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FLYING HIGH AT WILLOWBANK

by Rod Sams

Offroad action returned to Willowbank on Sunday 26 April where a class field of 32 competitors competed for honours in the first round of the "1998 Queensland Off



Laurie Svenson flies through the air with the greatest of ease- 1st Outright, 1st in Class

West Moreton Auto Club.

A testing 900 metre track had been laid out within the Ipswich's Touring Car circuit. A number of jumps had been built around the track to provide plenty of action for the spectators. The event was run over four heats each of six laps.

The Class one entry of 10 cars was one of the biggest entries for the class in some time. Those looking for high flying action were not to be disappointed.

Heat 1 saw Russel Hartnett (112) and Chris Cave (221) sharing the honours with the fastest heat.

First casualties of the day were the Fehlhaber brothers Tony and Michael when the double entered Car 136 suffered diff problems.

The action continued fast and furious in Heat 2 with some very close racing. Laurie Svenson in the Porsche powered Car 144 set what was to be the fastest heat of the day. Unfortunately Nev Marshall in Car 914 retired with engine problems. Class 6 saw some close racing with 4 drivers within 2 second of each other with Andrew Manning (617A) and Andrew Hickson (696) leading the way. Robbie Butler was running well in his repowered Toyota having lost a fan belt in the first heat. This year Robbie has gone to a V8 and moved to Class 8.

The Taylor's made the event a family affair with five members of the family competing on the day.



Rod Brand - 2nd Outright, 1st in Class

Michael in Class 1, with Neville, Clayton and Ryan in

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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

BY ROD SAMS

To say members of the Club have been busy is an understatement. The last few weeks have been organised pandemonium particularly for the crew working on the ARC.

The work load for these people has been horrendous. I have said before that we as a Club really need to assess our ability to put on an event of the calibre of the ARC using just "volunteer" labour.

The record 94 entries for the event pays testament to the work and dedication of the organising committee. It also reflects the expectations of those competing that they will have a great event.

Meanwhile, the ARC aside, the life of the

Club goes on. On the Offroad scene we have just run the first round of the "1998 Queensland Offroad Short Course drivers Series". The Club ran this event in conjunction with the Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club at their Willowbank Complex. It was gratifying to see 32 entries for the event. It was the largest Short Course entry for some time. (See a full report of the event elsewhere in the magazine.

The partnership with IWMAC has proved to be very successful and I would like to thank all members of IWMAC who helped put the event on.

The May Day Long Weekend saw the running of the "No Labour Touring As-

sembly". Patrick Hetherman and crew put in the work to make the event happen. It was disappointing to see such a small entry on the day however this did not distract from the enthusiasm of the crews who did run. Despite the inclement weather leading up to the weekend the Gods smiled on the Sunday to produce a perfect day for a drive in the country. Thanks to Patrick and his helpers for their efforts.

In closing I must congratulate Karen Soxsmith for the job she has done in putting together last months magazine. A top effort. All we require now is more articles for publication. There is no excuse for all you technophiles out there. You can now Email your stories direct to Karen.

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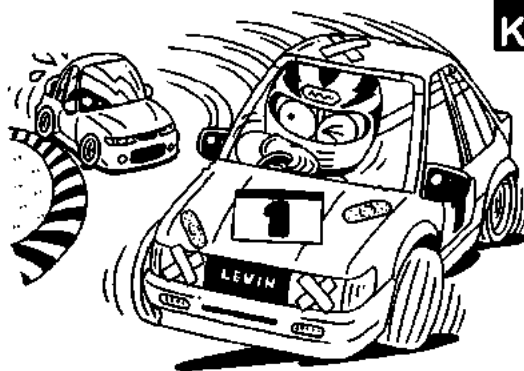
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THE CLUB CAPTAIN'S CORNER

BY PETER BAKER

Well a big thank you and congratulation to our new Brisport editor Karen Soxsmith on a job well done. Karen's first attempt at the Newsletter has received rave reviews from far and wide so keep up the good work. The newsletter is for you so if you have any items you wish to place in Brisport please fax them to the Club on 3891 1401 or Email Karen at karensox@powerup.com.au or if you wish to visit the Club rooms on Wednesday night there is a small box in the bar area for your suggestions.

Peter Whalley our ever present hard working Club Secretary gave a small address to the A G M regarding the number of people who were running events for the Club and the overall results were that there was too few people do things that could be done by other people. Lets take a look at the events the club ran last year and see what comes up.

In 1998 the Club ran three rounds out of five Qld Rally Championship Rounds, One round of the Australian Rally Championship, one Stand alone round of the Clubman Rally Series and One Rallysprint. We also arranged a number of Night Runs, Off-road Events, Historic Events and also a pace noted event. You will see listed below the people who helped on the organising committees for these events were almost the same people every time.

Cooloola Classic: Brian Everitt, Peter Whalley, Errol Bailey, Peter Milliar, Chris Lane, Richard Collingwood, Craig Porter.

Pace Noted Event: Tony Best, Craig Porter, Errol Bailey, Alan Clunes, Peter Baker, Del Garbett, Helen Best.

Rally Queensland: Errol Bailey, Craig Porter, Richard Collingwood, Brian Everitt, Peter Whalley, Keith and Margaret Mackay, Rod Sams, Peter Milliar, Chris Lane, Peter Baker, Lois Collins, Stuart Ferguson, Berenice Stratton, Kerry Hollington, Peter Garbett.

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We ran a number of Off road events with Rod Sams & Pat Hetherman running these events, Night Runs were planed by Rod Sams and Tony Slattery with Tony also planing and running most of the Historic Events. We also run a Table top Rally Series and this was arranged mainly by Tony Best.

We also had a lady who was also competing in most of these events but helped out with a number of things before and after the event and that was Claire Swallow.

Now I know that most of these people don't mind putting the time and effort into these events but sooner rather than later these people are going to burnout and the Club will be left in the dark.

We must now start looking for newer people to start learning how to run and arrange these events and that means you the members of the club must start putting you hands up and say Yes I am prepared to learn how, please teach me.

We have over 300 members in our Club and the jobs seem to be falling on the same people all the time. We need your help even if it is for one event during the year, if we share the load we can all benefit from the rewards at the end of the day.

This years Rally Queensland is being run on the 23rd and 24th May and we need the Clubs support in helping with the event. If you can help by being a Roadblock Official, helping out at the Service Park at Imbil or a Control Official please ring Esme at the Club and lend your support.

So until new time happy Motorsporting

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Gary Mackay and his wife Leanne
their first child born 8 May 1998
Lacklan Gary
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CONGRATULATIONS !!!

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To submit articles, please contact Esme on 3391 8881

FALKEN TYRES RALLY QLD SAT 23 MAY & SUN 24 MAY

I am sure you have all just about read everything there is to read about this event and I am even more sure there will be further information elsewhere in this newsletter, so please come along and support the local crews and have a great weekend. Lets see if Adrian Bukmanis can rid himself of the Voodoo of Never Finishing A Rally Queensland. Bets are on this will be the year he does. *Contact Margaret Mackay on 3286 1584 (a/hrs) for details.*

GOLD COAST DAY RUN SUNDAY 31 MAY

This should be a good event for Historic Rally competitors to compete in. I am sure it will be a very enjoyable day.

Venue: Undercover Carpark adjacent
BP Nerang
Entries: 9:15 to 9:45 sharp
Entry Fee: \$15
Start: 10.00 am

Details: Approx. 2 hours / 100km run finishing at somewhere to eat. *For further information please contact Michelle Gatton on 3341 1171 a/hrs.*

JIMNA OFF ROAD EVENT 6, 7 & 8 JUNE

"The 1998 Jimna Long Course High Country Enduro" - Round 2 of the "Queensland Long Course Off Road Championship" will be held over the June Long Weekend. The event organised by SEQORRA will be run at the "Kimballa" property at Jimna. The event will consist of 11 lap over a 25 km course. 3 Lap (Including a night lap) will be run on Saturday with the remaining laps being run on Sunday.

A camping area will be provided and full catering will be available on the three days. Supplementary Regulations are now available. *For further information please contact John Hammond, Event Director on (07) 3886 0352 or Paul Eustace, Event Secretary on 0412 374 392.*

RALLY IN THE VALLEY SUNDAY 7 JUNE

Little information available at time of printing but please *contact Peter Vayro on 0755 313163* and he will hopefully point you in the right direction.

MARQUE SPORTS CAR CLUB SPRINTS SATURDAY 6 JUNE

Sprints at Lakeside International Raceway. *Please contact Peter Stringfellow on 3396 8718 a/hrs for details.*

VIDEO NIGHT at the CLUBROOMS WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE

The usual Video night as supplied by Chris Lane at the Car Club Rooms (maybe Rally Qld footage by this time??). Come along, have a drink and a chat.

KART RACING SATURDAY 13 JUNE

Very popular last year and not as expensive as you might think. I think this starts at 1:30pm. *For further information please*

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TABLE TOP RALLY WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE

Round 2 of the 1998 Nash Glass and Aluminium Table Top Rally Series will be held at the Clubrooms commencing at 8pm.

This event has been set by Tony Best (winner of the series in 1996 and organiser of all rounds held in 1997.) In an effort to encourage competitors in these events Tony has deliberately made it quite a bit easier than the ones he set last year, so hopefully the event will have plenty of support. *For further information please contact Dick Owen on 3379 8430 (any time).*

NIGHT RUN FRIDAY 19 JUNE

Round 5 of the Interclub nite run series. The event will start at Sizzler Restaurant, Osborne Road, Mitchelton (next to Brookside). Please be there by 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Organising club is "Z" Car Club and normally they cost \$10.00. We have a club member who drives from Noosa to compete in these events and a great nite is almost guaranteed, why not come along and see for yourself. You can even bring the family. *For further information please contact Alan Cunningham on 3395 0385.*

AIRSTRIPE AUTO CENTRE YARRAMAN FOREST RALLY SATURDAY 20 JUNE

Although not a round of the Junior Challenge or GP Cars Clubman Series it is hoped this event will still be well supported. It is a round of the hotly contested Bridgestone Gemini Series. The event is organised by the Northern Districts Car Club. The event will start at 12 noon from the Yarraman Showgrounds and consist of 80 km competitive out of a total distance of 150 km. The action should be great so even if you are not competing why not come up and give a hand or spectate. *For further information please contact Graeme Offer on 0754 956 248 a/hrs.*

MOTHAR MOUNTAIN OFF ROAD EVENT SUNDAY 21 JUNE

For information on this event please contact Jim or Desley Kelly on 0754 825396.

NIGHT RUN FRIDAY 26 JUNE

Organised by the Holden Sporting Car Club and starting at 7:30pm from Armstrong Holden in Ipswich Road Woolongabba. Always guaranteed to be a challenge, these events are always different and offer an alternative perspective on night run navigation. *For further information please contact Scott Doyle on 3297 5105 a/hrs.*

BUCCA OFF ROAD EVENT 27/28 JUNE

The Gladstone based Central Coast Car Club is running their annual Short Course Off Road event. This event will be held at Bucca (next door to the Bucca Pub). Bucca is north of Bundaberg and east of Gin Gin. It is always a popular event, and will consist of four heats on the Saturday and four heats on the Sunday, each heat being three laps of the 4.5km course. Scrutineering will be between 9am and 12 noon on the Saturday, with racing commencing at 2pm. On the Sunday racing commences at 9am with an early afternoon finish. *For further information please contact Keith Honour on 0749 792253 a/hrs.*

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the Class 4 Bajas. Hayley enjoyed a fast ride in the navigator's seat. Heat 3 saw the Class 1 battle continue with Rod Brand (131) and Russell Hartnett keeping Laurie Svenson honest. Class 2 was becoming a battle between Chris Cave and Tony Parker (253) while Chris Hutton (304) was leading Class 3 from Troy Wahry (308). Andy Stewart in his Class 5 Cortina in an attempt to defy the laws of gravity had a spectacular roll over which left the car in a sorry state. This was the first outing for the car after a bad accident at Echo Valley a couple years ago.

No	Att Entrant /Entrant	Entrant/Driver	Navigator	Heat 1	Heat 2
110		Russell Harnett		00:05	00:05
112		Michael Collins	Carol Hutton	Withdraw	
131	R & S Brand	Rod Brand	Daniel Brand	00:05	00:05
131A	R & S Brand	Sabine Brand		00:05	00:06
132	M Taylor	David Blunt	Glenn Hollett	00:05	00:05
132A	M Taylor	Michael Taylor	Giles GarGan	00:05	00:05
138		Anthony Fehlhaber	Michael Fehlhaber	DNS	Diff
138A	A Fehlhaber	Michael Fehlhaber	Anthony Fehlhaber	DNS	
144		Laurence Svenson		00:05	00:04
156		Scott Edwards		DNF	DNS
156A	Scott Edwards	Ben Gielis		DNS	00:06
221		Christopher Cave	Daniel Cave	00:05	00:05
253		Tony Parker	Scott Gardiner	00:05	00:05
266		Troy Crane		00:05	00:05
295		Mark Andrew	Colin Gaven	00:05	00:06
304		Chris Hutton		00:05	00:05
308		Troy Wahry	Joel Wahry	00:06	00:05
345		Daniel Torr	John Steel	00:08	DNF
404	Neville Taylor	Neville Taylor	Hayley Taylor	00:05	00:05
444	Neville Taylor	Clayton Taylor	Michael Oxley	DNS	00:05
444A	Neville Taylor	Ryan Taylor		00:05	00:05
506		David Endres	Nicholas Endres	00:05	00:05
538	A Stewart/J Aitken	Andy Stewart	Jamie Aitken	00:06	00:07
616		Michael Vieritz		00:05	00:05
616A	M Vieritz	Gary Wyatt		DNF	DNS
617	R Kilner/A Manning	Randall Kilner	Andrew Manning	00:06	00:05
617A	R Kilner/A Manning	Andrew Manning	Randall Kilner	00:05	00:05
696		Andrew Hickson		00:06	00:05
696A	A Hickson	Glen Coppock		00:06	00:05

Seventeen drivers completed the four heats with Laurie Svenson taking out Class 1 and the fastest Outright. Laurie also took out the treble by winning the feature race. Rod Brand finished 2nd in Class 1 and 2nd outright with Michael Taylor 3rd in Class. Chris Cave finished in front of Tony Parker and Mark Andrew in Class 2 and 3rd Outright.



Chris Hutton and Troy Wahry finished one-two in Class 3. Nev Taylor led the way from the boys with Ran and Clayton filling the minor places. David Endres was the best in Class 5. Class 6 was won by Michael Veritz, from Randall Kilner and Glen Coppock. David Jameson took the honours in Class 7 while Tony McNicol was best in Class 9.



Chris Cave - 3rd Outright, 2nd in Class



"Hey Andy, have you ever heard of gravity...?!!!"
Andy Stewart's 2nd Cortina

In all the day went very well, it was a great days racing. I would like to thank our event sponsors for their support and everyone who helped put the event on. Thanks also to Moss Lane

SUNSHINE STATE HEATS UP AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Rally Action Set For New Records

Bourne vs Bates...

These internationally ranked rally drivers are about to arrive in Queensland! It has been many years since the Australian Rally Championship has had such a close fight for the lead and it is Queensland's good fortune to be the most important round of the championship in 1998.

The 1998 FALKEN Tyres Rally Queensland will be officially launched on Friday 22nd May with competition taking place in two heats on the Saturday and Sunday starting on the Sunshine Coast in Caloundra City. It is round three of the Australian Rally Championship.

The pace will be hot as world ranked drivers Possum Bourne (NZ - Subaru Impreza WRX) and Neal Bates (ACT - Toyota Corolla WRC) are heading the charge for Rally Queensland victory in their million dollar machinery. On both earlier rounds this year they have been so closely matched that they have dead heated on 20% of stages. Top Queenslanders Stewart Reid (Subaru Impreza WRX), and John Goasdou_ (Mitsubishi Lancer RSE III) are set to show their class against the opposition from interstate. Nambour driver Bruce Dummett will try to demonstrate the value of local knowledge in front of the local crowds.

The official start will take place at Bulcock Street Caloundra City on Friday from 7pm where fans and spectators have the chance to inspect the cars and talk to the drivers before the action hots up. The Starting Ceremony will be supplemented by car displays, bands, music and entertainment.

The cars will be sent on their way after a welcome by Caloundra City Lord Mayor Des Dwyer. The first action spectators get will be at Pelican Waters, Caloundra City where a free Rally Special Stage is to be set up on Saturday from 9am. The competitors will test their

skills and machines against the clock in what promises to be excitement up close and personal.

The 1998 Falken Rally Queensland is guaranteed to stir your senses and get your heart racing. Saturday, May 23 sees the start of two days of the hottest rally action in Australia, set in some of the most beautiful scenery starting at Pelican Waters at Caloundra on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. From the instant you hear the explosion of the anti-lag system, and the dust settles on the tracks of the fastest blaze of colour you are ever likely to see, it will be a weekend long struggle to keep your excitement levels from going through the roof.

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5	J Long	John Long	NSW	Damien
6		Tolley Challis	WA	
7	D West	David West	NSW	Tony Be
8	Subaru Australia Pty Ltd	Cody Croker	Vic	Greg Fo
9	G Alexander	Graham Alexander	Vic	David St
10	R Salmon	Mark Haybittle	NSW	Duncan
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20	M Thompson	Michael Thompson	ACT	Gordon I

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 1997

Presented by Rod Sams at the AGM

Hello Everyone,

I firstly would like to thank you for attending this Annual General Meeting and taking an interest in the running of your Club.

1997 has been a tough but successful year for the Club. We have managed to achieve a small surplus in the budget while continuing to put on many high quality events which continue to set the standards across the State.

Our premier event of the year was the Australian Rally Championship which was a round of the National Super Series. The event went off very well and received acclaim from competitors and officials from across the country. The efforts put into running the ARC by no means overshadows the efforts made by people towards other events we run.

The success of the Club can be measured by the standard of our events which is a tribute to the ability and dedication of the Club members and supporters.

In 1997 the Club spent approximately \$7000 on upgrading and acquiring equipment. A major component of this was the purchase of a second computer and software, which now, through the capable hands of Richard Collingwood, gives us the capacity to produce the road books for all our rally events. This facility has greatly relieved our dependence on outside suppliers.

World of Change

It is true what people say that we live in a world of change. This is certainly true of the Club at this point in its history. Not only are we facing a physical change due to our requirement to relocate because of the busway construction being undertaken by Main Roads, but over the last couple of years we have been put under increasing pressure to change the way we run our events.

I will not dwell long on what is happening with the move as it will be covered by a separate report in this meeting. It is sufficient to say that we are in the final stages of negotiation with Main Roads. We have presented our case to them and what we

would consider two suitable options to us. Main Roads are considering these options and are to return to us with their position.

From an event organisation perspective it would appear the focus has shifted to the more "glamorous" events at the expense of the grass roots of motor sport. We are being driven this way partly by our own desire to improve or progress but the major impetus is from the senior management of motor sport.

The high expectations, increased standards and regulatory control is putting an immense burden on our ability to run events. We are becoming a group of amateur, part-time players in what is becoming a very professional game. We have been fortunate to date that the "working" members (of which there are still too few) are of a very high calibre and have the expertise to make things happen.

Looking at the effort going into organising the current ARC I believe we are on the limit of what we can achieve purely using voluntary labour.

This intense focus on major events I believe, has caused us to lose sight of what was once our "core" business the fostering and nurturing of grass root motor sport. Over the past few years there has been a declining patronage at Night Runs, Motorkhanas and Table Tops etc. to the extent in 1997 we did not run any Motorkhanas and only a couple of Night Runs which were part of an Inter-Club Series. If people ask why we don't run these events any more the answer simply is that there were not enough entries to warrant the efforts put in by people to run them.

So what does this tell us? Have we lost support for these events because we have tended to neglect them at the expense of more glamorous events? Or, as I believe it to be, there has been a shift in where our position in the sport is. It is a case that as the Club has matured so has our membership. Is the core of our membership there only to compete in higher level events?

If this is the case then we need to seriously consider where we are heading in the future. Do we want to focus on a "niche" market, or do we continue to support "grass root"

events. This is a difficult question to answer. There is a need for us to encourage growth in our membership but we must be able to meet their expectations.

I believe that the relocation of our Club facilities provides us a great opportunity to move ahead. While there may be a lot of short term physical work to be done and a certain amount of inconvenience it gives us a chance to regroup and focus on the future. It is important we remember the past but it should not impede our vision to the future.

It would be remiss of me not to take this opportunity to thank a number of people for their help and support during the year.

I have been fortunate to have had the support of a very pro-active Board this year. Their efforts in helping run the Club ensured a successful 1997.

I would particularly like to thank Craig Porter for the effort he has put in to looking after the Club's property, assisting with events and helping steer our negotiations with Main Roads. Our Club Captain, Peter Whalley, has provided a "calming" influence on many occasions and has been available most Wednesday nights to provide advice to new members.

I also must thank Esme for her support and efforts over the years and Cameron Thompson for editing the magazine. Cameron has certainly produced a quality magazine throughout the year. Unfortunately he is heading to "greener" (or is that "bluer") pastures and will not be able to continue this role. Patrick Hetherman has provided great support particularly in the Off-road area.

While I cannot mention everyone personally, your efforts are equally valued. Without the efforts of our event committees and officials the Club would not function.

In closing I would like to congratulate all our Award winners. Well done everyone.

While 1997 has been a busy year it has been a rewarding one for me and I look forward to the challenges of the future.

Thank you.

NEW LIFE MEMBER - TONY BEST

At this recent Annual General Meeting the members present voted to give Tony Best Life Membership to the Club.

Life membership to any organisation is not given lightly and is bestowed in recognition of the contribution the recipient has made to the particular organisation. For those of you who know Tony will agree that he is a worthy recipient of the honour. I would like to take a few lines to reflect on Tony's "life" in the Club.

Tony's interest in motor sport goes back many years to when his father was the Patron of the Warwick District Sporting Car Club in the 1950's.

Tony was a very active member in the Warwick Sporting Car Club in the 60's and 70's when he participated in and helped organise many events. He was instrumental in the building of the Club's clubrooms. In recognition of his efforts Tony was awarded Life Membership of the Warwick Sporting Car Club.



In 1971 Tony joined the Brisbane Sporting Car Club, while he was living in Warwick, and has been a continuous member ever since. Tony's work commitments meant he spent a lot of his working life in Western Queensland. Even from these remote areas Tony maintained a keen interest in motor sport. He was a keen author of many articles for the Club magazine over the years.

For those of you who know Tony (who doesn't) will know that he has a very strong passion for motor sport. He has competed in events all over Australia running with many top drivers in the country (as their navigator/co-driver) as well as with many novices. If the vehicle had wheels and a spare seat Tony would get in it!

While Tony has competed at high level he has never forgotten the grass roots of motor sport. He has been a tireless worker and keen advocate for grass root events, such as Rallysprints, Night Runs, and Motorkhanas etc.

As a Club member Tony always provides a lot of support and tries to make sure things are done right. Many of us have come across Tony's one mindedness on how things should happen on many occasions.

With Tony's move to Brisbane a few years ago, he became more "physically active" in the activities of the Club. He became a

member of the Board and became Club Secretary in 1995, a role he has continued to this year.

Tony has a fine record of service with the Club, he was...

Rally Champion	1998
Historic Champion	1996
	1997
Club Champion	1994
	1995
	1996
	1997

Tony has participated not only in Rallies but also Rallysprints, Historic Rallies, Night Runs, Table Top events and I am sure if we go back he will have also competed in Motorkhanas.

Tony's Club life is not all about competition but also about helping organise and running various motor sport activities. His involvement goes back many years, I would like to mention a few of Tony's more recent achievements:-

- ☞ Tony almost single-handedly put together and co-ordinated the Revolution Road & Race Rallysprint Series in 1995 and 1996. He directed the Norm Singleton Pace Noting Rally in 1997.
- ☞ He has assisted with the Australian Rally Championship by drawing up and producing Service Instructions for the event.
- ☞ Tony has directed Night Runs and Motorkhanas
- ☞ Co-ordinated the Nash Glass and Aluminium Table Top Series for the past couple of years. Last year Tony actually set all the courses for the Series, this was because he was so good doing them no one else had a chance of winning so to give everyone a fair go he did not compete.

Over the years I have known Tony he has been totally supportive of the Club and has always had it's well being at heart.

I would like to welcome Tony to the small band of Club Life Members. I know this was an achievement Tony was surprised and thrilled to get. ***Congratulations Tony.***

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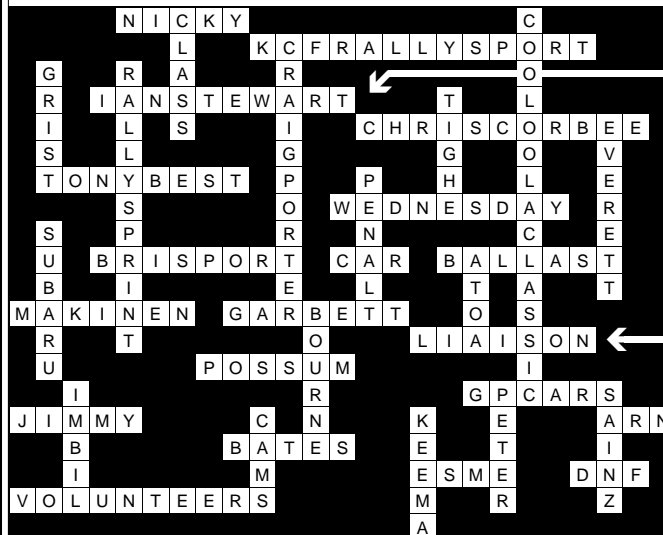
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LAST MONTHS CROSSWORDS ANSWERS

Well here are the answers to last months Rally crossword. OK, so there was two mistakes in the crossword... **KUDOS** to those who figured it out - you are great people indeed!!! (Did anyone actually do the crossword???)

But still, I have had no comments from the off-road, table top, night run, motorkhana, etc people - please people **send me some clues and answers!**



Apologies once again to Iain Stewart for spelling his name incorrectly - it's Iain!

Oops, I filled in the final square on the word LIAISON, well isn't my face red...

Letter to the Editor

Congratulations to the new editor on the April edition of Brisport.

The newsletter is an important part of club activity. It provides a much appreciated service to members wanting to sell or buy gear or look out for coming events.

Preparing the newsletter can be quite a trial. In my year in the job, I appreciated the support I received from Claire Swallow, Rod Sams, Tony Best, Esme, and others who contributed.

I hope all members get behind the newsletter - particularly now that it is just an e-mail call away.

Many BSCC members have Internet access and it is so easy to mail Karen with a short story about your experiences in the last event, or with a piece of gossip or an ad.

Contribute and you can get your sponsor's name in here and there. By sending Karen an e-mail or leaving your article on a disk at the clubhouse, you can help her avoid the arduous task of retyping your contribution.

In closing, I hope Peter Baker is successful with his plans for Wednesday nights. For members, supporters and sponsors, these could be very good value.

Cameron Thompson, Coalfalls.

Thank you for your encouragement and support and thanks also for producing the newsletter for the past year. Cameron has passed on the editing of the newsletter so that he can prepare for the coming federal election which he will be standing against Pauline Hanson in the electorate of Oxley. All the very best of luck to you, Cameron and I hope you have a resounding victory. Ed.

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STATE COUNCIL NEWS

WITH PETER BAKER

This month and for every Brisport from now we will be supplying you with news from the Qld State Council meetings and highlights from the Advisory Panel meetings.

The CAMS state council meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the CAMS State Office Sports House Cnr Castlemain and Caxton Sts Milton. The Council is chaired by Peter Marcovich and if you wish to attend any of these meeting, you will have to seek the approval of the Chairman before attending. All clubs affiliated with CAMS send along a delegate to the meeting and decisions are made at this meeting that effect all forms of Motor Sport within our Great State, our Club's delegate to this Council is Errol Bailey. The Advisory Panel Chairman also attend this meeting and give a report from their meetings.

There are a number of Advisory Panels and listed below are the panels and their Chairman names, and our Club has a number of its members on these panels and I will list our members who are on these panels. It must be pointed out that all these people sit on these committees and donate their time to the sport and these people should be commended for their efforts, sometimes these meetings can end close to midnight.

1. The Motor Race Advisory Panel Chaired by Barry Nixon Smith
2. Qld Scrutineering Advisory Panel Chaired by Grahame Ward
Norm Singleton, Alan Staib
3. Qld Off Road Advisory Panel Chaired by Pat Hetherman
4. Qld Motorkhana Advisory Panel Chaired by Alan Wheeley
5. Qld Rally Advisory Panel Chaired by Barry Neuendorff
(THE BEST PANEL!!)
*Errol Bailey, Peter Baker,
Michelle Gatton, Neil Michel,
Tom Smith (5 Minutes Tom)*

Well enough of the introductions and on with the news and I guess the major issues of the month were:-

1. Roll Cage Survey: You will remember that before the Rally Season Started last year all cars were checked to see if their cages meet the requirements of the Manual and the results were sent to Melbourne for comment. Alan Staib wanted to know the result after about 8 months and we are now expecting the results at the next Rally Advisory Panel Meeting in May.

2. Track Safety: This again has raised its head mainly with the state of the Lakeside Circuit and lets hope that this can be sorted out quickly.


3. Homologation Papers: This issue is still giving us some problems and the State Council has asked The Rally Advisory Panel to redesign the entry form for events so the Homologation number can be included of the form. One thing that should also appear on the entry form is the Log Book Number.

4. Roadbooks: A number of Co drivers have made the comment over the last few events that Roadbooks should be given to crews earlier than the two hours or so that they get them now. If you have a QRC book than Co Drivers need longer to prepare there books and to work out a service program for their team so Rally panel has asked QMan to write to all clubs to advise then that Books should be handed out from when HQ opens.

Looking over the advisory panel minutes most of the panels seen to be looking at the safety issues. The Motor Racing, Rally and Scrutineering Panels are looking at a number of points. Motor racing is looking into having an automated cut out switch which would be activated by the driver vacating the vehicle. Rally Panel is drafting a paper on safety issues in the sport and Scrutineering is looking into First Aid and Fire Fighting Courses.

The Scrutineering panel has also raised a good point regarding the feeding of Officials. I for one would like to agree with these comments and will be providing Sandwiches and drinks at the next event that I am arranging.

Rally panel is also arranging a display at the Fast Fours and Rotaries Day.



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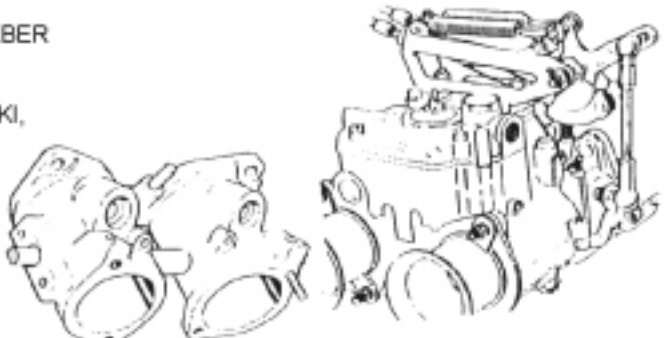
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No Labour Touring Assembly

by Patrick Hetherman

Sunday of the Labour Day long weekend saw 6 stalwart crews turn up for the clubs first "Touring Assembly" of the year. The event started at the Shell Road House at Gailies and traversed various back roads in the area South West of Ipswich down around Harrisville. After some 150kms of delightfully country motoring the finish was at Colleges Crossing.

The entries included new club member John Scowen in his neat and dare we say "hot", 1954 Morris Oxford. The most modern probably Ted Looi's Mazda MX-5.

The day before the event, during the course check, rain fell in buckets which made the edges of the bitumen strips a bit like rice pudding. This would mean that clipping the apex of a corner would bring on the adrenalin rushes.

Again we used an innovation in the Questions of inserting photographic questions, similar to what we did in the Motorshow Monte Carlo. It appears that there is a high level of acceptancy in this. We understand that this innovation will be used in the Historic run to Leyburn.

Our event ran in three parts. First a route chart, with clues, out to the Ipswich Boonah Road, then map reading until Blacksoil. The third part was route chart to Colleges Crossing. This last part had no questions in the instructions an lulled some crews into a false sense of security. Yes, a couple of VRC's were missed by some.

All in all a good day and we are sure that many club families would enjoy this type of very simple navigation. Another later in the year is on the cards. When John and his crew become more adept at the events they will be hard to beat. Dick Owens crew for first time up did very well indeed. We had to have a count back in class two and for next time we will put into the supp. regs how that will be done, in simpler terms than the good book.

Results:-

- 1st O/R and Class 2 **Dick Owen**
- 1st Class 3 **Jim Haines**
- 1st Class 4 **David Walsh**

Nash Glass Table Top Rally in April was a little disappointing, compared with last year, and was probably due to preparations for the ARC in May.

Tony Best continued to dominate, winning from Michelle Gatton and Dick Owen.

For those contemplating competing in Road Rallies or Touring events, this is an ideal way to hone your navigating skills. Even if you do not compete in these events, it is a good night out and puts your brain into gear for an hour or so.

Subsequent rounds will be held on the third Wednesday in June (17th), August (19th) and the second Wednesday in October (14th). The final round has been brought forward because of the date of the Bailey's rally.

Come along for a fun night out with a low key competition thrown in.

Table Torque

by Dick Owen

A name change has been necessary as there could be a perception that Table Top Rallies are a talkfest.

The next exercise has been set by Tony Best. At the completion of the event, Tony supplies all competitors with a copy of the correct route showing via points and the site of the answers to questions. Great to have to check through at a later date.

The turn out for the first round of the David

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Gatton team to speed up

As reported in the Courier Mail, Friday 1st May 1998

Picture of Michelle & Claire from the Courier Mail

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By NICOLLE JENKINS

THE Gatton rallysport team will be driving into unfamiliar territory in their first Australian Rally Championship Super Series on May 22.

Relatively new in the sport, the Gatton team of driver Michelle Gatton and navigator Claire Swallow, will be the only all-female team at the championships.

In the past two and a half years, the Gatton team, led by Michelle, have been consistent starters and finishers, completing 20 of the 21 local and state rallies contested.

The championships, Round 3 of the Australian Series and Round 2 of the Queensland programme, will be held at Pelican

Waters golf course and forests in the Imbil area.

The Gatton team drives a 1973 Datsun 1200 Coupe, and competes in the production car (P1) category. They finished third in the class in the 1997 Clubman Series and are currently third after Round 1 of the Queensland programme.

The Caloundra rally will be faster than they are used to because the girls will not be navigating "blind".

"This competition is called a 'pace noted rally' which means we have a day to look at the course and map out the turns. Typically the speed will increase because we should know what is coming up", Gatton said.

Gatton was introduced to the male dominated sport by her father.

"Dad used to compete when I was a child. He now looks after the car, as the service manager and is also the worrying father", she said.

Gatton said she had never had problems being a female only team.

"The guys never give us a hard time, but we do get occasional light-hearted comments like, we drive like girls. It is not uncommon to see lots of women involved in this sport, it is just that most of them sit in the co-driver's seat", she said.

The sport of rallying is an expensive hobby but for the first time, the Gatton team has been financially assisted by All Site Rentals, and the University Credit Union.

The Falken Tyres Rally starts on Bullock Street, Caloundra on May 22.

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