



FIRST GEAR

**February
2007
Issue No:
128**

PO Box 6011, North Ryde NSW 1670
Tel: (02) 9809 1717 Fax: (02) 9807 1342
Mobile: 0411 038 927
Email address: jenthorn@optusnet.com.au
Club Web addresses: www.sydneyrc.com
www.sydneyrc.com.au

COMING EVENTS: February - April 2007

2 February	1st Friday	On Road - Series 1 / Round 1	Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
3 February	1st Saturday	Off Road - Series 1 - Round 1	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
11 February	2nd Sunday	Off Road - Series 1 ; Round 1	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
11 February		Round 1 - 2007 Challenge - On Road <i>Entry forms are now available</i>	Lithgow Entries CLOSE: 5 FEBRUARY 2007
16 February	3rd Friday	On Road - Series 1 - Round 2	Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
17 February	3rd Saturday	Off Road - Series 1 - Round 2	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
25 February	4th Sunday	Off Road - Series 1 ; Round 2	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
2 March	1st Friday	On Road - Series 1 - Round 3	Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
3 March	1st Saturday	Off Road - Series 1 - Round 3	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
11 March	2nd Sunday	Off Road - Series 1 ; Round 3	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
16 March	3rd Friday	On Road - Series 1 - Round 4	Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
17 March	3rd Saturday	Off Road - Series 1 - Round 4	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
25 March	4th Sunday	Off Road - Series 1 ; Round 4	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
25 March		Round 1 - 2007 Challenge - Off Road	Castle Hill
30 March	5th Friday	On Road - Series 1 - Round 5	Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
31 March	5th Saturday	Off Road - Series 1 - Round 5 - Double Points Rnd	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
6 April	1st Friday	GOOD FRIDAY - RACE MEETING CANCELLED	Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
6/8 April		AARCMCC EP OFF ROAD NATIONALS	Maitland
7 April	1st Saturday	EASTER SATURDAY - RACE MEETING CANCELLED	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde

♪♪♪ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ♪♪♪♪

February 2007

10TH ALEX LANGLEY

12TH YUNG WANG

24TH CARL MASSEY
24TH STEVEN JEFFREYS

RACING & INCLEMENT WEATHER

Just a reminder to everyone who plans on racing at either On Road, Off Road or both, our rule for 2007 will be: **If in doubt, turn up.**

If it's not raining, the weather is grey, the wind is blowing, but they have threatened showers, you are to make the effort to attend the race meeting venue, by the start time of racing, where a decision will be made (within a reasonable time frame).

To often, we have called it off 2 - 3 hours before racing is to commence and find that the weather conditions improve and racing could have taken place.

Reminder: Race Times -

Off Road Sunday - Registration starts at 9.30 am, Racing by 10.00 am

Off Road Saturday - Registration starts at 3.30pm, Racing by 4.00 pm

On Road Friday - Registration starts at 6.00 pm, Racing by 7.00 pm

(Don't forget you can do an online entry at www.sydneyrc.com for both Friday On Road Meetings and Sunday Off Road Meetings by applying a double click on the online button and follow the prompts).

INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE

Over the past months, we have been receiving numerous complaints about unacceptable language being used whilst on the drivers stand and around the pit area at on road and off road race meetings.

At the recent Grand Prix Masters we had people using very inappropriate language to racers and this Club and its Committee **will not tolerate** this sort of behaviour from anyone, young or old.

Please note:

Should a Committee member or the Race Director receive a complaint about a driver's use of *inappropriate language* during a race or anytime during the day, then the person concerned will forfeit their results for the race prior to the report.

If a person is reported again, they will lose the next lot of results and a third time will mean **Disqualification from the Race Meeting** and you will be requested to come before the Committee (as per rule: 5. Powers of the Executive Committee paragraph 5.6 and 5.13).

Remember, we will not tolerate **'Bad Language or Disrespect to any Person'**, this rule applies to any member or visitor attending any race meeting we hold.

'ON ROAD' RADIO CONTROL WORKSHOP

The Workshop's will recommence on **Friday evening between 6.00pm and 6.45pm, the next date will possibly be 16 February 2007**. The first workshop for 2007 will be a review of what was discussed at our first workshop – for those new to the sport and will be revision for those who still need assistance.

GRAND PRIX MASTERS – 2007

Well, we have held our first major event for 2007, thank you to everyone who entered online; it certainly helped with the catering and trophy organisation.

The day awoke to a fairly mild and cloudy, but pleasantly tempered day. Gary and Ian had done so much work on the track that it seemed a shame to drive on it and these two people must be given the most Grandiose Thank You, because every evening one or both went down to the circuit and watered the newly laid grass, tinkered with the track and on the weekend prior to the event, when they should have been resting at home, rolled the track and then on Australia Day rebuilt the springs of the Caravan. How can you say Thank You, enough.

Arriving at the track at 6.15am we started preparations, it was a bit hard to adjust to, but this us gave time to give the track the final sweep, mark out the circuit because no one actually knew the track layout, this gave everyone an even chance. This event was also a test event, how the track would stand up to racing and the lack of rain water as we have the State Titles later in the year and also to test our new loops and track design.

Entries were finalized and we started with 19 entries in 2wd Stock and 1 heat of 2wd Modified, 4wd Stock, 4wd 19-Turn, 4wd Modified and 1 only Modified Truck, at total of 42 entries, not bad for a long weekend. It was also wonderful to see some very old Club members back racing – Scott MacGee, Peter and David (father) Couper, plus a little Couper arrived during the day, too.

In this event the drivers contested 3, 6 minute qualifying rounds; their combined results with the worst run dropped gave them the Qualifying positions. Top Qualifiers on overall race results were: 2wd Stock – Matthew Fretin, 2wd Modified – Justin Alderson, 4wd Stock – Brad Fisher, 4wd 19-Turn – Robert Sheppard, 4wd Modified – David Warner and Modified Truck – Michael Russell.

Unfortunately during the qualifying runs we were having some terrible problems with transponders not recording. First it was personals, then club units failed to work, I had to try to follow 8 cars and make sure all laps were counted and do manual adjustments. Drivers were changing from personals to clubs, moving transponders around their cars, all in an attempt to get some laps counted. We worked constantly at this problem which had never been seen before, finally we had drivers run over the loop in slow mode, the transponder would count, then they drove over in fast mode, the transponder would not count. What was causing this; no one really had an answer. Jennie advised that the transponders were recording in the test mode, but would not count in the races, conclusion it must be the program or the transponders, but why would this problem only start up at this event?

I must Congratulate and Thank our attending drivers, you were so patient with me and this problem, and you were not afraid to offer suggestions that may help rectify our dilemma, but when we thought we had it, we would have problems with missed laps again.

All 'A' Finalists contested 5, 6 minute finals with the worst 2 runs dropped and 'B' Finalists would run 3 finals and all would count.

Final results for **2wd Stock 'A'** – 1st Place went to Matthew Immer, 2nd Place to Peter Couper, 3rd Place to Mike Bellamy

Two rounds of Finals run and unfortunately our transponder problems were still haunting us, Dave Warner and Gary in desperation cut off the joiners to the underground transponder loop and directly soldered it hoping that would fix the problem.

2wd Stock 'B' Final was next – 1st Place to Scott MacGee, 2nd Place to David Couper, 3rd Place to Levi Gazzard.

After further discussion, Gary was advised that our problems were still apparent and in pulling out of hair and in desperation the On Road loop was placed across the track in a temporary bridge, the ends cut of the existing loop and we tried again – surely this had to fix the problems, as the drivers needed to get some proper racing in with accurate lap scores, after such a disrupted run of qualifying, drivers had to receive a settled race, this had to be our best solution.

Racing was started again with 2wd Modified 'A', Justin Alderton was on pole position, Dave Warner on 2nd and Jennie was concerned for the drivers and watched every hit of the transponders. Race over, results checked, there are no missed laps, had we found the problem, it must be the loop. Not being optimistic, we continued through the Finals. **2wd Modified 'A'** results – 1st Place to Brett Hennessy, 2nd Place to Justin Alderton and 3rd Place to Dave Warner. Also racing with this class was Michael Russell who ran in Modified Truck; of course he won this class being the only entry.

What a relief, we were starting have consistent lap times, no missed laps, we had eventually found the problem – our new loops are classing with each other and that was the cause of our desperate day.

4wd Stock 'A' results – 1st Place to Brad Fisher from Canberra Off Road, 2nd Place to Jademond Kiang and 3rd Place to Alex Langley.

4wd 19-Turn 'A' results – 1st Place to Brad Vercoe, 2nd Place to Robert Sheppard and 3rd Place to Alastair Langley.

4wd Modified 'A' results – 1st Place to Josh Pain, 2nd Place to Anthony Campbell and 3rd Place to Dave Warner.

Thank you for a great event, even with our problems and everyone want to see the event hosted again in 2008, so mark it on your calendar in December and watch out for entry details.

END OF YEAR AWARDS – 2006

We have finally been able to award our end of year awards and congratulate our winners.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR 2006 WINNER'S OFF ROAD AND ON ROAD

PERPETUALS: Awarded but held by the Club

'OFF ROAD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP' SHIELD	2006	IAN THORN
VOLUNTEERS TROPHY	2006	WENDY SWANN
JUNIOR ENCOURAGEMENT SHIELD	2006	MITCHELL KENNEDY Age 10
SENIOR ENCOURAGEMENT SHIELD	2006	WAYNE DICKERSON
OPEN ENCOURAGEMENT SHIELD	2006	ALEC LANGLEY Age 12
LEIGH TOMPKINS AWARD	2006	ALASTAIR LANGLEY
NIGHT RACING CHAMPION	2006	MIKE BELLAMY
ENDURANCE PLAQUE	2006	'THE 3 STOOGERS' Already awarded

**2006 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
1ST PLACE
IAN THORN**

**2006 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
2ND PLACE
KEN ANDERSON**

**2006 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
3RD PLACE
ALASTAIR LANGLEY**

**2006 OFF ROAD CHALLENGE
OVERALL
1ST PLACE
DAVID WARNER**

**2006 OFF ROAD CHALLENGE
OVERALL
2ND PLACE
ALASTAIR LANGLEY**

**2006 OFF ROAD CHALLENGE
OVERALL
3RD PLACE
LEVI GAZZARD**

OFF ROAD TROPHIES

2006 E.O.Y. CLASS AWARDS

**2006 CLASS AWARDS
1ST PLACE
2WD STOCK
GARY BOYCE**

**2006 CLASS AWARDS
2ND PLACE
2WD STOCK
KEN ANDERSON**

**2006 CLASS AWARDS
3RD PLACE
2WD STOCK
MICHAEL SWANN**

**2006 CLASS AWARDS
1ST PLACE
NOVICE
MITCHELL KENNEDY**

**2006 CLASS AWARDS
2ND PLACE
NOVICE
LUKE WATERS**

**2006 CLASS AWARDS
4TH PLACE
2WD STOCK
WAYNE DICKERSON**

**2006 CLASS AWARDS
1ST PLACE
TRUCKS MODIFIED
ALEC LANGLEY**

**2006 CLASS AWARDS
2ND PLACE
TRUCKS MODIFIED
IAN THORN**

**2006 CLASS AWARDS
1ST PLACE
TRUCKS STOCK
GREG WATERS**

**2006 CLASS AWARDS
3RD PLACE
TRUCKS STOCK
ALASTAIR LANGLEY**

**2006 CLASS AWARDS
1ST PLACE
2WD MODIFIED**

**2006 CLASS AWARDS
1ST PLACE
4WD STOCK**

**2006 CLASS AWARDS
2ND PLACE
4WD STOCK**

DAVID WARNER

ALASTAIR LANGLEY

MITCHELL KENNEDY

2006 CLASS AWARDS
1ST PLACE
4WD MODIFIED
IAN THORN

2006 CLASS AWARDS
2ND PLACE
4WD MODIFIED
CRAIG NORRIS

2006 CLASS AWARDS
3RD PLACE
4WD MODIFIED
JONATHAN GOODWILL

2006 CLASS AWARDS
1ST PLACE
MINI- T
JENNIE THORN

2006 CLASS AWARDS
2ND PLACE
MINI- T
ALASTAIR LANGLEY

2006 CLASS AWARDS
3RD PLACE
MINI- T
WENDY SWANN

OFF ROAD TROPHIES

SUNDAY SERIES 3 AWARDS 2006

2006 SUNDAY SERIES 3
1ST PLACE
2WD STOCK
GAVIN BRUCE

2006 SUNDAY SERIES 3
2ND PLACE
2WD STOCK
GARY BOYCE

2006 SUNDAY SERIES 3
3RD PLACE
2WD STOCK
RICHARD BAGGULEY

2006 SUNDAY SERIES 3
= 4TH PLACE
2WD STOCK
MICHAEL SWANN

2006 SUNDAY SERIES 3
= 4TH PLACE
2WD STOCK
WAYNE DICKERSON

2006 SUNDAY SERIES 3
5TH PLACE
2WD STOCK
MATTHEW IMMER

2006 SUNDAY SERIES 3
6TH PLACE
2WD STOCK
LOCHIEL LANGLEY

2006 SUNDAY SERIES 3
1ST PLACE
NOVICE
LUKE WATERS

2006 SUNDAY SERIES 3
2ND PLACE
NOVICE
JIMMY BRITZ

2006 SUNDAY SERIES 3
3RD PLACE
NOVICE
IAN FULLER

2006 SUNDAY SERIES 3
1ST PLACE
TRUCKS MODIFIED
ALEC LANGLEY

2006 SUNDAY SERIES 3
1ST PLACE
TRUCKS STOCK
GREG WATERS

**2006 SUNDAY SERIES 3
1ST PLACE
4WD STOCK
AARON BRUCE**

2006 SUNDAY SERIES 3
1ST PLACE
4WD MODIFIED
ALASTAIR LANGLEY

2006 SUNDAY SERIES 3
2ND PLACE
4WD MODIFIED
IAN THORN

2006 SUNDAY SERIES 3
3RD PLACE
4WD MODIFIED
ALEC LANGLEY

2006 SUNDAY SERIES 3
1ST PLACE
MINI- T
JENNIE THORN

2006 SUNDAY SERIES 3
2ND PLACE
MINI- T
LUKE WATERS

2006 SUNDAY SERIES 3
3RD PLACE
MINI- T
WENDY SWANN

OFF ROAD TROPHIES

SATURDAY NIGHT SERIES 3

**2006 NIGHT RACING CHAMPION
1ST PLACE
MIKE BELLAMY**

**2006 NIGHT RACING CHAMPION
2ND PLACE
ALASTAIR LANGLEY**

**2006 NIGHT RACING CHAMPION
3RD PLACE
DAVID WARNER**

2006 NIGHT SERIES 3
1ST PLACE
2WD STOCK
GARY BOYCE

2006 NIGHT SERIES 3
2ND PLACE
2WD STOCK
JADEMOND KIANG

2006 NIGHT SERIES 3
3RD PLACE
2WD STOCK
MATTHEW IMMER

2006 NIGHT SERIES 3
1ST PLACE
MODIFIED TRUCK
MIKE BELLAMY

2006 NIGHT SERIES 3
2ND PLACE
MODIFIED TRUCK
ALEC LANGLEY

2006 NIGHT SERIES 3
3RD PLACE
MODIFIED TRUCK
GREG WATERS

2006 NIGHT SERIES 3
1ST PLACE
2WD MODIFIED
DAVID WARNER

2006 NIGHT SERIES 3
2ND PLACE
2WD MODIFIED
MATTHEW IMMER

2006 NIGHT SERIES 3
1ST PLACE
MINI- T
MIKE BELLAMY

2006 NIGHT SERIES 3
2ND PLACE
MINI- T
GREG WATERS

2006 NIGHT SERIES 3
3RD PLACE
MINI- T
ALASTAIR LANGLEY

2006 NIGHT SERIES 3
4WD STOCK
1ST PLACE
AARON BRUCE

'CHAMPION OF CHAMPION' SHIELD - 2006 ALASTAIR LANGLEY

2006 'CHAMPION OF CHAMPION'
1ST PLACE
ALASTAIR LANGLEY

2006 'CHAMPION OF CHAMPION';
2ND PLACE
IAN THORN

2006 'CHAMPION OF CHAMPION'
3RD PLACE
MIKE BELLAMY

2006 CHAMPION OF CHAMPION
4TH PLACE
DAVID WARNER

2006 CHAMPION OF CHAMPION
5TH PLACE
GREG WATERS

ON ROAD TROPHIES

ON ROAD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

2006 TIM LEE

FRIDAY NIGHT ON ROAD OVERALL SERIES

2006 MARTIN CHOY

2006 ON ROAD CLUB CHAMPION
1ST PLACE
TIM LEE

2006 ON ROAD CLUB CHAMPION
2ND PLACE
MARTIN CHOY

2006 ON ROAD CLUB CHAMPION
3RD PLACE
MIKE BELLAMY

2006 ON ROAD SERIES CHAMPION
1ST PLACE
MARTIN CHOY

2006 ON ROAD SERIES CHAMPION
2ND PLACE
MIKE BELLAMY

2006 ON ROAD SERIES CHAMPION
3RD PLACE
ALASTAIR LANGLEY

2006 ON ROAD SERIES CHAMPION
4TH PLACE
TIM LEE

2006 ON ROAD SERIES CHAMPION
5TH PLACE
IAN THORN

2006 E.O.Y CLASS AWARDS

2006 CLASS AWARD
1ST PLACE
540
LOCHIEL LANGLEY

2006 CLASS AWARD
2ND PLACE
540
ALEC LANGLEY

2006 CLASS AWARD
3RD PLACE
540
FABIAN BAUMANN

2006 CLASS AWARD

2006 CLASS AWARD

2006 CLASS AWARD

1ST PLACE
4wd STOCK
IAN THORN

2ND PLACE
4wd STOCK
MARTIN CHOY

3RD PLACE
4wd STOCK
MIKE BELLAMY

2006 CLASS AWARD
1ST PLACE
19 TURN
DEAN JONES

2006 CLASS AWARD
2ND PLACE
19 TURN
THOMAS MATLEY

2006 CLASS AWARD
3RD PLACE
19 TURN
MICHAEL SWANN

2006 CLASS AWARD
1ST PLACE
4WD MODIFIED
TIM LEE

2006 CLASS AWARD
2ND PLACE
4WD MODIFIED
DAVID WARNER

2006 CLASS AWARD
1ST PLACE
NOVICE
THOMAS PARK

2006 CLASS AWARD
2ND PLACE
NOVICE
FABIAN BAUMANN

2006 CLASS AWARD
1ST PLACE
TAMIYA MINI
MARTIN CHOY

2006 CLASS AWARD
2ND PLACE
TAMIYA MINI
MIKE BELLAMY

2006 CLASS AWARD
3RD PLACE
TAMIYA MINI
ALASTAIR LANGLEY

2006 SERIES 3 AWARDS - ON ROAD

2006 ON ROAD SERIES 3
1ST PLACE
NOVICE
THOMAS PARK

2006 ON ROAD SERIES 3
2ND PLACE
NOVICE
FABIAN BAUMANN

2006 ON ROAD SERIES 3
1ST PLACE
4WD STOCK
MARTIN CHOY

2006 ON ROAD SERIES 3
2ND PLACE
4WD STOCK
IAN THORN

2006 ON ROAD SERIES 3
3RD PLACE
4WD STOCK
YUNG YANG

2006 ON ROAD SERIES 3
1ST PLACE
19 TURN
DEAN JONES

2006 ON ROAD SERIES 3
2ND PLACE
19 TURN
MICHAEL SWANN

2006 ON ROAD SERIES 3
3RD PLACE
19 TURN
THOMAS MATLEY

2006 ON ROAD SERIES 3
1ST PLACE
4WD MODIFIED
TIM LEE

2006 ON ROAD SERIES 3
2ND PLACE
4WD MODIFIED
THOMAS MATLEY

2006 ON ROAD SERIES 3
1ST PLACE
TAMIYA MINI
MARTIN CHOY

2006 ON ROAD SERIES 3
2ND PLACE
TAMIYA MINI
ALASTAIR LANGLEY

2006 ON ROAD SERIES 3
3RD PLACE
TAMIYA MINI
SHAUN McPHEE

**2006 ON ROAD CHALLENGE
OVERALL
1ST PLACE
MICHAEL SWANN**

**2006 ON ROAD CHALLENGE
OVERALL
2ND PLACE
MARTIN CHOY**

**2006 ON ROAD CHALLENGE
OVERALL
3RD PLACE
DEAN JONES**

ON ROAD TROPHIES

'JUNIOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPION' CUP - 2006 ALEC LANGLEY

**2006 'JUNIOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPION'
1ST PLACE**

**2006 'JUNIOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPION'
2ND PLACE**

ALEX LANGLEY

LOCHIEL LANGLEY

2006 'JUNIOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPION'
3RD PLACE
TIM LEE

POSITION'S VACANT : - Canteen Operator - **DESPERATELY NEEDED**,

We are still looking for a person to fill the position of Canteen Operator, maybe on a roster system. Jennie cannot do the Race Meeting and Canteen any longer – it is just too hard.

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.
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.

NSW DEPARTMENT OF SPORT, RECREATION GRANT

We have been successful and have received a very large grant that with the funds the club has saved will allow us to install our safety fence around the off road race track

Work must be started by September 2007.

Remember, Hon. John Watkins, Member for Ryde will be attending our race meeting on Saturday, 17 September at 4.00pm to make the official announcement, there will be photo time.

All club members to wear
CLUB UNIFORM THAT NIGHT, Please.