

The Racer's Edge

July 2010

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



New track upgrades...



Summer Presentation...



2010 NSW State Champs...
another PDNR Champion...



2010 Winter Championships...

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER!!!

Welcome (finally) to the first edition of *The Racer's Edge* for 2010. It is amazing to think that 2010 is past half way already. There is so much to catch up on and in this huge edition we will do our best to make up for lost time. This edition is again a joint effort with a variety of contributors so we hope you enjoy the read.

Already 2010 has been a great year for PDNR. The regular Tuesday night circuit racing and drag racing events have been well attended this year, even during the cold snap that we have been experiencing lately. The standard of racing at PDNR events continues to improve thanks largely to the many drivers who have travelled to other race meetings. Attending race meetings outside PDNR will greatly help you improve as a racer. Speaking of which, PDNR drivers have once again done very well so far this year. Phil Woodbury finally broke the drought and won the 2010 NSW State Championships, with Tony Firth finishing 4th, a personal best result at a state event for him. Nathan Ryan continued the PDNR dominance of the Pull Start division at the same event, adding his name to the winners trophy, plus many other drivers popped their cherry and attended their very first major event – well done to all!

More recently, PDNR have just hosted the *Racing Lines* GP On Road Winter Championships for the third consecutive year. The event was again well attended and marked the end of the 2009-2010 Nitro Interclub Series. PDNR not only won this round of the NIS, but finished undefeated champions over the four years that the NIS was running. Unfortunately we hear that the NIS will not be running another season, but stay tuned as we hope there is something new in the pipeline to continue the interclub rivalry between PDNR, SORMCC and NSWRCRC.

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

Catch you at the track!!



FROM THE EDITOR

What a great 2010 we have seen so far at PDNR. In the Summer Championship, and also the Autumn Championship we have been witness to some awesome races that have seen some of the closest racing in PDNR history - can it get any better?

Personal best results and individual lap times are getting quicker and quicker as drivers well and truly get the hang of the 2010 track layout – and that is even with the dew! It is also great to see new faces appearing every week looking to get involved in the hobby of Radio Control. What has been even more exciting for me though, has been the many past drivers that have turned up to say g'day, and even race. Some of the recent visitors back to PDNR can be traced back to very early times when PDNR were in the train station car park, and then Harvey Norman car park (which is more than ten years ago...man I feel old!).

One special visitor back to PDNR was actually the feature of our last newsletter “Where are they now” article seen here with Kevin Maton.

Gwen made a special trip up from Melbourne to come and visit PDNR after we featured her in the last edition. It was great to catch up, but I was disappointed she could not make me a hot dog!



All the past racers I have spoken with are amazed at how PDNR have grown. They comment on the many great improvements that have been made to track equipment and the RC vehicles themselves, along with the professional level of organisation that PDNR now deliver to racers.



2002 PDNR Trailer...

To

2010 PDNR Trailer...



COMMITTEE UPDATE

The PDNR committee are elected by PDNR members at the Annual General Meeting in December each year. The 2010 committee has been working hard to keep PDNR moving in the right direction.

One significant event to occur this year was the resignation of President Kevin Maton. Kevin has served in this position on the PDNR committee since the club was founded in 2002, but Kevin was one of the original four from the late 90's that PDNR's foundation was built upon. It was not an easy decision for Kevin to resign from activities on the committee, but don't despair, he will still be at racing every week and will no doubt remain a big part of PDNR.

The committee would like to thank all our members, drivers and supporters for being involved with PDNR.

Here is the updated 2010 committee:

President: Greg Rossiter – president@pdnracing.org.au

Vice President: Steve Valletta – vicepresident@pdnracing.org.au

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David Lo Iacono

Nathan Egan

Rod Morgan

Darrel Knight

Grahame Fraser

TBA

More contact details are available on the PDNR website.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hello Everyone,

I want to take a moment to let you know some very exciting changes have taken place on the PDNR website!

Just in case you haven't noticed, PDNR now have our very own FORUM ☺.

Some of you would be very familiar with the highly respected RC-Tech forum, and this will always be a good place to drop by and find out RC related information from all around the globe. For the regular RC-Tech forum visitor, you will most likely be aware that PDNR have a chat thread on RC-Tech and there is no reason for this to change.

Why have our own forum? The answer is simple;

The PDNR forum will enable drivers, visitors, supporters, sponsors, and anyone else interested in what we do in our own club environment to quickly, easily, and hopefully frequently drop by and get updated information, or leave comments that affect everyone at PDNR. The best part is that it's just a simple "click" from our regular homepage, and you're there!

Take a moment to look at previous posts, have a look around, get a feel for the fun, interesting, and sometimes hilarious "banter" that takes place between fellow PDNR drivers/members. The PDNR forum is a safe, friendly and local environment that welcomes all people involved in the local RC scene, but with any luck it will become as comfortable and familiar to you as any other forum you may have experienced.

I encourage everyone to pop in, sign up, and leave your mark on our very own club forum....

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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Greg Rossiter
President
Penrith District Nitro Racing Inc.



EX. EL PRESIDENTE REPORT

~ A Long Awaited Break ~

Fear not PDNR, although our long standing and founding EL PRES has taken a break from his presidency it does not mean he is no longer part of PDNR. After many years of loyal and sometimes obsessive support for PDNR and everything that the club was involved in, Kevin Maton has decided he needs time for himself and his family without the demands and constraints of being President of PDNR.

In case you hadn't noticed, he doesn't seem to be going anywhere and still turns up, like clockwork every Tuesday, along with making appearances at PDNR Drag Nights and is still there for anyone who needs a helping hand.

All committee members of PDNR take much time out of their own life to ensure PDNR is running smoothly. They ensure that the paper work is in order and that plans and preparations are in place so racing can happen week in, week out.

Please feel free to continue to talk to Kev about things. Kevin is keen to continue his involvement and it's actually enjoyable looking at things from the other side.

Enjoy your break, EL PRES.



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!



WHAT'S NEW

Member Name

Member Magnets!

Have you noticed the new blue magnets at registration? These are a new procedure introduced this year for current financial members. The magnets assist the process by enabling quick, easy and accurate registration because the crew at the registration table don't have to write everyone's names up on the board.

If you are not currently a financial member you can sign up at any time and start enjoying the benefits from not only the new blue magnets, but discounts on race entry fees.



Crowd Control Barriers

In addition to a number of crowd control barriers on hire from SIRC, PDNR recently received ten additional barriers thanks to the generous support of Kennards Hire. The crowd control barriers will assist with spectator, marshal and drivers safety, and they help hold up the safety chain!



Driver Induction

PDNR have started introducing driver inductions. The new induction process is aimed at reducing the repetitive announcements heard every week during the drivers meeting. It is hoped to complete as many drivers as possible in the coming weeks.

The O'Connor Foundation Trivia Night

Where: Glenmore Park Public School
The Lakes Drive

When: Saturday, 21st August
At 6pm

Cost: \$10 per person
8-10 people per table

BYO: Nibbles and drinks

Any questions?: Contact - suzanne.oconnor@optusnet.com.au

All money raised
goes towards
Stephen's new
wheelchair...

Heaps of great raffle prizes
and silent auctions on the night!

The O'Connor Foundation
CFN 21519

For anyone who does not know the O'Connor family, Steve O'Connor (or Steve O as he is better known) has been a part of the PDNR family for many many years and is an ultimate RC enthusiast. Steve O has been actively involved on the PDNR committee for a number of years, only recently standing aside.

Steve O's wife Suzanne, who you may recall last year ran the city to surf to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association has now turned her attention closer to home. She has officially formed The O'Connor Foundation and is organising a trivia night to help raise funds to buy Steve a new wheel chair.

Please email Suzanne for more information or to book your table
suzanne.oconnor@optusnet.com.au

COMMITTEE PRESS RELEASE

~ C-Tick Approval ~



At the recent General Meeting the issue surrounding C-Tick approval of Radio Controllers was raised by members. The committee have investigated the situation and can report the following response from the Australian Communication & Media Authority.

The importation of Radio Control transmitters for "personal use" (i.e. not for supply to others) falls outside the labelling requirements of "the Radiocommunications Devices (Compliance Labelling) Notice 2003" (the Notice), a copy of which can be downloaded here (<http://bit.ly/pdnr-ctick>)

The labelling requirements are, in part, aimed at importers who supply products to the Australian market and are required to show these devices are compliant with the applicable standards by labelling them with the appropriate compliance mark, in this case the C-Tick.

If a person imports these devices into Australia for "personal use" and does not, or will not in the future, supply said device to another person, provided the device complies with the applicable radiocommunications standard and does not cause interference, the device does not require a C-Tick compliance label and may be used in Australia by the person who imported the device. The onus is on the user to ensure it is compliant.

Please also note that for the purposes of the ACMA's compliance and labelling arrangements the term "supply" has a very broad meaning and includes supply where no money or payment of any kind has occurred. I should advise that the loan of a device by an importer may constitute supply.

The above also applies to devices that are not transmitters such as receivers and battery chargers.

I hope the email clarifies the requirements, if you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Regards

Stephen Harrison

Standards Section

Australian Communications & Media Authority

IFMAR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

~ C'Mon Aussie!!! ~

The IFMAR 200mm IC World Championships are being held between July 22 and August 1 in Porter Texas. Australia has six drivers representing our country, including one of PDNR's finest Phil Woodbury. Also competing are Peter Jovanovic, Steven Jovanovic, Jesse Davis, Ashley Seward and Jeff Hamon.



RC racing is big business around the world, and every two years the International Federation of Model Auto Racing (IFMAR) holds a World Championship event. To qualify for a World Championship, Australian drivers must be ranked at the top of the AARCMCC list, which is based on their best two results from the preceding two years State and National events. AARCMCC apply to FEMCA (Far East Model Car Association) for driver positions at a IFMAR event, and depending on the demand, an allocation for Australia's Team will be given. This year AARCMCC were granted six positions. We wish all drivers, especially Phil, the best of luck.



The venue for this event is the Gulf Coast Raceway. The Gulf Coast Raceway is a 15 acre state of the art RC racing facility with a permanent open air on-road and covered off-road track. The facility has many modern features that most demanding RC racers have come to expect. It has been the host of the 2007 ROAR Nationals, 2006 RC-Pro Nationals, the annual Gulf Coast Raceway Grand Prix, ROAR South West Championship Series Regional and monthly club races.

The official website of this event is:
www.2010ifmar200mmsedanworlds.com

For a video of the track in action, check out this overview taken at the Pre-Worlds Warm-Up event:

www.promofo-racing.org/Pre-Worlds-1.html

For those who want to follow the results, it does not appear that there will be any “Live Timing” from the organisers, however they have hinted on their website that they will upload results at the end of each round. The good news is that RedRC will be covering the event, so keep an eye on their website and twitter for up to date results.

Red RC

www.redrc.net

@redrc

Here are some photos of the awesome Gulf Coast Raceway RC complex in Porter, Texas.



NEXT MAJOR EVENT

~ 2010 PDNR Challenge ~

The next major event that PDNR will be hosting is the annual PDNR Challenge. This is a 2-day event held on Saturday August 21 and Sunday August 22.



More details and entry forms will be available soon, but organisers have confirmed that the event schedule will accommodate racers who are also attending the O'Connor Foundation Trivia Night.

AARCMCC

~ Who are 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 be eligible to compete in any AARCMCC, FEMCA or IFMAR sanctioned events anywhere in the world.



NEW DRIVERS FEATURE

This is a brand new section of the PDNR newsletter and it's one in which we feature new drivers at PDNR. PDNR place a strong emphasis on trying to accommodate new drivers with the continued encouragement and support of the Novice division, and also the school holidays Kids Class. The driver featured below has quickly come through the ranks at PDNR and is fast making a name for himself as he progresses to the top of the championship points table in Nitro Kit.

Paul Burchdan

Division: Nitro Kit

Current Position: 1st

Other Results: Winner - 2010 Winter Champs

Paul has only been racing at PDNR for a relatively short period of time, but he has quickly made an impression and taken a few good results along the way.

Paul is part of a new trio of highly enthusiastic racers at PDNR. Along with fellow racers Denny Kady and Michael Khoudeir, Paul highlights to many what PDNR and in fact the hobby of RC is all about. These guys are always willing to lend a hand – and they don't need to be asked, they take the initiative and ask what they can do to help.

Paul is consistently having great races with Frank Deak in Nitro Kit. The pair are often heading the pack on a Tuesday night, with Michael Khoudeir and David Graham never far behind.

Paul is looking forward to racing in the upcoming PDNR Challenge, which will be only his second major RC event.

Keep an eye out for Paul and the rest of the trio.

Good luck!



BITS & PIECES

New Plans and Format for 2010 2.4 Hour Enduro

The once annual 2.4 Hour Le Mans RC endurance event will take on a new format this year.

Discussions are still taking place to work out the finer details, but organisers plan to introduce new classes into the event – just like the real Le Mans.



The proposed format for the event, which will be held on Saturday December 4th 2010, will introduce new racing classes within the one race, with the winner of each class recognised, as well as the overall winner. Race duration remains the same at 2.4 hours (2 hours, 24 minutes).

LMP1 - 1/8th Scale (similar to Open Pan on Tuesday nights)

LMP2 - 1/10th 200mm Open Tourer - Lola

GT1 - 1/10th 200mm Pull Start - Sedan Body

GT2 - 1/10th 200mm Nitro Sport - Sedan Body

Keep a look out for more details and entry forms closer to the event.



I see pink! - Team Noizee Press Release – 2010 Racing Lines Winter Champs

All three 1/8 scale drivers were unlucky, not finishing the 30 minute A Final. Our youngest recruit Kris got up on the Podium in Nitro Sport in 3rd place. He was also lucky enough to win the Concourse as well.

Look out for Team Noizee in the future, as they are proud to announce their fifth driver to the team, Nathan Egan. He will be on board from the 2010 Spring Championship.



*Above: Pirtek's Team Noizee assault on the Winter Champs.
(Grahame "Butternutz" Fraser, Kris "Shoelaces" Albronda, Rod "Cupcake" Albronda and David "Porkchop" Lo Iacano)*

Nitro Interclub Series

The Nitro Interclub Series is organised by PDNR (via Tony Firth) and the fourth season finished a few weeks ago with the 2010 *Racing Lines* GP On Road Winter Championships.

Tony has made public the decision to not continue the series for 2010/2011, but he had also hinted there could be a tri-series between PDNR, SORMCC and NSWRCRCC on the cards.



Anyone interested in running or assisting organise the NIS is asked to contact Tony Firth – racing@pdnracing.org.au

HANDY MUST HAVES

~ PDNR Beanie ~

This one is a tad biased, but what better way to keep your noggin warm this Winter. Available from Race Control for \$15.00.



~ MyLaps RC4 Personal Transponder ~

MyLaps (formerly AMB-it) have released the new RC4 personal transponder.

We brought you a sneak peak last edition, but PDNR will soon have the neat little transponders available for drivers, and the good news is they are cheaper than the previous version with expected price to be \$135 ea.

If you don't yet have a personal transponder, start saving as these are the essential handy item you just must have.



2010 EVENT CALENDAR - AUTUMN

Here is the PDNR Event Calendar for 2010 Autumn. This calendar is also available to download on the PDNR website – www.pdnracing.org.au

Autumn		
Tue	11-May-10	Registration & Practice 1
Sat	15-May-10	PDNR Drag Night - Round 4
Sun	16-May-10	<i>[NIS] - NSWRCRCC Event (Moorebank)</i>
Tue	18-May-10	Registration & Practice 2
Tue	25-May-10	R1
Tue	1-Jun-10	R2
Tue	8-Jun-10	R3
Sat	12-Jun-10	PDNR Drag Night - Round 5
Tue	15-Jun-10	R4
Tue	22-Jun-10	R5
Tue	29-Jun-10	R6
Sat	03-Jul-10	<i>[NIS] - Racing Lines - Winter Champs (PDNR)</i>
Tue	6-Jul-10	R7
Sat	10-Jul-10	PDNR Drag Night - Round 6 (BUNT)
Tue	13-Jul-10	R8
Tue	20-Jul-10	R9
Tue	27-Jul-10	R10
Sat	22-Jul-10	IFMAR 200mm IC World Championships Texas USA
Sun	1-Aug-10	
Tue	3-Aug-10	R11
Tue	10-Aug-10	R12
Sat	14-Aug-10	PDNR Drag Night - Round 7 (BUNT)
Tue	17-Aug-10	R13
Sat	21-Aug-10	PDNR Challenge (SIRC - Penrith)
Sun	22-Aug-10	
Tue	24-Aug-10	<i>Autumn Presentation Night (Rowing Club)</i>
Thu	26-Aug-10	2010 QLD IC State Championships (QRCCRA - Brendale)
Sun	29-Aug-10	

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HINTS & TIPS



Tyres: Are they the same all year round?

Winter is well and truly upon us, so we have some tips on getting the best out of your tyres during the colder climate.

If you felt your tyres were working perfectly during the warmer months, but during the winter months found it a bit hard to find grip then you may want to trial different tyres.

Race tyres are typically available in different hardness's or shore ratings. The different shore levels are designed for different grip levels and circuit conditions. If you are struggling for grip from your tyres it may be due to them not being the correct shore rating for winter.

Shore ratings refer to the hardness of the foam compound of the tyre. The lower the number of the shore rating, the softer the compound. Generally speaking the softer the compound gives more grip, however the trade off is higher tyre wear.

30° and 35° shore tyres are generally used in low grip, rough track situations. In theory they give better grip than a harder compound, but watch out for very aggressive wear.

37° and 40° shore tyres would be the most common tyre compounds used at PDNR. Many drivers like the balance of grip and wear that these compounds provide.

42° and 45° shore tyres are the harder end of the compounds. These compounds are generally used on smooth high grip circuits.

Try to remember though that too much grip can sometimes have an adverse effect. If you have too much grip, it can seem like the car has no grip after the tyres have warmed up. Practice makes perfect, and we all should experiment to find the optimum tyre setup.

SOCIAL NIGHT

~ PDNR Christmas Party at Major Oak ~



PDNR are organising an end of year Christmas Party at the Major Oak “Comedy Jail” Theatre Restaurant.

If you would like to book your place or need more information, please see Steve Valletta.

This gathering is to be held at the Major Oak Theatre Restaurant in St Mary's on Saturday December 11.

If you and your family and friends would like to attend this fun night, please give your expression of interest to Steve and then he will confirm numbers and arrange deposits closer to the date.

The price for each person is \$75.00 includes a 3 course meal, drinks (Beer, Wine & Soft Drink) and comedy show.

Keep an ear out at the drivers' briefs and future editions of *The Racers Edge* for further updates!

Your fellow racer,

Steve Valletta
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CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS – Autumn 2010

Here are the Championship Points for Autumn 2010 as of Round 8.

Division Sponsor JPM RACING : RB : ATS : CASTER		
OFF ROAD BUGGY		
P	Name	Pts
1	Matthew Oxford	156
2	Flavio Cataldo	152
3	Tom Harrison	132
4	Daniel Jackson	90
5	Chris Abela	65
5	Jonathan Hart	65
7	Chris Ciappara	22
7	Mark Swan	22
9	Marco Tucciarone	21
10	Peter Wilson	18
11	Stewart Kaye-Smith	12

Division Sponsor		
OFF ROAD TRUCK		
P	Name	Pts
1	Darrell Knight	171
2	Will Shield	144
3	Flavio Cataldo	128
4	Mary Moller	95
5	Jake Brett	76
6	Greg Temme	28
6	Luke Allam	28
8	Allan Crane	26

Division Sponsor		
OPEN PAN		
P	Name	Pts
1	Michael Turner	162
2	David Lo Iacono	138
3	Rod Albronda	119
4	Shaun Kaltenbacher	100
5	Grahame Fraser	93
6	Greg Rossiter	64
7	Daniel Miner	48
8	Darrel Thompson	40
9	Chris Newland	28
10	Aaron Lee	26

Division Sponsor GRAHAM'S HOBBY CENTRE		
NITRO KIT		
P	Name	Pts
1	Paul Burchdan	178
2	Frank Deak	152
3	Michael Khoudeir	136
4	David Graham	125
5	Brad Tarrant	98
6	Jai Tarrant	60
7	Denny Kady	53
8	Kris Albronda	51
9	Nathan Bloor	42
10	Payton Braddock	40
11	Don Bishop	34

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS Cont'd

Division Sponsor PIRTEK AUSTRALIA		
PULL START		
P	Name	Pts
1	Steve Valletta (M1)	190
2	Bruce Berg	126
3	Rod Morgan (M1)	124
4	Kevin Maton	120
5	Roy Hanmore (M1)(T1)	114
6	Chris Stanley	26
7	Ben Dunn	18

Division Sponsor BARCLAY'S RC & HOBBIES		
OUTLAW		
P	Name	Pts
1	Steve Podmore	149
2	Bruce Berg	137
3	Jacob Michael	126
4	Kevin Maton	112
5	John Reilly	93
6	Adrian Isaacs	78
7	Jayson Rutherford	60
8	Peter Wilson	46
9	Vic Tucciarone	37
10	Barry Gavin	34
11	Allan Crane	26
12	Don Bishop	23
13	Chris Newland	16

Division Sponsor GRAHAM'S HOBBY CENTRE		
PRO TOURER		
P	Name	Pts
1	Tony Firth	156
2	Shaun Kaltenbacher	138
3	Rick Seymo	137
4	Steve Valletta	132
5	Steve Podmore	95
6	Rod Morgan	68
7	Adrian Isaacs	63
8	Aaron Lee	56
9	Joel Casey	14
10	Jayson Rutherford	9
11	Jacob Michael	0

Division Sponsor EDAM EXER		
P	Name	Pts
1	Rick Seymo	188
2	Michael Turner	172
3	Darrell Knight	114
4	David Lo Iacono	108
5	Greg Rossiter	92
6	Grahame Fraser	59

DRAG RACING

~ 2010 Championship Series ~



Drag Update after Round 6 – (10/07/10)

We've had a good year so far and I am sure all are looking forward to the final four rounds which will close out some tightly contested classes. We started the year using sugar-water to prep the track, but for the last four rounds we had to give it a miss, as it just got too slippery with the night dew. This however hasn't slowed anyone down, speed and ET records keep coming thick and fast.



We are proud to see Brandon continue to go faster each time he races. Brandon is currently the outright ET record holder of 1.596 which was set in his EP Top Fuel Car. At the pointy end of speed, Leigh Naylor has the honours with his current top speed a blistering 146.93 km/h. Well done to both drivers for the efforts this season.

At Round 6, which took place on the 10th of July, we had a great turnout, and it was good to see a lot of new drivers attending. During this event Street Machine Magazine visited, and yes they were impressed with the club and the entrants' cars. Street Machine Magazine plan to publish a pictorial article about the event they visited, plus outline the clubs history in RC Drag Racing. Stay tuned for information on when this will go to print.



Brandon Dimoski



Leigh Naylor

Records:

DIVISION	ET RECORD	SPEED RECORD
TOP FUEL GP	1.882 sec - Leigh Naylor (15/05/2010)	130.9 km/h - Brandon Dimoski (15/05/2010)
DOORSLAMMER / FUNNY CAR GP	2.068 sec - Robert Dimoski (12/06/2010)	110.76 km/h - Leigh Naylor (16/04/2010)
TOP FUEL EP	1.596 sec - Brandon Dimoski (10/07/2010)	146.93 km/h - Leigh Naylor(19/03/2010)
DOORSLAMMER / FUNNY CAR EP	1.708 sec - Brandon Dimoski (19/02/2010)	133.3 km/h - Brandon Dimoski (16/04/2010)
SUPER STOCK GP	2.372 sec - Jake Cash (12/07/2008)	97.3 km/h - Ryan Palmer (12/06/2010)
SUPER STOCK EP	2.105 sec - Jim Brown (19/03/2010)	118.03 km/h - Jim Brown (19/03/2010)
OFF ROAD EP/GP	2.433 sec - Clinton King (19/02/2010)	92.3 km/h – Matt Oxford (19/03/2010)
JUNIOR DRAGSTER - U16 1/10th EP/GP	2.465 sec - Kyle Lo Iacano (23/10/2009)	100.00 km/h - Brandon Dimoski (15/05/2010)
STREET GP	N/A	N/A
MICRO EP/GP	2.409 sec - Steve Oconnor (15/05/2010)	101.4 km/h – Matt Oxford (16/04/2010)
OPEN PAN 1/8th GP	2.368 sec - Leigh Naylor (18/07/2009)	97.4 km/h - Rod Albronda (19/03/2010)

Drag Racing would not be possible at PDNR without the continued help from our loyal drivers and fantastic organisers. A special thank you to Rachael for her continued help with data entry on the night.

Committee:

Head – David Lo Iacano

Race Secretary – Rod Albronda

Scrutineer – David Ricketts

General Committee – Grahame Fraser

General Committee – Nathan Egan



The Dynamic Duo

Hope to see you all at the next round of Drag Racing.

Upcoming Drag Racing Series Events:

Round 7 - Saturday August 14

Round 8 - Friday September 24

Round 9 - Saturday October 16

Round 10 - Saturday November 20



Drag Racing Series Results:

TOP FUEL GP		
P	Name	Pts
1	Brandon Dimoski	490
2	Leigh Naylor	440
3	Zac Stojanovski	320
4	Michael Fellowes	220
4	Nathan Johnston	220
6	Clinton King	180
7	Charles Pilotto	160
8	Robert Dimoski	115
9	Peter Wilson	0

SUPER STOCK GP		
P	Name	Pts
1	Ryan Palmer	675
2	Darrel Knight	535
3	Nathan Johnston	240
4	Grahame Fraser	80
5	Peter Wilson	0
5	Shaun Kaltenbacher	0

MICRO		
P	Name	Pts
1	Matt Oxford	475
2	Will sheild	460
3	Steve Oconnor	430
4	Kyle Lo Iacano	215
5	Ben Garrard	160
6	Rhys Oconnor	60
7	Maurice King	0

OPEN PAN		
P	Name	Pts
1	Rod Albronda	450
2	Matt Oxford	240
3	Graham Fraser	235
4	David Lo Iacano	140
5	Mark Oconnor	100
6	Darrel Knight	60
6	Charles Pilotto	60
8	Greg Rossiter	0

D/SLAMMER / FUNNY CAR GP		
P	Name	Pts
1	Nathan Johnston	500
2	Charles Pilotto	200
3	Zac Stojanovski	160
3	Goran Tadorski	160
5	Robert Dimoski	145
6	Andre Lolcano	100
6	Luke Gunton	100
8	Brandon Dimoski	95
9	Jason Taylor	80
9	David Lolcano	80
11	Clinton King	75
12	Ben King	60
13	Leigh Naylor	40
14	Graham Fraser	0

TOP FUEL EP		
P	Name	Pts
1	Leigh Naylor	495
2	Robert Dimoski	425
3	Brandon Dimoski	225
4	Clinton King	180
5	Luke Gunton	160
6	Zac Stojanovski	100
6	Mark Curl	100
8	Michael Fellowes	80
9	Charles Pilotto	60
10	Nathan Johnstone	0
10	Nathan Egan	0

SUPER STOCK EP		
P	Name	Pts
1	Kris Albronda	440
2	Jim Brown	400
3	Mark Curl	175
4	Nathan Johnston	120
5	David Ricketts	100
5	Caine Schilling	100
7	Josh Morgan	95
8	David Lo Iacano	80
8	Goran Todorski	80
8	Scott Van Der Dray	80
11	Aaron Zarrazan	70
12	Luke Gunton	60
13	Phill Morgan	20

OFF ROAD		
P	Name	Pts
1	Matt Oxford	495
2	Will Sheild	410
3	Clinton King	300
4	Brandon Dimoski	190
5	Ben Garrard	80
5	Darrel Knight	80
7	George Pugh	60
8	Thomas White	40
8	Zac Stojanovski	40
8	Grahame Fraser	40
8	Nathan Johnston	40
12	Greg Rossiter	0
12	Peter Wilson	0

JUNIOR DRAGSTER		
P	Name	Pts
1	Madison Knight	605
2	Kris Albronda	410
3	Corey Fraser	280
4	Brandon Dimoski	245
5	Kyle Lo Iacano	230
6	Caine Fraser	200
6	Rhys Oconnor	200
8	Jesse Barclay	80
9	Gabriel Pilotto	40
9	Caitlin Albronda	40
9	Benn Dunn	40

D/SLAMMER / FUNNY CAR EP		
P	Name	Pts
1	Brandon Dimoski	480
2	Luke Gunton	205
3	Andre Lolcano	180
4	Clinton King	155
5	Goran Tadorski	145
6	Nathan Johnston	140
7	Jason Taylor	80
7	David Lolcano	80
9	Ben King	60
9	Scott van der Dray	60
11	Leigh Naylor	20
12	Zac Stojanovski	0
12	Graham Fraser	0

RACE REPORT – 2010 SYDNEY GP (SORMCC)

~ By Steve Valletta ~

The 2010 Sydney GP was held the weekend of 27 & 28 February at SORMCC (Whalan) as the perfect prelude to the upcoming NSW State Championships (which were to be held at the same venue). This event was Round 4 of the 2009/2010 Nitro Interclub Series ~ which PDNR were leading coming into this event, and a strong contingent from PDNR drivers attended this local derby, as Vice President Steve Valletta writes.

Pullstart

As the NSW State Championships are to be held at Whalan over the Easter weekend (1st to 4th of April), the Sydney GP race meet was the perfect curtain raiser. With the Pullstart field consisting of many experienced drivers, this was open to anyone to win or lose.

The qualifying for this class was hotly contested, but reigning double National Champion Shaun Kaltenbacher took Top Qualifier, ahead of Chris Stanley and Steve Valletta.

The scene now set for the 30 minute main final. The cars were down and the buzzer sounds - a good start by all with Shaun out in front. Early casualties, Brett Quarm, then myself, both with car issues. Before long Chris was on Shaun's aerial and making good consistent laps putting himself in a position for a podium finish. At the 20 minute mark Shaun still just in front with Chris in second place, and Steve Podmore lapping well in third. The other drivers such as Joe Patane, Darrell Knight and John Bates are all having a good drive battling it out between themselves for 4th, 5th and 6th place.

At the final buzzer the experience of Shaun Kaltenbacher again lead the way crossing the line just a head of Chris Stanley one lap behind, then a further six laps back to Steve Podmore finishing in third.

Tourer

After six qualifying rounds and a very strong entry list, the best I could do was 13th with Brett Quarm going on to win the 20 minute B Final after qualifying 14th. The other PDNR drivers tried hard but to no avail. Maybe Easter will be their turn.

Needless to say it wasn't a very happy meet in the tourer class for PDNR. We had no drivers in the top 10 - saying that come, back Roo we need you.

1/8 Scale

Inexperience - in a nutshell best describes our contingent of 1/8 scale drivers at this event, that is when compared to the likes of Current National and FEMCA Champion Michael Kerr, and many multiple NSW and Australian Champion Stewart Grant! Although it was a good effort by our boys, Greg Rossiter and Daniel Miner, and bad luck to Chris Newland who DNF due to the loss of his engine.

I encourage our more experienced PDNR drivers to attend the interclub series race meets so as PDNR can once again rein supreme as a club. This will happen if our club is represented at its best due to the other clubs now barking at our heels.

Final Positions

Pullstart

1. Shaun Kaltenbacher; 2. Chris Stanley; 3. Steve Podmore; 4. Joe Patane; 5. Darrell Knight; 6. John Bates; 7. Steve Valletta; 8. Brett Quarm

Tourer

1. Chad Donnelly; 2. Andrew Bardetta; 3. Timothy Lee; 4. Greg Brooks; 5. Ron Taranto; 6. Tommy Lee; 7. Kyle Hazzel; 8. Alex Koussas; 9. John Germanos; 10. Jim Cranston

1/8 Scale

1. Michael Kerr; 2. Stewart Grant; 3. Greg Brooks; 4. Timothy Lee; 5. Daniel Miner; 6. Greg Rossiter; 7. Chris Newland

RACE REPORT – 2010 NSW STATE TITLES

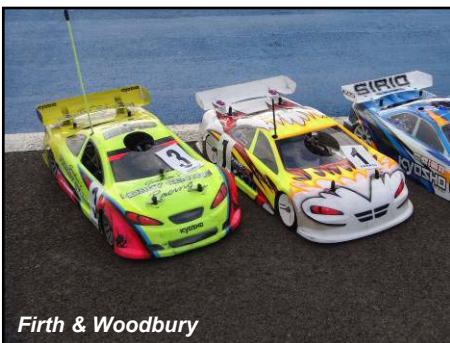
The 2010 NSW State Titles were held for the first time at Whalan, home of SORMCC. This was very convenient for many PDNR drivers who were saved from making the regular Easter trips to Moorebank (NSWRCC) – the long time previous hosts of this event.

PDNR had a great attendance at this event, with representation in all three AARCMCC divisions being raced: 1/8 Scale, Pro Tourer and Pull Start.

There were some great results by PDNR. In Pull Start Shaun Kaltenbacher top qualified, but it would be Nathan Ryan to take a breakthrough win in the main final. In Pro Tourer a dominant performance by Phil Woodbury was never headed and despite a few issues in the final, Phil would take a dominant win, with fellow PDNR racer Tony Firth finishing in a personal best 4th place. 1/8 Scale was not so great for PDNR. Michael Turner could only manage 7th after qualifying 6th, mechanical problems ending his final after being as high as 3rd.



PDNR Drivers



Firth & Woodbury



Nathan Ryan



Results:

1/8 Scale – A Final

1. Michael Kerr, 2. Jeff Hammon, 3. Stewart Grant, 4. Tim Lee, 5. Andy Bishop, 6. Michael Stone, 7. Michael Turner, 8. Steve O'Connor, 9. Greg Rossiter

Pro Tourer – A Final

1. Phil Woodbury, 2. Ashley Seward, 3. Dallas Gardiner, 4. Tony Firth, 5. Jeff Hammon, 6. Jessie Davis, 7. Kyle Hazzel, 8. Aaron Lee, 9. Andrew Bardetta, 10. Timothy Lee

Pull Start – A Final

1. Nathan Ryan, 2. Brett Quarm, 3. Chris Stanley, 4. John Bates, 5. Lance Nunn, 6. Steve Valletta, 7. Joe Patane, 8. Shaun Kaltenbacher, 9. Adrian Vella, 10. Steve O'Connor

RACE REPORT – 2010 WINTER CHAMPS

Winter ❄️ Champs

The 2010 *Racing Lines* GP On Road Winter Championships were held on Saturday July 3, once again hosted by PDNR at the Sydney International Regatta Centre.



This event is promoted by *Racing Lines Magazine* and typically each year is hosted by a different club, but in 2008 PDNR were given their first opportunity at hosting this event (attracting 84 entrants including some of the countries best) and have hosted the Winterchamps each year since. In 2009 just over 70 entrants were in attendance to once again do battle for this prestigious event. Entrant numbers were lower in 2010 but this was about average of what can be expected at this time. PDNR thank all drivers and their friend and families who attended this year for their support of the event.

The same format as 2009 was used, with the event catering solely for Nitro (GP) divisions. The divisions competing were: Nitro Sport, Pull Start, Open Tourer and 1/8 Scale. The 2010 Winter Champs was again blessed with perfect weather - although the track was damp in the morning due to overnight drizzle.

The track records were broken in most divisions, and PDNR's temporary car park circuit was graced with many drivers visiting from other clubs, and even Melbourne!

Photos, full race results and more information is available on the PDNR website, but here are the final positions from the 2010 *Racing Lines* GP On Road Winter Championships.

1/8 Scale

P	Name	Details	Laps	Time	Final Name
1	Aaron LEE	NSWRCRCC / Serpent 966 /	103	30:10.9	A Final
2	Kane ALDERTON	NSWRCRCC / Online Hobbies / Mugen MRX4X	101	30:06.4	A Final
3	S. KALTENBACHER	PDNR / Mugen MRX4X /	99	30:08.1	A Final
4	Michael TURNER	PDNR / JPM Racing / Kyosho Evolva M3 /	94	27:57.9	A Final
5	Alex YOUSIF	NSWRCRCC / Mugen MRX4R /	94	30:03.9	A Final
6	Paul BOURCHDAN	PDNR / Serpent 966 /	79	30:07.3	A Final
7	Rod ALBRONDA	PDNR / Team Noizee / Pirtek / Grahams Hobb	19	05:58.5	A Final
8	Greg ROSSITER	PDNR / JPM Racing / Serpent 960 /	16	05:19.2	A Final
9	David LO IACONO	PDNR / Team Noizee / G&E Signs / Louis Mob	1	00:12.7	A Final
10	Grahame FRASER	PDNR / G&E Signs / Team Noizee / JPM Racin	0	00:00.0	A Final



Open Tourer

P	Name	Details	Laps	Time	Final Name
1	Tony FIRTH	PDNR / Grahams Hobby Centre / JPM Racing /	106	30:04.0	A Final
2	Timothy LEE	NSWRCRCC/Team XRAY / HUDY / HEI / NBHC	105	30:16.4	A Final
3	Wayne THOMAS	PDNR / Serpent 733 /	101	30:01.5	A Final
4	Greg BROOKS	SORMCC / JPM Racing / XRAY NT1 /	101	30:01.9	A Final
5	Aaron LEE	NSWRCRCC / Kyosho RRR Evo 2 /	101	30:12.8	A Final
6	John GERMANOS	NSWRCRCC/HEI / Kickass Racing / XRAY NT1	99	30:15.5	A Final
7	Rod MORGAN	PDNR / Kyosho RRR Evo /	93	30:05.3	A Final
8	Alex KOUSSAS	SORMCC / Kickass Racing / JPM Racing / XRA	92	30:02.3	A Final
9	Joel CASEY	PDNR / Twister Hobbies / XRAY NT1 /	71	23:43.4	A Final
10	S. KALTENBACHER	PDNR / Kyosho RRR Evo 2 /	1	00:16.8	A Final
11	Brad DAVIS	SORMCC / JPM Racing / Edam Spirit /	64	20:10.4	B Final
12	Alex SIDDIQUE	SORMCC / Babybidz.com.au / XRAY NT1 /	63	20:17.4	B Final
13	Peter WILSON	PDNR / Kyosho RRR EVO /	58	20:01.7	B Final
14	Steve VALLETTA	PDNR / JPM Racing / EDAM Spirit /	57	20:04.0	B Final
15	Donovan HACKETT	SORMCC / Kyosho RRR Evo 2 /	53	20:04.7	B Final
16	Steve PODMORE	PDNR / Kyosho RRR Evo 2 /	48	15:26.1	B Final
17	Richard DEGER	SORMCC / Mugen MTX4R /	48	20:07.1	B Final
18	Chris CORCORAN	NSWRCRCC / XRAY NT1 /	44	20:06.5	B Final
19	Jacob MICHAEL	PDNR / KYOSHO RRR EVO /	37	20:14.4	B Final
20	Michael SCHRODER	SORMCC / Palfinger Australia / Ballistik M	13	05:02.6	B Final
21	Chad DONNELLY	SORMCC / KM /	31	10:19.7	C Final
22	Chris NEULAND	PDNR / Edam Spirit /	19	10:19.2	C Final

Pull Start

P	Name	Details	Laps	Time	Final Name
1	S. KALTENBACHER	PDNR / KYOSHO SIII EVO /	101	30:00.2	A Final
2	Steve VALLETTA	PDNR / JPM Racing / Edam Spirit /	98	30:00.4	A Final
3	Jim CRANSTON	SORMCC / JPM Racing / EDAM / RB / Capricor	97	30:14.6	A Final
4	Joseph PATANE	PDNR / JPM Racing / Edam Spirit /	91	30:11.1	A Final
5	Darrell KNIGHT	PDNR / KYOSHO SIII /	88	30:08.9	A Final
6	Bruce BERG	PDNR / Kyosho SIII /	84	30:12.8	A Final
7	Lance NUNN	SORMCC / JPM Racing / Ballistic Mods / Eda	81	30:09.2	A Final
8	Chris STANLEY	PDNR / Me / KYOSHO SIII EVO /	43	12:31.6	A Final
9	Chris NEWLAND	PDNR / Edam Spirit /	0	00:00.0	A Final
10	Rod MORGAN	PDNR / KYOSHO SIII EVO /	0	00:00.0	A Final



Nitro Sport

P	Name	Details	Laps	Time	Final Name
1	Paul BOURCHDAN	PDNR / Kyosho SR /	59	20:13.6	A Final
2	Barry GAVIN	PDNR / Me / KYOSHO SIII /	51	19:08.8	A Final
3	Kris ALBRONDA	PDNR / Team Noizee / Pirtek / Grahams Hobb	46	20:14.0	A Final
4	Denny KADY	PDNR / Edam Spirit /	43	20:18.6	A Final
5	David GRAHAM	PDNR / KYOSHO SIII /	38	20:10.6	A Final
6	Michael KHOUDEIR	PDNR / KYOSHO /	25	09:25.0	A Final



PDNR Fee Schedule

Membership

Annual Renewal – Due 30 th September	\$30.00
New Member – 30 th September through 30 th June	\$40.00
New Member – 1 st July through 30 th August	\$20.00
New Member – 1 st September through 30 th September	\$40.00 – 13 month membership
Junior – Under 16 years, nonvoting.	\$15.00
Full adult membership entitles the member to nonvoting membership for their partner and children under 16 years of age.	

Weeknight Racing – Casual

All casual entries need to fill out a Championship Entry Application once per championship	
Kids Division (School holidays only, 13 and under)	\$2.00
Junior per division – Under 16 years	\$5.00
PDNR Member per division	\$8.00
Visitor per division	\$12.00

Weeknight Racing – Championship

1 st Championship Division	\$100.00
2 nd and subsequent Championship Divisions (each)	\$50.00
Junior	\$60.00 1 st \$50.00 2 nd Division

Merchandise

RC4 Personal Transponders (MyLaps)	\$135.00
Frequency Crystal Set (TX/RX AM 27MHz, 29MHz)	\$18.00
PDNR Cap	\$15.00
PDNR Beanie	\$15.00
PDNR Polo Shirt	\$35.00
PDNR Torque Shirt	\$60.00
PDNR Torque Jacket	\$90.00

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
Beanie	:	\$15.00
Stickers	:	\$ 2.50





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