

THE BLOWER

MAY 2015



Alan and Graeme May trying hard

Photo supplied by Alan May

22TH MAY PIZZA NIGHT TRIAL

24TH KHANACROSS “THE QUARRY” MT PANORAMA

31ST MAY FLYING 1/5 MT PANORAMA

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PB FOR WEIR

Chris Weir (Commodore) recorded a personal best time of 1.08.57 at the BMW Supersprint Rd 3 held at Wakefield Park Raceway

Chris recorded a class win and managed 11th outright much better than the previous round at Sydney Motorsport Park.

CLASS WIN AT TAMWORTH

Andrew Walker (Turnham) recorded a class win at Tamworth's Oakburn Park while competing in Round 3 of the clubs lap dash, Andrew recorded a time of 41.44 seconds.

GOOD START FOR SHIELS

Steven Shiels qualified the Central West Driver Training Z28 Camaro in 4th place with a time of 1.48.18 and topped this off in race one with a 2nd place. On Sunday the car had a DNF and retired.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT MAY 2015

The past month did not get off to a good start with the circumstances presented, requiring us to postpone the Flying Fifth scheduled for 3rd May. Initially the committee was hesitant to commit to a new date however Scott Sims was inundated with inquiries indicating that entries would come through. The decision was taken to reschedule to 31st May in anticipation – at this stage we have approximately 20 entries and we hope that will grow to make it economically viable.

Activity through the month saw a large contingent of our members participate in the AMSAG event in Orange. Congratulations to Ron and Jo Moore and also Joe Chapman and his new co-driver. My guys weren't so lucky with David Hills breaking a crank in a fresh motor just back from England and first event for the year- the motor was on its way back to Pommy Land within 48 hrs – we await the excuse for failure.

Back in the local area a working bee at the quarry on Saturday organised by Scott has seen the new doors and jambs go into place "like a glove" I am told in record time- thanks Scott and all that assisted again in this instance.

Some modifications and clarification has been made by the committee to club rules governing Motorkhana and Khanacross events with regard to age limits- the amendments/clarification is made with safety and risk being the major factor giving cause to the necessity. It is hoped that the approach will be understood as we move forward with safety being paramount.

As usual I ask that all members look at their diaries to free up 31st May, or the days leading up to it, to assist in some way with setup and running of the Flying 1/5th. Please contact Scott Sims- if you haven't assisted before don't be shy it's not hard and every extra person helps ease the burden on others.

A small contingent of members attended, in separate groups, the 3rd Annual induction of Rally Stars of the past being inducted into the Rally Hall of Fame in Canberra on Thursday 14th in lead up to ARC Capitol Rally. Inductees were John Bryson, Greg Carr, Dave Johnson, Peter Macneal, Ross Runnalls, Coral Taylor, Ross Tapper, & Jeff Whitten. A good night was had by all with a few sore heads the following morning.

Upcoming events for the month include the Khanacross on 24th for the competition whilst on the other hand we have the challenge in one of Tony's Visual Navigation Trial Series events to be held on Friday night 22nd May. It's all good family fun, not hard and the Pizza at the end is good tucker. Come along bring a pencil, rubber and a torch, (plus a friend or two) test your skills and try your luck- the more the merrier.

Mick Tuckey

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF BATHURST LIGHT CAR CLUB HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL 2015, COMMENCING AT 7.37 PM

ATTENDANCE: As per attendance book

APOLOGIES: Geoff West, Donna Sims, Matt Windsor, Ron Moore, Phil Burgett, Mick Williamson

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 MARCH 2015

MOVED: Trevor Seaman

SECONDED: Dave Robinson

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Gwyn queried whether rates would be charged to the club for the extra ground set aside for parking. Mick Tuckey advised the club that at this stage we would be given the ground free of charge but he wasn't sure what would happen when the lease was re-negotiated. Mick also advised that the council was not happy with us parking trailers along the road verges at the quarry, but they were looking into whether we could use the road leading to the velodrome. Motorkhana sup regs were still to be amended but that would happen before the next event was held.

Mick Tuckey advised the meeting that to hold a rally trial day was a fee of \$90 to CAMS per car, and he suggested we should charge \$150 per car, but this would be looked at by the committee.

Mick Tuckey advised that the camping idea for the quarry was still under consideration.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence detailed by S Sims for the secretary due to absence. Accepted as read

TREASURERS REPORT: Accepted as read.

MOVED: John Markwick

SECONDED: Aden Hadley

QUARRY REPORT

John Windsor reported that the motorkhana held on the 26th April was a small but successful event with 13 competitors who each got 5 courses to attempt. Mark drove the tractor to dress the grounds and commented that the next event is a Khanacross. He then asked that the calendar for next year be adjusted so that there was not such a big gap between events for Khanacross competitors. Scott Sims commented that the committee had just copied the calendar from last year. It was indicated that consideration would be given to change the calendar for next year. John also commented that the underground pipe leak needs to be repaired.

The quarry report was accepted as presented

MOVED: Aden Hadley

SECONDED: Nathan Stevenson

FLYING FIFTH:

Scott Sims reported on why the Flying Fifth was cancelled and requested the date be changed to the 31st May. This was agreed on and moves were already underway to accomplish this.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mick Tuckey advised the meeting of Helen McFadzen accident and hospitalisation and flowers had been sent to Helen and Donna Sims.

Gwyn Mulholland advised the meeting about problems with the new licence card, the main problem is that there is no way of recording penalties and that a log book was still required, CAMS are currently assessing the situation.

Gwyn also advised the club that the club will soon be receiving a notification of a new way of electing members of state council representatives for comment.

Rob Wells asked if the porta power was a loaner or owned by the club as it needed repairing he was informed that it was on loan.

Gwyn queried the viability of the proposed rally in September as there were a number of other rallies in September. Gwyn also queried whether the club had been asked to run a round of the state titles. He was informed that this was not the case at the moment and that his concerns would be passed on to John Paine for investigation.

John Windsor asked where the trophy for the juniors at the Motorkhana was Scott Sims informed John he knew who had it and he would try to get it back for the next Motorkhana. Aden Hadley congratulated all the people involved in organising the Esses Descent, commenting that it was an extremely good event and the new format with a longer run down Conrod Straight being a very good addition. He also commented that this event should be run again and thought it would only get more entries next time.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Nil

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS DECLARED CLOSED AT 9.40 PM

Mick Tuckey
PRESIDENT

2015 CALENDER

| | | | | | |
|-----------|----|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| MAY | 22 | Social | Vis Nav | BLCC | Club |
| MAY | 24 | Khanacross | The Quarry, College Rd | BLCC | M/Club |
| MAY | 27 | General Meeting | BLCC Clubrooms | BLCC | Meeting |
| MAY | 30 | Classic Rally | Barry Ferguson Classic May 30th 31st | CRC | NSW |
| May | 31 | Flying 1/5 | Conrod Straight Mt Panorama | | |
| JUNE | 7 | NSW Hillclimb 6 | Grafton | GSCC | NSW |
| JUNE | 14 | Motorkhana | The Quarry, College Rd | BLCC | M/Club |
| JUNE | 19 | V8's | Hidden Valley Raceway June 19-21 | V8SC | Australian |
| JUNE | 20 | AMSAG Rally | Johns River | AMSAG | AMSAG |
| JUNE | 21 | Classic Rally | A.R.O.C.A Tour d' Course | CRC | NSW |
| JUNE | 24 | General Meeting | BLCC Clubrooms | BLCC | Meeting |
| JULY | 10 | Social | Vis Nav | BLCC | Club |
| JULY | 10 | V8's | Townsville July 10-12 | V8SC | Australian |
| JULY | 19 | NSW Hillclimb 7 | Tamworth | TSCC | NSW |
| JULY | 19 | Khanacross | The Quarry, College Rd | BLCC | M/Club |
| JULY | 25 | Classic Rally | Clarence Classic July 25th - 26th | CRC | NSW |
| JULY | 29 | General Meeting | BLCC Clubrooms | BLCC | Meeting |
| JULY | 31 | V8's | Queensland Raceway Jul 31-Aug 2 | V8SC | Australian |
| AUGUST | 2 | Khanacross | The Quarry, College Rd | BLCC | M/Club |
| AUGUST | 9 | NSW Hillclimb 8 | Ringwood | MGNC | NSW |
| AUGUST | 16 | Hillclimb | Mt Panorama | BLCC | M/Club |
| AUGUST | 21 | V8's | Sydney Motorsport Park Aug 21 - 23 | V8SC | Australian |
| AUGUST | 26 | General Meeting | BLCC Clubrooms | BLCC | Meeting |
| SEPTEMBER | 13 | NSW Hillclimb 9 | Huntley | WSCC | NSW |
| SEPTEMBER | 11 | V8's | Sandown Raceway Sep 11 - 13 | V8SC | Australian |
| SEPTEMBER | 13 | Motorkhana | The Quarry, College Rd | BLCC | M/Club |

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| | 26 | Rally | Bathurst | BLCC | SEPTEMBER |
| SEPTEMBER | 30 | General Meeting | BLCC Clubrooms | BLCC | Meeting |
| OCTOBER | 3 | Tarmac Rally | Great Tarmac Rally 3 th – 4 th October | MM | Australian |
| OCTOBER | 4 | NSW Hillclimb 9 | Newcastle | MGNC | NSW |
| OCTOBER | 8 | V8's | Mt Panorama Oct 8 - 11 | V8SC | Australian |
| OCTOBER | 18 | Motorkhana | The Quarry, College Rd | BLCC | M/Club |
| OCTOBER | 19 | Classic Rally | Alpine Classic October 19th - 20th | CRC | NSW |
| OCTOBER | 23 | V8's | Surfers Paradise Oct 23 - 25 | V8SC | Australian |
| OCTOBER | 25 | Khanacross | The Quarry, College Rd | BLCC | M/Club |
| OCTOBER | 28 | General Meeting | BLCC Clubrooms | BLCC | Meeting |
| OCTOBER | 31 | AMSAG Rally | Oberon | AMSAG | AMSAG |
| NOVEMBER | 1 | Esses Hillclimb | Mt Panorama | BLCC | M/Club |
| NOVEMBER | 6 | Targa Rally | Targa High Country | THC | Australian |
| NOVEMBER | 8 | Social | Vis Nav 1Day | BLCC | Club |
| NOVEMBER | 8 | V8's | Pukekohe Park Raceway Nov 6 - 8 | V8SC | Australian |
| NOVEMBER | TBA | Classic Rally | Pas de Deux | CRC | NSW |
| NOVEMBER | 6 | Australian Hillclimb | Jacks Hill Western Australia | | Australian |
| NOVEMBER | 15 | Khanacross | The Quarry, College Rd | BLCC | M/Club |
| NOVEMBER | 20 | V8's | Phillip Island Nov 20 -22 | V8SC | Australian |
| NOVEMBER | 25 | General Meeting | BLCC Clubrooms | BLCC | Meeting |
| NOVEMBER | 28 | Speed Weekend | Conrod Straight Supersprint | BLCC | M/Club |
| NOVEMBER | 29 | Speed Weekend | Mt Panorama Mt Straight Hillclimb | BLCC | M/Club |
| DECEMBER | 4 | V8's | Sydney Olympic Park Dec 4 - 5 | V8SC | Australian |
| DECEMBER | 5 | Tarmac Rally | Snowy River Sprint 5 th -6 th December | MM | Australian |
| DECEMBER | 12 | Presentation | BLCC Clubrooms | BLCC | Social |

KING TAKES CLASS WIN

Tony King (Mazda MX5) contested round 2 of the NSW Supersprint Championship conducted by the Mini Car Club NSW at Wakefield Park Raceway.

Tony contested the A6 class and recorded a time of 1.10.02 also good for 29th outright, 78 drivers contested the round.

MARWICK AND MCFARLAND AT WAKEFIELD

John Marwick and Brett McFarland recorded similar times but different results were achieved.

John contested the Pulsar Challenge and recorded his fastest time of 1.17.50 in his third race but the best results were in race one and in the Trophy Race where he was placed 16th in both.

Brett only had two races programmed for the Hyundai Excel Series and finished second in both with a quickest time in race one of 1.17.68.

MAY SWAP MEETS

Third Saturday | 21 March 2015 | [Corowa Swap Meet](#) | NSW
TBC Sunday 22 March 2015 | [Gold Coast Super Swap Meet](#) | Carrara QLD
TBC Sunday 22 March 2015 | [Werribee Swap Meet](#) | VIC
TBC Saturday 21 to Sunday 22 March 2015 | [Illabarook 4x4 Swap Meet](#) | VIC
TBC Sunday 22 March 2015 | [Barellan Swap Meet](#) | NSW
TBC Sunday 22 March 2015 | [Devonport Motor Show & Swap Meet](#) | TAS
TBC Sunday 22 March 2015 | [Engadine Swap Meet](#) | NSW
TBC Sunday 22 March 2015 | [Koroit Swap Meet](#) | VIC
TBC Sunday 22 March 2015 | [Morwell Swap Meet](#) | VIC
TBC Sunday 22 March 2015 | [Orange Swap Meet](#) | NSW
TBC Sunday 22 March 2015 | [Silverwater Swap Meet](#) | NSW
TBC Sunday 22 March 2015 | [Toys & Model Swap Meet](#) | Windsor Gardens SA
TBC Sunday 22 March 2015 | [Williamstown Swap Meet](#) | VIC
TBC Sunday 22 March 2015 | [Woodside Swap Meet](#) | SA
Last Sunday | 29 March 2015 | [Ormiston Swap Meet](#) | QLD
Last Sunday | 29 March 2015 | [Morgan Country Car Club Swap Meet](#) | Jindera NSW
TBC Sunday 29 March 2015 | [Mount Pleasant Swap Meet](#) | Adelaide SA

JUNE SWAP MEETS

June Swap Meets

TBC Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 June 2015 | [Collectables Swap Meet](#) | Perth WA
TBC Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 June 2015 | [Mega Toy Fair](#) | Hahndorf SA
TBC Sunday 7 June 2015 | [Border Park Swap Meet](#) | Kirra QLD
TBC Sunday 7 June 2015 | [Port Macquarie Swap Meet](#) | NSW
TBC Sunday 7 June 2015 | [Scenic Rim Swap Meet](#) | Mutdapilly QLD
Queens Birthday Weekend | 13-14 June 2015 | [Charters Towers Swap Meet](#) | QLD
Queens Birthday Sunday | 7 June 2015 | [Kadina Swap Meet & Show'n'Shine](#) | SA
TBC Sunday 14 June 2015 | [Gosford Swap Meet](#) | NSW
TBC Sunday 14 June 2015 | [Redbank Plains Swap Meet](#) | QLD
TBC Sunday 14 June 2015 | [Sedan Swap Meet](#) | Sedan SA
TBC Saturday 20 June 2015 | [Caboolture Swap Meet & Show'n'Shine](#) | QLD
Third Sunday | 21 June 2015 | [Gosford Swap Meet](#) | NSW
TBC Sunday 21 June 2015 | [Alice Springs Swap Meet](#) | NT
TBC Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 June 2015 | [Pine Rivers Motorcycle Swap Meet](#) | QLD
TBC Sunday 28 June 2015 | [Fridge Swap Meet](#) | Ballarat VIC
TBC Sunday 28 June 2015 | [Southern River Swap Meet](#) | WA
TBC Sunday 28 June 2015 | [Warragul Swap Meet](#) | VIC

July Swap Meets

TBC Saturday 4 July 2015 | [Heatherbrae Motorcycle Swap Meet](#) | NSW
TBC Sunday 5 July 2015 | [Blacktown Swap Meet](#) | NSW
First Sunday | 5 July 2015 | [Ipswich Swap Meet](#) | QLD
First Sunday | 5 July 2015 | [Tocumwal Swap Meet](#) | NSW

HASTINGS RALLYSPRINT - 23rd May - Rallysprint Round 4

Round 4 of the Rallysprint Series is fast approaching. Rallysprint fields are filling up very quickly, therefore if you plan to enter, please get your entry in ASAP. Supp regs and entry forms can be found here:- <http://www.rallynsw.com.au/events/hastings-rallysprint-2/>

CAVES CLASSIC - 30TH MAY - Techworkz DRS Round 1

As we know the Caves Classic had to be postponed due to poor weather, however we are pleased to confirm the event will now take place on 30th May. The Taree Rally was originally going to be on this date, however unfortunately this event has had to be cancelled. But never fear, you can get your rallying fix at Jenolan instead!

VOLKSMULLER DRAGWAY GRAVEL RALLYSPRINT - 27TH JUNE - Rallysprint Round 5

After consultation with competitors, we are excited to announce that the Volksmuller Dragway Gravel Rallysprint to be held at Eastern Creek will now be Round 5 of the Rallysprint series. This is sure to be a fantastic event, so keep an eye out for further information as it comes to hand.

BEGA VALLEY RALLY - 19TH SEPTEMBER - Gary's Motorsport Tyres NSWRC Round 4

Unfortunately the Bega Valley Rally has had to be postponed. Originally to be held on the June long weekend, the event will now be held on 19th September. It doesn't matter what time of year, rallying at Bega is always brilliant. So mark this one in your diary. You won't want to miss it!

BATHURST RALLY - 26th SEPTEMBER - Techworkz DRS Round 4

We're excited to announce that the Bathurst Rally will become Round 4 of the DRS series. This will replace the cancelled Taree event and looks certain to be a cracker.

Whew, well we think that's all for the moment. Keep an eye on the website and Facebook for release of Supp Regs, pointscores and results.

CAR TRAILER FOR SALE

Bogie axle will fit Commodore. Good useable trailer with override disc brakes and mechanical handbrake. Rego to June. Good light truck tyres and tows well.
\$2000 No offers thanks Gwyn 0429620769



BATHURST LIGHT CAR CLUB

Club Championship Points Score

2015 * Junior

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Female

| Name | Points Total | Official | K/C 18/1 | M/K 15/2 | M/K 22/3 | Descent 19/4 | M/K 26/4 | F 1/5 3/5 postponed |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Toby Ivanovic | 70 | | 15 | 15 | 15 | 10 | 15 | |
| Ian Plenderleith | 49 | | 10 | 13 | 13 | | 13 | |
| Alan Paul | 29 | | 7 | | 11 | | 11 | |
| Christopher Baker | 28 | | 1 | 7 | 10 | | 10 | |
| Warwick Agustin | 26 | | 5 | 11 | 10 | | | |
| Stephen Muggleton | 24 | | 7 | 5 | 2 | | 10 | |
| Zac Ivanovic | 23 | | 2 | 7 | 7 | | 7 | |
| Stephen King | 21 | | | 7 | 7 | | 7 | |
| Geoffrey Sims | 20 | | 10 | | 10 | | | |
| Martin McLoughlin | 17 | | 10 | | 7 | | | |
| Daniel Blowes | 17 | | 7 | 10 | | | | |
| Kon Pang Chan | 16 | | | | 1 | 10 | 5 | |
| Mark Hudson | 15 | | 10 | | 5 | | | |
| Doug Barry | 15 | | | | | 15 | | |
| Seb Bravenboer | 15 | | 5 | 7 | 1 | | 2 | |
| Sarah Bradley | 14 | | 2 | 4 | 4 | | 4 | |
| Stephen Hill | 13 | | 3 | 10 | | | | |
| Michael Baker | 13 | | 1 | 5 | 7 | | | |
| Tim Burt | 13 | | | | | 13 | | |
| Stephen Brumby | 11 | | | | 1 | 10 | | |
| Aden Hadley | 11 | | | | | 11 | | |
| Scott Bradley | 10 | | 10 | | | | | |
| David James | 10 | | 10 | | | | | |
| Matthew Paul | 10 | | 10 | | | | | |
| Matthew Reeks | 10 | | 10 | | | | | |
| Lachlan Moore | 10 | | 3 | 3 | 4 | | | |
| Robert Dean | 10 | | | | | 10 | | |
| David Berry | 10 | | | | | 10 | | |
| Brett McFarland | 10 | | | | | 10 | | |
| Nigel Buttriss | 10 | | | | | 10 | | |
| Stewart Grigg | 10 | | | | | 10 | | |
| Anthony Van Donselaar | 10 | | | | | 10 | | |
| David Aldwinckle | 10 | | | | | 10 | | |
| Harry Ryan | 10 | | | | | | 10 | |
| Michael Moore | 9 | | 4 | | 5 | | | |

| Club Championship Points Score | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| Mitchell Hudson | 8 | | 5 | 3 | | | | |
| Scott Sims | 7 | | | | 7 | | | |
| Jakira Speer | 7 | | 7 | | | | | |
| John Windsor | 7 | | 7 | | | | | |
| Gus O'Leary | 7 | | | 4 | 3 | | | |
| Mikayla Young | 7 | | 7 | | | | | |
| Nicholas Reeks | 7 | | 7 | | | | | |
| John Markwick | 7 | | | | | 7 | | |
| Andrew Walker | 7 | | | | | 7 | | |
| Lance McGrath | 7 | | | | | 7 | | |
| Mark Docksey | 7 | | | | | 7 | | |
| David Catt | 6 | | 6 | | | | | |
| Rod Simonsen | 5 | | 5 | | | | | |
| Andrew Mohr | 5 | | | | 5 | | | |
| Ces Evans | 5 | | 5 | | | | | |
| Ken Docksey | 5 | | | | | 5 | | |
| James Tracy | 4 | | 4 | | | | | |
| Nigel Swan | 4 | | 4 | | | | | |
| Tianna Baker | 3 | | | | 3 | | | |
| Harrison Hudson | 3 | | | 2 | 1 | | | |
| Trista Pearce | 3 | | | | | | 3 | |
| Izak Berrisford | 2 | | | | 1 | | 1 | |
| Liam Bower | 1 | | 1 | | | | | |
| Michelle Arnold | 1 | | | | 1 | | | |
| Kirsten Brumby | 1 | | | | 1 | | | |
| Martin Zanolla | 1 | | 1 | | | | | |
| Jakira Berrisford | 1 | | | | 1 | | | |

WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG?

Targa Tasmania 2015 Written by John Paine

The 24th running of Targa Tasmania saw four BLCC (Bathurst) crews entered including regulars; Mark Hammond driving a 1980 XJS Jaguar, Warren Bossie and Martin McLoughlin in Warren's 1973 Torana XU1 and John Paine driving a 1982 Mitsubishi Starion. These 3 crews were competing in the Classic section whilst Alan and Graeme May were competing in the Modern category in a 2009 Holden Commodore Group 111.

The drama started early when the Hammond Jaguar stripped the crown wheel the Thursday before scrutineering in Launceston. Phone calls sourced a replacement in Melbourne as well as a call to John Paine to bring down a spare crown wheel and pinion in his service vehicle which was leaving Wallerawang the next morning.

Targa events have a common base time allowed for each competitive section for all crews and time taken above this accrues to calculate times forming the outright and category results.

A second set of base times (Dry and Wet conditions) are set for each section to recognise the age categories of the cars and these times are used to determine the awarding of trophy plates. The aim here is to complete every section below your categories trophy times to be awarded a Targa plate.



John Paine and Andrew Crowley

Photo supplied by John Paine

The Targa started on Monday 27th April with four stages in the Tamar Valley. A bulletin had been issued the night before at the Crew briefing noting changes to two stages as well as mention of a 5 minute penalty to crews who completed each of the first 3 stages below the minimum time allowed. Paine's co-driver Andrew Crowley discussed this prior to the start but when the lights went green the red mist descended and the minimum time was ignored as we completed the 4.81km stage in under 3 minutes. Andrew realised this as we crossed the flying finish. Along with 70 other crews we were penalised 5 minutes. This was to cause an angry reaction from crews who argued that the Bulletin was not properly issued. The penalty was subsequently quashed and everyone was back on a level playing field.

Day 1 was designed as an easy start to the event and to give crews time to settle in. Paine soon realised his Starion had a misfire and his service crew sort out Brad Sherriff of Boost Dyno and organised to have the car tuned at Days end. Whilst this proved beneficial in finding some top end power the misfire was not replicated on the Dyno.

The day ended with Hammond dropping 0:38 seconds, Bossie / McLoughlin 0:52, May/May 1:00 minute and Paine 1:04.

Day 2 had 142 crews heading North West from Launceston with lunch at Devonport. The 8 stages saw the May's drop 11:05 followed by the Bossie Torana 11:13 and Paine 12:02. Bossie had a huge moment at a televised corner when the XU1 ran wide on over a crest,

onto the grass, missing a road sign but swiping a dirt bank before Warren showed magnificent car control to rejoin the bitumen. This incident would have dire consequences for the Torana later in the event.

Meanwhile the Hammond Jag was going well until that diff let go again and the car ended the day on the back of a tow truck to return to Launceston where the Service crew led by David Catt replaced the damaged parts with the Crown wheel and pinion that had been brought down by Paine.

Day 3 saw crews head east on the Tasman highway for another 8 stages concluding with a street stage at the motor sport friendly town of Longford. The majority of these stages were on some brilliant windy roads which included some steep ascents and descents. The May's Commodore finished the day 21 seconds ahead of Paine's Starion with Bossie a further 38 seconds back after the previous days scare in the back of his mind. Mark Hammond started the day with a new co driver after his original co driver; Gordon Lennox withdrew due to a back injury he sustained before the event. Justin Morris from Qld was the excited replacement having been in Tasmania servicing for Geoff Goodwin and just happened to have his licences and gear with him!! Mark missed several controls on his way to the East and was penalised 40 minutes adding to the 120 minutes penalty from Day 2.



The May brothers enjoying the Targa

Photo supplied by Alan May

Paine/Crowley were on target to achieving a Trophy Plate having completed all sections to this point within the Trophy Base times. John decided to attack Day 4 to make sure that they maintained position on the way to the overnight stop in Strahan. The first 3 stages however saw a reoccurrence of the misfire culminating in no clutch pedal 5 kms from the end of the 30km Rianna stage. How could a misfire cause loss of clutch you ask? Well 2 kms from the end of this stage as smoke poured from under the bonnet the cause of the problem was becoming apparent. As we pushed the Starion clear of the Stop control and lifted the bonnet with fire extinguishers in hand, John found the cause. The dump pipe behind the turbo had a

3 inch split which had melted the clutch and brake master cylinder caps as well as burning the heat shield under the bonnet.

Paine had again finished the stage within trophy times for the Starion's category but doubt existed about being able to continue. A mobile phone tower was adjacent to the finish control so Andrew Crowley was able to phone our service crew of Maree Paine and John Crowley who were in Burnie on their way to the next service point.

Andrew sourced some heat wrap from Jason White's Lamborghini service crew. Parts were ordered and the crew raced toward our stricken car. Emergency repairs were effected and John made the decision to bypass the lunch break and try and get to the start of Hellyer Gorge before the sweep car (Car999). We arrived at the start control just as the sweep was approaching the in control. A plea from John was heeded by the sweep crew and we entered Hellyer as last car on the road. We successfully completed the last 3 stages of the day within our trophy times despite losing clutch pedal and more smoke from under the bonnet dropping 22:29 for the day only 39 seconds slower than Bossie / McLoughlin. I have never abused a car as hard as this in all my years of rallying but the Starion refused to die!

Mark Hammond had a better day and dropped only 17:24 compared to the May's 19:55.

Day 5 was the penultimate day heading from Strahan to Hobart over 6 stages including the 51km Mount Arrowsmith. The Starion had the dump pipe welded during the night thanks to Mark Hammond's service crew of Catty and Morrie which while a worthwhile task did not give Paine much confidence of getting to Hobart given the long stages ahead which included some steep ascents. Our service crew and Andrew worked late into the night to try and carry out further repairs to stave off the under bonnet damage.

The Starion made it to Derwent Town where Catty put some wire around the now completely cracked dump pipe to stop the exhaust system from falling off! By this stage the exhaust fumes were entering the cabin and Andrew and I were conscious of carbon monoxide poisoning as we monitored each other at regular intervals.

Warren Bossie and Martin McLoughlin had an axle failure at the start of Day 5 possibly as a result of their Day 2 escapade and unfortunately were unable to continue as no spares were carried for this part which Warren was confident was a part not likely to fail.

The Hammond Jag finished the day best of the BLCC crews dropping 14:11 just ahead of the consistent later model Commodore of the May's on 14:54. The Paine / Crowley Starion refused to lay down and got to Hobart dropping 21:24 for the day and still within Trophy times.

Good fortune continued to shine down on the Starion crew as Maree was able to find a friendly exhaust centre south of Hobart (Kingsborough Exhaust) who offered to make a new dump pipe, while Mr Crowley was able to purchase parts to repair the clutch and brakes which had now been effected by the under bonnet heat as the pipes and valve from the booster has melted.

A phone call to Darren Williams (Dashsport Performance) in Sydney assisted with repairs as we struggled to find suitable parts in Hobart. We had completed the last 2 stages without brake boost. Lucky I am old enough to have driven many cars without boosted brakes so the old legs were up to this effort.

The final day included 4 stages south of Hobart and were to prove to be a real "sting in the tail" for the May's Commodore as they spun in the final stage of Targa after an earlier car had dropped oil on the road near the end of the stage. They got the car to the finish dropping 50:21 for the day while the Hammond / Morris Jaguar dropped 6:37 compared to the Paine / Crowley Mitsubishi Starion on 8:41 as John enjoyed the first trouble free day of the event and that mysterious misfire had disappeared following the replacement of the dump pipe.



Warren and Martin throwing the Torana around

Photo supplied by Martin McLoughlin



The Hammond Lennox Jag at the finish

Photo supplied by Martin McLoughlin

A new exhaust system was on my service plan before Targa Tasmania but as a result of a damaged front strut at the October Twilight Tarmac Rallysprint at Sydney Dragway I spent my budget on new MCA suspension all round which proved to be an excellent investment. An all new exhaust system will be happening before next years Targa however along with a full overhaul of everything that was heat affected.

Wow! What a difficult event for all BLCC crews as each experienced the highs and lows of this amazing event.

John Paine & Andrew Crowley finished 28th out of 61 starters in Classic and 82nd outright. Alan and Graeme May finished 16th out of 23 starters in the Modern Category and 97th outright.

Mark Hammond and Justin Morris finished 39th in Classic and 113th outright.

The amazing Starion helped John and Andrew to achieve their goal of a Trophy Plate for the second year in a row as well as a Class win in 6MSD.

To finish this years Targa Tasmania after so many mechanical issues I feel very satisfied but also very grateful to the rally gods including the brilliant Andrew Crowley who took charge of repairs after the Rianna stage, my gorgeous wife Maree for her never ending support and "sponsorship" and John Crowley for working tirelessly on the Starion until the job was done as well as making it possible along with Nicole Crowley for helping Andrew compete alongside me.

CALL OUT FOR FINKE VOLUNTEERS

The Finke Desert Race Club has announced that online registration for volunteers for this year's event is now open.

There has been an incredible amount of interest from prospective volunteers as the event nears and the club has appointed Judi Hoare to the position of volunteer coordinator.

"We are very pleased that Judi has come on board as the volunteer coordinator", Finke Desert Race Club President Antony Yoffa said.

"Judi has a wealth of knowledge gained over 30 years as a previous club employee and current volunteer and is one of just four life members of the club."

This year's online registration will see people apply for roles in particular categories (e.g. scrutineering, fuel stops, sweeps) where Judi will then assign them to a team leader who will make contact with them.

It will be this team leader who will be responsible for allocating their work roster.

"Judi's role will be to work with appointed team leaders and to be the link back to the committee," Yoffa continued.

"In addition, Judi will support club employee Giselle Greenfield with volunteer enquiries."

It is anticipated that there will be in excess of 300 volunteers at this year's event with some undertaking multiple roles both before and across the race weekend.

Prospective volunteers can register at www.finkedesertrace.com.au

The Tatts Finke Desert Race will be held on June 5-8 in Alice Springs.

CAMS CLUB DEVELOPMENT FUND

Applications are now open for Round 2 of the CAMS Club Development Fund, supported by Penrite and Famous Insurance.

The funds are available to CAMS affiliated clubs as part of our on going commitment to drive growth in clubs and motor sport.

Round 2 funds will be allocated to projects that fit within one of the following two (2) funding areas:

- Come and Try Days
- Junior development events/programs

2015 Round 2 Fund Overview

- Total fund of \$20,000 in second round (including GST)
- Maximum of \$2,000 (including GST) awarded per successful application.
- Funding only available to CAMS affiliated clubs who are affiliated for 2014 and 2015
- Funds to be allocated to projects undertaken from 1 July 2015 – 30 Dec 2015
- Applications will be reviewed by the CAMS Club Development Funding Committee
- Applications will be assessed by their quality against set criteria rather than on a geographic basis

Clubs will also need to meet a number of overarching criteria. More information on the fund and criteria can be found at the CAMS website, or you can contact your local Sport and Club Development Officer for more information.

If you require any assistance please don't hesitate to contact the CAMS Development Team on 1300 883 959 or at development@cams.com.au

FIRST FORMULA 4 LIVERY UNVEILED

The first peek of what the CAMS Jayco Australian Formula 4 Championship cars are going to look like when they hit the track came this weekend with the unveiling of the Toolforce Racing entry steered by Jimmy Vernon.

The cars are already sleek and athletic, full livery adds another glimpse at the standard of professionalism these young drivers are aiming for.



First Formula 4

Photo from CAMS News Letter

UPCOMING OFFICIALS TRAINING MODULES

More courses will be organised for 2015 around Australia and the course information will be updated on the website as it becomes available.

For the most up to date information on courses that are available for you to attend, please visit the [CAMS website](http://www.cams.com.au)

New South Wales

- Silver Module (Toronto)- Saturday 27th June 2015
- For more information or to register now: nsw@cams.com.au

DATE CHANGE TO 2016 AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX

Melbourne will play host to the opening round of the 2016 FIA Formula One World Championship™ on Sunday 3 April, 2016 at Albert Park.

The 2016 Formula 1® Australian Grand Prix event dates are 31 March – 3 April, 2016, with the later start date set to condense the season, which finishes in November 2016.

Only once before has the Formula 1® Australian Grand Prix been held in April, in 2006, when the event was moved to avoid a clash with the Commonwealth Games. In that year the race took place on 2 April as the third round of the season.

The revised 2016 date will see the event follow Easter and take place after daylight savings, the absence of which will see the race start earlier in the day. A final start time will be announced closer to the 2016 event.

Australian Grand Prix Corporation CEO, Andrew Westacott welcomed the revised date, which he believes will benefit fans looking to attend the event.

"It's fantastic that Melbourne will again play host to the opening round of the FIA Formula One World Championship™. Over the past 20 years Melbourne has become synonymous with the start of a new Formula One season, and we look forward to again welcoming all the teams and drivers to our great city in 2016," Westacott said.

"The new date will see an earlier start time, and fans can expect the same great on-track action and off-track entertainment across the four days."

A provisional 2016 FIA Formula One World Championship™ calendar will be released by Formula One Management (FOM) and the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) in due course.

For more information on the 2016 Formula 1® Australian Grand Prix, please visit: www.grandprix.com.au

FESTIVAL OF SPORTING CARS

Bruce and Jim Rooke had the sports cars out at Wakefield Park Raceway for the Festival of Sporting Cars meeting.

Jim had the Volante Ford out in Regularity recording a time of 1.31.65 and after five races his best result was 7th in race three.

Bruce was driving the MGB and qualified with a time of 1.22.72 and his best placing was 16th in his fifth race.

AMSAG ORANGE NEXT MONTH

The AMSAG Orange was a good result for BLCC members, full report next month.

NEEDED TO HIRE BEG BORROW OR STEAL

Dean Knowsley (Member BLCC) needing to hire a trailer from a member for mid-August for an event (his first) at Winton. If anyone can help contact Dean Knowsley

<dean@deanknowsley.com



COFFS HARBOUR CENTENARY OF RAIL

Celebrating 100 years of rail to Coffs Harbour in 2015.
29th & 30th August 2015

Owners of vintage, veteran, classic and preserved vehicles are invited to the first Coffs Harbour Motorfest. This event will become part of an annual event known as “Smoke on the Water Festival”.

Coffs Harbour is unique in having a working port and harbour, a railway station and airport all within very close proximity with open spaces between the harbour and the station having road access. Our centenary will bring 4 forms of transport together in one place at the same time. The event will feature –

- ✚ A steam train
- ✚ Historic ships and boats on the harbour
- ✚ Vintage aircraft flying overhead and joy flights
- ✚ Helicopter flights to South Solitary Lighthouse
- ✚ Model train display adjacent to station
- ✚ Food stalls and markets at the Jetty foreshores
- ✚ MOTORFEST at the jetty foreshores. (Inspired by the Australia Day Motorfest in Sydney)

As the owner of an historic vehicle you are invited to become part of this event. The MOTORFEST will be held on vacant land immediately in front of the railway station. Participants will be have a grandstand location to park and display their vehicle/s and watch the trains go back and forth, the aircraft comings & goings and be within walking distance of the jetty and beach. You will be allocated a space, (specify large for trucks, medium for car & trailer or basic for 1 car.) MOTORFEST vehicles will be in a mown grassed field fenced off from the road on one side and the railway on the other. Very limited public parking will be available nearby, only MOTORFEST participants will have guaranteed parking in the jetty precinct. Being so close to and part of the action, as is the case with Australia Day in Sydney, participants will be able to take part in the activities, stroll to the foreshore to see the maritime attractions go for a swim at the beach, enjoy the food stalls and restaurant strip, see the model display and take train rides on the steam trains while having your vehicle safely parked for the event. Unregistered and similar/military vehicles can be displayed on trailers. No need to unload. Please forward this information on to anyone you think may be interested in attending this marvellous event.

Email to centenarymotorfest@gmail.com

2015 TRIAL SERIES

MAY 22nd

6.00PM FOR 6.30PM



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