



# Rally Directions

The official Organ of the Classic Rally Club Inc.  
(Affiliated with C.A.M.S.)

JANUARY 2018

## Dates to remember

January 23rd - Club Meeting

February 2nd - FFFFF

February 10th - Navigation

Training Run



### Notices

- New meeting venue: Our January (23/1/18) & February (27/2/18) meetings will be held at Brush Farm Bowling Club, 77 Rutledge St, Eastwood at a new start time of 7.45pm. As usual come early for a meal & hear/tell a few lies.
- CRC members are invited to run in the Thornleigh Car Club 100 mile Trial on 24th February

### Turn the page to read about;

- Details of the 2018 CRC event calendar.
- The CRC navigation Training Run.
- Our first Championship event; The Autumn Challenge.
- The Brumbies in the Targa High Country.

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**Welcome** to the new look edition of the Classic Rally Club magazine. Even though we love classics it is time to move away from a printed format for our magazine. In future the magazine will be emailed to those members who have provided an email address with their membership details. A copy will also be placed on the Club's Facebook group page and the Club's web site. Please keep contributions coming in to [crc.editor@classicrallyclub.com.au](mailto:crc.editor@classicrallyclub.com.au)



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Taking off my Editor's hat & donning my Clerk of the Course hat I can tell you planning for the The Run with No Beer to be held on Sunday 29th April is progressing well. The start will be at Mount Victoria and the route will head west and then return to the Lithgow area. Rally Director Phill Stead tells me he has even found some roads that haven't been used before on CRC events.

## Johns Jabber



Hi Everyone, well that's Christmas over and out for another year, I hope you all enjoyed it and you are all fit and well. I wish you all a happy, healthy, and safe 2018.

Christmas was a pretty quiet one for Wendy and I, too hot to do much and we only got away for a few days, a quick trip to Canberra on the way over to the south coast from Yass, and we dropped off the Club's editor laptop at Bob Morey's so he could put this newsletter together for you all.

Hopefully you would have got the bumper December issue of Rally Directions, either by email, seen it on the CRC web page or in the post. That will be the last printed/snail mail edition for now and this is the new look Rally Directions, back to monthly and hopefully electronically forwarded to you by email the week before each monthly meeting, just to remind you to come along. Bob Morey is always on the look out for anything printable to put in the Magazine, including your photos, so don't be shy and leave it to the very few that do contribute.

Ross Warner and I along, with our wives, had some productive meetings over the New Year break with The Yass Valley Council, their Tourist people and some very keen local classic car enthusiasts. They are extremely hopeful of getting us back to Yass this year to use their town as our base for this year's Alpine. It is early stages in the planning but things are taking shape and will hopefully improve on what Ross already has in mind.

Tony Norman has a big year of events locked in now, starting with his Training Navigation day on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> FEB. The first rally is an invite from Thornleigh car club on 24<sup>th</sup> FEB and on the 10<sup>th</sup> March we have our CRC championship point score's first rally, the Autumn Challenge.

Hopefully you are reading this before the January club meeting because we had to change venues for the next two months while the kitchen refurbishment works are carried out at Dennison. So I'll see you at Brush Farm Bowlo. We will try to start the meeting a little earlier at 7.45pm.

Not much more to say, except get the classic prepared for 2018, and see you out on the rally road if we can find it.

John.



## JANUARY COMPETITION REPORT

Welcome back to all members for 2018 and I hope we have been able to put together an interesting Event Schedule. This can be found under Event Calendar on the CRC website so you should add the dates on your calendar, or perhaps your i-phones. The first Event on 10th February is a Training Run and a flyer with details on how to enter can be accessed from the Calendar. As of 12th January I have 4 confirmed entries. I would hope that we can encourage at least 12 crews to enter, to make the time and effort put in by the volunteer officials worthwhile. If you have never competed in one of the CRC rallies this an ideal way to come along and give it a try.

On Saturday 10th March I am organising a one-day rally in the Lower Hunter Valley area. I now have approved Supp Regs and Entry Form from CAMS and I anticipate that these, together with the Event Flyer will be available on the website in the next few days - keep checking.

This will be the first Club Championship Score Event for 2018 so a good opportunity to get some points on the scoreboard early in the year. When further details of the next proposed events are available I hope to be able to include these in future COMPETITION REPORTS. I will be looking for your entries in these first 2 Events, to help get our year off to a positive start - the earlier you can enter the easier my life becomes!



TONY NORMAN - COMPETITION SECRETARY

21/01/2018		<b>CRC Events Calendar.</b>		
CRC meetings for January & February will be held at Brush Park Bowling Club at 77 Rutledge St, Eastwood.				
Date	Event - CC indicates CRC championship event	Note	Contact	
23/01/18	C.R.C. meeting	Change of venue - Brush Park Bowling Club at 77 Rutledge St, Eastwood		
10/02/18	Pre-season Training Run	Afternoon run in the Hills District	Tony Norman	
27/02/18	C.R.C. meeting	At Brush Park Bowling Club		
10/03/18	Autumn Challenge CC		Tony Norman	
27/03/18	C.R.C. meeting	Venue T.B.C.		
24/04/18	C.R.C. meeting	Venue T.B.C.		
29/04/18	The Run with No Beer CC	One day rally in Central Tablelands of NSW	Jane Morey	
22/05/18	C.R.C. meeting	Venue T.B.C.		
27/05/18	H.R.C. David Johnson Autumn Classic CC	One day rally in Southern Highlands & Southern Tablelands of N.S.W.	Mal Sinfield & David Johnson	
24/06/18	AROCA Tour d' Course CC	Location T.B.A.	Tony Wise & Carol Both	
26/06/18	C.R.C. meeting	Venue T.B.C.		
22/07/18	Wollondilly 250 CC	One day rally in Wollondilly Shire	Mike Batten & Peter Reed	
24/07/18	C.R.C. meeting	Venue T.B.C.		
18/08/18	19/08/2018 Dates T.B.C.	M.G. Spring Rally CC	Two day rally in the Hunter Valley	Jim Richardson & Doug Barbour
	28/08/18	C.R.C. meeting	Venue T.B.C.	
	Sept. Date event T.B.C.	Possible one day C.R.C. rally or Lunch Run	Details T.B.A.	
	25/09/18	C.R.C. meeting	Venue T.B.C.	
	23/10/18	C.R.C. meeting	Venue T.B.C.	
3/11/18	4/11/18	Alpine Classic CC	Location T.B.A.	Ross Warner & John Cooper
	December	C.R.C. Presentation & Xmas Party	Details T.B.A.	
Information, entry forms and supplementary regulations for C.R.C. events can be downloaded from				<a href="http://www.classicrallyclub.com.au">http://www.classicrallyclub.com.au</a>
<b>Other Events;</b> The CRC has received an invitation to these events so cars with conditional registration (Club Plates) can be driven to and used in them.				
	24/02/2018	Thornleigh Car Club 100 Mile Trial	Hawkesbury Shire N.S.W	Gary & Wendy Maher



# **CRC PRE-SEASON TRAINING RUN**

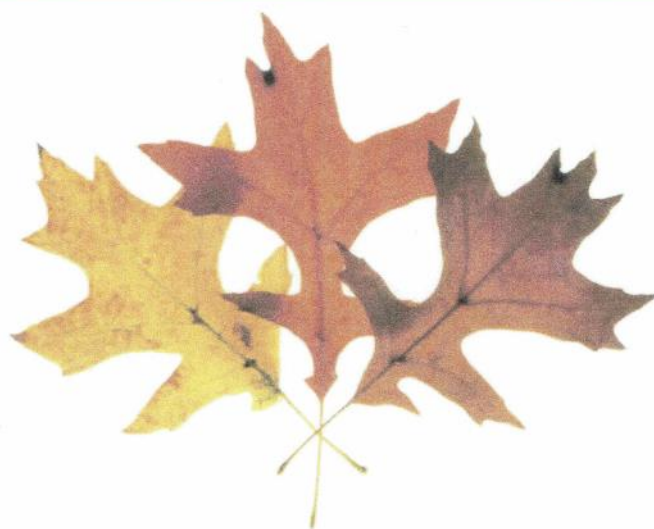
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- ◆ Tony Norman and the Classic Rally Club will be conducting the pre-season training day on the afternoon of **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018 between 12:30pm and 16:30pm** (approximately).
- ◆ It will be a short non-competitive rally, to allow new members the opportunity to see what CRC rallies are all about and to let regular entrants to check out your cars, rally computers and grey matter before season starts in earnest on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March. There will be some of our top master navigators on hand to mentor you through and available for tuition.
- ◆ The event will start and finish at **Swane's Nursery on Galston Road**. There is a coffee shop and toilet facilities at the venue.
- ◆ Instructions will be available for our usual 3 event categories. Masters and Apprentices for those who enjoy map reading and navigation – Tour for those looking for a more relaxed drive.
- ◆ And now for the best part! **NO ENTRY FORM – NO CAMS LICENCE – NO SCRUTINEERING – NO FEE!** The event will be run under a CAMS social run permit.
- ◆ Contact me by telephone by Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and I will take down your contact details and choice of category. For those who wish to try Masters or Apprentices I will post out to you on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February the event documents, including maps and route instructions, so you can get an advanced look before Saturday. Your route will be checked prior to departure – *don't want anyone getting lost!*

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## **THE AUTUMN CHALLENGE**

**SATURDAY 10th March 2018**

- THIS IS THE FIRST EVENT IN THE CLASSIC RALLY CLUB 2018 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AND WILL BE AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO WORK ON YOUR NAVIGATIONAL SKILLS.
- IT WILL START AND FINISH AT THE SHELL SERVICE AREA AT FREEMANS WATERHOLE WITH A LUNCH STOP AT THE CESSNOCK EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL.
- SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS AND ENTRY FORM WILL BE ON THE CRC WEBSITE IN EARLY JANUARY. CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS TUESDAY 6TH MARCH BUT YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO GET ENTRY FORMS IN EARLY.
- FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE FOLLOWING :  
TONY NORMAN - EVENT DIRECTOR 0402 759 811.

## Targa High Country with Many Hands Motorsport

Soon after Targa Tasmania 2017 it became apparent that I'd need to find another navigator. Alan was in it to tick off his list and that was done. It was a dream for me too but an ongoing one. Because it was a place I just enjoyed being in - every moment of it.



So I looked around, but didn't have to look far. For several years I've been thoroughly enjoying participating in navigational rallying, with the Classic Rally Club of NSW, and not the least part of that enjoyment is I have been sharing that with my two daughters. It has meant quality time with them and both of them enjoyed it, but the younger, Heather embraced it as a challenge of her own.

She, perhaps nervously, said yes and being only fourteen years of age, it was quickly identified that she would require special permission given that the minimum age for all competition categories is 16.

Discussion was had with Targa Australia, and subsequently a waiver was requested from CAMS for her to compete. Special mention here to John Cooper and Dave Johnson who provided references for her.

In the meantime, we had a clutch to fix after it failed on the second last Targa Tasmania stage. For those not familiar with the mysteries of the Alfa Romeo, I can assure you that the 916 GTV clutch falls very much into that mysterious category. Without getting too technical, and losing you, let's just say it is special, one of a kind, and therefore, ludicrously expensive. Rather than go down that path, we (read my awesome mechanic, James Leven at Panorama Automotive) managed to find a conversion kit in the UK that makes sense because it was significantly cheaper, and will be even cheaper for future clutch issues. A great result because I never liked the heavy dual-mass flywheel clutch anyway. (Sorry – I did promise to not get technical didn't I)

The waiver took some time, and I thank Scott McGrath at CAMS for his persistence and patience in gaining a favourable outcome. I was both happy and excited to have Heather join me in the car. We had already spent a lot of time in cars together and had a very well-developed crew culture. Heather is a very capable navigator and very comfortable with the role. We took the opportunity to compete in a North Shore Sporting Car Club Whiteline Tarmac Rally Sprint, specifically as a way of introducing Heather to the speed of the car, and ensuring she was comfortable. It was a complete success for us, not in the results area – we are never going to beat time-attack cars or well developed AWD cars – but because we were comfortable with what we were doing and where we were going. All that was left was a service and a spanner check of the vehicle back at Panorama Automotive.

Targa High Country is a 3-day Tarmac rally run out of the Victorian ski resort of Mount Buller. It is a great setting and a really pleasant place to be. We ran the car through documentation, and scrutineering on arrival at Mansfield, and then headed up the hill to perch there for the next few days. Ultimately, the rally encompasses the regional roads around the area with six closed stages per day, adding up to around 200km of competition.

We were having a cracking first day, completing the stages with little penalty until we let our inexperience show on the final stage, the run back up Mount Buller. We run in the TSD category which requires us to complete each stage at an allocated average speed. Ultimately what that really means, mathematically, is that we need to cross the finish line very accurately, at a specifically calculated time. We are further restricted by not being allowed to go over 130km/hr or under 30km/hr. A speed transgression costs you 1 point for every second you are there; above or below those speeds.

The scoring system also means that every one tenth of a kilometre per hour average, above or below the required average speed, incurs another point loss. So that if the required average speed of the stage is 80km/hr, a result of 79.9 or 80.1 will lose you a point. Timewise this is also measured in tenths of a second.

All advice on Stage 6, the 18.25km up Mount Buller, required to be completed at 85km/hr average speed, was to go hard early. Generally speaking, the way to succeed in our category is to gauge the layout of the stage and push your average speed up to just above the required speed and maintain that throughout, enabling you to gently drop down to the required average speed toward the end of the stage. If you push it up too high, you will struggle to get it back, and if you go too slow, you will struggle to raise it. To complicate matters there are points on the stage where you just can't go that fast and their location. The hardest stages are twisty and tight at the end, and as we discovered, the Mount Buller stage is the King Kong of that. My idea of going hard early, was soon proven to be pretty soft as we just watched our average speed drop away toward the finish at the top.



Inexperience had punished us and at such a competitive rally, we weren't able to recover. We were caught out by the Skyline Stage on Day 3 in a similar manner, and it quickly became a case of what might have been. Happily the rally gives you another go at some of the stages and our second run up Mount Buller was done at an average speed of 84.7km/hr losing us just 3 points, rather than the 80.8km/hr - 42 point loss of day one.

In spite of any of that, what we did have was a lot of fun, from watching Heather's nervousness at the start to her absolute enjoyment through the event, watching her have conversations with rally legends such as Jim Richards and Bob Watson, and us just thoroughly enjoying our time in and out of the car. This rally is, after all, no different to all others; a bunch of people getting together to do something that they thoroughly enjoy, which means that they are great fun to be around.

We finished the rally in 12<sup>th</sup> which was deserved and compels us to want to do it again, and to do better. Heather did a great job; it's like she just took to it. And so, of course, we have gone straight back to CAMS to compete in Targa Tasmania this year. We are very much looking forward to it.

Steve Brumby

### A.R.O.C.A. Canberra Drive & Dine Navigation Run

On Sunday 25th February the Canberra chapter of A.R.O.C.A. are having a morning navigation run in the Bungendore - Lake George area followed by a gourmet lunch, at entrants cost, at Lake George Winery. The event is 150km in length with 2 levels of instructions, entry is free.

The Navigation category will be similar to CRC Apprentice level plus there will be a fully route charted Tour category as well. Unlike a C.R.C. event this event will feature cryptic questions.

Why not spend the weekend in the Nation's Capital and on Saturday visit a gallery, museum or one of the other great attractions. Details of the event from Martin Leaver at [martin.d.leaver@gmail.com](mailto:martin.d.leaver@gmail.com)



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