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FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL CLUB MEMBERS

We are advising all club members that it's time for things to change in the operation of our club. For a number of committee meeting now your Committee have been discussing the item relating to our club members just turning up to race, never lending a hand at the start or at the end day.

It must be a wonderful feeling to know that you can just turn up and everything is there for you. You set up your pit, hook to the power which is out for you, go out and do some practice prior to the race meeting starting, the meeting is being conducted for you, you then go out and have your race, do 5 minutes marshalling, go back to your pit, sit down have a chat then when all your races are run, you quickly pack up and vacate the park – you have not lent a hand the entire day but have taken all day.

Your club cannot continue this way and the committee members cannot continue to do all the work. We are a club of 60+ members, some on road but the majority are off road racers and you all know that the track needs to be swept prior to racing commencing, the caravan needs to be set up so racing can be conducted, the canteen needs to be readied so everyone can be fed during the day and to make some extra money to help keep our race track preened to perfection.

This lack of support from a large majority of club members was very apparent at the recent attempt to host the Sydney Cup on Saturday. Sure we had 24 drivers entered but with over 40 members in the off road section we should have had non racers volunteering their help. We had club members pit from the car park to top pit area, no one was far enough away that they couldn't help during the meeting, instead some members sat around working on their gear and chatting whilst the same people worked.

Your Secretary was quizzed why she hadn't obtained club members to help out with the scrutineering etc., so that drivers competing in 2 classes didn't have to do a volunteer their time to scrutineering or clerk of the course duties. It was pointed out that she had advertised Help Needed in the newsletter, sent out emails and posted letters in an attempt to get help for the weekend, what more was she expected to do?, drag club members there! Yes, we had 1 helper on Saturday and 1 volunteer for Sunday, we needed at least 8 people each day.

What was really upsetting was that Adam was the only person sweeping the track prior to racing it was only when members were called some came out and helped, don't wait to be called, you all know what is required to set up a meeting.

Nick and Roman were left to setting up the electricity boxes and scrutineering area with very little assistance. I also entered the Sydney Cup for the experience and I was left to set up the Canteen, cook food and making sure drivers had loan transponders and never had the opportunity to get out and practice, which most of our Ryde drivers did.

We have to turn our club around and all start pitching in with meeting setups and stop hiding away in the back blocks taking what is given and not returning anything. Thanks to the few that do staying back and are the last to leave a race meeting.

Just remember that there would be NO RACING at Ryde if Ian, Jennie, Gary, Adam, Nick and Roman didn't turn up, so we are going to appoint people to do jobs at our race meeting to help share the load and make it, that our Committee members get to enjoy their racing as much as you do.

The roster can be found below, so note your weekend and your duty and **YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO BE THERE AND DO WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR**, so we share the duties and all learn how to run a race meeting.

Ryde Committee

RACE MEETING VOLUNTEER'S ROSTER

These duties will be required to be done prior to the race meeting so you should be at the track by 9.00am. You are expected to be there, if you are not sure what to do, you will be instructed.

DATE	DUTY 1	NAME	DUTY 2	NAME
14 Sept	Track Sweep	Levi Gazzard	Track Sweep	Alec Langley
	Track Sweep	Roman de Simone	End of Day	Edwin Ip
	Canteen Setup	Trent Johnson	Track Setup	Mudi Widjaja
28 Sept	Track Sweep	Ashley Anthony	Track Sweep	Tom Matley
	Track Sweep	Nick Mate	End of Day	Greg Waters
	Canteen Setup	Kara Dickinson	Track Setup	Nathan Russell
12 Oct	Track Sweep	Scott MacGee	Track Sweep	Robert Russell
	Track Sweep	Steve Carnit	End of Day	Sean Chapple
	Canteen Setup	Lochiel Langley	Track Setup	Luke Waters
26 Oct	Track Sweep	Gary Boyce	Track Sweep	Michael Fretin
	Track Sweep	Ken Anderson	End of Day	Wayne Dickerson
	Canteen Setup	Erik Lee	Track Setup	Lucas Balacchino

End of Day – pack up any equipment on or around the track.

Canteen Setup – put out the tables and lap scoring boards

Track Setup – put out the track barriers and brooms

🎵 HAPPY BIRTHDAY 🎵 September 2008

2nd Edwin Ip
23rd Kay Tompkins

10th David Ryan
24th David Bleakley

17th Roman de Simone
26th Nick Máté

COMING EVENTS: September – November, 2008

5 September	1 st Friday	On Road Cancelled for September	
6 September	1 st Saturday	Off Road – Series 3 - Round 2	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
14 September	2 nd Sunday	540 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OFF ROAD – Series 3 ; Round 1	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
19 September	3 rd Friday	On Road Cancelled for September	Ryde Secondary College Court, Forrest Road, Ryde
20 September	3 rd Saturday	Off Road – Series 3 - Round 3	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
28 September	4 th Sunday	Off Road - Series 3 - Round 2	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
3 October	1 st Friday	ON ROAD – SERIES 3 – ROUND 2	Ryde Secondary College Court, Forrest Road, Ryde
4 October	1 st Saturday	OFF ROAD - SERIES 3 - ROUND 4	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
12 October	2 nd Sunday	OFF ROAD - SERIES 3 ; ROUND 3	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
18 October	3 rd Friday	ON ROAD – SERIES 3 - ROUND 3	Ryde Secondary College Court, Forrest Road, Ryde
19 October	3 rd Saturday	OFF ROAD – SERIES 3 - ROUND 5	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
26 October	4 th Sunday	OFF ROAD – SERIES 3 ; ROUND 4	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
26 October	4 th Sunday	CHALLENGE CUP – OFF ROAD – ROUND 4	Venue: Canberra Name: Canberra Classic
31 October	5 th Friday	ON ROAD – SERIES 3 - ROUND 4	Ryde Secondary College Court, Forrest Road, Ryde
1 November	1 st Saturday	OFF ROAD – SERIES 3 - ROUND 6	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
7 November	1 st Friday	ON ROAD – SERIES 3 - ROUND 5	RSC Basketball Courts, Forrest Road, Ryde
9 November	2 nd Sunday	OFF ROAD - SERIES 3 ; ROUND 5	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
15 November	3 rd Saturday	OFF ROAD – SERIES 3 - ROUND 7	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
TBA		RYDE'S – 2008 'ELECTRIC ON ROAD MASTERS'	RSC Basketball Courts, Forrest Road, Ryde
21 November	3 rd Friday	ON ROAD – SERIES 3 - ROUND 6 – FINAL ROUND	RSC Basketball Courts, Forrest Road, Ryde
23 November	4 th Sunday	VINTAGE RACE MEETING OFF ROAD – SERIES 3 ; ROUND 6	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde Look out for entry forms
29 November	5 th Saturday	ON ROAD - SERIES 3 - ROUND 8 – FINAL ROUND	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde

NEWS – changes to on road racing in September

The unfortunate news is that we have cancelled Friday night On Road for September as Illawarra on road club has withdrawn from the Illawarra vs. Ryde challenge this year. The reason given was the decreasing numbers attending on road race meetings and because Ryde has not held a meeting for a number of months.

We would like to see our ALL OUR RYDE ON ROAD MEMBER'S attend our first meeting in October. Get your gear and get it ready for the first meet at **RSC COLA, Forrest Road, Ryde on Friday, 3rd October 2008.**

Go to club website and then online button, select date and complete details, online closes 12 noon Thursday to allow for canteen shopping.

Saturday Night is also on hold for the time being, due to the carpark and ground hassles that Ryde council has caused us. We won't be able to get parking during the afternoons and cannot drive on the grass because council currently have a policy of no vehicles in parks. Be

please be patient and as soon as we can get cars in the grounds we will start up racing and we hope you will not leave us because of the council ruling, because we do hope to turn this rule around and be able to continue with the Saturday twilight meetings shortly. Sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause some of our visitors and members.

540 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – 14 SEPTEMBER 2008

An event for all Ryde members – everyone is expected to attend this.

Entry forms are required for this event, please complete the form in this edition and return it to Jennie by Sunday, 7 September.

Remember this event has only 4 classes: **2wd 540, 4wd 540 and truck 540 and Novice 540.** The motors you use must be from the batch that will be available on Sunday and entrants will have time to solder for motor connection.

The motors may be recalled during the event, so if you are thinking about tampering with the motor, you will be penalised because of the motor swapping that will take place – no tampering that is: water dipping, comm. drops, running in on batteries, twisting or brasso running is permitted to these motors and all motors will be tagged so we will know who has tampered with the 540's.

This is a World Championship (for fun) so motors must be those legally issued. Also if anyone has access to any other countries flags we would appreciate it if you could loan them to us for this event.

Remember, this is a Fun event, the purpose of the event is to bring drivers back to "Driving slow is Driving fast" and as we have to re-run the Sydney Cup, this event will be of benefit to all club members.

If you do not know how to get your 540 Johnson motor into your car or need any assistance with the car, bring it along in its ready to race condition and we will have racers there to aid you and please make sure you have some extra pinions with you for this event.

PROMOTIONAL MEETING – 1 NOVEMBER 2008

PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR PLEASE

On Saturday, 1 November our club has been invited to be part of a promotional event at Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith which will coincide with the Solar Boat Challenge and the Hydrogen Car Challenge cars using Solar and Hydrogen for power.

All club members are being given advanced knowledge of this event because we expect every one from off road and on road to attend this promotional event and give a good display of our sport. If you have not already done so, please put it on your calendar as we have been asked to run a race meeting at Penrith with our off road and on road cars, we will make a circuit with jumps and be able to show off our talents and our equipment.

It would be expected that all our club members be in attendance for this promotional event, at this time I don't not have a start time, this will come later in the year.

SYDNEY CUP POSTPONED - 9 November 2008

If you were not at the Sydney Cup on Sunday, you would not be aware that the event was a wash out, it rained rather heavily on Saturday night putting paid to us continuing the event.

The event will now be re-run on Sunday, 9 November making our event the last event in the Challenge Cup / Drivers Championship and it will be an important event for those drivers who have a change of taking out the event.

Canberra round is a one day event and under the current rules you will drop your worst round, so for those club members not intending on going to Canberra, you are going to have to attend the Ryde re-run event.

Drivers contested 2 qualifiers on Saturday, those results will be counted towards the event and when you enter the re-run event you will be given 3 more qualifying runs and 3 finals, and your best 3 from 5 qualifiers will count to your qualifying position.

How did you go in the first 2 rounds of qualifying, need to do more work to get to the "A" final's, then make sure your attend the 540 day for a start, this is where we will be working on driving, and we should be able to get more out of our team and more into the A's and push the other club out. Your results are in this edition and will carry to the re-run.

NEW CLUB CLOTHING HAS ARRIVED.

We are please to advise that our stock of new club clothing has arrived.

Caps will cost \$10.00 each, Bucket Hats will cost \$10.00 each, Shirts (not all sizing available) will cost \$28.00 each and Polar Fleece tops (children's sizes) will cost \$32.00 each.


We will continue with the old logo Polar Fleece tops in adult sizing until they are depleted then the new logo will be used, the top is exactly the same. These will also cost \$30.00 each (sale price).



Challenge Cup 2008 R4 Sydney Cup 30-8-2008

Alycat - Qualifying (Combined) - Truck Stock

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Registered to Trevor Jonnstone
Monday, 25 August 2008

No. of Heats :2
Heats dropped: 2
Combining Method:Points
Tie-break method:Exam one dropped, then best distance


Driver Name	Posn	Heat 1	Heat 2	Combined
Rob Shepard	1st	10/5m23.555s(50)	9/5m3.582s(46)	(96)
Andrew Dore (Plucka)	2nd	9/5m3.713s(45)	10/5m22.532s(50)	(95)
Ian Thorn	3rd	9/5m1.429s(46)	10/5m26.833s(49)	(95)
Michael Russell (PD)	4th	9/5m1.174s(48)	9/5m4.005s(45)	(93)
Edwin Ip	5th	10/5m31.779s(49)	9/5m9.790s(43)	(92)
Neil Bramble	6th	9/5m3.725s(44)	9/5m1.779s(48)	(92)
Warren Bracefield	7th	9/5m8.136s(42)	9/5m3.198s(47)	(89)
Luke Olding	8th	9/5m5.287s(43)	9/5m5.513s(44)	(87)
Andrew Thompson	9th	9/5m1.281s(47)	5/2m50.437s(35)	(82)
Alastair Langley	10th	9/5m21.644s(38)	9/5m11.549s(42)	(80)
Greg Ekert	11th	9/5m20.268s(39)	9/5m26.610s(41)	(80)
Shane Porter	12th	9/5m9.699s(41)	8/5m32.102s(38)	(79)
Craig Hine	13th	4/2m27.618s(37)	8/5m13.712s(39)	(76)
Robert Russell	14th	2/1m14.327s(36)	6/3m31.934s(36)	(72)
Tony Doherty	15th	9/5m15.006s(40)	0/(0)	(40)
Michael Sutton	16th	0/(0)	8/5m8.306s(40)	(40)
Nathan Russell	17th	0/(0)	7/5m31.434s(37)	(37)
Dave Wowk	18th	0/(0)	0/(0)	(0)

* result dropped

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Alycat - Qualifying (Combined) - Truck Modified

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Monday, 25 August 2008

No. of Heats :2
Heats dropped: 2
Combining Method:Points
Tie-break method:Exam one dropped, then best distance

Driver Name	Posn	Heat 1	Heat 2	Combined
Sean Chapple	1st	10/5m17.552s(48)	10/5m15.515s(50)	(98)
Chris Fraser	2nd	10/5m16.379s(49)	10/5m19.483s(49)	(98)
Nathan Sowter	3rd	10/5m13.586s(50)	10/5m23.525s(47)	(97)
Thomas Armstrong	4th	9/5m0.149s(46)	10/5m22.349s(48)	(94)
Stuart Goodwin	5th	10/5m25.588s(47)	9/5m0.081s(46)	(93)
Roman Desimone	6th	9/5m16.639s(45)	9/5m6.978s(45)	(90)
Paul Chen	7th	8/4m35.081s(44)	9/5m28.208s(44)	(88)
Rob Smith	8th	0/(0)	0/(0)	(0)
Brian Goby	9th	0/(0)	0/(0)	(0)
Mathew Cocks	10th	0/(0)	0/(0)	(0)

* result dropped

Challenge Cup 2008 R4 Sydney Cup 30-8-2008 Alycat - Qualifying (Combined) - 2wd Stock

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Monday, 25 August 2008

No. of Heats :2
Heats dropped: 2
Combining Method:Points
Tie-break method:Exam one dropped, then best distance

Driver Name	Posn	Heat 1	Heat 2	Combined
Ashley Anthony	1st	10/5m4.709s(50)	10/5m2.562s(49)	(99)
Jeff Primmer	2nd	10/5m10.331s(48)	10/5m1.710s(50)	(98)
Levi Gazzard	3rd	10/5m5.690s(49)	10/5m7.219s(48)	(97)
Alec Langley	4th	10/5m12.970s(47)	10/5m12.645s(47)	(94)
Stephen Broadley	5th	10/5m13.025s(46)	10/5m26.791s(44)	(90)
Tom Matley	6th	10/5m22.063s(42)	10/5m18.793s(46)	(88)
Luke Rich	7th	10/5m17.508s(45)	10/5m27.465s(43)	(88)
Wayne Dickerson	8th	10/5m18.779s(43)	10/5m20.317s(45)	(88)
Jamie Aqualina	9th	10/5m18.624s(44)	10/5m28.846s(40)	(84)
Chris Fraser	10th	10/5m22.769s(40)	10/5m28.728s(41)	(81)
Gavin Bruce	11th	10/5m22.415s(41)	9/5m7.665s(39)	(80)
Peter Hickey	12th	9/5m0.554s(34)	10/5m27.895s(42)	(76)
Roman Desimone	13th	10/5m26.427s(39)	9/5m9.316s(37)	(76)
Yung Wang	14th	10/5m30.053s(38)	9/5m8.308s(38)	(76)
Paul Chen	15th	10/5m31.439s(36)	9/5m18.580s(34)	(70)
Andrew Thompson	16th	10/5m35.637s(35)	9/5m18.293s(35)	(70)
Eric Lee	17th	9/5m5.501s(33)	9/5m17.158s(36)	(69)
Michael Fretin	18th	9/5m18.715s(30)	9/5m24.254s(33)	(63)
Nicholas Carroll	19th	9/5m11.619s(32)	9/5m36.169s(31)	(63)
Dave Worrall	20th	9/5m14.174s(31)	9/5m24.605s(32)	(63)
Craig Hine	21st	8/5m17.885s(28)	9/5m37.288s(30)	(58)
Nick Mate	22nd	8/5m11.412s(29)	8/5m9.018s(29)	(58)
Michael Sutton	23rd	8/5m17.948s(27)	8/5m38.588s(28)	(55)
Brett Anderson	24th	8/5m28.652s(26)	5/3m33.252s(27)	(53)
Tony Doherty	25th	10/5m30.175s(37)	0/(0)	(37)
Josh Doherty	26th	6/5m43.311s(25)	0/(0)	(25)
Tom Clifford	27th	0/(0)	0/(0)	(0)
Brendan Smith	28th	0/(0)	0/(0)	(0)
Michael Hudson	29th	0/(0)	0/(0)	(0)
Neil Blyth	30th	0/(0)	0/(0)	(0)

* result dropped

Challenge Cup 2008 R4 Sydney Cup 30-8-2008 Alycat - Qualifying (Combined) - 4wd Stock

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Monday, 25 August 2008

No. of Heats :2
Heats dropped: 2
Combining Method:Points
Tie-break method:Exam one dropped, then best distance

Driver Name	Posn	Heat 1	Heat 2	Combined
Mathew Immer	1st	11/5m11.654s(50)	11/5m19.607s(49)	(99)
Jeff Primmer	2nd	11/5m28.160s(49)	11/5m12.757s(50)	(99)
Adam Frankish	3rd	10/5m2.428s(47)	11/5m24.059s(48)	(95)
Rick Austin	4th	10/5m1.213s(48)	11/5m24.973s(47)	(95)
Grant Mount	5th	10/5m2.780s(46)	10/5m2.097s(44)	(90)
Adrian Harlor	6th	10/5m6.039s(43)	11/5m31.343s(45)	(88)
Matt Ferguson	7th	10/5m5.659s(44)	10/5m3.866s(43)	(87)
Alec Langley	8th	10/5m6.328s(42)	10/5m5.648s(41)	(83)
Robert Sheppard	9th	10/5m18.399s(36)	11/5m26.405s(46)	(82)
Andrew Dore (Plucka)	10th	10/5m13.400s(39)	10/5m5.280s(42)	(81)
Peter Hickey	11th	10/5m12.627s(41)	10/5m11.119s(40)	(81)
Stephen Broadley	12th	10/5m5.072s(45)	10/5m26.896s(34)	(79)
Jamie Aqualina	13th	10/5m17.760s(37)	10/5m17.196s(39)	(76)
Gavin Bruce	14th	10/5m17.402s(38)	10/5m22.477s(36)	(74)
Neil Bramble	15th	10/5m21.105s(35)	10/5m19.477s(38)	(73)
Daniel Cotton	16th	10/5m12.641s(40)	10/5m30.484s(32)	(72)
Richard Bagguley	17th	10/5m24.095s(33)	10/5m25.821s(35)	(68)
Luke Rich	18th	10/5m26.030s(32)	10/5m29.335s(33)	(65)
Wayne Dickerson	19th	9/5m32.879s(27)	10/5m22.356s(37)	(64)
Nicholas Carroll	20th	10/5m22.221s(34)	9/5m22.255s(29)	(63)
Lochiel Langley	21st	9/5m7.278s(29)	9/5m5.795s(31)	(60)
Aaron Bruce	22nd	9/5m6.373s(30)	8/5m8.606s(28)	(58)
Brett Anderson	23rd	9/5m22.374s(28)	9/5m19.358s(30)	(58)
Edwin Ip	24th	9/5m0.518s(31)	5/2m4.415s(26)	(57)
Lucas Baldacchino	25th	6/4m52.131s(25)	6/5m2.495s(27)	(52)
Jennie Thorn	26th	7/5m1.797s(26)	4/2m45.228s(25)	(51)
Trent Johnson	27th	4/5m9.631s(24)	3/2m1.709s(24)	(48)
Tom Clifford	28th	0/(0)	0/(0)	(0)
David Ryan	29th	0/(0)	0/(0)	(0)

* result dropped