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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BRISBANE SPORTING CAR CLUB

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Coates Rally Queensland 2008



The
highs ...



And the
lows ...

coates Rally Queensland 2008

Well, as they say in the classics, the event has been run and won, and congratulations to the winners:

ARC – Neil Bates & Coral Taylor

QRC – Ryan and Rebecca Smart

All Comers – Dave Gaines & Nikki Doyle

Classics – John Hills & Mike Tuckey

Commiserations to Simon & Sue Evans, and Keith Fackrell & Cate Kelly on their accidents which required periods of hospitalisation, and I'm pleased to report all are doing well and are on their way to full recovery.

My thanks to the hundreds of members of the BSCC's "Orange Army" who made the event happen "on the day", and my very special thanks to the members of the Organising Team who put in countless hours planning what is being hailed as the best Rally Q ever – you all make me very proud to be The Bargwhan (aka leader of the Orange People) and I salute you all for a job very well done.

I think we got the Pacific Ford Shootout just about right, and considering the very severe storm we experienced just as the cars were actually arriving at the track, everyone concerned did a magnificent job in putting on a great spectacle in very trying circumstances – unfortunately the weather affected spectator attendance, but those who came witnessed some very high speed skilful driving by Australia's best.

I'm sure others will report on their individual experiences of the event, but I wanted to share with you a report we received from Coral Taylor, a friend to us all, and (originally) a fellow Queenslander whose post event analysis is reprinted below

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Dear Errol ,

Just wanted to say a big thank you from Team TRD for a really great rally. Ber asked what was 'The Good, The Bad and The Ugly'? Well, it's all good, and definitely no bad and no ugly. The 2008 Coates Rally Queensland was a very demanding, technical and tricky rally for competitors but at the same time it is one of the most enjoyable.

The coates Rally Queensland Team put on an outstanding event. Todd Connolly from Toyota Australia also made comments to me of the high standard of the event's organization.

.Particular thanks to:

* Errol & your organising committee - for so many things and being so accommodating to our Team's various requests.

* Ber – you are always enthusiastic, efficient, helpful and smiling (even when stressed). Now if you could just find someone to delegate the Presentation Dinner to - you could knock off earlier on Sunday night!

* The Grey Nomads – For the most professionally run test day of the year.

* The CRO's – Andrew, Trevor & Martin, - more than just CRO's – extra ordinary service with a smile, and responsible for many small things that had big impacts on the team over the weekend. Andrew thanks for "checking" that we didn't need anything every time we arrived at service. And for pre-organising our parking spot in parc ferme with extra room and lighting to change the windscreen without us asking for anything.

* Chris Nixon - thanks for the great PR & Media support.

* The event Officials - thanks not only for the various roles you played during the event, but also for your friendship and the happy atmosphere that you created during the rally.

Errol, you and I have talked many times about being involved in this sport because of the people. It is very true and you have a great team. There seemed to be something "extra" this year at the rally. Can't put my finger on it exactly, but people went out of their way to do things, and often not as a result of a request, but rather they pre-empted needs. The parc ferme windscreen episode is just one example. While waiting for documentation to open on Wednesday, I watched as Ber briefed the documentation officials and thanked them for their efforts. It bought them together as a group with genuine thanks for the work done to that point and provided a focus on the event that was about to begin. I thought it was a really nice touch, to show appreciation to them before opening the doors and letting us all rush in.

So once again, thanks for welcoming us to the Sunshine State and putting together a great event that was enjoyed by all.

Kind regards

Coral Taylor

On behalf of all Team Members at Team TRD

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Thanks again to all concerned, and let's look forward to 2009 when I hope we'll do it all again.

Kind regards

Errol

Club Update

- Imbil Showground spruce up Saturday 9th August: The Club has offered to help the Show Society paint the show ring fence before their show in August and we are looking for volunteers to help in this activity on 9th August. The township of Imbil support our events very strongly so this is an opportunity to help them. Some industrial standard spray equipment will be supplied for use. Competitors wishing to validate series points can use this activity for validation purpose.
- Upcoming Events: Philcomm Rally Jimna is on Saturday 2nd August and Control officials and road blocks are required for the next round of the QRC, Clubman, Gemini, Pocket Rocket and Excel series at it's new venue Jimna.
- Allstar Tuning Systems Queensland Challenge TRE is on again Saturday 30th August. Entry forms due out soon and passage control and test officials will be needed.
- QMC Motorkhana Sunday 21st September is being run again at Beenleigh Multisports centre carpark, same venue as last year. This is a round of the Queensland Motorkhana Championship and was a great event last year.
- Cooloola QRC and Clubman is now due to run on Saturday 8th November moving forward 1 week.
- KCFRallysport Short Course Rally round 3 on 6th December.
- Goodyear Autocare Sumner Park Rally 6th December at Gallangowan. Event news can be found on exciting new website www.gallangowan.com.au

Fulcrum Suspensions Coastal Challenge 2008 Results

Car No	Driver	Co-Driver	Cst Chal Class	Fri-day			Position			
				Drive r	Nav	To-tal	Out-right	Clas s	Dri ver	Nav
3	MICHAEL MCMILLAN	CAMERON REEVES	4	460	0	460	1	1	1	=1
13	JONATHAN MCCOWAN	SIMON GROUNDS	4	468	4	472	2	2	2	5
8	JEFF ROWSE	BETH O'DONNELL	3	483	0	483	3	1	3	=1
10	PETER STEINBACK	DAVID MITCHELL	3	484	0	484	4	2	4	=1
11	RICHARD CHASLING	JOHN KEEN	2	485	30	515	5	1	5	=6
6	BARRY HUNTINGTON	JUSTIN HUNTINGTON	4	516	0	516	6	3	11	=1
2	PETER LEPERD	ANDREW DERRY	3	493	31	524	7	3	6	10
1	ANDREW CROSLEY	TAE ROYLE	1	494	33	527	8	2	7	11
12	BRIAN KRIEGER	CLINT HARRY	2	503	30	533	9	3	8	=6
5	CHRIS HARBECK	CHARLES BLAKE	2	512	30	542	10	4	9	=6
4	JEREMY MURPHY	NICOLAS DAVIES	4	530	30	560	11	4	12	=6
9	TONY COX	TAMMY COX	4	515	66	581	12	5	10	12



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Fulcrum Suspension Coastal Challenge 2008

And its all over for another year. The 2008 Fulcrum Suspensions Coastal Challenge was run under perfect blue skies till the finish. It was back to a one day event this year, and entries were down a bit on last year but I think it was a very well run event and all competitors seemed to have a good time.



Starting at Boondall, competitors made it to Lakeside for 4 runs there. Competitors certainly looked pleased to get an extra run at Lakeside, before embarking on a long navigational stage through Mt Mee and Wamuran before a couple of grass khans at Glasshouse mountains. Lunch was a welcome break, before another navigational stage to Caloundra for a couple of runs at Corbould Park. From here, it was a short stage to the finish at Big Pineapple where the crews got in just before the skies opened and pelted lots of rain. Most competitors then enjoyed the hospitality of the "soon to be dubbed" Fulcrum Grandstand at the Nambour Showgrounds to view the ARC action.

Outright winners go to Mick McMillan and Cameron Reeves in the Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 9. They drove and navigated very well, winning both the drivers and navigator's sections.

Second place went to the ever present crew of Jonathan McCowan/Simon Grounds in their Subaru WRX, with the podium completed by Jeff Rowse/Beth O'Donnell in the little Mazda MX5. Driving tests second and third were also Jonathan and Jeff respectively.

Third, fourth and fifth were separated by one point apiece, demonstrating the closeness of the competition.

The navigation section was extremely hotly contested, with 4 crews in a tie for first. Cameron Reeves, Beth O'Donnell, David Mitchell and Justin Huntington all clean sheeted the event.

BSCC would like to thank the event sponsor, **Fulcrum Suspensions** (Moorooka, Stafford and Capalaba) for their 8 years of support for this event. Should you need any suspension parts, maintenance, or advice, do not hesitate to contact Fulcrum Suspensions on (07) 3892 9000. We would though like to wish Barry Crew a speedy recovery.

In conclusion, an event like this cannot run on its own. Many thanks to the road crews, control teams, test officials and stewards who contributed to what was hopefully an enjoyable event for all. A special thank you goes to Elaine and Gary Reeves for letting us use their grass for tests as well as hosting a wonderful lunch in their spectacular grounds. This was truly a welcome rest break for all.

Sensational Smart Performance

Team Release

coates Rally Queensland saw a sensational performance from Ryan and Rebecca Smart in the Fullerton Financial Services Evo 6.

The Smart's were entering only their second ARC event in a 4WD car, following on from a strong performance in Canberra. This time they met every goal they could have set.

In Heat 1 they finished a strong 8th outright, 2nd Premier League and 2nd in the QRC having overcome an overheating issue that necessitated a radiator change in the short service, and an eye on the temperature gauge all day.

“After the first forest stage, Million LA, we found the fan had broken up causing a small hole in the radiator” said Ryan “so we had to take it easy on Kandanga Long to avoid engine damage”.

A change of radiator improved matters, but overheating was still an issue as the water pump was leaking fluid.

“Driving for the rest of the day with one eye on the temperature did slow me a bit” admitted Ryan, “but 8th outright was very satisfying”.

For Heat 2 the overheating was under enough control and the Smart's set about improving their stage times.

“We had our eye on Nathan Quinn today and at the last service we were only 7.9 seconds behind, so we had a go over the last 3 stages. This brought us 5th fastest on the penultimate stage, and 7th outright at the finish” said Ryan.

“We opened up the blocks on the Silverstone tyres and found some excellent grip with enough tread to get through the stage distances” explained Ryan “and it paid off with our best ever result. Alan Stean from Silverstone Tyres did a great job helping us out.”

In fact the Fullerton Financial Services Evo 6 finished the weekend winning the Premier League, the Queensland Championship round and Class P5 in both the QRC and ARC.

“Our focus was really the Queensland Championship” said Ryan “so to find ourselves leading the Premier League and lying second in P5 in the ARC is a bonus”.

Ryan and Rebecca Smart would like to thank their sponsors – Fullerton Financial Services, Silverstone Tyres, Alliance Airlines, Prime Haulage and Yandina Automotive Repairs – and their service crew for an excellent weekend.





KCF Rallysport Short Course Rally

Round 2 - 12 July 2008

Provisional Results By Car Number



Car No	Pos	Driver/Co-Driver	Vehicle	SCRC Cls	Gem D Co-D	Classic	Reason for Retirement	SS1 Hill 50 - 1	SS2 Cherry Ck 1	SS3 Hill 60 - 1,2	SS4 Cherry Ck 2	SS5 Hill 60 - 3	SS6 Cherry Ck 3	Tot Pen	TOTAL
1	1	Ryan Smart, Rebecca Smart	EVO 6	PN5				6:47	4:12	6:34	4:01	6:28	3:59	0:00	0:32:01
2	2	Matthew Van Tuinen, John McCarthy	Subaru Impreza	PN5				7:19	4:20	7:00	4:14	6:58	4:16	0:00	0:34:07
3	3	John Spencer, Steve Kippen	Datsun 1600	RRR3				7:27	4:29	7:04	4:27	7:01	4:24	0:00	0:34:52
4	9	Luke Page, Jason Hawley	Hyundai Excel	PN2				8:08	5:02	7:57	4:55	8:02	4:58	0:00	0:39:02
5		Glenn Mitchell, Tony Best	Escort	PN3		X	Mechanical Problems	7:53	4:48	7:34	5:09			0:00	
6	7	Chris Wedding, Wayne Jeffries	Datsun 1600	PN3				7:50	4:50	7:39	4:47	7:45	4:49	0:00	0:37:40
7	13	Nathaniel Dillon, Greg Bankin	Gemini	PN2	X X			8:25	5:15	8:22	5:10	8:18	5:10	0:00	0:40:40
8	5	Hugh Scott, Neill Woolley	Datsun 1600	PN3				7:30	4:46	7:17	4:31	7:17	4:33	0:00	0:35:54
9	4	Tim Erwin, David Parkinson	EVO 1	PN5				7:38	4:37	7:19	4:28	7:26	4:28	0:00	0:35:56
10	6	Cameron Sluce, Arnold Sluce	Subaru Impreza	PN5				7:45	4:46	7:24	4:25	7:12	4:26	0:00	0:35:58
11	10	Tim Dillon, Adrian Dillon	Gemini	PN2	X X			8:18	5:06	8:04	4:57	7:58	5:01	0:00	0:39:24
12	12	Gideon Street, Daniel Grisinger	Peugeot 306	PN3				8:24	5:13	8:14	5:09	8:11	5:14	0:00	0:40:25
13		David Scharf, Andrew Crossley	VW Beetle	HC		X	3rd Gear Gone	8:59						0:00	
14	15	Matthew Harrison, Simon Lake	Mazda 323	PN6				8:40	5:14	8:24	5:37	8:23	5:11	0:00	0:41:29
15	8	Greg Latham, Nathan Long	Hyundai Excel	PN2				8:18	4:51	7:43	4:46	7:39	4:41	0:00	0:37:58
16	16	Grant Brecknell, James McIntosh	Gemini	PN2	X X			8:57	5:36	8:43	5:25	8:38	5:21	0:00	0:42:40
17		Cliff Brecknell, Chris Ballinger	Gemini	PN2			Hit Tree								
18	14	Stephen Andrews, Caitlin Earley	Proton Satria	PN1				8:43	5:13	8:21	5:05	8:20	5:15	0:00	0:40:57
19	11	Matthew Linning, Craig Morrison	Escort	RRR3				8:40	5:09	8:04	4:58	8:04	5:00	0:00	0:39:55
20	18	Anthony Grace, Lorelle Tonna	Gemini	PN2	X			12:59	5:38	8:53	5:22	8:35	5:29	0:05	0:47:01
21	17	Linda Walk, Stephen Tonna	Subaru Impreza	RRR3				10:13	5:54	9:21	5:31	9:33	6:25	0:00	0:46:57

Imbil ARC Course Check

To be on time. Or not to be on time.

That is the question.

Several people went along for a course check of the course with the clerk of course of course for Junes coates Rally Queensland. Those responsible shall remain nameless, tho the square bear from Bundaberg knows ALL!

We travel the course in several vehicles checking the set up book, ensure road book instructions add up, check tulips are correct, working out recce schedules, sorting SOS locations, sussing out the command centre, lurching at the Rattler, checking distances, translating Oz rally speak for our token kiwi official, looking for side tracks and forest access points, drinking wine at the bowls club with some 'local' members, seeing where the control room will be, doing set up notes for Lester's Loop, sorting where stage controls are located, working out how many kilometres of bunting, checking how many water barriers..... and all the hundreds of other small details that make up an ARC rally!

Here is some of what happened. Just think hokey pokey as you read it! Or Kylie Minogues Do the Locomotion

Lester's Loop is here!

Lester's Loop is where?

Start Control is here

Turn left over there

'round the tree over here to the stop point over there

That's what Lester's Loop is all about.

Milion LA is next

Got the hand brake on

Got the hand brake off

No road changes over here

But timber cutters have been there

Matt VTs tree is no where, Kandanga is next!

That's what the course checks about!

Chorus like bit:

It's the saaaaammme as last year!

It's the SSSSaaaammme as last year!

ITTTTTTTS THE SAME as last year!

What a fun stage Kandanga is!

Western is the next, so we start the stage

Can't do it in full as the gun club is engaged

but for coates rally Q, they are bound to come and watch

so we do another stage up over some hills

That's what the course checks about!

Another Chorus like bit:

Next stage, we do more checking, Next stage, we do more checking

there's a track on the left then a track on the right

another track on the left then we do a hard right

bunt all over the grid then 150, NO 120 better fix that bit, to jump

That's what the course checks about.

Chorus like bit coming up

Put the rum in the glass

put the rum to your mouth

Brian tells a bad joke as there's laughter all around

We go to Imbil Bowls were the square bears abound

That's what a course checks about!!

Next day we do more checking, Next day we do more checking

there's more tracks on the left then more tracks on the right.

bunt all over the grid then 150, NO 120 better fix that bit, to jump

That's what the course checks about.

So, it all sounds like a bit of a yahoo. And it was.

After all, if you can't enjoy putting a complex event together, why would you???

Brought to you by the Square Bear and the Green Hornet!

Rally Queensland

Thanks & Apologies to Officials

Ian Menzies & Bob McGowan, crew of Car 30 Falcon XR8, would like to thank all the officials of coates Rally Queensland for doing a great job throughout the event weekend. As some of you would know we had major mechanical difficulties during both Heats, including locked brakes, no clutch and no gear shift and a failed alternator, among several other things, which finally resulting in us exceeding our Late Time Limit at the finish.

We take great pride in putting in the best possible performance for the premier Queensland rally, and the frustrations that began early on Saturday spilled over into some inappropriate behaviour at two Time Controls and a Finish Control. We sincerely apologise for any offence caused by these actions and continue to respect and appreciate the effort and commitment shown by the event officials.

We would also like to thank all the officials and the recovery crew that helped us through our difficulties and enabled us to re-start (twice!), particularly those at the radio points 5km into Million LA and about halfway through Phat Lady who assisted us greatly during the event.

Yours very sincerely

Ian Menzies & Bob McGowan



Twin Cities Autosports Club Inc.

The 2009 Mt. Stuart Sprint Tarmac Rally will be held over two days in Townsville on the Queens Birthday long weekend, 6th-7th June 2009.

- The Tarmac Rally course up the mountain will be the same as previous years
- Mandatory Reconnaissance of the course along with Shakedown and Stages 1-2 Saturday 6th June and Stages 3-8 Sunday 7th June
- Entries are open to Drivers and Navigators who are members of CAMS affiliated clubs and who hold a CAMS National Rally Licence.
- Only Road registered Rally cars (with CAMS Log Book) complying with Tarmac Rally Regulations and CAMS Manual of Motor Sport will be eligible.
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August 13th

September 10th

October 8th

November 12th

December 10th

KCF Short Course Rallies

December 6th Round 3 Gallangowan

Rallies

* August 2nd Jimna – Philcomm QRC & Clubman.

* November 8th Cooloola - QRC & Clubman.

* December 6th –Gallangowan- Goodyear Autocare Sumner Park Rally Clubman.

Touring Events

* August 30th - Queensland Challenge, round of Interclub Challenge.

Motorkhana

September 21st - Queensland Motorkhana Series, Beenleigh.

Off Road Event

October 18-19th - Albins Off Road - Goondiwindi



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TECHNICAL BULLETIN**OFF ROAD – FORWARD FACING HEADLIGHTS****REFERENCE:**

CAMS Online Manual of Motor Sport, General Requirements for Off Road Vehicles:

See: [www.camsmanual.com.au/pdf/offroad/1205_Off_Road_General_Requirements_\(GR\)_Q208.pdf](http://www.camsmanual.com.au/pdf/offroad/1205_Off_Road_General_Requirements_(GR)_Q208.pdf)

RATIONALE:

This amendment to the General Requirements for Off Road Vehicles has been adopted by the Australian Off Road Commission as a safety precaution for Off Road competitors in low visibility conditions.

AUTHORITY:

This regulation was approved by the Australian Off Road Commission at its meeting on 1st March 2008.

ACTION:

Taking effect from 1st August 2008, amend Article GR 24, General Requirements for Off Road Vehicles as follows:

GR 24 LIGHTING

All vehicles must be fitted with at least one rearward facing red stop lamp, of at least 21 Watts power. It is an offence to control the operation of the lamp other than by the foot brake.

Vehicles must also be fitted with at least one rearward facing amber lamp, of at least 18 Watts power and wired so that it operates at all times when the main power is switched on. No other switch is permitted. Both lamps must be equipped with a bayonet-fitting globe, a sealed beam or Light Emitting Diode (LED). If LED dust and stop lamps are used, they must comply with ADR 6 and ADR 49 respectively. Both lamps must be fitted with a lens of at least 60cm² area. They must be mounted separately from any other rearward facing lamps, and be not lower than 200mm below the highest point of the vehicle, disregarding aerials, roof fin, number plate etc.

A penalty of exclusion shall apply for any action which inhibits the operation of any rearward facing lamp whilst the ignition is on, in addition to any other penalty which may be imposed by the Stewards of the Meeting.

The use of at least one headlamp will facilitate overtaking in dusty conditions.

Each vehicle must have a minimum of two white, minimum 50 watt (or equivalent LED), forward facing headlights fitted which are able to be operated, at all times whilst competing in an off road event. The Clerk of Course may request that headlights be switched on at the event crew briefing or via event supplementary or further regulations.



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Early Finish For GSA At Home Event

Team Release

The GSA team of Steve Shephard and Tom Smith in their Mitsubishi Evo VI Lancer suffered an unfortunate early finish to their weekend at coates Rally Queensland.

After a competitive run in the prior round in Canberra during early May, the 2007 QRC-winners were confident of continuing their season on home turf, where for the last few seasons they have performed very well. At the shakedown on Friday at the Maroochy Showgrounds, the team were fifth fastest in the company of the ARC factory cars and leading big-budget privateers.

The first stage over the demanding Million LA, tucked away in the bush behind the Kandanga township, netted them eighth fastest – an effort repeated on the legendary 'Kandanga Long' stage, certainly one of the best roads in the championship series. "It just doesn't seem to be pulling as hard as it should in the top end," reported the driver, complaining of a lack of outright speed.

After the short Lester's Loop spectator stage and following service, the crew headed out to contest the first of the stages in the traditional Imbil forestry.

Two-thirds of the way down the longest straight in the event, a fluttering engine caused them to bring the car to a gradual halt on the side of the road, where it remained safely parked for the rest of the stage.

With the car safely strapped onto the service truck, the weekend's rallying was called off.

Ironically, while waiting in the service park at Imbil the team was able to offer a range of assistance to a number of crews, providing spare parts and manpower to keep a number of other teams in the event for the second heat.

An inspection at the GSA workshop has revealed that a fuel pump supply rate problem at high engine revs has caused a piston failure.

The GSA/Oztec car will now be prepared for the next round in South Australia on 26/27 July.

Tailpiece

