



Over The Hill And Round the Bend

Southern Districts Motorsports Association
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What's on

~~Working Bee 3rd September – at the track~~

CANCELLED

**assistance required 10 September to check track for
Hillclimb next day**

**HILLCLIMB 11th September – Eva Firminger is
the Event Secretary – entries to Barbara as per
sup regs/entry form**

**Membership renewals were due on 1st July – you
need to renew if you wish to compete in club
competitions**

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General Members	Col Merz, Noel Bruen, Peter Browning, John Stewart, Leon Nolan	

As always if you have anything to contribute to the newsletter please send it to generis@iimetro.com.au or phone 6258 9221. Reports and items of interest should be sent before the 25th of the month.

Members, where are you? – we are missing you - come along and have a chat and a drink, catch up with old and new friends. Talk cars, wine, women, song whatever, please come along. 3rd Tuesday of the month at Western Districts Rugby Union Club, Jamison, meeting starts at 7.30 – some of us go for dinner before hand, the more the merrier, come and join us.

Vice Presidents report

I missed the last Committee meeting as I was on holiday in New Zealand and Tonga so I have nothing to report from that meeting. However, I hope to make the General Meeting on 20 September – although I only return from Tonga on that day! So, if I do make it, be prepared to be regaled by tall stories regarding my second passion – game fishing.

Back to issues motor related.

We were addressed at the last meeting by Colin Osborne, the President of CAMS. As outlined in the minutes of that meeting, he gave an interesting insight into his background and CAMS generally. I believe he also posed some challenges to us as a Club in terms of CAMS rules and operations. The main point he made was that WE are CAMS. Consequently, we have the 'power' to influence CAMS operations,

rules etc through the proper channels. That is through our State Council. Eva Firminger has been appointed as SDMA's representative to the State Council.

If any member has an issue with CAMS or any CAMS regulation, it needs to be put before the SDMA Committee where it will be considered. If the issue obtains Club endorsement, it will then be raised by Eva at a State Council meeting. However, if we are to have any hope of influencing CAMS via the State Council, any issue will have to be lobbied through other Clubs to get their support at a council meeting. Changing rules or influencing decisions is not a quick or easy process – but it can be done!! All it takes is work.

As a general fund raiser for the Club, would members be interested in attending a 'Dyno Day' to check your car's power output? We have the opportunity to test up to 18 cars on a Saturday sometime in October/November courtesy of **DTS Performance** in Fyshwick. A Club day would be recommended with sausage sizzle etc. The day could be held in conjunction with another club if necessary. Automotive products/services will also be on display. This opportunity will be raised with more details at a future meeting. In the meantime, could you please give it some thought and let me know in due course. The cost is proposed at \$50/car. This is less than half the usual price!!

Catch you on the track or at a meeting. Until then – Drive Safely.

Rob Wall

Wakefield Outing.

The trip to Wakefield Park on Monday 22nd August was different to say the least. A storm passed thru south Canberra early and was moving in a northerly direction (I was tracking its progress thanks to the BoM website). Goulburn was looking good at that stage but the storm was heading that way. I waited and the weather cleared so I set off at 9.15am and the wait proved to be a good move as snow and black ice took its toll on the Federal Hwy at the NSW border with crashed cars in both directions. The hills on the far side of Lake George were covered in a blanket of snow. I caught up to the storm as I approached the Hume Hwy but the sky was blue to my right, and it was very wet in Goulburn but still looked good out Wakefield way.

I met up with the other SDMA members including another "senior" gentleman who also drives a small red car. A comical situation in our first session when we were half a lap apart and we both came up with the idea of slowing to let the other one catch up, which achieved nothing. In our other sessions we lapped in very close company, each taking a turn at leading, it was like there was a piece of elastic between us as the gap was pretty consistent. At the end of the day the two "senior gentlemen in their small red cars" couldn't get the smiles off their faces as they headed home in opposite directions.

If you get the opportunity to go to one of the "Keep speed off the streets" days at Wakefield Park seize it with both hands and have a fun day - it sure beats working.

Tez

Facilities Report

No report

Blast From the Past

No report

Is it a pain having to write a cheque or purchase a Money order for your entry fees and memberships – well now if you have access to a computer you can make your payments electronically (if your Bank has the capability). The account details for payments are:

BSB Number is 801009
Account Number is 4303872
Account Name is SDMA

Anyone can direct credit into the account from their accounts or direct into the Credit Union in Queanbeyan.

No one can draw from this account, only pay in – to confirm your payment print off the receipt and send a copy with your paperwork when you enter an event.

If you need more information you can contact Rae via the website, just email Treasurer@sdmahillclimb.com and the email will get to her.

UPCOMING HILLCLIMBS

SDMA

11th September Club Hillclimb

16th October Club Hillclimb

13th November Club Hillclimb

11th December Club Hillclimb

NSW Hillclimb Championship 2005

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

25 September

6 November

Masters Games Hillclimb – South Australia

15th October 2005

Australian Hillclimb Championship – South Australia

Long weekend October 2005

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

Chambray shirts (pre ordered only)	\$25.00
SDMA cloth patches	\$5.00
Hats	\$15.00
T-shirts	\$20.00
Number plate frame	\$8.00 pair

VL Turbo sedan

rebuilt motor/turbo + auto. Motor stock with hi-lowed turbo, 3 inch exhaust, hi flow cat. Box has shift kit and 2,500 Hi stall converter. Lowered, adj. panhard rod, competition w/align, new chasers and near new tyres. Paint excellent and freshly colour coded bumpers and side moulds (metallic steel blue). Has Momo steering wheel, detachable face CD unit and amp. Car has 3 point remote alarm and movement sensor. Recent new power steering rack, rear brake pads, headlights, master cylinder and viscous fan. Looks good, drives well and quick. ACT Rego - VL 747.
Offers around \$7,500 to Rod - 0412 627360

VB Commodore.

Orig. 5 litre 4 speed SLE. Strong (stock) engine with 135 kw at rear wheels, re-built 4 speed + rebuilt LSD (tight). 2 1/2 inch exhaust, low, adj. caster rods, 7 x 15 mags. Has new brake pads front and rear, new heavy duty shocks, new poser steering rack, new big radiator, new engine mounts, new harmonic balancer, rebuilt carby and "fiddled" dissy. Rarely driven, only on occasional Sundays by 2 old blokes and is into the 53's at the hill! Cheap way to have a play.
Offers around \$5,000 - to make way for new project !
Rod 0412 627360
John 0408 548247

1986 Toyota Celica SX hatchback.

2 litre twin cam, fuel injected, 5 speed manual. Aircond, CD, power steering, four wheel discs, factory 14" mags, new tyres, long reg. White with blue interior, very tidy inside and out. \$4,000.
John Stewart 0408 548247mob. 62548247 Home. 62664501Work.

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ACT Diff Doctor <i>Unit 5, 18 Whyalla St Fyshwick ACT 2609</i> <i>ph: (02) 6228 1628 Motor Engineers & Repairers</i>	A & D Spray Painting <i>60 Sheppard St Hume ACT 2620</i> <i>ph: (02) 6260 2206 Spray Painting Services</i>
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Risetop Construction <i>Don't have contact details – talk to Pedro</i>	Royal Wolf <i>Containers and/or Storage</i> <i>Ph: 1300 651 700</i>
Ultimate Towing – Nick Tozzi <i>(02) 6281 1821</i>	Absolute Towing <i>Travis Hartfield - 0409304351</i>

Minutes of SDMA Club meeting - 16 - 8 - 05.

Meeting opened 7.38pm

Apologies: Rae Ryan, Mark Hillhorst, Tony Smart.

Correspondence in:

- Approved Sup. Reg. for 11 September hillclimb.
- Entry form and flier for Weston Creek hillclimb (which turned out to be for Eastern Creek Enduro!).
- Email from Graham Charlton.
- Copy of website update from Kelly.
- A preliminary assessment of BDA and quotation.
- Flier from CAMS about training in NSW.
- E- mail from Michael Smith about 2 laps event.
- Notification of NSW alternate elected director at state council meeting.
- E-mail from BDA architects about project update.

Correspondence out:

- E-mail about track license.
- Fax about membership to Origin Park.

President's report

Rob sent John Templeton an e-mail congratulating him on becoming president again. He mentioned that we desperately need officials for September 11 hillclimb.

Secretary's report

Need officials for September hillclimb. Been looking into the 2 lap events. Talked to CAMS about this and found out that it was not noted on our track license that we are allowed to do them. We need to get CAMS to note it on our license. Dave will progress it with the new State Manager. We may need to pay for another track inspection.

Treasurer's report

Working account as of 31 July 2005 has a balance of	\$12,402.83.
Investment account as of 31 July 2005 has a balance of	\$27,000.00.

Publicity secretary's report:

Updated the radio stations and papers with the next hillclimb date. Picked up the club's new shirts.

Magazine Editor's report:

Club magazine went out with a few errors.

Club Captain's report:

Not a lot of things to report. New possible member from Braidwood. Clubs point score 1) Dave Yates, 2) Col. Merz and 3) Julie Merz.

General Business:

- Leon gave update with the lease - Still going. Had a meeting with the PA.
- Rae requested that, if you deposit funds into the working account via electronic banking to please put your name with it and send an e-mail to confirm to the Treasurer.
- The Club appointed Eva Firminger as its nominee to the State meetings.
- Graham suggested that the Club reimburse Terry for the cost of phone calls made on behalf of the Club. Rob agreed.
- Kelly - asked for details about what had been decided about maintaining the website. Rob said he will have a look at it and see if we need someone to maintain it or whether he could do it.

The meeting was addressed by Mr Colin Osborne, the President of CAMS. Following a talk on his background as a racer and with CAMS, and the role of CAMS in general, he answered some questions from members.

Colin Merz's question. He participates in CAMS events, but is also involved in Gears, Formula Vee events. They use Wakefield Park for private practices. Will they still be able to do so?

Colin Osborne advised that we were all members of CAMS and CAMS' job is keeping their members safe. Safety requirements are not dreamed up by CAMS, but are based on the world best practices. The other track workers have not been around as long as CAMS have been. They do not always have the best work ethics and risk management. CAMS has insurance to cover legal requirements and they stand behind their officails. CAMS offers permits for private practices. Its not always CAMS making a decision about safety requirements, but quite often safety requirements are recommended as a result of a coroner's inquiry.

Kelly - Was concerned that an article in the CAMS magazine about event organisers to be able to check racing licence details and endorsements over the web could lead to people, incorrectly, accessing these details.

Colin Osborne did not know much detail on this issue. He did state that CAMS is required to obey the privacy legislations of the law.

Kelly - Suggested that at least there should be an audit trail of who accesses the information?

Colin advised that there would be passwords and user names to get the information.

Colin Osborne took a third written question from Graham Charlton and will respond to the Secretary.

There were several questions raised from the floor which Colin answered as follows:

He is happy to look into the issue of the problem with our track licence and us holding two lap events and Test & Tune days. He noted that he can even recall competing at a two lap event on our track.

Fire extinguishers - do we need them?

Yes we do, as they are legal safety requirement. He noted, however, that in some instances the need for a fire extinguisher may be obsolete BUT that if we wanted change it should be raised through our State Council.

Meeting closed: 9.47pm

- Raffle raised \$44