



IN THE PITS

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

HAVE YOU GOT THE COURAGE!

Welcome again to another edition of *In The Pits*. It is great to be back again so soon, many thought the run would come to an end, but so far all the pieces have fallen into place to once again bring you a monthly newsletter and we hope you are enjoying it!

This is another huge issue, with a few new editorials and funny articles that we hope you enjoy reading. Once again there are some big events around the corner and as this issue gets the ink treatment, a huge team of PDNR members will be preparing to compete at round 3 of the Nitro Interclub Series, the 2007 Mingara Cup on November 10 & 11.

Right after that event, is another of PDNR's famous endurance events – The Proline 3 Hour Classic. This event is on Saturday night November 17 and as the title to this introduction suggests, this great event will be another ultimate test of driver and machinery endurance.

The 2007 year is drawing to a close but the RC racing calendar is chockers with even more events coming up. Tuesday December 11 is a scheduled spare night, but we are happy to announce this will be a test and tune Drag Night – but not just for drag cars, all the typical cars, trucks and buggies that race on Tuesday nights are welcome to attend and try their hand at the 40 metre long drag strip.

And the traditional Grand Finale for PDNR is the 2007 Charity Challenge. This event if you haven't heard of it before is held in conjunction with the Oran Park Kids Race Day. PDNR set up their temporary track in the back of the pits at Oran Park Raceway and we hold a race meeting and give free test drives to the kids. All proceeds are donated to charity to help the kids with cancer and other needs. The Kids Race Day is organised each year by the Rotary Club of St George Central and this will be PDNR's 5th consecutive year at the event. It's on Sunday December 18 if you want to add it to your calendar!

EL PRESIDENTE'S REPORT

Well nearly another year is coming to an end, just blink and Christmas will be upon us. This year still has a few races happening outside of the normal Tuesday nights racing schedule, and I encourage all members and drivers to check out the *Upcoming Events* dates in this edition of the newsletter to see if they can attend any of these events which will be held before the Christmas holiday break.

Once again I would like to thank those who week after week help with track set up and pack up. Your assistance ensures that each night starts off smoothly (and hopefully on time) and finishes before we all fall asleep.

Our AGM is coming up on Tuesday December 4, I ask that all members and drivers please try to attend this as it's your opportunity to find out what is done to keep PDNR running behind the scenes, and what the club is aiming for in the future, and you never know, you might want to put your hand up to be part of the new management committee for 2008.

I would also like to say a big thank you to our sponsors for their continued support throughout the year. You are an invaluable component to the continued success of our club and we all appreciate your contribution.

To all the drivers that have been attending other race meets, keep it up! You are not only improving your own skills but you doing PDNR proud, and I wish all PDNR representatives the best of success in all future events.

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Kevin



PARTY TIME – PRESENTATION BBQ

The traditional end of year Spring/Christmas Presentation BBQ is coming up very soon. The festivities will be held on the South Bank at the Sydney International Regatta Centre (turn right after entering the main gates). There will be a special visit from Santa Claus so make sure you bring the family along to be part of a fun night with a sausage sizzle and a coldie.

The winners of the Spring Championship will be presented with their trophies and for the first time PDNR will award a Club Champion trophy to the most successful driver of the year. There are also a number of special annual awards to be presented.

Members are asked to stay back after the BBQ for the Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is where the management committee for 2008 are elected, and the members get to elect who they want to run their club. All financial members are eligible to vote, nominate and be nominated for the following positions on the committee:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Competition Secretary
- Registrar
- Publicity Officer
- 5 x General Committee Members



Members should consider the level of contribution that is required and expected of committee members when nominating or accepting nominations. There is a lot of hard work both at race meetings (i.e. set up & pack up) and behind the scenes to keep the club running and without the support of members volunteering their time and skills the club will not continue to grow and be as great as it currently is.

If you have any questions about the AGM please speak to one of the current committee members.

Hope to see you and all the family at the Spring/Christmas Presentation BBQ on Tuesday December 4.

RAFFLES & FUNDRAISING

CAR RAFFLE

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< Left: Graham presenting the
winner of the Kyosho Inferno
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Here are some of the upcoming events you may be interested in attending. More information and entry forms are available from the PDNR website – www.pdnracing.org.au but in the meantime add these to your diary.

- **NOVEMBER 10th & 11th** MINGARA CUP (Wyong)
 - Nitro Interclub Series Round 3
- **NOVEMBER 17th** PROLINE PDNR 3 HOUR CLASSIC (SIRC)
- **NOVEMBER 27th** END PDNR 2007 SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP
- **DECEMBER 4th** SPRING PRESENTATION NIGHT (SIRC)
 - SPECIAL GUEST SANTA CLAUS!
 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
- **DECEMBER 11th** OPEN TEST & TUNE DRAG NIGHT (SIRC)
- **DECEMBER 16th** PDNR CHARITY CHALLENGE (Oran Park)
- **JANUARY 8th** REGO & PRACTICE 2008 SUMMER
- **JANUARY 15th** REGO & CONTROL PRACTICE
- **JANUARY 19th & 20th** SUMMER NATS (Fairy Meadow)
 - Nitro Interclub Series Round 4
- **JANUARY 22nd** START 2008 SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP

For more 2008 events visit www.pdnracing.org.au to download and print out a copy for the fridge!

PDNR **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Tuesday Night - December 4

(After Spring Presentation - SIRC South Bank)

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

CAN I HELP YOU?

A friend of mine was telling me he was recently at his LHS and overheard the following request. It was then I realised that our hobby isn't as easy as some people make it look!...could you help?

A "I need sum help wif me petty car"

B "Sure, how can we help?"

A "I busted up the front end thingy at the front on my car"

B "Okay...Umm...What type of car do you have?"

A "It a WRX!"

B "No...Ahhh... what brand of car is it?"

[Dumb silence...]

A "It a SUBARU"

B "No, I mean what brand is the chassis of the RC car"

A "Oh, I get ya, it's a World Rally Car STI"

[Insert tactical change of direction here...]

B "Did you buy it from here? Can you see the same one here on the shelves?"

A "Na I got it from me mate for 50 bucks. It's the same as that one up there"

B "So it's electric?"

A "Na, it's petrol"

B "Well that one you pointed to is electric"

[...a long 5 minutes later]

B "So you have a (insert car name here)"

A "Yep, that's what I said before"

B [Grumbles to self - No you didn't!]

B "So what part did you break?"

A "I broke da turny fing at the front that the round up and down bit spins on it"

B "Can you show me on this car?"

A "That bit there...(points to front steering knuckle)

B "Here you go...it's called the steering knuckle"

A "Yeah I know, dats wat I arsked for..."

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

The end of the Spring Championship is getting close, and many drivers realising that they need to achieve consistently good results to improve their position in the championship. Here are the standings after Round 9 – Tuesday October 30.

Division Sponsor JPM RACING : RB : ATS : CASTER		
OFF ROAD BUGGY		
P	Name	Pts
1	Chris Abela	231
2	Ray Azzopardi	205
3	Chris Young	182
4	Matthew Oxford	161
5	Darrel Knight	156
6	Ron Sant	155
7	Allan Crane	141
8	Flavio Cataldo	122
9	Greg Rossiter	120
10	Nathan Egan	105
11	Charles Pilotto	103
12	Stewart Kaysmith	62
13	Andrew Thackary	55
14	Graham Fletcher	54
15	Don Bishop	43
16	Gary Webster	41
17	David Troitsin	39
18	Jamie Fellowes	30
19	Barry Gavin	26
20	Dean Webster	20
20	Josh Crowne	20
22	Michael Fellowes	12
23	Kurt Seychell	10
23	Darrell Bennett	10
25	Josh Scarcella	7
26	Daniel Trouve	5
27	Joel Casey	0
27	Nathan Johnstone	0
27	Mark Falconer	0
27	Dean Micallef	0
27	Darren Bennett	0
27	Leigh Naylor	0
27	Brad Parker	0

Division Sponsor AUSWIDE HOBBIES		
OFF ROAD TRUCK		
P	Name	Pts
1	Jonathan Freund	276
2	Roy Hanmore	229
3	Graham Fisher	215
4	David Bush	196
5	Darrel Knight	64
6	Charles Pilotto	28
7	Fabiano Ruffo	24
8	Daryl Kaltenbacher	22
8	Andrew Thackary	22
10	Mark Russell	20
11	Justin Caruana	19
11	Darrel Bennett	19
11	Adam Van Velzen	19
14	Justin Page	18
15	Allan Crane	14
16	Michael Fellowes	12
17	Iain Miller	10
18	Graeme Chater	7
19	Anthony Berends	0

Division Sponsor TOOL AUS		
OPEN PAN		
P	Name	Pts
1	Michael Turner	294
2	Steve Valletta	242
3	Steve OConnor	194
4	Rod Albronda	157
5	John Reilly	114
6	Darrel Thompson	113
7	Ronald Clare	103
8	Chris Abela	100
9	Michael Stone	94
10	Kevin Maton	92
11	Phil Northey	83
12	Grahame Jones	81
13	Graham Fraser	76
14	Scott Van Der Dray	68
15	Dennis Mitchell	58
16	Roy Hanmore	46
17	Ron Clare Snr	40
18	John Trotter	26
19	Barry Gavin	18

Division Sponsor GRAHAM'S HOBBY CENTRE		
NITRO KIT		
P	Name	Pts
1	Jonathan Lo Iacono	278
2	Graham Fisher	231
3	Paul Checuti	218
4	Darrel Knight	215
5	Graham McMillan	212
6	Greg Rossiter	188
7	Steve Earl	70
8	Chris Pett	51
9	Adam Heaney	47
10	Joel Casey	46
11	Ron Clare Snr	41
12	Michael Ogston	35
13	Kris Albronda	31
14	Josh Freund	26
15	Barry Gavin	23
16	Daryl Kaltenbacher	17
17	Graham Fletcher	14
18	Dennis Mitchell	10
19	Ben Serrao	8

Division Sponsor PIRTEK AUSTRALIA		
PULL START		
P	Name	Pts
1	Matthew Russell	310
2	Nathan Ryan	219
3	John Bates	205
4	Shaun Kaltenbacher	156
5	Rod Albronda	152
6	Chris Earl	147
6	Chris Stanley	147
8	Joe Patane	140
9	Steve Valletta	139
10	Grahame Jones	67
11	Wayne Thomas	66
12	Michael Turner	46
13	David Ricketts	33
14	Nathan Johnston	30
15	Frank Deek	24
16	Dennis Mitchell	10
17	Charles Pilotto	9
18	Joel Casey	6
19	Sean Harvey	5
20	Luke Sutton	0
20	Alex Sidique	0

Division Sponsor FREESTYLE BARBER SHOP		
OUTLAW		
P	Name	Pts
1	Rod Morgan	222
2	Jonathan Freund	213
3	John Reilly	212
4	Shane Middlemass	138
5	Scott Marks	134
6	Chris Stanley	132
7	Scott Van Der Draay	130
8	David Lo Iacono	129
9	Charles Pilotto	112
10	David Bush	99
11	Ronald Clare	87
12	Grahame Jones	75
13	Barry Gavin	73
14	John Trotter	60
15	Joel Casey	56
16	Darrel Knight	32
17	Luke Gunton	22
18	Sam Grima	19
19	Kevin Maton	18
20	Brad Parker	16
21	Laurie Grima	15
22	Ron Clare Snr	6
23	Cameron Downing	0

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PRO TOURER		
P	Name	Pts
1	Tony Firth	278
2	Matthew Russell	242
3	Nathan Ryan (S1 - R1r1)	202
4	Steve Valletta	164
5	Ray Azzopardi	153
6	Shaun Kaltenbacher	151
7	John Bates	138
8	Brett Quarm	118
9	Ray Wallace	107
10	Wayne Thomas	98
11	Rod Morgan	81
12	Steve O'Connor	78
13	Shane Middlemass	62
14	Philip Woodbury	40
15	Luke Gunton	31
16	Kevin maton	28
17	Brad Stuart	25
18	Mark Mitchell	22
19	Mark Oconnor	20
19	Nathan Johnston	20
21	Sam Grima	9
22	Laurie Grima	5
23	Charles Pillotto	0

WHO'S WHO?

It's all too common amongst blokes these days to not call a mate by the name his parents gave him. Instead, we use affectionately dubbed nick names, the exact origin of which usually can't be traced - or remembered due to the amount of alcohol consumed at the time - but they typically evolve into something catchy that tends to stick with us!

We thought it would be fun to list some of the nick names that we have heard being used around the pits. Over the next few weeks, keep an ear out and see if you can find the legitimate owner by using these nick names at the track.

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|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| - Sarge | - Mortech | - Roo |
| - Soc | - Dozer | - Potato & Mash/Gravy |
| - Lapping | - Mile High | - Empty |
| - Mr Sticka | - Vienetta | - Johnny |

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RUBBISH BINS & WASTE FUEL

You may think we harp on about this issue, but it is very important that we leave the car park as clean (if not cleaner) than it was when we arrived. PDNR request that all drivers and spectators put all rubbish (and broken parts) in the bins provided. PDNR are guests to the car park, and it must be left in the same state as when we arrived.

It is especially important that WASTE FUEL is disposed of correctly. There is a waste fuel drum at the big trailer for any drivers wishing to dispose of waste nitro fuel. Please ensure this is used at all times.

The other bugbear is cigarette butts. Please do not drop them on the ground, please stub them out and put them in a rubbish bin.



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To continue the use of the Sydney International Regatta Centre, SIRC, facility, it is important that all PDNR club members, visitors and spectators observe the following rules;

All drivers and spectators are required to stay within the area of the island (P1) car park where racing is held.

Drivers and spectators are not allowed to wander around the regatta complex or anywhere near the lakes, bridge, grandstand or ANY pontoon.

ALL children are to be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times and please no scooters, bikes, rollerblades etc.

The island car park is on an island, ie it is surrounded by deep water with steep banks. The water is dark and cold. Please keep yourself, and any children away from the water and banks. Do NOT let your children play on any of the pontoons.


Place all rubbish in the provided bins.

If you can not adhere to these rules, you may be asked to leave the venue.

Toilets are located at the centre of the boat sheds. This is found immediately east of the island car park, across the grassed area.

NEXT EVENT

PROLINE



**PDNR
3 HOUR
CLASSIC**

2007 PDNR 3 HOUR CLASSIC
Saturday Night, 17th November

Entry Details available on the PDNR website
www.pdnracing.org.au/proline3hour

CONTACT DETAILS

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SPARE TUESDAY NIGHT

TUESDAY DECEMBER 11

OPEN TEST n TUNE DRAG NIGHT



All Drivers Welcome

RACING AROUND TOWN

PDNR 2007 RC BATHURST 1000

The next instalment of *Racing Around Town* focuses on the 2007 RC Bathurst 1000. The RC Bathurst 1000 is another keystone event for PDNR, and organisers were very pleased when confirmation came through that this event would return to the country town of Bathurst as part of the V8 Street Party. Unfortunately an 11th hour approval didn't leave much time to properly promote the event and so the attendance was smaller than expected, but that didn't stop the drivers putting on a great show for the massive crowds.



The Podium of the 2007 RC Bathurst 1000



One of the V8 Themed Bodies

It was a very early start to the day for organisers with all equipment needing to be transported and set up to create an RC track in the middle of Church St, Bathurst. A big thank you must go to everyone involved who worked extremely hard to get the equipment set up and packed up – especially drivers from outside PDNR!

As for the racing there were four classes offered, V8 Supercar (Open Tourer), V8 Development (Pull Start), Production (Nitro Sport) and Electric. The qualifying sessions were combined down to make two heats and each driver would have three qualifying runs. Qualifying uses a different format for the RC Bathurst 1000 with all three qualifiers counting towards drivers qualifying position. This is unlike the usual format where just the single best run counts. This modified format meant that drivers needed to be consistent, not just fast. As all 12 cars would progress automatically to the 161 lap main final, so qualifying was more about securing a spot in the top 10 shootout.

Qualifying finished with Michael Turner on top of V8 Supercar, Corey Gurney the best of V8 Development, Graham McMillan ahead in Production and Brendan

George the top of Electric. These were the preliminary qualifying results and drivers would now need to put one cracker of a lap together in the top 10 shootout.

Peter Bell was the first car due out in the shootout, but damage sustained earlier in the day ruled him out, so the first car on the track was Brendan George who posted a 20.199 in his electric car to set the benchmark. Young Kris Albronda was next and it was clear the pressure was having an affect with the youngster posting a 31.052. Graham McMillan had trouble and recorded a 27.097 to just move ahead of Kris. Next up was Rod Albronda and he went straight to the top with a 20.188. Rod didn't hold pole for long as the next car driven by Shaun Kaltenbacher posted a 20.089 to just pip Rod for pole position.

Andrew Curless's team couldn't match that pace and recorded a 21.709. The pressure however was on the next car of Corey Gurney who had been quick all day, but he only managed a time of 20.836 putting him just behind Brendan. Next was Tony Firth who was consistent all day and he posted a blistering 17.702 to take pole. There was one driver left to take the track – Michael Turner. He was the quickest car of the day so far and was odds on favourite to hold onto TQ. His lap didn't look to bad, but it was only a 19.001. As it turned out, Michael had been running his Wingo body (from the Disney Pixar film "Cars") during the lunch break and forgot to re-adjust the body height which caused him all sorts of grief in the shootout. So at the end of the top 10 shootout, Tony Firth – thanks to a little bit of luck – would take TQ and pole position.

The main final was a 161 lap race. The tight track would allow drivers to push the fuel stop window out to 6 to 7 minutes but most drivers still completed around 8 fuel stops. There were more dramas at the start for Michael Turner who's engine failed to fire causing him to miss the start. Racing the Jack Daniels body design, Tony pulled away from the field and without many mistakes circulated consistently. The battle for the minor placings was frantic with many drivers swapping positions during the race.

The sister JD car driven by Brendan George settled into second behind Tony but long battery changes and a few spots of trouble dropped him down as low as 6th before he fought back to finish 2nd. Shaun Kaltenbacher was running consistently in third for most of the race with his HRT body design. Shaun was up to 2nd right at the end but servo problems caused a loss of steering and he dropped a position to take 3rd.

Andrew Curless and Ebben Hawkin are seasoned contenders at the longer events. They just circulated at their own pace, slowly gaining positions along the way. They were looking at finishing 3rd ahead of Shaun, but found themselves 7 seconds short, ending up 4th on the same lap as 3rd place. Rod Albronda found himself in 2nd for most of the race but retired on 124 laps and watched from the sideline as he dropped back through the order. Michael Turner was churning his way through the field after starting some 30 laps behind but fought his way back to take 6th only 1 lap shy of Rod in 5th.

In 7th place was Corey Gurney and John Wessel who had a good car under them but were plagued with trouble. Kevin Maton made his appearance sporting a brand new car – it had literally just been put together on the day. Kev struggled with the setup and handling but stayed out of harms way and finished in 8th. 9th place goes to a star of the future, Kris Albronda. This little 6 year old needs a stool to see over the drivers stand but drove exceptionally well. The long race took its toll on both Kris and his car, but he took 9th place with 29 laps (after almost 20 minutes) in his first RC Bathurst 1000. Graham McMillan had a day he'd rather forget and rounded out the field in 10th place.

The smaller than expected attendance in some ways made the day more enjoyable as the atmosphere amongst the drivers was very relaxed. There was a 15 minute break between qualifying rounds where anyone could go out for an open practice session. Many drivers had brought along their alternative vehicles so there were trucks and buggies and even an 1/8th scale entertaining the crowds. The only time there was nothing on the track was when a brief lightening storm flew overhead – typical Bathurst weather!

PDNR would like to thank all the drivers and helpers for making the effort to be part of the 2007 RC Bathurst 1000. They would also like to express their appreciation to the V8 Street Party committee for inviting PDNR to participate. Next year there will be a different driving force behind the event as local clubs are set to take over the event. Keep the Saturday of the Bathurst weekend free for the next event which we believe will be a joint effort between Bathurst Radio Control Car Club and Lithgow Radio Control Car Club.

Oh, and how could we forget to thank the Bathurst Garbage Truck driver that destroyed a brand new track barricade – Sorry Graham's Hobby Centre...

RACER SPOTLIGHT

A welcome return to *In The Pits* is the newly revamped Racer Spotlight. This segment originally used to focus on driver's, but we have expanded the scope to include non-drivers such as our first spotligtee Steph. Watch out for more members and spectators getting the interview treatment over the next few months.

If you would like to be the focus of the Racer Spotlight in a future issue of *In The Pits* please email pitcrew@pdnracing.org.au with your name and contact phone number, or see Race Control on Tuesday nights.

PIT CREW EXTRAORDINAIRE!

You may have seen her running up and down pit lane, and she caught our attention too, so we asked her to help re-start the Racer Spotlight editorials.

Name: Steph

Been racing at PDNR for: 9 months

Division: Pitcrew for Scott Marks in Outlaw

Current Car: None (But pits for Scott who runs a Team Magic G4S)

Current Radio: Spektrum (Scott's)

Current Engine: STS (Scott's)

Career Highlight: 1st in heat in Nitro Kit last Championship (for Scott)

Age: 24

Home Suburb: South Penrith

Occupation: Occupational Therapist

Marital Status: Engaged (As of 2 weeks ago – Congratulations!)

First RC Car: Hasn't got one yet, but it will be a Team Magic G4S (Yes, it is a hand me down from Scott!)

Favourite Actor: Adam Sandler

Favourite TV Show: Grey's Anatomy

Favourite Food: Lollies

What makes you angry?: Incompetence

What's the only thing better than RC racing?: Family and Friends

If you had front row seats to any sporting event what would see?: V8 Supercars

Dream Car: V8 Holden Ute



GIVE ME MY MAKITA BACK MATE!

If you get to racing extra early on Tuesdays, you probably still wouldn't beat the person featured in this spotlight article. John Reilly is the man we have to thank for our track being clean as he always arrives extra early, fires up the blower and cleans the car park for all of us to race on.

Name: John Reilly

Been racing at PDNR for: 3 years

Current Divisions: Outlaw, Open Pan

Current Cars: Mugen MTX4, Serpent 950R

Current Radio: Futaba 3PK-SS

Current Engine: RB Matrix, Novarossi

Career Highlights: Assorted race wins and:

- 1st Nitro Kit 2006 Summer Championship
- 3rd Outlaw 2007 Autumn Championship
- 3rd Pullstart 2006 Summer Championship
- 3rd Nitro Kit 2005 Spring Championship
- 3rd Pull Start 2005 Autumn Championship

Age: 57

Home Suburb: Penrith

Occupation: Self funded retiree

Marital Status: Married with 2 boys/men

First RC car: CEN CT4R

Total Number of RC cars: 9 (that's all he would admit to!)

Other cars include: 2 x X1CR Buggies, 4 x NTC3, CEN CT4

Favourite car: Mugen MTX4

Favourite Movie: Groundhog Day

Childhood Hero: Pete & Ian Geoghegan and Brian Foley

Biggest Disappointment: Buying a CEN

What makes you angry: Being taken out with no action from Race Control

What's the only thing better than RC racing: Sex

If you had front row seats to any sporting event what would see?: Le Mans

Who would you most like to meet: Barry Jones (Editor's note: I naively had no idea who this was so a quick explanation thanks to Google and he is an Australian polymath, writer, lawyer, social activist, and former politician who was named as one of Australia's "National Living Treasures" in 1998. He became a household name as a quiz champion on Bob Dyer's *Pick a Box*, a radio show from 1948, televised from 1957. (He's a must have for the next PDNR Trivia Night!)

Any Comment/Advice about RC: He assures me he hasn't tried, but he suspects that drugs MUST be cheaper than racing RC!



HELP THE KIDS

2007 CHARITY CHALLENGE & AUCTION

This year will be PDNR's 5th year of being involved in the Oran Park Kids Race Day. This is a significant achievement and one that I doubt any of the organisers would have imagined when Steve O'Connor first suggested we put on a display day all those moons ago.

The Charity Challenge has become the traditional Grand Finale for PDNR with support from both inside and outside PDNR growing every year. This year is again looking like being a huge event as the anticipated farewell to the Oran Park Raceway which is earmarked for closure due to residential development (Although they have been saying that for the last three years!)



The primary objective of the Oran Park Kids Race Day – which is organised each year by the Rotary Club of St George Central – is to offer “Motorsport Therapy” to kids and their families who are typically constrained to a hospital bed. Hundreds of motorsport enthusiasts get involved to give hot laps, rally car rides, 4WD cruises, Off-Road buggy joy rides and show static displays.

PDNR contribute by holding free test drives of Nitro and Electric Radio Control cars, trucks and buggies. As well as the free kids test drives, we hold a race meeting to demonstrate the performance of our little machines to the kids, and the greater motor sport community. But the best part is that ALL PROCEEDS from the event (that includes entry fees and the Charity Auction) are donated to St George Rotary who distributes the fund to the Kids.

Some of the highlights of the past five years include a session with Peter Brock, an RC race with Craig Lowndes, Steven Richards and Neil Bates behind the controllers, RC vs 1:1 drags on the main straight and my personal favourite – Steve O'Connor giving his car to a blind kid for a free test drive!

The Charity Challenge is a great feel good event, where you can combine your hobby with an excellent cause. The smiles on the kids faces is something you never forget and we can all help make the day for one underprivileged kid. PDNR hope you can make this years event on Sunday December 18.

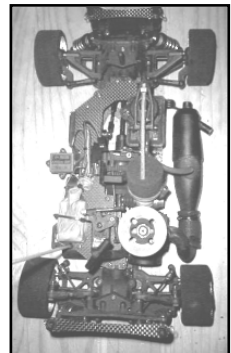
So until then keep the date free, entry forms and more details available on the PDNR website - www.pdnracing.org.au - closer to the event.

RC WORKSHOP – WINNERS!

Congratulations to the winners of the RC Workshop competition. The following RC fans matched up all the components correctly – well done!

1. Shelley Ward
2. Steve O'Connor
3. Cameron Downing
4. Jaye Sawyers

If you couldn't work it out, see Race Control for the answers!





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The PDNR website is updated regularly with news and results.
You can also download entry forms and event calendars.

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