

FIRST GEAR

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COMING EVENTS: September - November, 2007

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| 7 September | 1 st Friday | On Road – Series 3 - Round 3 | Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood |
| 9 September | 2 nd Sunday | Off Road – Series 3 ; Round 2 | Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde |
| 15 September | 3 rd Saturday | Off Road – Series 3 - Round 4 | Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde |
| 21/22/23 September | Pract. – Frid 4wd – Sat 2wd - Sun | AARCMCC 1:10 EP OFF ROAD State Championships | Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde Ryde hosting this event |
| 21 September | 3 rd Friday | Race Meeting Cancelled - See Above | Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood |
| 23 September | 4 th Sunday | Race Meeting Cancelled - See Above | Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde |
| 29 September | 5 th Saturday | Off Road - Series 3 - Round 4 – Double Points | Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde |
| 5 October | 1st Friday | Ryde vs. Illawarra Challenge (On Road) – Rnd 1 Series 4 - 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 | Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde |
| 11 November | 2nd Sunday | Off Road - Series 3 ; Round 6 - Double Points | 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 Entry via online entry at www.sydneyrc.com |
| 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 |

CHECK OUT THE CLUB FORUM

♪♪ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ♪♪♪
September, 2007

17TH ROMAN DE SIMONE

23RD KAY TOMPKINS

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 (23) |
| 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 |

25TH ANNIVERSARY SYDNEY CUP
Saturday, 25 August 2007.

What a top event. We could not have asked for better weather although the track was under water early Saturday morning, with the help of a few drivers behind brooms and everyone being very patient, we had racing underway by 11.00am even though the track was still rather damp.

All drivers were set 3 qualifying rounds under the new AARCMCC Qualifying system. Drivers did not have their best result putting them onto pole position, they actually had to finish each run and points were awarded to their overall finishing position and with the ability to drop the worst saw some very interesting results, this event also gave the Club time to check out the system, computer and make sure everything was working correctly prior to State titles.

Taking out the pole positions in each of the 4wd classes were:

4wd Stock - Matthew Immer (100), Ashley Anthony (98), Nicholas Carroll (96), Gavin Bruce (93)

4wd Modified – David Warner (100), Ben Panic (99), Cale Wilson (96), Craig Norris (96)

1:18 Mini-T - Alastair Langley (100), Jennie Thorn (99), Brendon Smith (98), Lochiel Langley (95).

This is the first time that the Mini-T category of racing has been included in a major 1:10 event, and these little cars did not disappoint anyone, they raced the full track, tumbles and back flips were a regular occurrence but the racing was as intense as that seen by their bigger brothers.

Finals time, because of the smaller entries each day, all drivers were given 3 finals, with their worst result being dropped.

Alastair Langley had the legs over some of the field but Jennie was proving that she could give the races that touch of competition and Alastair actually had to work to keep his lead finishing with 13/5m7.674s in the 1st final, 13/5m7.645s in the 2nd but Alastair's car started to fail in the 3rd and Jennie took the win with 13/5m20.039s. She was thrilled by the way her little car went and for the first time managed consistent laps of 13/5m17.252s, 13/5m15.202s, but Alastair took the win by 1 point.

Setting the pace in 4wd Stock was Wayne Dickerson with 16/5m14.043s closely followed by Nicholas Carroll from Maitland with 16/5m14.466s but after 3 runs Nicholas was too good and took the class win.

A field 8 drivers started in 4wd Modified, Final 1 saw 4 drivers finish with 17 laps, Dave Warner was the winner with a 17/5m8.148s. Final 2 saw Ben Panic find an extra 2 laps by consistent driving and out classed the field to take the win with a 18/5m16.418s closely followed by Dave Warner with 18/5m18.722s.

Ben Panic has something to prove after a disastrous run in Final 1, he was not letting Dave Warner have the class win with out some hard driving, Final 3 saw Dave Warner take the win with 18/5m14.210s closely followed by Ben Panic with an 18/5m16.747s. Dave was too good and took the class win.

Sunday, 26 August 2007

The day was absolutely beautiful with plenty of sun, a warm summery day and the track, after a light sweeping was spectacular. 2wd classes were contested and entries again were on the light side but we can make a great event any time so today would be no exception.

15 Drivers entered 2wd Stock, 4 Modified and a couple of trucks had entered. After a short drivers meeting racing was underway at 9.00am. Race 1 took to the line and the hooter sounded but something was missing, there were no clicks happening. Instantly there were some concerns that the transponders or loop had failed but on closer inspection, it appeared that someone had forgotten to connect the loop cable. This rectified and racing was back underway with the rerun of race 1 slotted in and no further problems were encountered.

Matthew Immer and Ashley Anthony were showing the field that they meant business with some very spectacular and close racing but after 3 qualifying runs Matthew took the TQ for 2wd Stock.

Dave Warner was again on the track in 2wd Modified and with some very fast and exciting racing took the top qualifying position from Joshua Pain.

2wd Stock finals, these were certainly going to be exciting. Matthew Immer again was out in front with Ashley coming in a close 2nd they were the only drivers in Final 1 to top the 14 laps, results: Matthew 14/5m11.812s and Ashley 14/5m14.589s. 2nd Final and again Matthew dominated the field, unfortunately Ashley was trying too hard and made a couple of errors allowing Matthew to streak away with another 14 lap. This gave Matthew 2 wins to Ashley's 2 seconds so the 3rd Final was going to be extremely exciting and they did not let us down. Ashley took the win with 14/5m20.202s and Matthew could only manage a 2nd place with 13/5m2.677s. The 2wd Stock overall win went to Matthew Immer and Ashley took the 2nd place.

2wd Modified was fast, those brushless motors really push the cars around the track and the racing was furious between Joshua Pain, Ben Panic, Anthony Campbell and Dave Warner, 14 seconds separated them in Final 1. 2nd Final saw Dave Warner and Joshua leave the other 2 drivers behind with Josh taking the win with a 14/5m0.720 and Dave 14/5m20.676s. As this point both drivers had a win each so the 3rd Final would certainly be a thriller and we were not disappointed.

Ben had fixed his problem and was back to prove a point, Dave was driving with perfection but one spill and Joshua was off and took the win with a 14/5m4.197s, 2nd to Ben with 14/5m11.716 and Dave came in 3rd with 14/5m15.850s. The 2wd Modified overall winner was Joshua Pain, Dave Warner 2nd and Ben Panic 3rd.

We might have had a small entry field but it was a great event, thank you to all those drivers who entered our Sydney Cup and many thanks to Barry Hayman and Gavin Bruce for helping with Scrutineering, to Kara, Caitlyn and Rhys for manning the Canteen, to Gary and Ian for presenting an absolutely perfect track, you are all to be commended.

Bring on the State Championships.

1:10 EP NSW OFF ROAD STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Saturday, 22 September & Sunday, 23 September 2007



So far we have received sponsorship support for the State Championships by:



DRIVERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO SUPPLY THEIR OWN TYRES – ALL TYRES FOR THIS EVENT WILL BE SPECIALLY MARKED – ANY DRIVER USING TYRES NOT SHOWING THE EVENT MARKING WILL LOSE THEIR QUALIFYING RESULTS FOR EACH RACING BREACH.

Entries close on 12 September, 2007 and all entry fees and tyre orders must be paid for at time of placing entry. Drivers will be expected to complete and return the entry form and tyre order form by the closing date otherwise you will have to pay a late fee and possibly miss out on your tyres.

Any driver who has purchased tyres outside the club must submit them in the original unopened bag, with your name and class you intending entering.

The Date for these tyres to be handed in will be Thursday, 20 September 2007 between 10 am and 1.00pm at Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde so that they can be marked and tyres for each day will be handed out the evening prior to racing to allow time for tyre mounting and balancing.

Attention: During this event, which is 2 days we need the assistance of many of our Ryde members. We need scrutineers for checking cars, canteen helpers – can be 2 shifts per day if preferred, runners – to take results to the board and make sure club transponders are returned, Race track officials – making sure we have all the drivers out marshalling and watching for driver behaviour.

If you have some time, we would very much like your help regardless of whether you race on road or off road, you are a club member and this is a major Club event that needs all the club members to get in and help to make the event a great one and prove that Ryde can present a top meeting.

Please see the list of duties below and email your choices to jenthorn@optusnet.com.au by no later than Monday 17 September.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON MEETINGS: Back to old start time

Saturday 29 September, 2007

Racing on the 1st, 3rd & 5th 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.

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.**

From Sydney Cup – August 2007.... More photos on web site



SATURDAY, 22 September

| Positions | Times | Duties | Your Name please |
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| SCRUTINEER – HEAD | | Makes Final Decision | |
| SCRUTINEER - ASSIST | | Checks vehicles | |
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| RUNNER 1 | | Puts results up | |
| RUNNER 2 | | Transponders | |
| TRACK OFFICIAL 1 | | Short coursing | |
| TRACK OFFICIAL 2 | | Driver behaviour | |
| TRACK OFFICIAL 3 | | Cheating | |
| TRACK OFFICIAL 4 | | Short coursing | |
| CANTEEN ASSIST | 7.00 – 12.00 | Make us lots of food | |
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SUNDAY, 23 September

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| SCRUTINEER – HEAD | | Makes Final Decision | |
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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.