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Kyle Grant shows his winning driving style in Round 2

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## ROUND 2 ON THE TRACK

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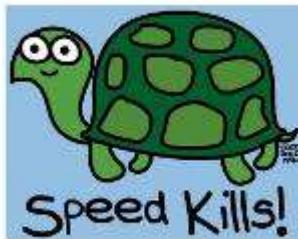
<b>Round 1</b>	<b>24th May</b>
<b>Round 2</b>	<b>7th June</b>
<b>Round 3</b>	<b>5th July</b>
<b>Round 4</b>	<b>2nd Aug</b>
<b>Round 5</b>	<b>6th Sept</b>
<b>Round 6 (Sat)</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>

Round 6 will NOT be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct due to Australian Motorcross Championships being held on the same date.

The new date is Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

This is a day/night event so it is run on Saturday

Well well! Round 2 has come and gone. After round 3 finishes, we are half way through the auto cross season.



President Later Ron described the round 2 day as a Melbourne day as it is renown for having 4 seasons in one day. We had 4 tracks in one day.

Initially the track incredibly slippery after overnight rain but the constant traffic started exposing the mud to the drying effects of the wind and sun and by the end of run 3, there was wisps of dust. Yes dust; not bulldust!



*Run 1 was incredibly slippery. This mud was collected on run1 by Garry Butler.*

*Michael Beckingsale's Cortina 250 with a new paint job and go fast stripes, did not perform to expectations. After sitting idle for 20 years, the car had a little bit of arthritis! Ex Ford mechanic Chris Szewczuk who can rebuild Ford 250's in his sleep did a little head scratching, but the boys have decided that fuel starvation is the problem.*

The Club has decided to call for all mud collected on Round 2 to be returned to the track on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> June between 10 & 12 am. A prize is offered the the biggest amount returned. For more information call Anthony, our track maintenance man.

### **SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS**

Meanwhile which type of car was dominating the muddy slippery track in run 1? Not sure? Nor am I but I can tell you that Kyle Grant driving a FWD (landcrab) was “top dog” for the day, knocking off the kings; Garry Butler and Ron

Ferguson. I can't say eat dust you RWD's, perhaps I should say eat mud!

*Nathan parked the car at a precarious angle off the track behind the F Troop Tower.*



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Les George driving his trusty blue Corolla ended up wedged against a LH tyre at the Back Straight Hairpin (technically C1)\_  
Rocky took off to rescue Les without a driver. Les normally drives Rocky and I think Les is his favourite.

Luckily Beth Hastie the Clerk of the Course was "on the ball" and told Rocky over the radio to return to the pits to pick up a driver! By this time, Les had restarted the Corolla and backed off the tyre and returned to the pits



*Brendan Quartermaine told son; Natham that there was no duct tape left, so stay away from the tyres. So*



*Young driver, Cody Hoyle lost control of his car and slammed into a big tyre right in front of the ladies in the timing hut, giving them a good fright.*

*I am pleased to say the apes did not come out as Cody was a new junior. The car was back on the track for its next run.*

## **ROUND 2 IN THE PITS**

Meanwhile there was plenty of action in the pits!



*First action in the pits was watching the boys erect the*

*gazebo, then to realise it was in the centre of the car park.*



*Ben Lathwell cleans the Corolla windscreen for dad. The RWD Corolla needs all the advantage it can get to beat those pesky landcrabs. Ben was top dog in grade 2.*

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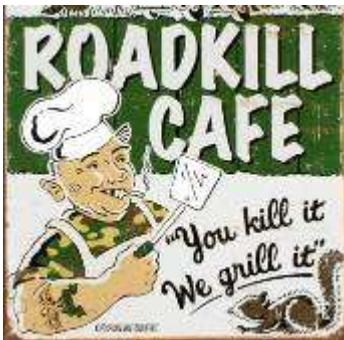
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*A crowd queues for road kill food, but it had run out. Very little was bought in due to the late notice.*

# TRIMVIEW CERAMICS



*I saw Gerald Hann slip into the pits dragging part of his bumper. He had no idea how it happened and quickly tied it up with cable ties.*

*The repair did not hold and son, Scott Hann driving the car on his next run was named by the race caller as hitting something and dragging his bumper!!!*

*But earlier Scott while switching from long track to short track hit a big LH tyre. The grip on the track changed and he was dragged onto the tyre before he could make a correction. Poor Scott. Dad laughed.*



*Terry & Justin Van De Wyngaard arrived with their new car; a starfire powered Corona. They found the car was a bit down on the power weight ratio compared to their previous Barina and suffered ongoing fuel blockages.*

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## HISTORIC VIDEO

Mal Thompson is working on a historic video of the Club. Mal has VHS, Beta & 8mm tapes converted to digital and cut and paste sections into order. A small sample has already been prepared.

Do you have any VHS, Beta, 8mm footage or stills that you

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