



Over the Hill and Round the Bend

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Upcoming dates

Saturday 9 May — Track maintenance
Sunday 17 May — **2009 HeartKids Hillclimb**
Tuesday 19 May — Club meeting

President's Report — Rob Wall

Firstly, many thanks to the volunteers who turned out to assist with the erection of the new covered patio/ pergola area to the south of the Pit Stop Café. It is a large(ish) structure which should provide more comfortable surroundings for the café patrons and for our presentations. You could say that the erection of the structure has totally turned the club around! Come to the next event to see what I mean.

A new feature in the newsletter will be a section 'From the committee room' in which decisions taken by the committee will be outlined. These decisions will be published where they have a direct impact on the club and/or members. This should be a worthwhile read if you want to keep abreast of issues or want to discuss them further with a committee member.

The last general meeting on 21 April saw a return to the informal meeting structure whereby we don't get a report from every committee member, but any members are free to ask questions of the committee. Following a brief overview of events, the general meetings can comprise discussion of a topic of general concern, a guest speaker if anyone has someone in mind and is able to get them to attend, or members telling us of recent events/activities they have attended. The meetings will be far more sociable and less structured. Comments are welcome.

As you will see elsewhere in the newsletter, our next event on Sunday 17 May is the 2009 Heartkids Hillclimb. This may become an annual fundraising event for Heartkids Australia as well as an ideal opportunity to publicise the club. As it is a fundraiser, I encourage all members to attend, regardless of whether or not you will be competing. It promises to be a good event with a lunchtime parade of cars taking kids, the media and sponsors for a run around the track. It is also an opportunity to see and utilise the new structure. Hope to see you there. Until then ...

Stay safe

Hillclimb report — 5 April 2009

What a day this was! A full field of 60 competitors with a huge variety of vehicles.

Once again Leigh and Rex travelled from Sydney to compete in the VW, and Rex achieved a time of 59.36 seconds — pretty spectacular for a 14-year-old. Rebecca Guyer is getting quicker and quicker and finished her day with a brilliant 55.63 second run. It's great to see our juniors getting out there and improving their times substantially. Congratulations to you both.

Michele Guyer and Phil Pratt were once again tussling for the lead all day, with Phil winning out in the end to take out FTD in a time of 43.65 seconds, Michele finishing with a time of 44.02 seconds to take out fastest lady driver. Not to be outdone, Mark Guyer finished the day with a time of 46.34 seconds to finish third outright.

Mark Guyer, John Malkovich and Morgan McBride all had split times under 12 seconds, with John and Morgan finishing in 4th and 6th place overall.

Type 1/2 1601–2000cc had a great field of 12 competitors, with five of those being members of the Triumph Sporting Owners Association who joined us for the day. David Leaney won the class in a time of 50.95 seconds. Type 3 over 3001cc had eight competitors, with Jim Sharples winning the class in a time of 49.16 seconds. Type 1/2 2001–3000cc was won by Ross Kelly, who was competing in two cars in two classes, the Mini being the winning car for Ross.

Karla O'Brien and Arthur Kalimeris brought out the VL Commodore they recently purchased and had a great day. Jo Bell and Warren (mother and son) brought the Mini up from Wollongong for the day and Warren won the class with a time of 48.49 seconds.

There were a large number of new members who competed on Sunday and I apologise for not mentioning you all. I hope that everyone had a good time. All those I spoke to seem to be looking forward to coming back again to compete.

Thank you again to all the officials who worked so hard to make the day happen for the competitors.

Barb Bennett
Publicity Officer

Vacancy

A vacancy exists on the Council of ACT Motor Clubs for a member to represent the SDMA.

It is not an onerous position, with the council meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 7.30pm at the Deakin Soccer Club. The SDMA representative to the council also becomes an ex-officio member of the SDMA committee and may attend committee meetings whenever necessary.

This is an unpaid position and requires the applicant to have a keen interest in motorsport and motor vehicles as well as interest in what is happening on the motoring scene in Canberra.

All potential applicants can obtain further details from Rob Wall on 0422 411 226.

From the committee room

- The next Hillclimb on 17 May will be the '**2009 Heartkids Hillclimb**' and will be used as a fundraiser for Heartkids Australia, which is Australia's sole charity focused on childhood heart disease. It has the potential to become an annual event and should provide good opportunities for promoting both the club and Heartkids Australia throughout the community.
- The club has offered to assist with the pilot of the CAMS School Challenge in September of this year. The CAMS School Challenge is an educational program encouraging students to use innovation to reinforce conservation and to foster the development of technology for greater energy efficiency. That is, they have to build the most fuel efficient vehicle possible within set parameters that will then compete in several motor sport activities, including an economy run.
- The club will host a hillclimb event for the National Jaguar Rally on Easter Sunday 2011. Details are still to be finalised but there may be an opportunity for some members to compete.
- It was agreed by the committee that where electronic timing is not available at an event, records will only be recognised where there is a minimum of two manual timing devices from which an average time can be taken. The event on 8 March had only one stopwatch. As a result, the club is investigating the possibility of obtaining our own set of timing equipment.
- Following concerns of the scrutineers, the club will be strongly recommending that **all** convertible vehicles, whether road registered or not, be fitted with a ROPS and that they run with the soft top down. This recommendation will be included in all future Supplementary Regulations.
- In an attempt to get more workers to assist as officials at events and/or attend track maintenance days, a monetary incentive will be offered. Once a member achieves a certain number of points towards the Club Person of the Year, they will earn a \$75 voucher. This voucher can be exchanged for an entry, membership or redeemed for cash. The actual number of points to be achieved is still being determined.

Congratulations

Congratulations are extended on behalf of the members to Sarah Wall and Donovan Suine who announced their engagement recently. As far as anyone can recall, they are the first couple to have come together through the club.

Committee

Here is a list of the 2008–09 SDMA committee members and their contact details.

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From the editor

Having just had the head of the 405 done (many thanks to Scott and Mark), a big bang on its first run in the April hillclimb was accompanied by a few choice words. But all was not lost. A cracked distributor cap was the problem. A bit of the 'handyman's secret weapon' (duct tape) around the cap and all was well. Duct tape has now replaced fencing wire as the 'must have' in the toolkit. Don't you just love technology!

Just to add to the woes, my ever reliable Commodore ute (the tow wagon) began to ail. All signs pointed to a fuel pump issue. Having painfully replaced one in another Commodore, I decided to hand the car to someone else to fix. He also assessed the fuel pump as needing replacement. Three days later:

- replaced pump, car sluggish and missing
- checked cat converter, all ok
- checked leads, two are dead, replaced, car still missing when hot
- three injectors found loose. Fixed.

As I paid the account (\$\$\$), I thought of John Stewart's restored FC and to a simpler time when you looked for fuel and a spark and as long as you had them you could get home.

Grumpy old man
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The SDMA Roadshow — NSW Hillclimb Championships

Round 4 at Mt Cooperabung started off wet, which was unsettling knowing how slippery the track had been in the dry the day before at practice. Spectators were saying the track was too slippery to walk on as they were walking up. I didn't have The Professor (Erol Richardson) with me and turned to Phil 'The Bratt' Pratt to confirm what I already suspected — keep the slicks on and get a time on the board. Knowing The Bratt was only one point ahead of me for Outright, I had to be certain he had my best interests at heart!!

Ken Urquhart was anxious about grandson Andrew, as this was the first time they had competed on an even playing field. Neither had been to this track before and Ken felt he had lost the advantage he had held at previous events!

Mark wasn't the least bit perturbed by the rain, but did have his concerns that the GTR was not going to perform after recent tuning problems. The road was rough and Phil The Bratt was hoping the Billykart would spend enough time contacting the ground to give him some momentum.

Tim Edmonson did 34.612, while Steve Moxon went a very close 34.613, Searle Courtright 36.28 and Ron Hay 37.51. I had a steady run, not being able to put the power on without losing traction and managed a 37.03. Mark, on the other hand, either decided he wanted FTD or just simply didn't have the brains to back off, because he pulled a 32.88 in the wet — the grin on his face as he pulled in was priceless.

Ken managed a 40.57, however Andrew came in with a 39.98 and continued to improve each run and keep ahead of his grandfather each time, finishing with a fantastic time of 33.24 by the end of the day.

The Bratt had reason to be worried, as the famous Billykart spent more time in the air than on the track and being ultra slippery, Phil still managed a 41.51.

Steve Moxon was running hot, and as hard as Phil tried to jinx him, Steve just kept getting faster. Then when Phil starting dropping fuel on the track right before my runs, it reminded me of something. I visualised a kart dropping banana skins along the track — and of course Phil now has a new nickname. Hello Mario!!



SDMA had nine members participating out of the 54 entries. Final results for participating SDMA members were:

Steve Moxon	26.20 (4th Outright — First in Class)
Michele Guyer	27.42 (6th Outright — Fastest Lady, Ladies Record)
Mark Guyer	27.98 (7th Outright — First in Class, Fastest Tin Top, Class Record)
Searle Courtright	28.13 (8th Outright)
Phil Pratt	28.65 (10th Outright)
Andrew Frost	33.24 (Fastest Junior)
Ken Urquhart	33.63
Geoff Beasley	33.63
Graeme Syphers	42.61

For sale

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For more details and pictures, visit www.sdmahillclimb.com/Sale.html


Special offer — new business

New member Michael Glew has launched an online exhaust sales business (www.bestexhaust.com.au). A discount of 5% applies to SDMA members. See Michael or Rob Wall at hillclimb events for the discount code to take advantage of this special offer.

Merchandise

Do you have your SDMA hat, t-shirt, cloth patch 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. To order any merchandise, contact a committee member or visit the Pit Stop Café on event days.

Chambray shirts (long sleeve, pre-ordered only) \$30.00		SDMA cloth patches \$5.00	
Hats (peak and bucket) \$15.00		T-shirts \$20.00	
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