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Giru pair beat Brock

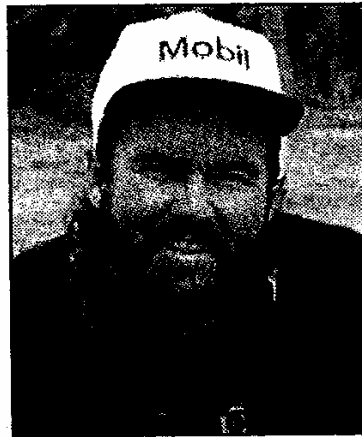
By **BRETT
McKEEHAN**

GIRU rally driver Paul McCubben can now honestly boast he has beaten driving legend Peter Brock, even if it was by default.

McCubben and navigator George Ellsley recently returned home from the Targa Tasmania rally series, where the pair finished fifth in the 1972-1976 category – well ahead of Brock.

The team, driving a 1974 XB Falcon hardtop, gained the placing in only their first attempt.

Brock was competing in the same category as the Giru contingent and was actually coming first in the category for much of the 2000km, 44-stage rally until a crash on the final day ended his campaign.



Paul McCubben

“We (McCubben and Ellsley) were coming sixth for most of the race until Peter crashed on the last day,” McCubben said yesterday.

“He was coming first at the time and when he couldn’t continue we got bumped up into fifth place. It’s not the best way to beat someone like Peter Brock, but a result is a result.”

The team came 73rd overall from a field of 240 after a handicap, which made allowances for car size and power, was weighted.

Without a handicap McCubben said he would have finished “somewhere in the top 40”.

They also claimed a prestigious Targa Trophy, which translated to finishing the rally unscathed. The trophy was quite an accomplishment considering they had no service crew of any sort.

“We were about the only team without a service crew – we had to do all our own maintenance,” McCubben said.

“We had to drive as fast as we could but at the same time as conservatively as we could. It was hard, but we’re very happy with the result.”

A piece of nostalgia from 10years ago.

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MAGAZINE SUBMISSIONS:

Anyone wishing to submit Articles, Information, For Sales, etc. for the next magazine please call me or send the article. Closing deadline for magazine is the Thursday following meetings.

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I am open to suggestions for articles in the magazine eg. Tech Tips, News and Views, etc. so don't be shy. A club magazine is the lifeblood of a club; it informs members, sponsors (I hope you give the people that support you a copy) and keeps the interest up. So if you have something to say, say it in the magazine so ALL members get to know about it.

Any club members that wish to promote their business please contact me with regards to magazine opportunities. The views and opinions expressed in this magazine are those of the author's and editors and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Townsville City Autosports Club Inc.

Editor's Editorial

Well looks like I have been voted in to do Wheelspin for another 12mths...good to know you all like the job I am doing...or is that just no other sucker wants this job?? Anyway on with the task at hand.

A small note regarding the previous "printed" copy of the newsletter. The printer decided it didn't like the wet weather and I have only recently got it back from the repair shop. Hopefully this rain will stay away so we can get some racing in and my printer won't throw a hissy fit on me again.

Wade (Swadey) Hickey

Presidents Perspective

Come on Greg...first magazine for the new board year and no report...tisk tisk

Chronicles of the Club Captain

As Kristy is a first timer to the club committee I'll give her a chance to get her bearings before I hound her for a report...

Some Bumper Stickers

In just two days from now,
tomorrow will be yesterday.

Red meat is not bad for you
Fuzzy green meat is bad for you.

FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS!
Except that one where you're naked in church.

In Memoriam

With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at the moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person, which almost went unnoticed last week. Larry LaPrise, the man who wrote "The Hokey Pokey", died peacefully at age 93. The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in. And then the trouble started.

Secretary's Story

Meeting: 09th March 2009
11 Jackson St, Garbutt
Meeting Opened: 7.25pm

Present: Gary Hickey, Wendy Hickey, Leif Hickey, Wade Hickey, Ron White, Deb Melrose, Greg Wright, Grant Cooper, Kristy Baldey, Greg Fitzgerald, Sam Woodger, Geoff Nicol, Stephen Nicol, Kerry Cobbing, John Womersley, Aidan Kayrooz, Peter Trezona, Nathan Mullins, Lindsay Stone, Kayleen Stone, Greg Van Dinter, Ryan McKenzie, Kim Gething, Marc Fisher, Daniel Chambers, Nikki Mauger, Travis Mauger.

Apologies: Ken Long.

Secretaries Report:

- Minutes read from last meeting.

Treasurers Report:

- Financials handed out for viewing.
- Affiliation has been paid for the 2009 year.
- Currently sourcing as to whether we can use cheques named as Twin Cities as well as Townsville City for a period of time. Will let club know at next meeting.

Club Captain:

- Nothing to report.

Editor:

- There has been a printer malfunction and could not send out hard copy newsletter for February. This newsletter will be sent out with the March edition to save the club two posting fees in close proximity.

Publicity:

- There has been a number of articles published, including an article in the Tarmac Magazine regarding the Mt Stuart Tarmac Rally 2008.

Social:

- NA.

Motion:

- o TCAC to accept reports. Seconded: Lindsay Stone. Passed.

President:

- Nothing to report.

General Business:

- Discussion as to what is happening with pit area at Mt Stuart, in regards to levelling.
- Kerry: Hillclimb on 29th. There is a working bee the weekend before. The majority will hopefully be mowed by the council contractor. Major work is required so as many hands as possible is appreciated. There is also work to be done at the container. Discussion held as to the extent of work required.
- Ron: WICEN has asked that when an event is run up the hill if they can run a raffle. No objections were voiced so Ron will give the approval for them to conduct the raffle.
- Ron: Raised whether a small portable PA system is a worthwhile investment for the club. Discussion held. Gary to follow up with an interested person who has inquired about commentary previously.
- Details discussed about Club Chief Module being presented on 4th April. For more information visit the CAMS website or contact Ron White.
- Possible training modules to be run on other dates were briefly discussed by Ron. Still waiting on CAMS for further details.
- Dates for events for the year were discussed.
- Discussion was held regarding Targeted Scrutineering and whether this can be used for club events.
- Discussion held regarding the clash of dates for the Khanacross Series and the Tarmac Rally.
- Rydges Rally is very close to being cancelled before entries open due to lack of expressions of interest. If you have not expressed an interest and wish to run at this event, please call Gordon Fischer asap. For further details please contact Greg Wright.
- There are vacancies on a number of advisory panel positions which are open to all club members. For further information contact Greg Wright.
- Discussion held regarding motorkhana areas.
- Greg W – Brochure passed around regarding possible options for club shirts and briefly discussed.
- Kirknie Rally will not be on this year due to the weather.
- Sam was able to obtain eight (8) fire extinguishers for club use. The club thanked Sam and for their generous donation.
- Kerry put motion:
 - o TCAC to purchase kitty litter, 2 shovels, and 2 industrial brooms. Seconded: Greg Wright. Passed.
- Deb to investigate further about purchasing an air blower for use in oil spills.

Meeting Closed: 8.32pm.

Publicity Goes Public

The Townsville Bulletin ran a report on the first Hillclimb and a photo of Ken Houghton's Escort doing contortions around a corner in a Hillclimb plus the club name change. The latest AutoAction has a club name change and Hillclimb story and should have the Hillclimb in the Whats On this week section of the next AutoAction.

Reports and photos promoting the first Hillclimb, the Mt Stuart Sprint and club name change have been sent to the Cars Guide in the Courier Mail.

There is also a bit of International publicity with the Team HBR car in New Zealand sporting stickers with Townsville City Autosports Club Inc. and www.tcac.net.au on the back window.

Rallysport Magazine website has the Mt Stuart Sprint in the Tarmac News section.

For info on what is happening keep checking our website www.tcac.net.au

Gary

Mt Stuart Sprint 2009 Report

Approved supplementary regulations and entry form are now on our website www.tcac.net.au as well as a list of competitors who have replied that they intend to enter so have a look and see who your competition will be if you are thinking about entering.

Pickering Auto Group and Industrial Laser Cutting have committed sponsorship again and we welcome a new sponsor aboard Pacific Rim Technical Services

Current sponsors for the event are:-

Key Motors, Pickering Auto Group,

Thrifty car and truck rental, Pacific Rim Technical Services,

Fulcrum Suspension, Brakemart, Mr Rentals,

Kennards Hire, Mecure Accor Hotel, Battery World,
Industrial Laser Cutting, Townsville Engraving Worx

So remember without sponsors it makes it very hard to run events so support the people who support our club.

If you know of a business interested in coming on board email details through to me at hickeycabinets@westnet.com.au and I will follow it up.

Officials needed so if you can help please get in touch with Gary Hickey 0400 810 232 or Wendy Hickey 0418 254 401. It doesn't matter how much or little experience you have there are all sorts of tasks to do so I am sure we can find a position for you.

Keep a check on the website for updates as they come to hand on the Mt Stuart Sprint 6th & 7th June

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1993 Nissan NX-R

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1977 Leyland Mini Clubman LS

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998 motor bored out to 1030cc. ACL pistons, double row timing chain, *282* cam grind and balanced. 1.75 HS6 SU, Pulsar electronic distributor, Bosch GT40R coil, Gemini starter motor, electric fuel pump. 65A alternator, 9" thermo fan, re-coned radiator, auxiliary radiator, hi volume water pump. 1.215" Cooper inlet valves.. 1.062" O/size exhaust valves.. Cb4-8 Double valve springs. Ports have been open up to gasket size. Heaps done to this car and it is ready to drive away...

\$7500.00 Neg.

More info at <http://smokie.ws/minisale> or phone Jack 0419 178 169

Wanted

Extractors to suit Toyota 3t motor. Twin side draft webbers with or with out linkages and manifold to suit same

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What's On!

All dates listed below are subject to change.

Events:

Sunday 29th March 09 – Hillclimb Rd1

Sunday 17th May 09 – Hillclimb Rd2

Sat-Monday 6th-8th June 09 – Mt Stuart Sprint (Tarmac Rally)

Sunday 19th July 09 – Hillclimb Rd 3

Sat-Sunday 8th-9th August 09 – Classic Cardwell Rally

Sunday 27th September 09 – Hillclimb Rd 4

November 09 – Ironman (Date to be Confirmed)

Meetings:

What: Townsville City Autosports Club Meetings

When: 2nd Monday of each month @ 7.00pm

Where: 11 Jackson St, Garbutt (Hickey Cabinets)

Working Bee's\Training Days:

Club Chief Training – See Nomination Form on the clubs website

Non-TCAC Stuff:

Sunday 26th April 09 – Mareeba

Sat-Sunday 30th-31st May 09 – Herberton

Sunday 28th June 09 – Cairns

Sat-Sunday 25th-26th July 09 – Herberton

Sunday 30th August 09 – Mareeba

Excerpts of Minutes

QUEENSLAND STATE COUNCIL

Meeting held on Tuesday, 17th February 2009

ADVISORY PANELS:

5671 Ref. RAP09.021 - Central email address for RAP Correspondence

Resolved that this State Council is supportive of such a proposal.

5678 Resolved that this State Council notes the advice from the State Council Chairman that Margot Knowles, Chairman-Queensland Rally Advisory Panel, has tendered her resignation to the State Council Executive.

Further resolved that this State Council records its thanks and appreciation to Margot Knowles for her Chairmanship of, and contributions to, the RAP.

5679 Laurence Svenson, Queensland Board Member of Confederation of Australian Motor Sport Limited, briefed delegates on matters arising from a meeting convened on the 9th February 2009 (and Chaired by Laurence Svenson) to discuss a variety of issues relating to the administration of rallying in Queensland.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

5681 Standing Orders for 'Sport and Club Development Councils'

Paul Overell, Queensland State Council Chairman, briefed delegates on matters arising from each State Council Chairman's perusal and consideration of the Draft Standing Orders for 'Sport and Club Development Councils'. The Queensland State Council Chairman reported that many aspects of the Standing Orders, including the proposed Key Performance Indicators (KPI) were questioned by State Council Chairman and referred back to the CEO of CAMS for review. This State Council noted the advice that all parties are scheduled to meet/confer again on the 6th March 2009.

5683 VINE/MARCOVICH

Moved that Barry Neuendorff be appointed Chairman of the Rally Advisory Panel for the remainder of 2009. **CARRIED**

SCRUTINEERING ADVISORY PANEL

Meeting held on Thursday 12th February 2009

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

002 Ref. ScAP08.085 - Training Days for Fire Crews

Panel advises receipt of list of training days for Fire and Rescue Category Module.

003 Ref. ScAP08.086 - Scrutineering Training Days

Panel advised receipt of list of Targeted Scrutineering Inspection dates for first two months of 2009.

004 Targeted Scrutiny Stamp

Panel has been advised that an approved Targeted Scrutiny Scrutineer has been told that the stamp should be supplied by the circuit owner. This perplexes Panel as this is a CAMS directed process not the responsibility of any circuit. Can this be validated by National Office?

GENERAL BUSINESS:

005 Compulsory Targeted Scrutiny

Panel reaffirms that this is not a satisfactory stipulation for Queensland competitors and seeks a moratorium on this directive. This is the wrong time to be putting un-necessary obstacles to the competitor. There appears to be no interest by National Office in taking into consideration the distances that competitors may be required to travel to comply with this directive. The option for TS qualified scrutineers to travel is also not a consideration as the time and distance cannot be compensated either by the competitor or CAMS. The costs associated with this compliance must be considered and this directive removed for Queensland.

006 Panel Membership

The Panel currently has five members. Panel seeks approval to invite additional members onto the Panel.

007 General discussion centered on current competitor costs and suggested that National Office should seriously consider a review of all costs both for competitors and event organisers. It is suggested that a questionnaire be circulated to allow analysis of areas that both these sectors of the motor sport community feel are open to review.

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MOTOR RACE & SPEED EVENT ADVISORY PANEL

Meeting held on Monday, 9th February 2009

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

006 Ref. MR&SEAP08.070

Targeted Scrutiny has been confirmed as the only method acceptable to CAMS for the Scrutiny of vehicles. Reported that CAMS State has twice emailed the competitor base with opportunities to have vehicles audited prior to the commencement of the competition season but only one competitor had attended the first such date. It is however the intention of this Panel to recommend that due to the wide geographical spread of competitors and lack of Targeted Scrutiny opportunities outside of Race Meetings, provision continue to be made at Queensland Circuit Racing events for cars that are out of audit to be accepted as entries for events and audited at the Race Circuit at Race Meetings. Panel also raised the issue that the Documentation relating to the Targeted Scrutiny system and the requirements for competitors is ambiguous, poorly worded and unnecessarily complicated.

Trevor Llewellyn (Panel Chairman and AMRC QLD Delegate) is to seek clarification on some conflicting statements in the Targeted Scrutiny documentation at his upcoming AMRC meeting in early March 2009.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

014 Townsville V8 Round

General discussion ensued regarding concerns about the potential for a lack of qualified officials available to attend this event. It was noted that not only had many officials yet been appointed for this event, but the question was asked as to how many officials would be able to afford to attend. The Darwin V8 Event is scheduled for a few weeks prior to the Townsville event and approximately fifteen Senior officials from Queensland are scheduled to attend this event.

015 Street Sprint/Super Sprint State Series

General discussion regarding establishing a State Series for Street and Super Sprint competitors including such events as Morgan Park Super Sprints, Gatton, Pittsworth, Leyburn, Wheels on Wide Bay and Oakey Street Sprints. Resolved that this panel investigates the viability and interest levels for such as Series with both competitors and promoters. Competitors Series registration could be setup similar to the Morgan Park Super Sprint Registration where competitors pay a small nominal fee to register for the whole series, then normal Sprint/Super Sprint entry fee. Safety of Street Sprint venues was also raised and it was agreed that due to the nature of Street Sprints, that Panel recommends promoters exceed the minimum requirements regarding safety of competitors, spectators and officials. Further agreed that this panel take an active role in establishing higher standards of safety.

RALLY ADVISORY PANEL

Meeting held on Monday, 9th February 2009

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

015 Privacy Forms

It was discussed that the wider community couldn't contact Panel member and therefore was asked if Panel would make their contact details public.

017 Ref. QSC5652 & RAP09.009 - Amendment to Rally Handbook

Resolved that the 2009 Qld Rally Handbook be amended accordingly. (ARC Signage)

018 Qld Rally Vehicle Registration

Discussed with latest incident in North Qld where a car was de-registered due to side intrusion bars not being deemed safe within the regulations set by the ADR's. Recent years there have been numerous discussions with Qld Transport, CAMS delegates and Rally Panel. To date nothing has been resolved. RAP to follow up on progress.

019 Qldrally.com.au

Website non operational and not working as communicated to the wider community. Kent to investigate.

021 Central email address for RAP Correspondence

Discussions were had on ways to make a communication more effective from outside to RAP and back out to the community. A suggestion was put forward for CAMS to create a central email address such as "qldrap@cams.com.au and forward all emails to all panel members and from there items will be actioned accordingly or brought to monthly meetings as inwards correspondence.

025 Thank you to outgoing RAP Chairperson

It was noted that the committee would like to extend their appreciation to Margot Knowles for all her efforts during the past 3 years as RAP Chairperson. Margot has dedicated many hours to the position which has been appreciated by all.

Membership is NOW due. If you are not a member of a CAMS affiliated club you cannot compete at any club events. Also note that if membership is not renewed by the 1st June 2009 you will be considered a new member.

IMPORTANT GENERAL NOTICE

The Club Meeting night is the 2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH, at 11 Jackson St Garbutt (Hickey Cabinets)

If the meeting night falls on a Public Holiday, the meeting will be on the Tuesday night instead. If you are unable to find the meeting, please contact one of the board members (details on page 2).

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