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Thank you to those clubs who provided feedback from the recent Maclean's Bridge at Lakeside (2011) Festival. We, and Lakeside, have taken the comments on board for planning the 2012 event. Now we are looking for a response to a specific opportunity.

The statistics for the 2011 event are now reasonably clear. There were 1300+ vehicles on display (all sports and/or classics), and a total of 5000+ people in the park. These figures exceeded our projections (and caused some hiccups in the parking plan), but clearly a good crowd helped to make it an exciting festival. I am told by Queensland Raceways that this is the biggest crowd at Lakeside since 1998 – and we weren't racing!

Maclean's Bridge at Lakeside (2012) will be held on 20 May 2012, and depending on your response may even go over 2 days (the 19th and the 20th). The opportunity is to use the Saturday for an inter-club motorsports competition, with teams of 4 cars competing in a Pacemaster event, a regularity-based track event. As we see it, a club can have more than one team in the competition. The competitors would be assured plenty of track-time, with no other use of the track that day.

This Saturday event would be part of the Maclean's Bridge at Lakeside Festival but would not cause any changes to the Sunday display day, and the cruise laps ('happy laps') would still be available on the Sunday afternoon. The Saturday competition would hopefully meet the needs of those who have asked for more serious track time.

The award presentations for the winning team and winning Club from the Saturday competition would be on the Sunday, and the winning team would be featured in some way during the day.

While we have yet to come up with pricing and precise timings for all the activities of a two day festival, at this stage we believe there would be no change to prices for the display day (the Sunday). For those who might choose to attend as spectators with the competing teams on the Saturday, we would aim for a very low/nominal entry fee (to encourage a little team support and some fence-side flag-waving). For those taking

part in the competition, the typical pricing for this amount of track time with properly structured competition support would be \$150 per car. We think we'll be able to shave something off this if there is enough interest.

The key questions are --- would your club be supportive of a 2-day festival that was based on feedback from this year's event, be interested in an inter-club competition day as suggested above, and be able to mount a team (or more than one team) to take part in the inter-club Pacemaster event?

Please mark 20 May 2012 in your events calendar, and a question mark for 19 May 2012. And please let me know reference the inter-club Pacemaster event.

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