

## 2011 Season

### Round 1 Jenkins Road

Event cancelled due to rain and we arent mud boggers

### Round 2 - Jenkins Road

Welcome to Encore racing at Jenkins road. Although we thought last year was the end, Lands Management have given us the OK for now. So the official second round of the season actually saw some racing for the first time this year. A cool sunny morning, perfect for the starting 6 cars. Terry was out first, after being yelled at to hurry up (sorry) showed us this was a 6 minute track. Followed by BJ, surprisingly doing 9 minutes, apparently he forgot to switch on the fuel and stalled several times, reports from BJ's camp that Marty sabotaged the buggy, the mystery remains unsolved. Welcoming Wayne back from a year off, the black buggy stormed out to give BJ some serious competition, but just off the start line his chain came off calling for a tow back to Pits. Andy, Mitch and Craig hammered on to give Wayne a chance to repair. He made it back out and ran consistent times for the rest of the day.

Craig's first lap showed he was after the day's overall, knowing he had a chance of beating BJ after such a slow first lap. His calculations came through as he took out first place of the day followed by Wayne.

An interesting start to the season. Thanks to all the spectators that came down and gave the guys something to show off for, hope to see you all at the next event at Adelaide River!

### Round 3 Adelaide River

This Event cancelled due to lack of number

## The Charlotte

A pretty poor turn out compared to the spectacle that the Charlotte has been in the past. Four starters at 5 minute intervals, everyone did their first lap, the first 3 going through at around 25minutes. Then when Mitch didn't come through, we assumed he'd got a flat tyre. Eventually he came back through to complete his first lap. Unfortunately that was as far as it went. Wayne flipped his buggy and spent a few hours throwing rocks at it and swearing. Andy broke the steering and spent just under an hour changing a part on the side of the track. Terry had electrical problems and pulled into the pits but went back out for lap 3. But Terry never made it home, burning out some

wires. Mitch limped back, after making good friends with a tree. The only fortune came to Andy making it around all 3 laps alive and kicking.

As we stopped for lunch, Terry and Mitch admitted defeat. But Wayne couldn't be stopped. He repaired his buggy, both Wayne and Andy agreed to give another round a go, 2 laps in the opposite direction. Andy left first, Wayne had problems on the start line with a fuse, but eventually got going just over 10 minutes later. Andy came through on the first lap, but Wayne's steering failed 2/3 around. Andy stopped, picking Wayne up and it seemed to be to his detriment, with only a couple of km's to the finish line, Andy attacked not one but 2 trees, killing his ball joint. So nobody officially finished the race.

Wayne had the fastest lap, Andy finished the most laps. Oh well. It seems the only vehicle that survived the Charlotte was Marty's sweeper vehicle, a poor old beaten up Nissan Patrol dubbed Smokey Joe. It was no surprise that the Ambo's were not willing to jump into a vehicle that only has 2 bolts holding the seat down.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the event happen. A massive thank you to BJ and Donna for brining out the club trailer and helping set up the track on Friday. Also to Tony for towing Wayne back, although he was sprayed with rocks a couple of times, and bringing the trailer back again. And a quick mention of the guy wondering around in the bush that stumbled upon a broken down Andy, we hope you found your bike?

## Round 4 – Jenkins Road

So we are still able to utilise Jenkins, but sections of the track have been dubbed out of bounds due to Govt and Litchfield Council making a start on Wedell development. A pretty good turn out with 7 cars to start. Unfortunately as Wayne pushed his buggy out off the trailer the welds snapped on the front end making it undriveable. He was planning on nipping home to weld it again and be back, but got called into work. Hopefully he'll be good to go next event. Marty finally sorted out his car issues that have plagued him all year preventing him from jumping in the drivers seat, who would have thought its taken over 12 months to change a flat tyre?

Six cars to start in a new pit area, on a lovely breezy day, keeping the dust factor down. Mitch out first doing around 7 minutes. He was followed by Craig who took out bunting just before the finish line, then Marty not even 1 corner in snapping one of the longest lines of bunting on the whole track. Terry next up with Andy after, then BJ finishing the round, with no casualties. The smooth driving was short lived, with Mitch out on his second run once again making his acquaintance with yet another friendly tree. Craig also following suit with a DNF for the second lap due to tree hugging. Clean racing from the rest of the pack.

After lunch Craig had finished fixing his car and slotted in at the end of race 3 to do his lap. But it was not to be, that brand new tyre stripping itself totally bare, he crossed the finish line with no steering and again taking out more bunting. Frustrated with his bloody commodore he decided to drive it up onto his trailer, not the smartest move since the trailer was not actually hooked up to a vehicle. With the momentum the trailer shot forward spitting the ramps off and the car came down with a crash, front end stuck on the trailer, ass end still on the ground. Stay tuned for photos....

The fourth lap went ahead, but Marty limped back with busted suspension. Terry continued to knock seconds off his times and BJ ran consistently, albiet that the rocks seemed to be getting bigger and

sharper. Andy not wanting Craig and Mitch to have all the green mates, centre punched a tree, but still finished the lap.

Final race with only 4 cars left, Andy decided to make it 3, shearing a bolt in his steering only 2 minutes into the race.

The final spectacle for the day was the guys in the Side-by-side who wanted to do a timed lap. The second corner, right in front of the pits, he lined up a tree and drove straight at it, putting a hole in the radiator. Just so you know guys, I still haven't shut the stopwatch off.

Thanks for helping pack up the track, and to Tyler for letting the kids to texta tattoos all over your arm.

Also thanks to the Ambos for once again getting their pristine white uniforms dirty to make sure we are safe.

## Round 5 Jenkins Road

Back again at Jenkins. Six racers to start. Mitch was first up, but had some troubles, so Marty started the day off. A similar track to last race, with a loop back on itself, twice down the straight. All drivers finished the first round, but once again the second was plagued with woe. Craig made it back to the pits after a slow first lap and couldn't get his car started again. Andy's gear box packed it in part way around the track in the second lap and had to be towed in. Mitch also parked up for the day.

Terry continued to have consistent times, knocking seconds off every lap. Marty seemed to take every short cut imaginable to man, smashing his times, surprising for somebody who didn't even feel like getting in his car that morning. BJ surely scared himself down the straight, his little GPS clocking a top speed of 120kph!

Thanks to Greg the Ambo for once again sticking around and finding a rubbish bag in the Ambulance for us.

## Round 6 Jenkins Road

Race cancelled due to wet weather