



## Over the Hill And Round the Bend

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### What's on?

**Working Bee 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – at the track

**HILLCLIMB 11th December** – Eva Firminger is the Event Secretary – entries to Andy Donne 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 President's Report***

Well, another year has almost come and gone.

To celebrate the last run of 2005 and the coming of Christmas, the Club will be providing a Barbeque immediately following the Hillclimb on Sunday 11 December – it will mean an early finish (3.00 to 3.30pm) so your families can come out for the day or plan to arrive in time to see the last run (around 2.00pm) and enjoy the BBQ. The Club will provide the snags etc, salads and cooks. All you need to do is bring your own cutlery, plates, chairs and alcoholic beverages. Soft drinks will be available at the usual prices. Please see the separate Ad in the Newsletter on the BBQ.

Unfortunately, the Dyno Day scheduled for Saturday 26 November had to be cancelled as there were not enough

participants. We had to have the numbers by Friday 18 Nov to enable DTS to organise staff etc if it was to proceed. A few people have come to me since it was cancelled and said they were going to enter!! This is a case of getting the numbers in ON TIME as commercial enterprises are not as flexible as Hillclimbs etc where late entries are accepted. We will attempt another Dyno Day in the New Year.

As has been advised previously, the 2005 Presentation Night and 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations will be held on Saturday night 11 February, 2006. The venue has yet to be finalised but you can look forward to good company, a good meal, good drinks, lots of old stories and memorabilia and, of course, the presentations. Notification will be sent to all members by Email and/or regular post once details have been confirmed. The cost is expected to be in the order of \$30/head. In the meantime, if you have any old photographs, video – even Super 8 – of early events (even pre SDMA!) could you please advise someone on the Committee so we can include them in the displays on the night.

A new, more up-to-date draft Constitution for the Association has been prepared. The draft will be considered by the Committee at its next meeting in December. If approved, the draft Constitution will be forwarded to all members, again either by Email or regular post early in the New Year for consideration. It is proposed that the draft be discussed and, hopefully passed, at a specially convened General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 21 February 2006. This Special General Meeting will precede the regular general meeting also scheduled for that night. The required notice for this meeting will go out with the draft.

Hope to see you all at the Hillclimb and BBQ on 11 December – until then, stay safe.

Rob

## **Marques in the Park Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November.**

Well guys this turned out to be quite a surprise, having heard no publicity for the event Terry and I were thinking that it might be a very small gathering and would it be worth the effort we were putting in to get SDMA out there and visible. Obviously we knew little about this event, apparently it is in its third year and we calculated that there were over 200 cars on display. SDMA had 6 cars, thanks to David Yates, Gary Angel, Paul Wyatt, John Stewart/Rod Noller, Nathan Pring and us. We arrived early with Paul, David and Nathan arriving shortly after. Up went the tent, and we set up for the days display, by this time a large number of cars had arrived but nothing like what was going to arrive. John drove the Commodore in and shortly after Gary arrived with the Lotus – the Lotus being an unexpected bonus to add to the display. With Gary's Lotus, John/Rod's Commodore, David's Capri, Nathan's Formula Vee, Paul's 1200 Coupe in its "project underway condition" and our Datto we managed to capture a large number of interested spectators.

Oh what a display of vehicles, there were the MG's, Torana's, P76's, Mini's, Ford XR's, Chev's, Morris Minor's, Corvettes, Cadillacs, Suzuki's, Toyota Supra's, Nissan GTR's – you name it and they were there, just about. Also there was the Stone Brothers merchandising truck and the Caltex Vortex Simulator, I understand the Simulator was great.

My thanks go to the club members who provided their vehicles for the display and to Nathan Pring, who is not a member of our club, for providing us with the Formula Vee to allow our display to be more diverse (thanks Col Merz for organising Nathan's participation).

The next event like this will be Wheels next year so watch this space – I will be asking for volunteers – the more SDMA are

seen, the more members we get, the stronger the club becomes.

Barbara

### **UPCOMING HILLCLIMBS / EVENTS**

#### **SDMA**

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

***Timespan Hillclimb – Wakefield Park Goulburn – Sat 3 December***

#### **FACILITY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER**

The track maintenance day on 5 November was quite well supported by club members and my thanks to the guys and girls who helped knock the place back into shape after being locked out for so long over the asbestos issue. The biggest problem was the grass that had a growth spurt following the warmer weather and the long awaited rainfall over the previous couple of months. The solution was to call on our good friends from Absolute Towing to float the tractor and slasher down to the hillclimb for the bulk of the work while the guys used hand mowers and brush cutters to do the awkward bits where I couldn't get the tractor – great teamwork.

We also fitted shelving in the south container to get things a little more organised while a team led by David and Scott managed to move the old green container to a more useable position beside the scrutineering carport. Very interesting exercise and I now know how they built the Egyptian pyramids – Levers, a few rollers and a fleet of diesel Land Rover Discoveries. Also thanks to Julie for cleaning the toilets and **ABSOLUTE TOWING** for floating the tractor to the hillclimb and back. Remember, if you need to move a vehicle, give Travis a call on 0409 304 351.

#### ***Blast from the Past REMEMBER WHEN!!***

*Close your eyes.....and go back in time....  
Before the Internet or Big MAC. Before semi automatics, heroin,  
crack, rap, Mobiles, Before SEGA or Super Nintendo...Bruce  
Willis...Hannibal....eminem.....video recorders.....walkmans  
...colour TV...Way back.....*

*I'm talking about hide and seek at dusk.  
One Potato, two potato, three potato, four  
Red light, green light.  
The corner store.*

*Hopscotch; kiss chasey, jacks, kickball, dodge ball, elastics.  
Mother May I?  
Hula Hoops  
Running through the sprinkler  
Wax lips and milk moustaches  
An ice cream cone on a warm summer night, chocolate, vanilla  
or strawberry? Paddle Pops. Best of all a, spider!  
Jaffas/minties at movie interval..... Watching Saturday  
morning cartoons... short commercials, Hey Hey its Saturday,  
Marty Monster, Countdown, Fat Albert, The groovy goolies,  
Gigantor, Calimero Road Runner, Graham Kennedy, Penelope  
Pitstop and Bugs...Mr Squiggle ...Gilligan's Is....on radio...Quiz  
Kids...pick a box. Ford super quiz....children's hour...Frank  
Sinatra...Dean Martin...the Argonauts. The goon show.  
Hancock's half hour...the navy lark...My Music...My Word  
...Jack Davey.....Blue Hills...Portia faces life...Ford Pills ...Heck  
I'd better stop cause I'm showing my age!*

*The back seat of an FJ.....Wednesday night Westerns at the  
Drive-in...For the fortunate, a fair dinkum hamburger at  
interval.*

*A million mosquito bites around your ankles.  
Sticky fingers. Cops and Robbers, Cowboys and Indians, Zorro.  
Climbing trees, swimming in creeks, rocking peoples roofs  
Walking to school, no matter what the weather.  
Running till you were out of breath  
Laughing so hard that your stomach hurt  
Jumping on the bed. Pillow fights  
Spinning around, getting dizzy and falling down was cause for giggles. Being tired from playing.... Remember that? The worst embarrassment was being picked last for a team. War was a card game. Water balloons were the ultimate weapon. Footy cards in the spokes transformed any bike into a motorcycle.  
I'm not finished just yet.  
Eating Saline powder*

*Remember when...there were two types of sneakers for girls and boys and the only time you wore them at school, was for "Phys Ed" or PT (physical torture)  
Chinese burns  
It wasn't odd to have two or three "best" friends.  
When nobody owned a purebred dog.  
When a shilling was a decent allowance and another shilling a miracle.  
When milk went up a penny and everyone talked about it for weeks?  
When you'd reach into a muddy gutter for a penny. When you got your windshield cleaned, oil, water, tyres checked and petrol pumped, without asking, for free, every time .  
When nearly everyone's Mum was at home when the kids got there.  
It was magic when dad would "remove" his thumb.  
When it was considered a great privilege to be taken out to dinner at a real restaurant with your parents.  
When any parent could discipline any kid, or feed him or use him to carry groceries, and nobody, not even the kid, thought a thing of it.*

*When they threatened to keep kids back a grade if they failed ...and did!  
When being sent to the principal's office was nothing compared to the fate that awaited a misbehaving student at home. Basically, we were in fear for our lives but it wasn't because of drive-by shootings, drugs, gangs, etc.  
Our parents and grandparents were a much bigger threat!  
And some of us are still afraid of them!!! Didn't that feel good?  
Just to go back and say, "Yeah, I remember that!"*

*Remember when.....  
Decisions were made by going "eeny-meeny-miney-mo."  
Mistakes were corrected by simply exclaiming, "do over!"  
"Race issue" meant arguing about who ran the fastest. Money issues were handled by whoever was the banker in Monopoly."  
Worst thing you could catch from the opposite sex was cooties.  
Having a weapon in school, meant being caught with a shanghai or maybe a tuppenny bungler.  
Nobody was prettier than Mum.  
Scrapes and bruises were kissed and made better.  
Taking drugs meant orange-flavoured chewable aspirin.  
Ice cream was considered a basic food group.  
Abilities were discovered because of a "double-dog-dare."  
Older siblings were the worst tormentors, but also the fiercest protectors.*

*If you can remember most or all of these, **then you have LIVED!!!!***

#### **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.

# **WANTED**

*Any photographs, videos or other memorabilia relating to past events at the Hillclimb complex. These are required for display at the Anniversary and Presentation Night in February.*

# **REWARD**

*The satisfaction of sharing your experiences with fellow Club members and re-living the events for yourself.*

*If you are able to assist, please contact one of the Committee Members.*

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.*

# **FAMILY BARBEQUE AND CHRISTMAS GET-TO-GETHER**

**When:** Sunday 11 December at 3.30pm  
(following the Hillclimb)

**Where:** Pitstop Café.

**What:** Snags, salad etc provided by the Club

**How much?** The cost of bringing your own cutlery, plates, chairs, tables and any other picnicky/outdoors stuff you want.

*Also, BYO alcoholic drinks.*

*If you plan to attend the Barbeque, but not compete on the day, could you please advise anyone on the Committee for catering purposes.*

# 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

<b>Chambray shirts</b> (pre ordered only)	\$25.00
<b>SDMA cloth patches</b>	\$5.00
<b>Hats</b>	\$15.00
<b>T-shirts</b>	\$20.00
<b>Number plate frame</b>	\$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

## **1993 Ford Fairmont Ghia EB II**

Metallic Blue, 4.0 Litre Injected 6 cylinder engine, Four Speed Auto, Cruise Control, Four Wheel Discs, ABS, Limited Slip Diff, Sun Roof, Factory Mags(5) 225/60/15 tyres – good rubber, CD Player, Air Con - Climate Control, Leather seats, 157,000 kms, 6 mths rego  
Original condition throughout, runs very well - good overall condition

Currently running three road cars - want to reduce by one

\$4800.00 negotiable

Contact : Leon (m) 0418 247 024 (h) 6251 2921 (w) 6125 2240

## **Alfa 105 Sports Sedan**

*Full fibreglass body  
Aluminium interior  
Aluminium fuel tank  
Aluminium rear wing  
Ford 9 inch diff (Locker)  
Full roll cage  
Velo race seat  
RCI 5 point race harness  
Windows - glass front, Lexon side and rear  
Hoosier slicks all round  
Mid mounted engine bay – will sell with 351 ci + box **or** 253 ci + box **or** 2 x 318ci V8's or no motor*

*Price: With any motors \$4,000  
Without motor \$3,500*

*Price is negotiable*

*For more information phone Brett on 0439983071  
after 3.30 pm weekdays or anytime weekends.*

## Club Sponsors – help them to help us by supporting them

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<b>Ultimate Towing – Nick Tozzi</b> (02) 6281 1821	<b>Absolute Towing</b> Travis Hartfield - 0409304351

Meeting was chaired by Vice President Rob Wall in the absence of the President. As a new Assistant Secretary has yet to be appointed, he also took the Minutes.

Meeting Opened 7.35 pm.

**Apologies:** John Templeton still o/s, Colin Merz, Peter Browning  
**Absent:** Paul Grellis

**Vice President's Report – Rob Wall:** Rob advised he had nothing to report that wouldn't be discussed in General

### Secretary's Report – David Yates:

Correspondence in:

- Assorted junk mail
- Minutes of NSW Hillclimb Advisory Panel Meeting
- Fairbairn Park Control Council regarding rent arrears (referred to General Business)
- Refund of \$800.00 from CAMS being refund of permit for October meeting
- Snowy Mountains Credit Union advising Term Deposit of \$28,220.46 had been rolled over to 13 January 2006 at an interest rate of 4.5%
- Entry Form and Supp Regs relating to the running of a Rally
- E-mail regarding NSW Hillclimb Championship and requesting suggested dates from SDMA (referred to General Business)
- E-mail from Variety Club of Qld
- E-mail from Anthony Moss re the Alphera Dutton Rally (referred to General Business)
- Various E-mails concerning dishonoured cheque
- E-mail from Jason Smith re booking track for Classic Car Event in 2007
- Correspondence from CAMS re:
  - Training Courses 2005 (to be in Newsletter & posted on Web)
  - Training proposals 2006 (to be in Newsletter & posted on Web)

- 28/11 CAMS Presentation night
- NSW Hillclimb Championship Application Form for event
- Application Form for NSW Advisory Council

Correspondence out:

- E-mails to CAMS and competitor re dishonoured cheque issue
- E-mail to Anthony Moss re dates for Dutton Rally
- E-mail to Jason Smith re his proposed event in 2007
- E-mail re NSW Hillclimb Championship
- Request to Marion Burgess (ADFA) re noise monitoring equipment for November meet.

**Treasurer's Report - Rae Ryan:** Rae advised that the state of finances as at end October were:

\$28,220.46 in Investment Account

\$14,958.53 in Working Account with income and

expenses as follows:

Income:	\$259.00	Memberships
	\$198.00	Entry Fees
	\$121.00	Cheque clearance and

dishonoured fee NSW

		State Championship round
	\$800.00	Reimbursement from CAMS for

Sept meeting

Expend:	\$800.00	To CAMS for Oct meeting
	\$ 16.20	Postage

**Pre-Event Secretary's Report - Anthony Hyde:** Anthony advised all was in place for the 13 November meeting. He asked who was to advise CRAFT and First Aid that the meeting was on. David Yates stated that he normally undertook this task and would do so again.

Papers for the December meeting have been lodged and Clerk of the Course will be Dave Firminger with Margaret Brown as Chief Steward and Eva Firminger as Secretary and Andy Donne as Assistant Secretary. Beb Fox will be Chief Scrutineer.

Following a question, discussion was then held as to whether course officials (chocker, grid marshal, flag marshal) could also compete if

they had replacements for when they were on the track. The decision was that they could run – provided they did not collect the 20 points toward the Club Championship but could collect competition points.

**Membership & Club Captain's Report - Terry Bennett:** Terry thanked Noel for acting as the Membership Secretary in his absence.

He stated that the Championship points had not moved as the last two meetings were cancelled.

Terry also advised that Tom Ballard (jnr) had a great result at the NSWRRRC Series Formula Vee races at Oran Park on 29 October. His results were: 2, 3, 2 and DNF (collision – not his fault). (Good to see him at the pointy end!)

**Publicity Officer's Report - Barbara Bennett:** Barbara advised she had submitted a story to Capital Motor Sport News on the Masters Games Hillclimb and it is in the current edition.

As we again have access to the track and will be holding our next scheduled meetings, Barbara will update the appropriate Web sites.

Barbara also asked if we were aware of the Marques in the Park event to be held on 20 November. She will follow-up with the organizers to see if we can still participate.

**Magazine Editor's Report - Tony Smart:** Tony advised that the Newsletter was sent electronically on Sunday night 30 October and by mail on Tuesday 1 November. He thanked everyone for their contributions and asked that they continue.

**Track Maintenance:** The following report was received from Colin Merz:

**Working Bee – 5 Nov 05**

Tasks planned:

- ∞ Construct and install shelving in south container
- ∞ Clear north container to provide secure storage for future tractor

- ∞ *Hand mowing and trimming where access is difficult for a tractor/slasher. I will contact Travis from Absolute Towing to float our tractor down the week before the 13 Nov hillclimb.*

### **Tractor Purchase**

- ∞ *Criteria used was 25 to 35hp, Diesel, power steer, meet current safety standards (ROPS – roll over protection structure), Front end loader (FEL) and able to fit into a 20ft shipping container.*

*We have emailed or phoned four dealers and three private sellers in the past week and progress so far is:*

- ∞ *Awaiting responses from three dealers. Currently preparing a proposal to seek sponsorship between cost of a machine and our budgeted \$10,000*
- ∞ *Went to Goulburn on Sunday to look at an International 414 with FEL at \$6500 – Considered unsuitable as machine is very old, didn't meet reasonable safety standards ( no ROPS), no power steer and unacceptably heavy steering, and in need of lots of TLC*
- ∞ *Best deal at this stage is the Chinese tractor from Qbn – new 25hp 4WD with a slasher for \$10,000. Special deal as it has a cab (which apparently no one wants) but would make it difficult to retro fit a FEL later and may make it difficult to get close to trees for slashing.*

*The Committee agreed the purchase of the tractor would be left to Colin's discretion.*

### **General Business**

- *Track Situation*
  - *Lease has not yet been received by FPCC for perusal. Therefore, it has not yet been signed.*
  - *David Yates has revised the Club's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for 2 lap events and Test and Tune events. These are being reviewed by John Stewart before being forwarded to CAMS.*
- *2006 Program was discussed and agreed.*
- *The regular supply of trophy plaques has been resumed. Had there been events in September and October, the outstanding plaques would have been distributed.*

- *Terry Bennett will write to the NSW Hillclimb Advisory Panel complaining about the move of the Hillclimb to Grafton. Once again, this disadvantages the clubs south of Sydney.*
- *Discussion was held in relation to the payment of rent to the FPCC in view of the fact we have not had access to the track for three months. It was eventually agreed we had no choice but to pay.*
- *Concern was raised that there may be outstanding keys to the track. It was agreed that the key register should be updated and any outstanding keys retrieved. Rae would raise the issue with Colin.*
- *Day Memberships for other CAMS affiliated clubs to compete in our events were discussed and it was confirmed that they would be available at a cost of \$5.00. Only 2 day memberships per year would be allowed.*
- *Following some member's participation in the MG Car Club Motorkhana, it was suggested that we offer catering services to the MG Club for any future such events. This was seen as a good fund raising opportunity for SDMA.*
- *5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and 2005 Presentation Dinner. The date was set as Saturday 11 February at the suggested venue, the Southern Cross Yacht Club. Rob to follow up. Members were also asked to search for old videos, photos etc for display on the night.*

*The meeting closed at 21.47pm*