



# FIRST GEAR

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## COMING EVENTS: - November - December, 2008

2 November	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	OFF ROAD – SERIES 3 - ROUND 6	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
7 November	1st Friday	ON ROAD – SERIES 3 - ROUND 5	RSC Basketball Courts, Forrest Road, Ryde
9 November	2nd Sunday	OFF ROAD - SERIES 3 ; ROUND 5 RE RUN OF 2008 SYDNEY CUP – CC08 ROUND 5	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
16 November	3rd Sunday	OFF ROAD – SERIES 3 - ROUND 7	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
CANCELLED		RYDE'S – 2008 'ELECTRIC ON ROAD MASTERS'	RSC Basketball Courts, Forrest Road, Ryde
21 November	3rd Friday	ON ROAD – SERIES 3 - ROUND 6 – FINAL ROUND	RSC Basketball Courts, Forrest Road, Ryde
23 November	4th Sunday	VINTAGE RACE MEETING OFF ROAD – SERIES 3 ; ROUND 6	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde Entry forms now available from website
30 November	5th Sunday	OFF ROAD – SERIES 3 – ROUND 8	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
7 December	1st Sunday	OFF ROAD – FUN DAY - NON COMPETITION	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
14 December	2nd Sunday	OFF ROAD CHRISTMAS ENDURO & 540 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde

## 🎵 HAPPY BIRTHDAY 🎵 November 2008

1<sup>st</sup> *Dannielle Russell*

7<sup>th</sup> *Garry Bell*

22<sup>nd</sup> *Adam Chadwick*

30<sup>th</sup> *Jason Tapp*

## ONLINE ENTRIES

Race dates logged into the Online Entry system are as follows:

7 November	Ryde On Road Racing	9 November	Sunday Off Road Racing
16 November	Alternative Sunday Off Road	21 November	Ryde On Road Racing
23 November	Vintage Race Meet Off Road	30 November	Alternate Sunday Off Road

## 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 help out, not sure what to do, don't worry help is at hand.

DATE	DUTY 1	NAME	DUTY 2	NAME
16 Nov	Track Sweep	Nick Mate	Track Sweep	Adam Chadwick
	Track Sweep	Tom Matley	End of Day	Erik Lee
	Canteen Setup	Jennie Thorn	Track Setup	Paul Chen
30 Nov	Track Sweep	Gary Boyce	Track Sweep	Greg Waters
	Track Sweep	Tim Herridge	End of Day	Alec Langley
	Canteen Setup	Barry Hayman	Track Setup	Lucas Baldacchino
7 Dec	Track Sweep	Yung Wang	Track Sweep	Dave Ryan
	Track Sweep	Levi Gazzard	End of Day	Neil Blyth
	Canteen Setup	Guy Jackson	Track Setup	Shane Edwards

**Canteen Setup** – put out the trestle tables and lap scoring board.

**Track Setup** – put out the track barriers and brooms, and bring back in at end of meeting.

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

## ON ROAD RACING – Friday 7 & 21 November

We would like to see our ALL OUR RYDE ON ROADER'S attend our next meeting at **RSC COLA, Forrest Road, Ryde on Friday, 7 November 2008**. Go to club website, entries **MUST BE DONE** online please, this is so that we have an indication of entry numbers, the online closes 12 noon Friday.

A posting will be put up on [www.rctech.net/forum/australian-racing/127574-sydney-radio-control-car-club-north-ryde.html](http://www.rctech.net/forum/australian-racing/127574-sydney-radio-control-car-club-north-ryde.html) around 2.00pm Friday advising if sufficient entries have been received and if racing will be going ahead.

## TRANS AM racing

New class for Introduction to On Road Racing is the Trans Am class. Sample rules can be found at the end of this newsletter – they have come directly from USA and will be modified over the next few months to fit into our racing scene. You must use the Vintage Trans Am bodies only.



**Saturday Night is still on hold** for the time being, due to the car park and ground hassles that Ryde council has caused us. But we have introduced "**Alternate Sunday racing**" to compensate for the lack of racing our members and visitors have been getting, so you can again race every weekend if that is your thing.

## **PROMOTIONAL MEETING – 1 NOVEMBER 2008**

On Saturday, 1 November our club attended the promotional event at Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith which showcased the Solar Boat Challenge and the Hydrogen Car Challenge.

Thank you to the Thorns, Barry Hayman, Mudi Widjaja and family and Andrew Shah for attending and showing off our style of racing.

This was a very interesting event because we saw how local and interstate schools made up hydrogen powered radio control cars, how they used our technology and that set by their challenge guidelines and then made these incredible vehicles move over a 10 metre distance. Ian had a wonderful time helping Moree High School sort out a few problems with steering.

Our club has joined forces with Moore High School for next years Hydrogen challenge and we will be assisting them in getting their vehicles to travel in a more effective way. We will advise more on how our club is involved next year.

## **2008 SYDNEY CUP - 9 November 2008**

The event will now be re-run on Sunday, 9 November the Challenge Cup / Drivers Championship Round 4 and it will be an important event for those drivers who have a change of taking out the event.

**Classes are: 2wd & 4wd Stock, 2wd & 4wd Modified, Truck Stock & Modified. Entry Fee is: 1 class - \$30.00, 2 classes - \$40.00, 3 classes - \$50.00.**

Come on Ryde, we have the numbers to take out the off road Club Trophy with 27 entries, against Castle Hill – 13, Maitland – 18, St. Ives – 6.

### **Challenge Cup Off-Road Pointscore, Round 4 - October 26 2008**

Pos		Castle Hill	Maitland	St Ives	Canberra	Ryde
1	<b>Castle Hill</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>3177</b>
2	<b>Ryde</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>2971</b>
3	Canberra	653	659	645	882	<b>2839</b>
4	Maitland	860	883	839	191	<b>2773</b>
5	St Ives	707	441	856	386	<b>2390</b>
6	IMCC	677	587	659	394	<b>2317</b>
7	ACTMCRC	0	0	0	91	<b>91</b>

**Difference between Castle Hill & Ryde is 206 points only**

**COME ON RYDE, WE CAN DO IT, LETS SHOW THEM.....**

## RETURNING OF PERPETUAL TROPHIES

It is time for all our 2007 Annual Trophy winners to return the perpetual trophies that they have held for the past year. If you have a trophy listed below please return by the Club Secretary by Sunday, 9 November so they can be polished and engraved for our Annual Presentation on Sunday, 14 December.

Off Road Endurance Shield

Volunteers Trophy

Leigh Tompkins Sportsmanship Trophy

Junior Champion of Champion Cup

Junior Encouragement Shield

Open Encouragement Shield

Hard Luck Trophy

On Road Club Championship Trophy

On Road Overall Series Trophy

### *2008 Annual Presentation Awards Day*

*We are extending an invitation to you to  
Attend our Presentation Day on  
Sunday, 14 December 2008  
From 9.15am onwards*

*Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde*

*You are asked to bring a plate of food for  
lunch to share with fellow club members*

*Then afterwards for the Annual Trophy  
Presentation as you may be awardees*

*RSVP – What food you intend bringing - 30 November 2008*

## **2008 CHRISTMAS PARTY, ENDURO & 540 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **Sunday, 14 December 2008**

Wow, where has 2008 gone, Christmas is almost here and we don't seem to have held enough race meetings. This year has not been kind with the wet weather throughout the year which washed out so many of our on road and off road meetings, then the mess with the upgrade of the amenities building, then more rain and to really give us a kick in the pants, on road racing takes a dive and no race meeting conducted because entry numbers declined.

The committee will shortly be looking at events for 2009, if you have some ideas please pass them on so that they can be logged into the calendar which will be announced late December.

### **The Party Day**

Our **2008 Endurance race will be held on Sunday, 14 December**, it is time to start organising your teams for this fun event and you can ***find your entry form attached to this edition (1)***.

The Enduro will start with a Concourse (inspection of cars being raced) at 9.00am then straight into the Enduro at 10.00am which goes for 2 hours non stop.

As in past years we have a Christmas Lunch, all competitors' supply items of food which is shared amongst club members in a buffet style lunch, this will happen around 12.30pm so if you are not sure what to bring see Jennie for assistance.

Following our luncheon, around 1.30pm we will then have our Annual Trophy Presentation where a large number of awards are presented to many of our club members who have competed well throughout the year, who have made an effort and have given more that has been asked of them, it is important that you all attend because you might have won a trophy.

Then to finish of the day, we will hold our **540 World Championship** which was originally scheduled for May this year and due to rain we could never seem to find a space to hold it so now it will be run.

***Entry forms are at the back of this edition (2)*** and the event will start around 3pm and continue until 6pm.

We do hope that being our last meeting for 2008 everyone will attend this fun and every special day.

### **2009, what does it have installed for us?**

Our first event for 2009 will be held on **Sunday 25 January 2009, the Ryde Classic** (previously known as the Grand Prix Masters, too long a name and meant nothing). ***Entry form and detail sheet is at back of this edition (3)***.

There will possibly be some track work on Saturday, 17 or Sunday 18 January in preparation for this event and practice may be scheduled on Saturday, 24 January but we ask you to check the December newsletter for more information on these dates where official notice will be given.

### **NOTICE:**

**ELECTRIC "ON ROAD" MASTERS – CANCELLED due to insufficient racing during 2008, we hopefully will be able to hold it again next year.**

## **ON ROAD RACING, 2009 – GIVE THIS CLASS A TRY AND COME ON ROAD RACING.**

### **Trans Am Class Rules and Specifications**

#### **Body Specifications:**

Late '60s to early '70s American pony car Vintage Trans-Am bodies **only**.

#### **HPI part numbers:**

17510 - 1970 Plymouth AAR 'Cuda

17519 - 1966 Ford Mustang GT

17508 - 1965 Ford Shelby GT-350

7494 - 1968 Chevrolet Camaro

#### **Parma part numbers:**

10143 - 1969 Z28 Camaro

10141 - 1970 Boss Mustang

10113 - 1970 'Cuda

#### **Pegasus Hobbies part numbers:**

PGH4001 - 1970 Camaro SS

PGH4002 - 1970 'Cuda

PGH4003 - 1970 Mustang

Body provided deck lid spoilers allowed (not wings). No additional skirts or raised/extended wings or air control surfaces allowed. Body must be trimmed at body trim lines. Full rear bumper required. It is highly preferred that bodies are detailed in race type livery in period-correct paint schemes. Fluorescent colors, wild graphics, chromes and non-period correct paint schemes are frowned upon. All cars **must** have a number on the hood, both doors and boot lid. Wheel covers of any type are NOT allowed.

#### **Tyre & Wheel Specifications:**

The only tires allowed are HPI tire part #4793 fronts and #4797 rear, using stock tire inserts provided with tire and any HPI Vintage wheels designed to fit these tires. Five or Eight spoke wheels available in various colors. 0mm offset front wheels and 6mm offset rear wheels are intended for 26mm width fronts and 31mm width rear tires. 8-spoke Vintage wheels from #3805 through #3814, 5-spoke Vintage wheels from #3815 through #3822 and Vintage stock car wheels from #3854 through #3860 are all legal wheels.

Grinding of tire tread is NOT permitted. Sanding of mold seam to remove seam is allowed. HPI Vintage Slicks are not allowed. Tire traction compounds are at the discretion of the track. No other altering, changing or softening of the tire is allowed. No "double stuffing" of foam inserts allowed—only single stock vintage tire inserts are allowed.

#### **Chassis Specification:**

Four Wheel Drive touring car chassis only. Any era or brand 4wd chassis is allowed. An Excel spreadsheet gear ratio and final drive ratio calculator for most touring car chassis is available [here](#).

#### **Motor Specifications:**

**Option 1: 540 Motors only:** No FDR limit, bearings are not allowed.

Tracks should not dictate which motor combination a racer should choose. All three motor/battery combos have been tested to compete evenly against one another in competition with great success. If any one power choice shows a definitive advantage

at a certain track, it is up to the race management to even the racing out via suggested gearing changes.

**Battery Specifications:**

6 cell NiCad or NiMh batteries, 4600 mAh limit

2 cell ROAR-approved LiPo hard cased, 5000 mAh limit (21.5 brushless motor option ONLY)

**Ride Height Specification:**

Minimum ride height is 5mm.

**Weight Specification:**

Minimum 1450g in race-ready trim

**Race Specification:**

- 5 minute qualifiers
- 8 minute mains
- Absolutely NO IFMAR-type starts. All heats and mains should be straight-up starts, with random sorts for each heat. Non random sorts should shuffle starting order for each heat.

**Optional Main Variations:**

- "LeMans" type starts where all cars are lined up on an angle to the racing line in order.
- Run track in reverse rotation for mains.
- Rolling starts

**MOST IMPORTANTLY: If it's not in the rules, and does not encompass the spirit of slower, controlled racing with realistic looking cars, consider it illegal.** This is called the "Spirit of VTA" Rule. The class is based on slower, equal playing field competition with less traction, minimal aerodynamic aids and mostly older carpet racing technology. The final objective is close, fair, wheel-to-wheel racing for all. All decisions of the race promoter or track owner are final.

**CLUB CLOTHING – for sale**

As in previous Challenge Rounds, the Ryde club has subsidised each club member who enters the Challenge and who wears the club clothing. If you want to be sponsored by your club, then please fill in the order form at the end of this edition so you can have your club clothing in time for the Sydney Cup on Sunday 9 November. Club clothing is compulsory for Club Sponsorship because the club will pay you back \$10.00 of your entry fee.



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).