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From the President

Hi All

Well the May Race meet and Test and Tune with the Victorian Quad Riders Club went very well.

The Saturday started with a small working bee clean up, some tyre work and watering of the track. The Track was in excellent condition thanks to the efforts of Gareth Clark, Peter Smith, Father Smith, and Steve Smith. Lunch time came around very quickly and there were already a couple of quads. The Track was opened after lunch with most of the buggies which were there taking the opportunity to give them a run in preparation for the following days racing, Rod Meager testing his new and much stronger chain, and the quads taking the opportunity to use the track in between. As the afternoon light faded the track was closed and Gareth headed back to Ballarat to pick up the evening dinner. When he returned the evening meal was served still steaming hot. There was melt in your mouth pork, beef and lamb and the vegetables were so succulent too complete the astronomical delight. There were 27 people who attended the dinner with heating in the shed, tables and chairs throughout. Most people enjoyed it so much that they went back for seconds. The night was cold with a crisp and frosty Sunday morning but it didn't dampen the spirits for the day that lay ahead. A brilliant sunny day. The racing was close all day. Race 4 Peter Richards broke a rear suspension arm on the second lap which put him out for the rest of the meeting. Daren Gehan broke his frame and finished the race but couldn't race in the final race of the day.

Rod Meager showed great consistency throughout the meeting and took out the winner for the race meeting on 57 points, Steve Smith and Gareth Clark placed second on 53 points and third went to Daren Gehan 45 points.

One member we hadn't seen for some time was Mauro Montalto with a brand new Montalto Razorback Special. Gee does this machine look good. Mauro was plagued with problems and didn't get a run.

The Victorian Quad Riders Club rode in between every race and put on a good show. Twenty odd quads turned up all having fun and we thoughtfully enjoyed their company and look forward to seeing them later on in the year.



I would like to thank St Johns Ambulance, Gary Hill the Photographer who had to cover two events that day, Time keepers Judy Richards and Phil Cleven, Canteen Vicki and Peter Smith, Flaggys Linden and Josh, Les for all his multi rolls, Director of Course, Scrutineers Phil Clevel and Rod Meager, Steward Neville, Chief food getter Gareth and there are many more I need to thank also.

We have had a change of Treasurer — taking over the role is Aaron Davis.

We have three new members Ian, Amber and Zoe so I would like to welcome them to the club.



Infrastructure & Earthworks

While it is disappointing to have had to cancel a race meeting due to the excessive but much needed rainfall it has given us a chance to sort out a great deal of work that was needed at the working bee.

- 1 New container beside clubrooms complete with raked roof to stop rust
- 2 Drainage trench and pit between container and clubrooms
- 3 Down pipes on clubrooms finished off
- 4 Internal wall of clubrooms sheeted and painted

5 Some permanent seating along spectator fence

6 Cement slab in shed and front veranda completed

A big thankyou to all who helped on the day. These efforts have ensured a solid step going forward

We are currently trying to pull some strings and get some drainage and earthworks done on the track so we won't be in this situation again. So bear with us while we get this sorted.

WATCH THIS SPACE



On The Level

While the majority of drivers are still satisfied with driving around the racing track on all four wheels at high speed in a competitive manner, it appears that some racers at TORC are busy developing a new technique.

The trend has been around for decades and has never really taken off. The pioneers at TORC are really focused on the task of perfecting this manoeuvre. The trend is rolling not unlike a football when bouncing and is really taking off amongst some of our drivers. Starting with the Marsh boys, then Peter Smith with the

side roll and finally Andrew Doyle taking it to a new level adopting the forward end for end roll. The idea looks good in principal, although the boys seem to be having some minor teething issues.

We at TORC are supportive of all racer

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edge techniques' and have started providing a special achievement award (THE SPIRIT LEVEL) for all competitors willing to pursue the role manoeuvre.

Good luck and remember, the road to perfection is plenty of practice.

Steve Smith



A Word From Andrew Doyle

Happy New Year! No you haven't grown six months older over night, we have just clicked over in the a new financial new year. In the past all membership renewals have been payable for a further twelve month period however, we have decided to change to a calendar year to better align with the incoming committee that is elected at the November AGM. By doing so the committee will have ready income to prepare for the following race season in F e b r u a r y .

As a one off, membership fees will be spilt, and half is due now and the balance will

be due at the end of December 2010. Social membership is \$12.50 and a full race member is \$30.00 with the balance payable in December. Why should you be a financial member of TORC? Well the simple answer is that the club needs your financial assistance as well as your physical input to run the club. By being a member you will be able to have your say in club matters and be allegeable to be elected as a committee member, be sent a club news letter and hopefully we will be able to negotiate discounts for TORC members with industry suppliers. As a buggy racer you are required to be a finan-

cial member of TORC before each meeting you intend to compete in. In this case you can elect to pay the \$60.00 annual fee or you may become a day member and pay \$10.00 at the time of completing a r a c e e n t r y f o r m .

The best way to help out is to be financial and back your club at working bees and to get active on race days by volunteering to be a flaggie on the track or in the pits. It takes a lot of people to bring a meeting together and with your help the load will be shared, many hands make light work.

A Word From Andrew Doyle (cont...)

In April of this year the club submitted an expression of interest to the Macedon Shire Council to apply for financial assistance to complete the club shed. I am pleased to announce that the application was successful and TORC have been granted \$3525.00 to lay a concrete slab in the area of the shed that is currently dirt. We are also going to pave the area under the veranda so that our volunteers and spectators have a safe and comfortable place to enjoy the days activities. On behalf of the TORC committee and members I would like to thank the Macedon shire Council for the vote of endorsement and to build a better facility for everyone to enjoy. The committee and members are committed to grow the club and the sport of mini off road sprint buggy racing . The feedback I received from the Shire was very positive and the councillors that voted on our appli-

cation did not realise that our club existed. Following on from that revelation the Sunbury Leader news paper will be running an article in the local rag next week. Sean Byers, Amber and Zoe Cranston will be on

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my front lawn on Thursday 1st July for a photo shoot. I would say that if nobody new of TORC before last week the population of the Macedon Shire and Hume will be reading about it!

The committee are actively pursuing suitable funding from all parts of the community to support the club in anyway we can. If you wish to be a part of the driving force of the club please contact any of the committee or Wendy Clark via email and come along to a general meeting. You will quickly see that we conduct business very professionally and you could be mistaken for thinking you are in the board of directors meeting working for a major multi national. We take our duties very seriously and as a result we are seeing the rewards.



Grants

Andre Doyle's hard work in applying for grants have been very successful.

The second grant is for \$5000 which has been used for equipment ie generator, compressor, welder etc for the club—this is fantastic news and these items are now able to be utilized by our members and volunteers.



Thank You

Thank you to Keith Muller for all his hard work to rebirth the TORC membership data base. Much to the dismay of his wife, Keith has spent countless hours developing a more user friendly reliable data base. You would have received your renewal membership form in the mail this week and you would have noticed that several fields have been pre populated from existing data that will make becoming a financial member even easier! The only thing it will not do is extract the money out of your back pocket, however he is working on that one!



Dates To Remember

<u>Round</u>	<u>Test & Tune</u>	<u>Race Day</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
6	24th July	25th July	Motorpro
7	21st August	22nd August	CANCELLED
8	25th September	26th September	CANCELLED
9	23rd October	24th October	Buninyong Hair Design/ Morton, Watson & Young Accountants
10	27th November	28th November	