

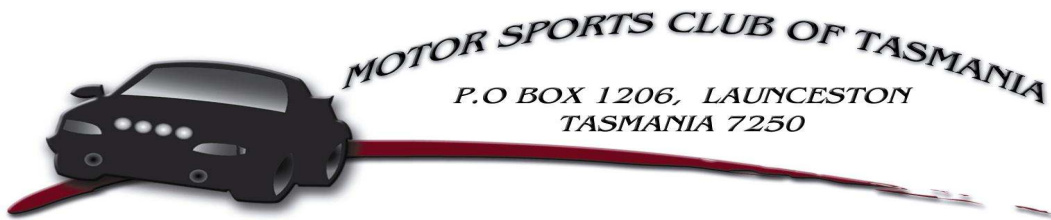
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Geoff Taylor competing at the last Khanacross at Powranna.





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## Club News

-Welcome to our newest members- **Ronnie Legge**-Ronnie is a Launceston local and owns Rons Automotive Service. He joined the club to compete in the drift series. His business also provides some of the prize money for the club run rounds of the series.

**Robert Goodsell**- Robert also joined to compete in the drift events.

**Geoff Taylor**- Geoff has been competing at the khanacross this year in his Nissan

Bluebird TRX. He was previously a member of the MG car club. **Sam Cox**- joined at

round 4 of the drift series recently. He drives a Nissan 180SX. **Greg Brewer**-also joined at round 4 and drives an R32 Skyline.

The membership currently sits at 86.

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-The hunt is on for the MSCT club rally series trophy. It hasn't been awarded for a couple years due to the low number of rally competitors in the club. This year has seen a bit of a surge and that should continue with some more cars set to be unleashed. Due to this, the MSCT club rally series is to be resurrected. If you know where the trophy is, or if you have it in your possession, please contact Matt von Bertouch.

-The Pedders Suspension Khanacross Series is back in full swing after a short break. The results from Round 3 are inside.

-The regs for Round 4 (30<sup>th</sup> August) of the Khanacross Series are on the website now.

-Round 4 of the SPG Tasmanian Drift Series was held on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Symmons Plains.

-Round 4 of the Tasmanian Rally Series was held in the deep dark south a few weeks ago. Read all about our members snow driving experiences and results inside.

-Round 5 of the TRS, the Auspine Rally is coming on quick. All the info can be found on our website.

-The 2008 MSCT awards dinner is penciled in for the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at Archers Manor. Keep your eye on the website for further details.

-We finally have the motorkhana debacle sorted, thus allowing us to organise Round 1 of the Pedders Suspension Motorkhana Series. To be held at Symmons Plains on Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, the grass surface event will be directed by Carmen Lee. See the flyer inside and there will be more details on the website when available.

-The committee recently agreed to provide a portaloos at all khanacross events at Powranna, and at motorkhana events where facilities are not available.

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## **You know you're Australian if.....**

- When you hear that an American "roots for his team" you wonder how often and with whom.
- You understand that the phrase "a group of women wearing black thongs" refers to footwear and may be less alluring than it sounds.
- You think it's normal to have a Prime Minister called Kevin.
- You waddle when you walk due to the 53 expired petrol discount vouchers stuffed in your wallet or purse.
- You've made a bong out of your garden hose rather than use it for something illegal such as watering the garden.
- You can translate: "Dazza and Shazza played Acca Dacca on the way to Maccas."
- You believe it makes perfect sense for a nation to decorate its highways with large fibreglass bananas, prawns and sheep.
- You believe it makes sense for a country to have a \$1 coin that's twice as big as its \$2 coin.
- You believe that cooked-down axle grease makes a good breakfast spread.
- You know that certain words must, by law, be shouted out during any rendition of the Angels' song "Am I Ever Gonna See Your Face Again".
- You believe, as an article of faith, that the confectionary known as the Wagon Wheel has become smaller with every passing year.
- You understand that "you" has a plural and that it's "youse".
- You know it's not summer until the steering wheel is too hot to handle.
- You know that there is a universal place called "woop woop" located in the middle of nowhere... no matter where you actually are.
- You've drunk your tea/coffee/milo through a Tim Tam.

## **SPG DRIFT SERIES ROUND 4**

A magical day greeted drifters and their teams for the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the Specialized Performance Garage Tasmanian drift series held at Symmons Plains race way. 20 eager drivers turned up to show off their talent to the crowds.

The day started out very smooth with all the drivers hitting the track for practice followed by qualifying. Drifting regular Tim Plumbridge unfortunately blew his engine on his first lap out, after having suffered from a broken gearbox at round 3. Tim wasn't the only early casualty with new MSCT member Sam Cox withdrawing from the event with a slipping clutch.

Spectators on the hill were suffering from sore necks with the fast paced qualifying runs and excellent control by the drivers keeping cars on the track and providing solid runs, with cars entering over the hump before the first set had left the bike section. The quality of driving on the day had stepped up drastically from round 2 meaning Mick was able to sit back and relax a bit with the lack of tow jobs and track sweeping to be done.

Coming into qualifying MSCT competitor Brendan Mansfield suffered from mechanical drams in his ex 2007 drift series winning car and despite borrowing a car from fellow NW drifter Nathan Page he was unable to qualify. The highest MSCT qualifier was Damien Roach qualifying 4<sup>th</sup>.

After a short lunch break and a tasty hamburger from Pete, Jane and Anita on the BBQ it was on to the business end of the day. The battles started with some of the closest and entertaining battles seen to date in the series. Mainland driver Michel Truscott showed why he had been driving in Drift Australia for the past 4 years with his awesome proximity he had to the back of every opponent's bumper. His extreme driving slid him right into 1<sup>st</sup> place making it 2 from 2 in the Insane Drifters trip to Tassie. Ben Purtell made it to second place for the second round in a row with the states true DK Josh Priseman taking out 3<sup>rd</sup>. MSCT's highest placed member was Ronnie Legge in 4<sup>th</sup> place in his first round for the year. He was unable to contest for a higher place when his fuel pump failed.

Round 4 turned out to arguably the best round yet for organization and driver quality. On behalf of the MSCT we would like to thank all the very helpful officials that took their time out to help out and also Specialised Performance garage for their on going support of drift in Tasmania.

-Damo.

I would like to thank every MSCT member that gave up their day to help run this event. It was a vast improvement on our first attempt at Round 2.  
Thanks Again.

-Jase

**Round 3**  
**2008 Pedders Khanacross Series**  
**2nd August 2008**



Hi All.

Welcome back after our mid year break and you can feel a storm brewing as we get into the business end of the KhanaX season. Round 3 of the Pedders Khanacross series at Powranna has maybe shaped up to be the turning point for quite a few crews as series points are getting tight and the competition is white hot! A freshly graded track and a week of solid rain made both tracks muddy and very slippery for the competitors to get completely out of control on (and they did). This time round, we decided not to run with the x2 group format as for the previous events and link the two tracks together for a long track grand finale 5<sup>th</sup> run which was included in the final results.

#### **Run's 1 & 2 North Track**

The conditions showed on the first couple of runs with times averaging 15-20 seconds slower than previous rounds, but someone that hasn't been seen out at Powranna for around 13 years, Jeff Morrison quietly lined up at number 4 in a little Civic and set an absolute blinding pace for the first two runs. Of course the marauding pack chased exceptionally hard with Howard Colvin, Dennis Cooper and Adrian Burns all posting times within 8 seconds of the monster killing Civic. The hard charging Thunderbird of Streety unfortunately had a rear strut break through the top of the strut tower ending his day. Another upset in the exciting battle for outright honours between the Burns brothers, was struck a blow with Leighton taking maximum penalties on his second run and in racing this close put a podium finish out of his reach.

#### **Run's 3 & 4 South Track**

After adding a little ballast into competitor's tummies from the MSCT BBQ and thanks to head Chef Kevin Q it was back to slipping n sliding on the Southern Track. Once again Jeff set a blistering pace in the 3<sup>rd</sup> run, but as the track dried he wasn't to have it all his own way! The bigger horsepower rear wheel drive cars started pulling him back in with Adrian, Howard and Dennis on a mission to get back some of the time lost in the wet conditions earlier in the day. Leighton was also on a charge to the pointy end of the field and to gain as many series points as possible. Classes were also still up for grabs and Ricky Hunt pushing hard aiming for a spot in the top 5, closely followed by Dean Colvin and Shon McIntee. Our juniors were also right in the mix with Joshua Hunt nudging his way into the top 10 closely followed by new comer Cody Morrison and Sam Howe.

#### **Run 5 Monster Track**

For this test we joined the North and South tracks together with a garage, x2 laps on the north track then through the garage and x2 laps on the south track.

The top six were only separated by 8 seconds for this run and whole field (1<sup>st</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>) were within 18 seconds, NOW THAT'S RACING!!!

OK, something a little back to front, I wish to first mention (make a fuss) of our Jr competitors class. To say the least, track conditions were torturous and our young competitors had a great day, with consistently clean quick runs which brought even the fastest and most experienced competitors undone!

Our 1<sup>st</sup> junior was Josh Hunt closely followed by Cody Morrison in her maiden event, and Sam Howe. As stated previously, all these kids were within 18 seconds of the lead car for run 5. WELL DONE!!!

To finish off! The charging pack just couldn't hunt down the flying Jeff Morrison in the Monster killing Civic taking out 1<sup>st</sup> outright and first in class A, not bad for someone hasn't spun a wheel in anger since the early 90's. After 5 runs 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> was separated by under 4 seconds with the ever smooth Dennis Cooper slipping into 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, 1<sup>st</sup> class C and 1<sup>st</sup> Radials over Adrian Burns just 0.65 of a second behind in 3<sup>rd</sup> and Howard Colvin driving the wheels off the poor old Corona to finish a further 3.34 seconds back in 4<sup>th</sup>. 1st in Class B was Mr. Consistency Kevin Quigley with a strong Top 10 finish and bagging more good series points. Congrats to all that finished in what was less than ideal track conditions.

The Pedders KhanaX Series is now really hotting up, so don't forget you can get all results, Info, Supp Regs and Entry forms at [www.msct.com.au](http://www.msct.com.au)

Once again, thanks to everyone who helped on the day and hope you all had fun!  
See ya all at Round 4 of the Pedders Khanacross Series, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2008

Keep doing it Sideways,

Matty von Bertouch



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## **TRS 4- The Southern Safari.**

Burnie driver Craig Brooks with Hobart navigator Daniel Willson has taken out the 2008 Tasmanian Rally Series with one round to spare. Held under the watchful eye of Ken Roddam, the event experienced very trying conditions including ice and snow!

Driving the orange WRX, the pair won The Southern Safari by more than 6 minutes from Christian Philp and Damien Gromwood in the mighty TC Cortina. The MSCT's own Aaron Reader and Scott Murfett finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the angry Mitsubishi Mirage Cyborg, just 55 seconds off second place.

Tim Kulhanek was in for the ride of his life with his regular driver Scott Newman in the Daihatsu Charade. After setting some very impressive times in the first 3 stages, unfortunately a light roll over on stage 4 ruined their day and their chance of a higher placing. Luckily the pair rolled the car back onto its wheels, and even managed to keep the windscreen in place. They went on to finish in 6<sup>th</sup> outright.



Shane Russell was the only other MSCT member entered for this event. With his regular wing man not being able to make it for this event, Shane enlisted the services of Pete Bailey.

Battling an ill-handling car, Shane still managed to slip along reasonably well, except for a small altercation with a rock after slipping off the snow covered road. Things quickly got worse when the clutch packed it in on stage 6, leaving the Lancer high and dry.

Although the outright winner has already been determined, the minor placings are still up for grabs, as is some of the class wins and of course 2 wheel drive is still wide open.

All of these will be decided at the Auspine Rally on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. Hope to see you all there, cause we are anticipating a big field.

## **Dennis Viney**

The club notes the sad passing of one of the original founding members. Dennis Viney co-founded the club back in 1958 as the Rootes Group Car Club, and was an active member and competitor for many years.

He was very well known for piloting a Humber Sceptor through the scrub, which, in the day was a very expensive motor car.

Dennis recently attended the MSCT 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner and caught up with some of his old friends from the Rootes Group days.

## **Tassie Secures ARC Round.**

Tasmania recently secured the final round of the 2008 Australia Rally Championship, in the form of Rallye Burnie.

Since the demise of Rally of Melbourne from the 2008 calendar, rumours were rife over the replacement.

It has since been revealed that Rallye Burnie –owned by MSR Corporate and headed by long time MSCT member and supporter Les Walkden, will replace ROM as the final round, and will be the only tarmac round on the calendar.

Under the new title of the Tasmanian Tarmac Challenge, the date has been set for October 4-5. Technical regulations should be available now in the classes of modern, classic and ARC registered cars.

Once again the MSCT will be sending a highly trained and highly skilled group to take control of at least one major stage for the event. Contact someone on the committee if you are keen to come and help for the weekend.

## **WRC 9- Rally Finland.**

Aussie Chris Atkinson, with Stephane Prevot on board, has moved back into 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the WRC drivers standings after an impressive drive at Rally Finland.

The pair recovered from 9<sup>th</sup> place on day one to fight back through the ranks and slot into 3<sup>rd</sup> position by the end of day 2. A monumental drive from the Aussie gun saw him pull 45 seconds from Henning Solberg in just 7 stages. During the stages of that afternoon, they out-drove Sordo and clinched 3<sup>rd</sup> place by just 1 second. They then held this position for the remainder of the event.

Loeb (Citroen) was the eventual winner of the rally, finishing just 9 seconds ahead of Hirvonen (Ford), with Atkinson more the 3 minutes in arrears.

After Finland, Hirvonen (67) holds the outright lead by just 1 point from Loeb (66), with Atkinson (37) just holding out Sordo (35) and Latvala (34)

Round 10 of the WRC is Rally Deutschland in Germany on August 15. This event will be the first tarmac event for the new Subaru's. Best be careful of the Hinklesteins.....

## WRC 10-Rally Deutschland.

Chris Atkinson has finished his first tarmac event in the new Impreza in 6<sup>th</sup> position. Despite a stall at the start of the first stage and damaged suspension just 3km into that stage, Atko still finished well inside the points after a cautious and measured drive.

Atko finished just one place behind Petter Solberg, and he collects 3 points for the event. Unfortunately he slips back to fourth position in the championship, and sits just 3 points out of 3<sup>rd</sup> and is 6 points ahead of 5<sup>th</sup>.

The next round of the WRC sees the circus converge on New Zealand on August 28<sup>th</sup>, for the Repco Rally New Zealand.

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