

Over The Hill And



Round the Bend

Southern Districts Motorsport Association
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Newsletter FEBRUARY 2003

REMINDERS

*Next club meeting is on the 18th February at
Western Districts Rugby Union Club, Jamison at 7.30 pm*

*1st Hillclimb for 2003 is on the 23rd February, entries to Andy
Donne – Event Secretary, address on the entry form or you can
see him at the monthly club meeting on the 18th.*

*Included with the newsletter are: Entry form and Sup Regs for the 23rd.
A simple notice that you can put in your car window or in your local
shopping centre & info on the Porsche event on 17 March.*

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

Barb and Terry

The recent fires in Duffy have proved to be devastating for our President John Templeton, John's home, possessions and his racing car were destroyed in the fires. Paul Grellis' parents were in the midst of the fires but were fortunate to have come through with their house intact. I know that other members of our club live in areas that were affected but have not heard any further reports of damage. We hope that everyone is recovering from the horrors of the fire.
Barbara and Terry

Presidents Report

I have spoken to John and he is not putting in a formal report this month, he tells me that he will be back on deck on Monday now that he has found himself a house to live in until he has rebuilt his Duffy home. John would like to thank those members of the club who have shown their concern and offered their help during this time.

Barb

The Test and Tune day set down for January was postponed due to the fire threats.

KART RACE

Last year josh, myself and 4 others raced in a 24 hour kart race. We had a lot of fun and finished 1st in class and 6th outright. Last year was the very first such race in Australia. On may the 3rd and 4th we will be competing in the first international 24 hour kart race to held in Australia This time the race will be held at eastern creek sprint kart raceway. I am looking for anyone who is

interested in joining us either as drivers or as helpers. For drivers the karts are arrive and drive that is karts, fuel, tyres and any repair work is included in the costs hence division b. The costs will depend on how many drivers we have but it should be about \$300 to \$350 each. As an added bonus the v8 supercars will be racing around the main circuit on the same weekend. Anyone interested please contact Malcolm at 62514349

Malcolm McFarlane

Open letter to members from our youngest competitor

To all those women who have family that race at the Hillclimb track with SDMA, I am Kate, I am now 15 but I started racing at the track at age 14. On my first race, in a car I had never driven before (V8 Holden powered Datsun 240K), I received the Fastest Lady driver trophy. I received this because I was the only woman competitor against all the men, this also means I came first, second, and last as the only female driver on the day. There are a few more women drivers who compete although sometimes rarely as they have other commitments. I am asking for some more female competitors, young or old to come and join me. The men in your family should be more than happy to have you join them, and one day maybe "kick their arse", by beating their fastest time. Seriously, it is not about winning, it is about having fun and showing the world that we of the female sex can maneuver a car around a technical racetrack as competently as a man, without losing control. If you are unsure of the speed then take it slow, as I know I did on my first lap with a time of 73 seconds. As I became more familiar with the car and the track my times improved to finish for the day a whole 10 seconds faster than my very first lap. While on my first lap, my dad was spectating and a quote from a fellow spectator was "Is that car still out there?" Dad set them straight, saying that I was a 14-year-old girl and it was my very first time in the car and on the track. Their reply: "Oh, we're not even out there having a go."

The time spent spectating can become quite boring, but if you are competing as part of a family team it is lots of fun and you feel a part of the action.

So you see it is great for everyone, even the women, and it improves your skills for the road. Please come and join us, you won't regret getting in the car and having a go, guaranteed. To become a member call Barb or Terry on:

Or if you are a member, renew your track license and join us out on the track on the 23rd of February for lots more fun, and lets have a competition between the girls.

Kate Wise

Terry and I have just come home from our first hillclimb for 2003. We both ran at the Wakefield Park Drags/Hillclimb meeting today, there were 14 hillclimb competitors, most of whom were SDMA members. Terry 12 runs and I had 11, and I was very pleased that I dropped my times from the 71second mark to 63.4, the best time that I have done in

4 years. Phil Pratt ran the Kart with 3 motors, Andrew Towndrow who has recently joined our club ran his PRB, Jay Cribbin ran the Valiant Ute, John Eather from Gunning was supporting his son who was running the RX4 and Terry and I ran the Datto. Greg Mackie in the Notsospecial from Mittagong was out preparing for the NSW State Championship Round on the 9th and there were a father and son combination from Batemans Bay running in a Toyota they bought last week. It was cool at the start of the day but we all ended up sunburnt, Wakefield did its usual multi seasons of weather in one day.

We have received a phone call from one of our new members, looking for Expressions of interest for participants in a Supersprint with the Porsche Car Club of Canberra on the Canberra Day holiday, Monday the 17th March at Wakefield Park, Goulburn. For further information contact Bruce Power 0414 421 495

**For Sale/for hire
or just plain wanted to buy or borrow**

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

FOR SALE

*8mm High performance copper core spark plug wire \$6.00 per metre
Call: Tom 62497834*

SDMA Club Meeting minutes - 21 January 2003.

Meeting Open 7:45 pm

1. Apologies

Kelly Edwards, Tom Ballard Jnr, John Templeton

Minutes of the Previous Meeting emailed to the Club Members

Accepted by Geoffrey Richardson 2nd Colin Merz

2. Correspondence in

Letter from the Jaguar Car Club about holding an event at Fairbairn.

Email from Paul McKay seeking information on the club.

Email from Michael Roach notifying change of Email address.

Email from Australian Masters Games (AMG) re sports agreement.

Email from CAMS re the refund for the cancelled test and tune day on 19 January.

Email from CAMS notifying the change of the CAMS search engine for the SDMA address.

Organising Permit and Paper work for the test and tune day on 19 January.

Track licence.

3. Correspondence out

Email to Environment ACT re the cancellation of the test and tune day on 19 January and the re-crediting on the noise credit.

Email to CAMS about the change of SDMA contact details and request to include SDMA in list of ACT clubs.

Email to Peter Tate NSW CAMS Manager responding to a question raised about the track works.

Email club information to Paul McKay

Club magazine for January.

Email to CAMS seeking reimbursement for the cancelled event.

4. Business Arising

CAMS reimbursement of Fee

Track works required for approval of the Licence.

Flag Marshall points

5. President's report

Andrew Oldfield (Vice President) delivered a report in John's absence. Andrew discussed cancellation of the Test and tune day and noted up coming events and maintenance days at Fairbairn.

6. Secretary's report (David Yates)

David discussed the works completed at the track maintenance day on 18 January, including the relocation of sunshade for flag point 2.

David discussed the refund from CAMS and the re-crediting of the noise credit.

David also noted that the Track Licence has been received but SDMA is still waiting for CAMS Affiliation.

7. Treasurer's report (Geoff Richardson – including written report on finances)

Report given on expenditure for the month, starting balance and closing balance.

Monies in the Bank \$10,161.00

8. Magazine Editor's report (Barbara Bennett)

Call for articles for the next issue of the club magazine.

9. Club Captains report (Terry Bennett)

Report on the Victorian championship and the structure for the reduction of event fees. Victoria runs a one day event with additional multi club events.

10. General Business

Malcolm McFarlane sought expression of interest for a 24 hr Kart race. Barb will include the detail in the next club magazine.

Dave King advised the club of the Hillclimb that he will be promoting for Volvo car club at Wakefield on 6 December 2003. It is hoped that this will become an annual event.

A new Email address has been set up for the club by Andrew Oldfield - (hillclimbsdma@hotmail.com).

Tom Ballard Senior discussed the progress of signs for entry to the track. Andrew Oldfield presented some signs that he had designed.

Graeme and Tony Charlton raised the possibility of running a multi lap event. Committee advised that this be scheduled following the State Round.

Beb Fox notified the club of a Motorkhana Cross to be held at the RAAF base on the 1 February 2003.

Leon Nolan reported on a meeting with Ted Quinlan regarding the setting up a race circuit in Canberra.

Meeting closed 8.51pm.

