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## COMING EVENTS: November to December 2006

3 November	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday	On Road – Series 3 - Round 6	Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
4 November	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	<b>Off Road – Series 3 - Round 5 - Double Points Round</b>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
12 November	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	<b>Off Road - Series 3 ; Round 6 - Double Points Round</b>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
17 November	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday	On Road – <b>No racing- Major next day</b>	Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
18 November	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	<b>PRACTICE &amp; On Road Race Meeting - Series 3 - Round 7</b>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
<b>19 November</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>ON ROAD – ANNUAL ELECTRIC ON ROAD MASTERS</b>	<b>Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood</b>
26 November	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Off Road – Series 3 ; Round 7 - <b>Final Round</b>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
1 December	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday	On Road – Series 3 - Round 8 - <b>Final Round</b>	Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
2 December	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	<b>Off Road – Series 3 - Round 7 – Final Round – Triple points</b>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
<b>10 December</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>OFF ROAD – SYDNEY CUP CHRISTMAS PARTY</b>	<b>Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde</b>
<b>15 December</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Friday</b>	<b>On Road – Christmas - 540 Motor Night – details shortly</b>	Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
<b>16 December</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday</b>	<b>Off Road – Off Road Fun Day + Presentation</b>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
<b>24 December</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	NO RACING

## 🎵 HAPPY BIRTHDAY 🎵 November 2006

**10<sup>TH</sup> DIANA CASS**

**24<sup>TH</sup> GARY GOMEZ**

**25<sup>TH</sup> STEPHEN WOODWARD**

**26<sup>TH</sup> THOMAS PARK**

**27<sup>TH</sup> BEN PANIC**

### **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.

## RYDE vs. ILLAWARRA CHALLENGE.



Sunday, 22 October arrived and with that the hours trek to Fairymeadow. The sky was cloudy and no sign of rain so things were looking up, since the day before was most unpleasant with wind and rain.

Arriving at 8am, most of the Ryde team were in attendance, this time we did not get lost, so tempers were not frayed.

Here is the trophy, it really does exist, and the first engraving is Illawarra 2003 which was just a little too long between challenges.

Our team of Michael Swann, Stephen Jeffrey, Dean Jones, Martin Choy, Tim Lee, Ian Thorn, Alex, Lochiel and Alastair Langley, Fabian, Jademond Kiang, Thomas Matley all

presented to enter with only Martin and Alastair double entering, giving Ryde 14 entries. Unfortunately Illawarra decided again to present a field of 22 entries, so the chance of the trophy coming home was rather slim.

A large portion of Illawarra doubled entered classes, boosting the number of entries and giving their drivers a better chance at making an A final in one or all of the classes. Ryde did not have the drivers or cars to enable us to double enter.

Illawarra were advertising 3 heats and 1 final, a new person operating the computer and did not know how to alter the settings, I stepped in and gave them a crash course, now we were having 2 Finals. Racing commenced, 540 was first. Fabian was having a great event, well placed for the A final, and managed to stay there throughout the qualifying.



Stock saw Michael, Martin, Ian and Lochiel enter this class, Martin was having a rather ordinary day, things were not going right, batteries falling out because of tape breaking, being tapped out of the way on a couple of occasions. He was that peeved that he did not bother racing in the first final, because he was only in the B's but the team convinced Martin to at least run the last final and that was his best run for the day.

Michael, Ian and Lochiel were having a better time of the Illawarra track and all made it into the A Final. Unfortunately no one managed to get up in the top 3 to take home a trophy.

Entering Modified was Stephen, Dean, Tim, Alex. Tim and Stephen did very well in the Modified class taking out 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Martin and Alastair had an up and down run in the Mini class, and only made the B finals. Unfortunately we don't have the results as yet, they were copied but did not work out when we got them home.

The points were counted only on the A finals in each class. Where the driver finished over the 2 finals produced points, these were tallied and Illawarra finished with 172, Ryde with 102 and we must congratulate Illawarra on a very good race meeting. The computer was not stopped for any driver, nor was there any problems with drivers getting to the line in the required time. Well Done..

Here is a photo of the Illawarra On road track at Guests Park, Fairymeadow.



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

Well the first workshop has been held at On Road last race meeting. Unfortunately the weather made the entry numbers insufficient to hold a race meeting, so Greg Lee ran the workshop using Mike Bellamys' car as a model to explain car setup and body flex, shocks settings, ride height and many other very interesting pointers.

The drivers present were very interested in the information and many thanks to Greg and Tim Lee for sharing their wealth of knowledge. It will be very interesting to see if our Ryde drivers and cars improve over the next few weeks. Remember improvement and attending these workshops gives you some valuable extra points.

The next workshop is on the following **Friday evening between 6.00pm and 6.45pm to commence with: Friday, 1 December.** This what was covered at the first workshop.

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



## **FAREWELL**

Michael and Wendy Swann have now settled in their apartment and Michael has commenced his new job with the Defense force. We hope that they enjoy the time back with Family and friends and keep up their RC racing, especially Wendy who has just mastered her Mini Cooper.

All the best to you both, and keep in touch.

## **“ON ROAD ELECTRIC MASTERS” – 18 & 19 NOVEMBER**

The “On Road Electric Masters” is a big event for our on road section, we have decided to cancel the Friday nights racing on 17 November, 2006. Event will be held over the weekend of 18 & 19 November, with the Friday night race meeting moved to, Saturday afternoon with racing commencing about 2.00 pm.

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

**HELPERS PLEASE COME FORWARD.....**We are desperately looking for volunteers to help the club run this event. If you are involved in Off Road, remember this is One Club and just because you only play in the dirt, does not mean that you are not needed when an On Road meeting is being held.

If you have nothing on this weekend and could lend us three (3) hours, please let Jennie know ASAP because it looks like we are going to have to call in the scouts to help us with Canteen because NO ONE has come forward and offered any assistance in this area, which is extremely disappointing given that we have a membership of over 70 members.

## **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 Sunday, 26 November 2006.**

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS	2005	GREG WATERS
JUNIOR ENCOURAGEMENT SHIELD	2005	LEVI GAZZARD
OPEN ENCOURAGEMENT SHIELD	2005	MIKE BELLAMY
NIGHT RACING CHAMPION	2005	GREG WATERS
OFF ROAD ENDURO	2005	‘GOOD LOOKERS’ RICHARD & LEE BAGGULEY, CRAIG NORRIS
LEIGH TOMPKINS SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD	2005	MARTIN CHOY
<u>ON ROAD</u> ENDURO SHIELD	2005	TEAM PHIL MICRACK - DAVID WARNER, ANDREW JOHNSON, DAN AMOS,

## **2007 CLUB / DRIVER CHALLENGE**

The club has received notification regarding the 2007 Challenge rounds and inform members of the following:

The race fees for each one of these event has risen to \$30.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> class, \$20 for 2<sup>nd</sup> class and \$15.00 for 3<sup>rd</sup> class. The Clubs will still receive \$20.00 per entry but Trevor Johnstone’s fees have risen to \$10.00 for first class and \$5.00 for each additional class.

Clubs will be expected to provide trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> in every class at both the On Road and Off Road events.

Clubs are to provide scrutineering at all events and must supply at least two officials on the race circuit at all times during racing. That means the clubs must have at least 4 to 6 people available for these positions at each event (they cannot be racers).

There will be no entries taken on the day.

All drivers must belong to the club they are racing for and we have to submit a membership list to verify all club members.

Classes: On Road - 540, Stock, Modified, 19 turn, Mini  
Off Road - 2 & 4wd Stock, 2 & 4wd Modified, Stock Truck, Modified Truck

Proposed dates: so far 4 of the 9 dates selected are being held on either or 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday or 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month and One has been put on a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. This will make the Ryde calendar and officials very stretched again for 2007.

### **MORISSETT MEGA MART - Challenge, 7 & 8 October.**

We can now publish that our sponsorship money has arrived and cheques have been mailed to the Gosford and Mingara clubs who joined Ryde in an Electric / Nitro meeting to promote our sport of rc racing.

Shortly Ryde members will be given their sponsorship winnings. The points earned after 3 finals was the \$'s each driver has earned and the total points earned between the drivers is the amount of sponsorship that the Clubs have received.

Well done to everyone who took part in this promotional event.

### **POINTSORES**

The pointscores will not be published for the months of November and December. This is to keep the surprise at the end of the race year. Who will be the Club Champion, Champion of Champions in both on road and off road - all will be announced at the Christmas Parties to be held - see calendar above.

### **POSITION'S VACANT:** - Canteen

We are still 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 there are a couple of people interested, we are happy to run a roster system, so that one person does not have to do it every week. 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: \$300.00.

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: \$32.00

Phone Jennie Thorn - 041 103 8927

