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# A Gentleman's

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WHAT HAPPENED WHEN A POOR WRX MET A MERRY OLD GENTLEMAN? IT ROSE TO BECOME QUEENSLAND RACEWAY'S FASTEST REXY OF COURSE!

On occasion, we have the greatest pleasure of meeting a real-life role model of motoring enthusiasm. They're a fun-loving character that stands up for healthy ideals who is professional, experienced and respectable. For us, it builds faith that our scene is made up of some fair dinkum champions.

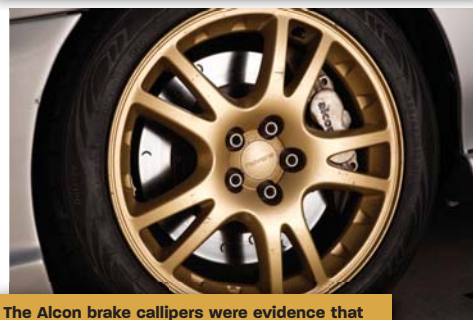
One of these people is entrepreneur, Richard Chun. Hailing from the UK, Richard has been racing in various forms of motorsport longer than FF&R has been around. "Motocross trail, drag racing, enduro racing, grass track racing, circuit racing and now timed events, I've been involved in a fair bit," Richard laughs.

Richard's time attack WRX featured here isn't the most mental-looking WRX we've ever featured, and at 249kW, it's by far not the most powerful. Also having owned such cars as a space framed AC Cobra and a Sierra RS Cosworth, this humble old REXY is definitely not the fanciest car that Richard has owned. >>





The fuel system is quite simple and straightforward with a Walbro lift pump pulling fuel into the surge tank which then spits into the fuel lines via a single Bosch 044 fuel pump



The Alcon brake callipers were evidence that this car had done competition work in the past

What makes this car stand out despite all these things is that it's the fastest WRX to have left its mark on Queensland Raceway. "To me, this car means fun predominantly!" Richard cackles in laughter. Richard shows us that a car needn't cost a million dollars in order to satisfy a well developed addiction to speed.

"When I bought it, the car was in fair condition. Although it had been used for competition work in the past, the owner that I bought it off used it as a daily driver," explains Richard. "I went right through it and upgraded things because I use it for the track," he adds.

Most of the labour came from Russell and the team at Subi Evolution in Brendale Queensland. The passionate and enthusiastic team there is what Richard attributes a lot of the reason to why he chose the WRX.

"Without [Russell], this wouldn't have been possible. What inspired me was seeing Russ's enthusiasm in the project. I've never followed the Subaru scene but it's really big here. The support I receive is second to none," says Richard.

Russell from Subi Evolution says about Richard's WRX, "When we first got the car it wasn't in great shape. The gearbox and suspension had issues and the diffs were gone. We've pretty much enhanced and modified everything".

When it was picked up by Richard, it already contained a PPG dog cut box and Alcon front brakes. The dog box received a much needed freshen up and "The standard rear brakes were costing me time at the track so I had them upgraded to Brembo callipers," Richard explains.



Keeping in the true theme of what this car represents, the engine bay is definitely kept functional more than it is kept formal

## HE'S GOING THE DISTANCE

Approaching four decades of full-throttle motoring, Richard is showing no signs of slowing down. "I started in motocross, then grass track racing in space framed cars equipped with motorbike engines. I've dragged turbo-nitro motorbikes, raced in circuit and am now racing against the timer," he explains.

He shares some of his insight and advice, "If you want to do something, think it out, then go ahead and do it. No use sitting on your hands. You make your own luck in life don't you? Yes, sounds like a cliché but it's true".

We raised a quote from the last older gentleman racer who featured in FF&R. Bob Boniface in October issue said "You don't get old if you're going fast" to which Richard laughs, "That makes sense! It pulls skin tight".

Richard concludes "I want to try everything before I die". To you our loyal reader, Richard says "Carry on enjoying your selves... Keep safe".



## DRIVER PROFILE

**NAME:** Richard Chun

**AGE:** Old enough

**I WORK AS:** An entrepreneur

**I USED TO DRIVE:** Space framed AC Cobra, Sierra RS Cosworth, tarmac rally spec RS 2000 mk1 Escort, Escort RS turbo

**MY ULTIMATE RIDE:** Metro 6r4 twin turbo

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