



THE BLOWER

*The official newsletter of the
Bathurst Light Car Club*

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Welcome members, to the 3rd edition of the Blower for 2024. Over the past month or two there has been a lot of Motorsport news for Club members, The next edition was due to be out just before the Bathurst 1000 but there has been a lot around, so I thought I would try and keep everyone up to date.

B.L.C.C Member Brad Schumacher recently competed at the Spa Francochamps 24 Hour GT3 race in Belgium on 29/30th June 2024, Brad is no stranger to Audi GT3 cars, but it was his first time at the world-famous circuit.

On the 22nd of June, a Rally sprint event was held at Lake Liddell, near Muswellbrook in the Hunter region, there was some great results from club members and local drivers, the entry list consisted of Joe Chapman, Harrison Hudson, Kylie Selmes, Josh Redhead, Ray Winwood Smith, Gwynn Mulholland, Leigh Gotch and Lachlan Moore.

This was Harrison Hudson's first time in driving the Ristretto Cafe GD Subaru WRX, Harry usually drives his GC8 WRX, 7th Outright at Lake Liddell was a great result for Harry.

Navigating for Harry was Joe Chapman and Kylie Selmes, This is Hudson Motorsports highest placing in a Rally sprint thus far, Harry was quoted "Drove a bit off for the last 3 runs. I think I was a bit too committed in some spots but made up for some lost time, but I'm very happy with my position".

In other news it was great to see Mark Hudson back in a car after some health battles, We know Mark loves his Motorsport and I'm sure he will be back at full speed, in and out of the car.

On the 8th and 9th of June the Bega Rally was run and won in the States south. It's one of the Marquee events for the N.S.W State Rally Championship, held on beautiful gravel roads and great scenery.

Riley Walters and Andrew Crowley took outright honours, but it was a two days of highs and lows for the Redhead Motorsport/Winpart group Hyundai I20, a mechanical issue stopped the team from starting the Saturday stages.

But come Sunday Josh Redhead and Ray Winwood-Smith would be raising a few eyebrows with their blistering stage times, they took 4 stage wins from 4 on the Sunday and managed to hold onto the lead of the N.S.W Rally Championship.

John and Annie Markwick headed to Sydney Motorsport Park on 22nd and 23rd of June, John competes in the Hyundai Excel series "Masters" class. What a great result to the small team.

In June, the club held a "come and try" Motorkhana at John Windsor Motorsport Park, what a great number of entrants we had, Big thanks to Phil Burgett for doing all the documentation on the day.

Hopefully, some of the drivers return and start their Motorsport Journey with the B.L.C.C.

Presidents Report June – July 2024

We had a very busy day at the last “ Motorkhana Come and Try day.” There was a total of 37 entries on the day, which consisted of 19 “Come and Tries”. They all enjoyed their day.

The “Khanacross” we just had was another success for those that braved the cold; it got colder as the day went on. A big thanks to those that assisted us as officials at both events. Big thanks to Marty and Harry for the preparation of the courses. Also, a big thank you to Joe Chapman for donating a manual Astra as a club car. This is much appreciated.

Also, a shout out to the sponsors that the club has approached. Harvey Norman, Pirtek Bathurst, Bathurst Bison, McDonalds West Bathurst and Fuchs oil, and DBA Brakes Great work everyone.

These events don’t run themselves, especially in the timing box, so don’t be afraid to help where you can. Thanks to Deanne, Amanda and Shannon for stepping in to do this again.

If you want to get close to the on-track action why not become a Motor Sport Australia Official. This can be done online at the MSA website. You can then nominate to be an Official at any of the big events, if you are 16 you can become a junior official trackside. To give you an example I will be at Eastern Creek for the next 3 weekends as an Official trackside.

We are planning to have another get together for the old members of the club, who couldn’t make it to the 70th Anniversary of the club. This is penciled in for the 21/9/2024 from about 2pm.

Everybody stay safe.

Regards Neville

President BLCC

**B.L.C.C Afternoon Tea with Cam,
Saturday 21st September 2024,
Club rooms, Conrod Straight 2pm to 5pm.**

Cam Ashelford is one of the founding members of the B.L.C.C, he would like to have an informal get together of club members past and present and talk about a wide variety of topics which will interest club members.

Some of the topics Cam is going to talk about is,

- **The first meeting of the club.**
- **First real meeting in Gurdon Motors Workshop in 1953.**
- **First Film nights.**
- **First car trial.**
- **The Golden Jubilee Trial.**
- **Opening of the Clubrooms.**
- **Our connection with Mt Panorama Motor Racing Committee.**

Cam has asked if we could have a panel of old members, and they will take questions from the floor on the day, Cam has asked if the current Committee could please come along.

Just turn up on the day and listen to some great old stories, Tea/Coffee will be provided.





THE PACE NOTES

Everything Rallying and Gravel

The June Motorkhana was held at the John Windsor Motorsport Park on 16th 2024.

The field consisted of 37 drivers and 19 come and try entrants, It was a great turnout for winters day at the Quarry.

It was great to see so many come and try entrants on the day to see what our sport is all about, We hope to see some of them come back and hone their driving skills.

The Motorkhana pad came up quite well after a bit of wet weather the week prior to the event.

Four courses we run with two runs each, Scott Sims set a wide variety of courses some suited to the FWD's and the AWD's.

Junior Podium:

1st Volkan Gunduz

2nd Abby Bromfield

3rd Bethany Chapman

Senior Podium:

1st Martin Edwards

2nd Geoff Sims

3rd Volkan Gunduz

Come and Try Podium:

1st Mitch Hudson

2nd Lachlan Fishlock

3rd Alisha Payne

On July 14th a Khanacross was held at the Quarry.

There were 24 starters and 6 Juniors, It was a cold, blustery day but that didn't dampen the spirits of the drivers and volunteers.

A big thanks to all the volunteers who help make these events happen, If we were to count the man and women hours every month it would be a lot.

We still have some drainage issues with some of the tracks, but Scotty made do with what we had on the day, the "Hole in the wall" crest was a test for the drivers in each direction, with Mr. Catt doing some stunt driving in the super quick turbo Impreza.

Harrison Hudson and Joe Chapman had a run in with a plastic barriers and the barrier won on both occasions 😊

Junior Podium:

1st Volkan Gunduz

2nd Max Selmes

3rd Charlie Nash

Senior Podium:

1st Josh Redhead

2nd David Catt

3rd Harrison Hudson

1st Lady driver

Shannon Sims

Bega Valley Rally 8-9 June 2024



(Photo credit: Razorback Sports Photography)

Car 29 Joe Chapman & Tim Joass

Over the weekend of 8th & 9th of June, Bega ran its annual rally. The Bega Valley Rally is one of the most iconic, well patronized, and most loved events on the east coast of Australia. With a history dating back to the 1960's when it was known as the "Snowy Rally" and the "Southern Mountains Rally", the Bega Valley Rally, as it is known now, commenced running in 1973 and has long held a strong position on local, state, and national calendars.

One of our B.L.C.C members Joe Chapman along with his co-driver Tim Joass competed in Joe's Subaru WRX Impreza. The Bega rally was held over 2 days, this consisted of 8-day stages & 3-night stages, with an average of 240 kms over the 2 days. Joe & Tim finished 16th overall & 10th in class, this is a great result for Joe & Tim as this was the first time the two have teamed up together and as Tim is more at home in the driver's seat of his EVO Lancer. Joe & Tim are looking at pairing up for more events in the future, the next event for Joe is Lake Liddell rally sprint, hopefully with Harrison Hudson in the passenger seat after the success from Rosewood rally sprint.

Other locals who competed were Lachlan Moore, Josh Redhead, Ray Winwood-Smith, Gwynn Mulholland & Leigh Gotch. Joe & Tim would like to thank everyone who supported them over the weekend.



Thanks to Joe Chapman from Westend Auto for the donation of the Holden Astra for use as a club car at the Quarry. Give Joe and Jason a ring for your Mechanical needs.



On Saturday the 22nd of June 2024 Harrison along with some other members of the BLCC travelled to Muswellbrook for a Rally Sprint at Lake Liddell .

This event was an AMSAG event Harrison Hudson, Joe Chapman ,Mark Hudson, John and Ann Fraser, Adam Bromfield, David Catt, Kylie Selmes, Jack Mobbs McKenzie Ryan, and Craig Shiel and Donna Shiel. Harrison Finished 7th outright with Joe Chapman/ Kylie Navigating,

Mark finished 19th with Kylie Navigating , Jack and McKenzie finished 12th outright Adam and Dave finished 22nd outright Craig and Donna Shiel came 26th Outright. Unfortunately, Joe Chapman and Co Driver Harrison Hudson DNF due to steering arm failure which resulted in not completing enough runs to gain points to complete the event.

This was Harrison's first Rally Sprint event in the driver's seat of the Subaru STI and Kylie's first event Navigating.

A great day was had by all.

Kind Regards

Deanne Hudson

Lake Liddell Rallysprint 22nd June, Photos thanks to Deanne Hudson



Joe Chapmans GC8 WRX



Harrison Hudson/ Mark Hudson GD WRX



Joe looks to have been fishing and showing how big his catch was 😊



Ristretto Café in Howick street in Bathurst support Hudson Motorsport.



2024 Rally of Bathurst – Saturday 2nd November

After multiple date changes, we are finally ‘good to go’ on Saturday 2nd November.

The 2024 Rally of Bathurst will have a similar format to the 2023 event with Rally HQ now at Bathurst Showground.

Fast Facts

- Included Rounds of NSWRC – ECCRS – CRS – HKRS**
- Pace Noted**
- Rally HQ & Service Park at Bathurst Showground**
- Rally Start – Saturday morning Russell St Court House.**
- Stages at Macquarie Woods – Pennsylvania – Mt Macquarie – Vittoria Sate Forest.**
- Approx 140km Competitive.**

We hope the Bathurst Rally Community will join us for a great event whether competing or officiating, come along and get involved!



Pictured above Josh Hunter, In the Josh Hunter Motorsports Subaru.

These events give local drivers and navigators a chance to run in a Rally close to home.

Josh Hunter came up through the ranks of B.L.C.C and he had a chance to drive at Black Springs in his first competitive outing.

If we did not have these local events these opportunities may not arise, as cost of travel to events can be a limiting factor.

Did you know the Esses Hillclimb tyre bundles are world famous?

The Gran Turismo 7 video game has the clubs tyre bundles in their game, Polyphony digital the games creators scanned the Mount Panorama Circuit before a Hillclimb event.



Screenshots by Martin Edwards.



Interested in becoming an official? Motorsport Australia provides free online training courses. Visit Motorsport Australia for more information.

Being involved as an official is not just being a Flag Marshal, it involves a variety of different roles eg Timekeepers, Grandstand Ushers and Scrutineers.

Neville needs around 40odd Officials for the B.L.C.C Speed Weekend at the end of the year.

See Neville Ling Club President if you are interested in any way and Neville can help you out.



THE RIPPLE SCRIPT

Everything Circuit and Hillclimb

**Hyundai Excel Series, June 22nd and 23rd , Sydney Motorsport Park.
Story by Annie Markwick.**

Well known Bathurst locals and longtime members John and Annie Markwick from G28 Motorsport recently took their beautifully presented #28 Ausloans Bathurst Excel to SMSP to take on the top Masters in the category. In what was dubbed the “Excel state of Origin”, some of Queensland's best and brightest made the long journey south culminating in an outstanding lineup of drivers. Markwick qualified P4 with just tenths of a second separating the field. Race 1 - Both cars on the front row jumped the start and 5 second penalties were imposed. Markwick got away clean making his intentions clear from the opening lap that he was looking for the win. Laying down the fastest lap of the race and the round posting a 156.81 in the late stages of the race to take the chequered flag and the first win of the day. Race 2 – The field got away clean with Markwick arriving at turn 1 in 3rd place. Battling multi-NSW Masters Championship winner in the opening laps, both drivers displayed some aggressive but super clean driving. Markwick executed two clean passes and was quickly back in the lead. By lap 4 Markwick had pushed to a substantial lead that remained unchallenged all the way to the chequered flag securing win number 2. The stage was set, Markwick was focused and looking to secure a clean sweep of the round and take the top step. Race 3 – In an almost carbon copy of the previous race, cool heads prevailed and Markwick slotted into P3 as the field went through turn one cleanly. It wasn't long before Markwick made his move to take the lead from Queensland's Mike Smith, once in the lead no one had anything in reply and Markwick showed why he is considered to be one of the best in the business securing win number 3 and a clean sweep of the round.



What a great result! Congratulations from the B.L.C.C, Photos by Annie Markwick.



The Centenary edition of the famous Spa Francorchamps 24 Hour GT3 race was held on 26th / 30th June 2024, a race with a rich history is held in Belgium each year.

We are very proud to announce that B.L.C.C Member Brad Schumacher got the call up from the Haas racing team to pilot an Audi R8 LMS Evo with C.Bertels, A.Fumal and J.Adomavicius, It was Brads first time at the fast-flowing European circuit.

The team qualified 64th in the 66-car field, Brad was not in the best of health on arrival into Belgium he was feeling run-down and after upon consultation Brad had Epstein-Barr Virus, The virus was taking a physical and mental toll on Brad, and he continued to fight fatigue during the weekend.

Brad started the race and gained valuable track time and was comfortable throughout his stints, but the race ended for the Haas team Audi overnight with a mechanical failure.

The race had some rain throughout the 24 Hours and made it challenging for the drivers in the intermittent conditions.

“The Audi was mega strong on aero through Eau Rouge making it easier to pass at Les Combes” Brad was quoted.

What a great effort to see a Bathurst local and B.L.C.C Member drive at one of the World's most renowned racetracks.

The Club wishes Brad Schumacher all the best in the Fanatec GT World Challenge Australia in 2024.

You can follow Schumacher Motorsport on Facebook to keep up to date.



Photo from Schumacher Motorsport on Facebook.



CLASS SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for class sponsors for the BLCC Speed Weekend in November.

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NIGHTO'S TRIVIA

DEDICATED TO BRIAN NIGHTINGALE

Brian Nightingale was a past President of the Bathurst Light Car Club and Media personality. He raced in the Bathurst 1000 four times; Brian's Motorsport knowledge was second to none.

**Question 1,
How many World Championship rallies did the Audi Quattro win overall?
In a period from 1978 to 1987.
Extra points if you can name all the drivers.**



**Pictured above is Mal Keogh's Audi Quattro S4
Photo by Martin Edwards.**

**Question 2,
In What year did Peter Janson run this livery on his Holden Torana A9X at the Bathurst 1000?
Jack Perkins ran the same Colours at the Townsville Super 2 round, Jacks father Larry Perkins co
drove with the Captain that year.**



**Jack Perkins and his retro inspired livery.
Photo by Jack Perkins Facebook page.
The Peter Janson Trophy is awarded at the
B.L.C.C Christmas Party annually.**

Driver: Ben Whyte (Junior)

Car: Club car or Subaru Impreza RX.

Favorite Race Circuit / Rally? Mt Panorama

How long have you been racing? Nearly 3 years.

Favourite food? Steak

Favorite quote? “Winning isn’t everything,
but wanting to win is”.

Favorite club event? Motorkhana

Favorite race car driver? Cam Waters.

What are your goals for 2024? To get another Junior Podium.



Photo by Trent Bennett Photography

You can see Benny at most Motorkhana and Khanacross events, when he is not in trouble 😊.



Marcos Ambrose the driver of the SBR Falcons pictured above, held the record for the quickest ever lap in a NASCAR.

On 17th June 2014 Marcos claimed pole at Michigan International Speedway with a speed of 327kph/203mph, this record was held for 2 years until the track was re paved.

He was the first driver since 1987 to post a pole lap exceeding 200mph. Photo Martin Edwards (Ford GT Nationals) SBR cars are maintained by Muscle Car Warehouse Sydney.



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Please support the sponsors that support the club. Kristie from McDonalds Bathurst, Kelso and Bathurst West donated some \$10 Vouchers for our Juniors, McDonalds is a supporter of a wide range of Motorsport teams in Australia and beyond, Including the Michael Jordan co owned 23XI racing NASCAR Cup team, Thankyou McDonalds!

Thank you to Fuchs lubricants Australia for sending the club a box of merchandise to give away including beanies, hats, stickers and drink bottles.

Fuchs has been supporting Team 18 in the Supercars Championship for 10 years, and Schumacher Motorsport.

Bathurst Bison a local family-owned company donated some great looking coffee cups to give away to podium place getters.

Pirtek Bathurst once again donated some hats and beanies for the podium place getters at John Windsor Motorsport Park. Pirtek has been a significant supporter of Aussie Motorsport for over 25 years. See David for all your hose needs and get your 10% discount for club members.

DBA Disk Brakes Australia donated some merchandise. Prizes were given out at the Clubs recent July Khanacross.

Joe Chapman from Westend Automotive in Bathurst donated a Holden Astra to the club. It's another manual for the Juniors to learn in, and some drink coolers for the podium at the Quarry.

Auto Parts Central has 10% off for club members, see Aden and the team for your parts needs. If you are after any car parts, see the team and they will look after you.

Bathurst Broadcasters 2BS 95.3 and B Rock FM 99.3 have told listeners about our upcoming events at Mt Panorama and John Windsor Motorsport Park. Thanks to club member and Radio Host Toby Gough, You can listen to Toby most Saturday Mornings on the Weekend wireless program.

Harvey Norman Bathurst went above and beyond by donating a Bluetooth boom box speaker to the value of \$450 and some VIP cards, Harvey Norman were supporters of Heather and Steve Brumby in their Targa efforts, they are a great supporter of Aussie Motorsport.



Photo credit B.L.C.C Blower 2019.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July	21	NSW Hillclimb Championship Tamworth	TSCC	NSW
July	27	Rally of the Bay	NSSCC	NSW
August	9-11	Gippsland Rally	ARC	Australia
August	11	NSW Hillclimb Championship Ringwood	MGCN	NSW
August	11	Motorkhana	BLCC	Club
August	24	Imbil Rally	BSCC	Classic
August	31	Narooma Forest Rally	SKDAC	NSW
September	13-15	Adelaide Hills Rally	ARC	Australia
September	15	NSW Hillclimb Championship Gunnedah	GME	NSW
September	8	Supersprint	BLCC	Club
September	22	Khanacross	BLCC	Club
October	1-3	TCR SMC	TCR	Australia
October	6	Working Dog Rally	GCTMC	NSW

Motorkhana 11th August, John Windsor Motorsport Park, College Road, Bathurst.

September 8th Supersprint, Conrod Straight, Mt Panorama, Bathurst.

Issue 4 of the Blower will be out in October after the Bathurst 1000, If you have any stories or a trivia questions you would like published just send myself, Martin, an email blower.blcc@hotmail.com.au.

I would like to thank Tony Hanrahan with his help for posting out.

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Trivia answers – Question 1: 23 Wins, Michele Mouton, Stig Blomquist, Walter Rohrl, and Hannu Mikkola.

Question 2: 2nd at the 1979 Bathurst 1000, 6 laps behind eventual winners Peter Brock and Jim Richards HDT Torana A9X.