

MOTOR SPORTS CLUB



OF TASMANIA

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2015 Club Committee

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| <u>President:</u> | Jason Milner |
| <u>Snr Vice President:</u> | Kevin Quigley |
| <u>Jnr Vice President:</u> | Jason Martin |
| <u>Secretary:</u> | Craig Large |
| <u>Treasurer:</u> | Mitchell Newton |
| <u>Public Officer:</u> | Barry Oliver |
| <u>Membership Officer:</u> | Jason Milner |
| <u>Club Captain:</u> | Kevin Quigley |
| <u>State Council Representative:</u> | Jason Martin |
| <u>Alternate State Council Representative:</u> | Jason Milner |
| <u>TRAP Representative:</u> | Jason Milner |
| <u>Website Administrator:</u> | Nathan Lambert |
| <u>Media Manager:</u> | Mark Young |
| <u>Junior Development:</u> | Stefen Lendvay |
| <u>Newsletter Editor</u> | Matt Best |

General Committee:

Kevin Quigley, Jason Martin, Barry Oliver, Ben Hoare, Nathan Lambert, Craig Twining, Mark Young, Stefan Lendvay

Life Members and Patrons:

Terry Rowbottom, Terry Bracken, Rogan Peck, Rodney Peck, Lynette New, Jeff Mace, Graeme Page, John Brock, Fleur Peck, Denis Viney, Craig Arnold, Angela Arnold, Barry New, Barry Oliver, Michael Luscombe

President's Report

So 2015 quickly disappeared and we were thrown head first into 2016.

The last quarter of the year was quite busy within the club, and finished off how the year was progressing; very successful.

We rounded out the Legana Tyres and More Khanacross and Motorkhana Series'. We held the inaugural Yohohama Gymhana, The Les Walkden Rallying Mt Stages Rally, as well as a very well received Come and Khanacross come and try day.

Moving into 2016 and we hit the ground running with the AGM and Awards Dinner (being held on the same night this year, flyer included), our first 2 rounds of the Legana Tyres and More Motorkhana Series at Symmons Plains, and the first round of the LT&M Khanacross Series all early in the year. This is followed by our first of 2 Gymkhana events at the Silverdome, and our first of 2 rounds of the TRS this year with the Retreat Rally. Stay tuned for important developments on that front. For a full list of our events, check out the website. For a full list of CAMS events in Tasmania, the 2016 CAMS calendars should be out soon....

Speaking of the AGM... This is where our committee for 2016 is decided on. Have a look at the amount of events we are running this year. This is a small portion of the workload of the club and its committee. The club always welcomes any club members wishing to join the committee. As they say "many hands makes light work"

Our Khanacross complex at Powranna is receiving another round of works as you read this, in preparation for the coming season. Under the watchful eye of the Khanacross committee, a substantial amount of money is being spent to further improve the already outstanding facility.

Jase.

Editors Report

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2016. Firstly my apologies for such a long time between editions and the brevity of this one. However there has been little passed my way in content.

Remember, this is your newsletter and its publication is dependent on actually having things to publish. So, if you have a story to tell, want to brag about your project, or you had such a ball at your last event you want to tell everyone, put pen to paper - or fingers to keys, or whatever the cool kids are doing these days - and send it through to me. It doesn't need to be War and Peace, nor even grammatically correct, as long as it's something. I'm happy to iron out creases and assist in making it fit for mass consumption, but I need a starting point. Remember, those stories that you consider boring and routine, may be just the thing others are waiting to hear about.

Enough of that though. 2016 is shaping up to be another ball tearer of a year with our first event only a few weeks away at Symmons Plains. We have got three events happening over the next month, including the return of last years successful Gymkhana at the Silverdome. There's plenty on offer to keep us from roaming the streets, with heaps of inspiration for any budding authors out there who want to see their name in lights - or Times New Roman at least.

Don't forget the AGM is this Saturday 6th February at Archers Manor, followed by the MSCT Annual Dinner and Awards night. More details can be found later in the newsletter, including a nomination form for anyone keen to put their hand up to help - hint, hint.

That's it for me I think. Hopefully we can make these things more regular, but I need content - even bad content is better than no content.

And don't forget to support your Club. There's something for everyone in 2016, well maybe not full contact lawn bowls fans perhaps, but the other bases are pretty much covered.

Until next time.

Matt

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Membership Report

Memberships are traditionally quiet around the end of year/new year period, but the club is sitting around the very healthy 100 member mark. We will have a flurry of renewals/applications as our first few competitive events kick off in February and March.

Since our last newsletter, welcome to our new members:-

Jaylene Deane, Christine Davies, Kelli Large, James Large, Andrew Newton, Tammy Reardon, Brady Anthes, Thomas Byrne, Jacob D'Alessandro, Ashley Stafford, Michael Stewart, Mark Fordham, Adam Austen, Ira Bleakley, Keith Burton, Dean Withers.

Don't forget that your club membership needs to be current for you to be eligible ANY CAMS affiliated Motorsport event, and also for you to be eligible to collect points in any MSCT Series.

Jase

Member Profile

Name: Barry Oliver

Age: 71

Occupation: Retired

Married with 1 son, 3 daughters, 2 grandsons, and 4 granddaughters

History:

First contact with the sport was when I attended the Longford race meeting in March 1955 as a spectator at age 11.

Over the following years I became a very avid follower of all forms of motorsport.

Was introduced to course commentary at Symmons Plains at the Touring Car championship meeting in March 1980.

Provided commentary for many disciplines of the sport including Circuit Racing ,Speedway ,Drag Racing ,Rallies and Karting.

Australian Touring Car/V8 Supercar championship series on-course commentator 1992 to 2007

V8 Development series on course commentator 2001 to 2007

Formula Ford championship commentator 1994-2002

Rally Australia commentator 2000,2001,2002.

Chairman of CAMS Tasmania State Council. 2003 -2013

Chairman of the State Race Advisory Panel.2003-2015

Member of the CAMS Australian Motor Race Commission. 2010-2013

Chairman Tasmanian Motorsport Hall of Fame.

Member of the Motor Sports Club since the early 1980s and now a life member.

Provided weekly motorsport column to the Examiner newspaper since 1988.

Presented motorsport segments on Radio and local TV in the eighties and nineties.

Targa Tasmania winner with Jim Richards:

1996,1997,1998,2000,2001,2002,2003,2006.

Gold ,Platinum ,Diamond ,Golden Diamond and Platinum, and Diamond trophy winner Targa Tasmania.

Inducted into the Targa Tasmania Hall of Fame 2008.

Now listed as one of seven Targa Tasmania Legends.

Rally Tasmania winner with Jim Richards: 2002 ,2003 ,2006 and 2011.

Rallye Burnie winner with Jim Richards: 2005 and 2007.

Targa New Zealand winner with Jim Richards: 2004 and 2005.

Mt Buller Sprint winner with Jim Richards: 2004 and 2005.

Lake Mountain Sprint winner with Jim Richards: 2007.

Targa West winner with Jim Richards: 2007 and 2012,

Targa West 2014: Winner of Showroom class.

Targa High Country 2014: Winner of Showroom class.

Event Report - Come and Khanacross

Towards the end of 2015 the MSCT ran a come and try day called 'Come and Khanacross'. A CAMS funded initiative, the event attracted 15 entrants with absolutely no previous experience in Khanacross driving. Even the CAMS Sport Development and Administration officer attended!

After a drivers briefing, the entrants were given a general run down on the discipline of Khanacross, the rules, and the objectives, and a free showbag filled with goodies. They were then let loose on the tracks, in cars generously loaned by current Khanacross members. We stopped for the obligatory BBQ lunch, where everyone had a bit of a debrief, and compared notes and experiences, then headed back out on the tracks. They were given the chance to change cars if they wished, for a different experience.

It was very clear from very early on, judging by the grins on faces and the excited chatter, that the day was a great success. Hopefully that excitement was enough to encourage some of the entrants to find a car and enter an event in the near future. Time will tell....

All in all, a very successful exercise for the MSCT, for CAMS, and for the 15 people that did our Come and Khanacross day.

A Blast from the Past. My First Motor Sport Experience.

This year marks sixty years since my late father Bob took me to the famed Longford circuit for the two plus four race meeting on the 5th of March 1955 as an excited eleven year old.

Even now I have some vivid memories of the meeting and the impact it had on me but I never imagined in my wildest dreams that it would be the first step into a career that has encompassed competition, commentary, journalism, event organising, and administration.

Even as a small child I was always interested in cars and from an early age was able to identify all the different makes (Holden, Ford Customline, Zephyr, Consul, Simca, Renault, Volkswagen, Vanguard, Dodge, Chrysler, Pontiac, Chevrolet, Jaguar, Austin, Wolseley, etc) as we drove down the road in the family Chevrolet Ute or the subsequent 48-215 Holdens.

The gun car at that second meeting (the first was in 1953) was the V8 powered Allard of Tom Hawkes which achieved a top speed of 220 kph on the flying mile and lapped the circuit at an average speed of 131 kph.

At the time this was pretty amazing and brave as the almost eight kilometre circuit was very narrow and lined with trees which had a couple of hay bales from Ron McKinnon's adjoining farm as 'Safety barriers'.

The car was fitted with trick Ardun heads and competed as a racing car without the usual cycle guards and it also featured a surprising amount of positive (no mistake) camber at the front end.

The feature race for cars was the 10 lap Tasmanian Tourist Trophy which was a handicap race and not surprisingly Hawkes was off scratch.

The race was won by Victorian Lyndon Duckett in a black Bugatti which had a non standard Anzani engine and while I can't remember who finished second I do remember the late Lyn Archer of Hobart finishing third in his Austin Healey.

It was my first sighting of a Healey and I have been in love with them ever since.

Tom Hawkes also competed in a seven lap handicap race and with two laps to go ran out of fuel but he was able to call into the pits, which were on the flying mile, and top up while the race was stopped because the Tasman Limited train was coming through Longford.

This happened on a number of occasions such as in 1965 when Allan Moffat went out for his first laps of the circuit on Friday afternoon in his Lotus Cortina and was stopped by an official with a red flag at Longford.

Moffat was clearly incensed and after the train went through he took off like a mad man and it all ended in tears when he came off Long Bridge on two wheels and overshot Newry corner into the bank.

The front wheels finished up pointing in opposite directions but the car was subsequently repaired and competed over the weekend.

It was the first time I had seen him in action and many years later I had the honour of interviewing him and I reminded him of the occasion.

He just smiled and said 'I've mellowed over the years but I must say I was pretty pissed off with being stopped by a train'.

Going back to 1955 I also remember my first encounter with the master of handicap races the late Dick Crawford who won the Gorrings Motors handicap race in his Morris Minor.

The gun machine for the motorcycles and the major drawcard for the 25,000 spectators on both the Saturday and the Monday was the appearance of 500cc world champion Geoff Duke on his works 500cc four cylinder Italian Gilera.

Duke was in a class of his own recording 240 kph on the flying mile and a record average lap speed of 140 kph.

Barry Oliver

Upcoming Club Events

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| 6th February | AGM/End Of Year Dinner | Archers Manor |
| 9th February | MSCT Committee Meeting | Archers Manor |
| 20th February | Motorkhana Round 1 | Symmons Plains |
| 5th March | Gymkhana | Silverdome |
| 8th March | MSCT Committee Meeting | Archers Manor |
| 19th March | Khanacross Round 1 | Powranna |
| 9th April | State Motorkhana Round 2 | Symmons Plains |
| 12th April | MSCT Committee Meeting | Archers Manor |
| 30th April | Tas Rally Series Rnd 1 | Retreat |
| 10th May | MSCT Committee Meeting | Archers Manor |
| 14th May | Khanacross Round 2 | Powranna |
| 14th June | Committee Meeting | Archers Manor |
| 25th June | State Motorkhana Round 3 | Symmons Plains |



AGM & DINNER

6TH FEBRUARY 2016

The Motor Sports Club of Tasmania are hosting their Annual General Meeting & Awards Dinner

You are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Motor Sports Club of Tasmania. All committee positions are to be re-elected, and members are able to nominate themselves or a fellow member of the club. This is a great opportunity to become more involved with your club and how it is managed.

This will then be followed by the Awards Dinner hosted by Barry Oliver. As in previous years, the Awards Dinner will be a casual evening starting around 7:30pm. All members, past and present, and their friends and family are welcome. Please come along and help celebrate the achievements of our members in 2016.

Agenda will include:

- *Business arising
- *Treasurer's report
- *President's report
- *Election of officer bearers:
 - *President
 - *Vice President x2
 - *Secretary
 - *Treasurer
- *General committee
- *General Business

TO BE HELD AT:

Archers Manor

17 Alanvale Road,

Alanvale.

6.00pm

Saturday the 6th of
February 2016

2016 Annual General Meeting



6pm, Saturday, 6th February.

Archers Manor, Alanvale Rd, Newnham

Nominations for all executive positions and the general committee will be taken on the evening. New general committee nominations are very welcome, and we hope to see more MSCT members assist in the running of the club for its membership in 2016.

2016 MSCT Committee Nomination Form

I would like to nominate: _____

for the position of _____

Proposed _____ Seconded _____
(name) (name)

(signature)

(signature)

I _____ agree to be nominated for the above position.

Signed: _____
(signature of nominee)

Date: _____



*Save
the Date*



Date: Saturday 27th February 2016

Time: 6:30pm

Venue: Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston

OFFICIAL INVITATION TO FOLLOW

CONFEDERATION OF AUSTRALIAN MOTOR SPORT