

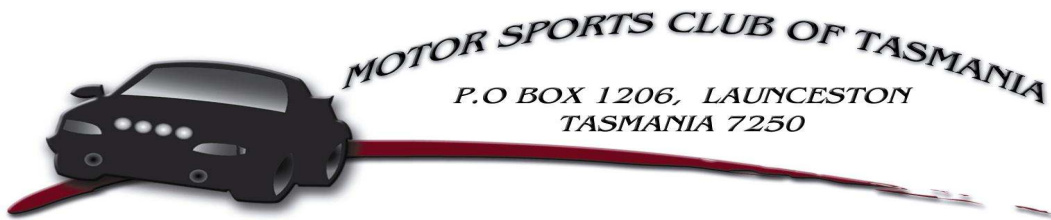
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Kevin Quigley in his multi-purpose Bluebird competes at the drags recently.





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CLUB NEWS

-Welcome to our newest members- Alex Fleming, Stefan Lendray, Josh Newman, Simon Rush, David Coglean and Nathan Clark. We currently sit just under 100 members.

-After nearly 10 years, the CAMS Tasmanian manager Terry Curtain has resigned from his position. His replacement has been announced as Dennis Burgess, from Hobart Sporting Car Club.

-A reminder to **ALL** competitors and officials about behaviour when arriving at and leaving events. Several incidents recently have come to the attention of the club, and it has been decided that harsh penalties will be dished out to those seen doing the wrong thing. This may include exclusion from events!!

-The 2008 MSCT awards dinner is set for January 17th at Archers Manor at 7.30pm. Invites are out now. We really need to start getting the RSVP's back in. All enquires should be directed to Coby on- 0408 898 029.

-The 2009 Annual General Meeting will be held on January 20th 2009 at Archers Manor at 7.30pm sharp. All members are welcome to come along. All positions will be available. If you think you can contribute to the running of the club, why not join the committee?

-Since the last newsletter we have had round 5 of the Pedders Suspension Khanacross series, which was the final round. Matt's report, event and series results are all enclosed. We also had the drift practice day and a bitumen motorkhana at Symmons Plains on the same day. The practice day saw 21 drifters hit the track (and the grass, and the wall), and was deemed a huge success. The motorkhana had 14 entries and results are in here.

-We have also had club members competing in the Mountain Circuit Challenge and Classic Adelaide. The club was well represented at the Mountain Circuit Challenge. Unfortunately the Light Car Club still doesn't have results available.....

-A handful of club members ran 2 BBQ's on the Saturday and Sunday at the V8 supercar round at Symmons Plains. All helpers received free all-weekend passes, as well as earning the club a discount when we next hire the track.

-The 2009 draft competition calendar is currently being collated. Once again it's looking like a very busy year, especially with MSCT events. We have currently calendared 5 khanacross's, 3 motorkhana's, 1 state rally, 2 state drift events, 2 drift practice days, and an entry level gravel event (gravel hillclimb). Our first Motorkhana is drafted for February 28th, possibly at Symmons Plains. **We currently do not have a director/clerk of course for the event. If somebody doesn't volunteer for this, the event will be cancelled.**

-The 2008 Tasmanian Motorsports Awards Dinner is booked for February 21st 2009 at the Hilltop Hotel at Granton in Hobart. Special guest is Steven Richards. For more details contact Barry Oliver on 0418 135 687.

-Tony Longhurst and Jamiel Taylor, driving a Les Walkden Rallying Subaru finished 2nd in the Mt Buller Sprint recently. Les Walkden himself finished in 24th place. The event was won by George Miedecke with 500 Car Club member Daniel Willson on board. 3rd place went to Kevin Weeks in the Lamborghini.

-Barry Oliver and Jim Richards took 3rd place at Classic Adelaide recently. After finishing in 5th place in the Porsche, the pair was surprised to take 3rd after 2 exclusions.

-Note a change to roll cage requirements for Khanacross events. Apparently if you want to put in a cage for khanacross, it doesn't have to meet CAMS requirements, it just has to satisfy the scrutiny team on the day. Check with CAMS for further info.

-The contact number for CAMS national office has change to 1300 883 959.

-This is the last newsletter for 2008. Have a merry Christmas, and a happy new year. Be cool and be safe, and see you in 2009.

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Round 5



2008 Pedders Khanacross Series

25th October 2008

Howdy good people of Motor sport land.

Round 5 of the Pedders Khanacross series at Powranna has once again gone off with a bang, 19 starters fronted up for a big day of gravel fun between the trees and tyre walls.

Run's 1 & 2

A nice sunny day and 2 dry slippery tracks greeted the competitors. It was maximum attack from the start with the war for outright series results coming down to this, the last round of the season. Adrian Burns in the Mighty Datsun powered Commodore put in an absolute blinding first 2 runs, which put one hand on that series trophy. Not to be outdone, brother Leighton, Jeff Morrison, the silent assassin Dennis Cooper in the Nissan Wedge, Mr Pedders himself Wayne McLachlan and Ricky Hunt who had already clinched the 0-1600cc Series class kept the top of the time sheet super close.

These mad buggers were racing at a pace so furious in blinding dust, the tyre walls were really taking a pounding and the resulting penalties would take their toll at the end of the day!!

Only seconds away from the top lot of loonies, the battles for the classes were also heating up, Ricky Hunt, Rob Whiteway, Kev Quigley, Shane Russell, and The Colvin Family were sooooo close you could throw a blanket over the lot of them to make this competition quite the spectacle.

Not so much further down the score sheet our Jr's were also having a fair crack, with Jak Nuttal in the mighty TRD Corolla putting himself well into the top 10 showing dad the way! The usually formidable Danuel Whiteway and Josh Hunt both seemed to be having an off day with times not quite as fast as I know they would have liked.

Run's 3 & 4

Everyone was struggling in the morning with a lack of traction and choking dust, but that didn't change for the afternoon runs and the fast and furious speed up the front made the final result go right down to the wire.

It ended up with speed and consistency winning the day, Adrian Burns taking only one 5 sec penalty in his 4 runs wrapped up Outright 1st and the 2008 Pedders MSCT Khanacross series and 2001cc and over class – WELL DONE!!!

The next 6 spots were so close until the last run was over. With only 20 seconds separating these 6 and penalties sorting out the final results, 2nd outright and 1st 0-1600cc went to Jeff Morrison who wedged the mighty little Honda Civic in amongst the grunter 6 cylinder cars. 3rd outright was Leighton Burns in the Adrian's Datsun Commodore giving him 2nd overall for the year. 1st radial class and 4th outright was Dennis 'Assassin' Cooper sliding his 'Silent Skyliner' around to clean up radial class and 3rd overall for 2008. 1st 1601-2000cc for both the day and the series was Kev Quigley in the Thunderbird and 1st 4wd was Shane Russell, bringing the Lancer Evo out for a play.

1st Junior for the day was taken out by Jak Nuttal who held many of his senior foes including DAD Fraser at bay, only dropping out of the top ten with a 5sec penalty in the last run. Danuel and Joshua pulled it together in the last 2 runs as Jr series points were on the line. Danuel edged Josh out for 2nd Jr on the day but could not put enough gap between the two of them, which gave Joshua Hunt enough points to secure the 2008 Pedders Junior Khanacross series. Miss Kirsty McLachlan also rates an honourable mention, in her first KhanaX showed huge potential closing the gap to the boys toward the end of the day. Watch out fella's, next year this young lady will no doubt be fighting it out for Jr honours.

It has been fantastic to watch our juniors develop their skills all year, so I have to say a BIG thanks to their parents, friends and teachers (Shon McIntee) for their support. It's a fair effort to prepare, maintain and race a car for a season of Khanacross mayhem!

Anyway that's enough dribble, poor grammar and lies from me. On a more serious note, many thanks to everyone who has helped throughout the year with all the chores that goes into running these events. Hope you all have had fun!

For me I have got a huge amount of satisfaction from running these events in 2008, the friendly competitiveness and enjoyment shown by all of the KhanaX MOB has really made it worthwhile.

I must also say a very BIG thank you to our series sponsor, Wayne McLachlan of Pedders Launceston and added to that, thank you to Dennis Cooper for his generosity!

I hope you all have a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Look forward to seeing you all in 2009

Matty von Bertouch

For all 2008 series results see: www.msct.com.au/results

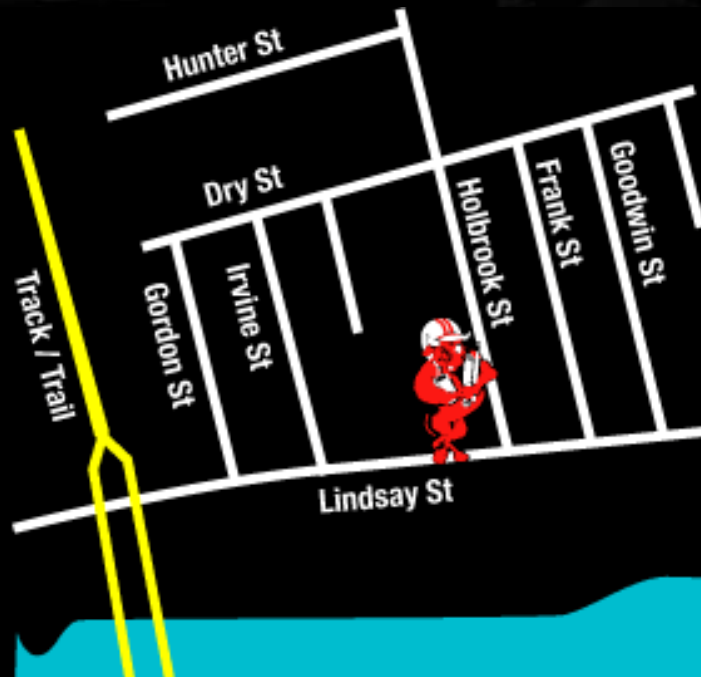


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WRC news:-

Rally Japan

Rally Japan saw competitors battle all conditions, including torrential rain and snow. Despite the weather, Chris Atkinson managed to finish unscathed in fourth position. Team mate Petter Solberg finished back in 7th place. Atko's 4th allows him to maintain 4th in the drivers standings.

Rally Japan top 3 were Hirvonen, Latvala and Loeb.

The next round of the WRC is the final round, Rally Great Britain.

Rally GB

Chris Atkinson had a Rally Great Britain he would rather forget. Held in atrocious conditions, Atko speared off the road on a left hand bend in top gear, just 200 meters in to the stage. This resulted in a trip to hospital for Atko, whilst his co-driver received medical attention at the scene. The car was destroyed.

The event was won by Loeb driving the Citroen, followed by Latvala in a Focus and Sordo 3rd, also in a Citroen.

Unfortunately, being unable to finish the event, saw Atko slip one place in the driver's championship to finish in 5th place on 50 points. Team mate Petter Solberg finished the year in 6th place.

In a shock turn-around, Subaru has just announced they will not be contesting the 2009 WRC, due the global economic downturn. This leaves Chris Atkinson without a WRC drive for 2009. Suzuki has also announced their withdrawal for the same reasons.

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Drift Practice Day-Symmons Plains December 6th

We had an excellent day at Symmons Plains earlier in the month with 21 entrants, 9 first timers, and 2 new members - (welcome David Coglan and Nathan Clark). It was great to have such a huge turnout, looks like we will be running a few more practice days in 2009!

MASSIVE thanks to all our volunteer officials, the usual MSCT crew as well as a few new helpers - Phillip Roach, Jason Baylis, Greg Brewer, Simon House & Charlie Fisher was great to have the help!! A special thanks to Ronnie Legge! Not only did he gather most of the new drifters he paid full entry and then spent the first half of the day helping out as an official!!

Round 2 MSCT Pedders Motorkhana series December 6th

Also as mentioned in Jase's bit at the front, we had the 2nd of our Motorkhana series on the bitumen for all the results go to:-

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