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COMING EVENTS: November - December, 2007

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	Race Meeting Cancelled due to event next day	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
18 November	3rd Sunday	RYDE'S - ELECTRIC ON ROAD MASTERS 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	Enduro + Presentation Night	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

CHECK OUT THE CLUB FORUM

OFFICIAL RACE TIMES:

Friday Evenings

6pm to 11.15pm – Entry registration 6.30pm, Racing commences 7pm

Saturday Afternoons

3pm to 9pm – Entry registration 3.30pm, Racing commences 4pm

Sunday – All day

9.30am to 4pm – Entry registration 10am, Racing commences 10.30am

♪♪ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ♪♪

November, 2007

8TH PAUL DUYKER

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 is 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.

****** URGENTLY NEEDED** – Volunteers to help run the Canteen at this event. We desperately need the assistance of our club parents and members to run a small BBQ for breakfast and lunch. The club will supply all the food and drinks etc.

We have asked the scouts to help out, but they are committed that weekend. Please help us, we cannot have this great event and not feed our competitors.

ILLAWARRA vs. RYDE CHALLENGE

Round 2 is rescheduled for Sunday, 25 November 2007. After the Ryde section of this event we currently have a lead of 2 points over Illawarra. We do need as many on road racers to attend this event to have any chance of taking away the cup and some Ryde pride.

Support your club as the last of our major on road meetings for 2007.



RETURN OF PERPETUAL TROPHIES

The trophies listed below by the 2006 recipients are to be returned to enable them to be polished and engraved in readiness for the 2007 Annual Presentation Days early December.

JUNIOR ENCOURAGEMENT SHIELD	2006 MITCHELL KENNEDY
SENIOR ENCOURAGEMENT SHIELD	2006 WAYNE DICKERSON
OPEN ENCOURAGEMENT SHIELD	2006 ALEC LANGLEY
LEIGH TOMPKINS AWARD	2006 ALASTAIR LANGLEY
ENDURANCE PLAQUE	2006 'THE 3 STOOGERS' - Wayne Dickerson.
CHAMPION OF CHAMPION	2006 ALASTAIR LANGLEY
JUNIOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPION CUP	2006 ALEC LANGLEY
ON ROAD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY	2006 TIM LEE

Please return to Jennie over the next couple of race meetings – **must be returned by 18 November 2007.**

How our Club's Pointscore System Work: On Road, Saturday Afternoon & Sunday Off Road Meets:

Every driver, whether a club member or not is included in the Series pointscores.

Each Series run for between 7 and 8 race meetings, and there will be 3 Series throughout the 2008 calendar year – unfortunately no catch up meeting are held if it rains.

1. Points are awarded to every driver in each class as per your finishing score after competitors have contested 3 finals with the best 2 finals counting. These points are awarded to you in the series pointscore as determined by your overall finishing position as 20, 19, 18, 17 → 1.

TQ points in each class contested on each race day;

2. Every driver who tops the qualifying receives 5 points for a recorded Top Qualifier. These points are shown separately and added to your series pointscores

Finals points in each class contested on each race day;

3. For each driver who makes it into an 'A' Final receives a bonus 10 points, 'B' Final receives 7 points; 'C' Final receives 4 points. These points are shown separately and added to your series pointscores.

For Club championship and Class pointscores

You must be a financial member of the club to obtain points in the Championship and Class pointscores. Visitors points are not recognised in any pointscore connected to the Club Championship.

1. **Class Points are awarded** in the order of your finishing position after the best 2 of 3 finals are contested in your respective class. Points are then awarded to you as 20, 19, 18, 17 → 1;
2. If you entered more than one class, you are awarded points in order of finishing position in both classes;
3. **Attendance points** are awarded as 1 point;
This point is awarded **only** if you competed in the days qualifying heats and for some reason (mechanical or otherwise) don't start the finals or break down before starting the lap clock you will received this point;
4. **Club Championships points are awarded** as 30, 29, 28, 27, 26, 25 → 5; However you must be a financial member of the club to obtain points in this pointscore.
5. **Starting points may alter depending** on the number of club members attending on the day – maximum starting point would be 30 if we have 30 or less members competing;
6. The days' results copied to an Excel file and points are **awarded in order of overall finishing position** irrespective of the class you entered on the day. Points are awarded on the highest laps, lowest race time down to lowest laps, lowest race time;
7. If you enter more than one class, you are only awarded points on the highest result, regardless of the class. **You only get one lot of points.**

For 2007 Series events: Saturday Afternoon Meetings:

1. Points are awarded per meeting by using each driver's individually recorded laps per heat and final during the event. A driver competes in and finishes 2 qualifiers and 3 finals and does 16 laps, 13 laps, 16 laps, 15 laps and 16 laps then they would get a score of 76 points. These are the points for the Saturday pointscore.
2. Every driver from our club and visitors are included in the pointscore.
3. If a competitor is unable to complete the entire meeting, the laps recorded up to their departure are included in the pointscore.

TQ points in each class contested on each race day;

4. For every driver who tops the qualifying, they receive 5 bonus points for a Top Qualifier.

Setup Points: Every members and competitors who assist with setup, putting lights up and pull down at each of the race meeting also receive 1 bonus point per meeting.

Major Event Points – On Road & Off Road Only

1. Points are awarded to each competing member as: Day 1: 10 points only in the club championship.
2. Points are awarded to each competing member as: Day 2: 10 points only in the club championship.
3. Points are awarded in each of the classes contested. The competitors overall finishing result after contesting the advertised number of finals and dropping the worst result (best 2 count etc., are awarded in the Class Pointscore.

Working Bee Points – On Road and Off Road

1. Awarded when an Official Working Bee is called. Points are awarded as 10 points for a full day (8.00 am to 5.00 pm) or 5 points for a half day (a four (4) hour period).

NEW AWARDS FOR 2008 - the first one to be announced!



Following recent discussions at our Committee meetings, we have looked at how to get our club competition skills up and also how to encourage club members and visitors to come back to our race meetings on a regular basis, so in 2008 a number of new awards will be introduced.

Firstly, the Sunday Off Road Series Pointscores:

Points will be awarded in the same way they have been through 2007 (see above). At the completion of each Series, competitors who are club members will be awarded engraved Gold Bars if they finish 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their race class to place on their Off Road Plaques and visitors may receive a trophy for their win or placing.

At the end of the Series, any competitor who finishes with a Series Pointscore total between 210 and 195 will have their name go into a Lucky Dip Draw to receive a very special prize. Prizes could be good battery packs, motors or some other car related item. To receive maximum points you will have to make the 'A' finals regularly and win almost every meeting or at least finish in the top 3 at each meeting. Finals points and series points will both count but the TQ points **will not** count towards this total.

Should it rain and the meeting be cancelled, the above mentioned points may be adjusted per meeting cancelled.

Next, the Saturday Off Road Series Pointscores:

Same rulings as for Sunday off road, except that any competitor who finishes with a Series Pointscore total of between 600 and 586 will go into the Lucky Dip draw. By completing at the entire race meeting and obtaining at least 15 laps per run would put a competitor within striking range of this score. TQ points do not count towards this total.

Rain cancelled meetings may be adjusted by dropping points per meeting cancelled.

Thirdly, the On Road Series Pointscores:

Same rulings as for the Sunday off road. Any competitor who finishes with a Series Pointscore total of between 280 and 269 will go into the Luck Dip draw. TQ points do not count towards this total.

Rain cancelled meetings may be adjusted by dropping points per meeting cancelled.

In 2008 the Off road series rounds will consist of 2 seven (7) round events and 1 six round event; On road series rounds will consist of 2 eight (8) rounds events and 1 seven round event; and Saturday off road series round will consist of 2 eight (8) round events and 1 seven round event.

Points may be adjusted to account for the uneven number of rounds and we will have an adjustment of 2 only rain days in each series.

BLenheim PARK, Amenities Building Alterations

Racing will continue during the Amenities and surrounds upgrade, however competitors will have to be understanding and follow the instructions given to them during this period.

We have received notification that Ryde Council will be commencing work on the updating of the Amenities building in February 2008 after the school holidays and the work will take about 6 weeks.

Council have assured us that they will do all in their power to make this work as pain free as possible for our club and our race meetings, but unfortunately there will be some inconvenience. We will not have access to the Canteen, our store room will no longer be available as the toilet will be required whilst the modifications are being done and the men's and ladies toilets will be altered to waterless systems.

Our major changes will be a storeroom bigger than the old disabled toilet, a new pitched roof on the amenities block with new gutters that direct water to an underground tank, the power box will be relocated to the eastern side of the building, a new awning on the front of the canteen area and access to the underground tank to water the track without restrictions.

Council is installing a 65,000 litre underground stormwater tank where the mulch is at the chain gate to our grounds, so we may have to keep the cars in the car park for a bit.

We have made enquiries to Council about a portable shed so that we can operate some sort of canteen during race meetings and the need to store some of the kitchen equipment that cannot be moved easily each race day, plus some track equipment items that are required on a regular basis.

CHRISTMAS RACE MEETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS.

The time is nearing for the Annual Christmas Enduro for on road and off road and the fun event for the other days. You will find your entry form for the On Road and Off Road Christmas Enduro attached to this newsletter.

Our **2007 On Road Christmas 500 Enduro will be held on Friday 7 December** at Brush Farm netball courts, Eastwood and the evening will start with practice, qualifying for the Christmas 500 Enduro, Stock and Mini Enduro (for those not interested in the big race) and 2007 Christmas 500.

We hope to see many competitors joining us for some fun racing and then for the Annual presentation at the completion of the event.

Fill in your entry form attached to this edition and get your teams ready for great fun.

The **2007 Christmas Off Road Endurance Race will be held on Sunday, 9 December** at Blenheim Park, and is a fun event for all our club members and visitors. The day commences with a concourse (a good clean and well presented car) has a good chance of winning, you can use a theme, you can bribe (all funds go to the club, but remember the car must race as it is presented for the concourse).

If you cannot or do not know what to do for a Concourse check out our club rules at www.sydneymc.com go to **download page, look at Part 1 – Off Road** and go to page 4 for a full explanation.

Each team can have either 4 drivers and you drive your own cars or teams choose to run 1 car for the entire event of 120 minutes, all cars must wear a 2 or 4 door sedan body, this changes the dynamics of the cars and makes them more fun to drive. Please read the rules and regulations so that you are not penalised during the event, remember that this event is for fun and keep the spirit of Christmas in mind.

There will be a Luncheon at approximately 1.30pm and all competitors are asked to bring a plate of food to share, a suggestion list is below and I would appreciate it if people could advise the selection they might be bringing so we don't double up, also keep in mind that you don't have to make them large, because there should be plenty to share.

Following the lunch, there will be the presentation of Awards for:

- Enduro and Concourse winner
- Series 3 – Sunday off road
- Class Awards
- Volunteers Award
- Encouragement Awards
- Club Champion 2007
- Champion of Champion Award
- Junior Champion of Champion Award (for all members under 16 years of age)
- Sportsmanship Award (depending on the winner and category raced)

Here is a suggestion list of food you could bring, if you select one of these items, please advise Jennie so that it can be crossed off the list.

Bread Rolls and Butter

Garden Salad

Potato Salad

Sliced Tomatoes

Boiled Eggs

Rice Salad

Bean Salad

Chicken pieces

Meat platter – salami, Devon, ham

Ham slices

Fruit Platter – watermelon,
rockmelon, strawberries etc.

Potato Chips

Cheese and crackers

Dips & Crackers

Club will supply drinks

FROM OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

69 PENNANT HILLS ROAD
NORMANHURST NSW 2006
22 AUGUST, 2007.

MEMBERS,
SRCORCC

THIS IS JUST A SHORT NOTE TO THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU, AND ALSO THE MEMBERS OF OTHER CLUBS, WHO ATTENDED THE VETERAN RACE MEETING TO RAISE MONEY FOR DIABETES AUSTRALIA ON BEHALF OF LEIGH.

LISA AND I WERE OVERWHELMED BY THE SUPPORT GIVEN TO THIS EVENT AND THAT SO MUCH MONEY WAS RAISED FOR THIS WORTHWHILE CAUSE. WE CANNOT THANK THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE ENOUGH FOR RUNNING SUCH A FUN FILLED DAY AND IT WAS VERY HEARTENING TO SEE ALL THE OLD CARS GO ROUND ONE MORE TIME.



I HAVE ENCLOSED A COPY OF THE LETTER OF APPRECIATION THAT WAS RECEIVED BY LEIGH'S MOTHER AND MYSELF FROM DIABETES AUSTRALIA. IT WAS ADDRESSED TO US BUT ALL THE THANKS MUST GO TO ALL THE BUGGY ENTHUSIASTS FROM ALL CLUBS WHO ATTENDED AND MADE THE EVENT SO WONDERFUL.

THANK YOU EVERYONE SO VERY MUCH,

Kay Tompkins



6 August 2007

Dear Pat & Kay

We write to advise that the Sydney Radio Control Car Club have made a significant donation of \$870.15 to our organisation, Diabetes Australia NSW, in honour of Leigh. We are extremely grateful that in this time of sad memories, they have thought of others and chosen to help our organisation.

It is our mission to find a cure for diabetes and with assistance from people such as your friends at the Car Club, we have an opportunity to continue the search, and improve the quality of life for people with diabetes. We are ever grateful that they have chosen to support Diabetes Australia NSW.

Yours sincerely

CHRISTINE BOOTH
Community Relations

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

Children's sizes will be available shortly .. waiting on order.

Note:

In 2008 the club will introduce a payment plan so you can purchase a personal transponder. You will be able to pay the unit off with the first payment of \$50.00 and 6 payments over set period of time, you will of course be required to supply security information to ensure that the club is not left with any outstanding moneys and loss of items.

ON ROAD MASTERS HELPERS – Please complete the form below.

Event Date: Sunday, 18 November 2007.

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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CANTEEN ASSIST	12.00 – 5.00	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.