

# QUEENSLAND AMATEUR SPORTING HOVERCRAFT

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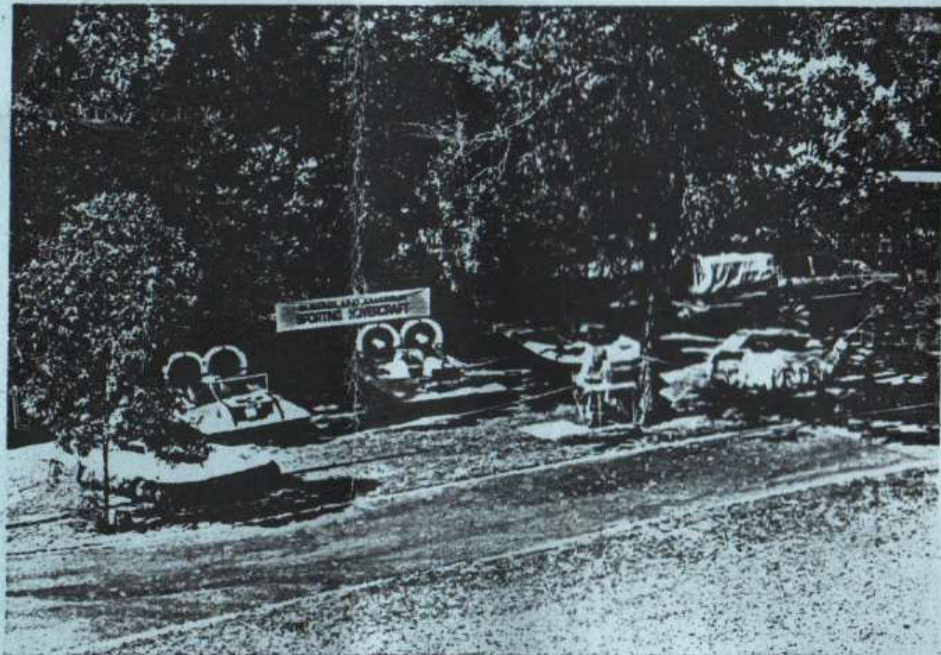
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Dear Air Cushion Vehicle Enthusiast,

The National Heart Foundation "Club Expo" was our first real chance to exhibit the high speed amphibious capability of the versatile, handyman built hovercraft to the public on a grand scale.

3-00pm on Sunday 28th February, the Norm Gailey Grandstand was full and as the drone of four turbos echoed under the high cantilevered roof and Paul Pekelharing struggled to commentate without blowing up the public address system, all eyes gazed down upon John Russell, Des Goss, Mark Dobson and Angus Kerr as they demonstrated tornado spins, figure 8 laps and high speed bank turns on the velodrome at Chandler.

Unfortunately, the static display was situated in the quiet blocks of the grounds, however thanks to Peter Venn, Danny Venn, Murray Russell and John Rapley for taking the time and effort to present their craft of various shapes and sizes and to John Russell for supplying the video films of both Australian and European club scenes.

During our last general meeting, Des Goss presented a calendar with possible rally venues and it was decided to alternate between Saturday, Sunday and Public holidays to provide for members who work on Saturday mornings. Details of this flexible program will be available at the next public meeting.

The March rally has been set for Saturday 19/3/88 and the venue is the Cod Hole at the junction of Eudlo Creek and Maroochy River.  
Meeting time: 10-00am.

This site is home territory for three new members to our club: Phillip Audsley, Steve Koncz and Tony Thatcher and therefore I will be leaving the itinerary up to our new found Sunshine Coasters. As Easter is just around the corner, the Harbours and Marine will most likely be conducting their blitz checks on unregistered craft and safety gear so please ensure you have the following safety gear on board: Lifejackets, fire extinguisher, bailer, small anchor or tow rope, signal mirror and torch.

The 19th is Election Day for councils and shires so please remember to vote on the way home. It doesn't matter if you are covered in sand, drenched to the bone and have salt crystal stalactites hanging from your ears, just vote!

The April rally has been set for Sunday 17/4/88 and the venue is Kholo on the upper reaches of the Brisbane River. (Near Nth. Ipswich.)  
Meeting time: 10-00am.

This site is home territory for Murray Russell who has also recently registered with Q.A.S.H. Inc.

Details of this trip have been provided by courtesy of Des Goss and are as follows:

Trip to the Upper Reaches of the Brisbane River.

Proceed along the Warrego Highway to Kholo Road. ( 47A. J5. )

Launch at Kholo Bridge.

Note, this is not a recognised boat ramp but favourable conditions for launching A.C.V.s do exist.

You may only travel upstream from the bridge as river craft is prohibited downstream due to the proximity to the Mt. Crosby Weir. This can be one of your most interesting A.C.V. trips;

- the water is crystal clear
- a few tight corners
- two sets of rapids that should be treated with care for the first time.
- a couple of long straight stretches to give you a bit of a break from the tight spots.

Fuel required is approximately 30 litres.

We turned back at a specific time, but we could have gone further - unable to say how far we went.

This month we present a short profile of one of our longest term members: Presenting that "Doughnut Daredevil" in the red and yellow Turbo 225 - " JOHN RUSSELL " !

John has been a regular member since the 1st public meeting back in September 1986 at Highgate Hill and is one of the most consistent participants at club rallies. He can also be seen cruising the Brisbane, Logan and Redland waterways at least twice a month.

His reputation "as above" stems from the time he was politely reprimanded for executing deca-doughnuts in front of the Kookaburra Queen during the Year of the River campaign.

His Turbo Wedge 225 is constructed of plywood and fibreglass and took him just 9 months to build at home in his spare time. He went a little overboard with the fibreglass however and although it is not highly competitive for racing, is very strong and durable, a property which has allowed him to fly 5 feet above wave crests in Stradbroke Island surf and 3 feet under wave troughs ( pretending to be a submarine ) all on the same day.

John uses his craft purely for recreation and his only disappointment is that he is yet to convince his wife - Ann, to venture out for a 2nd ride.

Unfortunately there is some bad news to tell. There has been some excessive pressure brought to bear at TOP CAT LEVEL on the committee and we have had to accept the resignation of Mark Dobson as club president due largely to a personality clash. As a vice-president was not nominated at the 1987 Annual General Meeting, this has left the status of the management committee in a very precarious situation.

With all due respect to the remaining sub-committee members, the management committee has appointed Mr. J. Rapley as acting president until the next A.G.M. which we will be recommending at the public March meeting, be called as early as possible in accordance with the constitution, this being April or in other words, within 3 months of the end of the financial year.

We remind all financial members that they may be proposed and seconded in writing for any of the four positions on the management committee by any two financial members of the club.

Such nominations are to be in the hands of the secretary within 14 days of the Annual General Meeting.

The positions to be declared vacant are :

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

Recommended sub-committee positions to be declared vacant :

1. Official - Cruise Rallies
2. Official - Races

Further positions for Testing Officers at sub-committee level should be left in abeyance until the qualifications and number for such positions is established in liason with a Harbours and Marine directive.

The 10th General Meeting is convened for 7-30pm Wednesday 23rd March 1988 at Archerfield Airport in the Sporting Aircraft Association of Australia club building.

Steven Odgaard  
Secretary.

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HULL-Hand laid fibre glass with gel coat finish.

Length 11'6"

Width 6'6"

Weight dry 400 lbs

Payload 480 lbs

Hover height 9"

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LIFT AND PROPULSION-Integrated system.

TRANSMISSION-Gear box.

CONTROLS-Handlebars steering through balanced rudders, twist grip throttle.

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-Assemble Plans.

-Hull and Deck complete, made in fibre glass with built in bouyancy.

-Skirt complete, ready to fit.

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-Controls, Steering, Rudders, Cables, Throttle, Electrics.

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