



The Official Newsletter of the GCTMC Inc.

Next Club Meeting will be on March 19th 2008
At Merrimac High School, Dunlop Court, Mermaid Waters,
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March 2008

The Rallying of Classics.

The GCTMC will not be running the Rallying of Classics
See attached Article.

Border Ranges Rally. Postponement & Possible new date.

It is with great regret that the Border Ranges Rally Committee has decided to postpone the Event, Due to the Floods in January the Showground is still extremely Wet & with a Medium Range Weather forecast predicting more rain in the area the Decision has been made to put the Event off till later in the year. With the cancellation of The Rallying of Classics, An application to the rally panel will be made to hold the Border Ranges Rally on the 27th September or check the date is suitable.

CAMS Training Course.

Qld State Office is hold a Circuit Officials Course at Sports House Milton on the 5th April anybody interested should contact the Office to Enrol on qld@cams.com.au

RDA #1. Rescheduled for 30th March.

Subject to an inspection, hopefully the ground has dried out sufficiently that this event should go ahead in the Council Paddock or possibly in a nearby Paddock. Keep checking the Web Site www.gctmc.org.au for confirmation of the event Status.

Don't forget to renew your membership to Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting Car Club for 2008. For anybody who has not renewed this will be the last News Letter sent. Contact Peter Preston or post the form printed in this Newsletter

Please Note

The Dead Line for any article for next Months Pitstop is 7th April send to simon.petty@virginbroadband.com.au



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Entries are open for the Solvix Challenge.

Contact BSCC on 3846 0233

The SOLVIX CHALLENGE



Proudly

Presented by the Brisbane Sporting Car Club

29th March 2008

The event will be a touring assembly run over roads in South East Queensland. The route will be around 240 kms.

There will be provision for two categories of crew:-

Challenge – For those competitors who prefer Map reading style navigation

Touring – For those who just want a drive in the country

An information night for competitors will be held on Thursday 13th March from 7.30 pm at the BSCC Clubrooms 1/206 Montague Road West End

ENTRIES CLOSE 8.00 pm WEDNESDAY 26th March

For further detail Contact BSCC on 3846 0233



Working Bee

Members held a working Bee at Peter Prestons property on Sunday 9th March to get the Track in good order ready for future Khanacrosses.

Further Working Bees are Planed & dates will be posted on the Club Web Site, Come & help as this will be a awesome track to Race on when Finished



Denis Baker Sent the Following E-Mail for anybody who may be interested in taking part at Mt Cotton Easter Saturday.

To All,

This is an opportunity to have some fun at Mt Cotton on Easter Saturday. Total Driver are the organising company and I must warn you that noisy cars will not be permitted. They will simply ask you to leave.

So let me know if you are interested so that a car club group can go up for the day. From Denis Baker

Hi and welcome to Total Driver events news letter for 2008.

Our next events are.

Driver Development Mt Cotton Driver Training complex Saturday 22nd march

Skid pan/ Emergency skills and hazard avoidance Mt Cotton Saturday 22nd March

Race experience Morgan Park Tuesday 18 March

Also ask about the laps in a Real V8 Supercar as a passenger @ \$100.00 per lap

Sprints yes it is back, your car, our track \$100.00 half day, \$150 full day

If these dates are suitable, please email or phone to confirm

Regards and thanks

Total Driver team!!

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Bumper stickers.

Friends help you move. Real friends help you move bodies.

We are born naked, wet and hungry. Then things get worse.

Mount Cotton 9th March 2008

Round 1 2008 Tighe Cams Series.

Well I finally got the Commodore out of the Garage & competed in the Mt Cotton Hill Climb (last time I ran the car was at Wheels on Wide Bay at Maryborough last year).

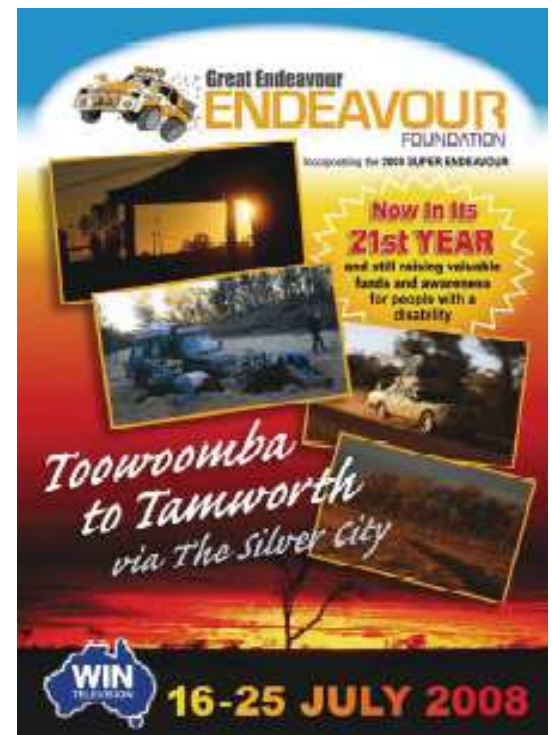
A large entry of 114 meant that the Pits were full & a rain overnight along with a heavy shower as soon as the competition started meant that the track started out very slippery & the first run was slow finding out where there was any grip, With the weather improving except for a shower during the second run times began to come down I improved by 7 seconds but on the third run I only managed to equal the second run time & the fourth run I made a hash of the complete run but still managed to improve by 1 second to 56.98, Looks like I need to get out there more often.

Unfortunately due to the large field, the Rain, & some hold ups due to vehicles visiting the scenery & mechanical problems there were only 4 runs completed on the day.

Simon Petty

Great Endeavour Rally

Is on again this year 16-25th July Leaving from Toowoomba to Tamworth via The Silver City Last year \$300,000 was raised for the Foundation for more information visit <http://great.endeavour.com.au>



A Mercedes pulled alongside a Rolls-Royce at a traffic lights. "Do you have a car phone?" its driver asked the man in the Rolls "Of course I do," was the haughty reply. "Do you have a fax machine?" The Rolls driver sighed. "I have that too." "Do you have a double bed in the back?" the Merc driver wanted to know. Ashen-faced, the Rolls driver sped off. That afternoon, he had a mechanic install a double bed in his car. A week later, the Rolls driver passed the same Merc, parked on the side of the road with its back windows fogged up and steam pouring out. The arrogant driver pulled over, got out of the Rolls and banged on the Merc's rear window. "I want you to know that I've had a double bed installed," bragged the Rolls driver. The Merc driver rolled his window down and frowned at the Rolls driver. "You got me out of the shower to tell me that?"

In the Wacky world of Motorsport

Lawn Mower Racing is a sport that has grown from a one off amusing oddity started in the UK in 1974 to a pastime for people all over the world including the USA & Australia with clubs in the Sunshine Coast & Victoria

The Major Rule, Is that the Machine was Originally built to cut Grass (i.e. no specials) also there is a recognised range of engines that can be used & only the Governor & the Exhaust can be changed, Still as the pictures show Racing can be fast & close





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Events Calendar Mid March till End June

Taken from CAMS Calendar Version 12

Date	Organiser	Type	Status	Venue
16 March	Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club	One Car Sprint	Multiclub	Willowbank Park
21 March	Marque Sports Car Club of Qld	Touring Assembly	Multi Club	Public Roads In SE Qld
22 March	Porsche Club Qld	Hillclimb	Multiclub	Mt Cotton
23 March	Central Qld Motor Sporting Club	Rallysprint	Multiclub	TBA
29 March	Central Qld Motor Sporting Club	Motokhana	State Championship	Gracemere
29 March	Brisbane Sporting Car Club	Touring Assembly	Multiclub	Public Roads in SE Qld
28-30 March	Australian All Rally Group	One Car Sprint	Multiclub	Gatton
30 March	Twin Cities Autosport Club	Hillclimb	Multiclub	Mt Stuart
5 April	Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting Club	Rally	Posponed	Posponed
6 April	Historic Racing Car Club	Hillclimb	Multiclub	Mt Cotton
12-13 April	Qld Racing Drivers Assn	Race	Multiclub	Morgan Park
18 April	Marque Sports Car Club of Qld	Touring Assembly	Multi Club	Public Roads In SE Qld
19 April	Porsche Club Qld	Supersprint	Club	Morgan Park
19-20 April	SE Qld Off Road Racing Assn	Off Road Long C'se	State Championship	Jimmna
20 April	Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club	Autocross	Multiclub	Willowbank Park
26-27 April	Warwick District Sporting Car Club	Supersprint	Multiclub	Morgan Park
27 April	MG Car Club of Qld	Hillclimb	Multiclub	Mt Cotton
27 April	Central Coast Car Club	Rallysprint	Multiclub	Cherry Vale
3-4 May	Historic Racing Car Club	Race	Multiclub	Morgan Park
3-4 May	Proston Car Rally Club	Khanacross	Multi club	Proston Rally track
4 May	Twin Cities Autosports Club	Hillclimb	Multiclub	Mt Stuart
10 May	Porsche Club Qld	Supersprint	Club	Morgan Park
11 May	Holden Sporting Car Club	Motokhana	State Championship	Willowbank Raceway
16 May	Marque Sports Car Club of Qld	Touring Assembly	Multi Club	Public Roads In SE Qld
17-18 May	Australian All Rally Group	Rallysprint/Motokhana	Multiclub	Clifton
17-18 May	Short Circuit Motor Sport Accn	Supersprint	Multi club	Carnell Raceway
18 May	MG Car Club of Qld	Hillclimb	Club	Mt Cotton
18 May	Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club	Autocross	Multiclub	Willowbank Park
24/25 May	South Burnett Motorsport Club	Khanacross	Multiclub	Sanders Property
25 May	Holden Sporting Car Club	Motokhana	Multiclub	Willowbank Raceway
31 May	Brisbane Sporting Car Club	Rally	Multiclub	Jimmna
31 May	MG Car Club of Qld	Hillclimb	State Championship	Mt Cotton
1 June	MG Car Club of Qld	Hillclimb	State Championship	Mt Cotton
31 May	Warwick District Sporting Car Club	Supersprint	Multiclub	Morgan Park
1 June	Warwick District Sporting Car Club	Supersprint	Multiclub	Morgan Park
7-8 June	Twin Cities Autosports Club	Rally	Multiclub	Mt Stuart
7-8 June	Warwick District Sporting Car Club	Supersprint	Multiclub	Morgan Park
15 June	MG Car Club of Qld	Come 'n Try		Mt Cotton
15 June	Central Coast Car Club	Rallysprint	Multiclub	Cherry Vale
20 June	Marque Sports Car Club of Qld	Touring Assembly	Multi Club	Public Roads In SE Qld
20-21 June	Brisbane Sporting Car Club	Touring Assembly	Multi Club	Public Roads In SE Qld
21-22 June	Australian All Rally Group	Rallysprint/Motokhana	Multiclub	Clifton
21-22 June	Brisbane Sporting Car Club	Rally	Nat Championship	Sunshine Coast
28 June		Motokhana	State Championship	Marybrough
28/29	Australian Motorsport Enthusiasts Club	One Car Sprint	Multiclub	Marybrough
29 June	Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club	One Car Sprint	Multiclub	Willowbank 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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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,

"The Brown Stuff"

Well another year rolls around and I find that I stuck my hand up at the wrong time and am now the club secretary.....

There is certainly a positive mood amongst the committee and a commitment to run more local events this year. I have brought up in recent meetings the importance of us running practice days and particularly driver training days for the juniors where they get plenty of car time, not just the 5 or 6 runs we might fit in at an average khanacross. Also certainly our members want more local events.

Ideally we would like to run a khanacross about every 6 weeks, the first month a competitive, then the next event a practice day / junior driver day and so on.

There are three things that we need for this to happen however, (a) access to more properties, (b) more qualified officials and (c) some decent weather!!!

Obviously the first 2 are where we can do some work.

We have taken the first steps on the property question with a good turnout on 2 weekends to have a good look at the Pimpama property and then subsequently to start cleaning it up to return it to regular use. For those unaware, our Club regularly ran khanacross events at Tana Kita Nursery at Pimpama for many years and it certainly still has potential with plenty of space available to get in some workable khanacross courses (without having anything to hit!).

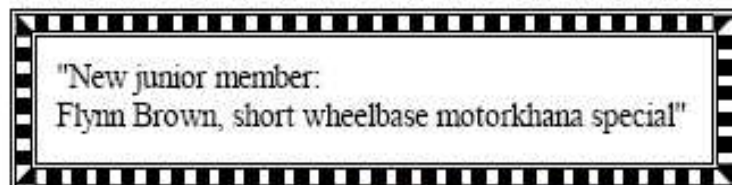
We will be pushing this along and hope to be able to use both the RDA and at least one other local property for motorkhana come and try type events that will also include time for khanacross practice and training. Recent developments with the RDA indicate they may be able to make another larger paddock available for us to use...stay tuned!!!!

At the time of writing our first khanacross will hopefully be 29 March (weekend after easter) however the location is yet to be confirmed, it will either be the nursery or the RDA. We will have this sorted by the meeting date next week or if you are slack and can't get there, keep an eye on the website as yours truly is starting to get involved with keeping it up to date.

However we do simply have to knuckle down and get more people qualified as officials to either Club Official Grade or Bronze Event Command. We will be doing some work on this to try and make the process as easy as possible for our clubies however, if you want to run in local events, expect to put up or shut up, its that simple!

See you at the meeting.

Brownie



The Rallying of Classics will not be run by the GCTMC *by John Careless*

The club's executive has decided The Rallying of Classics will not be conducted by the GCTMC Inc this year. The reasons are many and varied.

- Apart from myself and Keith Ings no other club member has nominated for a position on the organising committee.
- I have been unable to secure a Clerk of Course with a suitable grading (Silver is required for a tarmac rally).
- I have been unable to secure a Saturday date using the Willowbank Raceway (Drags) at a suitable cost. This means only a Sunday event is possible this year. This would result in a down grading of the event which is not in the best interest of the event.
- Set up and tear down would require members to work both on the Friday prior as well as the Monday post the event. We would also need to work into the early hours of Sunday morning after the Drags had finished setting up the course.
- Negotiations to incorporate other venues were not successful.
- Our Urbenville Rally, which is to be a State Round, had to be postponed because of weather concerns. When the crowded calendar is considered as well as how cold Urbenville is in winter, it was obvious that later in the year is the only date option. This means the club would be running two major events possibly within weeks of each other. This is a difficult ask for a small club.

I believe this is an unfortunate situation. I have worked very hard behind the scenes to try and make the event happen but without the support of the club it is impossible. This does not mean the event is lost but it does mean a rethink on how (and by whom) the event is run.

Rally Forum

On Saturday the 1st March a number of club members attended a Rally Forum in Brisbane. The forum 'Chair' was Colin Trinder, Chairman, Australian Rally Commission. He spoke well and with knowledge of the problems facing Rallying in Australia. The following are only a few of the issues touched on at the three and a half hour meeting.

One area that appears to be of concern to all of Australia is the ineffectiveness of the officiating program and how it has alienated families from attending as officials. Also because of the system in place experienced people are also being told that they are not able to officiate without the correct piece of paper being presented. I can attest to that having organised approximately ten state and clubman rallies, numerous sprint rallies, and Off Road events and yet have been rejected for accreditation. The difficulties organising an event, particularly a new event, were also mooted.

The problems associated with the types of cars being run and their associated costs were discussed and suggestions are being sought. Observed Licence Tests were seen as an issue. Denis Baker made what I thought was a great suggestion and that was the testing procedure should be a risk assessment. That would mean experienced drivers coming back into the sport after a short layoff would be treated differently to young inexperienced drivers, which is not the current case.

The problems are quite varied and it will take time to solve even some of the concerns people have but Colin gave (me at least) reason to be positive.

Go Rallying

A great brochure on entering rallying has been produced by some members of (I believe) the NDSCC. It truly is the best thing I've seen to promote the sport at shopping centres etc. And this is what our club is intending to do.

But our club needs members to attend meetings to find out what is going on and how they can be involved. The structure of our meetings is changing to make them more interesting. I believe the current venue at Merrimac Stat High School is welcoming. So if you have a story to tell come along and be part of the club.