



Over the Hill And Round the Bend

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What's on?

SDMA Hillclimb – Sunday 28 May

Entries should be forwarded to the Event Secretary, Eva Firminger, as per sup regs/entry form which can be accessed at the SDMA Website
<http://www.sdmahillclimb.com>

Timespan Wakefield Park Hillclimb Sat 13 May -

sup regs/entry form can be accessed at the SDMA Website

Alphera Dutton Rally Hillclimb, Fairbairn Park
Saturday 3 June

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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 beforehand, the more the merrier, come and join us.

Vice President's Report

Well, Round 4 of the NSW State Hillclimb Championships has now been run and won!! Two class records and the overall circuit record were broken.

Although there were fewer entrants than expected, those that attended had more than the average number of runs with each car being able to do 7. The morning started off quite cool (in fact very cold!) which was to prove the case when the third car running for the day ended up clipping a tyre wall and sustaining sufficient damage to put it out for the rest of the event. There were some very good runs with several drivers achieving Personal Bests on the circuit over the weekend. Whilst there were several other minor

mishaps there was very little damage to vehicles and none to drivers.

The drive of the day had to go to Peter Gumley who, on his second run, broke his own class (Formula Libre over 2,000cc) and circuit open record of 39.31 seconds (set in March 2003) with a time of 39.16. He broke this record again on his third run with 39 seconds flat. Not content with a 39, Peter set a new benchmark of 38.98 seconds on his sixth run.

The other class record that was broken on the day was in the Historic Group R Class where Ron Hay shattered his March 2004 record of 45.57 seconds by over 2 seconds reducing it to 43.55 seconds

The State Round has been judged a great success despite the low numbers of Championship competitors. My thanks go to all the officials and other volunteers who helped make the day the success it was. I have received nothing but compliments from visiting drivers and spectators on the venue and the organisation that went in to the day.

See Barbara's much more comprehensive report on the event elsewhere in this issue!

Barb's story has also been posted on the websites of Capital Motorsports News and Hillclimb Racing. I encourage people to visit both sites as they are of interest to any hillclimb and motorsport fan. They can be found at:
www.capitalmotorsportnews.com.au and
www.hillclimbracing.com

Forthcoming events in April to keep in mind are:

Sat 13 May - Timespan Hillclimb at Wakefield Park

Tues 16 May - General Meeting 7.30pm at the Western Districts Rugby Club, Jamison

Sat 20 May - Track Maintenance. General tidy up and build a new ripple strip.

Sun 28 May - SDMA Hillclimb at Fairbairn Park

Sat 3 June - Alphera Dutton Rally Hillclimb, Fairbairn Park

See you at an event soon, until then

Stay Safe.

Rob

Needed, Needed, and Needed.

Officials in training.

Remember: **NO** officials, **NO** Hillclimb!!

We have an urgent need for people to be trained in the role of Assistant Event Secretary. To this end, Barbara Bennett has offered to conduct an Introduction to Assistant Event Secretary's course at a date to be determined – but in the very near future.

Would all persons interested in finding out what an Assistant Event Secretary does and what the position entails please register their interest with Barb as soon as possible so the course can be finalised.

Barb's number at home is: 6288 7207 or send her an Email at: tandb@actewagl.net.au

2006 Drivers Championship Points to date

	26-Feb	26-Mar	Total
N.Bruin	8	20	28
M.Crombie	20	8	28
T.Bennett	7	20	27
A.Merz	7	20	27
M.Neil	6	20	26
D.Yates	20	5	25
R.Noller	20	0	20
T.Smart	8	8	16
J.Stewart	8	8	16
M.Nordsvan	8	8	16
M.Dunning	8	8	16
D.Coltman	8	7	15
A.Davey	8	7	15
T.DeVries	8	7	15
L.Nolan	7	8	15
P.Biggerstaff	7	8	15
J.Guetaya	9	5	14
A.Remely	8	6	14
B.Fenwick	7	7	14
P.McPherson	7	7	14
S.Taylor	6	8	14
S.Callaghan	7	6	13
C.DeVries	7	6	13
R.Wall	6	5	11
J.Sharples	6	5	11
A.Hyde	6	4	10
M.Hilhorst	5	5	10
H.Hilhorst	5	5	10
J.Taylor	4	6	10
C.Scott	9	0	9
C.Gilbert	5	4	9
C.Merz	8	0	8
S.Clode		8	8
L.Burton		8	8
N.Trama		8	8
J.Ribeiro		8	8
A.Costa	7	0	7
P.Wall		7	7

P.Wyatt	7	7	
T.Galea	7	7	
B.Fitzpatrick	7	7	
D.Brown	6	0	6
K.Kirk	6	0	6
M.Freemantle	6	0	6
S.Crowe		6	6
D.Cooke	5	0	5
J.Franzi	5	0	5
J.Kirk	5	0	5
S.Oldfield	5	0	5
T.Ballard	5	0	5
S.Byrne		5	5
K.Ahrenfeld		5	5
A.Donne		5	5
K.Iddon		5	5

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.

New South Wales Hillclimb Championship - Report

The Southern District Motorsports Association held the 4th Round of the New South Wales Hillclimb Championship on Sunday 23rd April. A disappointing 31 State Championship Registered competitors were supported by 5 SDMA Club competitors, resulting in a final starting number of 36, what we lacked in quantity we made up for in quality, with over half the competitors achieving times under 50 seconds.

Practice was held on Saturday with several competitors achieving good times on the track. Gary Ford and Gerard Boyle from Casino practiced on Saturday in their Ford Escort, which was a great benefit when Gary did a time of 46.20 seconds on Sunday improving his time from a start of 50.66 first thing in the morning. Joshua Guetaya was in good form on Saturday but due to mechanical problems was unable to bring the Datsun out for Sunday's competition.

Sunday's competition started at 9.00am with the Formula Libre cars first off, the sun was shining but the track was very cold. Phil Pratt and Geoff Lord were competing for the FL up to 750 class with Geoff having a couple of bad runs before finishing the day with a time of 45.56 secs. Stephen Hooker, drove well as always and got quicker during the day and won the class with a time of 41.31secs missing the record by .14secs, Stephen also had the second fastest time of the day. Jon Bown also in this class had an off at the top corner and damaged the front of the Altin 961 which unfortunately ended his day before it really began. Peter Gumley as always started in terrific form and his times got better as the day progressed, with no competition in his class Peter still broke the record and is the first driver to go under thirty nine seconds up the hill, Peter's time was 38.98 secs.

Noel Porter drove the Spectre to a time of 51.74 secs in the Formula Vee 1200 cc class and Morgan Freeman brought out his recently acquired Formula Vee and set a record in the new class for Formula Vees 1600cc. Glenn Parsonage in his PRB Birkin in the Open Sports Cars up to 1600cc took out the class in a time of 48.60 secs and revealed at the presentation that the class sponsor had taught him to drive. Phil McPherson, driving his MG Midget, was trying hard all day; unfortunately, Phil found the dirt on more than one occasion but did finish the day without damaging the car. John Ribeiro in his PRB Clubman took out the Open Sports Cars over 1601cc class in a time of 45.69 secs on his second

outing to the track in quite a number of years. Second in the class was another local, Mal Dunning in a time of 47.59 secs in his MD 7 Clubman, Mal announcing if he had to come second in the class he was happy that it was to John. Marque Sports Cars was won by Gary Angel in his Lotus 7 with a time of 48.70 secs, unfortunately Gary only completed 3 runs on the day. The always happy Ken Urquhart won the Improved Production Cars up to 1600cc in his Suzuki GTi, with Craig Torrens in Improved Production Cars 1601-2000cc achieving his best time of the day on his final run in his VW Beetle, 47.91 secs. David Tutton and Matthew Roberts battled out Improved Production over 3001cc with David finishing with a time of 49.84 secs in the Torana and Matthew putting on a show in his Charger, much to the pleasure of the spectators, finishing with a time of 50.63 secs. Dean Browne and Simon Callaghan drove well with Simon actually finding the limit in the Commodore on Run 5 at flag point 2, after giving spectators a great display of how close you can go to the limit without loosing in all his other runs.

The Late Model Improved Production Cars class was taken out by James Tsaoucis 48.34 secs in his Subaru WRX and came close to breaking the record held by Martin Notaras for the past two years which stands at 48.28 secs. Mark Broadhead (Mini), Graeme Syphers (Escort) and Robert Bell (Mini) contested the Sports Sedans 1301-2000cc class, this was the most closely fought class with .22secs splitting the three competitors. Mark Broadhead last visited the Fairbairn Park Complex 20 years ago when he spectated/pit crewed for his father Steve Broadhead who also competed in a Mini. Josh Guetaya was entered in this class and it would have been really good to watch the competition as the three competitors finished with times between 48.75 secs and 48.97 secs, Josh having also run in the high 48 secs in his Datsun. Arthur Hollins once again took out Sports Sedans 2001-3000cc in his immaculate Ford Cortina in a time of 46.91 secs. Kevin Brown won Historic Group Nc in the GTR

XU1 in a time of 52.41 secs, Ron Hay won Historic Group R in a time 43.55 secs his RH Honda, broke the class record by 2.02 secs and finished third outright with Ian Smith taking out HQ Holdens in a time of 54.10 secs.

Due to the low number of entries, all competitors were given the opportunity to have seven runs at the hill, most took the offer with 14 drivers achieving their best time of the day on the final run.

The next hillclimb will be held on the 28th May at Fairbairn Park, thanks go to all the volunteers who helped make the day such a success.

Barbara Bennett

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

There is a new website which has just been set up in Victoria for Hillclimbers throughout the country. This website has the approval of CAMS and the SDMA has a link to the site. The webmaster came to the State Round at Fairbairn and I have provided him with a report on the event. The site is www.hillclimbing.com and as it is a new site there will be more information in the future.

Also www.capitalmotorsportnews.com is still supporting Motorsport in the district. David Coltman provided photographs for the report which appears in the magazine.

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 (peak and bucket)	\$15.00
T-shirts	\$20.00
Number plate frames	\$8.00 pair

Got something motor sport related to sell? Send it to me generis@iimetro.com.au and it can be put here. It will also go on our website <http://www.sdmahillclimb.com>

Minutes of General Meeting of the SDMA – 18 April 2006

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, David Yates, Peter Browning, Barbara Bennett, Anthony Hyde, Beb Fox, Paul Wyatt,

Matters arising from previous minutes:

- *Terry raised an issue with the previous minutes and said he would Email the amendment. The Email was*

received and Terry corrected the Rotary Multiplier comments in the March minutes. They should read: "For our hillclimbs the multiplier is 1.8 or 1.75 for Sports Sedans."

Correspondence:

Correspondence received and dispatched as listed at the March Committee Meetings was as follows:

Correspondence In:

- Open letter from the Golden Era Auto Racing Club Inc. (GEAR) promoting an alternate affiliation other than CAMS. (Tabled)
- GMP Product Flyer (Tabled)
- Quarterly BAS documents from the ATO (to Peter Browning – NFA at this stage)
- Flyer promoting the Benalla & District RACV Rally on 25 May (Tabled)
- Flyer (and two free tickets) promoting the Winton Historic Meeting on 27/28 May. (The free tickets are to be raffled at the April General Meeting).
- ACTEW/AGL overdue bill notice. (Follow-up with Rae)
- Flyer promoting the Calder Park Easter event (Tabled)
- CAMS Magazine (Tabled)
- CAMS License Forms (to Caravan)

Correspondence out:

- Email to Racer Magazine.

New Correspondence In:

- Statement from Snowy Mountains Credit Union as at 3 Apr advising Day to Day Account bal of \$17,352.10 and Term Deposit of \$28,385.31 (tabled)
- Promotional material from Motorsport Parts advertising a new Website combining a Motorsport Business Directory, Motorsport Classifieds and Motorsport Privateer where a person or team can set up their own web (tabled).

New Correspondence Out:

- Nil

Vice President's Report – Rob Wall: Rob reiterated his report in the April Newsletter regarding the State Round and that officials at the State Round should have appropriate clothing. Anything else would be covered later in the meeting.

Secretary's Report – David Yates: No report as David was absent.

Treasurer's Report – Rob advised that since the April Statement the following deposits and withdrawals were made and the Balance of Working Account as at 21 March 2006

\$14,492.83

Balance of Term Deposit Account as at 21 March 2006:

\$28,385.13

Expenses:

5th Anniversary Dinner	\$2200
Trophies	\$377
CAMS	\$816
Hats	\$976
Rent FPCC	\$712
Track Maintenance	\$400
Postage etc	\$321
Canteen Supplies	\$383

Pre-Event Secretary's Report - Anthony Hyde: No report.

Club Captain & Membership Secretary's Report - Terry Bennett: Terry advised that Ted Moore had been hospitalized following an accident and was in a bad way. The meeting agreed a card should be sent to him expressing our wishes for a speedy recovery.

Terry went on to advise that a disappointed 30 odd entries had only been received for the State Round. It was agreed that our

members would be contacted advising that we would accept late entries for the meeting in view of the low numbers. Terry added that there were around 59 entrants for Round 1 at Wakefield Park (with about 40 being Championship contenders) and 90 at Rounds 2 and 3 in Bathurst. He suggested that, in view of the low numbers, our participation in future years could be in doubt as we will probably run at a loss.

It was considered that the Club surveys the Championship competitors to find out why they didn't attend our event. Some views were also put as to options that could be considered for hosting the event in future. Some ideas were:

- Combining with the Wakefield event
- Moving our event to earlier or later in the year
- Avoiding proximity to school and public holidays.

These ideas and suggestions will be taken on board by the Committee following an analysis of the event.

Publicity Officer's Report - Barbara Bennett: No Report due to illness but Rob would be doing an interview on 104.7's Balls & All program in Barb's absence.

Magazine Editor's Report - Tony Smart: No Report.

General Business

- **Track Maintenance:** There will be a Working Bee on Easter Saturday (15/4) at 9.00am to undertake the major portion of work that needs to be done for the State Round. This mainly encompassed the removal of the old play equipment and painting the tyre walls. Track cleaning would be done on the morning of practice and blowers were requested for the purpose. Dean Browne offered to provide several for the work. Col Merz would attempt to have the slashing done.
- **State Round:** Motoring side was largely covered in the Club Captain's report. In regards to catering, it was agreed

that only the usual fare would be provided with bacon and egg rolls being available for Sunday breakfast. The steak sandwich idea was to be trialed at a Club meeting before being undertaken at a major event.

- **Catering for Officials:** It was raised that some officials were taking advantage of the free food and drink policy for officials. It was suggested that some form of voucher system could be implemented to control what the officials were entitled to. It was agreed that something needed to be done, even if just from an accounting point of view. The matter was left to be considered by the Committee.
- **MGCC Motorkhana catering:** Rob advised that about \$140.00 profit was made on the day. The next catering event is 2 June.

The meeting closed at 8.34pm.

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