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COMING EVENTS: February – April, 2008

10 February	2nd Sunday	Off Road – Series 1 ; Round 1	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
10 February	2 nd Sunday	Challenge Cup – On Road – Round 1	Venue: Lithgow Name: Lithgow Cup
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
29 February	5 th Friday	On Road - Series 1 - Round 3 LEAP YEAR MEET	Brush Farm Netball Courts, Lawson Road,
1 March	1 st Saturday	Off Road - Series 1 - Round 3	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
7 March	1 st Friday	On Road – Series 1 - Round 4	Brush Farm Netball Courts, Lawson Road,
9 March	2 nd Sunday	Off Road – Series 1 ; Round 3	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
15 March	3 rd Saturday	Off Road – Series 1 - Round 4	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
21 March	3 rd Friday	On Road – Series 1 - Round 5	Brush Farm Netball Courts, Lawson Road,
23 March	4 th Sunday	Off Road - Series 1 ; Round 4	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
29 March	5 th Saturday	Off Road - Series 1 - Round 5	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
4 April	1 st Friday	GOOD FRIDAY - RACE MEETING CANCELLED	Brush Farm Netball Courts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
5 April	1 st Saturday	EASTER SATURDAY - RACE MEETING Series 1 - Round 6	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
6 April	1 st Sunday	Challenge Cup – Off Road – Round 1 Entry forms available from Challenge site	Venue: Castle Hill Name: Castle Hill Pro Am
13 April	2 nd Sunday	Off Road – Series 1 ; Round 5	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde

NOTICE OF IMPORTANCE

If you have not read your emails yet, please do so, due to the rain and the washed out On Road race meetings, I am trying to organise a special meeting for Friday 8 February at either the netball courts or if the rain persists at a venue at my school (a covered basketball court), but before I will definitely say we are racing I need to know who will be attending. I know Lithgow is on, but I would assume there are some people who may not go to that and still want to have a race.

If I only get 6 people then we will only have some fun, if we get replies from more then we will have a full meeting at the netball courts if the weather allows.

Please email me if you are interested before 12 midnight tomorrow, Tuesday 5 February 2008.

**Check out the race meeting on Friday, 29 February – it is the Leap Year
Race Meet at Brush Farm**

♪♪ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ♪♪

February 2008

10TH RHYS MANGAN

12TH YUNG WANG

13TH ZHENG YE

17TH DAVID QUINLAN

24TH CARL MASSEY

17TH BOB BURBAGE

24TH STEVEN JEFFREYS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE

**ALL SYDNEY RADIO CONTROL CAR CLUB MEMBERSHIP'S EXPIRED ON
31 DECEMBER 2007, RENEWAL FEES ARE NOW OVER DUE,
HURRY AND GET YOUR FEES IN OTHERWISE**

**RENEW MAY INCUR THE 'JOINING FEE OF \$30.00'
FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO CONTINUE.**

***** IF YOU ARE FROM ON ROAD, YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS HAVE ONLY JUST BEEN
POSTED BECAUSE I WAS HOPING TO HAND THEM OUT LAST FRIDAY IF YOU ARE
COMPETING AT A CHALLENGE ROUND – PLEASE LET ME KNOW THAT YOU ARE INTENDING
TO RENEW AND I WILL INFORM T. JOHNSTONE THAT YOU ARE CURRENTLY FINANCIAL.**

GET WELL SOON

We extend a sincere Get Well Soon to Dean Jones who is currently in Nepean Hospital after being diagnosed with Leukaemia (one you recover from thankfully).

Dean was diagnosed 3 weeks ago after going to the doctor because of tiredness and a couple of other problems and will spend the best part of the next 6 months in and out of hospital having treatment. Dean is one of our clubs On Road racers and always tries to make a Challenge Round, a major event at another club and is a great supporter of our club and he always tries very hard to drive well and hopefully that drive will assist him in his attempt to recover from this illness.

If you are able to visit him, he would love the company and to have a chat or if you are passing drop into Nepean Hospital. Ring me for information of Ward number etc...

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 your 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.

**10 February
24 February
9 March
29 March**

Ken Anderson	Ian Thorn
Peter van der Linden (will be away)	Greg Waters
Craig Norris	Wayne Dickerson
Peter Rose	Gavin Bruce

TROUBLE WITH NITRO CAR'S ON RACE TRACK

Sorry I left a number out of the Police telephone number – here is the update.

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 – Gladesville 9879 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.

CONGRATULATIONS, MARGO



Scouts and Guides featured in local Australia Day celebrations Guide Leader Margo Hebbard was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Australia Day Honours List.

Coincidentally, this year 2008 has been declared The Year of the Scout by the Australian Government celebrating 100 years of Scouting in Australia and special commemorative coins will be issued by the Australian Mint and special postage stamps released by Australia Post.

NSW State and Bennelong/Wallumetta Division Guide Leader Margo Hebbard congratulated by Guides at Saturday's Australia Day ceremony at Ryde Civic Centre Guides with Leaders Trish Swinkels (Trish Hebbard)

BRUSHLESS MOTOR CHECKER

The club now owns a Brushless Motor checker, and this will be used should any driver feel that things are not quite right with another drivers motor. The usual protest must be lodged and the motor checker will be used. This unit will also be used as part of the scrutineering at Major meetings so if you are permitted to use Brushless then you had better make sure they are legal before putting your vehicles on the race track.

The unit will not be loaned out to any club member, it will remain in the hands of the Scrutineering committee.

CHECK OUT OUR CLUB FORUM

You only have 3 weeks remaining to lodge your vote, if you cannot get onto the forum, you can send me an email or use the voting form attached to this and past newsletters.

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.sydneyrc.com then please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return your vote and comments to Jennie by the date indicated.

PRESENTATION DAY

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, there will be a presentation of awards to the winners of Series 3 class winners , championship awards hopefully on Friday, 15 February 2008.

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.

PERSONAL TRANSPONDERS

Your club will be introducing a pay off system for those people wishing to purchase a Personal Transponder.

As the 2nd set of club units are failing, we are not going to waste money purchasing more units, we will purchase personal transponders and club members will be permitted to pay the units off over 3 months, but here will be strict conditions as we don't want to find we are not receiving payments.

It is our intention to have all club members using Personal Transponders where possible, we will of course still have the club units, but may only run with 1 set instead of the 2 which are costing the club some \$3,000 each time they fail.

A special Payment Plan form has been prepared and you are expected to complete it by supplying Name, Address, Phone Numbers, Drivers Licence and Credit Card details and sign the agreement, should you stop attending race meetings or miss making a payment or any further payments the balance owing will be deducted from your credit card or similar, so in a way purchasers will be on a honesty system.

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 One or the other	Please circle
1) To allow Lipo Batteries into Stock & Modified racing	for	against
2) To adopt Brushless Stock Motors as an official class	for	against
3) To adopt Lipo & Brushless motors as per St. Ives rules	for	against

Any Comments you might like to add:

Return by 25 February 2008 – Hand in to Jennie Thorn please