

Coming up:

- March 20: Club Race Day
- April 3: Club Race Day
- April 17: Club Race Day
- May 1: Club Race Day
- May 15: Club Race Day
- June 5: Club Race Day
- June 19: Club Race Day
- July 3: Club Race Day
- July 17: Club Race Day
- August 7: Club Race Day

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Newsletter

2016 is underway and already its looking like a great year for us.

We've had strong grids and some great racing which is a great way to start the year.

There has been some good growth in grid numbers especially in Stock 13.5, Open Nitro, VTA and Formula 1.

A committee meeting was held recently where we discussed working bees, track improvements, the Grand Prix, Le Mans enduro and our AGM for this financial year. Everything discussed there is included in detail in this newsletter.



Championship Points:

After 4 race meetings:

1/5th Scale

- 1. Iain Turner 49
- 2. Roy Scully 37
- 3. Clifford Coleman 9

Novice

- 1. Kirby Pilgrim 169
- 2. Lloyd Pilgrim 145
- 3. Charley Connolly 94

1/12th Scale Pan-Car

- 1. James Turner 185
- 2. Malcolm Sidney 100
- 3. Tim Phillips 46

Formula 1

- 1. Wayne Bradshaw 167
- 2. Brendon George 129
- 3. Greg Brooks 97

Mini

- 1. Wayne Bradshaw 164
- 2. Calvin Holmes 149
- 3. Chris Mckenna 124

Open Nitro

- 1. Tony Wolfgram 184
- 2. Anthony Bryant 145
- 3. Iain Turner 113

Vintage Trans-Am

- 1. Luke Hair 144
- 2. Wayne Bradshaw 134
- 3. James Turner 129

Stock 13.5

- 1. Greg Brooks 134
- 2. Rob Moxey 129
- 3. Brendon George 125

Sportsman

- 1. Sam Walker 174
- 2. Calvin Holmes 150
- 3. Barry Storey 117

Track Improvements

Over the next couple of months there will be some upgrades to the track.

There is a working bee planned for the 22nd of May where we aim to repaint the track (There are areas where the bitumen has become 'thinner').

We are also looking at replacing the PVC piping with RHS steel. This would make the track safer and be more secure than the existing PVC piping that we currently use.

The concrete corners around the track have been well received

and we plan to implement more around the faster parts of the circuit.

When the track is repainted we intend to change the grid to a single file or a Le Mans style grid. This should help eliminate some of the first corner carnage.

We will also look at making access gaps in the two loops of track to enable a 'trapped' car to drive out safely without marshal assistance.

Finally we are also looking at the possibility of a sun shade/cover for the drivers stand.

Newcastle Grand Prix 2016

This years Newcastle Grand Prix will again be held around September. Dates are still TBC but at this stage it will be held on either the 11th or the 18th (subject to the state calendar).

For some of the classes this year, we're looking at introducing a control tire similar to the state titles.

This has been done at the state titles and been well received by most competitors and has also

helped level the playing field.

At this stage, the Grand Prix will be open to all classes that ran last year:

- Stock 13.5
- 1/10th Modified
- Sportsman 21.5
- 1/12th Eurostock

- Mini
- Formula 1
- VTA
- Novice

Keep an eye on the website for further details.

Le Mans Event

We've been talking about for some time now but the Le Mans Enduro event will go ahead this year.

We're looking at holding the event around June or July (traditional Le Mans time)

The race will be open to all 1/10th scale touring cars with GT or Le Mans type body shells (No Proto-form touring cars).

With the race being run for 1/10th cars it will be 2.4 hours long

(1/10th the distance of Le Mans) starting around 5pm at dusk and ending under lights.

Keep an eye on the website for more details.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting for this financial year will be held at the track on the 31st of July.

The AGM will be held in the morning will free lunch and practice afterwards for those who attend.