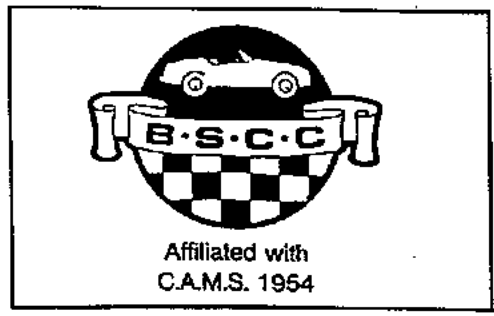


# BRISPORT

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BRISBANE  
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## COOLOOLA - A CLASSIC SUCCESS

Could 1997 be the year of the QRC?

After 61 entries were received for round one, the Cooloola Classic on March 1, it seems we're in for a very competitive season, especially given the appearance of 10 cars from the deep north.

Clerk of Course, Brian Everett says he's very pleased with the result, as are Bruce Dummett and Tom Smith, who accepted the winner's laurels after a strong showing in the VR4. (see picture below)

Second was Bruce Fullerton/Rob Reddix in the Lancer turbo 4wd and third, Dean Tighe and Del Garbett in the Pulsar GTiR. Full results are elsewhere in this newsletter.

Apart from the strong showing from crews in the Mackay-Townsville region, we had one competitor who travelled from Ballina and a grand total of 16 crews whose drivers were competing in the ARN Junior Challenge.

That's a very good sign for the future of rallying here in the sunshine state.

Apparently numbers in the challenge elsewhere are tapering off and in some cases as few as two or three cars were on hand to contest the first round in some of the southern states. Let's hope they take a leaf from our book by the time they get to round two.

Rain in the week before the event saw excellent rally conditions with minimal dust and plenty of traction. Brian and his team of organisers had done an excellent job preparing a course which included plenty of new roads - something of a bonus for new competitors and old alike.

the new format is likely to remain for 1998 - but already Brian and crew have plans for a couple of show-stopping additions - including a possible display stage with organising help from the Glastonbury rural fire brigade.

Brigade members from the Glastonbury RFB were those cheery souls manning the refreshment stalls and providing road blocks and radio communications on the Brooyar Stage.

Apparently, the fires are so pleased with the amount of income generated over the weekend, that they plan to take a greater part next year.

Brian says that apart from some minor radio hassles at the start, all went smoothly. The Cooloola was a relaxed affair, although the organisers were forced to start earlier and finish later due to the big field.

Even Sunday's presentation ceremony was well attended.

Brian would like to thank the North Queensland competitors who attended.

He says the strong support by BSCC members for last year's northern QRC round resulted in reciprocal support that was evident at Cooloola.

Clearly, this mutual support is a good thing for competition and for our state championship in particular. BSCC members should have a good look at supporting the Townsville QRC again this year. It is due on July 12 and 13.

Of the northerners, congratulations go to Ross Angelo and Paul Couper who came third in class P2 in their Datsun 120Y. Tony Cameron and Ron Peters came 4th in P3 in their Bluebird and Keith Callinan and Paul Tenant finished 4th in P4.

The event produced a couple of big accidents, but fortunately Geoff Stanaway/ Michael Johnson (tree) and Wes Depper/ Peter Baker (roll) escaped without injury -  
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Dummett/Smith are QRC front-runners (pic Ron Van Opstel ph: 0418-731115)

# Cooloola a Classic Success

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as did Donald Irving/Dave Nicholson in an Escort (tree).

A number of navigators suffered the dreaded left seat lurgy.

One courageous co-driver who made it to the finish was taken directly to hospital.

Other points of interest included the retirement of Adrian and Debbie Dillon (Gemini), Wayne Hoy/Alan Stean (Z) and Andrew Pearce/Tim Kay (Charade) with cooked engines.

Peter Mapstone and I were forced out by a blown strut top mount while John Goasdoue/Alan Bates were delayed by a blown front tyre that took out part of the loom.

Congratulations and thanks go to all who helped organise an excellent event.

Of course all who assisted will be eligible for points under the new system that awards points for officials, which also count toward the club championship. (see details this issue)

## Night Navigation Run 21.2.97

Place O/R	Club	Name	Points Lost
1.	MG	Rayment	19.0
2.	MG	Strange	22.5
3.	Healey	Mallon	22.5
4.	Healey	Stecher J	29
5.	Z	Cooke	32.5
6.	Alfa	Brown	38
7.	BSCC	Dunkley	39.5
8.	BSCC	Slattery	41
9.	MG	Kahl	42
10.	BSCC	Chunes	48
11.	MG	Walker	53.5
12.	Healey	Stecher C	54.5
13.	MX5	Hains	59.5
14.	BSCC	Stringfellow	61.5
15.	Healey	Lane	63.5
		(Time penalty - disqualified)	
16.	MX5	Looi	67.5
		(Time Penalty - disqualified)	
17.	MG	Boyce	77.5
		(Time Penalty - disqualified)	
18.	BSCC	Kippen	DNF



Fullerton/ Reddiex (and bumper) were 2nd o/r in the Cooloola. (pic: Ron Van Opstal)

# The rally series that doesn't leave Reid Street.

The first round of the Nash Glass and Aluminium Table Top Rally Series for 1997 was held on February 19 with ten competitors.

The Allora 1 to 100,000 map was used and competitors had to find their way from Allora to Leyburn (in time to go to the historic sprint meeting)

The course was reasonably challenging but not too difficult. Even the relative beginners got a fair bit of it correct and learned a lot about map reading in the process.

The new fluorescent lights recently installed in the Clubrooms certainly made map reading a lot easier.

The results are listed below. As can be seen, some of the scores were very close.

Pos.	Competitor	Pts.
1.	Peter Stringfellow	41
2.	Dick Owen	49
3.	Michelle Gatton	52
4.	Ian Ferguson	55
5.	Claire Swallow	58
6.	Laraine Ganderton	69
7.	Rod Sams	75
8.	Kate Gibb	77
9.	Roy Schell	100
10.	David Abbott	102

The next Table Top Rally will be held at the clubrooms on Wednesday 23rd April. Everybody is welcome.

## BRISPORT EDITORIAL

It's time to vote again. I'm not talking about the council elections. I'm talking about something more important than politics.

I'm talking about the BSCC AGM.

Whether you're a rally competitor, off-roader or whether for some crazy reason, you just felt the BSCC was the place to be on a Wednesday night, it's your chance to exercise the ancient principles of democracy and help provide office bearers for 1997.

For most of us, the commitment needed just to get our cars together in time for the next event is enough to drive our family crazy, but the office bearers we elect do much more.

They keep our club operating. They provide the support necessary for us to be able to go out and race.

Like it or not, the nineties are ruled by bureaucracy.

That is not to say office bearers from the BSCC are bureaucrats. Each is at least as enthusiastic and committed to motorsport as anyone in Brisbane.

But much as we enjoy it, motorsport does have to comply with a growing list of bureaucratic rules.

The rules are set by Governments and local authorities, Insurance Companies, CAMS, and dozens of gangs and public servants.

On our behalf, BSCC office bearers have to deal with these challenges - and not lose sight of the fact that,

after all, motorsport is fun.

Our club has an excellent record in both respects. Our office bearers and other key personell such as event directors have established a reputation for staging quality events to the highest administrative standards.

At the same time, BSCC events are user friendly. They are good value. They encourage close competition among participants at all levels.

We're enjoying ourselves - and for the good of the sport, we need to keep enjoyment high on our list of priorities.

That means we should get along to the AGM.

Our club appears to be going through something of a purple patch, with strong interest in everything from the Junior Challenge, to Geminis and the QRC.

The bureaucratic demands on our office bearers will continue to grow. We need to show our support.

If those of us who enjoy our sport help divide the work a little more evenly, the 'fun' quotient will not diminish. We will continue to attract more new starters.

Having said all that, I'm sure Murphy's law will result in me being called back to work about 8pm on March 26. Editors are renowned hypocrites.

Nevertheless, I do hope to see you at the AGM.

# BSCC COMING EVENTS by Tony Best

To submit articles for this magazine, please leave a

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The club's 1997 annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th March. It will be held at the clubrooms, commencing at 8pm.

Everybody should make an attempt to get to this meeting. This is your chance to elect the Office Bearers for the next year and to have your say in how the club will be run.

## VIDEOS AT THE CLUBROOMS

Chris Lane will be showing some more motor sport videos at the clubrooms on Wednesday 8 April, commencing at 8pm.

Recent British rallies and possibly some local events will be featured.

## NEXT HISTORIC RALLY

The second round of the club's Historic Rally Series for 1997 will be the BP Mountain Challenge, to be held on Sunday April 13.

The event will start from BP Nerang at 9am and cover a course of approximately 350

kilometres. There will be a stop for lunch and a mid-afternoon finish.

As an incentive to attract inexperienced crews, the event will be run in two classes.

The experienced crews will have route instructions with tricky map reading, but anyone who feels that this is too hard can select the easier instructions.

A halda will not be necessary to compete.

For further information, contact John McKeon on 07 - 55781846 a/h

## NEXT NIGHT RUN

The third round of the nine-event Interclub Night Run Series will be held on Friday 18 April. The Clerk of Course will be Club President Rod Sams.

The event will start from the clubrooms at 7.30pm. Everybody is welcome and entries will be accepted at the start. Competitors will need to bring a torch and a pen or pencil.

## MOBY VIC'S CLUBMAN RALLY

This event will be run on Saturday 19th April and

organised by the Gold Coast Tweed Motor Sporting Club.

As well as being a round of the GP Cars Clubman Series, it will also count towards the ARN Junior Rally Challenge and the Bridgestone Gemini Series.

The winner will also receive the Vic Walker Memorial Trophy, a perpetual trophy donated in honour of the original owner of Moby Vic's, who sponsored the event on a number of occasions.

The event will start and finish at Moby Vic's



*Adrian Bukmanis/Ryan Parker had an exciting time in the Cooloola Classic. Despite a roll, they finished sixth of sixteen ARN Junior Challenge competitors. (pic: Ron Van Opstal)*

# BSCC COMING EVENTS by Tony Best

note in the newsletter box on the BSCC clubroom bar.

Service Station on the Bruce Highway near Glasshouse.

Afternoon and night sections are planned to be run. Officials are needed as well as competitors.

For further information, contact Sheridan Williamson on 07-55782354 (a/h)

## TABLE TOP RALLY

The second round of the Nash Glass and Aluminium Table Top Rally Series will be held on Wednesday 23rd April. It will take place at the clubrooms, commencing at 8pm.

A table top rally is basically a map reading exercise, where competitors have to plot the rally route on a map. It is a good way to improve skills in map reading.

Everybody is welcome to enter and maps will be supplied by the organisers.

## JIMNA OFF-ROAD EVENT

This will be a long-course event and the second round of the 1997 Queensland off-road championship.

Scrutineering and reconnaissance will held on Friday 25 April with the briefing and Prologue on Saturday 26th April, commencing at 8am.

This will be followed by 300km of competition, consisting of four heats (4 laps; 3 laps; 4 laps; 1 lap respectively - each lap being 25km)

The last 1 lap heat will be held after dark.

The trophy presentation will be held on the Sunday morning.

Catering and camping are available. Rally cars are welcome and new competitors will be allowed to inspect the course on the previous weekend if required.

The turn-off to the venue is 15km north of the Jimna Fire Tower and the venue is a further 9km down this road.

For further information, contact John Hammond on 38860352 (a/h)

## GOLD COAST KHANACROSS

The Gold Coast club is organising their next khanacross on Sunday 4th May.

For those of you who have not been to a khanacross, it is like a long-distance (and higher speed) motorkhana and is usually good fun.

The venue will probably be the Carrara Sports Ground and the start time 9am.

For further information, contact Wade Edwards on 07 55359261 (a/h)

## FALKEN TYRES RALLY QUEENSLAND

The Queensland round of the Australian Rally Championship will be held on the weekend of May 10/11. *(pic from last year below)*

Sponsorship has again been generously given by Falken Tyres and the event will again be based at the Oasis Resort at Caloundra.

Most of the Special Stages will be held in the Imbil region, with not a lot of changes from last year's route.

More details will be given in 'Brisport' next month, but keep the date free.

Anybody not competing is welcome to volunteer as an official.



Reid/Andrew Bennett in last year's Rally Qld. (pic Peter Rasmussen 079-761314)

# CAMS manual bumpf

Bureaucracy lives! Now that the 1997 CAMS manual has been out and about for a month, Pat Hetherman has discovered some interesting rules.

1. Page 13-8 regarding motorkhanas, the Manual states at item 1-2 that vehicles "shall have road wheels of not less than 2450mm" According to Pat, that's about 2.4 metres or more than eight feet! Pat suggests this rule should lead to chaos at the first event scrutiny. Those weird motorkhana specials are going to get even weirder.

2. Page 11-42 refers to rally sprints. With a course length of up to 8km and two separate stages that can be run in either direction, Pat reports that each can be run up to three times. According to Pat's calculator,  $8 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3 = 96$  and that means that in 1997, a Rallysprint can be longer than a clubman rally!

3. Page 11-42 also refers to clothing under item 7.1. Pat is concerned to read that drivers are required to wear "apparel of non-flammable material". What do they suggest - Teflon underwear? Pat hasn't heard of any material that is truly non-flammable.

Pat, I don't think you can race naked.



above: Historic cars line up near Southbank at the completion of the Motor Show Rally, led by Peter Smith's immaculate Singer sedan. The rally was a big success.

## Night champ, Debbie, speaks to Pat

Without checking through boxes of archives and relying on memory, Pat Hetherman feels that the BSCC night-run champion 1996, Debbie Davis, could be the first female to win the club night run championship.

It was in 1993 that Debbie took her first steps in Motor Sport so to speak. Having met Tony Slattery, she began to ride in the navigator's seat in historic events. Progress was made through '94 and '95 both in night runs and Historic events. On many occasions, they were lost and Debbie became a bit annoyed at that.

So in 1996, the big decision was taken. Tony moved over into the navigator's seat and Debbie took up the driving.

The speed stripes on the Austin 1800 (Land Crab)

were to be seen as a lucky token and Debbie became the best of the drivers in the club at night runs. Debbie is the first to admit that Tony is the best navigator in that union.

Apart from winning the 1996 night run series, Debbie's career highlight to date would be her first historic win, the Range Rally in 1995. In that event, Tony drove and Debbie called the shots.

At the other end of the scale, the biggest downer was when she could not compete in the Twilight as Tony helped the director with the course and that precluded her from the event.

Debbie likes the sport, as you get out to meet all sorts of people and go places you would normally never set eyes on. That is very satisfying. That is the nature of the sport.

A word of advice from our first lady of night runs: "make sure that you build team spirit within the car. Don't argue." These are wise words from Debbie. In the map reading type of event, the pressure on the navigator is enough without the driver adding to it by driving too fast for the navigator or arguing.

Debbie's next goal is to compete in the two-day gem, the Mountain Classic, which kicks off in Sydney. We all wish her luck and will cover that story.

So far this year, she has had to miss the first historic event as she works on a Saturday. Never mind, we look forward to seeing Debbie at the wheel of the 'new' Cortina, which was the outright winning car in the Motor Show Classic.

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Rod Sams

This month we have a new look magazine courtesy of Cameron Thompson who has taken over from Pat Hetherman as editor. I would like to thank Pat and his editorial staff for their efforts over the past year. As Editor Pat has done a great job in putting the magazine together. I am sure Cameron is looking forward to your support in

providing articles or items of interest to go in the magazine.

As mentioned elsewhere our Annual General Meeting is upon us. If you would like to have a say in how your Club is run come along, better still why not nominate for a position on the Board.

At the beginning of the

month I ventured to the fair City of Gympie where a large number of competitors had gathered to run in the Cooloola Rally. Brian Everitt and his crew once again ran a great event.

It was heartening to see such a large number of entries at Gympie I hope the trend continues throughout the year.

Tony Best in knee deep in paper work for the Norm Singleton Rally Connection Rally to be run on 22 March. The ARC Team are well advanced in preparations for May event.

Unfortunately the Offroad scene has gotten off to a slow start this year. The Shortcourse at Morgan Park did not run because of lack of entries and the Chinchilla event had to be postponed because of the wet weather. This event has been rescheduled for the 22-23 March.

However the season should get off to a bang with the Stadium Event to be run at the Exhibition Ground on the 15th March. It has been a number of years since we have seen stadium racing in Queensland. The introduction of the purpose built stadium trucks and cars should make for an action packed night.

A recent survey has rated stadium racing the fastest growing form of motorsport in Australia. Armchair competitors can follow the action on the SBS. "Speedweek" program each Sunday afternoon. This program has given considerable coverage to Offroad events including last years National at Goondiwindi.

Safe Motorsport

*Rod Sams.*

## Points for BSCC officials

Below, for the benefit of all our hard-working officials is the much-heralded point score system to reward the many volunteers who provide support for each event.

This is the structure for the "Official's Championship 1997". It was approved by the BSCC board at its meeting on March 4.

Championship positions are to be awarded points and passed into the series for club champion. (Just like the other club series' - Rally Champion, Off-Road Champion, etc.)

### OFFICIAL'S POINTS SCORE CHAMPIONSHIP

OFFICE	ARC AORC	STATE R&OR	SPRINTS HISTORIC	CLUB EVNT
Clerk of Course	30	20	15	8
Dep/Asst C of C	20	15	10	5
Stage Commander	12	9	8	
Post Commander	8	6	6	3
Control official	7	5	5	2
Spectator Control	9	6	6	
Road Block	4	4	4	
Zero/Sweeps/Check/Rec.	5	5	3	
HQ Staff				
Secretary	20	15	10	4
Scorers	10	8	8	3
Radio Base	13	11	9	4
General Staff	4	4	4	2
Production of Books etc.	5	5	5	1
Club				
Board Members	5			
Equipment Officer	10			
Working B official	5			
Cleaning Club (each)	1			

## Safari help wanted

Automotion Motorsport has a number of opportunities open for enthusiastic volunteers to join the team of officials who help in the running and controlling of the Australian Safari and the two "Kumho Tyre" events, the Centre-Trek 750 and Copper City 750.

Vacancies exist in the following areas, so if you're interested, drop them a line or fax, giving your personal details, experience, particular skills etc.

### Control Crew Teams

A minimum of 3 persons (preferably 4), equipped with own 4WD vehicle for Safari (but 2WD is okay for Centre-Trek and Copper City).

Teams need to be fully equipped for camping and able to travel and work independently and reliably.

Experienced outback travellers are preferred.

For further information on the criteria, please contact

Mr Les Turner  
PO Box 74N  
CAMPBELLTOWN NSW 2560  
Ph: 046 282 100  
Fax: 046 280 047

Patrick Hetherman is particularly interested in the above proposal.

Club members wishing to be part of a BSCC Safari squad, contact Pat on 015-141902

## '97 BSCC calendar & contacts

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
02/02/97	Off Road Short Course (Not Held)	?
08/02/97	Motor Show Classic Rally	P Hetherman
21/02/97	Night Run Series 1	Marque
01/03/97	Cooloola Rally (QRC)	B Everitt
01/03/97	Cooloola Rally (Clubman)	B Everitt
14/03/97	Night Run Series 2	MGCCQ
22/03/97	Norm Singleton Rally	T Best
13/04/97	BP Mountain Challenge Classic	J McKeon
18/04/97	Night Run Series 2	T Best
10/05/97	Falken Tyres Rally Qld	E Bailey
16/05/97	Night Run Series 3	MGCCQ
20/06/97	Night Run Series 4	Marque
22/06/97	GP Cars Classic	A Owen
29/06/97	Rallysprint	?
18/07/97	Night Run Series 6	BSCC ?
15/08/97	Night Run Series 7	MGCCQ
24/08/97	Leyburn Classic	?
31/08/97	Off Road Gatton	R Sams
07/09/97	Rallysprint	?
12/09/97	Night Run Series 8	Marque
20/09/97	Bailey Powerlines Rally	?
17/10/97	Night Run Series 9	BSCC ?
19/10/97	Rallysprint	?
16/11/97	Parts & Service Classic	?
30/11/97	Off Road/Autocross	R Sam
07/12/97	Keema Rally (QRC)	C Porter
07/12/97	Keema Rally (Clubman)	C Porter
07/12/97	Keema Rally (Club)	C Porter
????/97	Working Bees	

## Big Night at the Ekka

A big crowd of 10,000 plus was on its feet at the Brisbane exhibition grounds on Saturday March 15, to welcome long awaited arrival of Stadium Off-road racing.

Patrick Hetherman, who declares himself a long-standing advocate of stadium racing says the big crowd got a big buzz from the event, as did a number of local drivers who competed against the southern stars in their purpose built machines.

Pat reports that the strongest local performance came from Laurie Svenson who raced his 3.5 litre turbo porsche powered buggy in the unlimited class and made it to the final. Laurie started the final on the third row of the grid (reflecting his good times in the heats), but came to grief in a pile up that was not of his own making.

Greg Nicholls was another local who contested the super 1600 class in his class three buggy.

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## QUEENSLAND RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS SCORE

DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP								CO-DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP							
EVENT		QRC 1	QRC 2	QRC 3	QRC 4	QRC 5	Total	EVENT		QRC 1	QRC 2	QRC 3	QRC 4	QRC 5	Total
John	Spencer	24	30	35	28	35	152	Del	GARBETT	28	32	35	26	40	161
Alan	Clunes	20	16	24	15	30	105	Dominic	CORKERON	20	19	24	15	32	110
John	GOASDOUÉ	40	30	0	35	0	105	Alan	STEAN	40		40	0	28	108
Steve	SCOTT	18	24	32	16	0	90	Greg	TEBBLE	15	26		23	30	94
Tony	KABEL	6	22		22	28	78	Tom	SMITH	0	40	18	35	0	93
Peter	MAPSTONE		20		30	27	77	Tony	BEST	22		0	40	24	86
Wayne	HOY	35	0	40	0		75	Cameron	THOMPSON		21		28	30	79
Wayne	JOHNSTON	20	28	25		0	73	Terry	SCOTT		30	32	14	0	76
Andrew	PEARCE	15	20	16	15		66	Rob	REDDIEX	35		0	22	0	57
John	ROGERS	12	0		20	26	58	Tim	KAY	15	22		15		52
Bruce	FULLERTON	27		0	27	0	54	Garry	BRIGGS	22		25		0	47
Adrian	BUKMANIS	20	0	26	0		46	Kevin	TAYLOR				20	26	46
Shaun	GILL		26		18	0	44	Ryan	PARKER	20		26	0		46
Neil	MICHEL	15		17	10	0	42	Alan	BATES	27			12	0	39
Bruce	DUMMETT	0	40	0	0	0	40	Steven	GALLEY		18		20		38
Wayne	BLACK		24		16		40	Shaun	RYAN	14		23	0	0	37
David	WEST				40		40	Kelvin	O'SHEA		30			0	30
Stewart	REID		0		0	40	40	Gerard	McCONKEY		28				28
Murdo	MacDONALD	0	15	23			38	David	NASH				27		27
Viv	GEES	12	0	23	0	0	35	Donna	KILBRIDE	21					21
Richard	GALLEY		12		15		27	Hugh	REARDON-SMITH				21		21
Steve	KELLY		0		26		26	Dale	PAYNE				17		17
Richard	ANDERSON	25					25	Chris	MICHEL	15				0	15
Leigh	ACHTERBERG	20		0	0		20	Mark	CARBINE	12					12
John	FRASER				20		20	Tony	WILSON	11					11
Ian	WRIGHT		0		20		20	Rod	BIGGAR					0	0
Chris	WATERS	0	18	0			18	Ian	CAPPS	0		0			0
Jeff	KILBRIDE	13					13	Joe	FERRIER	0		0	0		0
Rob	BEKKER	9					9	Craig	SMITH	0					0
Mark	GRIFFITH						0								
Dave	GRUNDY	0	0				0								
Craig	MOLE	0					0								
Henry	RYMAN					0	0								

# Official Notice of AGM - 26.3.97

The Annual General Meeting of the Brisbane Sporting Car Club Limited will be held in the BSCC clubrooms, corner of Reid and Hawthorne Streets, Woolloongabba on WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 1997 at 8.00pm.

Business to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting shall be:

1. To receive, consider and if thought fit adopt the Financial Statements and the reports of the President and the Auditors in respect of the year ended 31 December 1996.
2. To elect members of the Board, the Auditor and Life Members (if any).
3. To receive, consider and if thought fit adopt a special resolution to amend the articles of association to include the interest of members in "Historic Vehicles" in accordance with the requirements of the Queensland Department of Transport's Special Interest Vehicles Scheme.
4. To receive, consider and if thought fit adopt any other resolutions of which notice has been given.
5. To consider General Business.

Nomination of Office Bearers and other members of the Board are listed below:

Position	Nominee	Nom. by	Seconded
President	R Sams	T Best	E Bailey
Vice President	C Porter	P Hetherman	R Sams
Secretary	T Best	J Rogers	C Swallow
Treasurer	G Mackay	N Michel	P Whalley
Ass. Treasurer	N Michel	G McLane	P Whalley
Club Captain	P Whalley	N Michel	G Mackay
Board Member	P Hetherman	E Bailey	N Michel
Board Member	P Whalley	N Michel	G Mackay
Board Member	P Garbett	P Marshall	B Everitt
Board Member	T Best	J Rogers	C Swallow
Board Member	A Slattery	G McLane	N Michel
Board Member	P Baker	A Clunes	C Porter
Board Member	E Bailey	P Hetherman	S Ferguson
Board Member	S Ferguson	E Bailey	N Michel
Board Member	R Collingwood	C Porter	A Clunes



# SAFARI COMES TO QLD

Brisbane, March 11: Queensland was back on the world events calendar with the announcement that the State will be the home base for the FIA World Cup Australian Safari for the next six years, Premier Rob Borbidge said today.

The Premier said securing the Australian leg of the FIA World Cup Safari would bring the State extensive international coverage and generate tourism dollars right across Queensland.

"This is a major coup for Queensland. We've beaten off the combined efforts of Victoria and South Australia to win this event and proved that Queensland is well and truly the best location for a broader range of events than any other State," Mr Borbidge said.

The 1997 Safari will be held in Queensland in August.

Bruce Davidson, the Minister responsible for major events, said the FIA World Cup Australian Safari would showcase Queensland's two major coastal destinations as well as outback and rural attractions to millions of television viewers across 33 countries the Americas, USA, Asia and Europe.

"The exact route is yet to be finalised but will most likely travel from Cairns, through the Tropical North into the Northern Territory then back across the border into Western Queensland, through the Channel Country, across the Great Divide and end on the Gold Coast," he said.

"It's a 7,500km, 12 day moving postcard of some of the most spectacular and diverse landscape in the world."

"The tourism link is absolutely vital. Queensland is fortunate to be in the position that we have a number of major centres with extremely diverse natural and man-made attractions around which we can base events.

"The emphasis must be on using the event as a drawcard to bring people to the region.

"Unless you have something else to offer them, you may not be able to generate repeat visitation."

Mr Borbidge said the FIA World Cup Australian Safari would directly inject nearly \$15 million dollars into Cairns, the Gold Coast and numerous outback and rural communities.

"Around 300 participants, organisers and media will travel the route accompanied along the way by as many as 2000 international visitors," he said.

"I have no doubt we will also see significant numbers of locals and visitors from interstate travelling to the more accessible parts of the Safari to catch a glimpse of what is a very exciting and entertaining event."

Mr Davidson said the event would be particularly useful in the push to identify Queensland as a world class adventure tourism destination.

"In Europe and the United States, for example, there are very significant markets for adventure tourism. There are few places left in the world which can be truly classified as wild or untamed. Queensland offers probably one of the last frontiers for this sort of tourism.

## *Stadium off-road*

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The night featured racing between quads, sport trucks, super buggies (up to 1600cc), unlimited buggies, desert trucks and sedans.

Pat reports the program was jam-packed from 7.30pm to 11.15pm and a good night was had by all. There was plenty of action, with cars passing in mid air and some amazing performances by underdog competitors including one hardy soul who took on a gaggle of F150s in his Lada.

In another amazing performance, a guy in a Suzuki came third in the feature race when carnage claimed the rest of the field.

Pat met some of the southern competitors after the event to check out the sport trucks, which were the crowd favourites.

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Given the size of the crowd and its reaction, there seems to be a big future in this sort of event in Brisbane.

It sounds like a few more BSCC members might be encouraged to take part the next time the circus comes to town.

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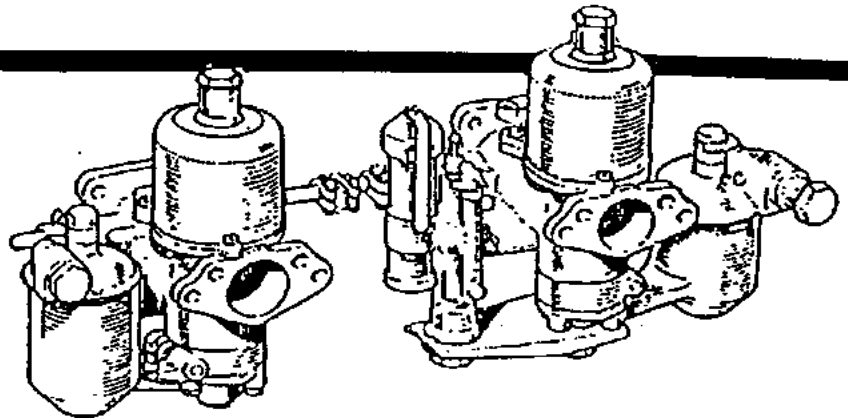
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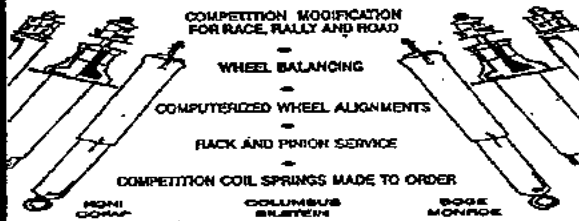
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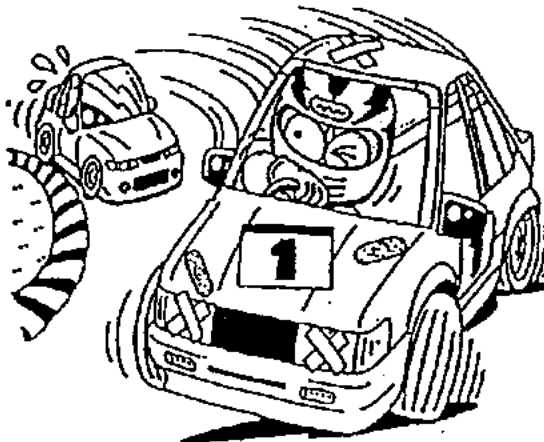
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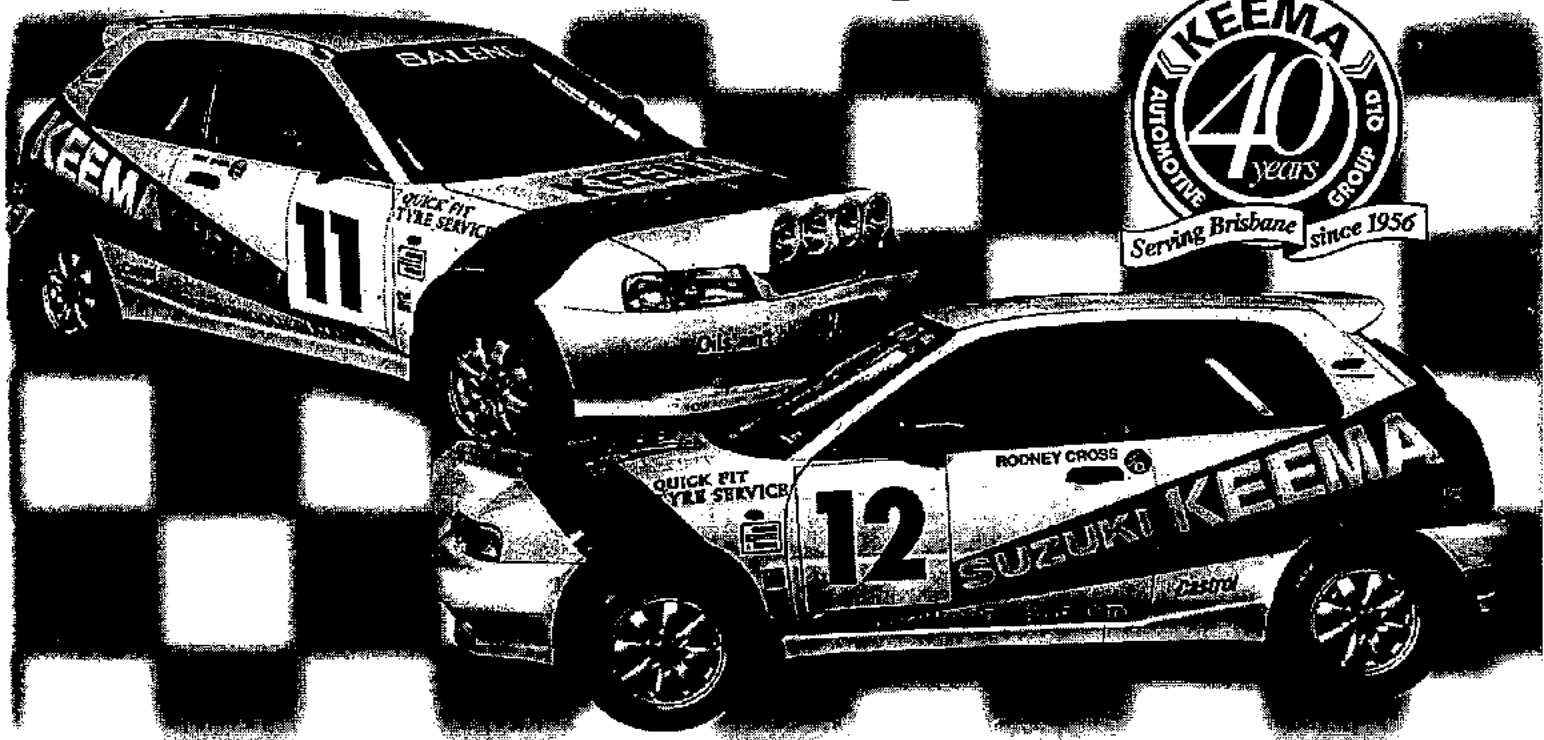
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