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COMING EVENTS: February - March 2006

3 February	1st Friday	On Road - Round 1/Series 1	Brush Farm, Eastwood
4 February	1st Saturday	Off Road - Round 2, Series 1	Blenheim Park, Nth Ryde
12 February	2nd Sunday	Off Road - Round 1 - Series 1	Blenheim Park, Nth Ryde
17 February	3rd Friday	On Road - Round 2/Series 1	Brush Farm, Eastwood
18 February	3rd Saturday	Off Road - Round 3, Series 1	Blenheim Park, Nth Ryde
21 February 26 February		2006 AARCMCC 1/10th Scale Queensland State Championship - Pre World Championships Qualifying	England Park Raceway, Cnr. Leitchs' Road and Strathwyn Streets, Brendale, Qld
26 February	4th Sunday	Off Road - Series 1 ; Round 2	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
3 March	1st Friday	On Road - Series 1 - Round 3	Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
4 March	1st Saturday	Off Road - Series 1 - Round 3	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
12 March	2nd Sunday	Off Road - Series 1 ; Round 3	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
12 March	2nd Sunday	On Road Challenge Round 1 - Gosford	Gosford
17 March	3rd Friday	On Road - Series 1 - Round 4	Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
18 March	3rd Saturday	Off Road - Series 1 - Round 4	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
26 March	4th Sunday	Off Road - Series 1 ; Round 4	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
26 March	4th Sunday	Off Road Challenge Round 1 - Castle Hill Pro Am	Castle Hill track
31 March	5th Friday	On Road - Series 1 - Round 5	Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood

🎵 HAPPY BIRTHDAY 🎵

February 2006

30 JAN - DAVID WARNER

10TH ALEC LANGLEY

24TH STEVEN JEFFREYS

24 TH CARL MASSEY

Our 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.

#58 JASON QUIRK #59 ALISTAIR LANGLEY
#60 RADITYA SAYOGO #61 MICHAEL RUSSELL # 62 BEN PANIC
(Yogo)

Attention:

MINI-t is now an official class at Ryde Off Road - please check web for rules

FOR SALE - FROM YOUR CLUB SHOP

The Club now has a full range of club uniform items available for sale.

POLO SHIRTS		NEW SIZES:		NEW FLEECE TOPS	
Childs 14	\$22.00	Medium	\$22.00	Medium	\$45.00
Small	\$22.00	Large	\$25.00	Large	\$45.00
Medium	\$22.00	X Large	\$25.00	X Large	\$45.00
Large	\$25.00	2 X Large	\$28.00	Small	\$45.00
2 nd hand Childs 14	\$13.00	3 X Large	\$28.00	X Small	\$45.00
Caps:	\$10.50 each	Personal Transponders	now on order	\$148.00 each	
		Johnson 540 Grey endbell Motors		\$15.00 each	



RACE TIME ALTERATION

Members and visitors are advised of a change to Race Start times during Daylight Saving hours.

Racing held on 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month will now Commence at 9.30 am.

Racing held on 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday nights will now Commence at 4.30 pm.

Friday Night racing times will not be altered at this time.

CLUB MEMBERSHIPS HAVE NOW EXPIRED - 30 DECEMBER 2005

All members will be receiving a Renewal Notice either hand delivered or via the post.

You MUST RETURN your renewal notice as it incorporates your MEMBERSHIP CARD.

Please note that you have until the **28 February 2005** to pay your fees.

PERSONAL TRANSPONDERS

We now have a new stock of personal transponders. Unfortunately the price has risen a little; they will now cost \$148.00 each, and increase of \$4.00.

ON ROAD ENDURO CORRECTION

You will be please to know that I sat down during my holidays and counted up the laps from the On Road Enduro. I did advise at the time that I had estimated the results and apologies for any bickering that may have eventuated.

On checking the results I can not advise:

		Estimated	Actual Count
1 st	Team Phil Micrack	570	615
2 nd	Team Feral	556	567
3 rd	Team 357	545	564
4 th	Speed Freaks	561	551
= 5 th	Team DOA	558	541
	The Elite Ones	556	541

This is the close of counting - next year the Enduro laps will work, I promise.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR 2005 WINNER'S OFF ROAD AND ON ROAD

JUNIOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPION

2ND PLACE LEVI GAZZARD

JUNIOR ENCOURAGEMENT SHIELD

2005 LEVI GAZZARD

CHAMPIONSHIP RACE NUMBERS

By now all members of this club will have been issued with your 2006 Official Race Car Numbers - you are asked to display this number on your touring car, buggy or truck (which ever category you race), if you run in both on road and off road, you will have been issued with two sets of numbers.

Just like the big championship car racing, this is your official race number for the year and you MUST display this number as your official race number - should you change bodies during the year, then you must obtain or make up a replacement number set - but this number must be displayed for the entire year.

The reason for having these race numbers is to display your finishing position in the relevant Club Championship and also so that the Committee has a trace on your cars as we no longer use flags during racing, it is very difficult to know who owns what car.

COMPETITIONS HAVE STARTED

Our competition year has commenced, and the format for 2006 will be: 2 x Staggered Grid Start Qualifying races and 3 x Grid Start Finals all of 5 minute + the last lap duration (about 5.5 minutes).

For the time being your best result of the 2 qualifiers will give your grid position in the final.

For the Series pointscores - the total points (Combined points) of the 3 Finals will be awarded against your entered classes.

For the Class - your best result from the 3 finals will be used, for the Club Championship - the best result from the 3 finals will sorted into order from highest to lowest results and points will be awarded from 50 down to 5 being the lowest score

Good luck for 2006 and hope you all have a fun year.

NEW EQUIPMENT FOR RYDE CLUB

Following an exceptional year in 2005, we raised enough funds to allow us to purchase some new equipment, so far we have purchased: a brand new fridge (everyone to date has been 2nd hand or off the tip pile) - \$890.00

: a new Pie Oven and Coffee/Water Urn - \$700.00

: a new Copier/Fax/Scanner/Printer (for Jennie to create wonderful things) - \$459.00

and still to come is a Fan for the canteen, a Chair and Table for Lapscoreing.

Thank you to everyone who entered our major events and took part in our raffles and attended general race meeting, because this is the first year we have been able to purchase new equipment for our club.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Sydney Radio Control Off Road Car Club will be held on Sunday 12 March, 2006. It will be held at the Off Road Meeting in Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde.

All financial members of the club are requested to attend this meeting, to hear the financial status of the club and to elect a new Committee to take us through to 2007.

The minutes of the last meeting are attached to this newsletter together with the Nomination form and Proxy form. The financial statement is being prepared and will be available on the day of the meeting (earlier if possible).

RYDE (S.R.C.O.R.C.C.) TURNS 25 IN 2007

2007 will be a very big year for our club, in June 2007 our club will be 25 years of age - a great mild stone for Radio Control Car Sport and we intend holding a very big bash to celebrate.

There will be a special race meeting - details of that are being created now and will be advertised as soon as concluded and we would like to hold a Dinner Function at North Ryde RSL club also.

All the membership listings from 1982 are being compiled now thanks to Mike Bellamy and over the next 6 months, we will be trying to trace all our old members - if you know of anyone who was an old member of this club please complete the information slip attached to this newsletter with their details or ask them to make contact with me.

Invitations hopefully will be sent out early March 2007 but prior to that date, I would like to have an indication of how many people would attend a special sit down dinner type function (where we can reminisce the old days and catch up with our old friends). Please complete the slip attached to this newsletter and return to Jennie Thorn by 30 April 2006.

AARCMCC NSW STATE TITLES

We can now almost certainly advise that Maitland will be hosting the 2006 NSW State Titles and the 2007 Australian Nationals - this is an AARCMCC requirement - a club must host a State event before they can hold a National event.

Good news is that Ryde will be hosting the AARCMCC 2007 NSW Off Road State Titles.

Not sure of dates yet, but as soon as they come to hand we will notify everyone. Just something to keep in mind if you plan on attending the 2006 State Titles and Nationals, you will be required to use CONTROLLED TYRES, we don't know the brand yet, that will be advised probably at time of entry, so don't go buying lots of tyres, because you will not be permitted to use them.

Word has it that 2wd & Truck - front tyres will not be controlled, but REARS definitely will be, and 4wd all will be controlled tyres.

GRAND PRIX MASTERS

Ryde tried a new concept in racing on Sunday 29 January 2006 - we held the Grand Prix Masters which attracted 47 entries from most clubs in Sydney and Intrastate and from the comments everyone was extremely pleased.

The event had 3 Qualifying races of 6 minute plus the last lap with a combined score and the best 2 from 3 results gave drivers their grid positions in the finals.

Drivers making the A Final were then presented with 5 Finals again of 6 minutes with a combined score and the best 3 from 5 results gave them their finishing position in each of the classes.

Stock was the only class to have an A and B Final, but entries were received in 4wd Stock, 2wd Modified, 4wd Modified, Stock Trucks, Modified Trucks and Mini-t was included into the event only 5 days earlier.

The driving was exceptional and drivers enjoyed the extra minute of racing. The event grew to 53 x 6-1/2 minutes races and took 9 hours to complete. Racing commenced at 9.00am and was concluded at 6.00pm still giving our intrastate drivers ample time to get home.

Only down fall was the heat of the day and the dust. Our wonderful members and Committee had worked on the track in preparation for this event, and thanks to the Skies, rain fell during the week, the track was watered the night before but because of the 30+ degrees of the day, the moisture just went and made the day a little unpleasant with dust traveling everywhere. This is something that will have to be addressed for future events, but I am sure our wonderful track people will sort out something.

However, the consensus from those present was that the event should be an Annual Ryde event - so the last Sunday in January every year we will host the Grand Prix Masters - if you want to check out the results visit the club web site on the 2006 Results button - look for Grand Prix Masters.

A very special 'Thank You' must go to Arcadia Hobbies from South Australia who donated 4 x B4 Body shells, Huntervalleyrc Hobbies who donated Tyres, Battery & Motor Boxes and to Ballistic Tyres (Matt Immer) who donated Tyres for junior drivers and Amazing Paints, Blenheim Road for the football. Their generous support to our club gave us items for an Event Raffle. Congratulations to all our Winners.

2006 CHALLENGE CUP

The Challenge Cup is upon us again and attached to this newsletter is a form where I require all interested drivers to indicate the events that they would like to compete in.

Please complete and either email back or hand to Jennie by 26 February 2006. This year we will be hoping to enter 12 drivers into every event - off road and on road.

Ryde did so well in 2005, I believe that we can knock off the other clubs and win the events this year, and I believe that many Ryde drivers think that they can do it, also.

Entry form is online for Gosford On Road on 12 March - you can enter as an Individual, and you can be selected at a Ryde Team Member but in this category you will only be selected for one class (so please indicate the class you think you have the best possible chance at).

You will notice by the calendar that there are a lot of challenge rounds clashing with Ryde club events, unfortunately, you will have to make a serious decision which event you will be entering, if an on road event is on an off road day, the off road event will still be conducted, where ever possible, we will make every attempt NOT to cancel our race meetings. With this in mind, I will be requiring the assistance of our club members to help run the race meetings in the area of Lap scoring and Canteen duty.

Please be supportive of your race meeting officials, it is unfortunate that Trevor Johnstone has put most of the Challenge events on our race dates and has closed off all event rounds by the end of September, 2006.

Rules for 2006 Challenge Cup are:

All rounds of the Challenge will use the AMBrc lapscoring system.

Driver Championship

Any driver can enter into the drivers' championship; this will consist of four rounds, worst result to be dropped.

Trophies will be awarded to the 'A' finalist drivers at each meeting and a trophy will be awarded to the overall champion of each class at the end of the year.

Challenge Cup

All clubs are eligible to enter the Club Challenge - not just the host clubs.

All drivers that represent a club must be a financial member of that club.

Maximum of twelve (12) drivers can enter for a club - each driver can only race in one class for the club.

The Club Challenge is over four (4) rounds; all rounds count toward the final total at the end of the year.

Basic Rules

1. Classes are as follows:
On-Road: 540, Stock, Modified & Tamiya Mini;
Off-Road: 2WD & 4WD Stock & Modified & Stock & Modified Truck.
2. This year there will be 2 sub-classes - Seniors & 19-Turn. Seniors will run within Stock, 19-Turn within Modified. No separate trophies will be awarded to these classes at single events. There will however be a trophy for the top Seniors &
3. 19-Turn drivers at the end of the year.
4. Seniors class is open only to drivers 40 years of age or over.
5. 19-Turn motors are to be a spec motor with locked timing.
6. All car, battery and motor specifications will be based on the AARCMCC rules for 1/10th scale On-Road Electric 4wd touring cars and all off-road buggies and trucks. These rules also apply to the 540 class but the motors to be used in this class are either the Tamiya kit 27turn 540 or the Johnson grey can (683) motor.
7. Mini rules will be based on Castle Hill Raceway rules - Tamiya Mini FWD 2wd kit, any brand Mini Cooper shell and Tamiya Sport Tuned motor. For more details go to www.castlehillraceway.com and check out the 'Rules' page.
8. The format for racing is a minimum of three five minute qualifying rounds with one five minute final. If time and entrant numbers permit, we may be able to increase either the finals to three 'A' finals or add an extra qualifying round (four qualifiers instead of three). Every round and final will have a maximum of eight (8) and a minimum of five (5) drivers.
9. The race directors' decision is final. The host club will provide people for scrutineering on the day so weight, motors and batteries will be checked. We will be racing with the AMBrc system so personal transponders can be used.
10. Tyres are open at all tracks.

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS

Do you have children under the age of 16 years who attend our race meeting?

Whilst all care is taken to make our sport as safe as possible, we remind parents that it is your parental responsibility to be in attendance at the race meetings with your children, not only to support them in their new activity and to be there should an accident happen or they get upset. We are not a Crèche, so ask that you make the effort to support your child.

Please attend race meetings with your child and give them the support they require.

WHO'S ATTENDING THE CHALLENGE CUP?

If your name is not on the list above, if you have not indicated your intention to compete at the Challenge events, please let Jennie know by no later than Saturday, 17 February 2006. Please tick the dates you will commit yourself for competition.

NAME	PREFERRED CLASS	RND 1 28 March	RND 2 28 May	RND 3 18 June	RND 4 30 July	RND 5 3 September
OFF ROAD	Please list	Cast/hill	Maitland	St Ives	Ryde	Illawarra

Ken Anderson	1					
Darren Godfrey	2					
Alec Langley	3					
Matthew Immer	4					
David Warner	5					
Michael Swann	6					
Ian Thorn	7					
Michael Frentin	8					
Greg Waters	9					
Lochiel Langley	10					
Gary Boyce	11					
Jademon Kiang	12					
Jonathan Goodwill	13					
Shayne Raffaeta	14					
Alistair Langley	15					
Mike Bellamy	16					
Craig Norris	17					
Chris Nolan	18					
Ben Panic	19					

NAME	PREFERRED CLASS	RND 1 12 March	RND 2 7 May	RND 3 9 July	RND 4 13 August
ON ROAD	Please list	Gosford	S.M.A.	Castle Hill	ACT MCRC

	1					
Ian Thorn	2					
Michael Swann	3					
Dean Jones	4					
David Massey	5					
James Dean	6					
Neil Gomez	7					
Martin Choy	8					
Darren Godfrey	9					
Michael Camilleri	10					
Greg Waters	11					
Andrew Johnston	12					
Kierra Thorn	13					
Ken Anderson	14					
Thomas Matley	15					
Tim Lee	16					
Steven Jeffreys	17					
Graeme Fazakerley	18					
Jademon Kiang	19					

SRCORCC OLD MEMBER - HERE IS THEIR DETAILS

Name	Address	Telephone Number	Mobile Number

Please email to jenthorn@optusnet.com.au or hand deliver to Jennie Thorn - as soon as possible



SPECIAL DINNER FUNCTION TO CELEBRATE OUR 25th ANNIVERSARY

Name	Address	Telephone Number	Mobile Number
I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND A SPECIAL FUNCTION FOR THE CLUB Please tick		I WOULD NOT LIKE TO ATTEND A SPECIAL FUNCTION FOR THE CLUB Please tick	

Please email to jenthorn@optusnet.com.au or hand deliver to Jennie Thorn - as soon as possible





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NOTICE OF 22nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, 12 March 2005

Meeting will be held at Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde at 9.30 am.

AGENDA of MEETING

1. Acceptance of the 2005 Annual General Meeting minutes
2. Discuss any Business arising from minutes
3. Table the Financial Statement for 2005 – handed out on the day
4. Read the Nominations for Committee positions
5. Voting for committee positions
6. Close the 2006 Election
7. General Business – Discussion on items for 2006 +
8. Close of meeting

If you are a financial member you are required to attend this A.G.M. You have the right to vote on all matters that are put forward; you only have one vote per item.

All Committee positions become vacant as at 9.45 am and a new committee must be voted in to enable racing and club matters to continue through the year 2006.

All club members must be present at the A.G.M.

MINUTES OF THE 21st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT BLENHEIM PARK, BLENHEIM ROAD, NORTH RYDE ON SUNDAY, 13 March 2005.

MEETING COMMENCED AT 9.45 AM

PRESENT: Jennie Thorn, Kierra Thorn, Ian Thorn, Dean Jones, Dave Bennett, Mike Bennett, Ashley Anthony, Peter Van Der Linden, James Dean, Ray Wood, Michael Swann, Greg Waters, Gary Boyce, Ken Anderson, Neil Gomez, Carl Massey, David Massey, Stephen Woodward, Jonathan Goodwill, Martin Choy, David Warner, Shayne Raffaeta,

PROXIES RECEIVED: Nil

Minutes of Previous Meeting were read
Accepted by Peter Van Der Linden

Seconded by Ken Anderson

Treasurers Report was read and explained
Accepted by Dean Jones

Seconded by Dave Bennett

Jennie gave a Secretaries report before reading out the Nominations received.

Jennie advised that all Executive and Committee positions were now vacant and continued to chair the meeting.

Jennie then proceeded to read the nominations.

All nominations have been accepted and signed by the Nominees

1st Nomination received from Ken Anderson appointed the following persons:
President – Ian Thorn was nominated and has accepted the position.
Vice President – Gary Boyce was nominated and has accepted the position.
Secretary – Jennie Thorn was nominated and has accepted the position.
Treasurer – Peter Vander Linden was nominated and has accepted the position.
Committee – Michael Swann was nominated and has accepted the position.

2nd Nomination received from Jennie Thorn appointed the following persons:

Committee – Matthew Immer was nominated and has accepted the position
Committee - Ashley Anthony was nominated and has accepted the position.

3rd Nomination received from Greg Waters appointed the following persons:
President – Ian Thorn already accepted position.
Vice President – Gary Boyce already accepted position
Secretary – Jennie Thorn already accepted
Treasurer – Peter Vander Linden already accepted position
Committee – Michael Swann already accepted position

With all Executive Positions and Committee positions receiving Nominations and the Nominees accepting and signing for those positions there is not need to call for Nominations from the floor.

There being no further business the new committee was welcomed and the meeting was closed at 10.30 am.

General Meeting of the Sydney Radio Control Off Road Car Club.

Trophies - everyone was happy with the new plaques instead of all the trophies.

Saturday Night racing – we need at least 10 starters every night to start up again. If members can guarantee they will attend we will start up. Ian suggested we look at postponing night racing during the winter months or starting it earlier so we are not here in the cold.

Greg offered to provide a light for the caravan for Friday evenings, so he can read the sheets.

Greg Waters thanked Wendy Swann and Jennie Thorn for their services to racing and canteen, and advised that the drivers would not have any fun if we were not there to look after them.

No further business

Meeting closed at 10.45 am.

President: Secretary Dated:

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Sydney Radio Control Off Road Car Club Inc.

**** Racing in 2000 and beyond ****
FORMS MUST BE RETURNED
TO THE SECRETARY BY 7.00 pm - THURSDAY 2 March 2006
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NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE POSITIONS

I Being a financial member of the above mentioned club hereby nominate the following members for the listed positions.

President:	Vice President:
Secretary:	Treasurer:
Committee: (1)	Committee: (2).....
Committee: (3)... ..	Public Officer:

Each member listed has been spoken to and have agreed to be nominated and are a financial member of the said club.

Name of Person Nominating

Signature of Person Nominating Membership Number of Nominator

Signature and Name of Person being Nominated

Date: