



## Over the Hill And Round the Bend

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### What's on?

**2nd Hillclimb for the year  
Sunday 30 March  
Entry Form and Sup Regs at  
<http://www.sdmahillclimb.com/>**

**Track Maintenance Day  
Saturday 15 March  
09:00 start**

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As always if you have anything to contribute to the newsletter please send it to [tonysmart@westnet.com.au](mailto:tonysmart@westnet.com.au) or phone 6251 0232. 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 Canberra Southern Cross Club Woden, meeting starts at 7.30 – some of us go for dinner beforehand, the more the merrier, come and join us.**

### President's Report – Rob Wall

Our first Hillclimb of 2008 held on Sunday 2 March went off without a hitch – **IF only!!** There was nothing that actually impacted on a good days racing, other than a late start and a mob of kangaroos mid-afternoon. The delayed start was due to a mix-up with the Chief Steward. Our thanks go to Eva Firminger for stepping into this role at very short notice after having completed her duties as Event Secretary. Needless to say, it was an excellent opening round and, from a drivers/spectators perspective an excellent day.

The first Hillclimb saw 58 drivers entered and 57 actually compete. If these numbers keep up you will need to register early if you don't want to miss out. We will only run a maximum of 60 drivers which will give us 4 runs on the day.

With these numbers, it may also be that the entries close on the Thursday night prior to the meeting and no entries will be accepted on the day. We will monitor the numbers.

Also, at the Driver's Briefing it was announced that Fairbairn Park was a Hillclimb track and not a Drift circuit. This was done for two main reasons – first, we are not licensed as a Drift circuit and second, to preserve our track. This DOES NOT mean that spirited driving is discouraged. It simply means we are able to tell the difference between spirited drivers and those deliberately drifting around the track. I'll leave it at that.

The working bees have continued and by the next round the Pit roads may be fully concreted. Then to start on the Scrutineering roads! If you get this Newsletter in time, there will be a working bee on Saturday 15 March to do a final pour of concrete for the pit roads. It will be a 7.00am start. **(Late breaking news! The road has been done! Only need to turn up at 9am for this working bee)**

This will be followed on Sunday 16 March by Shannons Wheels Expo 2008. We would like as many cars as possible to go on display. We will have our marquee located at the Eastern end of Parkes Place across the road from the John Gorton (old Admin) building – where we were two years ago! If you are able to display your car, it should be there around 9.00am to approx 3.30pm. It is an enjoyable show for the motoring enthusiast.

Other coming events to note in your diaries include:

**Tuesday 18 March** - General Meeting, 7.30pm Canberra Southern Cross Club

**Saturday 29 March** - Working Bee to get track ready for **Sunday 30 March** - 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008 Hillclimb

**Sunday 13 April** - Round 3 of the NSW Hillclimb Championship at Fairbairn Park

Hope to see you at one or more of the above days. Until then

Stay Safe.

**A big thank you to Kelly Edwards (a former club competitor and member), for her assistance with the timing of the 2 March event at very short notice.**

## **Hillclimbs – a family sport.**

Today at the first hillclimb for 2008 we had another first, well to the best of my knowledge (and I am very old – just ask my “mates”), we had a grandfather and grandson sharing a car. We have father / son, father / daughter, husband / wife etc. combinations on a regular basis which is great to see and can often lead to fierce competition between the different generations.

Ken Urquhart shared the familiar Suzuki Swift GTi with his grandson, Andrew Frost. Ken, “66 years young” has been hillclimbing for four years and won his class in the 2006 and 2007 NSW Hillclimb championships. He also went to

Queensland in 2006 and won his class in the one day Qld Championship.

Andrew Frost is 14 years old and was having his first drive today. He followed good advice and was very careful on his first run and then took 10 seconds off his time on his second run. He continued to improve with every run.

Ken also brought Greg with him, they come from the Moss Vale / Exeter area, and Greg worked on the chock at the start line all day. Greg helps out with the preparation of the Suzuki between events.

Terry

**For sale**

**HAVE YOU GOT YOUR SDMA HAT, T-SHIRT, STICKER and of course – your number plate frame? – It's 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 frames</b>	\$8.00 pair

**Race ready 1984 Toyota Celica; 2.4 litre; suitable for hill-climbing (53 secs) or drifting etc.**  
LSD  
15x6 Superlite rims  
Falken R tyres  
Combination of K-Mac and Pedders suspension  
Plus spare 14x6 chrome wheels with good tyres.  
(Regrettable sale due to new project car)  
**\$2,000.00** **Contact: Jim 0422 232 644**

**Can members please remember to update details if they change – address, phone or email. Let Mike Neil know.**

**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	801009
Account Number	4303872
Account Name	SDMA

Anyone can direct credit into the account electronically or direct deposit into the Credit Union in Queanbeyan.

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 us via the website, just email [Treasurer@sdmahillclimb.com](mailto:Treasurer@sdmahillclimb.com)

# 2008 CLUB CALENDAR

<b>COMPETITION DAYS</b> held at The Hill, Fairbairn Park	<b>TRACK MAINTENANCE DAYS</b> held at The Hill, Fairbairn Park	<b>CLUB MEETING DATES</b>
	Sunday 3 February Saturday 9 February Saturday 23 February	Tuesday 19 February
Sunday 2 March	Saturday 29 March	Tuesday 18 March
<b>Sunday 30 March</b>		
Sunday 13 April – NSW Hillclimb Championship	Saturday 12 April	Tuesday 15 April
Sunday 27 April		
Sunday 25 May	Saturday 17 May	Tuesday 20 May
		Tuesday 17 June
Sunday 13 July	Saturday 5 July	Tuesday 15 July
Sunday 17 August	Saturday 9 August	Tuesday 19 August – AGM
Sunday 21 September	Saturday 13 September	Tuesday 16 September
Sunday 19 October	Saturday 11 October	Tuesday 21 October
Sunday 16 November	Saturday 8 November	Tuesday 18 November
	Saturday 6 December	Sunday 14 December – Christmas Barbeque and 2008 Presentations