**A new year, new championship, 3 new events**

After the lull over the Christmas break, entries are now flowing in for the first round of the Australian Tarmac Rally Championship*, the Mt Baw Baw Sprint, with many being for the tour component. The road up to Mt Baw Baw is THE STEEPEST ascendance to a resort in all of Australia with an incline of up to 30 percent a real challenge. The road combined with the fantastic facilities and on-site accommodation at Mt Baw Baw to suit all tastes and budgets, including the Sprint Bar, open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, will ensure the rally is one not to miss.

And for those not yet entered and waiting until after Targa Wrest Point in January to commit to Mt Baw Baw - please send in your expression of interest anyway - if you cannot do the Sprint due to mechanical failure at the THC, Mountain Motorsport will cancel your entry no problem.

Don’t forget, this is round one of four sanctioned in the AASA in a complete Australian Tarmac Rally Championship. The others being the multi-stage Snowy River Sprint (May 26 - 27), The Northeast Tarmac Rally (August 10 - 12), finishing with the Lake Mountain Sprint (November 24 - 25), and, with separate titles for modern, classic, showroom and teams, the winners of the Championship will rightly be known as the best tarmac rallying teams in the country.

So get your entries in now, and be a part of Australia's AASA Tarmac Rally national championship!

### 2012 ATRC Calendar

- **Round 1** - Mt Baw Baw Sprint (11-12 February)
- **Round 2** - Snowy River Sprint, multi stage (25-27 May)
- **Round 3** - Northeast Tarmac Rally, multi stage (10-12 August)
- **Round 4** - Lake Mountain Sprint (24-25 November)

*‘Australian Tarmac Rally Championship’ is a registered name of Mountain Motorsports P/L*
Who are our volunteers?

Proudly providing Medical, Trackside, Safety, and Incident Response services to all forms of Motorsport Australia wide.

Who is RACESOLUTIONS Motorsport?
RACESOLUTIONS Motorsport is a professional, dynamic and diverse group of volunteers committed to delivering a quality service in the provision of Medical, Trackside, Safety and Incident Response services to all forms of motorsport. RACESOLUTIONS Motorsport is unique as it offers the most comprehensive range of equipment and people necessary to run a safe and successful motorsport event.

One of the benefits of the RACESOLUTIONS Motorsport package is the integration of medical services across all trackside activity. The result is faster medical response times from medical crews expertly trained and experienced in trauma and or intensive care to begin assessing and treating injured drivers, riders, pit crews, support staff and officials.

In 2011, the RACESOLUTIONS Motorsport team was involved in the following Motorsport events by providing Medical, Trackside, Safety & Incident Response Services:

CAR EVENTS
Lake Mountain Sprint, Victorian State Circuit Racing Series, Legends of the Lake Hillclimb, Mount Gambier SA

CORPORATE EVENTS

MOTOX
Shell Advance Gippsland Region Motocross Championships, Motul Pirelli Australian Women's Motocross Championship (Qld), Motorcycling Australia Moto-Rodeo Flood Relief Fundraiser, Victorian Junior and Senior Motocross Titles.

One of the greatest strengths of RACESOLUTIONS Motorsport is the volunteer team members who are passionate about the sport and committed to making a valuable contribution to the improvement of services provided for the benefits of competitors at events. In addition, team members with medical expertise bring along their current clinical knowledge and skills with experience in Trauma, Emergency or Intensive Care.

All team members from RACESOLUTIONS Motorsport participate in a comprehensive internal training program including safe helmet and HANS/Leatt head and neck restraint removal as well as patient extrication and trackside safety. Monthly team and training nights ensure competence with the RACESOLUTIONS Motorsport medical equipment and a team approach to patient care, particularly at the scene of an incident.

RACESOLUTIONS Motorsport is proud of its long association with Peter Washington & Mountain Motorsports and look forward to a safe & successful 2012 Mt Baw Baw Sprint.
FROM THE ARCHIVES

Mountain Motorsports News

A whitewash at Mt Buller

Tasmanian’s James and John Whitfield took the honours at the Mt Buller Sprint, breaking the record for the fastest man in the province. The brother and sister duo GMH-Lamborghini Gallardo pushed the record for the fastest man in the province by finishing in first place in their 2011 BMW Z4 CSL. Their timing of 1:13.05.91 set a new record for the fastest man in the province.

Neill tests his skill

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Driver advice to Navigator

Tim is competing with his Navigator. ‘Slow down into the corners?’ the Navigator complains. ‘You’re scaring the life out of me.’ ‘Do what I do,’ replies Tim. ‘Shut your eyes.’

Overtaking Rule

It’s said that if you line up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try and pass them.

Competitor speeding

Policeman, to competitor, ‘I’m arresting you for speeding. You were going at least 180 kilometers per hour.’ Competitor, ‘That’s nonsense, officer. I’ve only been driving five minutes.’

Hey!!!!!!!!!

Reporter, to racing driver, ‘Would you say it’s very dangerous taking a corner at that speed?’ Driver, ‘It’s very dangerous taking a corner at that speed.’

And finally

The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status or ethnic background, is that, deep down inside, we all believe that we are above-average drivers.