



# FIRST GEAR

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**COMING EVENTS: October to December 2006**

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|--------------------------|---------------------|---|--|
| <b>7 &amp; 8 October</b> |                     | <b>SPECIAL PROMOTIONAL MEETING MORRISSET MEGA MART CHALLENGE FESTIVAL</b><br>Hosted by Ryde Club, Gosford Club and Mingara Club | <b>49 Advantage Avenue, Morisset</b><br><br>Off the F3 freeway, take Morisset exit, turn right, then right at roundabout into Mega Mart. |
| 6 October                | 1st Friday          | <b>On Road - Series 4 - Round 4 - CANCELLED</b>   | Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood   |
| 7 October                | 1st Saturday        | <b>Off Road - Series 3 - Round 4 - CANCELLED</b>  | Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde   |
| 15 October               | 3rd Sunday          | <b>Off Road - Series 3 ; Round 4 - Double Points Round</b>  | Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde   |
| 20 October               | 3rd Friday          | On Road – Series 3 - Round 5  | Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood   |
| 21 October               | 3rd Saturday        | <b>Off Road – Series 3 - Round 5 – CANCELLED</b>  | Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde   |
| <b>22 October</b>        | <b>4th Sunday</b>   | <b>RYDE v ILLAWARRA CHALLENGE – ON ROAD</b>   | <b>Guests Park, Guest Avenue, Fairymeadow - see attached map</b>   |
| 3 November               | 1st Friday          | On Road – Series 3 - Round 6  | Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood   |
| 4 November               | 1st Saturday        | <b>Off Road – Series 3 - Round 5 - Double Points Round</b>  | Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde   |
| 12 November              | 2nd Sunday          | <b>Off Road - Series 3 ; Round 6 - Double Points Round</b>  | Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde   |
| 17 November              | 3rd Friday          | On Road – <b>No racing- Major next day</b>  | Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood   |
| 18 November              | 3rd Saturday        | <b>PRACTICE &amp; On Road Race Meeting - Series 3 - Round 7</b>   | Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde   |
| <b>19 November</b>       | <b>3rd Sunday</b>   | <b>ON ROAD – ANNUAL ELECTRIC ON ROAD MASTERS</b>  | <b>Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood</b>  |
| 26 November              | 4th Sunday          | Off Road – Series 3 ; Round 7 - <b>Final Round</b>  | Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde   |
| 1 December               | 1st Friday          | On Road – Series 3 - Round 8 - <b>Final Round</b>   | Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood   |
| 2 December               | 1st Saturday        | <b>Off Road – Series 3 - Round 7 – Final Round – Triple points</b>  | Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde   |
| <b>10 December</b>       | <b>2nd Sunday</b>   | <b>OFF ROAD – SYDNEY CUP CHRISTMAS PARTY</b>  | <b>Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde</b>  |
| <b>15 December</b>       | <b>3rd Friday</b>   | <b>On Road – Christmas - 540 Motor Night – details shortly</b>  | Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood   |
| <b>16 December</b>       | <b>3rd Saturday</b> | <b>Off Road – Off Road Fun Day + Presentation</b>   | Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde   |
| <b>24 December</b>       | <b>4th Sunday</b>   | <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>  | NO RACING  |

♪♪ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ♪♪♪  
October 2006

2<sup>ND</sup> STEPHEN RABB  
10<sup>TH</sup> GRAEME FAZAKERLEY

3<sup>RD</sup> JAMES DEANE  
12<sup>TH</sup> LOCHIEL LANGLEY  
30<sup>TH</sup> MICHAEL CARAVELLA

5<sup>TH</sup> NEIL GOMEZ  
17<sup>TH</sup> FABIAN BAUMANN

**New Members for 2006**

The Committee of the S.R.C.O.R.C.C. welcomes to our club the following new members, we hope you have an enjoyable and productive time racing with us.

# 78 SCOTT FRASER  
# 80 RYAN WHITTAKER

# 79 STEVE WHITTAKER

**PROMOTIONAL RACE MEETING:**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2006

The Ryde Club has been asked to host a **Radio Control promotional event.**

This will take place at Morisset Mega Mart, which is 1 hour away, up the F3 freeway, take the Morisset Exit, it's about 100 kms away from Eastwood and will run with the assistance of Gosford On Road Club and Mingara Club, as they will get the flow off, but this event is for everyone and all clubs, hobby shops can advertise and promote our wonderful sport, so looks like it will be a great race meeting weekend.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank Rebecca Pitt from Marketing041 for asking our club to promote this event and hope that everyone that attends have a great time, wins some \$'s for their clubs and by all means remember "this event is for promotion of our radio control sport" it is NOT for drivers to promote themselves, that should be done at our other type of race meetings.



**RYDE vs. ILLAWARRA CHALLENGE**  
- Classes will be 540, Stock and Modified.

This event was meant to be an Annual challenge between the 2 clubs. Unfortunately some years have gone by, initially because Illawarra did not have a venue to race at.

The challenge is set for **Sunday, 22 October 2006.** This will be the Ryde Club's opportunity to take back the Cup which Illawarra currently holds. Illawarra have had a few meeting on their Guests Park Circuit and most Ryde On Road drivers have already competed on the surface at the recent Illawarra On Road challenge in 2005, and 2006.

This meeting is only Ryde & Illawarra, so we need every Ryde On Road drivers from our club attending the meeting, because the more that attend the better chance we have of reaping the rewards (taking back the trophy).

The track is at Guests Park, Guest Avenue, Fairymeadow which is off the Princes Highway. (See attached maps). **COME ON RYDE, LET'S WIN THIS CUP BACK.**



### **'ON ROAD' RADIO CONTROL WORKSHOP**

With the kind assistance of Greg Lee, father to Tim, Greg has offered to run a number of workshops to assist our Ryde members at on road meetings to start with. The purpose of these workshops is to help you get the most out of our cars and in turn this will make them easier to drive and that possibly will take you as a driver up another level of racing, hopefully putting our Ryde Drivers on the Winner's Podium.

Greg will be running these workshops on the following **Friday evenings between 6.00pm and 6.45pm to commence with: Friday, 20 October, Friday, 3 November, Friday, 10 December.**

If you're interested in fine tuning your car, learning more about how your car should work, please come along to the workshops. (P.S. we have all seen how Tim's car handles and performs, that's how your car could be, one day).

Bonus points will be awarded to those drivers who do attend the workshop and actually improve their overall results through the knowledge of these workshops. Note the following subjects to address at the club meeting of Friday 20 October 2006.

1. Chassis
  - Weight Distribution
  - Balance
  - Tweak
  
2. Shock Absorbers
  - Fluid
  - Pistons
  - Bleeding
  - Rebound
  
3. Basic Alignments
  - Steering
  - Toe
  - Camber

I would like this to be an interactive session and would anticipate a duration of 30 to 45 minutes maximum which would mean starting at approximately 6.30 PM. Tim and I will be pleased to examine and make recommendations or adjustments to member's cars as required.

### **FAREWELL MICHAEL & WENDY**

At the end of October, Michael and Wendy Swann will be returning to Adelaide. After 5 years their time in Sydney has come to an end. They will be moving to Adelaide where Michael will be transferring to a new job working on the new Air Warfare Destroyer project. As Michael starts in November, they will be moving around the end of October.

Michael reports on the Club forum: This means that I will be racing my last meetings in the coming month or two. My last club on road meeting will be the 6th of October and my last off road meeting will most likely be the 15th of October. My last major meeting for the year will be the Morisset Mega Mart Car Challenge.



Wendy has just caught the racing bug with her Mini-T and will probably pester me to get her a "real" R/C car to race (me getting a new one and her racing my old 2WD has been proposed).

During our time we have met a bunch of great people, raced at many different tracks around the region and spent too much money (well at least that's what my wife would say). It goes without saying that there have been ups and downs both on the track and off, but we have enjoyed our time here and have made some good friends.



We'll still be in touch and hope to make as much of a contribution to the SA racing scene as we have here in Sydney and to SRCORCC.

We wish them both the very best and look forward to catching up in 2007 at our Birthday Bash and keep up with the Mini racing, Wendy, but please don't forget the Mini-t, because we expect you to bring it with you when you come over. PS - teach them about Mini-t racing in Adelaide!!

**From the Committee and Members of Ryde - ALL THE VERY BEST FOR YOUR FUTURE.**

## **ALTERATIONS TO "ON ROAD ELECTRIC MASTERS" – 19 NOVEMBER**

The "On Road Electric Masters" is a fairly big event for our on road section so we have decided to cancel the Friday nights racing on 17 November, 2006.

This will allow for the next day, Saturday 18 November, to be part of the "On Road Electric Masters" event. Saturday will be the track set up from 10 am to 12.00 noon, then we will hold a Saturday Afternoon Practice Race Meeting from 2.00 pm through to approx 7.00 pm (yes we will have some lighting).

On Sunday we will have the 2006 "On Road Electric Masters" event. There will be **No Practice** permitted on Sunday morning – if you want to practice you will be required to attend the Saturday morning session or race meeting that afternoon. Racing will commence at a reasonable hour and should conclude at a reasonable time.

Entry forms are now available from club web site and you are asked to do your entry on line as soon as possible.

## **"2006 CHRISTMAS PARTY 'ON ROAD' 540 NIGHT"**

Our On Road Christmas Party for this year will be a 540 motor night – everyone entering will have to race with a legal Johnson 540 motor, that means there will only be one class that will have drivers of Novice, Stock, 19- Turn and Modified capability all racing together.

The On Road 540 Night will be held on Friday night, 15 December 2006, we would normally only have fun races on that night, so to introduce the 540 Night should make for some very interesting racing.

## **WEB SUPPORT**

Our new web man is Martin Choy, he has taken over looking after the Club Website from Michael Swann and any items you would like published must be forwarded to Martin or given on a CD. We thank Michael for setting up our great site, one which constantly receives positive reports and current information.

Good luck Martin, you have very big shoes to fill.

## **PERPETUAL TROPHIES - Time to return your shields / trophies**

To all those club members who are holding a club perpetual trophy, it is time to hand them back so they can be engraved for the next winner, so if your name appears below.

Please hand back the trophies **before Saturday, 21 October, 2006.**

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS            2005 GREG WATERS  
JUNIOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPION 2005 LOCHIEL LANGLEY  
OFF ROAD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP    2005 JONATHAN GOODWILL  
JUNIOR ENCOURAGEMENT SHIELD 2005 LEVI GAZZARD  
SENIOR ENCOURAGEMENT SHIELD 2005 MICHAEL FRETIN  
OPEN ENCOURAGEMENT SHIELD    2005 MIKE BELLAMY  
NIGHT RACING CHAMPION           2005 GREG WATERS  
OFF ROAD ENDURO                    2005 'GOOD LOOKERS' RICHARD & LEE BAGGULEY, CRAIG NORRIS  
ON ROAD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY 2005 TIM LEE  
VOLUNTEERS TROPHY                2005 GREG LEE  
LEIGH TOMPKINS SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD    2005 MARTIN CHOY  
ON ROAD ENDURO SHIELD            2005 TEAM PHIL MICRACK - DAVID WARNER, ANDREW JOHNSON,  
DAN AMOS,

## **STICK ON RACE NUMBERS**

We now have a quantity of official race numbers suitable for your race car bodies – they will cost \$5.00 for 6 sets of numbers or 50 cents each. We have numbers 1 to 50 available. Drivers are reminded that these race numbers should be on your vehicles as a form of Identification to your club competition.

***As from 2007 ALL CARS WILL BE REQUIRED TO CARRY THEIR OFFICIAL RACE NUMBER FOR THE ENTIRE YEARS RACING – REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHANGE BODY SHELLS. BONUS POINTS WILL BE AWARDED TO THOSE VEHICLES THAT WEAR THEIR RACE NUMBERS FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR.***

**Note: These changes will be in force at the On Road Masters event.**

## **AARCMCC RULE CHANGES**

**ISTC Modified Rule Amendment  
Effective Immediately**

### **Addition of 5 and 4 Cell Modified ISTC On Road Class cars**

Due to recent costly electrical damage occurring in the ISTC modified class, AARCMCC has taken temporary measures to help alleviate these problems.

6 Cell Modified cars will remain unchanged, with the addition of 5 cell and 4 cell cars allowed to compete with lower minimum weights.

All 5 cell and 4 cell cars must carry clear identification on the body, to be determined by the host clubs, to assist scrutineering of the cars. Drivers will be fully responsible for the identification of their cars if running less than 6 cells.

6 Cell cars minimum weight: 1525 grams\*

5 Cell cars minimum weight: 1450 grams\*

4 Cell cars minimum weight: 1275 grams\*

\*All weights are inclusive of lap scoring equipment.

The above rule amendments are to be temporary, and to be revised every 6 months at the time of the motor and battery lists with a planned expiry date of June 2008.

The above changes will be over ruled by IFMAR when the product updates are produced for the 2008 ISTC world championships.

AARCMCC will research the results of the EFRA meeting to be held late 2006 for an indication of future directions.

### **Control wheel Air Holes Rule 3.8.4**

#### **Effective Immediately**

#### **Control Wheel Air Holes Rule – 3.8.4**

This rule to be amended to read,

3.8.4. If the control tyre is a pre-mounted type, no modifications can be made to the tyre assembly. If the control tyre requires assembly, modification to the sir holes in the rims will be a the clubs direction and intentions to be publicized prior to a sanctioned race meeting.

Peter Ellis  
President  
AARCMCC

### **POSITION'S VACANT:**

We are looking for a person to fill the position of Canteen Convener. This position become vacant at the end of October and need to have a staff member on duty early November.

Must be able to attend most club race meeting, have selling experience and able to cook.

If you are available please see Jennie Thorn or ring 041 103 8927 for more information.

The money raised from our Canteen shop, goes to keep the Off Road track at Blenheim Park maintained and purchase /hire equipment needed for working bees.

### **FOR SALE**

Brand new in box and bag still sealed, RC10TC4 on road tourer, only the box has been opened, nothing else. This is the kit only, you will still need radio equipment, motor, batteries, charger and ESC.

Price: \$320.00.

Phone Jennie Thorn - 041 103 8927.

Brand new in the plastic bag - Trinity 1/18<sup>th</sup> Mini Hauler Bag, has 4 zipper pockets for everything, opens to about 25 cm x 30 cm in (fully opened).l

Price: \$36.00

Phone Jennie Thorn - 041 103 8927

**2006 ON ROAD  
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

**2006 OFF ROAD  
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

As at 3 October, 2006

|                   |     |                        |     |
|-------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Tim Lee           | 701 | Ken Anderson           | 504 |
| Alec Langley      | 578 | Craig Norris           | 502 |
| Martin Choy       | 566 | Ian Thorn              | 477 |
| Mike Bellamy      | 546 | Greg Waters            | 463 |
| David Warner      | 546 | Alastair Langley       | 424 |
| Michael Swann     | 506 | Alec Langley - Jnr     | 408 |
| Steven Jefferys   | 501 | Gary Boyce             | 386 |
| Alastair Langley  | 494 | Michael Swann          | 350 |
| Dean Jones        | 481 | Lochiel Langley - Jnr  | 338 |
| Thomas Matley     | 477 | Michael Fretin         | 322 |
| Ian Thorn         | 438 | Wayne Dickerson        | 308 |
| Eric Yamashita    | 399 | Jennie Thorn           | 300 |
| Matthew Immer     | 396 | Jonathan Goodwill      | 266 |
| Lochiel Langley   | 366 | Levi Gazzard - Jnr     | 243 |
| Kierra Thorn      | 362 | Matthew Immer          | 230 |
| Shaun McPhee      | 362 | David Warner           | 212 |
| Shane Guy         | 283 | Mitchell Kennedy - Nov | 208 |
| Dave Osborn       | 202 | Yogo                   | 195 |
| Thomas Park       | 160 | Jason Quirk            | 192 |
| Graeme Fazakerley | 131 | Michael Harlow         | 176 |
| Erik Lee          | 120 | Ben Panic              | 164 |
| Barry Hayman      | 116 | Wendy Swann            | 163 |
| James Deane       | 111 | Chris Nolan            | 123 |
| Fabian Baumann    | 101 | Graeme Fazakerely      | 108 |
| Neil Gomez        | 98  | Eric Kasparian         | 105 |
| Shayne Raffaeta   | 84  | Peter Van Der Linden   | 104 |
| Stuart Gale       | 80  | Michael Russell        | 96  |
| Jason Quirk       | 72  | Shayne Raffaeta        | 91  |
| Jademon Kiang     | 48  | Carl Massey            | 89  |
| Chris Nolan       | 46  | Christen Williams      | 87  |
| Gary Gomez        | 31  | Barry Hayman           | 61  |
| Stephen Woodward  | 29  | Mike Bellamy           | 58  |
| Wendy Swann       | 21  | Bimo Baskoro           | 45  |
|                   |     | Jademon Kiang          | 42  |
|                   |     | Stephen Rabe           | 36  |
|                   |     | Rishi Sabesan          | 36  |

**Note:** Pointscores WILL  
NOT BE PUBLISHED  
FROM NOW TO END  
OF YEAR.

