



Over the Hill And Round the Bend

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What's on?

HILLCLIMB 26th February – entries to Barbara Bennett as per sup regs/entry form which can be accessed at the SDMA Website
<http://www.sdmahillclimb.com>

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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 President's Report

Welcome to the 2006 Hillclimb season.

The 2005 season drew, eventually, to a successful end following the closure of the entire Fairbairn Park complex in August due to asbestos contamination on a motorcycle track. Fortunately, the SDMA Hillclimb Circuit was deemed to be outside of the affected zone and events were re-commenced in November - following the cancellation of the September and October events.

The (shortened) 2005 season saw some good competition with a few new cars venturing on to the circuit.

The first Hillclimb of 2006 is scheduled for Sunday 26 February and 9 Club events are programmed for the year.

The full 2006 Club Calendar can be viewed at the SDMA Website. (See Links page).

Two highlights of 2006 will be the hosting of a round of the NSW State Hillclimb Championship and conducting the Hillclimb event for the Alphera Dutton Rally.

The **NSW State Hillclimb Championship** round will be held on the weekend of April 22 and 23. This will be an excellent opportunity to see some of the best hillclimb cars in Australia going through their paces.

The NSW round of the **Alphera Dutton Rally** is being based in Queanbeyan this year with the hillclimb event scheduled for Saturday 3 June. The Alphera Dutton Rally will feature cars such as Porsche GT3s, Mitsubishi EVOs, Lotus, HSVs, FPVs and other exotic road cars.

We look forward to an active 2006 in which we hope to gain new members and undertake improvements at and around the circuit. We are always looking for new competitors – particularly women drivers to give our current women drivers (both of them) some competition! Most importantly, we need volunteers to be officials at events. So, if you have any friends who may be interested in any of the above, don't be shy in inviting them along!

On issues of more immediate concern, I look forward to catching up with many of you at the 5th Anniversary and Presentation Dinner on 11 February. Remember – **tickets are limited** and selling fast so first in best dressed!!!

Also this Newsletter will be longer than most as, apart from containing the usual information; it also contains a copy of a [Draft Constitution](#) for the Association. This draft is to be discussed at the General Meeting on Tuesday 21 Feb for which a copy of the Agenda is attached. The proposed

resolution regarding the draft constitution is contained in the [Agenda](#). I encourage all members to consider the revised constitution and come along to the meeting to have your say on it.

If you aren't at the Dinner, I hope to see you at the meeting on 21 February – until then – stay safe.

Rob

VALE

On 10 January 2006, motor sport lost another of its faithful. Alan Conyngham passed away in Sydney at the age of 60 after a long and Galant battle with Cancer.

Alan will be remembered by those who knew him as a practical joker and a tenacious, tough competitor with a bit of larrikin thrown in.

He raced at NSW State level in the sports cars built by Ron Hossack. After totally destroying the first one (the T3) in a very spectacular manner at Oran Park in the early 80's, Ron graciously entrusted Alan with the T4, a beautifully sculptured and immaculately presented black car that became known as the "Batmobile", which Alan deservedly drove to the NSW Sports Car Championship in 1987 and Runner Up in 1988.

Alan competed at our Hill on several occasions and was a member of the Hillclimb Club (then SDHA).

In recent years he was a very valuable member of our Pit Crew and became a great mentor for young Tom and made a real contribution to the success we have enjoyed.

Alan will be sadly missed by all involved at Tom & Tom Racing, and his many friends in the sport.

Tom Ballard

Reminder

**5th Anniversary and 2005 Presentation Dinner
Yamba Sports Club, Irving St, Phillip**

Cost: \$35.00 per head

Tickets from:

Rob Wall, 0422411226, 3 McInnes Place, Queanbeyan
Terry Bennett, 6288 7207 (ah), 9 Wittenoom Crescent, Stirling
Noel Bruin, 0419 633 462, 153 Tillyard Drive Charnwood
Colin Merz, 0412 316 275, 12 Butterley Pl, Wanniassa

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.

UPCOMING HILLCLIMBS / EVENTS

SDMA

26 February 2006

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 and the email will get to her.

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

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

Suzuki Swift

1986 hatch 1.3, 5 speed, GTi seats, GTi dash, sports steering wheel, 4 point roll cage, 4 point harness, fire extinguisher, suzisport struts, new shocks. 8 road wheels & tyres laps Fairbairn hillclimb track in 56 seconds, Wakefield Park in 1 minute 19 seconds. 6 rally wheels & tyres for khanacross & Rally sprints. Class A winner at NSW khanacross. Extremely reliable & recently serviced with all the synthetic oils. Used only once this year. A very cheap way to get into Motorsport. \$1650.00. Genuine reason for sale. Contact Dion on 0437 275 700.

Yokohama Advan and Dunlop Formula R circuit racing slicks.

195-55x15. In very good condition with plenty of wear left. Set faster times at the tracks. About 20 to choose from. Contact Dion on 0437 275 700.

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.

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Minutes of General Meeting of the SDMA – 15 November 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, Rae Ryan, Andrew Oldfield, Beb Fox

Matters arising from previous minutes:

- *Plaques: The meeting was advised that the issue on the plaques had been resolved and the delays with the supplier were 'once off' due to unusual circumstances and should not be repeated. Barbara had distributed many of the outstanding plaques.*

Correspondence In:

- *Dept of Sports and Recreation advising that a grant acquittal was outstanding – Secretary to follow-up as it was thought all grants were acquitted.*
- *An Entry Form for the 13 Nov Hillclimb – new one completed on the day.*
- *Minutes of the NSW State Council of CAMS – tabled.*
- *Minutes of the NSW Hillclimb Advisory Panel – tabled.*
- *Email from Mal Dunning re track resurfacing.*

Correspondence Out:

- *Fax to CAMS advising of our preferred dates for the NSW Hillclimb Championship round.*
- *Email to CAMS advising Eva Firminger was SDMA's delegate to NSW State Council.*
- *Email to CAMS regarding upgrading our track license for two lap events and test & tune days.*

A list of correspondence received and dispatched at the Committee meeting of 1 November was also tabled and circulated

Vice President's Report – Rob Wall:

No specific report as most issues would be covered in General Business. He thanked all the officials and participants for making the Hillclimb on 13 November such a success.

Secretary's Report – David Yates:

David advised that the draft 2006 Calendar had been prepared. The only outstanding issue was the confirmation of the dates for the NSW Hillclimb Championship round.

Treasurer's Report - Rae Ryan:

Rae reported in absetia that the Account balances were:

Investment Account: \$28,220.46

Working Account \$14,958.53

A request was made to the Treasurer to investigate the interest rates further when our Term Deposit for the Investment Account was due for renewal in January. It was thought a better interest rate could be obtained than that presently offered by the Credit Union.

Pre-Event Secretary's Report - Anthony Hyde:

Anthony reported that the Clerk of the Course for the 11 December meeting would be Dave Firminger with Eve Firminger as Secretary and Andy Donne the Assistant Secretary. Beb Fox would be Chief Scrutineer.

Anthony also commenced lobbying for volunteers for the 2006 meetings and reminded members about undertaking their 'compulsory' turn at marshalling at, at least, one event to accumulate points for the Club Championship.

Entry Forms for the 11 December meeting should be available next week.

Club Captain's Report - Terry Bennett:

Terry advised that, on last check, Michael Nordsvan was leading the Drivers' Championship from Martin Crombie and Andy Donne. He also advised that both Andy Suine and Pedro Hietanen broke class records at the last meet. We also had one Day member.

Terry further advised that a Club member, Tim Monty, won the Aussie Racing Car Series at their last meeting. SDMA presently has 123 full members and 12 official members.

Publicity Officer's Report - Barbara Bennett:

Barbara said that the last meeting got good publicity from 104.7 but their community program had finished for 2005. We would, however, continue to get some publicity from the station. All community web pages had been updated for the November meeting and would be updated again advertising the December meeting.

Barbara also stated that she had been invited to the opening of the ACT Govt's new Shopfront which could also help publicise our events.

Barbara noted that the supply of Club hats was dwindling and that a new order should be placed. She would investigate the best options for the next Committee meeting.

Magazine Editor's Report - Tony Smart:

Tony advised that the November Newsletter went out successfully although a few of the E-Mailed were still being 'bounced'. Tony said he was always looking for articles etc for the Newsletter.

The next issue will be out around 1 December.

General Business

- **Track Maintenance Day:** A track maintenance day was schedule for Saturday 3 December. However, as this is also the day for the Timespan Hillclimb, the date may change. Watch the Newsletter for confirmation.

- **Lease Situation:** Leon advised that Ted Quinlan was following the issue up with Simon Corbell in an attempt to speed the process through ACTPLA.
- **Dyno Day:** Rob advised that unless more members registered before Thursday 17 November, the Dyno Day would be cancelled.
- **Timing Device:** It was raised that the Timing Device was hit again at the last meeting. A suggestion was made to try and protect the device by somehow placing it within the embankment. This would be investigated.
- **Christmas Family BBQ:** following the 11 December meeting a Christmas gathering in the form of a BBQ will be held. The Club would provide the meat and salads with members bring their own drinks. Members would also need to bring their own cutlery and plates etc..

The raffle was conducted by Rod Noller and raised \$???.00.
The prize went to Rob Wall.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.