes remaining. The doctor grabbed one and said. "I am a doctor; I save lives so I deserve to live." And jumped out. Bush then said, "I am the President and I am the smartest man in the world, so I deserve to live." and jumped out. The priest looked at the boy and said "My son I have lived a long life, and you have a whole life to live, so you take the parachute." The boy handed the parachute back to the priest and said "No worries father, the "smartest man in the world" just took off with my backpack."



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Date	Organiser	Type	Status	Venue
1/2 March	MG Car Club of QLD	Race	State Ch'ship	Morgan Park
2 March	Holden Sporting Car Club	Motorkhana	Multi Club	Willowbank Raceway
6/8 March	Brisbane Sporting Car Club	Touring Road Event	Multi Club	Roads in S E QLD
8/9 March	Warwick Motor Sporting Car Club	Supersprint	Multi Club	Morgan Park
9 March	MG Car Club of QLD	Hillclimb	Multi Club	Mt Cotton
15/16 March	Goondiwindi Motorsport Assn	Off Road Long Crse	State Ch'ship	Goondiwindi
16 March	Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club	One Car Sprint	Multi Club	Willowbank Park
23 March	Central QLD Motor Sporting Club	Rally Sprint	Multi Club	TBA
29 March	Central Qld Motor Sporting Club	Motorkhana	State Ch'ship	Gracemere
28/30 March	South Burnett Motorsport Club	Khanacross	Multi Club	McKinnons Property
28/30 March	Australian All Rally Group	One Car Sprint	Multi Club	Gatton
30 March	Twin Cities Autosports Club	Hillclimb	Multi Club	Mt Stuart
5 April	Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting Club	Rally	Multi Club	Urbenville
6 April	Historic Racing Car Club	Hillclimb	Multi Club	Mt Cotton
12/13 April	Queensland Racing Drivers Assn	Race	State Ch'ship	Morgan Park
19 April	Porsche Club Queensland	Supersprint	Multi Club	Morgan Park
19/20 April	Moranbah Off Road Club	Off Road Short Crse	Multi Club	Moranbah
19/20 April	SE Queensland Off Road Racing Assn	Off Road Long Crse	State Ch'ship	Jimna
20 April	Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club	Autocross	Multi Club	Willowbank Park
26/27 April	Warwick Motor Sporting Car Club	Supersprint	Multi Club	Morgan Park
27 April	MG Car Club of QLD	Hillclimb	Multi Club	Mt Cotton
27 April	Central Coast Car Club	Rally Sprint	Multi Club	Cherry Vale
3 May	Brisbane Sporting Car Club	Touring Road Event	Multi Club	Roads in S E QLD
3/4 May	Historic Racing Car Club	Race	Multi Club	Morgan Park
3/4 May	Proston Car Rally Club	Khanacross	Multi Club	Proston Rally Track
4 May	Twin Cities Autosports Club	Hillclimb	Multi Club	Mt Stuart
10 May	Holden Sporting Car Club	Motorkhana	State Ch'ship	Willowbank Raceway
10 May	Porsche Club Queensland	Supersprint	Multi Club	Morgan Park
17/18 May	Australian All Rally Group	Rally Sprint	Multi Club	Clifton
17/18 May	Short Circuit Motor Sports Assn	Supersprint	Multi Club	Stanthorpe
17/18 May	Gympie Auto Sport Club	Off Road Short Crse	Multi Club	Sexton
18 May	MG Car Club of QLD	Hillclimb	Club	Mt Cotton
18 May	Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club	Autocross	Multi Club	Willowbank Park
24/25 May	South Burnett Motorsport Club	Khanacross	Multi Club	Sanders Property
25 May	Holden Sporting Car Club	Motorkhana	Multi Club	Willowbank Raceway
31 May	Brisbane Sporting Car Club	Rally	State Ch'ship	Jimna
31 May 01 June	MG Car Club of QLD	Hillclimb	State Ch'ship	Mt Cotton
31 May 01 June	Warwick Motor Sporting Car Club	Supersprint	Multi Club	Morgan Park

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2008

Use the form below to continue receiving the Benefits of Belonging to our CAMS Affiliated Club.

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www.gctmc.org.au



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Surname:	First Name:
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Postcode:	
Home Phone:	Work Phone:
Mobile:	Email:

A copy of the Clubs News Letter will be E-Mailed to Members Each Month the Weekend Before The Club Meeting If You Require a Paper Copy of the News Letter Write or E-Mail the Editor Asking for a paper copy to be sent to your Address

Competition Interests (Please tick)

Rally Sprints	Rally	Khanacross	Autocross	Motorkhana
Historic Events	HillClimbs	Touring Assemblies	Sprints	

Please tick which of the following CAMS official positions you hold.

Clerk of Course	Event Secretary	Steward	Tracksurface Official
Scrutineer	Time Keeper	Flaggie	Stage Commander

Declaration: I agree to abide by a spirit of fair play and good humour, and by the Constitution and by-laws of the GCTMC Inc

Signature:	Date:
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Fees

First Time Member: \$65 inc gst	Renewing Member \$65 inc gst
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Membership Fees Paid:	Membership Number:	Date:
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Thankyou for your enquiry regarding membership in our club. We hope the following information may assist you in deciding to join. The main aim of the club is to provide an outlet for people with an interest in motorsport at all levels. The majority of our members are true club level competitors active mainly in a range of motorsport activities. However, we do have members who compete at State and Australian Championship level in all disclipines of motorsport.

Being a member has numerous benefits:

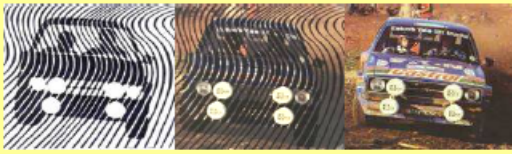
- Low member's fees @ \$65 per year.
- Monthly newsletter.
- Monthly Meeting; information and film nights.
- Association with other CAMS affiliated motorsport clubs.
- Access to Historic Registration (Qld only) for eligible vehicles.
- CAMS affiliation (including licence purposes).
- Buying and selling of cars and parts through associated clubs.

Meetiings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Merrimac High School, Dunlop Court,

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Unfortunately I have been unable to come to an agreement with Willowbank Raceway for a suitable Saturday / night date at a desirable cost to the GCTMC. Negotiations are now underway to conduct the event using their facilities on a Sunday; most likely the 28th September. A new route deleting competition on the dirt section (but not the Autocross) and lengthening the tarmac distance is being strongly considered. Overall length of the 'stage' will increase by a few hundred meters. Some lateral thinking needs to be applied on how best

to conduct the event to still include the Saturday afternoon and night stages. This may mean a two day event including other venues, or ... just a one day event only on Sunday. I will also be approaching CAMS to allow the event to be run in a manner more akin to Rallysprint rules rather than as a Tarmac Rally. I believe the event does not require the governance nor the costs associated with a tarmac rally. No safety aspects of the event will be negated by this move. Below is a nomination form for positions on the organising committee. People have indicated they may be interested in some positions having been involved in 2007. Expressions of interest are currently being sought by the 2008 Club Executive. A core organising group is required ASAP to negotiate terms with our venue owners and our sponsors. This club has in the past few years introduced some new concepts into rallying. I hope we can continue this as "only dead fish go with the flow" and that has been some of the problem with rallying for too many years. John Careless

Every good Magazine has an advice column so I decided to offer my services to the membership. My first advice letter is reproduced below. Please, if you find my advice useful send your enquiry to 'Dear John' at: rcare5@eq.edu.au

Dear John

I hope you can help me. The other day I set off for work leaving my husband in the house watching the TV as usual. I hadn't gone more than a mile down the road when my engine conked out and the car shuddered to a halt. I walked back home to get my husband's help. When I got home I couldn't believe my eyes. He was in the bedroom with a neighbour lady making mad passionate love to her. I am 32, my husband is 34 and we have been married for twelve years.

When I confronted him, he tried to make out that he went into the back yard and heard a lady scream, had come to her rescue but found her unconscious. He'd carried the woman back to our house, laid her in bed, and began CPR. When she awoke she immediately began thanking him and kissing him and he was attempting to break free when I came back. But when I asked him why neither of them had any clothes on, he broke down and admitted that he'd been having an affair for the past six months.

I told him to stop or I would leave him. He was let go from his job six months ago and he says he has been feeling increasingly depressed and worthless. I love him very much but ever since I gave him the ultimatum he has become increasingly distant. I don't feel I can get through to him anymore. Can you please help?

Sincerely, Name with-held

Dear XXX

A car stalling after being driven a short distance can be caused by a variety of faults. Start by checking that there is no debris in the fuel line. If it is clear, check the clips holding the vacuum lines onto the inlet manifold for air leaks. If none of these approaches solves the problem, it could be that the fuel pump itself is faulty, causing low delivery pressure to the carbony float chamber. I hope this helps.

John Careless

Nomination Form for positions on the organising team for the Advance Rentals Rallying of Classics 2008

I
would like to nominate for the position of:

Signature: Date:

Post to:

Secretary

Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting Club Inc.

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- Assistant Clerk of Course
- Event Secretary
- Treasurer
- Event Manager
- Officials Coordinator
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- Media Liaison
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