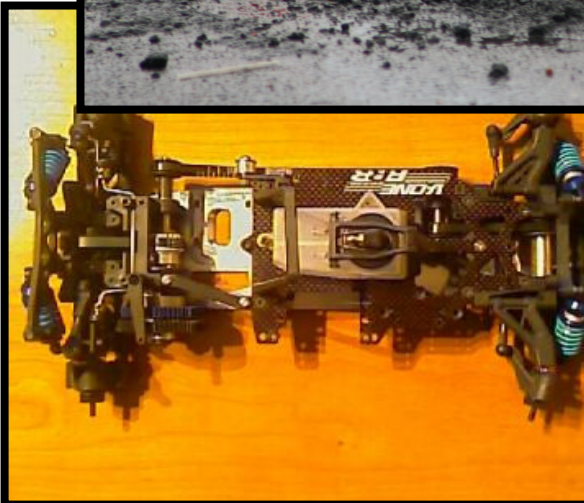


# The Racer's Edge

June 2008

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



## El Pres – Words of Wisdom

Well hopefully this championship the sky god's will smile on us and give us fine weather for racing.

For all our newcomers, I hope you have lots of fun whilst you are driving with us and don't forget if you need help, there are plenty of other drivers that will give you a hand so don't be too shy to ask.

I would also like to welcome the 3 new committee members Steve O, Luke Gunton & Flavio that have joined due to a couple of existing members standing down. I thank the existing members for their time, effort & input whilst they were on the committee.

There are many events scheduled during 2008 and I urge all PDNR members and drivers to try and attend a race meet outside the normal Tuesday night meetings. We have numerous drivers that attend other race meets and the knowledge and support you get from attending an outside meet is well worth the effort.

We all know about the words C.P.I & inflation etc but never did we think that we as a club would be affected by it. As most of you would know our fees have been increased dramatically by SIRC, the committee decided not to pass the increase onto drivers this championship. However I feel that we still need to hold on to our goal of having a permanent track, to do this we need to raise money so when that time comes for a block of land (which is getting closer) we can have sufficient funds to build the track.

To help the club with raising funds we must rely on meat tray, car raffle & lately the Sausage Sizzle at Powerhouse, if you can help out with the fundraising please let us know at race control or talk to one of the committee members.

Lastly a big thanks to the people that helped out at the working bee last Sunday & also to the people who helped at our first Sausage sizzle.

Until the next issue – Smile & the world will smile with you!!!

## UP COMING EVENTS – JUNE 2008

The 2008 autumn Championship is already into round 3 and its looking like fierce competition and Tonnes of FUN for PDNR. ICY Cold nights have made for exciting racing , being raced in Jackets and Beanies. The Track has been configured and Setup for the Winter Champs giving PDNR members and drivers a Home Ground advantage.

This pressure is none greater than for those on the PDNR management committee who were elected at the Summer Championship Presentation. We would like to welcome the Newest Committee Members

In case you missed the last newsletter (May 2008) here are the 2008 committee members:

**President:** Kevin Maton – [president@pdnracing.org.au](mailto:president@pdnracing.org.au)

**Vice President:** Steve O’Conner – [vicepresident@pdnracing.org.au](mailto:vicepresident@pdnracing.org.au)

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**Competition Secretary:** Tony Firth – [racing@pdnracing.org.au](mailto:racing@pdnracing.org.au)

**Registrar:** Rod Albronda

**Publicity Officer:** Luke Gunton – [publicity@pdnracing.org.au](mailto:publicity@pdnracing.org.au)

**General Committee:** Grahame Jones, Steve Valletta, Flavio Cataldo, John Bates, Nathan Ryan, David Lo Iacono, Jonathan Freund.

The committee is there to represent PDNR members and drivers, so if you have any ideas, experiences, thoughts or suggestions please approach one of the committee members and let them know so that they can present and explore them further. *Your club, your ideas!*



## UP COMING EVENTS – JUNE 2008



### **2008 WINTER CHAMPS WARM-UP** - Sunday June 8, 2008

- Practice event for GP and EP Winter Champ competitors (or potential competitors)
- Location: SIRC P1 car park (Penrith)
- Registration: Pre registration requested - Limited entries taken on the day
- Time: Gates open 6:30am - All day event
- For: GP & EP (Winter Champs divisions)
- Entry Form: See Race Control or visit : [www.pdnracing.org.au](http://www.pdnracing.org.au)



### **DRAG NIGHT - ROUND 3** - Saturday June 14, 2008

- Location: SIRC P1 Car Park (Penrith)
- Registration: Pre registration encouraged - Limited entries taken on the night
- Time: Setup 4.00pm, Rego 5.00pm, Qualifying 6.00pm (Times to be confirmed)
- For: See Entry Form for Classes
- Entry Form: See Race Control or visit : [www.pdnracing.org.au](http://www.pdnracing.org.au)



### **2008 WINTER CHAMPS** - Saturday June 28 (GP) & Sunday June 29 (EP)

- Practice: Friday June 27 (GP & EP)
- GP is part of the 2008/2009 Nitro Interclub Series
- Location: SIRC P1 car park (Penrith)
- Registration: Pre registration only - no entries on the day
- Time: Gates open 6:30am - All day event - see event program closer to event
- For: GP & EP (GP: Nitro Sport, Pull Start, Open Tourer, 1/8 Scale) (EP: TBA)
- More Information or Express your Interest –  
See Race Control or visit : [www.pdnracing.org.au](http://www.pdnracing.org.au)

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## HANDY MUST HAVES

### PERSONAL TRANSPONDERS

The club has personal transponders for sale at \$155, and I can tell you they are worth their weight in gold. Many drivers don't appreciate their convenience, however like a lot of things in this world, once you've had them you never go back. If you would like to purchase one just see Race Control and they will be able to help you out.



## PDNR TEAM WEAR

PDNR have a variety of merchandise available for purchase. See Race Control for more information.

Race Jacket	:	\$90.00
Polo Shirt	:	\$35.00
Moto (Torque) Shirt	:	\$60.00
Race Cap	:	\$15.00
Stickers	:	\$ 2.50



## 2008 RACING EVENTS – *Put em in ya diary!*

<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Warm-up HPI Winterchamps
<b>Saturday 14-June</b>	PDNR Drag Night - Round 3
<b>Friday 27-June</b>	Practice – HPI Winter Champs
<b>Saturday 28-June</b>	Nitro Only – Round 7 Nitro Interclub Series
<b>Sunday 29-June</b>	Electric Only
<b>Saturday 12-July</b>	PDNR Drag Night - Round 4
<b>Saturday 23-August</b>	PDNR Challenge (SIRC - Penrith)
<b>Sunday 24-August</b>	- <i>Round 1 - 2008/2009 Nitro Interclub Series</i>
<b>Saturday 30-August</b>	PDNR Drag Night - Round 5
<b>Saturday 27-September</b>	PDNR Drag Night - Round 6
<b>Saturday 4-October</b>	Lithgow Grand Prix (Lithgow) - TBC
<b>Sunday 5 October</b>	Round 2 - 2008/2009 Nitro Interclub
<b>Saturday 11-October</b>	RC Bathurst 1000 (Bathurst)
<b>Saturday 8-November</b>	Mingara Cup (Mingara)
<b>Sunday 9-November</b>	- <i>Round 3 Nitro Interclub Series</i>
<b>Saturday 29-November</b>	PDNR 3 Hour Classic
<b>Sunday 21-December</b>	PDNR Charity Challenge (Oran Park)



## **PDNR PIT CREW IS BACK!**

As part of the updates to the PDNR website, the PDNR Pit Crew email list has made a triumphant return. If you want to be kept up to date with news and events you can join the Pit Crew to receive emails about PDNR's activities.

**Join Now at: [www.pdnracing.org.au/pitcrew](http://www.pdnracing.org.au/pitcrew)**

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Also keep up to date with all the information, updates, rumours, gossip and sledging on the PDNR RC Tech thread at [www.rctech.net](http://www.rctech.net).

### **FREESTYLE BARBER SHOP**

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## CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

The 2008 Autumn championship is already a fierce battle between Friends and Foes alike. Here is the Championship Points as of Round 2

Division Sponsor <b>JPM RACING : RB : ATS : CASTER</b>		
<b>OFF ROAD BUGGY</b>		
P	Name	Pts
1	Nathan Egan	60
1	Chris Abela	60
3	Chris Young	56
4	Flavio Cataldo	54
5	Ron Sant	34
6	Nathan Ryan	26
7	Greg Rossiter	25
8	John Stuart	21
9	Michael Fellowes	20
10	Stewart Kayesmith	18
11	Jamie Fellowes (M1)	10
12	Matthew Oxford	9
13	Philip Lauer	7
13	Darrel Knight	7
15	Kris Clark	6
16	Scott Palmer (M1)	5
16	Nathan Johnston	5
16	Graham Fletcher	5
19	Anthony Siljeg	0
19	Adam Seaton	0
19	Joel Casey	0

Division Sponsor <b>TOOL AUS</b>		
<b>OPEN PAN</b>		
P	Name	Pts
1	Steve Valletta	62
2	Steve O'Connor	57
3	Darrel Thompson	54
4	Michael Turner	52
5	Kevin Maton	39
6	Ray Azzopardi	32
7	Mark O'Connor	19

Division Sponsor <b>AUSWIDE HOBBIES</b>		
<b>OFF ROAD TRUCK</b>		
P	Name	Pts
1	Roy Hanmore	80
2	David Bush	56
3	Darrel Knight	36
4	Charles Pilotto	30
5	Thomas White	16
6	Jye Laidler	14
7	Rod Albronda (M1)	0

Division Sponsor <b>FREESTYLE BARBER SHOP</b>		
<b>OUTLAW</b>		
P	Name	Pts
1	Shaun Kaltenbacher	68
2	Chris Stanley	61
3	Ray Wallace	44
4	John Reilly	36
5	David Lo Iacono	32
5	Rod Morgan	32
7	Desmond Schneider	30
8	Daniel Miner	22
9	Scott Marks	20
10	Grahame Jones	16
11	David Bush (M1)	15
11	Joel Casey (M1)	15
13	Flavio Cataldo	14
14	Barry Gavin	11
15	Darrel Thompson (M1)	7
16	Allan Crane	5
17	Don Bishop	0
17	Scott Van Der Draay (M1)	0
17	Chris Pett (M1)	0

Division Sponsor <b>PIRTEK AUSTRALIA</b>		
<b>PULL START</b>		
<b>P</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	Steve Valletta	76
2	Shaun Kaltenbacher	66
3	Chris Stanley	46
4	Jonathan Lo Iacono	41
5	Graham McMillan	39
6	Joe Patane	35
7	Steve O'Connor	31
8	Grahame Jones	29
9	Nathan Johnston	24
10	David Ryan	20
11	John Newham	13
12	David Ricketts	8
13	Charles Pilotto	0
13	Michael Cairns	0
13	Brendan Moncrieff (M1)	0

Division Sponsor		
<b>EDAM EXER</b>		
<b>P</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	John Bates	63
2	Jonathan Freund	60
3	Joe Patane	58
4	Allan Crane	47
5	Barry Gavin	46
6	Philip Lauer	39
7	John Mc Ilwman	36
8	Greg Rossiter	28
9	Dave Cooper (M1)	6
10	Rod Albronda (M1)	5

Division Sponsor		
<b>GRAHAM'S HOBBY CENTRE</b>		
<b>NITRO KIT</b>		
<b>P</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	Andrew Thackray	58
2	Jamie Clark	56
3	Daryl Kaltenbacher	54
4	Glen Hartley (M1)	48
5	Daniel Miner	47
6	John McIlwman	39
7	Adam Heaney	33
8	Philip Lauer (M1)	15
8	Darrel Knight	15
10	Don Bishop	14
11	Dennis Mitchell	10



**PRO TOURER**

<b>P</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	Ray Azzopardi	63
2	Wayne Thomas	56
3	Chris Young	46
4	Steve Valletta	41
5	Philip Woodbury	40
5	Nathan Ryan	40
7	John Bates	39
8	Luke Gunton	28
9	Jonathan Freund	24
10	Kevin Maton	12
11	Brad Stuart (M1)	6

**PDNR RACE NEWS**

**Round 2 of the 2008 Meca Challenge**

Round 2 of the Meca Challenge has been raced with the following PDNR club members attending in Pro Tourer class - Phil Woodbury, Steve Valletta, Rod Morgan, Wayne Thomas, Ray Wallace )

In the Pull-start class - Matt Russell, Chris Stanley, Sean Kaltenbacher Steve Valletta.

**Pro Tourer**, was Fast and Frantic with Andrew Bardetta winning round 1 run at Whalan and Phil Woodbury 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Round 2 now has PDNR's Phil Woodbury winning in his ever impressive Style with Andrew Bardetta in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place making round 3 at Whalan a decider Worth watching.

**Pullstart** with Matt Russell TQ and having his electrician booked for the air-conditioner installation after a round 1 win is hot favourite to take round 2, with the likes of Chris Stanley, Shaun Kaltenbacher, Steve Valletta on his tail any mistake by Matt Russell would Make his air-conditioner harder to achieve but mistakes were none existent and Matt drove to perfection.

At the 20th minute in the A main With Valletta running 2nd and Kaltenbacher 3rd Stanley 4th and Ferguson 5th Steve Valletta's engine decides enough already and locked up at 3/4 down Moorebanks LONG Straight, cautions called were not quick enough for Sean Kaltenbacher to take evasive manouvers and drove into the back of Valletta's car with Momentous Force unfortunately sustaining car damage, allowing Matt Russell to take out round 2 and the air-conditioner with Matt Ferguson 2nd and a fine drive from Chris Stanley in 2<sup>nd</sup>. Commiserations to Sean Congratulations to Matt Russel.



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