

Over The Hill And Round the Bend

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Notes

We have included a new segment – Facility Report in your magazine – watch out for it.

We have also arranged to place a one line ad in the Yellow Pages for next year under Clubs – Car

If you wish to pay your entry fees by Bank transfer that is now available – details in the magazine.

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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.

President's Report

In late 2002 the club adopted its first five year development plan, to run from 2003 to 2007. The plan set out our priorities for those years under two general headings -

.Membership and Finances ; and

.Infrastructure and Facilities.

Two years on SDMA can be pleased with what has been achieved so far. We can also look at what still remains to be done with the confidence of knowing the progress we have already made. Since the plan was adopted we have done great deeds in improving our most valuable asset, the infrastructure and facilities that comprise the track itself.

Specifically we have:

- Installed and connected the new toilet and shower block
- Concreted the floor of the Pit Stop Cafe and installed cupboards, the proverbial kitchen sink, walls and the serving counter
- Hotmixed most of the return road
- Extended the spectator mound and included an access ramp
- Covered the scrutineering bay
- Built the erosion control ripple strips
- Improved the flag marshal points
- Significantly improved track run-off areas at the dipper and Turns 9 and 10, substantially enhancing track safety
- Rebuilt and improved a number of tyre walls, again improving track safety

- Acquired two new secure containers which will give more and better storage and will also be the basis of our new Event Control Centre
- Upgraded the pa facilities

As well, in the next couple of weeks(perhaps even by this Sunday's event) we will have connected mains electricity to the site, starting in the Pit Stop Cafe. This will be an enormous leap forward.

For a club which relies on the efforts of its members to improve the track and expand our facilities, it's an impressive list of achievements.

But there is still an enormous amount to do --- and the burden still falls far too heavily on a very small group of members who turn out regularly at every Track Maintenance Day.

The group of willing workers is small ---far too small ---so can I please ask all members to try to come along to Track Maintenance Days (they're listed in the Club Calendar), even if you can only make it for an hour or two.

There is always maintenance and preparation work to do: mowing, sweeping the track, edging, checking tyre walls , preparing the Pit Stop Cafe, cleaning the toilet block and painting the ripple strips.

We need people to come along suitably dressed (work clothes, gloves, hats etc) with whatever tools will be needed (rakes, mowers, whipper snippers, shovels etc). Even if you can only spare an hour or two, it will make a difference.

As well as routine maintenance and preparation work, there will often be specific projects to be completed on Track Maintenance Days. Starting this month, Col Merz will do an article for each newsletter setting out what jobs are planned for the next Track Maintenance Day and asking if people can bring specific tools and equipment for those jobs.

The track at Fairbairn Park is a fantastic facility and asset which can only become better and better if we put the effort into it. It's in our interest because all of us want to compete on the best circuit possible.

Our five year plan says the club's vision is ' To establish Fairbairn Park as Australia's premier hillclimb venue.' We are well on the way to realising that vision.

JOHN

Stewart and all his mates go to the Sydney Motorshow

A couple of weeks ago a few of us were in my garage tinkering with the next hillclimb secret weapon. "What are we going to do about the Motorshow this year?" somebody asked. Anyway, after a bit of discussion we all decided that the Saturday after Bathurst was the go.

The following week another starter asked to be included so the car was now nearly full. It could soon be bad luck for son Dave if he wants to come with us! Anyway, bring on the motorshow!

Less than a week to go now - Yippee!! Then Rod rings to say family commitments mean he can't make it. Oh well there's still nearly a carload. A few days later Peter tells me he's now short-staffed at work so can't make it. Finally Chook lets me know that he has his new toy booked in for a new exhaust system that day and can't make it either.

Son Dave is now looking like a pretty good chance - "Sorry Dad I'm going with my mates". The car now only has one occupant - time to get on the phone as we are running out of time. Philpott's wife is crook, Starkey is working midnight till 7.00am on the Saturday morning. I explained that I wasn't leaving until then, but he said something wimpish about possibly being a bit too tired!

Wait on! Terry and Barb mentioned that they were going to the motorshow - I'll ring them. Bad luck. They're leaving Friday night, going for the whole weekend and the accommodation is already booked. Unfortunately Barb (rather selfishly I thought) showed no inclination to share their sleeping arrangements with me.

It's now 9.30 pm Friday night and the plan is to leave at 6.00am tomorrow morning. Retired Merv finally returns my message because he has just got home, from, you guessed it, the Motorshow!

Eldest daughter has Uni assignments to complete, youngest daughter has to work and also has a party to go to. I know! When all else fails ask the missus! "Hey Les, how would you like to go to Sydney tomorrow for the day?" I'm fairly quickly made aware that the local craft show tomorrow actually has far more attraction than the Sydney International Motorshow!! Can't understand it myself.

So at 6.00am Saturday morning Stewart loads all of his imaginary friends into the car along with a couple of Dire Straits tapes (no CD player - maybe that's the problem, or maybe it's just the choice of music?). Anyway here I am finally, off to the Sydney motorshow (with all of my mates).

I arrived just after 9.00am and found Terry and Barb immediately ahead of me in the ticket queue! Things were looking up.

We had a great day checking out all the desirable things on offer, fast looking, expensive, beautifully curved bodywork, all sizes and shapes - and some of the cars weren't bad either!

John Stewart.

Terry has been checking out the results on Natsoft and at Surfers Paradise our Aussie Legend members had some good times and some bad times. Tim Monty and Jeff Davey finished 1st and 2nd on Thursday and Friday but Saturday wasn't good for either of them, Tim had a DNF and Jeff finished 16th.

Speedo's

Patrick, who was holidaying from Ireland on Bondi beach couldn't seem to make it with any of the girls. So he asked the local lifeguard for some advice.

Mate, it's obvious," says the lifeguard, "you're wearing them old baggy swimming trunks that make ya look like an old geezer. They're years outta style. Your best bet is to grab yourself a pair of Speedos - about two sizes too small - and drop a fist-sized potato down inside 'em. I'm tellin' ya man...you'll have all the babes ya want!"

The following weekend, Patrick hits the beach with his spanking new tight Speedos, and his fist-sized potato. Everybody on the beach was disgusted as he walked by, covering their faces, turning away, laughing, looking sick!

So Patrick went back to the lifeguard again and asked him, "What's wrong now?"

"JAHEESUS!" said the lifeguard, "Mate. The potato goes in front!"

*****Facility Report*****

Welcome to a new segment in your club newsletter. The intension is to keep the club members informed of the material state of the club's most important asset, **our fantastic hillclimb circuit**, to report on tasks accomplished at the Track Maintenance days and to provide a rolling program of tasks and projects planned for future maintenance days.

Firstly - Matthew Roberts has done a fantastic job to get power connected to the Pit Stop Café and with the expertise of excavator operator Greg Blundell they were able to bore under the track and run the cables underground - very neat. Matthew has now finished the cable fit off and is waiting ACTEW's inspection and connection to the grid.

Secondly, a report on the track maintenance day held on Saturday 30 October. It was attended by the usual small group of trophy hunters and we managed to complete the installation of the framework for the new roadside sign that Clive is making for the club, some essential maintenance on the spectator access road, some mowing and brushcutting work, track sweeping and cleaned both toilet blocks.

Future work needs to be defined and will be reported at the next club meeting. However, there will always be the ongoing tasks of sweeping the track, grass cutting, weed control and brushcutting, maintaining pit roads, cleaning toilets etc. Documenting the planned activities will give members the opportunity to be involved in prioritizing tasks and perhaps volunteering for specific projects that they may have particular expertise in.

Col Merz

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Calendar of events

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

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NSW STATE MANAGER APPOINTED

CAMS' Chief Executive Officer Dr Rob Nethercote announced today the appointment of Michael Smith to the position of New South Wales State Manager.

Nethercote said of the appointment, "Michael Smith has an outstanding background in managing customer focused environments together with formal university qualifications in sporting administration.

"Michael first came to our attention when he completed the market research used in preparing the ground for the CAMS Strategic Plan. At that time, his passion for motor sport came through and this led to a State office appointment in which he has displayed outstanding leadership and team management skills.

"His appointment provides CAMS with a team in the NSW office which will work cohesively to support the important needs of our members and to explore new initiatives for the sport and the community."

New South Wales State Council Chairman, Barry Cockayne, indicated he looks forward to Michael taking up the appointment.

"I've been involved in a significant number of appointments and it was most pleasing that we had an outstanding field of candidates for the position. Michael stood out as providing a real understanding of the role which will allow him to hit the ground running. I believe the NSW motor sport community will quickly see the strengths he brings to the position.

"It is doubly pleasing that Acting State Manager, Stephanie Nutt, has endorsed the appointment and will assume the position of Event and Development Coordinator. Stephanie and the members of the NSW office staff have performed outstandingly under difficult circumstances in the interim and they are pleased that Michael has been chosen to lead the team," said Cockayne.

Michael will take up the appointment on 7 December 2004.

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

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

Thanks John Stewart for your contribution to the magazine – 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. are available for this event. 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. Talk to Dave King at our next event if you wish to compete.

Pointscore for the Club Person of the year

Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
D.Yates	19	18	11	21	11	22		11	20		133
C. Merz	12	7	8	31	10	20		11	20	1	120
Patricia Charlton	1	12	13	12	11	2	10	11	1	1	74
P. Grelis	1	12	3	11		12	20	10			69
A.Donne	6	8	11	11	10		10		10		66
J.Templeton	13	1	7	11	11	1	10	10	1		65
A.Hyde	4	11	7	10		1	10	10	10		63
T. Charlton		2	13	12	1	12	10	11	1	1	63
T.Bennett	7	9	7	12	1		1	11	12	1	61
J.Stewart		14	10	11	1	10		5	6	1	58
G.Richardson	1	11	12	21					10		55
J.Merz			12	10			10	10	10		52
G Charlton	1	2	10	2	1	12	10	11	1	1	51
K.Edwards	1	11	11	11	1	1	1	10	2	1	50
B.Bennett	1	3	7	11	1		1	11	12	1	48
J.Yates			6	10			10	10	10		46
B.Fenwick		11	6	2		1	1	6	12	1	40
Rae Ryan		1	12	1			10		11	1	36
L.Nolan	1	4	2	12	11	2	1	1	1		35
A.Oldfield	1	11			1	2	1	10	2		28
D.Stewart		4	10	10							24
S.Byrne	1	16		1				5	1		24
M.Crombie	1	11	6	1		1	1	1	1		23
M.Daus			1	10	10						21
E.Wolfhagen		4	2	10				5			21
H.Hilhorst		1	1	12	1	2	1	1	2		21
L.Stewart				10					10		20
Andrew Merz		1	6	1				11			19
M.Edwards			16								16
L.Wise	1	10						5			16

B.Fox		1		1		1		10	2		15
T.DeVries		1		10		1	1	1	1		15
J.Taylor		1		11		1		1			14
S.Taylor		1		11		1					13
T.Smart		1	6	2			1	1	2		13
M.Hilhorst		2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2		12
L.Reid							11		6	1	11
John Eather									10		10
R.Wise									10	1	10
B.Kraal										10	10
K.Urquhart		2	1	1			1	1	1	2	9
P.Browning	1	1		1			2		1	1	8
B.Collins								5	2	2	7
P.Hietanen			2	1	1					2	7
J.Hawkins			6								6
C.DeVries		1		1			1	1	1	1	6
S.Sheard		1		1			1	1	1	1	6
A.Towndrow		1	2	1	1						5
A.Hollins		1	1					1		2	5
M.Nordsvan		1		1				1	1	1	5
M.Dunning		4									4
P.Pratt		1	1	1						1	4
T.Moore	1	1		1					1		4
M.Suine		1		1			1			1	4
H.Ruuskanen							1		1	1	4
D.Suine							1		1	1	4
J.Phillip		1							1	1	4
P.Wyatt	3						1				3
M.Neal	1	1								1	3
M.Notaras		1							1	1	3
S.Arthur		1							1	1	3
J.Edwards							1			1	3
L.Burton							2	1			2
M.Ellem		1					1				2
C.Grohs		1					1				2
A.Rewell		1					1				2
W.Rewell		1					1				2

M.Reardon			1			1				2
T.Ballard Snr			1		1					2
R.Smeenge							2	2		2
I.Smith		1						1		2
V.Pocknall							1	1		2
R.Wall							1	1		2
A.McInnes		1								1
D.Grlec		1								1
G.Rath		1								1
J.Ewing		1								1
M.Roberts		1								1
M.Guyatt			1	1						1
J.Thow			1							1
J.Marinov				1						1
M.Roach				1						1
P.Bruce				1						1
D.Shead				1						1
L.Coot				1						1
S.Crowe				1						1
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J.Davy				1						1
M.Sugerman				1						1
G.Monte				1						1
I.Wise	1									1
T.Ballard Jnr			1							1
D.Scott						1				1
R.Noller								1		1
K.Lau							1			1
R.Lewis								1		1
J.Coleborne								1		1
J.Waterhouse								1		1
J.Bullen								1		1
B.Faux								1		1
J.Healey								1		1
Mi. Joyce							1			1
Mat.Joyce							1			1
P.Suine							1			1

P.Wall								1		1
K.Somers								1		1
M.Cardwell								1		1
C.Scott								1		1
W.Scott								1		1
A.Kemp								1		1
K.Kemp								1		1
L.Smith								1		1

Points are only awarded for official working bees, attendance at club meetings and working at events. Committee members do not receive additional points for working at non official working bees, attending meetings on behalf of the club or for doing work for the club such as Treasurer, Editor, Chair of the Fairbairn Park Control Council

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.

More results:

Martin Notaras finished 2nd overall in the East Coast Targa Rally held 27-30th October.

Peter Gumley is no longer the Aussie Hillclimb the new Champion came from WA and his name is West.

NSW Hillclimb Championship – Round 8 Buladehdelah

Saturday afternoon, drove out for a recoiter – 110 metres of three lane highway plus 2 metres of sealed verge on each side --- 200 metre start straight into a chicane before sweeping up the side of the mountain through half a dozen alternating left and right hand corners sign posted between 45 and 75kmp, except turn two which was 35 kmp with a picture sign of a truck falling over.