



PO Box 3217, West Kempsey NSW 2440

## Newsletter 1 : 2011

### KMORC Meeting

Monday : 10th January  
Kempsey Hotel  
(Belgrave Street)  
7.30pm : all welcome.

RIGHT :  
Michael  
Spokes  
and Alan  
Hetherington  
fly to victory  
at Nabcac.



Where did the last few months go? I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and trust 2011 is kind to you.

Our last Newsletter was back in early September so a brief recap of everything that has happened since then is in order.

The KMORC annual General Meeting was held mid September and it was a case of 'steady as she goes' with all the regular faces filling the usual key positions (ie : same roles as 2009). We would still like to see more people attending Committee Meetings and/or standing for positions. Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at the Kempsey Hotel commencing 7.30pm.

Late 2010 saw our members busy on the race track, with the final three Rounds of the NSW Off Road Championship. The Warialda event (September 25/26) was tough on our teams with the best placed being Murray Bignell (10<sup>th</sup> Outright / 5<sup>th</sup> Class), Mick Latimore (12<sup>th</sup> Outright / 4<sup>th</sup> Class) and Katherine Wellings / Elizabeth Lee (18<sup>th</sup> Outright / 2<sup>nd</sup> Class). A certain red Lada from Armidale also returned for the Warialda race. The #577 of Bevan Michel / Josh Robb was 2nd in Class after a DNF in the Final section. #256 Darren Perrin / John Stevens completed the entire course to finish 14th outright and 5th in Super 1650 Class. Phil Page / Mark Griffith finished 20th outright / 5th in Class. KMORC teams to retire were : #47 Tim Baker / Andy Baker, #116 Michael Spokes / Alan Hetherington, #190 David Nikiforoff / Maria Raccasta, #246 Shane McIntosh / Gary McIntosh / Joe Cook, and #361 Matt Morgan / Daniel Morgan.

The Nabcac Airport Challenge (October 30/31) was also tough on equipment with only a handful of the original 30 starters completing the entire distance. It was a fantastic event for KMORC members Michael Spokes and Alan Hetherington though, as they guided their yellow Prolite Buggy through the tricky terrain to not only win their class, but also take outright honours. Congratulations to everyone involved with the team for a terrific effort, and outstanding result! Katherine Wellings / Elizabeth Lee enjoyed another good run to be 8<sup>th</sup> outright and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class. Results for other KMORC members were:

#196 Conrad Bignell : 13th outright / 5th class (started all 5 Heats : DNF Heat 5)

#148 Phil Page / Mark Hemmings : 22nd outright / 7th class (DNF Heat 2 : DNS last 3 Heats)

#190 David Nikiforoff / Scott Manuel : 24th outright / 8th class (DNF Heat 1, DNF Heat 3, DNS last 2 Heats)

#246 Shane McIntosh / Gary McIntosh : 25th outright / 5th class (DNF Heat 2 : DNS last 3 Heats)

#996 Murray Bignell : not classified as finisher (DNF Heat 1, DNS other Heats)

Colo (just outside Sydney) hosted the Final Round of the state title (November 20/21) but the event spelt trouble for the Spokes / Hetherington combination who retired in reconnaissance with a gearbox issue. A long way to travel for no reward! The Wellings / Lee Sportsman Buggy also went out with gearbox trouble. The highest placed KMORC member was the ever consistent Murray Bignell who finished 4<sup>th</sup> outright and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class. Mick Latimore lead early but finished 18th outright and 3rd in Class. David Nikiforoff/Scott Manuel retired in Heat 3.

So the dust (!) has settled on the 2010 Series (the Presentation of NSW awards will be held at Raymond Terrace on February 5 : check the [www.kempseyoffroadracing.net](http://www.kempseyoffroadracing.net) website for more info) and now we look forward to 2011.

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First cab off the rank for KMORC members in 2011 is our Annual Presentation on Saturday evening January 22. It's a change of venue this year with the Presentation being held at the Kempsey-Macleay RSL Club (Function Room 1). Tickets are \$30 each (adults) and \$10 (children), and are available from the Bridgestone Tyre Centre (must be paid for at time of booking tickets, and collected by no later than the close of business Wednesday January 19). Ph 6562 8080 to book.

Racers intending to compete in 2011 need to be aware that there are some very significant scrutineering requirements applying to Off Road race vehicles built prior to 2000. Off Road race vehicles that fall into that date period must undergo a biennial inspection before being allowed to race (its important to note that the biennial inspection cannot be undertaken at a race event). The onus is on the competitor to get there car checked well before they intend to race. The KMORC Committee is being proactive in this regard and has arranged for a biennial inspection to be carried out at the Spokes family's Bridgestone Tyre Centre (located at 2 Stuart Street, Kempsey) on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Both of the Clubs Scrutineer's will be in attendance. All cars must be presented in a clean state (otherwise they will not be inspected). To ensure the biennial inspection runs as smooth as possible all cars to be scrutineered must be booked in at the Bridgestone Tyre Centre (contact David Spokes on 6562 8080 to obtain a booking time) by the close of trade Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January. Paperwork relating to the biennial inspection is enclosed. As I stated earlier, the onus is on the competitor to get this done, and to ensure their car complies.

In other big news the Dondingalong Round of the NSW Off Road Championship has been rescheduled to the weekend of July 16/17. We are hoping that the move will see an increased car count as a result of being later in the Series.

The Wittitrin race (May 28/29) is still being fine tuned but I can reveal that the event is undertaking a format change, and rather than incorporating a number of Heats (as has been the practice since the events inception) their will be two distance races, a shorter one on Saturday afternoon, and longer one Sunday. More details will be released soon.

A reminder that Club Membership Fees are now due and should be paid by January 31. A Membership Renewal Form is enclosed. Please return this form to the Secretary with your payment (cheques/money orders to be made payable to : Kempsey Macleay Off Road Club inc) as soon as possible. Alternatively, payment may be made by direct deposit or internet banking to the clubs account at the Commonwealth Bank Australia Kempsey : BSB : 062560 Account Number : 00921739 If you choose this option please advise the club secretary by emailing your details to [maurie.fuller@skymesh.com.au](mailto:maurie.fuller@skymesh.com.au) ,faxing them to 6562 3111, or telephoning 6562 1366. It would also be appreciated if all members could provide the Club Secretary with their current email address. This would greatly assist with the distribution of correspondence (such as this newsletter!) in a timely manner, as well as saving your club considerable printing/postage costs.

Once again we are indebted to our sponsors for their support in 2010 and hope that they will join us again in 2011. We simply could not conduct our events viably without sponsors, so please support them whenever you can.

Finally, but by no means least, a huge thank you to Maurie & Robyn Fuller (Dondingalong) and the Kemp family from Wittitrin (Dallas, Peggie, Mick, Brigitte etc) for the ongoing use of their properties for our events. Words just cannot convey how much your support means to our club, and its members.

Be sure to keep an eye on our website for all the news from your club, and around the state.  
[www.kempseyoffroadracing.net](http://www.kempseyoffroadracing.net)

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