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IN THE PITS

AUGUST 2004

THE NEWSLETTER OF PENRITH DISTRICT NITRO RACING INC. (PDNR)

WELCOME

Well we are half way through our first championship at our new home.

We hope all drivers are enjoying the new location and track layout.

Well 8 weeks in at our new place and already has seen a lot of changes and due to the way the RC Hobby is going a lot more is going to change.

Due to the increase in numbers for certain classes we added extra divisions and are trying a different approach for our novice drivers and overflow class, we have also noticed the vast difference in class of cars, this has not made it easy for us to try and accommodate everyone.

We are in the process of organising with the Regatta Centre dates for weekend race days and we feel in the near future may need to go another night.

Thankyou, to all the experienced drivers being on hand to help out the novice drivers with starting their cars & setup, etc. Novice drivers value getting help from experienced drivers.

CHECK OUT THE WEB SITE FOR NEW ADDITIONS INCLUDING HOT LAP VIDEO AND NEW PHOTO'S IN THE GALLERY.

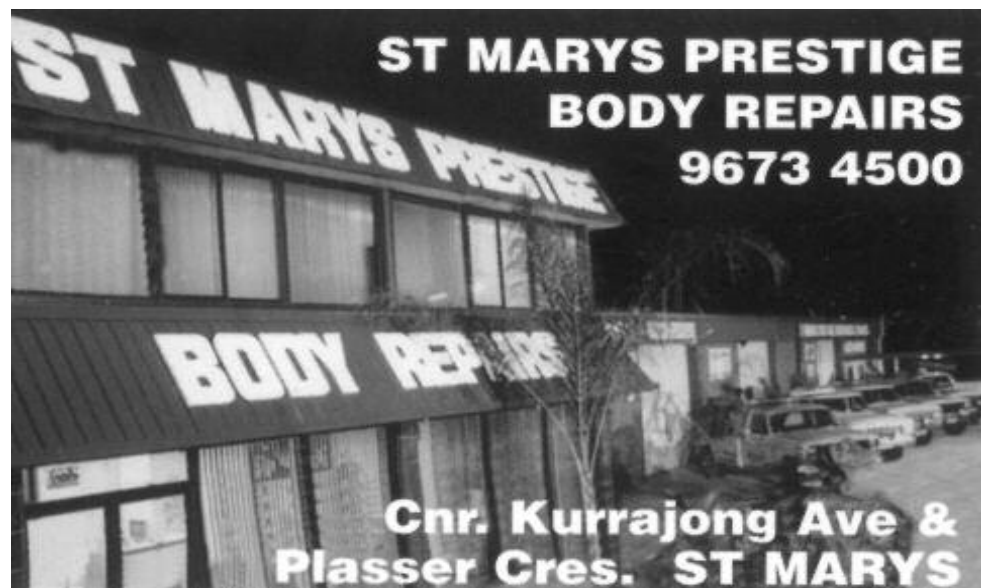


THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

PDNR encourages all our members to seek the services of our sponsors.

- St Marys Prestige Body Repairs and St Marys Prestige Towing have been supporting PDNR for two years and it is great to see them continuing with their support.
- Grahams Hobby Centre at St Marys has also been a long term supporter - Graham's Hobby Centre's support has been instrumental in keeping our track and equipment "healthy" with their fantastic support donating the cars that PDNR raffles.
- Ivans Butchery, Queen Street, St Marys supplies a meat tray raffle every week which supports PDNR.
- Our latest supporter to come aboard is Barclays Radio Control & Hobbies, drop in and see James he is located at 7 / 354 High Street, Penrith.

Thanks again



PDNR KITCHEN

WE ARE BACK AS OF THE 8TH AUGUST WE CAN PROVIDE FOOD & DRINKS TO DRIVERS & SPECTATORS.

PIES, SAUSAGE ROLLS, HOT & COLD DRINKS AVAILABLE (SORRY NO HOT DOGS AS YET)

MINGARA DASH FOR CASH

Sunday the 8th of August was the date for the Mingara RC Clubs inaugural Dash for cash. A contingent of six PDNR members made the journey up the expressway to try & bring home the cash & the glory. We had 3 representatives for the 2 Nitro classes on offer. Sam Grima, Steve Valetta & Michael Turner contesting the open class & Splitty Miller, Keith Weaver & Steve O'Connor battling it out in Pullstart. The Mingara track is foreign ground to the guys, so a 10 min practice session was very well received.

Qualifying after the first round had all our drivers sitting in the A finals for their respective classes, with Steve & Splitty dominating in the Pullstart class. Keith was a couple of laps back in third to round out the PDNR Trifecta. Michael was in 2nd after the first round which is a fine effort, even more so considering he was running a Pullstart engine. Qualifying in round 2 was more of the same except Splitty knocked Steve out of TQ. The last round of qualifying had most of the drivers pull out their best times for the day, The open class had Michael straight into the the A final, with Sam & Steve relegated to the B. The top two qualifiers from the B final were to be promoted into the A, giving Sam & Steve all the incentive they needed to finish well. Pullstart had Splitty TQ with Steve in 2nd after a brain explosion cost him the chance to claim back the top spot in the 3rd round with Keith securing a PDNR top 3.

Sam & Steve went out & dominated in the B final assuring them both a spot in the A, it proved to be a very handy practice session for the boys. The next on the agenda was the A final for Pullstart, Steve got off to a flying start as a 1st corner pile up slowed the rest of the field, Michael got Splitty restarted after flaming on the line & amazingly Splitty lost hardly any time. It was a dominant display of driving from Steve to take the win peeling off laps at a frantic pace. Splitty spent a good deal of the race in 2nd until a flame out opened the door for Keith to move up the order & grab 2nd spot. Splitty fought back to end the race in 3rd position. All in all a great result for the lads taking home all the trophies & prize money back to Penrith, leaving the locals to ponder what might have been. The A final for open was the last event of the day with the hopes for Glory planted firmly on the shoulders of Steve, Michael & Sam. Michael flamed out off the line & Sam & Steve got off to a good start. Splitty got Michael restarted & out into the action quickly & Michael had the monumental task of trying to reel in the field in an underpowered car. Sam & Steve were both at the pointy end when a collision forced Steve to pit to repair the pipe. The subsequent flame out ending his chances of a podium finish. Sam was driving like a demon holding down 3rd place 2 laps clear of Michael who had fought back to 4th spot. Then the unthinkable happened Sam got hung up on a corner marker in the middle of the track making it difficult & dangerous for a marshal to get to him. A quick bit of thinking from Steve saved the day, Steve who had rejoined the race lined Sams car up & nudged him off the corner marker allowing him to continue. The final results for the Penrith boys was Sam in 3rd Michael in 4th & Steve in 6th.

All in all an enjoyable day was had by all & I think all the guys that attended are keen to go back to Mingara for their next major meeting. Hopefully next time we will get a few more of the Penrith guys make the trip as well.

UPCOMING RACE EVENTS

- **AUGUST 14TH - MECCA CHALLENGE ROUND 2 - EASTERN CREEK**
- **OCTOBER 2ND & 3RD - AUSTRALIAN ON ROAD TITLES - MOOREBANK**
- **OCTOBER 9TH - PDNR BATHURST RC 1000 RACE MEET - (ENTRIES CLOSE 25TH SEPT)**
- **OCTOBER 17TH - GOLD COAST CHALLENGE - MURWILLUMBAH (SEE STEVE OR KEV)**
- **NOVEMBER 28TH - PDNR BATHURST OFF ROAD CHALLENGE - (ENTRY FORMS WILL BE OUT SOON)**
- **DECEMBER 18TH OR 19TH - PDNR CHARITY CHALLENGE - ORAN PARK**

COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Sunday the 29th of August at 7.00pm. If you would like to put forward any items for discussion at this meeting, please:

- submit the item in writing and deliver to Race Control or
- contact Kevin Maton, President if you would like to attend the meeting.

THANKYOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 27TH OF JULY. YOUR THOUGHTS AND FEEDBACK ARE IMPORTANT TO US.

FEEDBACK ANYONE?

In The Pits invites any driver, member or spectator with feedback, stories or suggestions to send them in for a new section of the newsletter. If you have any thoughts for the PDNR community please hand them in writing to Race Control or e-mail them to info@pdnracing.org.au with the subject "Newsletter."

PLEASE USE BINS PROVIDED

Can everyone please make an effort to put rubbish (and broken parts) in the bin. PDNR are guests to the carpark, and it must be left in the same state as when we arrived. Thanks also goes to those regular drivers and members who help pack and clean up after racing every week, your help is appreciated.

PIT/PADDOCK AREA

All drivers are reminded that you must set up your pit tables in the designated pit/paddock area. It is an insurance requirement and racing may not commence until this requirement is adhered to. PDNR Management will enforce that all drivers must be located in the designated pit/paddock area.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL DRIVERS

DUE TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. ALL DRIVERS/PIT CREW MUST WEAR COVERED FOOTWEAR
2. NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED ON THE PREMISES AT ANY TIME
3. NO CARS ARE TO BE RUN BEFORE 7:00pm .
4. BEFORE RUNNING YOUR CAR(S) ALL DRIVERS MUST:
 - check-in AT RACE CONTROL (6:15 - 7:00 pm)
 - PUT A FREQUENCY PEG ON YOUR CONTROLLER.
5. DRIVERS MUST RETURN THEIR FREQUENCY PEG AND TRANSPONDER IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE RACE FINISHES
6. ALL ENTRANTS MUST PIT IN THE DESIGNATED PIT/PADDOCK AREA
7. ALL MARSHALS MUST WEAR AN ORANGE VEST
8. NO CARS ARE TO BE RUN ON ANY OTHER NIGHT OTHER THAN RACE NIGHT.
9. ALL DRIVERS MUST ATTEND THE DRIVERS BRIEF AT THE START OF RACING
(Non compliance can result in the driver being refused to race)

MARSHALLING DUTIES

All drivers who are registered to race are required to perform marshalling duties, regardless whether you raced or not.

The PDNR Management Committee will impose severe penalties to any drivers who do not abide by these conditions.

ALL DRIVERS & SPECTATORS ARE REQUIRED TO STAY WITHIN THE AREA OF THE ISLAND CARPARK WHERE RACING IS HELD.

DRIVERS & SPECTATORS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WANDER AROUND THE COMPLEX OR ANYWHERE NEAR THE LAKES, BRIDGE, GRANDSTAND OR PRESENTATION PONTOON.

ALL CHILDREN ARE TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES AND PLEASE NO SCOOTERS, BIKES, ROLLERBLADES ETC.

IF PEOPLE CAN NOT ADHERE TO THIS REQUEST OUR CLUB WILL ASKED TO LEAVE THE VENUE.

TOILETS ARE LOCATED AT THE WESTERN END OF THE BOATSHEDS

DOES YOUR CAR NEED WORK?

If you are having problems tuning or setting up your gas car,
Or your car requires maintenance and repairs; PDNR can put you in contact with the right experts who can help you. Please see a committee member for more details

SPONSORS WANTED

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

12-month PDNR promotional packages start from \$100.00

The packages go towards Fundraising for PDNR's activities.

If you are interested in a promotional package please contact either Kevin Maton on 0414 275867 or e-mail publicity@pdnracing.org.au

PDNR CONTACT DETAILS

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YOUR COMMITTEE

President	Kevin Maton
Vice President	Steve O'Connor
Secretary	Michael Turner
Treasurer	Andrew Miller
Competition Secretary	Tony Firth
Registrar	Daniel Weaver

General Committee

Steve McDonnell	Kim O'Connor
Scott Tompkins	Keith Weaver
Ron Sant	Scott Lee
Jon Freund	Mark Baranowski

RAFFLE

GRAHAMS HOBBY CENTRE

Tickets are a one dollar each and all proceeds
Help keep the club up and running

This time round GRAHAM has donated a fantastic
GV BV-1 XR8 FORD UTE.

\$1 each

Tickets are available from Canteen or Kevin & Keith (Yellow Vests)



CLUB MERCHANDISE

Black Polo shirt	:	\$27.50
V Neck T Shirt	:	\$10.00
Standard T Shirt	:	\$8.00
Hats	:	\$15.00
PDNR Stickers	:	\$ 2.50

Prestige Towing

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RACE FORMAT

Registration 6.15 - 7.00 pm appx	Drivers Brief 7.00 - 7.15 pm appx	Novice Drivers Run Time: 20 minutes	Overflow Division Run Time: 20 minutes
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CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS RACING

CLASS	HEAT 1		HEAT 2	
	Warm Up	Race	Warm Up	Race
Off Road - Buggy	6 minutes	5 minutes	4 minutes	5 minutes
Off Road - Truck	6 minutes	5 minutes	4 minutes	5 minutes
1/8 th - 235mm	6 minutes	5 minutes	4 minutes	5 minutes
Single Speed	6 minutes	5 minutes	4 minutes	5 minutes
Single Speed Pro	6 minutes	5 minutes	4 minutes	5 minutes
Two Speed	6 minutes	5 minutes	4 minutes	5 minutes
Two Speed Pro	6 minutes	5 minutes	4 minutes	5 minutes
Top Gun	6 minutes	5 minutes	4 minutes	5 minutes

POINTS ALLOCATION

PLACE	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH	6 TH	7 TH	8 TH	9 TH	10 TH
POINTS	20	16	14	12	10	9	8	7	6	5

PLEASE NOTE ROUND 7 OF CHAMPIONSHIP WAS A NON POINTS ROUND.

ROUND 8 DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS ALL REGISTERED ENTRANTS RECEIVED 15 POINTS

1/8 & 235mm		
P	Name	Pts
1	Splitty Miller	201
2	Neville Gough	195
3	Kevin Maton	141
4	Daniel Weaver	129
5	Adam Jones	100

TOP GUN		
P	Name	Pts
1	Laurie Grima	188
2	Sam Grima ** (M1)	172
3	Michael Turner	171
4	Ricky Bates	163
5	Tony Firth	139
6	Steve Velletta **	120
7	Peter Wilson **	103
8	Laurie Cauchi ** (M2)	97
8	Steve O'Connor **	97
10	Danny Bates	66

TWO SPEED		
P	Name	Pts
1	Ray Azzapardi	202
2	Scott Harris	182
3	Carl Robertson	156
4	Jack Umenberger	155
5	Richard Gartrell	145
6	Liz Fenech	123
7	Ron Sant	91
8	Darrin Neale	63
9	Chris Levy	45
10	Toby Newell	38
11	Noel Anderson	23
12	Jeff Fenech	22
13	John Newham	19
14	David Winnicki	17
15	Daniel Weaver	15
16	Damien Cursnour	13
17	Murray Duncan	6
18	Charles Pilotto	5

TWO SPEED PRO		
P	Name	Pts
1	Rod Albronda	203
2	Des Schneider	169
3	David Winnicki	151
4	Chris Law (M1)	142
5	Jason King (M1)	89
6	Craig Paige	51
7	Daniel Barnes	47
8	John Newham	45
9	Joe Ivastirovic	38
10	Jeff Fenech	37
11	Tass Katotikidis	36
12	Toby Newell	31
13	Keith McCulloch	24
14	Ralph Jayatilaka	22
15	Todd Mangion	20
16	Splitty Miller	15
16	Nick Janjic	15
18	Theo Katotikidis	12

DRIVERS WITH A (M1) NEXT TO THEIR NAME HAVE BEEN ISSUED AN OFFICAL WARNING FOR NOT MARSHALLING.

As per Rules:

First Offence – Verbal Warning

Continued Offence – Loss of highest championship points per penalty and / or a further penalty to be decided by the management committee.

Therefore if you have (M2) or higher beside your name you will lose your highest championship result.

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS FOR ALL THEIR SUPPORT

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Grahams
HOBBY CENTRE

A black and white advertisement for Grahams Hobby Centre. It features a radio-controlled car on the left and a remote control on the right. The background is a dark, textured surface.

67A QUEEN ST
ST MARYS NSW 2760
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**BARCLAY'S RADIO CONTROL
AND HOBBIES**

A rectangular advertisement for Barclay's Radio Control and Hobbies. It features illustrations of a radio-controlled car, a plane, a helicopter, and a boat. The text is arranged around these illustrations.

PHONE
4721 0331

FAX
4721 0046

7/354 HIGH ST PENRITH

**ST MARYS PRESTIGE
BODY REPAIRS**
9673 4500

A black and white photograph of the exterior of a building. The building has large windows and a sign that reads 'ST MARYS PRESTIGE BODY REPAIRS'. There are cars parked in front of the building.

**Cnr. Kurrajong Ave &
Plasser Cres. ST MARYS**



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SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL REGATTA CENTRE
CASTLEREAGH ROAD, PENRITH
(ENTRY VIA GATE A)**