



OVER *the* HILL

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Another year and it looks like it will be a good one. I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas-New Year break and is fired up and ready for the fun of motorsport.

We get underway this weekend with a full field of 60 competitors (within half an hour of entries opening!!) for our first one lapper. It will be great to welcome everyone back to the track to kick off the 2023 ACT Hillclimb Championship.

Not everyone is aware of how the championship works, probably because we have had a lot of new members join the club in the last few years. All SDMA members who compete in three or more one lap hillclimbs over the year (two lappers don't count towards the championship) are in the hunt for class or outright awards. There are 9 single lap events this year so we should have plenty of good, close competition. The championship rules and how points are allocated are set out in a separate article in this issue of *Over The Hill*. The committee hopes to get a large 'honour board' made this year showing all the championship winners since 2001 and install it in a prominent place in the *Pit Stop* as a subtle (?) form of encouragement.

Everyone will have heard what I'm about to say before, but it's no less true for saying it again. **We need more club members to become *Motorsport Australia* accredited officials and help run events.** Getting your basic Officials Licence is straightforward (and

free) and can be done through the *Motorsport Australia* website. The more officials we have available, the lighter the load is for everyone. And the more officials we have available, the easier it is to work half days at an event and spend the rest of the day watching the fun. We rely far too greatly on a small core group of people who put in long days at every event: it's not fair to them and the club should be able to do much better.

The committee also hopes this year to continue to improve the facilities at the circuit. Work has started on a new toilet block in the lower pits and finishing the fitout of the two containers to include the Event Secretary's office, a scrutineers' space and a workshop will be a high priority. There are a number of other projects on the list so when calls go out for assistance at special working bees please try to come along.

There will be a working bee this Saturday (4 February) to get the track and facilities right for Sunday. It's important that we get everything in order so the event can run smoothly, so if you can help please come along.

John

FIRST EVENT FOR 2023 IS THIS WEEKEND!



2023 gets going for SDMA this coming weekend, Sunday 5 February, with the first hillclimb of the year.

It's a one lapper - the first of 9 one lap events over the next ten months which count towards the ACT HillClimb Championship. We also have two lap, non-championship events in June and November, so it's going to be a busy year.

And it seems that everyone is really anxious to get racing. We had a full field of 60 competitors only 30 minutes after entries opened on-line on Wednesday night, which is a great way to start the championship!

Because Christmas and New Year is known to occasionally induce short term memory loss, some reminders for Sunday:

- **Pay your entry fee before entries technically close at 8.00 pm this Thursday, 2 February.** If the money isn't received by then, your entry is forfeit: *No pay, no play.*
- **Make sure both your Motorsport Australia licence and your SDMA membership are current.**
- **Bring the SDMA Statement of Vehicle Compliance with you.**
- **Read the Supplementary Regulations** (on the club website at the Event Entry page <https://www.sdmahillclimb.com.au/evententry>)
- And although the weather outlook is for relatively mild temperatures, ***don't forget sunscreen!***

EXTRA HELPERS NEEDED AT THIS SUNDAY'S HILLCLIMB

A number of people who normally help at hillclimbs will be away from Canberra this weekend, so the club will need more volunteers to help stage the event.



Specifically we will need people to help out flagging, on the chock and as general marshals for the day.

If we don't have enough officials, we can't run the event, so we need your assistance.

If you can help for a day or half a day, please e-mail the Clerk of Course, Chris Hardy, at chris@mguyer.com



A REMINDER: **NEW NOISE LIMITS FROM THIS SUNDAY**

From this Sunday the maximum vehicle noise limit (as measured at the noise meter at the track) will drop from 87 dBA to 85 dBA.

If you think you may be affected you need to make the necessary changes as soon as you can.

*If you exceed 85dBa on the day you will have to make a physical change to your vehicle and obtain the approval of the Chief Scrutineer and the Clerk of the Course before you can run again. **If you are still over the limit unfortunately that will be it for the day.***

How well we manage the noise created at the track is critical to the club's future. As has previously been explained many times in *Over The Hill*, SDMA operates under an ACT Government noise management authorisation that covers the whole Fairbairn Park motorsport precinct. The authorisation limits the amount of noise that can be generated, how often events can be held and for how long. It is the foundation of all our planning.

Calculating the amount and impact of the noise generated is complex and is more than just the data produced by the sound meter at the track. It involves our measurements and further measurement and impact monitoring at a compliance site in Queanbeyan, about a kilometre to the east of the track. The two sets of data establish a relationship which determines the overall impact of the noise that has been created.

SDMA monitors noise at each event and noise will be limited to 85dBA at the sound meter to ensure the noise at the compliance site doesn't exceed 50dBA (as allowed for by the use of 1 noise credit).

THE NEW COMPETITION CLASSES

Thanks to everyone who entered this Sunday's hillclimb using the On-Line Entry System. It seems the message about our new competition classes had been received and understood because entries seemed to go pretty smoothly.

Special thanks to Celeste and Chris for making sure all the event management and system changes needed to accommodate the new classes were in place.

For anyone who hasn't caught up with the changes, we now only have **Classes**, split into **Road Classes** (for primarily road registered or road registrable vehicles) and **Track Classes** (for purpose built race cars or vehicles so heavily modified as to not be able to be road registered).

There are five Road Classes (Class A to Class E) and **three Track Classes** (Class F to Class H). Each class has four engine capacity-determined subclasses.

Full details of the new Classes are on the club website (www.sdmahillclimb.com.au). Click on either 'Competitors' tab on the home page, then click on the 'Vehicle Classes' tab and then click on the 'Full Class Descriptions' tab.

To compare the new Classes with the old Type/Class structure (which expired on 31 December last), check the final column of this table:

Class	Capacity (Note 1)				Replaces
Class A Road - 2WD Level 1	0 - 1600	1601 - 2000	2001 - 3000	Over 3000	Types 1 & 2
Class B Road - 2WD Level 2	0 - 1600	1601 - 2000	2001 - 3000	Over 3000	Type 3
Class C Road - AWD Level 1	0 - 1600	1601 - 2000	2001 - 3000	Over 3000	Types AWD - 1 & 2
Class D Road - AWD Level 2	0 - 1600	1601 - 2000	2001 - 3000	Over 3000	Type AWD - 3
Class E Road - SV Level 1	0 - 1600	1601 - 2000	2001 - 3000	Over 3000	Types SV 1, 2 & 3
Class F Track - Sports Sedan	0 - 1600	1601 - 2000	2001 - 3000	Over 3000	Type 4
Class G Track - Sports Racing	0 - 750	751 - 1300	1301 - 2000	Over 2000	Type 6
Class H Track - Open Wheeler	0 - 750	751 - 1300	1301 - 2000	Over 2000	Type 5

2023 ACT HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP: Calculation of Points

At each club one lap hillclimb, championship points will be allocated as follows:

- 1 point For each completed run on the day, to a maximum of 5 points
- 5 points For First in Class
- 3 points For Second in Class
- 1 point For Third in Class
- 1 point For breaking an existing Class Record. This will be awarded to the new record holder at the end of the event. Only one point for breaking an existing class record can be awarded for each class at each one lap club event.

A maximum of 11 points can be scored by a driver at a club one lap event.

All club one lap events count towards the championship point score. *Two lap events do not count to the championship point score.*

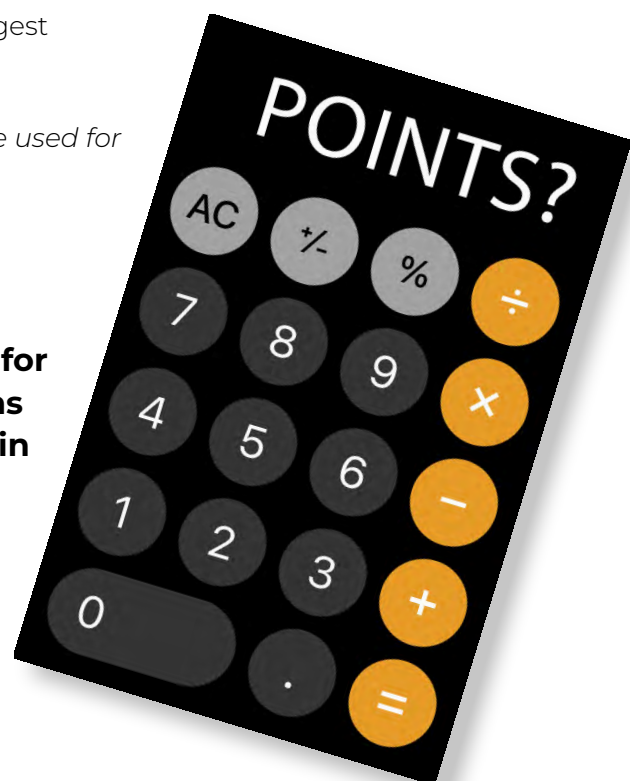
If a driver enters to compete in two vehicles, championship points and any records broken are **ONLY given to the vehicle that the driver nominates on the entry form as the 'nominated' vehicle** (the 'first entry' under the club's multiple entry policy).

In the event of tied points at the end of the year, both the ACT Hillclimb Champion and Class Champions will be determined by count back. The method of count back is:

- *If neither driver has broken a class record*, the driver who has the time closest (in percentage terms) to the existing class record for their car will be the champion.
- *If only one driver has broken a class record*, then that driver will be the Champion.
- *If both drivers have broken a class record*, then the driver who breaks the existing class record at the time by the largest amount (in percentage terms) will be the Champion.

The most recent class record set by each driver will be used for this calculation.

Competitors are required to compete in a minimum of three events to win a Class Championship, as recorded in the final results for eligible events. In this context, 'compete' means having completed at least one valid timed run in each event.



A REMINDER ABOUT MULTIPLE ENTRIES

The club's priority is to ensure that as many members as possible are able to compete in events.

But sometimes members want to enter two cars in an event or enter their car twice in the same class. This can create tensions when we have such strong demand for entries.

Club policy is that members wanting to enter two cars or enter the same car twice must wait until all 'first' entries (including reserves) are accommodated before 'second' entries will be considered.

Note: This policy does not affect traditional 'double entries', where two or three drivers share the one vehicle. Double entries are accepted as a matter of course by the On-Line Entry System.

SDMA policy is

A.) TWO VEHICLE ENTRY

Definition: *One competitor enters two vehicles in an event generally, but not necessarily, in different classes. The competitor may or may not have second driver(s) for one or both vehicles.*

Policy: When submitting their first entry, the competitor must advise the Event Secretary by email that they wish to submit a second entry and give the Event Secretary details of the second entry.

The **first entry is the primary entry**, and is the only vehicle to accrue ACT Hillclimb Championship points. The **first entry** will be accepted (providing normal event and Supplementary Regulations requirements are met) as a matter of course.

The **second entry** will only be accepted (providing normal event and Supplementary Regulations requirements are met) **after Entries Close** and only if there is a vacancy after all reserves have been accommodated. The second entry does not accrue ACT HillClimb Championship points.

B.) DUPLICATE ENTRY

Definition: *A competitor enters the same vehicle twice in the same class.*

Policy: When submitting their first entry, the competitor must advise the Event Secretary by e-mail that they wish to submit a second entry and give the Event Secretary details of the second entry.

The **first entry is the primary entry**, and is the only vehicle to accrue ACT Hillclimb Championship points. The **first entry** will be accepted (providing normal event and Supplementary Regulations requirements are met) as a matter of course.

The **second entry** will only be accepted (providing normal event and Supplementary Regulations requirements are met) **after Entries Close** and only if there is a vacancy after all reserves have been accommodated. The second entry does not accrue ACT HillClimb Championship points.

EVENT ENTRY FEE REFUND POLICY

A reminder about the club's event entry fee refund policy:

An entry fee will be refunded if a competitor withdraws from the event **before entries close at 8.00pm on the Thursday before the event**. *After entries close, no refunds will be given except in exceptional circumstances.*

This information is included in the Supplementary Regulations for each event (generally paragraph 9). The reason for the policy is that if a competitor withdraws before entries close, there is time for another club member to enter and compete. Withdrawals after entries close can't readily be made up by other members and the club suffers a financial loss.



NEW TOILETS/CHANGE ROOMS ON WAY FOR LOWER PITS

The old toilet block in the lower pit area is being replaced with a new, improved facility which will include changing space.

Work started last weekend, with the existing structure demolished. It's been there for more than 25 years so has served the club well but has become more than a bit dilapidated (decrepit?) in recent years. So out with the old!

The new block will have two unisex toilets, each of them large enough to be used as a changing room and fitted out to account for that. It will be more secure and comfortable and will be particularly convenient (no pun intended) for drivers and crews whose cars are in the lower pits.

All going well, it's expected the new block will be finished by mid-April.



2023 SDMA CALENDAR



The calendar for next year has 11 events (12 if you count the half day practice session the day before the 8 October one lapper), including two lap events in June and November.

We are not hosting a round of the NSW HillClimb Championship so that means **there will be nine rounds of the ACT HillClimb Championship.**

The first event is Sunday 5 February and the last is Sunday 19 November. There is no event in July.

Elsewhere in this issue of *Over The Hill* there are important stories which affect all events next year:

- The noise limit for club events has been reduced from 87 dB to 85 dB;
- The Type and Class structure has been revised to eliminate some incongruities and to bring our Types and Classes more closely in line with *MotorSport Australia* categories; and

These changes all come into effect from the first round.

The calendar will be published in every issue of *Over The Hill* in 2023. There may be changes during the year if circumstances change. If there are alterations, the calendar will be updated in the next issue of *Over The Hill*. So please check the calendar each month when *OTH* is published.

The 2023 calendar is on the next page.

SDMA 2023 CALENDAR at February 2023

The calendar may change. Check the club website (www.sdmahillclimb.com.au) and keep up with latest club news in *Over The Hill* and on the club [Facebook](#) page.

MONTH	EVENT(S)	TRACK PREPARATION	NOTES
FEBRUARY	Sunday 5th (1st Sunday) One lap hillclimb	Saturday 4th	Committee meeting Tuesday 31st January
MARCH	Sunday 5th (1st Sunday) One lap hillclimb	Saturday 4th	Committee meeting Tuesday 15th Canberra Day 13th
APRIL	Sunday 2nd (1st Sunday) One lap hillclimb	Saturday 1st	Committee meeting Tuesday 11th Easter 7th - 10th Anzac Day 25th
MAY	Sunday 7th (1st Sunday) One lap hillclimb	Saturday 6th	Committee meeting Tuesday 9th Reconciliation Day 29th
JUNE	Sunday 4th (1st Sunday) ***Two lap hillclimb***	Saturday 3rd	Committee meeting Tuesday 13th King's Birthday 12th
AUGUST	Sunday 6th (1st Sunday) One lap hillclimb	Saturday 5th	Committee meeting Tuesday 8th
SEPTEMBER	Sunday 10th (2nd Sunday) One lap hillclimb	Saturday 9th	Committee meeting Tuesday 12th
OCTOBER	Saturday 7th Practice: 12pm – 4pm Sunday 8th (2nd Sunday) One lap hillclimb Sunday 22nd (4th Sunday) One lap hillclimb	Saturday 7th (morning) Saturday 21st	Committee meeting Tuesday 11th Labour Day Monday 2nd
NOVEMBER	Sunday 5th (1st Sunday) ***Two lap hillclimb*** Sunday 19th (3rd Sunday) One lap hillclimb	Saturday 4th Saturday 18th	Committee meeting Tuesday 14th
DECEMBER	Sunday 3rd December Christmas Party and Awards Presentation (1st Sunday)		

EASING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS

SDMA encourages everyone to follow general community COVID precautions such as observing social distancing, using hand sanitiser when appropriate and wearing masks if they wish.

These general precautions are set out in the revised *SDMA COVID-19 Conditions of Entry*, which are displayed at both entrances to the track (competitors and spectators) and around the central *Pit Stop Café* area.



Southern District Motorsports Association
Operators of the Canberra Hill Climb

COVID-19 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Everyone on-site must follow general community COVID-19 protocols, namely
 - Maintain social distancing
 - Use hand sanitiser when appropriate
 - If feeling unwell with COVID-19 symptoms, leave the HillClimb
2. SDMA encourages the wearing of masks in the Pit Stop Café.
3. If you want to wear a mask in any other area, feel free to do so.

Thank you for your co-operation.

18 May 2022

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SDMA SCRUTINEERING ARRANGEMENTS

1. Before COVID-19, SDMA practice was that every car was scrutineered before every event.
2. Motorsport Australia's 'Return To Race' COVID management policies stopped physical scrutineering of vehicles at events. Instead competitors are required to complete an on-line self-scrutiny declaration when submitting an event entry.
 - Because of concerns about the time between a competitor completing the on-line self-scrutiny form at time of entry and their vehicle lining up at an event, SDMA developed the SDMA Statement of Vehicle Compliance, which competitors must hand in on arrival at the track on the day of the event. It requires the competitor to confirm that they have examined their vehicle in the 72 hours before the event and certify that it still meets the standards set out in the on-line self-scrutiny declaration.
3. COVID restrictions have eased but SDMA has not returned to an 'every car, every event' approach. Instead, SDMA has adopted the following scrutineering policy:

On-Line Entry

- (1). Only on-line entries are accepted. This is no change from pre-COVID.
- (2). Competitors are required to complete the **Motorsport Australia on-line self-scrutiny declaration** when submitting an entry.
- (3). Competitors are required to complete the **SDMA Statement of Vehicle Compliance** and hand it in when arriving at the track on the day of the event.

Before the Event starts

- (1). Any **vehicle** entered for the first time will be scrutineered in the Scrutineering Bay before the event starts. This applies even if the driver has competed previously.
- (2). Any **driver** competing for the first time must take their vehicle to the Scrutineering Bay to be scrutineered before the event starts. This applies even if the vehicle has competed at the hillclimb before.
Before an event, the Event Secretary and Chief Scrutineer will identify the vehicles to be scrutineered under (1) and (2).
- (3). In addition to vehicles checked under (1) and (2) above, 10 per cent of total entries will be scrutineered before the event starts. The aim is that every regularly entered car will be physically scrutineered at least once a year.
Before an event, the Chief Scrutineer will decide the vehicles to scrutineered under (3).

Drivers whose vehicles are to be scrutineered will be told on arrival at the track.

At scrutineering, drivers will be responsible for opening doors, bonnets, boots etc.

PPE (principally, but not only, disposable gloves and masks) will be provided for scrutineers.

During the Event

- (1). Any vehicle which activates the noise meter must be physically scrutineered before being allowed to compete again.
- (2). The Clerk of Course or the Chief Scrutineer (or the Chief Scrutineer's delegate) can require any vehicle to be physically scrutineered.
- (3). Random checks of driver apparel (principally helmets) can be done at any time.

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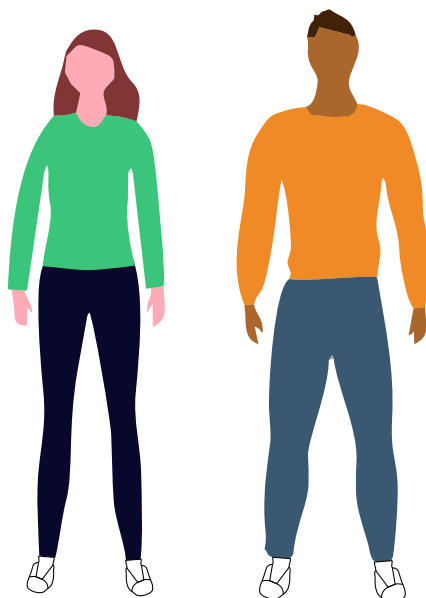
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REMINDERS FOR ALL HILLCLIMB ENTRANTS

- **You must be a current financial member of SDMA to compete.** If your membership has expired please contact the Membership Secretary, Ross Samuelson, at sdmamembership20@gmail.com. For 2022, membership is \$55 for individuals and \$75 for families.
- **You must have a current Motorsport Australia (MA) Speed licence** to compete.
- **You must have, and use, a Motorsport Australia approved safety helmet** (see the “Competitors’ Information” section of the club website <https://www.sdmahillclimb.com.au/competitors> for details of approved types).
- **Your vehicle must be roadworthy and safe to compete** and meet the safety requirements set out in the “Competitors’ Information” section of the club website <https://www.sdmahillclimb.com.au/competitors>.
- **Drivers must wear long trousers (no shorts) and long sleeved shirts made from a natural fibre such as cotton (no tee shirts), and enclosed footwear.** Any clothing, including footwear, made of flammable synthetic material, such as nylon for example, is not acceptable.



- **If your car has a Motorsport Australia logbook you must have, and must use, a Motorsport Australia compliant frontal head restraint (FHR),** previously known as a HANS device.
 - *There is no requirement to have or use a FHR if you are driving a road registered car or an unregistered vehicle which does not have a Motorsport Australia logbook.*
- **You will need to provide your own COVID personal protective equipment** such as hand sanitiser, disposable gloves and face masks (if you want to wear one). There are hand sanitising stations around the track..

SDMA 2022-2023 COMMITTEE

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- Colin Merz,
- David Yates,
- Henry Hillhorst,
- Harry Katsanevas,
- Warren Spires,
- Celeste Oringo,
- Daniel Cummins,
- Zac Le Lievre,
- Anthony Hyde,
- Rohan Thatcher,
- McKelvy Reed,
- Martin Crombie,
- Matt Brown.

Some general committee members have specific roles:

- Col Merz is the Facility Manager for the track;
- Celeste Oringo is the social media person;
- Anthony Hyde and David Yates are SDMA representatives on the Fairbairn Park Control Council;
- Harry Katsanevas is the SDMA representative on the *Motorsport Australia* NSW Hill Climb Panel.

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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**

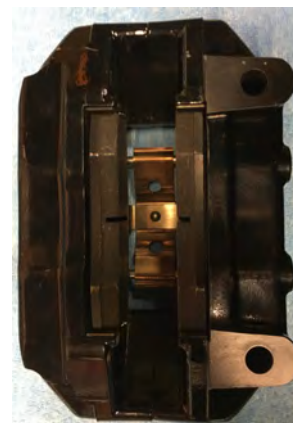
Contact **Henry** 0421 677 951 or in the pits.



For Sale - BREMBO Calipers - 4 piston

One pair, new and unused, radial mount style, pads fitted, suits a brake disc diameter of up to 357mm and 28mm thick. Pics are of the actual caliper. Seeking **\$1,600**.

Contact **Mark** on 0411 101 649



WEAR YOUR CLUB COLOURS ON YOUR SLEEVE, OR YOUR MUG, OR YOUR LAPTOP...

Let everyone know you're a proud SDMA member!

The club has partnered with **Redbubble**, a print on demand website which makes clothing and other merchandise in Australia, to offer a range of items branded with SDMA logos and insignia.

There are 35 items on offer, ranging from Tee shirts, hoodies and sweaters to mugs, laptop sleeves, tote bags and aprons.

And they're all now available online at www.redbubble.com/people/SDMA-Hillclimb. Just click on the 'Shop all products' tab.

The club receives a percentage of all purchases made, so if you head over to the site the next time you're looking to update your wardrobe or thinking about gifts, you'll also be supporting SDMA.

The jumpers and long sleeve shirts are suitable for motorsport use so help yourself and the club at the same time!

