

The Racer's Edge

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

EL PRESIDENTE REPORT

A big welcome to all our drivers for what I think is going to be a great 2009. We again have our weekly Tuesday night race meetings which are segmented into three 13 week Championships – Summer, Autumn and Spring – which will keep us all occupied at least one night a week!

There are also many other events in the PDNR schedule including the 2.4 Hour and 3 Hour enduro's, PDNR Challenge, Charity Challenge (Kids Race Day) and no less than nine rounds of the Drag Night Series. Full details of PDNR's events are available in this newsletter and on the PDNR website – www.pdnracing.org.au

For all the newcomers this year, 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 experienced drivers that will give you a hand so don't be too shy to ask. So far the weather has not exactly been kind to us, but it can't rain every Tuesday night.

In 2009 I would encourage all PDNR drivers to try and attend a race meet outside the normal Tuesday night meeting. We have numerous drivers that attend other race meets – such as the endurance and Nitro Interclub Series events – and the knowledge and support you get from attending an outside meet is well worth it.

I would also like to welcome back our sponsors and I hope you thank them by trying to use their products and services, as their support throughout the year is priceless to PDNR.

As you can all see there have been, and still are changes happening at PDNR. We now have a new truck and custom built drivers stand trailer, and we have also recently upgraded our timing system (Decoder) which will allow us a lot more options with our race meetings in the future such as MyLaps and Live Timing.

The plan over the next couple of months is to dispose of the F100 and small trailer and integrate race control into the truck, thus only have the truck and drivers stand to setup and bring over each week.

If any drivers or spectators would like to give feedback or have any ideas or suggestions, be it good or bad, any of our committee members are available during Tuesday nights and can be identified by wearing yellow vests, or alternatively come up and see us at race control.

I would also like to thank the volunteers that have been going around and selling the raffle tickets over the past few weeks. Without this fundraising we would not be able to upgrade or improve our track or equipment.

I should also officially welcome to the committee members of 2009, who are following a job well done by the 2008 committee. 2009 Committee are:

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Also on a slightly more serious note, I need to remind drivers that running onto or whilst exiting the Drivers Stand is very dangerous. It is also very distracting and off-putting to drivers still trying to compete. We trust that for your safety and the benefit of your fellow racers you refrain from this practice.

Until the next issue –

Smile & the world will smile with you!!!

El Pres

Kevin Maton



PDNR WEB UPDATE – Gallery, News & Twitter

The PDNR website – www.pdnracing.org.au – has had a number of updates and additions recently. There has (finally) been many new events added to the *IMAGE GALLERY*, and the *NEWS & UPDATES* page now has all Newsletters available to download – even the very first “Collectors Edition” *In The Pits* from 2001.

PDNR are also now on Twitter – Visit www.twitter.com to follow PDNR and be kept up to date with all sorts of news and announcements. The PDNR home page even has a live feed to the Twitter so you can view the updates any time you visit the website. This is a bit of an experiment so please email through your feedback.

The PDNR Pit Crew email list can't escape a mention, and if you want to be kept up to date with news and events join the Pit Crew to receive emails about PDNR's activities, news and events. Join now at www.pdnracing.org.au/pitcrew

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

HANDY MUST HAVES

PERSONAL TRANSPONDERS

PDNR have AMB-it personal transponders for sale at \$155, and you can be sure 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 or Registration and they will be able to help you out.



2009 EVENT CALENDAR

Here is the PDNR Event Calendar for 2009. This calendar is also available to download on the PDNR website – www.pdnracing.org.au.

Summer		
Tue	13-Jan-09	Registration & Practice 1 (South Bank)
Sat	17-Jan-09	<i>Team Orion - Summer Nats (Fairy Meadow) -- Round 3 - 2008/2009 Nitro Interclub Series --</i>
Sun	18-Jan-09	
Tue	20-Jan-09	Registration & Practice 2
Thu	22-Jan-09	<i>2009 AARCMCC VIC IC On Road State Titles (Lillydale)</i>
Sun	25-Jan-09	
Mon	26-Jan-09	Australia Day 2008
Tue	27-Jan-09	R1 (South Bank)
Tue	3-Feb-09	R2
Tue	10-Feb-09	R3
Tue	17-Feb-09	R4
Fri	20-Feb-09	PDNR Drag Night - Round 1
Tue	24-Feb-09	R5
Sat	28-Feb-09	<i>Sydney Grand Prix - GP (SORMCC - Whalan) -- Round 4 - 2008/2009 Nitro Interclub Series --</i>
Sun	1-Mar-09	
Tue	3-Mar-09	R6 (South Bank)
Tue	10-Mar-09	R7
Tue	17-Mar-09	R8
Fri	20-Mar-09	PDNR Drag Night - Round 2
Tue	24-Mar-09	R9
Tue	31-Mar-09	R10
Tue	7-Apr-09	R11
Thu	9-Apr-09	<i>NSW State Titles (Moorebank) -- Round 5 - 2008/2009 Nitro Interclub Series --</i>
Sun	12-Apr-09	
Tue	14-Apr-09	R12 (South Bank)
Tue	21-Apr-09	R13 (South Bank)
Sat	25-Apr-09	PDNR Pro-Line 2.4 Hour Le Mans
Tue	28-Apr-09	<i>Summer Presentation Night (Rowing Club)</i>

Autumn		
Tue	5-May-09	Registration & Practice 1
Fri	8-May-09	2009 AARCMCC SA IC On Road State Titles (Littlehampton)
Sun	10-May-09	
Tue	12-May-09	Registration & Practice 2
Tue	19-May-09	R1
Sat	23-May-09	PDNR Drag Night - Round 3
Tue	26-May-09	R2
Tue	2-Jun-09	R3
Tue	9-Jun-09	R4
Tue	16-Jun-09	R5
Sat	20-Jun-09	PDNR Drag Night - Round 4
Tue	23-Jun-09	R6
Sat	27-Jun-09	HPI Winter Champs (TBA) -- Round 6 - 2008/2009 Nitro Interclub Series --
Sun	28-Jun-09	
Tue	30-Jun-09	R7
Tue	7-Jul-09	R8
Tue	14-Jul-09	R9
Sat	18-Jul-09	PDNR Drag Night - Round 5
Tue	21-Jul-09	R10
Tue	28-Jul-09	R11
Tue	4-Aug-09	R12
Thu	6-Aug-09	2009 AARCMCC QLD IC On Road State Titles (QRCCRA - Brendale)
Sun	9-Aug-09	
Tue	11-Aug-09	R13
Sat	15-Aug-09	PDNR Drag Night - Round 6
Tue	18-Aug-09	Autumn Presentation Night (Rowing Club)
Sat	22-Aug-09	PDNR Challenge (SIRC - Penrith)
Sun	23-Aug-09	

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> *The Racers Edge* have been informed that long term sponsor Graham's Hobby Centre are offering PDNR members

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Spring		
Tue	25-Aug-09	Registration & Practice 1
Tue	1-Sep-09	Registration & Practice 2
Tue	8-Sep-09	R1
Sat	12-Sep-09	PDNR Drag Night - Round 7
Tue	15-Sep-09	R2
Tue	22-Sep-09	R3
Tue	29-Sep-09	R4
Thu	1-Oct-09	<i>AARCMCC National Championships - IC On Road (NSWRCRCC) - Yet to be Confirmed</i>
Mon	4-Oct-09	
Tue	6-Oct-09	R5
Tue	13-Oct-09	R6 - RACING CANCELLED
Tue	20-Oct-09	R7
Fri	23-Oct-09	PDNR Drag Night - Round 8
Tue	27-Oct-09	R8
Tue	3-Nov-09	R9
Tue	10-Nov-09	R10
Tue	17-Nov-09	R11
Tue	24-Nov-09	R12
Fri	27-Nov-09	PDNR Drag Night - Round 9
Tue	1-Dec-09	R13
Sat	5-Dec-09	PDNR 3 Hour Classic (P5)
Tue	8-Dec-09	AGM & Presentation Night & Santa! (SIRC)
Sun	13-Dec-09	<i>PDNR Charity Challenge (Oran Park)</i>



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PDNR have a variety of merchandise available. See Race Control for more information or to try a size. The back page of this newsletter has an order form if you are interested in purchasing any PDNR merchandise.

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



CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS – Summer 2009

Here are the Championship Points for Summer 2009 after Round 6 - 03/03/09.

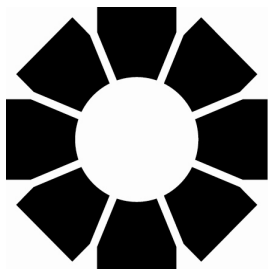
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OFF ROAD BUGGY		
P	Name	Pts
1	Flavio Cataldo	126
2	Roy Hanmore	110
3	Rick Seymo	109
4	Chris Abela	90
5	Michael Fellowes	65
6	Matthew Oxford	53
6	Joel Casey	53
8	Ron Sant	38
9	Graham Fletcher	36
10	Jamie Fellowes	30
11	Barry Gavin	23
11	Tom Harrison	23
13	Brandon Syrils	21
14	Tim Linos (M1)	18
15	Scott Web	14
16	Darren Lavender	13
17	Matt Holroyd	10
18	Thomas White	8
19	Preston Peirce	6
20	Bruce Downes	5
20	Luke Larosa (M1)	5
22	Greg Temme	0
22	Matthew Downes	0
22	David Jameson	0
22	Andrew Emerton	0

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OFF ROAD TRUCK		
P	Name	Pts
1	Allan Crane (M0)	140
2	Don Bishop (M0)	108
3	Adrian Isacks	106
4	Mary Moller	70
5	Greg Temme	69
6	Brendan Newland	49
7	Charles Pilotto (M1)	20
8	Mark Paul-Grant	0
8	Stuart McGhie	0



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Division Sponsor		
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P	Name	Pts
1	Michael Turner	126
2	Grahame Jones	108
3	Jonathan Freund	107
4	Nathan Ryan	84
5	Chris Newland	68
6	Steve O'Connor	60
7	Kevin Maton	50
7	Darrel Thompson	50
9	Graham Fraser	34
10	Graham Fletcher	33
11	Charles Pilotto	24

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NITRO KIT		
P	Name	Pts
1	Roy Hanmore	156
2	Trevor Hodges	104
3	Adrian Isacks	86
4	Bruce Berg	77
5	Jason Rutherford	68
6	Steve Podmore	67
7	Darren Lavender	66
8	Allan Crane	63
9	Frank Deak	60
10	Barry Gavin	47
11	Don Bishop	33
12	William Wilson	24

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PULL START		
P	Name	Pts
1	Shaun Kaltenbacher	152
2	David Ryan	109
3	Steve Valletta	105
4	Chris Stanley	93
5	Ryan Palmer	89
6	Darrel Knight	76
7	Scott Palmer	38
8	Thomas White	10
9	Matt Holmes	0
9	Rhyce Taylor	0

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P	Name	Pts
1	Nathan Egan	144
2	Ryan Palmer (M1)	76
2	Daniel Miner	76
4	Grahame Jones	75
5	Steve Podmore	71
6	Luke Gunton	66
7	Kevin Maton	64
8	Steve Valletta	63
9	Trevor Hodges	61
10	Joel Casey	32
11	Jonathan Lo Iacono	29
11	John Reilly	29
13	Scott Marks	26
14	Graham McMillan	17
15	Barry Gavin	10
16	Scott Palmer	7
17	Thomas White	0



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CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS Cont'd

Division Sponsor GRAHAM'S HOBBY CENTRE		
PRO TOURER		
P	Name	Pts
1	Philip Woodbury	146
2	Tony Firth	122
3	Jonathan Freund	91
4	John Bates	89
5	Wayne Thomas	76
6	Chris Young	75
7	Nathan Egan	65
8	Rick Seymo	51
9	Ray Wallace	48
10	Steve Valletta	32
11	Ray Azzopardi	26
12	Greg Rossiter	25

Division Sponsor		
EDAM EXER		
P	Name	Pts
1	Michael Turner	133
2	Steve Valletta	115
3	Darrel Knight	86
3	Shaun Kaltenbacher	86
5	John Bates	78
6	Nathan Ryan	75
7	Joe Patane	69
8	Greg Rossiter	49

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RACE REPORT – Steve O'Connor

2009 SYDNEY GRAND PRIX

Round four of the Nitro Interclub Series has been run and won as part of the Sydney GP on Saturday the 28th of February. This event is organised by SORMCC, at their home track in Whalan Reserve just east of St Marys. As usual Brad Davis from SORMCC put on a well run event and I think I can safely say all drivers had a good time.

PDNR were well represented, although we would have liked a few more drivers competing. The grid listing read as a who's who of RC racers in Sydney with a fair percentage of the top drivers in the area competing. One notable omission was one of PDNR's favourite sons Tony Firth. Tony has been a stalwart of our club since the very early days and is pretty handy with a transmitter so he is usually good for a few points. Unfortunately Tony had prior commitments and couldn't race. Also some of our regular campaigners have changed allegiances and are now racing for SORMCC which has helped make the interclub a whole lot more exciting as the results have been very close.

Nitro Sport is a relatively new class to major events and was again well supported by PDNR members. The next round that this class will be offered will be the Winter-champs at the end of June (Host Venue TBA). For any Nitro Kit drivers that would like to have a go at a bigger event, then this is the class for you. Trevor Hodges was the standout driver at this event, posting Top Qualifier (TQ) and taking the win in the final. Two of PDNR's youngest members performed well with Nicholas Freund finishing 2nd and Rhys O'Connor came home in 3rd. It was very encouraging to see Nick and Rhys representing the club so well. They both showed a lot of maturity for their ages (Rhys is 7 and Nick is 9) – at one point in the final they were the only two cars left on the track.

The other racers appreciated the efforts of Rhys and Nick and they were both being cheered and encouraged by all the marshals and spectators. Rhys was the only car that managed to stay out on the track for the whole final without needing any running repairs. We would love to see more drivers in this class, so we would encourage all of our Nitro Kit drivers to have a crack. Also any dads in the club this is the perfect chance to get the kids involved, Mum will love you for it!

Pull-start is always well contested by PDNR drivers and this race meet was no exception. Shaun Kaltenbacher again proved his quality and took out TQ only to

have a wheel bearing failure in the final take away the top result and cause him to slip down the placings to finish the day in 3rd. Steve “is there any other class I can run in” Valletta had a great battle with Chris “SORMCC defector” Stanley for most of the race. Steve came in on top (go PDNR) with Chris (Boo SORMCC) finishing in 2nd place. John Bates was the notable omission from the podium as he was plagued by gremlins for most of the day. The drivers in this class have a great time racing against each other and the friendly rivalry is very good fun.

Open Tourer had a star studded field and making the top ten would have been an achievement in itself. Phil Woodbury again showed that he is in a class of his own taking both the TQ spot and the race win. 2nd place went to Greg Brooks and 3rd Ash Seward. This gave SORMCC all of the top 3 spots helping their challenge for the Nitro Interclub Series round win. The PDNR drivers were outgunned in this class and we were unable to get anyone into the top ten with our best qualifier, Jon Freund 7 seconds out of the A. In saying that, all PDNR Open Tourer drivers did themselves proud and had some good racing.

1/8th Scale had a couple of handy drivers on the entrants list and this race was always going to be the Simon “spider pig” Nicholson show. Simon took TQ by a lap and then backed it up in the final to win by 5 laps over Kane Alderton, and then another lap back to Leigh Dytor in 3rd. Michael Turner was unlucky to miss the podium, only 4 seconds further back. PDNR is not too far away from being competitive in this class. If all the boys could fire and not have any mechanical problems and/or brain fades, then results will certainly improve.

Overall, this was a good fun weekend. It is nice to see all the PDNR drivers helping each other at these events. It was also very encouraging for the sport in general to see other clubs well represented. Final results were very close with only 0.8 of a point separating the 2 top clubs. Unfortunately for PDNR it was SORMCC that came home on top leaving us to settle with 2nd spot with NSW RCC taking 3rd. Our neighbours “from the Druitt” are proving to be a real force in this year’s series. We will need everyone to be on their game for the next round at the NSW State Championships held at the “new” Moorebank circuit from the 9th to 12th of April. Go PDNR!!!

Full Race Results from the 2009 Sydney GP are available from SORMCC’s website –
www.racingfactory.org

For more information on the Nitro Interclub Series visit –
www.interclub.org.au

RACE REPORT – Steve O'Connor

ROUND 1 - 2009 DRAG NIGHT SERIES

The 2009 racing season is well and truly upon us, and the first non Tuesday race meeting was on the 20th of February. That's right it is Drag Racing Time! The drag nights have traditionally been the night to put all your indoor plants outside because it is almost a foregone conclusion that it will rain. This time around the plants would have gone without and the drag racers got to have a run down the 40m drag strip.

Round 1 of the 2009 Drag Night Series had a very good turn out, with over 100 people coming down to race and spectate so things are looking up for the straight line crowd. Eight classes were run: Kids, EP Super stock, GP Super Stock, Off road, Micro, Door slammer and Top Fuel Dragster. There were certainly some quick machines, with Leigh Naylor and his Nitro Powered Top Fueller being the standout. It doesn't matter how many times you see this beast run, it never gets old. The thing looks like a bolt fired from a crossbow. If you have never been to the drags before it is worth coming down to see this weapon rocket down the track in under 2 seconds at speeds in excess of 120kph.

The battery brigade also put on a show with a few of the boys up around the 100kph mark in EP super stock and there was an EP Door slammer cracking the magic 100 mark as well. The micros are also very entertaining, with the off-road micros battling to keep the front wheels from heaving skyward and the little M18 lighting the tyres the length of the track. I also believe a few of the EP boys have a few plans that will see them get even faster in the coming rounds.

Kid's class was also very entertaining with last year's two main contenders at it again. There is no love lost between cousins Corey Fraser and Kris Albronda when they hit the track. Kris got the chocolates this time around, but I have a feeling Corey will come back harder next time around. We also have a new contender with young Madison Knight showing some pace so next round could also be a bit of girl power. Watch out Kris and Corey!

The other GP classes Off-road and Super Stock also had good representation. The Super Stock class had some excellent racing with some very close results. Once the eliminators started reaction time was the key as quite a few runs went down to a few hundredths of a second. The off-road cars also seem to be getting faster so Matt Oxford may not have it all his own way this year.

The next round isn't very far away Friday 20th March. With all the action on offer I can't think of a reason not to be there, so grab your cars and come down and race. Remember you don't need a dedicated drag car have a run, bring whatever you have and see what it can do. The drags are also a good starting point for the kids to learn how to control a car so load them up as well.

PDNR 2009 DRAG SERIES Rnd 1 FINAL RESULTS									
TOP Fuel - EP/GP					Super Stock EP				
Position	Driver	RT	ET	SP	Position	Driver	RT	ET	SP
1	Leigh Naylor	0.709	1.978	122.03	1	Jim Brown	0.595	2.311	91.13
2	Rod Albronda	1.000	2.956	88.90	2	Roy Hanmore	0.735		
Doorslammer/Funnycar - EP/GP					Micro - EP/GP				
Position	Driver	RT	ET	SP	Position	Driver	RT	ET	SP
1	Clinton King	0.8	2.018	112.5	1	Steve Oconnor	0.854	53.57	2.368
2	Mark Laidler	1.286	3.172	80.89	2	Mathew Oxford	0.725		
Super Stock GP					Offroad - EP/GP				
Position	Driver	RT	ET	SP	Position	Driver	RT	ET	SP
1	Ryan Palmer	0.606	2.725	75.78	1	Robert Dimoski	0.79	0	0
2	Luke Gunton	0.959	2.543	83.73	2	Scott Palmer	1.000	0.000	0.00
Super Street GP					Junior Dragster - EP/GP				
Position	Driver	RT	ET	SP	Position	Driver	RT	ET	SP
1					1	Kris Albronda	0.692	2.922	68.57
2					2	Corey Fraser	0.772	3.326	61.10

Drag Night Series Points – After Round 1:

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TOP FUEL		
P	Name	Pts
1	Leigh Naylor	145
2	Rod Albronda	80
3	Graham Jones	60
4	Michael Fellowes	40
5	Charles Pillotto	0
5	Thomas White	0

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P	Name	Pts
1	Clinton King	170
2	Mark Laidler	80
3	Allan Crane	60
4	Anthony Ciappara	40
4	Nathan Johnston	40
4	Leigh Naylor	40
7	Mathew Oxford	0
7	Don Bishop	0
7	Charles Pillotto	0
7	Robert Dimoski	0

Division Sponsor		
OFF ROAD		
P	Name	Pts
1	Robert Dimoski	140
2	Scott Palmer	80
3	Mathew Oxford	65
4	Will Sheild	60
5	Darrel Knight	40
5	Zac Stojanovski	40
5	Brett Towill	40
8	Wayne Lombe	0
8	Thomas White	0

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SUPER STOCK GP		
P	Name	Pts
1	Ryan Palmer	110
2	Luke Gunton	85
3	Daniel Miner	65
4	David Loiacono	60
5	Don Bishop	40
5	Scott Palmer	40
5	Darrel Knight	40
5	Andre Loiacono	40
9	Thomas White	0

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SUPER STOCK EP		
P	Name	Pts
1	Jim Brown	165
2	Roy Hanmore	80
3	Clinton King	65
4	David Ricketts	60

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MICRO		
P	Name	Pts
1	Steve Oconnor	170
2	Mathew Oxford	80
3	Kyle Loiacono	60

Division Sponsor		
JUNIOR DRAGSTER		
P	Name	Pts
1	Kris Albronda	170
2	Corey Fraser	80
3	Madison Knight	60
3	Jve Laidler	60
5	Carlos Laidler	0
5	Zac Laidler	0
5	Caine Fraser	0



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