

Over The Hill And



Round the Bend

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REMINDERS

Test and Tune on Sunday 7th September – contact Col Merz on 62316275 to book a time.

Next Hillclimb 5th October – Kelly Edwards is the event Secretary

Next Maintenance Day Saturday 27th

Look at the Calendar for additional meetings

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As always if you have anything to contribute to the newsletter please send it to us at [at my work email: barbara.bennett@ea.gov.au](mailto:barbara.bennett@ea.gov.au) or phone us on 62887207. Sorry folks we are with Webone and are having huge problems – can't send emails or get into the Net.

This will be the shortest magazine that we have produced, with the email problems we are having and the renovations going on at home I haven't had time to produce a full magazine. There are no championship results because I haven't been able to send the necessary info to Tony.

Barb and Terry

President's Report

The club's first amphibious hillclimb ten days ago was a brief and very damp event. Despite reasonably optimistic signs on the weather front early on Sunday morning, the heavens opened mid-morning and from there on it was all downhill - literally.

After two complete runs, the Clerk of the Course and Stewards called the event off, principally because the heavy rain was washing significant amounts of mud down onto the track in front of the spectator mound. The surface was very greasy, very dirty and quite treacherous, all of which meant safety was being degraded by the minute. As well, water was pooling on other areas of the track, mainly the dipper at the top.

This is the first time the club has had to abandon an event, and it was all the more galling because we had such a great turnout of cars and competitors.

Fifty drivers entered and there were quite a few vehicles I had not seen before, including a magnificent 1962 E-Type Jag.

I hope we will see everyone turning out again for the next event, which has to be better weatherwise (it would be hard to be worse!).

Vale Wal Jamieson

Wal Jamieson, who has helped the club so much since it formed four years ago, died suddenly last week. Wal was extremely generous to SDMA in using his truck and grader to help get the site back into good repair and in helping us build and extend spectator mounds and the like.

Wal was a generous, genial man who was great company and a great friend of SDMA. We were all shocked to hear of his death and the club has written to his family expressing our collective sympathy and condolences.

We shall all miss him.

John

What a day to make my comeback – After more than a year of not competing at our hillclimb track I decided I needed some practice ready for the Masters Games – what a bloody stupid idea that was. When we left home just before 7am the sky was looking really good and we were confident that the weather was going to hold. We arrived at the track and with my helpers started to process entries, new memberships, one day memberships and new licences – then the hail started. What a good way to start the drivers briefing, it stopped hailing, we held the drivers briefing and then it rained and rained and rained for the rest of the day. Terry left the slicks on the Datto and off he went – not the best time in the world but considering the conditions he did ok. Then it came time for me to venture out – 2nd event ever on slicks and it is bucketing down – well one run was enough – I will wait for the sun to come out before venturing out there again. I can't say I enjoyed my run but at least I was back in the car. To those people who braved the conditions, you all deserve a medal. Thank you to the officials who stood out in the pouring rain while almost all the rest huddled together under the carport. Barbara

FOR SALE

"Due to earlier than expected opportunity to rebuild Duffy house, I will have less time and even less money than before (I had next-to-none before) and little opportunity to work on Clubman project. So it is again offered for sale, this time will consider separating.

The car is a home-built "Locost" (Westfield clone) and I have virtually all donor parts including two engines (Toyota 4A-GE and 4A-GZE). Frame is 90% complete, will finish welding if you are interested. Lots of work needed but little more to spend, roughly at the stage a basic "kit" would arrive in. Would make a great hillclimb car. Price with your choice of engines is \$4000 (recovering costs to date - no cost for labour input). Will consider separating. Contact Geoff Hollins on 6275 6385 (W) or geoff.hollins@customs.gov.au"

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		

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.

Sept -	Sun 7 th	Test and Tune - Fairbairn
	Tues 16 th	Club Meeting – Jamison
	Sat 27 th	Track Maintenance day – Fairbairn
Oct -	Sun 5 th	Hill Climb – Fairbairn
	Tues 21 st	Club Meeting – Jamison
	Sat 25 th	Track Maintenance – Fairbairn

Nov -	Sat/Sun 1/2	Masters Games Hillclimb – Fairbairn
	Tues 18 th	Club Meeting – Jamison
	Sun 30 th	Hillclimb – Fairbairn
Dec -	Sat 6 th	Track Maintenance Day
	Sun 7 th	Dave Kings Hillclimb – Wakefield Park
	Sun 14 th	Christmas BBQ/Club meeting – Fairbairn 12 noon

We have been in contact with the Wollongong Sporting Car Club and they have received approval to conduct hillclimbs at the Dapto Hillclimb. We will let you know the dates of the 2 hillclimbs that they are hoping to run before the end of the year.
We wish WSC all the best for the recommencement of competitions.

Do you have the capacity to store a race car – I have had an inquiry from a member of Bathurst Light Car Club who has moved to Queanbeyan and would like to come hillclimbing but he is living in a unit and doesn't have anywhere to keep his car – he is able to pay a nominal amount for storage, give me a call and I will put him in touch with you if you can help.

We have a club member looking to tow his vehicle rather than drive to out of town events – give me a call if you have a trailer for sale, and haven't already been in touch with me and I will put you in touch with him.

Memberships are now overdue, if you wish to continue your membership please send your payment to the PO Box, or come to the next club meeting at Jamison. Terry calculates that we currently have 100 plus members – some of those are family memberships but for a fairly young club we are doing OK.
Barb

Minutes of SDMA Club Meeting – 19 August 2003

Apologies: **Eric Wolfhagen, David Stewart, Andrew Merz**

Correspondence in

- *Supp. Regs and entry ARDC – Eastern Creek 27-28 September*
- *Flyer for the Australian Masters Games (AMG)*
- *Agenda CAMS NSW State Council meeting 23 August*
- *Member enquiry about AMG*
- *CAMS calendar including AMG*
- *Agenda AMG cluster meeting 30 July*
- *Email from Wolf containers*
- *Email from CAMS re: Public insurance*
- *Email from AMG about Bill Stefanak press release*
- *Certificate of liability insurance 2003-04*
- *Minutes of NSW Hillclimb Advisory Panel meeting 17 June*
- *Cams guidelines for driver training events*

Correspondence out:

- *Permit application for hillclimb 5 October*
- *Financial statements 2001-2002*
- *Information about CAMS training on 16-17 August*
- *Email about information for website*
- *SDMA calendar to ACTSMA*
- *Grant application to Department of Sport and Recreation*

President's report

John mentioned the quote from Datavoice that had gone to the Department of Sport and Recreation with the grant application.

Secretary's report

David updated the meeting on entry numbers for the AMG.

Treasurer's report

Geoff updated the club members on SDMA finances. He said that there was approximately \$20,000 in the bank at the end of July. Geoff said that he would shortly be opening the new capital works account.

Publicity Officer's report

Andrew Towndrow said he had sent a media release about 24 August hillclimb to radio/tv/print media.

Andrew T said he would liaise with Barbara about publicity for the AMG.

Terry mentioned the community billboard on 1206.

Andrew T will talk with Barbara and Terry about sending the magazine to other CAMS affiliated clubs in ACT.

Magazine Editor's report

Barbara reminded all members who had not paid their membership fees they would not receive a magazine next month.

Barbara asked whether other members had problems downloading the entry forms sent with the newsletter. Many members said this had been problematic. **David will send a soft copy of the entry form to Andrew O and he will look at this issue.**

Club Captain's report

Tony said there are 5 points separating the top 10 drivers in the Drivers Championship. Michael Nordsvan is currently the leader, followed by Tony De Vries. The results will be in the next magazine.

General business

1. Col talked briefly about self-scrutineering. This will be discussed further with Anthony Hyde.

2. David and Col mentioned some tasks to be done on the maintenance day: tyre strapping, drain near spectator mound and sweeping the track.

3. John T said a first aid kit and fire extinguishers were needed for the 24 August hillclimb. **Col will purchase these items.**

4. Paul said 12 people attended the CAMS training. At this stage there is no more CAMS training planned. **Paul will ask CAMS about a generic training course.** Anyone who wants to do CAMS training will have to complete it online. John T can organise computers/computer room if people are interested. **This will be discussed at the next committee meeting.**

Terry is now updating the membership list and Andrew O is updating the Officials list.

5. Terry said club members must take their membership cards to all race meetings in order to compete. Terry mentioned one club member wanted to compete in two cars. If members want to do this, they must nominate one of the cars for championship points.

6. Graham Charlton mentioned maintenance days and friends/relatives who participated. He enquired whether club members would get extra points for this. **This will be discussed at the next committee meeting.** In the meantime, **John T will write a letter of thanks to be forwarded to John Stewart's uncle.**

7. Andrew O asked for volunteers for the AMG to contact him.

8. Luke said the website was close to completion. **He will forward an email to Andrew O with the details.**

9. The contact person for the test and tune day on 7 September is Col Merz.

Meeting closed 20:46