

Over The Hill And Round the Bend



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REMINDERS

*Next club meeting 15 July – Western Districts Rugby Union Club – 7.30
and the next Track Maintenance day is 19th July.*

*Officials - Have you renewed your CAMS Officials licence!!!! There is a
training course organized for August in Canberra – Contact Paul Grelis on
6299 2999 for more information – remember lunch is free if you attend the
course*

*Club memberships were due for renewal on the 1st July enclosed is a
renewal form – please complete and forward with your payment to the
membership secretary so that we can update our records*

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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

President's Report

The club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 15 July at the Wests Rugby Club in Jamison (7:30 pm start).

The AGM is an important event for the Club, because the Committee reports to you, the members, on what has been achieved in the last year and members have the chance to pass judgement on how well or otherwise the Club has been run.

Like any voluntary organisation, SDMA can only ever be as strong and effective as its members make it.

In terms of hillclimbs and motorsport generally, SDMA is certainly strong. Our events are well attended, we are attracting competitors from other clubs and our organisation of hillclimbs (including State Rounds) is very good. For this we have to thank all the club members who compete and also those who work as officials on race days.

In terms of the way the Club operates, we do a good job too, although, like any other activity involving humans, we can always do better.

And to do better principally means having more people helping out with the non-racing tasks that have to be done.

SDMA is fortunate to have a core group of members who are pretty well always available for the Club. To all of them, I say a heartfelt 'thank you'.

But we always need more. The AGM is the opportunity for members to step forward and be on the Committee, to nominate for the various positions that have to be filled and to make a contribution to the future of the Club.

The present Committee is a great group of people, who would just love to welcome new faces. The extra time involved in being on the Committee isn't huge and if we can get more members on the Committee we will be able to continue to improve the way the Club operates.

Can I urge everyone to come along to AGM and to seriously consider nominating for one of the Committee positions (an outline of the various jobs is included later in this Newsletter). The Club can only benefit from new blood on the Committee because we are all working for the same thing - to have more fun hillclimbing.

See you on the 15th.

John

FLYING THE SDMA FLAG

Flying the SDMA flag at Collingrove (50th Australian Hillclimb Championship Easter 2003)

What a steep learning curve I'm having. Get the PRB Clubman for Christmas 2002, learn to drive to car from no racing experience and a major change from my previous fun machine (Subaru Liberty RS Turbo). Both cars are so opposite in the scale of driving style and handling, so getting the habit of all wheel drive turbo driving out of the system to be replaced by less power rear wheel drive has been a major challenge.

The Car: Built by PRB factory in Sydney in late 1997. Chassis number 90, first one built using aluminium honeycomb monocoque techniques. First raced by John Ribeiro then sold to Brian Anderson who competed in the Clubman challenge for a couple of years including tarmac rallies including the Duttons rally in Victoria. I wanted a clubman and after looking at a few homemade ones, I managed to stumble across this

one in Unique Cars (November issue) a couple of weeks after it was released. I called with presumption that it was already sold. The day before I called, the guy that was going to buy it wasn't able to raise the dollars, so it was a quick trip to Sydney that day to have a look. The rest is now history. The engine is a Toyota 4AGE 1600cc 20valve running lumpier cams, strengthened bottom end and motec. Gearbox is now a close ratio T50 box (installed late May 2003), diff and brakes are MX5.

I joined the SDMA club mid January, I bumped into Terry and Barbara at a Wakefield hillclimb practice day, who didn't have much of job convincing me to enter the NSW hillclimb championship. So off it was, Round 1 at Wakefield. Competing but still not quite registered for the Championship. Managed a time of 50.67 which set a new class record (Marque Sports). Round 2 at Bathurst with a time of 29.92, off the record pace with ordinary weather, round 3 at Canberra time of 46.32.

COLLINGROVE, SA

The chance to run at the 50th Australian Hillclimb Championship was an opportunity too good to miss, so off went the dollars and application. We planned our accommodation to stay in the Barossa Valley for the event and for the week after allowed us race first then relax into the Barossa Wine festival (held every two years). The car came back heavier with all the cases of wine we bought.

Loaded up the Landcruiser and trailer with all the spare bits and pieces including a second gearbox (a friend once said, if you leave it at home, you'll be sure to need it the most). So the Landcruiser became the mobile garage for the week. Left for Adelaide on the Thursday to allow Good Friday to rest.

Rolled up Saturday morning with the forecast for the Easter weekend sunny with mid to high 20's (remained that way until our drive back to Canberra). Unloaded the car, spotted a few familiar SDMA faces (Arthur Hollins and Wayne Burden).

The usual ritual to best learn a track is to put on the walking shoes. By the time we had reached the top, I had decided that ONE trek was going to have to be enough as a hill always looks a piece of cake until you eventually make it to the top. The spectator 'mound' was enough to get the muscles and heart working. The spectator hill was that big there was an entourage of kids with bits of cardboard performing downhill grass tobogganing keeping spectators amused between runs.

The Collingrove track is the second oldest motorsport venue (first is Bathurst) that has been in continuous use since 1954. The Collingrove track is an amazing track to see and drive for the first time. It is a very technical track with two particular corners that reward experience and courage. I guess to explain, it like driving up and across a big bum crack.

Start line is on a slight incline leading up to a moderately fast blind left hand with a false apex. The cautious approach enables you to get through, but exit speed is compromised (2nd gear corner). Takes serious courage to keep accelerating when you can't see the true apex. A few tried too hard and speared off into the grass.

The fast 'straight' downhill section with a couple of dips. A few cars managed to get airborne, brake hard to take 'the wall' (3rd gear straight). Untidy through the dips meant the car would be unsettled for the wall.

The 'wall' as the locals call it is a moderate right hand corner that is cambered about 15degrees. It looked like if you parked a mini-van it would fall on its side. A few cars approach too fast including a Skyline GTR that went off the end of the corner at speed cleaning up 5 armco barriers and posts. He did some major damage to the front end. I guess that teaches us a leason not to be a hero on the first run of the day (wait for the track to warm up and nerves to settle). The problem was that as you exited the corner the camber decreased so if you had too much speed coming into the corner you would more than like spear off or spin. (2nd gear corner)

The exit from the wall almost brings you across a small downhill right hander that leads into a fast straight (Just watch Gumley to see where the fast "straights" are) Again, exit speed is critical off the wall to get good speed on the straight. (3rd gear)

Moderate brake and gear change down for left hand uphill corner followed by sharp right hand switch back (1st gear, like wakefield when coming off racing circuit onto hillclimb track except corner is uphill). Quickly followed by sharp left hander (2nd gear) and fast right hander and "straight" to finish line). Total distance 750m. Elevation from start to finish: I don't know, but to walk it is good exercise. Amazing view of the surrounding hills from the top.

I found the best way to learn other than driving the track was to watch and talk to those with experience. We got 3 practice runs on Saturday, followed by 3 official runs on Saturday and 3 runs on Sunday. So the first two days were really a matter of watching and then trying to put

it all together. My times were consistently coming down a few tenth of a second each run with my first times in the mid 36's. With about 2-3 hours between runs, there would be ample time to ponder life's questions and those related to improving my run. My last run of the day yielded a 35.12, equal to the existing class record and winning the class, placed just outside the top 30 overall.

For those that needed to know, Mr Gumley won it again, and yes, he set another record, but then on the day he drove as he always does. Others came close, but not close enough. There were about 160 competitors, some vehicles and drivers who competed in the first championship in 1954

To those already hillclimbing, you have to do Collingrove at least once. I'm going again for the SA state titles 18/19th October 2003, armed with experience, a decent set of hillclimb slicks and the close ratio gearbox. Fingers crossed for good weather to smash the class record. Might see an SDMA convoy? So it's back to the NSW State Championship, learning and having fun along the way. So my advice to anyone considering hillclimbing, just get into it, the best way to learn is while you are on the track and talking about your experiences with others around you. Doesn't matter what car or experience you have, it's that you are having a go rather than just talking about it



FOR SALE

1 Davies Craig Electric Water pump
1 Davies Craig Electric Circulation Pump
1 Davies Craig Electric Fan

\$100.00 \$100.00 \$25.00 *Contact Beb Fox on 6295 1115*

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		

Clubman – Super Seven

Wren frame
Ford 1600 Xflow motor, Myers exhaust, Weber carburettor
Fully adjustable rose jointed suspension with Spax shocks
New brakes
New White Pointer seats
Mag wheels
Never raced or damaged
90% finished \$10 000
Steve Gough 6241 1600

1969 Lotus Elan +2S

Yellow with Black interior. Straight body/reasonable interior. Mechanically needs TLC (engine/drivetrain/brakes/suspension). A good base from which to rebuild/repair.

Genuine article, which needs work and is priced accordingly.

\$10800 ONO

Matthew Edwards

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For Sale

GC GALANT CLUB CAR

2555CC Astron fully balanced with lightened flywheel
Twin 45mm Webbers
5 Speed box with button clutch
4 wheel disc brakes
Shortened struts & adjustable front end
Adjustable KONI rear shocks
Locked Diff
F/G Seat – 4 point harness
Approved BOND full roll cage
7 x 14 mags with near new Advan tyres
SPARES INCLUDE: 4 Chrome 7x13 steel rims with tyres
Diff with 3.44 ratio – axles – doors, bonnets, boot lids
Starter motor and alternator – ignition modules
Plus Registered TRAILER

\$5,000 ono

Contact John Ewing for details Ph: 0416 074 748 or 6297 2291

Round 4 NSW Hillclimb Championship Grafton 7-8 June 2003

SDMA members Pedro Hietenen with his RX7 and new car trailer, Arthur Hollins in his immaculate Black Cortina and myself in the 'all nuts and bolts checked' PRB made the journey to Grafton.

The track incorporates a go-kart track with the entry and exit being the only dedicated hillclimb sections. 66 competitors entered for the event with a few withdrawals bringing the field down into the mid 50's.

*The less than expected numbers saw everyone get at least 4-5 practice runs with a few later in the day just lining up over and over again. As the track cooled and no one lining up, it was decided to close the track 30mins before schedule as most had done their tuning and setting up. **Next lesson learnt:** Manually check your fuel level before every run. DON'T trust your fuel gauge. I ran out of fuel on my first practice run.*

Some notable emissions from the round were; Wayne Burden's Gemini, Ian Smith's HQ, Phill Pratt's go kart and both the Jedi's.

Sunday, Race day. Frosty morning with track temps in the 6-10c range. Most open wheelers who took to the track first up either spun or posted slow times. Gumley spun off which is quite a rare sight.

Pedro and Arthur battled with Wayne Penrose for class honours in Sports Sedan 2000-3000cc with Pedro taking the class record only to be outdone by Wayne's VW who set a new class record. Wayne, however managed on his third run to do some major rear fender damage on a untidy exit out before the straight. He also ripped off his muffler and suffered gearbox damage. Final placing for the class, 1st Wayne, 2nd Pedro, 3rd Arthur. Will be an interesting next couple of rounds to see how the final placings at the end of the championship look.

The Marque Sports Class followed the open wheelers where caution was exercised to get a conservative time on the board. I still follow the advice of David Yates and Terry Bennett of get a time on the board on your first run. With only 4 official runs, I managed a 49.88 on my second run. As the day progressed and the sun warmed the track, times, although the track was oiled with a few cars blowing engines. My third and fourth runs didn't yield any better results with the track conditions and nerves hindering progress. My official time was 1/100th of outside the class record of 49.87. First in class, fifth outright for registered competitors. I ran the top ten shootout placed fifth and managed to get third place and an unofficial class record breaking run of 49.66.

Quite a few Queenslanders made the trip over the border to compete in the event with Alan McConell in his Van dieman coming second outright. The week before at Mt Cottonwood, Alan beat Peter Gumley for outright honours for the Queensland titles. Gumley had problems with his brakes but had them rectified in time for Grafton to post the fastest time of the day of 43.70. Alan managed to blow his engine on his 3rd run of the day.

So anyone that wants to make a long weekend of it next year it's about a 10 hour drive from Canberra. For the really serious aka crazy ones, they hold the Queensland titles the weekend before at Mt Cottonwood, so you could do both in the one trip, having a nice break somewhere on a Queensland/NSW beach in between. Sounds like a plan to me.

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS :

As mentioned earlier this year I thought it would be a good idea if we knew what our members did for a living and I was going to put together a list so that we could contact members where possible if we needed to buy, mend or whatever 'goods and services'. I discovered to my benefit that Nick Kerslake

who is one of our younger and newer members works at Allens in Fyshwick, after purchasing what I needed (we bought new kitchen appliances) Nick mentioned that he was happy to "talk to members" and see what the best price is that he can do for products to be bought. You will be required to show your SDMA membership card and deal only with Nick to receive the benefit of his offer – thanks Nick for the offer and the great deal that you did for Terry and I.

Barb

CLUB POINTSCORE AS AT 30/6/03

Name	January	February	Marc h	April	May	June	Total
D. Yates	11	22	46	12	26	21	138
C. Merz	10	20	56	7	31	14	138
J.Mertz		10	65	10	10	20	115
A.Donne		17	46	14	21	12	110
J.Templeton		11	40	15	27	6	99
K.Edwards		11	26	16	6	16	75
T. Charlton	11	7	25	12	16	2	73
G Charlton	11	7	25	2	21	7	73
A.Hyde		17	21	11	11	12	72
P. Grellis	10	11	15	10	11	10	67
J.Stewart		18	11	10	17	5	61
I.Wise	1	11	35	0	11		58
Patricia Charlton		10	20	2	11	7	50
A. Oldfield	1	12	10	4	6	11	44
Rae Ryan		10	30				40
J.Yates			20	10		10	40
Andrew Merz		10	11	1	10	8	40
B.Bennett	1	5	20	1	1	11	39
B.Fox	2	4	12	12	1	6	37
P.Anderson		1	20	1	1	12	35
G.Richardson	1	11	10	2	1	5	30
M.Daus	1	11	10	5	1	1	29
L.Wise		12	10	0	6		28
T.DeVries		1	25	1		1	28
T.Bennett	1	4	9	1	11	2	28
John Eather		10	5	5		5	25
L.Nolan	1	2	5	2	1	12	23
J.Hawkins			20	1	1		22
J.Edwards		1	10	1		10	22
M.Roberts		1	10	10		1	22
K.Berry		1	20				21
P.Hietanen		13	1	1	1	2	18
M.Roach		11		1	5		17
D.Stewart		3	6	1	5	1	16
A.Towndrow		4	6	2	1	3	16
M.Edwards			10	5			15
T.Ballard Jnr		2		5	6	1	14
M.Dunning		1		1	10	1	13
S.Byrne				7	5	1	13
H.Hilhorst			1	10		1	12
M.Hilhorst			1	10		1	12
E.Wolfhagen		2	2	6		1	11

P.Bruce		10				10
Y.Wise			10			10
W.Roach				10		10
C.Carling					10	10
B.Durack					10	10
M.Wolfhagen			1	7		8
T.Ballard Snr	1	1		1	5	8
M.Notaras		1	1	4		7
A.Hollins	1	2	1	2		7
P.Pratt		3	1	1		6
I.Smith		2	1	2		6
K.Wise	1	4				5
T.Smart				2	1	5
W.Burdon		2	1	1		4
M.Nordsvan		1	1	1		4
M.Macfarlane	1	3				4
P.Browning				0	2	4
T.Moore				1	1	4
A.Kelman		1		1		3
M.Crombie		1		1		3
B.Faux				1	1	3
J.Ewing				1		3
H.Brown		1		1		2
H.Ruuskanen		1		0	1	2
D.Ellem		1				2
P.McKay				1		2
M.Suine				1		2
A.McGuinness				1		2
M.Ellem		1				2
D.Suine				1		2
J.Gribbin		1				1
K.Harrison		1				1
B.Stefaniak		1				1
D.Grlec		1				1
P.Blyth		1				1
A.Kerslake				1		1
N.Kerslake				1		1
J.Tait				1		1
L.Smith				1		1
J.Guetaya				1		1
J.Marinov				1		1
C.DeVries				1		1
A.Tozzi				1		1
C.Tozzi				1		1
M.Reardon				0	1	1
M.Lukic				0	1	1
L.Taylor					1	1
M.Neal					1	1
W.Scott					1	1
D.Scott					1	1
M.Sattler					1	1

POINTS ARE SCORED:

10 Points for being an official at an event for a whole day

5 points for working as an official for half a day

10 points for working all day at a working bee and

5 points for working half a day at a working bee

1 point for attending club meetings

3 points for articles in the newsletter (excluding Presidents Report and Editors column)

1 point for competing using SDMA as the CAMS Affiliated Club

CALENDAR FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR

If you are anything like me you need reminding of club and other events, I know most of you will have your blue calendar in a prominent place (or the dates written in to your calendar) but for those of you who are not that organised here is the calendar for the remainder of the year.

July - Tues 15th Club Meeting AGM – Jamison
 Sat 19th Track Maintenance Day – Fairbairn
 Sun 20th Test and Tune – Fairbairn

Aug - Tues 19th Club meeting Jamison
 Sat 23rd Track Maintenance – Fairbairn
 Sun 24th Hill Climb – Fairbairn

Sept - Sun 7th Test and Tune - Fairbairn
 Tues 16th Club Meeting – Jamison
 Sat 27th Track Maintenance day – Fairbairn

Oct - Sun 5th Hill Climb – Fairbairn
 Tues 21st Club Meeting – Jamison
 Sat 25th Track Maintenance – Fairbairn

Nov - Sat/Sun 1/2 Masters Games Hillclimb – Fairbairn
 Tues 18th Club Meeting – Jamison
 Sun 30th Hillclimb – Fairbairn

Dec - Sat 6th Track Maintenance Day
 Sun 7th Dave Kings Hillclimb – Wakefield Park
 Sun 14th Christmas BBQ/Club meeting – Fairbairn 12 noon

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER – RENEW NOW IF YOU WANT TO COMPETE AT THE NEXT HILLCLIMB AT FAIRBAIRN AND CONTINUE TO RECEIVE NEWSLETTERS. IF YOU JOINED THE CLUB AFTER 1 MAY 2003 YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS CURRENT UNTIL JUNE 2004.

IF YOU HAVE AN OFFICIALS MEMBERSHIP YOU WILL HAVE HAD TO HAVE PARTICIPATED AS AN OFFICIAL DURING THE PAST YEAR TO RECEIVE THE SAME MEMBERSHIP FOR 2003/2004.

FEEES FOR THIS YEAR CONTINUE TO BE THE SAME AS LAST YEAR \$44 SINGLE AND \$66 FAMILY. There is a discounted membership fee for Officials

Name	23-Feb	27-Apr	1-Jun	Total
M.Nordsvan	9	8	9	26
Martin Crombie	9	8	7	24
J.Stewart	8	7	9	24
M.Dunning	8	7	9	24
L.Nolan	8	8	6	22
T.Charlton	7	8	7	22
T.DeVries	5	8	9	22
A.Kelman	8	7	6	21
D.Stewart	7	7	7	21
G.Charlton	6	6	9	21
M.Notaras	8	7	5	20
A.Hyde	6	6	7	19
M.Ellem	7		9	16
P.McKay		7	9	16
B.Faux		7	9	16
J.Edwards	7	8		15
A.Oldfield	7	8		15
D.Ellem	8		7	15
G.Richardson		6	9	15
E.Wolfhagen	6	8		14
T.Moore		7	7	14
A.McGuinness		8	6	14
J.Marinov	8	5		13
C.Merz		7	6	13

T.Smart		7	5	12
A.Donne	6		6	12
P.Charlton		6	6	12
S.Byrne		5	7	12
P.Pratt		6	5	11
A.Merz		5	6	11
H.Brown	5	5		10
M.Suine		5	5	10
D.Suine		4	6	10
W.Scott			9	9
P.Browning			9	9
T.Cox	8			8
I.Wise	8			8
J.Tait		8		8
M.Roach		8		8
A.Hollins		8		8
A.Towndrow			8	8
Dave Grlic	7			7
P.Blyth	7			7
J.Guetaya		7		7
C.Tozzi		7		7
J.Ewing		1	6	7
D.Scott			7	7
T.Bennett			6	6
B.Stefaniak	6			6
B.Fox		6		6
L.Smith		6		6
L.Wise	5			5
K.Wise	5			5
M.Wolfhagen		5		5
D.Yates		5		5
C.DeVries		5		5
A.Tozzi		5		5
I.Smith		5		5
L.Taylor			5	5
P.Anderson			5	5
M.Neal			5	5

Minutes of SDMA Club Meeting – 17 June 2003

Apologies: **Andrew Merz, Paul Grellis, Dave Stewart, Tom Ballard Snr, Marcus Wolfhagen**

Correspondence in

- CAMS NSW State Council Agenda 31 May
- Invoice CAMS fuel costs – stewards State Round
- Entry and supp.regs, Hillclimb Championship, Eastern Creek
- Copy of steward's report for 27 April
- Email from Motorsport online
- Email from AMG re; details of volunteers
- Entry form and supp.regs, Supersprint, Wakefield Park
- Noise readings from 1 June Hillclimb
- Email from M. Burgess – results of noise monitoring
- Agenda AMG Cluster meeting 18 June
- Email from A. Hyde about scrutineering

Correspondence out:

- Noise readings to G. Monte
- Email tax invoice to AMG
- Email to M. Burgess re: noise readings
- Email to G. Caldwell re: AMG cheque
- Email to CAMS requesting permission for photo shoot
- Email to SDMA AMG committee about meeting 17 June
- Letter to CAMS responding to Steward's report

President's report

John reminded club members about track maintenance on 21 June and said a number of tasks were planned for the day.

John said the format of the 1 June hillclimb was successful and there was positive feedback.

John mentioned the election of a new SDMA committee at the Annual General Meeting. The roles and responsibilities of the committee members were available at the meeting. The Annual General Meeting has been advertised in the Canberra Times and will be held after the next club meeting on 15 July.

Secretary's report

David said that the Australian Masters Games hillclimb would be held on 2 November. Sponsorship for the event is being sought.

David said that the test and tune day would cost \$35 and entries should go to John T.

David mentioned that SDMA had used 1 noise credit at the hillclimb on 1 June.

David said that Paul Grellis had advised that there would be CAMS training for Event Secretary and Clerk of Course on 16 and 17 August. The venue is yet to be advised.

Treasurer's report

Geoff updated the club members on SDMA finances. He said that there was approximately \$19,000 in the bank at the end of May. Geoff said that he would shortly be opening the new capital works account.

Geoff said that 2001-02 accounts should be audited soon. 2002-03 accounts should be audited by the end of August.

Magazine Editor's report

*Barbara thanked everyone for their contributions to the magazine, particularly John Stewart. In the next magazine **Andrew Towndrow will provide a report on the Australian Titles and Peter Anderson will do a report on the fire course.***

Club Captain's report

Pointscores will be included in the July magazine. If anyone enters events as an SDMA member, please let Terry know.

Terry reminded everyone that club memberships were due at the end of June.

General business

1. Graham Charlton asked about the possibility of running a hillclimb every month, maybe with alternate one lap/two lap format. David explained about noise credits and coordinating with other clubs at Fairbairn Park. John said that SDMA should think about whether test and tune days had been successful and the committee would discuss this when formulating next years calendar of events.

Terry said that the biggest problem with more events was the lack of volunteers for officials. Barbara said that people would need to be trained to do the tasks. Andrew Oldfield said that all official positions should be filled prior to the day of the event.

David said that club members could do online CAMS training. The details of this will be put into the magazine. Paul also had some dates for training and club members should contact Paul if they are interested.

There were some suggestions of incentives to encourage people to work as volunteers. For example at Brindabella Car club, volunteers get points for working as officials and free entry to the next event. There was also discussion about competitors dropping one round of driving to volunteer as an official. **The committee will discuss incentives and review the points systems at the next committee meeting.**

2. Peter Anderson asked about driver training programs and holding events at other tracks like Wakefield Park. John Stewart said anyone could go to Wakefield Park on an open day for around \$110. David gave details about his discussions on driver training with John Ribeiro. Ted Moore volunteered his

time to run a fun/learning day at the driver training centre. SDMA would need to look into insurance and hiring of track. **David will investigate insurance and fees for hire of the training centre.**

3. Ben, who is a representative of Gary Davey at the Hobby Shop, said the Rotary Car Club would like to have some sort of relationship with SDMA. Andrew Oldfield said the Rotary Car Club are welcome to have an affiliation with SDMA and enter events. Ben also said he had digital photos of SDMA events. If anyone is interested in photos please see Ben.

4. SDMA members asked about the police presence at 1 June hillclimb. David said that SDMA was working to foster better relationships with the police and he had given them copies of the calendar and an explanation of the event.

Meeting closed 21:15

Roles of the Office Bearers

The June meeting also doubles as the AGM and all positions on the clubs Committee become vacant. Nominations are called from membership to fill these positions. The importance of the committee in continuing growth of the Club and Motor Sport in Canberra cannot be over-emphasized. Please take time to read the following article and consider a position that you could fill. It is your Club and therefore it is only as good as you can make it.

The main office bearers in the Club have important roles which ensure that the Club continues to be a success.

President

The President plays a crucial role and this function can be the most entertaining and satisfying of all the roles. The President must see that the meetings run smoothly by leading discussion and ensuring that speakers are not repetitious or stray from the topics. It is the President's role to offer a balanced discussion and summaries points of view before asking members to vote.

Duties:

Chair general and Committee Meetings
Provide policy direction and advice

*Allocate resources to Club Projects
Oversee the organization of Club activities
Key point for Club Members, CAMS, Government Agencies and the General Public
The President must be reasonably easy to contact at work and at home, be able to get along with people and have a genuine commitment to the long-term interest of the Club.*

Vice President

The Vice President's role is to assist the President

Duties:

*Chair the meeting in the absence of the President
Assist the President in the President's other duties*

Secretary

The successful Club depends on the Secretary who is the linchpin in the organization. The Secretary's basic roles are to keep records of the organization and to deal with the correspondence. The Secretary, in association with the President calls the meeting and distributes the agenda. Keeping a record of the meeting by taking minutes is an essential responsibility and should be completed soon after an item is raised. The minutes should be available to all members as soon as possible, therefore a hard and disk copy should be forwarded to the editor for inclusion in the monthly magazine.

Duties:

*Organize and keep up to date the Club's records and files
Record minutes of General and Committee meetings
Clear the Club mailbox regularly
In consultation with the President, deal with Club correspondence*

Public Officer

This position is a legal requirement, the person is the Government contact

Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for the finances of the club

Duties:

*Banking
Writing cheques
GST and BAS
Balancing of the Club's books
Liaise with the ATO and the Accountant
Liaise with Department of Sport and Recreation in relation to Grants*

Club Captain

The Club Captain is responsible for reporting on Club events and for calculating point scores for the ACT Championship and the SDMA Club Person awards.

Duties:

*Liaise with competitors and calculate point scores for both awards
Report on events held by the club and other relevant events which have been attended by members*

Publicity Officer

Is responsible for bringing the Club and its activities to the notice of the public and other organizations, using the print, radio and TV media.

Duties:

Promote awareness of the Club and its events and activities

Magazine Editor

The Editor is responsible for the production and distribution of the Club's monthly magazine

"Over the Hill and Round the Bend"

Duties:

*Produce a quality publication that the club can be proud of which includes information on club meetings, events, membership and the minutes of the previous months meeting
Prepare the magazine within a time frame that enable the printing and distribution of the magazine prior to each monthly club meeting
Arrange for the printing and postage of hard copies to members, email electronic copies where possible to members*

Membership Secretary

The Membership Secretary is responsible for the membership records and renewals

Duties:

*Maintain up to date membership forms
Distribute membership forms as required
Receive completed membership/renewal forms and payments for membership
Maintain membership records
Issue membership cards
Update magazine editor on membership mailing list*

