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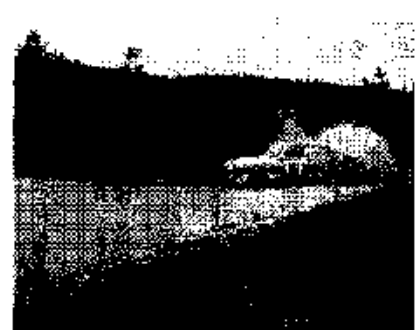
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October - November 2004



President's Report

The Club recently conducted a virtual-rally night at Hi-Octane located at the Gabba. For the uninitiated that's rally car simulators you know all the thrills and spills without all the pain and expense (push button racing at it's best). The best part was watching those who competed on the night showing all the determination, concentration (read trickery and skulduggery) usually demonstrated out in the forests. This could be the sort of indoor activity that could be a whole lot of fun. If anyone is keen to start up a (armchair) rally series please nominate with Sheridan at the Clubrooms.

The BSCC team was also up with the Goondiwindi Off-Road Club to conduct the (I'm still getting dust out of my clothes and mud off my boots) Goondiwindi 400 Australian Off-Road Championship. Rod Sams and the team put in a stack of effort to ensure the new track location was up to scratch and from all reports was a huge success. Congratulations Rod a very pleasant event to part of even if the conditions were a bit on the extreme.

Plans are also well underway for our last QRC event of the year, timed for the weekend of 28th November. David Nash and his boys indicate that this extravaganza will have a promotional start in Brisbane, followed by some special stages just on the outskirts of the northern suburbs, then continuing up through the Jimna Ranges to a traditional finish (and piss-up) at Gallangowan oval. For those newcomers, this is how the event used to be structured, and represents a return to the good ol' days with both mobile servicing and spectating (entries will include Historics). I also hear a whisper that the chosen roads are in extremely good nick as well, I think I'm gonna be spectating on this one!

Cya'll in the forest

Brian Everitt

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Proposed Offroad Calendar for 2005

- Sat 29 Jan - Presentation dinner for 2004 (tbc)
- 12/13 Feb - Short Course - Gympie (QORDS 1)
- 12/13 March - Short Course - Millmerran (QORDS 2)
- 26/27 March - AORC 1 Hyden WA
- 9/10 April - Long Course - Condamine (QORDS 3/ QORC1)
- 30 Apr/1 May - AORC 2 Mildura VIC
- 30 Apr / 1 May - Short Course - Moranbah (QORDS 4)

- 11/12 June - AORC 3 Finke NT
- 25/26 June - Long Course - Jimna (QORDS 5/ QORC2)
- 16/17 July - AORC 4 - Millicent SA
- 6/7 Aug - Short Course SEQORRA - venus tba (QORDS 6)
- 27/28 Aug - AORC 5 Griffith NSW
- 10/11 Sept - Warialda
- 15/16 Oct - AROC 6 Goondiwindi (QORDS 7/ QORC3)

PROPOSED 2005 CALENDAR

(This calendar is still to be approved by CAMS Qld State Council)

Month	Date	Event	Month	Date	Event
January			April		
Sat	1st		Sat	2nd	
Sun	2nd		Sun	3rd	School Holidays End
Sat	8th		Sat	9th	Rd 1 QRC - Benarkin
Sun	9th		Sun	10th	
Sat	15th		Sat	16th	V8 International - New Zealand
Sun	16th		Sun	17th	V8 International - New Zealand; Rd 1 Globalstar ARC - Canberra
Sat	22nd		Sat	23rd	Rd 1 Globalstar ARC - Canberra
Sun	23rd	School Holidays End	Sun	24th	Targa Tasmania
Sat	29th		Sat	30th	Targa Tasmania; AORC - VIC
Sun	30th				
February			May		
Sat	5th	Meter Show Touring Assembly	Sun	1st	Targa Tasmania; AORC - VIC
Sun	6th		Sat	7th	Rd 2 Short Course Rally; V8 Barbegallo - Perth
Sat	12th	possible Club Rly	Sun	8th	V8 Barbegallo - Perth
Sun	13th		Sat	14th	Rd 2 Globalstar ARC - WA
Sat	19th	Come and Try Event	Sun	15th	Rd 2 Globalstar ARC - WA
Sun	20th		Sat	21st	
Sat	26th		Sun	22nd	
Sun	27th		Sat	28th	V8 - Eastern Creek
			Sun	29th	V8 - Eastern Creek
March					
Sat	5th	Aust Grand Prix Melbourne	June		
Sun	6th	Aust Grand Prix Melbourne	Sat	4th	Rd 3 Globalstar ARC Rally Qld - ARC; Coastal Challenge TRE
Sat	12th	Rd 1 Short Course Rally	Sun	5th	Rd 3 Globalstar ARC Rally Qld - ARC;
Sun	13th		Sat	11th	V8 - Shanghi China; AORC - Finke NT
Sat	19th	Clipsal 500 Adelaide	Sun	12th	V8 - Shanghi China; AORC - Finke NT
Sun	20th	Clipsal 500 Adelaide	Sat	18th	School Holidays Start
Sat	26th	AORC - WA; EASTER; School Holidays Start	Sun	19th	
Sun	27th	AORC - WA; EASTER;	Sat	25th	

			Sun	26th	
July			October		
Sat	2nd	V8 - Hidden Valley Darwin	Sat	1st	Round 3 Short Course Rally
Sun	3rd	V8 - Hidden Valley Darwin; School Holidays End	Sun	2nd	
Sat	9th	QRC - Rockhampton poss Clubman Rd	Sat	8th	Bathurst 1000
Sun	10th		Sun	9th	Bathurst 1000
Sat	16th	AORC - SA; Rd 4 Globalstar ARC - Tasmania	Sat	15th	AORC - QLD
Sun	17th	AORC - SA; Rd 4 Globalstar ARC - Tasmania	Sun	16th	AORC - QLD
Sat	23rd	V8 - Qld Raceway	Sat	22nd	V8 Supercar Chall - S/Paradise
Sun	24th	V8 - Qld Raceway	Sun	23rd	V8 Supercar Chall - S/Paradise
Sat	30th	Old Challenge Touring Road Event	Sat	29th	Rd 7 Globalstar ARC - Vic
Sun	31st		Sun	30th	Rd 7 Globalstar ARC - Vic
August			November		
Sat	6th	Rd 5 Globalstar ARC - SA	Sat	5th	
Sun	7th	Rd 5 Globalstar ARC - SA	Sun	6th	Old Motorkhana Championship
Sat	13th	V8 - Oran Park	Sat	12th	v8 Symmons Plains - Tas; Telstra Rally Australia
Sun	14th	V8 - Oran Park	Sun	13th	v8 Symmons Plains - Tas; Telstra Rally Australia
Sat	20th	Leyburn Sprints	Sat	19th	
Sun	21st		Sun	20th	
Sat	27th	QRC - Coolealey ; AORC - Griffith NSW TBC	Sat	26th	V8 - Big Pond Grand Finale Phillip Island
Sun	28th	AORC - Griffith NSW TBC	Sun	27th	V8 - Big Pond Grand Finale Phillip Island
September			December		
Sat	3rd	Rd 6 Globalstar ARC - NSW	Sat	3rd	QRC - Gallangowan
Sun	4th	Rd 6 Globalstar ARC - NSW	Sun	4th	
Sat	10th	V8 - Sandown Vic; School Holidays Start	Sat	10th	School Holidays Start
Sun	11th	V8 - Sandown Vic	Sun	11th	Family Fun Day
Sat	17th	Possible Club Event (TRE/Mbhana/Khanawatt)	Sat	17th	
Sun	18th	Aust Safari	Sun	18th	
Sat	24th	Aust Safari	Sat	24th	
Sun	25th	School Holidays End	Sun	25th	
			Sat	31st	



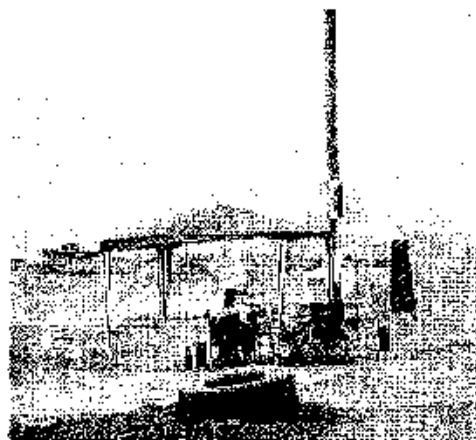
The Brisbane Sporting Car Club in conjunction with the Goondiwindi Motorsport Association conducted the fifth and final round of the Australian Offroad Championship at Goondiwindi over the weekend of the 16/17 of October. The event was also the 3rd round of the German Autos 2004 Queensland Offroad Championship.

The event underwent a couple of changes this year following the loss of access to one of the major properties we used last year. This required the establishment of a new pit/headquarters area and development of new sections of track.

Another big change was the loss of Quickfit Tyres, who had been our major sponsor for a number of years. We were fortunate enough to welcome on board Tony Bell from Border Tyres in Goondiwindi who along with BF Goodrich Tyres became our naming right sponsors. The town of Goondiwindi again provided great support this year. The event certainly would not have been possible without all the time and effort put in by the team from Gundy to set up the new track.

DUST, DUST AND MORE DUST!!! To say conditions were dusty is an understatement. I have never seen so much dust at an event before and I have been to a couple. At least there was some wind to move it around a bit.

This year's event followed a similar format to recent years with scrutineering on Friday night at Riddles Oval. This provided an opportunity for the locals to come and look at the cars and meet the drivers. Saturday morning saw the running of the Prologue to determine the start order. This year we also included a Top Ten Shootout for the 10 fastest cars in Prologue. With \$1000 in prize money up for grabs the racing was enthusiastic.



Start Line – Looking into the dust

Saturday afternoon saw the running of Section 1 that consisted of 3 laps of the testing course. A further 2 Sections were run on Sunday. As with last year an event was organised for the two-wheel fraternity who had a run on Saturday afternoon and early on Sunday morning. This year the bikes competed on the total course used by the cars. There was little difference between the time of the fastest bikes and the fastest cars.

Board Member Mark Neary ran in the bike event and finished without incident. Judging from the smile on his face he had a great time. I am sure he has some stories to tell.



Finish Line

Having endured the windy, dusty conditions all weekend the rains came just ten minutes before the completion of competition on Sunday. This saw much frenzied activity as crews rushed to pack up and leave the track. In just ten minutes the pit area turned into a slippery boggy mess. The rain forced the abandonment of the trophy presentation. An impromptu presentation was held at the Railway Hotel on Sunday night. This was well attended by many of the interstate competitors who had an enjoyable night washing down the dust and reliving their experiences.

The following race report is courtesy of Murray and Julie Rogers from the Offroadracing.com.au.

Saturday, 16th October 2004: Shannon & Ian Rentsch (133) improved their tally of points for the AORC today at Goondiwindi by winning the Prologue, the Top 10 Shootout and the Section 1 of the Border Tyres BF Goodrich Goondiwindi 400. Mark Burrows & Colin Hodge (Aus 1) have not given up the chase to defend their current title and were second in all parts of today's event. Michael & Karen Napier (1110) were third in the Prologue and Shootout with Glen Owen & Deon Beattie (123) next. Shannon Irvin & Steven Graham (257) were five in the prologue but slipped to sixth spot after the shootout with fifth place taken by an improving Jaakko Kylma (907).



Margot, Simon, Wes and Craig hard at work

Danny Auright & Brian Shearn (108) were next with Kaleb Schmidt (211) in eighth place. Ninth after the shoot out was Joe Bulmer & Scott Coleman (1126) and tenth place went to Chris Coulthard & Danny Bartell (2284). Robert Knott & Geoff Emmins were the quickest class 4 with Jason & Marree Telford (540) taking the honours for fastest class 5. Ross & Frank Nicastrri (809) were the quickest in class 8 in the Australian Safari car. Geoff Pickering & Glen Watson (701) were the fastest in class 7.

Greg Gartner & Jamie Jennings (401) had a massive endo and several rolls about 500 metres from the finish of the prologue. Unfortunately the car ended up with major damage and Greg was flown to hospital in Toowoomba with a fractured knee. Jamie sustained a "dented bone" in his leg but was released from hospital late in the day. Every

one wishes them a speedy recovery. Terry Rose (111) withdrew from the event on Friday night with ongoing overheating problems with his new car.

Another to withdraw on Friday was David Fellows (1111) who after travelling all the way from Alice Springs discovered a cracked engine block leaking oil. Brian Robinson (184) did not start due to problems discovered in testing late on Friday.

42km track. Shannon & Ian Rentsch (133) had a 1m46s lead over Mark Burrows and Colin Hodge at the completion of the 3 laps. Next in third place was Shannon Irvin & Steven Graham (257) with Neville & Clayton Taylor (104) in fourth. Chris Coulthard & Danny Bartell (2284) were fifth and fellow Northern Territorians Danny Auright & Brian Shearn (108) sixth. Shane Cottee (920) put in a consistent drive to be seventh. Bruce Chapman & Gary Weatherly (143) were eighth with Brad Prout (925) ninth and Joe Bulmer & Scott Coleman (1126) tenth. Graeme Julius & Carolene Dale (316) are leading class 3 with Robert Knott & Geoff Emmins (408) leading class 4. Jason & Marree Telford (540) are the quickest class 5.

Geoff Pickering & Glen Watson (701) are leading class 7 and Colin Hunter & Bronwyn Humphroy are the quickest class 8 car to complete all three laps. Glen Owen (123) were doing well until lap three when they failed to finish. Jaakko Kylma (907) broke on lap 1 as did Peter Champion (415).



Brian and Peter in 'Control'

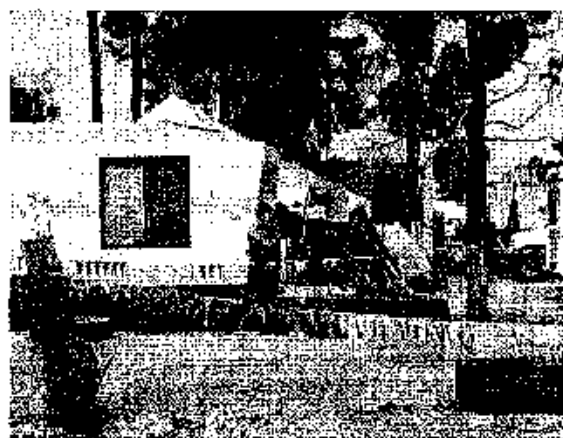
Murray & Shane Rogers (411) were out at about the 20km point of the first lap when they had a fire which took several extinguishers to put out but not before it damaged a substantial part of their vehicle.

Forty cars finished section one and will line up for section 2, 3 more laps, at 9:00am tomorrow which will be followed by Section 3 a further three laps. Can Shannon Rentsch stave off a hard charging Mark Burrows for the AORC title, only time will tell tomorrow.

Sunday, 17th October 2004: The outright win of the Border Tyres BF Goodrich Tyres Goondiwindi 400 by **Shannon and Ian Rentsch (133)** today gave them enough points to win the 2004 Australian Off Road Racing Championship title. They are also the class 1 Champions. Today's win was Shannon's first outright victory in a major event.

Shannon who is 22 years old, is possible the youngest Australian off road Champion to date. The quietly spoken Shannon along with his Dad Ian were ecstatic with their double headed result today. Their home town of Warrnambool will be celebrating the victory when they return.

The outgoing Australian Off Road Champion Mark Burrows was one of the first to congratulate Shannon and said "it is great to see the young ones taking it up to the oldies". Chris Coulthard's win of class 2 today gives him enough points to be class 2 champion for 2004. Peter Barnes although he did not compete at the Border Tyres BF Goodrich Tyres 400 is the class 3 champion having gained enough points prior to this event. The class 4 championship result was a close one with Robert Knott taking the title for 2004.



Headquarters

Marie and Jason Telford with their win today are the champions in class 5. Gooff Pickering and Glenn Watson have added another class 7 championship to their trophy cabinet. The Class 8 champions for 2004 are Colin Hunter and Bronwyn Humphries 808). Trevor Copeland (917) gained enough points today to give him the class 9 championship title.

In closing I would like to thank all those who helped with the running of the event. Again the weather and track condition proved to be a great challenge to both competitors and officials.

In particular I would like to thank Joe Bulmer, Tony Basington, Ken Bailey and Gary Turner and the crew from Goondiwindi for all the work in setting up the course and their efforts over the weekend.

Big thanks to all the helpers who made it all happen - Chris Waters and the scrutineering team, Peter Whalley and Wayne Coleman and the recovery teams, Brian Everitt and the Monitor Point Crews and Moss lane and his starting crew, Fred Berge and Pat Murray and those BSCC members who assisted.

The Mackays put in a mountain of work, not only helping setup the pit area on Friday but filling in with the paperwork at scrutineering and doing the scoring. They fronted up again on Monday to help clean up. A big thank you.

Overall, despite the conditions, the event ran very well with the competitors making the best of the racing conditions. Well done everybody.



The (very dusty) Hill



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Car No	Pos	Driver/Co-Driver	Vehicle	SCRC Gem		Classic	Reason for Retirement	SS1 Bronzeback I	SS2 Spoonstick I	SS3 Spoonstick I	SS4 Spoonstick I	SS5 Bronzeback III	SS6 Ligase III	Tot Pen	TOTAL
				Cls	Co-D										
1	2	George Shephard, Stephen O'Brien-Pounce	2000 Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 6	R5				0:00	9:53	6:37	9:37	6:32	9:41	0:00	0:42:20
2		Bruce Fullerton, Hugh Reardon-Smith	1988 Subaru Imprezza	R5		x	Gearbox	0:00	10:13	6:41	10:06	6:50	9:54	0:00	0:43:44
3	5	Wayne Johnston, Nancy D'Arcy	1972 Datsun 1600	R3		x		0:00	9:57	6:52	9:35	6:44	9:39	0:00	0:42:47
4	4	Dave Gaines, Nikki Doyle	1975 Datsun 240K GT	R4				0:00	9:48	6:37	9:37	6:34	9:36	0:00	0:42:12
5	1	Ian Menzies, Bob McGowan	1987 Ford Falcon XR8	R4				0:00	9:52	6:39	9:42	6:42	9:41	0:00	0:42:36
6	3	Peter Menzies, Anja Rodenbroker	1996 Ford Falcon XR 8	R4				0:00	10:09	6:54	9:49	7:00	9:53	0:00	0:43:45
7	6	Ralph French, Fred Schotte	1996 Subaru Imprezza	R5				0:00	10:16	7:28	10:07	7:09	10:02	0:00	0:45:02
8	8	Bernhard Graf, Larisa Skyring	1998 Mitsubishi Evo 5	R5				0:00	10:26	7:11	10:06	7:02	10:02	0:00	0:44:47
9		Craig Mole, Mark Neary	Datsun Stanza	R4		x	W/D	0:00	17:19	7:07	9:57	6:53	9:56	0:00	0:51:12
10	7	Michael Guest, Neill Woolley	1978 Toyota Corolla Coupe	R2		x		0:00	11:00	7:36	10:59	7:30	10:50	0:00	0:47:55
11	22	Craig Aggio, Therese Feldman	1985 Toyota Supra Coupe	R4		x		0:00	10:37	7:20	10:31	7:18	10:37	0:00	0:46:55
12	19	Ken Sarway, Andy De Francis	1980 Nissan Stanza	R3		x		0:00	10:42	7:26	10:52	7:04	10:13	0:00	0:45:14
13		Ken Stephen, Chris Michel	1971 Datsun 1600	R2		x	Steering	0:00	10:27	7:19	10:11	7:04	10:13	0:00	0:45:14
14	15	Trent Dutton, John McCarthy	1975 Holden Gemini	R2		x		0:00	10:18	7:13	10:21	7:19	11:34	0:00	0:46:45
15	9	Gary Stacey, Tony Blackshaw	1980 Datsun Sunny	R2		x		0:00	10:57	7:30	26:29	13:53	12:01	0:00	1:10:50
16		Simon Campbell, Andrew Lenton	1972 Datsun 1600	R3				0:00	11:09	7:32	10:57	7:22	10:53	0:00	0:47:53
17	13	Rob Dixon, Debbie Dillon	1971 Toyota Corolla Coupe	R1				0:00	10:37	7:39	10:39	7:25	10:43	0:00	0:47:03
18	25	Harry Doling, Tim Gepp	1979 Datsun Stanza	R3				0:00	10:21	7:16	11:04	7:05	10:05	0:00	0:45:51
19	18	John Padley, Peter Cowlishaw	1986 Toyota Corolla	R2		x		0:00	10:47	7:28	10:44	7:17	10:37	0:00	0:46:53
20	16	Max Irvine-Brown, Thomas Irvine-Brown	1976 Ford Escort Coupe	R3		x		0:00	10:49	7:44	10:26	7:17	10:27	0:00	0:46:43
21	10	Brian Falloon, Linley Macleod	1969 Triumph 2.5 PI MK 1	R4		x		0:00	10:35	7:22	10:38	7:19	10:41	0:00	0:46:35
22	14	Wayne Daniels, Wes Mortenson	1978 Holden Gemini TX	R2		x		0:00	11:05	7:47	10:53	7:36	11:01	0:00	0:48:24
23	12	Erik Johnsson, Catriona Kelly	1976 Holden Gemini	R2		x		0:00	11:10					0:00	
24	11	Ross Cox, Mark Malpas	1982 Holden Gemini	R3		x	Battery	0:00	10:40	8:43	10:42	7:30	10:46	0:00	0:48:21
25	21	Darren Jones, Greg Bankin	1977 Datsun 240 K	R4		x		0:00	10:53	7:40	10:51	7:32	10:55	0:00	0:47:51
26		Nathaniel Dillon, Graeme Ofter	1976 Holden Gemini	R2		x		0:00	11:03	7:48	10:49			0:00	
27	20	Craig Newell, Linda Newell	1980 Holden Gemini	R2		x		0:00	12:54	8:48	12:29	8:45	12:33	0:00	0:55:29
28	17	Melinda Both, Tracey Butler	1971 Datsun 1600	R3		x		0:00	11:54	8:08	11:32	8:15	11:44	0:00	0:51:33
29		Gideon Street, Daniel Grisinger	1979 Holden Gemini	R2		x									
30	24	Mark Joyce, Matthew Daniels	1983 Holden Gemini	R2		x									
31	23	Brad Hurford, Andrew Crawford	1982 Holden Gemini	R2		x									



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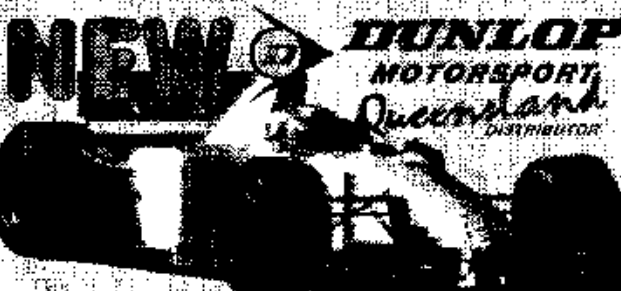
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Nominations close at the end of the November 2004 State Council Meeting.

Appointments are scheduled to be made at the December 2004 State Council Meeting.

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Palmerston Advisory Panel of Nominations Form 2004

Race Time Is Relative to...?

Another KCF series has come and gone and much like the year, all too quickly. Again, hats off to all involved and keep it up – it's a great event. We had a hoot and I think I can say, I'm finally getting the hang of it (slow learner) and the last event would have to be one of the most relaxing and enjoyable events I've done yet. In fact I was so relaxed I had time to take in some of the forest scenery and spend some time pondering the theory's of the universe. [Humm... a nice way to run a race although I think Simon was carrying the whole relaxation thing a bit far when he neglected to turn the key and make that noisy thing at the front go broocom at the start of one of the competitive sections. I was wondering, for a moment, if he expected me to get out and push. Auhh! Drivers!

I have to say that the officials do a great job and when you look at the logistics of the whole thing from 'beginning to go,' it's incredible that it all comes together and usually without a hitch. We have some dedicated club members that have fantastic organisational skills. Yaaaay for them!

The day seemed to go so quickly and it got me thinking, what is race time relative to. Yeah, yeah... I know it's eastern standard time and all that stuff but why does it go so fast when your racing or panicking about something like a flat tyre or at what point in time the driver might actually be thinking about starting the car at the start line, but when your watching the clock with a minute to go it feels like an eternity. Well in between Simons regular ritual territorial race weekend tree marking sessions and my moments of forest gazing and high speed nature watching, I began to theorise the possible anomalies. I figured school kids have been pondering this for years during History and other mundane classes so that got me thinking about Einstein's theories of time and relativity. Einstein believed that if you could travel away from an object at the speed of light then time would stand still. I do in fact question this theory based on the principle that this would actually half the time in relation to what you are travelling toward. Being that every action has an equal and opposite reaction if you were travelling away from something you would have to also be travelling toward something but never the less it seemed a good basis to ground my theorising on and hey, what else is there to do in the middle of a race.

I figured that if we were to compete on a section that was perfectly straight with a length of 288 000 Km (with a couple of jumps thrown in just so we could prove the 'what goes up must come down' theory) we could in fact complete a section with a time of 0.00 (I think). I explored this further, as you do! We would have to be travelling at a leisurely speed of around 288 000 Km per second. Not a big ask although this might be a problem for us as the Dato's speed is in miles per hour. Of course we would need to take into account the Earth's rotational speed of around 1000 miles per hour and the latitudinal and curvature issues associated with a sphere, and not to forget the resistive properties of wind and surface area, but this is all too hard for my pea brain so I'll round up or down to the nearest, most convenient figure or convincing argument. Now if we travelled East we would have to decrease our speed to account for the Earth's rotation. And naturally if we travelled West, the speed would have to increase proportionally to account for the same. If we were travelling away from the time control, the time on the clock would effectively stand still. Here is the problem. If we were also looking at the finish control through special super dooper binoculars, the light reflecting off the clock would not have reached us yet so we would in fact be seeing a previous time that no longer exists. Ahhh! So here is my theory. The reflected image of the clock is actually travelling toward us at the speed of light and we are travelling toward it at the speed of light then by the time we reach it, it would take half as long. This may even give us a time less than 0.00. Of course this is made impossible by the fact that, according to Einstein, we need to be looking at the object we are travelling away from to get the full value of the exercise, and those race seats make it so hard to look out the back window.

So if our competitive stages are mainly running in an Easterly direction, which they must all be according to my theory, it would make sense that time would speed up. And that would explain why it takes so long to watch a clock, because they must all be facing the west which places the reflective light in a parallax with the rotational direction of the Earth which in turn causes the reflected image to take longer to reach you.

Hmmm. I decided to test this theory after the race using the following formula.

where o = outcome

$$o = \frac{x + a}{(w) \text{ or } (e)} = (js + a + x) = (x - a \cdot js) \text{ through the power of } (r), (f) \text{ \& } (d)$$

where h = home

$$h = (a + x) + (r + f + d) \text{ hopefully without carrying the } x$$

$$x + a = 0.05\% \text{ (rounded)}$$

$$= \text{reduction in travel time } \times \text{ actual travel to } h$$

$$= (r + f + d) \times \text{ extended trip}$$

$$o = x \times 2 \text{ find own way home next time}$$

Let me explain. I placed Myself (x) at the entrance to the Jimna Sports Club (js). I then consumed alcohol (a), firstly facing West (w), then facing East (e). Stage one of the experiment was undoubtedly conclusive. Being that (a) was consumed much faster late in the experiment when I shifted direction (w) to direction (e) mainly because by this stage I needed to lean on location (js). The second stage of the experiment was somewhat inconclusive. During the trip home with Ralph (r), Fred (f) and Don (d) that evening, (x) concluded that the

trip, which was predominantly Eastward, took no time at all and that all the jokes told by (x) for the full duration of the trip were hilariously funny as they always are to (x) after too much (a). (r), (f) and (d) were divided in their deductions but generally decided that the trip took longer than they would have liked it to.

So there you go. How all this is relevant... I have no idea but I may consider cutting back on my daily coffee intake.

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Iain Stewart's Co-Drivers and Pace Note school will be held over two nights on Wednesday 1st and 8th December here at the club rooms. The evenings commence at 7.30pm and bookings can be made by contacting Sheridan at the office.

Keep Sunday 12th December open for planning is under way for the Family Fun Day!

Friday 17th December, Christmas Drinks at the Clubrooms.

And then we begin 2005 with our Motor Show Display, Touring Assembly and also a Come and Try event!

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