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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

BY CRAIG PORTER

I was delighted at the rollup for the presentation night on the 26th of July for the Quick Fit Tyres Cooloola Classic. It is pleasing to see such numbers along for such an event in supporting our Sponsor and of course the club and its members. With the presentation well underway the smell of cooking onions and sausages helped speed up the proceedings so that everybody could enjoy something to eat. Many thanks to Chef Peter Whalley and his trusty Barb B Q.

In closing off on the Cooloola event many thanks go to Brian Everitt who is taking a well earned rest from duties on that event. No rest for the wicked and next night into getting equipment ready to take to Jimna for what has become a very well supported event, the KCF Short Course Rally. Rod Sams, Peter Garbett and I met at 11pm Friday evening, packed the equipment into the trailer, and off we went to Jimna.

No, it really wasn't that cold next morning at 5.15am when we started to prepare the Stages for competition, minus 2 I believe!! What a great day from my side as I saw the smiles of competitors

as they returned from the forest during the day. A great result for all competitors with a very low attrition rate of cars, just the way Clerks of Course want events to run. I think there was one call out for the Ambulance and that was to remove a tick buried in somebodys' arm. Thanks again to "The Team" for their support during the day and thanks to the many people not related to the sport who went out of their way to act as roadblocks and Stage teams during the day.

Be aware competitors shortly you will have to supply support people on the day, "no support no start" may be the catch cry of Clerks of Course. Now that will get the tongues talking. On the 5-6th of August the Club ran the fifth round of the Queensland Off Road Championship at Gatton. Laurie Svenson ably helped by Rod Sams and Patrick Hetherman (he just won't retire!) put on a very challenging event from where I was watching out in the back blocks. All enjoyed themselves from what I saw and heard at the presentation.

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THE CLUB CAPTAIN'S CORNER

BY DEL GARBETT

Sorry guys there was not a report from me last issue, with work, rally and home I ran out of time. But here I am sitting in the Jimna State Forest at a road block on the K.C.F. Short Course Rally doing nothing but relaxing so I thought I'd put pen to paper while I had the time.

Our next rally event will be the Bailey Powerlines Rally run on the 16th September which will be Round 5 of the Tyretech Australia Clubman Rally Series and Round 4 of the Bridgestone Gemini Series for which I will be Clerk of Course. Here's a short run down on the event.



SERVICING:

Only one service point which will be at Imbil Island Resort.

So girls and guys mark this event on your calendar as one not to miss. Anyone out there who would love to help me and my team and be close to all the action, put your name down to spend a very relaxing day in the forest.

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Championship. The Quick Fit Tyres Cooloola Classic Rally was another success for the Falken Tyres Rally Team, George and I finishing second to Stewart and Michelle which has put us in the lead for the Queensland Rally Championship. The last round of the Q.R.C. in December the Keema Classic Rally should be a very interesting decider. I'd like to thank Brian Everitt and his team for all the effort they put into the event. I find Cooloola a very demanding event not only on co-driver but driver as well. It's that time again another round of the A.R.C. is drawing near -25th to 27th August the Rally of Melbourne. A few Queensland teams will be competing in this event including the Falken Tyres Rally Team so to all those other teams that will be heading south we wish you well.

SEE YOU ALL AT THE BAILEY POWERLINES RALLY!!!!!!

STOP PRESS...

Have just arrived back from a day in Imbil Forest setting up the road book for the Bailey Powerlines Rally. Everything is looking great and the roads are in very good condition. I wish I was having a run myself!

DEL.

(From page 2)

The Leyburn Road Rally is being organised at the present by Tony Best and his team with the event starting at Queensland Raceway Willowbank near Ipswich.

Preparation is well underway for the Bailey Powerlines Rally in September with road work well completed and Supplementary Regulations out very shortly.

Our plans for the painting of the Clubrooms as mentioned in the last newsletter are underway and will be completed in the very near future. So its off to Leyburn and thats all for this month.

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BSCC CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Club Championships will be scored this year in the same way as they have been for previous years.

There will be five separate championships, as well as an overall Club Championship, Ladies Championship and Junior Championship. The five series will be:

- Touring Road Events (formerly Historic Rallies)
- Off Road Events (Long and Short Course)
- Night Runs (Marque Sports Car Club Series)
- Rallies
- Short Course Rallies (formerly Rallysprints)

Points may be scored in all BSCC organised events, and in the Interclub Night Run Series. Points will be allocated in each event only to members who are financial at that time (i.e. to those who have paid their membership subscription at the time of the event). In all events, points will be awarded according to Club members' results only (e.g. if a BSCC member comes 17th outright in an event but this is the best result for a Club member, that competitor will receive the points for first place, and so on).

Points for the various types of events will be allotted in the following way: 11 points for the winner (remembering that 'winner' means BSCC results), 10 points for second, etc., down to 2 points for tenth and 1 point for all BSCC finishers thereafter. In all events only outright results will be considered, not class placings.

In the case of a tie (e.g. for third place), both competitors will receive nine points for third place, the next best result will be allocated seven points for fifth place.

Officials in all events will also score points towards a Club Officials' Championship.

Finally, the top ten place-getters in each of the five types of events and the Officials Championship allocation of 11, 10, 9, 8 etc. in order of their placing (regardless of actual points gained) and all those below tenth will receive 1 point each. It is this total which will determine the Club Championship.

The Ladies Championship and the Junior Championship (competitors up to 17 years of age) will be scored on a similar basis to the respective types of championships (e.g. rally, speed, etc.) but needless to say only lady and junior members respectively will be eligible. Ladies and Juniors who still

complete in the overall Club Championship but will not gain any extra points from their results in the Ladies and Junior Championships.

Tony Best has volunteered his services as Club Registrar for 2000. Competitors should check their pointscores and advise Tony (phone 3371 0367 home) if they consider that there is a mistake in their scores.

Promote Your Business!!

In recent months Wednesday night activities at the club have expanded to cater for Guest Speakers.

These evenings have proven quite popular and attendance numbers are increasing as more become aware of the presentations.

Speakers generally elaborate on topics relevant to their line of work. However, some of the sport's identities have been able to entertain us with interesting and indeed quite amusing anecdotes of their motor sport careers.

For example, we were kept in stitches recently when a number of us were treated to "The Life and Times of George Shephard" - by George Shephard! I'd suggest that those enterprising individuals among you avail yourselves of this facility to promote your business and put your name forward so that we can list you as a Speaker over the coming months.

I'm certain you'll agree that this is an ideal opportunity as such and accordingly, you'll telephone me on 0417 620 509 or email pgarbettrally@ozemail.com.au or indeed contact any of the Board Members listed in the front of Brisport.

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COMING EVENTS

To submit events, please contact Tony Best on 3371 0367 before the 8th of the month

MG CLUB IRON MAN WEEKEND

The MG Car Club is running its annual Iron Man Weekend on the weekend of the 25 to 27 August. This is the 25th year that this weekend has been run.

The weekend will consist of a Night Run on the Friday Night, starting at 7.30pm from the K Mart Car Park at Cannon Hill, a Motorkhana and Sprints at Darlington Park on the Saturday commencing at 8am and a Hillclimb at Mount Cotton on the Sunday commencing at 9am.

For further information, contact **John Davies** on **33416798 (home)**.

BUCCA OFF ROAD EVENT

The Gladstone based Central Coast Car Club is running its annual Short Course Off Road event at Bucca north of Bundaberg on the weekend of 26/27 August.

This event is a round of the Queensland Short Course OFF Road Drivers Series.

For further information, contact **Keith Honour** on **4979 2253 (home)**.

BRITISH CAR DISPLAY

The annual All British Day, a display of British cars, will take place at St Josephs College Playing Fields, Vivian Street Tennyson on Sunday 27 August.

Anybody is welcome to attend, but only British vehicles may be put on display.

For further information, **contact the organisers on 32720121**

PITTSWORTH SPRINTS

The Millmerran Auto Club is organising the annual Pittsworth Sprints on the weekend of 2/3 September. These consist of timed runs over closed bitumen roads in Pittsworth Industrial Estate.

Start times are 10am on the Saturday and 8am on the Sunday.

For further information, contact **Graeme Kelly** on **46939119 (anytime)**.

GLADSTONE RALLY

Advice has been received that the pacenoted rally to have been held by the Central Coast Car Club in the Kalpowar Forest area

CLASSIC CAR RUN

The Alfa Romeo Owners Club is organising a Classic Car Run on Sunday 3 September.

It starts with breakfast at 7.30am at the Italo-Australian Centre at Newmarket, with the first car leaving at 8.30am and will finish at Brisbane Forest Park. Sponsor is John Briggs Alfa Romeo.

All sporting and classic cars are welcome to enter.

For further information, contact **Dennis Sands** on **38141666 (anytime)**.

NEXT NIGHT RUN

The next round of the Interclub Night Run Series co-ordinated by the Marque Sports Car Club will be held on Friday 15 September.

It will start at 7.30pm from the K Mart Car Park at Cannon Hill. Results from this event will count towards the BSCC Night Run Championship.

For further information, contact **Carl Stecher** on **3399 3638 (home)**.

BAILEY POWERLINES RALLY

This event will be held on Saturday 16 September and is regarded by many people as one of the best events held here in Queensland.

The rally is returning to the Imbil area this year, and the event headquarters will again be at the Imbil Island Resort. It will be a round of the Tyretech Clubman Series, the Bridgestone Gemini Challenge, and the ARN Junior Rally Challenge.

Start time is 1pm with competitors required at the start venue by 11am. There are seven special stages (two of which will be after dark) with a total distance of 83 kilometres. The first car should finish by 7.30pm.

Scrutineering will be at GSA Wholesale Suspension at Springwood on the Thursday prior to the event.

For further information, contact **Del Garbett** on **38081538 (home)**.

KILKIVAN OFF ROAD EVENT

The sixth round of the Queensland (Long Course) Off Road Championship will be at the Kilkivan Rosemore 200 to be held on the weekend of the 16/17 September.

COMING EVENTS

To submit events, please contact Tony Best on 3371 0367 before the 8th of the month

Organising Club is the Gympie Auto Sports Club.

Scrutineering will be on the Saturday morning from 8am, with reconnaissance from 11.15 am followed by the prologue, then by the timed runs on the Saturday afternoon and the Sunday. The event will consist of eight laps of the 25km course.

Kilkivan is 30km west of Gympie and signs indicating the location of the event will be placed on the main road entering the town.

For further information, contact **Kevin Lawrence** on **54829154 (home)**.

GUEST SPEAKER AT CLUBROOMS

The next Guest Speaker evening at the Clubrooms will be Wednesday 20 September.

At time of printing this magazine, a speaker had not been finalised, but there are a number of possibilities, and a good night is assured.

Start time is 8 pm.

BYFIELD RALLY

The Rockhampton Based Central Queensland Motor Sporting Club will be holding their annual Byfield Rally on Saturday 23 September.

This event starts and finished at Yeppoon with special stages in the neighbouring Byfield Forest.

For further information, contact **Gordon Fischer** on **48220111 (home)**.

TROPHY PRESENTATION FOR BAILEY POWERLINES RALLY

This will take place at the BSCC Clubrooms at 206 Montague Road, West End on Wednesday 27 September.

Start time is 8 pm.

All competitors and officials are requested to make the effort to attend.

TOURING ROAD EVENT

The Classic Rally Club is organising a Touring Road Event on Saturday 30 September. This will consist of a number of special tests and navigation on public roads. Almost all of the roads used will be bitumen, and any road-registered vehicle is eligible to

enter.

The format of the event will be similar to the one run in June, and the start location will probably be Queensland Raceway at Willowbank.

For further information, contact **Tony Slattery** on **33913022 (home)**.

MILLMERRAN SHORT COURSE OFF ROAD EVENT

The Millmerran Auto Club will be running a Short Course OFF Road event on Sunday 1 October. The venue will be the Reserve Raceway Millmerran.

This event will be a round of the Queensland Short Course Off Road Drivers Series.

For further information, contact **Graeme Kelly** on **46059119 (anytime)**.

SHORT COURSE RALLY

The third and final round of the BSCC organised KCF Rallysport Short Course Rally Series will be run on Saturday 7 October.

Please note that the date has been brought forward from the original scheduled date. This has been done to avoid the date clash with the Indy weekend.

The event will again be based at Jimna with two Special Stages each of approximately 7 km in length and each run three times. Competitors will also have two reconnaissance runs over each stage.

For further information, contact **Craig Porter** on **33766563 (home)**.

CLUB CALENDAR UPDATE

Bailey Powerlines Rally	16 September
Short Course Rally (KCF Round 3)	7 October
Redline Lady Officials Rally	4 November
Keema Rally Gallangowan	2 December

The July Plains Pursuit Rally

by Andrew Owen

On 19th of July, 10 BSCC members and visitors participated in the Nash Glass and Aluminium "Plains Pursuit Rally". Consisting of 4 sections over previously unused roads, the event proved challenging navigation and driving conditions to most crews. The first stage, "Two Pomborneit" covered 42 km of narrow, but fast shire roads around Lake Purrumbete. The twisting road leading to the lake caught some crews out, and after some deliberation, the clerk of the course deleted one route check.

This left newcomers Ben, Charlie and Mark in the lead, with the more experienced crews trailing. Stage 2, "Tommo & Hawk" 46km crossed the Western Railway three times, visited Tomahawks Creek, Town and East before taking to the forest tracks. With knowledge gained from the June Road Rally, Peter Garbutt and Mim Crase cruised to first place on the road. The long straights of Hanson Plain, Duck Hole Plain and Saddlecloth Plain allowed Margaret and Keith McKay to streak to the lead in the 58km of Stage 3, "Plains and Planes". The final stage "Devil of a Road" 53km, used country similar to Beerburum's legendary "Big Balls", with fast roads, steep drops and blind crests. At the half way point "Scotts Creek", Ted Looi and Jackie were leading, however in the final blast along the Port Campbell Road, perennial navigator Tony Best overtook them. With the final points tallied, appeals heard and bribes paid, Tony Best was declared the victor. Ted and Jackie were second, with Margaret third. 199km in 1hour 15 minutes including liaison!!

The place names may seem unfamiliar as the event was run in Victoria. In tabletop rally terms, this means whilst sitting in the relative comfort of the BSCC clubrooms, a map covering part of the Western districts of Victoria shared the table with our favourite refreshment.

The next event is being held on 18th October at the BSCC clubrooms at 8.00pm. You do not need a car, can run alone, and some basic navigation equipment is provided.

STOP PRESS!!

Rumour has it that at least one round of the QRC in 2001 will be a MAPPED EVENT! This has not been confirmed, however navigators may consider attending the next tabletop rally night, at the club rooms on 18th October. Skills learnt on the night could then be applied on the touring road rally on the 25th November.

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Safety Matters

There has been discussion recently about the use of the OK/Green Cross sign. Incidents such as the Glaston/Wright accident at the ARC has led to comment on the safety procedures in case of accident. It was certainly pleasing to see the Cooloola Rally made use of more durable OK/Green Cross signs; and the Drivers Briefing gave comprehensive directions on their use. Certainly a big step up from soggy sheets of cardboard in the pouring rain!

Where do we go from here? Here in Queensland we have a commendable safety record, and it is certainly in the best interest of everyone to keep it that way. In circuit racing there are steps in place to ensure that drivers undergo training before being issued with a licence. Is it timely to instigate a rally training course; not in driving and navigating; but in issues such as first aid, fire fighting, accident procedures and the like?

Please take this as an invitation to initiate a discussion on safety. Send in comments and we will publish them in the next edition of *Brisport*.

The Oyster

*There once was an Oyster whose story I tell,
Who found that some sand was inside his shell,
Just one little grain, but it gave him great pain!
For oysters have feelings, though they all seem so plain.*

*Now did he berate the workings of fate,
Which led him to such a deplorable state?
Did he curse out the government – call for an election,
And cry that the sea "should have given protection?"
No! He said to himself as he lay on the shelf,
"Since I cannot remove it, I'll try to improve it."*

*The years rolled along, as the years always do,
And he came to his ultimate destiny – stew!
And the small grain of sand that had bothered him so,
Was a beautiful pearl, all richly aglow!
The tale has a moral, for isn't it grand.
What an oyster can do with a morsel of sand?
What couldn't I do if I'd only begin,
With all those things that 'get under my skin!'"*

*(Submitted by a club member as
food for thought...)*

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Although I have only been competing in Queensland Rallying for a year or so, I love the sport with a passion and want to be able to continue racing for many years to come. However, I like many others, are being forced to wholly fund their rally program myself because it is extremely difficult (if not impossible) to get any significant sponsorship support) unless you are in the top half dozen teams competing in the ARC and getting television coverage).

Why? Because businesses don't believe they will get enough advertising exposure for their money by sponsoring teams that compete in State Championships or even those that compete in the ARC without receiving television coverage (the majority of the field)!!!

This reluctance on the part of Queensland businesses to sponsor rally cars is justified. Why? Because at present all competition rallying in

Queensland is conducted in forestry areas so far away from the major population centres of Brisbane and the Gold Coast that the only people that currently go to spectate are the family and friends of competitors. This is despite the ever increasing interest in our sport from the television watching public. As has been raised in recent comments to the editor in Australian Rallysport News, the time has come for competitors to stop being forced to pay for everything because we are unable to get any corporate financial assistance let alone prize money. Don't get me wrong, I did not get into the sport in the belief that there was money to be made, but the way the sport in Queensland stands at present, many people may not be able to continue to afford to race at all.

Accordingly, we need to look at ways to get funding into the sport from paying spectators and corporate sponsorship. The only way I can

see to do this is to bring rallying to the people. How? One only has to look to the popularity of the super special stages of Canberra's Epic, Perth's Langley Park and others around the world to know that one on one racing around a closed purpose built circuit is what brings the crowds (and I'm sure the competitors love it too).

Can someone give me a good reason why a group of rally enthusiasts and investors could not be brought together to buy or lease some suitable land around the Brisbane / Gold Coast corridor (assuming suitably zoned land is available) and construct a purpose built rally circuit for holding events for Queensland competitors (in addition to the current QRC and club events which do not exactly fill every available weekend).

One only has to look at the crowds going to Queensland Raceway to know there is a strong demand in

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MEMBER PROFILE

This is the first of a regular feature on members of the Brisbane Sporting Car Club. Over the next months, we will profile a variety of club members; members who have achieved a great deal for the good of the club and the sport in general. The first of these profiles is on the Immediate Past President of the Club, Rod Sams.

Rod Sams

Born on 12th June 1953 in Warwick Queensland, Rod Sams is the Immediate Past President of the Brisbane Sporting Car Club. Now a resident of Sunnybank on Brisbane's southside and a Public Servant by day, he can boast an enviable list of achievements in motor sport.

One of the key figures in the administration of a number of disciplines of the sport, Rod commenced his involvement "somewhere around 1973", as he recalls, when he joined the Queensland Off Road Association. For many years he remained in that group. After joining the Mazda Car Club, he became a BSCC member in 1975 and supplemented his off roading interest by competing in motorkhanas, night runs and other touring assemblies.

Rod's contributions to officialdom began when, as a member of QMROA (Qld Motor Racing Officials Association) he served as a Flag Marshall at race meetings. As Vice President, Secretary, and in more recent times in the role of Club President from 1996 to 1999 inclusive, Rod has steered the BSCC through what were somewhat trying times (not the least of which was the enforced move from the old Clubrooms at Woolloongabba to our current location at West End). A couple of seasons back, Rod attended nearly as many events as there were weeks in the year. Little wonder he was Officials Champion of BSCC in 1998 and again in 1999.

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(Next Issue: "The life and times of Peter Whalley")

Queensland for live motorsport (of which we currently have very little). I strongly believe my proposal is feasible and not just a pipe dream for a frustrated rally driver. Initial construction costs would be relatively minimal - just a couple of bob-cats to build the track, some hired temporary spectator stands. Catering could be provided by the club for additional funding or mobile caterers could be charged a fee to set up on race days. Until the project was able to be commercially viable and properly begin marketing events to the public, I'm sure competitors would be just as happy to fork out money to go practice and race at this type facility as they are paying for forestry permit fees. Your comments please.

Justin Russom

As we are all aware the issue of media coverage and sponsorship is always with us; but it is even greater now with the pressure from other forms of motorsport. What are your thoughts on the subject? - Editor

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