

# The Racer's Edge

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

## CHRISTMAS EDITION!!!

Welcome to the Christmas Edition of *The Racer's Edge* for 2009. What a huge year it has been for PDNR, and how quickly the year has gone! It only seems like yesterday that the finishing touches were being made on the new PDNR drivers stand trailer, but in fact the one year anniversary of the "opening ceremony" for the new drivers stand was a few weeks ago on November 11.

It feels like it's been a big year for PDNR, and this is probably because it has been. In addition to on track activities at PDNR, there has been even more action for PDNR drivers away from Penrith. For most of the year it's been business as usual at PDNR, with the regular Tuesday nights, drag nights and other major race meetings held at PDNR now accepted as the norm, and not the exception. But 2009 had a few other significant events thrown in just to make sure everyone was paying attention, and we have more on these in this edition of *The Racers Edge*.

Looking ahead, 2010 will be another good year for PDNR. The support of drivers continues to grow steady which is a good sign that PDNR are doing something right. There are again more drag nights scheduled in 2010, which is exciting with times and records coming down as driver numbers go up.

There is plenty more information in this edition of *The Racers Edge*, so sit back, relax and we hope you enjoy the read!

Catch you at the track in 2010!!



## EL PRESIDENTE REPORT

~ Well it's that time of year again! ~

I would like to thank all the drivers that help week after week with setting up, and packing up the track, without your assistance the nights would run much later. If other drivers could spare ten minutes of their time each night and help out we could start the racing earlier and finish a little earlier for everyone.

A big thank you to all the sponsors that have supported us through 2009, a special thank you to Grahams Hobby Centre, Auswide Hobbies & Collectibles, Barclays Radio Control & Hobby, JPM Racing and Pirtek. These sponsors have supported PDNR for many years and have helped make PDNR the success that it is today. Please help show your appreciation by using all our sponsors' products.

Again I would like to thank the outgoing committee members of 2009. Special thanks to Tony, without him the race meets would not run so efficiently, and without the efforts of the committee members the club would not be able to function properly.

To all drivers we thank you for your support in 2009 and if you feel that you would like to get involved with the clubs future and weekly race meets, please do not hesitate to put your hand up at the AGM and become part of a team in the responsibility of keeping PDNR at the top of the RC ladder.

Hopefully in 2010 the club will get lucky and be able to acquire some land to build a permanent track. (So all you drivers out there, ask Santa for land for PDNR)

On behalf of the 2009 committee I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you all in 2010.

Until the next issue in 2010 –  
**Smile & the world will smile with you!!!**

*El Pres*  
Kevin Maton



## VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

### ~ What a year! ~

What a year we had in 2009. There have been so many race events held this year both in-house at PDNR and Nitro Interclub Series events.

Our Tuesday nights are still growing with new faces all the time which is great to see and I would like to welcome all the new drivers that have joined PDNR recently.

It is good to see more PDNR drivers attending other race meets such as the Australian National Championships, NSW State Titles, Winter Champs and of course the PDNR Drag Racing Series. PDNR are always the best represented club at any event, and their results and attitude towards their racing show PDNR in a positive light anywhere we race.

I would like to thank all the outgoing 2009 committee members and volunteers for their efforts throughout the year. PDNR would not have been able to function without all the voluntary help and assistance.

A personal thanks to Tony Firth, as we all know, we wouldn't race very far without him.

We trust you will enjoy the Spring/Christmas presentation night and have a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Thanks in advance to all members that attend Annual General Meeting. Remember, the best way to make your club grow in 2010, is jump on board, get involved and give it a go. I look forward to a great 2010.

*Vice President*  
Rod Albronda



## AARCMCC UPDATE

### ~ Feedback Request: Draft IC General Rules ~

AARCMCC have released an initial draft of the updated IC On Road General Rules, and they have asked for clubs to distribute this information to their members for feedback.

Drivers are encouraged to take the time to review and provide feedback on how AARCMCC can better run IC On Road Championship events. This updated document has tried to cover as many aspects of an IC On Road Championship as possible. AARCMCC request driver feedback on what to modify, add or remove from this document.

You can read more information and download the draft documents from the AARCMCC website - [www.aarcmmc.org](http://www.aarcmmc.org) - and then click on the NEWS page for full details.

### ~ So, what is AARCMCC? ~

If you are new to PDNR (or RC racing in general) you may not know who or what AARCMCC is all about. Put simply, AARCMCC is the “Association of Australian Radio Control Model Car Clubs” and they are responsible for sanctioning major events for Radio Control racing in Australia such as State and National Championships. They cover all types of RC such as EP on-road, EP off-road, IC on-road, IC off-road and Large Scale. AARCMCC also govern the rules and specifications that are used at these sanctioned events.

AARCMCC are affiliated (via FEMCA – Far East Model Car Association) with the international RC body IFMAR – International Federation Model Auto Racing.

PDNR are affiliated with AARCMCC, which enables PDNR members to compete in any AARCMCC, FEMCA or IFMAR sanctioned events anywhere in the world.



# WAYNE "CHIPPY" ADAMS

~ In Memorandum ~



It is with much sadness that PDNR share news of the passing of Wayne "Chippy" Adams on Saturday September 26, 2009.

Chippy (pictured above with Kevin Maton in 2004) was a member of PDNR for a number of years from 2003, and even after moving to Tasmania in 2005, he still came up to Sydney to race every December for the Kids Race Day at Oran Park ~ and he always brought along some King Island cheese which he donated to help raise funds for the Kids.

Chippy was effortless in his contribution to PDNR and in 2004 was recognised with the Club Person Award for his outstanding contribution to PDNR...it was a good night for Chippy who also finished 2nd in Nitro Kit (his first and only podium at PDNR).

In recognition of Chippy's contribution to PDNR, the annual Club Person award has been renamed this year as a legacy to Chippy, and from 2009 will be presented as the "Chippy Adams Club Person Award"

We will miss you Chip!

## REAR VIEW MIRROR – PDNR IN 2009

2009 has been a big year for PDNR. There has been lots of action both at PDNR, and at the many away trips that PDNR members and drivers attended. In addition to the three championship series held on Tuesday nights, PDNR again hosted a number of successful major and special events.



Chris and Wayne ready to race...



Shaun and Steve....at it again!

The highlight of PDNR's major events would have to have been the *Racing Lines* GP On Road Winter Championships. PDNR answered the call at the last hour to again host this major event which is promoted by *Racing Lines* magazine. The event was well attended, and the PDNR car park circuit was graced with the best 1/8<sup>th</sup> scale drivers in Australia, namely Chris Reade and Michael Kerr!



Entrants at the 2009 Racing Lines GP On Road Winter Championships!

The lap record plummeted with these super fine operators behind the wheel. This event was scheduled as a one day twilight event (the first of it's kind to our knowledge) with practice and qualifying during the day, and finals under lights...it was simply awesome! The 1/8 Scale A Final (pictured below) was a who's who of the country's best RC drivers, plus some PDNR regulars in the mix.

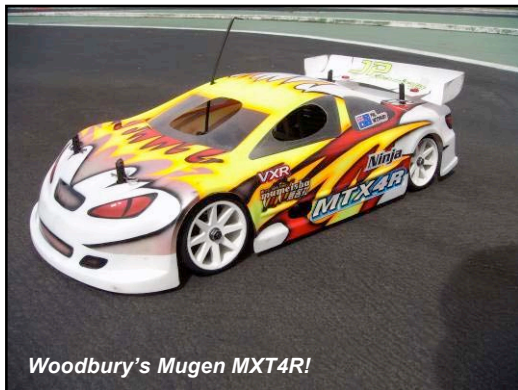


This event was also the final round of Season 3 in the Nitro Interclub Series. It was a round that PDNR had to win to take overall series honours after close competition with SORMCC. Fortunately PDNR secured the round win and remain undefeated after three full NIS seasons.

The Winter Championships was the first major event that the new PDNR drivers stand trailer was used, and it was a great success. 2009 was quite the year for PDNR debuts, upgrades and improvements, with the club purchasing a new AMB-it RC3 decoder, replacing all batteries in the clubs loan transponders, and deploying the new Slyfox G4 software for Tuesday night championship competition.

On a sad note, it was also the first year that PDNR had to cancel (or postpone) the 2.4 Hour Le Mans due to lack of interest. The event has been re-scheduled in place of the 3 Hour Classic for December 12, 2009. The 2.4 Hour Le Mans is PDNR's longest running event, and with the cancellation of the Oran Park Kids Race Day, it's hoped the 2.4 Hour Le Mans can continue to be a successful and enjoyable fixture on the PDNR event calendar.

There were two major events held away from PDNR this year with NSWRCRCC hosting both the NSW State Championships at Easter, and the Australian National Championships in October. Both these events were very well attended by PDNR members, and we managed to take away plenty of silverware. Brett Quarm won Pull Start at the State Championships, and Shaun Kaltenbacher and Phil Woodbury were victorious at the Nationals in Pull Start and Tourer respectively.



Woodbury's Mugen MXT4R!



P/S Nats Winner '08 & '09  
Shaun Kaltenbacher

Other highlights from the year include PDNR's expansion into social media with Twitter feeds and updates. You can follow PDNR at [www.twitter.com/pdnr](http://www.twitter.com/pdnr) or check the "latest tweets" panel on the PDNR website.

This year PDNR also ventured to Whalan for a series of night trials. The trials were run by PDNR in conjunction with Brad Davis and SORMCC as a way to evaluate noise levels. The summary of this trial is available in the June edition of *The Racers Edge* which you can download from the PDNR website – [www.pdnracing.org.au](http://www.pdnracing.org.au)



Whalan under the stars!

The PDNR Drag Racing Section had it's most successful year ever in 2009. Everything to do with the RC Drag Racing Section was the best it's ever been. There were more events, more records, record numbers of entrants, and the speeds and standards get better every race meeting. 2009 also saw the inaugural RC Drag Racing National Championships hosted by QMDRA in Queensland. A few PDNR drag racers made the trip across the border and did PDNR very proud – and went faster than they have ever gone before!



*RC Drag Night ~ weapons of choice!*

Other news from 2009 included the release of a new touring car chassis into the very competitive 200mm market. This is the first new release of a new chassis since XRAY released the NT1 in December 2006. There are already quite a few PDNR drivers steering the Edam Spirit around the tracks and word is they have good potential. They have claimed a few podiums around the club scene, but only time will tell if the Spirit will claim a major victory against the more established marks like Kyosho, Mugen and XRAY on Australian soil.



# COUNTDOWN



PDNR will introduce a few changes in 2010, and below are some details on what is planned for the 2010 Summer Championship.

## **ENTRY FEE REDUCED**

From Summer 2010, there will be a reduction in the 1<sup>st</sup> division UPFRONT entry fee to \$100 (Reduced from \$120). It is hoped this is again seen as better value than paying nightly, and encourage more drivers to avoid the queue.

## **NEW TRACK LAYOUT**

A new track layout will be used for 2010. A design is not finalised at this time.

## **DIVISION SEQUENCE**

As typically changed each championship, the division order will change slightly. For Summer 2010 the sequence (following Novice which is first every week) is:  
Nitro Kit ~ EDAM ~ Truck ~ Outlaw ~ Buggy ~ Pro Tourer ~ Pull Start ~ Open Pan

## **CLARIFICATION FOR NOVICE**

Competition Rules and Racing Guidelines have been clarified for NOVICE with the following addition - *"A vehicle used in Novice cannot be run any conjunction with any other championship division if using the same chassis"*

**More information is available on the Summer 2010 entry forms, which are available to download from the PDNR website – [www.pdnracing.org.au](http://www.pdnracing.org.au)**

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The issue we feature one of PDNR's favourite members Gwen Heneberry.

Since leaving PDNR as the "hot dog lady", Gwen continued to work for her dad as a warehouse assistant. She then pursued a job at a child care centre in Chatswood which she said was "a lot of fun, singing and dancing everyday!"



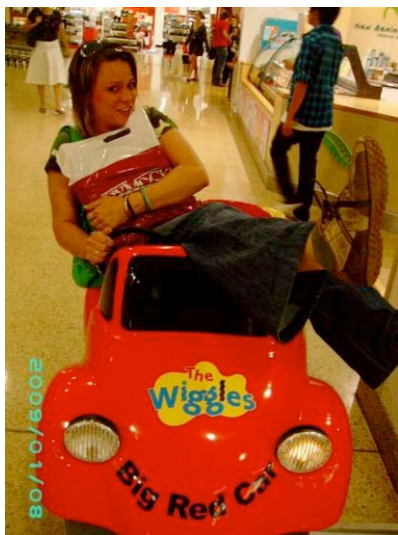
In 2004, Gwen left Sydney with her then boyfriend and moved to Melbourne, but life threw her a curve ball and she took off by herself and her two dogs (Bodhi who is now 17 and Zzak is 11), and headed for a new life after it all fizzled.

Gwen now lives in South East Melbourne, near her uncle and his family. She works for an Acupuncture supply company and has been there for the last six years since moving to Melbourne.

Gwen is currently studying a Bachelor of Applied Science online, which she hopes "to have finished by the time I'm 40!" She is looking forward to doing some kind of study for crocodiles, sharks and gorillas with her new qualifications.

Happily Gwen has found a perfect match for her and she said they have fun doing all sorts of things around Melbourne.

She still thinks about her (PDNR) racing days often, "runaway! runaway!" and the Hummer she received when she left still sits on the top of her bookcase, still in the box. Yes, it's still her dream car!



## HANDY MUST HAVES

### ~ Essential Lexan Tools ~

With much of the “off season” talk involving drivers planning their maintenance tasks, it got us thinking about the most common task a driver would do in the Christmas break – we concluded it would be painting a new body.

Tips and tricks on masking and painting a body could fill an entire newsletter, but we thought this edition of Handy Must Haves could focus on essential lexan tools.

After spending hours painting your new body there is no better feeling than peeling off the overspray film to reveal the finished product, so it’s only natural that you would want to ensure it makes the transition from mould to masterpiece. The four essential lexan tools we have listed here will help you mount the body just right, making sure your masterpiece will be a hit at the track.

Whether you cut and mount the body before or after painting, the following tools are a must have for your painting kit. It’s really up to personal preference as to when you cut and mount the body, but regardless which way you prefer, make sure you at least mark the body post holes, glow plug hole and antenna hole when the body is clear. This will make things much easier when it comes time for mounting as you know you have everything lined up in the correct position.



## Lexan Scissors

If you don't already have a pair of curved lexan scissors, you should get some. Lexan scissors are specially designed for the job and make easy work of any lexan task. The slight curve makes trimming the body very easy, and it helps with wheel arches and other curves around the body.



## Body Reamer

A good quality body reamer is essential for mounting a new body. It allows you to get the body post holes in exactly the right position and correct diameter. Most reamers come with some kind of lid to protect the blade when it's knocking around in your toolbox. Quick note: be careful who you lend this tool out to ~ they have a habit of not coming back!



## Compass Cutter

With AARCMCC recently adopting the diameter cooling hole rule, a compass cutter is most definitely a must have to get a nice result in the front windscreen. At major events, cooling holes are scrutineered, and a compass cutter allows you get as close as you dare to the maximum allowed dimension.



## Hobby Knife

This is old school, but you really can't do a good job mounting a body without a good hobby knife and a new sharp blade. The knife is handy for trimming off dags, and also for trimming decals out of the sticker sheet (unless you are lucky enough to have pre-cut decals). We even know of some drivers who use a hobby knife to score and trim side and rear windows, and even wheel arches – but you need a very steady hand to employ this technique.



## 2010 EVENT CALENDAR

Here is the PDNR Event Calendar for Summer 2010. The full 2010 calendar (Summer/Autumn/Spring) is available from the PDNR website.

Please note the events marked as “(South Bank)” will be on P5 (RTA) car park.

<b>Summer</b>		
Tue	12-Jan-10	Registration & Practice 1
Sat	16-Jan-10	<i>[NIS] - Summer Nats (Fairy Meadow)</i>
Tue	19-Jan-10	Registration & Practice 2
Tue	26-Jan-10	Australia Day 2009 (Note: No RC Racing)
Tue	2-Feb-10	R1
Tue	9-Feb-10	R2
Tue	16-Feb-10	R3
Fri	19-Feb-10	PDNR Drag Night - Round 1
Tue	23-Feb-10	R4
Sat	27-Feb-10	<i>[NIS] - Sydney Grand Prix - GP (SORMCC - Whalan)</i>
Sun	28-Feb-10	
Tue	2-Mar-10	R5 (South Bank)
Tue	9-Mar-10	R6
Tue	16-Mar-10	R7 (South Bank)
Fri	19-Mar-10	PDNR Drag Night - Round 2 (BUNT)
Tue	23-Mar-10	R8
Tue	30-Mar-10	R9
Thu	1-Apr-10	<i>[NIS] - 2010 NSW IC State Championships (NSWRCCRCC - Moorebank)</i>
Sun	3-Apr-10	
Tue	6-Apr-10	R10
Tue	13-Apr-10	R11
Fri	16-Apr-10	PDNR Drag Night - Round 3
Tue	20-Apr-10	R12
Tue	27-Apr-10	R13
Tue	4-May-10	Summer Presentation Night (Rowing Club)

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## CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS – Spring 2009

Here are the Final Championship Points for Spring 2009.

Division Sponsor		
<b>OPEN PAN</b>		
P	Name	Pts
1	Jonathan Freund	296
2	Rod Albronda	258
3	Nathan Egan	253
4	Darrel Thompson	197
5	Michael Turner	192
6	Greg Rossiter	167
7	Barry Gavin	141
8	Steve O'Connor	107
9	Grahame Fraser	37
10	Alex Yousif	9

Division Sponsor		
<b>GRAHAM'S HOBBY CENTRE</b>		
<b>NITRO KIT</b>		
P	Name	Pts
1	Adrian Isaacs	360
2	Michael Fellowes	235
3	Darren Lavender	221
4	Nicholas Freund	210
5	Bruce Berg	179
6	Rhys O'Connor	148
7	Frank Deak	117
8	Matt Holroyd	105
9	Michael Koudeir	69
10	Dylan Gosling	63
11	Denny Kady	53
12	Kris Albronda	17
13	Paton Braddock	9

Division Sponsor		
<b>GRAHAM'S HOBBY CENTRE</b>		
<b>PRO TOURER</b>		
P	Name	Pts
1	Tony Firth	328
2	Steve Valletta	256
3	Chris Young	216
4	Rick Seymo *	195
5	Rod Morgan	175
6	Kevin Maton	173
7	Shaun Kaltenbacher *	159
8	Aaron Lee	68
9	Greg Temme	61
10	Jonathan Lo Iacono	48
11	Luke Gunton	28
12	Barry Gavin	9

Division Sponsor		
<b>PIRTEK AUSTRALIA</b>		
<b>PULL START</b>		
P	Name	Pts
1	Shaun Kaltenbacher	310
2	Nathan Ryan	258
3	Steve Valletta	255
4	Trevor Hodges	226
5	Darrell Knight	197
6	Steve Podmore	188
7	Ryan Palmer	141
8	Graham McMillan	47
9	Chris Stanley	24
10	Joshua Freund	18
11	Charles Pilotto	16
12	Michael Koudeir	15

## CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS Cont'd

Division Sponsor <b>AUSWIDE HOBBIES</b>		
<b>OFF ROAD TRUCK</b>		
P	Name	Pts
1	Allan Crane	268
2	Greg Temme	226
3	Flavio Cataldo	220
4	Mary Moller	174
5	Roy Hanmore	114
6	Charles Pilotto	108
7	Grahame Fraser	24
8	Simon Zaman	0

Division Sponsor		
<b>EDAM EXER</b>		
P	Name	Pts
1	Ray Wallace	298
2	Rod Albronda	284
3	Darrell Knight	260
4	Greg Rossiter	196
5	Joe Patane	184
6	Roy Hanmore	74
7	Michael Schroder	28
8	Don Bishop	27
9	Clayton Rosseto	20



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### **2010 dates for your dairy**

PDNR will re-commence racing in 2010 on Tuesday January 12 with Registration & Practice. Round 1 starts Tuesday February 2, 2010.

## CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS Cont'd

Division Sponsor  
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### OUTLAW

P	Name	Pts
1	Jacob Michael	273
2	Trevor Hodges	269
3	Adrian Isaacs	239
4	Steve Podmore	206
5	John Reilly *	199
6	Bruce Berg	151
7	Ryan Palmer	136
8	Chris Newland	120
9	Joel Casey	66
10	Jayson Rutherford	44
11	Barry Gavin	42
12	Chris Stanley	27
13	Stan Hudson	25
14	Daniel Miner	19
14	Denny Kady	19
16	Luke Gunton	17
17	Thomas White	7
17	Simon Michaels	7

Division Sponsor  
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### OFF ROAD BUGGY

P	Name	Pts
1	Chris Abela	260
2	Flavio Cataldo *	259
3	Jamie Fellowes	247
4	Matthew Oxford	225
5	Tim Linos (M1)	121
5	Tom Harrison	121
5	Michael Fellowes	121
8	Joel Casey	96
9	Don Bishop	90
10	Jonathan Hart	87
11	Mark Baranowski	84
12	Matt Holroyd	64
13	Ron Sant	59
14	Stewart Kaye-Smith	34
15	Matthew Downes	31
16	Maurice King	29
17	Phil Moore	26
17	Rick Seymo	26
19	Roy Hanmore	18
20	Jarod Baldwin	16
21	Bruce Downes	12
21	Denny Kady	12
23	Paul Bouchdan	10
24	Jake Classens	6
25	Graham Fletcher	5
25	Steven Tully	5
27	Allan Crane	0



## PDNR 2009 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

PDNR have crowned two Club Champions since it's inception in 2007. Tony Firth was the inaugural winner, and Roy Hanmore is the defending champion.

The 2009 club champion results are an accurate indication of the performance of PDNR members, and twelve months of consistent performances at the pointy end of the pack has secured Shaun Kaltenbacher as the Club Champion for 2009. Below are the top 30 results for the 2009 PDNR Club Champion.

The Club Champion recognises the most successful member at PDNR during a year of competition, and it is calculated by combining the points scored in all three championships. Drivers competing in multiple divisions, only have their primary division counted.

2009 PDNR CLUB CHAMPION					
Name	RANK	TOTAL	TOTAL SUMMER 2009	TOTAL AUTUMN 2009	TOTAL SPRING 2009
Shaun Kaltenbacher	1	962	294	358	310
Adrian Isaacks	2	892	250	282	360
Tony Firth	3	889	229	332	328
Jonathan Freund	4	861	261	304	296
Trevor Hodges	5	831	236	326	269
Steve Valletta	6	802	247	299	256
Flavio Cataldo	7	785	246	280	259
Darrel Knight	8	748	178	310	260
Michael Turner	9	716	280	244	192
Chris Young	10	686	175	295	216
Chris Abela	11	683	262	161	260
Greg Temme	12	679	201	252	226
Allan Crane	13	642	290	84	268
Rod Morgan	14	637	124	338	175
Roy Hanmore	15	618	282	222	114
Ray Wallace	16	609	121	190	298
Greg Rossiter	17	608	96	316	196
Michael Fellowes	18	586	151	200	235
Jamie Fellowes	19	583	129	207	247
Nathan Egan	20	574	274	47	253
Steve Podmore	20	574	154	214	206
Don Bishop	22	562	230	242	90
Darrel Thompson	23	550	131	222	197
Ryan Palmer	24	544	161	242	141
Rick Seymo	25	521	183	143	195
Bruce Berg	26	514	152	183	179
Kevin Maton	26	514	146	195	173
Matthew Oxford	28	493	112	156	225
Mary Moller	29	487	122	191	174
Joel Casey	30	466	90	310	66

## DRAG RACING REPORT

~ 2009 Championship Series ~



Sydney International Regatta Centre (SIRC) was the place to be for RC Drag Racing in Sydney during 2009. This was the second year PDNR have run a full drag racing championship and it continued to grow with much success.



The PDNR Drag Night Series aims to satisfy all competitors and spectators by encouraging a fun and friendly environment for the whole family. The drag racing section is formally set up as a sub-committee of PDNR, and the drag section has grown quite considerably during 2009. There were nearly 100 entries in the 2009 Drag Night Series alone.

2009 was definitely a year for growth. The drag racing section received a new addition to its equipment with a new large scale lighting tree. This was kindly built by Michael Turner. There were many new faces amongst competitors, pit crews and helpers, and the drag racing committee grew to include six volunteers. The drag racing section made a sticky decision to trial a prepared track at Round 7, and although not welcomed by all drivers, the times began to fall once everyone tuned to suit the new conditions. At the beginning of the year, Top Fuel were running 2.00 sec passes, and by Round 8 this had dropped to 1.6 sec. This is quite a dramatic change for a couple of dollars of sugar and water!

Congratulations must go to one of the long standing supporters of the drag racing section, Leigh Naylor, taking the win in both Top Fuel and Door Slammer... well Done Leigh. Robert Dimoski is one of the newer competitors at PDNR and with his lightning fast EP Top Fuel he will certainly be the one to watch in the 2010 drag racing series.

Madison Knight is one of the more experienced juniors, and she has driven extremely well to finish at the front of the field this in the Junior Dragster class. Congratulations also go to Kyle Lo Iacono for his achievements late in the season in both Junior Dragster and Micro.



The drag racing section would like to thank all drivers in the 2009 series, and look forward to seeing you at the first meet for 2010 series on the Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2010.



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### PDNR DRAG RACING RECORDS:

DIVISION	ET RECORD	SPEED RECORD
TOP FUEL	1.612 sec - Clinton King (5/09/2009)	141.20 km/h - Clinton King (5/09/2009)
DOORSLAMMER / FUNNY CAR	1.895 sec - David Lo Iacono (27/11/2009)	118.03 km/h - Liegh Naylor (5/09/2009)
SUPER STOCK GP	2.372 sec - Jake Cash (12/07/2008)	93.5 km/h - Jake Cash (27/09/2008)
SUPER STOCK EP	2.212 sec - David Ricketts(23/10/2009)	102.6 km/h - David Ricketts(20/03/2009)
OFF ROAD	2.528 sec - Nick Goevski (15/08/2009)	85.7 km/h – Robert Dimoski (27/09/2008)
JUNIOR DRAGSTER - U16 1/10th	2.465 sec - Kyle Lo Iacono (23/10/2009)	90.00 km/h - Kyle Lo Iacono (23/10/2009)
STREET	N/A	N/A
MICRO	2.505 sec - Steve Oconnor(27/11/2009)	97.3 km/h - Matt Oxford (23/10/2009)
OPEN PAN 1/8th	2.368 sec - Leigh Naylor (18/07/2009)	94.7 km/h - Leigh Naylor (18/07/2009)

# PDNR DRAG RACING 2009 RESULTS:

## TOP FUEL

P	Name	Pts
1	Leigh Naylor	565
2	Rod Albronda	500
3	Clinton King	420
4	Robert Dimoski	260
5	Michael Fellowes	220
6	Graham Jones	140
7	Nathan Egan	120
8	Steve Valletta	100
9	Thomas White	80
10	Charles Pillotto	60
10	Adam Bone	60
10	Nathan Johnston	60
13	Graham Fraser	40

## D/SLAMMER / FUNNY CAR

P	Name	Pts
1	Leigh Naylor	475
2	Clinton King	425
3	Nathan Johnston	400
4	Mark Laidler	380
5	Nathan Egan	250
6	David Bush	120
7	David Lo Iacono	105
8	Andre Lo Iacono	100
9	Luke Gunton	85
10	Anthony Ciappara	80
10	Ben King	80
12	Allan Crane	60
12	Nic Goreovski	60
12	Adam Bone	60
15	Don Bishop	40
15	Charles Pillotto	40
17	Matthew Oxford	0
17	Robert Dimoski	0

## OPEN PAN

P	Name	Pts
1	Graham Fraser	315
2	Leigh Naylor	300
3	Chris Newland	100
3	Greg Rossiter	100
5	Rod Albronda	85
6	Graham Fletcher	60
7	Aurthur Soiris	0

## SUPER STOCK EP

P	Name	Pts
1	David Ricketts	620
2	Kris Albronda	320
3	David Lo Iacono	280
4	Jim Brown	225
5	Jonathon Lo Iacono	200
6	Roy Hanmore	170
7	Troy Laughlin	120
8	Todd Holden	100
9	Clinton King	65
10	Scott Van Der Dray	60
11	Goran Todorski	40

## OFF ROAD

P	Name	Pts
1	Robert Dimoski	435
2	Will Sheild	415
3	Zac Stojanovski	355
4	Brandon Dimoski	350
5	Matthew Oxford	275
6	Darrel Knight	220
6	Nick Goevski	220
8	Thomas White	200
9	Scott Palmer	120
10	Michael Hudson	100
11	Brett Towill	40
11	Clinton King	40
11	Rod Albronda	40
11	Graham Fletcher	40
11	Graham Fraser	40
11	Aaron Palmer	40
17	Wayne Lombe	0

## SUPER STOCK GP

P	Name	Pts
1	Ryan Palmer	660
2	Luke Gunton	430
3	Darrel Knight	405
4	Thomas White	370
5	Daniel Miner	125
6	David Loiacono	120
7	Rod Morgan	100
8	Andre Loiacono	80
8	Steve Valletta	80
10	Nathan Johnston	60
11	Don Bishop	40
11	Scott Palmer	40
11	Allan Crane	40
14	Jason Yallop	0

## MICRO

P	Name	Pts
1	Steve Oconnor	690
2	Kyle Loiacono	615
3	Mathew Oxford	475
4	David Ricketts	80
4	Chris Young	80
6	Jonathon Lolocono	60
7	Will Shield	40

## JUNIOR DRAGSTER

P	Name	Pts
1	Madison Knight	770
2	Kris Albronda	590
3	Kyle Lo Iacono	495
4	Corey Fraser	360
5	Jye Laidler	240
6	Caine Fraser	160
7	Rhys Oconnor	120
8	Jacob Michael	110
9	Carlos Laidler	80
9	Gabriel Pillotto	80
11	Zac Laidler	40

## PDNR BOOT CAMP

### ~ RC Fitness and Lifestyle ~

The PDNR community had a couple of it's members receive some major surgery this year. Michael Turner and Barry Gavin both had heart related survey. For those close to these drivers it has been quite the wake up call to start eating better and exercising more.

It was from these experiences the PDNR Boot Camp has been started, and any drivers interested in some light exercise are invited to meet at the SIRC car park at 5.30pm on Tuesdays for a walk around the lake!

## NEW PRODUCT RELEASE

### ~ MyLaps RC4 Personal Transponder ~

MyLaps (formerly AMB-it) have released details on the new RC4 personal transponder. Complete information on the new RC4 Hybrid Transponder and new communication protocol is still coming through, but know it is smaller, lighter and uses less power than the current personal transponder. Due to the fact that the new MyLaps RC4 Timing System will not be available at all clubs and tracks, the new RC4 transponder has been released to be 100% backwards compatible, working on all current AMB-it RC2 and RC3 Timing Systems.



## THE OFF SEASON

### ~ The Ultimate To-Do List ~

If you turned the calendars back a few years, PDNR did not have much of a break from one year to the next, or one championship to the next for that matter. Many years ago the PDNR racing calendar scheduled four championships, but the majority of current racers would be familiar with the three championship format that we have used in recent times. The last couple of years have seen PDNR take a break of around four to five weeks over Christmas, and that is plenty of time to show your favourite RC machine some love!

We have spoken to a few of the local drivers and compiled the ultimate to-do list for the off season. The suggestions ranged from a quick-and-lovely freshen up, to the full re-build, so take your pick depending on how much time you want to allocate, and how far your maintenance schedule takes you.



No matter who you ask one thing is for certain, a well prepared car will be faster, more consistent to drive, and respond better to set up changes. So make sure you spend an adequate amount of time on car preparation and it will give you the best chance to lower your lap times, improve consistency and get higher up the championship rankings in 2010.

## Oils aint oils

If you haven't changed your oils recently now is a great opportunity. Many drivers don't notice the decline in performance caused by sour oils as the change is very minimal over time, but treat your shocks and diffs some fresh oil and you will be amazed at the difference in handling and performance.



## Bearings

The off season is the best time to give your car a full re-build to clean and check everything. You will be surprised how dirty your car can get, and a full pull down and rebuild is the best way to restore that "new car" smell... I mean new car feel!



While the car is in bits, take the opportunity to clean and re-lube all bearings, or better still, replace them with new ones. Bearings are crucial to an efficient and low friction drive train, so don't skip or skimp on bearings. Some drivers will clean and re-oil brand new bearings to reduce friction and resistance, so there is definitely time to be gained by having bearings in good working order.

## Belts & Pulleys

Another convenient item to check when the car is in bits are the belts and pulleys. Obviously this doesn't apply to shaft drive cars, but you can still check drive cups and dog bones in this case. Pulleys have a habit to accumulating grit, but this is easily removed with a hobby blade or very small jeweller screwdriver and a toothbrush.



## Check your power

The season break is also a good opportunity to check and charge your batteries. Batteries are one of the easiest things on an RC car to maintain, but it's still surprising how many drivers DNF due to flat batteries, faulty connections or unsecured wiring. And don't forget to charge your glow warmers while you're at it!



## Fresh Fuel?

The off season is a good time to ask yourself, how old is my fuel? Many drivers don't keep track of their fuel, but a simple tip is to write the date you opened the bottle on the container. If your fuel is getting a bit old it may be worth starting the year with a fresh bottle.



And don't forget, if you've got nothing to do you can always tidy your tool box and check your stock of spare parts, tyres and glow plugs.

## PDNR TEAM WEAR

PDNR have a variety of merchandise available. See Race Control for more information or to try a size.

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







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