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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

BY CRAIG PORTER

The Bailey Powerlines Rally Trophy Presentation Evening held on the 27th of August was a great success with about forty people making the time to come to the Clubrooms. I was very happy with the evening as it was the first night after we had finished painting the rooms and replacing the old carpet with new throughout the office and the clubroom area. I was disappointed for Rod Bailey sponsor of the event who was unable to attend to meet with competitors and winners alike.

The clubrooms are really starting to take shape now with painting of the clubrooms hallway toilets, replacing lighting and the new carpet have put a breath of fresh air throughout our investment. Thanks to Peter Whalley who organised the painting Rod Sams who looked after the carpet and a new club member Evan Jones who carried out the electrical works. Next task is the installation of the bright yellow vertical blinds throughout. We have a number of items of memorabilia to go up on shelving and to hang on walls BUT we would welcome any items of interest that members deem fit for placement on walls etc.

Thanks also to Peter Garbett for his efforts during the past few

weeks in cleaning up the storeroom and carrying out various tasks for the club whilst Esme has been on leave.

The KCF Short Course Rally Series has been run and won as they say, and a very successful event on October 7th finalised the series. For further information check out the Brisport Magazine. However from my point of view I was extremely happy with the format of the series and in particular the way you as competitors have made the effort to support the events but also to go to Jimna with the view of having fun competing. The people of Jimna have asked us to come back and that will be the case with similar roads and stages to be found early in the New Year to bring another successful Series online.

The Redline Rally after a considerable amount of discussion has been postponed, plans for the event and the format of the rally have changed with a new look event ready for early in the New Year.

Meanwhile plans for the Keema Classic Rally are well underway with new stages being prepared, sadly road conditions in the

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THE CLUB CAPTAIN'S CORNER

BY DEL GARBETT

I have only a short report this issue due to a heavy work load. From all reports everyone from Queensland enjoyed rallying in the snow in Tassie at the final ARC round - what an experience.

Coming back home to the KCF Rallysport Short Course at Jimna a week later it was just so hot.

I notice Steve (Yorkie) Berry and Myles Frost have a comfortable lead in the Bridgestone Gemini Challenge. It should be an interesting finish to the Qld Rally Championship on 2nd December.

As many may have heard the Redline Motorsport Rally has been postponed until mid February. By the way, congratulations to Donna and Jeff Kilbride on the birth of their daughter Meeka Jade. This could be another co-driver in the making. We need more females in the sport in all areas.

See you all at Gallangowan, come and say hello.

Del

RALLY OF TASMANIA

TEAM RELEASE

The last round of the Australian rally championship has come and gone. GSA took their Two-EVOLUTION V lancers to the event in full FALKEN Livery. This year was Steve's first attempt at the full Australian rally championship. With GSA being one of the only two car teams in the Australian championship, team one The FALKEN LANCERS of Steve and George Shephard and team two, A factory effort by Subaru with Possum Bourne and Cody Crocker.

Steve and George were excited with the thought of rallying on what is said to be some of the best roads in the championship, including sun, rain and snow. This was to be George and Del's first time back in the car after their off road trip at Melbourne, so some caution was to be taken.

A full field was there with the likes of Bourne, Bates, Crocker, Ordynski, Herridge, Reid and Bukmanis. On day one all was to go fairly well for Steve, other than a small problem with the car stalling, when at low revs. A good day was had with a 12th outright. George was to take it easy gaining more confidence as the day went on. With the roads very similar to Melbourne this would not help George gain his confidence in the seat.

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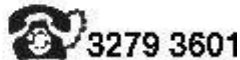
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NEWS FLASH

IT'S A GIRL! I'm sure I speak for all in Australian rallying when I offer a warm and sincere congratulations to Jeff and Donna Kilbride on the birth of their daughter on 8 October. Young Meeka Jade Kilbride booked into the start control at 1555 hours albeit with a small penalty recorded against late time. The co-driver and daughter are both well at Parc Ferme in the Royal Brisbane Hospital and full of praise for the event officials. The driver was enjoying a rest at headquarters when I spoke with him a short time ago. I'm unsure what the homologation papers say but the official CAMS weigh in was reportedly 8 pound 3 ounces. Again, and with the utmost sincerity, best wishes to the Kilbride family of Jeff, Donna, Jesse, Holly, and Meeka Jade from all.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued from page 2)
Gallangowan area have kept good available stages in short supply. However we have found some very good roads that will be a real challenge to competitors around the Elginvale area. On another note I'm looking for helpers at Gallangowan as Road Blocks and Stage Officials. Ah yes, the old problem keeps raising its head. But on a serious note I'm looking for a person within the Clubs Membership who has experience in Promotion of events and can help with a wider coverage of the events that we run through newspaper and other media outlets. PLEASE give me a call. Thats all for now, we have a busy schedule ahead of us as a leadup to Christmas and the Clubs Christmas party in December

Rally Tasmania (continued from page 3)

Day two, Steve was having a great day " I was going into the second last stage of the day while running 8th outright. We were approaching the end of the stage doing around 170 klm's when the left front ball joint snapped. What a moment!! trying to pull the car up without going into the bushes. It was very disappointing to be doing so well when it happened, but I suppose that is what they call motorsport."

So now there is only One event left for the FALKEN TYRES rally team to do. The last round of the Queensland rally championship. George is currently leading the QLD Championship with Steve 2nd . If all goes to plan we will finish the year off with a 1-2 in the Queensland rally Championship. How the places will go George 1st or Steve 1st ,Who knows.

We will have to wait and see if GSA is the team to finish on top, With the likes of Stuart Reid, John Spencer, Paul Andrews Richard Galley and many others. There will be no guarantees.

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GUEST SPEAKER AT CLUB ROOMS

The next Guest Speaker Evening will be Wednesday 25 October.

The speaker will be an Ambulance Officer who will talk about first aid procedures relating to motor sport.

This is a subject that is very important for competitors and officials, and is something that everybody needs to know about.

It is hoped that a reasonably large number of club members will be in attendance.

Start time is 8pm. The Clubrooms are situated at 206 Montague Road, West End.

For further information contact Del Garbett on 38381538 (home).

IPSWICH AUTOCROSS

Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club are running their next Autocross on Sunday 29 October.

This will be held at their dirt circuit at Willowbank. Competitors will have 5 or 6 timed runs of the course, which consists of one standing lap and one flying lap of the track.

Competition in an Autocross is a very good way to learn car control on loose surfaces, which should be very beneficial to rally competitors.

Scrutineering will start at 7.30 am with timed runs from 9.30am.

For further information contact Errol Bognuda on 0407 633158 (anytime).

REDLINE MOTOR SPORTS RALLY

This event was to have been held on Saturday 4 November but has now been postponed to a date to be decided early in 2001.

NOOSA HILLCLIMB

The Historic Racing Car Club is running their annual Noosa Hillclimb on the weekend of the 11/12 November.

This event uses part of the old Cooroy-Tewantin Road that is also used as a Special Stage in Rally Queensland. The distance is approximately 1.5 km.

Timed runs start from mid morning on the Saturday and run all day on the Sunday. The event mainly caters for sports cars built before 1977 and touring cars built before 1972, but some entries for later model vehicles may be accepted.

For further information contact Bruce Richards on 38322188 (work) or fax home on 38392739 if you require an entry form.

GUEST SPEAKER

The next scheduled Guest Speaker Evening is Wednesday 15 November.

This will be the last of these evenings to be held this year. So far they have proved very popular with club members.

At this stage a definite speaker has yet to be finalised, but it is expected that someone who is informative and entertaining will be available.

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

NEXT NIGHT RUN

The next Night Run will be held on Friday 17 November starting at 7.30pm from the K-Mart Car Park at Cannon Hill.

This will be the final round of the Interclub Night Run Series co-ordinated by the Marquee Sports Car Club. Results of this event will count towards the BSCC Night Run Championship.

For further information contact Carl Stecher on 33993638 (home).

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TOURING ROAD EVENT

The "Christmas in November Mountain Challenge" will be a Touring Road Event to be organised by BSCC on Saturday 25 November.

It will start at 8.30am from Brookside at Mitchelton and cover a route of 250km which should include several Special Tests (approval has been granted for a one test over 1.4 km of bitumen roads on a construction site). A Day Run starting at 12.30pm in Central Brisbane will meet the Touring Road Event at this test venue for the running of the last two tests. A Family Sports and a BBQ will conclude the day.

Control officials and helpers are required.

For further information contact Esme on 38460233 or Andrew Owen on 33798302 (home).

FAMILY DAY RUN / SOCIAL AFTERNOON

Also on Saturday 25 November is this event which will start from the BSCC Clubrooms at 12.30pm. The short (1.5 - 2 hour) drive will take participants through the mountains west of Brisbane to the Spillway Common at Wivenhoe Dam.

Questions to answer and things to collect along the way will keep the passengers busy while the driver enjoys the challenge of the mountain roads. Once the Common is reached, family sports (Officials vs. Competitors Cricket Match?), kids playground and a BBQ will keep everyone entertained.

An added attraction has been provided by the South East Queensland Water Board. This organisation is allowing BSCC to close several access roads in the Common area for a special test. This 1.4 km of bitumen road will be run twice by the competitors in the "Christmas in November Mountain Challenge". These runs should start around 3.30pm and provide an hour or so of top quality spectating. Fantastic scenery, brilliant driver's roads, and enjoyable spectating is assured.

Helpers are required to assist before, and on the day.

Contact Esme at the Clubrooms on 38460233 for more details and to confirm numbers for catering purposes.

GALLANGOWAN RALLY

The final rally for the year is the annual Gallangowan event which is organised by the BSCC and is a round of the Queensland Rally Championship, the Tyretech Clubman Rally Series, the Keema Automotive Formula 2 Rally Championship, and the Bridgestone Gemini Rally Series.

For many years the event has traditionally been held in early December and the date this year is Saturday 2 December.

As well as the great roads, this event is very popular for its social atmosphere, with most competitors camping overnight on the Gallangowan Oval.

There will be more information on this event in the next issue of Brisport, but at this stage keep the date free.

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

REMINDER!!!

We wish to advise of a change of date for the Redline Motorsport Rally. The Yarraman-based event which was scheduled for 4 November has been moved to mid-February 2001.

A number of influencing factors lead to the decision to reschedule, including the format of supplementary regulations, extreme fire danger in the entire region usually available to South-East Queensland competitors, and the fact that a number of officials will only just be arriving back from Classic Adelaide.

The next event on the calendar is the annual Keema Classic Rally. This will be staged on 2 December around the traditional base of Gallangowan. The BSCC will announce the new date for the Redline Motorsport Rally just as soon as it is given approval by the CAMS.

Final Round KCF Rallysport Short Course Rally Series

The third and final round of the KCF Rallysport Short Course Rally Series has been run and won as they say. The tiny community of Jimna welcomed the event with open arms again (this year all three rounds of the popular series have been based at the picturesque forestry settlement north-west of Brisbane). With his ex-PlayStation Round Australia Subaru WRX and experienced co-driver Tony Best, the 1999 ARN Junior Challenge Champion Jason Walk cruised to victory in the dry conditions that prevailed. Relatively incident free, albeit with a few minor offs and mechanical failures, the Brisbane Sporting Car Club event ran smoothly as usual in the hands of the inimitable Craig Porter.

It is perhaps tradition when reviewing an event, to report results, dnf's, and other so-called "newsworthy" items. However, I believe it's time we seriously acknowledged some of those behind the scenes. Most of us don't take for granted the substantial efforts put in by those diehard individuals who operate controls, and those "safety marshals" who are stationed at road blocks and so on. Without such willing volunteers the events simply wouldn't happen. At last weekend's rally officials were presented with a gift bag containing (among the sponsor's advertising material) food and drink vouchers redeemable at any stage during the day or evening. Indeed, it was the suggestion of event sponsor Keith Fackrell that he "pick up the tab" for these at the end of the day. Such a thoughtful and generous act should be praised highly.

It is my belief that the very least we as rallyists can do to acknowledge long term sponsors is to patronize them where possible. Many of those who are newer to the sport would be unaware of KCF Rallysport's range of products and services. Indeed, probably a considerable number of those who have been around long enough to remember Keith Fackrell as a rally competitor may also not realise the extent to which Keith's business has grown and diversified. Acknowledge one of our longer term supporters and avail yourselves of the range of products and services Keith has on offer.

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Thanks to Rod Sams for persevering in the case of adversity, in fact in all the cases of adversity that we endured. Personally, I enjoyed the event – this is only the third one of these that I've been in. Anyone who doesn't give one a go (and from all accounts the next one should be a great day for all the family) is doing themselves an injustice.

Peter Garbett

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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP POINTSCORES

In this issue of Brisport are the Pointscores for Short Course Rallies (formally Rallysprints), Off Road Events, and Touring Road Events (formally Historic Rallies).

The Pointscore for Short Course Rallies is now complete with the three rounds of the KCF Series having been run. Points have been allocated as per the scoring method explained in the August issue of Brisport.

A total of 58 club members scored points in Short Course Rallies and congratulations go to Paul Andrews for winning the Championship, particularly considering the distance that he has to travel to complete in events.

The club only ran two Off Road Events this year, the AORC at Swanbank and the German Autos Enduro at Gatton, and Steve Willett was the only club member who finished both of them and was therefore the winner of the Championship. Despite the small number of BSCC competitors the Championship was quite closely contested, with three club members in the top seven finishers in the National Championship event.

There is one more round in the Club Touring Road Event Championship (formally known as the Historic Rally Championship). This is the event being organised by Andrew Owen on Saturday 25 November. So far 20 club members have scored points in this Championship.

All competitors are asked to check their scores and notify the Club Registrar Tony Best (phone 33710367 home) if they consider that there are any mistakes. It should be noted that it is necessary to finish an event to score points in Club Championships and non-finishers have not been scored.

Tony Best

CLUB OFFICIALS POINTSCORES

The following list shows how the pointscores for the Club Officials Championships are worked out (they were last printed in the March 1997 issue of Brisport).

With regard to Peter Flynn's comments in the September issue of Brisport, it is extremely hard to maintain an accurate pointscore. The main source of information is the Officials Sign-On sheets for the Clubs events; however, some Officials neglect to sign on and some sheets are not returned to the Clubrooms.

Clerks of Course and Stage Commanders often do not remember the names of all the Officials under their control. I try to get information from as many sources as possible. Many people can remember the Control Officials, because of their location, but Road-block Officials, because of their location are often not seen by anybody.

Because of the possibility of incorrect scoring, I always advise everybody to check their scores and let me know if they think there is an error. Any assistance with ensuring that the pointscores are absolutely correct would be greatly appreciated.

Tony Best

MEMBER PROFILE

This is 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.

PETER GARBETT

Born on 12th October 1957 at Southport Queensland, Peter Garbett is a member of the Board of the Brisbane Sporting Car Club. Now a resident of Logan City south of Brisbane and a Company Representative by day, Peter first became actively involved in motor sport in 1974.

Initially a member of the Renault Car Club (his first car was a Renault R8, one of which won the ARC thirty years ago) he joined BSCC in 1975 and has been Captain of the latter club, President of Ipswich Sporting Car Club and a member of the Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting Club over the years. Peter has competed in circuit sprints, motorkhanas (often in Pete Smith's Suzuki), night runs, day runs, rallies (on both sides of the car), hillclimbs, autocross, and in recent months, his first touring road rally - with BSCC's Assistant Treasurer Mim Crase reading the maps.

In the late seventies Peter, with his lady friend from QMSC (Qld Motor Sporting Club) operated controls on just about every event that he wasn't competing in. Brother Trevor Garbett (a past BSCC member) was largely responsible for Peter entering the sport and his first rally was spent navigating in his own car (the R8) for Trevor.

A number of years later (1979) Peter sold his Datsun 1600 to his brother and continued to navigate for him off and on until about 1984. For about a decade or so Peter navigated for drivers of the calibre of Phil Brock, Phil Coleman, Peter Janson, Henk

Kabel, Peter Marcovich, Peter Phillips and so on. During roughly the same period he penned articles on Queensland rallies for Auto Action, Racing Car News and Chequered Flag. Around 1980 Peter was Assistant "Director" (a term then used in place of our contemporary "Clerk of Course") on a couple of events, one each for the BSCC (as sidekick to the inimitable Laurie Garth) and RCCQ.

Several years ago Peter was assisting Craig Porter on the setting up of the Keema Classic Rally at Gallangowan when it was suggested that more officials were needed (an age old problem and still so). In particular the role of Course Checker was mentioned and Peter decided to put something more significant back into the sport he had enjoyed so much. Since then he's been on the organising committees of a number of events, and has served in the roles of Clerk of Course, Course Checker, Competitor Relations Officer, and Course Car Co-ordinator (the latter for a number of years at Falken Tyres Rally Qld).

One of Peter's greatest claims to fame must surely be the rather taunting title of Qld Zero Car Champion Co-driver which was jokingly bestowed upon him as a result of his record run as "ballast" in these official cars over a period of nearly three years during the nineties. It was 1999 and Peter was asked by Jeff and Donna Kilbride to manage the Silverstone Rally Team Australia and it was that year that Peter claims as the single most enjoyable season of motor sport that he has experienced.

To the future and Peter envisions being involved in the conduct of motor sport events and serving the members of the BSCC for some time to come. This commitment comes from the man who, in 1978, drove overnight from Brisbane to run a passage control on the Townsville Pacific Festival Rally.

Christmas in November Family Day

25th November 2000

BSCC Clubrooms to Wivenhoe Dam Spillway Common

Starting at 12.30 at the BSCC clubrooms. The short (1 1/2 - 2 hour) drive will take participants through the mountains west of Brisbane to the spillway common at Wivenhoe Dam. Nightrun style directions, questions to answer, and things to collect along the way will keep the passengers busy while the driver enjoys the challenge of the mountain roads. Once the Common is reached, family sports (officials vs competitors cricket match?), kids playground and a BBQ will keep everyone entertained.

At approximately 3.30pm, the competitors in the **Christmas in November Mountain Challenge** will run two special tests (stages) over 1.4 km of closed bitumen roads in the common area. Fantastic scenery, brilliant drivers' roads and enjoyable spectating is assured. Helpers are required to assist before, and on the day.

Contact the clubrooms for more details,
and to confirm numbers for catering purposes.

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ROSSMORE 2000 – KILKIVAN

..... by Rod Sams



Tony Fehlhaber on his way to victory

Fehlhaber breaks the drought.

Tony Fehlhaber, after a long absence from the winners circle, had a well deserved win at the Rossmore 200.

Round Six of the Queensland Offroad Long Course Championship was run over the weekend of 16th and 17th of September by the Gympie Auto Sport Club. This was the Club's first effort at running a State Championship round. The event was based at the Rossmore Caravan Park. Kevin Lawrence and the Gympie crew had put together a tight and testing track that was to prove a challenge for competitors.

It was good to see a entry of thirty three crews make to trip to Kilkivan for the event. This was one of the better entries for a long course event for some time.

After scrutineering was completed all crews set off for a reconnaissance of the 5km Prologue track. A prelude to things to come seven cars failed to complete the five kilometres.

Steve Willett/Brett Wellings (240) continuing his good form this year set the fastest Prologue time from John Brand/Peter Fry (281) and Dave McGreggor/Arthur Barbow. Fastest Class 3 was Warren Walker/Kylie Spicer (308) while Clayton Taylor/Tammy Smith (401) were best in Class 4. The big Class 5 contingent was lead by Andy Stewart/Darryl Robinson (598) Andrew Hickson/Penny Armitage (696) had the class to themselves while Tony Brose/Paul Leighton (769) lead the Class 7s.

John Wager/Paul Eustace (816) had their truck going well while John Spicer (939) had the edge on Michael Retallick (933) in Class 9.

After crews completed their reconnaissance of the long track it was time to settle down for the evenings entertainment. Everyone was well fed and watered and were entertained by the band provided by the organisers.

Sunday's racing was two heats, each of four laps. The long laps began to take a toll on a number of crews with ten failing to finish the first heat.



At the end of the first heat Willett was setting a great pace from Anthony and Michael Fehlhaber (138) and Laurie and Janelle Svenson (103). This was the first run at a long course, following the problems at Gatton, for Laurie in his new car and things were going well. Andrew Manning/Monique Jensen (305) was leading the class.

The Class 4 battle continued with Taylor leading Craig Headley/ Rick Reddish (404). Scott and Athol Willcox (517) were in front in Class 5. The Class 6 race was over as Hickson failed to finished the heat. The four wheel drives were doing it tough Brose was the only contender left in Class 7 while Wager was leading Amanda Francis/Shane Taylor (846) in Class 8. Retallick was the sole survivor in Class 9.

Eighteen Crews remained to start the second heat. Willett's great run came to an end after the second lap with drive train problems. Fehlhaber's consistency paid off with him moving to the outright position, a position he held to the end.



Steve Willett



Clayton Taylor

The attrition rate continued with only ten crews completing the whole course. The Svesons finished second outright followed by Randall Kilner/Heather McCracken (291). Full results are published elsewhere in the Magazine.

Congratulations go to the Gympie Auto Club for their efforts. I am sure for their first championship event it was a big learning curve.

Offroad photos in this and the Warialda story courtesy of Steve Hilton. These photos and more can be found on the "inthedirt.com.au" website.



Dave McGreggor



Andy Stewart



Rod Graydon

“The Quest for the Driveway Plane!”

In the absence of ace navigator and Club Assistant Treasurer Mim Crase, I began the search for a suitable stand in to accompany me on the Touring Road Rally of 30 September. In the week leading up to the event whilst Mim was working at that other major sporting event in Syd-en-ee, I was fortunate to secure the services of a key motorsport individual in the form of our Immediate Past President Rod Sams.

Rod and I did breakfast at the Mobil Amberley, scene of at least one rally start way back in the seventies. We pulled into Queensland Raceway, venue for the event start and finish and accompanying special tests, and proceeded to go through the formalities of paperwork, scrutineering, briefing, etc. After I asked Rod to pass me the helmet from the back, it was full on into the special test around parts of the circuit. As I recall the Astra's immense reserves of power catapulted us straight into a position from where we were able to mount a serious challenge for slowest time. Don't quote me but I think one other crew was able to wrestle that one from our grasp. I believe the overshoot on this stage was indicative of our performance during the map reading exercises which were to follow.

Rod Sams is one hell of a nice guy and very capable on maps but the lack of a tripmeter and other essentials that the more seasoned touring road rally competitors have at their disposal did little to enhance his navigating prowess as the day wore on. This combined with the less than moderate power output of the Opel engine and the even lesser ability behind the steering wheel to produce a rather lacklustre result. At the time of writing I have yet to see a set of results but I imagine it takes some time to add up such large

numbers as those which were recorded against our names on the score sheets.

It would be fair to say that we saw more of the Lockyer Valley and surrounds than most competitors on the day – indeed Rod and I are now able to give directions to any street, road, letterbox, mapped or unmapped feature, or driveway plane, in the Mt Tarampa region. We know the area back to front!

Ah, memories! I know this road I thought. Yes, I worked at the Gatton College in 1976 and I hadn't been along those roads or over those cattle grids since then – some things just don't change. Although the Datsun 1600 I was driving back then (just to be different to everyone else) had just a modicum more oomph than the Astra.

On to the last map reading section – maybe not – running as late as we were it was not all that surprising to find that the control had closed for the day. With a bit of cutting and running we were able to arrive back at QR with just enough time to fit the light pod. By the fourth attempt at the special test we were able to achieve lines which were more conducive to smooth driving and therefore a more respectable lap time. I must express my disappointment however at Marc Zande whose camera ran out of memory as our handbrake mysteriously jammed on across the finish line. Marc's photos by the way are viewable on the net at detomaso.dogma.dhs.org/classic

And the last word for the day goes to Mr Sams – “feel free to brake anytime you like”.

Thanks to Tony Slattery and his team for staging the event. Rod and I, err.. sorry Rod, Mim and I will be back in November for Andrew Owen's event.

QUEENSLAND RALLY PANEL

After speaking with several rally competitors, I have become aware that quite a few don't understand the function of the Rally Panel. Therefore in the following months I will endeavour to give information that may be of value to you.

Firstly, the Rally Panel is selected by State Council using a specific voting system from nominations received. You can nominate yourself if you so wish and this is quite common. You must also supply a resume of your activities either as a competitor or as an organiser or helper. The maximum number on the Rally Panel is eight and from this eight State Council selects a chairman. The panel then becomes your voice and is your representative in the sport. You can attend Rally Panel if you wish on nights prearranged with the chairman. Panel meetings are held once a month with the minutes published in the Q.S.C. News which is posted to every car club. The chairman takes to the State Council, which also meets once a month, the items that need ratifying, as the panel can not make or change rules and regulations without being sanctioned by State Council. The minutes of State Council meetings are also published in the Q.S.C. News. You should always read them to obtain correct information.

I have listed the panel's names and phone numbers at the end of this article and I can say without a doubt that each and every one of them are only too willing to help and advise you on any rally matter that you may have. The Rally Panel is not in existence to pass its own panel members wheelbarrows but cannot act on your behalf if you do not contact us. Sometimes we can not change things that have already happened but maybe we can put measures in place to stop them happening again.

I invite you to contact us by phone or whatever means you wish with any the ques

problems or issues that you may have. For our new competitors, please don't feel overawed by it all and simply ask teh questions. You are quite welcome.

Next issue I will advise on Series Regulations, ehere you get them and for our new competitors, what purpose they serve.

Cheers for now.

Barry Neuendorff

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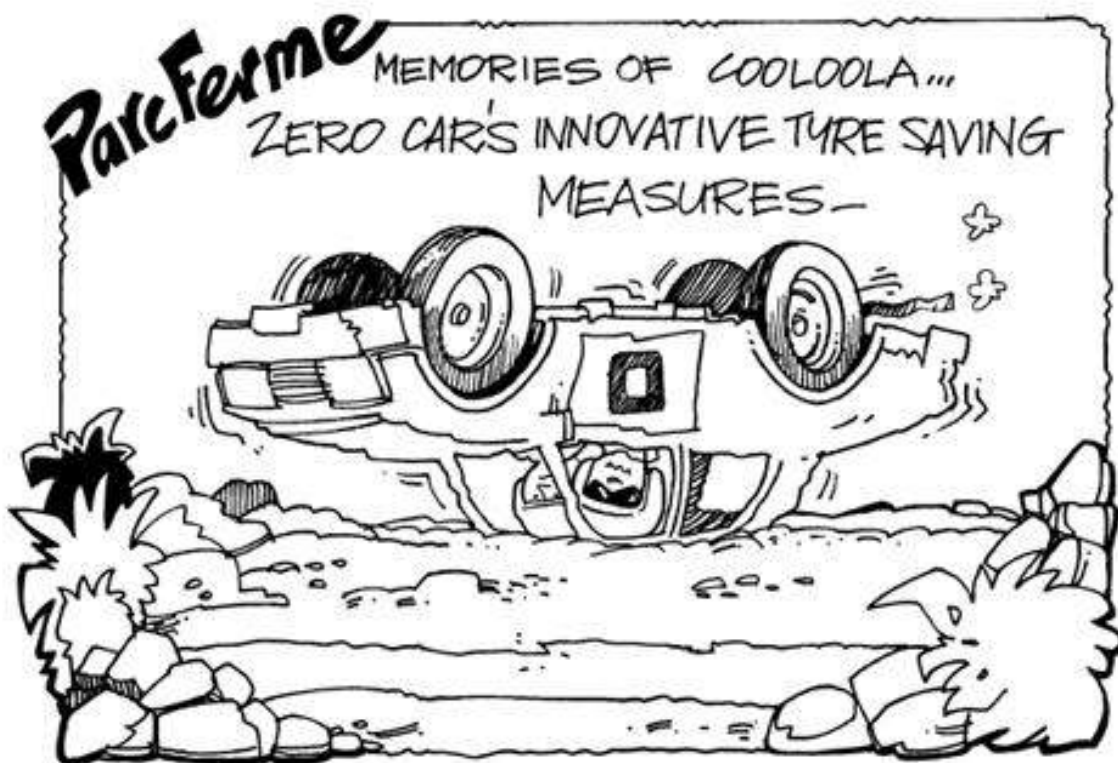
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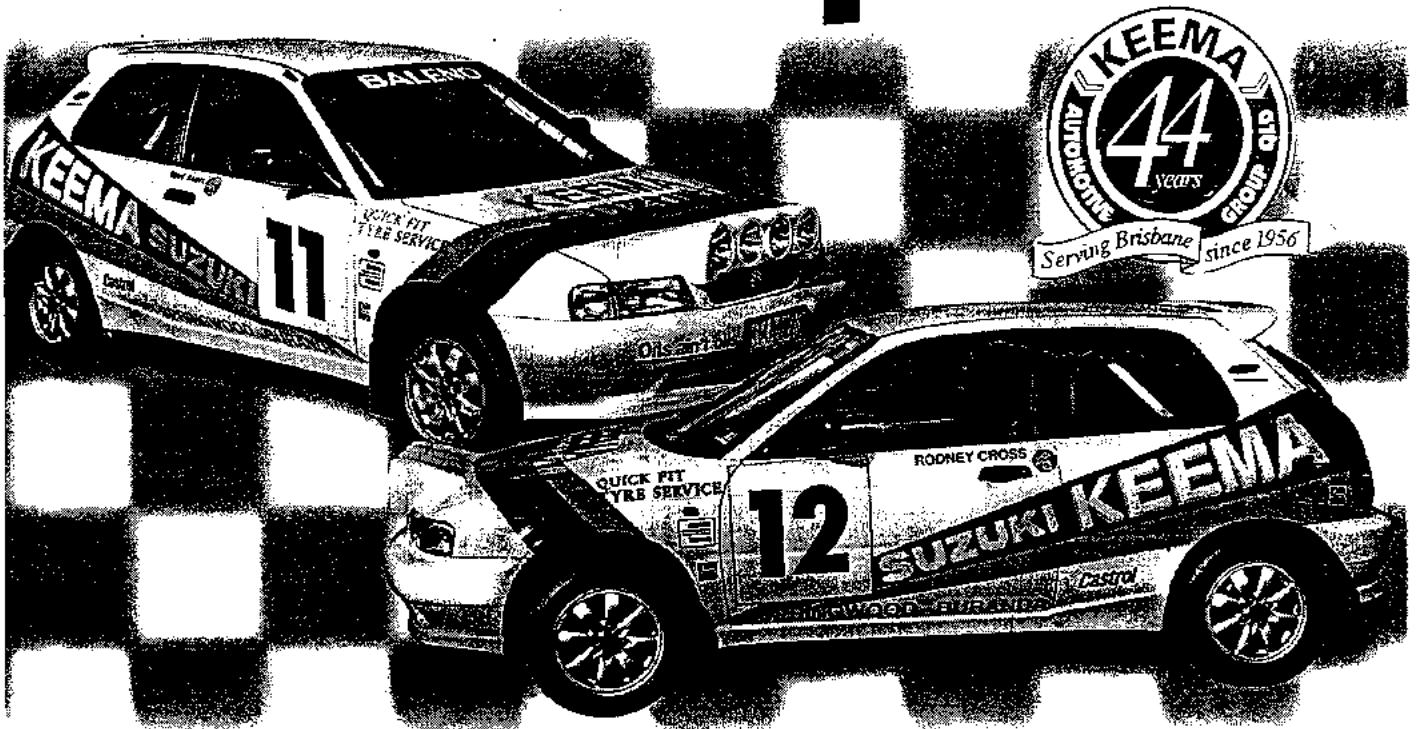
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