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## COMING EVENTS: January – March 2008

18 January	3rd Friday	On Road – Christmas 500 Endurance Race & 2007 Annual Presentation Evening	Brush Farm Netball Courts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
<b>19 January</b>	<b>3rd Saturday</b>	<b>OFFICIAL TRACK WORKING BEE</b> <b>START TIME: 9.00AM - Everyone to attend that way the track is ready for 2008 racing</b>	<b>BLenheim PARK, NORTH RYDE</b> <b>This is the 1st Pointscore Event for 2008 so come along and help</b>
19 January	3rd Saturday	Off Road – Non Pointscore – Bump Up Meeting	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
<b>27 January</b>	4th Sunday	<b>RYDE'S - 2007 OFF ROAD 'GRAND PRIX MASTERS'</b>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde ONLINE ENTRY AT <a href="http://www.sydneymrc.com">www.sydneymrc.com</a>
1 February	1st Friday	On Road - Series 1 - Round 1	Brush Farm Netball Courts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
2 February	1st Saturday	Off Road - Series 1 - Round 1	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
10 February	2nd Sunday	Off Road – Series 1 ; Round 1	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
<b>10 February</b>	<b>2nd Sunday</b>	<b>Challenge Cup – On Road – Round 1</b>	<b>Venue: Lithgow Name: Lithgow Cup</b>
15 February	3rd Friday	On Road - Series 1 - Round 2	Brush Farm Netball Courts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
16 February	3rd Saturday	Off Road – Series 1 - Round 2	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
24 February	4th Sunday	Off Road – Series 1 ; Round 2	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
1 March	1st Saturday	Off Road - Series 1 - Round 3	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
7 March	1st Friday	On Road – Series 1 - Round 3	Brush Farm Netball Courts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
9 March	2nd Sunday	Off Road – Series 1 ; Round 3	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
15 March	3rd Saturday	Off Road – Series 1 - Round 4	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
21 March	3rd Friday	On Road – Series 1 - Round 4	Brush Farm Netball Courts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
23 March	4th Sunday	Off Road - Series 1 ; Round 4	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
29 March	5th Saturday	Off Road - Series 1 - Round 5	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde

♪♪ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ♪♪

**January 2008**

**2<sup>ND</sup> IAN THORN**

**5<sup>TH</sup> AARON BRUCE**

**26<sup>TH</sup> ASHLEY ANTHONY**

**30<sup>TH</sup> DAVID WARNER**

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE**

**ALL SYDNEY RADIO CONTROL CAR CLUB MEMBERSHIP'S EXPIRED ON  
31 DECEMBER 2007, RENEWAL FEES ARE NOW DUE AND PAYMENT  
REQUESTED BY THURSDAY, 31 JANUARY 2008**

**RENEW AFTER THIS DATE WILL INCUR THE 'JOINING FEE OF \$30.00'  
FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO CONTINUE.**

## **MOWING ROSTER**

A mowing roster will again be introduced during 2008 to assist the Committee in keeping our Blenheim Park grounds in a neat and tidy condition. The roster will advise two (2) members' names, these people will be required to mow all the islands and outer area of the track, prior to the commencement of the race meeting or you can make arrangements to do it the day before, but we should advise the nominated people will be required to be at the Blenheim Park grounds by around 8.30am.

It is hoped that members will only have to do this chore once or twice in the year, here is the first list of names and please be advised no excuses will be accepted for not doing this duty.

<b>20 January</b>	<b>Barry Hayman</b>	<b>Gary Boyce</b>
<b>10 February</b>	<b>Ken Anderson</b>	<b>Ian Thorn</b>
<b>24 February</b>	<b>Peter van der Linden (will be away)</b>	<b>Greg Waters</b>
<b>9 March</b>	<b>Craig Norris</b>	<b>Wayne Dickerson</b>
<b>29 March</b>	<b>Peter Rose</b>	<b>Gavin Bruce</b>

## **OFFICIAL RACE TIMES:**

### **Friday Evenings**

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

**Online entry is available up to Friday 3.30 pm.**

### **Saturday Afternoons**

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

**Entry is only on the afternoon of the racing**

### **Sunday – All day**

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

**Online entry is available up to Saturday evening approx 10.30pm.**

## **TROUBLE WITH NITRO CAR'S ON RACE TRACK**

We are again or should I say still having troubles with the owners of Petrol / Nitro cars using our race track at Blenheim Park, North Ryde.

Unfortunately the neighbours are very concerned that this is happening contrary to notices around the grounds and track and some people are being abused when confronting these users who seem to believe that the circuit is there for them, the notices don't carry any penalties and they can do what they want in the area of the track, because no one can stop them.

Members of this club are ask not to confront the users of petrol /nitro vehicles, please put the following numbers into your mobile phone: the Police – Gladsville 989 9699 and Ryde Council - 9952 8222, ring these authorities, stay away from the track and wait for the authorities to arrive, let them deal with the Petrol / Nitro users, who may lose their vehicles, be fined or be charged if they are repeat offenders.

Remember your safety is of the utmost important, don't get involved, and make a call instead.

## TIME TO CHECK OUT OUR CLUB FORUM

Have you voted Club members? You are all being encouraged to use our forum to discuss issues, car problems, ask for assistance, promote ideas and importantly be informed of racing changes at a moments notice (such as wet weather cancellations).

### First subject up for voting:

#### Should we introduce Brushless and Lipo Batteries into Ryde's Racing

This is a much divided area and through discussion we want to the views of all our members giving for's and againsts, should we introduce, should we not. Don't be afraid to have your say, every comment will be treated with respect and concern and will be passed onto members of the committee for minuting and discussion, be a part of this forum as these items will no doubt affect you and your racing during 2008.

There are 3 polls (voting) running and we would appreciate your comments and also your vote:

- 1) Lipo Batteries,
- 2) Brushless Stock Motors,
- 3) Lipo & Brushless

**Note: Junior (under 16 years) and all Novice drivers will not permitted to use any lipo batteries at Ryde race meeting unless they have received training from senior members who currently use the equipment.**

Also to assist you with some of the facts, St. Ives club has opened their racing to these changes, and below are their adopted rules for you to view as a reference whilst you make up your mind on this issue. For more information on these rules please read the December 2007 edition.

Just remember that the voting polls will close on 25 January 2008, so it is recommended that you give your input to this matter, if you don't have the internet or cannot get onto the forum at [www.sydneycr.com](http://www.sydneycr.com) then please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return your vote and comments to Jennie by the date indicated.

## NEW AWARDS FOR 2008

**Final explanation of the new awards and what you will have to do to be a contender for the wonderful prizes that will be available.**



**Sunday Off Road** - Series 1 Pointscore, finish with an overall total between 210 and 195 and your name goes into a Lucky Dip Draw to receive a very special prize.

**Saturday Off Road** – Series 1 Pointscore, finish with an overall total of between 600 and 586 and your name goes into the Lucky Dip draw to receive a special prize.

**Friday On Road** - Series 1 Pointscore, finish with an overall total of between 280 and 269 and you name goes into the Luck Dip draw to receive a special prize.

### Have you Top Qualified or are you a Class Winner at a weekly club meeting?

Receive a special flag to wear on your vehicle, if you have the most T/Q's or Class Wins by the completion of 5 months racing, your reward will be a number (yet to be determined) of free race meetings, this will be announced giving competitors ample time to use the free meetings within the next 5 months of racing. Free meetings cannot carry over to the next year's racing.

# RESULTS OF CHRISTMAS OFF-ROAD ENDURANCE RACE

held on Sunday 9 December 2007

X-Men	449 Laps	120m 1.060s
Monster Truck Boyz	430 Laps	120m11.638s
Team Dude Again	410 Laps	120m 2.653s
Team Spider	353 Laps	119m55.710s
Team Rocket	350 Laps	120m22.898s

## PRESENTATION DAY

Congratulations to our winners at the 2007 Off Road Annual Trophy Presentation Day.

- 2007 Club Champion: Ian Thorn
- 2007 Night Racing Champion: Ian Thorn
- 2007 Champion of Champion: Ian Thorn
- 2007 Leigh Tompkins Sportsmanship Trophy: Kara Dickinson
- 2007 Junior Champion of Champion: Kara Dickinson
- 2007 Volunteers Trophy: Kara Dickinson
- 2007 Junior Encouragement Shield: Luke Waters
- 2007 Senior Encouragement Shield: Yung Wang
- 2007 Open Encouragement Shield: Roman de Simone
- 2007 Endurance Shield: X-Men (Ashley Anthony, Kevin So, Roman de Simone, Bob Burbage)
- 2007 Hard Luck Trophy - 1/2 Yearly Award: Ashley Anthony

Due to rain our On Road Annual Presentation has not take place so the winners cannot be announced.

A reminder to all competitors who do On Road, our Christmas 500 Endurance race will be held on Friday 18 January and also there will be a presentation of awards to the winners of series 3 class winners , championship awards.

## 2008 CHALLENGE CUP DATES @ 3 JANUARY '08

### On-Road Dates

Date	Venue
10 February	Lithgow Cup
4 May	Illawarra Shield
15 June	Hills Cup
16-17 August	Canberra Classic

### Off-Road Dates

Date	Venue
6 April	Castle Hill Pro Am
25 May	Maitland Cup
6 July	St Ives Shield
31 August	Sydney Cup - Ryde
26 October	Canberra Classic

## REMINDER OF OUR CLUB'S RACING RULES

A reminder to every one of our rules for racing and by following each one of them will assist in speeding up our registration, racing and removing the delays that have occurred over past months.

1. Be on time for the start of racing – check out start times on page 2
2. At Registration time come to with your radio frequencies, transponder number and race fee ready – preferably **NO \$50.00 notes please**
3. Check the Score Board when Grid List displayed and be aware of your Race number, Transponder Colour and Grid Position for the first race
4. Make sure you are aware of the Transponder Loop location in the track – ask if you are not sure
5. Be ready to place your car on the grid by the 2 minute announcement, drive your vehicle over the loop and around the track only ONCE, this gives time for everyone to check their transponder is working prior to commencement of the race start
6. If you are not ready by the 2 minute call, advise Race Control and the race start may be held to allow you time to get to the grid (a Race Director's decision)
7. When transponder is checked place car on your grid position and yourself on the Drivers Stand and wait, **DO NOT** drive your vehicle around the track again (this shows Race Director you are ready)
8. Keep your racing clean, hacking, barging and course cutting are all forms of bad sportsmanship and can incur penalties
9. If you do get hit and cross onto the grass islands, make sure you re-enter the track and the entry point, **DO NOT** keep going and drive across the grass, this means you have short coursed
10. If you are a faster vehicle, it is your responsibility to talk to the driver of a slower car and advise them that you about to overtake them, the slower driver will hold their line and let faster car past
11. At completion of each race, **ALL drivers regardless of the classes they race in will place** their vehicles and radio gear on the pit table. **DO NOT** return to the pit area until you have completed your marshalling duties
12. When your vehicle is switched off, you are required to return to the track and take up your marshalling position, you are not permitted to smoke, eat or talk to other marshals once the next race has commenced
13. All efforts will be make to ensure that if you are competing in more that one class, that they are not following each other, however should this not be possible then it is your responsibility to have a stand-in marshal for your first race.

## FOR SALE

LOSA 7360R (X3000 Red)

Buggy Rear Tyres from NSW State Championships for 2wd & 4wd

Price: Set of 6 tyres = \$40.00 or Set of 2 tyres = \$15.00 each

LOSA 7641R (T2000 Red)

Truck Rear Tyres from NSW State Championships

Price: Set of 2 tyres = \$17.00 each

See Gary or Jennie at club race meetings only.

## VOTING PAPER

As most people are now starting to use the latest technology in there cars, I would like to know how many people think we should be able to use lipo and brushless at all events we compete in at Ryde?

Some of you would be aware that St. Ives have allowed this to happen and embraced this in there racing also putting out an updated set of rules to cover the use of brushless and lipo. It's great to see the club looking ahead into the future and not sticking there heads in the sand as this technology is here and is the future of electric racing. So get your vote in and our club can decide which way its members wish to go. The rules are on page 3.

There are 3 polls (voting) running and we would appreciate your comments and also your vote:

Please circle                      Please circle  
One or the other

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| <b>1) To allow Lipo Batteries into Stock &amp; Modified racing</b>   | <b>for</b> | <b>against</b> |
| <b>2) To adopt Brushless Stock Motors as an official class</b>       | <b>for</b> | <b>against</b> |
| <b>3) To adopt Lipo &amp; Brushless motors as per St. Ives rules</b> | <b>for</b> | <b>against</b> |

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Any Comments you might like to add:

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**Return by 25 January 2008 – Hand in to Jennie Thorn please**

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Ian Thorn

**Club Champion 2007  
Night Racing Champion 2007  
Champion of Champion 2007**

