

## 2010 Season

### ROUND 1 Jenkins Road

The first race for the season was held at Jenkins Road Noonamah. With seven starters it looked to be a competitive day. Unfortunately Scott never made it to his first Race and parked up for the rest of the day with Mechanical problems, soon to show that mechanical problems would encompass the entire event. Marty and Shooie ran close times, until the Shooie's black beast decided it no longer liked its rear wheel and he was dragged back to the pits. Marty took Scott as a passenger for his third race and it all proved too much for his latest datto and he blew up the engine.

While Andy changed a tyre in the pits, Mitch and Scott hit the track in the Subaru, taking out a tree in the process, but still made it back in one piece.

Scott seemed to be the kiss of death to the cars as he jumped into the passenger seat with Andy, breaking the accelerator cable off the start line. For Andy's final race he started again, only to have an electrical fire in the dash, which in turn made Marty run, that's right, RUN. Back at the tent rumours circulated of Fried Pineapple and possible sabotage on Scott's part.

The end of the day BJ's buggy was still running taking out A Grade, Terry's Patrol took out B Grade. Mitch took out a much bigger tree.

### ROUND 2 – JENKINS ROAD

Race two done and dusted. Back at Jenkins again a longer track looping back on itself. With 6 starters the all cars made it through to round 3, Shooie even still pulling a pretty good time completing part of the track on 3 functioning wheels. After the Commodore's wheel misfortune everything went down hill. Mitch limped back in the Subaru with possible clutch problems, Marty went all Princess and decided that steering his Datto was too difficult and parked up for the day, must have been something to do with Andy beating Marty's best time. Terry packed up not wanting to damage his car for the Finke, totally understandable.

Shooie, with Richard, frantically fixed his car and made it back on the track for round 4 with no mishaps. BJ scared himself silly with the best time for the day knocking 14 seconds off his previous lap. Round 5 saw only 3 contenders left. Andy yet to finish a round 5 for the year kept that record, smashing a strut, conveniently spectators were on hand to take photos. With Andy finally off the track, BJ finished his last run and Shooie followed. At the 9 minute it was clear the Commodore had made friends with many trees, still soldiering on with the bonnet pushed up in his face. But those new friends turned on him, inevitably he was dragged back to the pits.

Thanks to Terry and Mitch for bringing along the salads! Thanks to Ambo's for hanging around all day!

### ROUND 3 – SHOAL BAY

A poor turnout, only 3 starters. Andy and Shooie were only 5 seconds apart after the first race.

Shooie determined to show Andy and Mitch how its done carved up the track smashing 20 seconds off his previous time in the second race. Andy limped back to the pits and parked up after the strut

he smashed in Round 2, gave out. Once again Shooie did some damage to the Commodore, but kept going just to give Mitch something to chase. In the end slow and steady is definitely the way to go with Mitch finishing the day with the undamaged vehicle.

## THE CHARLOTTE

The Charlotte was set to be an interesting track this year with the addition of a new track area. The swamp areas were still green and a little wet due to the late rain, which meant areas we normally cross through were impassable. Prologue on Friday afternoon set the paces, but Andy, initially on good time, was the first casualty with engine troubles and could not start the next morning. BJ took pole position and was first out on Saturday and took first place for the event. Terry in the Patrol was definitely trying not to break anything and was successful in achieving second place. A bit of number crunching for third as the remaining vehicles never completed all laps. Marty did a tyre, just one, pretty inevitable really. Mitch pulled up with clutch problems. Brent was already in a pretty poor condition, all self inflicted from the night before pulling over a couple of times to throw up, eventually calling it a day. In the end Marty was given third, though Brent's son Ty is sure he should be disqualified as he didn't officially cross the finish line.

A special mention to Sadler who got attacked by mozzies Friday night, but wouldn't sleep in a tent due to the fact it had a Bundy Rum logo on it, that's hard core dedication to your Jack Daniels mate! Thanks to Greg Payne for coming down in the Ambulance, we hope you made it back ok, apparently the car was leaking fuel!

## ROUND 4 Cancelled

The August racing was cancelled due to lack of participants, it seems the Charlotte took out too many cars!

## ROUND 5 – JENKINS ROAD

Initially only BJ and Shooie were confirmed for racing. With Andy's car yet to move since the Charlotte (hasn't even rolled off the back of the truck), eventually Marty and Andy pulled themselves together and got Marty's car going, so they both decided to drive. Then a last minute confirmation from Brent that he was racing, all up 5 racers. Racing went without mishap until Brent's old faithful chucked it in, later he said he never checked the oil after the Charlotte so that may have had something to do with it finally laying over. Marty broke part of the steering but also made a good effort at knocking over the post at the finish line. But as Andy took the shared car out he limped back on a flat front tyre. Scrambling to fix the Datsun, the race was now between Shooie and BJ. Shooie did his best to take out bushland either side of the track. BJ flew through the finish line on two wheels. Andy went out one more time, in an effort to keep Marty from finishing the whole season never doing more than three races each event, he radioed in with a busted diff. Down to just Shooie and BJ, Shooie went out with everything to prove. But ended up with an electrical problem that he had to stop for, with much bitter swearing he made it back, without his sunglasses. Thanks to all the spectators that made the effort to come down, and especially the ambo's who even checked out the track.

## ROUND 6 – JENKINS (THE FINAL SONG)

An ode to Jenkins Road. We used Jenkins as much as we could this season, as thanks to Weddell we will no longer be able to access any of the land. A great step for Darwin development, a massive leap backwards for RAD. But the show must go on. A bit of a wet track with all the rain we'd been getting, but Terry added some new sections, and included some circle work area. Starting with BJ, Terry, Mitch, Marty, Andy and Greg, the day had good racing written all over it. Marty and Andy sharing a car, it was inevitable something would break, and break something Andy did, on his first lap. It seemed to be contagious. Marty made another 2 races before the datto's clutch laid over, signalling the end of the day for both Andy and Marty. Terry discovered a shattered shockie on the Patrol. BJ came sideways over the finish line with a cracked axle. Greg went out all guns, but as he was not racing all year as a member he earned no points, so all Mitch had to do was finish the 4th race to win the day. Mitch had a play in the doughnut area and eventually came back in because, yeah, its a race right? An early end to the day with all the broken vehicles. Thanks to Greg Payne the Ambo for attending the day. Keep your eyes peeled in the NT News "Me and My Ride" section for Terry and maybe BJ's vehicles.

End of year presentation

Congratulations to all our winners for the 2010 Season

**Club Champion:** BJ

**A Grade:** 1st Place - BJ, 2nd Place - Craig, 3rd Place - Andy

**B Grade:** 1st Place - Mitch, 2nd Place - Terry

**Most Improved:** Mitch

**Rookie of the Year:** Mitch

**Good Sport "Michillen Man" Award:** Treena

**Presidents Mug:** Mitch

Apart from some arguing locals and a well exposed butt crack we had a pretty good time out at East Point. Thanks to BJ and Donna for organising the food and trophies, and to Brent and Maria for having everyone kick on back at their place.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, see you next season!