

Over The Hill And



Round the Bend

Southern Districts Motorsport Association
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Newsletter December 2002

**CHRISTMAS
TREATS**

Christmas BBQ being hosted by the club, meat, salad & bread rolls/bread provided for club members and their families. Bring your plates, cutlery and drinks but please respond to Julie Merz on 62316275 by 10 December so that you can be catered for.

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Merry Christmas everyone, this is the final newsletter for 2002, we would like to thank our contributors for their words of wisdom or amusement, whichever were applicable, which have helped make the magazine something worth picking up and reading.

As always if you have anything to contribute please send it to us at terryb@webone.com.au or phone us on 62887207.

Barb and Terry

Presidents Report

SDMA has been successful in getting most of the funding we asked for from the ACT Government under its sports grants program.

The club asked for a total of \$5290 for two projects: 'Erosion Control and Environmental Improvements' (\$3915) and Secure Storage (\$1375).

The ACT Treasurer and Minister for Sport, Ted Quinlan, has agreed to SDMA getting \$3900 - \$2750 for erosion control and \$1150 for secure storage.

The club has to match the grants dollar for dollar, but we can do this in part by charging out our voluntary labour at \$15 an hour. After we provide our honest toil, the club will have to provide (on my maths!) around \$2500 in cash to match the grants (\$1650 for erosion control and \$850 for secure storage).

The erosion control project involves stabilising (by contour grading and improvements to the dam and water dispersal) the middle of the inner track area and then putting concrete edging around most of the corners to control erosion and protect the track.

The secure storage project is buying another container to house all of our baluables (after new, low-life proof lock covers are welded on) and will also form the base of a viewing/event control platform.

Both projects will help the club significantly, but both will involve a fair amount of effort on our behalf. But the effort will be very worthwhile and we will see the improvements pretty quickly. On a more immediate matter, the club December meeting is the Christmas Party at the track on Sunday 15 December, 12 noon onwards. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

John

OFFICIALS FOR 2003 AND BEYOND:

We will not be allowed to run an event with non licenced people. Very few of us will be driving in every event we hold in the future so if you train and officiate at one or two events per year then we should have enough members to allow us to run all the events that we plan. In the past, if your car breaks during event day, some of you have offered to do a flaggy or the chock as a contribution to running the event, in the not too distant future you will need a licence to do this, so PLEASE TRAIN. So contact Paul Grellis on 6299 2299 and let him know what you are prepared to train for.

Event Secretary's report

We have had the final event for 2002 and I would like to congratulate all the officials on another well run event. Thanks to those officials who were "roped in" at the last minute and performed their duties with such good humour. This must have been the most chaotic event for me that we have had this year, we started off the day with 39 competitors but by the time we started the competition we had 47 competitors. Of these extras, almost all needed to renew their memberships, their licences and pay their entry fees, what an expensive morning for some of them and what a lot of work on competition morning for me – thanks to Matthew and Terry for helping me with the checking off paperwork.

The event went off smoothly, a few competitors forgot who they were following in the running order but we got over that, everyone who wanted to had 6 runs and despite the 'shower' in the middle of the afternoon I believe everyone enjoyed themselves.

Once again we attracted competitors from Wollongong Sporting Car Club who told me that had enjoyed themselves and would come back, other than the drivers of the Fiat all competitors were members of SDMA – which means that 45 club members competed. Congratulations to the Wise family who produced 3 competitors, one senior and two juniors, we need more families like this who are encouraging the kids to come and try. For those of you who didn't know Kate is 14 years old and I am told that she had a great day.

To all at SDMA

On behalf of my brother John and family, sincere thanks to all for the card sent and the thoughts expressed in it, following the death of my niece in early October.

Leon

The final results of the ACT Hillclimb Championship and the Club Person of the Year will be announced at the BBQ. Trophies will be presented to the winners.

The ABC of Hillclimbing

Early October I got a call out of the blue from ABC television Melbourne – they wanted me to talk for around 3 minutes on TV – the Insiders program on Sunday morning – regarding the performance and viability of someone called Simon Crean. Simon who? I said and they reminded me where I had heard the name. They wanted me to talk about a federal politician – I could talk for days on end about local politics (eg: Quinlan took away the V8's, where's our dragway, what about a long term lease for Fairbairn, why doesn't someone slot Mr M..... etc.)

I took the job and in return they said they would take some action shots of me and the old Datto at the track – which they did.

They were doing the photoshoot on a Friday morning so I rang David to arrange for CAMS OK to run a few parade type laps around the track.

On the Thursday I rang ACT Environment and spoke to Sergai, who is the only one there that hasn't expressed extreme dislike for us (ie: not affected by Mr M.....) and told him the story – the reply was it was probably ok but he really should check with Gary Croston (the boss who thinks we should all grow up and do something more productive and stop annoying him), but what the heck 'go ahead' says Sergai – If Mr M..... complains I'll tell him to get stuffed or get a life or something to that effect.

So we went and around 10:30 on the Friday the film Crew arrived and we started the process. Firstly they wanted to take some pictures of the car and me and then do the interview. David had CAMS agreement to do a few parade laps and ACT Environment were informed it was a low speed, low noise photo shoot.

There were a few ground rules from the film team :-

- the racecam in the car costs \$50,000 – bend the car or yourself but not the cam.*
- The camera we put on the edge of the track costs \$70,000 don't run over it.*
- Comments on Crean are required while driving, but don't use any swear words.*
- Don't runover the camera guy or the sound guy even though they may jump out in front of you at any time.*

What fun I thought, a bit of practice around the track with racecam fitted, keep it cool around the esses and one tree, where Mr M.....

and others may notice its not a parade lap, and bore it around the rest of the track – surely this is what CAMS means by a parade lap or two (after all the Canberra 400 parade lap wasn't exactly slow).

However, the ABC added a complication – they wanted me to talk about Crean whilst on the move – or if I ran out of words I could say a few things about the track and what I was doing – although with a camera and sound in the car this was probably pretty obvious. What they really needed was Pedro or Mathew in the car to provide speedy sideways shots or to do a bit of gardening on the track edges – my staying on the bitumen was relatively boring in comparison.

Next, Colin had a go in the V and this was really impressive as the camera mounted on the roll bar provided a panoramic view of the track, Col's helmet, gauges and front wheels. The sort of stuff the sedan based camera couldn't match. However, the camera did jump around a fair bit and kept coming loose and pointing downward after a couple of laps – requiring adjustment before proceeding.

Then came the two cars on the track bit with me following Colin - the racecam on back of the V and the idea being for me to go as close as possible to Colin without hitting him. This was reasonably successful, but I kept back a bit thinking that the standard Datto brakes are not brilliant after a few laps and Colin probably didn't want a Datto emblem on the VW gear box and would probably not be happy if this occurred.

Track work was finished, now the interview bit back at my place – around 4pm with the neighbours around outside up comes the director, camera and sound guys in their ABC vehicle – bet the neighbours wanted to know what was going on.

Filming took place in my lounge with the director saying talk to the camera whilst I ask you questions. He was sitting adjacent to me and with a bright light shining directly at my face it was difficult to answer questions whilst still looking at the camera. They did five takes saying the same thing over and over again. Which one did they show on Sunday – the worst of course. The show was called Insiders and I had three minutes of fame on national TV at around 9.20am on Sunday 6th October. The filming at the track was great, but the interview bit was a bit average – my chances of making it big time on TV are minimal.

Fortunately, few people saw the thing so I managed to survive the film star bit with minimal flack.

Leon



HAVE YOU GOT YOUR SDMA HAT, T-SHIRT, STICKER and of course – your number plate frame - its time you did. For those of you who haven't purchased these important items the prices are shown below.

Hats	\$15.00	SDMA cloth patches	\$5.00
T-shirts	\$20.00	Number plate frames	\$8.00 pair
SDMA Stickers (when available)	\$1.00		

Samples will be brought to the club meetings each month for sale and all merchandise will be on display and sale at our events

Gemini Club Car 1600			
Block	1600cc	O ringed high volume oil pump	
Crank	Balanced Shot peened		
Rods	Balanced Shot peened	Beam polished	
Pistons	Balanced Forged Flat tops		
Head	1600	O ringed Double valve springs (Manley)	
		Slight porting	Big valves
Cam	Camtech	Double row timing chain	Adjustable top gear
Carby's	Webbers	45mm	
Gearbox	Standard	With remote quick shift	
Clutch	RPM	Ceramic Brass Button	
Diff	Locked	3.90	
Brakes	Front	ECB Kevlar	Rear Comp linings
Cage	Bond	Six point alloy	
Seat	OMP	Full wrap around i.e. same as Group A	
Harness	RPM	Four point	
Suspension	Front	King springs short travel shocks	Heavy sway bar
		Fully adjustable camber/caster	
	Rear	Standard springs lowered	Standard gas shocks
		Wakefield old circuit	1.18 Fairbairn hill climb 52.6
		Ready to race	
		PRICE REDUCED – MICHAEL WANTS TO START ON HIS NEXT PROJECT –	
		CALL HIM - Michael Roach 6299 6572 or 0418 661498	

FIRST TRACK MAINTENANCE DAY FOR 2003

Saturday 18 January

FIRST EVENT FOR 2003

Test and Tune on 19 January, closing date for entries will be notified shortly

For Sale

L34 Torana Original Factory rally pack.

Setup for Club motor sport use and street. COME racing 308 (SS3) with bracket master heads, competition clutch, brand new super T10, 9" diff with new Detroit locker, four wheel disc's cross drilled and slotted, 15 x 8 Bathurst rims with comp tyres, lowered king springs, Koni adjustable, adjustable sway bars front and rear, adjustable upper control arms, auto meter gauges, 6 point bond cage, race seat and harness, pacemaker extractors and new 3" stainless exhaust. The car is immaculate inside, outside and under neth.

Barbados green.

\$16,500

Parts to suit above.

Magneto reconditioned with spare leads

\$500

14 x 7 & 14 x 8 GTS rims to suit L34 & A9X with brand new Yokohama 352

\$700

Twin IDF webbers jetted to race 308 braided lines from the pump including Regulator

\$800

Race heads by Brad's speed shop stainless valves, shimmed triple springs,

Polished ports and chambers.

\$1000

Yella terra roller rockers(5010), studs and guide plates

\$300

Weiland X-Accelerator manifold non pollution

\$150

Stinger race manifold **unmachined** non pollution

\$150

Torana bonnet A9X scoop no rust Barbados green needed to clear webbers

\$250

L34 diff 2.78 gears

\$500

Pedders sports gas shocks front and rear new

\$150

Various height springs

call

2nd hand T10 needs repair out of early Vette

\$300

L34 HM extractors bake enameled with twin 2 1/2" race system

\$500

The lot \$20,000

Please call for more info. Roger Roach After 5.00pm 02 9820 2913

My apologies to Roger for only part of the ad appearing last month – I have decided not to work on the magazine at midnight any more.

LJ TORANA SPORTS SEDAN – for Sale

Mid-mount Hemi 265 4.3L

4 spd Muncie

Floating Salisbury with 2 additional diff ratios

12" vented and drilled disks, 4spot front, 2spot rear

Full alloy cage, wing, 1/2 Fibreglass body

15 x 10 rims

includes dual axle car trailer

only needs tyres to race (you always hear this one but it's for real this time)

\$8500.00 ono

Ph. Philip 0428 747 686

A third grade teacher collected well known proverbs. She gave each child > in her class the first half of a proverb and asked them to come up with > the remainder of the proverb. It's hard to believe these were actually > done by third graders, but there are some good ones-nonetheless – their > insight may surprise you.

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> Better to be safe than.....punch a 5th grader.

> Strike while thebug is close.

> It's always darkest before.....Daylight Savings Time.

> Never underestimate the power of.....termites.

> You can lead a horse to water but.....how?

> Don't bite the hand that.....looks dirty.

> No news is.....impossible.

> A miss is as good as a.....Mr.

> You can't teach an old dog new.....math.

> If you lie down with dogs, you'll.....stink in the morning.

> Love all, trust.....me.

> The pen is mightier than the.....pigs.

'I Can't Believe We Made It!'

If you lived as a child in the 40's, 50's, 60's or 70's, looking back, it's hard to believe that we have lived as long as we have ...

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of a ute on a warm day was always a special treat.

Our cots were covered with bright colored lead-based paint. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors, or cupboards, and when we rode our bikes we had no helmets.

We drank water direct from a running creek or from the garden hose and not from a bottle. Horrors.

We would spend hours building go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times we learned to solve the problem.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. No mobile phones. Unthinkable.

We got cut and broke bones and broke teeth, and there were no law suits from these accidents. They were accidents. No one was to blame, but us. Remember accidents?

We had fights and punched each other and got black and blue and learned to get over it.

We ate patty cakes, bread and butter, and drank cordial, but we were never overweight...we were always outside playing. We shared one drink with four friends, from one bottle and no one died from this.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo 64, X-Boxes, video games, 65 channels on pay TV, video tape movies, surround sound, personal mobile phones, Personal Computers, Internet chat rooms ... we had friends. We went outside and found them. We rode bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, or rung the bell, or just walked in and talked to them. Imagine such a thing. Without asking a parent! By ourselves!

Out there in the cold cruel world! Without a guardian - how did we do it?

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls, and ate worms, and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes, nor did the worms live inside us forever.

Footy and netball had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't, had to learn to deal with disappointment.

Some students weren't as smart as others so they failed a grade and were held back to repeat the same grade. Tests were not adjusted for any reason.

Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected. No one to hide behind. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law - imagine that!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers and inventors, ever. The past 50 years has been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all.

And you're one of them. Congratulations! Please pass this on to others who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before lawyers and government regulated our lives - 'for our own good'.

And if you are too young to remember - pass this on to your Mum.

Southern District Motorsports Association

Minutes of Club Meeting – 19 November 2002

Meeting opened: 7.35 pm

1. Apologies:

Anthony Hyde and Kelly Edwards.

2. Minutes of previous meeting:

Accepted: Leon Nolan. Seconded: Geoffrey Richardson.

3. Correspondence in:

- *Volvo Sporting Car Club Application for Entry to a Hillclimb 7 December 2002.*
- *Financial Statement October 2002.*
- *Noise readings from ADFA for the 27 October 2002 Hillclimb.*
- *Emails relating to the Sports agreement from other clubs and their issues with the contract. Various.*
- *Email from Glenn Caldwell AMG replying to our questions on the contract.*
- *Email from Anthony Hyde re:- apologies for the meeting and noting availability for scrutineering for the November Hillclimb.*
- *Invoice from CAMS for the social permit (ABC interview).*
- *Invoice from St Johns Ambulance for the donation (October Hillclimb).*
- *Provisional calendar form CAMS for events next year.*
- *CAMS news letter November 2002 TALE SPIN.*
- *Anthony Hyde's resume for the Hillclimb advisory panel.*
- *NSW State Council of CAMS Agenda 19 October 2002.*
- *Minutes of the NSW State Executive CAMS 16 October 2002.*
- *ACT Motorsports Council Minutes 17 October and Agenda for the 21 November Meeting.*
- *Application for Direct Sale of a Lease.*

- *Copy of Fairbairn Parks Original Lease.*
- *Broacher of Promotional Merchandise.*
- *Invitation to EPA meeting to discuss the EPP.*

4. Correspondence out:

- *November Club magazine*
- *Five Year plan to the SDMA Committee Members.*
- *Comments relating to the EPP forwarded to FPCC & ACTMSC.*
- *Questions relating to the Contract forwarded to the AMG.*
- *List of the stolen property forwarded to the AFP (Paul Green).*

5. President's report

Discussed the theft of SDMA equipment from the Fairbairn Hillclimb track. Requested assistance from club members to help replace the stolen equipment either by donation or equipment that is being sold at a good price.

6. Secretary's report

Discussed the new EPP and the implications.

Noise readings from the last Event.

Reminder the members of the track Maintenance Day on the weekend.

Discussed items to be addressed. Painting and event setup.

Noted the delivery of the toilet block.

Discussed the Lease renewal for Fairbairn Park.

Noted changes to the supp regs for the November event

7. Treasurer's report

Geoff provided a brief written report about SDMA finances. The club has no outstanding debt and approximately \$10,664.00 in the bank.

8. Magazine Editor's report

Barbara advised that the newsletter for November had been distributed.

*Barbara thanked John T for his assistance. **Noted some problems with members hotmail addresses rejecting the News Letter.***

9. Club Captain's report

Terry discussed the NSW Hillclimb Presentation Dinner. SDMA members featured in several of the awards, overall a good result for the SDMA club.

10. General business

Discussed various methods of fund raising.

BBQ at Magnet Mart

Raffle held at the Western Districts Rugby Union club.

Bicycle donated if publicity is appropriate.

Swap meet.

Approach Wheels and Summernats to promote the club.

Open discussion of how to encourage younger members to the SDMA.

***Barbara Bennett** will produce a register of club members and their expertise.*

Meeting closed 9.05pm.

Raffle prize donated by Geoffrey Richardson.

