



EVENT COVERAGE

EXTREME ROCKCRAWLING CHALLENGE ROUND 1 ROVER PARK, NSW - 2007

Dave Metcalfe and his Xtreme Rockcrawling Challenge have a long history in South East Queensland and Northern NSW. Since holding Australia's first ever rockcrawling event back in 2004, XRCC has continued to provide an outlet for Australia's budding new rockcrawlers.

After a postponement earlier in the year, XRCC came out on top with one of the largest competitor turnouts in recent history. The experience level of the competitors ranged from international rockcrawlers in chromoly tube frame buggies to Suzukis on 31" tires with welded differentials. This made for a fun event for the seasoned competitors and a learning experience for those newer to the sport.

Team DGR borrowed Sam Overton's USA buggy for this event. Complete with 5.7L Corvette motor, 40" sticky tires and rear steer, it certainly was a force to be reckoned with. An ill-fated attempt to compete in Werock at Rover Park earlier in the year saw **Team DGR** having to push the buggy back onto the trailer without even starting a course. Thankfully, luck was back on **Team DGR's** side for this event.

Team DGR placed 1st with a score of 79 points from a possible 80 points over the whole weekend. That's *almost* the perfect score! However, **Team DGR** didn't have it all their way with Yuri and 2P in hot pursuit for most of the event. It wasn't until the presentation that **Team DGR** realised just how well they actually scored.

Thanks must go to Sam Overton for the use of his old school but definitely cool buggy. But the biggest gratitude must be reserved for Dave Metcalfe. Was it not for his determination, the XRCC series might have been over. With ongoing support from competitors, XRCC will regain its position as one of Australia's most enjoyable and well supported 4wd events. The future for Aussie rockcrawling looks good!

