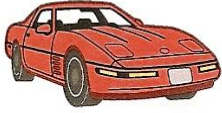


# MarqueTIMES



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**MARCH 2010**



*JUST PART OF ONE OF CLUB MEMBER WAYNE CLARKE'S TASSIE ALADDIN'S CAVES*

*See photos of Wayne's other motoring jewels and Skimmo's comments at page 8.*

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### A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I am now into my eighteenth year of my Tropical Adventure and I can hardly remember a wet season which has lasted as long as the current one; usually it's all over in a fortnight. So far though, the wet hasn't impacted on our 2010 club events although with a couple of months to go, anything is possible. Let's all cross our fingers and hope that the weather patterns continue to leave us unscathed.  
Wilf Hardy

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# EVENTS DIARY 2010

- MARCH** - Saturday 27th. Driver Training/Testing, Bohle Kart Track Shaw Rd.  
Sunday 28th. Drive Day. Northern Beaches tour.
- APRIL** - Thursday 8th. Tavern Dinner.  
Sunday 18th. Graham's day - Drive to Forrest Beach.  
- Mareeba Bitumen Sprint Series.  
Saturday 24th. *Zinc* 100.7 Bitumen Sprint Series - Round 1.
- MAY** - Wednesday 5th. Tavern Dinner.  
Saturday 8th. Club Drag Night - Drag Strip Shaw Rd. The Bohle.  
Saturday 15th. - Cairns Car Show & Swap Meet. Contact: Neil, 0423712011.  
Saturday 15th./Sunday 16th. - Drive to Ravenswood for overnight Murder Mystery Party.  
Saturday 22nd. - *Zinc* 100.7 Bitumen Sprint Series - Round 2.  
Sunday 23rd. Northern Beaches Festival NQ Wheels Rally, Balgal Beach.  
Sunday 30th. Bluewater Ute, Car and Bike Show.
- JUNE** - Saturday 12th. Club in support of Running Rally, V8 Track.  
Saturday 12th./Sunday 13th. Charters Towers Swap Meet.  
Sunday 13th. Mareeba Bitumen Sprint Series  
Sunday 20th. All British Day (Date to be confirmed).  
Saturday 26th. - *Zinc* 100.7 Bitumen Sprint Series - Round 3.  
Saturday 26th./Sunday 27th. Christmas in Paluma.
- JULY** - Saturday 3rd. The Strand Charity Cruise.  
Sunday 4th. Club Car Show, Strand Park.  
Fri/Sat/Sun 9th - 11th. **Townville 400 - V8 Track.**  
Saturday 17th. *Zinc* 100.7 Bitumen Sprint Series - Round 4.  
Tuesday 20th. Tavern Dinner.  
Saturday 24th./Sunday 25th. *MOTORMANIA* cq, Rocky Street Sprint.
- AUGUST** - Saturday 7th./Sunday 8th. Drive to Bowen for Overnight Stay and Car Show.  
Sunday 8th. Mareeba Bitumen Sprint Series.  
Sunday 22nd. Drive Day.  
Saturday 28th. *Zinc* 100.7 Bitumen Sprint Series - Round 5. - **V8 Track.**
- SEPTEMBER** - Saturday 11th. Poker Run.  
Sunday 12th. Mareeba Bitumen Sprint Series.  
Saturday 18th. *Zinc* 100.7 Bitumen Sprint Series - Round 6. - **V8 Track.**  
Thursday 30th. Tavern Dinner.

**OCTOBER** - Sunday 3rd. Drive Day.  
Saturday 16th. Zinc 100.7 Bitumen Sprint Series - Round 7.  
Sunday 24th. Drive Day.

**NOVEMBER** - Sunday 14th. Drive Day.  
- Mareeba Bitumen Sprint Series.  
Saturday 20th. Christmas Party and Trophy Presentation, NQ Club Denham St. City.  
Sunday 28th. Drive Day.

**DECEMBER** - Sunday 11th. Christmas Lights Cruise.  
Thursday 16th. Tavern Dinner.



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## PRESIDENT'S BLOG

The first couple of events this year have been well attended. We started off with the dinner at the Avenues Hotel, which was then followed by a drive and dinner at the Bohle Pub. I must say that our plan to eat our way through the many pubs of Townsville is proving to be a great idea. We have found many great feeds and hopefully will continue to find more.

We then took a drive out to Mingela for lunch at the local pub. Lunch was great value, buy a beer and it was thrown in. We were heavily outnumbered by the motorbikes, there must have been 40 bikes there. The best way to describe the day was HOT, damn hot. I must thank Mark and Julie for the text messages telling me that although it was 38 outside, the Monaro was a cool 20 degrees inside. We only took 8 cars for the drive. Travis's car was the only one with an issue. Bloody Valiants. Had to be rescued by Wilf in his Triumph TR2, how's that for a twist.

First part of the race program starts on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, with our Come and Try / Driver Training / Practice day. Scrutineering starts at 9.00am with a talk from Cookie, track walks and more talk from Cookie, and of course we will then get some track time, with a talk from Cookie. On a serious note, we must thank Ian for giving his time attempting to help us understand and improve our driving.

This will then be followed on the very next day with our annual Northern Beaches Tour. This is always a popular drive and has been well attended in past years. So roll out whatever car you choose to use on the day and join in the fun meandering in and out of the beach suburbs, giving the locals a good look-see at our interesting cars. Details will be advised closer to the day, including the venue for lunch.

See you all at our next event.

Zeds Rule

Michael

# Marque Sports Car Register NQ INC- AGM 2009 minutes

15 December 2009, Annandale community centre

Meeting Opened at 19:45 hours

**Present:** Graham Williams, Wilf Hardy, Paul Auditore, Andrew Nelson, John Hotschilt, Les Gibney, Janet Gibney, Mal Burgess, Sandra Burgess, Julie Mearns, Mark Davies, Shane Cattle, Melissa Cattle, Rod Nedwick, Gary Craig, Lindsay Brown, Todd Martin, Martin Arrowsmith, Stuart O'Sullivan, Warren Skimmings, Denise Skimmings, Michael Seymour, Alan Nelson, Dick Boardman.

**Apologies:** Geoff Parnell, Noel Radford, Don and Greg Grierson, Paul O'Sullivan, Rex Goodby, Peter Rea, Pat Driscoll.

**Minutes of the previous AGM:** Owing to the change of secretary and a variety of other things were not located until a few days after the AGM, but are available for inspection and were published in the November 2008 Marque Times.

**Treasurers Report:** As of 15 December 2009

Club has 98 family members;

All Accounts have been paid;

Club as \$ 38,654.17 invested @ 5.25% until Sept 2010;

Cheque A/c balance \$4956.11.

The club books have been audited and are available for inspection as is the Auditors report.

Positions declared vacant and nominations called by Chairman Michael Seymour.

Nominations as follows:

President Michael Seymour

Vice President Warren Skimmings

Secretary Alan Nelson

Treasurer Denise Skimmings

Social Secretary Sandra Burgess

Social Committee; Graham Williams.

Editor Wilf Hardy

Committee Members Pat Driscoll, Mal Burgess, Geoff Parnell and Les Gibney

All positions carried by acclamation:

Other business: badges and shirts examples circulated at meeting; Badges to cost \$16-00 likely sale price \$20-00

January planning meeting at BP Cluden in January- TBA

Sprints Series: W Skimmings: 5 round to count, 2 other rounds with alternative venue being the V8 track.

Driver Training day in March. Will need a race secretary during the early events as the Skimmings in Tasmania during this period.

Special mentions: Warren Skimmings QLD CAMS official of the year.

Life Memberships award at Dinner to: Denise Skimmings and Warren Skimmings, Alan Nelson, Geoff Parnell and Wilf Hardy.

Meeting closed at 20:15 Hours

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## SEEKING COMPETITORS!

### Rocky Street Sprint Rockhampton, Queensland 24 - 25 July 2010

The inaugural *Rocky Street Sprint* (originally named Heritage Street Sprint) will take place in the Showgrounds precinct of Rockhampton on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 July 2010. The bitumen street sprint is part of MotorMania CQ, a nine-day festival of motor sporting and motor enthusiast events and activities in Rockhampton, Gladstone and Yeppoon from 17 - 25 July, 2010.

For your chance to compete in the inaugural 'Rocky Street Sprint', please return this form to:

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Central Queensland Motorsport Expo Association  
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YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ ENGINE CAPACITY: \_\_\_\_\_

LOGBOOK NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER VEHICLE DETAILS (INCLUDING MAJOR MODIFICATIONS): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Last night, my kids and I were sitting in the living room and I said to them, "I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug."

They got up, unplugged the computer and threw out my wine!!

The little B's.....

# THE SKIMMINGS TRAVELOGUE - TASMANIA

*The following are the first two epistles from the Skimmos on their Southern adventures. Ed*

13th February 2010

Hi All,

Sorry for not emailing you all earlier in our trip. We have been very busy every day with things to do and see. We are in Hobart at the moment and it has been cool [bloody cold by my Nth Qld reckoning] for the last few days. The maximums have been only about 20 and that is only when the sun breaks through for a moment. The bloody Tasmanians are still only wearing a shirt because they reckon this is "Summer".

Some of the highlights so far have been our stay at Longford, the historic town of Ross [the newest thing in the whole town is the old Holden dealership dating from the early fifties - yes Todd I have a photo], the Bay of Fires drive, a little zoo near Bicheno with Tasmanian Devils and Wombats along with Coles Bay and Wineglass Bay on the Freycinet Peninsula.

We are off to Port Arthur tomorrow for two days. You will have get your atlas out to check where I am talking about. Then we come back through Hobart to camp at a place called Snug. We are booked to go on a boat trip around the southern part of Bruny Island on Wednesday. They tell us we will be able to see a seal colony, along with penguins and dolphins in the wild.

With that part of the trip completed we are then off to the west coast of Tassie, then follow it north to come back along the north-west area back to where we started in Devonport by the end of the first week in March. Some of the things we are looking forward to in this part of the trip are the old ratchet railway trip from Queenstown to Strahan, the river cruise on the Arthur River [this place has never been logged], climb the Nut in Stanley, the plunge down the slide at Dismal Swamp and the scenery at the Cradle Mountain area. I am sure there will be a lot more unexpected highlights along the way.

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1st. March 2010

This should be the last of our Tasmanian travel broadcasts as we are due on the boat for the big island on Sunday. We are on schedule to have seen all we wanted to get to by then.

We are currently in Stanley [on the North West coast]. It is a very pretty town right on the coast nestled under the dominant "Nut" headland. We walked all over the top of this feature yesterday in very strong bitterly cold winds. Thank heavens the sun was shining. The weather today is better although it dropped to 4 degrees this morning and some of the local farms had a light frost. I am glad this is really "Summer"



Since our last communications we have travelled to Cockle Creek [the most southerly place you can get to without some serious walking], back through Hobart again still without seeing the top of MT Wellington, then headed west along the Lyell Highway to Lake St Clair, Queenstown and Strahan.

One of my highlights was the trip on the old steam train from Strahan to Queenstown. This train once hauled the ore from Queenstown to the coast over a very steep range. It has a ratchet drive system for the steep parts of the journey and climbs at one point up a 1 in 12 incline. That translates to every 12 meters of travel it rises 1 meter and is the steepest rail incline in the southern hemisphere. A normal train can only handle a 1 in 40 incline. We also did the usual tourist things by going on the Gordon River Cruise and taking in a guided tour of "Sarah Island". A very spooky place.

We then spent a couple of days at Waratah and travelled to the Cradle Mountain park from there. It was a glorious day and it is really as beautiful as all the travel brochures say it is. The locals reckon that day's weather was the best you can expect there. Lots of sunshine but with a very sneaky breeze.

We then travelled north to Burnie where we struck one of those coincidences [Denise refuses to believe it] to find that the Rally of Tasmania was on that weekend. We sought out some friends to many of the older members of this club in Keith and Mary-Ann Callinan from Mackay who were competing in the Classic section of this event in their DeTomaso Pantera. It is a round of the Australian Rally Championship with all stages run on bitumen following many of the famed Targa roads. Keith and Mary-Ann blitzed their opposition and easily won the Classic section of the event. Their total time was good enough to have been 4th outright in the ARC and in the top 10 overall. Attached is a photo I took of KC being conservative for once with a camera pointed his way.



We are off to the Arthur River area tomorrow along with Dismal Swamp [and the huge slide there]. After that we will working our way back to Devonport for the ferry on Sunday. The schedule is then to Adelaide for the Clipsal V8 event, then back to Phillip Island for the historic races and then the Australian Grand Prix the weekend after.

Thinking of you all sweating away [and working] in the deep North.

Denise and Skimmo.

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### WAYNE CLARKE'S TASSIE ALADDIN'S CAVE

As you are probably aware we are currently touring with our caravan in Tasmania. In Devonport I went to see one of member Wayne Clarke's sheds to view just some of his car collection. I believe there are a lot more stored in other places around the area.

I have attached some photos of those cars. There are several turbo Porsches, Jaguar E types, Lotus' [including a 23B and Elans], Austin Healey 100/6's, Ferraris, BMW's, Alfa Romeos, a single Aston Martin, 454 manual Corvette and a BMW historic single motorcycle.

Regards Skimmo.



*Oh Boy! Any one of them would do me for Christmas! Ed.*

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## REPORT ON DRIVE DAY TO MINGELA PUB

A total of eight cars braved the heat on Sunday 7th March for the drive to the Mingela Hotel . Assembling at the Stuart Hotel were, Mal and Sandra in the GT6+, Paul and Maureen in their newly acquired chrome bumper MGB, Travis in the Chrysler Valiant, Mike in Skimmø Z, Wilf in the TR2 and Mark and Julie as the only sensible members, rolled up in their air conditioned Holden V8 rather than their Spriget. Les Gibney caught up in the entourage when we stopped at the Calcium BP to let the oldies cool off a little. Of course the TR2, being an archetypal Brit, initially refused to start (again) obviously overcome by the heat as per usual, with petrol gushing forth everywhere but into the cylinders! However the great thing about the drive, was that so many of the older cars turned out.



### OUR CARS COOL OFF AT MINGELA - THE TRIUMPHS NEEDED THE SHADE

As Sandra commented, you drive to the Mingela Pub for the experience, not for the free lunch which in hindsight, wasn't all that bad after all. There was some concern that the roast and veg would all be consumed by the hundred or so bikies before those of us at the rear of the queue made it to the business end, but all worked out okay in the end.



### RELAXING WITH THE OBLIGATORY BEER PRIOR TO LUNCH - LOVE THAT PROFESSIONALLY HUNG SHADE SAIL!

On the way home, Wilf had to slow down the TR2 to let Mike in Skimmø Z catch up and ease past.

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