

PACENOTES

June 2021



NSW PTC President Chris Reeves

As I write this, I can't help but smile at the 34 Car field we have for the Round 2 - June 26th day/night race. A big part of this is a committee of very committed people along with the Technical of Chris Gough and DSO in Bruce Colbey. A great many things have been going on behind the scenes such as efforts to nationally align the 3E Production Car regulations. In talking with members, it is clear that clear rules and a level playing field are a priority while the open tyre list has been embraced.

The committee is looking forward to a fully online membership system that will give members reminders of memberships due as well as the ability to pay online by clicking on the link. Initial inquiries are favourable with a number of add-on's to be had including membership cards electronically held on your mobile phone. We are in the process of obtaining a grant through Motorsports Australia to get this system up and running.

The Wakefield Park Round 1 Massel Enduro was blessed with a strong field and good weather albeit a little cold with fog that ultimately took ten minutes from

our Sunday race. We saw close races up and down the field with one of our new rookie members Matt Campbell taking outright victory in the Evo X.

We managed to have live streaming of Races for A, B and Enduro. I did receive a few calls after the weekend in relation to coverage and as a result would like your feedback on what type of media you would like to see at our race events, perhaps you have a great idea, please let us know. I did post some racing video's and in particular two clips involving contact with my car. Here I will throw myself under the bus as in hindsight I should not have posted anything with contact. There were no comments about Beau's first race but rather too many about the contact, we do not need to have this in public so it was removed, I will not post anything other than good hard but clean racing again. I would ask that you all bare this in mind when posting up videos or making controversial comments on public media forums.

Before we head to Round 2 at Sydney Motorsport Park this is a timely reminder that cars need to have documents to support what they are in every way, the logbook does not have the detail required for the technical team. The technical team worked very hard

to try and have a particular car race at Wakefield Park. The stewards ruled that the car was illegal, and they had no power to let it race despite requests from our technical team. Cars must be accurate to the logbook and the Homologation documents you have for that car. It is unfair to expect the technical team turn a blind eye so that an unknown car can run.

I am pleased with the large number of new members and cars however thinking back to my first race meeting I had no idea on almost everything from where to be and when, procedures, tracks, fast lines and how my car should be set up. Please take the time to say hello to new members and if you can take them under your wing, you may have just found a lifelong friend. A particular strength of NSW Production Touring Cars is the family-oriented and friendly atmosphere, so if you feel you could be a mentor, please reach out to me and I will keep you in mind for a new member in a similar car.

We will have an afternoon tea and trophy presentation in the Suites that Garry Mennell has booked about 3pm on the Saturday afternoon. As I write this, I am cognisant of the fact that Covid has once again reared its head in Sydney so things may well change over the next few days, we will advise of any changes to our intended format. If you have raced in the last two rounds, we would love to see you even if you're not racing, you may even take home some tableware for your efforts.

We have not found a replacement for the role of Treasurer which is an Executive position within the club. Carolyn over the years had taken on many roles which have now been disbursed amongst other members so the primary role is all you will need to do. Please speak with me if you think that you could do this important role within our club.

I have a number of sponsor packs if you know anyone who may be a good fit with our Club, again please reach out in person or by email for further information. The club requires an income to pay for a great many things as race entries all go to the circuit or promoters.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that the end of year awards night will be at "West HQ" on Saturday 20th November 2021. Many will know this as the Rooty Hill RSL which has amazing function rooms and all facilities for before and after our event. We have negotiated a club rate for accommodation at the adjoining Novotel Hotel so it should be a night to remember.

See you at the Track .. CR

NEW MEMBERS

NO.	NAME	CAR	TEAM
tba	Brad Schumacher	Subaru WRX Sti	Schumacher Motorsport / Kelso Electrical
93	Aaron Tebb	Holden HSV VF Clubsport R8	Waltec Motorsport
57	Matt Boylan	Mitsubishi Evo X RS	Pomelo Designs / Retail Construct
11	Harrison Cooper	Mitsubishi Evo X	Cooper Motorsport
3	Beau Yates	VW Scirocco R 2017	
64	Jessica Martin	Hyundai Excel 1999	Excel Racing Australian / Martin Engines
64	Jonathan Beikoff	Hyundai Excel 1999	Excel Racing Australian / Martin Engines
73	Steve Mifsud	VW Polo GTi 9N MY07	TLA Racing
42	Liam Evans	Holden Commodore SSV Redline 2017	Team Virag Racing
20	Matthew Ray	VW Polo GTi 9N MY07	Cooltech Industries
34	Liam Cade	VW Golf GTi	Australian Snake Catchers
78	Oskar Butt	Holden Astra	PB Motorsport Services
78	Carl Climan	Holden Astra	PB Motorsport Services
118	Dean Campbell	Mitsubishi Evo 10	DCR Dean Campbell Racing



Garry Mennell
Vice President

DATES TO REMEMBER

PTC NSW club general meetings are held at the Arena Sports Club (the old Greyhound club) 140 Rookwood Rd, starting at 7.30pm.

14th July 2001

8th Sept 2001

10th Nov 2021

2021 PTC NSW Calendar

June 26th	SMSP	* Day/night Sprint (one day event)
July 31st Aug 1st	SMSP	* Enduro
Sept 4/5	SMSP	Master Blast Sprint
Sept 25/26th	WP	* Sprint
Nov 6/7th	SMSP	* Enduro

PTC club challenge event Qld R/way Oct 23/24th TBC

Note: * indicates PTC NSW State Championship round

Important

We have 34 cars running at the day/night meeting this coming weekend which is a great roll up for the club.

We have arranged with the ARDC to have a corporate room for everyone to use on Saturday. We will also be conducting a trophy presentation for rounds 1 & 2 around in the room around 3.30/4pm so please make an effort and come along to support those winners. Corporate rooms 5 & 6 and there will be tea and coffee available.

Also talking about trophies, The ARDC will be presenting their 1st, 2nd & 3rd outright trophies directly after the finish of our last race at SMSP, cars will be park up behind the control tower and drivers will be asked to proceed straight to the podium for the presentation, so again try and be there and show your support for those winners on the night.

Anyone who requires any of the 2021 PTC sponsor signage stickers, they will have to come and see me at garage 21 on Friday or Saturday morning.

Our next round of the championship is back at SMSP, July 31st, Aug 1st, and its back to our Enduro format so watch for entry forms that should be out any day now.

See you all down at SMSP
GM

Brian Anderson
Technical Manager

TECHNICAL

One of the key criteria we look at, when looking at your vehicle, is does the vehicle match the documentation. Your vehicle should have a Motorsport Australia Recognition Document. Your entry form, logbook and Recognition Document should all say the same thing. It is the competitor's responsibility that the vehicle complies with the documentation.

Therefore, you should compare your car to the recognition document to ensure all aspects of the vehicle match the recognition document.

If you don't have a recognition document then contact MA Technical (technical@motorsportaustralia.com.au) and get one. If they don't have one for your car then contact the NSW PTC Technical team and we will help you through the process to get one.

MA only produce Recognition Documents for vehicles that are in production or were in production 5 years ago. The NSW PTC Technical team are creating a process for how to get recognition documents for older vehicles.

Category Manager

Brian Anderson is our category Manager and he is at the circuit for our meetings to assist in ensuring we have a smooth meeting. He is also there for helping anyone who needs assistance understanding the process and the rules. Please feel free to contact Brian, prior to, at an event, or post event, if you want some clarity on the rules or how an event runs.



Quality you can taste



Some things that occurred at the last couple of Events that you should all be aware of:

- Two competitors were penalised for not having an operating Camera
- One Competitor was sent home for an ineligible vehicle
- Two competitors were penalised for ignoring the red flag
- Lots of speeding in pit lane after a restart
- Black flag issued for inoperative timing device
- No Boost Monitors equals no points
- A car penalised for all four wheels off the circuit.

So please help yourself and ensure your equipment is operating correctly (i.e., Camera, Boost Monitor and Dorian Timer).

Always check what the red flag routine is. YOU may be the first car. Don't just follow the car in front.

Watch the speed limit in pit lane at ALL times. And don't trust the guy in front to get it right. Know where the pit lane finishes and unrestricted speed starts.

Driving completely on the grass to overtake someone is NOT allowed

3E National Management Committee

Motorsport Australia has created a committee to manage the Group 3E rules going forward. The Group 3E rules are what we run under as Production Cars. The committee is made up of representatives from: NSW Production Touring Cars, QLD Production Cars, Bathurst 6 Hour, and the Australian Production Car Series.

The committee will be the communication channel between MA and the clubs regarding the 3E rules.

Our representative and the chairperson of the committee is Brian Anderson.

Some of the rules that the committee will be looking at in the future are:

- Sportscars – NSW PTC stand is for only front engine four-seater vehicles.
- Turbo Boost – NSW PTC stand is for the current process to remain.

If you want to see some adjustment to the rules, let Brian know.



Member Spotlight - Mike Ferns

1983 was the year I had my first taste of motorsport. My dad took me to Bathurst as part of a corporate function as CEO of a James Hardie subsidiary. I saw Dick Johnson throw it into the trees during Hardies Heros and I met the king Peter Brock whom spent a few minutes talking with me about my first visit, I was hooked. Whilst I had always watched motorsport from this point on I didn't know how to get started and nor did I have the will to pursue it due to family and career commitments.

After a significant career change from corporate to business owner and a chance meeting with Trevor Mirabito of Race Academy did my interest of being a lounge expert to being behind the wheel began. I did a deal with Trevor to pay for the track time and he taught me how to drive whilst shaking down a recently acquired VE SS Commodore in readiness for the 2019 Bathurst 6hr assault. I also joined on as a sponsor so I could become apart of the team for that said race. It was at this point I was hooked. I was the first customer of Race Academy International and joined in on their first competition day. On my first run I took Chris Reeves little Suzuki Swift with his good self beside me for scoring and instead of changing gear from second to third I slotted it right home into first, needless to say Chris smashed my scoring for mechanical sympathy!



Following all this excitement the line was drawn into the sand and my racing journey began. After some long discussions with both Trevor and Phil Butt of PB Motorsport I jumped in on the purchase of the little Polo Gti from the auctions and the transformation from a banged up little road car into a weekend warrior began. Phil worked his magic and built a gorgeous little thing in readiness for the 2020 season ahead. To say I was overwhelmed for the first race would be an understatement. It was raining, it was a national round and an enduro – we came through unscathed for Rd1. From here it was a round by round case of learning and adapting to the racing environment knowing that there was some very experienced heads in the club to talk me through it.

Bathurst 6 hr 2021 came around and the boys thought I had enough experience to jump in and tackle the mountain, to go back to where my love of motorsport began and be in the race was a dream come true, it's probably the most scariest thing I have ever done. To come through after 6 hours with my best mates and the whole crew that got us to the end and have us stand on top of the podium with a B2 Class win was truly a dream. Then to follow up with a class win in Rd 1 of 2021 was just the perfect start to the season and the culmination of the all the learning since I started on the track. Production Touring is a fantastic way to start racing, great people and now for me some great friends have developed. Most importantly though is my family, supporting me through this incredible journey of putting a car on the track round to round.

Special thanks to my best mates – Trevor Mirabito and Phil Butt for everything you have done for me over the last 24 months to help me on way – you are both truly very special people in my life. I can't wait for the rest of the season to pan out.

Sponsor Profile

Race Bred Engineering

Race Bred Engineering is a creation of long time production car racer and acknowledged Holden Commodore guru Steve Hodges. Steve has built or had input into a great many cars in the PTC field. When I first met Steve he was working from a home garage we would all be jealous of even now but since then Steve works from a well-equipped factory in Prestons. Steve specialises in FIA/MA spec roll cages and ancillary vehicle fit outs such as door trims, floors and other mechanical and engineering solutions to race car builds.

Some of Steve's recent cage work has seen Holden, VW's and a Honda through the shop. If you're at the upcoming Wakefield Park Enduro I'm sure at some point you'll be mirror to mirror with a Race Bred car. If you need an engineering solution for your car or one you want to build, I urge you to chat with Steve Hodges. Support those who support us.

Chris Reeves

