

THE GRID IS SET FOR V8 SUNDAY AT IPSWICH

BELLOWING SOUNDS of V8's will rumble at Queensland Raceway this weekend for Round 4 of the Queensland V8 Series.

Chris Brown is set to defend his series lead from fellow Holden driver Scott Smith.

The last couple of months have been very busy for Brown running a busy business and working on the racecar. He has been rebuilding his damaged engine that threw a bearing while competing in the Shannons Two days of Thunder back in late June.

"It's been a slow process waiting on parts to arrive and we only just got the engine in the car last week", said Brown.

Ex-V8 Supercar driver Steve Voight will be running two of his Holden VK Commodores this weekend with Kevin Heffernan and young gun Aaron Tebb behind the wheel.

Tebb is only 20 years old and uses the Queensland V8 Series to get maximum drive time as he a fresh new face in motorsport. He is utilizing all local events in tin top racing to prepare for his current drive in the Kumho Tyres Australian V8 Touring Car Series.



Tebb will be using this weekend as practice and running the racecar in leading up to the 2012 Muscle Car Masters held on the 1st & 2nd September for the annual Father's Day historic event held at Sydney Motorsport Park.

This weekend's schedule is 1x Qualifying session & 3x Races with drivers on track at approximately 9:00am on Sunday 26th August.

MOVING ONTO TOURING CAR MASTERS

Michael Wedge has farewelled the Queensland V8 Series and moved onto the Touring Car Masters driving the bright

orange Speed FX Racing HQ Monaro as the Jim Morton team.

He debuted in the 2012 Touring Car Masters Series earlier this month at the Coates Hire Ipswich 300 running as a support category to the V8 Supercars.

The Touring Car Masters is very popular with motoring enthusiasts and is rapidly growing into one of Australia's premier racing categories on the V8 Supercar calendar.

Evolving from Historic Group N racing through to Biante Historic Touring Cars, the series emerged as the Touring Car Masters for its inaugural

season in 2007.

Showcasing a selection of immaculate touring cars from the pre-1976 era, the Touring Car Masters boasts some of the sport's most iconic muscle cars from Falcon GT's, BOSS Mustangs, Chevrolet Camaros, Chrysler Chargers and Holden Monaros to the giant-toppling Holden Toranas and nimble Porsche 911 RS's.

Michael will be dearly missed and on behalf of all the Queensland V8 Series competitors and organisers, we wish you the best of luck with your racing career. We will be cheering for you from the sidelines.





FANCY YOURSELF DRIVING A V8 ON TWO OF QUEENSLAND'S PREMIER RACE CIRCUITS?

We are looking for more competitors in this new and exciting series. If you have a old race car or a street car ready to turn into a competitive machine, check out the Queensland V8 Series website on: www.qv8s.com for all the rules, regulations and vehicle specifications.

If you don't have a current AASI or CAMS licence, the guys at QV8S will help you through the simple process.

Urgently need Ford drivers! Mike Exley and Mark Bell are the only blue badged drivers in the series.

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NEW FORD DRIVER TO JOIN THE SERIES

Production Car driver Mark Bell will debut this weekend as another Ford driver joining the Holden dominated field.

The BA XR8 driver has over 3 years experience as a CAMS licence holder competing in several National events throughout Australia.

Earlier this month he competed in the Hydraulic 400 'The Fight in the Night' Australian Manufacturers Championship held at Queensland Raceway. Mark Bell teamed up with Graham Lusty, it made a perfect combination as they came third outright in the 'C' class.

Mark has been a regular this year behind the wheel, back in mid-2010 he was involved in a high-speed crash that almost finished his career.

Bell left the circuit in an ambulance after a practice session that went horribly wrong in the Shannons Sports & Muscle Car annual event.

The car burst into flames on impact, the fire fighters and paramedics were at the scene quickly.

Bell said "I remember I applied the brakes and nothing happened, I then threw it down a gear to try and slow down, after that I have no recollection of the incident whatsoever".

Throughout his six months of rehabilitation, Bell still had to contend with the constant reminders of what had happened. Bell suffered a broken leg in two places, spinal, internal and head injuries. He was also placed in an induced coma for two weeks.

He has now used the undamaged parts from the right-off vehicle to rebuild the Ford BA Falcon that will hit the circuit this weekend.



Bell is one of the most recognised drivers on club days in Queensland and New South Wales with a remarkable response from fellow drivers as one of the luckiest guys around today.

The Queensland V8 Series runs in conjunction with the TopGear Series that is held at Queensland Raceway and Lakeside Raceway.

2012 Series Points

1. Chris Brown - 442
2. Scott Smith - 376
3. Tony Grant - 323
4. Michael Wedge - 319
5. Jim Spence - 315
6. Scott Taylor - 300
7. Murray Kent - 295
8. Kevin Heffernan - 267
9. Dan Cuda - 241
10. Gary Leaton - 225
11. Hamish Goetz - 186
12. Aaron Tebb - 165
13. Greg Jenkins - 147
14. John Gilbert - 123
15. Neil Barker - 105
16. Mick De Winter - 101
17. Troy Gardener - 91
18. Benny Webb - 82
19. Alan Harry - 74
20. Neville Haines - 69
21. Mike Exley - 56
22. Steve Coe - 56
23. Peter Batterham - 50
24. Mark Bell - Debuting



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