



Over The Hill And Round the Bend

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The State Round (with major sponsor 'Datavoice Communications') will be held 21st March, practice and scrutineering is from 10.30 am on Saturday 20th.

A huge thanks to Phil Byrne (Steve's dad) for letting us borrow his ride on lawn mower prior to the last club event, thanks as always to the great group of club members who were at the working bee helping to make the complex look so great.

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As always if you have anything to contribute to the newsletter please send it to us at tandb@actewaql.net.au or phone us on 62887207. Reports and items of interest should be sent to us before the last day of the month. E.g. if you want an article included in the Magazine in April it must be received it by the 31st March

Barb and Terry

PRESIDENTS REPORT

With the first hillclimb for the year over now is a good time to say thanks to three organisations which have helped the club very generously in the last 12 months.

The first is Sport and Recreation ACT which gave SDMA two grants last year totalling \$3900 to help us buy a new container for secure storage and to put in the erosion control kerbing. The club had to match the grants, either in cash or through voluntary labour, but without that money two very important projects would not have been possible. Sport and Recreation ACT has also provided SDMA with a \$3500 grant this year to help us get mains power on to the site, an improvement that will make life a lot easier for everyone.

Each of the grants has been very much appreciated and has been crucial in assisting SDMA get going on a task which has (or will) greatly improve our facility.

The second organisation is Royal Wolf Containers, which provided the second new shipping container free of charge. Royal Wolf made its very generous offer when it heard we were looking to buy one container and when it heard a little about what the club does. Both the company's Australian Manager and NSW Manager have visited the track and, after seeing what we have done so far, offered to help us. Royal Wolf assists a number of local, community level sporting groups in Sydney and the SDMA is the company's first sponsorship in the ACT and Southern region.

So to Royal Wolf, SDMA's heartfelt thanks!

The club is equally grateful to the third organisation, Risetop Constructions, which built the new kerbing around the track.

Risetop's owner, Risto Rummukainen, very very generously donated the services of his employees for three days to pour and shape the eight strips, which amount to almost a hundred metres of kerbing. SDMA paid only for the concrete with Risetop Constructions providing the rest.

To Risto, many thanks for a major work which has improved the track tremendously. We are very, very grateful!

The club is lucky to have individuals and organisations which support us in our efforts to improve Fairbairn Park and to get more people involved in hillclimbing.

We very much appreciate their help.

John

Huntley Hillclimb Sunday 22nd February

Terry and I participated in our first hillclimb at Dapto for 2004, the Wollongong Sporting Car Club have not been running events over the last couple of years due to the lack of a track licence from CAMS. As Terry and I both enjoy the short uphill track we thought that we would make the trip to the coast. There was a disappointing entry field of 20 competitors, with vehicles which included, a Ford Anglia, Gemini's, Datsun's a lovely looking current model Mini along with a couple of Minis' of more mature age. The Huntly Hillclimb at Dapto is run on a public road and for the pits competitors park on the grass on each side of the road. I decided that we must have been in the Red corner as all except one of the vehicles on our side of the road were painted red or had red incorporated in the colour scheme. The morning was extremely humid, but no rain and by lunchtime we had both had 4 runs, they didn't stop for a lunch break as the weather was looking ominous and they didn't want to waste the good weather. By the time the Gemini had its oil filter seal let go and left oil over the track we had both done 6 runs and decided that we had enjoyed the day and would park the Datto on the trailer and come home. We didn't manage to do our best times for the track but we had a really good day – our new club member Ken Urquart made the trip down the mountains from Exeter and appeared to have a great time. Apparently while we were enjoying the warm weather protected by the escarpment, a little way down the coast at Gerringong it was cold enough to put on jumpers and long trousers (and that wasn't for safety reasons).

Barb

Preparing for an event – I have included this time a vehicle declaration that we received recently which gives you a comprehensive overview of classes. if you have competed previously, please check the results of your previous event to see what Class and Type your vehicle competed in (hopefully this is correct) – this makes preparation for competition day by the Event Secretary less stressfull.

At the last club meeting one of the discussions that we had related to working bees/track maintenance days and the preference for Saturday or Sunday by members to go out and help. Please call John Templeton (phone number on front page of Magazine) and let him know if you would prefer to help at working bees on Saturday or Sunday, we discussed the possibility of having working bees on alternate days each month – so if you want to help and you have a preference for either day please call John.

Scrutineers Course. If you are interested in taking part in a Scrutineers course, call Eva on 0417 408 578 or email her on firms@iprimus.com.au and let her know you want to participate.

The NSW State Round is coming up very quickly (March 20/ 21) and with a lower number of competitors than previous years registered for the Championship, we will probably be able to open the entries for the State Round to club members. If you are interested in competing and would like to put your name on a register for possible entry please give Patricia 6278 4988 or us a call on 62887207.

The cost for running in the DataVoice Communications Hillclimb is \$120.

Thank you Datavoce Communications for coming on board again this year as our Major Sponsor for this event and thank you Mathew for once again taking on the job of finding sponsors for the event..

For sale

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	\$1.00	

Vehicles for sale

RX7 S2 improved production car. 13B bridge port, Weber, bilstein adjustable ride height suspension, close ratio gear box, 4.8, 4.4, 3.9 LSDs. Race seats and harnesses, big radiator and oil cooler, adjustable everything. Spare wheels and tyres.

Ralt RT20 turbo rotary S6 engine Garret ball bearing turbo, external waste gate, microtech, alloy flywheel, multi plate clutch, Spare anything and every thing including the body moulds, new 6 point harness. 600hp 500kgs awesome to drive. trailer also available.

Mazda bravo 2600, 1996 white dual cab with canopy, new tyres and brakes, 10 months rego, 6 stack cd player very tidy car.

Call Michael on 0411676429

Steve Byrne was bored on the weekend so he thought he'd make a website. On it he has put his digital photos of the recent hillclimbs, so members can fondly look at themselves driving and think of how cool they look. The link is <http://members.optusnet.com.au/~steve.byrne/>

Drivers Championship Point System For 2004

The drivers championship points system has been revised for 2004

You Will Receive the following points:

- 3 points for class win*
- 2 points for second in class*
- 1 point for third in class*
- 1 point for breaking class record*
- 1 point for each run maximum 5 points*

*To be in contention for drivers champion at the end of the year, each driver must do one club round as an official to be awarded extra points. Double points will be awarded for the event at which you work as an official this applies to **one only meeting** in 2004 per driver (see amendment in the minutes of the last club meeting)*

The first round of the NSW Championship was held at Wakefield Park on 15th February and the 2nd Round at Bathurst on 29th February – results from Wakefield are included in the magazine.

Minutes of SDMA Club Meeting – 17 February 2004

Meeting opened 19: 45

Apologies:

Beb Fox

Correspondence in:

- *2004 CAMS Manual*
- *2004 CAMS NSW Supersprint Championship newsletter*
- *Travel flyer for North American GP*
- *Supp.regs and entry form for Dapto hillclimb 22 February*
- *Eastern Creek Drive Day 10 April*

President's report:

John said the hillclimb on 15 February had gone really well. Allan Denney, CAMS steward, was happy with the professional way the event was run.

John confirmed with David power would be connected at the track for the State Round.

Secretary's report

David said the CAMS track inspector had inspected the SDMA track on Saturday. There is some work to be completed before the State Round such as

removing the tree branch near the start of the track and reinstating some tyre walls. Martin Crombie said tyres could be picked up from Ted's Automotive in Kambah.

David said Matthew Edwards had started work on getting the sound meter to work remotely. David explained this would mean one less official as a buzzer will sound in the control tower when a car goes over the dba limit.

David said the committee had agreed Dutton Rally could hire the track on 5 June. SDMA will cater for the event and a couple of people will be needed to help out on the day.

Eva Firminger will be the event secretary for the State Round. David asked for volunteers for officials for the State Round. David also asked for volunteers for the Jag Club event at Easter.

Treasurer's report

Geoff said SDMA had around \$20000 in the bank. The capital account is to be opened soon. Geoff gave a brief rundown of finances from the 15 February hillclimb.

Magazine Editor's report

Barbara said any contributions to the magazine should be forwarded by 29 February. Barbara also asked for a volunteer to do the magazine in June.

SDMA members interested in purchasing CAMS manual can advise David. SDMA may be able to purchase manuals in bulk and supply at a cheaper rate to members.

Members interested in CAMS scrutineering courses should contact Eva. Your name will be put on a training list.

Change of maintenance days from Saturday to Sunday. SDMA members please advise John T of your preference.

Club Captain's report

Tony said the club records will be put in the next magazine.

General business

Driver's Championship. Drivers will be awarded 20 points for working for a day as an official at a club hillclimb. Drivers must give David advance notice which day they nominate to be an official.

Car changes during event. It is possible to get points for the Driver's Championship if a driver changes cars during the event. The car must have been scrutineered and be in the same, or lower, class.

CAMS training for officials. Andrew outlined the procedure for CAMS training for officials. Graham Charlton sought information on specific scrutineering courses. There are CAMS member service officers, contactable on the CAMS Officials hotline, who assist individual members with training options.

A notice will be put in the magazine for SDMA members who are interested in a scrutineering course to give their names to Eva. She will put the names on a list and speak to her CAMS contacts.

Flag marshals. Graham Charlton suggested flag marshals have an esky with drinks, sunscreen and hats (and possibly seats) to take with them to flag points. John thanked Graham for this suggestion.

Non-competing cars in pits. Tony Smart said there were a lot of non-competing cars in the pit area at the 15 February hillclimb. At the Drivers briefing, the Clerk of Course will stress only competitors' cars and race cars should be in the pit area. Eva will put this in the Clerk of Course notes. If there is a vehicle in the pit area which should not be there points of contact should be: 1. the owner, 2. the official in the marshalling area, 3. the Clerk of Course.

Lease. Leon updated the meeting on progress of meetings with ACTPLA about the lease. SDMA is putting up a case against having to complete a Preliminary Assessment (Environment and Land use). ACT environment are happy with SDMA. Leon will put some words together for SDMA members who want to write to the Minister. This will be put in the magazine.

Eva. Eva spoke about event secretary role at State Round. She stressed she needs to know the entry list well before. Eva said she has some forms that will help out with streamlining the administration.

Eva is now the Club Development Officer for CAMS. This means she will be a liaison point between CAMS and clubs. Eva will ensure CAMS information is brought back to clubs. Eva outlined some ideas she will implement about pooling officials and 'buddying up'. Eva also said senior officials on the day of an event are not able to compete. These include: Stewards, Clerk of Course, Scrutineer, Event Secretary.

Eva said she had contacts within CAMS for training. She will organise training as the need arises.

Meeting closed: 21.27

March		
13 th	Track Maintenance Day	Fairbairn Park
15 th	Porsche car club Supersprint	Wakefield Park
16 th	Club meeting	Western Districts Rugby Union Club
20/21 st	3 rd Round NSW Championship	Fairbairn Park
April		
10 th	Track Maintenance Day	Fairbairn Park
11 th	Jaguar Car Club Hillclimb	Fairbairn Park
18 th	SDMA Hillclimb	Fairbairn Park
20 th	Club meeting	Western Districts Rugby Union Club
May		
1 st	Track Maintenance Day	Fairbairn Park
9 th	Test and Tune Day	Fairbairn Park

We have checked with Eva about clothing requirements for officials – if officials are working anywhere classified as competition surface, which is trackside, marshalling area, pit lane (where the cars line up and start in this case) they require long sleeves and long trousers.

YOU THINK YOU'RE HAVING A BAD DAY??

There was a case in one hospital's Intensive Care ward where patients always died in the same bed, on Sunday morning, at about 11A.M., regardless of their medical condition. This puzzled the doctors and some even thought that it had something to do with the supernatural.

No one could solve the mystery as to why the deaths occurred around 11 A.M. on Sundays. So a Worldwide team of experts was assembled to investigate the cause of the incidents. The next Sunday morning, a few minutes before 11 A. M., all the doctors and nurses nervously wait outside the ward to see for themselves what the terrible phenomenon was all about. Some were holding wooden crosses, prayer books and other holy objects to ward off the evil spirits.

Just when the clock struck 11... Pookie Johnson, The part-time Sunday sweeper, entered the ward and unplugged the life support system so that he could use the vacuum cleaner.

I was given a 'Motor racing and driver behaviour' survey at the event, I will include it with hard copies of the magazine but not with email copies as I won't be able to send the Magazine to anyone as it will be too big. If you are interested in completing the survey give me a call and I will forward it to you (it has to be completed and returned by 19 March to the address on the survey).

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