



MARCH 2011

The Official Newsletter of the
Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting Club Inc.

Welcome to the March newsletter and remember the club will be meeting on Wednesday, the 16th of March, at Mudgeeraba Showgrounds at 7.30pm (see map).



The WRC Career of Ari Vatanen is covered in this months magazine

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Please consult the GCTMC Inc website for up to date event information, news and club activities. The **Club Membership Form** can be found attached to this edition and also on the GCTMC Home page.

Change to GCTMC Meeting Location

Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting Club now has a new club room and will now be meeting at the Mudgeeraba Showgrounds located at the corner of Mudgeeraba Rd and Worongary Rd.



Entry is off Mudgeeraba Rd and then left as you enter the showgrounds.

Editors Blurb – Thomas Rosengreen

Hi again all, and yes, your stuck with me and my ranting for another season so strap yourself in.....

A big THANKS is in order for the new Committee members for stepping up and taking on the various roles that keep our club motoring along. Without these guys, the Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting Club would simply not exist.

Apart from the floods, cyclones and earthquakes, it has been a fairly quiet summer. Thankfully the motorsporting year has kicked off with the WRC in Sweden last month and again in Mexico on the weekend with new tyre suppliers, a changed point system and new look S2000 cars.

The Border Ranges Rally is fast approaching (Sat 9th of April) and I'm sure it's going to be a great event especially if

you are competing. If your not having a run (like me), the Club would appreciate any of your spare time lending a hand with all things needed to help run the event. If you can help, please email Bob at bowden@hn.ozemail.com.au as soon as possible. Further info on the Rally can be sourced in the Press Release found later in the newsletter or on the GCTMC website.



Peter Solberg flies his DS3 at Rally Sweden.

I apologise for any errors in this month newsletter as I'm a bit short for time due to the fact that I have a few weeks leave as of tomorrow. This months article is on someone I'm sure many club members would regard as one of the best rally drivers of all time (probably because he was the only one to win a World Championship entirely driving an Escort [Björn Waldegård won the drivers title driving an Escort in 1979 but he also drove a Mercedes 450 SLC 5.0 in 2 rallies]), Ari Vatanen.

Tanah Kita Khanacross 1 – 13/03/2011

The first Khanacross of 2011 is scheduled for this Sunday at Yawalpah Road, Pimpama (entry is off Wallaby Way, follow the signs). At time of writing, the event still looks like a goer but remember to keep one eye on the sky and the other on the website for updates. Relevant forms including Sup Regs are on the GCTMC website. Don't forget your club membership card, current CAMS licence and CTP extension.

2010 Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting Club Championship

Congratulations to all the 2010 Club Champions! The following is the official Pointscore and champion list.

- **Club Champion – Tony Taylor**
- **Sprint Champion – Ron Van Opstal**
- **Ladies Champion – Lynne Taylor**
- **Junior Champion – Connor Oldham**

GCTMC - CLUB POINTSCORE 2010																		
	Last Name	First Name	Jan meeting -AGM-	Feb meeting	March meeting	April meeting	Khanacross 9/05/10	May Social night	Khanacross 23/05/10	June meeting	July Meeting	Training Day 8/08/10	August Meeting	Khanacross 25/08/10	September Social Night	October Meeting	November Meeting	Total
1	Taylor	Tony		2	2	2	7		10			5	2	9		2	2	43
2	Voevodin	Ivan	2	2	2	2	10		9					10		2	2	41
3	King	Ron	2	2	2	2	10		9	N	N		2	9			2	40
4	Preston	Peter	2	2	2	2	9		10	O	O	5	2			2	2	38
5	Linning	Matt			2		11		10				2	9			2	36
6	Rosengreen	Thomas	2		2		10		9				2	7		2		34
7	Van Opstal	Ron					9		11	Q	Q	3		11				34
8	Brown	Shaun	2						7	U	U	5		10		2		26
9	Nicholson	Quinton					7		8	O	O	3		8				26
10	Lockhart	Peter			2	2			8	R	R		2	9			2	25
11	Ruse	Jason	2	2	2	2			10	U	U	3	2				2	25
12	Taylor	Lynne			2		8		5	M	M		2	5			2	24
13	Bowden	Bob	2	2	2	2	9									2	2	21
14	Bruce	Mick	2	2	2		3							7				16
15	Oldham	Connor					10		5									15
16	D'Ercole	Robert	2	2	2	2						3	2				2	15
17	Hodgson	Bruce	2	2	2	2						2				2	2	14
18	Baker	Denis	2	2					7							2		13
19	Badenoch	Clay										3		10				13
20	Mitchell	Gary	2	2		2			3							2	2	13
21	Davies	Steve	2			2			5							2	2	13
22	Oldham	Darcy					3		9									12
23	Careless	John	2	2	2	2						2					2	12
24	Crapper	Mark							8			3						11
25	Bruce	Mitchell	2										8					10
26	Evans	Lloyd			2							5	3					10
27	Pyvvaara	Mia					9											9
28	Stacey	Peter							9									9
29	Nicholson	David							6			3						9
30	Uren	Baden				2			4			3						9
31	Pyvvaara	Paul					8											8
32	Uren	Colin							3			3						6
33	Jones	John	2	2														4
34	Camm	John		2	2													4
35	McNab	David		2													2	4
36	Moxey	Neil			2												2	4
37	Ruse	Lynda							3									3
38	O'Toole	Simon							3									3
39	Brown	Megan										3						3
40	Derry	Andrew											2					2
41	Syme	Ian		2														2
42	Lepp	Nathan		2														2
43	Hodges	Aarron		2														2
44	Coulson	Diane		2														2
45	Urch	Stuart		2														2
46	Drake	Mark														2		2
47	Morrison	Craig															2	2
48	Cusack	Ken															2	2

Tony Taylor is a much deserved Club Champion especially as he's always helping out behind the scenes with little recognition and has again put his hand up as Club Captain despite a very busy working life.

2011 Border Ranges Rally – Press Release - Stephen Davies, Clerk of Course

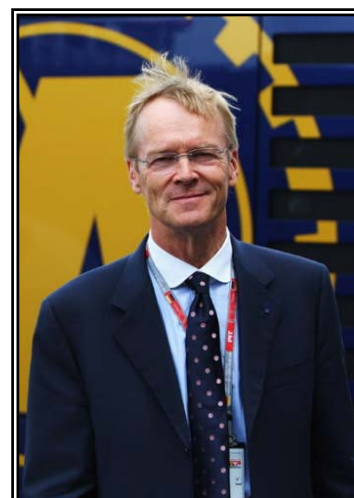
The 2011 Border Ranges Rally will continue the tradition of Rallying on shire roads in the beautiful NSW valley of URBENVILLE and WOODENBONG. This year the Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting Club Inc. will be conducting the competition on Saturday 9th April, centered at new facilities at the Woodenbong Showground. For those of you who want a great day's rallying, including a short bitumen/gravel stage at night (run several times), try our club's proven formula, and join us in the Northern Rivers District of NSW. The Border Ranges Rally is the first round of the 2011 Queensland Rally Championship but is also open to most rally competitors and should provide some great competition. Two levels of entry fee are available. The event will follow a similar format to previous years with good quality shire roads. We are again aiming to finish the event early, to provide ample opportunity for competitors to socialise during the presentation at the Woodenbong Showground following the event. Please be advised that there are great camping facilities on the Woodenbong Showground perimeter, and that hotel/motel accommodation is available in Woodenbong and Urbenville. The traditional morning after breakfast, with excellent catering by the local community, will again be available at Woodenbong Showground, so we invite you to stay overnight and enjoy the festivities. Finally, if you are not planning on competing you might like to consider helping at the 2011 event. Please contact us via the web site if you believe you can offer your time for this great fun event.

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Ari Vatanen

With an attacking driving style, Ari Vatanen was the poster boy for rally fans in the 1970's and 1980's, always bringing a sense of speed and danger to the sport.

Ari Pieti Uolevi Vatanen was born on 27th of April 1952 in Tuupovaara, Finland and began his rally career at just 18. He acquired an Opel Ascona and by 1974, optimistically entered the 1000 Lakes Rally where he promptly retired after losing a wheel. He then brought the Opel to Britain where he impressed many with his natural speed leading to an



offer to drive a Ford Escort, however there were no results in the two years that followed. Even a full

season in 1977 only netted him a second place in New Zealand and third in the European Championship (and most of the retirements were self inflicted).



Ari as ever entertaining the crowds in his Ford Escort RS1800 with co-driver David Richards at his side.

When Vatanen did stay on the road, he was a joy to behold, drifting the Escort around like it was on rails. In 1979, David Richards joined him as co-driver and in 1980

he won the Acropolis Rally at only his second attempt.

Unfortunately, Ford then pulled out of rallying and Vatanen was forced to run in David Sutton's private team. In 1981, after a year of considerable drama & success, Vatanen won the World Drivers' Title, winning three of the seasons 12 events (Acropolis Rally, Rally of Brazil & the 1000 Lakes Rally) plus two podium places, winning the title on 96 points, just 7 points ahead of Guy Fréquelin & co-driver Jean Todt in a Talbot Sunbeam Lotus.

In 1982, he did two WRC events with Ford but then signed for the Rothmans Opel Team in time for the RAC Rally and drove the Opel throughout the next season. At only his second appearance on the 1983 Safari Rally, he won, driving a Ascona 400.

The new Manta 400 was not so kind and at the end of the year he was approached by Peugeot to drive its new Group B rally car for 1984. He had to wait till Corsica to take the 205 T16 on it's first WRC outing where both he and the new car impressed,



leading before retirement.

Vatanen driving a Group B Peugeot 205 T16 in the snow and ice on the 1985 Monte Carlo Rally. He won the rally with co-driver Terry Harryman ahead of Walter Röhrl in an Audi Sport Quattro.

Vatanen then went on to a run of success winning 5 WRC events in a row (starting in Finland in 84 & finished with victory in Sweden in 85). He rolled on the RAC, checked in four minutes early on the Monte, but both times fought his way back to take victory.

After suffering a bout of mechanical failures, he went to Argentina and had a horrific high speed accident. For weeks it was thought that he may not survive, then months that he might not recover. But after just over 12 months later, Vatanen was behind the wheel of a Peugeot and winning, the only difference was that Peugeot had pulled out of the WRC and this was the Paris Dakar of 1987. Vatanen went on to win the desert event three more times, along with the Pikes Peak hill climb.













At the end of the 80's and into the 90's, Vatanen drove for Mitsubishi, Subaru and finally back at Ford. He also stood in at short notice for an injured Bruno Thiry on the 1998 Safari and would have been second if he had not yielded the place to team mate, Juha Kankkunen. His last factory drive was for Subaru in 1998, his 100th WRC start, but he has also entered Rally Finland in 2003 driving a Peugeot 206 WRC finishing an impressive 11th, waving to fans as he drove.



Vatanen may best be remembered for his amazing drive in the Peugeot 405 T16 at Pikes Peak in the USA which was captured in the amazing 'Climb Dance' film. If you haven't seen the video check it out at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WUOeZDrhxc>

2010 FIA WRC Start Dates

1.  Rally Sweden – 12/02/2010 (1st – Mikko Hirvonen – Ford Fiesta RS)
2.  Rally Mexico – 03/03/2011 (1st – Sebastien Loeb – Citroen DS3)
3.  Rally de Portugal – 24/03/2011
4.  Jordan Rally – 14/04/2011
5.  Rally Sardegna – 05/05/2011
6.  Rally Argentina – 26/05/2011
7.  Acropolis Rally – 16/06/2011
8.  Rally Finland – 28/07/2011
9.  Rally Deutschland – 20/08/2011
10.  Rally Australia – 08/09/2011
11.  Rally de Espana – 22/10/2011
12.  Rally of Great Britain – 11/11/2011




















Points: 1st Hirvonen 46 - 2nd Loeb 37 - 3rd Latvala 31 - 4th Østberg 28 - 5th P Solberg 23

2010 ARC Start Dates

1.  Quit Forest Rally (WA) – 15/04/2011
2.  International Rally (QLD) – 13/05/2011
3.  Scouts Rally SA – 30/07/2011
4.  Rally Australia (NSW) – 08/09/2011
5.  Rally Victoria – 12/11/2011

Points:

2010 FIA F1 Dates

1.  Australian Grand Prix (Melbourne) – 27/03/2011
2.  Malaysian Grand Prix (Kuala Lumpur) – 10/04/2011
3.  Chinese Grand Prix (Shanghai) – 17/04/2011
4.  Turkish Grand Prix (Istanbul) – 08/05/2011
5.  Spanish Grand Prix, (Catalunya) – 22/05/2011
6.  Monaco Grand Prix (Monte Carlo) – 29/05/2011
7.  Canadian Grand Prix (Montreal) – 12/06/2011
8.  European Grand Prix (Valencia, Spain) - 26/06/2011
9.  British Grand Prix (Silverstone) – 10/07/2011
10.  German Grand Prix, (Hockenheim) – 24/07/2011
11.  Hungarian Grand Prix, (Budapest) – 31/07/2011
12.  Belgian Grand Prix, (Spa-Francorchamps) – 29/08/2011
13.  Italian Grand Prix, (Monza) – 11/09/2011
14.  Singapore Grand Prix, (Singapore) – 25/09/2011
15.  Japanese Grand Prix, (Suzuka) – 09/10/2011
16.  Korean Grand Prix, (Yeongam) – 16/10/2011
17.  Indian Grand Prix, (Greater Noida) – 30/10/2011
18.  Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, (Yas Marina) – 13/11/2011
19.  Brazilian Grand Prix, (Sao Paulo) – 27/11/2011

Points:

Funnies

Bear Removers

A man wakes up one morning to find a bear on his roof. So he looks in the yellow pages and sure enough, there's an ad for "Bear Removers." He calls the number, and the bear remover says he'll be over in 30 minutes.

The bear remover arrives, and gets out of his van. He's got a ladder, a baseball bat, a shotgun and a mean old pit bull.

"What are you going to do," the homeowner asks?

"I'm going to put this ladder up against the roof, then I'll go up there and knock the bear off the roof with this baseball bat. When the bear falls off, the pit bull is trained to grab his testicles and not let go.

The bear will then be subdued enough for me to put him in the cage in the back of the van."

He hands the shotgun to the homeowner. "What's the shotgun for?" asks the homeowner.

"If the bear knocks me off the roof, shoot the dog."

Courtroom

These are from a book called Disorder in the American Courts, and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters who had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.

ATTORNEY: What is your date of birth?

WITNESS: July 18th.

ATTORNEY: What year?

WITNESS: Every year.

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan.

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?

WITNESS: Would you repeat the question?

ATTORNEY: So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And what were you doing at that time?

WITNESS: Uh....

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death.

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard.

ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?

ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All my autopsies are performed on dead people.

ATTORNEY: ALL your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you go to?

WITNESS: Oral.

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.

ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy on him!

ATTORNEY: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?

WITNESS: Huh?

CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM



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I hereby apply for membership of Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting Club Inc. I agree to be abide by a spirit of fair play and good humour and by the Constitution of the Club and any amendments thereto.

Signed: **Dated:**

Please note, newsletter will be sent via email only.

This is an Individual membership (\$60): (tick one)

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Family Membership (\$80):

A family membership caters for 2 adults and 2 children up to 18 yo, additional under 18's \$10.00 per membership. Please note, 1 newsletter will be distributed per family membership.

All family members are asked to complete and sign a membership application form.

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