

Proposal for Motorsports for 2009/2010

In conjunction with Queensland Raceway (QR) we now have available new possibilities for hosting of Motorsport activities in 2009 and beyond. QR can now offer us 20 places for \$1,500 per day at one or more of their many sprint days held during the year at both QR and Lakeside. This compares to costs in the past of hiring tracks for half a day of up to \$5,000. If we have 20 competitors the cost per competitor to the Club would be \$75.00. Obviously if we don't fill all positions the cost per competitor rises. This cost is extremely favourable to normal competitor early bird entries of approximately \$135.00.

The basis of the proposal is that it is not necessarily the fastest around the track that will be the overall winner. It is about individuals setting a pace they feel comfortable with in their first event with points given for each 0.5 of a second improvement in subsequent events. Even if you don't want to actively compete it is a great opportunity to take your car out and safely and legally stretch its legs.

On a typical day we would get 4 sessions in each event. Depending on popularity we may make one of these sessions an untimed session to enable participants to take their families out for some track time.

There is a possibility of some in car guidance from QR officials for first timers or those wanting to improve.

Features of Proposal

- The Club puts at risk \$1500.00 during the 2009 year to run 3 planned events in the following manner. The progress would be reviewed after each event to ensure that we do not lose more than the \$1500.00 maximum cap.
- We would plan to run 3 events in 2009. All 3 at QR. If successful we can look at including Lakeside in 2010. This will allow members to build skill levels at a more forgiving circuit. If we get a good response to the proposal by way of high attendance we would look at running up to 5 events in 2010.
- The Club would provide trophies for First to Third in following categories.
 - Male Motorsports champion
 - Female Motorsports champion
- To be eligible for a trophy you would have to attend a minimum of 2 events and we would judge the winners based on best 2 events. In 2010 you would need to attend at least 3 events and scoring would be based on best 3 events.
- The points system would work as follows:
 - 20 points for attendance at each day
 - First day out competitors only receive attendance points i.e. 20 and set base times on the layouts used.
 - Then at each event thereafter competitors get an additional point for each half second of improvement from the base time.

- We would write in a clause to cover competitors who may decide to “fox” on the first day to gain more points from a massive improvement. It would state that the organisers reserve the right to award and or not award points as they see fit.
- The system rewards the people that support the Club by attending as many or all events possible and also rewards improvement through the year. After all it's about having people become better drivers by improving their performance and the Club should also reward those that attend all events and help pay the bills.
- We would charge competitors \$100.00 per event. If we get full numbers we would make a profit of \$500.00 for the event. This can be used to offset event costs where we don't get full numbers. Competitors only other costs would be the annual AASA licence at a cost of approximately \$55.00 per year or they can get a day licence at a cost of \$25.00. A small timing strip would be fitted to the screen of each car and this remains there for all future events. Obviously competitors have the running costs on their car for the day.

Benefits of proposal over alternatives available in the past.

- The most the Club has at risk is \$1500.
- All safety and marshal activities are provided for by QR officials.
- We would be run in our own group.
- We can set our own rules on top of normal track rules.
- All drivers would attend a briefing before competition. This includes an additional briefing for first time drivers and if we desire a third briefing for our Club members outlining our rules. This is done by QR officials.
- Any Club member disobeying either the track or our rules will be black flagged and asked to leave for the day.
- All timing would be done by QR and the results available to all. We can use this to record times for each competitor and to allocate points towards the end of year trophy.
- It is about beating your own time and not others. This enables all to participate at a pace that suits them.
- We want to encourage the Ladies to participate as well.
- There would be no passing in corners. All passing would have to be done on the straights and in a sensible manner.
- We can build in other rules that we believe will make the event better for the Club members.

This is an initial draft of what is proposed. We are open and welcome input from Club members. We have a representative from QR attending the May meeting to talk about how this works and has worked for other Clubs and the other lessons learned. He will also be able to answer any questions you may have. Following the May meeting we would plan 3 sessions in the last 6 months of the year with the dates published in June magazine to enable all those interested to plan their attendance.

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