



## Over the Hill And Round the Bend

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### What's on?

**HILLCLIMB 26<sup>th</sup> March** – 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](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 beforehand, the more the merrier, come and join us.**

### Vice President's Report

*The first meeting of 2006 was exciting but I trust will not set the scene for the rest of the season. There were more than the usual number of stoppages for Kangaroos (1), at least 5 'offs' - a couple quite spectacular with thankfully no injuries and very little, if any, damage (they just looked good) and one for a goanna that had wandered onto the circuit. We understand it is the first time the Craft Crew have had to put out a goanna! There were 43 entrants, 11 of whom had not run at the circuit previously. It may well pay to get your entries in early in future as, at this rate, we may have to start refusing to accept entries once the limit has been reached. This day is awaited.*

*It may have been because it was the first meeting of the year, but the gridding of drivers was terrible! It was announced by the Clerk of the Course that it is the DRIVER's responsibility to*

*present at the grid on time and in order for their run. Drivers not in order would not be allowed to do the run for which they are out of order. Drivers would not be chased by the Grid Marshal. Any driver arriving out of order without first obtaining authority from the Clerk of the Course WILL MISS THE RUN. If it happens twice, the Driver will be excluded from the meeting. This rule will be enforced at all future events.*

*All members should also note there is a revised Calendar attached to this Newsletter. Changes to the Hillclimb program are:*

**30 April Meeting** – Cancelled due to proximity of NSW State Championship round on 22/23 April

**19 November** – New meeting added as a substitute for April

*Some of the Track Maintenance Day dates have been changed accordingly.*

*Do you have a partner or friend who would like to get involved with the Club? If so, we have openings for Officials for all categories from Flag Marshals, Stewards, Grid Marshal to Assistant Event Secretaries. This is a good opportunity to get the family involved also. The good news is – official membership only costs \$1.00. All necessary training will be provided.*

*The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 March at 7.30 at the Western District Rugby Club in Jameson. Come join us for dinner before the meeting at 6.30. Until then, stay safe.*

*Rob*

## FORMULA “EBAY”

**CRITERA:** BUY A VEHICLE ON EBAY AND RACE IT AROUND A TRACK.

My vehicle is a TD Gemini \$600(ebay), Stock standard but now with a race seat (ebay also) \$77 and a harness \$30. Also I Found some old formula ford tyres (Oran Park) and had them fitted to my mags \$50. Time to go racing. First time at Fairbairn Park not bad with Really old street tyres, next time with only 2 race tyres getting better, but having a great time.

Then the big day arrived, my wife Lyn’s cousin said lets go to Wakefield Park.

So off we went to Wakefield, when we first arrived I was thinking I am way out of my league here, there were Wrx, evo 8s V8 commodores, a whole swag of racing BMWs, a couple of utes and 2 lotus Elise, and of course the mighty ebay Gemini.

Then people started coming up and asking how the Gemini went, and I could only comment, I don’t know, Never run it before and I have never been here before.

First time out took it real easy so I could find my way round, and with a bit more confidence started getting faster. Matt turned up in a sprinter with a SR20DET motor in it and his mates with turbo supras. Only Matt had been there before so it was an experience for most of us. As the day progressed the sprinter was having turbo problems and quite a few other cars were having trouble as well, meanwhile the Gemini was still plodding along. By the end of the day I could drive along the main straight and keep it flat through the kink till the first corner. I was very surprised how well a stock standard Gemini handled, not the fastest, but mega heaps of fun. This would have to be the most cost effective way of learning car control having heaps of fun without blowing huge amounts of money. Of course now I want to go faster, but I will just have to see what turns up on EBAY.

Have to follow the regulations of this Formula.

All performance parts must be purchased from friends or EBAY only.

Anything you can find lying around is acceptable.

Pretty easy rules.

See you at the track,

EBAY GEMINI

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.*

**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 (peak and bucket)</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

### **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.

Bennett Family Racing offers for sale:

### **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.

### **VRS**

I have a VRS (valve regrind set) for a 1988 1.8 L pulsar or Camira engine, not needed now car is gone. Nat Cap Motors won't refund so I'm stuck with it. There is also a set of head bolts which are needed for that engine when head is removed, old ones must be replaced.

All up cost to me \$160. Any sensible offer near that please.

Mike Neil

0418 211 278, 6254 1040

### **Datsun 1200 coupe**

Motor: 1200cc fuel injected Datsun 1200 GX,  
Haltech computer for injection,  
Electronic ignition.

Gearbox: Nismo option close ratio 5 speed with 1-1 fifth gear,

Diff: Datsun 1200 ute housing with Vanette (welded)  
centre,

Brakes: Stanza front with competition pads,  
240Z finned alloy rear drums

Trailer: Dual axle car trailer with ACT rego until February  
2007

Spares package can include:

Body panels, windscreen, 14" alloy wheels (6) 13"  
alloys (8)

Diffs, std gearbox and std motor if required.

Price \$5000 for whole package.

PH Terry 62887207ah 0417 286033

### **Argus DFV 1200cc Formula Vee - \$9,500**

Contact: Morgan Freemantle - [mfreemantle@ccontrol.com.au](mailto:mfreemantle@ccontrol.com.au) or 0412 140 147

A one-off formula vee (originally from SA) known as the Argus. Very neat, clean and reliable. Has finished every race it has started in the past three years.

Finished 5th in the 2005 NSW State and Club Championships. Great car, reluctant sale due to 1600 move.

Comes mounted in a single axle open trailer with 11 months ACT rego. Belts are current (2008 expiry).

Spares include:

- sealed, running engine with Gower heads
- sealed short box's x 2
- 5.5" steel painted rims
- spare nosecone, race ready link pin front end, straight link pin f/end off car, miscellaneous drums, backing plates etc.

## SDMA Revised 2006 Calendar

Date	Event
Sun 26 February	<b>Hillclimb 1</b>
Tues 7 March	Committee Meeting
Mon 20 March	Canberra Day
Tues 21 March	General Meeting
Sat 25 March	Track Maintenance
Sun 26 March	<b>Hillclimb 2</b>
Tues 4 April	Committee Meeting
Fri 14 - Mon 17 April	Easter
Sat 15 April	Track Maintenance
Tues 18 April	General Meeting
Sat 22 & Sun 23 April	<b>NSW State Hillclimb Round</b>
Tues 2 May	Committee Meeting
Tues 16 May	General Meeting
Sat 20 May	Track Maintenance
Sun 28 May	<b>Hillclimb 3</b>
Fri 2 June	Evening Track Maintenance (if necessary)
Sat 3 June	Dutton Rally
Tues 6 June	Committee Meeting
Tues 20 June	General Meeting
Sat 24 June	Track Maintenance
Sat 1 July	<b>Hillclimb 4</b>
Tues 4 July	Committee Meeting
Tues 18 July	AGM & General Meeting
Tues 1 August	Committee Meeting
Tues 15 August	General Meeting
Sat 19 August	Track Maintenance
Sun 27 August	<b>Hillclimb 5</b>
Tues 5 September	Committee Meeting
Sat 16 September	Track Maintenance
Tues 19 September	General Meeting
Sun 24 September	<b>Hillclimb 6</b>
Tues 3 October	Committee Meeting
Tues 17 October	General Meeting
Sat 21 October	Track Maintenance
Sun 29 October	<b>Hillclimb 7</b>
Tues 7 November	Committee Meeting
Sat 11 November	Track Maintenance
Sun 19 November	<b>Hillclimb 8</b>
Tues 21 November	General Meeting
Sat 3 December	Track Maintenance
Tues 5 December	Committee Meeting
Sun 10 December	<b>Hillclimb 9</b> & Christmas gathering

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

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## **Minutes of General Meeting of the SDMA – 21 February 2005**

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

Meeting Opened 7.30 pm.

**Apologies:** John Templeton still o/s, Beb Fox, Brian Fenwick

### **Matters arising from previous minutes:**

- Interest rates on term deposit: The term deposit was renewed in January. Interest rates will be reviewed when renewal becomes due on 13 April.
- Club Hats: Now ordered and available.

### **Correspondence In:**

- Email from NVCC (Nepean Valley Car Club) regarding a Khanacross event in February.
- Email from T Bennett regarding changes to rotary engine multipliers.
- ATO advising no GST statement had been filed. Urgent. Passed to Peter Browning for action.
- Cheque from D & S Bates for Anniv. Dinner.
- Credit Union statement as at 3 Feb 2006 advising our balances were:
  - General Account - \$16,209.07
  - Term Account - \$28,385.31
- Invoice from Yamba Club for Anniv. Dinner - \$2,000.
- Flyer for accommodation package for Bathurst 1000. Tabled.
- Invoice from Fairbairn Park Control Council for Rates, Tax and Rent - \$712.70.
- Receipt from CAMS for March Permit.
- CAMS Affiliation Package.
- Delegates Information for State Committee Meeting.

### **Correspondence Out:**

- Email to Western Districts Rugby Football Club booking rooms for the Committee and General meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

A list of correspondence received and dispatched at the January and February Committee meetings was also tabled and circulated

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

Gave brief rundown on the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and 2005 Presentation Dinner and congratulated the winners particularly Michael Nordsvan and David Yates. He also advised those present that Tom Ballard was awarded the Club's first Life Membership at the dinner and congratulated him on that achievement.

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

David advised that he attended a meeting of Environment ACT at which amendments to the way noise is to be measured was discussed. After discussion on how SDMA measures noise at our meetings, our standards would be accepted. We are awaiting such advice in writing.

David also advised that a new Bill would be considered shortly by the ACT Assembly. It is the Motor Sport (Public Safety) Bill 2006 and, although possibly aimed at new motor sports tracks, could have serious implications for us. Definitive advice is still awaited. To enable the Hillclimb on 26 Feb to proceed, David sought volunteers for the position of Flag Marshal. Rod Noller stated he was available.

### **Treasurer's Report - Rae Ryan:**

Rae was not present but it was noted that there were numerous bills to be paid. These included: Costs of the Dinner, Club Hats, trophies, tags for trophies, Dinner and Newsletter mail out costs.

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

Anthony reported that Permit No: 206/2602/02 from CAMS had been received for the February meeting. All officials were in place for the meeting.

He advised that the meeting on 26 March had been approved by CAMS and, again, all officials were in place.

Anthony also advised that arrangements for the State Round in April were also well advanced.

### **Club Captain & Membership Secretary's Report - Terry Bennett:**

Terry informed the meeting that the first round of the State Championship was held on 18/19 February at Wakefield. There were 57 entries and Peter Gumley put in the fastest time of the day. There were 6 SDMA members competing.

Terry advised that the multiplier for rotaries had been changed but that there still appeared to be some confusion. He hoped this would be clarified in time for the meeting on 26 February but definitely in time for the State Championship round in April.

On Membership, Terry advised that there were four new members.

### **Publicity Officer's Report - Barbara Bennett:**

Barbara advised that she still had some Certificates for the 2005 Class Winners which she would progressively distribute. Rob commended her on the job she did on the Certificates and trophies for the 2005 presentation.

The new order of hats was shown to the committee and the price of \$15 per hats was agreed. 3 of each type were promptly sold.

In relation to publicity for the forthcoming event, Barb advised she would contact Cam Sullings at 104.7 (who she added did a great job as MC at the Dinner) and she would update the appropriate community websites.

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

Tony said that the February Newsletter went out successfully by Email and hard copy where appropriate at the end of January.

The next Newsletter will go out at the end of February and would contain the 2005 Championship results.

### **CAMS State Council Representative Report – Eva Firminger**

Eva attended the February meeting of the CAMS NSW State Council as our Representative and advised:

- Most of the discussion points related to motor (circuit) racing and did not impact on Hillclimbs.
- Due to previous problems (re Wakefield) NSW Workcover were now deeming Race Circuits to be work places. Consequently, Workplaces and Risk Assessments will have to be done.

- CAMS is to set safety standards for all medical, emergency and other officials and all such persons will need to be accredited (unsure if with CAMS or a professional organisation)
- CAMS is to introduce 'targeted scrutineering' and, once undertaken and passed it will be 'log booked'. There will then be random inspections. This only impacts race cars at present.
- Newcastle MG Club is presently in the Environment Court regarding an endangered species (bats) on its proposed circuit.
- CAMS National Committee has circuit upgrade grants available. The contact is Andrew Papadopoulos, the NSW Rep to the National Committee.
- Next meeting to be held on 21 April

Rob thanked Eva for her report and for representing SDMA at the meetings.

### **General Business**

- The draft Constitution was put before the members prior to the meeting. Following the clarification of several points, the following motion was put to the meeting:  
"That the Southern District Motorsports Association Inc. adopt the draft Constitution presented at this General Meeting as the Constitution of the Association with effect from this meeting."  
Moved: Barbara Bennett
- Seconded: Noel Bruin  
The Mover and Seconder spoke to the motion. Speakers against the motion were called and there were none. The motion was put to the meeting and was passed unanimously.
- 2006 Calendar: Following discussion it was agreed the Hillclimb scheduled for Sunday 30 April would be cancelled due to a potential lack of Officials following the State Championship round the preceding Weekend. A substitute event was scheduled for Sunday 19 November. A revised program would be circulated in the next Newsletter. Options were still under consideration for the December 10 Hillclimb and the 2006 presentation. This would be considered further

*by the Committee following the various suggestions put forward.*

- *Track Maintenance Day: A successful day was held on Saturday 18 February with mowing and general cleaning undertaken. Repairs were also undertaken to the pit roads and access roads thanks to Andy McInnes and his bobcat. Track sweeping would need to be done just prior to the event on the Sunday.  
The next maintenance day will be Saturday 25 March as 18 March is the Canberra Day Long Weekend.*
- *4 Items submitted by Graham Charlton were considered individually and the outcomes were as follows:*
  - *New locations for meetings: The Committee would investigate what venues were available, and at what costs, and report back seeking members views.*
  - *Revision of the 20 point allocation system for members. The issue was basically to allocate 20 points to the Committee members for work on the Committee in lieu of working as Officials at a meeting to qualify for the Club Championship. Following discussion, the Committee members present said they would still do their Official duty at a Hillclimb regardless. Discussion then turned to the possibility of forcing all winners at Class level to do an 'Official' day before they could win the Class. This would be considered by the Committee.*
  - *Signs to encourage new members: It was agreed that a new sticker could be developed giving the web address and other detail as an addendum to the existing car sticker. Sign advertising club meetings within the venue could also be done. The Committee would take both matters on board.*
  - *Multi-day, Multi-Club charity weekend. Would be considered by the Committee.*
- *Event Secretaries. Barbara raised the issue of the lack of Event Secretaries within the Club and suggested we need to train more people – particularly to Grade 4, Assistant Secretary Level. She would be happy to assist with the training. She received two volunteers at the meeting.*
- *MGCC Motorkhana on 2 April: Noel Bruin sought a volunteer to manage the catering at this event as he would be competing. None were forthcoming but one would be found.*

*The raffle was conducted by Rod Noller and raised \$2.80. The prizes went to:*

<i>1st</i>	<i>Noel Bruin</i>	<i>\$30.00 voucher on Bunnings</i>
<i>2nd</i>	<i>Trish Charlton</i>	<i>\$20.00 voucher on Dan Murphy</i>

*The meeting closed at 9.30pm.*