



EVENT COVERAGE

OZROCK ROUND 3 - LARA, VIC - 2007

After a strong presence in the Australian rockcrawling scene, the Ozrock team stepped up a notch with their last event in Lara. Mark Cheeseman and his team of helpful volunteers have spent countless hours roaming the countryside for new and varied competition venues and managed to stumble on what could arguably be termed Australia's best rockcrawling competition venue.

What makes this venue so great is that it's on the doorstep of one of Australia's largest cities. Held at Lara which is only 40mins from Melbourne's CBD and 20mins from Avalon Airport, the event experienced a great spectator turnout and one of the biggest fields of competitors in Australia's rockcrawling history. Competitors traveled from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia to Lara for the chance of bringing home the trophy.

David (BB) from **Team DGR** teamed up with Sam Overton from Queensland in his imported USA buggy. As the organiser behind the Werock series, it's not very often that Sam gets the opportunity to get behind the wheel. After having the guiding hand of Greg as his spotter for PUOSU earlier in the year, Sam looked for the next best thing for Ozrock....BB! And as if competing amongst Australia's most elite rockcrawlers isn't enough, Sam decided to fit rear steering to the vehicle in the week prior to the event. This made for a very interesting weekend!

The courses set by Mark Cheeseman were as tough as always. The weekend was full of the usual breakages and rolls. Through some luck and their careful approach, **Team DGR** managed to avoid a similar fate. With a fractured rear crown wheel in practice, the pressure was on to drive smoothly and consistently all weekend.

After a great start on the first two tracks, the lack of practice with the new rear steering began to show. Courses that wouldn't have normally caused a problem had the team scratching their heads – and all because of that new rear steering!

The team battled through for the remainder of the weekend with a mixture of great and some average results. The final placing was 6th from a field of 14 which showed that even on a bad day, the team was still very competitive.

Congratulations must go to the Ozrock crew for securing such a great location. And without the generous support of the Lara Gun Club, none of this would have been possible.

