



SHORT CIRCUIT TORQUE

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Update from your President

Welcome everyone to our 5th newsletter for the 2021 season. In looking back at my last newsletter, just over one month ago, we were in lock down and here we are once again in a more substantial lock down due to the difficulties associated with the spread of the Covid virus.

My very best wishes to everyone and your families at this difficult time, and I pray that you stay safe and well.

With only a little over six weeks to go before round 3 at Carnell Raceway, I sincerely hope everyone's preparations are going according to plan. One thing I can guarantee you, it will be much warmer in September than it was at round 2 so that should be a plus!!!

The Association's first ever Junior car which will be made available to those who would like to test and try their hand at grassroots motorsport, is progressing very well. Huge thanks to the Hillier family for the paint work they are doing on the car; it's going to definitely stand out!! Huge thanks to Neil Esplin for his efforts with design and signage, the mock-up looks fantastic.

I would encourage everyone to be on the lookout for any young, and perhaps not so young up-and-coming new drivers who are keen to become involved with the opportunity to drive this car so that they can experience first-hand what it's like behind the wheel on a race circuit.

I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone at Round 3 so best wishes for your preparations and make sure you get your entries in early.

Thank you everyone and God bless you always,

Derek Pingel
President
Short Circuit Motor Sport Association



Junior competitors at the April's short circuit event Carnell Raceway, Stanthorpe in 1999

DATE CLAIMERS

Rd 3 - 18th / 19th September 2021 – Carnell Raceway,

Rd 4 - 6th / 7th November 2021 – Carnell Raceway,

SCMSA Dinner & Trophy Presentation –

Saturday 27th November 2021

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RD 2 QLD-NSW SPRINT CHALLENGE – SPRINT RACING

At Round 2 of the QLD-NSW Sprint Challenge there was action sprint packed throughout the two days.

The Racing Cars under 2000cc was won by Inverall's Mark Trees in his well-presented 1993 Nissan NSR with a time of 2 minutes 22.159 seconds.

The Improved Production Under 1600cc went to Coffs Harbour Mick Wilkins in his 1998 Hyundai Excel in a time of 2 minutes 42.867 seconds with Ipswich's Paul Bond a close second in his n14 Pulsar with a time of 2 minutes 43.139. South MacLean's Peter Trapnell in his 1998 Hyundai Excel with 2 minutes 44.018 seconds picked up third spot.



Bill Heuchmer winner of the Improved Production 1600cc – 2000cc at Rd 2 at Carnell Raceway

The Improved Production 1600cc - 2000cc was won by Ballina's Bill Heuchmer in his 1992 Toyota Corolla with a time of 2 minutes 31.171 seconds. Second place was taken out by Bill's son Ballina's Zac Heuchmer in a time of 2 minutes 36.647 seconds from Kayden Rieck in his 2003 Toyota Corolla with a time of 2 minutes 38.748 seconds.



Neville Nawratzki in action at Rd 2 at Carnell Raceway

The Improved Production 3000cc – 4500cc was fiercely contested throughout the weekend. Bleinheim's Craig Manteufel led the class throughout the weekend until Heat 7 when Craig's son, Jayden Manteufel did a 2 minutes 39.623 second beating Craig by 1.382 seconds to take out the class. Craig came in second with 2 minutes 40.005

seconds. Scrubby's Creek Edward Lukehurst picked up third spot with 2 minutes 43.961 seconds.



Paul Buccini leading Waine Gersekowski at Rd 2 at Carnell Raceway

Another highly contested class was the Improved Production Cars Over 4500cc with Brisbane's Paul Buccini just pipping Toowoomba's Justin Barlett by 1.36 to take out the class with a time of 2 minutes 28.339 seconds. Justin Barlett came second with a time of 2 minutes 29.699 seconds. Brisbane's Jim Mee picked up third spot with 2 minutes 33.483 seconds.

Toowoomba's Mark Manteufel took out the Short Circuit Vehicles class with a time of 2 minutes 43.547 seconds.

Another highly contested class was the All-Wheel Drive Vehicles Under 4000cc between to Coff's Harbour lads John Kelly and Graeme Hardaker. Graeme Hardaker was leading the class until John Kelly came out with a blistering run in Heat 7 and to win the class with a time 2 minutes 26.358 seconds. Graeme came in second with a time of 2 minutes 27.232 seconds. Toowoomba's Jesse Manners came in third spot with 2 minutes 34.291 seconds.

The Juniors Under 2000cc was another fiercely fought out class between South Maclean's Jack Trapnell and Anthony's Morgan Rieck. Jack Trapnell making his first appearance at the QLD-NSW Sprint Challenge came out first with a time of 2 minutes 42.732 seconds, with Morgan Rieck a close second with 2 minutes 44.344 seconds. Tenterfield's CeeJay Hillier making his second appearance at the QLD-NSW Sprint Challenge picked up third spot with 2 minutes 49.212 seconds.

Nambour's Shane Hill took out the Sports Sedans Over 2000cc with a time of 2 minutes 27.972 seconds, Boambee's David Wedd came in second with 2 minutes 33.855 seconds while Swatell's Mark Stevens was a close third with 2 minutes 33.923.

The Sports Cars 2001cc – 3000cc was taken out by Warwick's Phillip Lee in a time of 2 minutes 33.357 seconds.

Toowoomba's Neil Esplin took out the Over 3000cc Sports Cars with 2 minutes 26.066 seconds.

The Pre-1974 Classic Touring Cars 1300cc – 1600cc was taken out by Toowoomba's Alan Greenbury with a time of 2 minutes 53.314 seconds.

Withcott's Keith Edwards took out the Over 2000cc Pre-1974 Classic Touring Cars with 2 minutes 54.337 seconds.

SCRUTINEERING MODULE

Anyone wishing to attend a scrutineering module please contact Kevin Hunter, SCMSA Secretary
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Phillip Lee winner of the 2001cc- 3000cc Sports Cars at Rd 2 at Carnell Raceway

PREPARING YOUR RACE CAR FOR AN EVENT

Moss Lane – Chief Scrutineer

Our scrutineers have been around for some time now and have been involved in many forms of motor sport. Scrutineering is a very important safety check on the day, sometimes it is the simple things we all miss that can make a big difference when it happens on the track. We have been able to scrutineer at many events over the years, from the old INDY on the Gold Coast, V8 Supercars at Queensland Raceway, Willowbank, Off road events and our own touring cars, sprints and super sprints all over south Queensland.

Here are a few things to look out for before you leave home.

1. Fill out your paperwork completely this will make the event secretary very happy.
2. Walk around the car and check external markings, RED TOW HOOK marked FRONT AND BACK.
3. BLUE TRIANGLE for Battery and Isolating Switch locations.
4. Check that your Stop Lights are working.
5. Check under the bonnet check for leaks, Water and Oil as it is not good if it gets on the track.
6. BATTERY LOCATION. Make sure it is correctly anchored, with the positive terminal covered to prevent shorting out, if it is inside the car it must be a non-acid type battery.

7. Exhaust outlet should exit to the rear or to the side behind the front door. Noise limit is 95 dB (decibels) (30 meters from the edge of the track) is what we need to comply with Schedule B of the Motorsport Australia Manual

8. Personal Race Gear, Helmets - clean with no chips or damage and are compliant, Race suit wrist to neck and ankle, and for the H A N S device and a race seat to suit.

9. TRANSPONDERS. on the cars we do have some misreads on this equipment and we think it maybe the location of your transponder, the supplier tells us the placement should be as close to the race track as possible with the top of the writing on the unit pointing upwards (which is different from the Dorian transponders). PLEASE CHECK. This will make our timing officials very happy and will give us more track time during the event .

10. General appearance - please keep up the good work, most are exceptional with their presentation so keep up the good work..

11. Technical Appendix Schedule H Fire Extinguishers AS1841 for most unites this is for 3 years but for some may be only 2 years depending on the make AS1851. Also, **check date stamp on body of new fire extinguisher as some time can be almost out of date when you buy it.**

Thank you and on behalf of the Short Circuit Motor Sport Association and thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at our next event at Carnell Raceway in September.

GOURLEY RACING FAMILY



When Scott Gourley's parents went looking for him when he was a little boy that would always find him playing in Barry's race car.



Barry and Scott Gourley besides their Litre Sprint Cars



Barry Gourley's Litre sprint car



Rex Creer in action at the short circuit event at Millmerran's Reserve Raceway in 1997

DATE CLAIMER
Short Circuit Motor Sport Association's Dinner & Trophy Presentation
to be held at the Toowoomba Golf Club
– Saturday 27th November 2021

WANTED

Officials For Carnell

We need your help to run the event at Carnell on the 18/19 September.

While it is important to get competitors to enter the event without people to run the event there will be no event.

If you are available to help even for one day please give Moss a call on 0428 717 535



Bob Lehfelt in his beautifully prepared car at Carnell Raceway in 1998

CTM CABINETS MOTORSPORT – THE STORY OF CRAIG AND JAYDEN

Craig and Jayden Manteufel are based in the Lockyer Valley in the small town of Blenheim. While Craig has made a living from building kitchens for over 25 years and Jayden cutting his teeth in the mechanic industry, they both have a common interest in racing cars that has for the past 10 years, not only delivered them success in the past, but a lot of enjoyable memories together and making great mates along the way.

Craig initially started racing in 2011 in one very bright canary yellow VK Commodore running it in Sprints at Carnell Raceway & Morgan Park Raceway. Craig's know how and get it done attitude saw the cars performance and appearance progress over the coming years, with strong results and a couple podiums to boot, but it was evident that the bug of car racing had very much bit his son Jayden. Craig & Jayden then went on to build a second Commodore, this time a VB model, to begin Jayden's racing/driving journey at Carnell Raceway & Millmerran Auto Club. The time and effort the two boys put into the cars began to pay dividends, with Jayden picking up the 2013 Junior QLD/NSW Sprint Championship 2000cc-Over.



Craig Manteufel in his beautifully prepared 1984 Holden Commodore in action

Though the results were great, there was one thing Jayden wanted more than anything, and that was to have his trusty Commodore in that same canary yellow war paint that his father Craig had. "We not only want our cars to go fast, but we also want them to look presentable as well. We've always been a fan of yellow, and well the Canary Yellow stands out from the crowd!" Craig said. Craig continued, "One of my fondest memories of our two yellow cars was at the 2016 Gatton Street Sprints when two young boys came over to the cars with their parents and were in awe of our cars. One of the boys said, "I want to have sit in one of those!", and the other boy didn't want to miss out either!

So, as I loaded one boy into my car and Jayden put the other boy into his, the elation on the two faces put into perspective exactly why we enjoy racing our cars and what we truly do it for."



Jayden Manteufel putting his yellow canary 1979 Holden Commodore through its paces

During 2017 & 2018, Jayden along with his father's tireless supporter (and some pretty handy co-driving) raced in the Queensland Holden HQ Racing Series with a rookie championship win in his first season along with 6th outright, and few top 5 results in an underpowered and underdeveloped lease car. With other strong results including class podiums in two HQ 1 Hour races along side his father Craig, they both learnt a lot more about improvements in car setup and made advancements in driving ability and craft as well. Craig and Jayden also have other ventures in Sprints racing including running a Hyundai Excel & Holden VY LS1 Commodore in many street sprints and taking home class wins in last years Queensland Raceway Night Sprints Series.

Enjoying the time working on their cars and venturing around south east Queensland together, the boys have settled back into their infamous yellow Commodores, 2021 has brought strong early results for the two with reliability a key focus for them both. Jayden & Craig finished the most recent SCMSA Short Circuit Sprints Round in 1st & 2nd position respectively in class Improved Production 3001cc-4000cc. Along with the two remaining rounds of racing at Carnell Raceway, the boys look forward to displaying and racing the cars at this year's Historic Leyburn Sprints, and hoping to share some stories and keep the good times going for the rest of the year!

SHORT CIRCUIT SUCCESS AT CARNELL

Subtract from the Stanthorpe Border Post, Tuesday 17th February 2004

Sundays' first round of the Queensland Short Circuit Series organised by the Stanthorpe and District Sporting Car Club and the Short Circuit Motor Sport Association proved to be a great success.

The prestigious eight round series is being conducted on a points score system with two rounds being conducted at each of the four circuits – Stanthorpe, Warwick, Ipswich and Millmerran.

The battle for first round points produced some top door-handle-to-door-handle racing.

Spectators who came to see the first appearance of the 2-litre Sports Sedans at Carnell Raceway were not disappointed.

New South Wales driver Steve Pittman dominated in the 2-litre Sports Sedan Challenge and gave a dazzling display of high-speed driving to win the three heats and the 20-lap final, although he was kept on his toes by New South Wales' Rick Bostock, who finished second in the three heats and the 20-lap final.

Warwick's Allan Brennan finished third in Heat One while Woodford-based Ian Michels, who has just returned to racing after many years, showed he still has the touch to pick up third in heat two and three.

The events were dominated by New South Wales competitors, many who were making their first appearance at short circuit events.

The other short circuit classes also produced some top racing. Toowoomba's Barry Alexander finished the day with a total of 43 points to win Production A. Gowrie Junction's

Tim Loone was in top form, which gave him a win in Production B. Loone finished with a total of 58 points to share the outright points lead with Steve Pittman.

The Improved Production A racing was spot on with very close racing. Tamworth's Tim Whitten had a running battle throughout the day with Ipswich 2001-02 series champion Paul Dixon.

Whitten picked up first in the three heats and the 20-lap final, while Dixon finished a close second in all events. Adrian Loone finished in heat one and three and third in the final. Ipswich's Tony Grant finished third in heat two. Whitten top-scored in the class with 52 points, followed by Dixon on 43 points and Adrian Loone on 31 points.

The Sports Sedan racing was great with Tamworth's Neil Farr and Bruce Worgan battling out the events with Ipswich's John Connell and Brisbane's Moss Lane.

Farr took out heat one from Connell and Lane, Worgan took out heat two from Farr and Connell. In heat three it was Farr, Worgan and Lane. The 20-lap final was won by Bruce Worgan from John Connell, with Moss Lane third.

The success of Sunday's event has prompted the Stanthorpe and District Sporting Car Club and the Short Circuit Motor Sport Association to combine later in the year to conduct a sprint meeting at Carnell Raceway.

This event will cater for all types of racing machinery and will also have classes for registered street cars which will allow anyone interested in motorsports to compete. The event is expected to attract in excess of one hundred entries.



Darren Aspinall competing in the 100 Lapper at Stanthorpe's Carnell Raceway in 1998



Wayne Quinlandin the short circuit event at the at Stanthorpe's Carnell Raceway in 1998



CLUB MERCHANDISE



POSTAGE EXTRA FOR ALL ITEMS BELOW

Unless delivered at the next race meeting

Sport pole T-Shirts with embroidery logo and lettering	
(old stock)	\$35
(new stock)	\$50
Short Circuit Motor Sport Assn. caps with embroidery logo and lettering	\$25
Stainless steel coffee mugs with short circuit logo	\$20
Pen Set with 2 extra refills	\$20
Led Torches with batteries with short circuit logo	\$10
Westhold transponder	\$165
Westhold Lapceiver	\$95



COMING EVENTS



JULY / AUGUST 2021

Saturday-Sunday 31-1

Rd 3 "C" Series
Warwick District Sporting Car Club
Morgan Park, Warwick

AUGUST 2021

Sunday 8

Rd 5 MAC Dirt Sprint Series
Millmerran Auto Club
Reserve Raceway, Millmerran

Friday-Sunday 13-15

Shannons Nationals
Morgan Park, Warwick

Sunday 15

Rd 4 IWMAC Autocross Series
Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club
Willowbank Park, Ipswich

Saturday-Sunday 21-22

Historic Leyburn Sprints
Leyburn Streets

Saturday-Sunday 28-29

Rd 3 QLD State Circuit Racing Chp
Morgan Park, Warwick

SEPTEMBER 2021

Friday-Sunday 3-5

Pittsworth Street Sprints
Millmerran Auto Club
Industrial Estate, Pittsworth

Sunday 11

Interclub Hillclimb
Mt Cotton, Brisbane

Saturday-Sunday 18-19

Rd 3 QLD-NSW Sprint Challenge
Short Circuit Motor Sport Association
Carnell Raceway, Stanthorpe

Saturday-Sunday 18-19

Rd 3 Short Circuit Touring Car Series
Short Circuit Motor Sport Association
Carnell Raceway, Stanthorpe

Sunday 19

Rd 5 IWMAC Sprint Series
Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club
Willowbank Park, Ipswich

Saturday-Sunday 25-26

Rd 4 "B" Series
Warwick District Sporting Car Club
Morgan Park, Warwick



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