



SHORT CIRCUIT TORQUE

The Short Circuit Motor Sport Association's Newsletter
May 2021 Issue



Update from your President

Welcome everyone to our 3rd newsletter for the 2021 season. As we enjoy beautiful autumn weather, winter will soon be upon us and Round 2 in Stanthorpe will no doubt live up to its reputation as one of the coldest areas anywhere in Queensland.

With only days left to get your entries in, I urge everyone who has a car ready for competition to consider being part of this upcoming event at Carnell Raceway.

Our Club needs your support and without good numbers of competitors the viability of this and future events hangs in the balance. You can be assured of a fun, friendly and competitive couple of days!!!

Lots of work continues behind-the-scenes with your organising committee and executive, we are always looking to improve every aspect of our events and are always open to any good suggestions so feel free to approach Association committee members at any time.

Just a brief update on the Junior car recently purchased by your Association, we are hoping to have this available for new up-and-coming juniors who would like to come and try to see whether this might just be the sport for them. More news on availability and openings hopefully available at our September round at Carnell Raceway.

Can't wait to see you all for Round 2 so best wishes for your preparations and thank you always for your support.

Thank you everyone and God bless you always,

Derek Pingel
President
Short Circuit Motor Sport Association

DATE CLAIMERS

Rd 2 - 19th / 20th June 2021 – Carnell Raceway,
Rd 3 - 18th / 19th September 2021 – Carnell Raceway,
Rd 4 - 6th / 7th November 2021 – Carnell Raceway,
SCMSA Dinner & Trophy Presentation –
Saturday 27th November 2021



Robyn Coleman & Lindsay Simmons at the Darling Downs Dirt Track Reunion Dinner

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- P1 President's Message
- P2 David Hack Classic
- P2 QLD-NSW Sprint Challenge Series Dates
- P2 Rd 2 Entries Close – Sunday 30th May 2021
- P3 The Way Forward
- P3 Darling Downs Dirt Track Reunion Dinner
- P5 Looking Back – Dawes Hold On
- P6 Date Claimer – SCMSA Dinner
- P6 SCMSA Merchandise
- P7 Scrutineering Module
- P7 Coming Events
- P8 Association's Affiliated Clubs
- P8 Editorial Contributions

DAVID HACK CLASSIC

The Rotary Club of Toowoomba North runs the 'David Hack Classic' featuring Classic cars and Warbirds, held annually as a fundraiser for local charities such as the Leukaemia Foundation, Blue Care and many more.

David Hack was a young man whose life was tragically cut short by Non Hodgkins Lymphoma (Leukaemia). The loves of his life were cars and photography. He was a motoring photo-journalist, contributing to magazines such as Street Machines, Fast Fours, Wheels, and Performance Street Car Magazine.

For his 28th Birthday, a huge "Birthday Bash" had been organised at Aerotec Hangar, Toowoomba Aerodrome, but tragically he passed away two days before it was held. Rotary has held this annual event to create a lasting memorial to an impressive young man.

This year there were over 300 exhibits, some of the attractions on display this year were an Amphicar, the RAAF C27-J Spartan aircraft and many more classic cars, trucks, military vehicles and motorcycles, and warbirds.

Qld Fire & Rescue demonstrated the "jaws of life" and cut up a vehicle in a simulated extraction.

Thank you to everyone who assisted the Short Circuit Motor Sport Association with their display, which consisted of Alan Greenbury's 1953 Austin, Ken Martin's 1963 Hillman Imp, Keith Edwards' Dick Johnson's 1999 Falcon AU, and Mark Manteufel's 1997 Holden Commodore. Also thank you to Kevin Hunter and Moss Lane for their support.



Ken Martin's 1963 Hillman Imp at the David Hack Classic



Keith Edwards' beside his Dick Johnson group C V8 touring car replica at the David Hack Classic

2021 QLD-NSW Sprint Challenge Series

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Rd 2 - 19 th / 20 th June 2021 | - Carnell Raceway, Stanthorpe |
| Rd 3 - 18 th / 19 th September 2021 | - Carnell Raceway, Stanthorpe |
| Rd 4 - 6 th / 7 th November 2021 | - Carnell Raceway, Stanthorpe |

Rd 2 QLD-NW Sprint Challenge & Rd 2 Short Circuit Touring Car Series

19th / 20th June 2021

Entries close 5 pm on Sunday 30th May 2021

THE WAY FORWARD By Moss Lane

Hi everyone a quick report on the DAVID HACK Auto and war birds show, there were hundreds of mostly historic and custom road cars.

I am pleased to note there were some of our S C M S A members, Alan Greenbury in his 1953 Austin, Ken Martin in the 1963 Hillman Imp, Keith Edwards' immaculate Dick Johnson group C V8 touring car replica, as well Mark Manteufel with his very well presented 1997 Holden Commodore. Many thanks to those members for supporting this promotion.

It should be noted that Kevin Hunter went to Derek's place and towed the Event Command Centre {caravan} 😊😊 to the show, sorry Derek!!



Mark Manteufel's 1997 Holden Commodore was on display at the David Hack Classic

WANTED

Officials For Carnell

We need your help to run the event at Carnell on the 19/20 June.

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

Pat Murray was there and had it all set up when I arrived. We had some good interest from a number of juniors wishing to become involved in motor sport, they went away with a hand full of info , let's hope they get involved.

I handed out some flyers to some of the other car clubs on site, all in all it was a good day.

As for the old war birds, some 15 old fighters one Jet who would have taken me for a fly but I could not raise the finance to make that happen, and a number of planes fly-in from all over the country.

It was a good day, if we are to grow the S C M S A needs to do more in the future along these lines.

Rd 2 QLD-NSW Sprint Challenge and Rd 2 Short Circuit Touring Car Series at Carnell Raceway, Stanthorpe is coming soon. SO GET YOUR ENTRIES IN. It will be great to see you in Stanthorpe in JUNE.

DARLING DOWNS DIRT TRACK REUNION DINNER

The Darling Downs Dirt Track Reunion Dinner was well organised with over 150 people in attendance. Everyone was given a name tag prior to the night and told to wear them as people had changed shape and developed wrinkles, even the hair colours had changed.

The night was well planned and well organised. There were photos and newspaper clippings of by-gone days on display, and more photos being shown by a slideshow all evening.

There were many donated prizes which were drawn during the evening. I think nearly everyone went home with a prize.

Amongst the attendees were life members Lindsay Simmons (our present Clerk of Course), Graeme Kelly and Dan O'Mara.

On Sunday Ron Hoffman had organised a Show and Shine which attracted 40 cars. Everyone agreed the weekend was a marvellous success and enjoyed by all.

Dirt track events started by the Toowoomba Auto Club at Echo Valley, Toowoomba in 1967, followed by the Warwick District Sporting Car Club at Morgan Park, Warwick in 1968, then the Stanthorpe and District Sporting Car Club at Carnell Raceway, Stanthorpe and the Reserve Raceway, Millmerran by the Millmerran Auto Club.

Short Circuit events went along in those early years, with few rules in general, no organised dates for events, and so the 4 clubs met and agreed that short circuit required a governing body. Hence the Interclub Control Committee was formed in 1977 as the governing body for short circuit events. We were the CAMS of short circuit events. The committee consisted of an independent President, Secretary and Treasurer

and three delegates from each of the four clubs two with voting powers.

The function of the I.C.C.C. was to govern the sport, write the rules and regulations, obtain insurance for the events and to supply stewards for the events.

The first few years were very hectic with new rules and regulations, many regulations into car and driver safety but when the dust settled many agreed that these new rules were what was required.

Everything went along fine until 1998 when the ICC became finding it impossible to obtain insurance so it was decided to approach the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) with the view of affiliating with CAMS. Thanks to all the help from Milton Brennan, State Manager the late Leigh Vine, State Council Chairman and Barry Nixon-Smith, Chairman of the

Motor Racing Panel. After many meeting between the clubs and representatives of CAMS the ICC became the Short Circuit Motor Racing Association on 5th November 1998, another name change the Association changed its name to what it is today Short Circuit Motor Sport Association. In 1998 the Association applied for affiliation with CAMS and were accepted as members of CAMS.

In those early days the drivers and officials all worked together to get the track prepared over two weekends prior to the meeting.



Clayton & Asha Hillier at the Darling Downs Dirt Track Reunion Dinner held at Warwick recently



Darren Aspinall at the Darling Downs Dirt Track Reunion Dinner held at Warwick recently



The Show & Shine at the Darling Downs Dirt Track Reunion



The Show & Shine at the Darling Downs Dirt Track Reunion

The S
Track

DAWES HOLDS ON

Extract from AutoAction 1-9 October 1997

Round five of the Queensland Short Circuit Touring Car Series was organised by the Stanthorpe and District Sporting Car Club and held at its Carnell Raceway on September 7.

Warwick's Production driver Michael Dawes pushed his Honda to its limit to maintain his lead in the series. Dawes took out heat two, the final and the 20 lap feature to accrue 30 points, which took his total to 153.

Warwick's Jeff Kay won heat two and the 20-lap feature in class, and finished second in the two other races. He is not six points behind Dawes.

The series will go down to the wire at the sixth and final round at Millmerran on September 28.

Sports Sedan drivers Tim Thorne and Con Ryan, on 131 and 130 points respectively, will be waiting in the wings if either Dawes or Kay slip up.

Juniors

Round five produced a new leader, Chris Poole (110 points), from Rebecca Dawes (108) and Brett Wilson (98).

Heat one over 10 laps went to Dawes, ahead of Jason O'Mara and Wilson. Jamie Finch picked up heat two after a long battle with Wilson and Poole, while the 12 lap final went to Poole, with Kris Day second and Dawes third. In the 20-lap feature, Day led from flag to flag, with Poole and Wilson trying every trick to get past. Finch also put in a big effort.

Production

Heat one over 10 laps saw Wayne Quinlan lead from start to the chequered flag. Michael Dawes ran a close second, with Michael Simpson third. Heat two was won by Dawes after a dice with Quinlan, who finished second. Des Parkinson battled with Simpson until mid-race when Simpson got through to take thirds. Both the 12-lap final and 20-lap feature was won by Dawes from Quinlan and Parkinson.

Dawes finished with 153 points, Quinlan 115 points, and Simpson 88 points.

Improved Production

Heat one over 10 laps turned into a battle between Bill Campbell, Jeff Kay and Jason Coram. Campbell took the heat from Kay with Coram third. Heat two was led away by Graeme Bender before Kay took over the lead on lap two. Coram passed Bender for second on lap seven. Campbell, who had been held up in traffic, got

through to third on lap seven and held the spot to the flag. Kay won the heat, with Coram second.

The 12-lap final became a dogfight between Campbell and Kay, with Coram and Mark Edwards in pursuit. Campbell eventually won, with Kay second and Coram third.

Tony Locke led the 20-lap feature, with Edwards, Coram, Teresa Campbell, Bender, Kay and the rest nose-to-tail. Edwards was having his first race on the bitumen and Kay passed him on lap 15, going on to win from Edwards and Coram.

Kay finished with 147 points, Campbell 95 points, and Coram 90 points.

Formula Six

Heat one over 10 laps saw Robbie Aspinall lead off with Bruce Bunch and Rex Creer in hot pursuit. Bunch got to the lead on lap five and Glen Krause moved to second, with Aspinall holding onto third. Krause took the heat from Bunch with Creer. Heat two was a battle between Troy Hillier, Krause and Robert Trapp. Hillier won from Krause and Trapp.

The 12-lap final went to Krause from Bunch and Trapp, while the 20-lap feature was won by Hillier from Krause and Bunch.

Scott Bready finish with 122 points, Creer 80 points, and Krause 62 points.

Sports Sedans

Heat one over 10 laps was led from start to finish by Scott Higgs. Bruce Mitchell picked up second while Con Ryan finished in third after a battle through traffic. In heat two Nicholas Poole lead to the halfway mark, despite Mitchell, Higgs and Ryan throwing everything at him. On lap five, however, Poole went off, leaving Mitchell to go on and win from Higgs and Rayan.

The 12-lap final was won by Mitchell from Ryan and Poole, while the 20-lap feature saw Bob Power get his act together to win from Ryan and Mitchell.

Ryan finished with 130 points, Mitchell 113 points, and Poole 110 points.

Super Sports Sedans

The Super Sport Sedan class was dominated by Toowoomba's Brett Curran in his Chev-powered Ford Capri. Curran won the first two 10-lap heats, with Robert Poole taking second and Tim Thorne third.

The 12-lap final was won by Curran from Thorne and Poole, while in a the 20-lap feature Thorne won from Scott Wood and Gavin Dawes taking third.

Thorne finished with 131 points, Simons Thompson 91 points, Dawes 82 points.

Formula Karts

Cameron Johnson won every race from Michael Carney. Ian Mackie finished third in the two heats and the final, and Barry Green finished thirds in the feature.

Johnson finished with 155 points, Green 111 points, Mackie 88 points.



Brett Curran shows a clean pair of heels in the short circuit event at Carnell Raceway in 1997

Sports Karts

This class was dominated by Jason Clements, who took out both heats, the final and the feature. Second place in Heat one went to Mark Edwards, with Gary Watson third, while in heats two David Hayne took second from Steven Ross, Watson went on to take second in both the final and the feature. Edwards picked up third in the final, while Hayne took third in the feature.



Jeff Kay (62) and Bill Campbell (22) dual for the lead in the short circuit event at Carnell 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**



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

SCRUTINEERING MODULE

Anyone wishing to attend a scrutineering module please contact

Kevin Hunter, SCMSA Secretary

Mobile: 0409 270 430

Email: secretary@scmsa.com.au



COMING EVENTS



JUNE 2021

Friday-Saturday-Sunday 1-2

Rd 2 QLD State Circuit Racing Chp
Cord Owners & Gatherers Society
Morgan Park, Warwick

Saturday 12

Porsche Sprints
Porsche Club QLD
Morgan Park, Warwick

Sunday 13

Rd 3 MAC Dirt Sprint Series
Millmerran Auto Club
Reserve Raceway, Millmerran

Saturday-Sunday 19-20

Multi-Club Hillclimb
Mt Cotton, Brisbane

Saturday-Sunday 19-20

Rd 2 QLD-NSW Sprint Challenge
Short Circuit Motor Sport Assn
Carnell Raceway, Stanthorpe

Saturday-Sunday 19-20

Rd 2 QLD Short Circuit Touring Car Series
Short Circuit Motor Sport Assn
Carnell Raceway, Stanthorpe

Sunday 20

Rd 3 Autocross Series
Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club
Willowbank Park, Ipswich

Sunday 20

Lapdash
Tamworth Sporting Car Club
Oakburn Park Raceway, Tamworth

Friday-Saturday-Sunday 25-27

Shannons Nationals
Morgan Park, Warwick

JULY 2021

Saturday-Sunday 3-4

QLD Historics
Historic Racing Car Club of QLD
Morgan Park, Warwick

Sunday 4

Junior Training and Come & Try
Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club
Willowbank Park, Ipswich

Friday-Saturday-Sunday 9-11

Townsville 400
Townsville

Saturday-Sunday 10-11

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

Saturday-Sunday 10-11

Rd 6 NSW Hillclimb Championship
Tamworth Sporting Car Club
Oakburn Park Raceway, Tamworth

Sunday 11

Rd 4 MAC Dirt Sprint Series
Millmerran Auto Club
Reserve Raceway, Millmerran

Saturday 17

Porsche Sprints
Porsche Club QLD
Morgan Park, Warwick

Sunday 18

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

Saturday-Sunday 19-20

Multi-Club Hillclimb
Mt Cotton, Brisbane



SHORT CIRCUIT MOTOR SPORT ASSN

PO Box 2456
Toowoomba Qld 4350
Contact: Secretary – Kevin Hunter
Mobile: 0409 270 430
Email: secretary@scmsa.com.au



CLUBS AFFILIATED WITH SHORT CIRCUIT MOTOR SPORT ASSN

Downs Motorsport Club
PO Box 660
Warwick QLD 4370
Contact: President – Warren Gersekowski
Mobile: 0407 131 285
Website: www.downsmotorsportclub.com

Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club
PO Box 112
Ipswich QLD 4305
Contact: President – Greg Woodbridge
Mobile: 0437 301 429
Email: ipswichwestmoretonautoclub@gmail.com
Website: www.iwmac.org.au

Millmerran Auto Club
Post Office 5
Brookstead QLD 4364
Contact: President – Lindsay Simmons

Mobile: 0427 956 197:
Treasurer – Debbie Evans
Mobile: (07) 0409 629 046
Website: www.millmerranautoclub.com

Stanthorpe & District Sporting Car Club
PO Box 83
Stanthorpe QLD 4380
Contact: President – Ian Rigg
Mobile: 0419 678 018
Website: www.noosacarclub.com.au

Tamworth Sporting Car Club
PO Box 115
Tamworth NSW 2340
Contact: President – Jason Newling
Mobile: 0457 780 853
Email: info@tamworthscc.com.au
Website: www.tamworthscc.com.au

EDITORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions are welcome.

Contributions from competitors, officials and spectators are welcome.
Thanks to Rod Sams and Kevin Hunter for supplying photos this issue

Copyright

No part of this magazine may be reproduced without the publisher's written permission

Contributors

The views expressed in the "Short Circuit Torque" are not necessarily those of the Short Circuit Motor Sport Association.

Contributions Deadlines

Contributions should reach the Editor by 11th April 2021

Please address all information to:-

The Editor
Pat Murray
Short Circuit Torque
PO Box 2456
Toowoomba QLD 4350
Ph: (07) 46356997
Mobile: 0428 737 139
Email: membership@scmsa.com.au