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President's Report



2020 is certainly turning out to be a terrible year. Following the Christmas-New Year bushfires and the January hailstorm, the COVID-19 pandemic is a disaster the likes of which none of us have seen. The situation with COVID-19 changes so quickly it is hard to keep up. Trying to see what might happen in the next week, let alone in the next month, is a

fraught with uncertainty and difficulty for all of us as individuals and as organisations.

On 18 March, the club cancelled the Heart Kids Hillclimb scheduled for next Sunday (5 April). We were reluctant to take this step, but the situation was such that we realistically had no choice. And we wanted to give everyone - competitors, officials and spectators - as much notice as possible of the decision. We did not want to leave it until the last minute, hoping circumstances would improve. Given the announcement from the Federal Government limiting all outdoor gatherings to two people, it was the right call.

The reality is that all our scheduled events from now until August at the earliest are problematic, to say the least. The Committee will constantly monitor the situation and report back on decisions taken.

One positive is that the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has given us back the noise credits scheduled for the two events we have had to cancel this year (2 February and Heart Kids). If the EPA continues this approach for future events we have to cancel, we should be able to develop a busy calendar for the remainder of 2020 when the restrictions on public gatherings are eased.

The Committee has chosen Sunday 22 November as the date for the replacement for the February event. The exact format is yet to be decided but will be announced as soon as possible. The committee meeting on Tuesday 14 April will choose a date and format for the replacement for Heart Kids. Being practical, the date is most likely, again, to be pretty late in the year, which will mean a crowded competition calendar when we get the all clear from government to get going again.

The committee will continue meeting throughout the COVID-19 shut down, but we will be going online because of the closure of Canberra Southern Cross Club and the restrictions on gatherings. The first online Zoom meeting will be April 14, which will be a real change and challenge for some of us!

The club's priority is the safety and well-being of its members. Until now our understanding of safety and well-being focussed on happenings on and at the track. The COVID-19 crisis has underlined the need for all of us to think of safety and wellbeing as far broader issues. Can I ask everyone in the club to think of their fellow SDMA members and to try to keep in contact with your friends remotely and electronically over the coming weeks and months? We are all facing a long haul and the positive effect of a friendly text message, e-mail or phone call will be much appreciated.

Above all, I hope every SDMA member stays safe and follows the health protocols and social distancing requirements so that when this dreadful time is over we can once again get back to the 'serious business' of motorsport.

John Templeton

CHANGE TO SDMA COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

The Club Committee has changed its meeting date.

From February, the committee will meet on the SECOND Tuesday of each month. The meetings for the foreseeable future will be online. Once the world is allowed outside again, meetings are at 7.30 pm at the Canberra Southern Cross Club in Woden. Previously it met on the first Tuesday of the month at the same time and venue.

Pitstop Cafe:

We don't sell 'virtual' sausage sandwiches, so *please* pay CASH!!

The Pit Stop café is the hub of the track. Since time immemorial (well since 2001 actually) everyone who's anyone has lined up to buy sausage sandwiches, egg and bacon rolls, coffee and life's other essentials (i.e. Freddo frogs).

And they've paid **CASH**. Yes, good old coins and notes. That cash has helped the club improve facilities and resurface the track, so it's been very worthwhile.

Because the Pit Stop is run by volunteers (*extremely* dedicated volunteers) and we only operate 9 or 10 times a year, the Pit Stop will continue to be **CASH ONLY**.

The cost of introducing PayWave and similar technology is not justified by the scale of our operation and the time involved in processing and reconciling bank transfers for two sausage sandwiches and two Cokes can't be justified either.

So can everyone please remember that the **Pit Stop is a CASH ONLY operation**, so bring coins and small notes with you (and no \$50 notes early in the morning please!!).

Calling all would-be book reviewers, film critics, motoring writers!

Over the next few months we're going to have extra time on our hands as we experience enforced lockdowns at home.

Many of us will take the time to read books we've wanted to read for ages and download or watch DVD films and TV series that have been on the 'to do' list. It's a fair guess that for many of us those books, films and series will be about motoring or motorsport.

So after you've finished the book or turned off the TV or device, how about putting quill to vellum, pen to paper or fingers to keyboard and giving your fellow SDMA members a review of what you've seen or read. It can be brief, it can tell a bit of the story, it can be whatever you think your fellow SDMA members would be interested in and enjoy.

Another creative option is to tell how you're using the time and the shutdown of motorsport to work on your car and get it ready for when we come out the other side and gather at the track for the first Hillclimb post COVID-19.

Send your contributions to the Editor of *Over The Hill*, Colin Chandler, at colin.chandler@tricpics.net, along with, if possible, lots of pictures or links to where to find your treasure!



FRONTAL HEAD RESTRAINTS (FHRs), ALSO KNOWN AS HANS (Head and Neck Support) devices

From the beginning of 2020, **CAMS require drivers of cars that have a CAMS logbook to use a Frontal Head Restraint (FHR)** when competing in Speed Events (which includes hill climbs).

The new rules apply only to cars which have CAMS log books and then only to those cars which are equipped to accept them.

The new rule does not apply to road registered cars or to cars which do not have CAMS log books, meaning it doesn't affect most of the cars that compete in our events.

The rationale for the new rule is safety, given that FHRs are now used in most other forms of motorsport and that they provide a significant safety improvement.

The new rules are explained in detail on the CAMS website.



HILLCLIMB REMINDERS

A few reminders for hillclimb competitors:

- **Frontal Head Restraints (FHRs)** If your car has a CAMS log book and you present the log book at scrutineering, you must have and use a CAMS compliant FHR, previously known as a HANS device. This rule came into effect on 1 January this year. There is no requirement to have or use a FHR if you are competing in a road registered car or an unregistered vehicle which does not have a CAMS log book. The CAMS rationale for the new rule is safety, given that FHRs are now required in most other forms of motorsport.
- **Fire safety** When vehicles are being refuelled in the pits, please exercise extreme care. The whole pit area is a no smoking zone at all times and even without the tragic bushfire season which Australia has experienced, we all have to be very mindful of potential fire hazards.
- **Refreshments at the presentations** The club will, as usual, provide light refreshments (beer, wine, cheese and bikkies) at the presentations after the competition runs. Everyone is very welcome to stay and relax with opponents and friends (sometimes they are one and the same) and to wind down after a serious day's fun.

2020 Calendar (at the moment!)

Events	Track Maintenance	Notes
April		Committee meeting: Tuesday 14 April EASTER: Friday 10 April to Monday 13 April ANZAC DAY: Saturday 25 April
May SUNDAY 3 MAY (One lap)	Saturday 02 May	Committee meeting: Tuesday 12 May MOTHERS' DAY: Sunday 10 May
June SUNDAY 7 JUNE (Two laps)	Saturday 6 June	Committee meeting: Tuesday 09 June RECONCILIATION DAY: Monday 01 June QUEEN'S B'DAY: Monday 8 June
July NO EVENT		Committee meeting: Tuesday 14 July
August SUNDAY 9 AUGUST (One lap)	Saturday 8 August	Committee meeting: Tuesday 11 August
September SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER (One lap)	Saturday 12 September	Committee meeting: Tuesday 08 Sept FATHERS' DAY: Sunday 6 Sept
October Round 8: NSW Hill Climb Championship SATURDAY 03 OCTOBER (Practice: Noon-4.00) SUNDAY 04 OCTOBER (Competition) Club Hill Climb SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER (Two laps)	Friday 02 October Saturday 03 October Saturday 17 October	Committee meeting: Tuesday 13 October BATHURST 1000: Thursday 08 Oct to Sunday 11 Oct
November SUNDAY 08 NOV (One lap)	Saturday 07 Nov	Committee meeting: Tuesday 10 November
December SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER Christmas Party		Committee meeting: Tuesday 08 December

For Sale

2013 TOYOTA 86 GT

One owner. Only 35,000 km. Full dealer service history and stamped books. Extra 'between service' oil changes carried out.

Never been repaired as it has never been damaged.

Although this car has competed in hill climbs and supersprints, it has been driven very respectfully and with a great deal of vehicle sympathy.

The purchase will include 3 additional sets of wheels.

- 1 set factory GT 16 x 6.5 bare.
- 1 set factory GTS 17 x 7.0 with Hankook TD221 Soft compound semi slicks
- 1 set factory GTS 17 x 7.0 with Hankook TD221 Medium compound semi slicks
- 1 Subaru space saver spare in the boot.
- Numerous standard brake rotors, pads and brake lines.

The Type 1-2 allowable modifications include:

- DBA slotted rotors front and rear.
- DS2500 competition pads front and rear. High temp brake fluid.
- Braided brake lines.
- Exhaust headers with overpipe from Neal Bates. The rear of the exhaust system is left standard to keep the car civilised and very drivable on longer trips.
- TRW oil sump baffle.
- Master cylinder firewall bracing bracket.
- Strut tower brace.
- Whiteline front camber adjuster kit.
- Whiteline rear gearbox mount flex eliminator.
- K&N Hi Flow performance air filter.
- Whiteline rear stabiliser bar kit. (Brand new, not fitted)

This car is the current SDMA record holder for both 1 lap and 2 lap events in Type 1-2 1600-2000cc.

One lap: 47.26 3rd May 2015

Two lap: 83.28 7th Dec 2014

Outright FTD out of 30 cars during a 2 lap event on the 5th June 2016

In it's current state this car has also lapped:

- Wakefield Park in 1:10.3.
- Winton (Aus S/Sprint Champs) 1:40.7
- SMP Brabham circuit in 2:16.5
- SMP Gardner GP circuit in 1:51.9
- SMP Druitt South circuit in 1:03.9 (which was quicker than Rick Bates, Harry Bates and several other Hot Shoe drivers in fully race spec'd Toyota 86 Racing Series cars at an official SMP South Circuit test day)

This car is very easy to drive, fast or slow. It easily doubles as a daily commuter as well as a competitive and fun weekend vehicle. It runs like a Toyota and has never ever failed to proceed. It's cheap to run and requires minimal maintenance.

The car also requires no trailering to events as it will comfortably carry 4 track wheels/tyres, the spare wheel, a floor jack, tools, air pump, race gear, spare fuel, and of course, your trophies on the way home. All in one compact package.

Price \$22,500 neg.

For further information please contact: John Ribeiro 0408699386

(I am reluctantly selling my beloved 86 to allow me to refurbish and be able to compete in my other 'love' my 1978 PRB Clubman.)



For Sale

Tilt Trailer

Tandem Axle, Tilt Bed Trailer

Custom 2 ton car/bike trailer/frame/steel, safety chain
15" Holden stud pattern rims, mechanical brakes and bearings,
LED tail lights and wiring, front and side clearance lights,
Registration to Nov 2020,
2 TON leaf suspension, 40mm 97" axles,
Tow hitch 2 TON slide mechanical, handbrake cable and adjuster

Floor size is 4850x1900

\$5800

Please email kent.donally@gmail.com



For Sale

BRAND NEW RPM Mondial driving suit

Current FIA approval (8856-2000), never been worn. It is marked

'medium' but it is too big for me (174cm/74kg) so I think it is more like a 'large' size and it probably has the wrong tag sewn on it. It cost me \$625 but prepared to cut my losses and sell it for \$500. Give me a call if we can do a deal.

Contact: **Col Merz** on 0412 316 275



For Sale

Maxxis tyre (235/55 R18 100V) on CSA Savana rim.

Purchased to use as spare on 2010 Holden Captiva, but never used. Complete with wheel nuts: \$200

Contact **Henry** 0421 677 951 or in the pits.



SDMA committee




Position	Name/email	Telephone
President	John Templeton	0409 624 895
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2020 Club Calendar - upcoming events

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| ▪ Saturday 4 April | · Track maintenance |
| ▪ Sunday 5 April | · 2 lap HeartKids hillclimb |

SDMA merchandise

To order any merchandise, contact a committee member or visit the Pit Stop Café on event days.

Hats (peak and bucket)	\$15.00	
SDMA cloth patches	\$5.00	
Number plate frames	\$8.00 (pair)	

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