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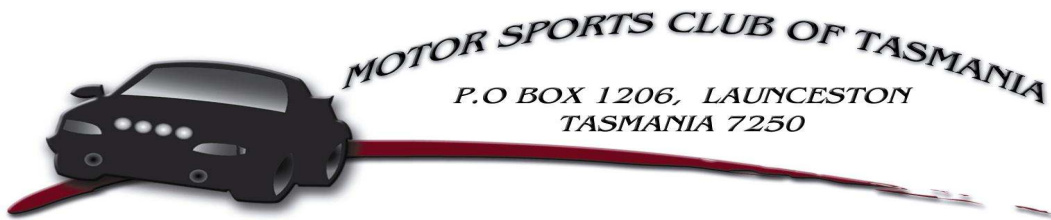
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## CLUB NEWS.

It's been a very busy period since the last newsletter. We have had the final rounds of the SPG drift series, and the TRS. We have also had round 1 of the Pedders Suspension motorkhana series and round 4 of the Pedders Suspension Khanacross series. All reports and results can be found with-in.

Club events coming up are round 5 of the Khanacross series (Oct 25), round 2 of the motorkhana series (Nov 30), 2008 awards dinner (Jan 17, 2009). Remember all details for upcoming events can be found at [www.msct.com.au](http://www.msct.com.au)

Some club members have been competing in other events around the state and country, including Targa West, Tasmanian Tarmac Challenge, and coming up is the LCC Circuit Mountain Challenge.

Octagon has announced another tarmac rally for the state. Called the Wrest Point Targa, the 2 day event will utilize some of the Targa stages of southern Tasmania. The event will run on January 31/February 1 2009.

We had a crew organised to travel to Waratah for the Tasmanian Tarmac Challenge recently. Our job for the event was to control to Waratah street stage. When this was cancelled a few weeks out, we all decided to go for a social weekend anyway. No doubt with Rally Tas coming up early in the year the club will be required again, so keep it in mind.

With the V8 Supercars coming to Symmons Plains next month, the club is looking for a couple of volunteers to man a BBQ on Saturday and /or Sunday afternoons. As reimbursement for our help, we get a reduction in track hire/facility fees. Anybody wishing to help should contact me.

There are quite a few CAMS bulletins in the back of the newsletter. Please read them carefully, they may affect your next event.

Congrats to Coby Sanders who completed the Burnie10 in 1 hour 12 minutes?

Jase.

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## **Pedders Suspension Khanacross Series Round 4**

A smallish field of just 16 rolled up for the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the Pedders Suspension Khanacross Series as Powranna recently.

First time KhanaX competitor Luke How showed up with his soon to be rally car Hyundai Excel, and promptly showed **all** of the field how it should be done.... And then he gave the keys to his brother who promptly showed **most** of the field how it should be done.

Only KhanaX veteran Adrian Burns in the VL commodore could come close to Luke's times, but even then he finished 25 seconds behind, and that was after Luke copped 10 seconds in penalties....

Jeff Morrison brought one of his daughters out to punt the Honda about. Sarah finished 15<sup>th</sup>, having accumulated only 5 seconds of penalties.

Josh Hunt took out the junior competition in his Daewoo, and came in at 13<sup>th</sup> outright. Danuel Whiteway was 2<sup>nd</sup> junior home and less than 1 second behind Josh. Sam Howe was 3<sup>rd</sup> junior in the Corolla, after twice being penalised.

Round 5, the final in the 2008 series is on October 25<sup>th</sup>, and all details are on the website.

## **Pedders Suspension Motorkhana Series Round 1.**

We finally managed to get round 1 of the Pedders Suspension Motorkhana Series organised, and it was held on September 28<sup>th</sup> in a paddock at Symmons Plains Raceway.

The event attracted 22 starters and had 21 finishers.

5 tests were attempted by the field including the ever popular "plumb crazy".

Luke How (Excel) won the day from Jason Street (Pulsar) by just 2.4 seconds, with Rob Whiteway (Escort) in third, just 1 second behind. How's that for close competition?

The event was that popular that it enticed series sponsor Wayne "Block" McLachlan out of retirement and into the driving seat of his daughters 120Y for the day. He finished 9<sup>th</sup>-behind 2 juniors....

Some of the club's junior competitors put in some good times to be very competitive in the outright competition, as some as making for some close racing in the junior ranks.

Josh Hunt (Daewoo) took out first junior and also finished in 5<sup>th</sup> outright, under 2 seconds behind his father Rick....

Next junior home was Sam How driving his T-18, and 3<sup>rd</sup> junior was Danuel Whiteway in the Escort.

Kirsty McLachlan finished 18<sup>th</sup> in only her 2<sup>nd</sup> motorkhana, and is looking forward to her first Khanacross this week.

Joshua Newman was the only first time junior to compete at this one. Nephew to the Sutcliffe clan, Josh made the trip from Hobart especially and took advantage of using the club's Honda Civic.

Despite the windy and slippery conditions, most of the field had a ball, and are looking forward to Round 2 scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup> at Symmons Plains.



## **COMING MSCT EVENTS**

August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Khanacross Rd3	Powranna
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	Archers Manor
August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	State Drift Rd4	Symmons Plains
August 30 <sup>th</sup>	Khanacross Rd4	Powranna
September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	Archers Manor
September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Auspine Rally TRS5	Scottsdale
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Motorkhana Rd1	Symmons Plains
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	Archers Manor
October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Drift Meeting	Archers Manor
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Khanacross Rd5	Powranna
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	Archers Manor
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Motorkhana Rd2	TBA
November 29 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	TBA
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Drift Practice Day	Symmons Plains
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Motorkhana Rd2	Symmons Plains

See [www.msct.com.au](http://www.msct.com.au) for all details.

## TRS 5-The Auspine Rally.

A very healthy field of 17 lined up for the last round of the Tasmanian Rally Series-The Auspine Rally. Now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year, The Auspine always attracts good numbers, as it is a favourite with many of the crews, and this year was no different. This year attracted some mainland entries from across the ditch, as well as some new local ones too.

At the end of 7 stages (stage 4 was cancelled due to an accident), newly crowned State champion Craig Brooks with Daniel Willson (WRX) on board took the win. The pair needed a good result for Daniel to secure the 1<sup>st</sup> outright navigator for the series, which they did.

Lynn Rattray and Lindon Hills, also in a WRX finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, with Christian Philp and Damien Grimwood in the Cortina taking the 3<sup>rd</sup> place on the podium.

MSCT club members had mixed fortunes at this event....

Aaron Reader and Scott Murfet were our best placed members in the Mirage in 6<sup>th</sup> outright and 1<sup>st</sup> in class, although this didn't happen without some dramas. The pair managed to stick the car off the road at the very end of SS1, being very lucky to cross the timing board before doing so.

Shane Russell and Shaun Murfet were next best in the Lancer, finishing in 8<sup>th</sup> outright and 4<sup>th</sup> in class. This pair also stuck it off the road on SS1, although this was mid stage.

Tim Kulhanek finished the Auspine in 12<sup>th</sup> outright and 1<sup>st</sup> in class after a clean run all day, riding in the Charade with Scotty Newman.

The 2 remaining MSCT crews failed to finish this event.

First up was Jesse Reader and my good self, flinging his Bluebird through the shrubbery. Things were going swimmingly until 3<sup>rd</sup> gear in the gearbox cried enough at the end of stage 3.

Ben and Bec Sheldrick in their 1600 were the other DNF. Unfortunately a serious off put an end to their event near the end of stage 4. A ride in the ambulance and a quick trip to the Scottsdale hospital as a precaution, and they were given the all clear. Unfortunately the car was a bit untidy, but in true Baldrick tradition, the rebuild has already started.

At this stage, next year it would seem the club will only be running one round of the TRS, with Barry Oliver putting his hand up to Direct the event. A massive thanx goes to B.O. for putting his hand up. More details as they are finalized. All results can be found on the website.

Jase

Just a quick note to say thank you to everyone who helped out with Auspine Rally 2008. As this year was the 5th Auspine Rally, many officials have been at all Auspine Rallies over the last five years, so thank you for your loyalty. Without such great support we would not be able to run such a smooth event. I am hesitant to individually name people, as I always miss someone out.

A big thank you also to Auspine Ltd for their support, as a club we are very lucky to have event sponsors. Also thank you to Forestry Tasmania - Bass District, their support with the maintenance of the roads is fabulous, nothing is too much trouble.

As I said at the event, this was my last year as the event organiser and I hope that everyone continues to support this event.

Many thanks

Jayne

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## **Final Round SPG 2008 Tas Drift series – 4<sup>th</sup> October**

The final round of the series was held at Baskerville raceway earlier this month. It was extremely exciting day with many close battles throughout the day. MSCT members who competed on the day were John Dreyer, Damo Roach, Greg Brewer, Steve Cornish and Josh How.

First place was won by Hobart sporting car club's Ben Purtell, followed by another HSCC driver, Mark Rogers. A close battle for 3rd place was held between two of our own members Damo Roach and John Dreyer, but in the end John took out the 3rd place trophy leaving Damo in fourth.

The series standings were 1. Ben Purtell 2. Mark Beckett 3. Ash Courtney.

Damien Roach came 4th overall for the series and also took home the Cunic Constructions hard luck award for being at every round and narrowly missing out on a podium finish all year.

Rookie of the year went to Lloyd Smith.

### **Drift Practice**

A drift Practice day is scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> December at Symmons. This event will signal the end of our first year of being involved in drifting as a club.

Thanks to everyone who has helped make it happen! We are gearing up for a huge drift season in 2009 and are in negotiations with the Hobart Sporting Car Club and hope to hopefully run up to 3 rounds of the state series as well as 3 practice days.

A meeting is to be held this coming Thursday evening at 7.30pm (23rd October) at Archers manor to discuss the 2008 drift season. All current and future drivers/ helpers/ spectators are invited to come along and have a say, let us know what you thought, and what changes and improvements you would like to see for the Symmons events in 2009!!

Coby.

### **TARGA WEST.**

Once again, club member Barry Oliver made the trip west to tackle the event known as Targa West. Teamed up with Jim Richards in the Porsche 911GT2, the pair were front runners all weekend, eventually finishing in second place whilst battling eventual winner Steven Jones in the R35 GTR and 3<sup>rd</sup> place getter Kevin Weeks in the Lamborghini.

The Les Walkden Rallying entry of Longhurst/Taylor failed to finish.

## TASMANIAN TARMAC CHALLENGE.

The Tasmanian Tarmac Challenge (or Rallye Burnie as it was formally known), took to the roads of NW Tassie recently with a field of 33 entries.

This year, things were a little different, in that the field also included a field of 13 Australian Rally Championship cars contesting the final round of the ARC, on bitumen, for the first time.

MSCT member and TTC owner Les Walkden had 3 cars running in the event. The first was a WRX STI Spec C piloted by Tony Longhurst and Jahmeil Taylor, with the second being a similar vehicle driver by Les himself with Linda Long sitting beside him. Both of these cars were entered in the TTC.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> LWR entry was driven by Michael Guest and David Green in the ARC section of the event. This vehicle was a WRX STI.

The MSCT of course also had representation with Barry Oliver in the Porsche 911 GT2 with Jim Richards.

In the TTC section, Longhurst/Taylor finished in first place, tied with the Van den Berg brothers in their EVO9. Les finished in 14<sup>th</sup> spot.

Barry Oliver and Jim Richards, struggled with the powerful 2WD and damp roads. They also had trouble with one of the intake pipes slipping off. Unfortunately, the pair retires during heat 2, suffering their first mechanical DNF in 6 years.

In the ARC, the round was won by Neil Bates and Coral Taylor in the S2000 Corolla, followed by team mates Simon and Sue Evans, also in an S2000 Corolla.

Michael Guest and David Green in the LWR car had a weekend worth forgetting. In shakedown, the car had a gearbox failure, which was changed overnight before the event started on the Saturday morning. During the second stage of the event, the gearbox failed again, necessitating another box change at first service. Then, after leaving service, it was apparent something was not right in the drivetrain and a return to service was called. It was discovered that the replacement box had the incorrect diff ratio fitted, and the box came out once more.....

Local gravel guys to enter the event faired reasonably well. Craig Brooks and Daniel Willson suffered an engine oil leak on day 1, but overnight repairs saw them back on a charge to finish day 2 in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

David Waldon and Ross Ferguson were entered in Waldo's new WRX, which is the sister car to Brooksy's WRX.

After battling handling problems for most of the weekend, and trying to come to grips with a completely new vehicle, the pair finished day 2 in 7<sup>th</sup> position.

All results can be seen at [www.tarmacchallenge.com.au](http://www.tarmacchallenge.com.au)

## Rallye Tour de Corsica WRC13.

Australian WRC driver has finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place to hold onto 4<sup>th</sup> in the championship at the recent Corsica Rally.

Well known for being very punishing on tyres, this tarmac event was held just one week after the last round, giving the teams very little time to prepare.

Atkinson had been running in the top 6 all weekend, and after suffering a puncture on stage 9, was lucky to have a decent margin on 7<sup>th</sup> place, and therefore not dropping a place.

His Subaru team mate Petter Solberg finished in 5<sup>th</sup> position.

Once again Loeb took out the event by a massive 3min 24 seconds in the Citroen, from Hirvonen and Duval, both in a Ford Focus.

Rally Japan in next on the calendar, to be held in November.

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