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KEEPING TRACK - News

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The Inaugural Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday the 19th with the office bearers and committee members for 2002 elected. I would like to firstly thank all the members who were present and contributed their thoughts and ideas, as well as Trent & Alison Firth who chaired and recorded minutes for the meeting. We have a strong group of members, drivers and supporters who will help PDNR to grow and improve and I look forward to working with the committee and members to realise our club goals.

Kevin Maton

FEEDBACK SURVEY

To help the committee understand what our members, drivers, spectators and supporters would like there is a feedback survey available at Race Control. If everyone could take a few minutes to complete the six simple questions the committee can work towards setting realistic and appropriate goals that address the needs of everyone.

RAFFLE CAR

Thanks to Jordal Hobbies we have an affordable Thunder Tiger TS4N to raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 each and it will be drawn Tuesday, March 19. Tickets are available at Race Control and the Kitchen.

PDNR AGM

The AGM was well received with no shortage of members willing to volunteer their experience and expertise to help organise and manage PDNR in 2002. Please feel free to contact committee members with any ideas or suggestions. If you can volunteer to help the club, it would be greatly appreciated by members and the committee.

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CONCOURSE COMPETITION

A new weekly competition for PDNR is Concourse. Every Tuesday night before racing, competing drivers put their cars on display in the main straight. A certificate and \$5.00 cash are on offer to the best concourse car as judged by a random spectator.

GWEN'S KITCHEN

A huge thankyou to Gwen for all the time and help she has given to organise the kitchen for us every week. The hotdogs and drinks for only \$1.00 have been a huge success with everything sold out last Tuesday. Gwen has plans to expand the range to include chocolate bars so keep your eyes open for a surprise next time you're shopping.

FUNDRAISING IDEAS

PDNR are still looking for ideas and volunteers to organise and operate fundraising activities such as raffles and club days like NVCC's Observation Run & Treasure Hunt. If you would like to help, please talk to a committee member.

PANTHERS UPDATE

A few weeks back Kevin and Tony went to see Panthers regarding the potential of the old go kart track. The result was that we are welcome to use the area, however we will be asked to leave at any time in the near future and therefore could not justify putting effort into improving the grounds. The good news is that Panthers are going to put us in touch with the correct people at Penrith Council to discuss the opportunity of using some land for our permanent facility so we need to be patient and start raising funds.

RACE FEES & MEMBERSHIP

PDNR have affordable entry options to cater for all types of racers. Race entry and membership application forms are available from Race Control and the website. The system for race entry and championship point score entry is as follows:

RACE ENTRY

\$5.00 nightly fee covers race entry for one division.

or

\$40.00 up front covers race entry for one division, for all 15 rounds of the championship and secures your frequency. This works out at \$2.67 per week.

Please note: Both the above options only cover race entry, and not entry into the championship point score, i.e. in the running for trophies/prizes.

POINTS SCORE ENTRY

To be entered in championship point score you must either be a PDNR Member (\$30 plus a \$10 once only joining fee - enters you in all 3 championship point scores)

OR pay a \$20 championship point score entry fee for each championship.

MEMBERSHIP

\$40.00 Membership total

Including:	Joining Fee (once only)	\$10.00
	Annual Subscription	\$30.00

Membership includes many benefits such as automatic entry into all championship point scores, eligibility to vote at club meetings and discounts at hobby stores (details still in negotiation) to name just a few.

TEARALONGLINE

PDNR TRIVIA ANSWERS

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ANYONE FOR GRAPES?

Would you be interested in trying your hands at picking grapes? Splitty has a vineyard that requires the gathering of grapes. It will be on Saturday, March 23 at Splitty and Gills place at Ebenezer. Starting at 8:00am there will be approximately four hours work and lunch is provided. Please call Splitty to RSVP if you are interested on 4579 0058 or 0416 228 936.

DO THE RIGHT THING

Please be aware that there are rubbish bins provided at racing. There has been concern over the amount of rubbish left after racing and to ensure we can continue to use the facilities, everyone is asked to put all their rubbish in the bin.

A NOTE ABOUT HELP

Can all drivers and members please understand that when it comes to getting help from other drivers, the priority for drivers is to get out and race. If a helper has time they can help other drivers, but if the helper has a race that they need to get ready for then that becomes the priority and those who need help need to be patient. There have been a few cases where drivers have missed their race because they were helping others which is good to see, but please remember that you are here to run your car and don't be afraid to put other work on hold so you can race yourself.

PDNR TRIVIA

For something different, ITP have a trivia competition. All you need to do is answer the following questions and put the completed answer form in the entry box at race control. The first correct entry drawn on Tuesday March 5, will win a prize. It should be a bit of fun so have a go! (The answer form is on the previous page)

QUESTIONS

1. Who is Andrew Miller?
2. How many cars does Adam Newton have?
3. How many drinks did Gwen sell last Tuesday (February 26, 2002) night?
4. Who is leading the Two Speed Pro Constructors Points Score?
5. What is PDNR's website address?
6. How many cc (cubic centimetres) is a .21 motor?
7. Who is Mr Antenna?
8. Who is Emu Alarms?
9. What type of car does David Wowk race in Two Speed Pro?
10. How many PDNR signs are on the trailer?
11. Who does Eddy Skaf work for?
12. How many laps are allocated for drivers on the lap score sheets?
13. What colour is ID Flag #5?
14. How many 29 Mhz frequencies are on the Race Control Board?
15. What service does Garry Parkinson perform on RC car bodies?

PADDOCK PASS - Championship Update

After 6 rounds of the **RDJ Sportswear Summer Drivers Championship** the points table reflects the great racing we have seen. The huge crowds that continue to come and spectate have been entertained by some close battles in all three divisions. The points table as of Round 6, February 26 is as follows:

SINGLE SPEED			TWO SPEED			TWO SPEED PRO		
1	Hassan K	57	1	Craig G	81	1	Tony F	42
2	Garry P	37	2	Mark G	24	2	David W	36
3	Peter C	31	3	Craig B	23	3	Kevin M	27
=4	Scott L	21	4	Splitty	20	4	Steve Ma	22
=4	Dylan Mc	21	5	Eddy S	16	5	Craig G	17
6	Thomas S	19	6	Graeme D	15	6	Adam N	14
7	Shaun P	16	7	Eric R	14	7	John C	5
8	Mick V	10				8	Steve McD	4
9	Shane C	9						
10	Waleed K	3						

Please note that those drivers who have raced and do not appear above are not entered in the championship point score. Please see a PDNR organiser at Race Control if you would like to enter the Championship Points Score.

Out of interest the following Constructors Points Score was determined:

SINGLE SPEED			TWO SPEED			TWO SPEED PRO		
1	Kyosho	71	1	Tamiya	105	1	Picco	73
2	GV	66	2	Neo	51	2	Kyosho	58
3	Traxxas	47	3	Picco	23	3	Mugen	19
4	T/Tiger	37	4	Mugen	14	4	Neo	17
5	HPI	3				5	Serpent	7

SMALL TORQUE - Hints, Tips & Links

WET WEATHER RACING

A notice to new members, when it is wet, we meet at Judges car park. Access is from Woodriff St or Station St, Penrith. There are no organised races as space is limited but most get their cars out for a bit of a play.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL DRIVERS

1. ALL DRIVERS MUST WEAR COVERED FOOTWEAR
2. NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED DURING RACE MEETINGS
3. BEFORE STARTING YOUR CAR(S) ALL DRIVERS MUST:
 - CHECK-IN AT RACE CONTROL (7:00 - 7:45 pm)
 - PUT A FREQUENCY PEG ON YOUR CONTROLLER.
4. DRIVERS MUST RETURN THEIR FREQUENCY PEG IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEY HAVE FINISHED WITH IT

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO FREQUENCY PEGS WILL BE
AVAILABLE UNTIL THE TRACK IS OPEN

DRIVERS RUNNING THEIR CAR BEFORE THE TRACK IS OPEN
DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK.

ALL DRIVERS MUST BE IN THE DRIVERS AREA.
NO SPECTATORS ARE PERMITTED IN THE DRIVERS AREA.

PIT AND PADDOCK AREA

PDNR TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DRIVER
NOT IN THE PADDOCK AREA MISSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE TO DRIVERS
OUTSIDE THE PIT AND PADDOCK AREA

MARSHALLING DUTY

ALL DRIVERS ARE REQUIRED TO MARSHAL THE RACE
THAT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWS THEIR OWN.

Drivers failing to perform their Marshalling Duties will have points deducted. If a driver is unable to perform their marshal duties, they must ask someone to marshal on their behalf and let an organiser know who this is, otherwise a penalty will be incurred.

SAFETY DIRECTIONS

PDNR organisers ask all competitors to use common sense if family or friends come down to watch. Please keep all spectators, especially children back from the track and away from race control, the pit area and the driver's area during races.

Please note that only marshals are authorised on the track to retrieve cars, and only drivers are permitted in the driver's area.

Due to insurance requirements all drivers and helpers must wear covered footwear, i.e. no open toed shoes or thongs. The consumption of alcohol is also prohibited until the close of racing and the equipment is packed up.

TRADING POST

If you have any items you would like to add to the PDNR Trading Post please put them in writing at Race Control or email them to info@pdnracing.org

NITRO RACE FUEL - Contact Steve Mc or Kevin for more information.

MERCHANDISE - PDNR Shirts and Hats. Shirts **\$27.50** Hats **\$10.00**

FORMULA ONE NITRO CAR - **\$400.00** Contact Steve Mc for information.

FUTABA 3PJ RADIO GEAR - **\$400.00** Excellent Condition. John Coulson 02 4587 8338

SANWA RADIO GEAR - **\$60.00** Contact Dylan McKenzie 9626 5762

RECHARGABLE 12V 7A STARTER BATTERIES - **\$30.00** Contact Kevin.
A recharging service between race meetings is also available for only \$2.00

TYRE TRUING SERVICE - For more information, contact Dave Balat - 0425 220 024 or Steve Martin - 0425 245 610.

CAR BODY PAINTING - For all types of body painting, airbrushing and custom designs, contact Garry on 0415 133 918

EVENTS CALENDER

Here you will find all the important events you can add to your diary.

March 9 Next Race Meeting at Lithgow

March 19 Raffle Draw for Thunder Tiger TS4N

May 7 Presentation BBQ for Summer Championship


PDNR SUPPORTERS



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