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April 1999 Newsletter

Rose shows the way at Swanbank

by Rod Sams

Round 1 of the 1999 Australian Offroad Championship was run at Swanbank, near Ipswich, over the weekend of 21/22 March. The Ipswich 300 was promoted and run by Motorsport Queensland Ltd who are constructing the Queensland Raceway circuit at Willowbank.

The course was set out on and around the coal-fields at Swanbank and was a mixture of all types of terrain. The event was run over two sections of four laps each.

It was a small but quality field of 50 vehicles, which faced the starter. The starting was determined by a prologue run on Saturday. The Warialda crew of Terry and Maureen Rose (Car 111) threw down the challenge to all comers by setting the fastest time from Mark Burrows (Car 121) and Doug McMillan (Car 911). The best placed local crews were Steve Willett (Car 245) - 6th outright followed by the Svensons (Car 144), the

Taylor's (Car 186) and Troy Crane (Car 244). Reigning Australian Champion Fabio Zarfatti (Car 1) had shown his form by prologuing his Pajero in 5th position.

By the halfway mark the pace was starting to tell with the field reduced to 25 runners. The Roses had the lead from McMillan who was followed by the Svensons and Zarfatti. Les Marshall (Car 2214) was having a good run to be 6th outright behind Mathew Owen (Car 201). The Class 3 brigade was being lead by Darren Perrin (Car 301) from Maurice Wood (Car 333). Class 4 was a battle between Michael Taylor (Car 410) and Clayton Taylor (Car 404). By this stage all the Class 5 entries had pulled out. Geoff Pickering (Car 710) was leading Les Siviour (Car 701) who had tyre problems in an earlier lap. Ken Smith (Car 802) was in 2nd place in Class 8.

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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

BY ROD SAMS

It was pleasing to see the number of people who attended the Annual General Meeting and Award Presentation Night. I am looking forward to another year of challenge working for the Club. I would like to thank everyone for their support over the past year. Welcome to our new board members, I am sure your input will be very valuable over the coming year.

Work is continuing on getting us settled into our new premises. Esme has finally got an office to call her own after putting up with many months of temporary arrangements. While the walls are up we need to

paint everything. We still have a lot to do, but if we keep at it we will end up with a Club facility to be proud of. Over coming months we will be organising a number of working bees at which we will be looking for your help. Thanks go to Peter Whalley for his efforts for organising the renovations.

I am happy to see Karen has agreed to continue to be Editor of the Brisport. She has done a great job over the year, however this year she will have the help of an Editorial Sub-Committee to share the load. If you want to contribute anything they will be happy to hear from you.

On the event scene the Parts and Service Classic Rally was run over the weekend of 27/28 March. While entries were down from all reports a great weekend was had by all. This event would not have been possible without the effort put into its organisation by Andrew Owen and Tony Slattery and particularly the support from Parts and Service. Thanks to everyone involved.

Our next major event is the ARC, the Organising Committee is hard at work getting everything organised. If you are able to help give Esme a call at the Office or contact anyone on the committee.

Contribution cut-off date for the next Brisport is...

10 May 1999

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BRISBANE SPORTING CAR CLUB

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 31 March 1999

Good Evening everyone.

I would like to welcome you all to this Annual General Meeting - the first of a new era for the Club.

1998 has proved to be a momentous year in the life of the Club. Added to the ever increasing pressures put on us to run events our forced relocation has required a major effort from those who have been involved in making it happen.

Despite all the upheavals 1998 has proved to be a successful year for the Club, particularly on the rally front where we have had record or near record entries in every event. Our Off Road events were also successful, including a Short Course event we ran in conjunction with Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club. The only disappointment, event-wise, has been the lack of support for Historic events. Whilst we put on a number of Historic events the number of entries received in most cases, barely made

running them worthwhile and certainly did not justify the amount of effort put in by the various organisers. Determining the "magic" formula for these events is a challenge for us in the future.

From a financial point of view we have had a very successful year returning a surplus of just under \$5,000. This was a great achievement under the circumstances.

I would like to take this opportunity to recap on some of the highlights of 1998. Club membership has remained much the same in 1998 as in previous years. We finished the year with 323 members (up seven from 1997).

Once again our premier event of the year was the Australian Rally Championship which was again a round of the Super Series. This event has hit the "big time" receiving big support from the Caloundra area and wide media coverage. Those who were at Caloundra on the Friday night to see

the thousands of people who turned up to watch the start of the event would have been surprised at the hype the event generated.

The event turned over in excess of \$100,000 to run and required around 300 people working over the weekend to make it happen. The event attracted a record field of over 90 entries and was recognised nationally as one of the best events of the year. It's success is testimony to the professionalism and effort of the team running it. The event certainly stretched the resources of the Club to the limit.

As mentioned before, rallying has had a boom year. This may be because of the increase in media coverage, particularly the televising of the rounds of the Super Series.

The Cooloola Classic, Bailey Powerlines and Keema Classic rallies all had good support and ran very well. Rallysprints were also well supported. It was good to see new

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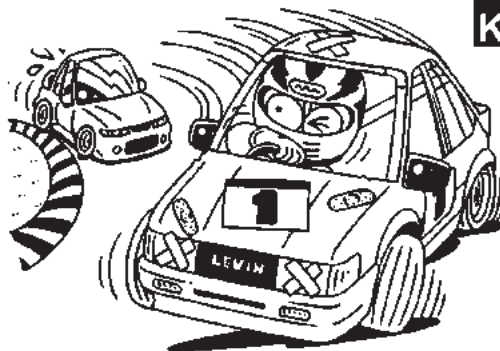
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Specifically we are looking for -

- People to help at the Sunday evening **Awards Ceremony**
- People to help operate the **Event Headquarters** (*those with some clerical skills will find this an advantage*)
- People to join the **Scoring Team** (*those with some experience in this area would be preferred*)

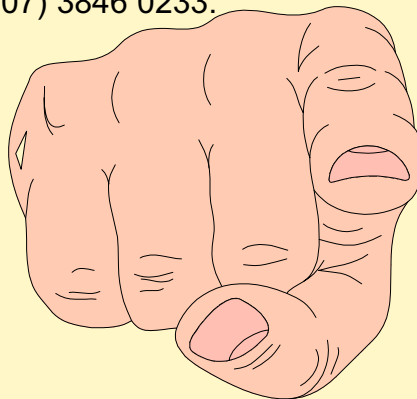
In addition we are on the lookout for personnel to carry out general duties all of which are essential to the successful running of this, the most significant event on our calendar!

The event, the 1999 Falken Tyres Rally Queensland, is to be based at the Oasis Resort at Caloundra on the weekend of 5th & 6th June.

Personnel will be required from Wednesday 2 to Monday 7 June - If YOU are able to help out in any of the roles above on ANY or all of the dates above then please contact the Event Secretary Kerrie Hollington on (07) 3356 1230 or the BSCC Administration Officer Esme Gibson on (07) 3846 0233.

We look forward to hearing from

YOU !!!



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people becoming involved in running events. The likes of Peter Baker, Peter Garbett and Chris Corbee have taken over some of the organising roles for these events. However, if this Club is to prosper into the future a lot more people have to put their hand up to take over some of the work required to run the Club. As Tom Smith said in his article in the last "Brisport" when referring to core groups of workers in the club - "these guys have a load of experience but aren't getting any younger". I know exactly what he means! The challenge is for us to hand over the reins and pass on that experience to those who follow.

The Queensland Off Road Championship Round we ran at Gatton this year was also another milestone event. It was the tenth year we have run the event at Gatton making it the longest serving off road venue in the State. Having been involved in the event over the years I would have to say it was one of the best we have run despite the small entry.

The Club was also involved in running stages of the PlayStation Rally Round Australia event. A number of Club members actually ran as set-up crews for the event. From all accounts a good time was had by all! I am sure that Errol, Craig, Peter and Co. would have many stories to tell.

The competitive side of activities aside, the major activity has been the relocation of the Club. The "Farewell to our Old Club" night would have to be one of the milestone events in the Club's history. While it marked the end of an era in the life of the Club, it also served as a point for us to refocus on the future.

It was a happy/sad night with over 120 people attending. It was great to see the large roll-up of many past and present members. I was particularly pleased to see over 50 off-roaders

turn up. It would be fair to say that we saw the old club off in style.

We are still negotiating a settlement with Main Roads (more of this later). We have, in fact, had to undergo two moves to locate in these premises with a temporary shift to Nile Street, Woolloongabba.

To sum up the relocation in a few words all I can say would be "It has been a bloody lot of hard work".

While Main Roads believes it is offering us a fair market price for our old Club premises (and perhaps they are), they certainly have not taken into account our situation as a Club and the difficulties of finding suitable premises. There has been no consideration for the many hundreds of hours gone into finding premises and relocating.

The whole process has left me somewhat disappointed and I certainly have a much better insight into the problem people in general have when they are forced to relocate.

Because of the availability of suitable properties and insufficient compensation from Main Roads we have borrowed \$70,000 to buy these premises at Montague Road, West End.

I would like to specially thank those who have worked on the relocation. Craig Porter, Neil Michel and Alan Bates who have been looking after the negotiations with Main Roads and our legal people. I would like to also thank Peter Whalley for the effort he has put in (he has been everywhere), I lost count of the number of properties he and I inspected.

In closing I would like to say a number of thank you's.

- To my Board for 1998 and the tireless effort of many of its mem-

bers. I am sure we saw more of each other than some did of their spouses!

- Craig Porter and Peter Whalley for their strong support and assistance in not only running the Club but also assisting with the running of many of our events.
- Gary Mackay and Neil Michel for looking after our finances. As you can see from the accounts this is an ever increasing task.
- Esme who has put up with working in temporary conditions and the day to day support she has given me.
- Magazine Editor - Karen Soxsmith for the great effort she has put into publishing the magazine to such a high standard.
- All our event organisers and officials for their dedication and professionalism, without whom there would be no events.
- Peter Baker as Club Captain.
- Our sponsors for their support.
- Patrick and Ann Hetherman - in fact the whole Hetherman clan. They have been involved everywhere. They were at most events I went to and that's quite a few!
- Congratulations to all award winners.

In closing I would like to thank you for your continuing support and I look forward to facing the challenges of the future.

We have a great future ahead of us if we all work to make it happen.



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1999 ARC SUPER SERIES

by Tom Smith

With the opening round of the ARC Super Series looming fast as this article is written, and the great roads of the Coff's Harbour hills calling out, I thought I'd give a brief resume of the series for 1999 and some of the new rules which will apply. As in the past two years the national Championship will again run on the very successful 2-heat per event Super Series where cars and crews can actually fail to finish a heat but still accumulate points towards the title. Obviously, if you want to win the ARC then the best bet is to score as many points in as many heats as possible - DNF's are not a good thing. The rounds for this season include Coff's Harbour, Rally of Canberra, Falken Tyres Rally Queensland, the Forest Rally in WA, the Rally of Melbourne, the Saxon Safari in Tasmania and of course Rally Australia. No, Gallangowan is not included in the national series - unfortunately! The pointy end of the ARC circus will be very competitive, but it appears there will still be a two-horse race between the only two WRC cars in this country - the Toyota Corolla of Neal Bates/Coral Taylor and the Impreza of Possum Bourne/Craig Vincent. There will be a number of other PRC cars running close to the top, but nothing will be as up-to-date as the WRC machines and in any case there will be a difference of about 2 seconds per km any way you look at it. The battle for Group N may be a little tighter with Cody Crocker all but confirmed to return in a new 'factory' Subaru to defend his title, although the whispers are out about a possible return for Ed Ordynski in an Evolution 5 Lancer. With Michael Guest out of the country and contesting a number of rounds of the WRC, the chase for the top five will be on from people like John Long (Evo. 5), Graham Alexander (Evo. 5), Miles Sandy (WRX), Johnny Goasdoue (Evo. 3), Spencer Lowndes (Evo. 5) and Stewie Reid (Evo. ?) to name but a few. As they say in the classics, "Evo. 5's are like bums, everybody seems to have one!" The interesting part of the ARC may be the battle for F2 supremacy. Although Rick Bates/Jenny Brittan won the title last year in a Daihatsu, the factory has pulled it's budget for 1999 and Simon Evans in his Golf Kit Car looks the goods. A new system has been put in place for those wishing to register and score points in the 1999 series which involves a payment of \$500 to 'buy' a number. Much was said of this proposal last year, but nevertheless it is reality. You can 'reserve' a number which is not necessarily your starting number for an event, but which you will keep all year. You start according to the ARC seeding list. The more rounds you do, the higher

pro-rata refund at the end of the season. Unfortunately if you don't buy your number you'll start behind those who have 'invested' with CAMS. There will be a five minute gap behind the last of the registered Corolla RVs, before the first of the 'other' rally drivers. Sound a bit unusual?? I don't think much thought has been given to the scenario that an unregistered driver may finish highly. What if car 75 blitzes the Group N or F2 field and the TV cameras have to wait 2 and a half hours for him to cross the podium?? I understand that in your home state round the Clerk-of-Course has a judgement call to seed the fastest four local 'unregistered' drivers so this will benefit some but not all drivers who do not wish to fork out the readies. It remains to be seen whether this controversial scheme will work, but whatever happens the ARC for 1999 promises more capacity fields and an extremely high quality of cars. Roll on, Falken Tyres Rally Qld!!

BRISBANE SPORTING CAR CLUB LIMITED 1998 CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

Club Champion	Peter Baker
Rally Champion	Steven Shephard
Off Road Champion	Laurence Svenson
Historic Champion	Dick Owen
Night Run Champions	Debbie and Tony Slattery
Ladies Champion	Claire Swallow
Junior Champion	Rodney Taylor
Speed Champion	Andrew Theo
Club Officials' Award	Rod Sams
Achievement Award	Jamie Overend Dick Owen
Lin Melton Trophy	Gavin Mosher
Mike Ryan Memorial Award	Rob Reddiex
Qld Racing Imports Award	Henry Ryman

BSCC COMING EVENTS

To submit articles, please contact Esme on 3846 0233

KEMPSEY OFF ROAD EVENT SAT/SUN 1 & 2 MAY

This event is the second round of the 1999 Australia Off Road Championship and is regarded by many people as one of the top Off Road events in the country. Organisers are the Kempsey Macleay Off Road Club. *For further information, contact Morrie Fuller on (02) 6566 9375.*

RALLY OF CANBERRA 7-9 MAY

For the first time ever there will be a round of the Asia Pacific Rally Series on the east coast of Australia. The event will take place from Friday 7th May to Sunday 9th May. All the top teams from Australia, New Zealand and South East Asia will be there and the Queensland competitors would appreciate a good cheer squad. All Special Stages are very close to the middle of Canberra. *For further information contact Claire Parker on (02) 6207 2880 (work).*

MACLEAN BRIDGE DAY SUNDAY 9 MAY

The annual Car Display at Maclean Bridge

on the Mount Lindesay Highway between Brisbane and Beaudesert will take place from approximately mid-morning to mid-afternoon. The display consists mainly of sports cars and classic sedans from the 1920's to the present time. Usually a couple of hundred cars turn up and the vehicles there should be of particular interest to historic rally competitors.

GLADSTONE CLUBMAN RALLY SATURDAY 15 MAY

This event is the second round of the G P Cars Clubman Rally Series and the second Queensland qualifying round for the ARN Junior Rally Challenge. The venue is the Kalpowar Forest near Monto and the event will be run by the Gladstone based Central Coast Car Club. Book-in time is before 3.00pm at Kalpowar Forestry, with the start at 4.00pm. There are approximately 80km of Special Stages and only 20km of liaison. There organisers would appreciate plenty of support from competitors in South East Queensland. *For further information contact Narelle Scott on (07) 4975 6225 (home).*

NIGHT RUN FRIDAY 21 MAY

The third round of the Interclub Night Run Series co-ordinated by the Marque Sports Car Club will be run by the MX5 club. BSCC members competing in this event will score points towards the 1999 BSCC Night Run Championship. Start time is 7.30pm from the car park at K-Mart Cannon Hill. *For further information contact Ted Looi on 0414 888 137 (any time).*

MOUNTAIN RALLY 21-23 MAY

This event is run in central NSW and is regarded by many people as the top historic rally in the country. It will be held from Friday 21st May to Sunday 23rd May. Start and finish will be at Penrith with two overnight stops at Orange. *For further information contact Liz Kornhaber on (02) 9451 8718 (home).*

JIMNA OFF ROAD EVENT SAT/SUN 29 & 30 MAY

SEQORRA are running their annual Long Course Off Road event at Jimna which will



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be the third round of the 1999 Queensland Off Road Championship. The event is held at the property "Kambala" at Jimna and camping and catering are available all weekend. There is usually one night-time lap of the course on the Saturday night. For further information contact John Hammond on (07) 3886 0352 (home).

FIAT CLUB MOTORKHANA SUNDAY 30 MAY

Many BSCC members who do not like to compete in bitumen motorkhanas will be pleased to know that the Fiat Club are running a GRASS motorkhana. It is proposed to have easy tests suitable for older cars and with no reversing. The event will be held at the Warrill View Pony Club grounds starting at 8.00am. For further information contact Carl Stecher on (07) 3399 3638 (home).

FALKEN TYRES RALLY QLD SAT/SUN 5 & 6 JUNE

The Queensland round of the Australian Rally Championship Series will be held on the weekend of the 5th and 6th June. Planning is well under way and the route has been virtually finalised. The format will be similar to last year with a Friday night start from the middle of Caloundra, a Stage at Pelican Waters first thing on the Saturday morning, most of the remaining Special

Stages in the Jimna area and a finish back at Pelican Waters mid-afternoon Sunday. The organisers are looking for as many officials as possible as well as competitors. *Anybody who is able to help should contact Esme at the clubrooms on (07) 3846 0233.*

HISTORIC RACE MEETING SAT/SUN 17 & 18 JULY

A Historic Race meeting will be held at the Historic Racing Car Club of Queensland's new race circuit at Queensland Raceway at Ipswich. Further information will be available as the event draws nearer.

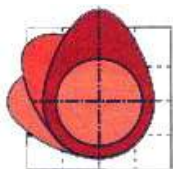
FESTIVAL OF SPEED 22 - 25 JULY

The inaugural Festival of Speed will be held at the Performance Driving Centre and Motorsport Gallery at Norwell (30 mins north of Surfers Paradise). Expressions of interest are invited from owners of significant historic vehicles to compete in a Classic Timed Mile Lap event which offers enthusiasts the perfect opportunity to compare their vehicles against many other classics. This event will be limited to 100 competitors. For further information, contact Kim Redman on (07) 5532 8177 or e-mail festival@fan.net.au.

REVISED CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS

As a result of the postponement of the

Cooloola Rally from its date in March it has been necessary to re-schedule some events. The Cooloola Rally now be held on Saturday 9th October (previously the date for the Bailey Powerlines Rally). The Bailey Powerlines Rally will now be held on Saturday 14th August (previously the date for the third round of the KCF Rallysprint Series) This Rallysprint will now be held on Saturday 6th November. The date for the second round of the Rallysprint Series remains unchanged at Saturday 19th June, while the Gallangowan date is still Saturday 4th December. The Gatton Long Course Off Road Event will now be held on Saturday/Sunday the 3rd and 4th July (one week earlier than originally proposed). The Short Course Off Road Event postponed from the 18th April will be held on a date to be advised. There are no changes to the proposed dates for Table Top Rallies or Night Runs. Assistant Clerks of Course are required for the Bailey Powerlines Rally on 14th August and the Cooloola Rally on 9th September. *If nobody volunteers for these positions there is quite a possibility that these events may not be run. There are a large numbers of club members who are former competitors or who only compete in a small number of events per year - these people have gained a lot of enjoyment from motor sport and should be prepared to put something back in.*



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OFFROAD NEWS

with Rod Sams

Shortcourse Event 18 April

The Club was scheduled to run this event on 18 April. It was hoped we would be able to run at Willowbank, however due to a clash of dates Willowbank was being used for another event. We then looked at other venues but unfortunately were unable to secure one early enough to allow for the time to send out Regs and receive entries. At this stage the event has been postponed and if a suitable date becomes available we will run it then.

State Advisory Panel

I am pleased the Laurie Svenson has accepted the position as a delegate on the panel. His experience and no nonsense approach should see some good work being done on the panel. Laurie now holds two hats as he is also our State delegate on the National Offroad Committee.

NORC Meeting

The NORC met in Sydney on 27-28 February and made a number of recommendations:-

The AORC Pointscore structure will remain unchanged from that used in 1998. "Compassionate Time" can only be awarded to competitors stopping to render assistance where injury has occurred or might be expected to have occurred. It WILL NOT be extended to competitors held up by recovery vehicles or the like. Any deviation from the course is deemed to be shortcutting, regardless to whether it shortens or lengthens the distance travelled. In particular, competitors may only return to the pits via the route specifically spelt out by the organisers in event regulations. They cannot, for example, leave the course, return to the pits, effect repairs and return to the course and then rejoin. This is deviating from the course, and will attract a penalty. AORC Standing Regulations will be amended so that it is no longer necessary for a competitor to complete all laps of the course to be deemed a finisher. Organisers may stipulate that by completing less than 100% of the course, but at least 60% of the course, competitors will be classified as finishers.

The meeting also spent time discussing possible future class structures. The Class 5 Technical Regulations will remain unchanged for the foreseeable future with one or two areas requiring clarification. Similarly the same applies with the Class 7 Regulations. A "T1" subclass will be trialed in Class 7, again within the AORC over the next two years.

* These are recommendations at this stage, and are NOT yet taken as applying.



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The first section had taken its toll on a number of the fancied runners including Nev Taylor (Car 186) who had steering problems. Both Mark Burrows (Car 121) and Paul Simpson (Car 918) had engine problems. Drivetrain problems sidelined Dion Simpson (Car 901), Brad Zacka (Car 103), Michael Willett (Car 140) and Peter Adams (Car 531).

As is often the case most of the cars making it to the halfway break go on to finish. Twenty-one crews made it to the end with no change to the top three places. It was a good result for the "locals". It was a sweet victory for Terry Rose who has been trying for ten years for number one on the podium.

The event saw the return of Derrick Kennedy to the Directors fold. The event was well received by all competitors with many commenting on what a great track it was. This was a testament to the effort put in by Patrick Hetherman who was the Track Director. It was good to see the coverage the event has got on SBS over the past couple of weekends. In all a good competitors event.

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MEDIA RELEASE

by Peter Garbett

Silverstone Corolla Shifts Up A Gear!

At the Coffs Harbour Rally Media Day today the Silverstone Rally Team Australia unveiled their Group A Formula 2 Corolla to the Australian motorsport press.

The husband and wife crew of Jeff and Donna Kilbride attracted more than their fair share of attention due in no small part to the efforts of the team's Publicity Specialist John Hayden. Jeff and Donna were kept busy by a constant stream of media interviews and promotional drives which culminated in considerable television exposure tonight.

The rallying fraternity has always looked after one of its own in times of trouble and another example of this

occurred today after the Corolla suffered a gearbox failure. Corolla Cup competitor Steve Forsberg came to the rescue with a spare gearbox. Three times Australian Rally Champion Neal Bates loaned a gear puller, Queenslander John Goasdoue provided a substitute for a set of unusual size bolts and Jim McIntosh from Simon Evans' VW Team fabricated them.

With this temporary setback behind them Jeff and Donna are expecting the Corolla to provide for Silverstone Rally Team Australia an impressive result in this weekend's Coffs Harbour Rally.

... **UPDATE:** As a result of a 22 hour ordeal rebuilding the gearbox Donna and Jeff were only able to spend an hour together in the forests for recce late Friday afternoon. In that hour the recce car was bogged three times such were the impossible road conditions. Notwithstanding this, Peter Garbett had driven Donna to Woolgoolga early Friday morning so that she could at least see the course from the back seat of Jo

Cadman's vehicle.

Saturday dawned under miserable weather conditions and the Kilbrides' weekend worsened. A broken injector wire caused the Corolla to run on only three cylinders over SS2 and then near the finish of SS3 the Corolla lost drive. However, new cars often produce teething problems and with considerably more "free" time up their sleeves than before Coffs Harbour Jeff and Donna will be giving the Corolla a thorough going over and are eagerly awaiting their home ARC event in June.

Jeff and Donna Kilbride wish to acknowledge the following for assistance during the opening round of the ARC at Coffs Harbour - Silverstone International Motorsport and High Performance Tyres, Neta Tyre and Automotive, Matt Becker, John Hayden, Peter and John Garbett and Peter Baker. In addition they thank the GST or "Gearbox Support Team" of Steve Forsberg, Neal Bates, John Goasdoue and Jim McIntosh.

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COFFS HARBOUR RALLY

by Peter Garbett

Certainly detailed reports on the Coffs Harbour Rally (Round 1 of the ARC) appear in the specialist motor sport publications, but special mention should be made of the Queensland contingent, many of whom were BSCC members. In addition to the large numbers of Qld competitors a great many faces seen in the crowds belonged to heads from north of the border.

Of the competitors, Queensland's Stewart Reid and Anthony McLoughlin stormed through the atrocious conditions to finish third outright in a Lancer Evo III. John Goasdoue and Glen Weston made their presence felt but a 4WD operating only in 2WD put paid to what would otherwise have been another impressive performance in John's Evo III. Board member Tony Best was listed as co-driver for David West but unfortunately became a non-starter.

The Shepheard entourage was there in George and Steven with Del Garbett and Dom Corkeron respectively performing their usual co-driving duties. Steven and Dom finished first in the "family", a commendable 14th outright. Current Qld Champion Bruce Fullerton was competing for the first time with new co-driver Hugh Reardon-Smith and netted a 17th place, Jeff and Donna Kilbride debuted the ex-Simon Evans F2 Corolla, Steve Wall (honorary Queenslander!) and Mick Bruce took down the pretty WRX (although it returned with some panel modifications), Wayne Hoy returned to his former home town driving the 240Z of his co-driver Alan Stean, Keith Callinan and his son journeyed from Mackay as team mates to Fullerton and Reardon-Smith, Richard Galley and Tim Kay (24th outright) ran their ex-George Shepheard Evo III, and new Board member Robert Tindal accompanied his regular driver Andrew Theo to 19th position on their first Coffs event.

Henry Ryman's regular partner Rod Biggar was co-driving for New South Welshman Steve Forsberg in a Corolla Cup entry. Though their usual performances would suggest they should have been higher on the running order (they weren't alone in this) Peter Menzies and Stephen Kennedy (42nd), Mark Neary and Gary Hamilton (29th by 3 seconds from George Shepheard), and Glenn Brinkman and Michael Johnson (37th) completed the list of visitors from the "Sunshine State".

Congratulations to all who even attempted to contest the event under such appalling conditions.

Bits 'n' Pieces

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

There isn't one as the position of Captain wasn't filled at the Annual General Meeting. But wait . . . STOP PRESS!!!

There will be a report in next month's issue of Brisport as at the most recent Board meeting Peter Garbett agreed to step into the role. An interesting bit of history here - some of the more "mature" members may remember Peter's brother Trevor in the same role in the early seventies. We'll look forward to hearing from Peter in next month's issue.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT ROSTER

by Peter Garbett

The Board has instigated a roster system for Wednesday night Club Meetings. The reasoning behind the idea is to provide for members a staff of two key Board members every week. New members will find it of particular benefit to have experienced people on hand to answer questions and guide them in the right direction. In the past, this task has fallen under the job description of the Club Captain. While this is still largely the case, the Board are considering a number of new ideas to spread the workload thus streamlining operations and this is but one of them. Further, any long time members who believe they have the experience (and you don't have to be a Rhodes Scholar) to help out on the roster then please contact a Board member.

CLERKS-OF-COURSE FOR CLERKS-OF-COURSE . . . OF COURSE!!!

by Peter Garbett

The Club's Board has issued a call for budding Clerks-of-Course to assist the existing Clerks-of-Course with a view to becoming future Clerks-of-Course, of course. Seriously

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though, you will understand that there are only just so many Clerks-of-Course available to run events and although it has all been said before, without new potential Clerks-of-Course coming through the ranks the inevitable situation of losing events from the calendar because of a lack of key personnel WILL become a reality sooner rather than later.

Currently, the Club is short two Clerks-of-Course for this year - one for a Clubman rally and one for a QRC round! No-one is going to be thrown in at the deep end as it were, rather, it would be a case of someone offering to shadow an existing Clerk-of-Course at a future event or events to "learn the ropes" with a view to running an event further down the track.

Come on, don't just read this, and dismiss it with the thought that somebody else will raise their hand - RAISE YOURS. Adequate training will of course be forthcoming in the interests of the proper running of our sport.

CONTACT CRAIG PORTER (3376 6563 a/h) or PETER GARBETT (3808 1538 a/h).

Just because you may be a competitor doesn't exclude you from applying - not to many competitors compete in every event!

"BIG RED" Cracks half a Million

by Patrick Hetherman

Our trusted and well used Nissan Patrol has been on the Rally/Off Road scene for many a year now. To us she is affectionately known as BIG RED.

A veteran of competition, surveys, recoveries, mobile HQ you name it Big Red has done it and done it well.

Currently she is used as a work vehicle and some time motorsport support vehi-

cle. For years it has been a very reliable machine. Little breakdowns and those never ever stopped us getting home.

Big Red was used recently to survey and set the course for the 1ST Round of the AORC at Swanbank. She is showing the signs of age after that. But then the old girl did get all four wheels off the ground once.

I guess it was fitting that on a sunny quiet Monday (after the event) whilst checking the course for damage and repairing fences etc. we were in the middle of the Off Road Course well away from most and Big Red speedo turned over half a million. Now a lady does not make a song and dance about her age, so quietly doing it in the bush was most fitting.

To celebrate I think she deserves a smarten up.

If Nissan made a better Patrol than Big Red, it would have to be darned good. Her average mileage per week is about 600 now. What a vehicle.

Parts & Service Rally a huge success!!

Following the running of the Parts & Service Weekend Classic we received these letters congratulating the BSCC and the organisers on the successful event!!

Congratulations to your club and the officials of the Parts & Service Weekend Classic. The event was well planned and run.

As we ran the event we came to appreciate the amount of work done by Andrew Owens and his crew both in the planning stages and during the event. Thanks to all those people. (Even though we got lost through inexperience).

I am sure that this type of event would attract more entries if it were more widely promoted. May I suggest that you promote it to our club, the Historic Racing Club of Qld. We have about 250 active members and many of those enjoy regularity events rather than racing and they may well enjoy Classic Rallies. Our annual Leyburn Sprints attract more than 200 entries and it seems to me that those entrants might be interested.

I invite you to contact me so that I can put you in touch with our club. We meet every 3rd Monday of the month at the VCCA rooms at Old Cleveland Road & Gateway Road at Carina. It would be worthwhile to come along and speak briefly to the meeting about your next event, at least 3 months before it is run.

Regards,

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Anyone who's organised a rally will appreciate the time and effort involved, and in this case it was actually a double dose with the November rally being organised and then postponed. Andrew and Tony (and their families) thank you for your perseverance, attention to detail, and even arranging the fine weekend which was very impressive.

Congratulations and thank you to all the entrants, without whom there would be no event, and congratulations to the winners.

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SUB-COMMITTEES GALORE!!!

by Peter Garbett

The Board are busy creating sub-com-
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to spread the workload and maintain
the quality of events organised by the
club. One of these sub-committees
was formed by Peter Garbett in an
effort to persuade Editor Karen
Soxsmith that we simply couldn't af-
ford to let her go. Karen's work com-
mitments are such that the one person
role of Editor she has held for more
than a year now was in jeopardy. With
the greatest of respect to past Editors,
Peter believed that the newsletter had
never looked better and in his own
words was "a very professional publi-
cation". With this in mind he pro-
posed that a number of people com-
bine to gather material, type, spell-
check, and so on before forwarding
the content to Editor Karen for for-
matting and printing. On behalf of the
Club I wish to acknowledge the new
Editorial Sub-Committee of Tom
Smith, Tony Best, Jamie Mcfarlane,
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Soxsmith for their dedication towards
maintaining this "very professional
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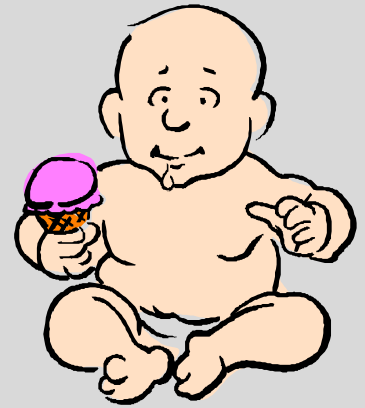
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