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KEEPING TRACK - News

INC. UPDATE

For those who don't know, PDNR organisers have started the application process to become an Incorporated Association. Becoming an Incorporated Association will greatly benefit PDNR by allowing the club to be recognised as a legal entity, separate from the individual members. This provides a certain amount of limited liability for members, and allows PDNR to enter into enforceable contracts such as managing and owning property.

One of the requirements when becoming an Incorporated Association is Public Liability Insurance. Due to the locality and nature of our activities it has been quite a mission to find people to provide us with cover. We have finally received a quote and it is much more expensive than anticipated. \$5 million cover will cost about \$1100.00 per year. Although expensive, this seems to be the standard cost after talking with other RC clubs.

Becoming an Incorporated Association will mean a few changes to the way PDNR operates. Members will have to elect a committee and office bearers to look after the overall running of the club. Please consider if you would like to stand for a position, or who you would like to see nominated for a position, you can let Steve, Kevin or Tony know your thoughts. The positions we must fill are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three ordinary members. Volunteers for positions such as Fundraising Coordinator, Race Coordinator, Publicity Officer and Catering Officer will be required.

KEEPING TRACK CONT'D

With the costs of insurance, membership fees will need to be introduced to help offset some of the cost. The price and exact details still need to be finalised and this will be done once the committee is formed. The membership system will probably include a system similar to golf clubs - with a once off joining fee and annual subscription. Members will receive many benefits for their investment such as discounted race and championship entry fees. ITP will report more information as it is finalised.

FUNDRAISING HELP

PDNR may have a possibility of purchasing a second hand electronic race management system. If PDNR are to afford this system some serious fundraising would need to be done by PDNR members. Organisers would like to hear all ideas and suggestions you might have for fundraising ventures. If anyone can donate prizes for raffles or wants to sponsor PDNR, please see Tony, Steve or Kevin.

PDNR INAUGURAL AGM

The inaugural Annual General Meeting for Penrith District Nitro Racing is planned to be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2002, at the Harvey Norman Carpark. All members are encouraged to attend as this is where office bearers and committee members will be elected by you. The following roles will need to be filled:

Executive Committee

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- General Committee Member
- General Committee Member
- General Committee Member

Volunteers

- Fundraising Coordinator
- Race Coordinator
- Publicity Officer
- Catering Officer

More details about the above jobs and what they involve will be outlined in an information sheet, which will be available in a few weeks time.

DOES YOUR CAR NEED WORK?

If you are having problems tuning or setting up your gas car, or your car requires maintenance or repairs, PDNR can put you in contact with the right experts who can help you for the right price. Please see Steve or Kevin for more details.

FREQUENCY BOARD NEWS

PDNR have a new Frequency Board. It is the same system as before, however new pegs for FM frequencies have been added. There are also some spare pegs so if your frequency is not listed, please see Tony to get it added. The frequency board will only work with everyone's support, so please help enforce the system. For members who are unsure of the system, follow these simple rules:

**DO NOT TURN ON YOUR RADIO GEAR WITHOUT YOUR
FREQUENCY PEG ATTACHED - NO EXCEPTIONS -
OR FINE WILL BE IMPOSED - MINIMUM \$20**

**AND RETURN YOUR PEG AND FLAG IMMEDIATELY
AFTER YOU HAVE FINISHED USING IT.**

All drivers are asked to check that the frequency being used is the same as the frequency you nominated. The Frequency register is located at Race Control.

PDNR PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

The PDNR Promotional video is still in production. Lisa and Jason are working hard editing the footage into a short promotional video on PDNR. They have asked for members who have PDNR shirts to wear them to racing. PDNR would like to thank Lisa and Jason for their efforts and look forward to seeing the finished product.

PDNR SUPPORTERS

You will notice that the back page of ITP is full of supporters. These businesses have sponsored PDNR and ITP encourage all members to show support to these businesses. If you would like to advertise with PDNR, please see Tony for more information, and don't forget to check out the PDNR supporters page on the website. Package details are outlined on page 7 of this newsletter.

MEMBER CONTACT LIST

Over the next few weeks, there will be a member register at Race Control. Organisers have asked that all members and drivers fill in their details. If you would like your details made available to other PDNR members, please mark your preference in the appropriate area. The list is being collected so that a current record of members details can be made available for the reference of organisers and other members.

PADDOCK PASS - Championship Update

Eight rounds of the Spring championship have been completed and with only three rounds left there are sure to be some great battles on the track. We have seen some excellent races over the last few weeks with the trend sure to continue.

There championship points table as of Round 8, November 20 is as follows:

SINGLE SPEED/NOVICE		TWO SPEED		TWO SPEED PRO	
1	Craig 74	1	Splitly 49	1	David W 59
2	Wayne 36	2	Tony 44	2	Adam N 41
3	Adam G 20	3	Mark G 33	3	Adam W 31
4	Peter C 14	4	Jason 27	4	Kevin 30
5	Roy 9	5	Andrew B 19	5	Steve Ma 29
		6	Eric 8	6	Steve Mc 19
		7	Eddie 11	7	Joe 16
		8	Peter W 0	8	Zoltan 4

THE RACING LINE - Driver Information

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL DRIVERS

BEFORE STARTING YOUR CAR(S) ALL DRIVERS MUST:

- CHECK IN AT RACE CONTROL (7:00 - 7:15 pm)
- PUT A FREQUENCY PEG ON YOUR CONTROLLER.

DRIVERS ARE ASKED TO RETURN THEIR FREQUENCY PEG IMMEDIATELY AFTER YOU HAVE FINISHED WITH IT

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO FREQUENCY PEGS WILL BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THE TRACK IS SET UP

Drivers running their car before the Frequency Pegs are available do so at their own risk.

A few reminders, during a race it is essential that all drivers and only drivers are within the designated driving area. Failure to comply may result in a penalty. Another important point is that if you are late entering or rejoining a race, you must enter from the race re-entry point located to the immediate left of the drivers area.

PIT AND PADDOCK AREA

Notice is made to all drivers that announcements will only be made to the Pit and Paddock Area. No responsibility will be taken for entrants located in other areas of the car park missing race announcements. If members see drivers not in the paddock area please explain to them the pit and paddock plan and encourage them to join us.

PDNR TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DRIVER NOT IN THE PADDOCK AREA MISSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE TO DRIVERS OUTSIDE THE PIT AND PADDOCK AREA

MARSHALLING DUTY

All drivers are required to marshal the race that immediately follows their own. Drivers failing to perform their Marshalling Duties will have points deducted. If a driver is unable to perform their marshal duties, they must ask someone to marshal on their behalf and let an organiser know who this is, otherwise a penalty will be incurred.

SAFETY DIRECTIONS

PDNR organisers ask all competitors to use common sense if family or friends come down to watch. Please keep all spectators, especially children back from the track and away from race control, pit area and the driver's area during races.

Please note that only marshals are authorised on the track to retrieve cars, and only drivers are permitted in the driver's area.

The riding of bikes/scooters/rollerblades/skateboards/etc is not allowed on the track or in the paddock area at any time. This is for the children's own safety as well as members.

SMALL TORQUE - Hints, Tips & Links

WET WEATHER RACING

A notice to new members, when it is wet, we meet at Judges car park. Access is from Woodriff St or Station St, Penrith. There are no organised races as space is limited but most get their cars out for a bit of a play.

YOUR SAY?

If anyone out there has any suggestions, stories, hints, tips or links, please let us know so we can include them in 'In The Pits' and the website. Please give them in writing to Tony, or email them to info@pdnracing.org

TRADING POST

If you have any items you would like to add to the PDNR Trading Post please put them in writing at Race Control or email them to info@pdnracing.org

MERCHANDISE - Shirts \$27.50 Hats \$10.00

There are a limited number of PDNR shirts & caps with the club logo for sale. They are selling fast for such great value so be sure to get in quick.

There are also plans for anyone interested to put a few dollars away each week for jackets in time for next winter. If you are interested please see Kevin for more details.

FORMULA ONE NITRO CAR - \$350.00 Contact Steve Mc for information.

PICCO 2WD PAN CAR WITH DIGITAL CONTROLLER - \$700.00

- 15 motor - BRAND NEW
- New body
- Mars FM Digital Controller

Contact Lincoln on 0410 570 254

RECHARGABLE 12V 7A STARTER BATTERIES - \$30.00 Contact Kevin
A recharging service between race meetings is also available for only \$2.00

EVENTS CALENDER

Here you will find all the important events you can add to your diary.

December 11	Finish of Spring Championship (Round 11)
December 18	Social Presentation and BBQ night for Spring Championship
December 25 to January 8	Holiday Break from organised racing events
January 15	Planned PDNR Annual General Meeting Entry Nominations Open for Summer Championship Track open for Private Practice
January 22	Planned Start of Summer Championship (Round 1)

ADVERTISE WITH PDNR

PDNR have a number of affordable advertorial packages available for any companies or businesses that would like to promote their operation, while supporting PDNR.

Packages are available in 3 month blocks with both the monthly 'In The Pits' newsletter, and www.pdnracing.org website included in the package.

Specifications

PDNR promotional package: \$25.00

Including:

- 3 Issues of 'In The Pits'
Approximately one business card sized ad.
- 3 months on the PDNR website
Website promotion includes a link to your website if you have one and a promotional webpage containing image(s) and information provided by the sponsor.
Conditions Apply.

The packages go towards Fundraising for PDNR's activities. If you are interested in a promotional package please contact Tony - 0414 935 866 or email tony@pdnracing.org

PDNR SUPPORTERS



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