



## Over the Hill And Round the Bend

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### What's on

**Working Bee 5th November** – at the track

**HILLCLIMB 13th November** – Eva Firminger is the Event Secretary – entries to Barbara as per sup regs/entry form

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As always if you have anything to contribute to the newsletter please send it to [generis@iimetro.com.au](mailto: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. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

*Yeeeaahhhh WE'RE BACK!!!*

*Following months of debating and toing and froing, we have been granted permission to open the Hill Climb track subject to meeting a couple of conditions. One of these was the erection of warning notices on the fence separating the Hill Climb from the motorcycle track. This means the final two meetings scheduled for 2005 (13 November and 11 December) will proceed. Our thanks go to Leon Nolan who has been following and pushing for the track opening on our behalf from day 1 of the closure – if not before! I must also thank **Kennard's Hire** in Queanbeyan who, totally unprompted, donated*

*50 metres of 'warning' tape to the club when I went in to buy some and told them what I wanted it for.*

*However, with a two month lay-over and two cancelled events, there is a fair bit of work to be done on the track and around the circuit in terms of mowing etc. A Track Maintenance day is scheduled for Sat 5 November and I would like to see as many members there as possible. No doubt, Colin will have more on this later in this edition.*

*Whilst on Colin, he was presented with a well deserved 'Thanks Award' by Sport and Recreation ACT at the last general meeting. The award is in recognition of his voluntary services to SDMA. As stated in the minutes of the meeting, Colin thanked Sport and Recreation and accepted the award on behalf of all the volunteers and noted that the recognition of motor sport in this manner was an encouraging sign for the overall recognition of motor sport in the ACT. Well done and congratulations from us all.*

*Further to the minutes of the Club meeting of 18 October, several members have enquired where the plaques are for the last two meetings. I am pleased to advise that Barbara has had the plaques in her possession for some time. However, the reason they have not been given to the winners is due to the cancellation of the last two meetings. If they are not included in the next Newsletter mail-out, they will be available at the 11 Nov meeting.*

*See you all soon – until then, stay safe.*

*Rob Wall*

## **VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD**

On Tuesday night (18 October), I received an award from ACT Sport and Recreation recognising my voluntary work associated with the Hillclimb and the development and support of Formula Vees in Canberra. The important thing about this award is that club level motor sport has been recognised as a legitimate recreation and will help us increase our profile within the community and Government circles –

who knows, one day we may even attract funding and support on a similar basis to what other sports enjoy. Also, whilst my name (and digitally enhanced mug shot) was on the award, I have had a lot of help and support from many people and businesses and I would like to thank those people who have shared my dream of making our hillclimb the best in Australia. We have made huge improvements over the last few years and the future is looking even better.

With thanks

Col Merz

## **10<sup>th</sup> Australian Masters Games Hillclimb**

*As many of you know we have talked about the Masters in Adelaide for a long time, at long last the time had come to make the trip across the Hay Plains. We departed at 6.30 am Thursday with Rae (our self named Pit Pest) asking "are we there yet" not long after we departed Stirling – we knew we were in for a good time. We contacted Graeme and Judy Syphers to check on their "on road" position around 7.30 am only to discover they were only 10 kms in front of us on the Hume Highway. From the time we met up for a smoke stop (them not us) and a drink and eat stop at Wagga we hardly stopped laughing. We staying in Mildura overnight and on to Tanunda in the Barossa Valley on Friday.*

*Terry and Barbara, Graeme Syphers (Bargo) and Dave Tutton (Bathurst) who all competed in the inaugural event in Canberra made the trip to SA for this year's event.*

*A track inspection on Saturday (no competition) was an eye opener, from the start line the track goes straight up the hill for approx 75 metres, then turns into a blind left hand corner, you just get through the corner and you are into a short dip before climbing again and arriving at "the wall", coming off the wall there is a straight coming into a tight left hand corner, then a short straight into a tight right hand corner, another left hand turn and over the finish line. The whole track is around 750 metres long and about one traffic lane wide. What a daunting track on first inspection – "the wall" is constructed to follow the contour of the hillside, they haven't cut into*

*the hill to make the track flat, when you walk the track you feel that if you stopped the car on "the wall" it would slide off the track onto the grass, the angle is so great and in the middle of the wall you have to turn a corner. Daunting but what a great experience it turned out to be.*

*Saturday night it poured with rain – not what we were hoping for but on Sunday, the sun was shining, the paddock area was fairly dry and the competitors were there to have a good time.*

*Competition got underway with 60 starters with a large variety of vehicles, these included, a Reynard and a Shrike F4000 in the Formula Libre classes, several Clubman's in various classes, Porches, Datsuns, Fords, Holdens, Mitsubishi's, Mazda's a great range of vehicles. Ian Richards competed in a Daihatsu Mira TRXX which he has developed and built (read Turbo Charged, 4WD, open wheeler adapted to Mira body) resulting in 14<sup>th</sup> Outright on the day in a time of 35.83secs, this was incredible to watch. Jayne White in a Puma Clubman with a Turbo Nissan SR20 motor, built from the chassis up by Jayne, finished in 32<sup>nd</sup> place with a time of 38.06 secs to win the title of "Fastest Lady", she is looking forward to her next event at Collingrove when she intends to have better tyres.*

*From the start of the day you could see the drivers who had competed in past hillclimbs at Collingrove, those of us who had never driven the track previously were looking forward to our first run (for me with some trepidation) to familiarise ourselves with the track. Competitors line up in the pits, then drive to the dummy grid and you are then held there until the starter is ready for you, you can then do a burn out if you wish and drive to the start line, stage the car, the timing paddle is put under your wheel and almost immediately the light turns green and you are off. Build up the revs, drop the clutch and head for the hill, at the top of the start straight turn left – down the dip, up and around "the wall" – haven't left the road, oh no here is the left hander, and the right hander and now the last left hander, foot flat over the finish line – not much room to stop (thankfully I'm driving the Datto – not going as fast as some of them). Well that felt OK for my first run, hopefully I'm under 50 seconds, returning to the pits I find my first run is 47.88 secs – yippee and I'm not running last. The next run I drop to 47.06 secs, things are getting better just getting into the swing of it and now its time for a lunch break. Terry*

*has started the day with a 41.99 secs, his second run he brings his time down to 40.58 secs, he is hoping to break 40 seconds before the end of the day. Graeme has started the day with a 42.05 secs on his first run and comes up with 39.85secs in the Escort on his second run, this turns out to be his best time for the day. Lunch over we start the third run of the day, I miss a gear on this run and end up with a time of 48.31 secs, Terry has a time of 40.96 secs, at the end of this run we discuss the fact that with the tape at the top of the windscreen we can't see where the road goes when we are coming off "the wall" unless we duck our heads, consequently the tape goes before the 4<sup>th</sup> and what turns out to be the final run of the day. Terry takes off up the track and finishes with his best time of the day of 40.13 secs, when my turn comes I find that I can now see the track off "the wall" and end the run, feeling comfortable and wishing we could have more runs, with a time of 45.99 secs a great improvement for me.*

*The Reynard 893 of Andrew Ford started the day with a time of 34.13 secs and ended the day with FTD of 32.09 secs, he was closely followed in time by Andrew Mitchell in the Shrike F4000 who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> outright with a time of 32.30 secs. Doug Lehmann drove his Mitsubishi Evo 6 to a 3<sup>rd</sup> outright with a time of 32.75 secs. Road Registered Over 2001 had the largest number of competitors, 11 in all, this class was won by Mark Whisson in a Mazda RX7 in a time of 35.57 secs, Sports Sedans 0-1600 was won by Robert Turnbull in a Morris Cooper S in a time of 38.17 secs, with Terry Bennett coming second in a time of 40.13 secs and Barbara third in a time of 45.99 secs. Graeme Syphers won his class in a time of 39.85 secs and Dave Tutton won his class.*

*A great day was had by those of us who travelled to SA and we could only wish that the track was closer so that we could compete regularly. Thanks to the SCCSA for organising the event and thanks to our companions for making the journey less boring than we anticipated.*

*Arthur – you were right, we did love the track*

*Barbara and Terry*

### **Facilities Report**

No report other than to say that there is a working bee scheduled for Saturday 5 November. And as we have been unable to get in for the past few months, there is going to be a lot to do! If you can spare some time on the day your presence would be appreciated. From 9am. Hope to see a big turn up.

### **Blast From the Past**

No report

### **Vacant Committee Position**

The Assistant Secretary position is still vacant on the Club Committee. Nominations for the position are sought and an election will be held at the next Club meeting.

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 electronically 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](mailto:Treasurer@sdmahillclimb.com) and the email will get to her.*

### **UPCOMING HILLCLIMBS / EVENTS**

#### **SDMA**

#### **13<sup>th</sup> November Club Hillclimb**

11<sup>th</sup> December Club Hillclimb – Christmas BBQ

#### **Wollongong Sporting Car Club events**

*Multiclub Hillclimb - 6 November*

## *DYNO DAY*


*Where* : DTS Performance  
1/30 Lyell Street  
Fyshwick

*When* : 9.00am Saturday 26 Nov

*What* : A chance to see some good cars on the dyno,  
have a chat with like minded people and enjoy a  
minimal cost sausage sizzle

*How Much* : \$50.00 per car

*Contact* : Rob Wall on 0422 411 226 or  
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20 cars max!!



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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**

**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

### 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

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## **Minutes of General Meeting of the SDMA - 18 October 2005**

Meeting was chaired by Vice President Rob Wall in the absence of the President.

Meeting Opened 7.35 pm.

**Apologies:** John Templeton still o/s, Terry and Barbara Bennett, Rae Ryan, Brian Fenwick, Andrew Oldfield, Geoff Richardson

A 'Thanks Award' presentation was made to Colin Merz by Sport and Recreation ACT in recognition of his voluntary services to SDMA. Colin thanked Sport and Recreation and accepted the award on behalf of all the volunteers and noted that the recognition of motor sport in this manner was an encouraging sign for the overall recognition of motor sport in the ACT.

With the resignation of Patricia Charlton from the position of Assistant Secretary, nominations were called from the floor to fill the vacancy. No nominations were received. The minutes were taken by the Vice President. The position remains vacant and will be filled by anyone who cares to volunteer.

### **Correspondence In:**

- E-Mail from Anthony Moss of Dutton Rally seeking advice on the availability of the track for two dates in 2006 – 25 Feb and 2 Mar. (This will be taken up by the Committee).
- Request from the Classic Car Event seeking advice whether the Club was holding an event on either 5/6 or 12/13 May. If so, could they participate and be given preferential entry status. (This will be taken up by the Committee).
- Letter from Environment ACT/EPA advising that the Go-Kart and Hill Climb tracks could be re-opened.
- Membership renewal.
- Agenda for the NSW State Council Meeting on 14 October.
- Invoice from CAMS (for one of the cancelled meetings)
- Notice from the Snowy Mountains Credit Union of their AGM
- Assorted junk mail.

### **Correspondence Out:**

- Advice to CAMS cancelling event of 14 October.
- Advice to Anthony Moss advising we would be in touch after the 2006 calendar has been determined.

A list of correspondence received and dispatched at the Committee meeting of 4 October was also tables and circulated

### **Vice President's Report – Rob Wall:**

Rob congratulated Colin on his award and thanked him for his contributions on behalf of the Club. He also thanked Leon Nolan for his continued involvement, on behalf of the Club, on the lease and asbestos issues and Kennard's Hire for the donation of warning tape for use at the track to delineate the Hill Climb track from the asbestos contaminated motor cycle track.

Rob noted that we have received two requests from other motor sport clubs for participation in, or assistance with, their events. In the spirit of inter-club cooperation he requested members to enter/assist wherever possible.

### **Secretary's Report – David Yates:**

David advised that he has spoken to the track inspector, Tony Parnell, in relation to our track license. Tony advised that he is happy to certify the track for multi lap events and test and tune days. However, before doing so, he would like to receive a copy of our Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for such events. David undertook to provide the SOPs to Tony.

### **Pre-Event Secretary's Report - Anthony Hyde:**

Anthony reported that the Clerk of the Course for the 13 November meeting would be Dave Firminger with Eve Firminger as Secretary and Barbara Bennett the Assistant Secretary. He advised that other officials had also been identified for the meeting with exception of Flag Marshals. Following discussion several people volunteered for the positions.

**Treasurer's Report - Rae Ryan:** No report as Treasurer was absent.

**Club Captain's Report - Terry Bennett:** No report due to absence.

**Publicity Officer's Report - Barbara Bennett:** No report due to absence.

### **Membership Director's Report – Noel Bruin Acting:**

Noel advised that since the last meeting, 3 new members had joined the Club. There were several renewals. It was suggested a notice be placed in the next Newsletter reminding members that the 2005/06 memberships are now overdue.

### **Magazine Editor's Report - Tony Smart:**

Tony advised that the October Newsletter went out successfully although a few of the E-Mailed copied were 'bounced'. If any member did not receive their Newsletter please let Tony know so he can adjust his records accordingly.

Tony also requested articles, ads, for sale items etc for the November Newsletter. He hoped to have the next issue out before the Track Maintenance Day on 5 November.

### **General Business**

- **Track Situation:** Leon Nolan reported that the track had now been opened for Go-Karts and Hillclimbs and they should not suffer further closures as the removal of the contaminated material will be done on week days. Even if material was being removed on week-ends, we may be able to proceed with events.

In relation to the Lease, it was now with ACTPLA and could be signed next week if the conditions are acceptable to the Motorsports association.

- **Additional Events:** David Yates ascertained that two dates were available where we could slot in extra Hillclimbs. These dates were 6 November and 4 December. It was agreed that an additional Hillclimb will not be scheduled as the dates were too close to already scheduled events.
- **Track Maintenance Day:** A track maintenance day was schedule for Saturday 5 November. Apart from sweeping and mowing, the focus of the day would be to fit out one of our containers with storage shelving. All hands on deck with carpentry tools and skills would be appreciated.
- **Dyno Day:** Rob advised that the Dyno Day was set for **9.00am Saturday 26 November** at Dynamic Tuning & Service (DTS) 1/30 Lyell St, Fyshwick. The cost will be \$50 per car and 20 cars can be accepted. Open Wheelers can be handled provided they have tie down points and one more 4/AWD can be accepted. Preference will be given to Club members but others may be included if numbers are not filled from within the Club. It will be on a first in, best dressed basis so members should register their interest with Rob by Email at [rwall@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rwall@optusnet.com.au) or on 0422411226. The Club will run a BBQ on the day as an additional fund raiser.
- Members were advised that the 2005 presentation will be delayed until February and it will be held in conjunction with the Club's 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. A Christmas Family BBQ will be held at the track following the 11 December meeting.

- Members were advised that there were still places available at the MG Car Club's Motorkhana on Sunday 23 October. Entry forms and Supp Regs could be downloaded from the SDMA Website and Entries could be E-Mailed to [awarren\\_1999@yahoo.com.au](mailto:awarren_1999@yahoo.com.au).
- A request for volunteers was received for assistance at the BRM Silverstone Safari Rally to be held on Saturday 5 November. Any member not attending our own working bee was encouraged to volunteer.
- **13 November Hillclimb:** David Yates advised that SDMA was to have two meetings monitored for noise during the year. The last was to be the September meeting which was cancelled. Consequently, the 13 November meeting would be substituted. As SDMA currently has noise credits, David proposed that the noise limit for 13 Nov be increased to 95db. This was agreed.
- **Missing plaques:** This issue was raised again with a view to alternative options being investigated (as well as the missing plaques being obtained). Rob undertook to raise it at the Committee Meeting.
- **Closed Committee Meetings:** Members were reminded that Committee meetings were now closed. If a member wanted to raise any issue they should do so through a Committee member. Invitations could be extended by the Committee to members to attend a meeting if it was considered desirable/necessary.

The raffle was conducted by Rod Noller and raised \$68.00. First prize went to David Yates and second prize to Rob Wall.

The meeting closed at 20.45