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Meetings

Southern members meet on the final Tuesday of each month, January through to November, at the Civic Club, 134 Davey Street, Hobart.
The committee meeting is held between 6.30-8.15 pm and the social gathering follows at 8.15 pm. Drop in any night.
In the North, Italian Car Enthusiasts (ICE) meet informally on the first Tuesday of each month at the Australian Italian Club, Pro-

spect, starting at 7.00 pm. Contact Sabina Toscan at tasuniforms@bigpond.com.au

CMI's AGM is held at 7.00 pm on the first Tuesday of September at the Civic Club, Hobart.

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Blakey's bit

Not a bad year, despite the editorial eyeball and oesophagus being interfered with by various specialists. Filling in the driving licence application gets interesting: 'Do you have normal vision in both eyes?' There is no box for 'well, yes and no.' All on the mend, however.

Tony and I have been beavering away on the OT's new front suspension, and now have the sub-

frame and all wishbones just about ready to assemble. Now we just have to see whether it works—but it has to improve the stability of the front end.

I also have new Wilwood brakes to put on the front, courtesy of a sponsor who may prefer to remain anonymous. But he knows who he is. Thanks, mate.



A couple of photos of the Springs breakfast are shown below.

Also a shot of the black sprint with repaired guard and supporting frame, courtesy of Kerry Quinn's bodyworks at Blackmans Bay. After some replacement brake hoses and bushes, and the removal of some particularly stubborn window tint, the Sprint has been declared roadworthy. Incidentally, Meg Lowe is to be credited with the excellent idea of applying race tape to the tint, making it possible to remove large pieces!

Safe and happy Christmas wishes to all.

We look forward to another successful year including the Lufra hill climb and a variety of social events. *Peter Lowe*

Presidential Patter





One of our staff recently was working in Norway. The owner of the design business owned many Alfas and for inspiration kept this Giulia in the design office!
Dave Button



I was shown a picture similar to this by Neville Cook after Targa Tasmania 2002, with a suggestion of increasing tyre pressures. I mentioned this one to Graham Mitchell, but he hadn't seen it yet. Now he has. *Ed.*

Pic by Jared Leonard

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Targa Hellyer Gorge
6 February
LCCT Baskerville Supersprint
13 February
NWCC Highclere Hillclimb
20 February
CMI Collinsvale Hillclimb
28 February 2016—check on cmitas.org



For Sale

Warren Boyles's Fiat

Warren says, 'Sadly the time has come.

I'm about to turn 70 and my faithful X19 should go to a new owner.

I would be pleased if it went to a club member.

If any club member is interested they can contact me by email or Ph 0418 334 673.'

Urraco impressions



‘You can take the Lambo – but it’s a bit of a pig to start. I’ll start it for you.’

‘The Lambo’ was a 1976 Lamborghini Urraco P300. Wide, low, menacing. Designed and built by Bertone for Lamborghini, it was a direct rival to the Ferrari Dino 308 GT4.

It had been used as the course car at the 2015 Domain Hill-climb, and I had volunteered to help Tristan get his two cars home. The Urraco belongs to

his uncle Douglas Blain, and poor old Tristan – the lucky bleeder – has to look after it.

Once started, it settled down to a very smooth idle – the kind you’d expect from a 3-litre V8 – and I was able to get in. No easy task, as the car is only 1160 mm tall. The driving position seemed strange until I adopted the ‘Standard Italian Ape’ driving position – slouched back in the seat, arms stretched out and knees up under the small wheel.

Further advice: ‘It doesn’t always want to go into gear, but you’ll figure it out.’

First was back and to the left in the slotted alloy gate, and then you could forget about first and concentrate on the serious gears, which were laid out in the standard H pattern.

It went into first easily enough, and we were away with a muted rumble from the quad-cam engine directly behind me. You had to take your time with the gearshift until you were used to it, but the engine didn’t need to be kept on the boil anyway. Torque started at about twelve rpm. As we tootled down past the Aquatic Centre, I was taking it easy, but by the time we were ready to head out onto the Tasman Highway I had got used to feeling as if I were speeding along in a hammock, and when a gap appeared I was into it with a howl from the four big Weber carburettors.

I noticed as I drove up Davey Street that I was seeing other vehicles from a completely different angle. And I wasn’t sure if they were seeing me at all. The car is so low and the colour so understated that it’s a bit of a





Then we reached Taroona and it took off through the bends as if it could smell its home stable.

When we pulled up, Tristan hopped in beside me and said, 'Now take me back.' Because of course I had to get back to my own car. So my Lamborghini experience doubled. And with Tristan occasionally encouraging me to 'give it some welly', and me being a lot more at home in the car, it was a fun trip back.

stealth fighter. Not a good thing when it's one of only 19 right-hand drive versions of this model in the world. Luckily there's nothing stealthy about the noise of the engine.

once or twice refuse to go into first gear at the lights. I figured it out. Back into neutral, clutch out, try again and it always went in.

Someone in a four wheel drive pulled up alongside in the suicide lane near Wrest Point, and I thought (selecting first gear early, just in case), 'So you're going to out-accelerate this Lamborghini to the end of your lane, are you? I don't think so...'

He didn't.



On Sandy Bay Road it was surprisingly happy to burble along in the traffic, although it did



CAMS Motor sport calendar 2016

2016			2016 Draft Tasmanian Motor Sport Calendar				VERSION 8
First Date	Last Date	ORGANISER	EVENT	SERIES	VENUE		
	9-Jan Sat						
	10-Jan Sun						
	16-Jan Sat						
	17-Jan Sun	MGCCT	Maxies Motorkhana		Exeter		
	17-Jan Sun	500 CC	Khanacross		Cambridge		
	23-Jan Sat						
	24-Jan Sun						
	30-Jan Sat	HSCC/Drifting Tas	Practice Day		Baskerville		
	31-Jan Sun						
5-Feb	7-Feb Sun		Bathurst 12 Hour		Bathurst		
	6-Feb Sat						
6-Feb	7-Feb Sun	Targa	Targa Hellyer Gorge		North-West		
ong weekend	7-Feb Sun						
	13-Feb Sat	LCCT	Club Supersprint		Baskerville		
	13-Feb Sat	500 CC	Khanacross		Cambridge		
	14-Feb Sun	MGCCT	State Motorkhana Series - Round 1	SMS 1	Bothwell		
	20-Feb Sat	HSCC	Tasmanian Super Series - Round 1 (Twilight Meeting)	TSS1	Baskerville		
	20-Feb Sat	MSCT	Motorkhana	MSCT M1	Symmons Plains		
	20-Feb Sat	NWCC	Highclere Hillclimb		Highclere		
	21-Feb Sun	Forcett Hotrods	Everything Moto Motorkhana		Cambridge		
	27-Feb Sat		CAMS Tasmanian Motor Sport Awards Dinner		Launceston		
27-Feb	28-Feb Sun	Drifting Australia	Drift Challenge Australia		Symmons Plains		
	28-Feb Sun	CMI	Collinsvale Hill Climb		Collinsvale - South		
3-Mar	6-Mar Sat		Clipsal 500		Adelaide		
	5-Mar Sat	MSCT	Gymkhana		Silverdome		
	6-Mar Sun	MGCCT	Club Supersprint		Symmons Plains		
	12-Mar Sat	NWCC	Khanacross				
ong Weeknd	13-Mar Sun						
18-Mar	20-Mar Sun		Tyrepower Tasmania Supersprint		Symmons Plains		
	19-Mar Sat	TORCC	St Helens Short Course	TORSS 1	St Helens		
	19-Mar Sat	MSCT	Khanacross (Multiclub)	MSCT K1	Powranna		
	20-Mar Sun	MCCT	Come and Try Day - Motorkhana		TBA		
25-Mar	29-Mar Tues		EASTER				
31-Mar	3-Apr Sun		Formula 1 Grand Prix		Albert Park		
	2-Apr Sat	500 CC	Club Rally		South		
	3-Apr Sun		V8 Tyrepower Supersprint (Potential Date)		Symmons Plains		
	3-Apr Sun						
	9-Apr Sat	HSCC/Drifting Tasmania	Drift State Series - Round 1	TDS 1	Baskerville		
	9-Apr Sat	MSCT	Motorkhana	M2 + SMS	Symmons Plains		
11-Apr	16-Apr Sat		Targa Tasmania				
15-Apr	17-Apr Sun		WD-40 Phillip Island Supersprint		Phillip Island		
23-Apr	24-Apr Sun	NWCC	Barrington Hillclimb	TSS 2	Lake Barrington		
Anzac Day	24-Apr Sun	MGCCT	Tasmanian Super Series - Round 2		Symmons Plains		
	25-Apr Sun						
	30-Apr Sat	MSCT	Retreat Rally	TRS 1	Retreat		
	1-May Sun	LCCT	Club Supersprint		Symmons Plains		
	1-May Sun	MCCT	Come and Try Day		Baskerville		
Agfest	6-May Fri		Perth Superprint		WA		
6-May	8-May Sun		Drift Practice		Symmons Plains		
	7-May Sat	HSCC/Drifting Tasmania	Latrobe Short Course - Multiclub off Road Event - Round 2	TORRS 2	Latrobe		
	7-May Sat	NWORCC					
	8-May Sun						
	14-May Sat	MSCT	Khanacross (Multiclub)	MSCT K2	Powranna		
	15-May Sun	CAMS	Ricciardo Racers Junior Drive Day		Baskerville		
20-May	22-May Sun		Winton Supersprint		Victoria		
	21-May Sat	NWCC	Mersey Valley Club Rally	CRS 2	North West		
	22-May Sun	HSCC	Tasmanian Super Series - Round 3	TSS 3	Baskerville		
	28-May Sat						
	29-May Sun	MGCCT/MCCT	Multi-club Clubday Supersprints		Baskerville		
	4-Jun Sat	500CC	Touring Assembly		South		
	5-Jun Sun	CAMS	Officials Come and Try Day		Baskerville		
	11-Jun Sat						
ong weekend	12-Jun Sun						
17-Jun	19-Jun Sun		Skycity Triple Crown Darwin		Darwin		
	18-Jun Sat	NWCC	Hellyer Rally	TRS2/CRS 3	North West		
	18-Jun Sun	HSCC/Drifting Tasmania	Drifting Series - Round 2		Symmons Plains		
	25-Jun Sat	MSCT	State Motorkhana Series - Round 3	M3 + SMS	Symmons Plains		
	26-Jun Sun						
	2-Jul Sat						
	3-Jul Sun	LCCT	Club Supersprint		Symmons Plains		
8-Jul	10-Jul Sun		Castrol Edge Townsville 400		Townsville		
	9-Jul Sat	500 CC	Touring Assembly		South		
	10-Jul Sun	CMI	State Hillclimb Series - Round 2	THS2	Baskerville		
	16-Jul Sat	CAMS	Officials Come and Try Day		Symmons Plains		
	17-Jul Sun	MGCCT	Economy Run / May Trial		Midlands		
22-Jul	24-Jul Sun		Coates hire Ipswich Supersprint		QLD		
	23-Jul Sat	HSCC/Drifting Tasmania	Drift Practice		Symmons Plains		
	23-Jul Sat	MSCT	Khanacross (multi-club)	MSCT K3	Powranna		
	23-Jul Sat	NWORCC	St Helens Short Course - Multiclub Off Road Event - Round 3	TORRS 3	St Helens		
	24-Jul Sun						

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First Date	Last Date	ORGANISER	EVENT	SERIES	VENUE	
	30-Jul Sat	NWCC	Rally Sprint		North West	
	31-Jul Sun	MGCCT	Tasmanian Super Series – Round 4	TSS 4	Symmons Plains	
	6-Aug Sat	500 CC	Tas Rally Series - Round 3	TRS 3	South	
	7-Aug Sun	MGCCT	Multiclub Motorkhana		Bothwell	
	13-Aug Sat					
	14-Aug Sun	LCCT	George Town Hillclimb		George Town	
	20-Aug Sat	CMI	Lufra to Lookout Hillclimb		Eagle Hawk Neck	
	20-Aug Sat	NWCC	Sprint Event		Smithton Airport	
	21-Aug Sun	MGCCT	State Motorkhana Series - Round 3	SMS 3	Latrobe	
26-Aug Fri	28-Aug Sun		Sydney Motorsport Park Supersprint		NSW	
	27-Aug Sat	HSCC/Drifting Tasmania	Drift State Series - Round 3	TDS 3	Symmons Plains	
	28-Aug Sun					
	3-Sep Sat	MGCCT	Tasmanian Super Series – Round 5	TSS 5	Symmons Plains	
	4-Sep Sun					
	10-Sep Sat	MSCT	Khanacross (multi-club)	K4	Powranna	
	11-Sep Sat	LCCT	Club Supersprint		Symmons Plains	
	11-Sep Sun	MGCCT	Test and Tune Day		Baskerville	
16-Sep Fri	18-Sep Sun		Wilson Security Sandown 500		Vic	
	17-Sep Sat	HSCC/Drifting Tasmania	Drift Practice		Baskerville	
	17-Sep Sat	NWCC	Circuit Sprint		VENUE??	
	17-Sep Sat	500 CC	Touring Road Event		Fingal	
17-Sep Sat	18-Sep Sun	SORRA	Kellevie Off Road	TORRS 4	Kellevie	
Grand Final	24-Sep Sat					
	25-Sep Sun					
30-Sep Fri	2-Oct Sat	MGCCT/HSCC/MCCT/SRC	Blast from the Past Historics		Baskerville	
6-Oct Thu	9-Oct Sun		Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000		Bathurst	
	8-Oct Sat					
	9-Oct Sun					
	15-Oct Sat	MSCT	Gymkhana		Silverdome	
	16-Oct Sun	CMI	Domain Hillclimb		Hobart Domain	
21-Oct Fri	23-Oct Sat		Castrol Gold Coast 600		QLD	
	22-Oct Sat	NWCC	Symmons Club Day		Symmons Plains	
	23-Oct Sun	MGCCT/MCCT	Supersprints		Baskerville	
	23-Oct Sun	LCCT	North East Rivers Festival Club Hillclimb		Legerwood	
	29-Oct Sat	MSCT	Mountain Stages Rally	TRS 4	North-East	
	29-Oct Sat	HSCC/Drifting Tasmania	Drift State Series – Round 4	SDS 4	Baskerville	
	30-Oct Sun	CAMS	Ricciardo Racers Junior Drive Day		Symmons Plains	
4-Nov Fri	6-Nov Sun		Targa High Country			
	5-Nov Sat	HSCC/Drifting Tas	Drifting Come and Try Day		Baskerville	
5-Nov Sat	6-Nov Sun	TORCC	Tasmanian Sand Enduro	TORRS 5	St Helens	
	6-Nov Sun					
	12-Nov Sat	NWCC	Barrington Hillclimb		Lake Barrington	
	13-Nov Sun	500 CC	Khanacross		Cambridge	
19-Nov Sat	20-Nov Sun	HSCC	Tasmanian Super Series - Round 6		Baskerville	
	20-Nov Sun	PCT	State Hillclimb Series - Round 3	THS 3	Baskerville	
25-Nov Fri	27-Nov Sun		Coates Hire Sydney 500		NSW	
	26-Nov Sat	MSCT	Khanacross	K5	Powranna	
	26-Nov Sat	HSCC/Drifting Tasmania	Drift Practice		Baskerville	
	27-Nov Sun	MCCT	Championship Motorkhana	SMS 5	VENUE??	
	27-Nov Sun	LCCT	Tasmanian Club Day Championship	TCDC	Symmons Plains	
	3-Dec Sat	500CC	Khanacross		South	
	4-Dec Sun					
	10-Dec Sat	NWORCC	Latrobe Short Course - Multi-Club Off Road Event - Round 6	TORRS 6	Latrobe	
	10-Dec Sat	MSCT	Motorkhana	M4	Symmons Plains	
	10-Dec Sat	NWCC	Oonah Road Hillclimb	THS	Higclere	
	11-Dec Sun					

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Pic by Allan Van Dullemen

On the last Sunday in November the Club held a breakfast on kunyani/Mount Wellington at the Springs. As far as I know, this was the first time a breakfast has been held and I hope it will be the first of many, because it was great!

As usual, in the Blakes' case, it had to be fitted in with lots that was going on, so there were complicated plans involving dropping off a ute-load of gear at John's new share house and liaising with friends for the car run afterwards, but we made it to the Springs on time (but only because we had the wrong starting time to begin with!).

We were met with everything beautifully set up – tables and chairs scattered about, a coffee van in close proximity, food laid out ready to go – and the cooks slaving over a hot barbecue, which was lucky for them because the ambient temperature was fairly cold. (Most people appeared to be wearing all the extra clothes they'd brought along, just in case.)

The breakfast offerings were extensive, ranging from fresh fruit salad and yoghurt to a cooked breakfast of bacon, eggs, sausages, hash browns, mushrooms, tomatoes, bread (and probably more that I can't remember, but I know who could – Graham Mitchell, who was the chief organiser, and Allan Van Dullemen and Annette Lowe who were cooking too).

The company was good. It was great to sit at a table and get talking with people – some new people to meet and some old club friends to catch up with. Of course running through it all was the reason the club exists – TO TALK ABOUT ITALIAN CARS.

Graham finished up with offering everyone a chocolate treat and then it was on to the next part of the day – a trip down the Huon, with coffee at the newly-refurbished Red Velvet Lounge in Cygnet (for those who were hungry and thirsty – again!).

We teamed up with friends who were deciding which sports car to keep, an MGA or MGB, and were trying both cars on the run. So there was much non-Italian conversation in Cygnet about the merits of an older, rarer car versus a newer model. By the end of the trip we'd been converted from newer to older although I believe we may be involved in a future test, just to be absolutely certain!

All in all, it was a great day, thanks to the efforts of those involved in the club who gave up their time to prepare for an event so that the rest could just turn up and enjoy. All you could ask for would be: better weather next time and the plea for there to be a next time!

Mary Blake

*Filantoni Racing Fiat-Abarth
OT1600*

Team Manager

What could possibly go wrong?

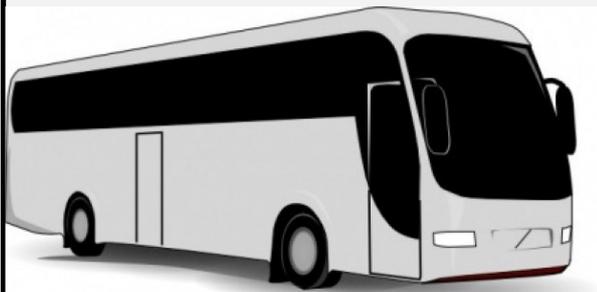
In the heat of competition we've all done things to the car that we're not proud of—often involving vice grips, cable ties, shifters, hammers and hose clips—but Chris Edwards has sent us a few pics of people doing things **out** of the heat of battle—in cold blood, in fact. And they may make your blood run cold. Mind you, as Chris says, if they get you to the end of a rally stage...



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