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SWTCC AUTOCROSS DATES 2015

Round 1	24th May
Round 2	7th June
Round 3	5th July
Round 4	2nd Aug
Round 5	6th Sept
Round 6 (Sat)	TBA

Round 6 will NOT be held on 3rd Oct due to Australian Motorcross Championships being held on the same date. A new date has been selected but final check being done with speedway and services.

ROUND ONE

Round 1 was voted by most competitors as a great day. The track was dry, firm and fast. Competition was run in the reverse direction or direction B officially.

Our new President, Ron Ferguson addressed the competitors and Clerk of the Course, Mal Thomson gave directions on relevant rules and safety matters.

CAMS Chaplain, Kim Van Keule came up from Pemberton to speak to members. He spoke of the friendship developed in motorsport, especially at grass roots level like SWTCC. He wished everyone a safe enjoyable day and to look after each other. He then recited the Lord's Prayer.

David Laing a young ex speedway driver bought back a reincarnated Trevor Daces Celica. It was painted all black using spray cans. I thought "*night rider*" is back. David had losses mainly on Bens Corner, but on the fourth run he ran a 1.20 Watch this lad.



Davids car...Kit

Alan Bywaters arrived with his usual looking RWD Corolla but when he lifted the bonnet, he revealed the car had a transplant. A massive 2 litre fuel injected Nissan donk with matching gearbox, diff and tailshaft.

He found the power a bit difficult to control with several spin outs. I am sure that as the season progresses, Alan will learn how to control this little beast.

We may have to keep the car whisperer on standby for Alan's and a few other new cars.

The Wright brothers bought along their refurbished Kermit, alias Excel. It was painted Kermit Green of course.



Scrutineer & others check Alan's new car

Both brothers put in some easy looking exciting times. The best was 1.16.59 in a stock standard Excel. The fastest run of the day was only 1.15.00. Eat dust you RWD's with modified hot engines!

Dicko, alias Peter Dixon had a bad day. Where ever he went black clouds seemed to follow him. He bought his little Escort back with a new 2 litre engine.

On run 1, Dicko got lost! and was a DNF. Run 2 all watched in in expectation, approaching the crossover he slowed and stuffed the switch. Apparently a loose fire extinguisher distracted him.

On run 3, the engine starved off fuel (interpretation; ran out of fuel) we asked him if his first name was Dick, what would be his last name be. Without much thought he said Head! Run 4 was perfect.



Dickos little beast

Garry Grant had a bad start to the day. On the short track at the top of the hill, the little Corolla got a bit confused and landed square on the top of a big tyre. Garry has scored front page this month. I am sure he heard the commentary coming from the “apes” in the spectator area. He finished the day in a borrowed car.

No car whisperer needed here. Just a new connection between

the steering wheel, the gearstick and the car.

Michael Beckingsale was seen in the spectator area. Where is your car? Oh it's coming. A 6 cylinder 250 Cortina! Mmmm.

Kathy Miles had a bad start along with many others. On the short track at the top of the hill, the little Laser went wide. She braked and gave a tyre a good bump, reversed and took off before anyone noticed. I did Kathy.

At lunch time Graeme Miles purchased a 1.8 Little Lancer Coupe with a good set of tyres. Greg and Kathy took it out on run 3. Greg dropped his times by more than 2 seconds in the new car. Kathy improved her times also. Greg's best time was 1.17.12 in his second run in a new car. Eat dust again you RWD cars.

The hard luck award for the day must go to Anthony Phillip Jones. His little Corolla approached the switch from long track to short track

His approach to the switch did not look correct; his LH tail clipped the first tyre, it flicked his Corolla around in a classic American Pit Manoeuvre and he hit the third tyre head on. Very hard! The tyre moved at least 2m and the car bounced back 1m.



Anthony sat in the car for a while. I saw steam. I asked him what he was thinking. He said sorry; you can't write it!

In good sportsmanship he got out of his car and took the banter from the "apes" under the grandstand. I looked up but none of them were swinging around the grandstand superstructure. They were all along the fence line.

Anthony picked up his spotties on a frame and held them above his head.

TRAINING

Our Training Officer, Beth Hastie has advised that a proposed Scrutineering training day is set for 17th July at Collie. If interested, speak to Beth ASAP.

RON'S DREAM

At the presentation, President Ron Ferguson told Garry Butler that he is not to retire until he has at least one win! Garry smiled. If anyone has any idea, Ron is keen to know.



RON'S DREAM: ahead of Garry Butler at the finish

IN THE PITS



You got it wrong Dad!



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Yes Roger; that's where the air goes in; I think!

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PRESIDENT NEEDS HELP

You may have noticed our President busy before each meeting setting up the timing gear. Wanted is someone to take this role on to give the President more time to communicate with members.

A volunteer is preferred but if approached, you will understand.

CANTEEN

Canteen Manager, Kathy Miles has advised that many wholesale prices have risen. The aim is to provide food and drink just above cost, but some prices have risen.

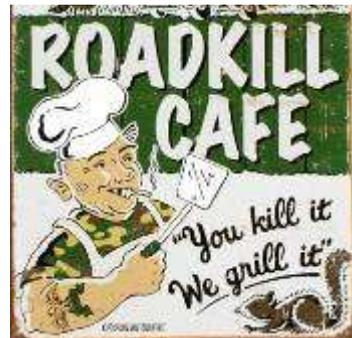
Kathy is also considering putting some “road kill” items onto the menu! Feedback is welcome. This will cut costs as members can bring in the road kill for each meeting!



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NEW TIMES

Have a look at junior, Daniel Wallis's times. Great mate. Rex Rattenbury has been coaching him and the efforts shows in his times.

Time to spend a bit of time with the other juniors Rex.



COMMENTARY

We have commentators coming out of our ears at the moment. Apart from our regular Rod & Adam Barrett, Lennie Huf, our previous commentator, retired dropped in for a look. Lennie looked well and took a stint in the commentators hut.

Returning Jenny Gerdei also did a good stint because Adam was absent. All we need to do is to train her not to have favourites. That's my son and that's my daughter. Well done Jenny.

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