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Wheelspin



Stumpy's bridge?



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Joke of the day

Two boys were talking about how scared their dads were. The first one said my dad is so scared, when it thunders during a storm, he runs and hides under the bed. The other boy said, that is nothing, my dad gets so scared, every time my mum goes to night shift, he has to sleep with the lady next door.

MAGAZINE SUBMISSIONS:

Give me a call on 0413 528 947 or email me at sslam42000@yahoo.com and I will do my best to get it in the next news letter.

All submissions need to be into me, by close of business Wednesday after the club meeting.

Club Meeting
Aitkenvale Library Meeting Room
9 August 2010

Open: 7.39 pm

Attendance: Greg Wright, Marc Fisher, Deb Melrose, Stephen Nicol, Geoff Nicol, Ken Long, Emma Nicol, Aiden, Nikki Mauger, Travis Mauger, Hans Burger, Greg Van Dinter, Nathan Mullins, Lindsey Stone, Geoff Bowmen

Apologies: Hickey Family

Secretary: Minutes from last meeting read.

Treasurer:

- Still outstanding bills from previous events

Social:

- Social Event for after Cardwell, a bowling night, contact Kirwan Ten Pin, will set up something official soon.

President:

- Rally this weekend
- Ingham has the go ahead, forestry still good. Camping at Ingham.
- Khanacross set down for the 28th and 29th of August at Charters Towers. Director is needed. Maybe make it a one day instead of the two. Watch site for updates.

General:

- Ingham 11th and 12th September. Officials required.

Closed 7.53pm

Presidents Report

Well it is time for another Wheelspin, the last month for me come to an end on the week-end with the running of Lefties Cardwell Classic Rally. The event was well supported with 22 entries, unfortunately one withdrew the day before the event. The weather up in Cardwell on the Saturday was more akin to being in a boat with a tinnie in the hand and a fishing line in the other, but it was not to be. The rain during week had made the roads very slick and some of the competitors found out. Out of 21 cars 12 finished the entire event which was very good. The amount of people that said that they would be back next was great. As a vote of confidence we have received a entry for Ingham Rally already.

This is a reminder that we are running another rally, this time in Ingham a little bit closer to home. The rally is about the same competitive distance but a little bit dearer as we have to bring a course checker up from down south to check it out and then to come back when the event is on. The roads are probably even a little bit better that Cardwell. As always the one thing we need for the rally is officials so if you want to be part of the action but do not have a car please put your hand up to be a official, you will have a great time. You can either contact myself or Heckler to put your name down. Don't forget that meetings are on the second Monday of each month at the Aitkenvale Library. At the next meeting I will be giving a report on the meeting that myself and Heckler are attending down in Brisbane on the future of Rallying in Queensland.

Hi,

I would like to thank all the organisers and everybody involved in organising the cardwell rally - it was my first rally and i must say i had a fantastic time. I didn't know what to expect and was at a loss trying to work out what to do and where I should be. But all the other teams were more than happy to help us. Also, do you know of anyone that may have a photo of my car (Number 22) in the rally as I have none. Once again thanks to everybody involved

Regards,
Garry Phillips

Greg

We had a GREAT time and really enjoyed the camaraderie from the other guys. I had been extolling the virtues of forest rallying to Muzz for some time and I believe he is now firmly hooked so you can expect to see us in the future. Sadly we won't be able to compete at Ingham as we will be traversing the Nullabour for some action in the West. The Australian Safari beckons and we were really grateful to have the opportunity to have a run beforehand.

Many thanks once again and to all the officials especially the control guys who did a great job. Looking forward to running a control in the future if we are not running.

Cheers

Paul McBean

Toyota Triumphs

What a great event and I guess it always is if you have a good run without any real problems. My commiserations to all those who did not finish or had some problems. I am not sure who gets naming rights for a corner or bridge at this event. Peters Crest or Stumpy's Folly!

I need to thank Paul Goatley from Kiwi land who was brave enough to say yes to the silly seat for me. A number of weeks before the event, just after Fitzy and I had entered, I took a tumble on my mountain bike and cracked some ribs. Fitzy quickly pointed out that whilst I may not be right for the driver's seat I should be fine for the silly seat. Although not completely comfortable with this I agreed. Fitzy had already adjusted the entry with the swap.

Then a week or so before the event I got a call from Ross Dunkerton asking if I knew anyone who could navigate for him. My brain started ticking and I said to him immediately I may

have a solution that helps everyone. Give me a day to sort it out. With my ribs feeling heaps better and the thought that a bit of pain would be way better than the sheer terror of sitting on the left, I put to Fitzy at our scheduled working bee that night a proposal. Greg, how would you like a seat with an Asia Pacific and an Australian Rally Champ? He said that if I felt OK he would be still happy to navigate for me. However with Paul G from NZ coming over anyway we thought it would be a great way to repay him for his hospitality he has extended to us over the years in the NZ events. So with little coercion Paul stuck his hand up and said OK.

Driving to the first stage of the event with a very nervous Paul G sitting beside me we nearly got lost before getting to the start line! I helped Paul swat a few more butterflies until the countdown from ten and then it was on! As usual those triple cautions looked way better from the driver's seat and although I am sure I made a very conscious effort to drive them slow we still hit them way too hard. Crash bang bounce.....we need to mark those in the book to ensure we go slower! Some, it appears, hit them much harder than I, as evidenced by an RX7 off the road.

Paul has a unique way of calling when we are screaming down the road in top gear, bouncing off the rev limiter, he casually mentions that at the end of this straight turn left...no distances. He figures that a driver does not need too much information if he could see the end of the road then so should I! Total brake fade from left footing, left us at the end of the first stage with a pedal hitting the fire wall. Paul thought from his seat the brakes felt OK until I told him that when I had need to stop, the pedal took three pumps and still ended up hard against the floor. We decided no more fancy foot work in an effort to maintain some brakes!

After the first couple of stages and a comparison of times with the others still running we decided to keep it neat, brake early and continue just having heaps of fun. Me still trying to adjust to the Kiwi's way of call notes and Paul sitting in the silly seat (he usually drives), we completed the remaining stages without too many scares. Mindful of Goofs beer induced prophetic words early in the day, "Philly you need to win this event in the slowest possible time".

Thanks to all those that helped make the event possible and as reminded at the prize giving thanks to my lovely wife for letting me compete.

Cheers

Phil Mason

Fidget Racing

Hi all.

Just a quick report from the 3rd round of the Hill climb, series. Sunday bought a perfect day for hill climbing. Once again my preparation for this event was somewhat hasty due to a shut down and the associated long hours at work and trying to straighten out the damage to the GT-R from my mishap at the Rally sprint so Kenny would let it past scrutineering. I couldn't get my new tyres on my car in time so I had to borrow the wheels off the EVO 5 that some mad man left at my house so thanks Russ. Turns out the Advans worked quite well as I managed a new PB in the 47 second bracket which on this occasion was enough to secure a win.

With some of the regular big guns not in attendance (Lindsey) it was a good chance to try a few different things i.e., more use of 3rd gear and also allowing some new first time class winners to emerge. Jeff Phillips and the RX7 got one up on the young fellas with a stellar last run to pip Kim Gething in the 180sx by a couple of hundredths in the over 3ltr class. Also a good win to Ken Houton in the Escort that looks in a far better condition since last we saw it. Must have been that racer spec wheel alignment in the pits before the first run.

With only 1 round left to go for the year I hope there will be a big turn out for last round on October 3rd.

Thanks to Kerry and his team of helpers for running the event, the radio guys and Ken for his time to run scrutineering.

Also thanks to Xtreme Motorsport and Urban Earthworks for their support.

Cheers

Coop.

Camco Group Motormania CQ Rocky Street Sprint 24th - 25th July, 2010

We thought we would do something different and go to the inaugural Camco Group Motormania Rocky Street Sprint, held over the 24th and 25th July at the Rockhampton Show Grounds.

This street sprint was part of a nine day extravaganza of motor sport activities involving a huge variety of car and bike clubs in the Gladstone, Rockhampton and Yeppoon area. The clubs all worked together and this resulted in a huge array of events and activities spread out over the whole period. This included clubs like the Rockhampton Saloon Car Club, CQ Motor Sporting Club, Cap Coast Rally Club, Historic Motorcycle Club, CQ Mudsportz, CQ Offroad Club, CQ Drag Racing Assoc, Gladstone and Rockhampton Karting Clubs as well a lot more clubs – a huge list.

The organisation and communication involved in achieving this excellent event were amazing.

The street sprint was held over two days on a one kilometre stretch of closed off public road, adjacent to the Rockhampton Show Grounds and had the full support from the Rockhampton Regional Council.

The list of cars entered in the event included ones that cost \$300 up to ones that cost whatever you wanted to spend – Bluebirds, Geminis, Escorts, Datsuns, open wheelers, Skeltas, Evos, a Bolwell, an Audi, a Saab, a Busa, Skylines, a Porsche, Silvias, Minis, a Hillman Imp, VW Golf, Morris Minors (not your average Morris!), Mazdas, a Chevy Roadster Hot Rod, Falcons, a Cobra, Celicas, Commodores, MGs, and Westfields. Now, did I miss any? Oh yes and a red Pontiac Firebird. It was really good to see such a huge variety of cars entered in the event.

The drivers had a total of twelve runs and the fastest time of the weekend was by the a Skelta, at 152kph!! Now that is fast! The track had chicanes positioned at various intervals to slow the cars down. Smaller cars did have an advantage though and just because you had a new car with a massive engine in it didn't necessarily mean that you could do fast times. There was a mobile speed camera along the back straight that showed the cars speeds between the chicanes before the last corner – a really good spot to stand and watch the speeds.

At intervals during the weekend, the drift cars provided on track entertainment. The Pontiac Firebird was an entrant and raced, but he also provided amazing on track entertainment with massive burnouts whenever he

raced. It meant his times were probably slower but he was great to watch!

While the sprints were on, there were also demonstrations by the 4WD Clubs, MotorX Clubs and Vintage Bike Club. A Show 'n Shine was also held at the show grounds. Speedway was held on the Saturday night. It was a full on weekend.

As you can see, it was a well organised event with food stalls, camping, powered sites, hot showers, toilets, volunteers, SES Workers, and all sorts of infrastructure, and don't forget that there were 111 entrants in the street sprint.

Camco Group provided a front end loader with forks and some bobcats with forks to position the metal barriers and to reposition them when one of the Skylines lost control and hit a barrier after a chicane. This caused a domino like effect with the whole strip of barriers flipping on to their side down the whole length of the straight! Very efficient manoeuvring by the drivers of this machinery had all the barriers tipped back up and repositioned quite quickly.

A few cars had close and physical contact with the barriers and cones, with a varying amount of body damage – mostly taped up with race tape and racing continued. Some were put on trailers with their drivers electing to stay and watch the racing.

Drivers' ages varied from a 17 year old girl at her first event, to retired men with their “hobbies” - one man, with a supercharged Ford LTD Cartier that he has owned for 29 years (amazing piece of speed machine), said to us that “you can only mow the grass so many times”.

Thanks to all the organisers – well done. Great event. And to all you people who couldn't be bothered, you missed a great street sprint, well worth the entry fee and trip down to Rocky.

Deb and Lance Melrose

DATES TO REMEMBER

28- 29 August	Khanacross?
11- 12 September	Ingham
25- 26 September	Khanacross
16- 17 Oct	Khanacross
30- 31 Oct	Rally Sprint
13- 14 Nov	Ironman
20-21 Nov	Final NQ series

Stewards School to be held in Townsville for those who are interested – 1 day course.

NOTE: A LOT OF DATES HAVE CHANGED

INGHAM RALLY

11TH -12TH SEPTEMBER

CHECK THE WEBISTE FOR ALL THE DETAILS

1982 Mazda Familia

Black with red trim

Group A spec turbo

Roll cage and Harness

Qld registration til Dec 2010

CAMS logbook

Homologation papers

Number of spare tyres and papers

\$5,500 call Heckler 0417 614 663

1985 Mazda Familia

- White
- Roll Cage Harness
- Group A Spec Turbo

Log Book

1987 Mazda Familia

blue and yellow

chrome roll cage

Murray Coote built

log book, but not going

Spare tyres and Parts

\$7,500 for both

Contact Heckler 0417 614 663

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