

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

Next Club Meeting will be on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2008  
At Merrimac High School, Dunlop Court, Mermaid Waters, UBD  
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This month we have had Two Great Khanacosses the 1<sup>st</sup> at Tanah Kita Nursery (Peter Prestons Place) with a great sunny day & high temperatures the track work really paid off although the dust was a bit of a problem.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> at Mike Pages Place at Guanaba ( The Rob Bell Memorial Khan across ) where the weather threatened to cause a cancellation but fortunately not too much rain fell in the days before the day & although the clouds threatened to put a halt to the racing the rain held off & the Competitors got 8 runs in & a finish at 3pm due to a Computer glitch Results & Presentation of the Trophies will take place at the Club Meeting on Wednesday.

See following pages for photos of the events,



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Looks like our Club Patron's (Alan Jones) Motorsport Series is set to take over the slot vacated by the Indy Racing League Next October.



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## **Khanacros at Pete's Place**

Great venue ... thanks Pete. Many members would not know how many hours Pete has put into preparing this track so thank him when you see him.

We learnt a lot from the first event at Petes for a long, long time. Since then there has been a lot of discussion about how best to run an event there. The following are some ideas:

1. Start and finish locations changed so cars can be at the start line ready to go. This would mean finishing next to the dam and possibly some new track work to get the cars there via a different route. This might also mean two cars can be on the track at the one time.
2. Less witches hat and bunting and having re-interrupted the rules open up the chicanes even more to a simple change of direction.
3. Pre event entry and not on the day so we know who and how many we are dealing with and paperwork to filled out before the day.
4. Line up for scrutiny as you arrive with your paperwork ready. Trainee scrutineers **MUST** be involved as we desperately need club scrutineers.
5. Designated officials known prior to the event date and their positions on the day so they can become accredited officials. At least six are required beside the Clerk of Course/Club Chief. They need **NOT** to be competitors but competitors will still be required to assist.
6. Known communications process on radio and how to complete the tasks of the officials position successfully.
7. Agreed personal and numbers as well as time to attend set-up on the day prior.



This all sounds like the fun is being taken away from the day **BUT** it is more fun if you get more runs and the officials running the event are also enjoying the day.

If you have any ideas on how you think the event can be improved then please come along next Wednesday night and have your say. There is also a discussion happening re rally tyres being allowed so I suggest you come to the next meeting and have your say on that as well.

## **Parking at next club meeting**

Just be aware there is the Year 12 Graduation happening on Wednesday night so parking may be a bit strained. **BUT** don't let that put you off. We will need to discuss what the club is doing for the Urbenville Rally for 2009 ASAP so that should be on the table as well. What's happening for the end of year function will also need to be decided so again bring your ideas to the meeting.

Have a great Chrissy and a safe happy New Year as I will not be around for the 'End of Year Do'.

**John Careless**



# Tanah Kita Khanacross 19<sup>th</sup> October 2008



A Great Turnout for the First Running for many years at Peter Preston's Place & no rain clouds in sight. In fact it was so dry that the Dust was a bit of a problem.



But with all the work put in on the track by the club meant that the course was in Tip Top Condition & the Competitors had a great Day although a few Off's by some of the Cars did cause some delays & we only managed 4 runs.





## Rob Bell Memorial Khanacross.

Mike Pages field turned out to be a great place for the running of the Rob Bell Memorial Khanacross with the Pits near the River & a Large open field to run the event although the Grass turned out to be extremely Slippery.



Shaun's Escort getting a bit of opposite Lock.

I would like to thank David McNab, Tony Taylor, & Denis Baker who Officiated during the competition giving up their chance to Drive, as well as all the others who set up & dismantled the Event.

Without a certain number of People to cover the Jobs that need to be done during a Event i.e.: Time Keepers, Starter, Observer/Replacing Cones, & where needed Somebody to Stop People Entering the Competition Area, it's difficult to keep the Event Safe. Please take your turn volunteering for the Duty.

Simon Petty



## Rob Bell Memorial Khanacross.

A very tidy RX7



Rob & Tom Clarkes Escort looking Good as Usual



A diversified field of cars took the chance to try the 700 metre course that stayed slippery all day

Bob Bowden drove a very tidy line.



Peter Lockhart's Proton.



Ron Van Opstals Subaru



Mick & Mitchell Bruce's Escort





## **“The Brown Stuff”**

I missed my deadline last month so I have started this months column early, like the evening of the Tanah Kita Cup!

What a top day and great to see us back at the nursery after too long away.

The actual test layouts were all good but we do have some fine tuning to do on the event running order for the day. The main issue seemed to be using the same garage to start and finish with and the time taken to get cars in and out.

Already there has been some planning done on an alternative to this for the December event.

Although I had worked at the nursery on events previously some years ago, this was actually the writers first run there. I was pretty happy with how the Mk1 went but my little off on run 2 actually damaged the rack so I had something to do in the couple of weeks before the next event.

We have now also run the Rob Bell Memorial out at Mike Pages. What a top spot! It was like running a khanacross at your local park! After the rain in the days preceding this one it was a very slippery day that rewarded careful lines and controlled exuberance.

Although the numbers were a little down for this event (Jimna was on the day before) it was a great club social day and people kept turning up all day to say hi.

Hopefully next year we will get to run here in the dry season and the track will both be a bit smoother as well as having some grip.

Next months event is back at Tanah Kita and myself and Tony Taylor will be getting assessed for our Club Chief Licences.

This event will again be the same weekend as a rally (Gallangowan) but after the

positive vibe of the last event here we are still expecting a good entry.

I know Pete Preston has some ideas on some changes to the track layout that should see us run separate start and finish garages and possibly be able to get a second car on the course before the first finishes, the end result being a quicker running order and more runs for everyone. Be there for the last event of the year!

I have had some great discussions with members at events recently with people giving some thought to how events are being run and the need for some practice and training days.

Lynn Taylor has suggested that we look to run a training day early in the year for both navigators and officials on stage control and timecard procedures as well as general roadbook navigation etc.

This could even possibly be worked into a very short training rally (for want of a better name) that would take in a very short stage, start and finish controls and a navigation loop around to the start again. Lets kick this around at the club meeting.

At the first Tanah Kita event I had a look at the class structure we run and in the sup regs actually dropped off the up to 1300cc class. Given that we were awarding prizes for class wins at this one I also stipulated in those regs that there must be at least 3 entrants in the class for it to be awarded, if not you are bumped up to the next class. In this case I could not remember when we last had 3 under 1300cc cars.

I inadvertently also left off a ladies class. This was only an oversight on my behalf but it did lead to some discussions on this and the junior class. It is my own opinion that to run in ladies or juniors you should not be permitted to enter in a 4 wheel drive or turbo vehicle. Without being sexist in anyway, the numbers in the classes are

such that anyone turning up in a turbo 4WD vehicle would nearly be guaranteed either class.

Accordingly in the sup regs for events I am involved in running, you will see that ladies and juniors must be in 2 wheel drive NA cars. At the end of the day this is up to the Clerk Of Course to include in the sup regs but it is the writers thinking on the subject for the record.

This next event is the last in our 3 events in 3 months “Spring Racing Carnival”. These events were run in this way largely as a result of hardly any other local events being run for the year. However I think anyone who has been involved in the running of these would admit that it is impractical to run even khanacross events this often.

Under our new event organisation structure of having Event Co-ordinators we have 7 parties so far that have stuck up their hands to put together events next year. I would be interested to have it discussed at the meeting how often members want to be running in local events?

For the record those that have stuck up their hand for events next year include Lynn Taylor & Matt Linning, Jason Ruse, Dave McNab, Ivan Vovoedin, Denis Baker, Ron King and Peter Lockhart. If you want to be included in this select company let me know at the meeting.

Lastly, I will leave you with a trivia question.....Who knows how many motor race tracks there have been in Queensland? By definition these must have had some sort of permanent layout and have hosted real road racing events. For instance this does include the Surfers Indy circuit but would not include say Mt Cotton hillclimb. Answers at the meeting please, you will be surprised.....

See you at the meeting,

*Brownie.*

## Events Calendar Mid November till End December From QLD CAMS Calendar Version 17

Date	Organiser	Type	Status	Venue
21 November	Marque Sports Car Club	Touring Road Event	Multi Club	Roads in S E QLD
23 November	Holden Sporting Car Club	Motorkhana	Multi Club	Willowbank Raceway
30 November	MG Car Club of QLD	Hillclimb	Multi Club	Mt Cotton
6 December	Brisbane Sporting Car Club	Rally	Multi Club	Gallangowan
9 December	<b>Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting</b>	<b>Khanacross</b>	<b>Multi Club</b>	<b>TBA</b>

### Problems driving

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car-both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red but they just went on through. The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself "I must be losing it, I could have sworn we just went through a red light."

After a few more minutes they came to another intersection and the light was red again and again they went right though. This time the woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was losing it. She was getting nervous and decided to pay very close attention to the road and the next intersection to see what was going on.

At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was definitely red and they went right through and she turned to the other woman and said, "Mildred! Did you know we just ran through three red lights in a row! You could have killed us!"

Mildred turned to her and said, "Oh, am I driving?"

A senior citizen drove his brand new BMW Z4 convertible out of the car saleroom. Taking off down the motorway, he floored it to 90 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left.

'Amazing!' he thought as he flew down the M40, enjoying pushing the pedal to the metal even more. Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a police car behind him, blue lights flashing and siren blaring. 'I can get away from him - no problem!' thought the elderly gent as he floored it to 110 mph, then 120, then 130 mph.

Suddenly, he thought, 'What on earth am I doing? I'm too old for this nonsense!' So he pulled over to the side of the road and waited for the police car to catch up with him.

Pulling in behind him, the police officer walked up to the driver's side of the BMW, looked at his watch and said, 'Sir, my shift ends in 10 minutes. Today is Friday and I'm taking off for the weekend. If you can give me a reason why you were speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go.'

The man looked very seriously at the policeman and replied, 'Years ago, my wife ran off with a policeman. I thought you were bringing her back.'

'Have a good day, Sir,' said the policeman.