



President's introduction

Well believe it or not 12 months have now past since SAU Vic's inauguration. A quick check this morning of the member's database shows we now have 149 registered members of the club.

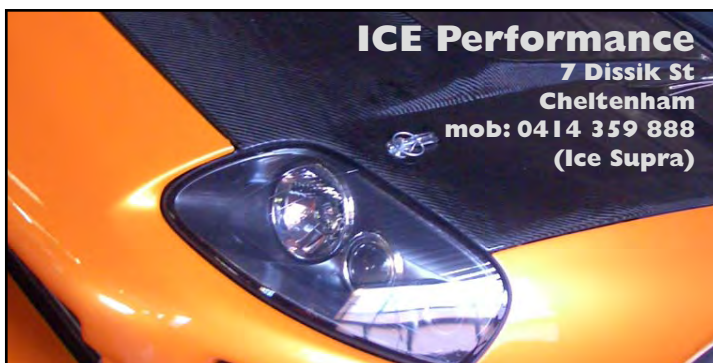
The occasion was celebrated with our first club Show n Shine which was hugely popular with both regular members and new comers to the club. This event will be covered further later in the newsletter.



A great day out - the SAU Show 'n Shine

None of the club's success could have been achieved without the commitment and voluntary work of a number of people. This primarily includes the current committee guys; Al, Adz, James, Ash, Pete, Chris, Dave and Shan. But along with those guys we also had help over the last 12-18 months from Dale, Rob, Clarky and Ni whose contributions to the club haven't been forgotten. To all those guys I say a big thank-you and I look forwards to your continued support in the future.

One of the things that have been noticeable since the last newsletter is that different events are attracting different members for possibly the first time in the club's history. In



recent months we've had cruises, motorsport events and the Show n Shine BBQ and to all the events we've had quite a diversity of members appear. What this has shown is that we need to arrange more diverse events more frequently. In order to facilitate this, we've increased the number of the committee by two. With this in mind, I'd now like to take this opportunity to welcome Paul (Assistant Events Coordinator) and Bec (Merchandise and Motorsports Secretary) to the SAU Committee. Hopefully these extra hands can help bring more events and more diversity to the members in the future.

So now I hope we can all look forward to another exciting 12 months ahead of us.

Cheers

Andrew Richmond - Snowy



Few motorsport events are as entertaining to watch as drifting - check this calendar for some local events!

Oct 29	DA	- Formula Drift	@ Winton
Nov 23	FLM	- Twilight Drift	@ Calder Park
Dec 10	FLM	- Drift Nats	@ Calder Park
Dec 11	FLM	- Drift Nats	@ Calder Park
Dec 21	FLM	- Twilight Drift	@ Calder Park

FLM: Full Lock Motorsport - <http://www.fulllock.com>

DA: Drift Australia - <http://www.driftrussia.com.au>

Twilight Drift: Drift practice night
Formula Drift: National Competition
Drift Nats: National Competition

News

DECA v2.0

Following the success of the first SAU DECA fun day in Shepparton earlier this year, we are proud to announce a second DECA motorkhana on November 19th.

Entry forms are available on the SAU Victoria forums, but be quick - entry is limited to only 55 competitors.

We would also like to thank our event sponsor - AFAS Race/Rally/Drift Services, for their fantastic support.



Event review

1st Birthday Show 'n Shine

What better way to celebrate the first full year of SAU Vic than with a Show 'n Shine and family BBQ.

Hosted at the 'Circus site' on Swan St in Richmond under beautiful sunny skies, we could not have asked for a better day, or location to gather the 50+ cars for this event.

From 11.30am onwards, all manner of Skylines and other Japanese sports cars (not forgetting the BMW M3) arrived and parked, ready to be judged by the members. There were 5 categories - best R31, R32, R33, R34 and best non-Skyline. Sadly no R31 Skylines were present on the day, leading to many jokes about there being no good ones worth seeing anyway!



The crowd was a very even mix between SAU Vic regulars and new members. It was great to see there were a number of people who have certainly been associated with the club forums for some time, being able to make it to their first event. Due to our public location too, we even attracted a number of passers by!

From the success of this, we will look at running it as an annual birthday event, as well as incorporating more 'park and show' type activities into the SAU annual calendar. A big thanks to everyone who made the effort to come down, show their cars and help with the voting.

James Ward (Jamezilla)

Best R34:	Clayton	Platinum GT-R Vspec
Best R33:	Nathan	Silver GT-R
Best R32:	Michael	White GTSt Type M
Best R31:	no such thing	
Best Other:	J-Spec	Silver VIP Toyota Celsior



R32 - White on white always looks right



R33 - Clean, simple with all the right bits



R34 - 2000 Vspec, complete with twin baby-seat conversion



OtherR - Toyota Celsior



Event review - cont...

Mt Macedon Cruise

Well for the first time I don't think I was late for a cruise, far be it for me to ever make it on time, I surprised myself either way by not having my mobile ring with the question of "where the F--- are you"

As everyone would have noticed, we were underway on time. Perfect day for it too. Weather is always kind for some reason, certainly nothing to argue about by any means of the word.

I must say, for those that came last year, this cruise was much more sedate and very enjoyable. It's a great time of year to be driving around that area of Victoria as the colours of everything are really spectacular.

Although we chopped the winery out of the route for time reasons which gave everyone more time @ the Bakery in Malmsbury to have a bit of gas bag... and as always, their pies were top notch. I'm not sure if everyone tried a pie, if you didn't then that's something you must remember for next time as they are still as good as last year! Possibly even better?



Although there was a slight en-route change to the cruise, which kind of took us "around" Mt Macedon, as opposed to going over/through it, hopefully everyone enjoyed it.

For those that might not have been well behaved, have a think about it. Who are you impressing, really?

I would like to take this chance to thank the majority of people for being well behaved. Even the Police didn't blink an eye when they stopped to have a look at everything. Very impressive and puts another good tick down for us!

Next event is the ICE Dyno Day... that should be excellent!

I hope to ee everyone there!
Ash Cosgriff (R31Nismoid)

Around the Bay in a Day - cycle team

There is nothing quite like hindsight to make you question your motives for doing something. In the case of the 2005 Around the Bay in a Day bicycle challenge, that hindsight was combined with 229 ass-numbing kilometers to make sure this would never happen again.

A team of 4 keen SAU heros, Troy Brisby, Alan King, Chris Thomson and myself - set off from the Docklands at 5.30am on a day that would never seem to end. Heading down past Frankston to Sorento for the first 100km, we took the ferry over to Queenscliff for the remaining 120km slog back past Geelong, along the freeway to the city.

While our training before the event was well-meaning - it certainly wasn't enough, and perhaps centered more on the social aspects of the ride and the obligitory post-cycle beers. Also, our equipment was not quite to the carbon and titanium standard of the majority of competitors and their 'cheater' bikes, but we got there in the end.

A great effort from all the 11,000 competitors - it certainly is an achievement. I'm happy to say I'll never do it again.

James Ward (Jamezilla)



That last 79km was hard, hard, hard.

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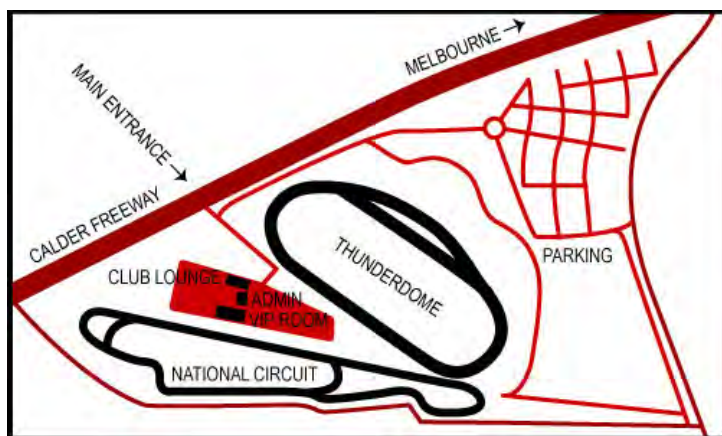


Event review - cont...

Calder Park - WRX Club track championship round 7

The final instalment of the SAU championship season has been finished and won on what was a glorious half day of motor sport. With rain predicted all day, the gods were good to us until about midday when the dark clouds rolled in and opened up.

The track conditions went from a dry low grip to absolutely no grip in a matter of minutes. Unfortunately the standing water caught a few people out, while others enjoyed the drifting. But after an incident occurred with the wall moving and jumping into the rear of a R34 GTT, the line to go out on the track disappeared and the clerk of course was forced to call the day off.



Calder Park Motor Raceway

However in the reasonably short time we had, people still managed to put out some hot laps and quiet impressive times. Being the last round of the championship and with the points so close in many categories, we got to see some cars being pushed hard and driven like they should be.

Calder Park is a difficult track to control a powerful car on, as the surface changes many times and there are some interesting bumps at key braking markers. The track requires concentration at all time to navigate through the changing grip levels and uneven surfaces. Calder is basically a drag strip (Duh!) where the power cars will get the good lap times. However this is often a good benchmark for comparing the power of the different vehicles.



All the rally-bred marketing heritage wont dig you out of that!

A few mechanical and electrical problems saw resident SAU mechanic for a day "Troy Brisby" under many people's bonnets attempting to help with repairs and issues. As Troy wasn't entered in this event he had spare time up his sleeve that is usually spent under his own bonnet. Thanks Troy!

For a wrap up of the club championship points and positions please see below.

We have had a lot of new people sign up in recent months and next years motor sport championship should be hotly contested. Again we will run our 2006 championship in conjunction with the WRX club, and we thank them for allowing us this opportunity. Congratulations to all who participated in our track calendar for 2005.

Chris Thomson (Scotsman)



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Event review - cont...

2005 SAU Club Championship table

Congratulations to all our 2005 competitors, and a huge thanks to the WRX Club for hosting these events. The 2006 season promises to be even more exciting!

Name	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Rnd 5	Rnd 6	Rnd 7	Total	Adjusted Total (Best of 6 Rounds)
Andrew Richmond	10	10	6	10	10	10	10	66	60
Anthony Snelling	10	10	10	10	0	6	10	56	56
Chris Thomson	3	3	10	4	4	6	6	36	33
Troy Brisby	4	6	6	6	0	0	0	22	22
Andrew Dean	6	10	0	0	0	6	0	22	22
Roy Cushan	0	0	0	6	6	4	4	20	20
Aaron Ponozza	0	6	0	6	6	0	0	18	18
Gareth Evens	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	16	16
William Li	0	0	0	4	6	0	3	13	13
Denahm Melder	0	3	0	3	0	0	6	12	12
Steven Walton	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	10	10
Ryan Bell	0	0	0	6	0	0	4	10	10
Nigel Beale	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	10	10
Alan Calleja	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
Peter Blythe	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	10
Archie Sarantis	6	0	4	0	0	0	0	10	10
Scott Bailey	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
Koah Nguyen	0	6	0	0	0	4	0	10	10
Jarrood Moore	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	8	8
Jack Blanas	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	8	8
Wayne Sterling	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	8	8
David Johnstone	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	6
Rianto Soputro	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
Aaron Miles	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Jeff Beable	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Anthony Nowlan	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Drew Jorganson	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	3
Tom Giordano	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	3
Robin February	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1





Event gallery

Show and Shine



Some other fine steeds from the Nissan stable popped in...



... as did some impressive machinery



All systems go at the BBQ



Plenty of Skylines too!



New Olympic sport - WRX BBQ Tetris



Young Zack makes it to his first SAU event

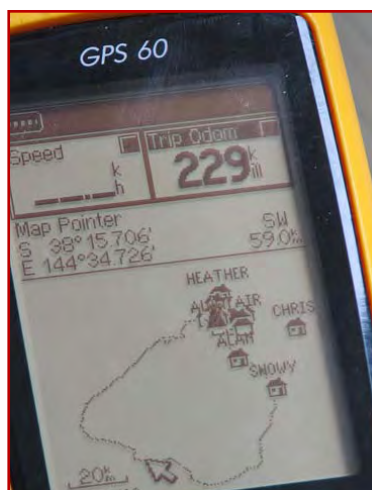


Event gallery - cont...

Show and Shine montage - and Around the Bay bike ride



Team Extreme getting ready for game-time



The boys working on the 'mental game'



Carb loading is what real athletes do, right?





Event gallery - cont...

Calder Round 7



Lines on the grid - R34 GT-R wheels look good on the white 33



The sliver R34 in the early part of the day...



Team Wang keep another pesky STI at bay



Skyline lessons

Technical notes - Fuel economy

Skyline owners typical suffer the high performance fuel economy bug. 250k's to a full tank can be common among some of the imports going around. Fuel economy in an EFI vehicle has a feedback system known as O2 feedback. That is, feedback is given to the computer system in your car in real time based on the gas coming out of your exhaust. The computer then uses this feedback to apply fuel correction for the sole purpose of getting better fuel economy. To understand how an oxygen sensor works you can view the document on howstuffworks.com which explains it in detail -

<http://auto.howstuffworks.com/question257.htm>.

Skyline owners should look into organising a replacement oxygen sensor when they have bad fuel economy.

Bad fuel economy is in the vicinity of 250k's to a full tank. Oxygen sensors have a limited life span (rumoured to be 50,000k's) and once they have expired they no longer give useful feedback to the computer system. The computer system is given "out of range" data and it is simply ignored. This results in the car running rich which generally results in some black smoke, soot on the rear bar and bad fuel economy. This is because the computer can not safely lean out its fuel mixture without feedback.



Suitable replacement oxygen sensors can be brought from your local Repco parts shop. You can obtain a suitable oxygen sensor by asking for a unit that suits your cars engine. The Ford EL Falcon sensor appears to be the same or very similar as an OEM oxygen sensor used in the R33 skyline. Changing the sensor can be done yourself but you will need an oxygen sensor removal tool as its very awkward to manœuvre a socket set around the sensor in the small space you have.

Repco can supply the removal tool also which looks like an open-ended spark plug tool. The sensor can be found on your dump pipe just after the turbocharger and it looks like a metal prong or spark plug placed into the exhaust pipe area.

Your local Ultratune or general mechanic can also fit this sensor for you. The sensor has three wires, two common colours and 1 unique, this is also the same on the harness on your car so its easy to match which wire goes where. GTR owners have to select two different oxygen sensors however GTST requires only one sensor.

For an in depth thread including some exact part numbers check out:

<http://www.skylinesaustralia.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=43095>

For a part finder care of NGK check out:

<http://www.ngk.com.au/PartFinder/sensors.php?PageMode=Results&Make=NISSAN>

Bosch oxygen sensor information can be found at:
<http://www.car-stuff.com/boschoxygensensor.htm>

Or from your local Bosch dealer such as Repco.

Note too, that the O2 sensor is often changed by workshops as part of the emissions compliance process.

Paul Rivoli (PaulR33)

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Generally a Home Centre or Decoration store will stock all the tools you need.



Mask the area that you don't want to paint with a newspaper or magazine. Place the curtain lace, then spray paint, place the lace again and repeat. When the paint dries, it is done. Alternatively, you can make swirl marks if you use a mosquito repellent coil.



Nice cans Adz1





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2x stock R33 GT-R AFMs - \$300

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Submit a caption for this photo for the next newsletter...



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