

The Racer's Edge

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BACK SO SOON?

It doesn't feel like that long since the last issue of *The Racer's Edge* was coming off the printer, but we are excited to be back again so soon. Although it's only been several weeks since the last edition as we start to put this edition together, we have heaps of news and updates to share with you by the time it goes to print.

The highlight of recent PDNR events would have to be the 2010 PDNR Challenge. This event is PDNR's traditional annual event, and it was once again held over two days providing heaps of track time for all drivers from PDNR, including visiting from other clubs. We have an exhaustive report in this issue.

The other exciting news from recent weeks was the awesome result that PDNR member Phil Woodbury achieved in the 2010 World Championships held in Porter, Texas – the best ever by an Aussie at an international event! Phil, who is sponsored by Mugen Seiki and supported by Matt Russell and his family finished a very respectable 6th place overall.



PDNR members and drivers should also keep an eye out in the current and upcoming issues of the only Australian RC Magazine *Racing Lines*. Race reporter Leigh “Snowy” Dytor attended both the 2010 Winter Champs and the 2010 PDNR Challenge, and *Racing Lines* magazine will be publishing race reports and photos from our events. The Winter Champs have already had a brief mention in the edition No. 168 but the full report is out now – No. 169 (October)

Speaking of magazines, *Street Machine* recently attended a PDNR Drag Night and they are publishing a huge spread on PDNR's drag racing activities. We expect it to appear in the October issue (out October 20th).



So read on and we hope you enjoy this edition of *The Racer's Edge*.

EX. PRESIDENTS REPORT

[Editor's Note: Since we started compiling this edition of the newsletter, Greg unfortunately resigned from President, however we wanted to include the following report that he had written.]

Well it seems like only yesterday that we were sitting around at the Rowing Club, paying homage to the winners of the Autumn Championship.

Congratulations to all winners and thanks to those who hung around to take part in the general meeting.

It's always nice to catch up with the general PDNR community in such an open, relaxed and comfortable format. Your comments, viewpoints and opinions are always considered and I'm sure those who took part in the conversation can attest to that fact.

Even though our numbers were down during Autumn, the efforts of those who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure your racing experience is as seamless and smooth as possible never stops.

I'd like you to consider what events were held during this period:

- 10 x PDNR Tuesday Night Racing
(I think we lost 4 weeks due to poor weather)
- 4 x PDNR Drag Night Racing
- (NIS) Nitro Interclub Series Event at Moorebank NSWRCRCC
- (NIS) Nitro Interclub Series Event at PDNR - Racing Lines Winter Champs
- PDNR Challenge



Add to this list, preparation for events not held at PDNR, preparation for trophy presentations, and the upcoming Spring Championship season, monthly committee meetings and regular correspondence, it's a full time job for some, I can assure you.

Many hands make light work and anyone who wishes to lend a hand (no matter how simple the task) will never be turned away. If you are unsure of what you can do, ask and I'm sure someone will steer you in the right direction.

I'm sure you all understand that the committee are also volunteers, but just because they do so, doesn't mean their efforts should be taken for granted. Believe me, if it wasn't for the efforts of some of these people, the club would simply not function.

Next time you see someone setting up the track, putting out bins, setting up lights, etc, etc, etc....lend them a hand, that way we can all start racing sooner, and not be pushed for time at the end of the night.

So the next Time you see: Tony F / Michael T / Steve V / Rod M /Rod A / Dave L / Dave R / Darrell K / Grahame F /Jayson R / Nathan E

Let them know you appreciate their efforts, I know I do!!!!.

I'd also like to thank those who help set up the track week in week without fail. If EVERY racer gave just 5-10 mins of their time, the job would be done in a flash.

See you round the track...

Greg Rossiter

(Resigned) President

Penrith District Nitro Racing Inc.



VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

Spring has sprung, another championship through winter done, and soon we will be back in shorts and T-shirts, I can't wait!

Well done to all drivers on an enjoyable Autumn Championship PDNR prides itself not only on the driving aspect of RC, but also on the social side of PDNR.

To all drivers who have registered for the Spring Championship, good luck, and here's hoping we all improve on our performance (except Tony). I encourage all drivers to aim for personal best results during the Autumn Championship.

Just a reminder to our novice drivers, if you are ever in doubt with car set up performance, please don't hesitate to ask the clubs experienced members for any assistance. They will be more than happy to help, and it will speed up your learning curve and get you to enjoy your racing even more so. The great thing about PDNR is that we were all beginners at one stage, and we tend not to forget that fact.

To all members, the set up and track pack up has been good through the winter months so lets keep working as team and keep the momentum going as many hands make light work. If you would like to help but feel unsure of what needs to happen, keep in mind the track timbers are labelled and correspond with a track layout map for reference.

Onsong's Tip: To finish first, first you must finish.

Kind Regards

Steve Valletta
Vice President



PUBLICITY OFFICER REPORT

G'Day All,

It is great to see another Championship has been run and won, congratulations to all the place getters of the Autumn Championship. Hopefully they bring the same form into the next season. For all the other competitors, well done and maybe this season will bring some good luck.

Now is the time to make sure your motor vehicle is ready to fire, remember to check all the necessary parts i.e. SHOCKS, PLASTICS, TYRES, BELTS and OILS etc. Also make sure your spare parts supply is maintained so that if you do have any incidents you can get back on the track in no time at all!

The new Spring Championship is upon us, so we can all start to look forward to the warmer weather which will bring some excellent racing. For our new drivers, if at any stage you do find yourself in a spot of bother, or you are unable to find the right setup combinations PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK FOR HELP – Just come up to any of PDNR's more experienced drivers and I'm sure they will be more than willing to lend a helping hand.

If you have any questions or idea's about PDNR please come and see me, one of our friendly committee members who are only glad to assist.

Hope to see you all down at the track

Jayson Rutherford
Publicity Officer



WHAT'S NEW

Image Gallery

If you have not checked out the Image Gallery on the PDNR website recently there have been lots of recent additions. The Image Gallery has photos from most of PDNR's events and activities over the past 8 years and it's well worth a look!



SMS Notifications for PDNR Members

PDNR are introducing a new SMS Notification system for PDNR members. From the new financial year (October 2010), PDNR will compile the mobile numbers of PDNR members, and important notifications such as racing cancellations will be sent via SMS. SMS Notifications are only available to members, so join or renew now to ensure you don't miss out.



Mates Rates

For the 2010 Spring Championship, PDNR have introduced a special offer – Bring you mates and they can race their first two nights at a discounted rate. New entrants who are introduced by an existing PDNR driver get their first two race nights for only \$8 per division. See Registration for more details.



MyLaps RC4 Personal Transponders

PDNR have personal transponders back in stock. If you have no idea what a personal transponder is, it's essentially a direct powered transponder that you purchase and mount permanently on your RC vehicle. It works the same as a rechargeable club/loan transponder, but you don't ever need to pick it up before your race, or return it after your race.



\$135 ea.

\$120 ea. (3 Buy)

\$112.50 ea. (6 Buy)

COMMITTEE UPDATE

There have been a few changes to the PDNR committee recently, so here are all the updated positions which are correct at time of printing!

Here is the updated 2010 committee:

President: Rod Albronda – *president@pdnracing.org.au*

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

Secretary: David Lo Iacono – *secretary@pdnracing.org.au*

Treasurer: Micheal Turner – *treasurer@pdnracing.org.au*

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Registrar: David Ricketts – *registar@pdnracing.org.au*

Publicity Officer: Jayson Rutherford – *publicity@pdnracing.org.au*

General Committee:

Nathan Egan

Rod Morgan

Darrel Knight

Grahame Fraser

Matt Oxford

Steve O'Connor

More contact details are available on the PDNR website.
www.pdnracing.org.au

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PDNR AGM is to be held:

Tuesday December 14, 2010

Nepean Rowing Club

(After the Spring Presentation)



PDNR RAFFLE

As has been the case for many years, PDNR have a raffle car each championship. Graham has again given his support to PDNR, and this championship Graham's Hobby Centre have generously donated a Kyosho Fazer!

Graham's HOBBY CENTRE RAFFLE CAR

KYOSHO FAZER
TICKETS - \$1.00 ea.
DRAWN: December 14, 2010



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FAZER

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DRIVERS FEATURE

Last issue we launched a segment featuring some of the newer drivers at PDNR. This was a popular segment so it will be back in a future issue of *The Racers Edge*, however this edition we have jumped on the bandwagon of nick names.

It seems that many drivers at PDNR are getting issued (whether they like it or not) a nick name, and as tends to be the case they have a habit of sticking. So for a laugh, we have derived a quick competition below, in which you need to match the nick name with the correct driver. The first three correct entries handed to Tony Firth will win a prize (not exactly sure what, but we'll find something of little or no value!)

PORKCHOP
CUPCAKE
BUTTERNUTZ
PRINCESS
MISSY
LUMPY
SHOELACES
DAISY
HAZMAT
BIRD
DOZER
DANGER
SEYMO
CUCUMBER

NATHAN RYAN
GRAHAME FRASER
KRIS ALBRONDA
TOM HARRISON
JONATHAN LO IACONO
STEVE VALLETTA
DAVID LO IACONO
KEVIN MATON
SHAUN KALTENBACHER
RICK SEYMO
NATHAN EGAN
ROD ALBRONDA
MATT OXFORD
DANIEL MINER



PDNR OUTING

~ O'Connor Foundation Trivia Night ~

On Saturday September 11, a trivia night was held to help raise funds for Steve O. It was organised by his wife Suzanne with help from their family and friends under the recently formed O'Connor Foundation.

A number of PDNR members attended the night and had a great time. Some of the highlights were the raffles and silent auctions where several of the PDNR crew came away with some great items. The 10KG block of Cadbury chocolate taken home by the Firth's will have Tony pinging off the walls for months to come, and David Ricketts's scored some great Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb passes.

Steve Valletta's table was quite popular all night, we initially thought it was due to his charm, but then we realised he had brought a TV so he didn't miss any of the Panthers game which was on the same night.

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 the trivia night is the first event she has organised under this organisation.

We are excited to report that \$6480 was raised. The funds are being raised to get Steve O a new wheel chair.

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.



IFMAR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

~ Woodbury 6th in the WORLD ~

The IFMAR 200mm IC World Championships were held a few months ago between July 22 and August 1 in Porter Texas. Australia had six drivers representing our country, but we were all cheering most for one of PDNR's finest Phil Woodbury.



The exciting news is that Phil made the A-Main Final, and finished in 6th place.

This is the best result ever by an Australian at an international event, and the entire Woodbury camp should be extremely proud of their achievements. Woodbury had good pace from the start setting his best qualifying result in Round 1, which was good enough to retain P32 in qualifying, which meant he qualified directly into a quarter final.



A-Finalists of the 2010 IFMAR IC World Championships
(Phil Woodbury is back left – bumping up into 10th spot for the main final)



Woodbury in action in the Quarter-Final



From 7th on the grid, Woodbury raced up the field to lead the Quarter-Final but finished in 2nd place to secure a bump-up to the Semi-Final. It was a nail biting finish to the 20 minute race as only the top three positions progressed, and 2nd to 4th were separated by less than 5 seconds.

In the Semi-Final, Woodbury started from 9th on the grid and improved two positions to 7th on the opening lap, but then fell back to 9th and had to battle back up the order. By the 20 minute mark Phil was up to 4th, and he held this place for the last 10 minutes of the 30 minute Semi-Final, the bump-up format for the semi-finals are slightly different to lower finals, with the top 2 positions from each semi-final bumping up into the A-main, and the remaining two spots are filled by the next quickest from either the odd or even semi-final. This meant that Phil was still in with a chance by finishing 4th. This might sound confusing, but the important point is that Phil's 4th place result of 99 laps in 30:14.026 was quicker than the 3rd place in the odd semi (98 laps in 30:05.123), and this meant that he qualified into the A-main final at the 2010 IFMAR IC On-Road World Championships.

In the 1 hour A-main final, Woodbury started from 10th and had another great start up to 6th after three laps, but then fell back to 10th place and had to climb back up the order. Woodbury was between 6th and 8th for most of the race, with a late push and some attrition from other cars securing Woodbury 6th place in the world! It was the best result by an Australian at an international World Championships event. Woodbury was racing the Mugen MTX4, race engine modified by Matt Russell, GRP tyres, and Proline body.

One of the highlights for the Aussie fans who were trying to follow the event online was the rocket round of qualifying (Round 5). It would be the final round due to wet weather causing delays and cancelations earlier in the meeting. Round 5 of qualifying was held at night under lights which meant that racing was happening during daylight hours for this side of the world – rather than the early morning which was responsible for quite a few red-eyed RC fans!

Live timing, results and race coverage were broadcast by LiveRC.com – and if you paid the US\$20 for the event pass it was well worth it. Not only did you get instant live timing results, but they also streamed live video footage from the track with multiple cameras following the race and the leaders. There was also live commentary and interviews by Barry Baker – it was very professionally done. Even Woodbury made an appearance in a post final interview which was very exciting for all the Aussies that were watching the stream!



2010 IFMAR 1-10 I.C. World Championships A-Final Results

Pos	Driver Name	#	Laps	Race Time	Fast Lap	Qual #
1	Burch Ralph	4	198	1:00:09.281	17.362	4
2	Terauchi Takehiro	5	197	1:00:02.715	17.294	9
3	Rheinard Marc	9	196	1:00:02.153	17.594	8
4	Yokoyama Shinnosuke	3	194	1:00:19.542	17.489	3
5	Wischnewski Dirk	8	191	1:00:04.166	17.572	7
6	Woodbury Phillip	10	188	1:00:15.146	17.579	32
7	Matsuda Takumi	6	186	1:00:05.673	17.511	36
8	Shimo Takaaki	2	146	47:49.754	17.532	2
9	Swauger Michael	7	133	45:54.425	17.718	18
10	Pietsch Robert	1	17	4:52.354	17.583	1

Images from redrc.net



2010 EVENT CALENDAR - SPRING

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

Spring		
Tue	31-Aug-10	Registration & Practice 1
Tue	7-Sep-10	Registration & Practice 2 (South Bank)
Tue	14-Sep-10	R1 (South Bank)
Tue	21-Sep-10	R2 (South Bank)
Fri	24-Sep-10	PDNR Drag Night - Round 8
Tue	28-Sep-10	R3
Wed	29-Sep-10	<i>AARCMCC IC On Road National Championships (RRCSA - South Australia)</i>
Sun	3-Oct-10	
Tue	5-Oct-10	R4
Tue	12-Oct-10	R5
Sat	16-Oct-10	PDNR Drag Night - Round 9
Tue	19-Oct-10	R6
Tue	26-Oct-10	R7
Tue	2-Nov-10	R8
Tue	9-Nov-10	R9
Tue	16-Nov-10	R10
Sat	20-Nov-10	PDNR Drag Night - Round 10 (BUNT)
Tue	23-Nov-10	R11
Tue	30-Nov-10	R12
Sat	4-Dec-10	PDNR Pro-Line 2.4 Hour Le Mans (South Bank)
Tue	7-Dec-10	R13
Sat	11-Dec-10	<i>PDNR Christmas Party - Major Oak</i>
Tue	14-Dec-10	<i>AGM & Presentation Night & Santa! (Rowing Club)</i>

NEXT EVENT

~ 2010 2.4 Hour Le Mans ~

PDNR's next major event is the 2010 2.4 Hour Le Mans, being held on Saturday December 4 at SIRC (P5 South Bank). Entry forms are available on the PDNR website – www.pdnracing.org.au



There is a revamped format for this year's event, with the endurance event accommodating a number of divisions within the one race – just like the real Le Mans.

The winner of each division will be recognised, as well as the overall winner. Race duration remains the same at 2.4 hours (2 hours, 24 minutes).

- “LM”P1** - 1/8th Scale (similar to Open Pan on Tuesday nights)
- “LM”P2** - 1/10th 200mm Open Tourer - Lola
- GT1** - 1/10th 200mm Pull Start - Sedan Body
- GT2** - 1/10th 200mm Nitro Sport - Sedan Body
- EP** - Open On-Road Electric - Open Body



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 by Wednesday October 20th to confirm your booking.

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.

Your fellow racer,

Steve Valletta
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vicepresident@pdnracing.org.au

HANDY MUST HAVES

~ MyLaps RC4 Personal Transponder ~

NOW IN STOCK

From \$112.50 ea.

PDNR now have in stock the new MyLaps RC4 personal transponder.

We brought you a sneak peak of these new products in the last edition of the newsletter, but PDNR now have the awesome new little transponders in stock and available for drivers. The good news is they are cheaper than the old version at \$135 ea. If you buy 3 they drop to \$120 ea. and if you buy 6 or more they are \$112.50ea.

If you don't yet have a personal transponder, now is a great opportunity to invest in one - they are one of the most essential items and RC racer can have.



CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS UPDATE – Spring 2010

Here is an update on the Championship Points for Spring 2010 as of Round 5 – 19/10/10.

Division Sponsor JPM RACING : RB : ATS : CASTER		
OFF ROAD BUGGY		
P	Name	Pts
1	Matthew Oxford	129
2	Chris Abela	128
3	Tom Harrison	90
4	Flavio Cataldo	82
5	Tim Linos (M2)	46
5	Mark Swan (M1)	46
7	Peter Mallet	40
8	Dean Barnes	36
9	Jonathan Hart	26
10	Chris Ciappara	24
11	Daniel Jackson	20
12	Stewart Kaye-Smith	17
13	Jesse McGurn	0

Division Sponsor		
OFF ROAD TRUCK		
P	Name	Pts
1	Darrell Knight	134
2	Will Shield	120
3	Flavio Cataldo	100
4	Don Bishop	60
5	Charles Pilotto	12

Division Sponsor		
OPEN PAN		
P	Name	Pts
1	Rod Albronda	112
2	David Lo Iacono	110
3	Grahame Fraser	95
4	Daniel Miner	76
5	Nathan Egan (M1)	74
6	Michael Turner	66
7	Darrel Thompson	58
7	Matthew Oxford	58
9	Greg Rossiter	20

Division Sponsor GRAHAM'S HOBBY CENTRE		
NITRO KIT		
P	Name	Pts
1	David Graham	134
2	Roy Hanmore (T1)	111
3	Simon Greener	92
4	Denny Kady (T1)	82
5	Kris Albronda	81
6	Don Bishop	76
7	Ben Dunn	73
8	Nathan Bloor	57
9	Brad Tarrant	54
10	Rhys O'Connor	15
11	Will Shield	10
11	Payton Braddock	10
13	Corey Fraser	9
14	Stan Hudson (T1)	5

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS UPDATE Cont'd

Division Sponsor PIRTEK AUSTRALIA		
PULL START		
P	Name	Pts
1	Steve Valletta	126
2	Shaun Kaltenbacher	109
3	Chris Stanley	106
4	Nathan Ryan	99
5	Rod Morgan	98
6	Joseph Patane	68
7	Trevor Hodges	58
8	Bruce Berg	57
9	Kevin Maton	56
10	Barry Gavin	25
11	Graham McMillan	21

Division Sponsor BARCLAY'S RC & HOBBIES		
OUTLAW		
P	Name	Pts
1	Trevor Hodges	112
2	Steve Podmore	110
3	Adrian Isaacs	106
4	Michael Schroder	80
5	Kevin Maton	61
6	Peter Wilson	53
7	John Reilly	42
8	Paul Bourchdan	40
8	Aaron Lee	40
10	Vic Tucciarone	39
11	Jayson Rutherford	36
12	Bruce Berg	34
13	Chris Stanley	32
14	Nathan Bloor	21
15	Joseph Patane	18
16	Jonathan Lo Iacono	13
17	Michael Khoudeir	7
18	Barry Gavin	5
19	Charles Pilotto	0

Division Sponsor GRAHAM'S HOBBY CENTRE		
PRO TOURER		
P	Name	Pts
1	Tony Firth	139
2	Shaun Kaltenbacher	96
3	Rod Morgan	93
4	Rick Seymonsbergen	88
5	Adrian Isaacs	86
6	Steve Valletta	83
7	Steve Podmore (M1)	64
8	Trevor Hodges	49
9	Matt Ferguson	24
10	Aaron Lee	18
11	Michael Schroder	17

Division Sponsor EDAM EXER		
P	Name	Pts
1	David Lo Iacono	126
2	Darrell Knight	110
3	Rod Albronda	109
4	Grahame Fraser	86
5	Paul Bourchdan	85
6	Rick Seymonsbergen (M2-P=M0)	70
7	Michael Turner	36
8	Greg Rossiter	16

RACE REPORT – 2010 PDNR CHALLENGE

The 2010 PDNR Challenge is PDNR's annual major event held over two days, Saturday August 21 and Sunday August 22.



Following on from the momentum generated by the *Racing Lines* GP On Road Winter Championships which PDNR hosted in July, the PDNR Challenge was fairly well attended, despite a slow response from drivers to enter the event. There were again many drivers visiting from other clubs which kept the PDNR locals more than honest.

There were four divisions offered: Open Pan, Open Tourer, Pull Start and Nitro Kit. This was the first time that the PDNR Challenge had been held without the aspect of the Nitro Interclub Series being a part of the event, but this didn't seem to have any noticeable affect on anything with club pride and friendly rivalry clearly still present.

The 2010 PDNR Challenge was again held over two days, with four rounds of qualifying on Saturday, followed by two rounds of qualifying and finals on Sunday. Interestingly most of the quickest qualifying results were recorded on Sunday, with all TQ times with the exception of Nitro Kit - which had TQ set in Q3 – being recorded on day 2.

Holding the event over two days enabled organisers to deliver a fairly relaxed event with more than adequate time between races and between rounds. The six rounds of qualifying, plus bump-up finals provided an opportunity for drivers to have a huge amount of track time, and PDNR regulars will benefit the most when they apply the many laps worth of knowledge and experience they learnt from this event to their Tuesday night racing.



The weather gods certainly showed their support for this event with perfect conditions for both days. The pace improved with each round of qualifying on Saturday, and at the end of day 1 the leading drivers were Michael Turner (Open Pan), Darrin Campbell (Open Tourer), Chris Stanley (Pull Start) and Frank Deak (Nitro Kit).

Day 2, Sunday, and there were more cars on the track with many drivers unable to attend Saturday's program due to work or family commitments. There were some quick times out of the box on Sunday, the biggest impact was seen in Open Tourer, with the top six drivers after Q5 all posting their best result during that session. Tony Firth (who occupied in Race Control all day Saturday) rolled his car out on Sunday and went straight to TQ with his first run of the event, a narrow 0.6 sec faster than day 1 TQ Darrin Campbell.

The final round of qualifying was brilliant. The TQ positions didn't change, but there was some close qualifying with many drivers improving their result. Pull Start had the closest result with the top three all posting their best result, the margin between TQ and 2nd was 0.8 seconds.

At the end of six rounds of qualifying, the pole sitters were Michael Turner (Open Pan), Tony Firth (Open Tourer), Shaun Kaltenbacher (Pull Start) and Frank Deak (Nitro Kit).

With the structure of the finals being bump-up ABC, it meant that the top 7 qualifiers progressed directly to the A-Final. Q8-14 progressed to the B-Final and so on. The top 3 cars after each lower final, bump-up into the next final.

The first final to run was the Pull Start B-Final. Only four cars were in this race, so all except one driver would bump-up. At the end of the 20 minute race, the three drivers to progress were Bruce Berg, Jamie Clarke and Kevin Maton.

Next up was the Open Tourer B-Final. Seven cars would take the start, battling for a top 3 position to progress to the A-Final. After the 20 minute race, Shaun Kaltenbacher, Steve Podmore and Donovan Hackett would make the cut, narrowly ahead of Chris Stanley who unfortunately missed out.

The first of the A-Finals was Nitro Kit, and they had a 20 minute race. David Graham lead early from P2 on the grid, but TQ Frank Deak circulated close behind waiting for an opportunity. When trouble struck David while in the lead, Frank took command of the race and was never pressured, taking the chequered flag two laps ahead of Payton Braddock in 2nd place and Kris Albronda in 3rd.



The Pull Start A-Final was a thrilling 30 minute race with multiple lead changes and some great racing. Shaun Kaltenbacher controlled the race from the front while under pressure initially from Chris Stanley and later Steve Valletta. Fuel strategy mixed up the leaders, but eventual trouble and early retirement of Stanley would drop him down the order. Valletta brought it home in 2nd, while Rod Morgan capitalised on the late retirement of Jim Cranston to grab the final step on the podium.

Open Tourer was another close race at the front. Firth lead from the front building a nice buffer over the field, as trouble struck some of the other cars. Rick Seymo and Greg Brooks battled for 2nd while keeping Firth honest. Firth had some trouble of his own, and two pit lane flame outs cut away his lead and out him behind Greg Brooks on the lead lap. Firth races hard to the flag to recover but Brooks held on for the win, 7 seconds ahead of Firth in 2nd and Seymo drove a solid race to finished 3rd.

Open Pan was a massive win for Michael Turner, who despite starting from pole and taking an early lead would drop to dead last. David Lo Iacono and Rod Albronda took control of the race, but Turner got back on the track and fought his way back to the front from some three laps down. Turner took a well deserved win, with Lo Iacono 2nd and Albronda 3rd.

Below are the full results from the 2010 PDNR Challenge.

Pull Start – Final Positions

P	Name	Details	Laps	Time	Final Name
1	S KALTENBACHER	PDNR / KYOSHO SIII EVO /	99	30:10.0	A Final
2	Steve VALLETTA	PDNR / JPM Racing / Edam Spirit /	98	30:12.0	A Final
3	Rod MORGAN	PDNR / KYOSHO SIII EVO /	93	30:09.5	A Final
4	Jim CRANSTON	SORMCC / JPM Racing / EDAM / RB / Capricor	81	25:42.4	A Final
5	Jamie CLARKE	PDNR / KYOSHO SIII /	79	30:01.3	A Final
6	Kevin MATON	PDNR / Grahams Hobby Centre / KYOSHO SIII	72	30:08.3	A Final
7	Chris STANLEY	PDNR / Me / KYOSHO SIII EVO /	70	21:26.4	A Final
8	Lance NUNN	SORMCC / JPM Racing / Edam Spirit /	67	30:17.7	A Final
9	Darrell KNIGHT	PDNR / KYOSHO SIII /	61	30:04.5	A Final
10	Bruce BERG	PDNR / KYOSHO SIII EVO /	38	14:46.4	A Final
11	D KALTENBACHER	PDNR / KYOSHO SIII /	49	20:01.8	B Final

Open Pan – Final Positions

P	Name	Details	Laps	Time	Final
1	Michael TURNER	PDNR / JPM Racing / Kyosho Evolva M3 /	103	30:17.8	A Final
2	David LO IACONO	PDNR / Team Noizee / Pirtek / Loui s Mobil	101	30:11.5	A Final
3	Rod ALBRONDA	PDNR / Team Noizee / Pirtek / Grahams Hobb	99	30:11.0	A Final
4	Nathan EGAN	PDNR / Team Noizee / Mugen MRX4R /	94	30:07.6	A Final
5	Daniel MINER	PDNR / Grahams Hobby Centre / Mugen MRX4 /	94	30:14.4	A Final
6	Grahame FRASER	PDNR / G&E Signs / Team Noizee / JPM Racin	88	30:14.1	A Final
7	Greg ROSSITER	PDNR / JPM Racing / Serpent 960 /	50	21:38.7	A Final
8	Steve OCONNOR	PDNR / JPM Racing / Serpent Australia / Se	17	04:54.9	A Final
9	J LO IACONO	PDNR / Team Noizee / Pirtek / Loui s Mobil	0	00:00.0	A Final

Open Tourer – Final Positions

P	Name	Details	Laps	Time	Final Name
1	Greg BROOKS	SORMCC / JPM Racing / XRAY NT1 /	103	30:08.5	A Final
2	Tony FIRTH	PDNR / Grahams Hobby Centre / JPM Racing /	103	30:15.5	A Final
3	Rick SEYMO	PDNR / XRAY NT1 /	101	30:10.5	A Final
4	Chad DONNELLY	SORMCC / KM Racing Aust / Ace Hobby Distri	99	30:00.3	A Final
5	Brett QUARM	PDNR / Capricorn /	99	30:01.9	A Final
6	Matt FERGUSON	PDNR / Wanted / XRAY NT1 /	93	27:47.3	A Final
7	Darrin CAMPBELL	NSWRRCRC / KM Racing Aust / Ace Hobby Dist	92	30:17.0	A Final
8	Steve PODMORE	PDNR / Kyosho RRR Evo 2 /	91	30:06.2	A Final
9	Donovan HACKETT	SORMCC / Ace Hobbies / Kellets Hobbies / K	88	30:11.4	A Final
10	S KALTENBACHER	PDNR / Capricorn /	38	11:56.4	A Final
11	Chris STANLEY	PDNR /	62	20:12.6	B Final
12	Barry GAVIN	PDNR / Kyosho RRR /	58	20:07.3	B Final
13	Richard DEGER	Mugen MTX4R /	55	20:21.1	B Final
14	Steve VALLETTA	PDNR / JPM Racing / Capricorn /	53	20:09.9	B Final
15	Alex SIDDIQUE	SORMCC / Babybidz.com.au / XRAY NT1 /	0	00:00.0	B Final
16	Chris HAMILTON	SORMCC / KM Racing Aust / Ace Hobby Distri	0	00:00.0	B Final

Nitro Kit – Final Positions

P	Name	Details	Laps	Time	Final Name
1	Frank DEAK	PDNR / Kyosho SIII /	56	20:28.5	A Final
2	Payton BRADDOCK	PDNR / Hyper /	54	19:50.6	A Final
3	Kris ALBRONDA	PDNR / Shoelaces / Team Noizee / Pirtek /	54	20:07.5	A Final
4	Nathan BLOOR	PDNR / KYOSHO SIII /	52	20:09.4	A Final
5	Ben DUNN	PDNR / Kyosho SIII /	50	19:43.5	A Final
6	Simon GREENER	PDNR / KYOSHO SIII EVO /	42	20:02.0	A Final
7	David GRAHAM	PDNR / KYOSHO SIII /	41	16:32.8	A Final
8	Rhys OCONNOR	PDNR /	35	20:22.1	A Final

Photos, full race results and more information is available on the PDNR website

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SEASON REPORT – 2010 Autumn Championship

The Autumn Championship is historically the coldest on the PDNR calendar, with the majority of rounds being held during the Winter season. Traditionally entrant numbers drop during the Autumn Championship, and although this was the case again this year, there were still a good number of dedicated racers who contested the Autumn Championship.

The battles went right to the final round in many divisions, and the closeness of the points at the end of the championship demonstrates how close the competition is at the pointy end of racing at PDNR.

The final results are available on the following few pages, but below are some photos from the Autumn Presentation Night which was held at the Nepean Rowing Club on August 24.





FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS – Autumn 2010

Here are the Final Championship Points from the last Championship - Autumn 2010. Results are after Round 13 on 17/08/10. Rounds 1, 5, 7, and 12 were cancelled due to rain.

Division Sponsor JPM RACING : RB : ATS : CASTER		
OFF ROAD BUGGY		
P	Name	Pts
1	Matthew Oxford	316
2	Flavio Cataldo	232
3	Tom Harrison	197
4	Daniel Jackson	139
5	Jonathan Hart	101
6	Mark Swan	97
7	Ron Sant	80
8	Chris Abela	65
9	Stewart Kaye-Smith	63
10	Maurice King	38
11	Chris Ciappara	22
12	Marco Tucciarone	21
13	Peter Wilson	18
14	Terry Robinson	0

Division Sponsor		
OFF ROAD TRUCK		
P	Name	Pts
1	Darrell Knight	288
2	Flavio Cataldo	254
3	Will Shield	232
4	Jake Brett	156
5	Mary Moller	95
6	Allan Crane	40
7	Greg Temme	28
7	Luke Allam	28

Division Sponsor		
OPEN PAN		
P	Name	Pts
1	Michael Turner	283
2	David Lo Iacono	239
3	Rod Albronda	232
4	Grahame Fraser	173
5	Greg Rossiter	132
6	Shaun Kaltenbacher	100
7	Darrel Thompson	64
7	Daniel Miner	64
9	Chris Newland	28
10	Aaron Lee	26
11	Vic Tucciarone	10
12	Jonathan Lo Iacono	0

Division Sponsor GRAHAM'S HOBBY CENTRE		
NITRO KIT		
P	Name	Pts
1	Paul Burchdan	285
2	Frank Deak	238
3	David Graham	195
4	Denny Kady	153
5	Brad Tarrant	151
6	Michaek Koudeir	136
7	Kris Albronda	121
8	Nathan Bloor	116
9	Don Bishop	90
10	Payton Braddock	77
11	Jai Tarrant	60
12	Ben Dunn	55

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS Cont'd

Division Sponsor PIRTEK AUSTRALIA		
PULL START		
P	Name	Pts
1	Steve Valletta (M1)	304
2	Rod Morgan (M1)	254
3	Kevin Maton	200
4	Bruce Berg	194
5	Roy Hanmore (M1)(T1)	134
6	Shaun Kaltenbacher	40
7	Chris Stanley	26
8	Ben Dunn	18
8	Barry Gavin	18

Division Sponsor BARCLAY'S RC & HOBBIES		
OUTLAW		
P	Name	Pts
1	Steve Podmore	242
2	Jacob Michael	203
2	John Reilly	203
3	Adrian Isaacs	194
4	Kevin Maton	190
5	Bruce Berg	189
6	Jayson Rutherford	126
7	Vic Tucciarone	80
8	Peter Wilson	66
9	Barry Gavin	50
10	Allan Crane	26
11	Don Bishop	23
12	Chris Newland	16

Division Sponsor GRAHAM'S HOBBY CENTRE		
PRO TOURER		
P	Name	Pts
1	Rick Seymo	246
2	Tony Firth	236
3	Steve Valletta	214
4	Shaun Kaltenbacher	202
5	Rod Morgan	156
6	Steve Podmore	148
7	Adrian Isaacs	129
8	Aaron Lee	56
9	Joel Casey	44
10	Chris Stanley	42
11	Brett Quarm	40
12	Jayson Rutherford	9
13	Jacob Michael	0

Division Sponsor EDAM EXER		
P	Name	Pts
1	Rick Seymo	298
2	Michael Turner	276
3	Darrell Knight	198
4	Grahame Fraser	175
5	Greg Rossiter	152
6	David Lo Iacono	108
7	Jonathan Lo Iacono	0

2010 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – PROGRESS RESULTS

Here are the progress results for the 2010 Club Champion. Results are taken after the conclusion of the Autumn Championship.

2010 PDNR CLUB CHAMPION				
Name	RANK	TOTAL	TOTAL SUMMER	TOTAL AUTUMN
Matthew Oxford	1	654	338	316
Tony Firth	2	596	360	236
Steve Valletta	3	566	262	304
Darrel Knight	4	564	276	288
Michael Turner	5	560	277	283
Flavio Cataldo	6	538	284	254
Paul Bouchdan	7	528	243	285
Shaun Kaltenbacher	8	524	322	202
Will Shield	9	512	280	232
Steve Podmore	10	508	266	242
Bruce Berg	11	492	298	194
Rod Albronda	12	480	248	232
Adrian Isaacs	13	477	283	194
Rod Morgan	14	475	221	254
Frank Deak	15	470	232	238
Rick Seymo	16	460	162	298
Chris Stanley	17	390	348	42
Jake Brett	18	388	232	156
Tom Harrison	19	382	185	197
David Lo Iacono	20	377	138	239
John Reilly	21	374	171	203
David Graham	22	372	167	205
Jacob Michael	23	362	159	203
Greg Rossiter	24	360	208	152
Kevin Maton	25	340	140	200

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!



DRAG RACING

~ 2010 Championship Series ~



Drag Update after Round 9 – (16/10/10)

The action over the 40m drag strip continues, and with the penultimate round completed drivers are now looking at the Championship results to predict what could happen at the final round on Saturday November 20.

PS. A little birdie has reported to the editor that the Drag Section of PDNR have received approval for new *Race America* RC Drag Racing Timing Equipment ~ so Drag Racing at PDNR will go up another level in 2011!

Final Round of Drag Racing for 2010

PDNR DRAG NIGHT - ROUND 10

When: Saturday November 20th, 2010

Location: SIRC P1 Car park (Penrith)

Registration: Pre registration encouraged - Limited entries taken on the night

Time: Setup from 2:00pm, Rego/Practice 5:00pm, Qualifying 6:30pm (TBC)

For: All Nitro & Electric Cars, Trucks and Buggies (and Micro)

IMPORTANT - You can Now race for as little as

Non Members: \$12 for First Division, \$8 for each 2nd division, 3rd is free.

Members: \$8 for First Division, \$4 for 2nd division, 3rd is free.

Juniors: \$5 for any division (16 years and under)



Above: Our Newest and Youngest Racers, Just 4 years Old - Tate Firth and Caitlin Albronda



Clinton King and Leigh Naylor



Nathan Johnston and Matt Ferguson

Championship Points (As of Round 9 – 16/10/10):

D/SLAMMER / FUNNY CAR EP		
P	Name	Pts
1	Brandon Dimoski	600
2	Clinton King	470
3	Luke Gunton	350
4	Andre Lolcano	260
5	Goran Tadorski	145
6	Nathan Johnston	140
7	Jason Taylor	80
7	Leigh Naylor	80
7	David Lolcano	80
10	Ben King	60
10	Scott van der Dray	60
12	Zac Stojanovski	0
12	Graham Fraser	0

TOP FUEL EP		
P	Name	Pts
1	Robert Dimoski	720
2	Leigh Naylor	575
3	Brandon Dimoski	445
4	Clinton King	380
5	Luke Gunton	255
6	Nathan Egan	190
7	Mark Curl	140
8	Zac Stojanovski	100
9	Michael Fellowes	80
10	Charles Pillotto	60
11	Nathan Johnstone	0

SUPER STOCK GP		
P	Name	Pts
1	Ryan Palmer	940
2	Darrel Knight	815
3	Nathan Johnston	420
4	Grahame Fraser	80
4	Peter Wilson	80
6	Thomas White	60
7	Shaun Kalttenbacher	0

MICRO		
P	Name	Pts
1	Matt Oxford	735
2	Steve Oconnor	685
3	Will sheild	560
4	Kyle Lo Iacano	355
5	Ben Garrard	200
6	Rhys Oconnor	160
7	Jonathon Lo Iacano	115
8	Anthony Ciapara	60
8	Mark Swan	60
10	Maurice King	0

D/SLAMMER / FUNNY CAR GP		
P	Name	Pts
1	Nathan Johnston	760
2	Zac Stojanovski	400
3	Robert Dimoski	345
4	Goran Tadorski	300
5	Charles Pilotto	200
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
13	Anthony Ciaparra	40
15	Graham Fraser	0

OFF ROAD		
P	Name	Pts
1	Matt Oxford	735
2	Clinton King	605
3	Will Sheild	535
4	Jamie Fellowes	255
5	Nathan Johnston	200
6	Brandon Dimoski	190
7	George Pugh	140
8	Ben Garrard	120
8	Darrel Knight	120
10	Thomas White	100
11	Zac Stojanovski	40
11	Grahame Fraser	40
11	Matt Johnson	40
11	Mark Swan	40
15	Greg Rossiter	0
15	Peter Wilson	0

OPEN PAN		
P	Name	Pts
1	Rod Albronda	720
2	Matt Oxford	420
3	Graham Fraser	235
4	David Lo Iacano	140
5	Mark Oconnor	100
6	Darrel Knight	60
6	Charles Pilotto	60
6	Will Sheild	60
9	Greg Rossiter	0

SUPER STOCK EP		
P	Name	Pts
1	Kris Albronda	690
2	Jim Brown	400
3	David Lo Iacano	310
4	Nathan Johnston	280
5	Mark Curl	255
6	Josh Morgan	215
7	David Ricketts	100
7	Caine Schilling	100
9	Goran Todorski	80
9	Scott Van Der Dray	80
9	Matt Ferguson	80
12	Aaron Zarrazan	70
13	Luke Gunton	60
13	Brad Kimber	60
15	Thomas White	40

TOP FUEL GP		
P	Name	Pts
1	Brandon Dimoski	785
2	Zac Stojanovski	505
3	Leigh Naylor	485
4	Nathan Johnston	460
5	Michael Fellowes	420
6	Clinton King	180
7	Charles Pilotto	160
8	Robert Dimoski	115
9	Thomas White	80
10	Steve Valletta	40
11	Peter Wilson	0

JUNIOR DRAGSTER		
P	Name	Pts
1	Madison Knight	905
2	Kris Albronda	670
3	Kyle Lo Iacano	350
4	Corey Fraser	280
4	Rhys Oconnor	280
6	Brandon Dimoski	245
7	Benn Dunn	240
8	Caine Fraser	200
9	Liam Worth	120
10	Caitlin Albronda	80
10	Jesse Barclay	80
10	Tate Firth	80
13	Gabriel Pilotto	40

Records (As of Round 9 – 16/10/10):

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	1.484 sec - Robert Dimoski Dimoski (14/08/2010)	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)	100 km/h - Ryan Palmer (16/10/2010)
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)	98.63 km/h – Clinton King (16/10/2010)
JUNIOR DRAGSTER - U16 1/10th EP/GP	2.465 sec - Kyle Lo Iacono (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)	114.3.0 km/h – Steve Oconnor (16/10/2010)
OPEN PAN 1/8th GP	2.366 sec - Rod Albronda (14/08/2010)	98.63 km/h - Rod Albronda (24/09/2010)

REMINDER: PDNR Drag Racing are in Street Machine – On Sale October 20th

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There's none of the mucking around, the big burnout track gets the cars back into position

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Annual Renewal – Due 30 th September	\$30.00
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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 - 1 st division	\$10.00
PDNR Member - Additional division	\$8.00
Visitor - 1 st division	\$14.00
Visitor - Additional division	\$12.00

Weeknight Racing – Championship (Members Only)

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

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Race Cap	:	\$15.00
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The PDNR website is updated regularly with news and results.
You can also download entry forms and event calendars.

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