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### **KEEPING TRACK** - News

#### INC. UPDATE

The latest news on the Incorporated Association front is that we have received a competitive quote for Public Liability insurance (about \$850). This is about \$300 less than initial quotes which is great news for PDNR members. We are still waiting to hear back from a few more quotes, however it shouldn't be long before PDNR will get three little letters after their name!

#### NEW RACE CONTROL BOARD

Drivers would have noticed the new Flag and Entry board at Race Control. Initial reports say that it has been received well by both drivers and organisers. The new board is home for the flags, and lists the drivers, their colours and frequencies registered for each division. If your details are not on the board, you are not registered to race - you must check in at Race Control immediately.

#### PDNR INAUGURAL AGM

The date for the inaugural Annual General Meeting for Penrith District Nitro Racing has been put back. This is to allow for PDNR memberships to be received so that there are official members eligible to vote at the AGM. Membership Application Forms will be available soon and members will be notified when a date and location for the AGM has been finalised.

**PROPOSED BUDGET PLAN**

To ensure that PDNR can cover all anticipated expenses over the next year, a budget plan has been written. If you can think of any PDNR expenses that are not listed, please let an organiser know.

| <b>Projected Expenses per/year</b>  | <b>Amount</b>    |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Insurance                           | \$ 700.00        |
| Trophies/Prizes @ \$300 per c'ship  | \$ 900.00        |
| In The Pits - Newsletter            | \$ 100.00        |
| Website Hosting @ \$27.50 per month | \$ 330.00        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>\$2030.00</b> |
| <i>Track Maintenance</i>            | <i>\$ 500.00</i> |
| <i>Lights @ \$40 per week</i>       | <i>\$2000.00</i> |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>\$2500.00</b> |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>                  | <b>\$4530.00</b> |

**PDNR's Christmas Wish List**

- Transponders - \$1500.00
- Computer
- Compressor
- *Drivers Stand*
- *Pit Tables*
- *Shipping Container*

Please Note: The items in italics are based on the acquirement of a facility dedicated to the operations of PDNR.

**RACE PLAN FOR 2002**

Following suggestions from drivers that they would like to run more races, some improvements on the race and championship structure have been made. Next year it is planned to run three 15 round championships, with three races for each division each Tuesday night. There have been suggestions for drivers to be able to drop their worst 2 weeks but the structure still needs to be finalised. The championship structure, rules and guidelines will be available when registration opens on January 15, 2002.

**FUNDRAISING IDEAS**

PDNR are still looking for ideas and volunteers to organise and operate fundraising activities such as raffles and club days like NVCC's Observation Run & Treasure Hunt. If you would like to help please talk to an organiser. From the Budget Plan, it is clear that PDNR will be reliant upon fundraising to cover expenses, otherwise PDNR membership, and race entry fees may increase.

## FREQUENCY BOARD NEWS

The new Frequency Board with FM frequencies continues to work very well. Can all drivers please note that the Frequency Board will only be available once driver check in and registration opens - this will be after the track and other equipment has been set up.

## PDNR SUPPORTERS

You will notice that the back page of ITP is full of supporters. These businesses have sponsored PDNR and all members are encouraged to show support to these businesses. If you would like to advertise with PDNR, please contact Tony - 0414 935 866 for more information, and don't forget to check out the PDNR supporters page on the website.

## THE KITCHEN RETURNS

PDNR would like to officially welcome back the kitchen! Thanks to Gwen, PDNR have drinks and hotdogs for sale. The Kitchen not only helps satisfy your hunger, but raises valuable funds for the club.

## **PADDOCK PASS** - Championship Update

The results of the Spring Drivers Championship have been finalised. There has been some great racing over the last few weeks with record number of entrants. PDNR would like to thank all drivers for their efforts and look forward to seeing you all again for the next championship. After 11 rounds, and only one round cancelled due to rain, the points table as of December 11 is as follows:

| SINGLE SPEED/NOVICE |         |     | TWO SPEED |          | TWO SPEED PRO |   |          |    |
|---------------------|---------|-----|-----------|----------|---------------|---|----------|----|
| 1                   | Craig   | 110 | 1         | Mark G   | 69            | 1 | David W  | 93 |
| 2                   | Wayne   | 45  | 2         | Splitty  | 57            | 2 | Adam N   | 59 |
| 3                   | Peter C | 38  | 3         | Tony     | 44            | 3 | Kevin    | 49 |
| 4                   | Adam G  | 20  | 4         | Jason    | 41            | 4 | Adam W   | 39 |
| 5                   | Roy     | 9   | 5         | Andrew B | 19            | 5 | Steve Ma | 34 |
|                     |         |     | 6         | Eddie    | 16            | 6 | Steve Mc | 26 |
|                     |         |     | 7         | Eric     | 11            | 7 | Joe      | 18 |
|                     |         |     | 8         | Peter W  | 7             | 8 | Zoltan   | 12 |

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

|                       | Up front fee | Weekly fee | C'ship entry   | Other        | Total       |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>         |              |            |                |              |             |
| Autumn                |              | 484        |                |              | 484         |
| Winter                | 450          | 93         | 10             |              | 553         |
| Spring                | 450          | 192        |                |              | 642         |
| Raffle                |              |            |                | 725          | 725         |
| Drinks                |              |            |                | 370          | 370         |
| Advertising           |              |            |                | 25           | 25          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          |              |            |                |              | <b>2799</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>       |              |            |                |              |             |
| Autumn                |              |            |                |              | 409         |
| Winter                |              |            |                |              | 1331        |
| Spring                |              |            |                |              | 728         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          |              |            |                |              | <b>2468</b> |
| <b>RECONCILIATION</b> | <b>Notes</b> | <b>265</b> | <b>BALANCE</b> |              |             |
|                       | Coin         | 35         |                |              |             |
| (Weekly Pay)          | Float 1      | 20         | Income         | 2799 -       |             |
| (Drinks)              | Float 2      | 10         | Expenses       | 2468         |             |
|                       | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>330</b> |                | <b>= 331</b> |             |

**EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

During the past year, PDNR members have been involved in a number of fun activities. To remind you of what we have been up to, and let you know what to look forward to next year, the following are some of the most memorable and enjoyable events.

- NVCC Display & Information Day at AutObarn Penrith
- Splitty's Trail Bike Days
- NVCC Treasure Hunt and Observation Run
- PDNR Golf Day at Leura Golf Club
- World 1/8 Championships at Moorebank

PDNR have had a great year and would like to thank all members for their support.

**DRIVER PARTICIPATION STATS**

To keep the brain cells going, ITP went searching through the archives for some interesting and not so interesting statistics on PDNR's activities over the last year.

- Over 80 individual drivers participated in PDNR race meetings.
- Over 8500 laps have been counted in the last three championships.
- about 342 Litres of Coke/Pepsi have been consumed by members this year.
- similarly, about 341 Litres of Fuel has been used.

## PODIUM REVIEW

IITP thought that readers would be interested in the results of the previous drivers championships. The top positions for the last three championships were as follows:

### SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP

| SINGLE SPEED/NOVICE |            | TWO SPEED |            | TWO SPEED PRO |            |
|---------------------|------------|-----------|------------|---------------|------------|
| 1                   | Craig 110  | 1         | Mark G 69  | 1             | David W 93 |
| 2                   | Wayne 45   | 2         | Splitty 57 | 2             | Adam N 59  |
| 3                   | Peter C 38 | 3         | Tony 44    | 3             | Kevin 49   |

### WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

| SINGLE SPEED/NOVICE |          | TWO SPEED |            | TWO SPEED PRO |             |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1                   | Jason 97 | 1         | Tony 88    | 1             | Joe 64      |
| 2                   | Roy 74   | 2         | Splitty 87 | 2             | Steve Ma 42 |
| 3                   | Wayne 52 | 3         | Adam N 43  | 3             | Zoltan 35   |

### AUTUMN CHAMPIONSHIP

| SINGLE SPEED/NOVICE |          | TWO SPEED |             | TWO SPEED PRO |            |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| 1                   | Tony 120 | 1=        | Kevin 44    | 1             | David W 82 |
| 2                   | Brett 46 | 1=        | Steve Ma 44 | 2             | Ray 55     |
| 3                   | Wayne 33 | 3         | Adam N 38   | 3             | Lincoln 43 |

## PDNR WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU

Throughout the year, many people have generously offered their time and expertise for the benefit of PDNR members. PDNR would like to acknowledge these people and offer thanks on behalf of PDNR organisers and members.

- **Peter C, Lizzy, Catherine & Monique** - Raffle ticket sales at display day
- **Splitty, Gill & JT** - Fantastic hospitality and catering (Splitty's Bike Day)
- **Wayne** - Provided track blowing/cleaning at display day
- **Zoltan** - NEO Touring Car for Raffle
- **Jeff Peters** - Provided track blowing/cleaning at display day
- **Steve & Megan Martin** - Trial stickers for car numbers
- All those who have shared the towing of the PDNR trailer
- **Garry** - Donation of BBQ
- **Lisa and Suzie** - Lapscoreing and help at Race Control
- **Gwen** - Volunteering to run the PDNR kitchen
- **Young Alex Parkinson** - Help cleaning track and looking for parts

## REAR VIEW MIRROR CONT'D

- **Jason & Lisa** - Promotional Video (still in production)
- **Graheme** - Track and race control help
- **Pete W & Splitty** - Go Kart tyres & balsa dunnies for display day
- **Club NEO** - Help with Lap scoring

PDNR have also been supported by many companies, and we would like to thank them for their efforts over the past year.

- **Harvey Norman, Penrith** - Permitting PDNR to use their facilities during 2001.
- **RDJ Sportswear** - PDNR Official Supporter and have generously given PDNR shirts and caps to the value of \$800, and have only asked to advertise in the newsletter. PDNR organisers would like to thank Dave and Deb for their support.
- **Emu Alarms** - PDNR Official Supporter and generously allowing PDNR the use of business resources.
- **Classy Floor sanding** - PDNR Official Supporter.
- **CyberSonic** - PDNR Official Supporter.
- **Bluey's Custom T-Shirts & Trophies** - Supplying plaques for the winners of the drivers championships.
- **Nepean Valley Car Club** - Inviting us to be part of their Display Day at AutObarn, Penrith. PDNR look forward to continuing the relationship between the two clubs.
- **Kellett's Hobbies, Liverpool** - Supporting PDNR members with discount cards.
- **Fuller Tools** - Donation of tools for prizes.
- **SNAP Printing, Penrith** - Supplying copies of ITP Newsletter.
- **Scotts Auto1 & Supercheap Auto** - donation of bunting for paddock area.
- **Leura Golf Club** - donation of hosing for track.

PDNR organisers would also like to thank all drivers and supporters who have come and raced with us. Particularly those from other clubs such as Lithgow and Condell Park, thanks for your support and we look forward to returning the favour.

Last but not least, PDNR gives special thanks to the understanding partners, children and families who find themselves widowed by PDNR! Without the support from these people we could not race like we do. PDNR organisers thank you, and look forward to your continued support in 2002.

## JUNIOR PDNR MEMBERS

Congratulations to the following PDNR racers for new additions to their families this year. We already have them in mind for future drivers championships!

- Kevin and Kerrie - Madison
- Splitty and Gill - James

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:info@pdnracing.org)

**NITRO RACE FUEL** - Contact Steve Mc or Kevin for more information.

**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.

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

**RECHARGABLE 12V 7A STARTER BATTERIES** - \$30.00 Contact Kevin.

Arecharging service between race meetings is also available for only \$2.00

**TYRE TRUING SERVICE** - For more information, contact Dave Balat - 0425 220 024 or Steve Martin - 0425 245 610.

**CAR BODY PAINTING** - For all types of body painting, professional airbrushing and custom designs, contact Garry on 0415 133 918

## **EVENTS CALENDER**

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

**December 25 to January 8** Holiday Break from organised racing events

**January 15** Entry Nominations Open for Summer Championship  
Track open for Private Practice

**January 22** Planned Start of Summer Championship (Round 1)

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