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COMING EVENTS: March - June, 2008

28 March	4 th Friday	On Road – Replacement meeting for Friday, 21 April – Good Friday.	Fine Weather: Brush Farm Netball courts Not sure weather: RSC Basketball Court, Forrest Road, Ryde.
29 March	5 th Saturday	Driver Training Instruction Day at 1pm – 3pm Then stay for the race meeting at 4pm Off Road - Series 1 - Round 5	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde Booking you place is essential for Instruction Day
4 April	1 st Friday	On Road – Series 1 - Round	Ryde Secondary College Basketball Court, Forrest Road, Ryde (Bottom of hill)
5 April	1 st Saturday	Off Road - 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 LETS MAKE IT A RYDE TEAM EVENT – EVERYONE TO ATTEND	Venue: Castle Hill Name: Castle Hill Pro Am Have you got your club uniform of a Polo shirt and cap?
13 April	2 nd Sunday	Off Road – Series 1 ; Round 5	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
18 April	3rd Friday	On Road – Series 1 - Round 6	Ryde Secondary College Basketball Court, Forrest Road, Ryde (Bottom of hill)
19 April	3rd Saturday	Off Road - Series 1 - Round 7	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
27 April	4th Sunday	Off Road – Series 1 ; Round 6	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
2 May	1st Friday	On Road – Series 1 - Round 7	Brush Farm Netball Courts, Lawson Road,
3 May	1st Saturday	Off Road – Series 1- Round 8 - FINAL ROUND	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
5 May	2nd Sunday	Challenge Cup – On Road – Round 2	Venue: Illawarra Name: Illawarra Shield
11 May	2nd Sunday	Off Road – Series 1 ; Round 7 – FINAL ROUND	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
16 May	3rd Friday	On Road – Series 1 - Round 8 – FINAL ROUND	Brush Farm Netball Courts, Lawson Road,
17 May	3rd Saturday	Off Road – Series 1- Round 1	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
25 May	4th Sunday	Off Road – Series 2 ; Round 1	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
25 May	4th Sunday	Challenge Cup – Off Road – Round 2	Venue: Maitland Name: Maitland Cup
30 May	5th Friday	On Road – Series 2- Round 1	Brush Farm Netball Courts, Lawson Road,

NOTICE OF 24TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SYDNEY RADIO CONTROL OFF ROAD CAR CLUB

To be held at Blenheim Park Raceway, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
 On Sunday, 13 April 2008.

The meeting will commence at 9.45am promptly and is open to all financial members of the Sydney Radio Control Off Road Car Club. See page 5, 6 & 7 for more information.

It's SALE time



FROM YOUR CLUB SHOP

Tee Shirts	Polar Fleece Tops	Caps	Beanies
\$23.00 each	\$45.00 each	\$10.00 each	\$10.00 each
Sale Price \$15.00	Sale price: \$35.00	Sale Price: \$7.00	Sale Price: \$7.00
Adult Small (3)	Adult Small (3)	On size (6)	Black (23)
Adult Medium (4)	Adult Medium (1)		Blue (17)
Adult Large (2)	Adult Large (4)		
Adult X-Large (1)	Adult X-Large (8)		
Adult 2X-Large (4)			
Adult 3X-Large (4)	Note: these are 1 size larger than normal clothing		Personal Transponders \$155.00 each

Have you got your club uniform yet?

This is a good time to get it as the “Sales” are on and we are leading up to the Challenge rounds where you can show you off your club. It is also a good time to get your personal transponder to save that last minute pressure at a major meeting.

OFF ROAD 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.

13 April	Steve Carnt	Bob Burbage
27 April	Scott MacGee	Edwin Ip
5 May	Robert Russell	Arif Hameed
25 May	David Couper	David Ryan

NEW MEMBERS IN 2008

The club would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following members to our club and hope that their time with us is enjoyable and rewarding.

A correction to the advertised new members in the March edition, the membership numbers were incorrect by one digit.

Welcome:

#75	Andy Tam	on road
#76	David Ryan	off road
\$77	Jackson Ryan	off road

NEW AWARDS FOR 2008

The first batch of Top Qualifier and Class Wins has been awarded, the winners up to the 15 March 2008 are: Each club member who reached 10 of either award will receive a Certificate of Achievement with three free race meetings attached.

	Race Days	TOP QUAL.	CLASS WIN
Ashley Anthony – Stock	Saturday	2	2
Andrew Shah – Novice	Saturday	1	
Luke Waters – Novice	Saturday		1
Wayne Dickerson – 4 Stock	Saturday		1
Alec Langley – Stock	Saturday		1
Ashley Anthony – Stock	Sunday	2	1
Andrew Shah – Novice	Sunday		1
Nathan Russell – Novice	Sunday	1	
Jennie Thorn – Stock Intermediate	Sunday	1	
Robert Russell – Trucks	Sunday	1	1
Ian Thorn – 4 Stock	Sunday	1	1
Wayne Dickerson – 4 Stock	Sunday		1

Note: to receive the **TQ sticker of Class sticker** there must be 3 or more competitors in the class you are competing at the commencement of the finals. Saturday and Sunday stickers cannot be combined, there will be separate tallies kept for these days.

PERSONAL TRANSPONDERS – next batch has arrived

Your club has introduced a **PAY OFF SYSTEM** for those racers 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 instead 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're 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 produced 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, so in a way purchasers will be on a honesty system.

CLUB UNIFORM

The club uniform needs to be restocked as we are receiving requests from junior members for clothing. Three weeks ago I contacted Abbey Embroidery, the company who did our uniform and was told that they had sold out and when I asked for our Logo disc back was informed that there was no disk for our club, it must have been destroyed when the company sold out.

This has caused us must disappointment, one would have though the club would have been contacted and asked if they wanted the disk back, so now we have to go through the hole process again delaying the supply of uniforms.

As the club is an on road and off road club, we have over the years received comments about not having an on road car on the logo and removing the "Off Road" from the name. This is a very sensible request because the club no longer just caters for off road.

Here is the logo, there will be a voting form at the next two Sunday race meetings for everyone to have their say, and please do, you will also see a new style of uniform selection because we have found that our current style is no longer available, so juniors your comments are very important because you will be the first to wear the new style.



At the race meetings you will find four items which need your vote on:

1. The undated logo, do you want it to stay plain with no name
2. Do you want the club name on your clothing
3. Which type of club cap
4. Which style of polo shirt.

Make sure you vote so that we have the full club input on this matter.



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NOTICE OF 24TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, 13 April 2008

Meeting will be held at Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde at 9.45 am.

AGENDA of MEETING

1. Acceptance of the 2007 Annual General Meeting minutes as printed in this edition
2. Discuss any Business arising from minutes
3. Table the Financial Statement for 2007 – as attached
4. Read the Nominations for Committee positions
5. Voting for committee positions
6. Close the 2008 Election
7. General Business – Discussion time
8. Discussion to officially drop the “Off Road” from the Club name – vote required.
9. Close of meeting

If you are a financial member you are required to attend this A.G.M. You have the right to vote on all matters that are put forward; you only have one vote per item.

All Committee positions become vacant as at 9.30am and a new committee must be voted in to enable racing and club matters to continue through the year 2008- 2009.

**PLEASE MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR
All club members must be present at the A.G.M.**

**Our 1st DRIVER TRAINING INSTRUCTION DAY
WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 29 MARCH 2008
BETWEEN 1.00PM AND 3.00PM**

**Great for Novice drivers and still
learning Stock drivers**

**Are you going to the Challenge Cup?
A great opportunity to have help sorting out
your car before the meeting on 6 April**

STAY ON FOR THE RACE MEETING COMMENCING AT 4.00PM.



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Please return to Club Secretary prior to Monday, 7 April 2008.

Deliver to 107 Quarry Road, Ryde or Hand in prior to the closing date.

**Nominations for Committee close at 6.30 pm on MONDAY, 7 April 2008.
Nominations must be handed to the Secretary.
No emailed or faxed nomination forms will be accepted.**

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE ON THE OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

I Being a financial member of the above mentioned club hereby nominate the following members for the listed positions.

President:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Committee: (1)

Committee: (2).....

Committee: (3)... ..

Public Officer:

I have spoken to each nominated member listed above has and they have agreed to be nominated, they are also financial members of the said club.

Name of Person doing the Nominating (Your name)

Signature of Person doing the Nominating (Your signature)

Your membership No:

Date:

MINUTES OF THE 23RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT BLENHEIM PARK, BLENHEIM ROAD, NORTH RYDE ON SUNDAY, 8 JULY 2007

MEETING COMMENCED AT 9.50 AM

PRESENT: Jennie Thorn, Ian Thorn, Gary Boyce, Ken Anderson, Craig Norris, Yung Wang, Gavin Bruce, Aaron Bruce, Ashley Anthony, Wayne Dickerson, Scott MacGee, Rhys Mangan, Kara Dickinson, Roman De Simone, Greg Waters, Aaron Bruce,

Apologies: Tim Lee, Dean Jones,

Guests: Andrew Banks, Aaron Robinson, Raza Robinson,

PROXIES RECEIVED: Nil

Minutes of Previous Meeting were taken as read

Accepted by Gary Boyce Seconded by Greg Waters

Treasurers Report was read and explained

Accepted by Ken Anderson Seconded by Ian Thorn

Questions: What are the Race Equipment Sales – Jennie reported she thought that was the Personal Transponders but would check with the Treasurer and report back.

Jennie advised that all Executive and Committee positions were now vacant and continued to chair the meeting. Jennie then proceeded to read the nominations.

1st Nomination received from Ken Anderson appointed the following persons:

President – Ian Thorn was nominated and has accepted the position.

Vice President – Gary Boyce was nominated and has accepted the position.

Secretary – Jennie Thorn was nominated and has accepted the position.

Treasurer – Peter Vander Linden was nominated and has accepted the position.

Committee – Ian Fuller was nominated and has yet to accept the position – he indicated that he could do the web site.

Committee – Roman De Simone was nominated and has accepted this nomination.

Committee – This position is still vacant

Jennie asked if there was any further business relating to the Annual General Meeting that needed to be discussed.

There being no further business the new committee was welcomed and the meeting was closed at 10.05 am.

General Meeting of the Sydney Radio Control Off Road Car Club.

Club Issues – Saturday Night Racing – numbers are down, this could be caused by the cold weather, could we start the meeting earlier, say either 1pm or 2pm

Vote: Commencement time 1pm – 10 Votes. 2pm – 6 votes.

Saturday Night Summer racing to stay at the 4.00 pm start time during summer months.

Time between races – Craig Norris explained that 3 minutes between races is too much – drivers will still go to the pit area – not stay at the track waiting to marshal –

Motion: Gap between races 3 minutes or 2 minutes

Vote: 3 minutes – 2 votes 2 minutes – 14 votes.

No further business

Meeting closed at 10.40 am.

President: *I. THORN*

Secretary: *J. THORN*

Dated: 13 April 2008

