



National Meeting of RX-8 Owners

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4th October 2008

LakeSide Race Way, Pine Rivers, QLD

The Meeting is a RX-8 event organised by the Mazda RX-8 Owners Club and will be conducted under the terms of an Australian Auto Sport Alliance Inc. (AASA) Non Race Permit.

WHERE IS LAKE SIDE RACEWAY?

LakeSide Raceway is about 10km North of Brisbane in Pine Rivers check out www.lakesideraceway.com

Queensland multiple Touring Car Champion and Bathurst winner, Dick Johnson, explains:

“Lakeside is a real driver’s circuit, one of the few driver’s circuits left in the country outside of Bathurst. It’s extremely demanding both mentally and physically, and so much more so than some other tracks – the degree of difficulty is such that winning here should be worth quadruple the points!”

<http://www.lakesideraceway.com/history.htm>

Lake Side Licence & Helmet Hire

You will need an AASA licence. You will also need to hire a helmet if you have not brought one with you that meets AASA requirements. The AASA license costs \$20 and is **not** included in your RX8 Nationals entry fee.

The application form can be downloaded here http://www.australianautosportalliance.com/aasa/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_details&gid=4&Itemid=45

Or it can be arranged the day of the meet. However getting licences can sometimes be a bit of a bottleneck with forms to fill in.

It is **your** responsibility to check that your helmet meets all requirements. If you need to hire a helmet, you can do that when obtaining your LakeSide licence. Hire for the day is \$20 with a \$50 cash deposit, and is also **extra** to your RX8 Nationals entry fee. Do not forget to return it at the end of the day and get your deposit back.



Scrutineering Preparation

Scrutineering is our way of checking that your car is generally ready to be taken out onto the track. Vehicle safety is **your** responsibility at **all** times and this check is simply a way of maintaining some consistency in the cars going out onto the track and removing obvious hazards. It is completely at our discretion to turn a vehicle away if it is deemed unsafe.

The meeting will commence at 09:00 with scrutineering which will run for 30 minutes. Scrutineers will be looking for general roadworthiness of vehicles such as:

- tyre and suspension condition,
- working, undamaged seat belts and/or safety harnesses,
- an effective muffler that emits no more than 92 dB(a),
- the absence of loose or removable items such as tools, jacks, spare wheels, etc.
- **PLEASE NOTE: Lakeside is under a noise restriction policy.**
- You will be subject to a restriction of 92 db. taken at 5000 rpm for 10 Seconds from 8 meters behind your car. If you cannot pass this you will not be allowed on the track.

Generally speaking, if it's not road worthy it's not track worthy. Any vehicle that is not signed off by a scrutineer will not be permitted on the track. Decisions as to whether or not a vehicle is road worthy rest solely with the scrutineers and no debate will be entered into.

Scrutineering will be followed at 09:30 by a 30 minute compulsory participant briefing. All participants will be required to:

- supply a copy of this document with all relevant sections filled in. You will be asked to sign the document and initial each page **in front of the Clerk of the Course**,
- present a current AASA or equivalent CAMS license,
- present a helmet complying with AS1698 or better,
- be wearing non synthetic clothing covering all limbs (including fully enclosed footwear).
- Any participant that is not present for this briefing will not be permitted to participate.

Any attempt to circumvent scrutineering or the driver briefing will result in the participant being excluded from the meeting and forfeiting their Entry Fee.

Your safety and that of everyone else is our primary concern.

In addition to scrutineering we will be performing spot checks on cars on the dummy grid (i.e. where you line up before your turn on the track). We will be specifically checking for correct helmets, clothing and loose items.

The meeting will run in 3 groups based on experience and expected times. Drivers may ask the Clerk of the Course to be regrouped during the day. However decisions as to grouping of cars and drivers rests solely with the Clerk of the Course.

Sessions will consist of 15 minutes of laps of the course, plus a cool down lap. The 1st car of the next group will be flagged onto the track once the last car from the previous group enters pit lane.

The sessions will be directed using the start/finish line lights and a full set of standard motor racing flags at pit exit.

Flags will be as follows:

Blue = Slow right down and let faster driver(s) overtake at the next straight.

Yellow = Caution, danger on track. You **MUST** slow down to 60km/h or less.

Red = Session is over. You **MUST** exit at your next approach to pit lane entry.

Chequered = Session is over. You **MUST** exit at your next approach to pit lane entry.

Failure to comply with course directions may result in you being excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

The meeting is a strictly non-alcohol event. Participants must have a blood alcohol level of 0.000 at all times during the meeting. Rx-8 club.com.au reserves the right to require a participant to undergo a blood alcohol breath test to determine the participant's compliance with this requirement.

If you have a medical reason (medications etc..) why you cannot register 0.00 then please be sure to bring a doctors note with you.

The Paperwork

You need to complete the paperwork **before** the compulsory Drivers Briefing at 9:30am (see below).

You will need to have completed:

- LakeSide waiver form after which you will receive your armband.
- LakeSide license form (if required).
- Scrutineering sheet. Although we check your car it is still your responsibility to ensure it is safe. Signing this sheet indicates that **you** have also checked your car according to the standards set out on that sheet and believe the car is safe to drive.

You will have the following with you:

- Your current CAMS Level 2 licence (or higher) or your AASA LakeSide licence.

When the paperwork is complete you will be issued with a number for timing purposes. The number will be applied on the left hand side of your car by a marshal.

Driver's Briefing

This is **compulsory** and will be at 9:30 at the dummy grid. We will explain how the day is to be run and most importantly provide safety information. Those who do not attend the driver's briefing will not be permitted to use the track. If you are going to be late for any reason, please contact us.

If you have any remaining questions, that is the time to ask them. It is not cool to guess or try to work it out yourself. If in doubt about anything – ask! Remember, the idea is to ensure that **everyone** knows what is going on so that the chance of an accident is minimised.

TRACK GUIDELINES

You will be allocated into a 'group' of about 8-10 cars based on what lap times we anticipate you will do. (This is why we want to know what speed event experience you have had on the entry form).

We start with beginners going out with experienced drivers to be shown driving lines, gear selection, braking points and highlight etiquette issues. This will be speed limited to 120km/h. After this, beginners get the chance to go out on their own, again speed limited to 120km/h, to give them a feel for the track and feel secure with people of the same experience on the track. From here we run in timed groups with the fastest cars followed by intermediate drivers and so on. As the day progresses people will be shuffled amongst groups to ensure they are with cars of a similar pace.

A session will comprise approximately six laps (possibly five if this results in too much bunching of cars). Cars in the next group will be called up to the pit lane when the previous group goes out onto the track. You must be correctly dressed with

helmet on and ready to go. When the previous group has cleared the track, cars in your group will be released from pit lane onto the track at 8 to 10 second intervals.

In your six laps we suggest that you use the first lap to warm the tyres, brakes, engine and get a feel for the track. Then have 4 “hot” laps to try to improve your times. After this, use your 6th/last lap to cool the brakes, engine and tyres.

The speed limit in the pit lane is 40km/h and you should return slowly to your park in the marshalling area and park in gear but handbrake off to minimise heat stress on brakes as they cool. Putting the handbrake on can cause the brake pads to seize to the discs and can cause disc warping making any more track driving too dangerous.

What if it's your first time?

If it's your first time you will initially go out with an experienced driver as passenger. This will be speed limited to 120km/h to ensure you are not overwhelmed and get a good chance to see braking points, gear selection and driving lines.

After this you will go out on your own. This will be speed limited to 120km/h as well so take your time. It is an awesome experience driving out on a track for the first time and feeling like you have all the room in the world. Keep in mind this quickly changes once you add speed and adrenalin. **So please take your time for your first few sessions!**

You will also find that 6 lap sessions are more than long enough. Lakeside is a tight circuit and you will be working hard. Keep hydrated throughout the day and be prepared to skip a session if you are feeling tired.

You are advised to place your foot firmly on the brake pedal in the event of a spin. DO NOT try to “drive out of” the spin. Make sure you keep an eye out for problems on or near the track, including dirt/dust, gravel, stopped vehicles, slowing vehicles, track marshals and other persons and any other hazards.

If in doubt about anything, ask us and we will do our best to help.

What are the track rules?

The object of a track-based event such as this is driver education and getting to know your vehicle better within the bounds of a closed road circuit. It is **not** about racing or exceeding either your driving limits or the limits of your car. Any driver acting dangerously or recklessly will be immediately banned from the event

The most important rule is: **do not endanger yourself or anyone else**. We all want to have fun and learn more about how you and your car can handle going a bit faster and harder than you can on the road. However, the day will be spoilt for everyone if someone gets hurt or a car gets damaged.

You know how much your car cost you, how far you are from home, and the cost and hassle of getting back if you damage the car. If your car needs to be towed from the track, **you** will be responsible for the cost of the recovery vehicle. And the cost of trucking your car home will be quite expensive. Take it easy!

Remember, your car insurance may not cover you. Check with your insurer.

General Rules:

- Speed Limits: Pit/Paddock area 10km/h. Pit lane 40km/h.
- Food: No food in pit lane or marshalling area.
- Smoking: No smoking in pit lane, marshalling areas or pit garages.
- Age Restrictions: No one under 16 years on Pit Wall or in Marshalling Area.
- Children: Their safety is **your** responsibility. Please ensure they are adequately supervised at **all** times.
- Burnouts: No burnouts anywhere within LakeSide or on the neighbouring public roads.

Rules on the Track:

- The Event Organisers, LakeSide staff and Track Marshals will have final say over the structure and running of all “on-track” activities. No debate will be entered into and you **must** obey their instructions at all times.
- Overtaking: On straights only. No overtaking under brakes into corners, through corners or out of corners.
- Do not race other participants.
- No passengers unless they are a designated instructor.
- Mirrors: Watch for cars behind. Allow faster cars to pass on straights. Signal (point) that you have seen them and that it is clear to overtake.
- Signal when returning to the pits. Pit return is on the left of the track at turn 10, the start of the main straight.
- Flags (at start/finish line):
 - Green – Go.
 - Yellow – Caution, problem on track.
 - Red – Slow down and proceed slowly around track and exit into pits.
 - Red Flag and Yellow Lights Flashing – Emergency Vehicle on track. Slow down and proceed slowly around track and exit into pits.
 - Chequered Flag – End of session. Continue on ‘hot lap’ until timing marker (between cones at near middle of lap), then slow down and exit into pits.
- Blowups or major oil leaks: Get off the track as soon as its safe. (You pay for oil clean up and lost track time for everyone. Rough cost of an oil down for the individual is \$200-\$300).
- Breakdowns: Get well off the track and stay in your car until the recovery vehicle comes. (You pay for the cost of the recovery vehicle).
- Stopping: No stopping on the track.
- Windows: All passenger windows closed.

- Run offs: If you are going to run off the track, exit in a straight line, slow down and check that the track is fully clear before re-entering.
- Participants are to report to the ambulance personnel after any accident or collision and may not return to the track until cleared to do so.

OTHER TRACK INFORMATION

- Lap Times: Lap times will be posted on the notice boards at the back of the timing tower near the marshalling area. Be patient, they sometimes take a while to get collated but are usually available within 30 minutes of your session.
- There will be a number of demonstration cars in attendance with various forced induction solutions on display. So if you are considering any modifications, this will be a good opportunity to ask questions and examine alternatives.
- Fun: The day is about having fun (safely). We want you to enjoy yourselves and learn more about driving your car. Nobody out there is a real expert, some people have just done it a few more times than you. If there's something you want to know, ask and I'm sure that someone will be willing to help.
- We will have experienced instructors there to assist beginners, give advice to all and come for laps to give tuition. Make the most of this and seek them out whenever you can. If you are driving in a way that the instructor feels is unsafe they won't ride with you, as their safety is at risk also!
- Ambulance personnel will be in attendance. Let's all make sure they have a very boring day.
- **Do not forget to replace your registration plates before returning to public roads!**

ENTRY FORM MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 19 Sept

Accepted entries will be acknowledged on www.rx8club.com.au. Should you have any queries about your entry or the event in general, please post on **rx8club.com.au** under the 2008 Nats thread.

RX8 NATIONALS 2008 - ENTRY FORM

Track Participant (every RX8 entered must have at least one Track Participant)													
Full Name:													
Forum Nickname:													
Postal Address:													
Contact Number:													
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Note: Additional Track Participants are required to pay 1/4 of the Track Participant registration fee payable (see below) and shall be required to share the entered car’s allocated track time in a manner to be determined at the absolute discretion of the Track Marshals. They will also need to share the number allocated to the car for timing purposes.													

Registration/Entry Fees

1. Track Participant fees – \$285.00 early bird rate but **ONLY** if \$100.00 deposit received by 25 June **AND** balance of \$185.00 received by 25 September.

If deposit and/or balance are **NOT** received by those dates, an alternative late entry fee of \$350.00 will be payable (i.e. instead of the \$285.00 early bird rate).

2. Additional Track Participant fees – \$70.00 early bird rate **OR** \$90.00 late entry fee.

(Includes participation in the timed track day, lunch Saturday at track and any T-shirts or gifts that may be included in the event).

3. Non-Driving Participant fees – \$25.00

(Includes lunch at Lakeside).

4. Children under 12 yrs – free

Note: Registration/Entry fees do not include accommodation, track licencing and helmet hire (if required). It is the responsibility of each entrant to book and pay directly for his/her accommodation needs (hotels list will be posted on www.rx8club.com.au).

Payment Details

(please tick your selections):

1. Early Bird \$285.00 (\$100 deposit payable by 25 June)

2. Late Entry \$350.00

4. Additional Track Participant \$70.00 (Early Bird) **OR** \$90.00 (Late Entry)

No. of Non-Driving Participants: _____ (x \$25.00) = _____

Total Payable: _____

NOTE: Deposits and payments are non refundable after 1st July 08

Payment method.

Entry fee or deposit has been deposited via internet or direct deposit:

Yes No

Bank is Westpac
BSB = 034050
Account = 177213

(Please email Monte at monte@techark.com upon payment and advise date of payment, originating account details, branch and reference number in order that we might confirm payment has been made by you – failure to do so may lead to your payment not being acknowledged)

Note: No position will be reserved until payment is finalised. There will be no refund in the event you do not attend the event unless all Track Participants in your entry are replaced by fully paid entries from those on the waiting list that have completed this form and have been accepted by the event organisers.

Note: The RX8 Nationals is strictly a non-profit event. In the event of any surplus funds it will be rebated to the participants on the day of the event or used to fund the next Nats.

INDEMNITY

Warning: the indemnity clauses set out below are important. Your agreement to their contents will affect your legal rights and obligations. Please read the entire document carefully and do not sign the entry form unless you agree with and understand them. By signing the entry form you will be agreeing to limit your rights to make any claim against the organisers of the RX8 Nationals and you will be agreeing to accept responsibility for your actions during the event. ALL ADULT PARTICIPANTS (WHETHER DRIVING OR NOT) MUST SIGN THE ENTRY FORM OR THE ENTIRE ENTRY WILL BE REFUSED.

I/we acknowledge and confirm that I/we am/are over 18 years of age and, in consideration of the Event Organisers allowing me to participate in the RX8 Nationals 2008 as a driver or spectator ("**the Activity**") at Lake Side Park Raceway ("**the Event**"):

I/we acknowledge that:

Event Organisers and their employees, servants, agents, contractors, sponsors, successors and assigns and all other persons involved or connected with the organisation, conduct and promotion of the Event (collectively, "**the Event Organisers**") do not make any warranty that the services at the Event will be provided with due care and skill or that any materials provided in connection with the services will be fit for the purpose for which they are supplied; and

to the extent that any warranty is implied, it is excluded to the full extent permitted by law.

I/we acknowledge that:

Undertaking the Activity and participating in the Event are inherently dangerous and accidents causing harm including death or serious injury can and do happen and may happen to me/us;

The risks associated with my/our presence at the Event or involvement in the Activity include but are not limited to the risk that I/we may suffer harm as a result of:

Acts of violence and other harmful acts (whether intentional or inadvertent) committed by persons attending or participating in the Event;

The failure or unsuitability of facilities (including seating, fences and guard rails) to ensure the safety of persons or property at the Event;

Driving my own motor vehicle upon a motor racing track at speeds well in excess of those at which I would normally drive;

Other motor vehicles using the track at the same time and the possibility that experienced racing drivers or my/our instructors may not always drive those motor vehicles;

Motor sport being inherently dangerous; and

There being no facilities available to treat me/us in the event of injury or to transport me/us to medical care or to the extent that such facilities are made available, they may not be adequate in the circumstances;

The Event Organisers do not warrant the skill or abilities of any person using the track during the event;

The Activity has special associated risks including but not limited to risk and injury to myself/ourselves (including my death, mental or physical incapacity), risk and injury to my/our property and injury to others; and

There are no facilities for the repair of my/our motor vehicle and there are no facilities for the removal of my/our motor vehicle from the Event in the case that there is damage that results in the motor vehicle being unfit to drive.

My/our participation in the Activity is voluntary however I/we acknowledge that if I/we withdraw my/our presence from the Event or my/our involvement in the Activity at any time, my/our entry fee will not be refunded.

I/we hereby assume all risks of loss, damage or injury (including death) which may be sustained by me/us that is in any way connected with my/our presence at the Event or my/our participation in the Activity.

I/we hereby release the Event Organisers from all liability to me/us for any claim, loss, damage, cost or expense (whether arising under statute, from negligence, personal injury, psychological trauma, death, property damage or infringement of third party rights or otherwise) that arises as a result of any act, matter or thing done, permitted or omitted to be done which is in any way connected with my/our presence at the Event or my/our participation in the Activity.

I/we agree to indemnify and keep indemnified the Event Organisers on demand against any claim, loss, damage, cost or expense incurred or sustained by any or all of the Event Organisers as a consequence of any act, matter or thing done, permitted or omitted to be done by any of the Event Organisers or which arises out of or is in any way connected with my/our presence at the Event or my/our participation in the Activity.

This release and indemnity is in addition to, and will not in any way limit the application of, the conditions of sale attaching to tickets, conditions of entry, conditions of credentials or any other applicable terms or conditions in respect of the Event.

A term of this release and indemnity will not apply where the term contravenes the law of the relevant jurisdiction under which any legal action is legitimately taken however such terms are severable and do not invalidate the remaining terms.

I/WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE RX8 NATIONALS GUIDE AND ENTRY FORM (INCLUDING ALL INDEMNITY CLAUSES). I/WE AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES AND GUIDELINES SET OUT THEREIN DURING THE WHOLE OF MY/OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENT.

Signature

Signature

Printed Name

Printed Name

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Remember: All adult participants must sign the Entry Form or the entire entry will be refused. All adults must also register upon arrival at Lakeside Raceway.