

Over The Hill And Round the Bend

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Notes

www.sdmahillclimb.com this is the new website. Many thanks to Luke Wise and Bryan Collins for getting it up and running.

Our next Hillclimb is 7 November, entry forms and sup regs attached (to hard copies – sent by email to those involved in the computer age)

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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. .

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.

Herewith the President's report.

Last week, for the first time, SDMA had to cancel an event, namely the Test and Tune Day which was scheduled for Sunday. The reason was totally outside our control: CAMS at the very last minute (and I mean the very last minute) refused to sanction the event , despite have approved identical arrangements five times in the past three years. To everyone who had their weekend disrupted by this piece of bureaucratic stupidity by CAMS, many apologies.

The club sent the supplementary regulations for the Test and Tune Day to CAMS six weeks ago. They were identical to the sup regs approved by CAMS for the previous five Test and Tune Days which SDMA has run but on Tuesday of last week (five weeks after David had sent the paperwork off to Sydney and five days before the event) the pettifogging started. All sorts of issues were raised : this wasn't a hillclimb (that's right it was a Test and Tune Day - different purpose, different format), the track is not licensed for multi lap competition events (this wasn't competition - it was private practice), we had to have a Clerk of Course, Steward, flag marshalls etc etc like a full event(this wasn't an event, it was private practice and we have run them before with only one or two organisers to keep costs down and reduce the number of volunteer organisers needed).

And so it went on over Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with the requirements and arguments coming from CAMS becoming ever more absurd and petty. In the end, the

club was forced to cancel the event on Thursday night because we would have had no insurance for the Sunday and it would have been too risky for all concerned.

As I said at the beginning, apologies for what happened, but it was totally outside our control. The club will be protesting very strongly to the National President of CAMS about the whole debacle: what effect this will have remains to be seen but for an organisation which professes to be supportive of club level motorsport, the ineptitude and incompetence we have just experienced is amazing. To put the club in the situation of having to cancel a scheduled non-competitive practice day at the very last minute because CAMS cannot process routine paperwork in an acceptable time frame is totally unacceptable. To try to change the rules relating to Test and Tune Days after we have successfully and very safely run five in the past three years is equally unacceptable.

The club will write to the National President setting out our views. When this has been sent copies will be made available to all club members who might like to write individually if you feel strongly about the way we treated last week.

Good penmanship!!!

John

A Day at Huntley Hillclimb - Dapto

We decided to start the trek to Huntley on Saturday, stopping overnight in what turned out to be a delightful B&B just before you start to head down the Macquarie Pass. Sunday we were up bright and early – extremely bright as the sun was shining straight in the window and when you looked out over the rolling fields you could see the reflection on the ocean in the distance.

We arrived at Huntley around 8.15am, there were about 20 competitors there preparing for the day's racing, there were also about 40 runners in the car park participating in a fun run – not my type of run I must admit. By the time we had been processed and were ready for scrutineering there were about 40 competitors, the Nissan Club from Sydney had arrived and increased the numbers considerably. Not only did we have a large number of Nissan's but there were 4 Datsun 1200's with 6 drivers competing, probably the largest class we have competed in for a long time. The weather was warm and the track a good temperature, Arthur Hollins drove down from Moss Vale for the day, John Edwards drove up from Moruya for the day and we all had a good days competition. I hear that Terry went very close to loosing it with the centre of the car level with the edge of the road at one stage (with the back wheel about 60cms in the air) very lucky not to do substantial damage. Warren Creagh in the Twinny had the fastest time of the day and the event finished around 4pm. I took out the "Fastest Lady" trophy – no comments please – but again it was by default as no other Ladies entered. Terry finished his runs with a best a time of 31.45 and I finished with 34.71, I still have to get back to my best which is 33.44 set a long time ago. There was only one damaged car at the end of the day, a Gemini which was in our class, everyone appeared to have enjoyed themselves and I think we should next year try to get more club members to make the trip to Dapto to have a go at what is a very fast hill. SDMA 4 competitors for the event with John Edwards (Moruya) and Arthur Hollins (Moss Vale) making the trip,

I understand that Arthur and Beb Fox will be heading off for the Australian Hillclimb Championship shortly – good luck to them.
Barb

An elderly Irish woman goes to the doctor and asks his help to revive her husband's sex drive...

"What about trying Viagra?" asks the doctor.

"Not a chance," says Mrs. Murphy. "He won't even take an aspirin for a headache."

"No problem." replies the doctor. "Drop it into his coffee, he won't even taste it. Try it and then call me in a week to let me know how things went."

A week later, Mrs. Murphy calls the doctor and he inquired as to how things went. "Oh, faith and bejaysus and begorrah, it was terrible, just terrible, doctor."

"What happened?" asks the doctor.

"Well, I did as you advised and slipped it in his coffee. The effect was immediate. He jumped straight up, with a gleam in his eye and with his pants bulging fiercely!!! He swept the cutlery off the table, at the same time ripping my clothes off and then proceeded to make wild, mad, passionate love to me on the tabletop for hours!! It was terrible!"

"What was terrible?" said the doctor. "Was the sex not good?"

"Oh no, doctor, the sex was the best I've had in 25 years, but I'll never be able to show me face in Mcdonalds again".

As you will see from the NOTES the website is up and running. Luke Wise created the website as a school project and Bryan Collins has been kind enough to host it. There are a number of changes/updates to be made to the site but at least we have a presence in cyberspace. I have no idea how it all works, I just send information to Luke and it appears on the page. If any of our members would like to participate in helping Luke with the website please contact either myself or Luke – with Luke working away from Canberra at the moment he can't always load the changes or new information that needs to be loaded as quickly as we would like, so if you can help please do. We are monitoring the new email address so if you wish to put anything forward for discussion with the committee you can send an email to the address and we will take it to the meetings. If you want to email a committee member and you don't have their email address you can do it through the club email and we will forward it to the relevant person. If you have ideas for links to other sites, or if you have a site with photos of our club vehicles or links you think would interest our club members send the info to us and we will look at it and decide if it is appropriate and if it is will organize for Luke to load it onto the site. I am hoping that we will be putting the magazine, entry forms and results on the website.

Received this in an email this month

"Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, champagne in one hand, strawberries in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and screaming WOO HOO - What a ride!"

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Calendar of events

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 confirmed	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 following letter has been received by the editor, the letter contains a summary of the Labor and Liberal Party commitment to Motorsport in the ACT, the club has no political bias and the letter is printed for the information of club members..

Summary of where negotiations are at with each of the major parties prior to the election

As Chairman of the Motor Sport Council I think it appropriate that I make a statement to club members concerning the support offered by each of the major parties leading up to the election.

The Motor Sport Council must and will stay apolitical with regard to party politics and will continue to deal effectively with the incoming elected government whichever colour that may be. We are however, free to comment on the respective policies of each party and what effect they may have on local motor sport.

This information is provided to assist club members.

The Liberal party has produced and promulgated a written policy on motor sport.

The basics of the policy are :

They will build a dragway in the Majura valley at a cost of \$8M

They will process a long term lease at Fairbairn Park.

They will upgrade and reseal the Hillclimb track at Fairbairn Park at a cost of \$200,000

They will undertake a Economic and Environmental study into the feasibility of building a speedway and sealed race circuit in Canberra.

They will increase noise credits for Fairbairn Park from 18 to 30 per year.

For more information look up policies/ motor sport under <http://www.canberraliberals.org.au>

The Labor party is yet to produce a written policy on motor sport - I am informed something may be released prior to the election.

Their public commitment to date has been

They will build a dragway on Block 52 Majura to the value of \$8M subject to noise criteria and the Federal Govt. release of the portion of land that is federally owned and that the project can be done within budget.

They will (in principle) organise a direct lease for Fairbairn Park. (See Simon Corbell's press release of 23 September refer the web site below)

No commitment has been given regarding funding for the hillclimb or other clubs at Fairbairn Park nor has any commitment been given to looking at a speedway or circuit.

For more information, look up <http://www.act.alp.org.au> see Policies - hopefully they will see a need to add a motor sport policy to the site over the next week or so.

Canberra Motorsport Supporters Group

For information of members, a number of motor sport people have recently formed an association called the Canberra Motor Sport Supporters Group and have been actively lobbying/grilling local politicians etc on the dragway and other motor

sport matters.

They have produced a bumper sticker - **Vote for a Dragway Vote Liberal** - after considering the facts they have decided that the Liberal party is offering a much better deal for motorsport than Labor. They also have a suitably painted bus touring the streets of Canberra.

The Motor Sport Council is **not** linked or directly associated with this Group, but we are **all** interested in getting a better deal for motor sport, I certainly (and I think other members of the Council) support the objectives of the Group.

If you wish to contact the group ring Mike Attwell on 0410 423 243. He is and has been a strong supporter and activist for ACT motor sport for many years.

Leon Nolan
Chairman
ACT Motor Sports Council
6 October 2004

**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

These 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.

No contributions from club members this month – come on folks this is your magazine give me something to put in it. I know that club members have competed in events other than ours so tell us what you have been doing, we are interested.

Timespan Hillclimb - Regs. will be available this week. Same deal as last year - \$65 entry, (max = 50 competitors) & NO entries on the day! Contact Dave King 6286 1214 if you want a set of Sup Regs this event will take place on Saturday 20th November at Wakefield Park, Goulburn. I will try to get entry forms in time for the next club event.

Minutes of SDMA Club Meeting – 21 September 2004

Meeting opened 19: 46

Apologies: David Yates, Col Merz, Paul Wyatt, Eva Firminger

Correspondence out:

- August magazine

President's report

John said the committee would be working on the SDMA calendar for 2005.

Treasurer's report

Rae reported on SDMA's finances.

June

Around \$12000 at start of June

Around \$16000 at end of June

\$16000 in the capital account

July

Around \$16000 at start of July

Around \$18000 at end of July

August

Around \$18000 at start of August

Around \$20000 at end of August

*John said \$8000/9000 of current operating account would be used for the power connection. \$4000 will be put in the term deposit. **John requested Rae provide a short written report on finances for the next meeting.***

Publicity Secretary/Magazine Editor's report:

Barb said the website was now up and running. Thanks to Luke Wise and Bryan Collins for this.

The magazine went out at the end of August.

Club Captain's report:

Terry mentioned the hillclimb at Dapto on 26 September.

General business

Leon said the lease was considered by ACT Cabinet and they have agreed to grant the lease and fund any PA/DA.

Leon also mentioned it has been estimated the dragway will use 300 noise credits. Action was currently being taken by the Hackett Action Group to stop the dragway being built in the Majura valley.

John Stewart mentioned a letter in the Canberra Times written by a resident of the Ridgeway complaining about the noise from Fairbairn Park. John T and Leon said Environment ACT is satisfied Fairbairn Park is complying with noise standards.

*Brian Fenwick asked about club records and whether any information about the cars that broke the records was available. Terry said no information about the cars was available. Some members raised the point that detailed information about the cars would not be provided by competitors. Terry also said some records were wrong. **John T said this issue would be discussed at the committee meeting.***

Graham asked if the number of double lap events held would increase in 2005. If so, he asked if there would be trophies in the future for the quickest first lap of a double lap event. It was decided there would be no trophies for both laps of a double lap event as this would increase the event secretary's workload too much and would also increase the cost of entry for competitors.

*Most club members were happy with the balance of single lap and double lap events. One problem with double lap events is that drivers have to wait for some time while lined up. John T said there were eight hillclimb events in 2004 which included three double lappers. He asked if club members were happy with the frequency and mix of events. Most said yes but raised the issue about having events on long weekends and when other motorsport events clash. **The committee will look at the calendar for 2005 at the next meeting.***

John said the following tasks would be undertaken at the next maintenance day: painting of tyre walls, drainage work and cleaning up around the new tyre walls.

John welcomed new members to the club.

Meeting closed: 20.46

The Winner of the raffle was Bryan Collins - Bryan will purchase the prize for the next raffle. For those of you who don't know about the raffle the winner buys the prize for the next raffle to the value of \$20 and is reimbursed by the club for the cost of the prize - so you only have to worry about choosing what you think the members would like - or for that matter what you would like them to have.



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Attention Community Announcements:

Binalong Rescue Squad is holding it's
Annual Garden Party, which will be held at
Binalong Motor Museum on the 30th October.

Commencing at 9am for Breakfast. Car Treasure Hunt
starts at 10am from the Motor Museum - \$10 per car.

Party Activities Include: *children's sports (prizes to be
won)*clock gulf*Apex jumping castle*BBQ lunch and
dinner* Bar facilities (**NO BYO**) There will be an Auction
of Local Goods and Local schools will provide light
entertainment & Local Musicians.

Binalong is a beautiful old country town with lots to
discover ONLY one hour from Canberra City.

Cost: Family \$20. Adults \$8. Children \$5.

WIN THE MEGA MEAT RAFFLE

Thank you,

Paul Vasey
Secretary
Ph/fax 62274239

OFFICIALS TRAINING

Level 2 Generic Module

*Training for this module will be conducted in the ACT on
27/28 November – organizers are Brindabella Motorsport
If you wish to participate in this training please call CAMS
02 96351366 for further information.*

*The committee discussed club records on Tuesday as we
had been asked about records that were achieved by
vehicles which should not have been in the class for which
the record was given. There are two cases where the
vehicles were put in the wrong class and created records
that would be impossible to beat – the committee decided
that in these cases that the records be declared invalid and
events previous and since the records were set will be
checked to determine the correct record times.*

*The committee have been working on the calendar for next
year, the dates preferred will now be submitted to the
Fairbairn Park Control Council to be considered along with
dates provided by other clubs at the complex. As soon as
the calendar is confirmed club members will be notified.*