

Over The Hill And Round the Bend

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Notes

Track maintenance day
5th March

Club meeting
15th March

Next Event
20th March

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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.

Presidents Report:

What a good way to start the year: an excellent club hillclimb last Sunday and a very well attended and productive Track Maintenance Day a fortnight earlier.

The two things are linked, of course. How well we can run an event depends very much on how well the track is prepared and maintained and how attractive the facilities are to competitors and spectators alike.

On Sunday the track looked good and ran very well. Forty drivers began 2005 in a classy way by showing the rest of us their skills, with a number of new cars and drivers competing. The detailed results are further back in this newsletter, but special congratulations to Andy Donne and Anthony Hyde, both of whom beat the 50 second barrier for the first time. Commiserations to Terry and Barb after the normally indestructible Datsun 1200 broke its rear axle: not that this stopped Terry from still winning his class!

Thanks again to all the officials, without whose efforts nothing could have happened. Can I remind drivers who are competing in the Club Championship that the same requirement to do one day's work as an official at an event during the year again applies in 2005. The good news is that your championship

tally increases by 20 points after your day's labours, so the effort is for two good causes: your championship prospects and the club.

Just a reminder also that at every club meeting (third Tuesday of the month, 7.30 pm, Wests Rugby Club at Macquarie) we have a raffle of a \$50 voucher for Repco Auto Parts or Autobarn or similar. Why not make it a profitable evening as well as an enjoyable one by coming along and investing a dollar or two. Apart from catching up with good company and reliving great days at the track, you never know your luck.

Coming events : TRACK MAINTENANCE DAY -- this Saturday, 5 March, 9 am onwards

CLUB MEETING -- Tuesday, 15 March, 7.30 pm
CLUB HILLCLIMB -- Sunday, 20 March

On a personal note, I won't be around for most of the next three months as I will be overseas working (a boy and his dad have to eat!). I will be in Kabul helping the new Afghan government set up its Cabinet Office and other central agencies and will be away until 31 May, which means I miss autumn(bugger) and three hillclimbs(double bugger). I look forward to seeing everyone again in June

John

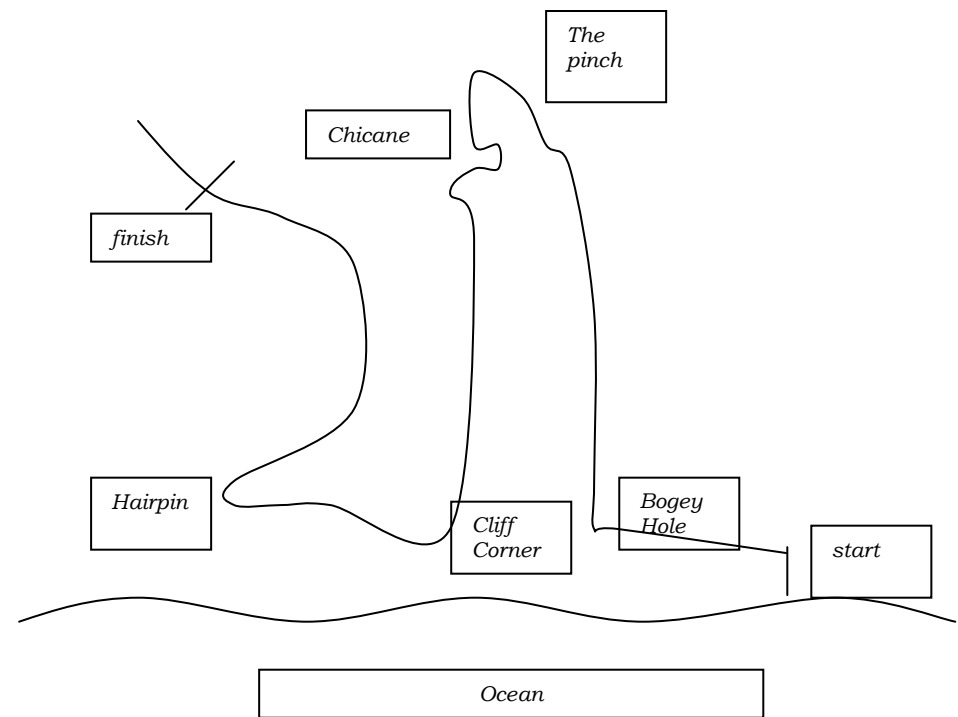
NSW Hillclimb Championship – Round 9 2004 – King Edward Park, Newcastle

Arrived 'Belmont Caravan Park' late Saturday afternoon, set up tent, secured car and trailer, boiled the billy and had a cuppa, then set out for Newcastle.

A 20 minute drive to King Edward Park, parked in the pit paddock at the top of the hill, had a yarn with the security guards and set off down the hill just on dark.

Down by the ocean, a short start straight leads into a right hander round the 'Bogey Hole', a 50 metre straight, then into the 'pinch' (Full title 'Percy's Pinch', so named according to Grant Liddel, after an old pervert who frequented the adjacent toilet block and used to pinch young boys on the bum). A walkway joining the lower and upper sections of the course, very narrow, sandbagged on both sides, dog legged right, an acute left hander, a super steep little climb "landing" you up on the top section, immediately into a chicane, a 150 metre straight to Cliff corner, a very late entry right hander, (looked over the edge of the rusty single rail Armco – 50 metre drop down to the rocks and ocean) dogleg left into righthand hairpin, steep climb to left hander, then left sweeper to finish line.

Sunday morning, pitted between Ray Seymore my class leader and Don Vidler – multiple Qld, NSW and Australian 0-1300 Sports sedan champion (Suzuki GTi 1300 powered Mini), much to learn from these two very experienced hillclimbers.



(very rough map of the track – I'm not too good with drawing on the computer – Ed.)

First run – local young gun Aaron Osborn turned a 44.11, Ray Seymore 46.83 – my slow wobbly run with a near stall at the top of the pinch netted 52.08, Joyce Seymore clocked 62.83.

Second run – bad axle tramp in the burnout, a big bang, roll to a stop – broken axle – weekend over.

Aaron went on to break Grant Liddels record with a spectacular 42.75, Ray was next on 46.15 and my 52.08 was third.

As expected Peter Gumley was quickest on the day with a 34.47 before cracking the blower on the SCV open wheeler. Stephan Hooker on his first visit to King Edward

Park turned a 36.17 in his Jedi to be second best. Wayne Burden in the Gemini did the business in the Big Sports Sedans at 37.84, also good enough for third outright. Tamworth club mates Matt Halpin and Allan Hunt battled all day for the minor placings with 'Gundy' Hunt showing great courage into the pinch and cliff corner. He scored a rare but deserved victory over Matt.

Kevin Charlton showed incredible speed in the 'Blitz' to knock off Formula Vee by 2 seconds and indeed earned himself a spot in the Top Ten with a new record.

Ken Urquhart - Exeter

A trip to Bathurst – December 2004

Friday 3rd December saw my son Richard and myself heading to Bathurst for the Speed Weekend. As this was the first time to Bathurst for both of us we were a bit apprehensive of what to expect.

Arriving in Bathurst at approximately 3.30pm after a seven hour drive, we headed to the circuit and set up camp in McPhillamy Park where we were joined by members of WSCC. After dinner we sat around the cap fire and told yarns of how good we really thought we should be, breathing in the smoke from the fire and in my case drinking coke (with no additives).

Saturday dawned a nice warm sunny cloudless day, after breakfast we headed to the car park outside the front straight for the super sprint which started about half way down Conrad Straight through the chase around Murray's Corner to halfway up the main straight to the finish line.

In our class there were four entrants, two Escorts and our Celica, this being my least favourite event for the weekend and I thought I would take it easy for the first run, I did a time of 60.41 which turned out to be the best time in our class for the day. Rich being in the car for only the second time was fourth with a time of 63.44. I had three runs and Rick had six runs for the day, after our day of sprinting we went back to our camp site at McPhillamy Park where we found the Council showers were not open. After a short talk with members of the Bathurst Light Car Club they allowed us to use the showers at the club rooms which was very much appreciated as were hot and dusty. We had our dinner and then did sit around the fire as we had on Friday night, this is when I decided when I go back in 2005 a Motel room looks like a great plan.

Sunday dawned another clear day for the hillclimb, starting from Forrest Elbow up through the Dipper, the Esses up to the tower at Skyline. There were the same four entries in our class again for the hillclimb. We found it a very challenging event, especially the dipper – get this one wrong and you end up into the concrete wall and it doesn't say sorry. We had

four runs each and they called it off at about 1.00pm because of rain – this was a big disappointing because we were both getting quicker, I ended up second in the class and Rick came fourth.

Luck would have it that we packed up camp between runs so all we had to do was load the car and head for home. As it was so early we decided to go home through Lithgow, the Blue Mountain and down the coast instead of back through Cowra, Yass and down the Clyde Mountain. We arrived home at approximately 9.00pm after a very enjoyable weekend of Motorsport and are now looking forward to the 2005 event.

John Edwards

MISSING

John Philip was asking if anyone had found a White crash helmet with Porsche signage on it – it appears that it might have gone missing after the November event at the track, the next time that John went to use the helmet it wasn't in it's helmet bag. If you have any info please contact me. Barb

Buying a Ferrari

A woman walks into a Ferrari dealership. She browses around, then spots the car of her dreams and walks over to inspect it. As she bends to feel the fine leather upholstery, a small fart escapes her. Extremely embarrassed, she looks around nervously to see if anyone has noticed her little accident and hopes a sales person doesn't pop up right now. But, as she turns back, there standing next to her, is a salesman. "Good day, Madame, how may we help you today?" Very uncomfortably, she asks, "Sir, what is the price of this lovely vehicle?" He answers, "Madame, I'm afraid I can't say.... If you farted just touching it ... you're going to shit yourself when you hear the price."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for:

Wheels 2005 – Lawns near Old Parliament House

Sunday 13th March – we have space for 10 vehicles to be displayed, if you wish to spend some time at the event and put your car up for exhibition please contact Paul Grellis on 62992999 – leave a message if Paul doesn't answer the phone.

SUNDAY 27 TH FEBRUARY - The first round of the SDMA Club Hillclimb Championship was held at the Fairbairn Park Hillclimb circuit on Sunday 27 February. Forty entries were received for the event with several new club members having their first look at the track during an observation lap held before the start of competition.

Scrutineering started at 7.30am, with many of the competitors arriving early to get organised for the start of a new competition year. The weather was cloudy but not cold, and the event started at 9.30am. The first few runs were uneventful, then a short halt was called for the early morning migration of the local kangaroo population, the event restarted and there were no major hold-ups for the remainder of the day.

Michael Nordsvan, the 2004 Club Champion, was competing in his recently built Mazda RX7 and was sharing the car with Andy McInnes. The competition for the class was intense with John Philip in his Porsche taking the class win as well as finishing the event with the fastest time of the day.

Several competitors found their limit with a few drivers leaving the track thankfully only minimal damage was sustained. With the track warming up times were coming down, and Andy Donne in his Mazda RX4 and Anthony Hyde were able to drive their cars to their first under 50 second runs, Steve Sheard in his Nissan Pulsar GTiR and Arthur Hollins in his immaculate black Cortina both did their personal best times. Donovan Suine, Scott Taylor and Mark Hilhorst all had faster times than their fathers, these young drivers are getting quicker each time they compete.

Trophy winners on the day included Ari Ruuskanen who drove up from Picton for his first event at the hill and Dion Pangalos who also competed in his first event at the track. The Ladies class was taken out by Vanessa Pocknall in the family Lancer taking the class win on her last run of the day.

As always these events would not be happening but for the dedication of club members who volunteer to work as officials – the thanks of the competitors go to you for your continued valuable input into the club.

Barb

Do you own a business – do you want to sponsor a class in our Round of the NSW Hillclimb championship – if you are interested please contact Matthew Roberts on 0401184475 or Barb on 62887207

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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				

TYRES TYRES TYRES – TWO SETS FOR SALE

Both sets are Bridgestone Potenza RE 540S (225 45ZR 16) directional grooved slicks. These tyres ordinarily sell for \$425 EACH. They are a specific track tyre but can also be used on the road. Many of the support categories like the V8 Brutes, GTP and Aussie Cars use the same kind of tyre.

They are a super sticky compound and do not 'shred' like an ordinary road tyre when used on the track. They have a very stiff side wall so there is minimal roll when cornering. In short - they are absolutely fantastic, especially when inflated with nitrogen (from Bob Jane) which keeps the tyre temperature low and stable.

The first set has a reasonable amount of wear but are still a fantastically grippy tyre in dry conditions. I will sell this set for \$400.

The second set has been used for 1 track day and virtually have full tread. These would also be okay for road use. I will sell this set for \$800.

I am selling them because they are a little too wide for the suspension set up I now have on my WRX. I need a 215/50/16 track tyre which I hope to buy if I can sell the Bridgestone's.

I can be contacted on 6209 1502 or 0438 258 978 or by email at mgp@independent.com.au - Michael Pragt

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

For those of you who watch what you eat ... here's the FINAL word on nutrition and health.

It's a relief to know the truth after all those conflicting medical studies.

1. The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the Aussies, British or Americans.
2. The Mexicans eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the Aussies, British or Americans.
3. The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the Aussies, British or Americans.
4. The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the Aussies, British or Americans.
5. The Germans drink a lot of beer and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than the Aussies, British or Americans.

CONCLUSION:

Eat and drink what you like.

Speaking English is apparently what kills you.

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES – HILL CLIMB

**Information downloaded from the AMG web site – go to
<http://www.amg2003.com/> to register**

(the Australian Hillclimb Championship is being held the following weekend at Collingrove also)

Competition Info



The black art of Hillclimbing is almost as old as motor sport itself - basically a sprint up (and sometimes down) a very steep hill, with competitors running one at a time against the clock. Though simple in theory, a good Hillclimb track can bewilder and challenge the best of drivers.

Located a short distance from Angaston on the Eden Valley Road, the Collingrove Hillclimb Track is the second oldest motor sport venue in continuous use in Australia. Opened in 1952, the track was built by the Sporting Car Club on land generously offered by Club member, Bob Angas, with the Club able to purchase the track outright in 1998.

Recent re-surfacing in 2000 has seen a reduction in times, with a well-driven street car now able to break 39 seconds and an equivalent race car able to turn in sub-35 second passes. Barossa local Kym Rohrlach managed to crack the 30-second barrier back in 1987 with a 29.81 second pass in his supercharged VW Special. This record

was held until 2003, when Australian Hillclimb Champion Peter Gumley blasted up the track to a new outright record of 29.45 seconds, also driving a supercharged Vee-Dub special.

The track is surprisingly narrow for the first-time competitor - simply the width of one lane of bitumen on a normal road. Naturally it's a very steep climb and at around 600m in length it's also relatively short, making for very competitive events. With a category for every conceivable 4-wheeled vehicle, the top competitors are often separated by just a few hundredths of a second at the end of the day.

When the Sporting Car Club organised the first Hillclimb events in South Australia, this form of racing was popular among competitors, who wanted to be involved in motor racing in their daily-driven vehicles without the expense of long distance events. While some of today's combatants still manage to spend copious amounts of money to improve their times, the original philosophy nevertheless rings true. Some of the most popular and hotly contested categories are in the "Road Registered" classes, with the latest 4WD turbo brigade (WRX, Evo 4, GTi-R et al) providing spectacular viewing as they launch off the start line.

HILL CLIMB (Minimum Age 30)

Organiser:

Sporting Car Club of SA Inc.

Contact: Darryl Warman

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0427 606 113

Email: dkwarman@bigpond.com

Dates:

Sun 16 Oct, 2005

Venue:

Collingrove Hill Climb

Lot 100, Hill Climb Road

Angaston Rural

Track Surface: *Bitumen*

Track Length: *Approx. 685 metres*

Rules: *This event is held under the FIA International Sporting Code (ISC), the CAMS National Competition Rules (NCR) and Standing Regulations for Speed Events, these supplementary regulations, and any further regulations will be issued by the organising club after the registration page has been received.*

Entries: *Maximum no. of driver entries for the event: 80 The organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry without giving a reason..*

FACILITY NEWS

Firstly many thanks to everyone that supported our first track maintenance day on 5th Feb, a fantastic rollup! It was very pleasing to see what a team of people with 3 hand mowers and 2 brushcutters can achieve. We also had a team clearing and sweeping the track and another team adjusting the level and siting of the container adjacent to the control tower which will form the foundations for our future Race Control Centre. We also managed to get a coat of paint on the scrutineering carport.

By the time you read this report, our first hillclimb has been run and won so you will have noticed how good the facility looks. However as we improve one area other parts become obvious and are crying out for a little TLC. The pit roads are now a priority to repair the erosion damage and regrade them before the next event. Also scrub in the middle of the circuit needs slashing and we need to repair several fences so we can hopefully steer the migrating kangaroos around the hillclimb rather than straight through it.

The tasks planned for the next couple of Track Maintenance Days include:

- Repair sound meter coax cable
- Grade pit roads (beyond our current resources so a bobcat will be contracted
- Clean and check BBQ
- Clean toilets
- Mowing and trimming
- Make a start on the fence repairs
- I'd like to remove the big stump opposite Flag point 1 – does anyone have any contacts with a stump grinder?
- Organise the inside of the containers

That should be a good start but I would welcome members suggestions of other tasks that we need to address

Col Merz F.r.d M.e.

NSW Hillclimb Championship 2005

Sat 19-Mar Hillclimb Mountain Straight Hillclimb State BLCC NSW NSWHC2
Sun 20-Mar Hillclimb The Esses Hillclimb State BLCC NSW NSWHC3
Sun 10-Apr Hillclimb Fairbairn Park Hillclimb State SDMA NSW NSWHC4
Sun 15-May Hillclimb Huntly Hill Hillclimb State WSCC NSW NSWHC5
Sun 12-Jun Hillclimb Mountainview Hillclimb State GSCC NSW NSWHC6
Sat 30-Jul 31-Jul Hillclimb Ringwood Hillclimb State MG(Newc) NSW NSWHC7
Sun 17-Sep Hillclimb Bulahdelah Hillclimb State WAC NSW NSWHC8
Sat 22-Oct Hillclimb King Edward Park Hillclimb State MG(Newc) NSW NSWHC9

Wollongong Sporting Car Club events

Multiclub Hillclimbs

17 April

10 July

25 September

6 November

Timespan Hillclimb - Wakefield

5 May

You might want to have a look at the following website:

www.capitalmotorsportnews.com.au

www.getoutgroup.com.au

<http://www.react.org.au>

Minutes of SDMA Club Meeting – 15 February 2005

Meeting opened 19: 39

Apologies: Col Merz

Correspondence in

- *Tax invoice for 27 February hillclimb from CAMS*
- *CAMS letter re: 2005 Championship series and event appointment*
- *NSW State Council of CAMS meeting agenda 12 February*
- *Minutes of CAMS State Executive meeting 18 December*
- *Autoline.com.au information*
- *ACTEW future water options information*
- *Information about Department of Sport and Recreation database*
- *CAMS NSW Championship stewards appointments for 2005*

Correspondence out

- *Email to First Aid Australia*

President's report

John thanked all SDMA members who attended for the maintenance day on 5 February.

John thanked David and Julie Yates for the organisation and running of the observation trial on 30 January.

Secretary's report

David advised SDMA members the committee had accepted a quote provided by First Aid Australia. First Aid Australia will provide paramedical services for all SDMA events in 2005 including the State Round.

David said the track licence had been approved by CAMS and the club affiliation has also been approved.

Treasurer's report

Rae reported on SDMA's finances. The capital account has a balance of around \$25,000. The year to date interest on the capital account is \$593.13. The working account has a balance of \$9856.82.

John T said most large bills had been paid. The committee recently gave David Yates and Col Merz authority to spend up to \$10,000 on a tractor.

Publicity Secretary/Magazine Editor's report:

Barbara mentioned that SDMA would not participate in the Defence Force display. Barbara said Shannon's Wheels event would be held in March. Any interested SDMA members can contact Paul Grellis. 10 spaces will be available.

Barbara said she had sent an article to the Chronicle about 27 February hillclimb.

Barbara said she and Terry had been responding to emails on the website seeking further information. Rob Wall suggested SDMA merchandise for sale be advertised on the website.

Barbara said the February magazine had been distributed. If SDMA members have anything to sell it can be advertised in the magazine or on the website. Please contact Barbara and let her know when the item is no longer for sale.

Barbara mentioned she would be getting some information about polo shirts, long and short sleeved. SDMA members will pay for shirts before they are ordered.

Club Captain's report:

Terry said four new members had joined the club.

Terry said the first round of the NSW hillclimb championship had been held on 13 February. Four SDMA members had competed.

General business

Barbara said she had received an email from John Thaw. He advised there would be a display at Woden Plaza of bikes, carts and cars etc for one week. There will be a \$1500 fee to participate. Barbara will wait for further information but the club will not pay this fee.

Leon said the Motorsport Council is meeting with Planning on 16 February to talk about Fairbairn Park lease.

Leon said there had been an article about a speedway being approved at Symonston. The Motorsport Council has no knowledge of this.

John S said he noticed some burnouts/donuts on the track at Flag point 1. This may have been done by contractors on the site. John S to ring Col and advise him.

Meeting closed: 20.35

