

# FIRST GEAR

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## COMING EVENTS: October - December, 2007

5 October	1st Friday	Ryde vs. Illawarra Challenge (On Road) – Rnd 1 Series 3 - Round 5	Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
6 October	1st Saturday	Off Road - Series 3 - Round 5	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
14 October	2nd Sunday	Off Road - Series 3 ; Round 4 - Double Points Rnd	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
19 October	3rd Friday	On Road – Series 3 - Round 6	Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
20 October	3rd Saturday	Off Road – Series 3 - Round 6	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
28 October	4th Sunday	Off Road – Series 3 ; Round 5	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
28 October	4th Sunday	Ryde vs. Illawarra Challenge (On Road) – Rnd 2 Plus Re-run of Illawarra On Road Challenge	Illawarra - Fairy Meadow - Guest Park
2 November	1st Friday	On Road – Series 3 - Round 7	Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
3 November	1st Saturday	Off Road – Series 3 - Round 7 - Double Points Rnd	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
11 November	2nd Sunday	Off Road - Series 3 ; Round 6 - Double Points Rnd	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
16 November	3rd Friday	On Road – Series 3 – Round 8 Practice Meeting for On Road Masters	Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
17 November	3rd Saturday	<b>Race Meeting Cancelled due to event next day</b>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
18 November	3rd Sunday	<b>RYDE'S - ELECTRIC ON ROAD MASTERS</b> Watch out for entry forms	Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
25 November	4th Sunday	Off Road – Series 3 ; Round 7 - Final Round	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
30 November	5th Friday	On Road - Series 3 - Round 9 – Final Round	Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
1 December	1st Saturday	Off Road – Fun day - non competition night	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
7 December	1st Friday	540 Night + Presentation	Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
9 December	2nd Sunday	Off Road – Off Road Christmas Party Enduro	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
15 December	3rd Saturday	Off Road – Off Road Fun Day + Presentation	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde

**Double Points rounds are introduced when a race meeting has to be cancelled. This way drivers can get some extra points to cover what was missed because an event had to be dropped.**

**CHECK OUT THE CLUB FORUM**

## **SATURDAY AFTERNOON MEETINGS: Back to old start time**

**Saturday 29 September, 2007**

Racing on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday afternoons will resume at the original times with registration at 3.30 pm and racing starting approx. 4.00pm, we should be finished by 9.30pm depending on number of entries.

🎵🎵 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** 🎵🎵  
**October, 2007**

**3<sup>RD</sup> JAMES DEANE**

**8<sup>TH</sup> CAMERON FISHER**

**12<sup>TH</sup> LOCHIEL LANGLEY**

**13<sup>TH</sup> ZAC MURPHY**

**17<sup>TH</sup> SHAUN MCPHEE**

**17<sup>TH</sup> FABIAN BAUMANN**

**17<sup>TH</sup> PAUL CHEN**

**20<sup>TH</sup> PETER ROSE**

## **LIPO BATTERIES & BRUSHLESS STOCK MOTORS**

A number of competitors are attending our race meetings with equipment that is not race legal. We remind all club members and visitors that this club conducts its race meetings under AARCMCC rules and regulations and all rules must be strictly adhered to.

**Batteries** (all classes of electric cars must only use a maximum of 6 cells)

Only Batteries that appear on the AARCMCC approved battery list may be used. At this time Lipo Batteries are not legal for use in off road racing, we hope that all competitors will adhere to the rules under which this club races.

**Brushless Stock Motors** (these motors are not legal at this time). The Club will be conducting the Annual 2008 "Grand Prix Masters" on Sunday, 27 January 2008 in an attempt to have this motor legalised. However if you have a Brushless Stock motor, we suggest that you only use the 13.5 motor which is a comparable motor to the Rebuildable Stock Motor. Speed Passion Stock Motors are only 23 Turn motors and are not a legal stock motor.

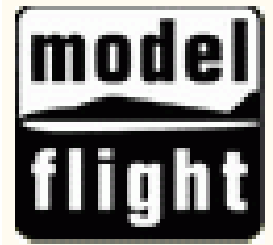
## **CONGRATULATIONS, Dave Quinlan & Partner**

Dave became a father for the first time at around 1.30pm Tuesday, 2 October, 2007

Have not heard if boy or girl at time of printing.



# 1:10 EP NSW OFF ROAD STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



The Sydney Radio Control Car Club track at Blenheim Park, North Ryde was preened to perfection and looked a picture of success and excitement.



Ryde club driver's with the love of four wheel drive drivers entered the day they were- Bob Burbage, Alec Langley, Wayne Dickerson, Ian Thorn, Alastair Langley and Dave Warner competed in either the Stock, 19-turn Seniors and Modified classes.

The NSW State Championships opened at 7.00am on Saturday morning with strict vehicle scrutineering which was followed by many vehicles taking part in the Foxtel Concourse de Elegance for the most impressive paintwork and vehicle preparation. Congratulations to Tony Doherty from Canberra who took out the 2nd section.

Taking out the Foxtel Top Qualifier award for pole position in each of the four wheel drive classes were: 4wd Stock - Brad Fisher from Canberra, 4wd 19-Turn - Robert Sheppard - Castle Hill, 4wd Modified - Joshua Pain - Illawarra and Stock Truck - Matthew Immer - Castle Hill.

All drivers had to compete in three, five and ½ minute finals with the best two runs counting to their overall finishing positions. Setting top qualifying pace in 4wd Stock and out driving 14 other competitors, Brad Fisher was on fire with the first of the junior drivers, 14 year old Malcolm Sharp from Canberra proving to be quite a competitor with some impeccable driving, both drivers were closely followed by Daniel Cotton from Maitland but after 3 finals Brad Fisher was too good and took the overall win with 2 first place wins giving him the crown of 4wd Stock NSW State Champion.



A field of six drivers started in the 19-turn senior's class. This class may be for the over 40's competitor, they have may lost some of their reflexes, but the desire and passion is still there. Robert Sheppard continued to set the pace with his four wheel drive Buggy and produced an almost perfect performance to win the class and title of 19-Turn Senior NSW State Champion with Ian Thorn from Ryde coming in a commendable third overall.



Ten drivers started in 4wd Modified, if the qualifying runs were any indication of their ability and the pure speed and skill, the finals were going to be something to watch and we were not disappointed. Joshua Pain from Illawarra had just returned from the Off Road World Championships in Japan a few days before and you tell he was still pumped and full of passion for his sport. Joshua's race skills were incredible throughout the day, where he won all bar two of the seven races he contested and with an overall 8 seconds buffer took the Modified Foxtel Top Qualifier and overall NSW State championship title from David Warner of Ryde.





The Stock Stadium Truck finals as always was an exciting event to watch, Matthew Immer of Castle Hill dominating the field all day. Matthew had set a very high standard of driving and the only driver in this class to qualify with a 16 lap run in 5 minutes 19.888 seconds and with such domination took the overall win as Truck State Champion.

Sunday was beautiful with plenty of sun, a warm summery day and the track after a light sweeping was spectacular and holding together. The day started in the same way as Saturday, but with more entries in the two wheel drive Stock and Modified Stadium Truck class.

Again entrants had the opportunity to display their skills with magnificent paintwork and again impress the judges to take the Foxtel Concourse Award. Congratulations to Robert Sheppard – 2wd and Michael Harlow – Trucks.



Sunday competition was two wheel drive Stock, 19-Turn Seniors, Modified and Modified Stadium Trucks. Ryde Club drivers with a preference for two wheel drive entering the competition were Gary Boyce and Michael Fretin, The Langley clan, Ian Thorn and Ray Wood.

Taking out the Foxtel Top Qualifier pole positions in each of the two wheel drive classes were:  
2wd Stock - Matthew Immer from Turramurra, 2wd 19-Turn - Robert Sheppard from Castle Hill,  
2wd Modified - Ari Bakla from Whalan and Modified Truck: Michael Harlow from St Ives club.



Matthew Immer who had dominated racing the day before set out to show the field he meant business with some very spectacular and close racing and after 4 qualifying runs, Matthew Immer again took the Foxtel Top Qualifier for 2wd Stock. However during the finals Matthew had some serious competition from a young 14 year old driver Malcolm Sharp of Canberra and Peter Couper from Ryde but at the end of the day it was Matthew Immer who was crowned the 2wd Stock NSW State Champion.

This was an exceptional event for Matthew who took home the Foxtel Top Qualifier in Stock Truck and 2wd Stock and NSW State Champion in both classes as well.

Robert Sheppard again showed the two wheel drive 19-Turn Seniors field that winning the class on Saturday was no fluke and throughout the entire day dominated the class with some very exciting and professional driving. Robert won the Foxtel Top Qualifier 2wd class and the overall NSW State Champion for his class.



Joshua Pain was again on the track in two wheel drive Modified class and with some very fast and exciting racing during qualifying, he was won the Foxtel Top Qualifier award and put on some racing that had the spectators in au at the closeness, the race speed and the driving skills he put his vehicle through for a furious 5 plus minutes with race speeds approaching 58 kilometres per hour down the 40 metre straight.

Joshua has won many titles during his years of racing, but this was his first 2wd Modified NSW State Championship crown.

Michael Harlow from St. Ives won the Modified Truck class with some spectacular driving and proved he could set a 16 lap race pace all day, taking the Foxtel Top Qualifier award and making it hard for Ray Wood and Ian Thorn from Ryde to get a grip on the Overall trophy.

To our wonderful club members who helped in the many official positions – you all receive a free race meeting for donating your time.

Rewarded are: Gavin Bruce, Ken Anderson, Greg Lee, Yung Wang and Paul Chen (scrutineering), Kara Dickenson (Canteen), Michael Fretin, Roman De Simone (official), Ashley Anthony, Alec Langley (Video Starts), Ian Thorn, Alastair Langley (Grid), Gary Boyce (track).

And finally we should all congratulate Gary Boyce, Ian Thorn and Ashley Anthony for providing a supper race track for the event. This is the best surface we have seen for many years, well done guys!

## ILLAWARRA vs. RYDE CHALLENGE

It is time to remind all our competitors of the Illawarra vs. Ryde Challenge. Our 2 clubs some years ago introduced this challenge to encourage a fun but some what serious competition between our drivers in an attempt to help promote healthy competition.

This is an on road event, we need all our club members who race or own an on road car to be at this event, especially the Ryde round. You can enter as many classes as you want, but you will be required to select the one class you want your points counted.

**Please put these dates on your Calendar:**

**Friday, 5 October at Brush Farm for Round 1**

**Sunday, 28 October at Fairymeadow (Illawarra) for Round 2.**

This will also be the re-run of the Illawarra interclub event, so if you are going to that event, then you will be part of the Ryde vs. Illawarra challenge and a reminder that all drivers must nominate the class that they wish their points to be counted.



**COME ON RYDE DRIVERS, PLEASE SUPPORT THIS EVENT - ILLAWARRA HAS TAKEN THE CUP FROM US TWICE NOW, IT IS OUR TURN TO HOLD IT.**

## 2007 'ELECTRIC ON ROAD MASTERS' 'Supported by Feral Batteries'

**Sunday, 18 November 2007** – Brush Farm Netball Courts, Eastwood.

Entry forms are now available from your club web site for this event. **Note**, it is a control tyre event and only tyres purchased with your entry will be permitted to be used, drivers **ARE NOT permitted to supply their own tyres, inserts and rims.** Only Xenon 36 with green medium insert on Xenon rims will be used, and a set of 4 will cost you \$30.00 and competitors will be able to purchase 2 sets, with 1 addition set available should you make an "A" Final.

This event will be open to Brushless 13.5 motors in the Stock class and the **use of Lipo Batteries are prohibited.**

Entries are now open and will close on 5 November, so to assist us in ordering sufficient tyres please assist us by getting your entry in early.

We will of course require the assistance of many of the off road club members to assist in some necessary duties for the day. A timetable can be found elsewhere in this edition, so please help us out, give us 3 hours of your time and we can have a great event.

## BRUSH FARM NETBALL COURTS, EASTWOOD

City of Ryde Council has obviously seen the light, they must have worked out that if they charged the exorbitant prices for lighting the local clubs were going to suffer and then Council would not get the great amounts of money they were anticipating.

We have just been informed that our rate for the night per hour is going to be \$5.00, instead of the \$30.00 Council was indicating, this means that we will continue at Brush Farm until another suitable venue can be found that of course has a cover over it and is a bit warmer during winter.

## FOR SALE - FROM YOUR CLUB SHOP

Tee Shirts	Polar Fleece Tops	Caps	Beanies
\$23.00 each	\$45.00 each	\$10.00 each	\$10.00 each
Small (3)	Small (3)	On size fits all (6)	Black (22)
Medium (4)	Medium (1)		Blue (17)
Large (2)	Large (4)		
X-Large (1)	X-Large (8)		
2X-Large (4)			Personal Transponders
3X-Large (4)	Note: 1 size larger than normal clothing		\$155.00 each

Positions	Times	Duties	Your Name please
SCRUTINEER – HEAD		Makes Final Decision	
SCRUTINEER - ASSIST		Checks vehicles	
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RUNNER 1		Puts results up	
GRID MARSHALL		Lining up cars	
TRACK OFFICIAL 1		Short coursing	
TRACK OFFICIAL 2		Driver behaviour	
TRACK OFFICIAL 3		Cheating	
CLERK OF COURSE		Makes final decisions	
CANTEEN ASSIST	7.00 – 12.00	Make us lots of food	
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**PLEASE CLUB MEMBERS, GIVE YOUR CLUB A SMALL AMOUNT OF YOUR TIME, WE CANNOT DO THIS ALONE.....**

**WE ARE ONE CLUB – ALL WITH THE SAME AMBITION TO RACE RC CARS – a special Reward to those members who assist us over this weekend.**