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COMING EVENTS: August - October 2006

4 August	1st Friday	On Road – Series 2 - Round 7 - Final Round	Brush Farm Netball Courts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
5 August	1st Saturday	Off Road – Series 2 - Round 8 - Final Round	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
13 August	2nd Sunday	Off Road – Series 2 ; Round 8 - Final Round	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
13 August	2nd Sunday	On Road Challenge Round 4 - ACT On Road	Canberra
18 August	3rd Friday	On Road -	Brush Farm Netball Courts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
19 August	3rd Saturday	Off Road – Series 3 - Round 1	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
27 August	4th Sunday	Off Road - Series 3 ; Round 1	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
1 September	1st Friday	On Road – Series 3 - Round 1	Brush Farm Netball Courts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
2 September	1st Saturday	No Racing - Off Road Major meeting next day	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
3 September	1st Sunday	Off Road Challenge Round 5 - Illawarra	Illawarra, Coomes Park
9 September - 17 September		2006 IFMAR 1/10th 200mm On Road World Championship	England Park Track, Brendale, Queensland, Australia.
10 September	2nd Sunday	Off Road – Series 3 ; Round 2	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
15 September	3rd Friday	On Road – Series 3 - Round 2	Brush Farm Netball Courts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
16 September	3rd Saturday	Off Road – Series 3 - Round 2 - Double Points Round	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
24 September	4th Sunday	Off Road - Series 3 ; Round 3	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
24 September	4th Sunday	AARCMCC Off Road State Titles	Maitland
29 September	5th Friday	On Road - Series 3 - Round 3	Brush Farm Netball Courts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
30 September	5th Saturday	Off Road - Series 3 - Round 3 – Practice Night	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
1 October	1st Sunday	2005 SYDNEY CUP Off Road - Moved to this date because of the Off Road State Titles	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
6 October	1st Friday	On Road - Series 4 - Round 4	Brush Farm Netball Courts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
7 October	1st Saturday	Off Road - Series 3 - Round 4	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
15 October	3rd Sunday	Off Road - Series 3 ; Round 4 - Double Points Road	
20 October	3rd Friday	On Road – Series 3 - Round 5	Brush Farm Netball Courts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
21 October	3rd Saturday	Off Road – Series 3 - Round 5 – Round Postponed	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
22 October	4th Sunday	RYDE v ILLAWARRA CHALLENGE – ON ROAD	Guest Park
29 October	5th Sunday	Off Road – Series 3 ; Round 5	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde

♪♪♪ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** ♪♪♪
August 2006

17TH MIKE BELLAMY

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.

#75 THOMAS PARK

STICK ON RACE NUMBERS – We now have a quantity of race numbers suitable for your race car bodies – they will cost \$1.00 for 2 numbers or 50 cents each. We have numbers 1 to 50 available.

SYDNEY CUP – OFF ROAD CHAMPIONSHIP – CHANGE OF DATE

The date of our Sydney Cup has been the same time for years, and this year we have to move it because Maitland has put the Off Road State Titles on the same day. Please note it is now scheduled for Sunday, 1 October – if we don't have it this weekend, then it will not be held and that cannot happen.

SUNDELL HOLDEN OFF ROAD CHALLENGE CUP – ROUND 3

Sunday – 30 July, 2006

Wow, we anticipated 112+ entries, we actually had 141 – the biggest Challenge event so far.

What an extreme weekend, the weather was good to us for one event, I guess you can say for the one that counted. The rain had done the track a blessing, because with a little tidying up, some packing of a new jump, a lot of practice on the Saturday afternoon, a little more water, some more practice the track was superb. Thank you to Gary and Ian who gave up some time to prepare the track ready for this meeting, which was like concrete by the middle of the day, and held together for the entire days racing.

Trophies were awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd placegetters in each class, that's right, A's, B's, C's and D's received an award, thanks to our wonderful sponsors, also Memento were handed out to every competing driver, thanks to Sundell Holden and Matthew Immer for arranging the sponsorship.

Ryde had an excellent field of drivers entered, making the team was by qualifying and most drivers performed above expectations. The event was scheduled to commence at 8.00 am, but with this enormous field of entrants, unfortunately the power system could not handle the load and tripped out everyone in the lower pit area and car park, causing some of the usual comments like "Good on you Ryde, done it again", but thanks to Ian Thorn, who took of in his little car to Kennard's, hired a generator (the biggest one they had), brought it back in the rear of his car, fired it up and supplied power to all the suffering drivers.

This did cause the event to start some 60 minutes late, which was going to cause some problems later in the day, but when there is an approaching problem, Ryde is on top of it and has the solution before it is requested. Racing proceeded with 2 minutes between races, 16 races per round, 10 drivers in almost all races and everyone having 3 qualifying rounds made for many laps around our track. This round, Trevor nominated to do a regrade after round 2, putting the almost certain A final drivers together, and giving everyone an insight to how their final may be, because there was only one final run.

To fix the loss of time the Ryde decision was to run all A finals first, get them off the power and this would allow the lighting to be set up so the remaining finals could be held. Lights on and B, C, and D finals experienced racing under lights, Ryde style – and no one complained which was remarkable.

Ryde drivers did an excellent job, but to win the event we must work at some of the finer skills and gain more experience in bigger events, to give the club the winning edge.

Racing concluded at 6.20pm. Three qualifying runs, 1 final a total of 64 races and some 8,000 laps later the event was over. You can see the results on the Challenge web site, there are too many people to mention

from our Club, but to say that you all, well almost all did a wonderful job, unfortunately we are still in 3rd place, so need to work on refining some of our skills for 2007.

An giant Thank you to Martin Choy and Barry Hayman who scrutineered, Wendy Swann and Kierra Thorn who ran the Canteen, Gary Boyce and Ian Thorn for the track preparation, everyone who attended the Saturday morning track tidy up and of course our club competitors.

To Martin Choy,

I just thought I would send you a quick note to congratulate you and say "thanks" on the scrutineering job at yesterday's club challenge. It must have been a massive job, but yesterday's scrutineering was easily the best scrutineering at any club challenge I have attended. You were absolutely, totally correct to ping me and Brian Goby for the air holes in our body shells, and it was a really good effort to pick up those stock motor arms.

*So, congratulations and thanks for the effort yesterday - top job! See you Friday night (don't forget your Mini!)
Mike Bellamy*

Martin was on Scrutineering

This is an important message to all competitors: Was working on the scrutineering table and confused with a couple of motor armatures marked with "EPSTK27" after discussion with some of the officials it was originally thought these were legal then decided not and the people had their round removed and were asked to change their motors.

I don't remember who the people were but one of them mentioned that a hobby store had sold him the arm stating it was a monster arm. I thought I would post the following info which I found in another RCtech post so that others don't buy the armatures by mistake.

"The Binary 2 Outlaw Stock - 36 lamination short stack, does not meet required wire length, 4 magnet can - Satin/Silver looking can - Epoxy Balanced Arm - EPSTK27 on tag" - **this is an illegal stock motor**

FROM THE OTHER CLUBS:

Great to see some very positive comments about the Ryde challenge round – the track got better as the day went on, the racing was good, the weather was just right, and we had top numbers attending, and nothing has changed at Ryde – it has only got better.

Thanks for all your support.

Challenge Cup Off-Road Pointscore, Round Three - July 30 2006

		Castle Hill	St Ives	Ryde	Illawarra	Total
1	Maitland	1175	1165	1171		3511
2	Castle Hill	1159	1137	1144		3440
3	Ryde	1142	1130	1122		3394
4	Canberra	575	1134	1144		2853
5	St Ives	359	1088	891		2338
6	Illawarra	675	674	673		2022
7	Dubbo	276	457	278		1011

Ryde is 117 points away from 1st place

46 points away from 2nd place

Drivers in the top 10 in each class:

2wd Stock	Levi Gazzard		
Seniors	Ken Anderson		
2wd Modified	Michael Harlow	David Warner	Ben Panic
Truck Stock	Michael Russell	Greg Waters	Alec Langley

Trucks Modified	Mike Bellamy	Ian Thorn
4wd Stock	Mike Bellamy	Alastair Langley
4wd Modified	David Warner	Jonathan Goodwill

Ryde Drivers best results:

2wd Stock	A Final – 7 th Place	Levi Gazzard	Team Driver
	A Final – 9 th Place	Matthew Immer	
	B Final – 2 nd Place	Jademond Kiang	Team Driver
	B Final – 4 th Place	Mike Bellamy	
	C Final – 2 nd Place	Wayne Dickerson	
	C Final – 5 th Place	Greg Waters	
	C Final – 7 th Place	Ken Anderson	
	C Final – 8 th Place	Michael Swann	
2wd Modified	A Final – 7 th Place	Michael Harlow	Team Driver
	B Final – 8 th Place	Ben Panic	
	B Final – 9 th Place	David Warner	Team Driver
Truck Stock	A Final – 1 st Place	Michael Russell	
	A Final – 6 th Place	Alec Langley	Team Driver
	B Final – 1 st Place	Greg Waters	Team Driver
	B Final – 2 nd Place	Jason Quirk	
	B Final – 3 rd Place	Christen Williams	
	B Final – 4 th Place	Yogo	
Truck Modified	A Final – 6 th Place	Mike Bellamy	Team Driver
4wd Stock	A Final – 7 th Place	Mike Bellamy	
	A Final – 9 th Place	Alastair Langley	
	A Final – 10 th Place	Levi Gazzard	
	B Final – 2 nd Place	Ian Thorn	Team Driver
	B Final – 6 th Place	Mitchell Kennedy	
4wd Modified	C Final – DNS	Lochiel Langley	Team Driver
	A Final – 5 th Place	Michael Harlow	
	A Final – 8 th Place	David Warner	
	B Final – 6 th Place	Craig Norris	Team Driver
	C Final – 1 st Place	Jonathan Goodwill	Team Driver
	C Final – 2 nd Place	Ben Panic	Team Driver

CHALLENGE ROUND 3 – CASTLE HILL – 9 JULY 2006.

Thanks you to all the Ryde drivers who supported this event. It also was an extremely large event with racing finishing around 7.00pm.

Drivers in the top 10 in each class:

Mini	Martin Choy		
540	Alec Langley	Martin Choy	
Stock	Matthew Immer		
Seniors	Ian Thorn		
19 Turn	Stephen Jefferys – 1st	Michael Swann – 2nd	Dean Jones
Modified	Stephen Jefferys	Michael Swann	

Ryde drivers best results:

Mini	B Final – 3 rd Place	Martin Choy	
	B Final – 5 th Place	Shaun McPhee	
	C Final – 2 nd Place	Alastair Langley	
540	C Final – 7 th Place	Lochiel Langley	Team Driver
	D Final – 1 st Place	Alec Langley	Team Driver

Stock	D Final – 4 th Place	Martin Choy		Team Driver
	C Final – 4 th Place	Matthew Immer		Team Driver
	D Final – 3 rd Place	Ian Thorn		Team Driver
	D Final – 4 th Place	Shaun McPhee		Team Driver
Modified	B Final – 6 th Place	Stephen Jefferys	19 Turn	Team Driver
	C Final – 2 nd Place	Michael Swann	19 Turn	Team Driver
	C Final – 4 th Place	Dean Jones	19 Turn	Team Driver
	B Final – DNS	David Warner		Team Driver
	C Final – DNS	Tom Matley		Team Driver

Challenge Cup On-Road Pointscore, Round Three - July 9 2006

Pos		Gosford	SMA	Castle Hill	ACT	
1	Castle Hill	1163	1168	1185		3516
2	SMA	1131	1158	1139		3428
3	Ryde	1101	1098	1084		3283
4	Gosford	637	440	177		1254
5	IMCC	659	280	276		1215
6	Lithgow	269	512	90		871
7	ACTMCRC	0	462	376		838
8	Nepean	0	264	189		453
9	NSWRCRCC	0	0	194		194

Ryde is 233 points away from 1st place

145 points away from 2nd place

EMAIL ADDRESSES

To all those members who have HOTMAIL addresses, would you please look at getting an alternative email address as every mail sent to you is bouncing back to me, so you are not receiving the important information that you need from your club.



For some reason the club news is not getting through to you, I have asked on a number of occasions you to supply this information. If it is not received by the end of July, 2006, your information will have to be mailed and your subscriptions may have to be increased to cover postage costs.

RACE TIME REMINDER

Members and visitors are reminded of our Race Start times, If you are not there by first race, you will miss Round

Racing held on 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month will commence at 10.00 am promptly.

Racing held on 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday nights will commence at 4.00 pm promptly.

Racing held on 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday Nights will commence at 7.00 pm promptly.



**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF THIS EVENT
TO PROMOTE OUR SPORT AND CLUB?**

**2006 GRANNY SMITH
FESTIVAL - EASTWOOD**



The 2006 Granny Smith Festival will be held once again in Eastwood on Saturday 21st October 2006. Please stay tuned to this webpage for further information.

Parade Participants

If you would like your group or organisation to participate in the street parade to be held between 10.00am and 10.45am, race your car down the main street of Eastwood and help on the Information stall during the day.

Remember – this event is the day before the Illawarra v Ryde On Road Challenge – but we still need your support and float input.

FRIDAY NIGHT ON ROAD	SUNDAY OFF ROAD	SATURDAY NIGHT OFF ROAD
Series 2	Series 2	Series 2
Stock	2wd Stock	2wd Stock
Mike Bellamy 101	Ken Anderson 110	Greg Waters 161
Ian Thorn 98	Peter Henderson 109	Wayne Dickerson 153
Martin Choy 93	Greg Waters 106	Matthew Immer 107
Eric Yamashita 85	Michael Swann 77	Robert Sheppard 105
Shane Guy 80	Gary Boyce 77	Michael Swann 89
Kierra Thorn 67	Wayne Dickerson 74	Levi Gazzard 56
Lochiel Langley 56	Peter Vander Linden 35	Trucks - Modified
Shaun McPhee 56	Levi Gazzard 30	Mike Bellamy 223
Shayne Raffaeta 33	Michael Fretin 28	Michael Fretin 162
Jason Quirk 30	Matthew Immer 23	Ian Thorn 97
Greg Chapman 18	Jademond Kiang 23	Alec Langley 79
James Deane 6	Harrison Jays 21	Greg Waters 61
Novice	Novice	Robert Sheppard 60
Thomas Park 55	Gavin Bruce 111	2wd Modified
4wd V8 540 - Other Shell	Aaron Bruce 109	David Warner 159
David Swales 34	Mitchell Kennedy 83	Michael Harlow 62
Dean Jones 34	Ben Baume 65	Ben Panic 57
Joel Swales 28	Christen Williams 55	Novice
MINI	Rishi Sabesan 40	Christian Williams 149
Mike Bellamy 105	Brad Fenton 22	Aaron Bruce 114
Martin Choy 97	Truck Modified	Gavin Bruce 106
Alastair Langley 63	Michael Fretin 56	Mitchell Kennedy 91
Shaun McPhee 55	Alex Langley 52	Ryan Scrimshaw 55
Ray Wood 30	Greg Waters 30	Daniel Pace 26
Lochiel Langley 30	Christen Williams 24	Marco Zappia 22
Shane Guy 28	Trucks Stock	Trucks - Stock
Barry Hayman 24	Greg Waters 85	Greg Waters 164
19 Turn (Modified)	Yogo 28	Yogo 146
Steven Jeffreys 96	Jason Quirk 26	Jason Quirk 97
Michael Swann 86	Alastair Langley 25	4wd Modified
Alastair Langley 81	Harrison Jays 19	Craig Norris 158
Alec Langley 81	2wd Modified	Levi Gazzard 151
Dean Jones 64	Justin Alderton 60	Lochiel Langley 108
Matthew Immer 61	Michael Harlow 30	Alastair Langley 90
Robert Sheppard 30	David Warner 28	David Warner 87
Ray Wood 26	Ben Panic 11	Matthew Immer 85
Jay Cotrell 24	4wd Stock	Alec Langley 80
Modified	Ian Thorn 29	Lochiel Langley 77

Tim Lee	108
Thomas Matley	56
David Warner	35

**2006 ON ROAD
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

Tim Lee	503
Steven Jefferys	457
Mike Bellamy	426
Alec Langley	415
Martin Choy	402
David Warner	386
Michael Swann	381
Matthew Immer	366
Lochiel Langley	366
Eric Yamashita	358
Alastair Langley	356
Ian Thorn	353
Kierra Thorn	318
Dean Jones	298
Thomas Matley	283
Shaun McPhee	246
Dave Osborn	202
Shane Guy	146
Graeme Fazakerley	131
James Deane	111
Neil Gomez	98
Shayne Raffaeta	84
Stuart Gale	80
Jason Quirk	72
Chris Nolan	46
Gary Gomez	31
Thomas Park	31
Stephen Woodward	29

Lochiel Langley	29
Levi Gazzard	25
Scott Kennedy	11
Mini T	
Jennie Thorn	127
Alastair Langley	88
Chris Nolan	58
Wendy Swann	52
George Mitrovovski	47
Eric Kasparian	24
Yogo	19

**2006 OFF ROAD
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

Craig Norris	480
Ken Anderson	426
Greg Waters	384
Ian Thorn	380
Alec Langley - Jnr	348
Alastair Langley	346
Lochiel Langley - Jnr	315
Gary Boyce	315
Michael Swann	312
Michael Fretin	287
Peter Henderson	243
Wayne Dickerson	229
Jonathan Goodwill	219
Jennie Thorn	218
Levi Gazzard - Jnr	199
Mitchell Kennedy - Nov	182
Michael Harlow	176
Yogo	173
Jason Quirk	169
David Warner	166
Ben Panic	164
Matthew Immer	141
Wendy Swann	113
Graeme Fazakerley	108
Eric Kasparian	105
Peter Van Der Linden	104
Michael Russell	96
Shayne Raffaeta	91
Carl Massey	89
Chris Nolan	73
Christen Williams	66
Barry Hayman	61
Mike Bellamy	58
Bimo Baskoro	45
Jademond Kiang	42
Stephen Rabe	36
Rishi Sabesan	36
Grant Lockhart	32

Mini t	
Yogo	134
Alastair Langley	78
Jennie Thorn	66
Eric Kasparian	33
Mike Bellamy	32