

Over The Hill And Round the Bend

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Notes

Barry Faux is unable to make it to our track maintenance days so has made a generous financial donation to the club to assist with the works being done – the club would like to thank Barry for his donation.

The next club meeting is on the 21st September at Western Districts Rugby Union Club, Jamison at 7.30pm

*The next track maintenance day is on the 25th September
and*

Huntley Hillclimb (Dapto) is holding an event on the 26th September and Terry has entry forms for those who wish to compete.

Our next Test and Tune is on the 3rd October and David Yates is the contact for that.

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As always if you have anything to contribute to the newsletter please send it to us at tandb@actewagl.net.au or phone us on 62887207. Reports and items of interest should be sent to us before the 25th of the month. .

The AGM has come and gone and the new committee is listed above, it was good to see the turnout at the meeting. Thanks to the previous committee for the work they have put in over the past year.

Barb and Terry

Welcome to our new club members, we look forward to seeing some of you at our monthly meetings which are held at the Western Districts Rugby Union Club, the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm.

AUGUST HILLCLIMB

We had a really good turnout for the August event, with a number of new club members and competitors. We had 43 competitors for the event, Simon Arthur beat Martin Notaras to take out the fastest time of the day in the Mitsubishi followed by Colin Scott in the Fiat. There were 13 classes contested with vehicles ranging from the ever popular RX7's in their various classes to the Fiat's, Rennmax, Celica's and the Datsuns and we are told there were 3 records broken on the day. It is really great to see competitors/ club members coming from outside the Canberra Region to compete, the Scott's come from The Oaks, Ken Urquart comes from Exeter, Andrew Kemp coming over from Wagga, John Edwards coming up from Moruya and the Firmingers driving down from Sydney to officiate for the club. The club has a number of families who are interested in competing or officiating, at the August event we had multiple entries from 10 families, 8 double entries, 1 triple enter and 1 pair of brothers driving opposing brand vehicles. As a club we have to be thankful for Julie, Julie, Ray, Kellie and Leslie who look after the café and timing board and we have to remember that if it wasn't for our officials we wouldn't be having any events. For this event we had 4 female competitors and I understand there are more interested in competing. Its also time we had more juniors competing. Barb

SEPTEMBER HILLCLIMB

It looked like we were going to have 30 starters for Sunday's event but we had 3 late entries on Sunday morning. Scrutineering ran efficiently and the drivers briefing was held on time. The event started on time at 9.30 am and drivers had completed 4 runs prior to the lunch break at 12.30pm. The track was slippery early on and the weather was threatening for most of the morning with a light sprinkle of rain in the morning session. Pedro was trying hard and driving well with only one mishap, John Philip was working hard to get fastest time of the day with Phil Pratt and Arthur Hollins working hard to catch up with him. Phil had his new car entered for its first outing and was having a few problems with his starts, this didn't stop him from ending the day with the 3rd fastest time recorded. Arthur followed Phil's times with Michael Nordsvan and Steve Sheard knocking on the door. Steve recorded his fastest time ever and was over the moon with his result. Michael had a little mishap on the wet track but wasn't the only one to be affected by the conditions. Jon Waterhouse was competing in two vehicles, his own RX7 and Barry Faux's RX7 and Vanessa and Kelly were out there enjoying themselves. After lunch competitors had 2 more single lap runs, 6 in all for the day, which counted towards the Championship, and then were able to do 2 double lap runs if they wished – the times for these did not count to the championship or records. The event finished around 3.30pm after we received some rain and the track turned super slippery, the presentation was completed and most competitors were on the road by 4.30pm. Thanks to our officials and our club members who were still packing up at 5pm and to Margaret Brown who stepped in to the position of Chief Steward after CAMS decided that Dave and Eva are not allowed to be Chief Steward and Clerk of Course at events. As always we thank Dave Firminger for making the trek from Sydney to assist the club.

Barb

Event Secretary

It has been mentioned that we have refused entry to competitors at our last 2 events and I would like to clarify the position taken by the Event Secretaries.

Our events are governed by CAMS through the Sup Regs that are distributed to competitors. The Sup Regs set out the rules of the event including the opening and closing date for entries and state that late entries can be accepted up until **8.00am** on the day of the event by the Event Secretary. Accepting entries after that time can lead to the Event Secretary being put on a charge by CAMS for accepting entries after the cut off time nominated in the Sup Regs. As we have a very limited number of Event Secretaries I suggest that we don't want to loose any because they haven't followed the rules.

Barb

A Day at Wakefield Park – The True Story

There we were fanging around Wakefield Park in my mate Chook's V8 Commodore one Thursday a week or so ago.

It was getting late in the day and the girlfriends of some of the other participants were apparently becoming a bit bored after sitting by themselves all day on the spectator mound. To relieve their boredom they started to get a bit frisky and so began displaying their wares to passing vehicles on the track.

Fortunately I was in the passenger seat at the time, so I was able to make a careful study of what was on offer, obviously without causing any distraction to

the driver (at around 160kph). He was most upset shortly afterwards in the braking area when I told him that he had just missed three young ladies flashing us by lifting up their T-shirts! As I said to Chook, they may have been quite young, (my eyes aren't what they used to be) but with our full-face crash hats on they perhaps thought we only in our twenties, so it all probably worked out evenly in the end.

Anyway, at the end of the day as we stood about chatting on the dummy grid, I noticed them as they scanned the group of drivers from their position on the spectator mound. They appeared to be having some difficulty identifying us without our crash hats so I waited until they looked our way and immediately returned the favour to them by lifting up my T-shirt! Clearly that helped them identify us but, I suspect that the sight of a fat, grey-haired, 52 year old man with his T-shirt pulled up over his head was probably a bit more than they had bargained for!

We had no further trouble with them after that. That will teach them to try to unfairly distract a man from his motorsport!

John (maybe I've still got it) Stewart

If you need your fire extinguisher checked, Steve Sheard tells me that he went to NATIONAL CAPITAL SECURITY & FIRE PTY LTD in Lorn Road Queanbeyan and got his checked and restamped for 2 years at a cost \$10.50 (providing that it has a metal top not plastic).

A farmer had owned a large farm in the Northern Territory for several years. He had a large dam out the back, fixed up nice; picnic tables, horseshoe courts, tennis court, etc. The dam was properly shaped and fixed up for swimming when it was built. One evening the farmer decided to go down to the dam, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over. As he neared the dam, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer he saw a bunch of young women skinny dipping in his dam. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end of the dam. One of the women shouted to him, "We're not getting out until you leave!" The old man replied, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies skinny dipping or to make you get out of the dam naked. I'm here to feed the crocodile."

Moral: Old age, experience, and cunning will triumph over youth and enthusiasm every time!

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Calendar of events

September		
5 th	Hillclimb	Fairbairn Park
21 st	Club meeting	WDRU Club – Jamison
25 th	Track Maint. Day	Fairbairn Park
26 th	Hillclimb	Huntley - Wollongong
October		
3 rd	Test and Tune	Fairbairn Park
19 th	Club meeting	WDRU Club – Jamison
30 th	Track Maint. Day	Fairbairn Park
November		
7 th	Hillclimb	Fairbairn Park
16 th	Club meeting	WDRU Club - Jamison
20 th TBC	Hillclimb - Wakefield	Dave King
27 th	Track Maint. Day	Fairbairn Park
December		
5 th	Hillclimb	Fairbairn Park
12 th	Christmas Party	Fairbairn Park

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. Contact Col Merz if you want to purchase these items or buy them next time you are at a hillclimb

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

Please remember that if you advertise an item for sale, please let me know when you sell the item. Ads will be removed after 3 months Barb

The famous Olympic skier Picabo (pronounced Peek-A-Boo) is not just an athlete, she is a nurse. She currently works in the Intensive Care Unit of a large metropolitan hospital.

She is not permitted to answer the telephone while she is at work, however. It simply caused too much confusion when she would answer the phone and say:

"Picabo, ICU"
 A good clean story is hard to find these days

Minutes of SDMA Club Meeting – 17 August 2004

Meeting opened 19: 42

Apologies: Geoff Richardson, Julie and Andrew Merz

Correspondence in:

- Approved supp. regs and permit for 5 September hillclimb
- Minutes of NSW hillclimb advisory panel
- Letter from CAMS re club affiliation

Correspondence out:

- August magazine

President's report

John thanked all members who have been on the committee over the last year.

Secretary's report

David said the President of CAMS, Colin Osborne, will come and talk to members at a club meeting. Any CAMS questions to be directed to David and he will pass them on.

David talked about the benefits for the club of CAMS affiliation. These include insurance cover, safety training, officials training and general support.

Magazine Editor's report:

Barbara said the magazine had been distributed. Any submissions for the next magazine will be gratefully accepted.

There should be mention of 5 September hillclimb on 106.3 and also in The Chronicle.

Club Captain's report:

Tony said there were 43 drivers at 1 August hillclimb and gave a brief report. He said Michael Nordsvan, Ken Urquhart and Simon Arthur broke records on the day. Michael Nordsvan is currently leading the driver's championship by 2 points from Martin Crombie.

General business

1. Barbara said she had spoken to Yvonne Wise during the week about Luke's work with the website. Luke has an account with Lunar Pages but can't access it yet. Yvonne said payment has not been deducted from the credit card. If Luke can't access the account by 20 August, Luke will ring and advise one of the committee members. If this is the case, SDMA will then take up the offer of Bryan Collins to host the website.

2. Andrew mentioned he had not seen the results of the August hillclimb. Competitors should have results within 3 days of the event being run. This is in the Event Secretary procedural guidelines and is also reinforced during CAMS training. Tony had the results and gave them to Barbara for distribution.

3. David said State Manager of CAMS, Peter Tate, had resigned.

4. Col and David gave a brief outline of the work schedule for the next maintenance day on 28 August. As many volunteers as possible are asked to attend.

Meeting closed: 20.13

SDMA Annual General Meeting 17 August 2004 - Minutes

President:

John Templeton sought nominations for President.

Col nominated John T and Barbara seconded the nomination. No other nominations were received. Andrew O noted John T had been a remarkable asset to the committee over the last 12 months.

John T elected unopposed to the position of President.

Vice President:

Barbara nominated Andrew Oldfield for Vice President. John T seconded the nomination.

Andrew elected unopposed to the position of Vice President.

Secretary:

John noted David (and Col) work exceptionally hard for the club. This is recognised and John said SDMA should ensure that no-one is exploited. Accordingly John asked David if he was prepared undertake the role of Secretary again. David advised he would continue on as Secretary. Eva volunteered to assist David with CAMS and event paperwork.

David elected unopposed to the position of Secretary.

Assistant Secretary:

Kelly advised she would continue on as Assistant Secretary.

Kelly elected unopposed to the position of Assistant Secretary.

Treasurer:

John advised that Geoff would step down as Treasurer. Rae was nominated by Paul. The nomination was seconded by Eva.

Rae elected unopposed to the position of Treasurer.

Publicity Officer:

Pedro nominated Barbara. Tom seconded the nomination.
Barbara elected unopposed to the position of Publicity Officer.

Club Captain:

Terry was nominated for the position.
Terry elected unopposed to the position of Club Captain.

Public Officer:

Paul agreed to continue on as Public Officer. It is a requirement of this position that the Public Officer reside in ACT. Paul noted he may be moving to NSW in 2005 and if this happens the position will be reviewed.
Paul elected unopposed to the position of Public Officer.

Magazine Editor:

Barbara agreed to continue in the role of Magazine Editor.
Barbara elected unopposed to the position of Magazine Editor.

Membership Secretary:

Terry agreed to continue in the role of Membership Secretary.
Terry elected unopposed to the position of Membership Secretary.

General Committee Members:

The following SDMA members were elected as General Committee Members:

Col Merz
Leon Nolan
Patricia Charlton
Tony Charlton
Graham Charlton
Eva Firminger
John Stewart

Business Arising:

Tom raised an issue about time limits for terms as a committee member.
John said this would be one of the issues examined when the SDMA constitution is reviewed by himself and Kelly. The amended constitution will put to a special general meeting to ratify.

**Drivers Pointscore
2004**

	15-Feb	18-Apr	6-Jun	4-Jul	1-Aug	5-Sep	Total
M.Nordsvan	9	7	20	8	7	8	59
M.Crombie	20	7	8	8	8	8	59
B.Fenwick	20	6	8	7	7	8	56
T.Smart	7	7	20	7	6	7	54
C.DeVries	6	7	7	20	6	7	53
T.Bennett	7	7		8	7	20	49
L.Nolan	20	6	8	8	5		47
T.DeVries	7	20	8	3	4	5	47
K.Urquhart	7	7	8	8	8	8	46
M.Suine	7	6	7	20		6	46
T.Charlton	6	7	5	20	5		43
G.Charlton	6	6	5	20	4		41
S.Sheard	6	6	8	7	5	8	40
C.Merz	8	5			7	20	40
A.Oldfield	20		6	8		5	39
B.Bennett	5			7	6	20	38
A.Merz	7	4	20		6		37
D.Suine	8	7	8		7	7	37
D.Yates			8		6	20	34
M.Hilhorst	4	5	5	7	4	8	33
S.Byrne	20	5				7	32
H.Hilhorst	4	4	5	8	4	7	32
K.Edwards	20			6		5	31
A.Donne	4	6	20				30
T.Moore	8	7		8	7		30
E.Wolfhagen	8	20					28
S.Taylor	7	6	8		6		27
J.Phillip	8				7	9	24
A.Kemp			8	7	7		22
M.Notaras	7			8	6		21
J.Taylor	6	7	7				20
J.Stewart	20						20
D.Stewart	20						20

L.Wise	20					20	
J.Templeton	20					20	
J.Edwards		7	6		7	20	
I.Wise	20					20	
R.Wall				6	5	8	19
P.Charlton	6	4	5		3		18
B.Collins				6	5	6	17
R.Smeenge				7	4	6	17
P.Browning	8	4			4		16
S.Arthur	8				8		16
A.Hollins				8		7	15
C.Grohs	8	6					14
A.Rewell	8	6					14
K.Kemp				8	6		14
P.Wall				7	6		13
R.Ryan	8	4					12
P.Pratt		4				8	12
W.Rewell	6	5					11
Michael.Joyce		5			6		11
L.Reid					4	7	11
M.Neal	5				5		10
V.Pocknall					4	6	10
M.Dunning	8						8
J.Davy		8					8
G.Angel	8						8
Mathew Joyce		4			4		8
M.Tarrant	8						8
A.McInnes	8						8
C.Scott					8		8
M.Ellem		7					7
B.Faux						7	7
J.Ewing	6						6
M.Roach		6					6
L.Burton		6					6
M.Guyit		6					6
G. Rath	6						6
P.Suine					6		6

W.Scott					6		6
I.Smith						6	6
A.Hyde	5						5
J.Marinov			5				5
D.Shead			5				5
S.Crowe			5				5
M.Sugerman			5				5
D.Cooke					5		5
R.Lewis						5	5
J.Coleburn						5	5
R.Wise						5	5
J.Bullen						5	5
J.Healey						5	5
J.Waterhouse						5	5
L.Coot			4				4
A.Hall			4				4
P.Bruce			4				4
G.Monte			4				4
K.Somers						4	4
M.Caldwell						4	4
T.Brown					1		1

Here are the current pointscores for the Drivers Championship for 2004. Following on from a number of inquiries relating to the pointscores Terry has done a complete recheck on this one and is working on the Club Person pointscores.

A Scotsman moves to Canada and attends his first baseball game. The first batter approached the batters' box, takes a few swings and then hits a double. Everyone was on their feet screaming "Run"! The next batter hits a single. The Scotsman listened as the crowd again cheered "RUN, RUN"! The Scotsman enjoyed the game and began screaming with the fans. The fifth batter came up and four balls went by. The Umpire called "Walk." The batter started his slow trot to first base. The Scot stood up and screamed, "Rrrrun ye lazy bastard, rrrrun!" The people around him began laughing. Embarrassed, the Scot sat back down. A friendly fan noted the man's embarrassment, leaned over and explained, "He can't run-he's got four balls." The Scot stood up and screamed, "Walk with pride, lad. Walk with pride."

