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COMING EVENTS: March - May

DATE	WEEKEND	EVENTS	WHERE TO GO FOR RACING
28 th March	4 th Saturday Other weekend	<i>Off Road - Saturday Twilight Racing – Series 1, Round 5</i> <i>(Meeting cancelled – major meeting next)</i>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
29 th March	5 th Sunday	OFF ROAD NSW CLUB SERIES Round 1	Venue ST. IVES (all Ryde members to attend this event)
4th April	1st Saturday NOTE:	<i>Off Road – Saturday Twilight Racing Series 1, Round 6</i> <u><i>This meeting has been cancelled because the Thorns have to attend a wedding and Roman can't do Saturdays</i></u>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde Race meeting will start at 3.00pm to 9.30pm Anyone else interested in a crash course of Lap scoring with club computer
12th April	2nd Sunday	<i>Re-run 2008 Bob Burbage 'Remembering the Past' Vintage Meeting Classes</i> <i>Off Road - Series 1 - Round 5</i> <i>"A Junior Incentive Program meeting"</i>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde Race meeting will start at 8.30 am to 5.00pm Entry forms on www.sydneyrc.com or at race Meetings NOW
18th April	3rd Saturday	<i>Off Road – Saturday Twilight Racing Series 1, Round 7</i> <i>Double Points Round because of 4 April</i> <i>"A Junior Incentive Program meeting"</i>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde Race meeting will start at 3.00pm to 9.30pm
26th April	4th Sunday	<i>Off Road – Series 1 – Round 6</i> <i>"A Junior Incentive Program meeting"</i>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde Race meeting will start at 10.30 am to 4.00pm
2nd May	1st Saturday	<i>Off Road – Saturday Twilight Meeting Series 2, Round 1</i> <i>"A Junior Incentive Program meeting"</i>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde Race meeting will start at 3.00pm to 9.30pm
10th May	2nd Sunday	<i>Off Road – Series 1 ; Round 7</i> <i>FINAL ROUND – Sunday Series 1</i> <i>"A Junior Incentive Program meeting"</i>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde Race meeting will start at 10.30 am to 4.00pm
16th May	3rd Saturday	<i>Off Road – Saturday Twilight Meeting Series 1- Round 8</i> <i>"A Junior Incentive Program meeting"</i>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde Race meeting will start at 3.00pm to 9.30pm
24th May	4th Sunday	<i>Off Road – Series 2 ; Round 1</i> <i>"A Junior Incentive Program meeting"</i>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde Race meeting will start at 10.30 am to 4.00pm
30th May	5th Saturday	<i>Off Road – Saturday Twilight Meeting Series 1- Round 9</i> <i>Meeting cancelled – major meeting next day)</i>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde Race meeting will start at 3.00pm to 9.30pm
31st May	4th Sunday	OFF ROAD - NSW CLUB SERIES Round 2	Venue: MAITLAND Club,

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..♪♪ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ♪♪..
April 2009

1st April Ken Anderson

POSITION'S VACANT: - Canteen Operator - **DESPERATELY NEEDED,**

We are looking for a person/s to fill the position of Canteen Helper, maybe on a roster system.

Must be able to attend most club race meeting, have selling experience and able to cook.

If there are a couple of people interested, we are happy to run a roster system,

One person does not have to do it every week.

Please see Jennie Thorn or ring 041 103 8927 for more information.

The money raised from our Canteen shop, goes to keep the Off Road track at Blenheim Park Maintained and purchase /hire equipment needed for working bees.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE OF 25TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, 26 April 2009**

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

AGENDA of MEETING

- 1. Acceptance of the 2008 Annual General Meeting minutes as printed in this edition**
- 2. Discuss any Business arising from minutes**
- 3. Table the Financial Statement for 2008 – as distributed on the day**
- 4. Read the Nominations for Committee positions**
- 5. Voting for committee positions**
- 6. Close the 2009 Election**
- 7. General Business – Discussion time**
- 8. 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 2009- 2010.

All club members must be present at the A.G.M.

ON ROAD RACING – Cancelled due to lack of interest

Well we tried to kick on road racing off again, thanks to the handful of people who did make the effort to attend. Unfortunately we cannot run a meeting with 6 entries, 20 is needed, so until the on road interest comes back in, we have suspended racing.

We do need a couple of hands to move the club equipment being stored at the school; if you have nothing much to do on a Friday evening or Saturday morning we sure could use your help.

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SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

Saturday /Afternoon Night racing is underway again on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays as shown above on calendar.

As day light saving has ended we will start bringing forward racing times for the winter months – racing from May we will start racing at 3.00pm, so you will need to be at the grounds by 2.00pm so you have time to prepare your car, do your entry and help with the track sweeping.

We ask that all racers to note that **entering the grounds with motor vehicles will be restricted to 4 Kph speed limits, anyone abusing this speed limit will put the clubs racing and use of the Blenheim grounds in jeopardy.**

Reminder: Race Times -

Off Road Sunday - Registration starts at 9.30 am, Racing by 10.00 am approx.

Off Road Saturday – Summer - Registration starts at 3.00pm, Racing by 4.00 pm

- Winter – Registration starts at 2.00pm, Racing by 3.00pm.

2009 JUNIOR INCENTIVE PROGRAM

A special 'Thank You' to our wonderful senior drivers who have given their time and taken a junior driver under their wing, to teach, nurture and especially as your reputations are now on the line because it is your job to have your juniors finish races and hopefully win the series.

All junior drivers now have a special Navy/Light Blue polo shirt to wear; this will show the drivers in the program. The shirts will be distributed similar to that at Soccer or Football, the club owns the shirts, the juniors pay a \$5.00 deposit and wash and look after the shirts until they leave the junior program or the club.

The Junior Program has been extended to cover both the Saturday afternoon race meetings and the Sunday race meetings. Junior drivers must nominate which day is going to be their Pointscore day, as points should only be awarded on one of the days.

Here is the split pointscore as at the 1April 2009 is as follows: **Bolded names** have nominated their point's day.

Saturday Afternoon Pointscore

		1-Feb	15-Feb	1-Mar	14-Mar
DRIVERS NAME					
TOTAL		1	2	3	4

Junior Drivers		Wash Out			
Eugene Frizza	12			0	12
Andrew Shah	10	10		0	
Reuben Widjaja	9	9		0	
Douglas Phillip	5			0	5

Sunday Racing Pointscore

		8-Feb	22-Feb	8-Mar	22-Mar
DRIVERS NAME					
	TOTAL	1	2	3	4
		Wash Out			
Junior Drivers					
Jackson Ryan	44		20	10	9
Lucas Baldacchino	32		18	9	
Stephen Weakley	32		16	8	8
Nathan Russell	30		15		10
Eugene Frizza	19		19		
Hayden Lawson	19		13	6	
Mark Kipikoski	17		17		
Joshua Buchanan	15		10	5	
Max Banduch	14		14		
Reuben Widjaja	12		12		
Aaron Wadjaja	11		11		
Manni Kariotakis	9		9		

The Off-road Handling Basics by Shane Edwards

This is meant to be an informative set of articles on suspension tuning primarily aimed at those new to the sport or who just need a few basics to get their car to suit their driving style. Remember one change at a time and if you get lost go back to the kit setup!

2) Springs

A very simple change to make with big effect on handling. I would normally have in my spares at least the next softest and next harder set of springs relative to what I had mounted on the car available.

The spring's main function is to support the car, the best way to judge this is through a long constant corner if the outside compresses all the way through the turn without recovering until you stop turning then the spring rate is too soft and a trial or the next harder spring is worth trying. This is because the more you lean the less overall grip you have, the outside wheel gets more weight so it has more grip the more it leans, but the inside wheel loses grip and the total grip combined of the **inside plus outside wheel is less the further you lean.**

Then why not run super hard springs?

Bumps, you need to have your springs soft enough so your tires remain in contact with the ground for as much as possible so there is a compromise between the two that will give the best grip. So if you are too hard your car will bounce around a lot more through a corner and the springs won't settle, your car will often snap out without warning and then you may want to trial softer springs.

Having a soft setup is often said to generate more grip but this is because the car breaks loose less which gives the feeling of being more planted. A soft setup will generally feel easier to drive but the downside of this is you lose your ability to change direction quickly and on smooth tracks you will not be using all the grip that is available.

Changing the balance

A common change for racers is to go up or down in spring rate at one end to help make your car turn better or to be more stable. You may want to go up a spring rate on the front and lose some turn in to help keep your nose up over jumps. Or go up a rate in the back to help you car turn in. Try to keep within one rate of your normal setup.

(will discuss in Weight Transfer article 7)

(A note for those now running LiPo, because of the big decrease in weight you may find it beneficial to try going down to the next softest spring to get your vehicle to handle similar to how it use to.)

Next month... Shock Position

Off Road Sunday Series Pointscore

2009		Finals	Finals	Finals	Finals	Finals	Finals	Finals		8-Feb	22-Feb	8-Mar	22-Mar	29-Mar
DRIVERS NAME		a=10	a=10	a=10	a=10	a=10	a=10	a=10						
	TOTAL	b=7	b=7	b=7	b=7	b=7	b=7	b=7	TQ	1	2	3	4	5
Series 1		c=4	c=4	c=4	c=4	c=4	c=4	c=4	Pts	Cancel				Bonus
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	X 5	Too Hot				
2wd Stock	Ser 1									S1,R1	S1,R2	S1,R3	S1,R4	CS,R1
Roman de Simone	68		10	10	10						9	9	10	10
Mudi Widjaja	62		10	10	10						8	6	8	10
Shane Edwards	60		10		10				10		10		10	10
Nick Mate	43		10	10							6	7		10
Steve Carnt	39			10	10							4	5	10
Ken Anderson	36			10	10							8	8	
Ashley Anthony	35			10					5			10		10
Wayne Dickerson	21				10								1	10
Gary Boyce	17		10								7			
Tim Herridge	16				10								6	
Brendan Smith	15			10								5		
Yung Wang	10													10
Ben White	10													10
Stock Intermediate														
Barry Hayman	43			10	10				10			6	7	
Adam Fitzgerald	17			10								7		
Trucks														
Sean Chapple	85		10	10	10				15		10	10	10	10
Edwin Ip	48		10	10							9	9		10
Robert Russell	47		10		10						8		9	10
Ian Thorn	22		10		10						1		1	
Paul Chen	20		10											10
Mark Clark	19				10								9	
Todd Holden	18			10								8		
Shane Edwards	11		10								1			
Roman de Simone	10		10											

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4wd Stock													
Ian Thorn	62		10	10	10				5		10	10	7
Robert Russell	51		10		10				5		8		8 10
Roman de Simone	48			10	10							9	9 10
Edwin Ip	47		10	10							9	8	10
Jennie Thorn	46		10	10	10						6	4	6
Trent Johnson	43		10	10							7	6	10
Mudi Widjaja	32			10	10							5	7
Shane Edwards	25				10				5				10
Antony Geerno	23		10	10							1	2	
Wayne Dickerson	21				10								1 10
Jones Lee	17			10								7	
Ben Cosgrove	13			10								3	
Yung Wang	10												10
4wd Modified													
Ben Cosgrove	20		10								10		
Paul Chen	10												10
2wd Modified													
Michael Fretin	20		10								10		
Justin Page	10												10
Slash Trucks													
Dave Ryan	75		10	10	10				15		10	10	10
Steven Arnold	55		10	10	10						8	8	9
Justin Page	45		10	10	10						4	4	7
Todd Holden	38		10	10							9	9	
Ian Weber	18				10								8
Mark Kilpikoski	17		10								7		
Shane Girdham	17			10								7	
Hayden Lawson	16		10								6		
Josh Buchanan	15		10								5		
Nathan Lawson	13		10								3		
Chris Raap	13			10								3	

RYDE'S NSW CLUB SERIES TEAM:

2wd Stock – Ashley Anthony, Wayne Dickerson, Roman de Simone, Steve Carnt, Nick Mate, Yung Wang, Mudi Widjaja, Ben White, Shane Edwards, Stephen Weakley

2wd Modified – Justin Page

Trucks Stock – Edwin Ip, Robert Russell, Nathan Russell,

Trucks Modified – Paul Chen, Sean Chapple

4wd Stock – Wayne Dickerson, Roman de Simone, Edwin Ip, Robert Russell, Trent Johnson, Lucan Baldacchino, Yung Wang

4wd Modified – Paul Chen

Congratulations to all our team drivers and hope you come home with whole cars and thank you to everyone for making 2009 the first year in many that we have had drivers in every racing class.

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2009

OFFICIAL A.G.M. NOMINATION FORM Annual General Meeting, Sunday 26 April 2009

FORMS MUST BE HANDED / SENT TO THE SECRETARY BY 8.00 am **Saturday, 12 April 2009**

POSITIONS ON COMMITTEE FOR THE SYDNEY RADIO CONTROL CAR CLUB

I.(person do the Nominating) 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)....

Committee (4) (On Road interests)

Committee (5) (On Road interest)

Public Officer:

Make sure you have spoken to each person you list above, and they have agreed to be nominated and are a financial member of the Club.

Name of Person doing the Nominating (Please print)

Signature of Person Nominating

Membership Number